

# Chapter IR:V

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Discriminating factors of hidden variable models:

1. What a hidden variable represents (e.g., concept, aspect, topic).
2. How hidden variables relate to document  $d$ .
3. Extent of assumptions about independence.
4. Computation method for hidden variables.
5. Computation method of the relevance function  $\rho(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{d})$ .

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$$(t_1) \sim t_3 + t_4$$

## Remarks:

- ❑ Co-occurrence:  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  occur (almost) always simultaneously.
- ❑ Repeated phrase: A phrase exists, where  $t_1$  (almost) always occurs with  $2 \cdot t_3$  and one  $t_4$ .
- ❑ Synonym: For a given concept (here represented as  $(t_1)$ ) holds that it can be described by  $t_3$  or  $t_4$ .



# Hidden Variable Models

## Term-Document Matrix

In an  $m \times n$  term-document matrix, correlations can be observed because of co-occurrence, repeated phrases, and synonymy.

The matrix is redundant, duplicating the same or similar concepts over and over. The separation of single concepts into many different manifestations (words) confuses retrieval models based on these manifestations.

Idea:

Approximate the  $m$ -dimensional document representations as linear combination of  $r$  orthogonal unit vectors (basis). The  $r$  unit vectors represent the latent concepts underlying the term-document matrix.

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(6)  $A = USV^T$  can be written as sum of (dyadic) vector products:

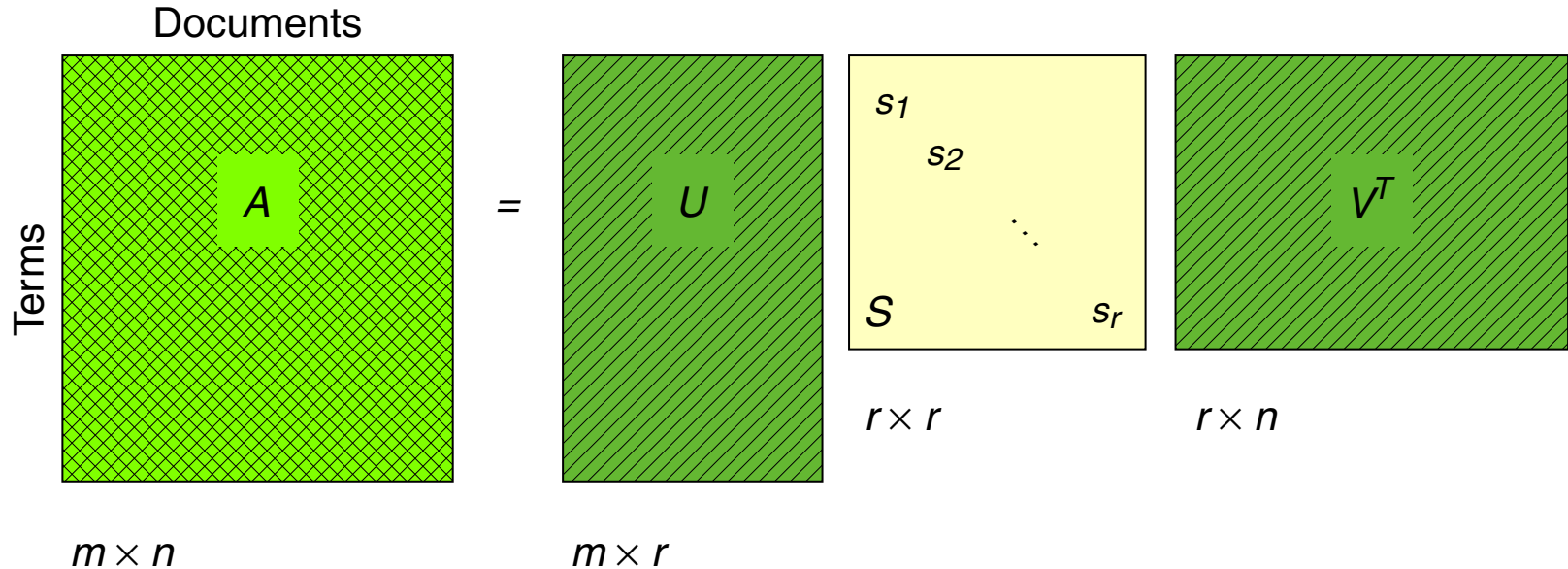
$$A = s_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T) + s_2(\mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T) + \dots + s_r(\mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{v}_r^T)$$

Approximation of  $A$  by omission of summands with smallest singular values.

