
Latent Semantic Analysis

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doc-to-term similarity

X

term-to-concept similarity

=

doc-to-concept similarity

Latent Semantic Analysis

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- The presence of each word (0 / 1)

	data	information	retrieval	brain	lung
CS-paper-1	1	1	1	0	0

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doc-to-term similarity

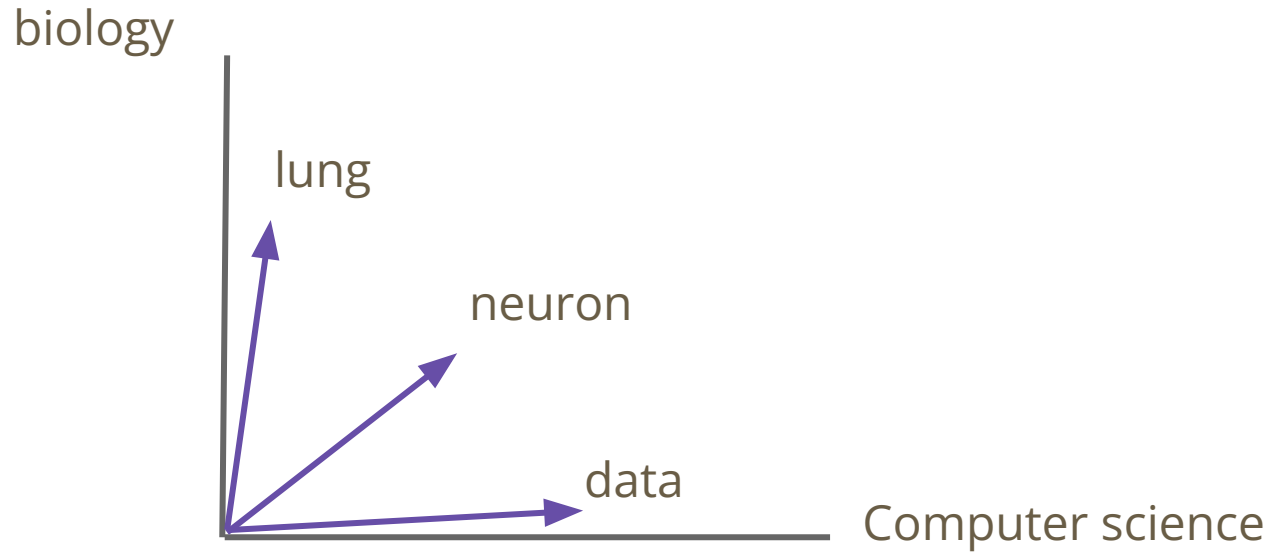
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term-to-concept similarity

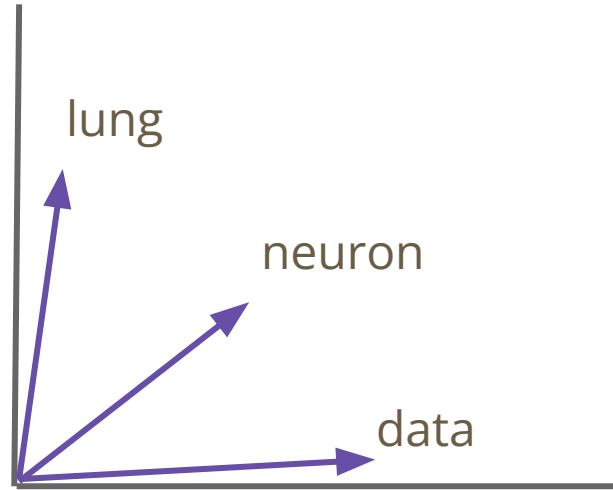
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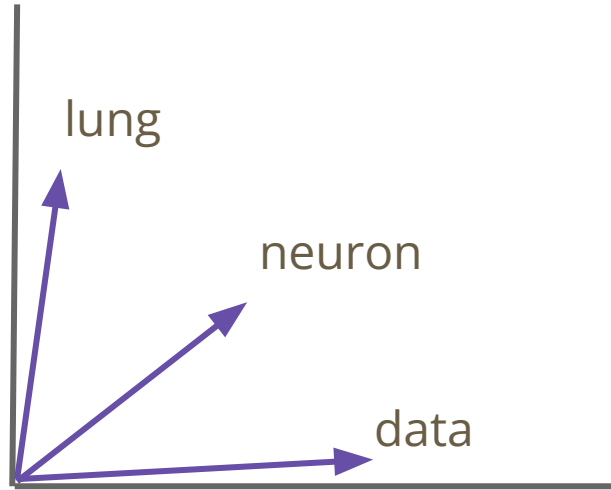
In theory



