

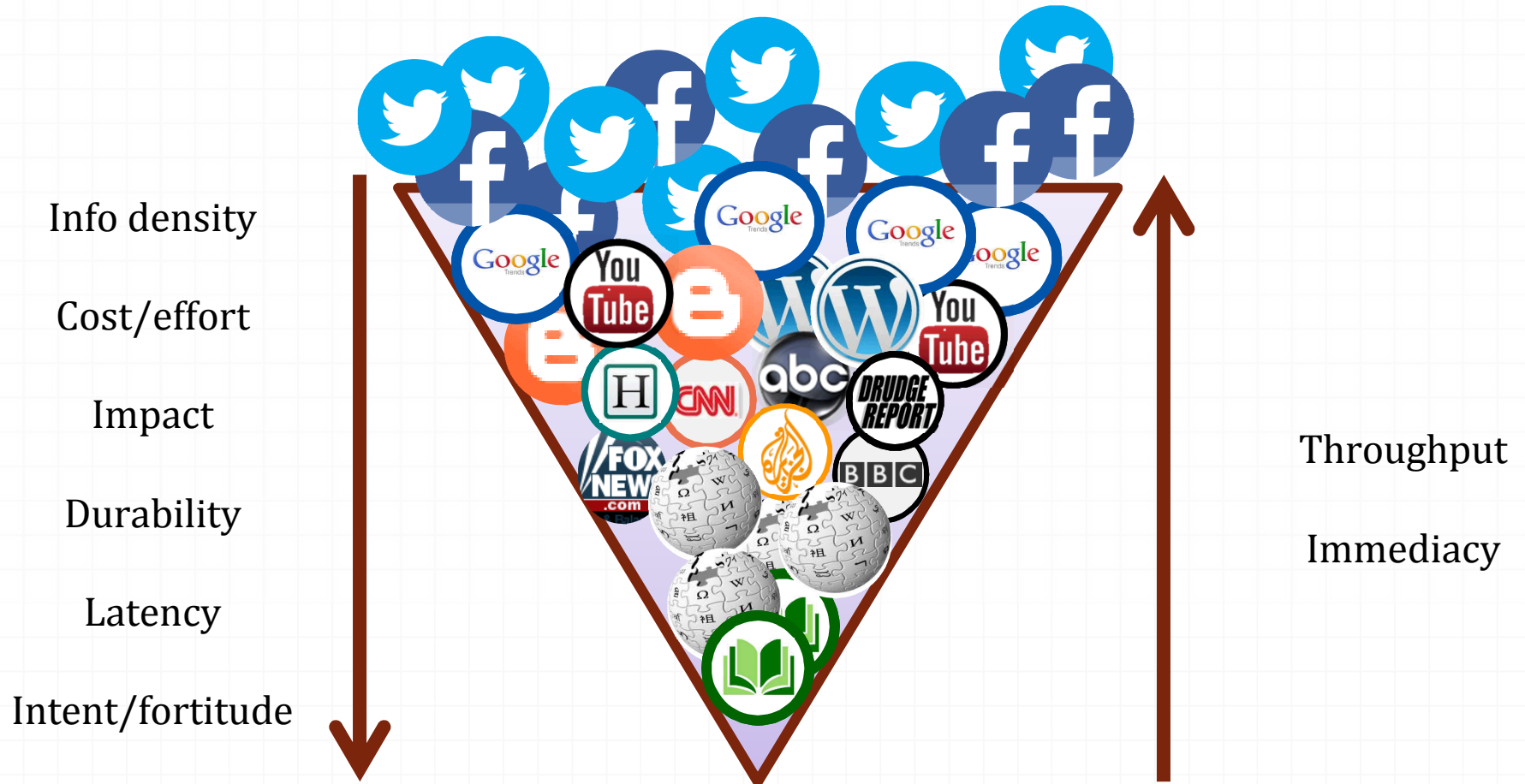
# An Intro to Text Analytics

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# Written communication varies a lot



