

# Crosswords, Games, Visualization

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## Logistics

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## IR Models

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Proximal Nodes

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## Measuring Performance

- **Precision**  $\frac{tp}{tp + fp}$   
Proportion of selected items that are correct
- **Recall**  $\frac{tp}{tp + fn}$   
Proportion of target items that were selected
- **Precision-Recall curve**  
Shows tradeoff

Actual relevant docs

System returned these

Precision

Recall

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## Precision-recall curves

Easy to get high recall  
Just retrieve all docs  
Alas... low precision

Figure 7.1. The precision-recall curves for two queries. The circles indicate the values of the cutoff parameter  $\lambda$ .

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### The Boolean Model

- Simple model based on set theory
- Queries specified as boolean expressions  
precise semantics
- Terms are either present or absent.  
Thus,  $w_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$
- Consider  
 $q = ka \wedge (kb \vee \neg kc)$   
 $dnf(q) = (1,1,1) \vee (1,1,0) \vee (1,0,0)$   
 $cc = (1,1,0)$  is a conjunctive component

### Drawbacks of the Boolean Model

- Binary decision criteria  
*No notion of partial matching*  
*No ranking or grading scale*
- Users must write Boolean expression  
Awkward  
Often too simplistic
- Hence users get too few or too many documents

### Thus ... The Vector Model

- Use of binary weights is too limiting
- $[0, 1]$  term weights are used to compute  
*Degree of similarity* between a query and documents
- Allows ranking of results

### Documents as bags of words

- a: System and human system engineering testing of EPS
- b: A survey of user opinion of computer system response time
- c: The EPS user interface management system
- d: Human machine interface for ABC computer applications
- e: Relation of user perceived response time to error measurement
- f: The generation of random, binary, ordered trees
- g: The intersection graph of paths in trees
- h: Graph minors IV: Widths of trees and well-quasi-ordering
- i: Graph minors: A survey

	Documents									
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	
Interface	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
System	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Response	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Time	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EPS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Survey	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Minors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

### Terminology: Term Weights

- Not all terms are equally useful for representing the document contents
  - Less frequent terms allow identifying a narrower set of documents
- The importance of the index terms is represented by weights associated to them
- $k_i$  is an index term  
 $d_j$  is a document  
 $t$  is the total number of docs  
 $K = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t\}$ , the set of all index terms  
 $w_{ij} \geq 0$  is a weight associated with  $(k_i, d_j)$   
 $w_{ij} = 0$  indicates term missing from doc  
 $vec(d_j) = (w_{1j}, w_{2j}, \dots, w_{tj})$  is a weighted vector associated with the document  $d_j$  (or query  $q$ )

### The Vector Model Definitions

- Documents/Queries modeled as bags of words

Represented as vectors over keyword space

$vec(d_j) = (w_{1j}, w_{2j}, \dots, w_{tj})$   
 $vec(q) = (w_{1q}, w_{2q}, \dots, w_{tq})$

- $w_{ij} > 0$  whenever  $k_i \in d_j$
- $w_{iq} \geq 0$  associated with the pair  $(k_i, q)$

To each term  $k_i$  is associated a unitary vector  $vec(i)$

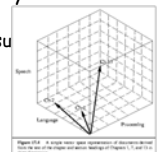
- Unitary vectors  $vec(i)$  and  $vec(j)$  are assumed orthonormal
- What does this mean?

» Is this Reasonable???????

$t$  unitary vectors  $vec(i)$  form

an orthonormal basis for a  $t$ -dimensional space

Each vector holds a place for every term in the collection. Therefore, most vectors are sparse



## Vector Space Example

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Computer	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Response	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Time	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
EPS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Survey	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Minors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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## Similarity Function

The similarity or closeness of a document

$$d = (w_1, \dots, w_i, \dots, w_n)$$

with respect to a query (or another document)

$$q = (q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$$

is computed using a similarity (distance) function.

Many similarity functions exist

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## Euclidian Distance

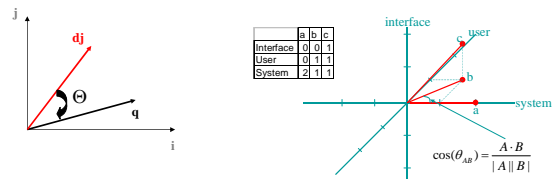
- Given two document vectors  $d_1$  and  $d_2$

$$Dist(d_1, d_2) = \sqrt{\sum_i (w_{i1} - w_{i2})^2}$$

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## Cosine metric



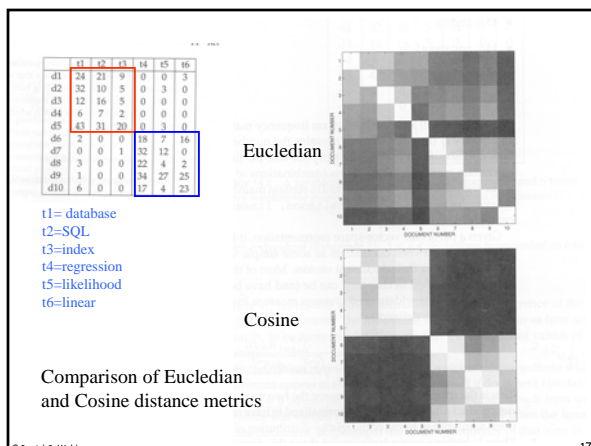
$$\begin{aligned} Sim(q, d_j) &= \cos(\theta) \\ &= [vec(d_j) \cdot vec(q)] / |d_j| * |q| \\ &= [\sum w_{ij} * w_{iq}] / |d_j| * |q| \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leq sim(q, d_j) \leq 1 \quad (\text{Since } w_{ij} > 0 \text{ and } w_{iq} > 0)$$

