

# Chapter IR:V

## V. Retrieval Models

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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  $\rho(\mathbf{q}, d)$ .

# Hidden Variable Models

## Term-Document Matrix

Consideration:

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

Arguably, the  $m$ -dimensional representations of the documents can be mapped to lower-dimensional vector representations through a coordinate transformation, approximating the original vector space.

Idea:

Transform the high-dimensional vector representations to a low-dimensional space, approximating the original information as accurately as possible.

The resulting linear combinations of terms may be interpreted as hidden concepts.

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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 either  $t_3$  or  $t_4$ .

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

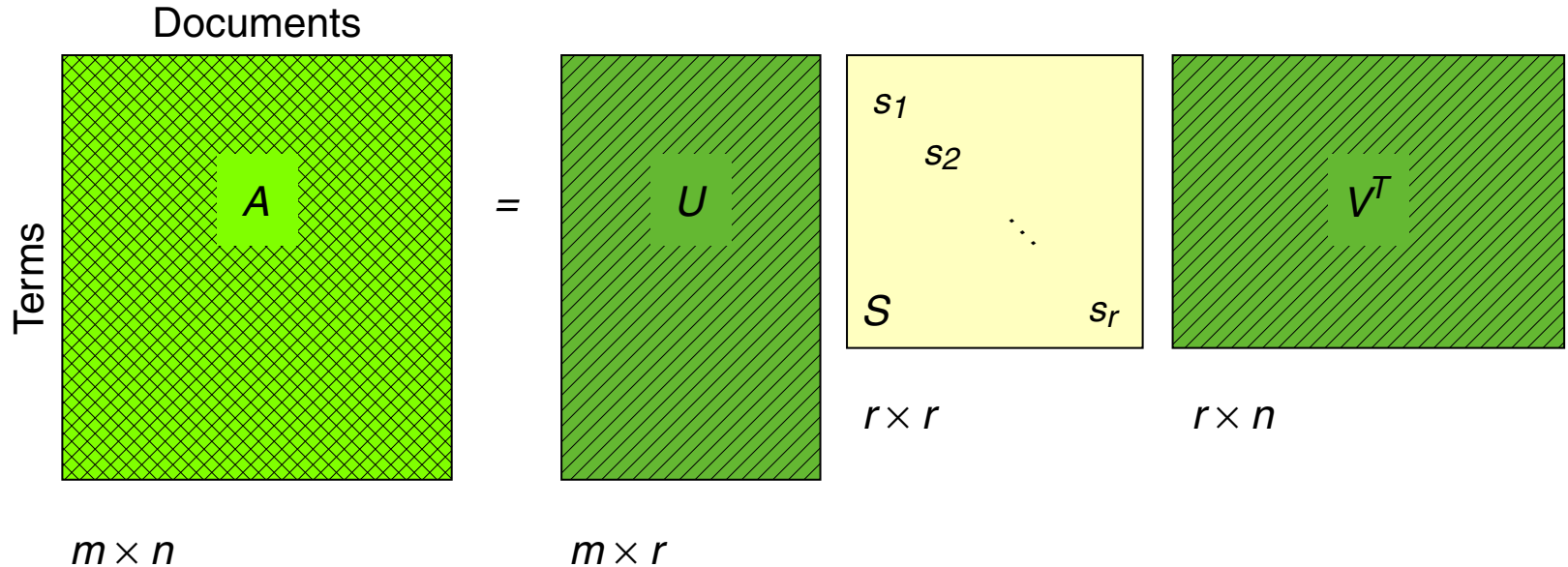
$$A = s_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T) + s_2(\mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^T) + \dots + s_r(\mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{v}_r^T)$$

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,  $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$