# Every Search Problem Is Unique

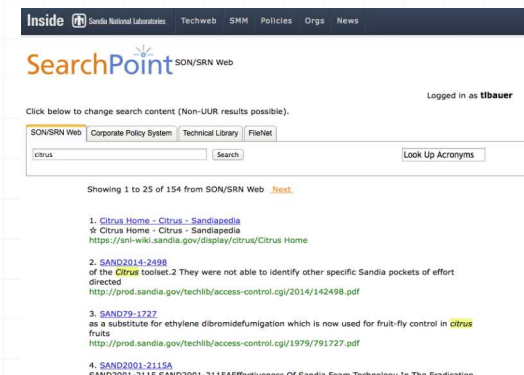
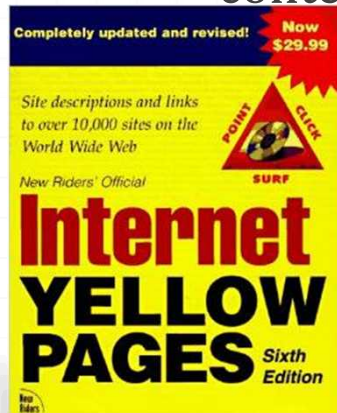
## Google-scale

- 100,000,000 GB index
- Few canonical answers
- Rapidly changing
- Hidden content
  - Dark web
  - Paywalls/usernames
- Dynamically generated content

## Sandia-scale

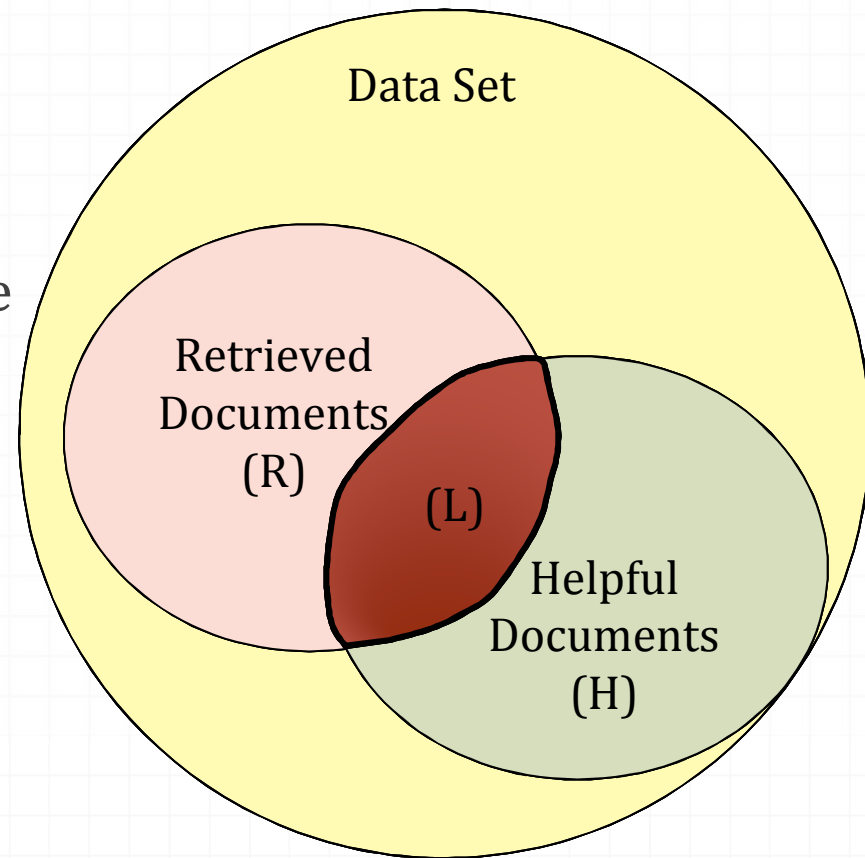
- 813,000 documents
- Canonical answers exist
- Slower to change
- Content issues
  - All content must be approved
  - Some requires authorities
- Some dynamically generated content

Very different problems...  
Very different algorithms required



# Define Quality Measure

- Precision:
  - $L / R$  – The fraction of retrieved documents that are useful
- Recall:
  - $L / H$  – The fraction of the useful documents retrieved
- Perfection?