Retrieves docs even if only partial match to query

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## Term Weights in the Vector Model

$$Sim(q, d_j) = [\sum w_{ij} * w_{iq}] / |d_j| * |q|$$

How to compute the weights  $w_{ij}$  and  $w_{iq}$ ?

Simple frequencies favor common words

E.g. Query: The Computer Tomography

A good weight must account for 2 effects:

Intra-document contents (**similarity**)  
**tf** factor, the **term frequency** within a doc

Inter-document separation (**dis-similarity**)  
**idf** factor, the **inverse document**

$$idf(i) = \log(N/n_i)$$

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## TF-IDF

- Let,
  - $N$  be the total number of docs in the collection
  - $n_i$  be the number of docs which contain  $k_i$
  - $freq(i,j)$  raw frequency of  $k_i$  within  $d_j$
- A normalized *tf* factor is given by
 
$$f(i,j) = freq(i,j) / \max(freq(i,j))$$
  - where the maximum is computed over all terms which occur within the document  $d_j$
- The *idf* factor is computed as
 
$$idf(i) = \log(N/n_i)$$
  - the *log* is used to make the values of *tf* and *idf* comparable.
  - Can be interpreted as the *amount of information* associated with the term  $k_i$ .

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## Motivating the Need for LSI

	access	abstract	computer	information	theory	database	industry	computer	REL	MATCH
Doc 1	x	x	x						R	
Doc 2				x*	x			x*		M
Doc 3			x	x*				x*	R	M

Query: "IDF in computer-based information look-up"

Table 1

- Relevant docs may not have the query terms
  - but may have many "related" terms
- Irrelevant docs may have the query terms
  - but may not have any "related" terms

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## Terms and Docs as vectors in "factor" space

In addition to doc-doc similarity, We can compute term-term distance

Document vector

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Interface	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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System	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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term vector

If terms are independent, the T-T similarity matrix would be diagonal  
 =If it is not diagonal, we can use the correlations to add related terms to the query  
 =But can also ask the question "Are there independent dimensions which define the space where terms & docs are vectors?"

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## Latent Semantic Indexing

- Creates modified vector space
- Captures transitive co-occurrence information
  - If docs A & B don't share any words, with each other, but both share lots of words with doc C, then A & B will be considered similar
  - Handles polysemy (adam's apple) & synonymy
- Simulates query expansion and document clustering (sort of)

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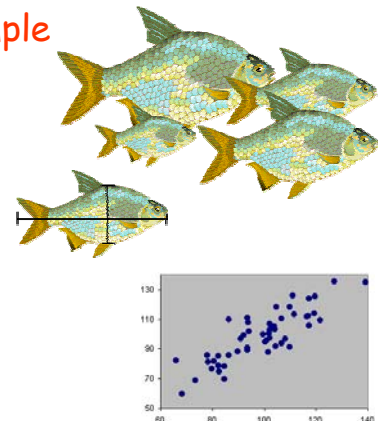
## LSI Intuition

- The key idea is to map documents and queries into a *lower dimensional space* (i.e., composed of *higher level concepts* which are in fewer number than the index terms)
- Retrieval in this reduced concept space might be superior to retrieval in the space of index terms

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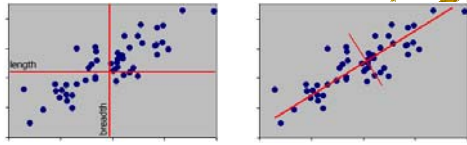
## Visual Example

- Classify Fish
  - Length
  - Height



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## Move Origin to Center



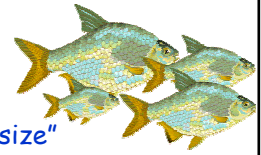
But are these the best axes?

Better if one axis accounts for most data variation

What should we call the red axis?

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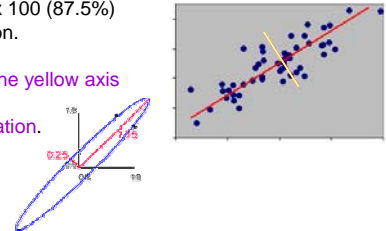
## Reduce Dimensions



What if we *only* consider "size"?

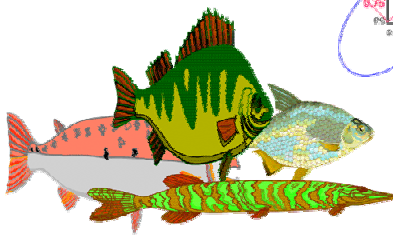
We retain  $1.75/2.00 \times 100$  (87.5%) of the original variation.

