

Word embeddings

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Standard word representations

- Denote V =vocabulary size.
- Standard word representations use sparse vectors $x \in \mathbb{R}^V$
 - $x_w = \mathbb{I}[w \text{ occurred in the document}]$
 - $x_w = TF_w = \#[w \text{ occurred in the document}]$
 - $x_w = TF_w IDF_w, IDF_w = \frac{N}{N_w}$
 - N - number of all documents
 - N_w - number of documents, containing w at least once.
- V is large, so **dense word representations (word embeddings)** $x \in \mathbb{R}^K, K \ll V$ are preferred
 - less inputs=>less parameters=>less overfitting
 - handle synonyms, like "car" and "automobile"

Interpretable word embeddings

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^K$, where x^i is some i -th interpretable feature, e.g.
 - x^1 : part of speech
 - x^2 : gender (for nouns)
 - x^3 : tense (for verbs)
 - x^4 : starts from capital letter
 - x^5 : $\#$ [letters]
 - x^6 : category: machine learning, physics, biology, ...
 - x^7 : subcategory: supervised, unsupervised, semi-supervised learning
 - ...
- Need to invent features for each task and extract them.
- Want this to be done automatically!

Uninterpretable word embeddings

- Clustering words with similar meaning to similar representations.
- **Distributional hypothesis:**
words have similar meaning \Leftrightarrow they co-occur together frequently.
- "accuracy of SVM", "SVM gave accuracy", "lower accuracy, compared to SVM"
 - SVM and accuracy are connected!
- Typical dimensionality of embedding $\in [300, 500]$.

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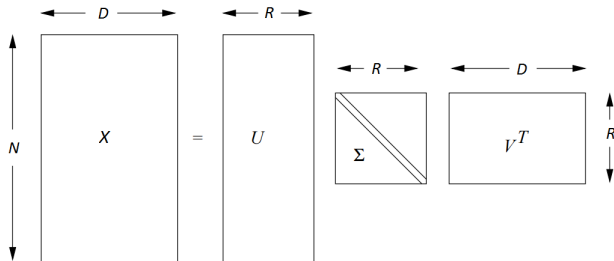
Every matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$, $\text{rank } X = R$, can be decomposed into the product of three matrices:

$$X = U \Sigma V^T$$

where

- $U \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times R}$, $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times R}$, $V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times D}$
- $\Sigma = \text{diag}\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_R\}$, $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_R \geq 0$
- $U^T U = I$, $V^T V = I$, where $I \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times R}$ is identity matrix.

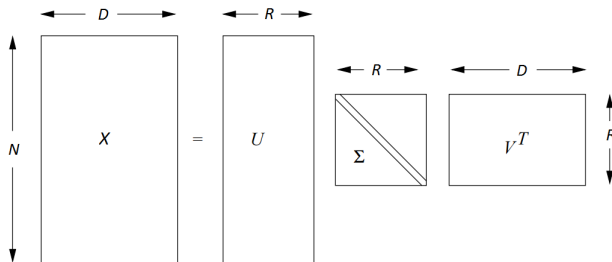
Interpretation of SVD



For X_{ij} let i denote objects and j denote properties.

- Columns of U - orthonormal basis of columns of X
- Rows of V^T - orthonormal basis of rows of X
- Σ - scaling.
- Efficient representations of low-rank matrix!

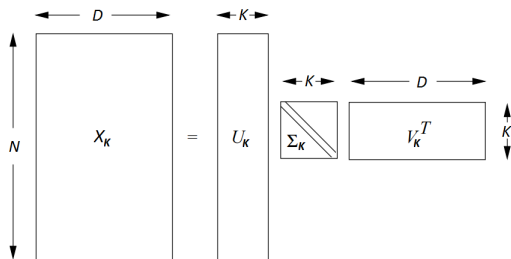
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For X_{ij} let i denote objects and j denote properties.

- Rows of U are normalized coordinates of rows in V^T
- $\Sigma = \text{diag}\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_R\}$ shows the magnitudes of presence of each row from V^T .

Truncated SVD decomposition



Simplification to rank $K \leq R$:

$$X_K = U_K \Sigma_K V_K$$

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_K, \sigma_{K+1}, \dots, \sigma_R\} \longrightarrow \text{diag}\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_K\} = \Sigma_K$$

$$U = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_K, u_{K+1}, \dots, u_R] \longrightarrow [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_K] = U_K$$

$$V = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_K, v_{K+1}, \dots, v_R] \longrightarrow [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_K] = V_K$$

- Now rows of U give reduced representation of rows of X .