# Zipf's Law



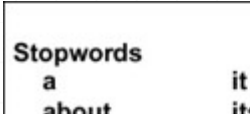
“Given some corpus of natural language utterances, the frequency of any word is inversely proportional to its rank in the frequency table. Thus the most frequent word will occur approximately twice as often as the second most frequent word, three times as often as the third most frequent word, etc.”

George Kinsley Zipf, 1935

- Which of those questions does this affect?



# Stopwords

- The most common words show up in nearly all documents
    - Not very useful for search
  - They also show up the most in many documents
    - Visualizations can be dominated
  - Don't include them in the matrix
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### Stopwords

a	it	these
about	its	they
again	itself	this
all	just	those
almost	kg	through
also	km	thus
although	made	to
always	mainly	upon
among	make	use
an	may	used
and	mg	using
another	might	various
any	ml	very
are	mm	was
as	most	we
at	mostly	were

# Sample Document Term Matrix

	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8	d9	d10
ship	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
boat	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
cargo	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
board	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
player	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
turn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
win	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0

- Linear Independence
  - Synonymy
  - Polysemy

# Synonymy

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- Linear Independence
  - **Synonymy**
  - Polysemy
- Compression



# Polysemy

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# After SVD

This matrix is the result of running SVD

	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8	d9	d10
ship	.28	.28	.35	.35	.40	.02	-.03	-.03	-.03	-.03
boat	.55	.55	.68	.68	.78	.10	-.01	-.01	-.02	-.02
cargo	.83	.83	1.02	1.02	1.18	.12	-.04	-.04	-.05	-.05
board	.21	.21	.27	.27	.35	.35	.27	.27	.21	.21
player	-.05	-.05	-.04	-.04	.12	1.18	1.02	1.02	.83	.83
turn	-.03	-.03	-.03	-.03	.02	.40	.35	.35	.28	.28
win	-.02	-.02	-.01	-.01	.10	.78	.68	.68	.55	.55