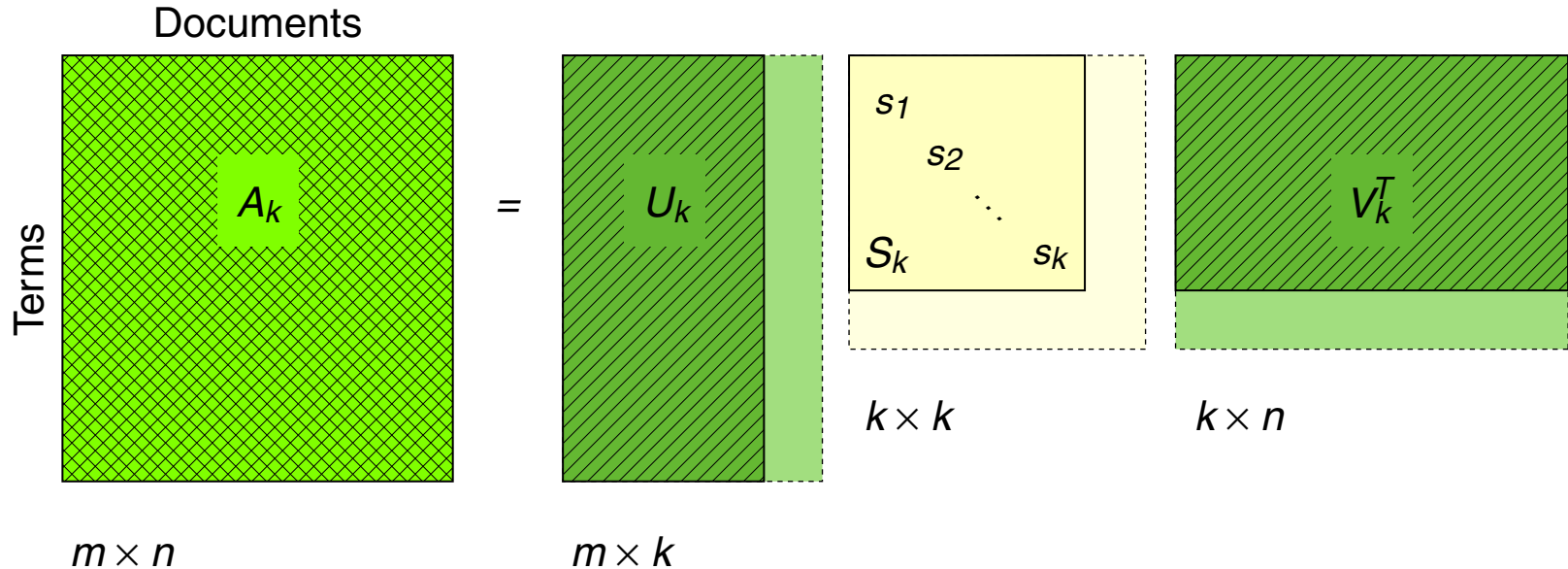
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Dimensionality reduction  $A_k = U_k S_k V_k^T$  :



$U_k$  is column orthonormal

$S_k$  is diagonal,  $k < r$

$V_k^T$  is row orthonormal

## Remarks:

- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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.

## Remarks:

- ❑ Retrieval in term-document space under the Boolean retrieval model with  $\wedge$ -connected terms in  $q$ : result set  $R = \emptyset$ .
- ❑ Retrieval in term-document space under the Boolean retrieval model with  $\vee$ -connected terms in  $q$ : result set  $R = \{d_1, d_2, d_4\}$ .
- ❑ Retrieval in term-document space under the vector space model: result set  $R = \{d_1, d_2, d_4\}$ .