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Singular value decomposition  $A = USV^T$  :



$U$  is column orthonormal

$S$  is diagonal,  $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$

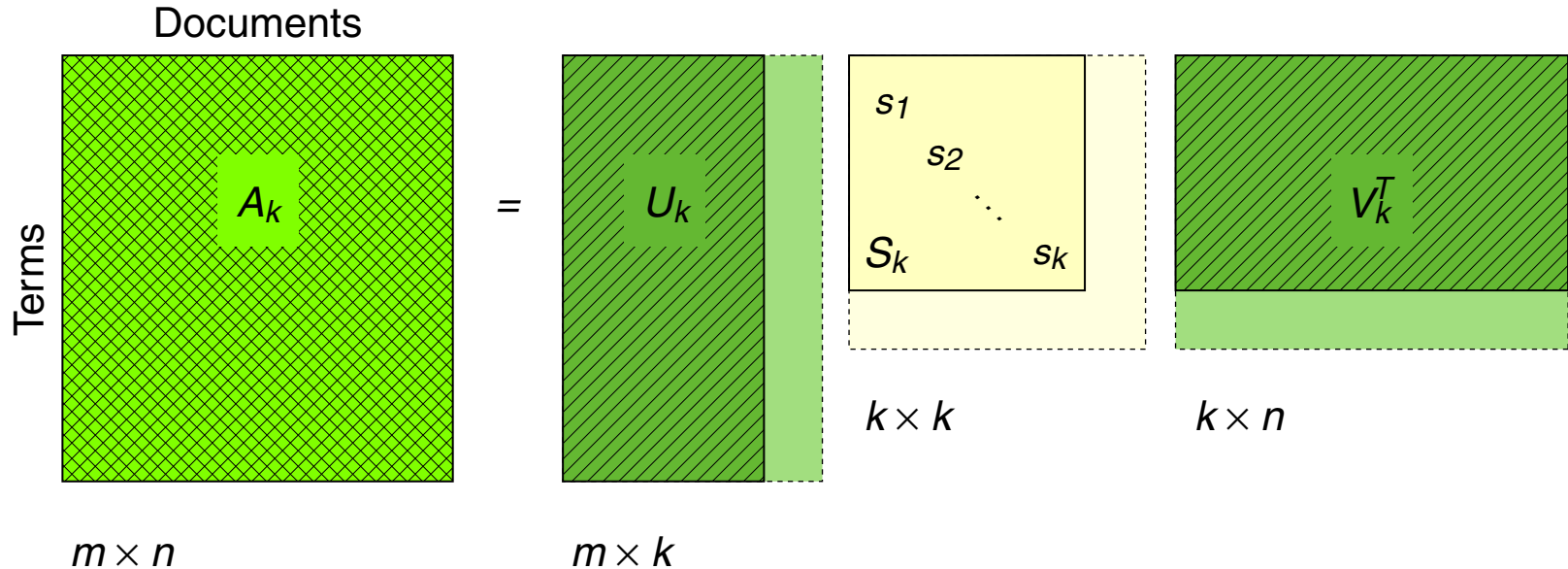
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Dimensionality reduction  $A_k = U_k S_k V_k^T$  :



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$S_k$  is diagonal,  $k < r$

$V_k^T$  is column orthonormal

## Remarks:

- ❑ An eigenvector of a linear transformation is a non-zero vector that changes only by a scalar factor, its eigenvalue, when that linear transformation is applied.
- ❑ The eigenvalues of  $A$  result from the equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . This equation defines a polynomial of  $n$ -th degree that has  $n$  roots, which can be real or complex and repeated. The corresponding eigenvectors are orthogonal.
- ❑ A symmetric matrix has real eigenvalues. A positive-definite matrix has only positive eigenvalues.
- ❑ The singular value decomposition generalizes the eigen decomposition to rectangular matrices.

