

Principal Component Analysis

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Machine Learning

Dimensionality Reduction

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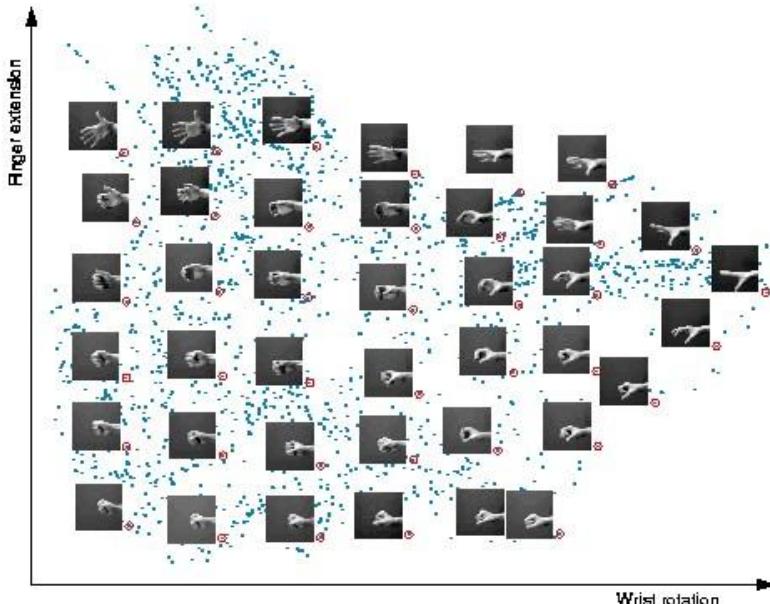
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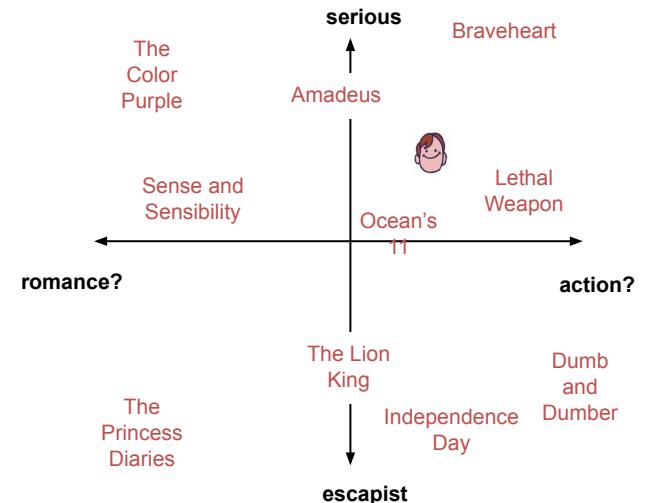
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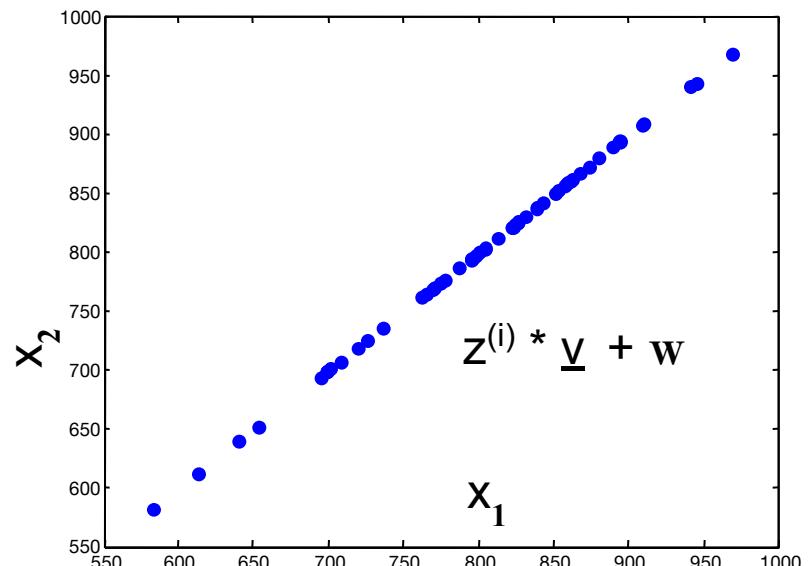
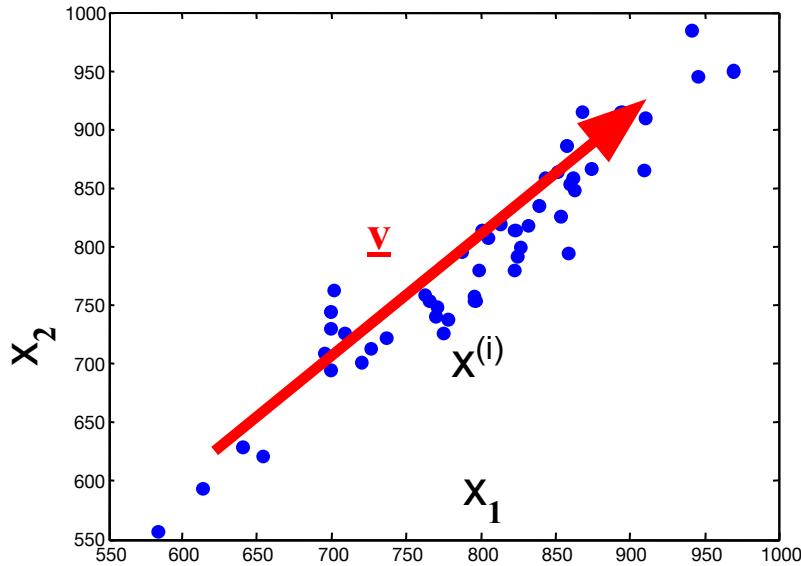


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- Ex: S&P 500 – vector of 500 (change in) values per day
 - But, lots of structure
 - Some elements tend to “change together”
 - Maybe we only need a few values to approximate it?
 - “Tech stocks up 2x, manufacturing up 1.5x, ...” ?
- How can we access that structure?

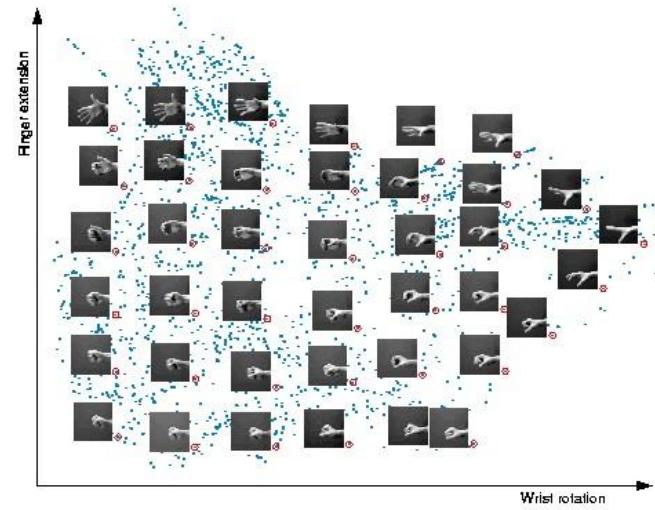
Dimensionality reduction

- Ex: data with two real values $[x_1, x_2]$
- We'd like to describe each point using only one value $[z_1]$
- We'll communicate a “model” to convert: $[x_1, x_2] \sim f(z_1)$
- Ex: linear function $f(z)$: $[x_1, x_2] = w + z * \underline{v} = w + z * [\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2]$
- w, \underline{v} are the same for all data points (communicate once)
- z tells us the closest point on \underline{v} to the original point $[x_1, x_2]$



Some uses of latent spaces

- Data compression
 - Cheaper, low-dimensional representation
- Noise removal
 - Simple “true” data + noise
- Supervised learning, e.g. regression:
 - Remove colinear / nearly colinear features
 - Reduce feature dimension => combat overfitting



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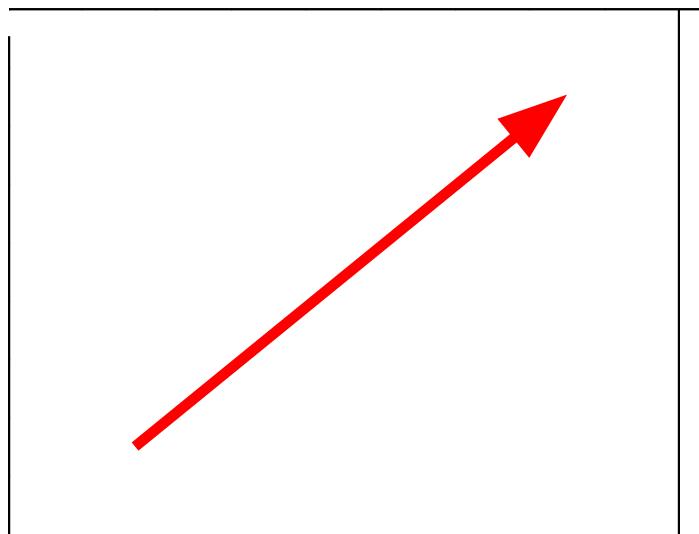
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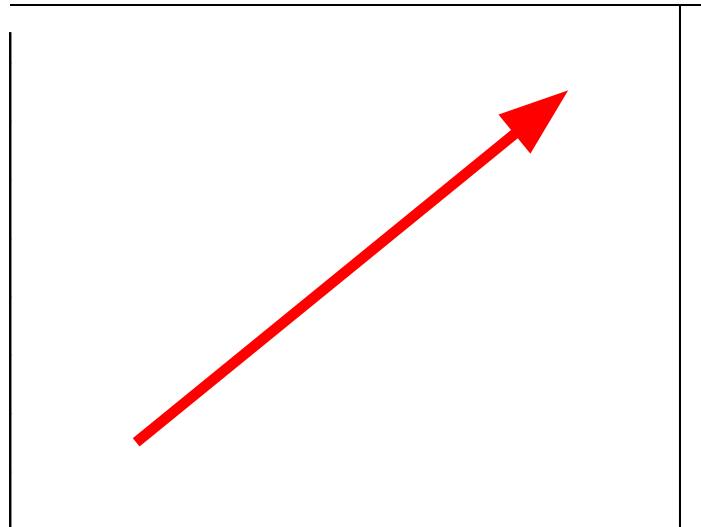
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 - Equivalent: v also leaves the smallest residual variance! (“error”)