Thus, by discarding the yellow axis we lose only 12.5% of the original information.



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## Not Always Appropriate



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## Linear Algebra Review

- Let  $A$  be a matrix
- $X$  is an Eigenvector of  $A$  if  $A * X = \lambda X$
- $\lambda$  is an Eigenvalue
- Transpose:

$$A^T = \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}$$

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## Latent Semantic Indexing Defns

- Let  $m$  be the total number of index terms
- Let  $n$  be the number of documents
- Let  $[A_{ij}]$  be a term-document matrix  
With  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns  
Entries = weights,  $w_{ij}$ , associated with the pair  $[k_i, d_j]$
- The weights can be computed with tf-idf

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## Singular Value Decomposition

- Factor  $[A_{ij}]$  matrix into 3 matrices as follows:
- $(A_{ij}) = (U) (S) (V)^{\dagger}$   
( $U$ ) is the matrix of eigenvectors derived from  $(A)(A)^{\dagger}$   
( $V$ ) $^{\dagger}$  is the matrix of eigenvectors derived from  $(A)^{\dagger}(A)$   
( $S$ ) is an  $r \times r$  diagonal matrix of singular values  
•  $r = \min(t, n)$  that is, the rank of  $(A_{ij})$   
• Singular values are the positive square roots of the eigen values of  $(A)(A)^{\dagger}$  (also  $(A)^{\dagger}(A)$ )

$U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices

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## LSI in a Nutshell

Documents

$$M = U S V^T$$

Terms

$m \times n$   
A

$m \times r$   
U

$r \times r$   
S

$r \times n$   
 $V^T$

Documents

$$U_k S_k V_k^T = \tilde{A}_k$$

Terms

$m \times k$   
 $U_k$

$k \times k$   
 $S_k$

$k \times n$   
 $V_k^T$

$m \times n$   
 $\tilde{A}_k$

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD):  
Convert term-document matrix into 3 matrices U, S and V

Reduce Dimensionality:  
Throw out low-order rows and columns

Recreate Matrix:  
Multiply to produce approximate term-document matrix. Use new matrix to process queries

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## Example

term	ch2	ch3	ch4	ch5	ch6	ch7	ch8	ch9
controllability	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
observability	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
realization	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
feedback	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
controller	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
observer	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
transfer function	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
polynomial	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
matrices	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

$U(9 \times 7) =$

```

0.3996 -0.1037 0.5606 -0.3717 -0.3919 -0.3482 0.1029
0.4180 -0.0641 0.4878 0.1566 0.5771 0.1981 -0.1094
0.3464 -0.4422 -0.3997 -0.5142 0.2787 0.0102 -0.2857
0.1888 0.4615 0.0349 -0.0279 -0.2087 0.4193 -0.6629
0.3602 0.3776 -0.0914 0.1596 -0.2045 -0.3701 -0.1023
0.4075 0.3622 -0.3657 -0.2684 -0.0174 0.2711 0.5676
0.2750 0.1667 -0.1303 0.4376 0.3844 -0.3066 0.1230
0.2259 -0.3096 -0.3579 0.3127 -0.2406 -0.3122 -0.2611
0.2958 -0.4232 0.0277 0.4305 -0.3800 0.5114 0.2010

```

$S(7 \times 7) =$

```

3.9901 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 2.2813 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 1.6705 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 1.3522 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 1.1818 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0.6623 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0.6487

```

$V(7 \times 8) =$

```

0.2917 -0.2674 0.3883 -0.5393 0.3926 -0.2112 -0.4505
0.3399 0.4811 0.0649 -0.3760 -0.6059 -0.0421 -0.1462
0.1889 -0.0351 -0.4582 -0.5788 0.2211 0.4247 0.4346
-0.0000 -0.0000 -0.0000 -0.0000 0.0000 -0.0000 0.0000
0.6838 -0.1913 -0.1609 0.2535 0.0050 -0.5229 0.3636
0.4134 0.5716 -0.0566 0.3383 0.4493 0.3198 -0.2839
0.2176 -0.5151 -0.4369 0.1694 -0.2893 0.3161 -0.5330
0.2791 -0.2591 0.6442 0.1593 -0.1648 0.5455 0.2598

```

This happens to be a rank-7 matrix  
-so only 7 dimensions required

Singular values = Sqrt of Eigen values of  $AA^T$

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## Now to Reduce Dimensions...

