Vector Space Scoring

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Vector Space Model

- Define: Vector Space Model
  - Representing a set of documents as vectors in a common vector space.
  - It is fundamental to many operations
    - (query,document) pair scoring
    - document classification
    - document clustering
  - Queries are represented as a document
    - A short one, but mathematically equivalent

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  - A document, d, is defined as a vector: $\vec{V}(d)$
    - One component for each term in the dictionary
    - Assume the term is the tf-idf score

$$\vec{V}(d)_t = (1 + log(tf_{t,d})) * log\left(\frac{|corpus|}{df_{t,d}}\right)$$

    - A corpus is many vectors together.
    - A document can be thought of as a point in a multi-dimensional space, with axes related to terms.

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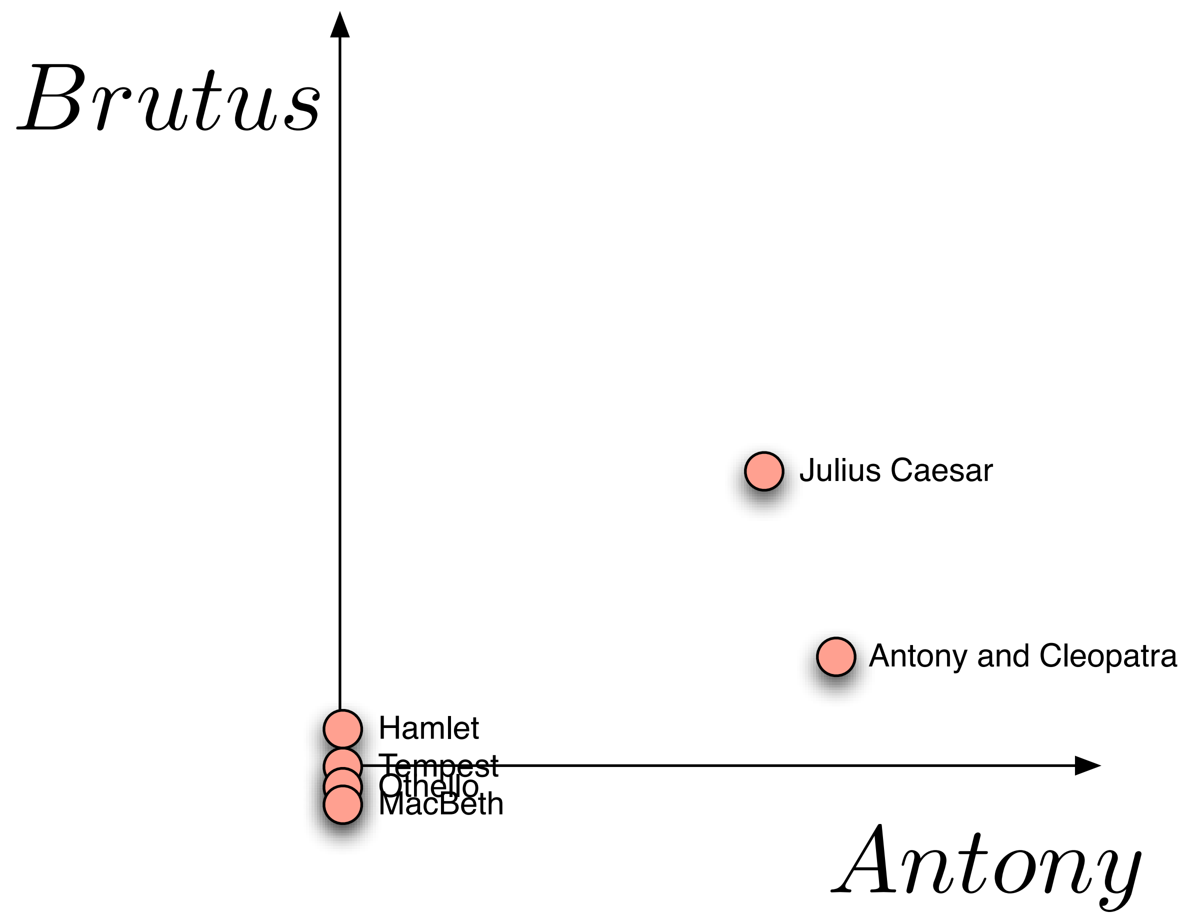