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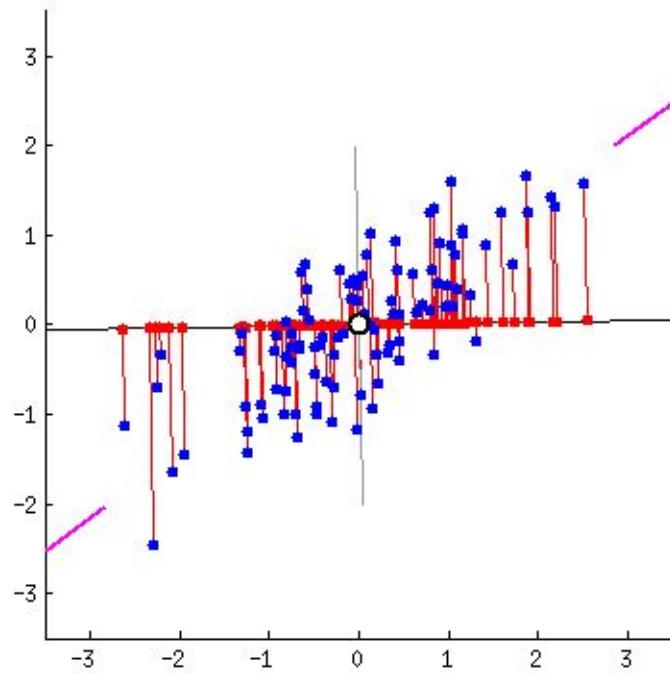
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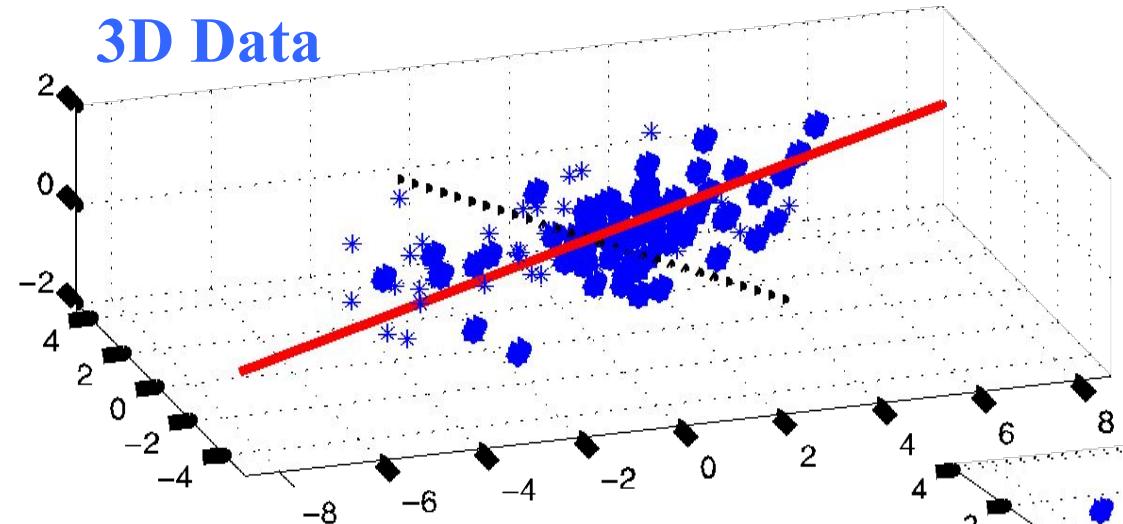
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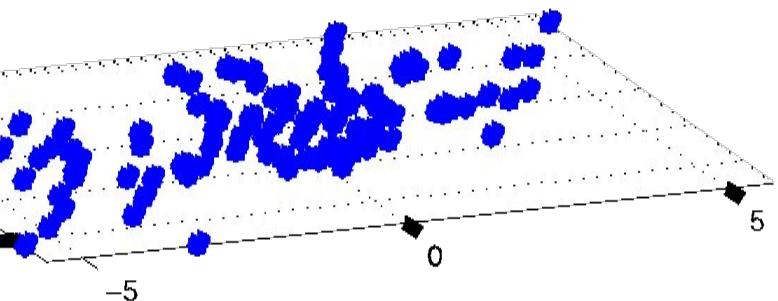


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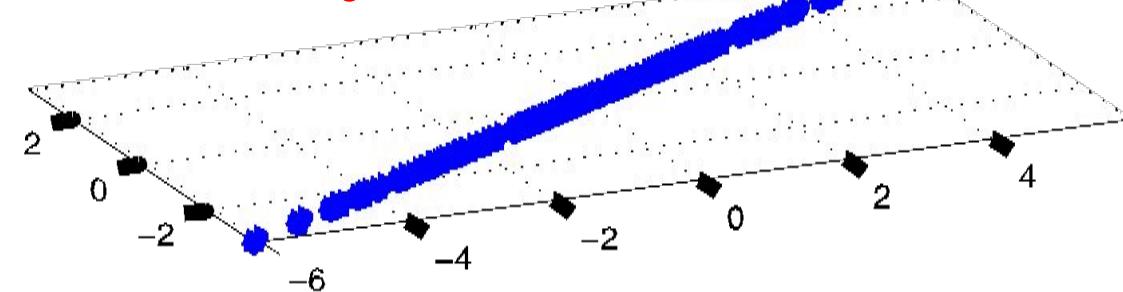
3D Data



Best 2D Projection



Best 1D Projection



TODO

- Notion of “trace”: total variance of data?
 - Invariant to rotation?
 - Decompose into “variance captured” vs “residual”?
 - Clear derivation...
 - Notation for “zero-meanned” X (\tilde{X} ?)
 - Make text / BOW example clearer, details
 - Add word2vec example also (from end)

Another interpretation

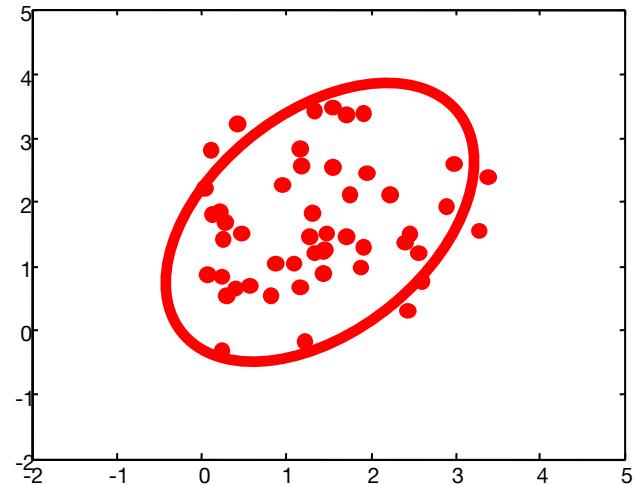
- Data covariance: $\Sigma = \frac{1}{m} \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X}$ $\tilde{X} = X - \mu$

- Describes “spread” of the data
 - Draw this with an ellipse
 - Gaussian is

$$p(x) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta^2\right)$$

$$\Delta^2 = (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)$$

- Ellipse shows the contour, $\Delta^2 = \text{constant}$



Geometry of the Gaussian

$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

Oval shows constant Δ^2 value...

