EECS 487: Introduction to Natural Language Processing

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Two methods for getting short dense vectors

- Neural Language Model (word2vec)

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Sparse versus dense vectors

- Why dense vectors?
  - Short vectors may be easier to use as features in machine learning (less weights to tune)
  - Dense vectors may generalize better than storing explicit counts
  - They may do better at capturing synonymy:
    - *car* and *automobile* are synonyms; but are represented as distinct dimensions; this fails to capture similarity between a word with *car* as a neighbor and a word with *automobile* as a neighbor

Rank of a Matrix

- What is the rank of a matrix A?
- Number of linearly independent columns or rows of A

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rank is 2
- We can rewrite A as two “basis” vectors: [1 2 1] [-2 -3 1]

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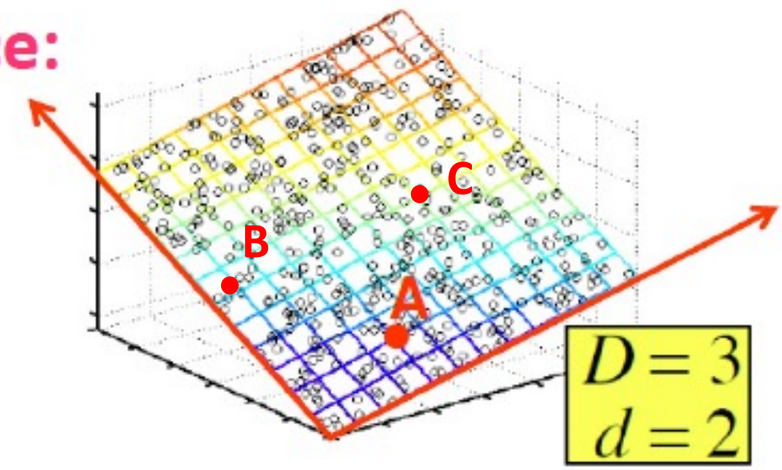

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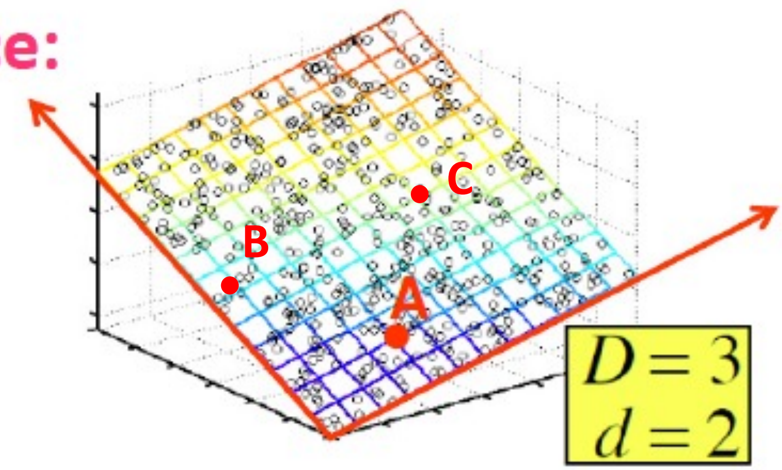
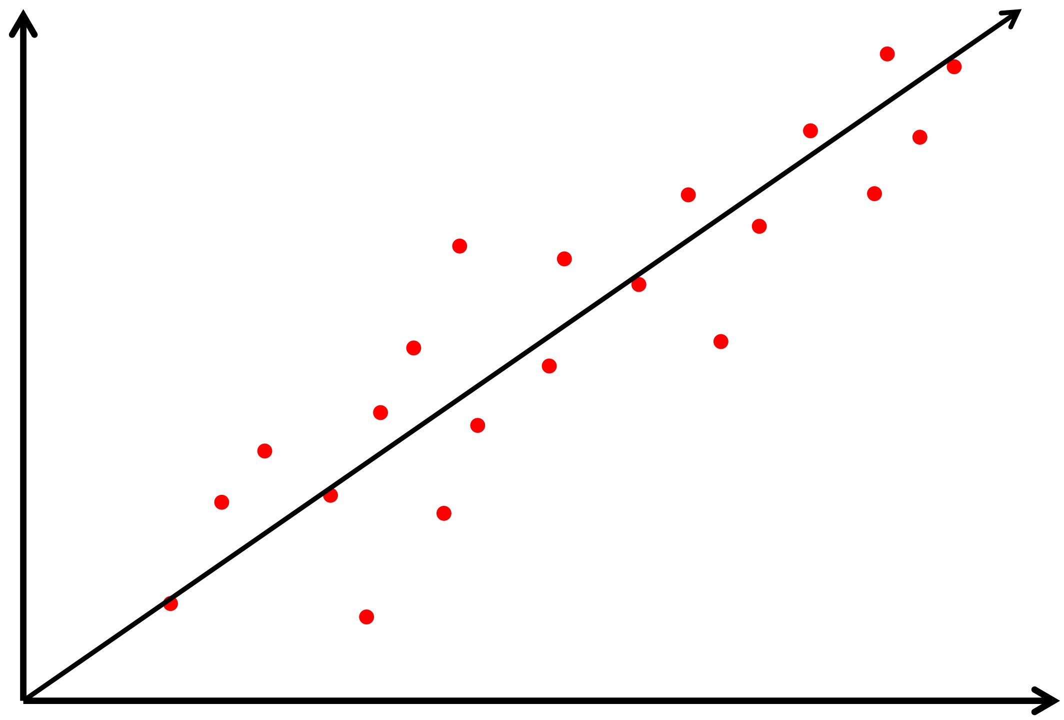