# Latent Semantic Indexing

## Example: Term-Document Matrix $A$

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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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0.1406	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
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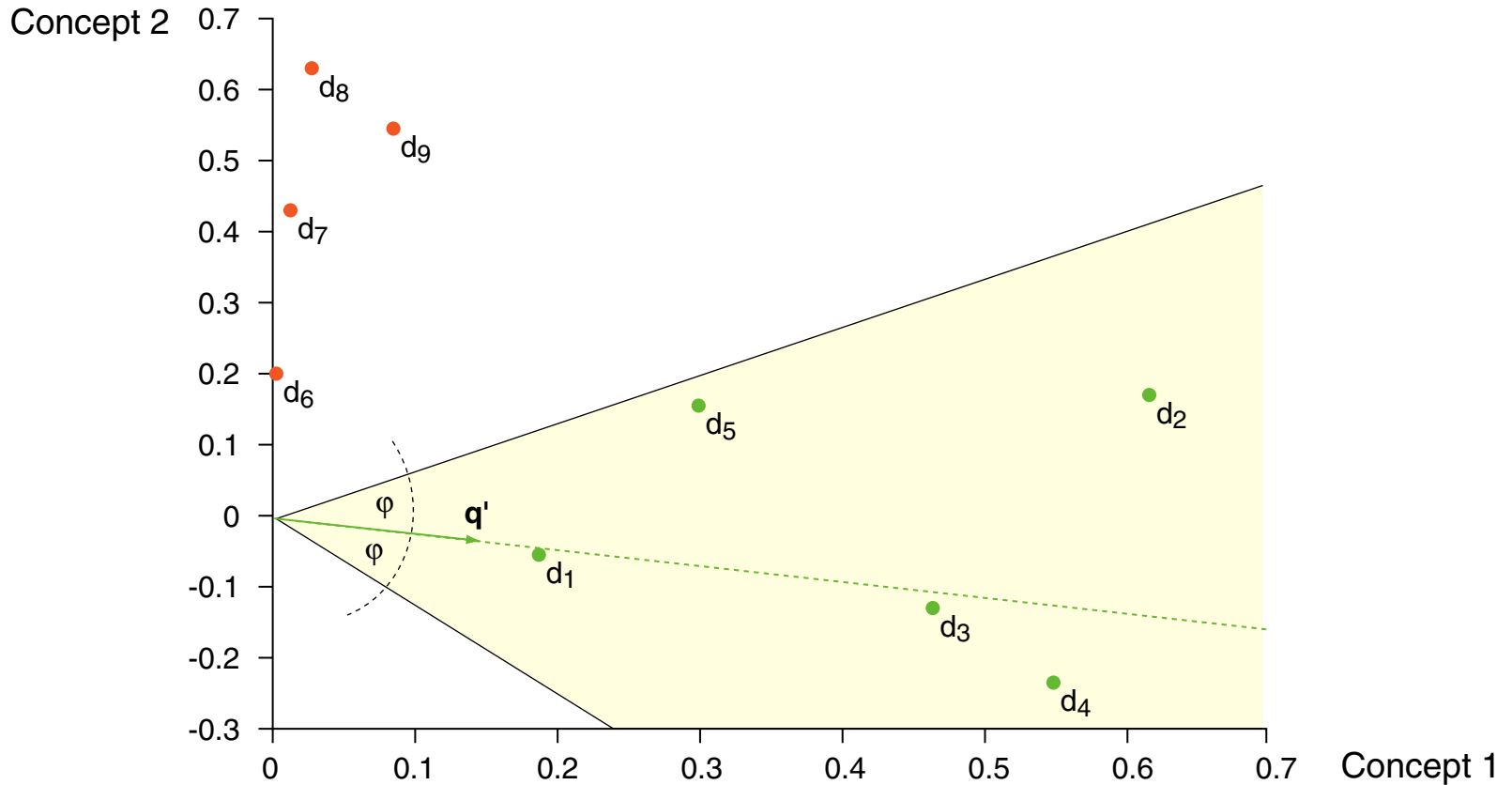
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# Latent Semantic Indexing