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = U \Lambda U^T$$

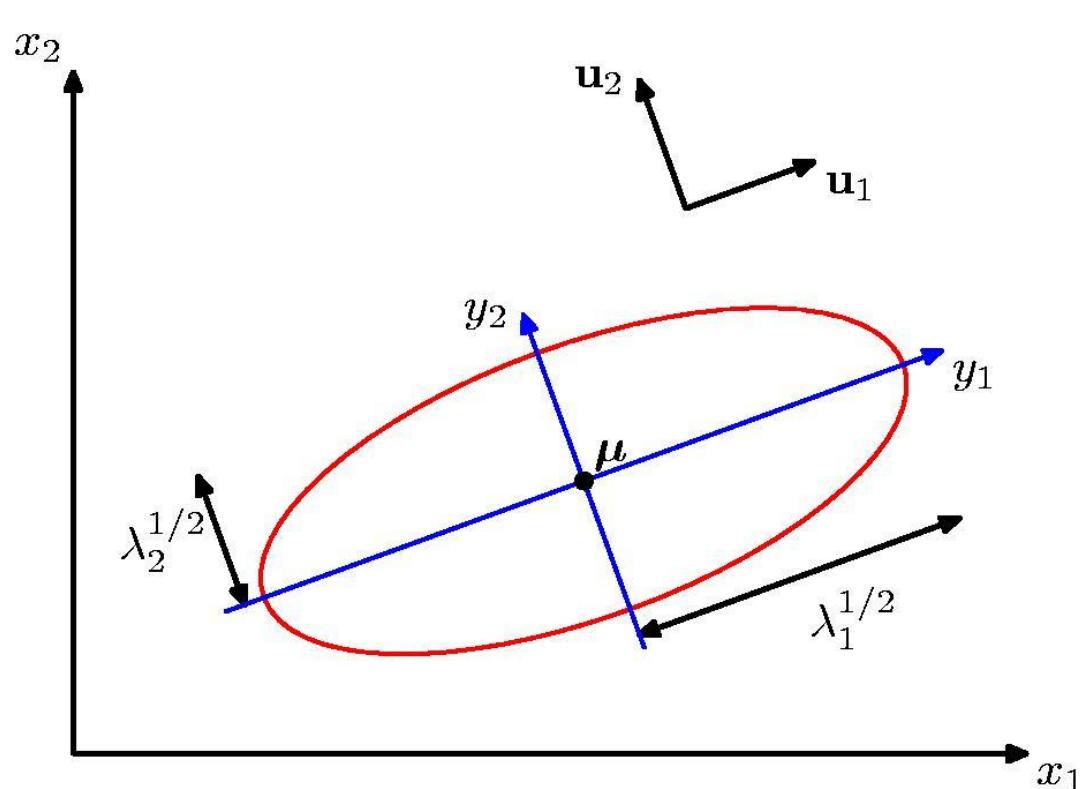
Write $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ in terms of eigenvectors...

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$$

Then...

$$\Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i}$$

$$y_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$



PCA representation

- Subtract data mean from each point
- (Typically) scale each dimension by its variance
 - Helps pay less attention to magnitude of the variable
- Compute covariance matrix, $S = 1/m \sum (x^i - \mu)' (x^i - \mu)$
- Compute the k largest eigenvectors of S

$$S = V D V^T$$

```
mu = np.mean( X, axis=0, keepdims=True ) # find mean over data points
X0 = X - mu # zero-center the data
S = X0.T.dot( X0 ) / m # S = np.cov( X.T ), data covariance
D,V = np.linalg.eig( S ) # find eigenvalues/vectors: can be slow!
pi = np.argsort(D)[::-1] # sort eigenvalues largest to smallest
D,V = D[pi], V[:,pi] #
D,V = D[0:k], V[:,0:k] # and keep the k largest
```

Singular Value Decomposition

- Alternative method to calculate (still subtract mean 1st)
- Decompose $X = U S V^T$
 - Orthogonal: $X^T X = V S S V^T = V D V^T$
 - $X X^T = U S S U^T = U D U^T$
- U^*S matrix provides coefficients
 - Example $x_i = U_{i,1} S_{11} v_1 + U_{i,2} S_{22} v_2 + \dots$
- Gives the least-squares approximation to X of this form

$$\begin{matrix} X \\ m \times n \end{matrix} \approx \begin{matrix} U \\ m \times k \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} S \\ k \times k \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} V^T \\ k \times n \end{matrix}$$

SVD for PCA

- Subtract data mean from each point
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- Compute the SVD of the data matrix

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mu = np.mean( X, axis=0, keepdims=True ) # find mean over data points
X0 = X - mu                            # zero-center the data

U,S,Vh = scipy.linalg.svd(X0, False)      #  $X0 = U * \text{diag}(S) * Vh$ 

Xhat = U[:,0:k].dot( np.diag(S[0:k]) ).dot( Vh[0:k,:] ) # approx using k largest eigendir
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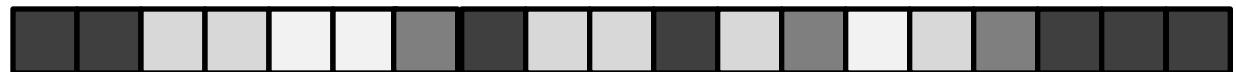
Applications of SVD

- “Eigen-faces”
 - Represent image data (faces) using PCA
- LSI / “topic models”
 - Represent text data (bag of words) using PCA
- Collaborative filtering
 - Represent rating data matrix using PCA

and more...

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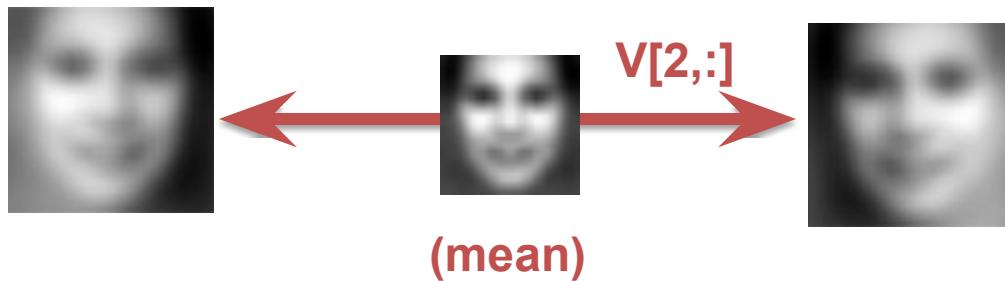
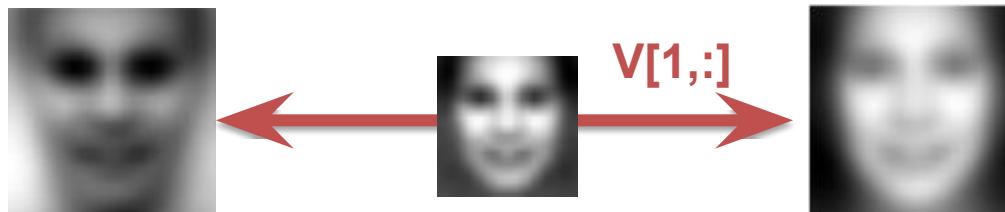
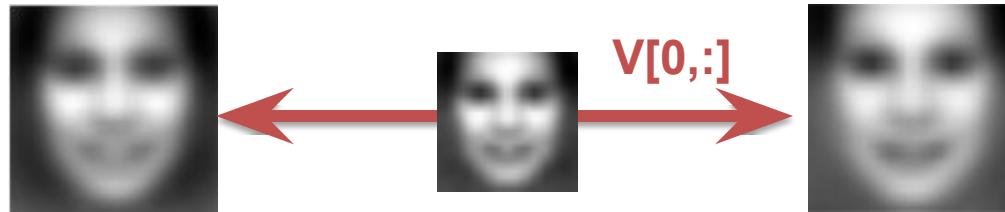
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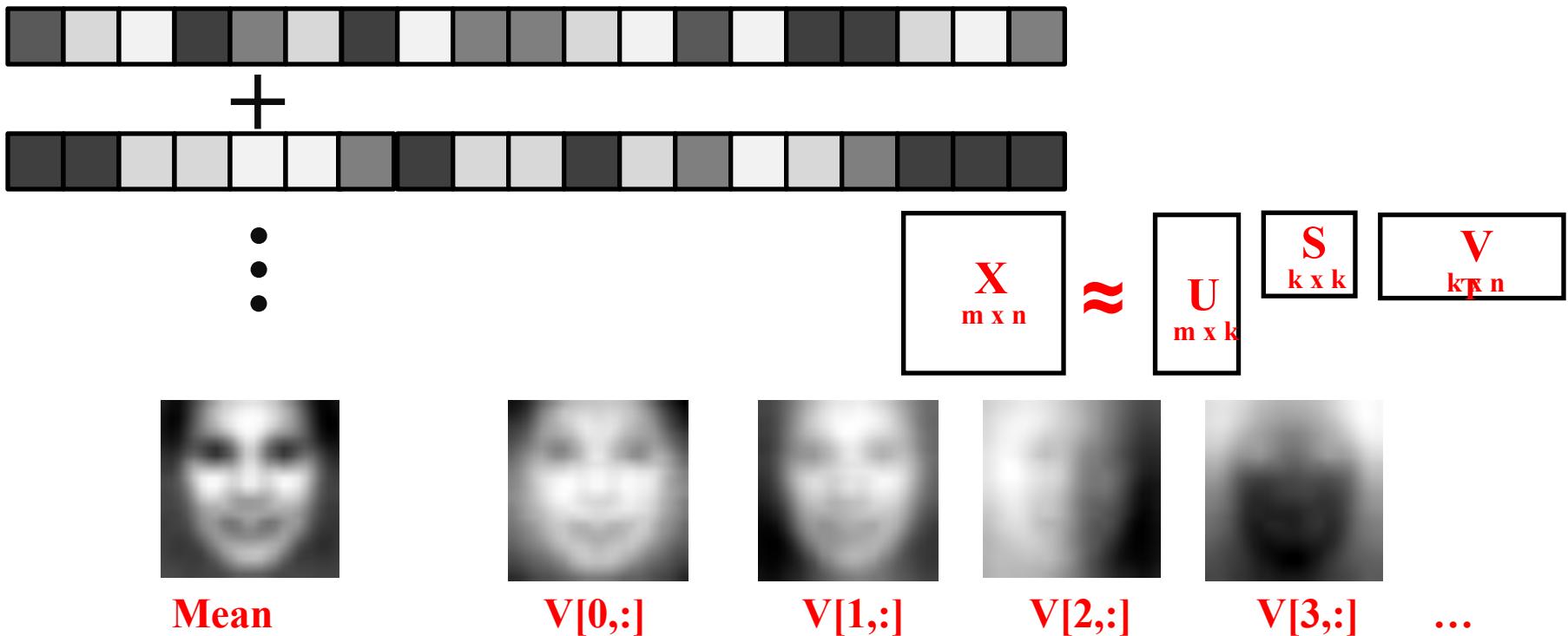
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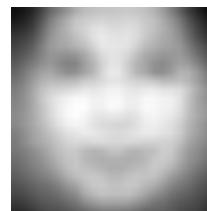


