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# Recommendation System for Galaxy Tools and Workflows

(Find similar tools and predict next tools in workflows)

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# Abstract

The study explores two concepts to devise a recommendation system for Galaxy<sup>1</sup> which include finding similar tools<sup>2</sup> and predicting next tools in workflows<sup>3</sup>. The recommendation system can apprise a Galaxy user of the extent to which the tools are related to one another in terms of their functions and types. To collect data about tools, we extract information from the name, description, input and output types and help text attributes. We compute vectors [1, 2] for each tool using data from these attributes and apply similarity measures (jaccard index and cosine similarity) to estimate distance between each pair of vectors and form similarity matrix for each tool attribute. Each row in the similarity matrix holds similarity scores of one tool with all other tools. To combine these similarity scores, one solution is to compute an average. We use optimization [3] to learn optimal importance weights for the corresponding rows of a tool in the similarity matrices. To define a loss function for optimization, we use a true similarity value based on the similarity measures. Exhibiting an array of next possible tools at each step of picking one while creating workflows can be a meaningful addition to the recommendation system. It would be convenient to leaf through a set of next possible tools as a guide while creating workflows. It can assist the less experienced users if they are indecisive about the next tools. In addition, it can curtail the time taken in creating a workflow. To achieve that, we figure out all the unique paths bridging the input and output tools in the workflows to make them accessible to the downstream machine learning algorithms. We learn the connections among tools to be able to predict the next possible ones based on the previous connections in the path. To learn these connections, we follow a classification approach and use LSTM (long short-term memory), a variant of recurrent neural networks. This network performs well for long-range and sequential (tools connections) [4, 5] data. We report the accuracy as precision.

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<sup>1</sup><https://usegalaxy.eu/>

<sup>2</sup><https://galaxyproject.org/tools/>

<sup>3</sup><https://galaxyproject.org/learn/advanced-workflow/>

# Zusammenfassung

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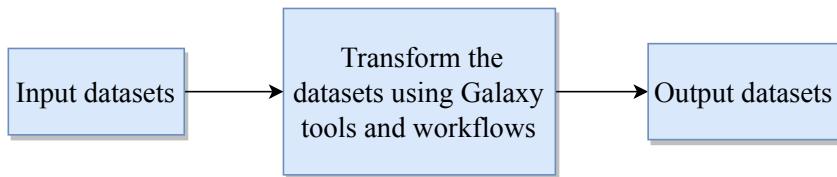
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## **Part 1: Find similar Galaxy tools**

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Galaxy

Galaxy<sup>1</sup> is an open-source biological data processing and research platform. It supports numerous types of extensively used biological data formats like FASTA, FASTAQ, GFF, PDB and many more. To process these datasets, it offers tools and workflows which transform these datasets (figure 1). Each tool and workflow furnish exclusive means to process datasets. A simple example of this processing is to merge two compatible datasets to make one. Another example can be to reverse complement a sequence of nucleotides<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure 1: Dataset transformation:** The images shows a general flow of dataset transformation using Galaxy tools and workflows.

A tool is a data-transforming entity. The tools are classified into multiple categories based on their functions and types. For example, the tools which manipulate text like replacing texts and selecting first lines of a dataset are grouped together under "Text Manipulation" category. These tools form the building blocks of workflows. The workflows are data processing pipelines where a set of tools are joined one after another and protrude from a tool to make branches. The connected tools should be compatible with each other. It means that the output file types of one tool should be present in the input file types of the next tool.

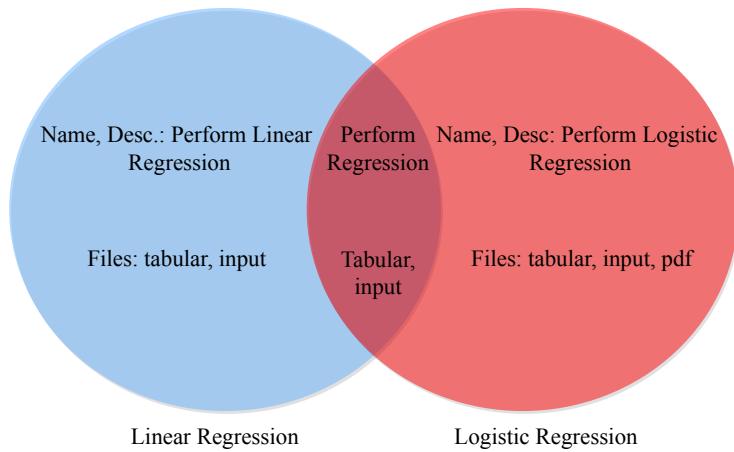
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<sup>1</sup><https://usegalaxy.eu/>

<sup>2</sup>[https://usegalaxy.eu/?tool\\_id=MAF\\_Reverse\\_Complement\\_1&version=1.0.1&\\_\\_identifier=zmk9dx9ivbk](https://usegalaxy.eu/?tool_id=MAF_Reverse_Complement_1&version=1.0.1&__identifier=zmk9dx9ivbk)

## 1.2 Galaxy tools

A tool entails a specific function. It consumes a dataset, brings about some transformation and produces an output dataset which can be fed to other tools. It has multiple attributes which include its input and output file types, name, description, help text and so on. These attributes carry more information about a tool. When we look at the collective information about all these attributes for a set of tools, we recognize that some of them have comparable functionalities. There are tools which share affinities in their respective functions and the input and output file types they are glued to. For example, a tool "hicexplorer hicpca"<sup>3</sup> has an output type named "bigwig". If there is a tool which also has "bigwig" as its input and/or output type, we consider there can be some similarity between these tools as they do transformations on similar types of files. In addition, we can find similar functions of tools by analyzing their "name" and "description" attributes. Let's take an example of two tools (figure 2):



**Figure 2: Common features of two tools using venn diagram:** The venn diagram shows the common features for two tools - linear regression and logistic regression. Based on these common features, we assess the extent of similarity between them.

In figure 2, we take two tools - "linear regression" and "logistic regression" and collect their respective information from their input and output file types, name and description attributes. We can see that these tools share some features. They share a similar function of doing regression and few file types are also common. Similarly, if

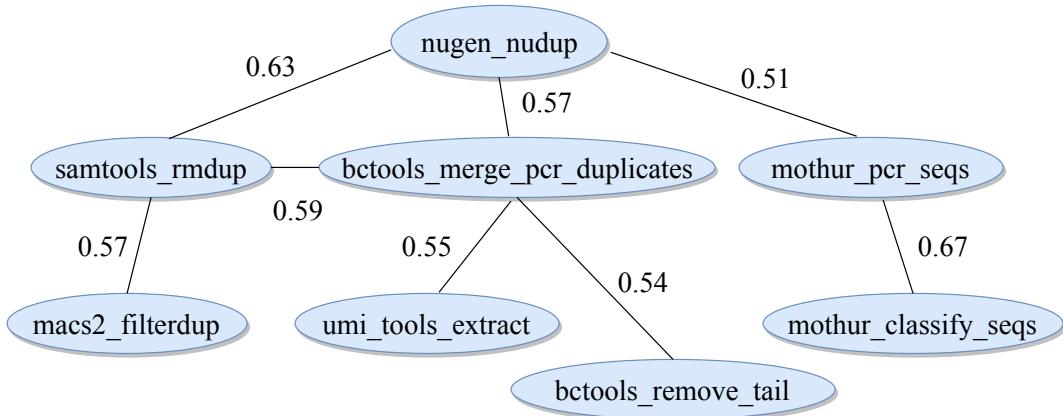
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<sup>3</sup>[https://usegalaxy.eu/?tool\\_id=toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repos/bgruening/hicexplorer\\_hicpca/hicexplorer\\_hicpca/2.1.0&version=2.1.0&\\_\\_identifier=5kcqmvb71gx](https://usegalaxy.eu/?tool_id=toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repos/bgruening/hicexplorer_hicpca/hicexplorer_hicpca/2.1.0&version=2.1.0&__identifier=5kcqmvb71gx)

we extrapolate this notion of finding similar features among all the tools, we hope to find a set of similar tools for each tool. Also, it is possible that we end up with an empty set of similar tools for a tool.

### 1.3 Motivation

In figure 2, we see that there are tools which share characteristics. The Galaxy has thousands of tools having a diverse set of functions. Moreover, new tools keep getting added to the older set of tools. From a user's perspective, it is hard to keep knowledge about so many tools. In addition, it is important to make users aware of the presence of newly added tools if they are similar to some existing tool. If we can create a model which dispenses clues about a set of similar tools for each tool, it would give more options to users for their data processing using Galaxy.



**Figure 3: Similarity knowledge graph consisting of tools as nodes:** The graph defines a network exhibiting relationship among the tools using similarity scores between a pair of tools (nodes). The similarity score shows the strength of similarity between a pair of tools.

To elaborate it more, let's take an example of a tool "nugen nudup"<sup>4</sup> (figure 3). It is used to find and remove PCR duplicates. The similar tools for it can be "samtools rmdup" and "bctools merge pcr duplicates" which also work on related concepts. These similar tools have their respective sets of similar tools and thereby make a network of related tools. This knowledge network exhibits "connectedness" among tools and can help users find multiple ways to process their data. The strength of this relation may vary from being small to large and we learn a continuous representation

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<sup>4</sup>[https://toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repository?repository\\_id=4f614394b93677e3](https://toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repository?repository_id=4f614394b93677e3)

of the relation strength between a pair of tools and not a binary representation (which learns similar tool as 1 and dissimilar one as 0). Figure 3 shows how this similarity knowledge graph can evolve. First, we find similar tools for "nugen nudup" and connect them to their source tool specifying the similarity values as real numbers at the edges. These similar tools further have their own sets of similar tools and so on.

## 2 Approach

In this section, we provide a layout of our approach to find similar tools. It includes procedures to extract and clean tools data, learn vectors for each tool, find similarity (correlation) matrices and optimize the combination of these matrices to estimate a final similarity matrix (figure 4).

### 2.1 Extract tools data

As Galaxy is an open-source project, the repositories of tools are stored at GitHub<sup>1</sup>. In these tool repositories, the xml files which start a "tool" tag belong to a tool. We read all of these xml files, extract information from a few of the tool attributes and collect them in a tabular file. This tabular file contains the information about all the tools.

#### 2.1.1 Select tools attributes

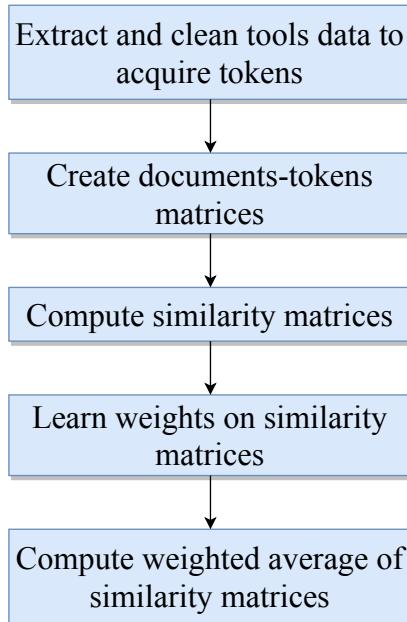
A tool has multiple attributes like input and output file types, help text, name, description, citations and more. But all of these attributes are not important and do not generally identify a tool exclusively. To collect distinguishing information about a tool, we consider only these attributes:

- Input and output file types
- Name and description
- Help text

Moreover, we combine the input and output file types and name and description respectively as they are of similar nature. These combined attributes give complete information about a tool's file types (input and output types) and its functionality (name and description). Further, we take help text attribute as well which is larger in size compared to the previous two. It can also be empty for some tools. Apart

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<sup>1</sup>One example:<https://github.com/galaxyproject/tools-iuc/tree/master/tools>



**Figure 4: Sequence of steps to find similar tools:** The flowchart shows a series of steps used to establish similarity among tools using approaches from natural language processing to compute text similarity scores and optimization to combine optimally.

from being large in size, it is noisy. It provides more information about the usage of a tool. Generally in the first few lines, it gives a detailed explanation of a tool's functions. Further, it explains how the input data should be supplied to a tool or how an input data looks like. Much of the information contained by this attribute is not important to clearly distinguish a tool. Hence, we decide to use only the first few lines (4 lines) of text present in help text attribute of a tool which illustrates its core functionality. The rest of the information in help text is discarded. The decision to select only the first 4 lines is empirical.