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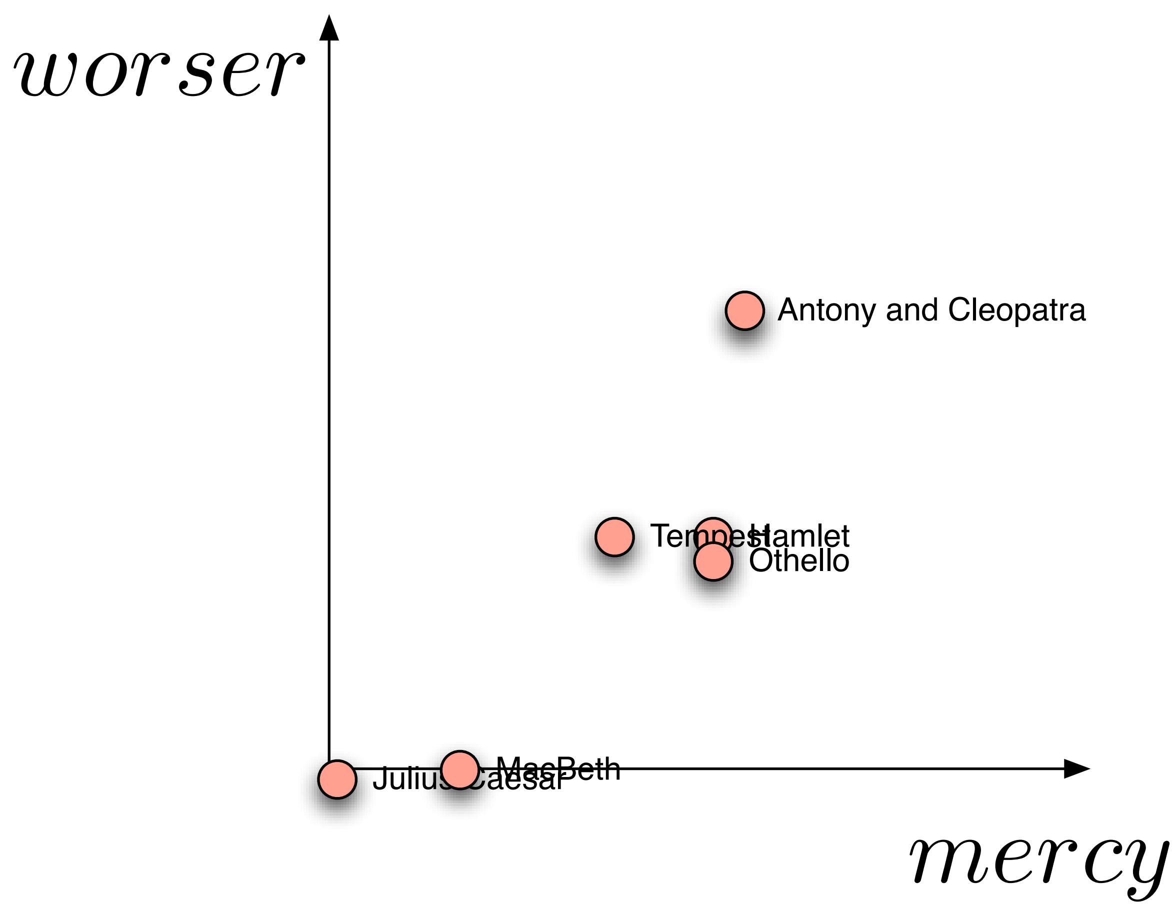
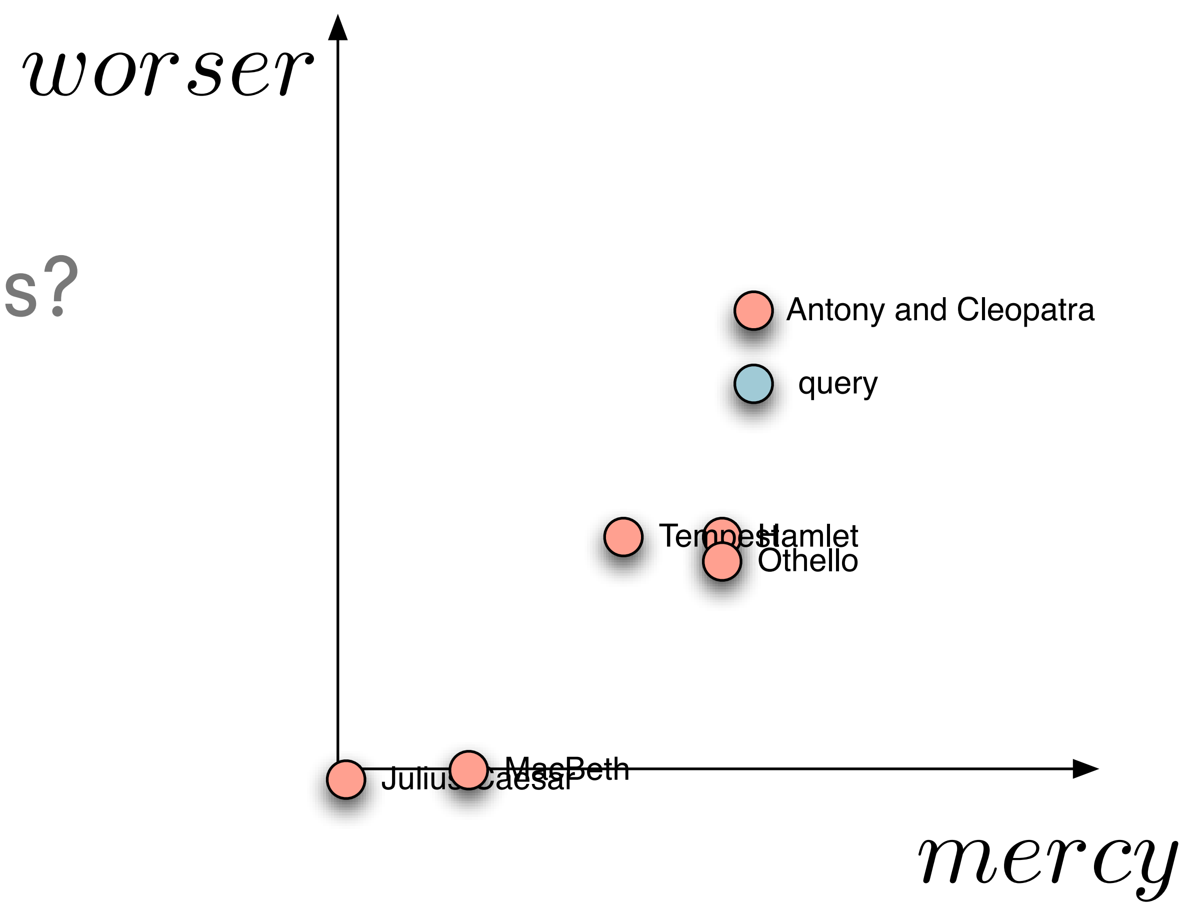