- Rewrite the coordinates in a more efficient way!
  - Old basis vectors: [1 0 0], [0 1 0], [0 0 1]
  - New basis vectors: [1 2 1], [-2 -3 1]

Intuition of Dimensionality Reduction

- Approximate an N-dimensional dataset using fewer dimensions
- By first rotating the axes into a new space
- In which the highest order dimension captures the most variance in the original dataset
- And the next dimension captures the next most variance, etc.

Sample Dimensionality Reduction



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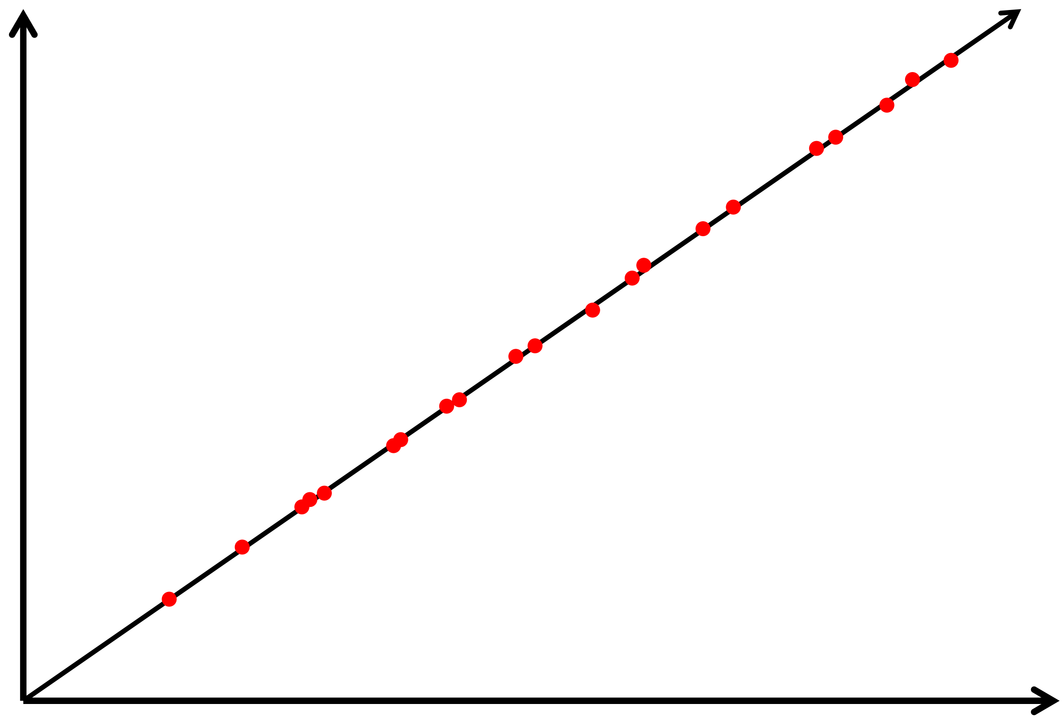

