Understanding Embeddings

**What is Vector?**

Vectors are multi-valued numeric representations of information, for example [10, 3, 1] in which each numeric element represents a particular attribute of the information. Each dimension of the vector represents some aspect or attribute of the data.

Imagine a pet’s dataset where each pet is represented by three attributes:

* **Size** (on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is very small and 10 is very large).
* **Friendliness** (on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is not friendly and 10 is very friendly).
* **Energy Level** (on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is very low energy and 10 is very high energy).

**Examples: Pet Animals**

**Dog**: [6, 9, 8]

**Cat**: [4, 7, 5]

**Hamster**: [1, 6, 7]

**Rabbit**: [3, 8, 6]

**Parrot**: [2, 7, 9]

**Observations:** Pets with similar attributes will have vectors that are close together.

* **cat** and **rabbit** are relatively close because their size, friendliness, and energy levels are similar.
* **dog** and **hamster** are far apart in vector space, since the dog is larger and has a different energy level.
* If you wanted to find a pet that’s **friendly and has high energy**, **dog** and **parrot** would stand.
* If someone wanted a **low-energy** pet, **cat** or **rabbit** might be better choices.

**What are [Vector] Embeddings**

* Vector embeddings are numerical interpretations that retain the **contextual significance of data**, facilitating the alignment of **similar entities** within a vector space for similarity searches.

A diagram of embedding model

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* Embeddings are the technique used to represent data in a meaningful way including **semantic information**.
* These embeddings are learned and abstracted from the data, and their dimensions **don't directly correspond to any specific attributes** like size, friendliness, or energy.

**Embeddings are commonly used for:**

* **Search** (where results are ranked by relevance to a query string)
* **Clustering** (where text strings are grouped by similarity)
* **Recommendations** (where items with related text strings are recommended)
* **Anomaly detection** (where outliers with little relatedness are identified)
* **Diversity measurement** (where similarity distributions are analyzed)
* **Classification** (where text strings are classified by their most similar label)

Imagine an *n*-dimensional space with thousands of attributes about any **word's grammar, meaning, and use in sentences** mapped to a series of numbers.

A diagram of different colored dots

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Prompt** | A neutron star is the collapsed core of a massive supergiant star | A star shines for most of its active life due to thermonuclear fusion. | The presence of a black hole can be inferred through its interaction with other matter |
| **Embedding** | [0.78, -0.12, 0.55, 0.65, -0.43 . . .] | [0.65, -0.15, 0.58, 0.55, -0.60, …] | [0.25, 0.30, -0.10, 0.15, 0.40, …] |

* The key feature of embeddings is that **similar items** will have vectors that are **close together** in this vector space, even if the original data is very different.

Embedding Models

OpenAI offers two powerful third-generation embedding model (denoted by -3 in the model ID).

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Model** | **Pages per dollar** | **Max input** | **Number of dimensions** |
| text-embedding-3-small | 62,500 | 8191 | 1536 |
| text-embedding-3-large | 9,615 | 8191 | 3072 |
| ~~text-embedding-ada-002~~ | ~~12,500~~ | ~~8191~~ |  |

**Deprecated Models**:

* text-similarity-babbage-001
* text-similarity-curie-001
* text-search-davinci-doc-001

**Example: Single Input Text**

**demo.py**

from util import generateToken

from openai import OpenAI

import os

generateToken()

header\_name = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_NAME')

header\_value = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_VALUE')

headers = {

header\_name: header\_value

}

client = OpenAI(default\_headers=headers)

response = **client.embeddings.create**(

input="Your text string goes here",

model="text-embedding-3-small"

)

print(response.data[0].embedding)

**Note: In the above example,** response.data is having only one element because input is only one string.

**Embedding Response**

{

"object": "list",

"**data**": [

{

"object": "embedding",

"index": 0,

"**embedding**": [

-0.006929283495992422,

-0.005336422007530928,

... (omitted for spacing)

-4.547132266452536e-05,

-0.024047505110502243

],

}

],

"model": "text-embedding-3-small",

"usage": {

"prompt\_tokens": 5,

"total\_tokens": 5

}

}

**Euclidean Distance**: Calculates the straight-line distance between two points in the embedding space. Ranges from 0 to Infinity

- Clustering (e.g., K-Means).

- Nearest neighbor search (e.g., KNN).

