Non-Negative
Matrix Factorization

Overview

- What is NMF?

- Popular Applications
  - Document Clustering

- Deeper Dive into Mechanics

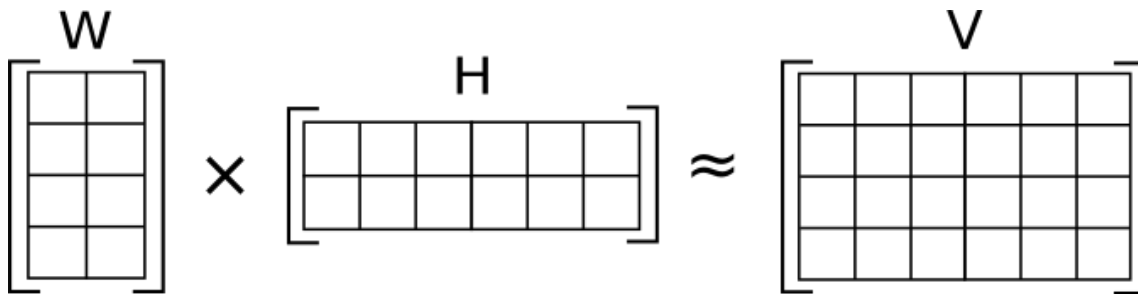# What is NMF?

Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

Matrix $V_{m \times n}$ where each entry $v_{ij} \geq 0$

$$W * H = V$$

m x **r**   **r** x n   m x n

also $w_{ij} \geq 0$

$h_{ij} \geq 0$

- Cannot be solved analytically, so approximated numerically

- **r** set by user;
 - r < min(m,n)

Matrix V_{mxn} where each entry $v_{ij} \geq 0$

$$V = W * H$$

m x n   m x r   r x n

also $w_{ij} \geq 0$

$h_{ij} \geq 0$

- Notice the columns of V are sum of columns of W weighted by corresponding column in h_i $$v_i = W * h_i$$

- NMF is a relatively new way of reducing dimensionality of data into linear combination of bases
  - Columns of W as basis, weighted by h_i

- Non-negativity constraint
  - Unlike the decompositions we've looked at thus far
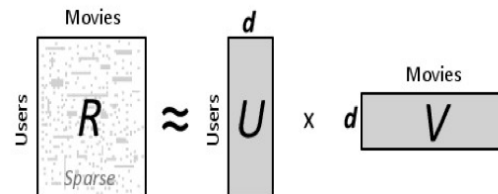
Popular Applications

- Computer Visioning
  - Identify / classifying objects
  - Generally reducing feature space of images
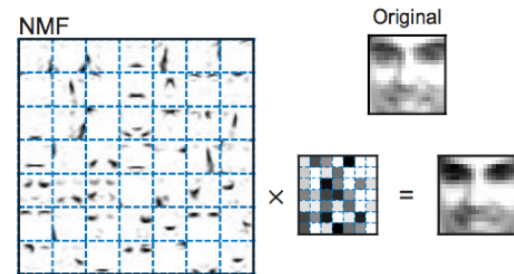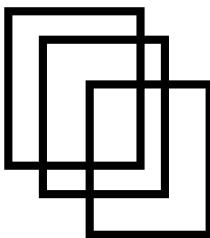

- Document Clustering
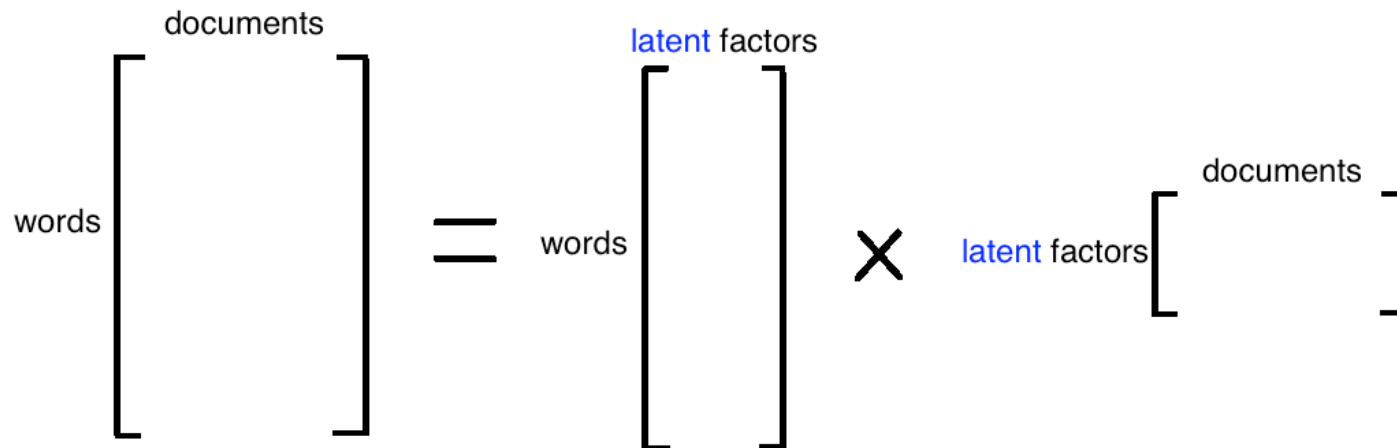 - This afternoon!
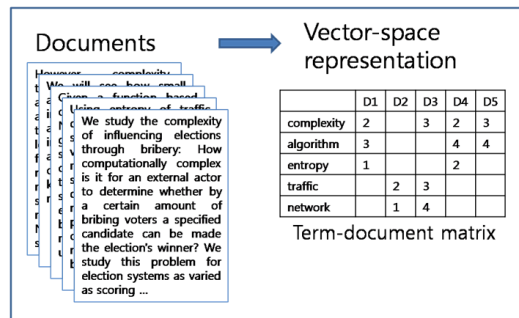
- Recommender systems
  - In just 2 days!