- In the matrix (S), select  $k$  largest singular values
- Keep the corresponding columns in (U) and ( $V^T$ )
- The resultant matrix is called  $(M)_k$  and is given by  $(M)_k = (U)_k (S)_k (V)_k^T$  where  $k, k < r$ , is the dimensionality of the concept space
- The parameter  $k$  should be large enough to allow fitting the characteristics of the data small enough to filter out the non-relevant representational details

The classic over-fitting issue

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Formally, this will be the rank- $k$  (2) matrix that is closest to  $M$  in the matrix norm sense

```

U(9x7) =
0.3996 -0.1037 0.5606 -0.3717 -0.3919 -0.3482 0.1029
0.4180 -0.0641 0.4878 0.1566 0.5771 0.1981 -0.1094
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0.2958 -0.4232 0.0277 0.4305 -0.3800 0.5114 0.2010

```

```

U2(9x2) =
0.3996 -0.1037
0.4180 -0.0641
0.3464 -0.4422
0.1888 0.4615
0.3602 0.3776
0.4075 0.3622
0.2750 0.1667
0.2259 -0.3096
0.2958 -0.4232

```

```

S2(2x2) =
3.9901 0
0 2.2813

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```

V2(8x2) =
0.2917 -0.2674
0.3399 0.4811
0.1889 -0.0351
-0.0000 -0.0000
0.6838 -0.1913
0.4134 0.5716
0.2176 -0.5151
0.2791 -0.2591

```

U2\*S2\*V2 will be a 9x8 matrix  
That approximates original matrix

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## What should be the value of $k$ ?

$U_2 S_2 V_2^T$

5 components ignored

$K=2$

$USV^T = U_2 S_2 V_2^T$

$U_4 S_4 V_4^T$

3 components ignored

$K=4$

$U_6 S_6 V_6^T$

One component ignored

$K=6$

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## Coordinate transformation inherent in LSI

$M = U S V^T$

Mapping of keywords into LSI space is given by US

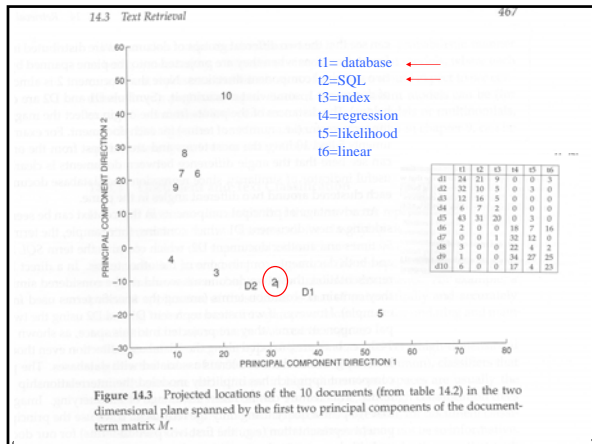
Mapping of a doc  $d=[w_1 \dots w_k]$  into LSI space is given by  $dUS^T$

For  $k=2$ , the mapping is:

	$LS_x$	$LS_y$
controllability	1.5944439	-0.3653708
observability	1.6678618	-0.14623132
realization	1.3821706	-1.0087909
feedback	0.7533309	1.05282
controller	1.4372339	0.86141896
observer	1.6259657	0.82628685
Transfer function	1.0972775	0.38029274
polynomial	0.90136355	-0.7062905
matrices	1.1802715	-0.96544623

The base-keywords of The doc are first mapped To LSI keywords and Then differentially weighted By  $S^{-1}$

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## Calculating Information Loss

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_6 = [77.4, 69.5, 22.9, 13.5, 12.1, 4.8]$

In agreement with our intuition, most of the variance in the data is captured by the first two principal components. In fact, if we were to retain only these two principal components (as two surrogate terms instead of the six original terms), the fraction of variance that our two-dimensional representation retains is  $(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2) / \sum_{i=1}^6 \lambda_i^2 = 0.925$ ; i.e., only 7.5% of the information has been lost (in a mean-square sense). If we represent the documents in the new two-dimensional principal component space, the coefficients for each document correspond to the first two columns of the  $U$  matrix:

d1	30.8998	-11.4912
d2	30.3131	-10.7801
d3	18.0007	-7.7138
d4	8.3765	-3.5611
d5	52.7057	-20.6051
d6	14.2118	21.8263
d7	10.8052	21.9140
d8	11.5080	28.0101
d9	9.5259	17.7666
d10	19.9219	45.0751

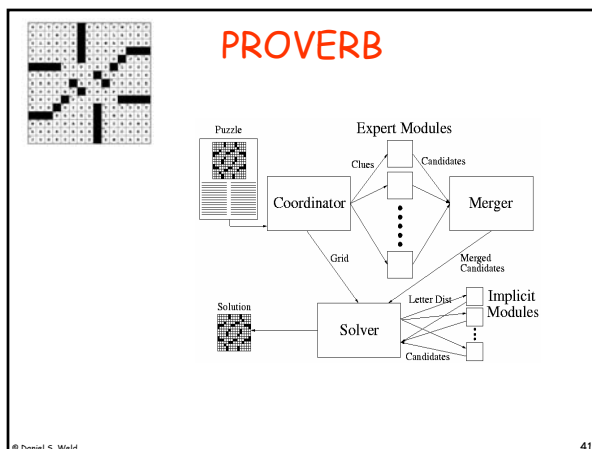
Should clean this up into a slide summarizing the info loss formula

## SVD Computation complexity

- For an  $m \times n$  matrix SVD computation is  $O(km^2n + k'n^3)$  complexity
  - $k=4$  and  $k'=22$  for best algorithms
- Approximate algorithms that exploit the sparsity of  $M$  are available (and being developed)

## What LSI can do

- LSI analysis effectively does
  - Dimensionality reduction
  - Noise reduction
  - Exploitation of redundant data
  - Correlation analysis and Query expansion (with related words)
- Any one of the individual effects can be achieved with simpler techniques (see thesaurus construction). But LSI does all of them together.



