

Latent Semantic Analysis

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Recap: vector space model

- Represent both doc and query by concept vectors
 - Each concept defines one dimension
 - K concepts define a high-dimensional space
 - Element of vector corresponds to concept weight
 - E.g., $d=(x_1, \dots, x_k)$, x_i is “importance” of concept i
- Measure relevance
 - Distance between the query vector and document vector in this concept space

Recap: what is a good “basic concept”?

- Orthogonal
 - Linearly independent basis vectors
 - “Non-overlapping” in meaning
 - No ambiguity
- Weights can be assigned automatically and accurately
- Existing solutions
 - Terms or N-grams, i.e., bag-of-words
 - Topics, i.e., topic model ← We will come back to this later

Recap: TF weighting

- Two views of document length
 - A doc is long because it is verbose
 - A doc is long because it has more content
- Raw TF is inaccurate
 - Document length variation
 - “Repeated occurrences” are less informative than the “first occurrence”
 - Relevance does not increase proportionally with number of term occurrence
- Generally penalize long doc, but avoid over-penalizing
 - Pivoted length normalization

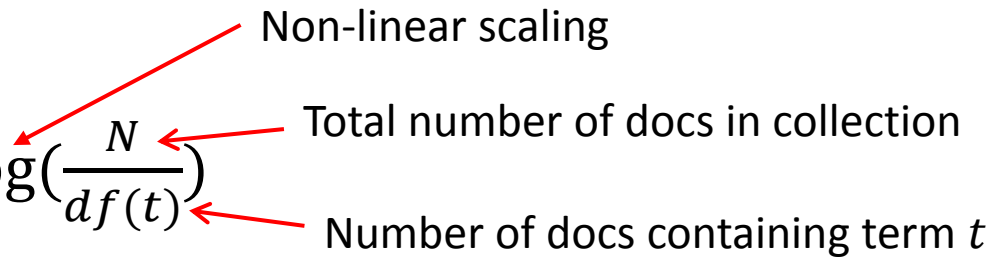
Recap: IDF weighting

- Solution

- Assign higher weights to the rare terms

- Formula

- $IDF(t) = 1 + \log\left(\frac{N}{df(t)}\right)$



Non-linear scaling

Total number of docs in collection

Number of docs containing term t

- A corpus-specific property

- Independent of a single document

Recap: TF-IDF weighting

- Combining TF and IDF
 - Common in doc \rightarrow high tf \rightarrow high weight
 - Rare in collection \rightarrow high idf \rightarrow high weight
 - $w(t, d) = TF(t, d) \times IDF(t)$
- Most well-known document representation schema in IR! (G Salton et al. 1983)



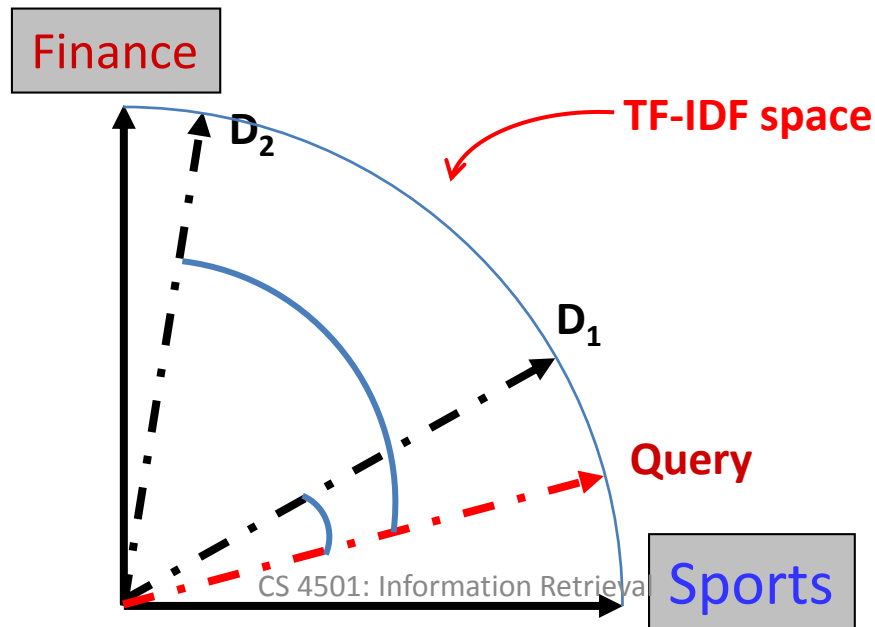
"Salton was perhaps the leading computer scientist working in the field of information retrieval during his time." - wikipedia