## Remarks: (continued)

- ❑ The rank of a matrix is the number of linearly independent column vectors, which corresponds to the dimension of the vector space spanned by its columns.
- ❑ A matrix is called column orthonormal if all its column vectors are orthogonal and unit vectors.
- ❑ Matrix multiplication and transposition:  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- ❑ Matrix diagonalization or eigen decomposition of a square matrix  $A$ :  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and  $P$  contains the eigenvectors of  $A$ .  $A$  is diagonalizable, iff it has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
- ❑  $U^T = U^{-1}$ , if  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix.
- ❑  $U^T U = I$ , if  $U$  is a column orthonormal matrix.
- ❑  $U^T = U$ , if  $U$  is a symmetric matrix.
- ❑ Reducing the  $r \times r$  diagonal matrix  $S$  to the smaller  $k \times k$  diagonal matrix  $S_k$  is done by omitting the smallest diagonal elements, presuming the column vectors of  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  are ordered accordingly.
- ❑ Typically, for a term-document matrix with rank of several thousands,  $k$  is chosen in the low hundreds.

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The documents have many relations, transitively relating the query to them.



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human	1			1					
interface	1		1						
computer	1	1							
user		1	1		1				
system		1	1	2					
response		1			1				
time		1			1				
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0.0457	-0.2063	0.3783	-0.2056	0.3272	0.3948	0.3495	0.1498	-0.6020
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0.1773	-0.4330	-0.2369	0.2648	0.6723	-0.3408	-0.1522	0.2491	0.0380
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0.1406	0.3698	0.3290	0.4004	0.1650	-0.0328	-0.0706	-0.0968	-0.0430	
0.1524	0.5050	0.3579	0.4101	0.2362	0.0242	0.0598	0.0869	0.1240	
0.2580	0.8411	0.6057	0.6974	0.3923	0.0331	0.0832	0.1218	0.1874	
0.4488	1.2344	1.0509	1.2658	0.5563	-0.0738	-0.1547	-0.2096	-0.0489	
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0.2185	0.5496	0.5110	0.6281	0.2425	-0.0654	-0.1425	-0.1966	-0.1079	
0.0969	0.5321	0.2299	0.2118	0.2665	0.1368	0.3146	0.4444	0.4250	
-0.0613	0.2321	-0.1389	-0.2656	0.1449	0.2404	0.5461	0.7674	0.6637	
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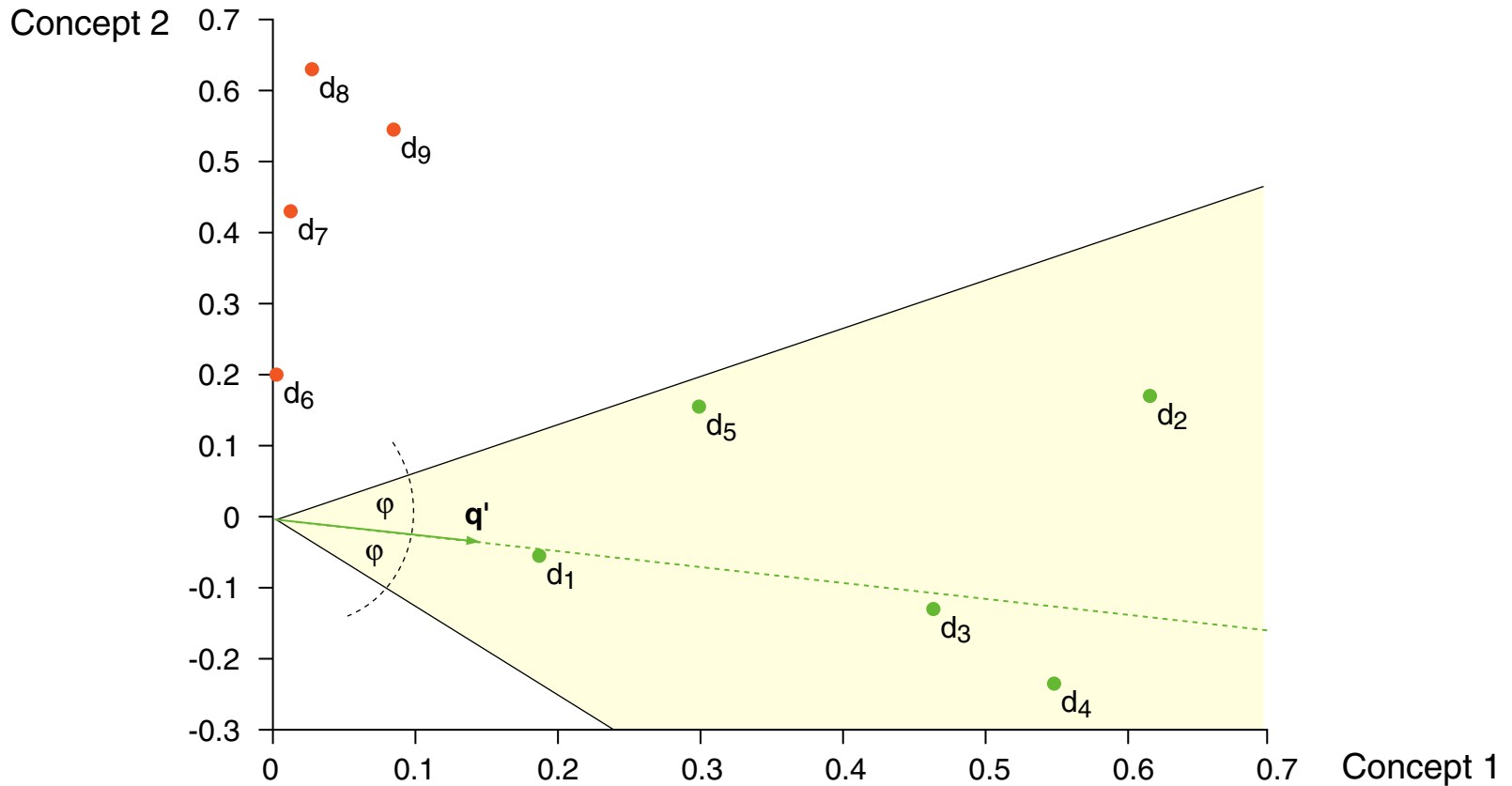
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# Latent Semantic Indexing