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Mean



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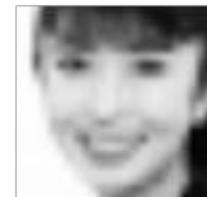
Dir 3



Dir 4

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Projecting data
onto first k
dimensions



X_i



$k=5$

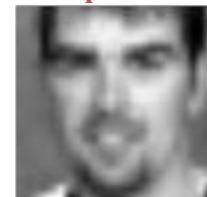


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$k=50$

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0005 according
0006 account
0007 accounts
0008 accused
0009 act
0010 acting
0011 action
0012 active

....

Observed Data (text docs):

	DOC #	WORD #	COUNT
	1	29	1
	1	56	1
	1	127	1
	1	166	1
	1	176	1
	1	187	1
	1	192	1
	1	198	2
	1	356	1
	1	374	1
	1	381	2
	...		

Example: Documents

c1: Human machine interface for ABC computer applications

c2: A survey of user opinion of computer system response time

c3: The EPS user interface management system

c4: System and human system engineering testing of EPS

c5: Relation of user perceived response time to error measurement

m1: The generation of random, binary, ordered trees

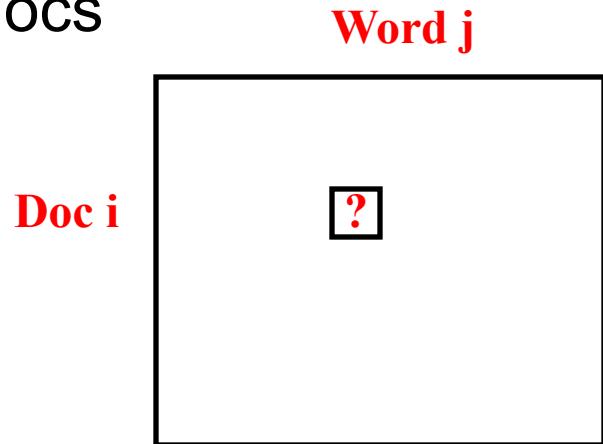
m2: The intersection graph of paths in trees

m3: Graph minors IV: Widths of trees and well-quasi-ordering

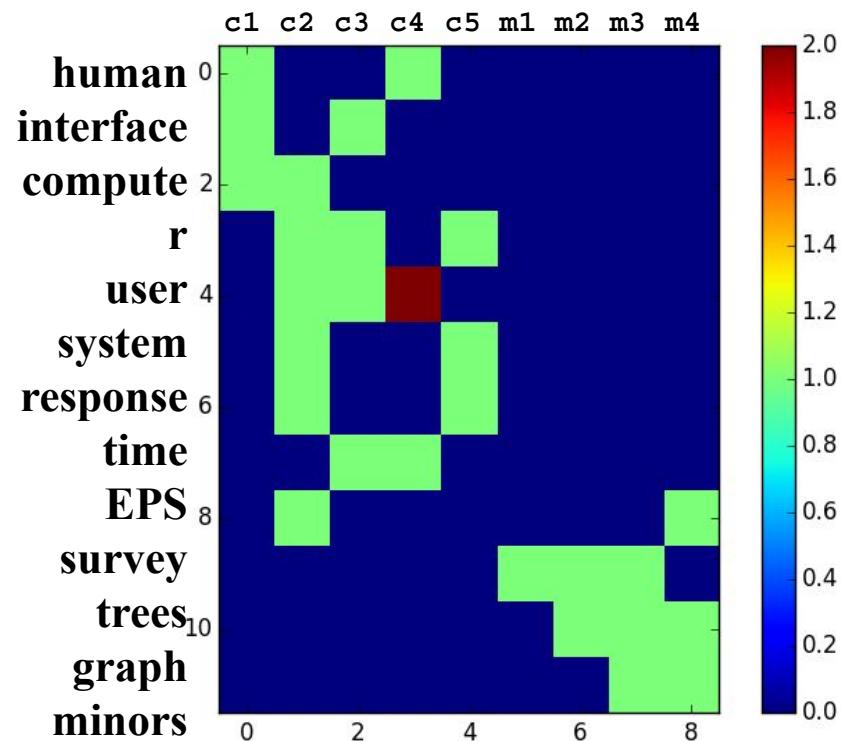
m4: Graph minors: A survey

Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

- PCA for text data
- Create a giant matrix of words in docs
 - “Word j appears” = feature x_j
 - “in document i” = data example i
- Huge matrix (mostly zeros)
 - Typically normalize rows to sum to one, to control for short docs
 - Typically don’t subtract mean or normalize columns by variance
 - Might transform counts in some way (log, etc)
- PCA on this matrix provides a new representation
 - Document comparison
 - Fuzzy search (“concept” instead of “word” matching)



Example: Word-Doc Matrix



Matrices are big, but data is sparse

- Typical example:
 - Number of docs, $D \sim 10^6$
 - Number of unique words in vocab, $W \sim 10^5$
 - FULL Storage required $\sim 10^{11}$
 - Sparse Storage required $\sim 10^8$
- $D \times W$ matrix (# docs x # words)
 - Each entry is non-negative
 - Typically integer / count data