[Gerard Salton Award](#)

– highest achievement award in IR

Recap: cosine similarity

- Angle between two vectors
 - $\text{cosine}(V_q, V_d) = \frac{V_q \times V_d}{|V_q|_2 \times |V_d|_2} = \boxed{\frac{V_q}{|V_q|_2}} \times \frac{V_d}{|V_d|_2}$
 - Document length normalized
- TF-IDF vector
- Unit vector



Recap: disadvantages of VS Model

- Assume term independence
- Assume query and document to be the same
- Lack of “predictive adequacy”
 - Arbitrary term weighting
 - Arbitrary similarity measure
- Lots of parameter tuning!

VS model in practice

- Document and query are represented by term vectors
 - Terms are not necessarily orthogonal to each other
 - Synonymy: car v.s. automobile
 - Polysemy: fly (action v.s. insect)

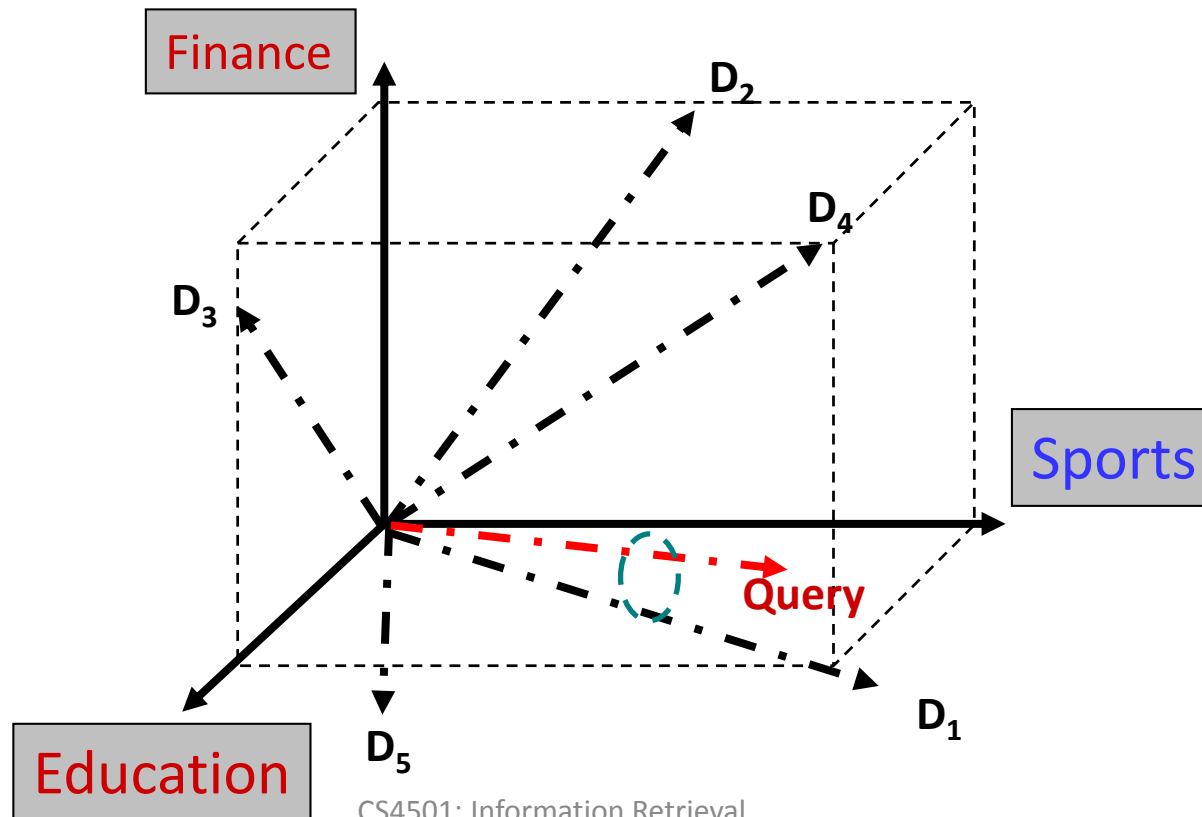
TABLE 1. Sample term by document matrix.^a