## Example: Retrieval in Concept Space



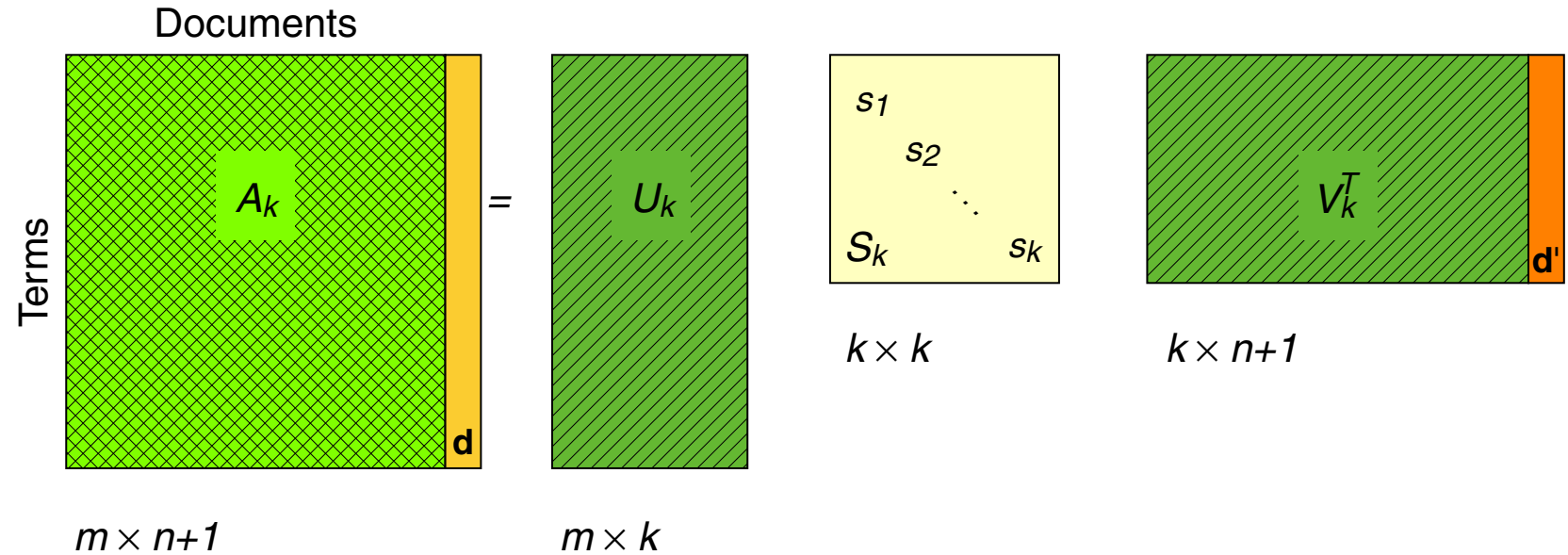
$\varphi = 30^\circ \rightarrow$  Documents must have a cosine similarity of  $>0.87$  to the query vector  $q'$ .



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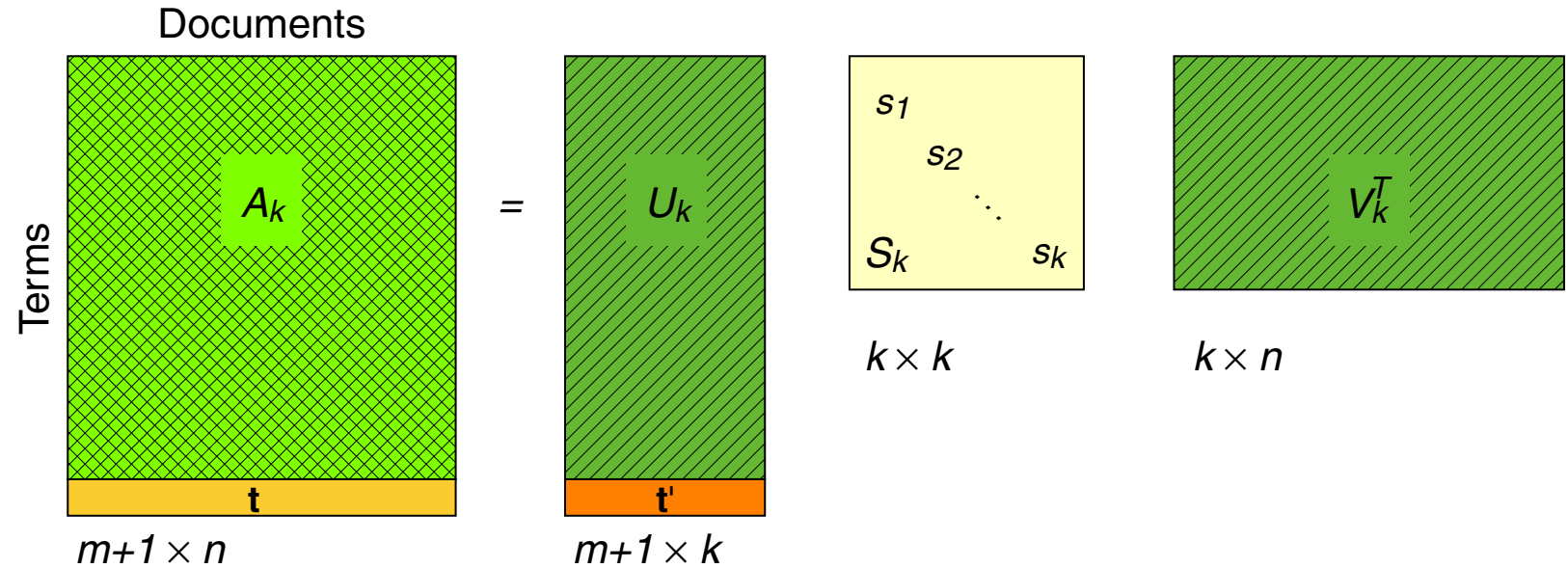


1. add original document vector  $\mathbf{d}$  as column to  $A_k$
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## Remarks:

- ❑ 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,  $O(n^3)$

# Explicit Semantic Analysis

## Concept Hypothesis

Consideration:

An explicit manifestation of a concept is a document talking about it. However, most documents cover more than one concept at a time, and hardly any in depth.