### 2.1.2 Clean tools data

#### Remove duplicates and stopwords

The collected data for tools is raw as it contains lots of commonplace and duplicate items which do not add value. These items should be removed to get *tokens* which are unique and useful. For example, a tool "bamleftalign" has input files as "bam" and "fasta" and output file as "bam". While combining these file types, we discard the repeated ones. In this case, we consider the file types as "bam" and "fasta". The

other attributes we deal with are different from the file types. The files types are already in the form of *t*okens. But, in the attributes like name and description and help text, the words come from English and the explanation contains complete or partially complete sentences. Hence, to process this information, we need strategies that are prevalent in natural language processing<sup>2</sup>. The sentences we write in English contain many words and has different parts. These parts include subject, object, preposition, interjection, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, articles and many others. For our processing, we need only those tokens (words) which categorize a tool uniquely and do away with multiple parts of speech present in the sentences. For example, a tool named *tophat* has a name and description as "TopHat for Illumina Find splice junctions using RNA-seq data". The words like "for", "using" and "data" do not give much value as they can be present for many other tools. These words are called as "stopwords"<sup>3</sup> and we selectively discard them. In addition, we remove numbers and convert all the tokens to lower case.

### **Use stemming**

After removing duplicates and stopwords, our data is clean and contain tokens which uniquely identify corresponding tools. When we frame sentences, we follow grammar which constrains us to use different forms of the same word in varying contexts. For example, a word "regress" can be used in multiple forms as "regresses" or "regression" or "regressed". They share the same root and point towards the same concept. If many tools use this word in varying forms, it is beneficial to converge all the different forms of a word to one basic form. This process is called stemming<sup>4</sup>. We use NLTK<sup>5</sup> package for stemming. It enables us to reduce the size to tokens while keeping the meaning of these tokens same across all the tools.

### **Learn relevance for words**

From now on, we use a term "token" for each word. For example, a tool's name contains "regress, perform" as a set of tokens (words). After discarding duplicate tokens, stopwords and using stemmed words, we have a set of meaningful tokens for all the three attributes - input and output file types, name and description and help text. We call these sets as "documents" (figure 6). The tokens present in these documents

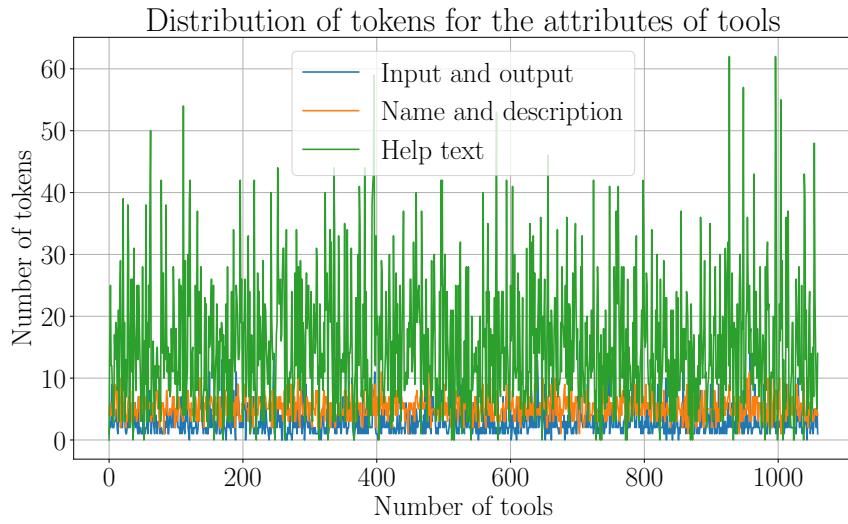
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<sup>2</sup><https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3168328/>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ranks.nl/stopwords>

<sup>4</sup><https://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/html/htmledition/stemming-and-lemmatization-1.html>

<sup>5</sup><http://www.nltk.org/>



**Figure 5: Distribution of tokens (words) for all the attributes of tools:**  
The plot shows a distribution of tokens for input and output file types, name and description and help text attributes of tools. The help text attribute contains more number of tokens compared to the other two. The input and output file types attribute contains a lower number of tokens compared to the other two attributes.

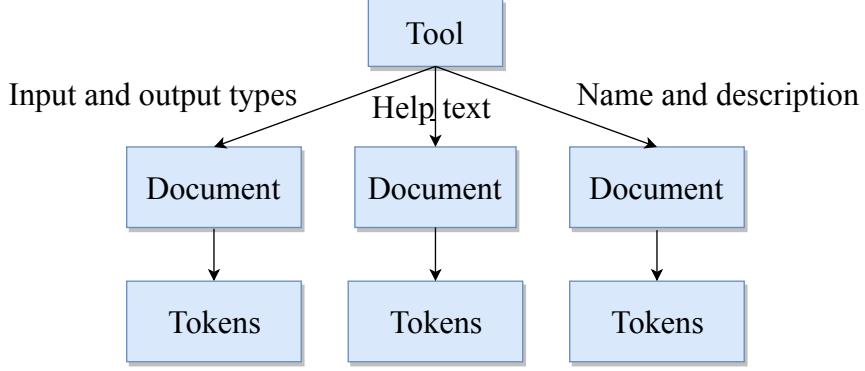
do not carry equal importance. Some tokens are more relevant to a document and some not so relevant. We need to find out importance factors for all tokens in a document. Using these factors, we can arrange them in big, sparse documents-tokens matrix. In these matrices, each row represents a document and each column belongs to one token. To compute these importance factors, we use BM25 (bestmatch25) [6]. Let's associate some variables to be used in explaining this algorithm.

- Token frequency<sup>6</sup> ( $tf$ )
- Inverted document frequency ( $idf$ )
- Average document length ( $|D|_{avg}$ )
- Number of documents ( $N$ )
- Size of a document ( $|D|$ )

Token frequency ( $tf$ ) specifies the count of a token's occurrence in a document. If a

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<sup>6</sup><https://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/pdf/06vect.pdf>



**Figure 6: Relationship between a tool, its documents and their tokens:**

The image shows that a tool has three documents corresponding to each attribute and each document contains tokens. For all the tools, we have documents equal to the number of tools for each attribute. The number of tokens in each document varies. Minimum number of tokens for any document can be 0.

token "regress" appears twice in a document, its  $tf$  is 2. This can also be understood as a weight given to this term. Inverted document frequency for a token is defined as:

$$idf = \log \frac{N}{df} \quad (1)$$

where  $df$  is the count of the documents in which this token is present and  $N$  is the total number of documents. If we randomly sample a document, then the probability of this token to be present in this document is  $p_i = \frac{df}{N}$ . From information theory, we can say that the information contained by this event is  $-\log p_i$ . The entity  $idf$  is higher when a token appears in a lesser number of documents. It means that this token is a good candidate for representing that document and thereby, possesses a higher power to distinguish between documents. The tokens which appear in many documents are not good representatives as they tend to be commonplace. Average document length ( $|D|_{avg}$ ) is the average number tokens for all the documents. Size of a document ( $|D|$ ) is the count of all the tokens for that document.

$$\alpha = (1 - b) + \frac{b \cdot |D|}{|D|_{avg}} \quad (2)$$

$$tf^* = tf \cdot \frac{k + 1}{k \cdot \alpha + tf} \quad (3)$$

$$BM25_{score} = tf^* \cdot idf \quad (4)$$

where  $k$  and  $b$  are hyperparameters. Using the equation 4, we compute the relevance score for each token in all the documents. Table 1 shows scores for a few documents where the tokens are present with their respective BM25 scores. In this way, we arrange document-tokens matrix for all the attributes of tools. For input and output file types, these matrix entries will have only two value, 1 if a token is present for a document and 0 if not. For other attributes, relevance scores are positive real numbers. This method of representing documents with their tokens is called vector space model as each document represents a vector of tokens.

Documents/tokens	regress	linear	gap	mapper	perform
LinearRegression	5.22	4.1	0.0	0.0	3.84
LogisticRegression	3.54	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.61
Tophat2	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.47	0.0
Hisat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

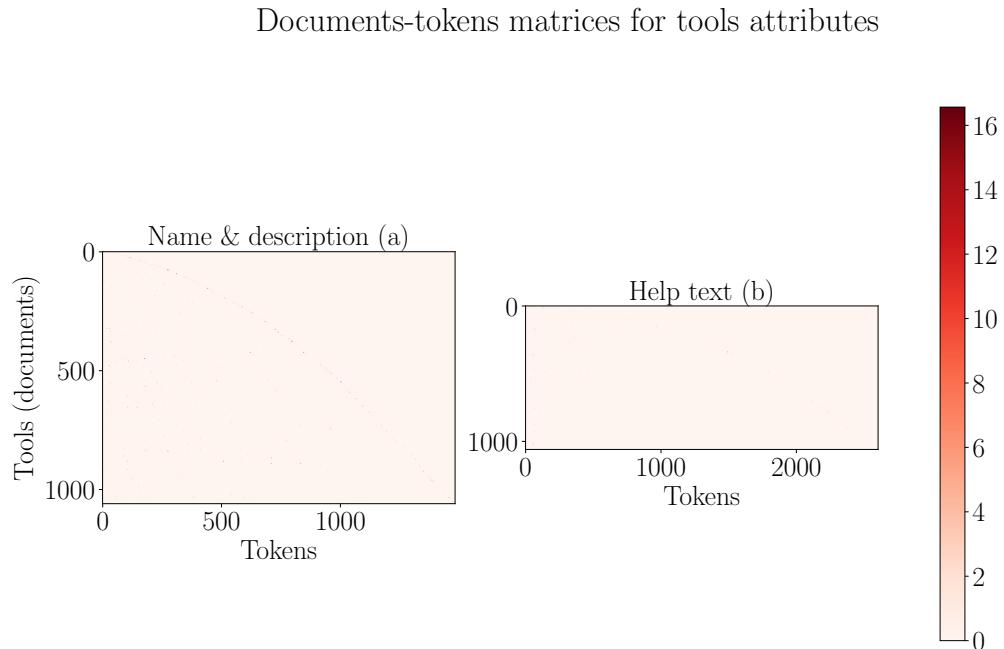
**Table 1: A sparse documents-tokens matrix:** This table shows a matrix of tools (documents) arranged along the rows and tokens along the columns. Each value in the matrix is a weight (relevance-factor) assigned to a token for a document. This matrix is sparse containing mostly zeros as the number of tokens is significantly large compared to the number of tokens present in a document. This table shows a sample of how actual documents-tokens matrix would look like.

Figure 7 shows a heatmap for documents-tokens matrices that belong to name and description and help text attributes. We can see that these plots are sparse. Each entry in these matrices contains BM25 score for each token in a document. This representation tells us which tokens are better representatives and which are not. But, they do not tell us anything about the co-occurrence of tokens in a document. It tells us that a token is important for a document if the BM25 score is higher but it does not tell us anything about its relation to other tokens. Due to this limitation, it does not acknowledge the presence of "concepts" or "context" hidden in a document. A concept in a document can be realised when we see the relation among a few words. To illustrate this idea, let's take an example of three words - "New York City". These three words mean little or point to different things if we look at them separately. But, if we see them together, it points towards a concept. The BM25 model lacks the ability to find the correlation among tokens. To learn the hidden concepts within

documents and find correlation among multiple tokens, we explore two ideas:

- Latent Semantic Indexing/Analysis<sup>7</sup>
- Paragraph Vectors

Using these approaches, we learn dense, multi-dimensional vector for each document instead of sparse vectors.



**Figure 7: Heatmap for documents-tokens matrices:** The plot shows a heatmap of documents-tokens matrices for name and description and help text attributes. We see that the matrices are sparse containing only few darker spots. The help text matrix is more sparse than name and description matrix as the former contains more number of tokens. We exclude the documents-tokens matrix of input and output file types because we do not intend to find concepts among file types. For the other two matrices, we estimate their dense, lower-rank approximations.