	Access	Document	Retrieval	Information	Theory	Database	Indexing	Computer	REL	MATCH
Doc 1	x	x	x			x	x		R	
Doc 2				x*	x			x*		M
Doc 3			x	x*				x*	R	M

^aQuery: "IDF in *computer-based information look-up*"

Choosing basis for VS model

- A concept space is preferred
 - Semantic gap will be bridged



How to build such a space

- Automatic term expansion
 - Construction of thesaurus
 - WordNet
 - Clustering of words
- Word sense disambiguation
 - Dictionary-based
 - Relation between a pair of words should be similar as in text and dictionary's description
 - Explore word usage context

How to build such a space

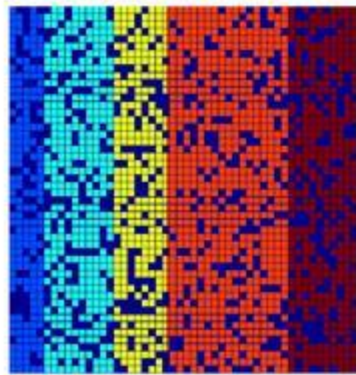
- Latent Semantic Analysis
 - Assumption: there is some underlying latent semantic structure in the data that is partially obscured by the randomness of word choice with respect to retrieval
 - It means: the observed term-document association data is contaminated by random noise

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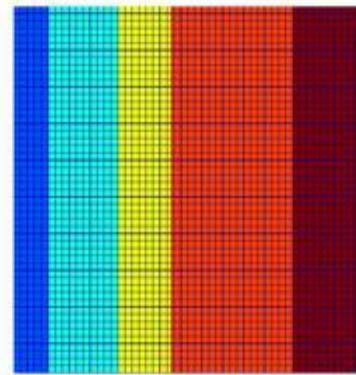
- Solution

- Low rank matrix approximation

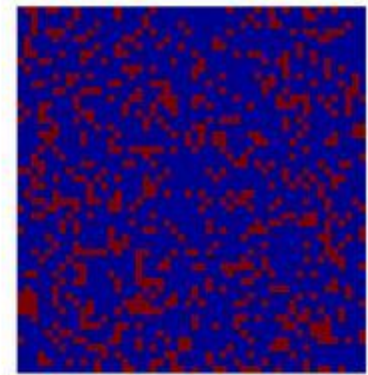
*Imagine this is *true* concept-document matrix*



Matrix of corrupted observations



Underlying low-rank matrix



Sparse error matrix

Imagine this is our observed term-document matrix

Random noise over the word selection in each document

Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

- Low rank approximation of term-document matrix $C_{M \times N}$
 - Goal: remove noise in the observed term-document association data
 - Solution: find a matrix with rank k which is closest to the original matrix in terms of Frobenius norm

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Z} &= \operatorname{argmin}_{Z | \operatorname{rank}(Z)=k} \|C - Z\|_F \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{Z | \operatorname{rank}(Z)=k} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N (C_{ij} - Z_{ij})^2}\end{aligned}$$

Basic concepts in linear algebra

- Symmetric matrix
 - $C = C^T$
- Rank of a matrix
 - Number of linearly independent rows (columns) in a matrix $C_{M \times N}$
 - $\text{rank}(C_{M \times N}) \leq \min(M, N)$