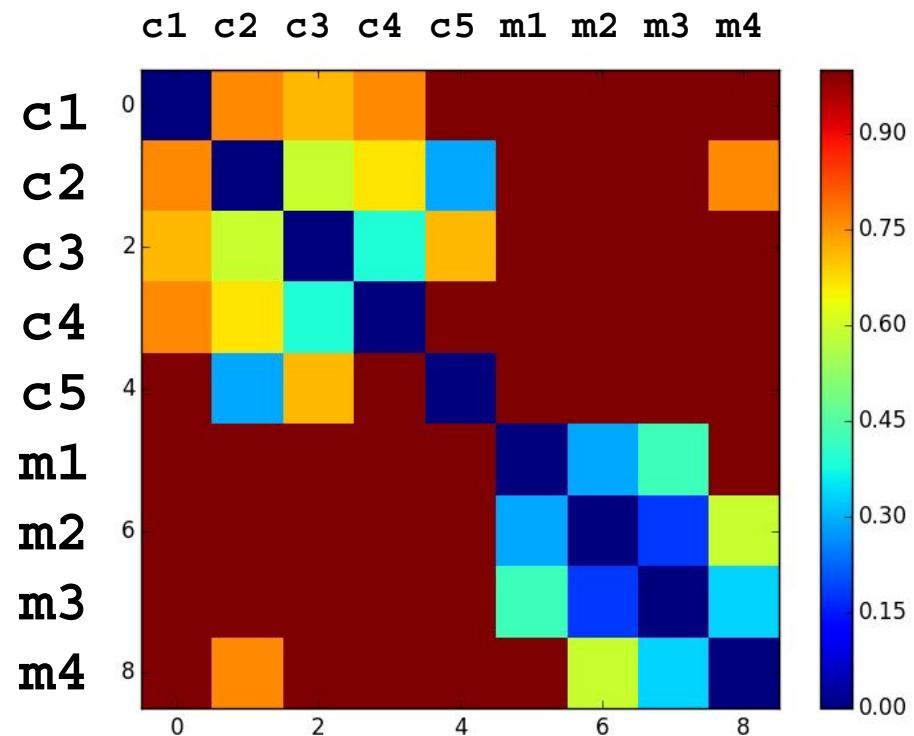
Problem with Sparse Matrices

c2: A survey of user opinion of computer system response time

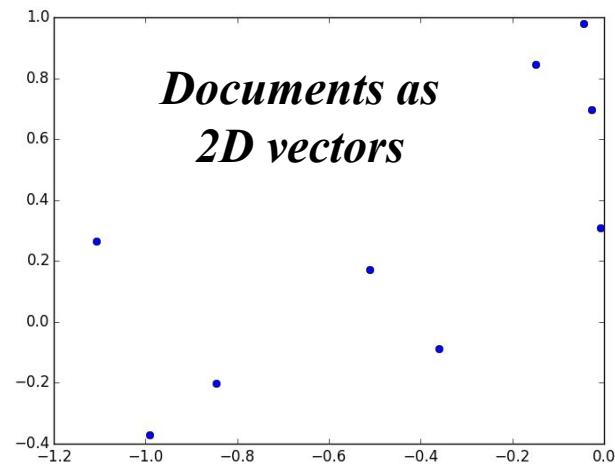
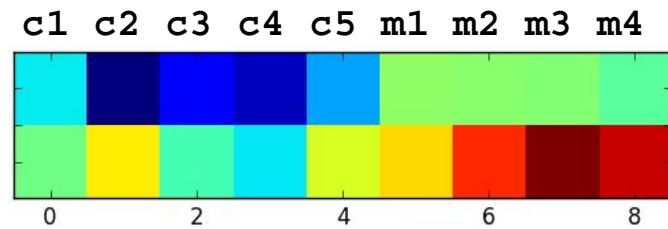
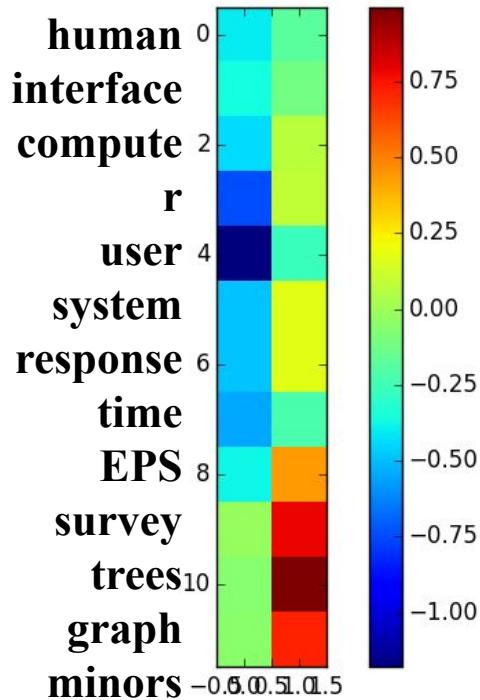
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Example: Document Distance Matrix

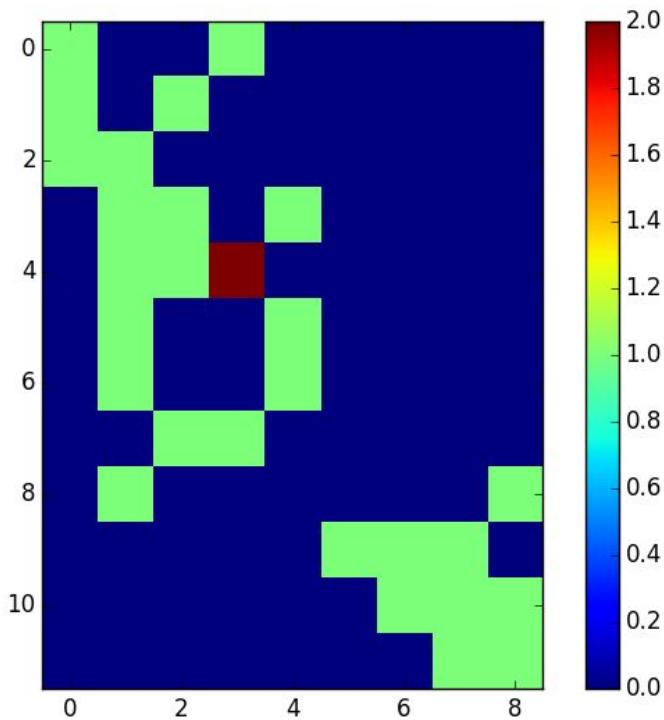


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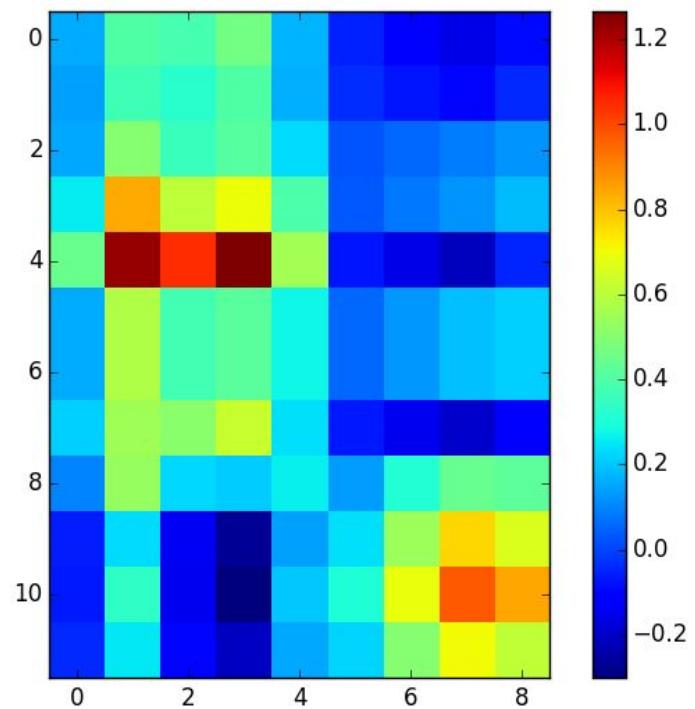


*Documents as
2D vectors*

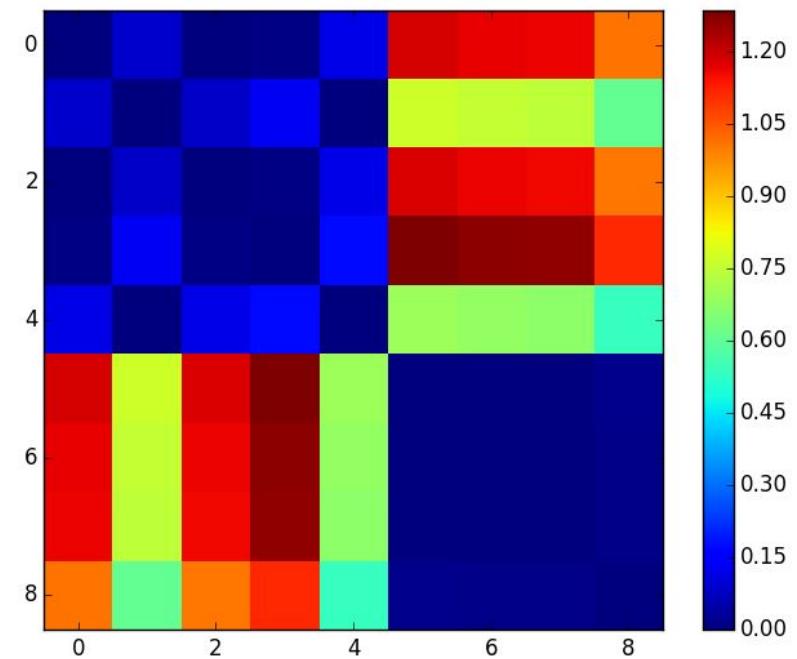
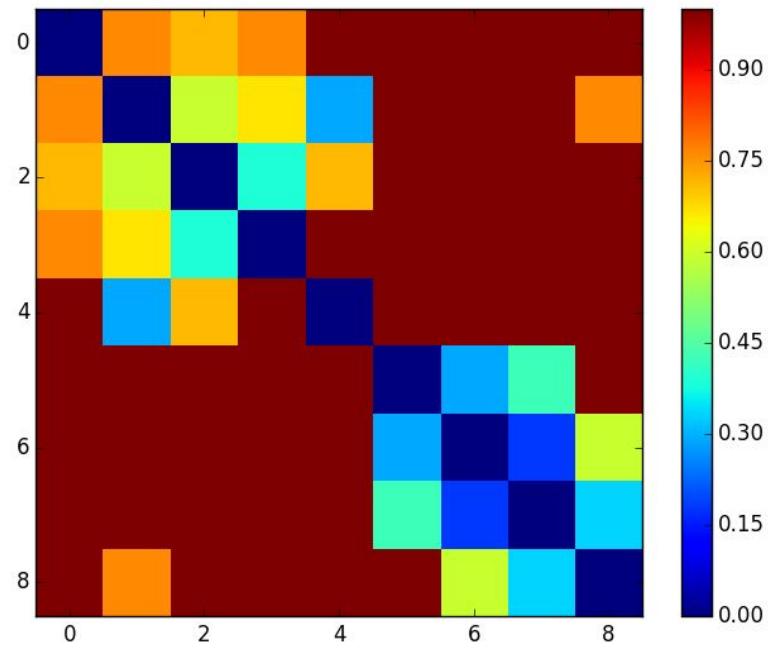
Example: Reconstruction



**human
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minors**



Example: Distance Matrix



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0.135 genetic
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0.131 snp
0.129 disease
0.126 genome_wide
0.117 cell
0.110 variant
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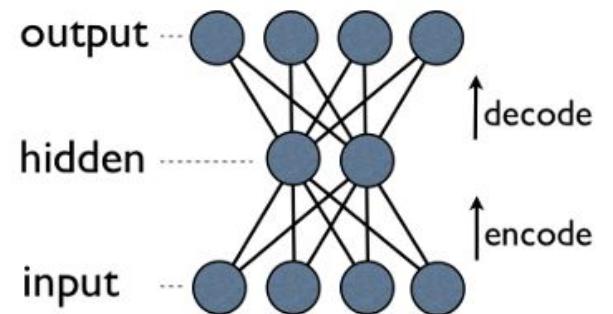
PRINCIPAL COMPONENT 2

0.247 snp
-0.196 cell
0.187 variant
0.181 risk
0.180 gwas
0.162 population
0.162 genome_wide
0.155 genetic
0.130 loci
-0.116 mir
-0.116 expression
0.113 allele
0.108 schizophrenia
0.107 disease
-0.103 mirnas
-0.099 protein
-0.089 gene_expression
0.087 polymorphism
0.087 susceptibility
0.084 trait

Q: But what
does -0.196 cell
mean?