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<sup>7</sup><http://lsa.colorado.edu/papers/dp1.LSAintro.pdf>

## 2.2 Learn dense vector for a document

### 2.2.1 Latent semantic indexing

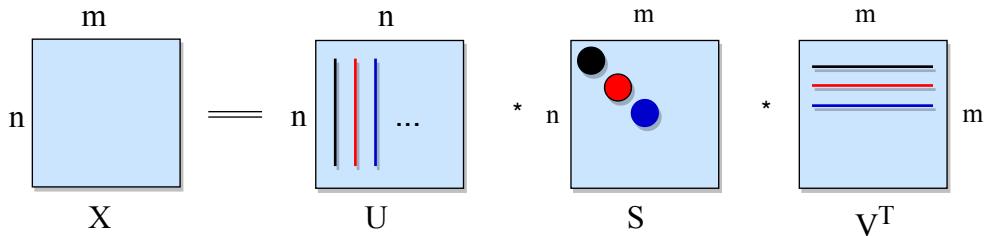
It is a mathematical way to learn the hidden (latent) concepts in documents by computing a low-rank representation of a documents-tokens matrix [1, 7, 8]. This low-rank matrix is dense (figure 12). We use singular value decomposition (*SVD*) for this decomposition. The optimal rank to which a matrix needs to be decomposed to get the best approximation of the full-rank matrix is empirical in nature. We choose ranks from higher to lower for decomposition and consequently the sum of singular values also decreases with the rank. This decomposition follows the equation:

$$X_{n \times m} = U_{n \times n} \cdot S_{n \times m} \cdot V^T_{m \times m} \quad (5)$$

where  $n$  is the number of documents and  $m$  is the number of tokens.  $S$  is a diagonal matrix containing the singular values in descending order. It contains the weights of the concepts present in the documents-tokens matrix. The matrices  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices and satisfy:

$$U^T \cdot U = I_{n \times n} \quad (6)$$

$$V^T \cdot V = I_{m \times m} \quad (7)$$



**Figure 8: Singular value decomposition:** The image shows that how a matrix is decomposed using singular value decomposition. A matrix  $X$  is decomposed into three matrices,  $U$ ,  $S$  and  $V$ . The  $k$  ( $< m$ ) most important dimensions are kept and the rest are discarded. The value of  $k$  is empirical and can be estimated using optimization taking Frobenius norm as an error function.

Figure 8 explains<sup>8</sup> how the *SVD* of a matrix is carried out. The matrix  $U$  contains information about how the tokens, arranged along the columns, are mapped to

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<sup>8</sup><http://theory.stanford.edu/~tim/s15/l19.pdf>

concepts. The matrix  $V$  stores information about how the concepts are mapped to documents arranged along the rows.

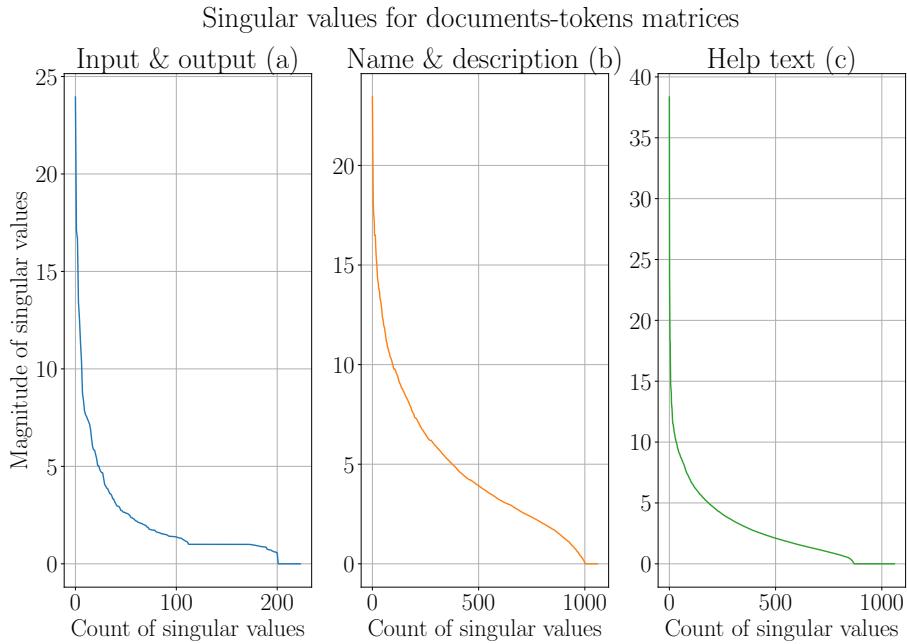
### Low-rank approximation

The low-rank approximation of a matrix is important to discard the features which are non-repeating. These features with low scaling factors represent noise and by discarding these unimportant features, we can collect the latent relations present in the documents-tokens matrices. We have seen that our documents-tokens matrices suffer from sparsity and exhibit no relation among tokens. The low-rank approximation deals with these issues. The resulting matrices are dense and contain top singular values (which are higher in magnitude). The singular values which are small (the last entries of the  $S$  matrix along the diagonal) are discarded [9]. The low-rank approximation  $X_k$  ( $k < m$ ) is computed as:

$$X_{n \times m} = U_k \cdot S_k \cdot V_k^T \quad (8)$$

where  $U_k$  is the first  $k$  columns of  $U$ ,  $V_k$  is the first  $k$  rows and  $S$  is the first  $k$  singular values.  $k$  is an empirical parameter.  $X_k$  is called as the rank- $k$  approximation of the full-rank matrix  $X$ . Figure 10 shows how the rank varies with the sum of singular values for documents-tokens matrices for all the attributes. Figure 11 shows how the fraction of the sum of singular values vary with the fraction of ranks of documents-tokens matrices for all the attributes. The percentage rank is  $k \div K$  where  $1 \leq k \leq K$  and  $K$  is the original (full) rank of a matrix. By taking fractions, we bring all the three plots from figure 10 into one plot. From figure 11, we can say that if we reduce the ranks of matrices to 70% of the full-rank, we can still capture  $\approx 90\%$  of the sum of singular values. The reduction to half of the full-rank achieves  $\approx 80\%$  of the sum of singular values. We show the variation for input and output file types in figure 10 and 11 but we do not reduce its rank. That is for completeness.

We reduce the rank of the original documents-tokens matrices and compute the dense and low-rank approximations. Figure 12 shows the low-rank matrices for name and description and help text attributes. To compute this, we use only 5% of the full-rank. We can compare it with figure 7 and verify that it is more dense than figure 7. In these low-rank matrices, we get dense vector representations for documents along the rows. In each matrix, each row contains a vector for one document. Using these documents vectors, we can compute the correlation or similarity using a similarity measure. There are multiple similarity measures which can be used like euclidean

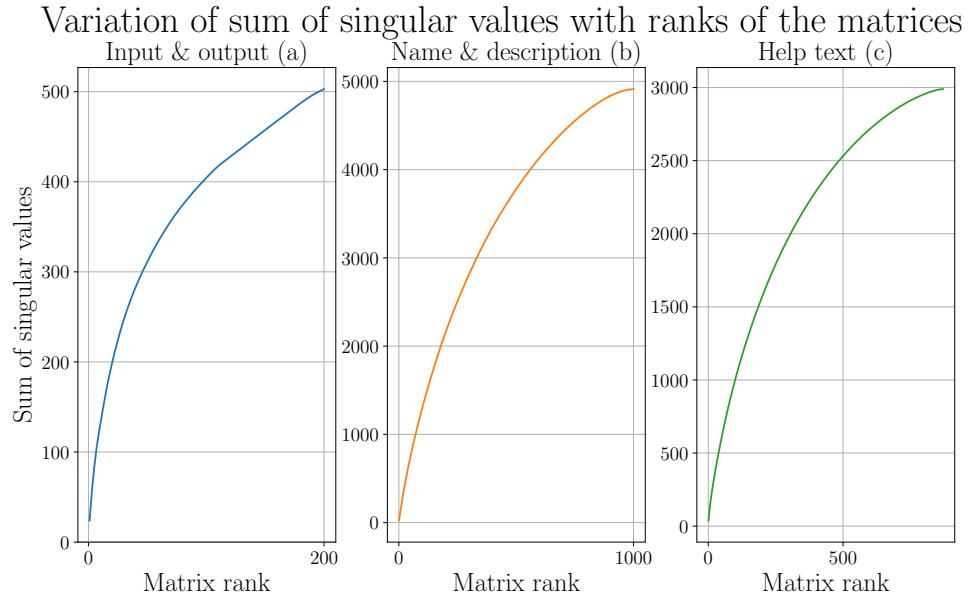


**Figure 9: Singular values of the documents-tokens matrices:** The plot shows singular values computed using singular value decomposition (equation 5). The diagonal matrix  $S$  contains these singular values sorted in descending order. We can see that in (a), (b) and (c) that very few singular values have higher magnitude and most of the singular values are smaller.

distance, cosine similarity, manhattan distance, jaccard index and many more. In our case, we use cosine angle similarity for name and description and help text and jaccard index for input and output file types to compute the correlation between vectors. We get a positive real number between 0.0 and 1.0 as similarity score between a pair of vectors specifying how similar they are. The higher the score, higher is the similarity. Computing this similarity for all the documents give us a similarity matrix  $S_{n \times n}$  where  $n$  is the number of documents. This square, symmetric matrix is called as similarity or correlation matrix. We compute three such matrices each corresponding to one attribute (input and output file types, name and description and help text).

### 2.2.2 Paragraph vectors

Using latent semantic indexing (LSI), we learnt dense vectors to represent each document. It learns better vector representations for documents compared to using full-rank documents-tokens matrices. One main limitation is to assess the quantity

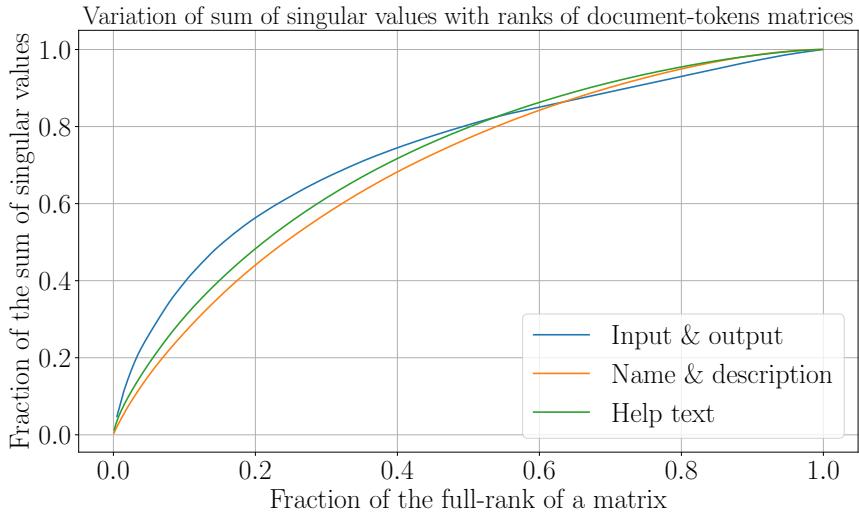


**Figure 10: Sum of singular values with matrix rank:** The plot shows an easier way to see how the sum of singular values varies with a documents-tokens matrix rank for the three attributes. Here the (a), (b) and (c) show separately this variation as the ranks of these matrices and sum of singular values differ.

by which we need to lower the rank of a matrix in order to find the optimal results. There are ways to find the optimal reduced rank optimizing the frobenius norm but it is not simple. We would see in the analysis section that similar tools are more dominated by the scores shared by the input and output file types due to which the tools which similar in their functions do not come up. In order to avoid these limitations, we use an approach known as *doc2vec* (document to vector). It learns a dense, fixed-size vectors for each document using neural networks. These vectors are unique in a way that captures the semantics present in the documents. The documents which share similar context are represented by similar vectors. When we compute cosine distance between these vectors sharing similar context, we get a higher number (close to 1.0). It allows the documents to have variable lengths.

## Approach

Paragraph vectors approach learns vector representations for all the words present in a set of documents. The words which are used in a similar context have similar vectors. For example, words like "data" and "dataset" which are used, in general, in



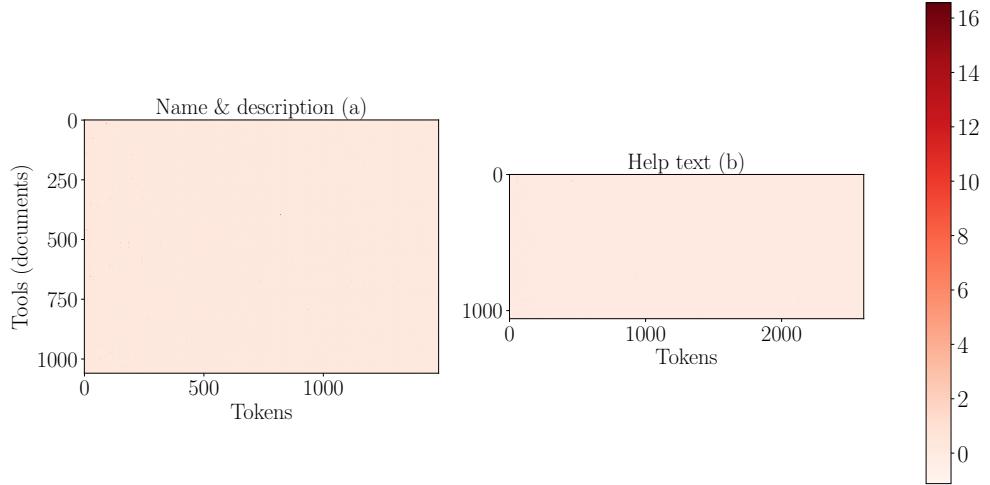
**Figure 11: Fraction of ranks of documents-tokens matrices with the fraction of sum of singular values:** This plot merges the results of the figure 10 into one plot. As the ranks of document-term matrices and sum of singular values vary, we convert them to respective percentages.  $rank_{fraction} = \frac{k}{N}$  where  $k$  is the reduced rank and  $N$  is the full-rank of a matrix. For example 0.2 on the rank axis (x-axis) means 20% of the original rank of a matrix. Similarly, y-axis shows the fraction of the sum of all singular values  $sum_{fraction} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k}{\sum_{i=1}^K}$  where  $K$  is the number of all singular values.

similar context have are represented by close vectors. The vector representations of words in a corpus is learnt by finding the maximum of the following equation:

$$\frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=k}^{T-k} \log p(w_t | w_{t-k}, \dots, w_{t+k}) \quad (9)$$

where  $T$  is the total number of words in a corpus,  $k$  is the window size. We take a few words which make a context and using this context we try to predict each word. The probability  $p$  is computed using a softmax classifier and backpropagation is used to compute the gradient and the vectors are optimized using stochastic gradient descent. To learn paragraph vectors, in addition to using words vectors, paragraph vectors are also used to learn probability of the next words in a context. The paragraph and word vectors are averaged to make the classifier which predict next words in a context. There are two way how to choose the context.