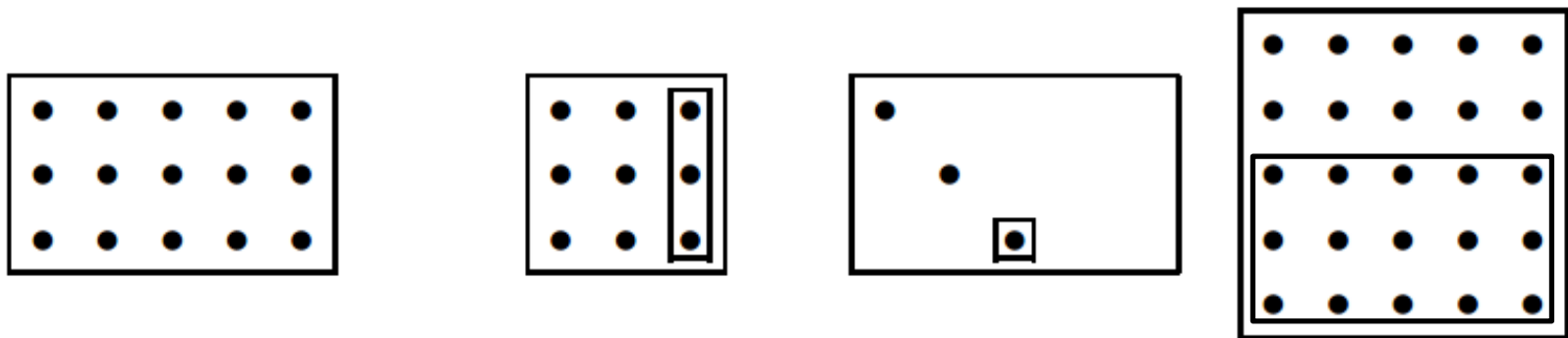
Basic concepts in linear algebra

- Eigen system
 - For a square matrix $C_{M \times M}$
 - If $Cx = \lambda x$, x is called the right eigenvector of C and λ is the corresponding eigenvalue
- For a symmetric full-rank matrix $C_{M \times M}$
 - We have its eigen-decomposition as
 - $C = Q\Lambda Q^T$
 - where the columns of Q are the orthogonal and normalized eigenvectors of C and Λ is a diagonal matrix whose entries are the eigenvalues of C

Basic concepts in linear algebra

- Singular value decomposition (SVD)

