

# Latent Semantic Indexing

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# Introduction

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## Motivation

- Large datasets, often organized in tabular form, represented as **matrices**
  - Term-document matrix representing word occurrence in documents
  - Movie-user matrix representing watched movies of users
- Interesting aspects
  - **Find** documents semantically associated with a **query**
  - **Recommend** a new movie to a user

	Doc 1	Doc 2	...	Doc m
Term 1	0	1	...	1
Term 2	1	0	...	1
...	...	...	...	...
Term n	1	0	...	0



**Documents**

**Terms**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$n \times m$

## Latent Semantic Indexing

- LSI as an information retrieval method
- Finds the latent (hidden) semantic structure of textual data
- Represent term-document matrix as product of three matrices
- Answer queries with help of these matrices
- Based on singular value decomposition of the matrix

## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) [7]

- Any  $n$  by  $m$  matrix of rank  $r$  can be factored into

$$A_{n \times m} = U_{[n \times r]} D_{[r \times r]} (V_{[m \times r]})^T.$$

- $U$  column-orthonormal matrix: **left singular vectors**
- $V$  column-orthonormal matrix: **right singular vectors**
- $D$  diagonal matrix: **Singular values**  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$  in decreasing order
- Vector notation

$$A = U D V^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

### Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) Example: Matrix $A$ with rank $r = 3$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Terms} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Documents} \\ A \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Term-Topic similarity} \\ U \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} -0.48 & -0.79 & -0.11 \cdot 10^{-14} \\ -0.58 & 0.16 & 0.71 \\ \mathbf{-0.34} & \mathbf{0.56} & 0.42 \cdot 10^{-15} \\ -0.56 & 0.16 & -0.71 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Topic "importance"} \\ D \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 2.1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.26 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Topic-Document similarity} \\ V^T \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 & \mathbf{-0.71} & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & \mathbf{0.71} & -0.5 \\ 0.71 & 0.67 \cdot 10^{-15} & -0.711 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Latent Semantic Indexing based on SVD

- LSI considers  $A_k$  the rank  $k$  approximation of  $A$  (i.e. keep only  $k$  most relevant topics)

$$A_k = U_k D_k V_k^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Terms} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Documents} \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1.0 & 0.01 & 1 \\ 0.51 & 1.01 & 0.51 \\ 0.0 & 1.01 & 0.0 \\ 0.49 & 0.98 & 0.49 \end{array} \right) \\ A_k \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Term-Topic similarity} \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} -0.48 & -0.79 \\ -0.58 & 0.16 \\ \mathbf{-0.34} & \mathbf{0.56} \\ -0.56 & 0.16 \end{array} \right) \\ U_k \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Topic "importance"} \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 2.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.26 \end{array} \right) \\ D_k \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Topic-Document similarity} \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -0.5 & \mathbf{-0.71} & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & \mathbf{0.71} & -0.5 \end{array} \right) \\ V_k^T \end{array}$$

- Map a query to  $k$  dimensional space with  $U_k$ , apply cosine similarity to find similar documents in  $D_k V_k^T$

## Latent Semantic Indexing based on SVD

### Theorem (Eckart and Young [3])

Among all  $n \times m$  matrices  $C$  of rank at most  $k$ ,  $A_k$  is the one that minimizes  $\|A - C\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} (A_{ij} - C_{ij})^2$ , where  $F$  denotes the Frobenius norm of a matrix.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Terms} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Documents} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 0.01 & 1 \\ 0.51 & 1.01 & 0.51 \\ 0.0 & 1.01 & 0.0 \\ 0.49 & 0.98 & 0.49 \end{pmatrix} \\ A_k \end{array} \approx \begin{array}{c} \text{Terms} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Documents} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ A \end{array}$$



# Original Paper Overview and Emphasized Aspect

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- Strong empirical results of LSI
- Two important aspects
  - Why does LSI find **semantically related** documents?
  - How can we **reduce the computational complexity** ?
- Papadimitriou et al. [6] investigated both aspects:
  1. Under certain constraints on the term-document matrix, semantically related documents are mapped to **similar vectors**
  2. Instead of LSI use **LSI by random projection**. This reduces the computational time:
    - Map the original term-document matrix into a lower dimensional space
    - Use LSI on the lower dimensional matrix
- We focus on the **second** aspect