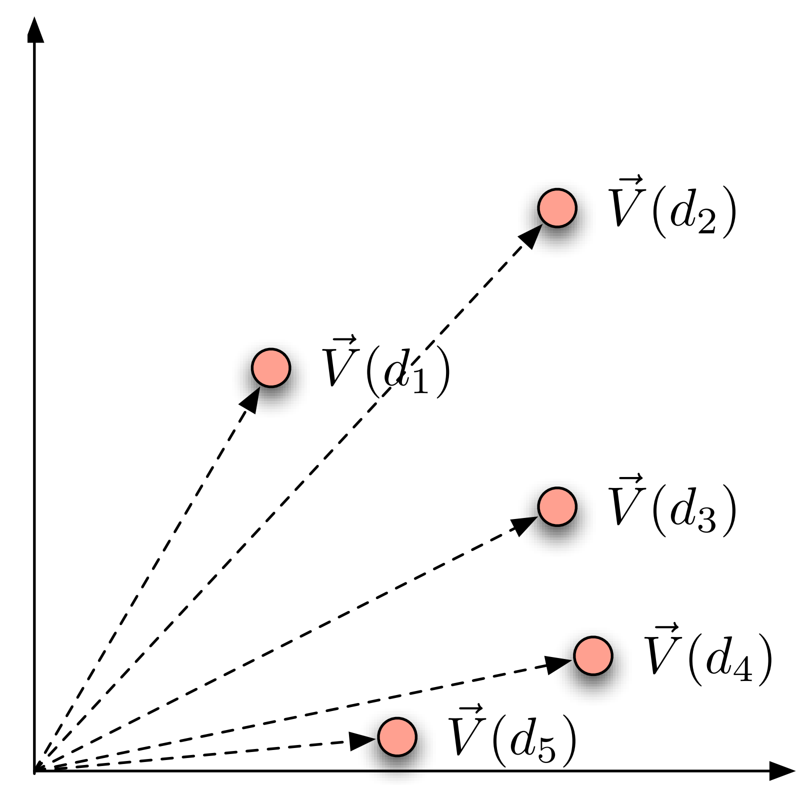
Query as a vector

- So a query can also be plotted in the same space
  - “worser mercy”
  - To score, we ask:
    - How similar are two points?
  - How to answer?



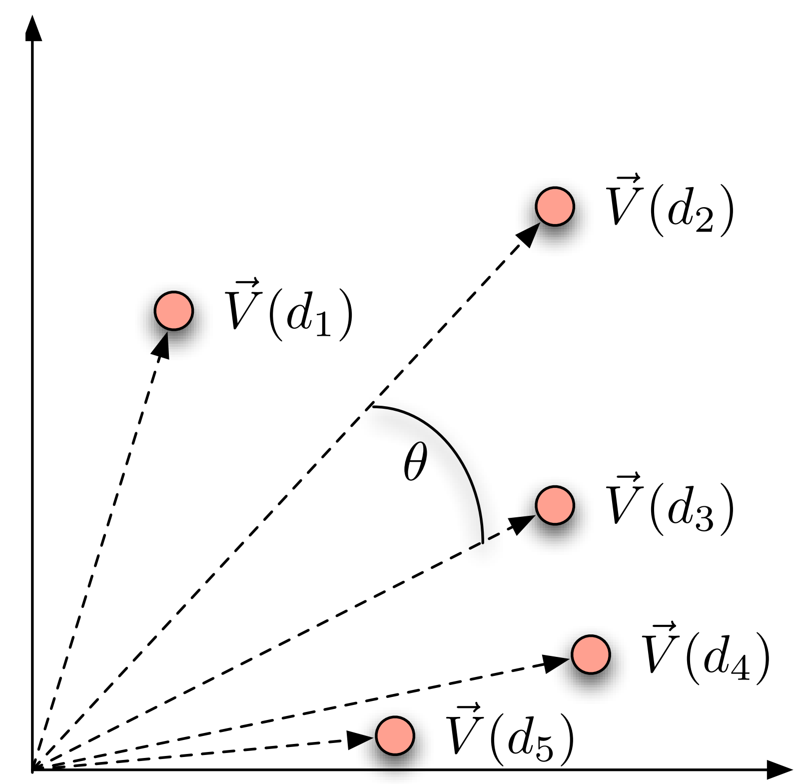
Score by magnitude

- How to answer?
  - Similarity of magnitude?
    - But, two documents, similar in content, different in length can have large differences in magnitude.