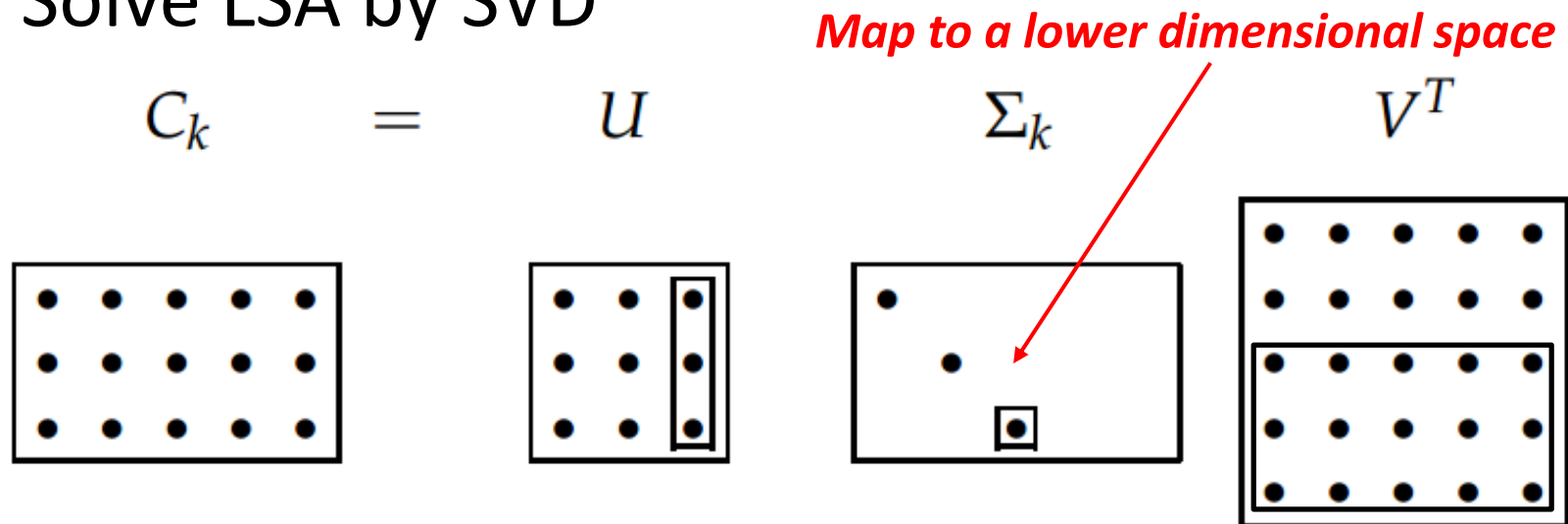
$$C_k = U \Sigma_k V^T$$



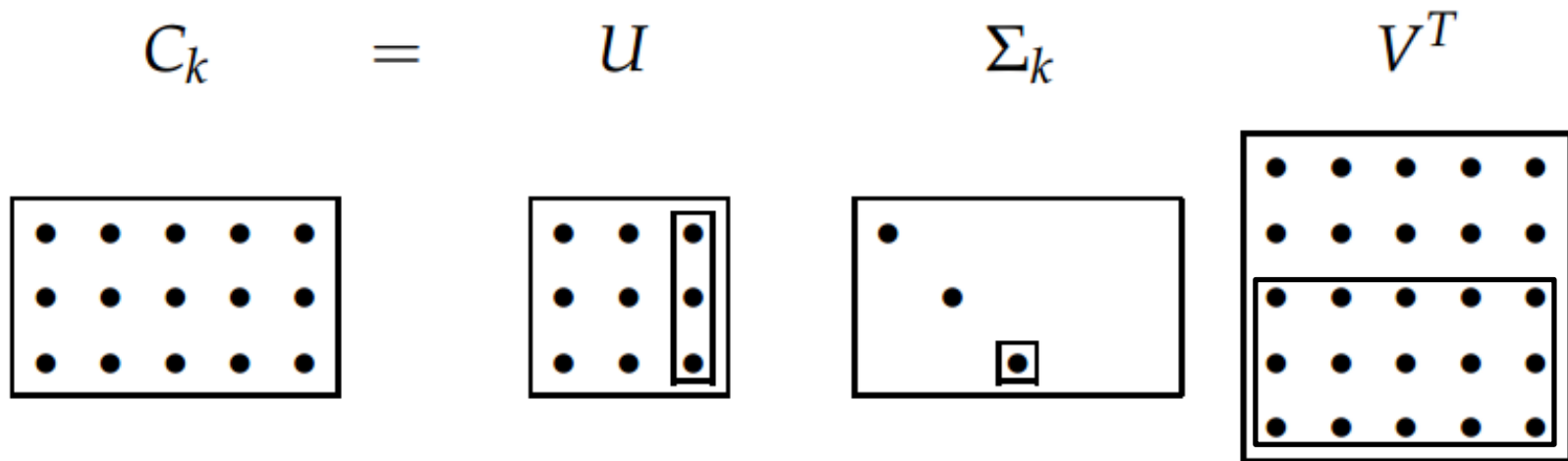
- We define $C_{M \times N}^k = U_{M \times k} \Sigma_{k \times k} V_{N \times k}^T$
 - where we place Σ_{ii} in a descending order and set $\Sigma_{ii} = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ for $i \leq k$, and $\Sigma_{ii} = 0$ for $i > k$

Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

- Solve LSA by SVD



1. Perform SVD on document-term adjacency matrix
2. Construct $C_{M \times N}^k$ by only keeping the largest k singular values in Σ non-zero



- $D_{M \times M} = C_{M \times N} \times C_{M \times N}^T$
 - D_{ij} : document-document similarity by counting how many terms co-occur in d_i and d_j
 - $D = (U \Sigma V^T) \times (U \Sigma V^T)^T = U \Sigma^2 U^T$
 - Eigen-decomposition of document-document similarity matrix
 - d_i 's new representation is then $(U \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}})_i$ in this system(space)
 - In the lower dimensional space, we will only use the first k elements in $(U \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}})_i$ to represent d_i
- The same analysis applies to $T_{N \times N} = C_{M \times N}^T \times C_{M \times N}$

