Summary of the document

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Summary

The task is to create a program that finds a suitable summary for a given document. Use the Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI) method to find the sentences in the text that best represent the whole document.

Create a program that will find the sentences in a given document that say the most about the topic of the document. You will solve the task in several steps. See also [2].

- 1. From the document, build a matrix A that links the words and sentences in the document. Each sentence should have its own column in the matrix and each word its own row. Let element a_{ij} be the frequency of the i-th word in the j-th sentence.
- 2. Split matrix A with the SVD split cut off $A = U_k S_k V_k^T$, which only holds to the largest singular values. Consider what the columns of the matrix represent U_k and matrix V_k . A truncated SVD reduces the so-called "overfitting" (overfitting of the model to the data, resulting in an increased impact of the sum).
- 3. For each singular value in S, select the sentence that has the largest corresponding component. Compose a summary from the sentences so selected for the few largest singular values.
- 4. You can also select sentences for summary based on the total "weighted length", which also takes into account the singular values of s_i :

$$||x||_s = \sqrt{(x_1s_1)^2 + (x_2s_2)^2 + \ldots + (x_ks_k)^2}.$$

Compare the summary you get in this way with the summary from the previous section.

5. The method can be improved by replacing the frequencies in matrix A with more complex measures. In general, an element of the matrix can be written as a product of

$$a_{ij} = L_{ij} \cdot G_{i}$$

where L_{ij} a local measure of the importance of a word in a sentence, G_i a global measure of the importance of a particular word. Try the scheme, with

which is a local measure given by the logarithm of the frequency f_{ij} of the ith word in the j-th sentence:

$$L_{ij} = \log(f_{ij} + 1).$$

The global measure is expressed in terms of entropy

$$G_i = 1 - \sum_{j} \frac{p_{ij} \log(p_{ij})}{\log n}$$

where n is the number of sentences in the document,

$$p_{ij} = \frac{f_{ij}}{gf_i}$$

And gf_i the frequency of the word in the whole document. See [1] for details. Check whether the measure described above improves the quality of the abstract.

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