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A comparison between Latent Semantic Analysis and Correspondence Analysis

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Text representation for categorization task



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Objectives

- Comparison of several text representation techniques through theory and application
- In particular, comparison between a statistical technique : Correspondence Analysis, and an information retrieval (IR) oriented method : Latent Semantic Analysis
- Can we find a representation better than the others to perform document clustering ?
- Discussion about advantages and weaknesses of each method given the type of corpus studied

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Uses of LSA

- LSA was patented in 1988 (US Patent 4,839,853) by Deerwester, Dumais, Furnas, Harshman, Landauer, Lochbaum and Streeter.
- Find semantic relations between terms
- Helps to overcome synonymy and polysemy problems
- Dimensionality reduction (from several thousands of features to 40-400 dimensions)

Applications

- Document clustering and document classification
- Matching queries to documents of similar topic meaning (information retrieval)
- Text summarization
- Essay scoring
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LSA theory

How to obtain document coordinates?

1) Document-Term matrix 2) Weighting

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \qquad T_W = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$
3) SVD
4) Document coordinates in the laten

4) Document coordinates in the latent semantic space :

 $T_W = U \Sigma V'$

 $C = U_k \Sigma_k$

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We need to find the optimal dimensionality for final representation

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Common weighting functions

Local weighting

Term frequency $I_{ii}(f_{ii}) = f_{ii}$

Binary $I_{ii}(f_{ii}) = 1$ if term j occurs in document i, else 0

Logarithm $l_{ii}(f_{ii}) = log(f_{ii} + 1)$

Global weighting

Normalisation $g_j(f_{ij}) = rac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_i f_{ij}^2}}$

IDF (Inverse Document Frequency) $g_j(f_{ij}) = 1 + \log(\frac{n}{n_i})$ n : number of documents n_i : number of documents in which term *i* occurs

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Entropy

$$g_j(f_{ij}) = 1 - \sum_i rac{f_{ij}}{f_j} \log(rac{f_{ij}}{f_j})}{\log(n)}$$

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LSA vs CA

Latent Semantic Analysis

1)
$$T = [f_{ij}]_{i,j}$$

2) $T_W = [I_{ij}(f_{ij}) \cdot g_j(f_{ij})]_{ij}$

Correspondence Analysis

1)
$$T = [f_{ij}]_{i,j}$$

2) $T_W = \left[\frac{f_{ij}}{\sqrt{f_{i.}f_{.j}}}\right]_{i,j}$
3) $T_W = U\Sigma V'$
3') $\tilde{U} = diag(\sqrt{\frac{f_{..}}{f_{i.}}})U$
4) $C = \tilde{U}_k \Sigma_k$

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3)
$$T_W = U\Sigma V'$$

4) $C = U_k \Sigma_k$
• $CA : I_{ij}(f_{ij}) = \frac{f_{ij}}{\sqrt{f_i}}$ and $g_j(f_{ij}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f_i}}$

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- Corpus of job offers
- Find the best representation method to assess "job similarity" between offers in a non-supervised framework
- Comparison of several representation techniques
- Discussion about the optimal number of dimensions to keep
- Comparison between two similarity measures

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- Offers have been manually labeled by recruiters into 8 categories during the posting procedure
- Distribution among job categories :

Category	Freq.	%	Category	Freq.	%
Sales/Business Development	360	24	Marketing/Product	141	10
R&D/Science	69	5	Production/Operations	127	9
Accounting/Finance	338	23	Human Resources	138	9
Logistics/Transportation	118	8	Information Systems	192	13
			Total	1483	100

• We keep only the "title"+"mission description" parts ("firm description" and "profile searched" are excluded)

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Preprocessing of texts

- Lemmatisation and tagging
- Filtering according to grammatical category (we keep nouns, verbs and adjectives)
- Filtering terms occuring in less than 5 offers •
- Vector space model ("bag of words")

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Several representations are compared

Representation method

- LSA, weighting : Term Frequency
- LSA, weighting : TF-IDF
- LSA, weighting : Log Entropy
- CA

Dissimilarity measure

- Euclidian distance between documents i and i'
- 1 cosine similarity between documents *i* and *i'*

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Method of clustering

Clustering steps

- Computing of dissimilarity matrix from document coordinates in the latent semantic space
- Hierarchical Ascendant Classification to obtain a 8 class partition
- Computing of class barycentric coordinates
- K-means clustering initialized from previous barycentric coordinates

Measures of agreement between two partitions

P_1 , P_2 : two partitions of n objects with the same number of class k $N = [n_{ij}]_{\substack{i=1,..,k \ j=1,..,k}}$: corresponding contingency table

Rand index

$$R = \frac{2\sum_{i}\sum_{j}n_{ij}^{2} - \sum_{i}n_{i.}^{2} - \sum_{j}n_{.j}^{2} + n^{2}}{n^{2}}, \qquad 0 \le R \le 1$$

• Rand index is based on the number of pairs of units which belong to the same clusters. It doesn't depend on cluster labeling.

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Measures of agreement between two partitions

• Cohen's Kappa and F-measure values are depending on clusters' labels. To overcome label switching, we are looking for their maximum values over all label allocations.

Cohen's Kappa
$$\kappa^{opt} = max \left\{ \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} n_{ii} - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i} n_{i.} n_{.i}}{1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i} n_{i.} n_{.i}} \right\}, \qquad -1 \le \kappa \le 1$$

F-measure

$$F^{opt} = max \left\{ \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i} \frac{n_{ii}}{n_{i.}} \cdot \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i} \frac{n_{ii}}{n_{.i}}}{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i} \frac{n_{ii}}{n_{i.}} + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i} \frac{n_{ii}}{n_{.i}}} \right\}, \qquad 0 \le F \le 1$$

Correlation between coordinates issued from the different methods



Clustering quality according to the method and the number of dimensions : Rand index



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Clustering quality according to the method and the number of dimensions : Cohen's Kappa



Clustering quality according to the method and the number of dimensions : F-measure



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Clustering quality according to the dissimilarity function : LSA + Log Entropy



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Clustering quality according to the dissimilarity function : CA



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Conclusions

- CA seems to be less stable than other methods but provides better results on a few number of dimensions (depending on index)
- As it is said in literature, cosine similarity between vectors seems to be more adapted to textual data than usual dot similarity
- Greater improvement with cosine similarity for CA method (only on the first 200 dimensions)
- Optimal number of dimensions to keep? It is varying according to the type of text studied and the method used (around 60 dimensions with CA, around 40 dimensions with LSA methods)

Limitations & future work

Limitations of the study

- Clusters obtained are compared with categories choosen by recruiters, so it is sometimes a subjective labeling and some errors may appear
- We are working on a very particular type of corpus : shorts texts, variable length, sometimes very similar but not really duplicates

Future work

- Test other methods of data clustering (the representation to adopt may depend on it)
- Repeat the study with a supervised algorithm for classification (index values are disappointing in unsupervised framework)
- Study the effect of using the different parts of job offers for classification

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