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# 15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture #15: Text - part IV (LSI)

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## Must-read Material

- Foltz, P. W. and S. T. Dumais (Dec. 1992).  
"Personalized Information Delivery: An  
Analysis of Information Filtering Methods."  
Comm. of ACM (CACM) 35(12): 51-60.

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## Outline

Goal: 'Find **similar / interesting things**'

- Intro to DB
- ➔ • Indexing - similarity search
- Data Mining

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## Indexing - Detailed outline


- primary key indexing
- secondary key / multi-key indexing
- spatial access methods
- fractals
- ➔ • text
- SVD: a powerful tool
- multimedia
- ...

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## Text - Detailed outline


- text
  - problem
  - full text scanning
  - inversion
  - signature files
  - clustering
  -  – information filtering and LSI

## LSI - Detailed outline


- LSI
  -  – problem definition
  - main idea
  - experiments

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## Problem




- Given a stream of documents
- How to express my interests ('data', 'mining')
- So that I get the 'interesting' ones (including 'machine', 'learning')




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## Conclusion



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A: LSI: automatic 'thesaurus' construction

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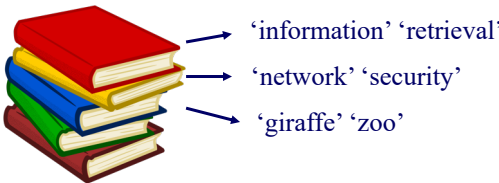
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## Information Filtering + LSI

- [Foltz+, '92] Goal:
  - users specify interests (= keywords)
  - system alerts them, on suitable news-documents
- But: how to avoid false dismissals, eg.



'text' 'data'



'information' 'retrieval'  
'network' 'security'  
'giraffe' 'zoo'

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## Information Filtering + LSI

- [Foltz+, '92] Goal:
  - users specify interests (= keywords)
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- Major contribution: LSI = Latent Semantic Indexing
  - latent ( 'hidden' ) concepts
  - From a collection of documents, find such 'concepts' (= co-occurring strings)

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## Information Filtering + LSI

Main idea

- map each document into some ‘concepts’
- map each term into some ‘concepts’

‘Concept’ :~ a set of terms, with weights, e.g.  
 – “data” (0.8), “system” (0.5), “retrieval” (0.6) -  
 > DBMS\_concept

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## Information Filtering + LSI

Pictorially: term-document matrix (BEFORE)

	'data'	'system'	'retrieval'	'lung'	'ear'
TR1	1	1	1		
TR2	1	1	1		
TR3				1	1
TR4				1	1

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data	1	
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retrieval	1	
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## Information Filtering + LSI

Pictorially: concept-document matrix and...

	'DBMS- concept'	'medical- concept'
TR1	1	
TR2	1	
TR3		1
TR4		1

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## Information Filtering + LSI

... and concept-term matrix

	'DBMS- concept'	'medical- concept'
data	1	
system	1	
retrieval	1	
lung		1
ear		1

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## Information Filtering + LSI

Q: How to search, eg., for 'system' ?

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## Information Filtering + LSI

A: find the corresponding concept(s); and the corresponding documents

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## Information Filtering + LSI

Thus it works like an (automatically constructed) thesaurus:

we may retrieve documents that DON'T have the term 'system', but they contain almost everything else ('data', 'retrieval')

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↑
Usual approach: TR1 only


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'system'

With LSI: both TR1 and TR2

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## LSI - Detailed outline

- LSI
  - problem definition
  - main idea
  - ➔ – experiments

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## LSI - Experiments

- 150 Tech Memos (TM) / month
- 34 users submitted 'profiles' (6-66 words per profile)
- 100-300 concepts

## LSI - Experiments

- four methods, cross-product of:
  - vector-space or LSI, for similarity scoring
  - keywords or document-sample, for profile specification
- measured: precision/recall

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ('data', 'retrieval' \dots) \\ (concept1, concept2\dots) \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ data} \\ \bullet \text{ mining} \\ \bullet \dots \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \square \right\}$$

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## LSI - Experiments

- Q: Who wins?

recall

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## LSI - Experiments

- LSI, with document-based profiles, were better

recall

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{'data', ...} \\ \text{(concept1, ...)} \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{*data} \\ \text{*mining} \\ \text{*...} \end{array} \right\}$

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## LSI - Discussion - Conclusions

- Great idea,
  - to derive ‘concepts’ from documents
  - to build a ‘statistical thesaurus’ automatically
  - to reduce dimensionality
- Often leads to better precision/recall
- but:
  - Needs ‘training’ set of documents
  - ‘concept’ vectors are not sparse anymore

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## LSI - Discussion - Conclusions

Observations

- Bellcore (-> Telcordia) has a patent
- used for multi-lingual retrieval

How exactly SVD works? (Details, next)

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