- Outlier detection.

**Cosine Similarity**: Measures the cosine of the angle between two vectors, useful for determining how similar two embeddings are. Ranges from -1 to 1

- Text similarity (e.g., TF-IDF vectors, word embeddings).

- Recommendation systems.

- Finding directionality in data (e.g., user preferences).

Note: OpenAI embeddings rely on **cosine similarity** to compute similarity between documents and a query.

A screenshot of a computer

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**Multiple Inputs in an Array:**

**Install Package**

pip install numpy

**demo.py**

import openai

import numpy as np

from util import generateToken

from openai import OpenAI

import os

generateToken()

header\_name = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_NAME')

header\_value = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_VALUE')

headers = {

    header\_name: header\_value

}

client = OpenAI(default\_headers=headers)

# Sentences to be embedded

sentences = [

    "This is a Sample Code of OpenAI",

    "OpenAI Sample Code:",

    "Today is a holiday"

]

# Function to get embeddings from OpenAI

def **get\_embeddings**(texts):

    response = client.embeddings.create(

        input=texts,

        dimensions=256,

        model="text-embedding-3-small"

    )

    #print(response.data)

    embeddings = []

    for data in response.data:

        embeddings.append(data.embedding)

        print(len(data.embedding))

    return embeddings

# Calculate Cosine Similariy

def **cosine\_similarity**(a, b):

    return np.dot(a, b) / (np.linalg.norm(a) \* np.linalg.norm(b))

# Calculate Euclidean distance

def **euclidean\_distance**(a,b):

    return np.linalg.norm(np.array(a) - np.array(b))

# Get embeddings

embeddings = **get\_embeddings**(sentences)

# Print cosine similarities between all texts in sentences array

print("Cosine Similarities:")

for i in range(len(sentences)):

    for j in range(i + 1, len(sentences)):

        similarity = cosine\_similarity(embeddings[i], embeddings[j])

        print(f"Similarity between '{sentences[i]}' and '{sentences[j]}': {similarity}")

print(cosine\_similarity(embeddings[0], embeddings[1]))

print(euclidean\_distance(embeddings[0], embeddings[1]))

**Output:**

**Cosine Similarities:**

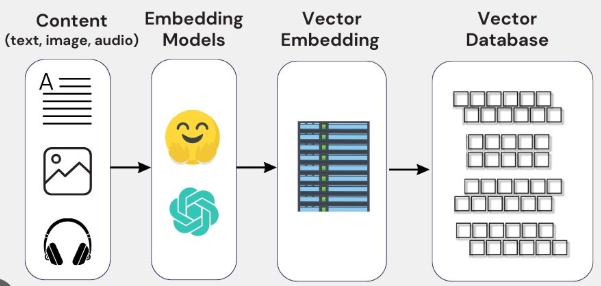
Similarity between 'This is a Sample Code of OpenAI' and 'OpenAI Sample Code': 0.9526287168427625

Similarity between 'This is a Sample Code of OpenAI' and 'Today is a holiday': 0.219602182615793

Similarity between 'OpenAI Sample Code' and 'Today is a holiday': 0.2786497460228316

About Vector Database

* A **vector database** is a type of database systems designed to efficiently **store, index, and query** data in the form of vectors.
* **Indexing** employs advanced data structures such as **FAISS (Facebook AI Similarity Search)**, **HNSW (Hierarchical Navigable Small World graphs)**, or **LSH (Locality Sensitive Hashing)** for efficient querying in high-dimensional spaces.
* **Scalability:** Designed to handle millions or billions of vectors while maintaining fast query times.



**Popular Vector Databases:**

1. **OpenSearch with KNN Plugin**
2. **PostgreSQL (with pgvector plugin)**
3. **Mysql (**MySQL HeatWave ML)
4. **Pinecone:** Specialized for machine learning use cases with fast and scalable similarity search.
5. **Weaviate:** Offers semantic search and supports various ML models.
6. **Chroma:** Focused on AI-first applications with seamless ML integration.
7. **Vespa:** Handles both structured and unstructured data queries.

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

In the landscape of conversational AI, Large Language Models (LLMs) are akin to encyclopedic repositories of general knowledge. They have an extensive **breadth** of information but often **lack depth** in specific, localized contexts, such as the intricacies of a company’s internal database or the specialized findings of a research paper.