Nonlinear latent spaces

- Latent space
 - Any alternative representation (usually smaller) from which we can (approximately) recover the data
 - Linear: “Encode” $Z = X V^T$; “Decode” $X \approx Z V$
- Ex: Auto-encoders
 - Use neural network with few internal nodes
 - Train to “recover” the input “x”
- Related: word2vec
 - Trains an NN to recover the context of words
 - Use internal hidden node responses as a vector representation of the word



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Recommender systems

- Automated recommendations
- Inputs
 - User information
 - Situation context, demographics, preferences, past ratings
 - Items
 - Item characteristics, or nothing at all
- Output
 - Relevance score, predicted rating, or ranking

Examples

NETFLIX

Your Amazon.com Your Browsing History Recommended For You Amazon Betterizer Improve Your Recommendations Your

Movies You'll Love Suggestions based on your ratings

To Get the Best Suggestions

1. Rate your genres. +Alexander Search Images Maps Play YouTube News Gmail Drive Calendar Show different items

New Suggestions for You Based on your recent ratings

Cranford (2009) Cranford (2009)
Because enjoyed:
Sense & Sensibility
Amazing Grace
Add All
★★★★★
Not Interested

Google restaurants

Web Images Maps Shopping News Nose More

About 1,190,000,000 results (0.37 seconds)

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Score: 24 / 30 · 117 Google reviews

Bistango
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Zagat: 25 / 30 · 247 Google reviews

Ruth's Chris Steak House
www.ruthschris.com/
Zagat: 27 / 30 · 75 Google reviews

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How The Grinch Stole Christmas! by Dr. Seuss

Jumanji by Christopher Stookey

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Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Disney's Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year

Paradigms

Recommender systems reduce information overload by estimating relevance



Recommendation system



Item	score
I1	0.9
I2	1
I3	0.3
...	...

Recommendations

Paradigms



User profile / context

Personalized recommendations



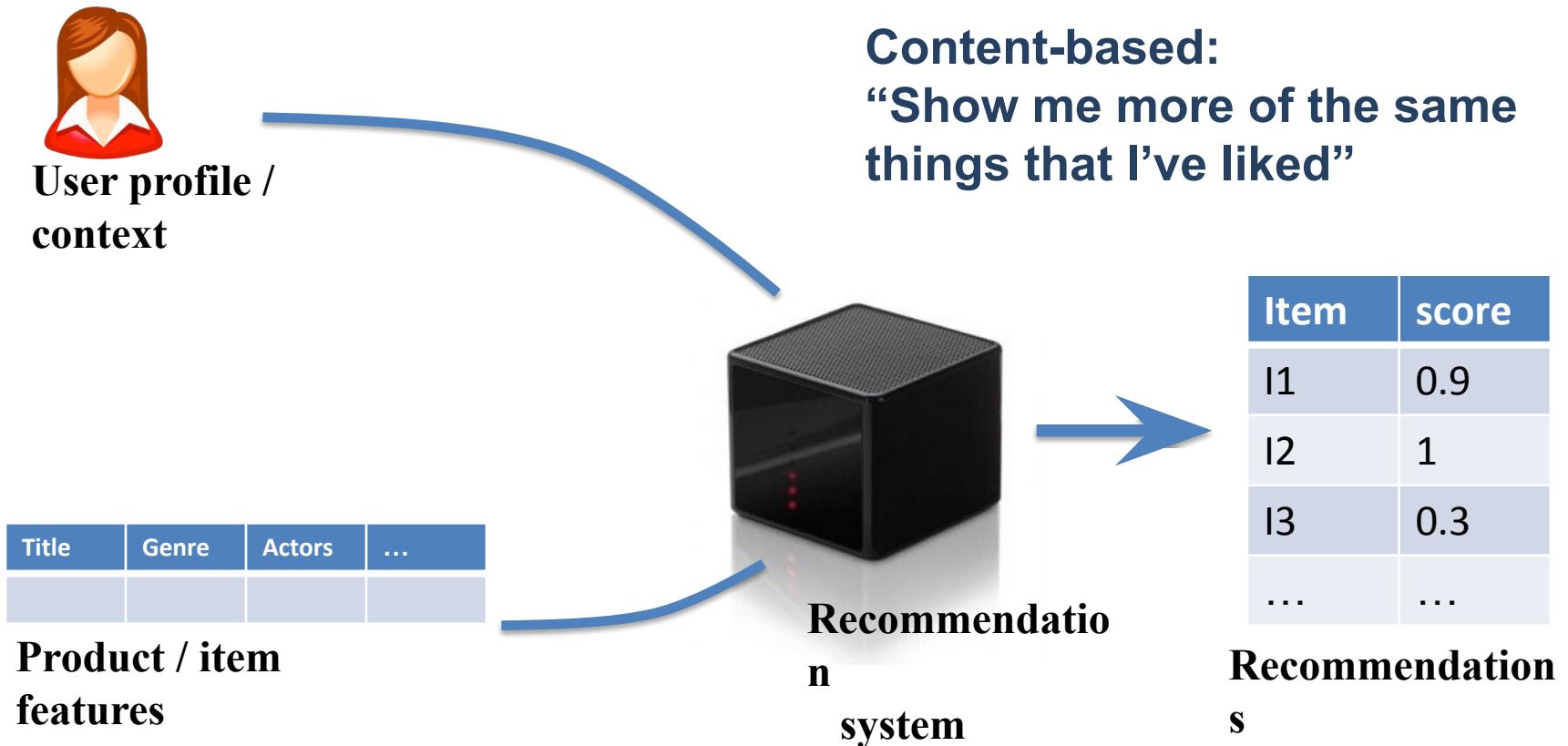
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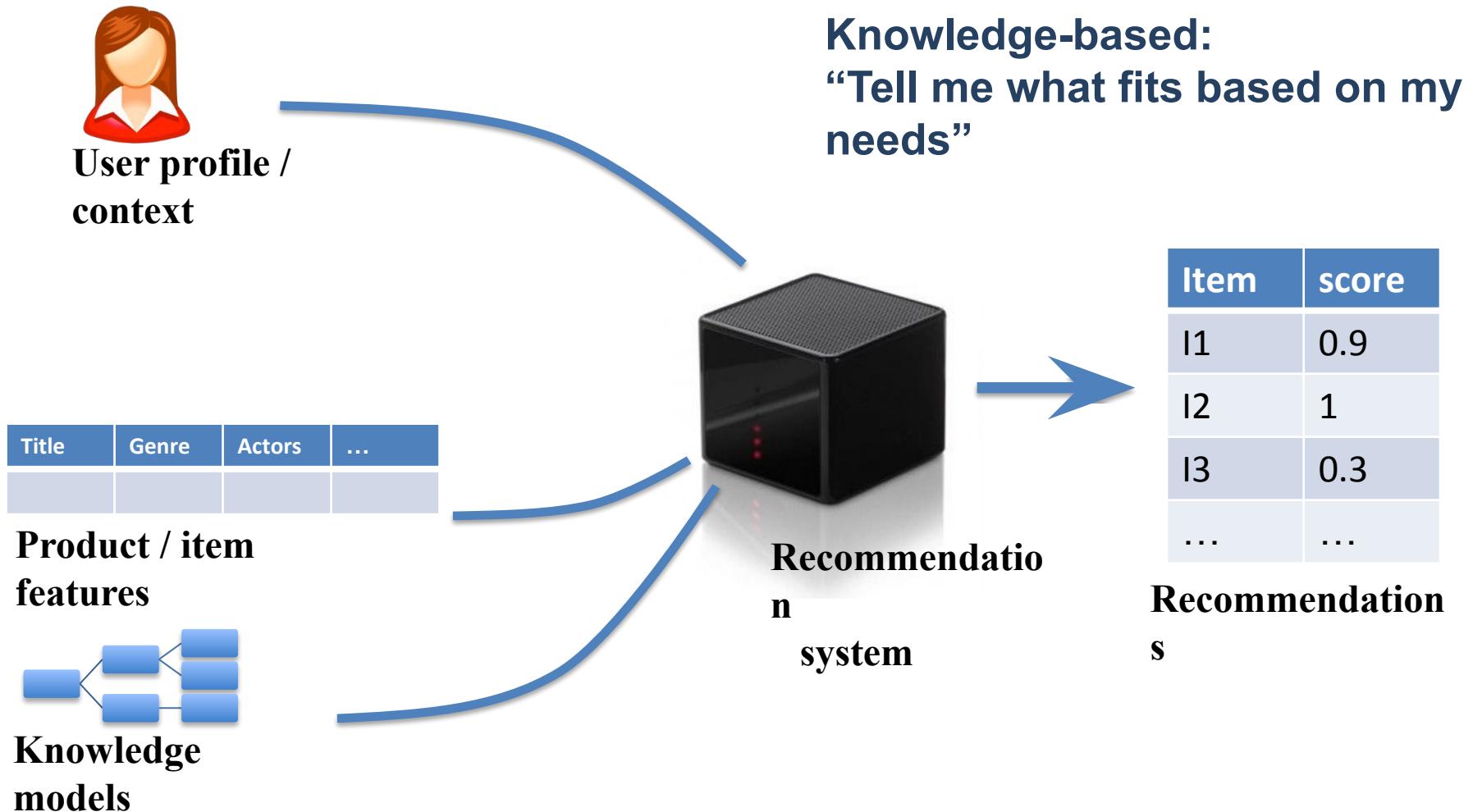
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Recommendations