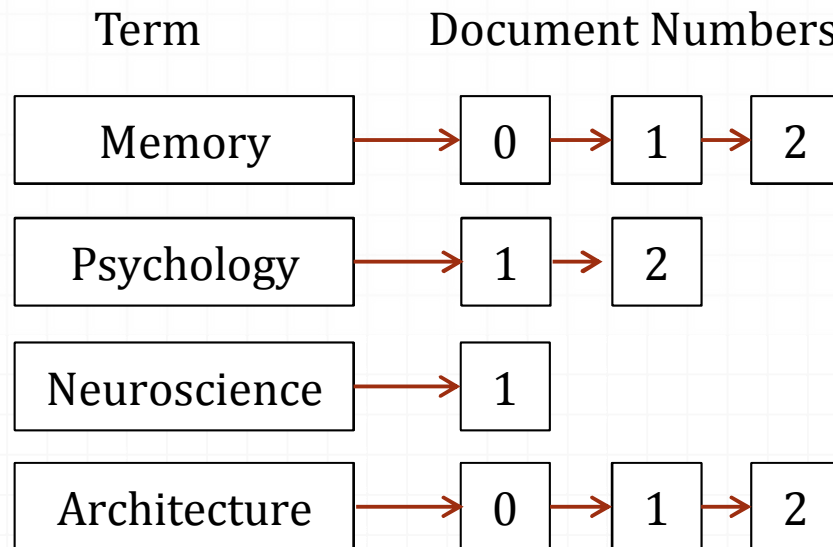
# The Two Matrices

	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8	d9	d10
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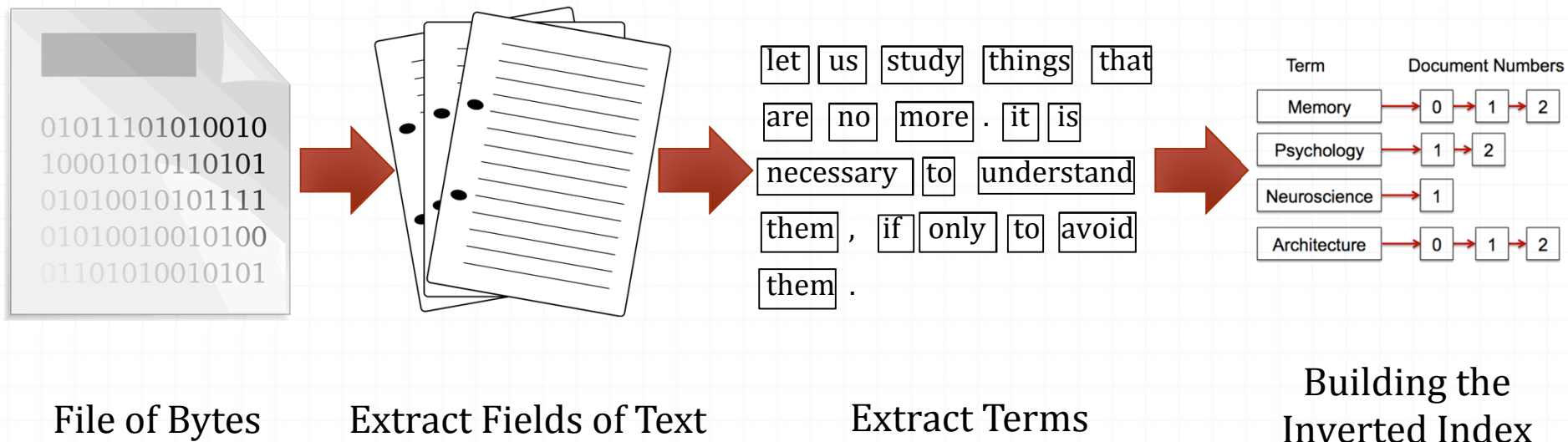
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# Inverted Index

- Only record the non-zero values



# Creating the Index





# Extract Terms

- Tokenization
  - Cut character sequences into word tokens
    - Split on spaces
    - Make decisions regarding hyphens, colons, etc.
    - Phrases
- Normalization
  - Change case
  - Remove internal punctuation (for example, change U.S.A. to USA)
- Stemming
  - Run, running, runner get turned into “run”
  - Often not useful
    - A document that is sufficiently about some term is likely to include the relevant stems
    - Collapse terms in unwanted ways (e.g. runny)
    - There are other ways to deal with this issue

Consistency is critical

# Term Frequency

- We can store the count of the term occurrence in the index for each document (zeros still implied)
- More formally,  $tf_{d,t}$  is the frequency of term  $t$  in document  $d$
- Example:
  - “John is quicker than Mary” = [john:1, mary:1, quicker:1]
  - “Mary is quicker than John” = [john:1, mary:1, quicker:1]

# Inverse Document Frequency

- Document frequency: The number of documents that contain some term

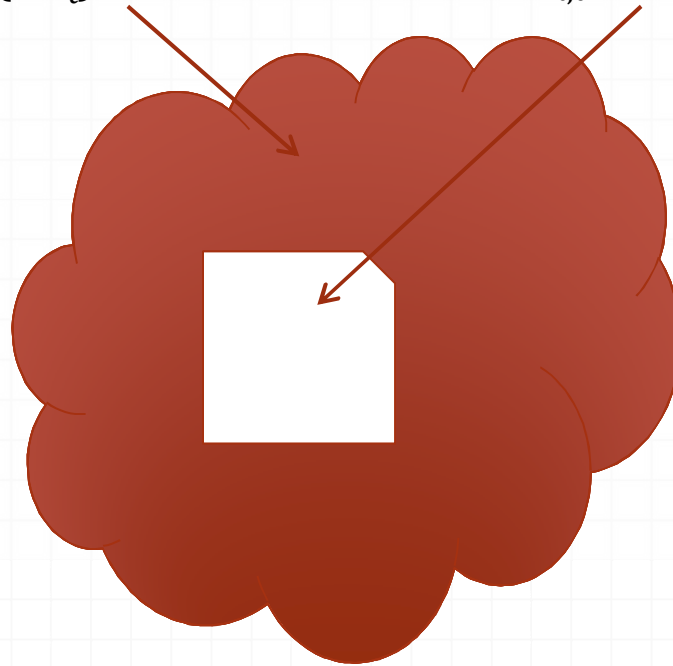
$$\text{idf}(t, D) = \log \frac{N}{|\{d \in D : t \in d\}|}$$