## 30 Expert Modules

- Including...
- Partial Match
  - TF/IDF measure
- LSI

## PROVERB

- Key ideas

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## PROVERB

- Weaknesses

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## CWDB

- Useful?  
94.8% → 27.1%
- Fair?
- Clue transformations  
Learned

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## Merging

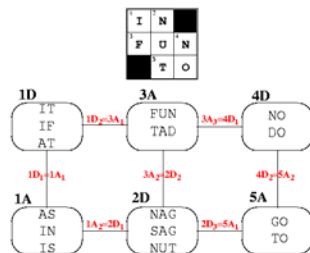
### Modules provide:

- Ordered list  
<candidate, weight>
- Confidence
- Statistics
  - Scale
  - Scale length
  - Spread

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## Grid Filling and CSPs



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## CSPs and IR

### Domain from ranked candidate list?

Tortellini topping:

TRATORIA, COUSCOUS, SEMOLINA, PARMESAN,  
RIGATONI, PLATEFUL, FORDLTDS, SCOTTIES,  
ASPIRINS, MACARONI, FROSTING, RYEBREAD,  
STREUSEL, LASAGNAS, GRIFTERS, BAKERIES, ...  
MARINARA, REDMEATS, VESUVIUS, ...

Standard recall/precision tradeoff.

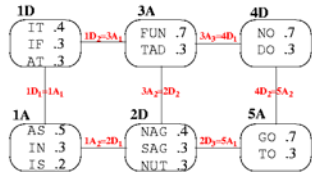
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## Probabilities to the Rescue?

Annotate domain with the bias.



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## Solution Probability

Proportional to the product of the probability of the individual choices.

I	N	
F	U	N
	T	O

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \Pr(\text{IN}) \times \Pr(\text{FUN}) \times \Pr(\text{TO}) \times \\ &\Pr(\text{IF}) \times \Pr(\text{NUT}) \times \Pr(\text{NO}) \\ &= 0.003969 \end{aligned}$$

Can pick sol'n with maximum probability.  
Maximizes prob. of whole puzzle correct.  
Won't maximize number of words correct.

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## PROVERB

- Future Work

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## Trivial Pursuit™

Race around board, answer questions.  
Categories: Geography, Entertainment, History, Literature, Science, Sports



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## Wigwam

QA via AQUA (Abney et al. 00)

- back off: word match in order helps score.
- "When was Amelia Earhart's last flight?"
  - 1937, 1897 (birth), 1997 (reenactment)
- Named entities only, 100G of web pages

Move selection via MDP (Littman 00)

- Estimate category accuracy.
- Minimize expected turns to finish.

- QA on the Web...

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## Mulder

- Question Answering System

User asks Natural Language question:

"Who killed Lincoln?"

Mulder answers: "John Wilkes Booth"

- KB = Web/Search Engines
- Domain-independent
- Fully automated



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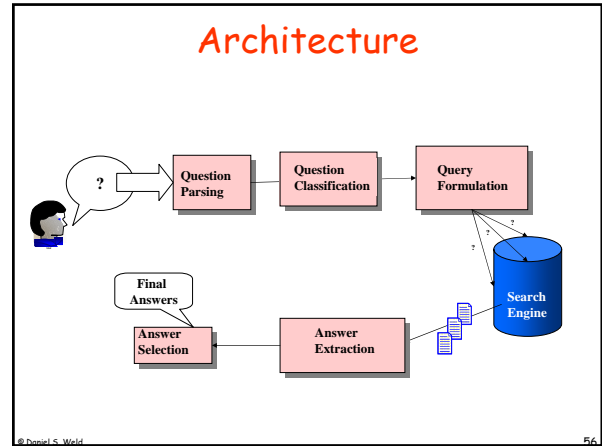
**MULDER** Your question: Who killed Lincoln? Ask

"The Truth is Out There"

Mulder is 90% confident the answer is **John Wilkes Booth**.  
The following are possible answers, list in order of confidence:

- John Wilkes Booth** (90%)  
[artifact template](#)  
 ... How Booth shot Lincoln with a pistol. Why: **Booth killed Lincoln** because he was from the south and he was mad about losing the war ...  
[Assassinations](#)  
**John Wilkes Booth killed Lincoln** in the presidential box at Washington's Ford Theater during a performance of "Our American Cousin."  
[MORE...](#)
- Mary Todd** (10%)  
[Mary Todd Killed Lincoln - submitted by Quasam Disk](#) ...  
 THE GUN THAT SHOT ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS A WOMAN'S DERRINGER!!

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### Experimental Methodology

- Idea:** In order to answer  $n$  questions, how much *user effort* has to be exerted
- Implementation:**
  - A question is answered if
    - the answer phrases are found in the result pages returned by the service, or
    - they are found in the web pages pointed to by the results.