### Low rank representation of documents-tokens matrices



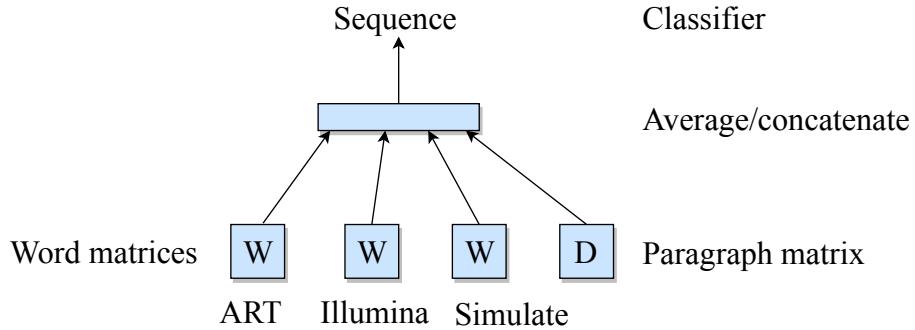
**Figure 12: Low-rank representations of documents-tokens matrices:** The heatmap shows the low-rank (5% of full-rank) representations of documents-tokens matrices for name and description and help text. These matrices are more dense compared to figure 7 which shows these matrices corresponding to the full-rank representations.

- Distributed memory: In this approach of learning paragraph vectors, fixed length window of words are chosen and paragraph vectors and word vectors are used to predict the words in this context. The word vectors are shared across all paragraphs and paragraph vector is unique to each paragraph.
- Distributed bag of words: The words are randomly extracted from paragraphs and in this set of words, a word is chosen randomly and predicted using the paragraph vectors. The order of the randomly chosen words is ignored.

The figures 9 and 10 are inspired from the original work - Distributed Representations of Sentences and Documents<sup>9</sup>. The second form of learning paragraph vectors is simple and we use it to learn documents (paragraphs) vectors for name and description and help text attributes. We learn only the paragraph vectors which makes it less computationally expensive [2].

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<sup>9</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.4053>



**Figure 13: Distributed memory approach for paragraph vectors:** This image shows the mechanism for learning a vector for a paragraph.  $W$  is a word matrix where each word is represented by a vector.  $D$  is a paragraph matrix where each paragraph (document) is represented by a vector. The word vectors are shared across all paragraphs (documents) but not the paragraph vectors. The three words "Art", "Illumina" and "Simulate" represent a context. The average or concatenated words and paragraph vectors are used to predict the "Sequence" word.

## 2.3 Similarity measures

We have vectors representing the documents for all the three attributes we consider to compute similar tools. To find the similarity in a pair of vectors, we need to apply a similarity measure to get a similarity score. This score quantifies how much similar a pair of documents are which means how close or distant these documents are.

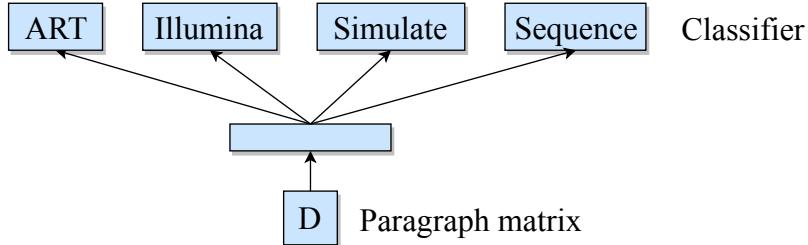
### 2.3.1 Cosine similarity

It gives the cosine angle value between a pair of documents vectors. Let's say we have two vectors,  $x$  and  $y$ . We can write:

$$x \cdot y = |x| \cdot |y| \cdot \cos \theta \quad (10)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x \cdot y}{|x| \cdot |y|} \quad (11)$$

where  $|.|$  is the norm of the vector  $x$ . If the norm is 0, we use 0 for the value of  $\cos \theta$ . The values emitted by this similarity follows a natural progression that if the documents are dissimilar, then it is 0 and if completely similar, it is 1.0. Otherwise it lies between 0.0 and 1.0. This score can also be understood as a kind of probability



**Figure 14: Distributed bag-of-words approach for paragraph vectors:** This image shows how only paragraph vectors are learned by predicting a random word chosen from a randomly selected set of words. In this approach, the order of the words does not matter.

of similarity between a pair of documents <sup>10</sup>.

### 2.3.2 Jaccard index

Jaccard index is a measure of similarity between two sets of entities given by the equation:

$$j = \frac{A \cap B}{A \cup B} \quad (12)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are two sets.  $\cap$  is the number of entities present in both the sets and  $\cup$  is the sum of unique entities present in sets  $A$  and  $B$  [10]. We use this measure to compute the similarity between two tools based on their file types. For example, *LinearRegression* has 3 file types: *tabular*, *input* and *pdf*. Another tool *LDAAnalysis* has *tabular* and *txt* as file types. The jaccard index for this pair of tools would be:

$$j = \frac{\text{Length}[(\text{tabular}, \text{input}, \text{pdf}) \cap (\text{tabular}, \text{txt})]}{\text{Length}[(\text{tabular}, \text{input}, \text{pdf}) \cup (\text{tabular}, \text{txt})]} \quad (13)$$

$$j = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 \quad (14)$$

## 2.4 Optimization

Using the paragraph vectors and applying cosine similarity, we get similarity or correlation matrices one each for input and output file types, name and description and help text attributes. The matrices have same dimensions ( $n \times n$ ,  $n$  is the number

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<sup>10</sup><https://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/html/htmledition/dot-products-1.html>

of tools). To combine these matrices, one simple idea would be to take an average of the corresponding rows of scores from the matrices for a document. This would generate a matrix of the same dimension where each row would correspond to one document. This row would contain similarity scores of a document against all other documents. The diagonal entries of this matrix would be 1.0. All other entries would be a positive real number between 0.0 and 1.0. Another way to find the combination is to learn the weights on the rows from three matrices and then combine them to obtain optimal similarity scores for a tool. The weight would be a positive real number between 0.0 and 1.0. Instead of using a fixed importance factor (weights) of  $1/3$  ( $3$  is the number of matrices), we use optimization to find these real numbers and then combine the matrices by multiplying with these weights.

$$S_k^{optimal} = w_{io}^k \cdot S_{io}^k + w_{nd}^k \cdot S_{nd}^k + w_{ht}^k \cdot S_{ht}^k \quad (15)$$

where  $w$  is a positive, real number and satisfy  $w_{io}^k + w_{nd}^k + w_{ht}^k = 1$ .  $S_{io}^k$ ,  $S_{nd}^k$  and  $S_{ht}^k$  are the similarity scores (corresponding matrix rows) for  $k^{th}$  tool corresponding to input and output file types, name and description and help text attributes respectively.

We have these similarity scores. But we need to learn these importance weights. We use gradient descent optimizer to learn these weights against a loss function. If we look closely the similarity measure, we see that the maximum similarity between a pair of documents can be 1.0. Hence, the ideal similarity scores for one document against all other documents:

$$S_{ideal} = [1.0, 1.0, \dots, 1.0] \quad (16)$$

where  $S_{ideal}$  is the ideal similarity scores for one document against all other document. Using this ideal scores, we can compute the error we accrue for all the similarity scores from three attributes. After computing the error, we can verify which attribute is closer to the ideal score and which are not. The attributes which exhibit lower error get higher weights and those which score higher error get lower weights. The next section elaborates the online way to do the optimization.

#### 2.4.1 Gradient descent

Gradient descent is a popular algorithm for optimizing an objective function with respect to its parameters. The parameters are the entities which we want to learn. In our case, these are the weights. The algorithm minimizes an error function. Let's frame the error function:

$$Error_{io}^k(w_{io}) = \sum_{t=1}^{N-1} \cdot (w_{io} \cdot S_{io}^t - S_{ideal})^2 \quad (17)$$

$$Error_{nd}^k(w_{nd}) = \sum_{t=1}^{N-1} \cdot (w_{nd} \cdot S_{nd}^t - S_{ideal})^2 \quad (18)$$

$$Error_{ht}^k(w_{ht}) = \sum_{t=1}^{N-1} \cdot (w_{ht} \cdot S_{ht}^t - S_{ideal})^2 \quad (19)$$

$$Error^k(w) = \sum_{t=1}^{N-1} \cdot (w \cdot S^t - S_{ideal})^2 \quad (20)$$

$$\arg \min_w Error^k(w) \quad (21)$$

where  $Error$  is a vector of  $\langle Error_{io}, Error_{nd}, Error_{ht} \rangle$ ,  $w$  is  $\langle w_{io}, w_{nd}, w_{ht} \rangle$  and  $S$  is  $\langle S_{io}, S_{nd}, S_{ht} \rangle$ .

To minimize the equation 17, we need to compute the gradient. The gradient specifies the rate of change of error with respect to the weights.

$$Gradient^k(w) = \frac{\partial Error^k}{\partial w} = 2 \cdot \sum_{t=1}^{N-1} (w \cdot S^t - S_{ideal}) \cdot S^t \quad (22)$$

Using the gradient vector, we update the weights. For this we need to set the learning rate.

$$w^k = w^k - \eta \cdot Gradient(w^k) \quad (23)$$

To find the right learning rate is important as a high value can diverge the gradient learning and a low value can slow down the learning. For each iteration of gradient descent, we employ time-based decay of learning rate.

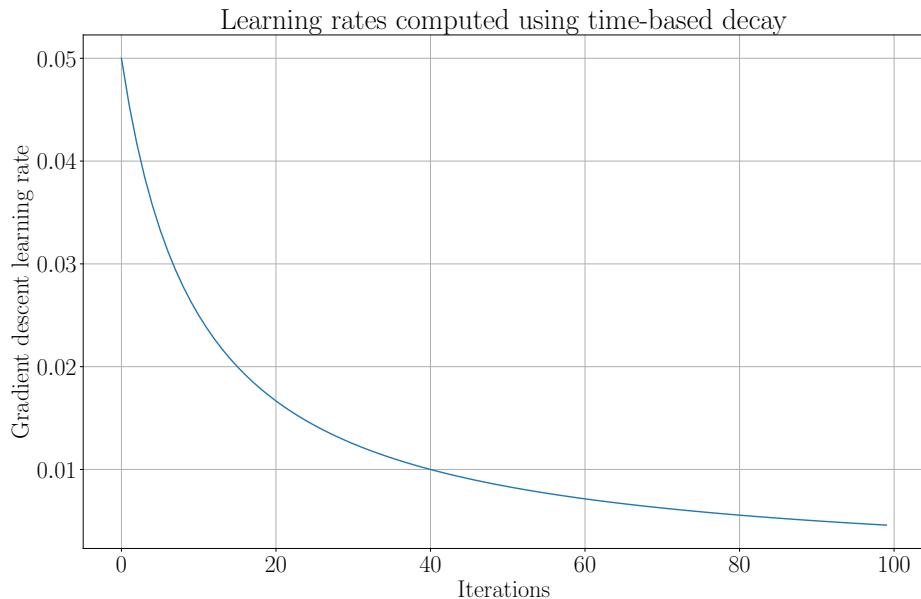
#### 2.4.2 Learning rate decay

To find an optimal learning rate forms an important part of gradient descent optimization. If the learning rate is high, it poses a risk of optimizer divergence. On the other hand, if is small, the optimizer can take a very long time to converge. Both these situations are undesirable and we can avoid them by starting out with a small value and gradually decrease the learning rate over iterations. It is called as a time-based

decay of the learning rate [11].

$$lr^{t+1} = \frac{lr^t}{(1 + (decay * iteration))} \quad (24)$$

where  $lr^{t+1}$  and  $lr^t$  are the learning rates for  $t+1$  and  $t$  iterations,  $decay$  controls how steep or flat the learning rate curve is and  $iteration$  is the gradient descent iteration number. A higher value of decay makes the learning rate curve steep as the learning rate drops quickly. A lower value can make the curve flat which can slow down the learning.