A screenshot of a phone

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* RAG uses your data to generate answers to the user question.
* It allows your LLM to have domain-specific external information sources like your databases, documents, etc in real time. This way the LLM can get the most up-to-date and relevant information to answer the queries specific to your business.
* RAG has shown promising results in improving the accuracy and relevance of generated responses, especially in scenarios where the answer requires synthesizing information from multiple sources. It leverages the strengths of both information retrieval and language generation to provide better answers.

Prompt : “What is the price of Microsoft Stock today?” or “What is the temperature in London today”

@ <https://chatgpt.com/>

Here’s a high-level overview of how a RAG system works:

A diagram of a chatbot

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1. The user poses a question to the RAG system.
2. The retrieval component searches the knowledge corpus using the question as a query and retrieves the most relevant passages or documents.
3. The retrieved content is passed to the LLM as additional context.
4. The language model processes the input and generates an answer by combining the information from the retrieved passages and its base knowledge.
5. The generated answer is returned to the user.

**Advantages of RAG**

1. **Expanded Knowledge**: Enables models to answer questions outside their training data by accessing an external corpus.
2. **Efficiency**: Reduces the size of the generative model by offloading knowledge storage to the retriever. It has faster response time.
3. **Dynamic Updates**: The knowledge base can be updated independently of the model, making the system adaptable.
4. **Explainability**: Provides insight into why a response was generated by exposing the retrieved documents.

Example Use Cases:

* Handling complex customer queries that require product manuals or FAQs. Retriever fetches sections from the product manual about resetting procedures.
* Summarizing medical guidelines or providing information about rare diseases. Retrievers pull information from medical journals or trusted health databases.
* Summarizing case laws or regulations for lawyers. Retriever finds case summaries and rulings from a legal database.

RAG Python example with OpenSearch as backend

Diagram of a software development process

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Step-1: Create Table (Index) in OpenSearch and Insert Embeddings

Add the following to the .env file

OPENSEARCH\_HOST=localhost

OPENSEARCH\_PORT=9200

OPENSEARCH\_USERNAME=admin

OPENSEARCH\_PASSWORD=Opensearch#01

Install Package

pip install opensearch-py

initialize\_db.py

import os

from dotenv import load\_dotenv

from opensearchpy import OpenSearch

from opensearchpy.helpers import bulk

from util import generateToken

from openai import OpenAI

import os

generateToken()

header\_name = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_NAME')

header\_value = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_VALUE')

headers = {

header\_name: header\_value

}

client = OpenAI(default\_headers=headers)

host = os.environ.get('OPENSEARCH\_HOST')

port = os.environ.get('OPENSEARCH\_PORT')

username = os.environ.get('OPENSEARCH\_USERNAME')

password = os.environ.get('OPENSEARCH\_PASSWORD')

# OpenSearch configuration dictionary

OPENSEARCH\_CONFIG = {

    "hosts": [{"host": host, "port": port}],

    "http\_auth": (username, password),

    "http\_compress": True,

    "use\_ssl": True,

    "verify\_certs": False,

    "ssl\_assert\_hostname": False,

    "ssl\_show\_warn": False

}

# Mock documents array with fun facts

knowledge\_base = [

    {"content": "A group of flamingos is called a 'flamboyance'.", "name": "Fun Fact 1"},

    {"content": "Octopuses have five hearts.", "name": "Fun Fact 2"},

    {"content": "Butterflies taste with their feet.", "name": "Fun Fact 3"},

    {"content": "A snail can sleep for Five years.", "name": "Fun Fact 4"},

    {"content": "Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.", "name": "Fun Fact 5"},

    {"content": "A rhinoceros' horn is made of hair.", "name": "Fun Fact 6"},

    {"content": "Slugs have four noses.", "name": "Fun Fact 7"},

    {"content": "A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in a lifetime.", "name": "Fun Fact 8"},

    {"content": "Bats are the only mammals that can fly.", "name": "Fun Fact 9"},

    {"content": "Koalas sleep up to 21 hours a day.", "name": "Fun Fact 10"}

]

# Function to return embedding array for the parameter texts using OpenAI

def generate\_embeddings(texts):