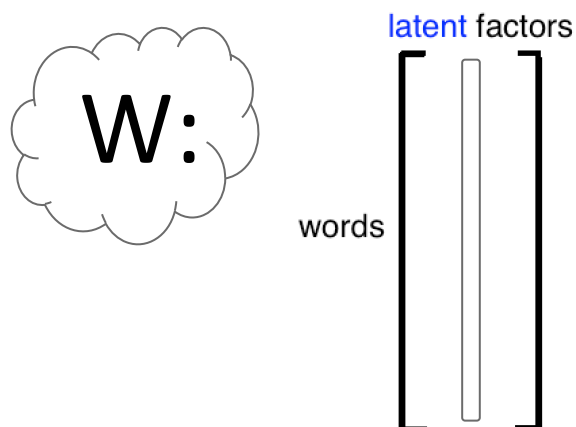# Document Clustering with NMF

500 documents

10,000 words

$$V \quad = \quad W \quad * \quad H$$

W:

latent factors

words

Think of column of W as <u>document archetype</u> where the higher the word's cell value, the higher the word's rank for that latent feature.

H:

latent factors

documents

Think of column of H as the <u>original document</u>, where cell value is document's rank for a particular latent feature.

V:

documents

words
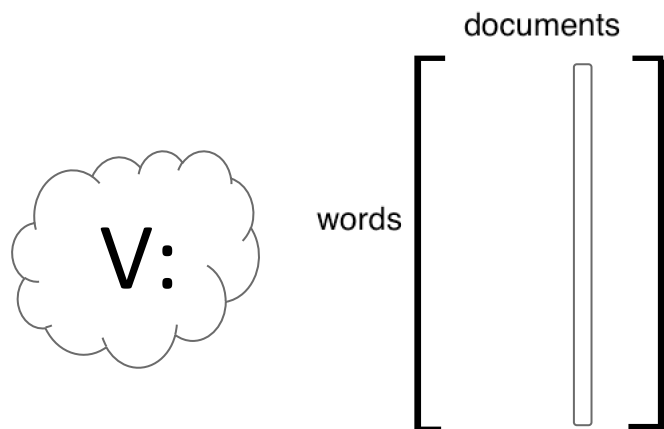
Recall $v_i = W * h_i$

Think of <u>reconstituting a particular document</u> as linear combination of "document archetypes" weighed by how important they are.

Mechanics – Multiplicate Update

Minimize $||V - WH||^2$ with respect to *W* and *H* subject to W, H ≥ 0

Steps

(1) Start with some random W and H

(2) Repeatedly adjust W and H to make RMSE smaller

$$H_{a\mu} \leftarrow H_{a\mu} \frac{(W^T V)_{a\mu}}{(W^T W H)_{a\mu}} \qquad W_{ia} \leftarrow W_{ia} \frac{(V H^T)_{ia}}{(W H H^T)_{ia}}$$

- Lee and Seung's popular "multiplicative update rules" offers compromise between speed and implementation.
- Gradient descent is simple but can be slow.   Also convergence sensitive to choice of step size.

(3) Stop when some threshold is met

- Decrease in RMSE, # of iterations, etc.

Mechanics – Alternating LS

Minimize $||V - WH||^2$ with respect to *W* and *H*
subject to W, H ≥ 0

Steps

(1) Randomly initialize W and H to the appropriate shapes

(2) Repeat following

- Holding W fixed, update H by minimizing sum of squared errors. Ensure all H>0.
- Holding H fixed, update W by minimizing sum of squared errors. Ensure all W>0.

(3) Stop when some threshold is met

- Decrease in RMSE, # of iterations, etc.

Questions

- What parameter choice must you make before performing NMF?

- When doing document clustering using NMF…
  - What does a column in the W matrix represent?
  - What does a column in the H matrix represent?
  - How do we combine W and H to reconstitute a document in V (column in V)?

Appendix

PCA

Unsupervised dimensionality reduction

Orthogonal vectors with positive and negative coefficients

"Holistic"; difficult to interpret

Non-iterative

NMF

Unsupervised dimensionality reduction

Non-negative coefficients

"Parts-based"; easier to interpret

Iterative (the presented algorithm)

http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~02317/slides/lec_7.pdf#page=17