## Random Projection for Dimensionality Reduction

Given a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  and a matrix  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times n}$ . Use matrix  $R$  to **reduce the dimensionality** of matrix  $A$  by preserving pairwise distances between any two points:

$$B = \sqrt{\frac{n}{\ell}} \cdot R^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times m}$$

### Lemma (Johnson and Lindenstrauss [4])

*Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a unit vector, let  $H$  be a random  $\ell$ -dimensional subspace through the origin, and let the random variable  $X$  denote the square of the length of the projection of  $v$  onto  $H$ . Suppose  $0 < \epsilon < 0.5$ , and  $24 \log n < \ell < \sqrt{n}$ . Then,  $E[X] = \frac{\ell}{n}$ , and*

$$Pr\left(\left|X - \frac{\ell}{n}\right| > \epsilon \frac{\ell}{n}\right) < 2\sqrt{\ell} e^{-(\ell-1)\epsilon^2/4}$$

# LSI by Random Projection

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## Two-Step LSI

1. Apply a **random projection** onto  $\ell$  dimensions on  $A$ . ( $\ell > k$ )

$$B = \sqrt{\frac{n}{\ell}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ r_1 & r_2 & \cdots & r_\ell \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot A$$

2. Apply **rank  $O(k)$  LSI**

- Improved computational complexity
- With high probability the original matrix  $A$  almost as good recovered as by directly using LSI (Formulation and proof of theorem later)

## Background and Notation for the Proof

Vector notations of SVD:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i^T, \quad A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T, \quad B = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \lambda_i a_i b_i^T, \quad B_{2k} = A \sum_{i=1}^{2k} b_i b_i^T.$$

- $A$ : **original** term-document matrix
- $A_k$ : **rank  $k$  approximation** of  $A$
- $B$ : matrix after **randomly projecting** and **scaling**  $A$
- $B_{2k}$ : **rank  $2k$  approximation** of  $A$

## Background and Notation for the Proof

### Lemma (3)

*Let  $\epsilon$  be an arbitrary positive constant. If  $\ell \geq c((\log n)/\epsilon^2)$  for a sufficiently large constant  $c$  then, for  $p = 1, \dots, \ell$*

$$\lambda_p^2 \geq \frac{1}{k} \left[ (1 - \epsilon) \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \lambda_j^2 \right].$$

### Corollary (4)

$$\sum_{p=1}^{2k} \lambda_p^2 \geq (1 - \epsilon) \|A_k\|_F^2.$$

## Background and Notation for the Proof

### Lemma (5)

$$\|A - A_k\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=k+1}^n \sigma_i^2.$$

### Theorem (Parsevals identity [2])

*Let  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  be an orthonormal basis for a space  $S$ . Then for each  $s \in S$ ,  $|s|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (sb_i)^2$ .*

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## Main Theorem

Theorem (Papadimitriou et al. [6])

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

Informally, the theorem states that the original matrix  $A$  after applying **random projection** and then **LSI** is with high probability almost as good **recovered** as by using **one-step LSI** on the original matrix.

# LSI by Random Projection

## Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

## Proof

We have

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i^T, \quad A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T, \quad B = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \lambda_i a_i b_i^T, \quad B_{2k} = A \sum_{i=1}^{2k} b_i b_i^T.$$

$b_1, \dots, b_n$  Are orthonormal vectors **spanning** the **row space** of  $A$  and  $B_{2k}$ .

Hence using **the Parseval's** identity we can write:

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |(A - B_{2k})b_i|^2. \quad (1)$$

For  $i = 1, \dots, 2k$ , because  $b_i^T b_i = 1$ , we have

$$(A - B_{2k})b_i = Ab_i - Ab_i = 0, \quad (2)$$

and for  $i = 2k + 1, \dots, n$ , because  $b_j^T b_i = 0$ , we have

$$(A - B_{2k})b_i = Ab_i. \quad (3)$$



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## Proof (continued)

Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

Now we continue from the equation

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |(A - B_{2k})b_i|^2 \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_{i=2k+1}^n |Ab_i|^2 \quad (5)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n |Ab_i|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 \quad (6)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Parseval's id.}}{=} \|A\|_F^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 \quad (7)$$