**Figure 15: Decay of learning rate for gradient descent optimizer:** The plot shows how the learning rate for gradient descent evolves with iterations. It starts with a small value and decreases gradually over time. It is essential to have learning rates which neither drops too quickly or too slowly. Both of these ways can lead to divergence or slow convergence of the optimizer.

#### 2.4.3 Weight update

##### Momentum

To reach the minimum point of our convex error function (equation 20), we need to go down continuously without being blocked at the saddle points. These saddle

points are where the derivative of a function is zero. Adding a momentum term to the weight parameter, we expect to avoid the local minima and should be able to converge to the lowest point quickly. It gives the necessary push to keep going down the convex error function by adding the a fraction of the previous step update to the current update [11, 12]. We compute the weight parameter update for each iterations using:

$$update_{t+1} = \gamma \cdot update_t - \eta \cdot Gradient(w^t) \quad (25)$$

$$w_{t+1} = w_t + update_{t+1} \quad (26)$$

where  $update_{t+1}$  is the update for changing the weight parameter for the current iteration  $t + 1$ .  $update_{t-1}$  is previous iteration update.  $\eta$  is the learning rate and  $Gradient$  is with respect to the weight parameter  $w_t$ .

### Nesterov's accelerated gradient

The inclusion of momentum is useful to get necessary advance towards finding the minimum of the error function. However, the speed of going down the slope of the error function should become less if there is a possibility of change in gradient direction. In this situation, the speeding up can be avoided by estimating the forthcoming gradient (gradient for the next step) and then correcting it [13]. We update the weight parameter using the following equations:

$$update_{t+1} = \gamma \cdot update_t - \eta \cdot Gradient(w_t + \gamma \cdot update_t) \quad (27)$$

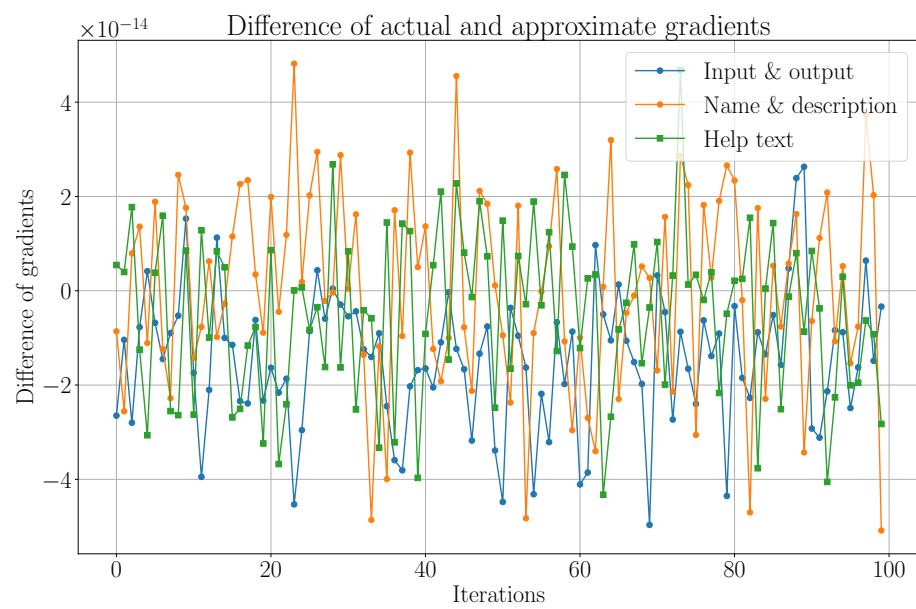
$$w_{t+1} = w_t + update_{t+1} \quad (28)$$

### Gradient verification

We compute gradient using equation 22 and use it to update our weight parameters. To verify that the computed gradient is correct, we can approximate this gradient using the error function we formulated in equation 20.

$$Gradient(w) = \frac{\partial Error}{\partial w} \approx \frac{Error(w + \epsilon) - Error(w - \epsilon)}{2 \cdot \epsilon} \quad (29)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a very small number.



**Figure 16: Verification of gradient for the error function:** The plot checks that the difference between the actual and approximated gradients for all the attributes across all tools computed over 100 iterations is close to 0. Gradient plays an important role in learning and it should be estimated correctly.

# 3 Experiments

## 3.1 Amount of help text

We use a maximum of 4 lines of text from the help text attribute while reading the xml files of tools. This attribute is noisy and contains text which is not useful to be set up as a basis for finding similarity. We need to be careful of the amount of text which we extract from this attribute. Experimentally, we verify that using 4 lines of text from this source works better in most of the cases.

## 3.2 One and two sources instead of three

We have used three different attributes for compiling the collection of tokens. These attributes are different from each other. Using them together to make one set of tokens for each tool would not be beneficial. We compute similarities for these different sources and combine them using optimization by learning optimal weights on each attribute.

## 3.3 Similarity measures

For finding similarity using input and output file types, we use jaccard index because we do not need to learn any "concept" hidden in a set of file types for a tool. For similarities computed for name and description and help text, we use cosine similarity. Both these similarity measures give a real number between 0.0 and 1.0 as a similarity score.

## 3.4 Latent Semantic Analysis

Using latent semantic analysis, we learn dense vector representation for a document. It reduces the rank of the document-tokens matrix. We need to find out this reduction factor which can improve the similarity scores among tools compared to using full-rank

document-tokens matrix. We follow an approach of lowering the rank by certain factors and look at how the values in these matrices are spread. We reduce the rank to 70%, 50%, 30%, 10% and 5% of the full-rank value. Moreover, we also verify the similarity matrices corresponding to these low-rank matrices representations. We expect the documents-tokens and similarity matrices to be more dense compared to no rank reduction. To reduce the ranks, we consider documents-tokens matrices of name and description and help text and leave the input and output matrix in its full-rank state. We singular value decomposition routine from *numpy* linear algebra package.

## 3.5 Paragraph Vector

In this approach, we learn a fixed-length dense vector representations for each document. We set the dimensions of these vectors. When the size of a document is lower, we use a lower number for computing the fixed-length vector. For example, in figure 5 we see that the number of tokens is higher for help text compared to name and description. To learn fixed-length vectors, we set the vector's length to be 50 for name and description and 300 for help text. Here as well, we learn paragraph vectors only for name and description and help text and not for input and output file types. We use *gensim* model to learn these paragraph vectors.

### 3.5.1 Distributed bag-of-words

We use this approach to learn vectors for each document. It does not use word-vectors and rely on paragraph vectors to predict the randomly chosen words from a sampled text window. Learning only the paragraph vectors is faster and computationally less expensive.

## 3.6 Gradient Descent

To optimize the similarity scores from coming from multiple attributes, we use gradient descent optimizer to learn weights on the scores of these attributes. Based on the similarity measures, we construct a error function to the optimizer which minimizes it.

### **3.6.1 Learning rates**

We use backtracking line search to set learning rate for each iteration. It expedites the learning by computing a learning rate that sufficiently diminishes the error function in each iteration of gradient descent. We set a maximum iteration to 100 within which the learning saturates when the learning rate start with a value of 0.1. When we start with 0.01 or smaller, the optimization does not converge within 100 iterations.

# 4 Results and Analysis

## 4.1 Latent Semantic Analysis

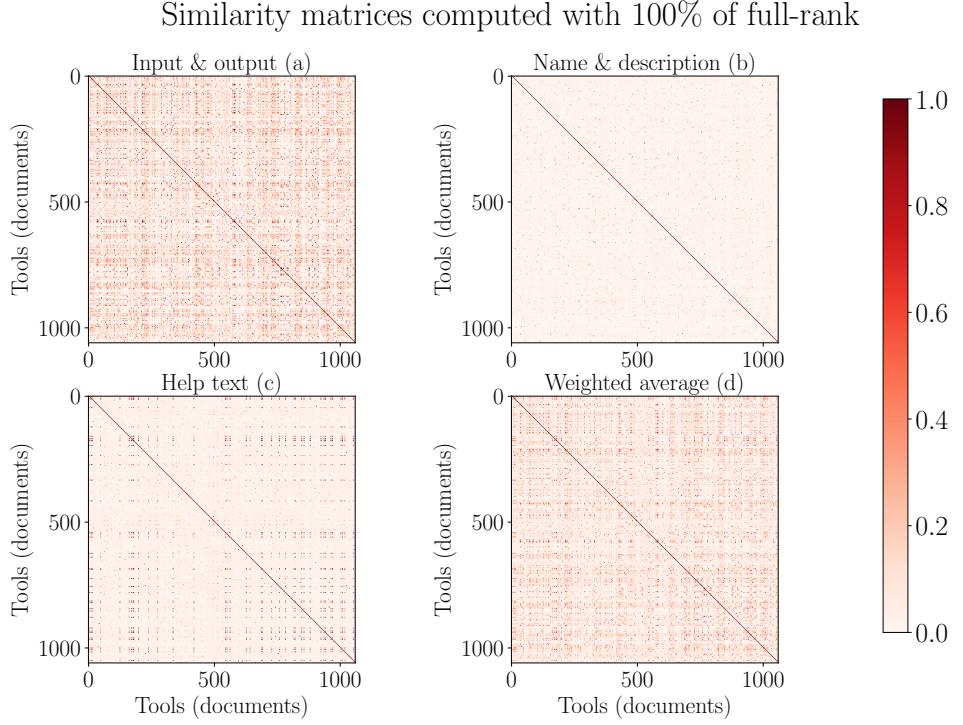
We experiment with multiple values of matrix rank reduction and we find that as we reduce the rank of documents-tokens matrices, they become more dense. As we reduce the ranks, the distribution of the learnt weights also change.

### 4.1.1 Full-rank matrices

Figure 17 shows the similarity matrices computed using full-rank documents-tokens matrices for input and output (17a), name and description (17b) and help text (17c) attributes. We do not apply rank reduction on documents-tokens matrix of input and output file types. Using these similarity matrices, we learn each row's respective importance factor using gradient descent and then combine to get a weighted average similarity matrix (17d). Figure 18 shows the distribution of these importance factors (weights) for multiple tool attributes and we see that the magnitude of weights estimated for input and output file types is higher than the other two attributes. The high magnitude is associated with the higher values captured for the similarity matrix of input and output file types (17a).

### 4.1.2 70% of full-rank

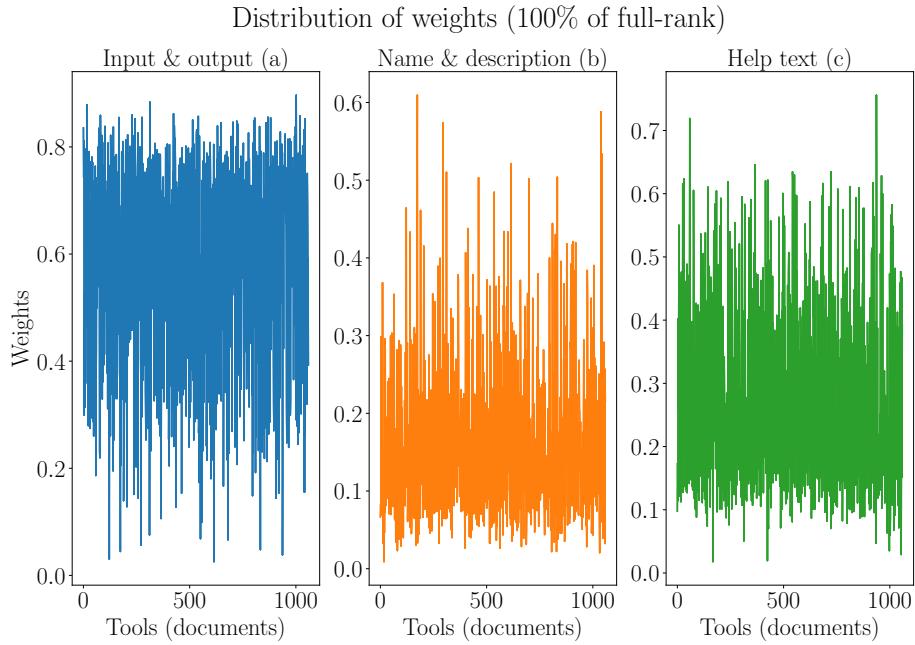
In figure 17, we can see that the similarity matrices for name and description and help text are sparse. To reduce the sparsity, we attempt to reduce the ranks of the respective documents-tokens matrices of these two attributes to 70% of full-rank. For example, if the rank of a matrix is 100, we reduce the rank to 70 using singular value decomposition. Along with reducing the ranks, we reduce the singular values of these matrices as well. Comparing figures 17 and 19, we see that the name and description and help text similarity matrices start becoming more dense. The distribution of the weights also change (figures 18 and 20). At this stage, it is hard to see the effect of rank reduction. Further we reduce the ranks drastically to see the effect.



