Exploratory Data Analysis

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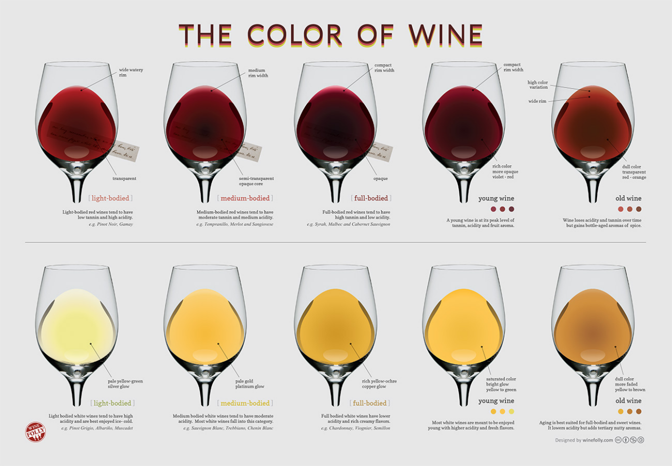

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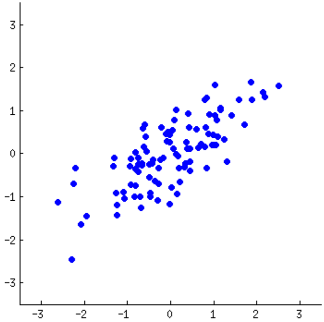

- look for some features that strongly differ across data points.
- look for the properties that would allow you to “reconstruct” well the original features

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These special vectors and their corresponding λ's are called **eigenvectors** and **eigenvalues** of C.—C can have upto n distinct eigen values.

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Let S be an $n \times n$ matrix with n eigenvectors of C and Λ is the $n \times n$ diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues of C along its diagonal. Assume, the column vectors of S are linearly independent.

$$CS = S\Lambda \rightarrow C = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

So, we were able to **diagonalize** matrix C.

If C is symmetric ($C = C^\mathsf{T}$), then its eigenvectors are perpendicular and we can have $S^{-1} = S^\mathsf{T}$ and

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Projections of the data X on the principal axes—i.e. columns of XV—are called **principal components**.

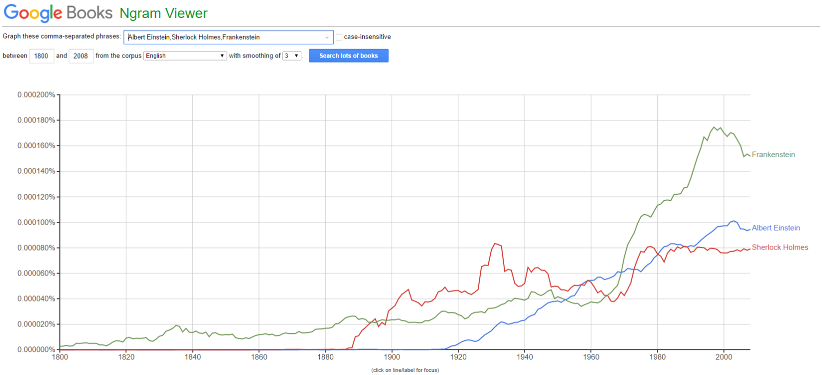
Text Corpus Exploration

We have a big pile of text documents (corpus).—What's going on inside?[1]

[1] PC: Olivia Harris, Reuters

Text Corpus Exploration

- Comparing document covariates—How do individual words correlate?



- Clustering and topic modeling
- Organizing and searching documents—information retrieval

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- searching for documents of interest
- e.g., keywords: computers, laptop, etc.

Implementing Keyword-based Search

An approach is via **Vector Space Modeling** (VSM)

- Convert a corpus n documents and p vocabulary terms into a **term-document** $(p \times n)$ matrix
- Translate both documents and user keywords into vectors in vector space
- Define similarity between these vectors, e.g., via cosine similarity—small angle $\equiv$ large cosine $\equiv$ similar

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Hands-on Python: TF-IDF and document retrieval

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Problem #3: Working in the vocabulary space can cause computational challenges for large corpora.

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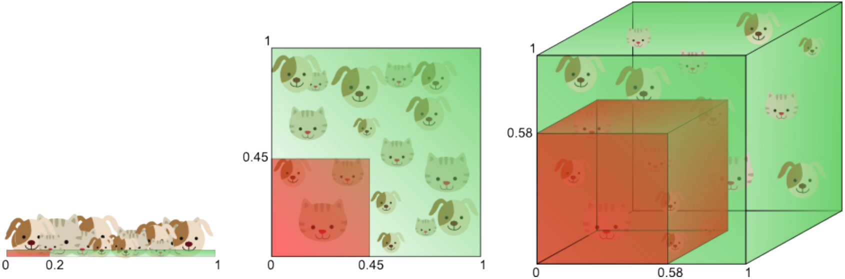
The Curse of Dimensionality[5]



Suppose the available data (documents) are fixed and we keep adding dimensions (words).[4]

The more features we use, the more sparse the data becomes

[4] Image source: `www.visiondummy.com`

[5] Bellman (1961)

Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

LSA (Deerwester et al. 1990) aims to explore the “semantics” underlying documents.