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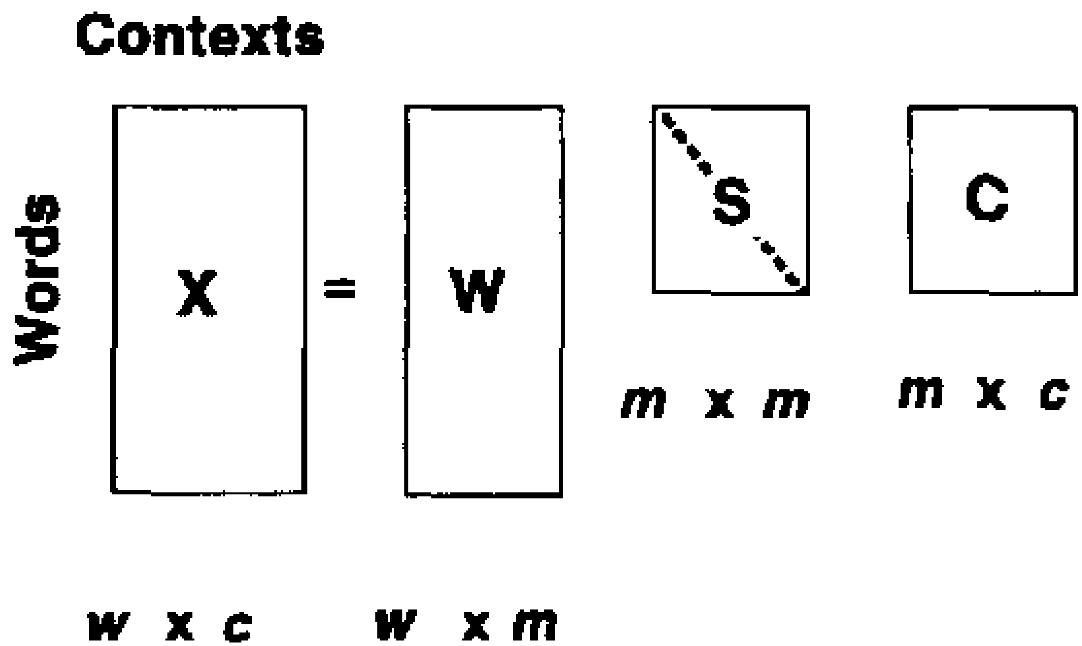

(assuming the matrix has rank m, m<=c, m<=w)

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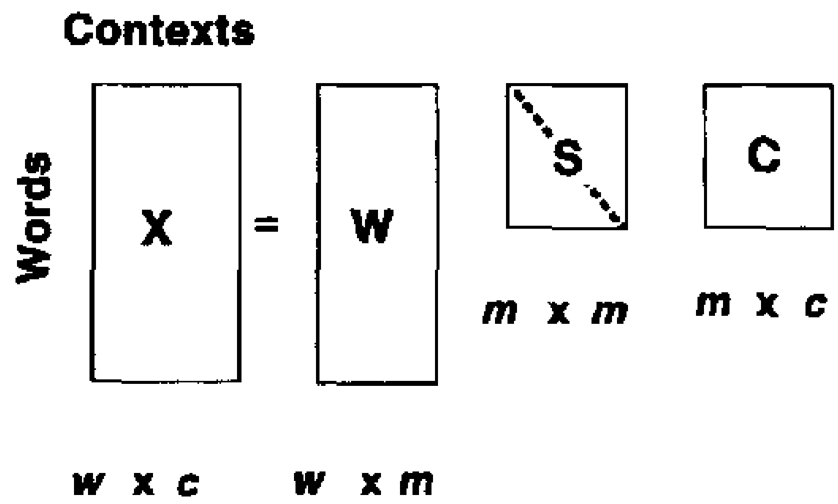

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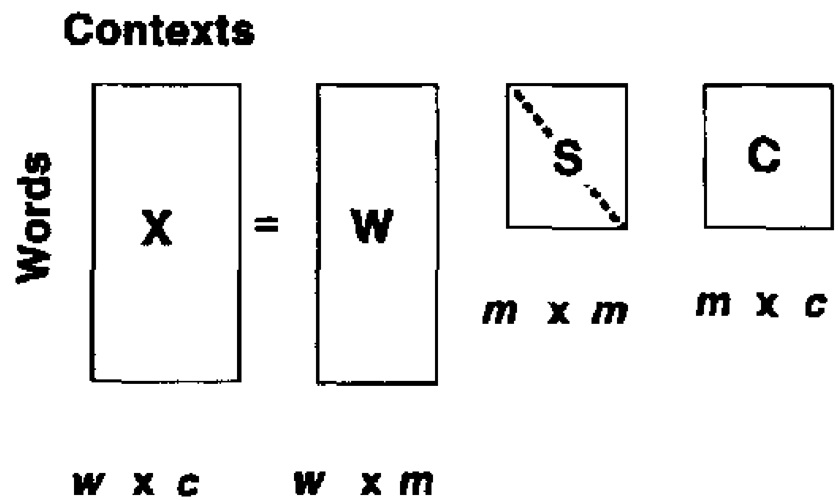