**Figure 17: Similarity matrices computed using full-rank documents-tokens matrices:** The heatmap shows documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrices for input and output (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The (d) shows a documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrix which is the weighted average computed using (a), (b) and (c) and weights (figure 18) given by the gradient descent optimizer (equation 15). The corresponding documents-tokens matrices contain their full-ranks.

#### 4.1.3 30% of full-rank

To see the effect of rank reduction, we reduce the ranks of two documents-tokens matrices to 30% of full-rank. This is a large reduction and would amount to keeping  $\approx 60\%$  (removing  $\approx 40\%$ ) (figure 11) of sum of singular values for all the documents-tokens matrices. In figures 21 and 22, the effect of rank reduction is more visible compared to 70%. We see that the magnitudes of weights learned for input and output files start to decrease and the magnitudes of weights for name and description and help text start to increase because the corresponding similarity matrices score become more dense (figure 21).



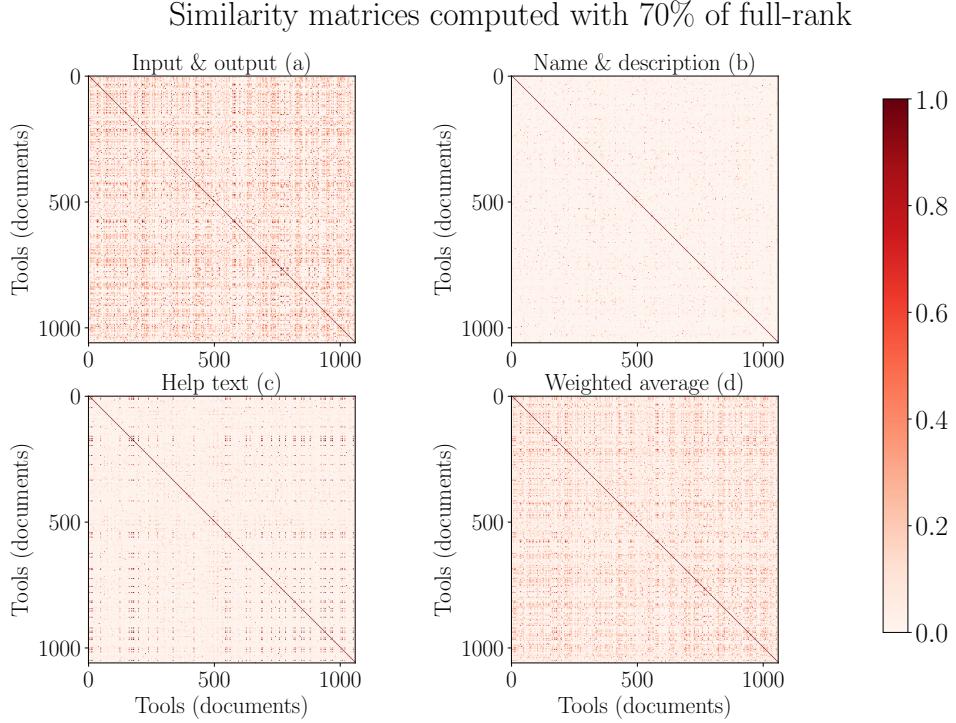
**Figure 18: Distribution of weights learned for similarity matrices computed using full-rank documents-tokens matrices:** The plot shows the distribution of weights learned by gradient descent optimizer on the similarity matrices for the input and output, name and description and help text attributes. The corresponding documents-tokens matrices contain their full-ranks.

#### 4.1.4 5% of full-rank

To verify the reduction in sparsity, we reduce the ranks of two documents-tokens matrices to 5% of the full-rank. By choosing this low value, we consider only top  $\approx 20\%$  of the sum of singular values for all the attributes (figure 11). From figure 23, we can see that all the similarity matrices corresponding to the attributes become more dense compared to figure 17, 91 and 21. Due to this, the weights distribution also change (figure 24). We learn higher weights for name and description (24b) and help text (24c). Along side, the weights on the input and output file types decrease (24a).

#### 4.1.5 Improvement verification

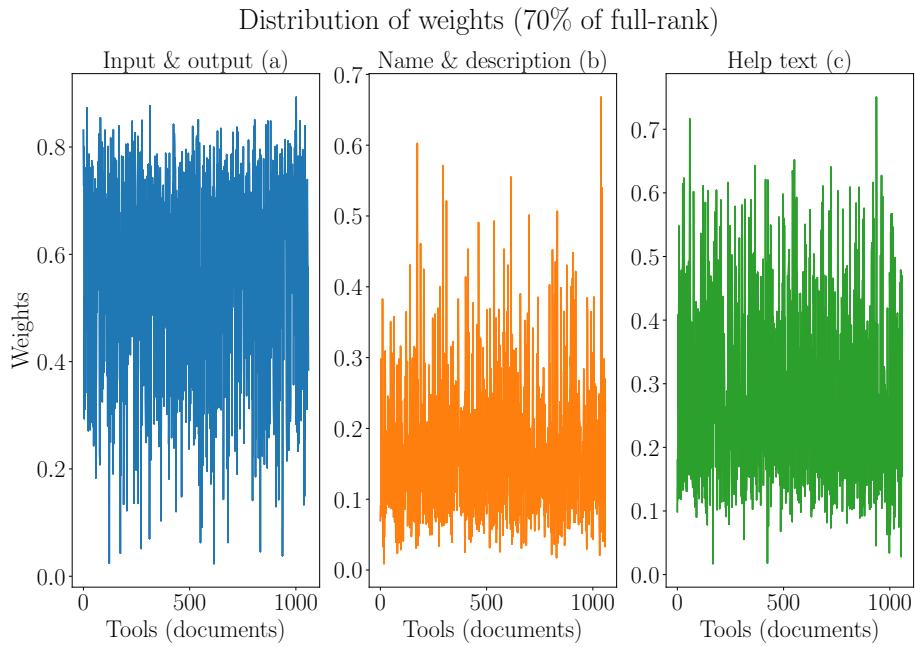
To verify that the matrix rank reduction actually works and learns better similarity scores for tools (documents) which are similar in actual case, we showcase two ways.



**Figure 19: Similarity matrices using 70% of full-rank:** The heatmap shows documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrices for input and output (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The (d) shows a documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrix which is the weighted average computed using (a), (b) and (c) and weights (figure 20) given by the gradient descent optimizer (equation 15). The corresponding documents-tokens matrices are reduced to 70% of their respective full-ranks.

### Reduction in error

We observe drop in mean squared error when we decrease the ranks of the matrices. When we reduce the ranks, the similarity scores for the name and description and help text increase. This increase accounts for their larger weights learned by the optimizer. The weights on an average become more balanced and together with higher similarity scores account for the decrease in the mean squared error. In the absence of true similarity values, this viewpoint might not be completely correct way to establish that we actually improve the performance. To be more certain, we created a visualizer using javascript and html to look through the similar tools and their respective scores and weights for all tools. The next section explains it.



**Figure 20: Distribution of weights learned for similarity matrices computed using full-rank documents-tokens matrices:** The plot shows the distribution of weights learned by gradient descent optimizer on the similarity matrices for the input and output, name and description and help text attributes. The corresponding documents-tokens matrices contain 70% of their full-ranks.

## 4.2 Paragraph vectors

## 4.3 Comparison of latent semantic analysis and paragraph vectors approach

We see the similar tools for a few selected tools for the different stage of rank reduction and verify if we actually fetch the similar tools. Let's take an example of similar tools for *hisat*, a popular mapping tool. We find similar tools once with full-rank documents-tokens matrix approach and then with 5% of full-rank documents-tokens matrix.

Similar tools	input & output	name & desc.	help text	weighted similarity
hisat2	0.38	0.07	1	0.42
srma_wrapper	0.5	0.12	0.01	0.4

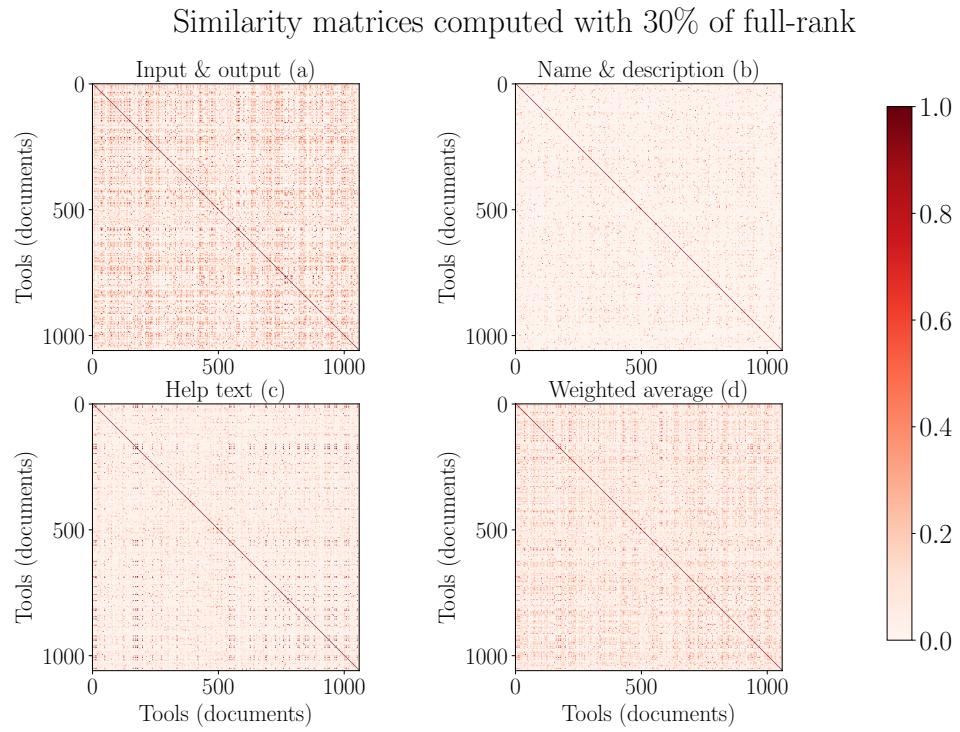
**Table 2: Similar tools (top-2) for "hisat" extracted using full-rank documents-tokens matrices:** The table shows top-2 similar tools selected for "hisat". This set of similar tools uses full-rank documents-tokens matrices. The weights learned by optimization are 0.77 (input and output file types), 0.1 (name and description) and 0.3 (help text).

Similar tools	input & output	name & desc.	help text	weighted similarity
hisat2	0.38	1	1	0.83
srma_wrapper	0.5	1	0.64	0.69

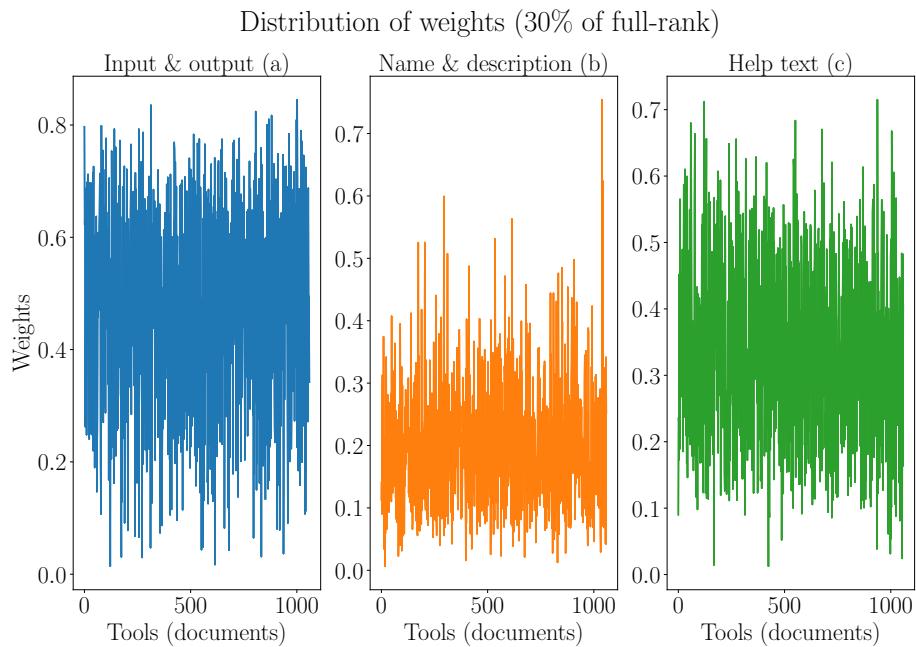
**Table 3: Similar tools (top-2) for "hisat" extracted using documents-tokens matrices reduced to 5% of full-rank:** The table shows top-2 similar tools selected for "hisat". This set of similar tools uses 5% of full-rank documents-tokens matrices. The weights learned by optimization are 0.27 (input and output file types), 0.23 (name and description) and 0.5 (help text).