Arguably, a (long) Wikipedia article covers exactly one concept in depth.

Idea:

Given a set  $D^*$  of Wikipedia articles, interpret their normalized representations  $\mathbf{D}^*$  under the vector space model as explicit concepts, spanning a concept space.

Then a document can be embedded into the concept space, e.g., by computing its similarity under the vector space model to the concept representations in  $\mathbf{D}^*$ .

Caveat:

This concept hypothesis has been falsified. Other kinds of documents work, too.

→ We say that a document in  $D^*$  represents a **pseudo-concept**.

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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:

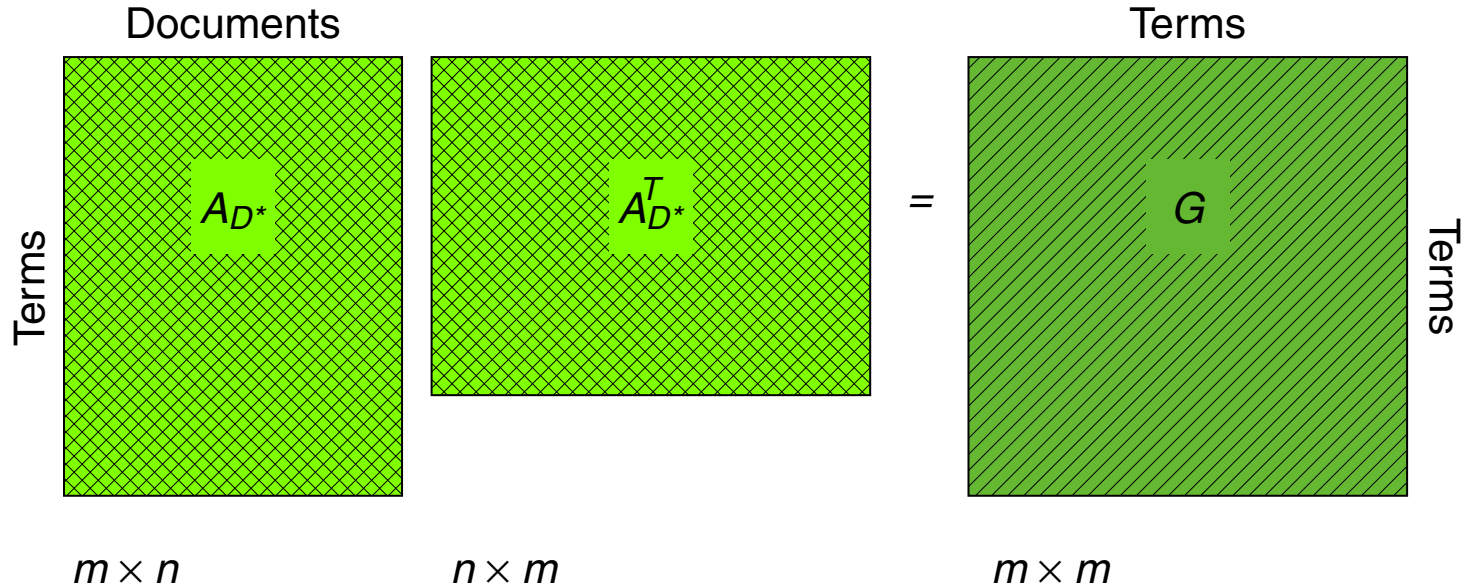
$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\mathbf{q}', \mathbf{d}') &= \frac{\mathbf{q}'^T \cdot \mathbf{d}'}{\|\mathbf{q}'\| \cdot \|\mathbf{d}'\|} && \mathcal{O}(|q| \cdot |D^*|) \\ &= \frac{(A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{q})^T \cdot A_{D^*}^T \cdot \mathbf{d}}{\|\mathbf{q}'\| \cdot \|\mathbf{d}'\|} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{q}^T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

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