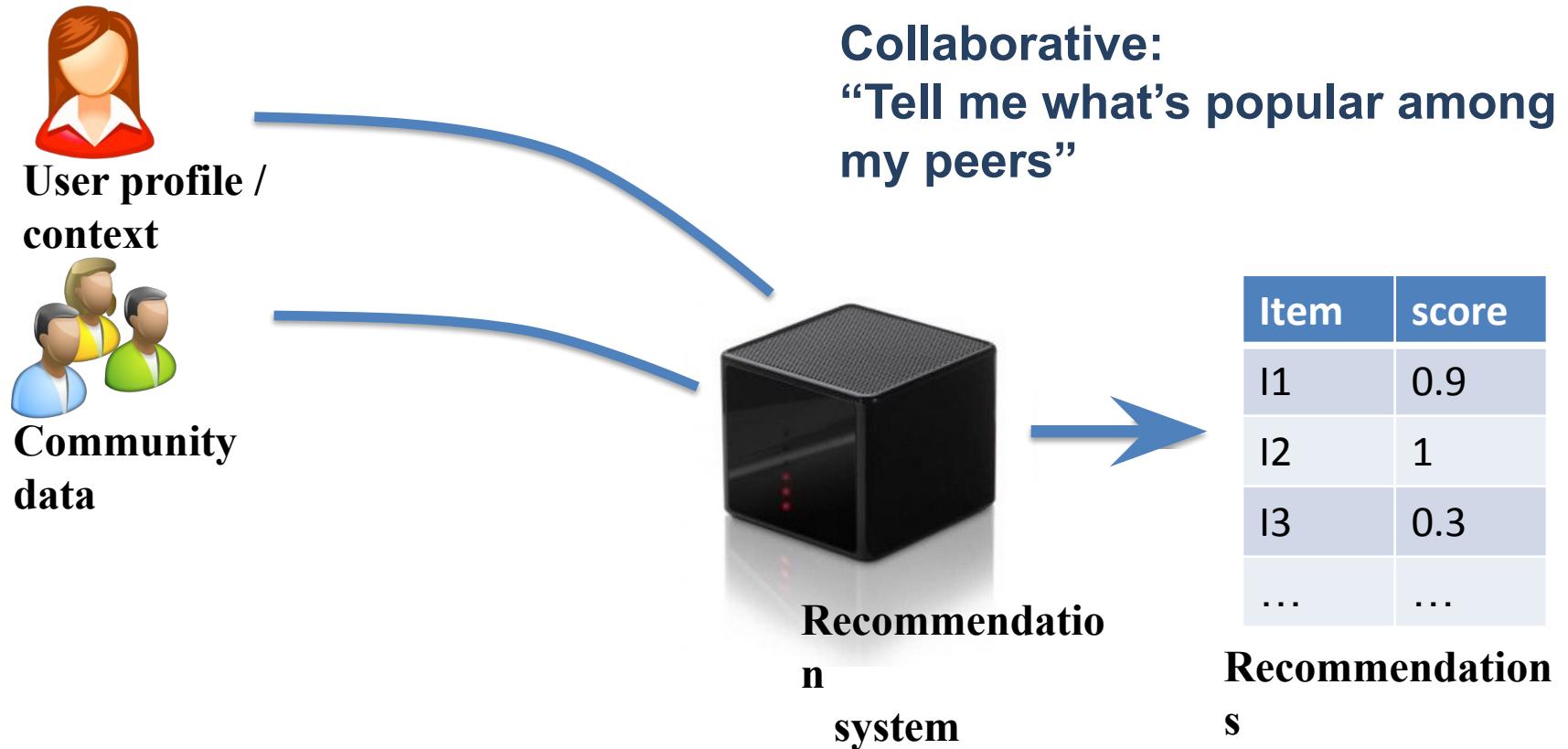
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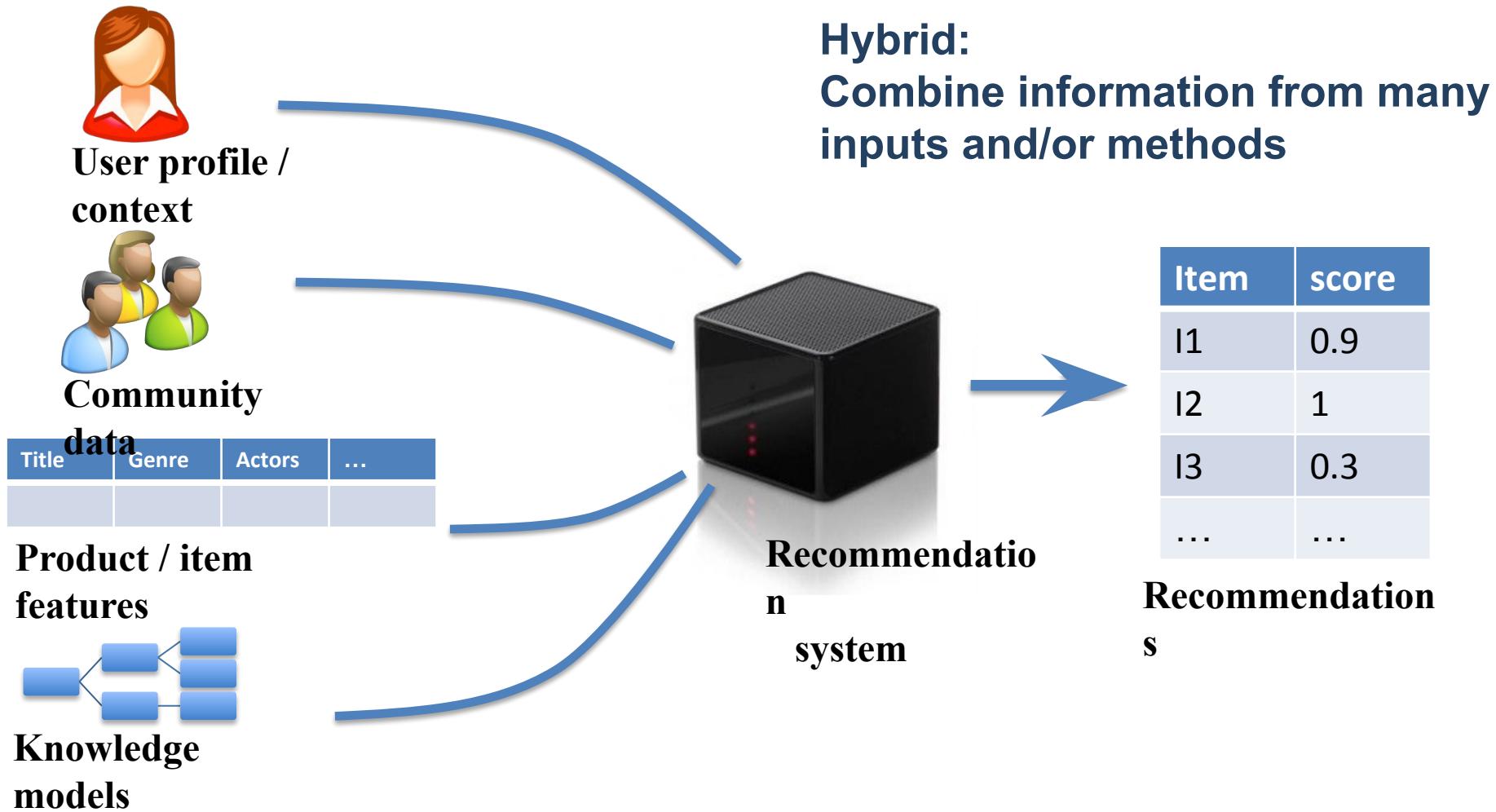
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Measuring success

- **Prediction perspective**
 - Predict to what degree users like the item
 - Most common evaluation for research
 - Regression vs. “top-K” ranking, etc.
- **Interaction perspective**
 - Promote positive “feeling” in users (“satisfaction”)
 - Educate about the products
 - Persuade users, provide explanations
- **Conversion perspective**
 - Commercial success
 - Increase “hits”, “click-through” rates
 - Optimize sales and profits

Why are recommenders important?

- The **long tail** of product appeal
 - A few items are very popular
 - Most items are popular only with a few people
 - But everybody is interested in *some* rare products
- **Goal:** recommend not-widely known items that the user might like!