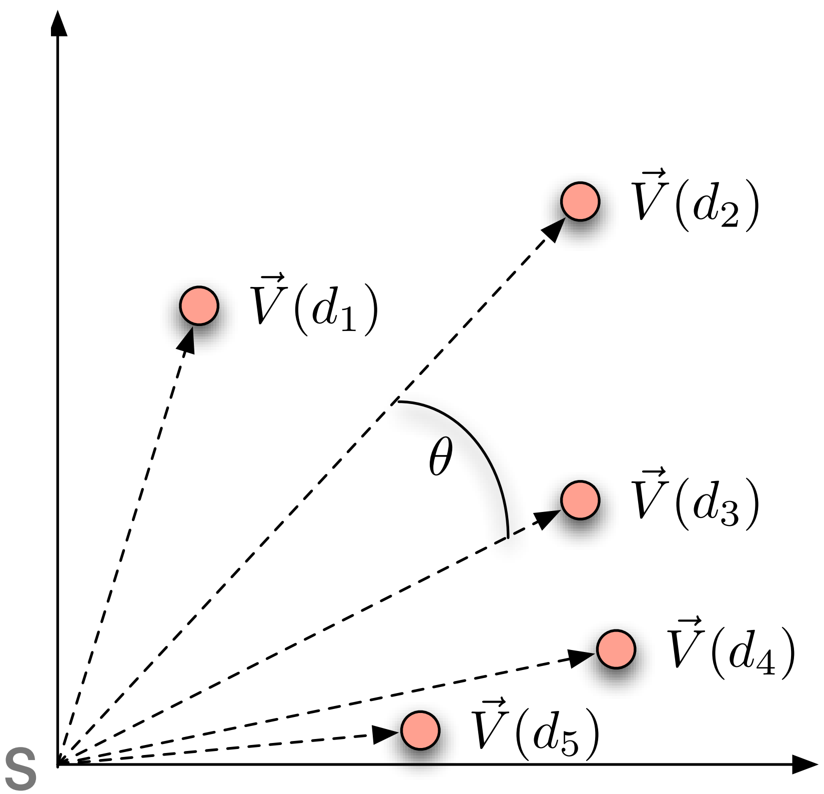
Score by angle

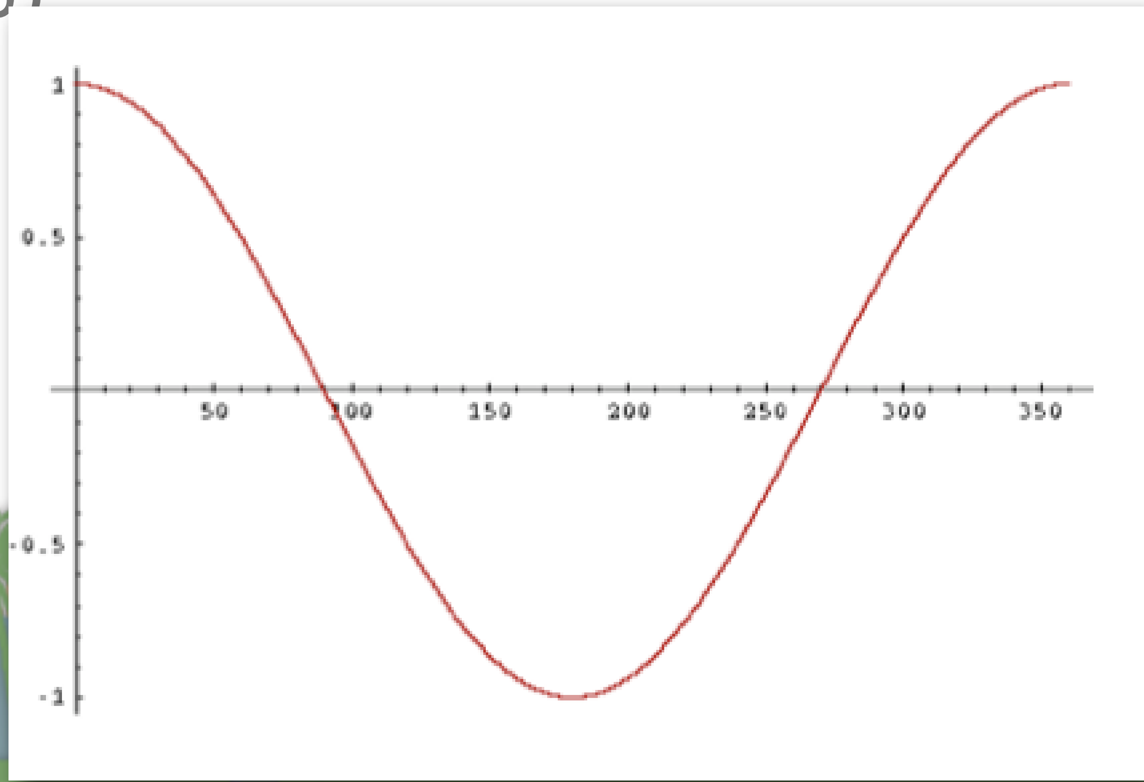
- How to answer?
  - Similarity of relative positions, or
  - difference in angle
    - Two documents are similar if the angle between them is 0.
    - As long as the ratios of the axes are the same, the documents will be scored as equal.
    - This is measured by the dot product