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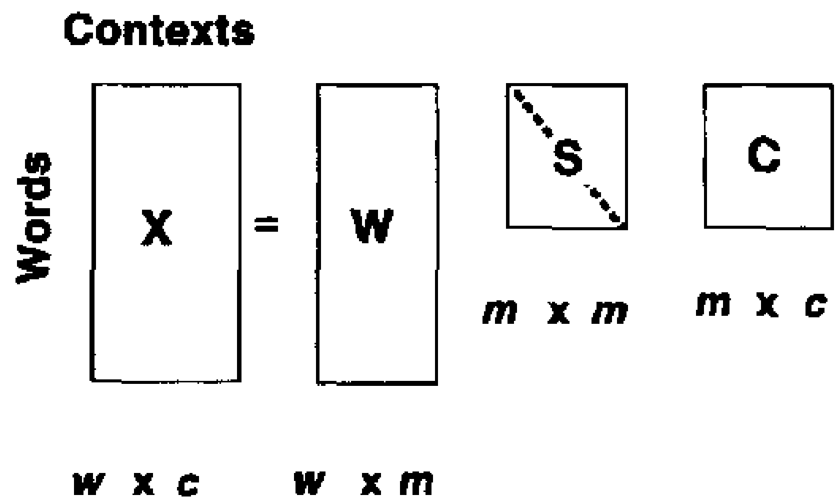

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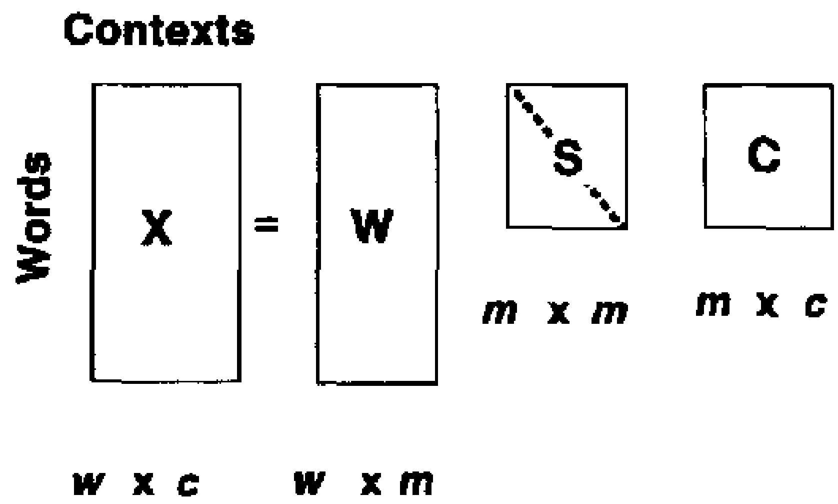
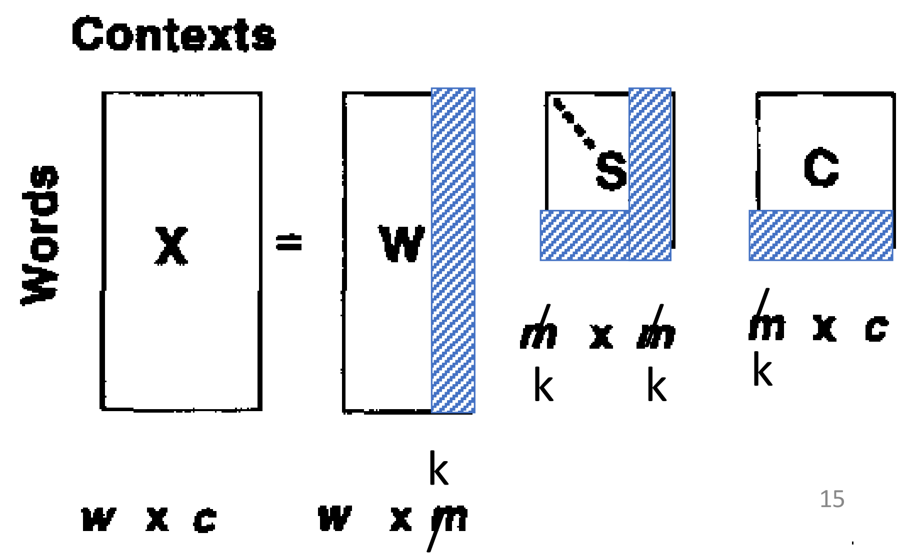


