

# L16: Random Projections

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## for Dimensionality Reduction

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Data Mining



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# Dimensionality Reduction

Data  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$   $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$D(x_i, x_j) = \|x_i - x_j\|$$

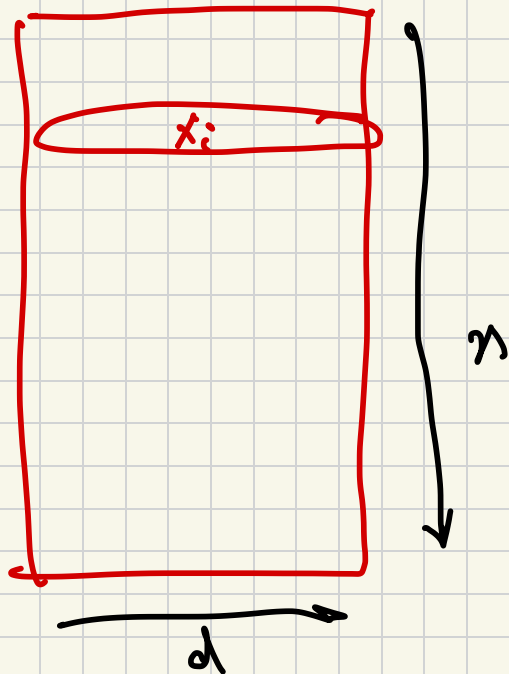
When dimension  $d$

very large

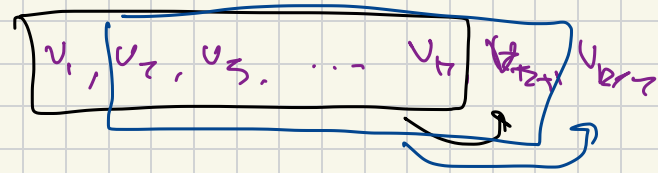
want map

$$u(x_j) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \quad k \ll d.$$

$$\|u(x_i) - u(x_j)\| \approx \|x_i - x_j\|$$



# Random Projection



Matrix Size

$d = 100,000$  or more

$k = 500$  or more

← native  
1-hot encoding  
bag-of-words  
# pixels

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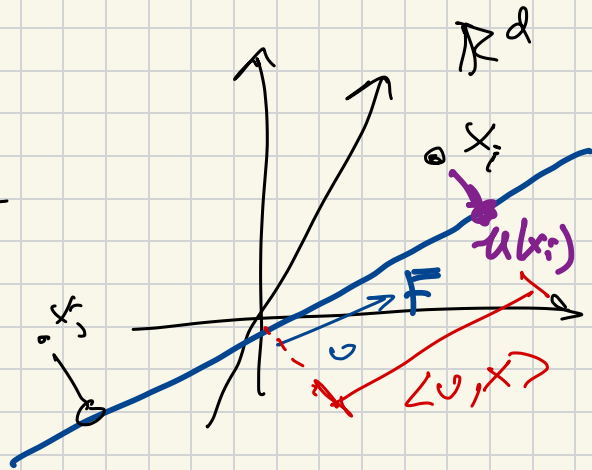
When can we apply DR.

$D(x_i, x_j) = \|x_i - x_j\|$  make sense.

- all coordinates mean something (unit)
- learned / distributed embedding

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

Projektion  $u(x_j) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$



Streck  $F$  1-dimensional

$$F = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|v\| = 1\}$$

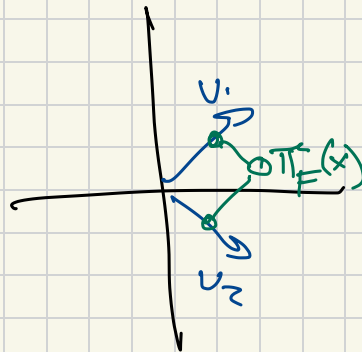
$$u = \pi_v(x) = \langle x, v \rangle v \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

1-dimensional

$F$   $k$ -dimensional  $F = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$

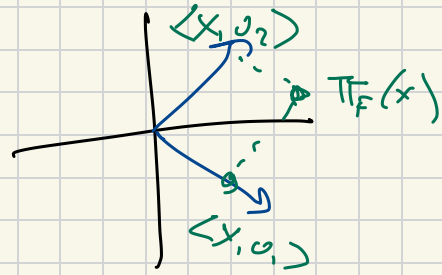
$v_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , unit vector

$$\pi_F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^k \langle x, v_j \rangle v_j$$



$$F = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$$

$$\pi_F(x) \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$



$$\pi_F(x) = (\langle x, v_1 \rangle, \langle x, v_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle x, v_k \rangle)$$

How do we choose  $F = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$

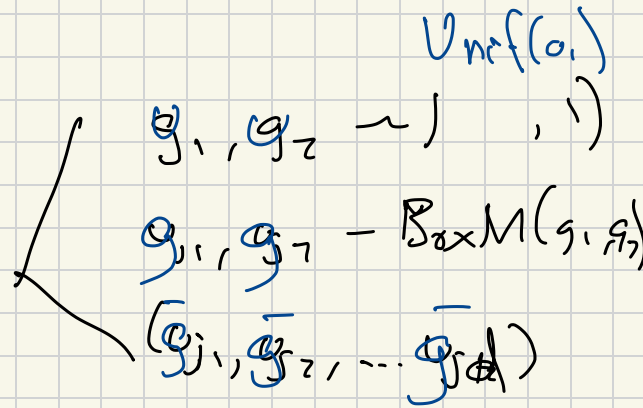
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Random choice  
 $v_i \sim \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$

# Random Projection

For  $j=1$  to  $k$

choose  $u_j \sim \mathcal{S}^{d-1}$



$$g_{is} = j^{\text{th}} \text{ coordinate } \pi(x) \\ = \langle u_j, x \rangle$$

$$g_i = \sqrt{\frac{d}{k}} (g_{i1}, g_{i2}, \dots, g_{ik})$$

$$\bullet \mathbb{E}[\|\langle u_j, x \rangle\|^2] = \frac{1}{d} \|x\|^2$$

$$\bullet k = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log\left(\frac{n}{\delta}\right)\right) \quad n \text{ data points}$$

$$\|x_i - x_j\| (1 - \varepsilon) \leq \|u(x_i) - u(x_j)\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|x_i - x_j\|$$

true up.  $1 - \delta$  for  
all  $n$  points

$$u: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$$

$$D = O\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \log \frac{n}{\delta}\right)$$