Embeddings from term-document matrix factorization

- Form term-document matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{V \times D}$:

$$M_{wd} = \#[\text{word } w \text{ appeared in document } d]$$

- **Latent semantic analysis (LSA)**: apply truncated SVD of order K to M :

$$M = U_K \Sigma_K V_K^T$$

- Rows of U_K give word embeddings!
 - Usually $K = 300$.
- M_{wc} may contain instead of TF: $\log(\text{TF})$, TF-IDF.

Co-occurrence matrix

Form co-occurrence matrix $M = \{m_{wc}\}_{w \in V, c \in V}$:

- ① Form single document by concatenating all documents from the collection
- ② Slide rolling window of width $2W + 1$ centered at word w over all words.
 - increase M_{wc} by count, how many times word c appears within $\pm W$ of word w

Embedding dimensionality

For word embeddings apply truncated SVD with $K \in [500, 5000]$.

- co-occurrence in documents: general topics
- co-occurrence in context: more specific topics
=> more degrees of freedom needed, than for LSA.

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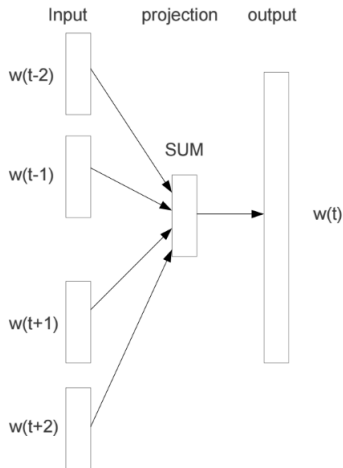
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Word2vec

- Proposed in 2013¹.
- Computationally efficient:
 - Remove computationally expensive hidden layer.
 - Omit expensive denominator calculation.
- Thus can be trained on much bigger datasets.
 - better embeddings, especially for rare words.
- Comments: for each w models evaluate:
 - target word embedding v_w
 - context word embedding \tilde{v}_w
- Target&context embeddings may be averaged or concatenated later.

¹Mikolov et al. (2013), Mikolov et al. (2013)

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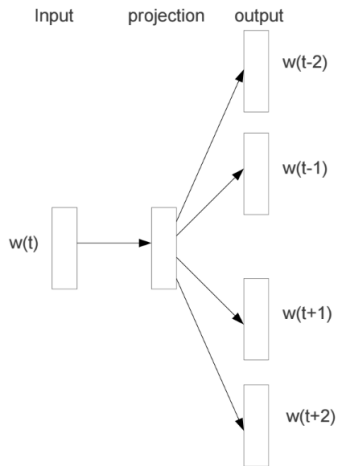
CBOW: predict current word given context.

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln p(w_t | w_{t-c}, \dots, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, \dots, w_{t+c}) \rightarrow \max_{\theta}$$

where $v_{context} = \sum_{-c \leq i \leq c, i \neq 0} v_{w_{t+i}}$ and

$$p(w_t | w_{t-c}, \dots, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, \dots, w_{t+c}) = \frac{\exp(v_{context}^T \tilde{v}_{w_t})}{\sum_{w=1}^V \exp(v_{context}^T \tilde{v}_w)}$$

Skip-gram model



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Skip-gram: predict context, given current word:

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{-c \leq i \leq c, i \neq 0} \ln p(w_{t+i} | w_t) \rightarrow \max_{\theta}$$

$$p(w_{t+i} | w_t) = \frac{\exp(v_{w_t}^T \tilde{v}_{w_{t+i}})}{\sum_{w=1}^V \exp(v_{w_t}^T \tilde{v}_w)}$$

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Optimizations

$$p(w_{t+i}|w_t) = \frac{\exp(v_{w_t}^T \tilde{v}_{w_{t+i}})}{\sum_{w=1}^V \exp(v_{w_t}^T \tilde{v}_w)}$$

- Summation over all words in vocabulary is impractical.
- Two optimization approaches:
 - hierarchical soft-max
 - calculates probabilities in $O(\log_2 V)$
 - negative sampling
 - uses different optimization criteria

Software & precomputed embeddings

- `gensim.models.word2vec`
 - python wrapper for finding word2vec
- **Word2vec tool & precomputed representations**
 - fact c code for finding word2vec
 - pre-trained 300-dimensional vectors for 3 million words and phrases.
 - trained on Google News dataset (about 100 billion words).

Conclusion

- Word embeddings allow to map words to compact dense representations.
- Approaches:
 - matrix factorization
 - term-document matrix
 - co-occurrence matrix
 - neural net based (Skip-gram, CBOW)