Geometric interpretation of LSA

- $C_{M \times N}^k(i, j)$ measures the relatedness between d_i and w_j in the k -dimensional space
- Therefore
 - As $C_{M \times N}^k = U_{M \times k} \Sigma_{k \times k} V_{N \times k}^T$
 - d_i is represented as $\left(U_{M \times k} \Sigma_{k \times k}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)_i$
 - w_j is represented as $\left(V_{N \times k} \Sigma_{k \times k}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)_j$

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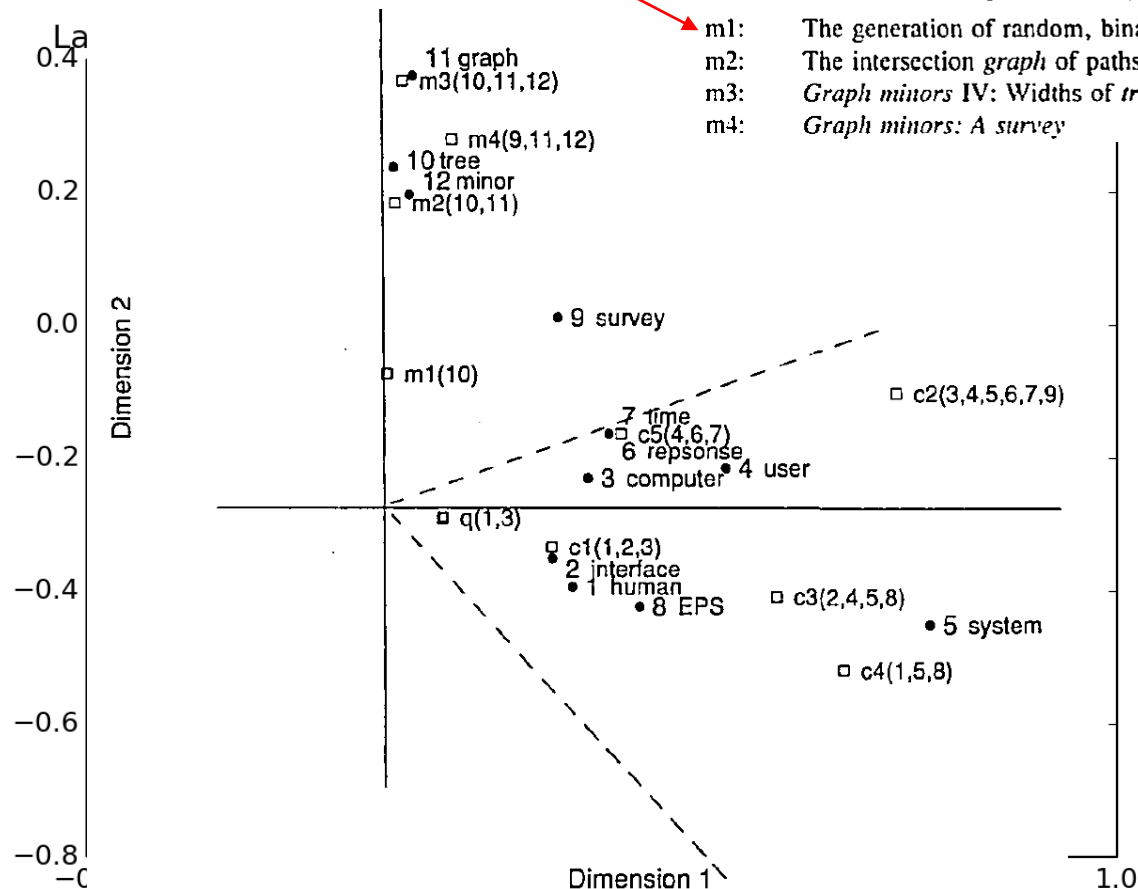
• Visualization