- N = number of documents in the corpus
- Denominator = document frequency (often corrected for divide by zero by adding 1 to denom)
- Thus, tf \* idf gets you the words that are most common in the document and least common in the corpus

# TF\*IDF

Global Weight  
( $\text{idf}_t$ )

Local Weight  
( $\text{tf}_{t,d}$ )



# A document as a query

- We can use a whole document as a query and search for the most similar document in the corpus
  - Sort results by similarity
- How do we compute similarity?
  - Absolute value of vector difference
    - If the vectors have similar distribution, but different scale...
  - Dot product
    - Longer documents have higher probability of containing the queried terms
  - Cosine similarity
    - Normalizes the dot product by document length
- Another scoring metric that uses the entropy of the term across the corpus and the count within a document
  - Well normalized



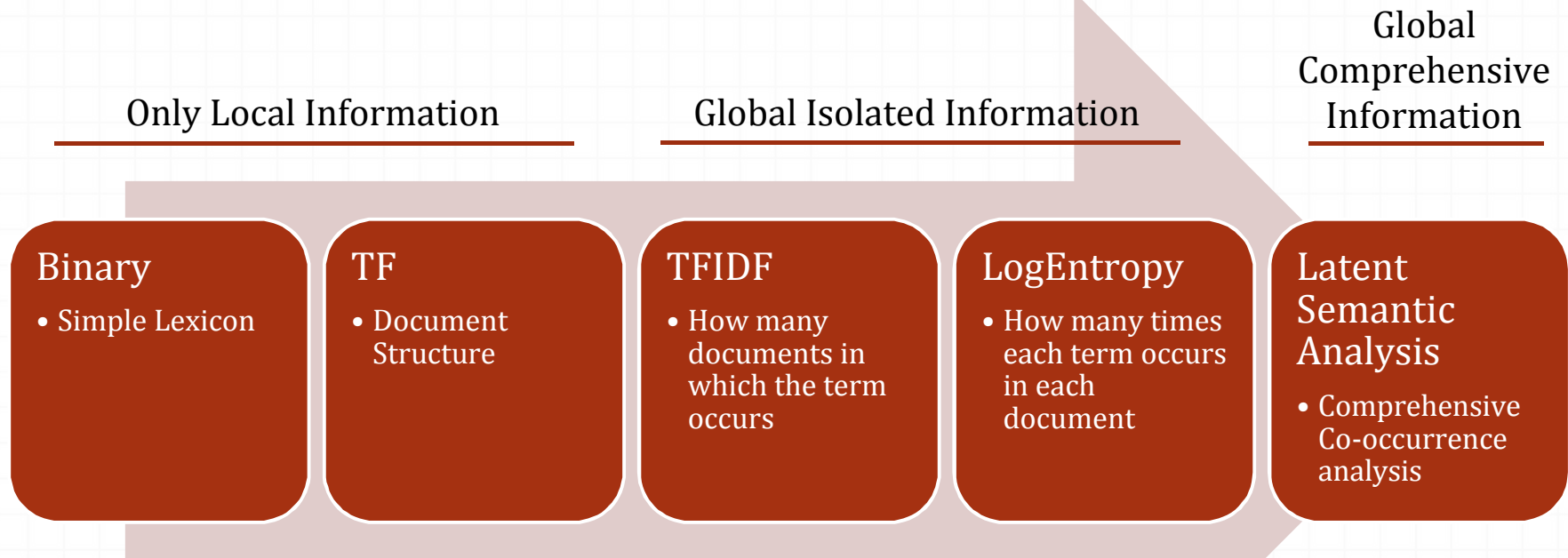
# Topic Modeling

- Leaving search
- Given a large document corpus
  - What topics are covered in the documents?
  - Which documents fit into which topics?
  - Which documents don't fit in any of these topics?
    - Both as a quality measure for the topics and to look at the documents