Score by angle

- Rather than use angle
  - use cosine of angle
  - When sorting cosine and angle are equivalent
  - Cosine is monotonically decreasing as a function of angle over (0 ... 180)





Big picture

- Why are we turning documents and queries into vectors
  - Getting away from Boolean retrieval
  - Developing ranked retrieval methods
  - Developing scores for ranked retrieval
  - Term weighting allows us to compute scores for document similarity
  - Vector space model is a clean mathematical model to work with

Big picture

- Cosine similarity measure
  - Gives us a symmetric score
    - if d_1 is close to d_2, d_2 is close to d_1
  - Gives us transitivity
    - if d_1 is close to d_2, and d_2 close to d_3, then
    - d_1 is also close to d_3
  - No document is closer to d_1 than itself
  - If vectors are normalized (length = 1) then
    - The similarity score is just the dot product (fast)

Queries in the vector space model

- Central idea: the query is a vector
  - We regard the query as a short document
  - We return the documents ranked by the closeness of their vectors to the query (also a vector)

$$sim(q, d_i) = \frac{\vec{V}(q) \cdot \vec{V}(d_i)}{|\vec{V}(q)||\vec{V}(d_i)|}$$

  - Note that q is very sparse!

Cosine Similarity Score

- Also called cosine similarity

$$\vec{V}(d_1) \cdot \vec{V}(d_2) = cos(\theta)|\vec{V}(d_1)||\vec{V}(d_2)|$$

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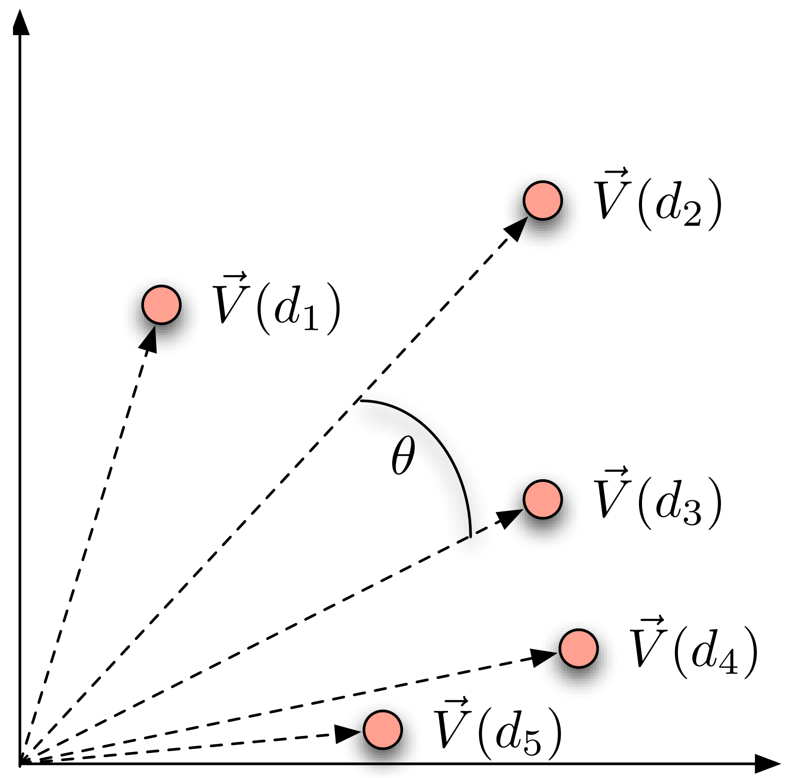