Bias in favor of Mulder's opponents

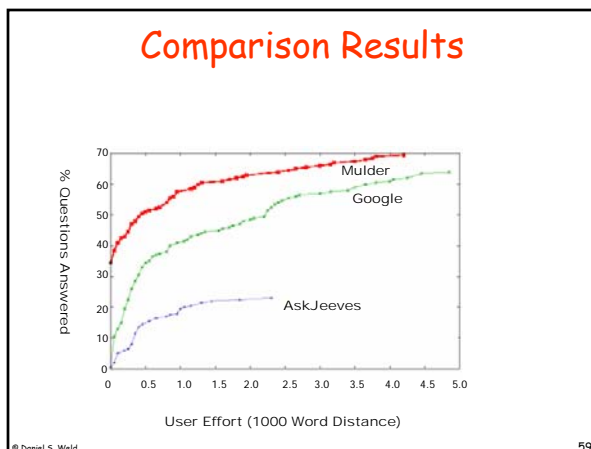
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### Experimental Methodology

- User Effort = Word Distance**  
 # of words read before answers are encountered

- Google/AskJeeves**  
 query with the original question

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### Knowledge Navigator

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## Tufte

- Next Slides illustrated from Tufte's book

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## Tabular Data

- Statistically, columns look the same...

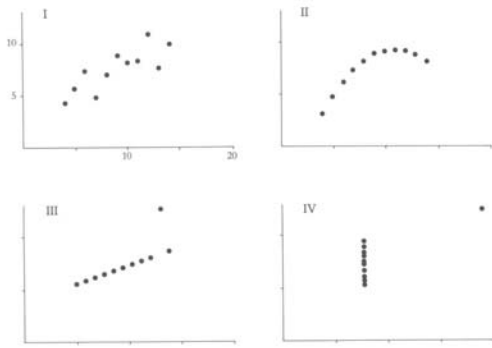
I		II		III		IV	
X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
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8.0	6.95	8.0	8.14	8.0	6.77	8.0	5.26
13.0	7.58	13.0	8.74	13.0	12.74	8.0	7.71
9.0	8.81	9.0	8.77	9.0	7.11	8.0	8.84
11.0	8.33	11.0	9.26	11.0	7.91	8.0	8.47
14.0	9.96	14.0	8.10	14.0	8.84	8.0	7.04
6.0	7.24	6.0	6.13	6.0	6.08	8.0	5.25
4.0	4.26	4.0	3.10	4.0	5.39	19.0	12.50
12.0	10.84	12.0	9.13	12.0	8.15	8.0	5.56
7.0	4.82	7.0	7.26	7.0	6.42	8.0	7.91
5.0	5.68	5.0	4.74	5.0	5.73	8.0	6.89

$N = 11$   
 mean of  $X$ 's = 9.0  
 mean of  $Y$ 's = 7.5  
 equation of regression line:  $Y = 3 + 0.5X$   
 standard error of estimate of slope = 0.118  
 $t = 4.24$   
 sum of squares  $X - \bar{X} = 110.0$   
 regression sum of squares = 27.50  
 residual sum of squares of  $Y = 13.75$   
 correlation coefficient = .82  
 $r^2 = .67$

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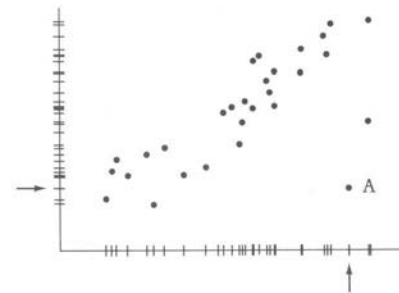
## But When Graphed....



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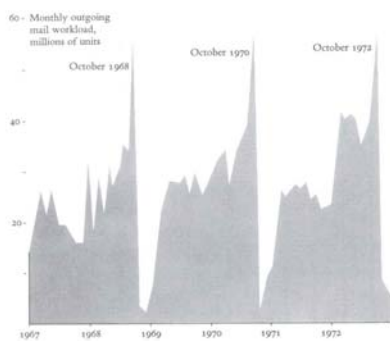
## Noisy Data?



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## Political Control of Economy



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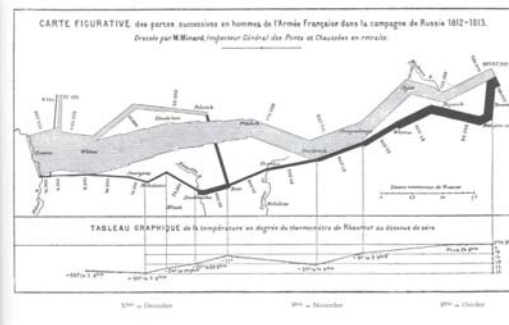
## Wine Exports



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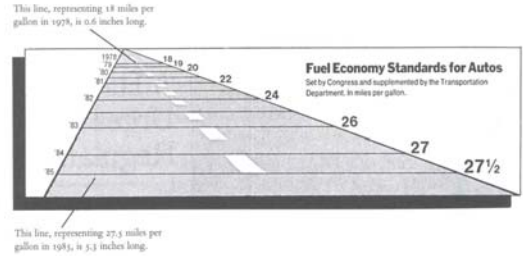
## Napolean



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## And This Graph?