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## Proof (continued)

Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

On the other hand, we have

$$\|A - A_k\|_F^2 \stackrel{\text{Lemma 5}}{=} \sum_{i=k+1}^n \sigma_i^2 \quad (8)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Frob. norm [5]}}{=} \|A\|_F^2 - \|A_k\|_F^2. \quad (9)$$

# LSI by Random Projection

## Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

## Proof (continued)

Now we consider

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 - \|A - A_k\|_F^2 = \|A\|_F^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 - (\|A\|_F^2 - \|A_k\|_F^2) \quad (10)$$

$$= \|A_k\|_F^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2, \quad (11)$$

that is equivalent to

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 = \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + (\|A_k\|_F^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2) \quad (12)$$

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### Proof (continued)

Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

For the next step, we show

$$(1 + \epsilon) \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \lambda_i^2. \quad (13)$$

We write

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2k} \lambda_i^2 \stackrel{|Bb_i|=\lambda_i}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Bb_i|^2 \quad (14)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{subst. B}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \left| \sqrt{\frac{n}{\ell}} R^T(Ab_i) \right|^2 \quad (15)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \frac{n}{\ell} |R^T(Ab_i)|^2 \quad (16)$$

## LSI by Random Projection

### Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

### Proof (continued)

Now from the **Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma** [4] for very large  $\ell \in \Omega((\log n)/\epsilon^2)$  we have for each  $i$

$$\frac{n}{\ell} |R^T(Ab_i)|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon) |Ab_i|^2 \quad (17)$$

with **high probability** .

Hence with a high probability

$$(1 + \epsilon) \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \lambda_i^2. \quad (18)$$

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## Proof (continued)

Now we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 \geq \frac{1}{(1+\epsilon)} \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \lambda_i^2 \quad (19)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Cor. 4}}{\geq} \frac{(1-\epsilon)}{(1+\epsilon)} \|A_k\|_F^2 \quad (20)$$

$$\geq (1-2\epsilon) \|A_k\|_F^2 \quad (21)$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2 \geq (1-2\epsilon) \|A_k\|_F^2 \quad (22)$$

Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

## LSI by Random Projection

### Theorem

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2$$

where  $\epsilon \in (0, 0.5)$

### Proof (continued)

Remember the Equation (12):

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 = \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + (\|A_k\|_F^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{2k} |Ab_i|^2)$$

Now we **substitute** the result of Equation (22) in equation (12):

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + \|A_k\|_F^2 - (1 - 2\epsilon) \|A_k\|_F^2 \quad (23)$$

$$\iff \|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A_k\|_F^2 \quad (24)$$

Due to the formulation of **Frobenius norm** as in Lemma 5, we have  $\|A\|_F^2 \geq \|A_k\|_F^2$ .

Hence

$$\|A - B_{2k}\|_F^2 \leq \|A - A_k\|_F^2 + 2\epsilon \|A\|_F^2. \quad (25)$$



# LSI by Random Projection

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## Comparison of Computational Time

Given the term-document matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .

Time complexity of **one-step** LSI:

- LSI computation:  $O(mnc)$  if  $A$  is sparse with about  $c$  nonzero entries per column

Time complexity of LSI by **random projection** :

- Random projection to  $\ell$  dimensions:  $O(m\ell)$
- LSI computation:  $O(m\ell^2)$
- Together:  $O(m\ell + m\ell^2) = O(m(c\ell + \ell^2))$ , with  $\ell \in O(\frac{\log n}{\epsilon^2})$
- Hence we get a time complexity:  $O(m(\log^2 n + c \log n))$

$O(m(\log^2 n + c \log n))$  **better than**  $O(mnc)$










## Summary and Newer Approaches

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- Latent semantic analysis: SVD-based technique for information retrieval
- Papadimitriou et al. analysed two important aspects [6]
  - Why does LSI find **semantically related** documents?
  - How can we **reduce the computational time** ? (Our main focus)
- LSI by random projection: **reduction of computational complexity**, while preventing the **expressiveness** of original matrix with high probability.
- There are newer techniques based on **neural networks** [8, 1]

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