Similar tools	input & output	name & desc.	help text	weighted similarity
hisat2	0.38	1	1	0.83
srma_wrapper	0.5	1	0.64	0.69

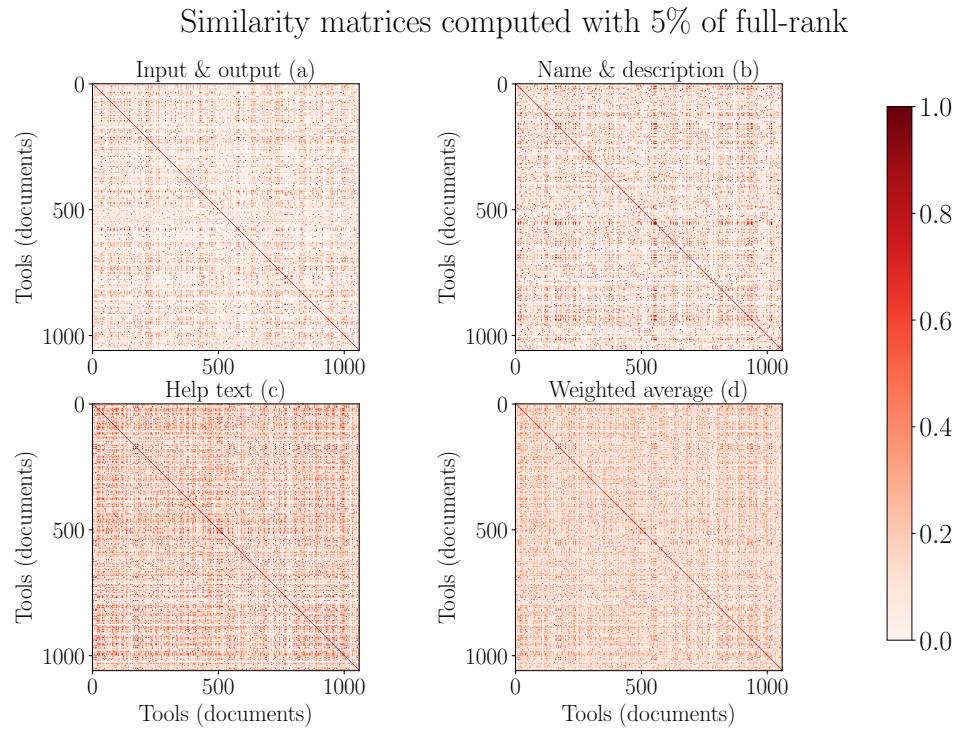
**Table 4: Similar tools (top-2) for "hisat" extracted using paragraph vectors approach:** The table shows top-2 similar tools selected for "hisat". The weights learned by optimization are 0.14 (input and output file types), 0.44 (name and description) and 0.42 (help text).



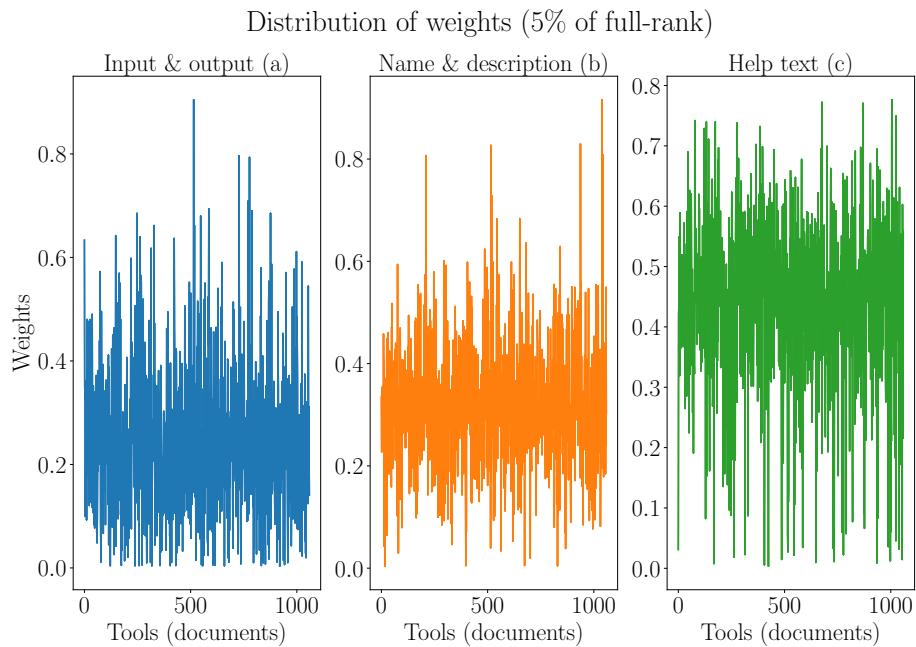
**Figure 21: Similarity matrices computed using document-tokens matrices reduced to 30% of their full-rank:** The heatmap shows documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrices for input and output (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The (d) shows a documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrix which is the weighted average computed using (a), (b) and (c) and weights (figure 22) given by the gradient descent optimizer (equation 15). The corresponding documents-tokens matrices are reduced to 30% of their respective full-ranks.



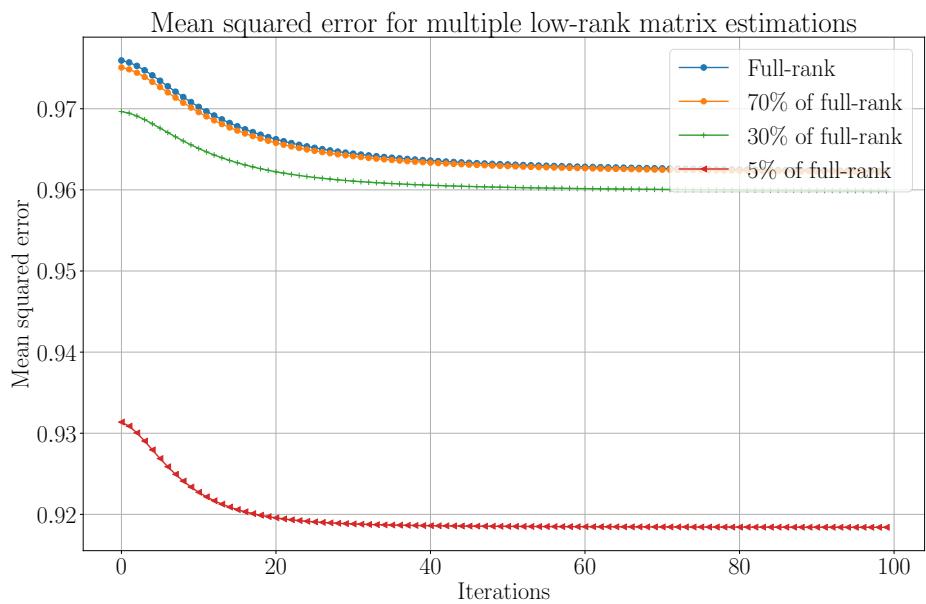
**Figure 22: Distribution of weights learned for similarity matrices computed using documents-tokens matrices reduced to 30% of their full-rank:** The plot shows the distribution of weights learned by gradient descent optimizer on the similarity matrices for the input and output, name and description and help text attributes. The corresponding documents-tokens matrices contain 30% of their full-ranks.



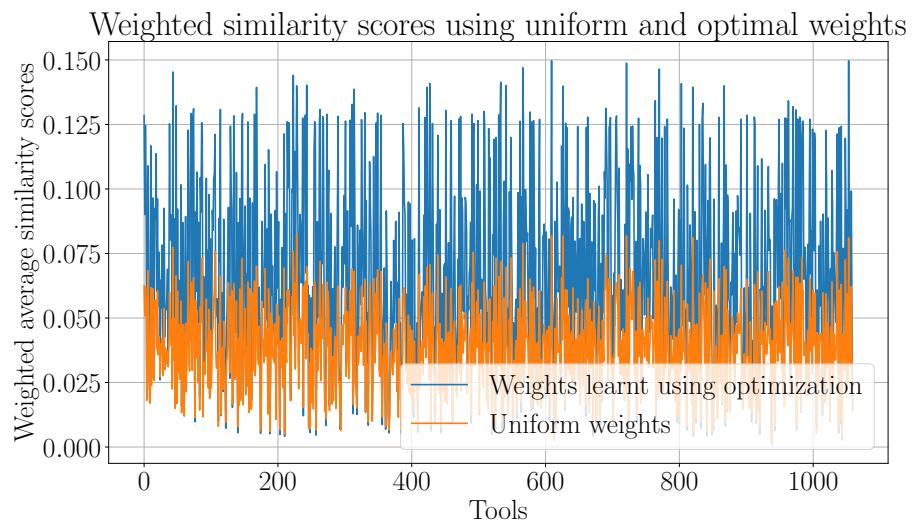
**Figure 23: Similarity matrices computed using document-tokens matrices reduced to 5% of their full-rank:** The heatmap shows documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrices for input and output (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The (d) shows a documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrix which is the weighted average computed using (a), (b) and (c) and weights (figure 24) given by the gradient descent optimizer (equation 15). The corresponding documents-tokens matrices are reduced to 5% of their respective full-ranks.



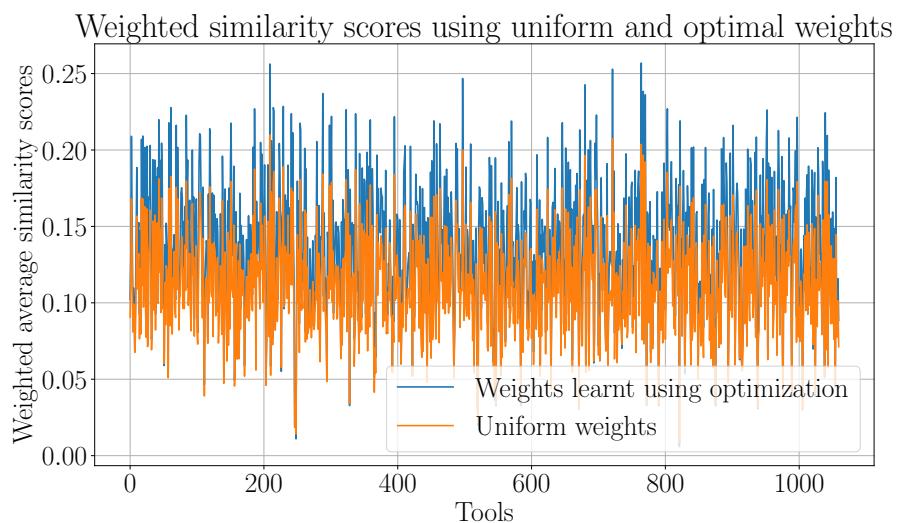
**Figure 24: Distribution of weights learned for similarity matrices computed using documents-tokens matrices reduced to 5% of their full-rank:** The plot shows the distribution of weights learned by gradient descent optimizer on the similarity matrices for the input and output, name and description and help text attributes. The corresponding documents-tokens matrices contain 5% of their full-ranks.