In practice

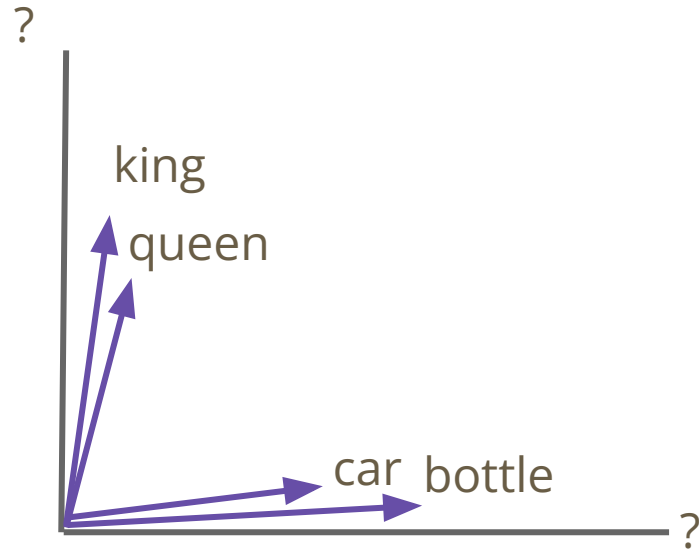


In practice



Words with similar semantic meanings should be close

In actual practice



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Lots of ways to generate embeddings. SVD is one of them

1	1	1	0	0
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X

.58
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0
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term-to-concept similarity

=

1.74

embedding

doc-to-concept similarity
/ CS feature

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- The presence of each word (0 / 1)
- Count of the word (0, 1, ...)

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term-to-concept similarity

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3.48

doc-to-concept similarity

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CS-paper-1	1	1	1	0	0
CS-paper-2	2	2	2	0	0
CS-paper-3	1	1	1	0	0
CS-paper-4	5	5	5	0	0
Med-paper-1	0	0	0	2	2
Med-paper-2	0	0	0	3	3
Med-paper-3	0	0	0	1	1

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2	2	2	0	0
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5	5	5	0	0
0	0	0	2	2
0	0	0	3	3
0	0	0	1	1

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0.18	0
0.36	0
0.18	0
0.90	0
0	0.53
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 \times

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← Doc to term similarity

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CS concept

MD concept

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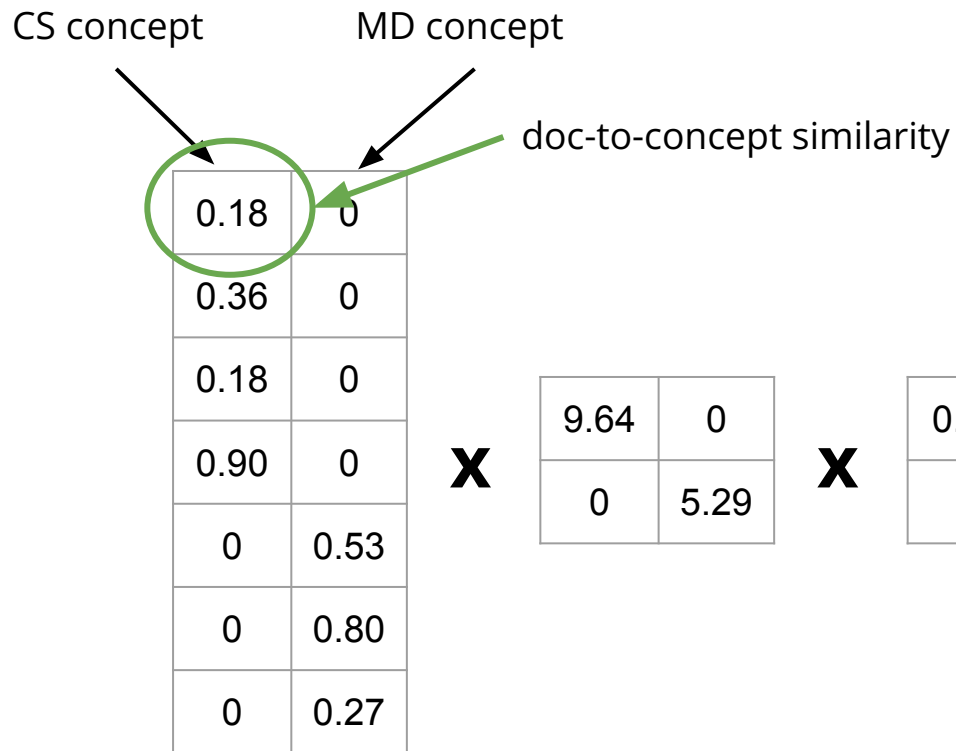
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doc-to-concept
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We can better represent each document by:

- Frequency of the word ($n_i / \sum n_i$)
- TfiDf