Collaborative filtering (Netflix)

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users												
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
movies	4			5			5	?	3		1	1
3	1	2			4			4	5			2
5	3	4			3		2	1		4	2	3
	2			4			5		4	2		4
5	2					2	4	3	4			5
	4			2			3		3		1	6

Collaborative filtering

- Simple approach: standard regression
 - Use “user features” A_u , “item features” A_i
 - Train $f(A_u, A_i) \rightarrow r_{ui}$
 - Learn “users with my features like items with these features”
- Extreme case: per-user model / per-item model
- Issues: needs lots of side information!

		users											
		12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
movies	Features:	1	0	1	0	0	...						
	0	0	1	0	0	...							
	...												
12	4			5			5	?		3		1	1
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Collaborative filtering

- Example: nearest neighbor methods
 - Which data are “similar”?
- Nearby items? (based on...)

Features:
1 0 1 0 0 ...
0 0 1 0 0 ...
...

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Collaborative filtering

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Based on ratings alone?

Find other items that
are rated similarly...

Good match on
observed ratings

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Collaborative filtering

- Which data are “similar”?
- Nearby items?
- Nearby users?
 - Based on user features?
 - Based on ratings?

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Collaborative filtering

- Some **very simple** examples
 - All users similar, items not similar?
 - All items similar, users not similar?
 - All users and items are equally similar?

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Measuring similarity

- Nearest neighbors depends significantly on distance function
 - “Default”: Euclidean distance
- Collaborative filtering:
 - Cosine similarity:
$$\frac{x^{(i)} \cdot x^{(j)}}{\|x^{(i)}\| \|x^{(j)}\|}$$
 (measures angle between $x^{(i)}$, $x^{(j)}$)
 - Pearson correlation: measure correlation coefficient between $x^{(i)}$, $x^{(j)}$
 - Often perform better in recommender tasks
$$\frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu) \cdot (x^{(j)} - \mu)}{\|x^{(i)} - \mu\| \|x^{(j)} - \mu\|}$$
- Variant: weighted nearest neighbors
 - Average over neighbors is weighted by their similarity
- Note: with ratings, need to deal with missing data!

Nearest-Neighbor methods

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Neighbor selection:
Identify movies similar to 1, rated by user 5

Nearest-Neighbor methods

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Compute similarity weights:
 $s_{13}=0.2, s_{16}=0.3$

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Predict by taking weighted average:
 $(0.2*2+0.3*3)/(0.2+0.3)=2.6$

Latent space models

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- Model ratings matrix as combination of user and movie factors
- Infer values from known ratings
- Extrapolate to unranked

users

	4	5		5		3	1
3	1	2		4		4	5
5	3	4		3		2	1
2			4			5	4
5	2				2	4	3
4			2		3	3	1

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items

.2	-.4	.1
.5	.6	-.5
.5	.3	-.2
.3	2.1	1.1
-2	2.1	-.7
.3	.7	-1

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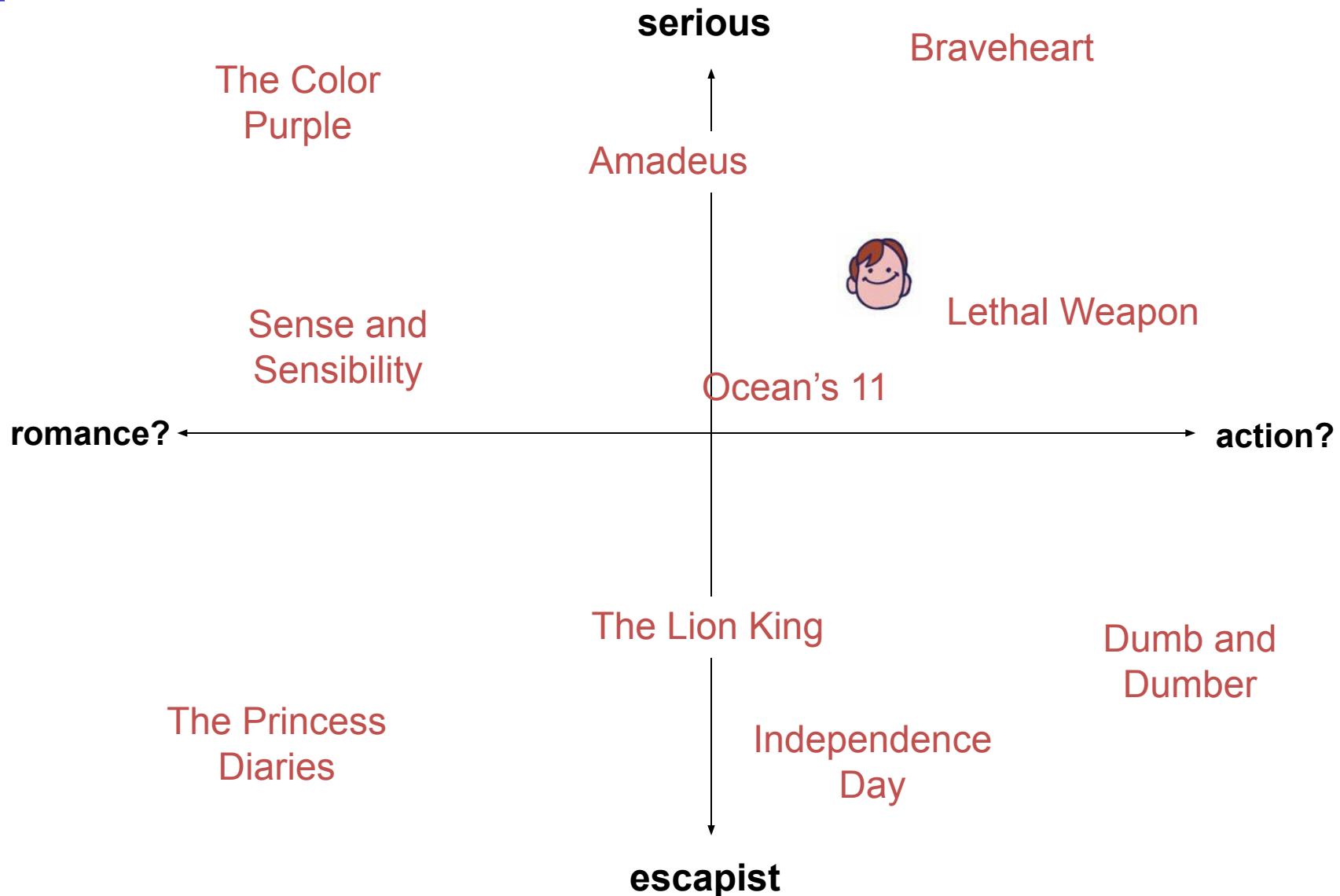


users

-.9	2.4	1.4	.3	-.4	.8	-.5	-2	.5	.3	-.2	1.1
1.3	-.1	1.2	-.7	2.9	1.4	-1	.3	1.4	.5	.7	-.8
.1	-.6	.7	.8	.4	-.3	.9	2.4	1.7	.6	-.4	2.1

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Some SVD dimensions

See timelydevelopment.com

Dimension 1

Offbeat / Dark-Comedy	Mass-Market / 'Beniffer' Movies
Lost in Translation	Pearl Harbor
The Royal Tenenbaums	Armageddon
Dogville	The Wedding Planner
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Coyote Ugly
Punch-Drunk Love	Miss Congeniality

Dimension 2

Good	Twisted
VeggieTales: Bible Heroes: Lions	The Saddest Music in the World
The Best of Friends: Season 3	Wake Up
Felicity: Season 2	I Heart Huckabees
Friends: Season 4	Freddy Got Fingered
Friends: Season 5	House of 1

Dimension 3

What a 10 year old boy would watch	What a liberal woman would watch
Dragon Ball Z: Vol. 17: Super Saiyan	Fahrenheit 9/11
Battle Athletes Victory: Vol. 4: Spaceward Ho!	The Hours
Battle Athletes Victory: Vol. 5: No Looking Back	Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry
Battle Athletes Victory: Vol. 7: The Last Dance	Sex and the City: Season 2
Battle Athletes Victory: Vol. 2: Doubt and Conflict	Bowling for Columbine

Latent space models

- Latent representation encodes some **meaning**
- What kind of movie is this? What movies is it similar to?
- Matrix is full of missing data
 - Hard to take SVD directly $J(U, V) = \sum_{u,m} (X_{mu} - \sum_k U_{mk} V_{ku})^2$
 - Typically solve using gradient descent

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# for user u, movie m, find the kth eigenvector & coefficient by iterating:  
predict_um = U[m,:].dot( V[:,u] )      # predict: vector-vector product  
err = ( rating[u,m] - predict_um )      # find error residual  
V_ku, U_mk = V[k,u], U[m,k]            # make copies for update  
U[m,k] += alpha * err * V_ku# Update our matrices  
V[k,u] += alpha * err * U_mk#   (compare to least-squares gradient)
```

Latent space models

- Can be a bit more sophisticated:
 - $r_{iu} \approx \mu + b_u + b_i + \sum_k W_{ik} V_{ku}$
 - “Overall average rating”
 - “User effect” + “Item effect”
 - Latent space effects (k indexes latent representation)
 - (Saturating non-linearity?)
- Then, just train some loss, e.g. MSE, with SGD
 - Each (user, item, rating) is one data point

Ensembles for recommenders

- Given that we have many possible models:
 - Feature-based regression
 - (Weighted) kNN on items
 - (Weighted) kNN on users
 - Latent space representation
- Perhaps we should combine them?
- Use an ensemble average, or a stacked ensemble
 - “Stacked” : train a weighted combination of model predictions