## Example: Retrieval in Concept Space



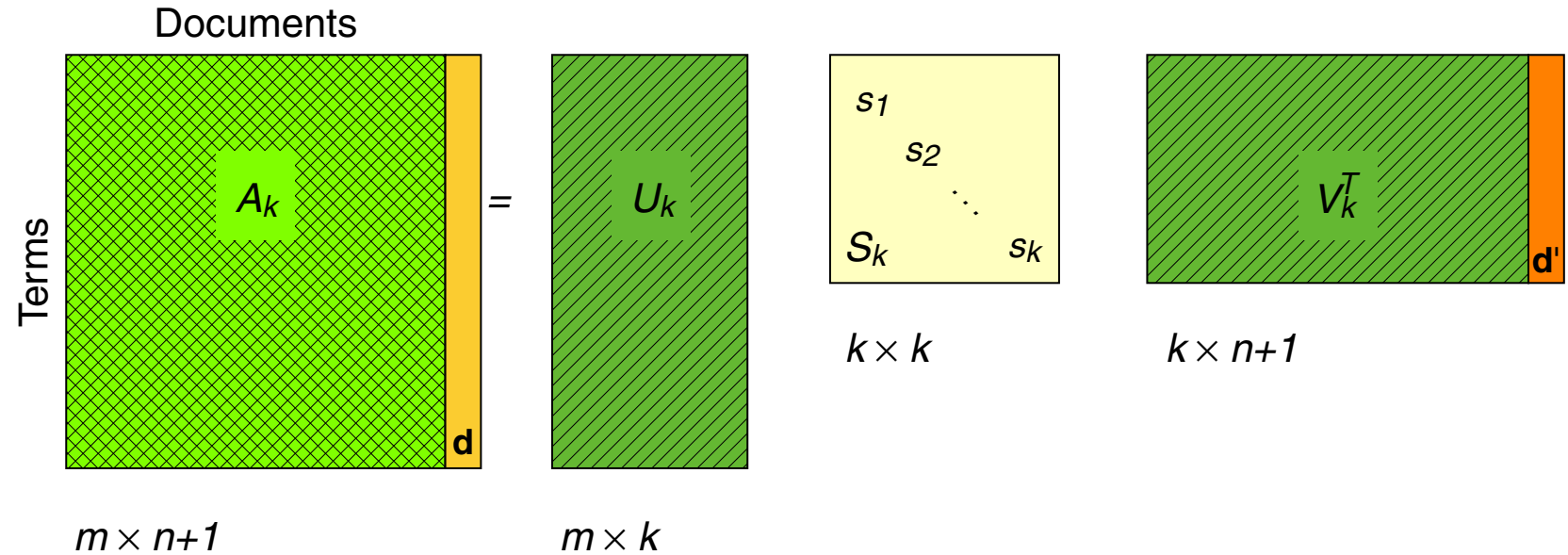
$\varphi = 30^\circ \rightarrow$  Documents must have a cosine similarity of  $>0.87$  to the query vector  $q'$ .



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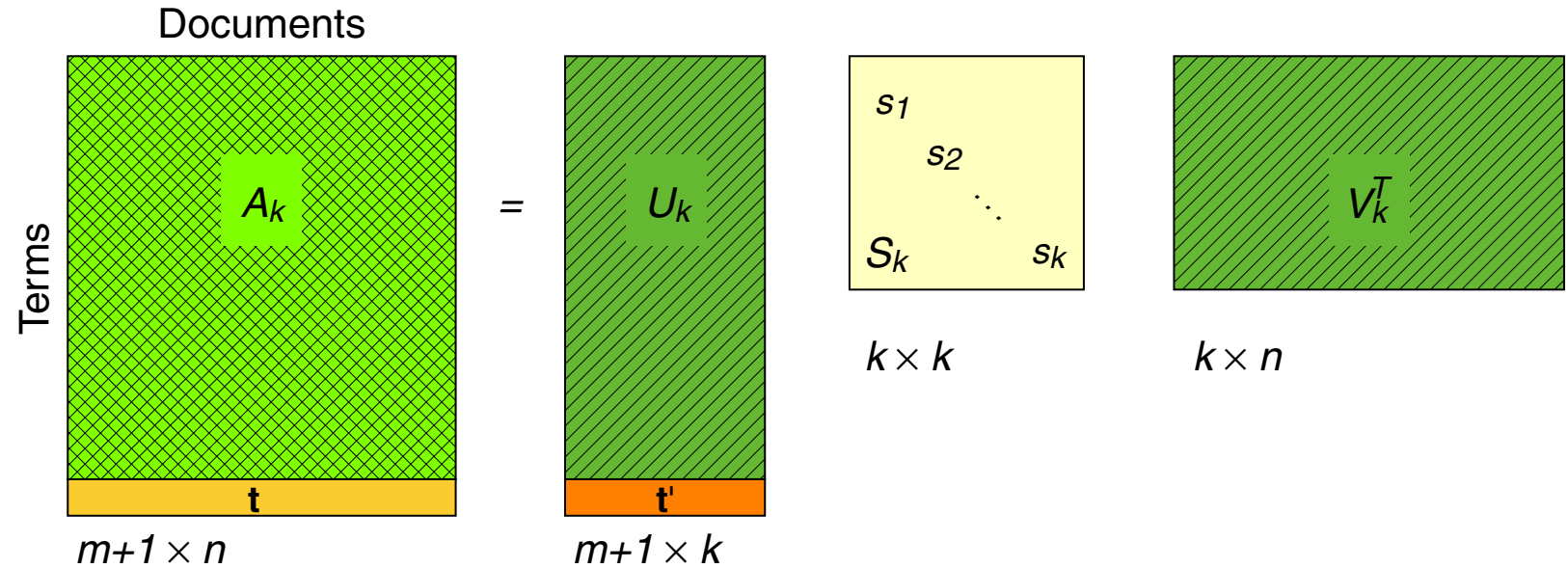