Graph theory

HCI

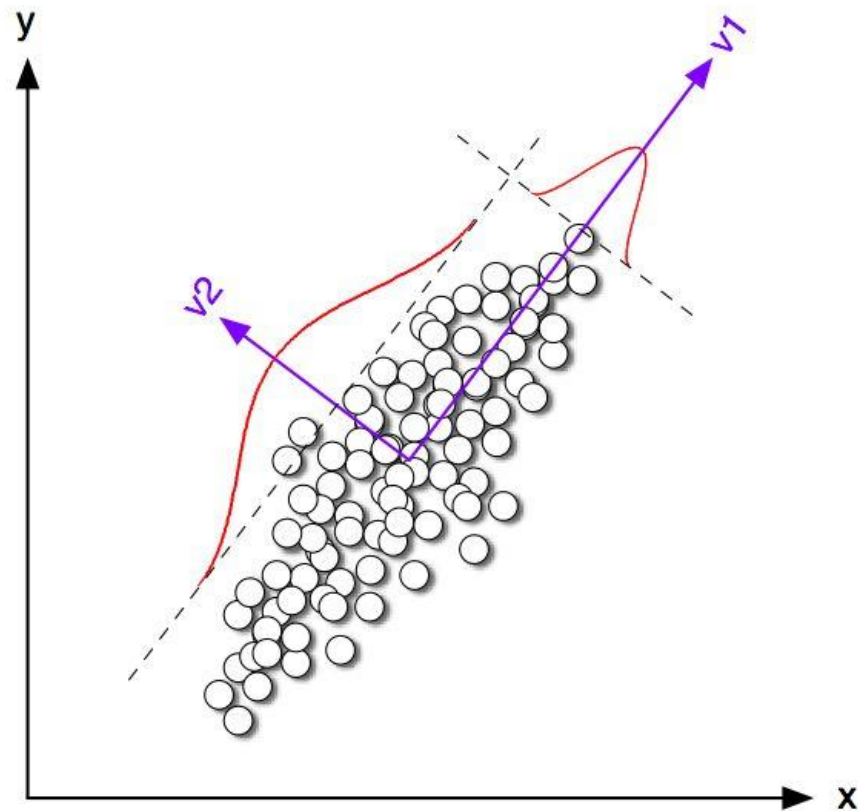
Titles

- c1: *Human machine interface for Lab ABC computer applications*
- c2: *A survey of user opinion of computer system response time*
- c3: *The EPS user interface management system*
- c4: *System and human system engineering testing of EPS*
- c5: *Relation of user-perceived response time to error measurement*
- m1: *The generation of random, binary, unordered trees*
- m2: *The intersection graph of paths in trees*
- m3: *Graph minors IV: Widths of trees and well-quasi-ordering*
- m4: *Graph minors: A survey*