# We've Built a Matrix...

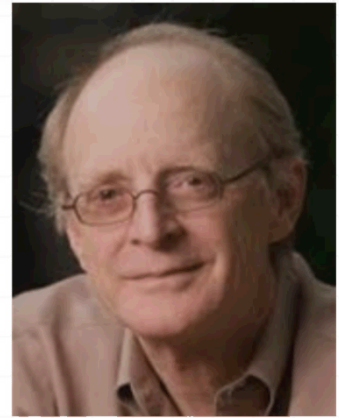
- ... so, let's do matrix operations
- Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) is based on a singular value decomposition
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)
  - LDA uses Bayesian stats to assign probabilities to document-topic pairs, and uses a sampling method (usually Gibbs) to iterate over the documents and terms.
  - LDA outputs both:
    - Per-document topic distribution
    - Per-topic term distribution
  - These outputs are often converted (via setting a probability threshold) into an overlapping distribution of documents in topics (i.e., some documents are assigned to multiple topics and some to no topic at all).
- LDA topics tend to be a little more human-understandable
- Overlapping documents is preferable for many applications (effectively it increases precision)

# Taking More information Into Account



Deerwester, Scott C., Susan T. Dumais, Thomas K. Landauer, George W. Furnas, and Richard A. Harshman. "Indexing by latent semantic analysis." *JAsIs* 41, no. 6 (1990): 391-407.

# James Pennebaker



- 1991: Psychology professor studying how/why people recover from traumatic events
- Ran a series of studies
  - People wrote about traumatic experiences
    - Many subjects improved considerably
      - Immune function boosts
      - Blood pressure drops
      - Depression reduces
      - Mood improves
- Why did writing work? Why did it not for some?

# Evaluate the Essays

- LSA was brand new and shiny
  - Tried looking at topics the subjects wrote about
  - No evidence that topics led to different outcomes
- Flip from looking at topic to writing style
  - Stopwords critical to writing style
    - ~~One might want to~~ try working smarter
    - ~~I want to~~ try working smarter





Survey  
Says...

# Results

- “The results were breathtaking. (Ok, if you are not a computational linguist, ‘breathtaking’ may be a bit of an overstatement. You had to be there.) The more people changed in the ways they used function words from writing to writing, the more their health later improved ... More specifically, the more people changed their use of first-person singular pronouns (e.g., *I, me, my*) compared with other pronouns (e.g. *we, you, she, they*), the better their health later became.

# What's a function word?



- PERSON 1: In the aforementioned picture an elderly woman is about to speak to a middle aged woman who looks condescending and calculating
- PERSON 2: I see an old woman looking back on her years remembering how it was to be beautiful and young.
- PERSON 3: The old woman is a witch or something. She looks kinda like she is coaxing the young one to do something.

# What's a function word?

## Not these



- PERSON 1: In the aforementioned **picture** an **elderly woman** is about to **speak** to a **middle aged woman** who **looks condescending** and **calculating**
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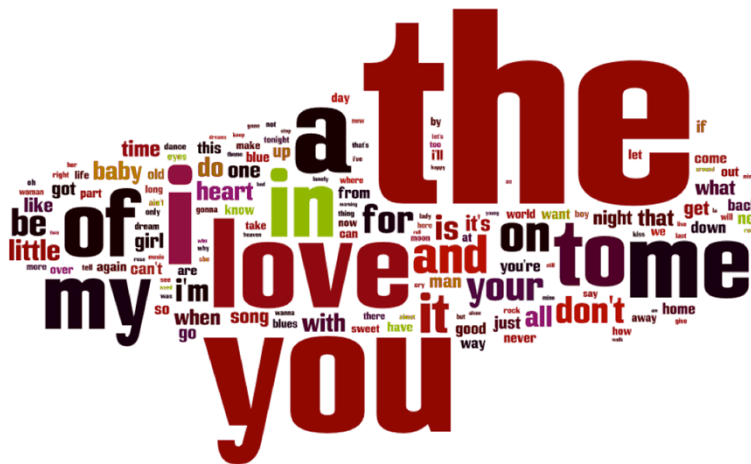
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# Function Words

- Average vocabulary size =  $\sim 100,000$  words
- Total number of function words = 450 words
  - $\sim 55\%$  of word occurrences
- 99.96% of our vocabulary responsible for less than half of word occurrences!