1. add original document vector  $\mathbf{d}$  as column to  $A_k$
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3. add reduced document vector  $\mathbf{d}'$  to  $V_k^T$

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.58 & 0 \\ 0.58 & 0 \\ 0.58 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.71 \\ 0 & 0.71 \\ 0 & 0.71 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 9.64 & 0 \\ 0 & 5.29 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.18 & 0.36 & 0.18 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.53 & 0.8 & 0.27 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Remarks:

- ❑ There are two concepts; the computer science concept {data, information, retrieval} and the medicine concept {brain, lung}.

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# Latent Semantic Indexing

## Discussion

### Advantages:

- ❑ automatic discovery of hidden concepts
- ❑ syntactic detection of synonyms
- ❑ semantic query expansion based on syntactical analysis—not based on relevance feedback

### Disadvantages:

- ❑ the effect of LSI in this domain is not fully understood; a theoretical connection to linguistics is only partially available
- ❑ LSI works best in a closed-set retrieval situation: the document collection is known, available, and does not change a lot
- ❑ the singular value decomposition is computationally expensive,  $O(n^3)$

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Under explicit semantic analysis, a document  $d$  is represented by its vector space model similarities to  $D^*$ :

$$\mathbf{d}' = (\rho_{\text{VSM}}(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}), \dots, \rho_{\text{VSM}}(\mathbf{d}_m, \mathbf{d}))^T$$

Let  $\rho_{\text{VSM}}$  be the cosine similarity measure, and let  $\|\mathbf{d}_i\| = \|\mathbf{d}\| = 1$ :

$$\mathbf{d}' = (\mathbf{d}_1^T \cdot \mathbf{d}, \dots, \mathbf{d}_m^T \cdot \mathbf{d})^T = A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{d},$$

where  $A_{D^*}$  is the term-document matrix of  $D^*$ .

# Explicit Semantic Analysis

## Relevance Function $\rho$

Given a query  $q$  and a document  $d$ , and an index collection  $D^*$ , let  $\mathbf{q}'$  and  $\mathbf{d}'$  denote the representations of  $q$  and  $d$  under the explicit semantic analysis model.

The relevance of document  $d$  to query  $q$  is computed using the cosine similarity:

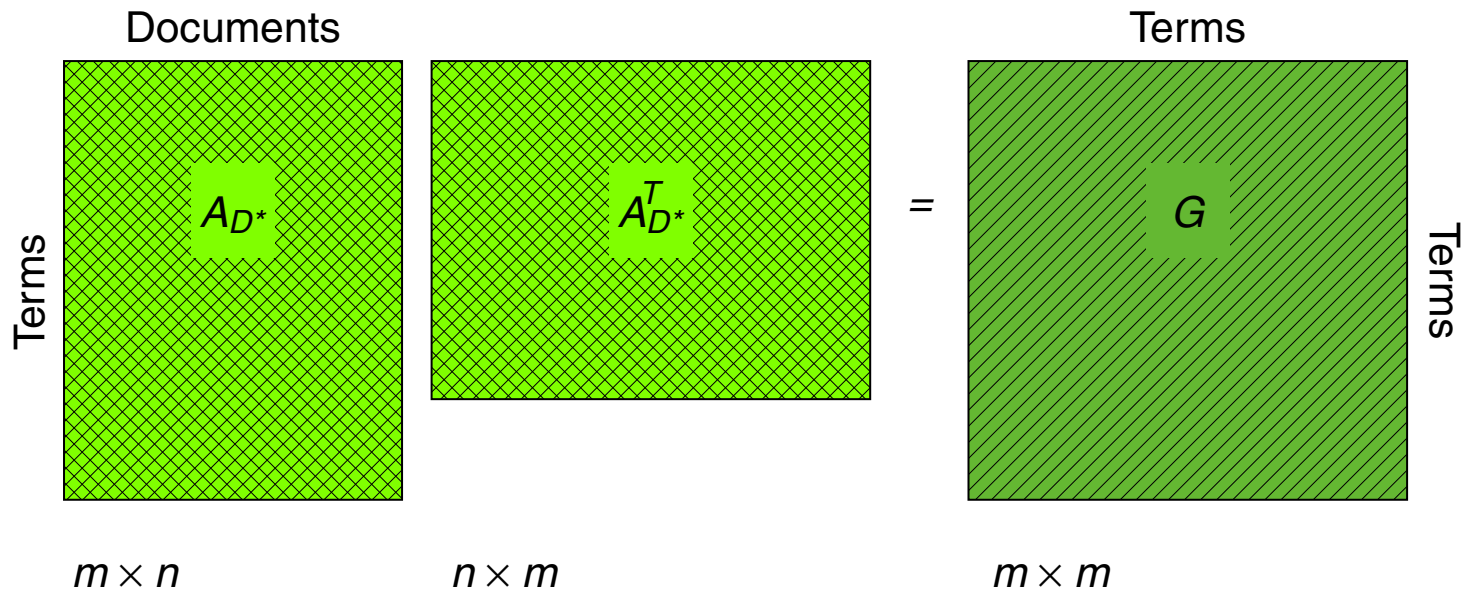
$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\mathbf{q}', \mathbf{d}') &= \frac{\mathbf{q}'^T \cdot \mathbf{d}'}{\|\mathbf{q}'\| \cdot \|\mathbf{d}'\|} && O(|q| \cdot |D^*|) \\ &= \frac{(A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{q})^T \cdot A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{d}}{\|\mathbf{q}'\| \cdot \|\mathbf{d}'\|} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{q}^T \cdot A_{D^*} \cdot A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{d}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{q}^T \cdot A_{D^*} \cdot A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{q}} \cdot \|\mathbf{d}'\|} && O(|q|)\end{aligned}$$

The majority of the computations can be done **offline**.

# Explicit Semantic Analysis

## Relevance Function $\rho$

The multiplication  $A_{D^*} \cdot A_{D^*}^T$  yields a term co-occurrence matrix  $G$ :



Given term  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  from  $T$ , the matrix  $G$  has a non-zero value in its  $i$ -th row and its  $j$ -th value iff a document  $d \in D^*$  exists that contains both  $t_i$  and  $t_j$ . Thus:

$$\rho(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{d}) = \frac{\mathbf{q}^T \cdot G \cdot \mathbf{d}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{q}^T \cdot G \cdot \mathbf{q}} \cdot \sqrt{\mathbf{d}^T \cdot G \cdot \mathbf{d}}}$$

# Explicit Semantic Analysis

## Discussion

### Advantages:

- ❑ simple model
- ❑ better retrieval performance than basic models
- ❑ can be improved by using a tailored index collection

### Disadvantages:

- ❑ concept hypothesis is weak; has been shown to also work with random documents
- ❑ requires high-dimensional representations >10.000 index documents
- ❑ computationally expensive