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- Define: dot product

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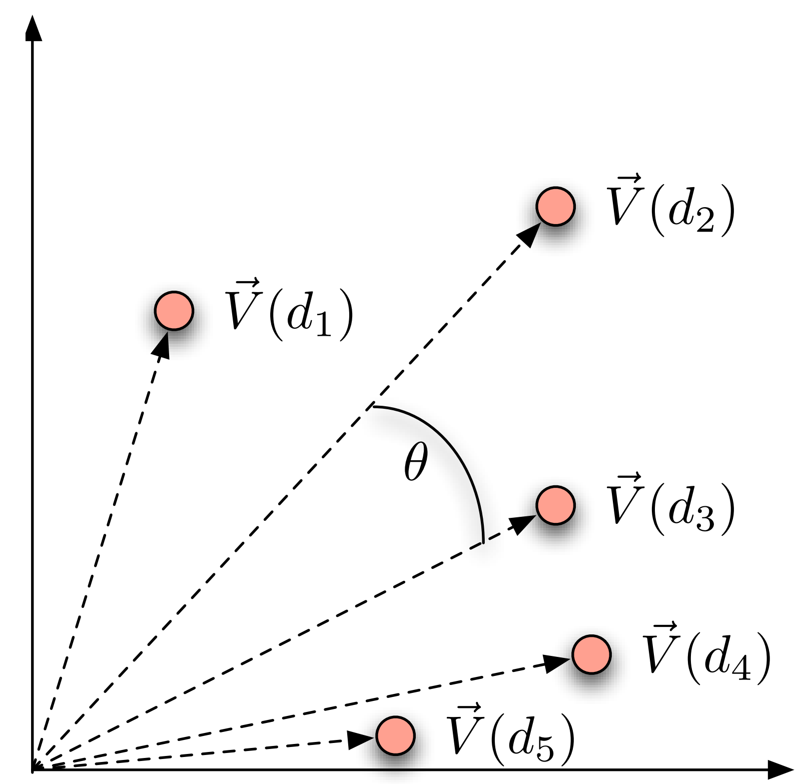

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{V}(d_1) \cdot \vec{V}(d_2) &= (13.1 * 11.4) + (3.0 * 8.3) + (2.3 * 2.3) + (0 * 11.2) + (17.7 * 0) + (0.5 * 0) + (1.2 * 0) \\ &= 179.53\end{aligned}$$

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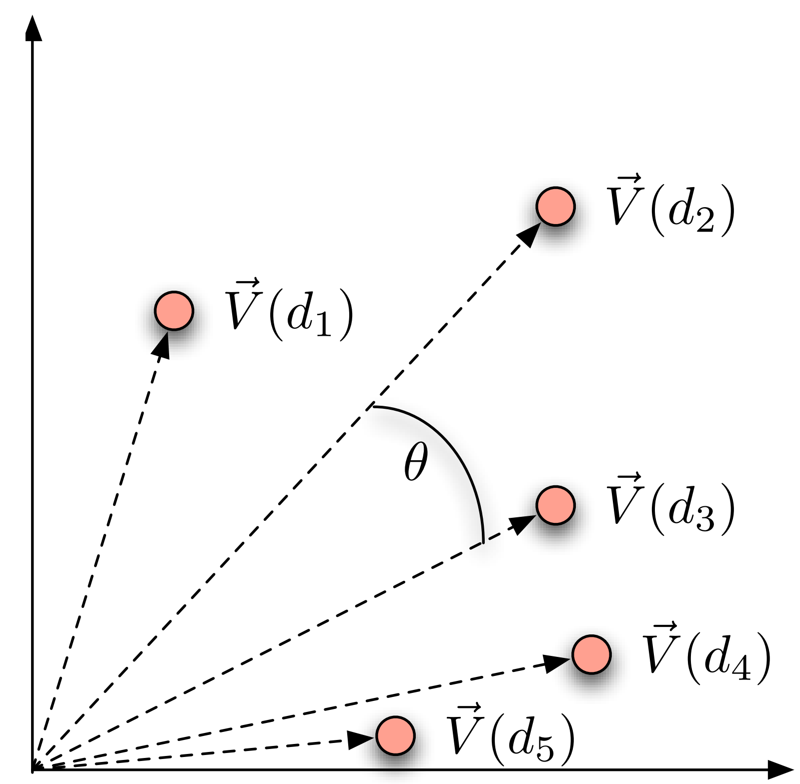