    # Generate embeddings for the given list of texts using OpenAI API.

header\_name = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_NAME')

header\_value = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_VALUE')

headers = {

header\_name: header\_value

}

client = OpenAI(default\_headers=headers)

    response = openai\_client.embeddings.create(input=texts, dimensions=256, model="text-embedding-3-small")

    embeddings = [item.embedding for item in response.data]

    return embeddings

INDEX\_NAME = "funfacts"

# Function to create OpenSearch index with knn\_vector mapping

def create\_opensearch\_index(opensearch\_client):

    index\_body = {

        "settings": {

                "index": {

                    "knn": True  # Enable k-NN

                },

        },

        "mappings": {

            "properties": {

                "id": {"type": "long"},  # ID field (similar to serial)

                "name": {"type": "text"}, # Text field for the document name

                "content": {"type": "text"}, # Text field for the document content

                "embedding": {

                    "type": "knn\_vector", # k-NN vector field for embeddings

                    "dimension": 256, # Dimension of the embedding vector

                    "method": { # Method for indexing the embeddings

                        "name": "hnsw", # Hierarchical Navigable Small World Graph used for indexing

                        "space\_type": "cosinesimil", # Cosine similarity used for distance calculation

                        "engine": "nmslib" # NMSLIB library used for indexing

                        }

                },

                "created\_at": {"type": "date"},  # Timestamp field for created\_at

                "updated\_at": {"type": "date"}  # Timestamp field for updated\_at

            }

        }

    }

    # Create the index (Table) if it does not exist

    if not opensearch\_client.indices.exists(INDEX\_NAME):

        opensearch\_client.indices.create(index=INDEX\_NAME, body=index\_body)

        print(f"Index '{INDEX\_NAME}' created.")

# Function to insert documents into OpenSearch

def insert\_documents(opensearch\_client, knowledge\_base, embeddings):

    actions = []

    for i, doc in enumerate(knowledge\_base):

        action = {

            "\_index": INDEX\_NAME,

            "\_id": i,

            "\_source": {

                "name": doc["name"],

                "content": doc["content"],

                "embedding": embeddings[i]

            }

        }

        actions.append(action)

    success, \_ = bulk(opensearch\_client, actions)

    print(f"Successfully inserted {success} documents into OpenSearch.")

# Main function to generate embeddings and insert documents

def main():

    # Extract contents from the documents

    contents = []

    for doc in knowledge\_base:

        contents.append(doc["content"])

    # Generate embeddings for the content

    embeddings = generate\_embeddings(contents)

    # Connect to OpenSearch

    opensearch\_client = OpenSearch(\*\*OPENSEARCH\_CONFIG)

    # Create the OpenSearch index

    create\_opensearch\_index(opensearch\_client)

    # Insert documents with embeddings

    insert\_documents(opensearch\_client, knowledge\_base, embeddings)

# Entry point of the script

if \_\_name\_\_ == "\_\_main\_\_":

    main()

Step-2: Perform RAG Query on Filtered Data in Context.

rag.py

import os

from dotenv import load\_dotenv

from opensearchpy import OpenSearch

from opensearchpy.helpers import bulk

from util import generateToken

from openai import OpenAI

import os

generateToken()

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header\_value = os.getenv('GATEWAY\_HEADER\_VALUE')

headers = {

    header\_name: header\_value

}

client = OpenAI(default\_headers=headers)

host = os.environ.get('OPENSEARCH\_HOST')

port = os.environ.get('OPENSEARCH\_PORT')

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    {"content": "Koalas sleep up to 19 hours a day.", "name": "Fun Fact 10"}

]

INDEX\_NAME = "funfacts"

# Function to create OpenSearch index with knn\_vector mapping

def create\_opensearch\_index(opensearch\_client):

    index\_body = {

        "settings": {

                "index": {

                    "knn": True  # Enable k-NN

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                "content": {"type": "text"}, # Text field for the document content

                "embedding": {

                    "type": "knn\_vector", # k-NN vector field for embeddings

                    "dimension": 256, # Dimension of the embedding vector

                    "method": { # Method for indexing the embeddings

                        "name": "hnsw", # Hierarchical Navigable Small World Graph used for indexing

                        "space\_type": "cosinesimil", # Cosine similarity used for distance calculation

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    }

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            "\_id": i,

            "\_source": {

                "name": doc["name"],

                "content": doc["content"],

                "embedding": embeddings[i]

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**More Vector Database Examples**

<https://github.com/openai/openai-cookbook/tree/main/examples/vector_databases>