By factorizing the TF-IDF ($p \times n$) matrix—Singular Value Decomposition

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One can identify **similarities** between documents in this **semantic space**.

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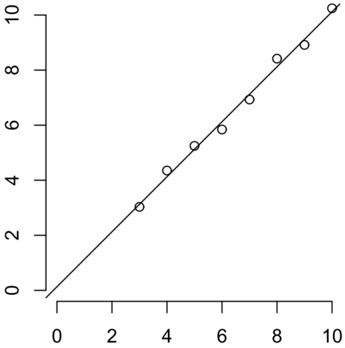

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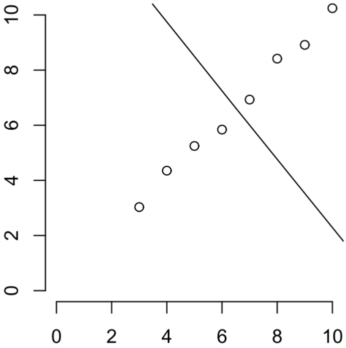

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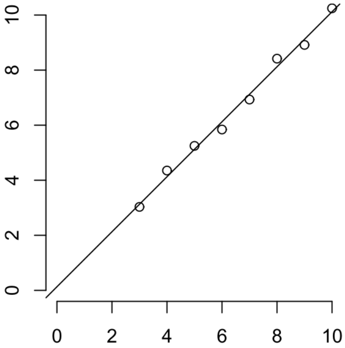

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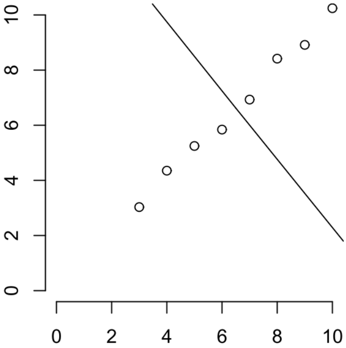

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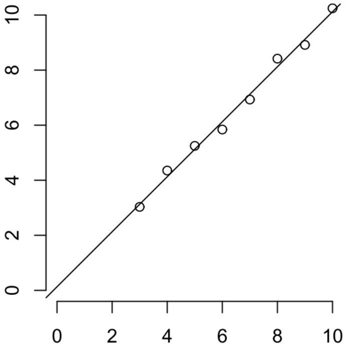

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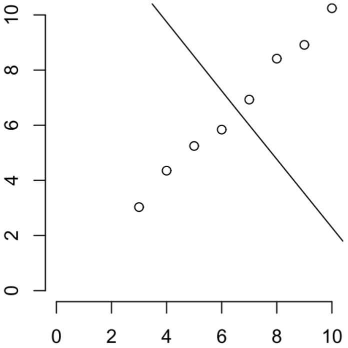

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The regression line on the 2nd dimension (right) does a poorer job of approximating the data, because it corresponds to a dimension exhibiting less variation

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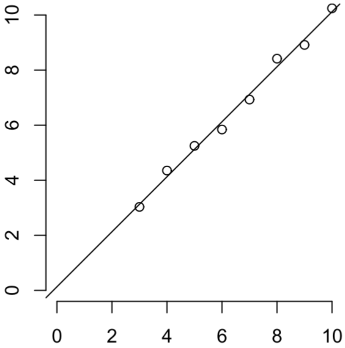

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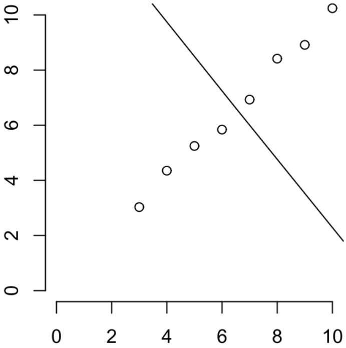

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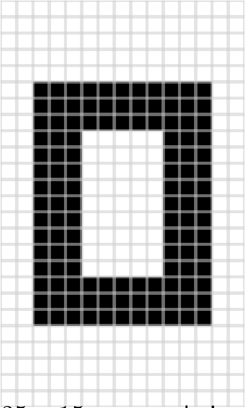
SVD aims to find the dimensions along which data points exhibit the most variation.

Application of SVD: Data Compression



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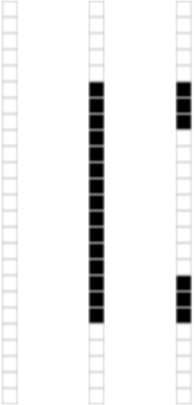

Three types of columns/features

SVD on the matrix, A, gives three non-zero singular values.[6]

[6] Example from: http://www.ams.org/samplings/feature-column/fcarc-svd

Hands-on Python: Latent Semantic Analysis

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Note: The right singular vectors V are principal axes, and singular values are related to the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix C via $\lambda_i = s_i^2/(n-1)$.

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