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&= 22.38
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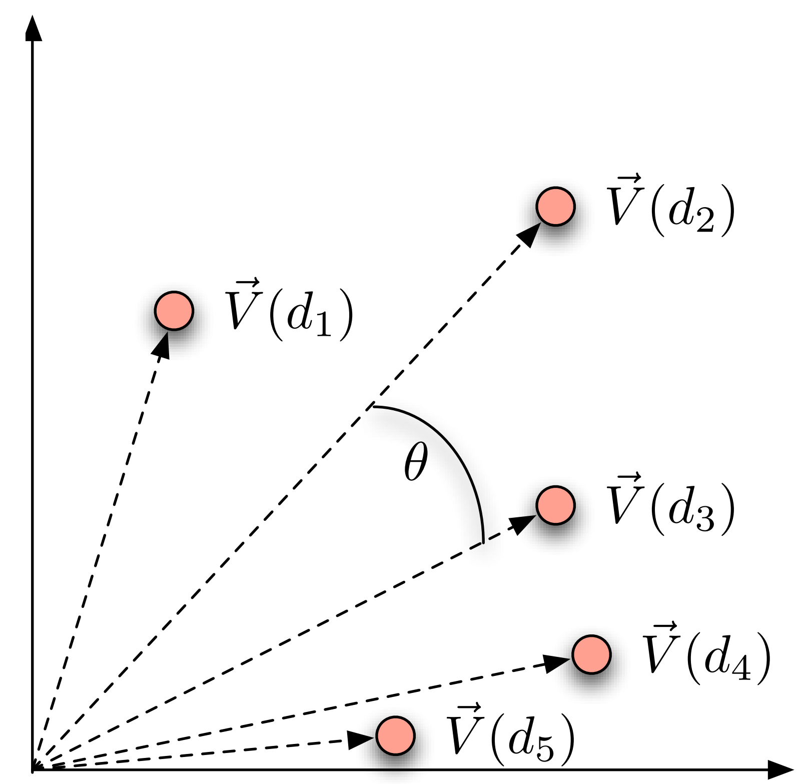

$$|\vec{V}(d_1)| = \sqrt{(11.4 * 11.4) + (8.3 * 8.3) + (2.3 * 2.3) + (11.2 * 11.2)}$$
$$= 18.15$$

Cosine Similarity Score

- Example

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sim(d_1, d_2) &= \frac{\vec{V}(d_1) \cdot \vec{V}(d_2)}{|\vec{V}(d_1)||\vec{V}(d_2)|} \\
&= \frac{179.53}{22.38 * 18.15} \\
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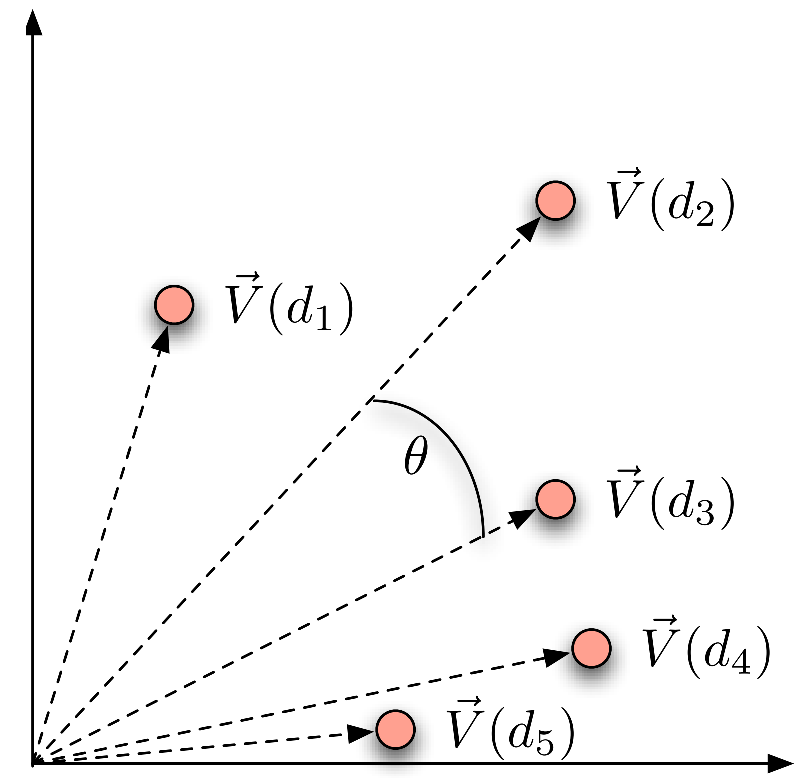

Exercise

- Rank the following by decreasing cosine similarity.
  - Assume tf-idf weighting:
    - Two docs that have only frequent words in common
      - (the, a , an, of)
    - Two docs that have no words in common
    - Two docs that have many rare words in common
      - (mocha, volatile, organic, shade-grown)

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