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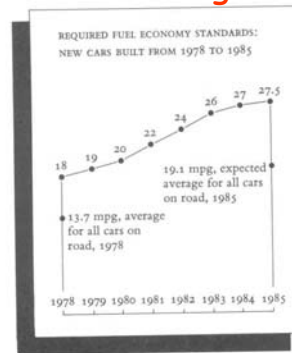
## Tufte's Principles

1. The representation of numbers, as physically measured on the surface of the graphic itself, should be directly proportional to the numerical quantities themselves
2. Clear, detailed, and thorough labeling should be used to defeat graphical distortion and ambiguity. Write out explanations of the data on the graphic itself. Label important events in the data.

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## Correcting the Lie



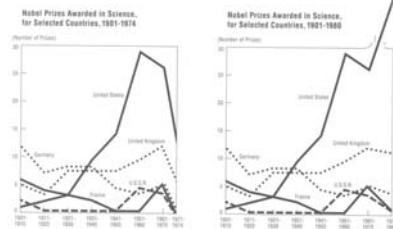
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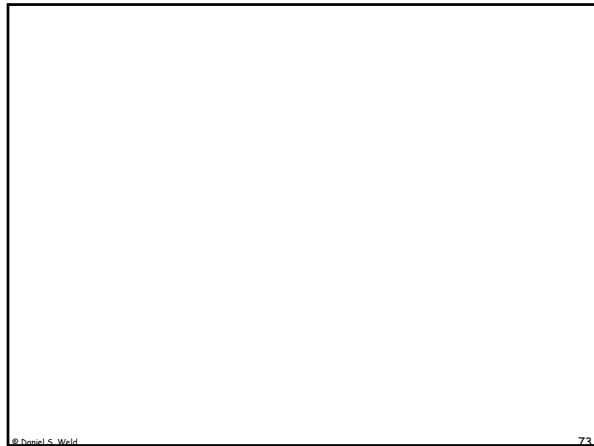
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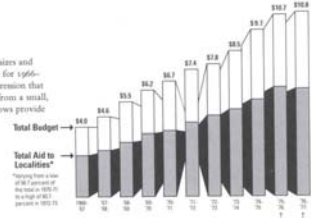


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## Subtle Distortion

This cluster of type emphases and stretches out the low value for 1966-1967, encouraging the impression that recent years have shot up from a small, stable base. Horizontal arrows provide similar emphasis.



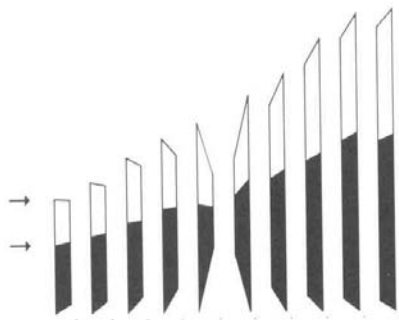
This squared-down block of type contributes to an image of small, squared-down budgets back in the good old days.

Arrows pointing straight up emphasize recent growth. Compare with horizontal arrows at left.

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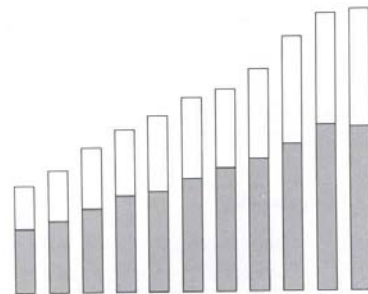
## Removing Clutter



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## Less Busy



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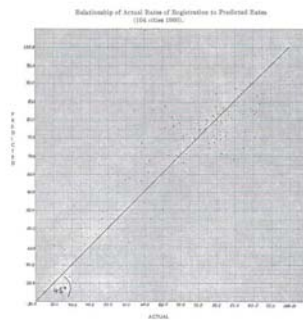
## Constant Dollars



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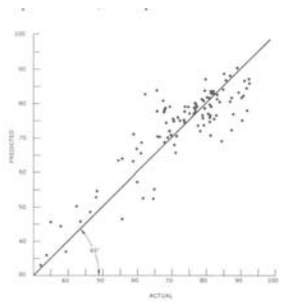
## Chart Junk



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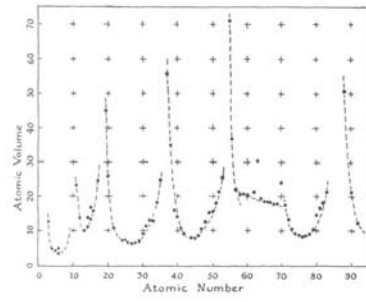
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### Remove Junk



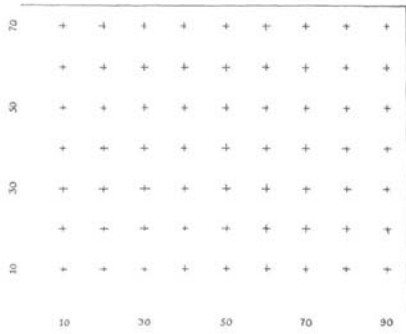
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### Maximize Data-Ink Ratio



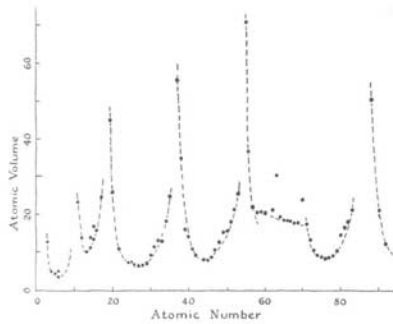
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### Remove This!



