

# Homework 5:

## Word Similarity

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### Important:

These exercises are based on your work in the previous homework.

You can either use your own code (with little adjustments) from the previous homework in all places marked with "`# TODO insert code here`" in the file `cooccurrence.py` or use the code provided in the file `cooc_func.nopy`.

In this homework, you will complete an interactive word similarity query program by using the PPMI weighted co-occurrence matrix to find similar words of a query word based on cosine similarity. In the end, you can compare the results to a singular value decomposition (SVD) version.

You can check your progress using the `unittest`:

```
python3 -m unittest -v hw05_word_similarity/test_word_similarity.py
```

### Exercise 1: Saving the most frequent words into Vocabulary [4 points]

Complete the function `vocabulary_from_wordlist(word_list, vocab_size)` in the file `cooccurrence.py`. Given a list of words (*word\_list*) and a number (*vocab\_size*), a `set` that contains only the *vocab\_size* most frequent words from *word\_list* should be returned.

You can check your progress using the `doctest` or `unittest`:

```
python3 -m doctest -v hw05_word_similarity/cooccurrence.py
```

```
python3 -m unittest -v hw05_word_similarity/test_word_similarity.py
```

**Tipp:** Watch out for unused imports, which could be part of a possible solution.

## Exercise 2: Completing the class PpmiWeightedSparseMatrix

Familiarize yourself with the class `DenseSimilarityMatrix` in the file `word_similarity.py`. We will now complete a similar class for sparse matrices, and later compute SVD on a sparse matrix.

### Exercise 2.1: Completing the constructor [4 points]

The constructor of the class `PpmiWeightedSparseMatrix` takes three arguments:

- *word\_list* (A list of words representing a text),
- *vocab\_size* (Used to define the size of the vocabulary),
- *window\_size* (Used to define co-occurrence window size)

and comprises the following steps:

- Use the arguments *word\_list* and *vocab\_size* to create a vocabulary
- Use *word\_list*, *window\_size* and the *vocabulary* to create the co-occurrences
- Use the *co-occurrences* and the *vocabulary* to get the sparse matrix and the word-to-column mapping, also derive the column-to-word mapping
- Apply PPMI weighting to the created matrix

**Tips:** Have a look at the methods of the class `PpmiWeightedSparseMatrix`. Stick to the naming of the class attributes (signalized by the *self* keyword) you will find there and use the functions from the file `cooccurrence.py`

### Exercise 2.2: Using Singular Value Decomposition [4 points]

Complete the method `toSvdSimilarityMatrix(n_components)` and return a `DenseSimilarityMatrix` that contains the truncated  $U\Sigma$  matrix (the result of transforming with `sklearn.decomposition.TruncatedSVD`)

### Exercise 2.3: Efficient Cosine Similarity Computation [4 points]

Complete the method `PpmiWeightedSparseMatrix.most_similar_words(word,n)` to return the most *n* similar words for a given query word.

Complete the method `PpmiWeightedSparseMatrix.similarities_of_word(word)` to compute cosine similarities for all words. In contrast to the equivalent method in `DenseSimilarityMatrix`, you need to deal with sparse matrices here.

**Note:**

- A vector in Scipy is always stored as matrix ( $1 \times d$  or  $d \times 1$ ).

- For a  $d \times d$  matrix `m`, and a  $d \times 1$  column vector `v`, the result of `m.dot(v)` is again  $d \times 1$ .
- Element-wise multiplication in Scipy: `m1.multiply(m2)`
- Use sparse matrix multiplication for all multiplications involving the `word_matrix`. (You can transform afterwards to a Numpy vector using `.todense().A1`)
- Summing a matrix along an axis: `v = m.sum(axis=1)`; Note that the result is a dense matrix `v` of size  $d \times 1$ , which you can transform into a numpy vector using `v.A1`
- The sparse dot product `dAB=vA.dot(vB)` between a row vector `vA` and a column vector `vB` is a  $1 \times 1$  matrix. Use `dAB[0,0]` to get the corresponding float value.

### Exercise 3: Running the interactive application

If all unittests passed you can run the code on the nltk Brown corpus by calling:

```
python3 -m hw05_word_similarity.interactive_similarity
```

Wait for the Brown corpus to be loaded and then enter a word of your choice. You can compare the output of the similiarity computation with and without SVD.