Existing tools from Python, MATLAB, R, etc, for SVD

SVD applied to word-document matrix

- If instead of keeping all m dimensions, we just keep the top k singular values. Let's say 300.
- Each row of W (keeping k columns of the original W):
  - A k-dimensional vector
  - Representing word w



SVD on Word-Document Matrix: Example

- The matrix X

	d_1	d_2	d_3	d_4	d_5	d_6
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0
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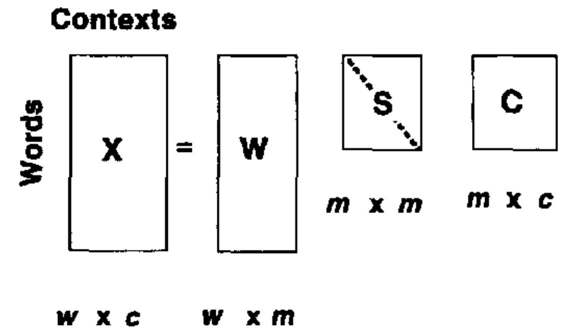

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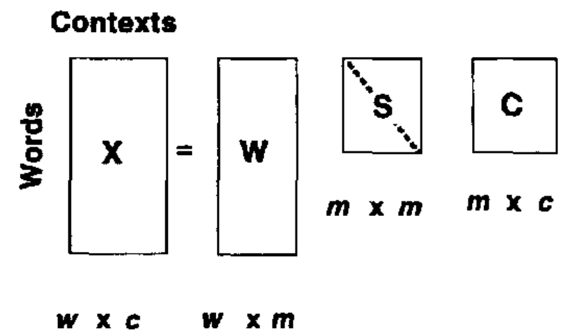

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More details

- 300 dimensions are commonly used
- The cells are commonly weighted by a product of two weights (TF-IDF)
  - Local weight: term frequency (or log version)
  - Global weight: idf

Let’s return to PPMI word-word matrices

- Can we apply SVD to them?

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Truncated SVD on term-term matrix

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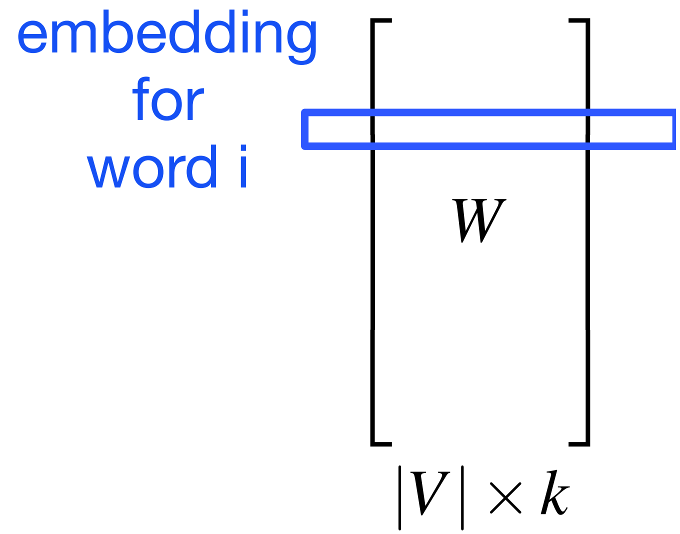
Truncated SVD produces embeddings

- Each row of W matrix is a k-dimensional representation of each word *w*
- k might range from 50 to 1000
- Generally we keep the top k dimensions, but some experiments suggest that getting rid of the top 1 dimension or even the top 50 dimensions is helpful (Lapesa and Evert 2014).



Embeddings versus sparse vectors

- Dense SVD embeddings sometimes work better than sparse PPMI matrices at tasks like word similarity
  - Denoising: low-order dimensions may represent unimportant information.
  - Truncation may help the models generalize better to unseen data.
  - Having a smaller number of dimensions may make it easier for classifiers to properly weight the dimensions for the task.
  - Dense models may do better at capturing higher order co-occurrence.