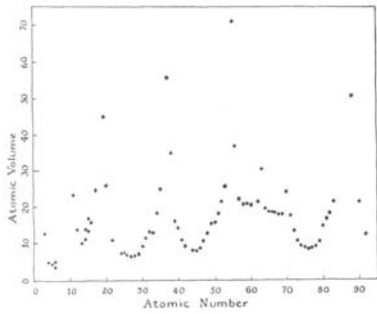
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### Leaves This



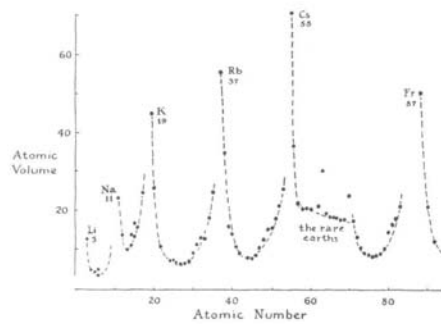
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### Dropped Too Much (lost periodicity)



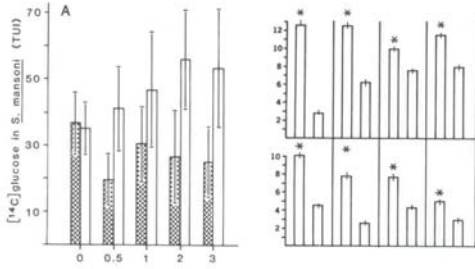
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### Labeling



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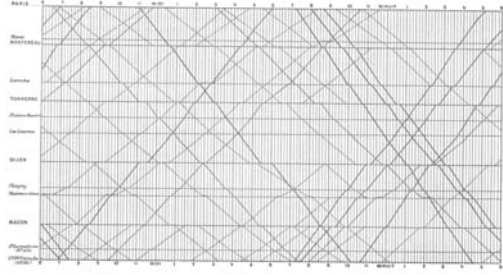
## Moire Noise



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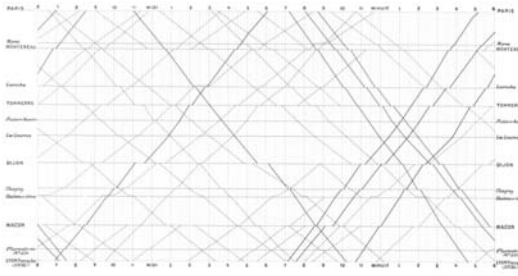
## Classic Example



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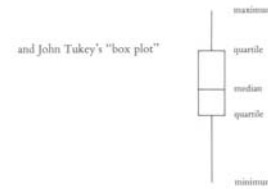
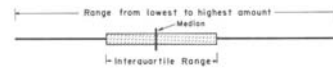
## Improved...



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## DI Ratio



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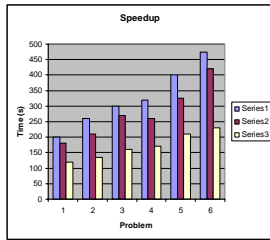
## Case Study

	Base Algo	Heuristic 1	Heuristic 2
Problem 1	200	180	120
Problem 2	260	210	135
Problem 3	300	270	160
Problem 4	320	260	170
Problem 5	400	325	210
Problem 6	475	420	230

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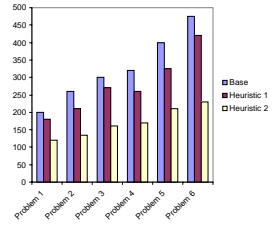
## Default Excel Chart



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Q1

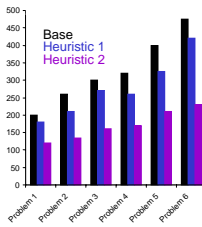
## Removing Obvious Chart Junk



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Q2

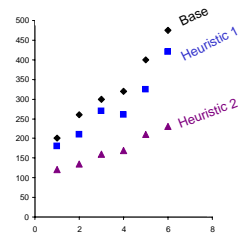
## Manual Simplification



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Q3

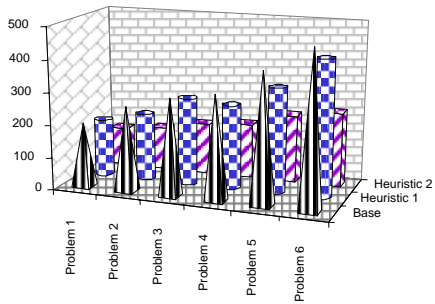
## Scatter Graph



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## Grand Climax



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