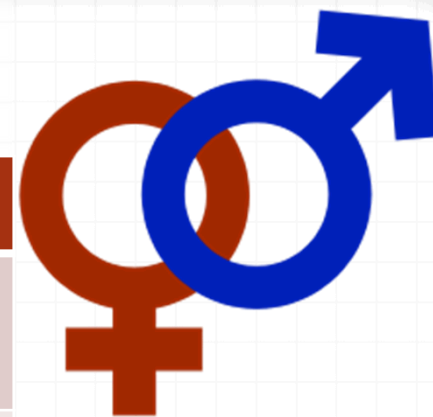


Word	Percent of all words
I	3.64
the	3.48
and	2.92
to	2.91
a	1.94
of	1.83
that	1.48
in	1.29
it	1.19
my	1.08
is	1.06
you	1.05
was	1.01
for	0.8
have	0.7
with	0.67
he	0.66
me	0.64
on	0.63
but	0.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.6</b>



# Extension to Other Areas

- When you hit gold, keep digging!
- They found function word usage varies over many areas
  - Personality
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Social class
  - Stress levels
  - Biological activity
  - Social relationships



Finding	Discussion
Women use first-person singular pronouns (I-words) more than men	Research suggests that women, on average, are more self-aware and self-focused than are men.
Men and women use first person plural words (we-words) at the same rate.	<p>“We” is actually two very different words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Warm and fuzzy” we (me and my dog) (women)</li><li>• Impersonal We – “We really need to analyze that data.” (men)</li></ul>
Men use articles (a, an, the) more than women.	More concrete, highly specific nouns.
No difference in positive emotional words	
Women use more cognitive words than men.	Because of the next line
Women use social words at far higher rates than men.	“Social words” are about relating to other human beings. Women talk more about other people.
Men also use more “big words” and swear words.	
Women use more negative emotion words, negations, certainty words (always, absolutely), and hedge phrases (“I think”)	

# How big is the difference?

- “Although men and women use words differently, the differences can often be subtle. In one large study of over fourteen thousand language samples, we found that 14.2 percent of women’s words were personal pronouns compared with 12.7 percent for men. From that statistical perspective, this is a *huge* difference. The kind of whopping statistical effect that brings tears of joy to a scientist’s eyes (or at least mine). But ...” at a speaking rate of 100 words per minute a woman would only mention about one and a half pronouns more than a man.
- 100,000 blog posts (19,320 authors)
  - Computer 72% correct
  - Humans 55%-65% correct

# Deception

## Letters of Recommendation

- 200 letters of recommendation written by Pennebaker
- Rated how he truly felt about the student
- For students he rated highly
  - Used Longer Sentences
  - Bigger words
  - *Fewer* positive emotion words (really)
  - Provided more detailed information
    - Talked more about what the students did than about the students themselves
  - Paid little attention to the reader
    - “As you can see...”
    - “I’m sure you agree that ...”

# Deception

Stephen Glass

- New Republic journalist from the late 1990's
  - 6 articles completely invented
  - 21 articles partially fraudulent
  - 14 articles likely trustworthy
- Real or likely Real Stories
  - Used more words, more numbers, more details
  - Fewer emotion (especially positive emotion) and cognitive words
  - Fewer verbs
  - Fewer self-references (I-words)

# Verbal Mimicking

“[When engaged in conversation] people also converge in the ways they talk – they tend to adopt the same levels of formality, emotionality, and cognitive complexity. In other words, people tend to use the same groups of function words at similar rates.

“The matching of function words is called language style matching, or LSM. Analyses of conversations find that LSM occurs within the first fifteen to thirty seconds of any interaction and is generally beyond conscious awareness.”

# LSM and Love



- 80 daters recorded during speed dating
  - Above-average LSM – almost twice as likely to want future contact as those with below-average LSM
  - LSM was a better indicator than the people themselves (because both have to agree)
- 80 young dating couples
  - Read their IM's (with permission)
  - Among the 43 couples with the highest LSM scores, 77% were still dating three months later (52% of others)
  - LSM was a better indicator than self-reports



# Text Analysis

## Conclusions

- Some really cool results
  - Large-scale search is largely “solved”
    - Corporate-level search ... less so
  - Topic modeling early cool results
    - How do we describe the topics? Are they “right”?
  - Early results in understanding word “meaning”
    - Polysemy problems
- However, still can’t solve a lot of big problems
- Almost all tools require training