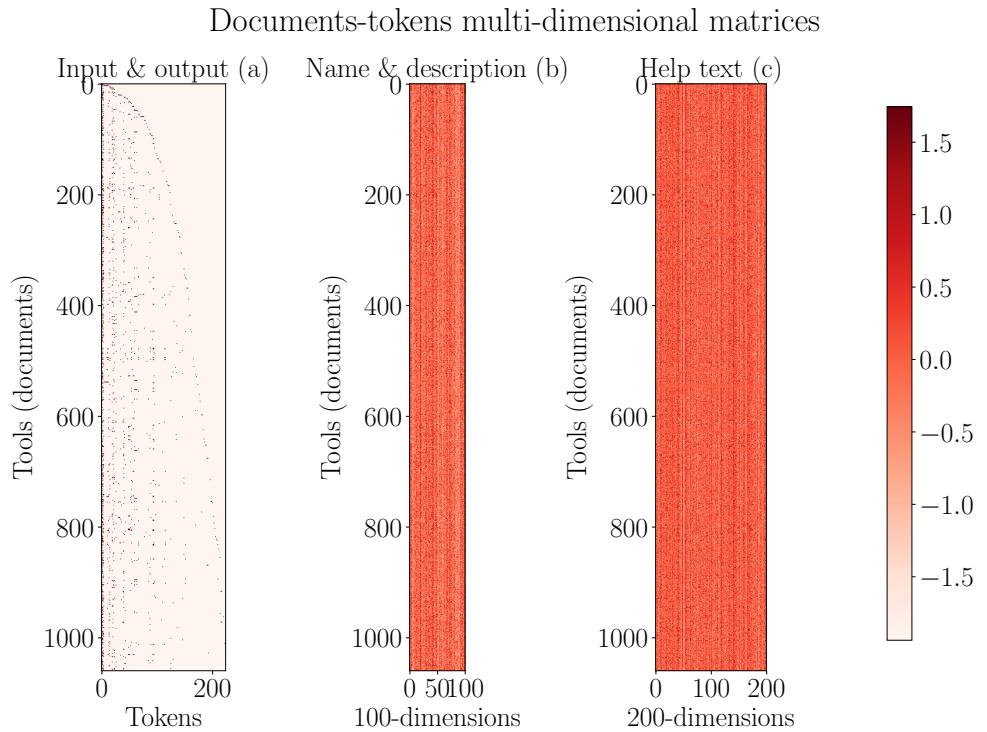
**Figure 25: Mean squared error using full-rank and multiple estimations of low-rank (latent semantic analysis approach) documents-tokens matrices:** This shows an mean squared error comparison computed using full-rank and various estimations of low-rank documents-tokens matrices. Each line plot shows an average error over all the tools and attributes which drops as we move along the iterations of gradient descent.



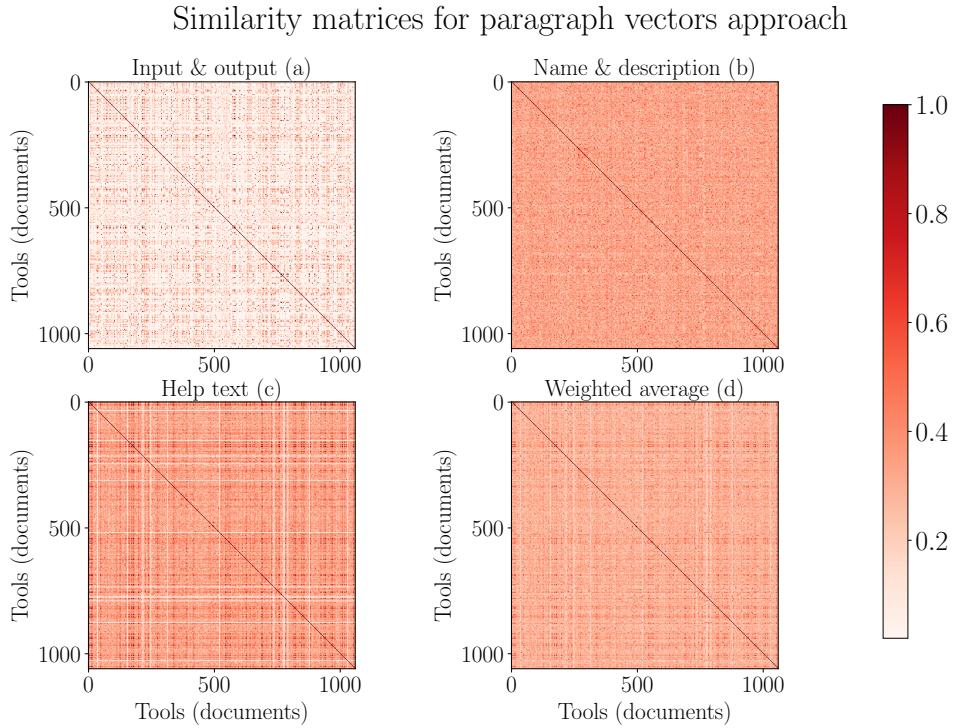
**Figure 26: Average of the weighted similarity scores for computed using full-rank documents-tokens matrices across all tools::.**



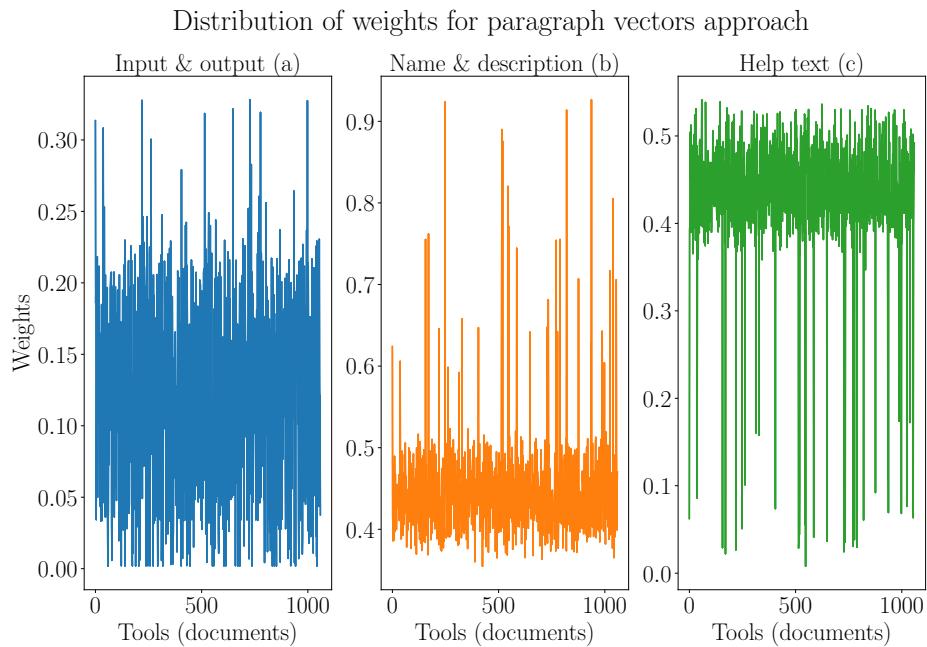
**Figure 27: Average similarity scores using uniform and optimal weights learned by optimization across all tools using documents-tokens matrices reduced to 5 % of full-rank::.**



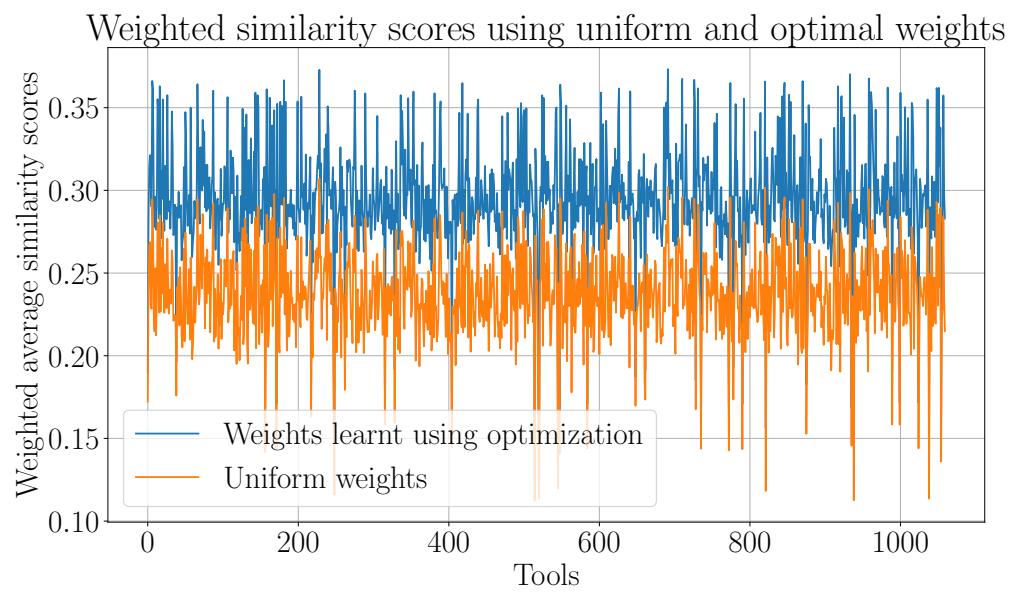
**Figure 28: Documents-tokens matrices for paragraph vectors approach:**  
The heatmap shows documents-tokens matrices for input and output file types (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The matrix in (a) is a document-token matrix where each entry shows a relative frequency of the token's occurrence. The matrices in (b) and (c) are 100 and 200 dimensional (each row is a document vector) respectively which means that each row of a matrix belongs to a document (paragraph) and is fixed-length and dense in nature.



**Figure 29: Similarity matrices using paragraph vectors approach:** The heatmap shows documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrices for input and output (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The (d) shows a documents-documents (tools-tools) correlation matrix which is the weighted average computed using (a), (b) and (c) and weights (figure 22) given by the gradient descent optimizer (equation 15). The corresponding documents-tokens matrices are computed as shown in figure 26.



**Figure 30: Distribution of weights for similarity matrices computed using documents-tokens matrices for paragraph vectors approach:** The plot shows the distribution of weights learned by gradient descent optimizer on the similarity matrices for the input and output (a), name and description (b) and help text (c) attributes. The corresponding documents-tokens matrices are computed as shown in figure 26.



**Figure 31: Average of uniformly and optimally weighted similarity scores across all tools for paragraph vectors approach:** The plot shows a comparison of average similarity scores computed across all tools using weights learned using optimization and uniform weights.

# 5 Conclusion

## 5.1 Tools data

The text for help text attribute was noisy containing lots of words which were generic and provided little information to categorize tools. However it was necessary as it supplied more information and due to this, it needed more filtering. The data for other attributes, input and output file types and name and description was helpful. The extraction of tools data from GitHub's multiple repositories was slow<sup>1</sup> and due to which we read information from the xml tools files into our local tabular file and executed analysis using that tabular file.

## 5.2 Approaches

We investigated two approaches to find similarity in Galaxy tools. The latent semantic analysis approach which relied on matrix rank reduction in order to remove unimportant concepts or dimensions worked better than using full-rank documents-tokens matrices. However, we were not sure about the quantity of reduction of noise dimensions and because of this we ran the risk of losing important dimensions while reducing the noise. During optimization, it gave more importance to input and output file types which were many times undesirable because we saw that But, in general, this approach is simple and takes less time to execute. We can easily compute the low-rank estimations of sparse matrices using singular value decomposition.

The paragraph vectors approach worked better than the previous one in terms of finding relevant and similar tools. The documents-tokens matrices it learned for name and description and help text were dense and encoded the semantic similarities among the documents. The documents which were similar in context leaned similar vectors as proved by the dense similarity matrices for name and description and help text. However, this approach is slow. We trained to learn vectors for each document for 10 epochs and each epoch had 800 iterations. Running for 200 iterations over 10

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<sup>1</sup>The extraction of  $\approx 1050$  tools took  $\approx 30$  minutes

epochs did not fetch relevant results. Moreover, to specify the number of dimensions of paragraph vectors was an important concern. From figure 5, we saw that the average of tokens for name and description was 2-3 times higher than that of help text. So, the number of dimensions for name and description should be set to a smaller number as higher dimensions for smaller dataset would overfit.

### 5.3 Optimization

Learning the weights on the similarity scores from multiple attributes worked in a good way and we reached the saturation already  $\approx 50^{th}$  iteration. We used standard gradient descent optimizer with mean squared error as loss function as we expected to be as close to the true distribution (based on similarity measures) as possible. We decreased the risk of getting stuck at saddle points or local minima by using momentum with accelerated gradient to update the weight parameters.

# 6 Future Work

## 6.1 Get true value

To quantify the improvements, we need to set absolute true values among tools. It means that we should create a dictionary of say 10 similar tools for each tool. Using this constraint, we can verify our findings in a reliable way. Otherwise, we need to have a visualizer to look through the results to find whether we improve. On the other hand, it is not an easy task to create logical categories of thousands of tools.

## 6.2 Correlation

Our similarity matrices are dense. We can nullify some low scores to retain only higher similarity scores. We can do it by finding the median value of similarity scores for a tool and set the scores to 0 which are lower than median. After this, we can optimize the scores and see the distribution and results if we improve.

## **Part 2: Predict next tools in Galaxy workflows**

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