What are those dimensions in LSA

- Principle component analysis



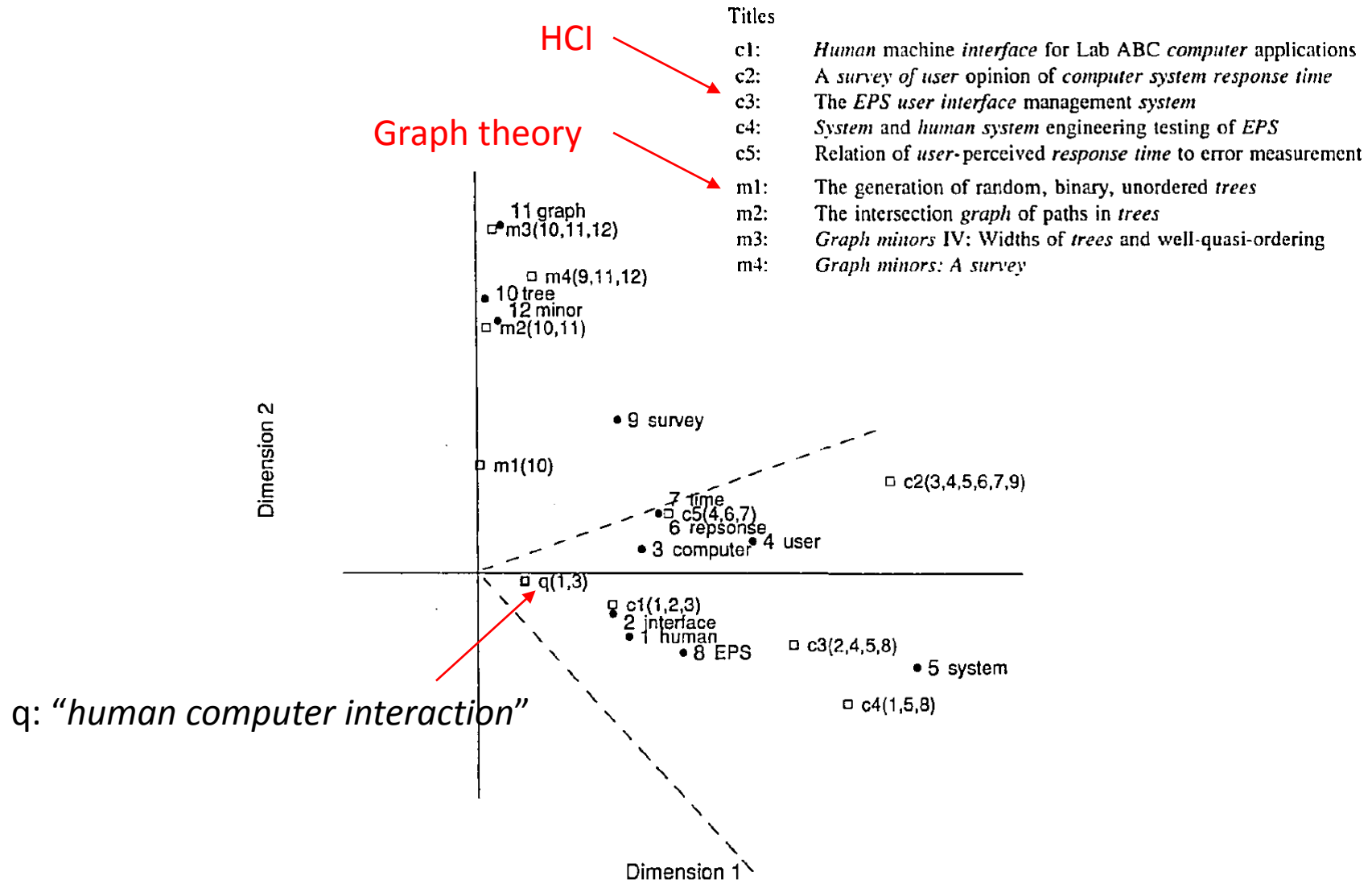
Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

- What we have achieved via LSA
 - Terms/documents that are closely associated are placed near one another in this new space
 - Terms that do not occur in a document may still be close to it, if that is consistent with the major patterns of association in the data
 - A good choice of concept space for VS model!

LSA for retrieval

- Project queries into the new document space
 - $\tilde{q} = qV_{N \times k}\Sigma_{k \times k}^{-1}$
 - Treat query as a pseudo document of term vector
 - Cosine similarity between query and documents in this lower-dimensional space

LSA for retrieval



Discussions

- Computationally expensive
 - Time complexity $O(MN^2)$
- Empirically helpful for recall but not for precision
 - Recall increases as k decreases
- Optimal choice of k
- Difficult to handle dynamic corpus
- Difficult to interpret the decomposition results



We will come back to this later!

LSA beyond text

- Collaborative filtering
 - User item matrix stores for each user the rating for the items

	i_1	i_2	i_3	i_4	i_5	...	i_m
u_1	2	0	3	2	5	...	1
u_2	0	4	0	0	0	...	5
u_3	0	2	0	0	0	...	4
u_4	1	0	4	2	4	...	2
...
u_k	2	...	4	...	4	...	1

Predicting unknown ratings

LSA beyond text

- Eigen face



LSA beyond text

- Cat from deep neuron network



One of the neurons in the artificial neural network, trained from still frames from unlabeled YouTube videos, learned to detect cats.

What you should know

- Assumption in LSA
- Interpretation of LSA
 - Low rank matrix approximation
 - Eigen-decomposition of co-occurrence matrix for documents and terms
- LSA for IR

Today's reading

- Chapter 13: Matrix decompositions and latent semantic indexing
 - All the chapters!
- Deerwester, Scott C., et al. "[Indexing by latent semantic analysis](#)." *JAs/s* 41.6 (1990): 391-407.