

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Goal

Enable fast and intelligent semantic search over unstructured data using vector databases and AI embeddings.

Motivation

Traditional databases are built for structured data and exact matches—struggle to understand the meaning behind unstructured content like text, images, or user behavior.

• This limits their ability to reveal patterns, relationships, and context across diverse data types. • As a result, users often miss key insights or waste time manually filtering through irrelevant results. Current tools that support semantic search are often costly, complex, or lack flexibility.

This project leverages vector databases to close that gap—delivering fast, intelligent, and meaning-aware search capabilities tailored for modern AI applications.

Project Summary

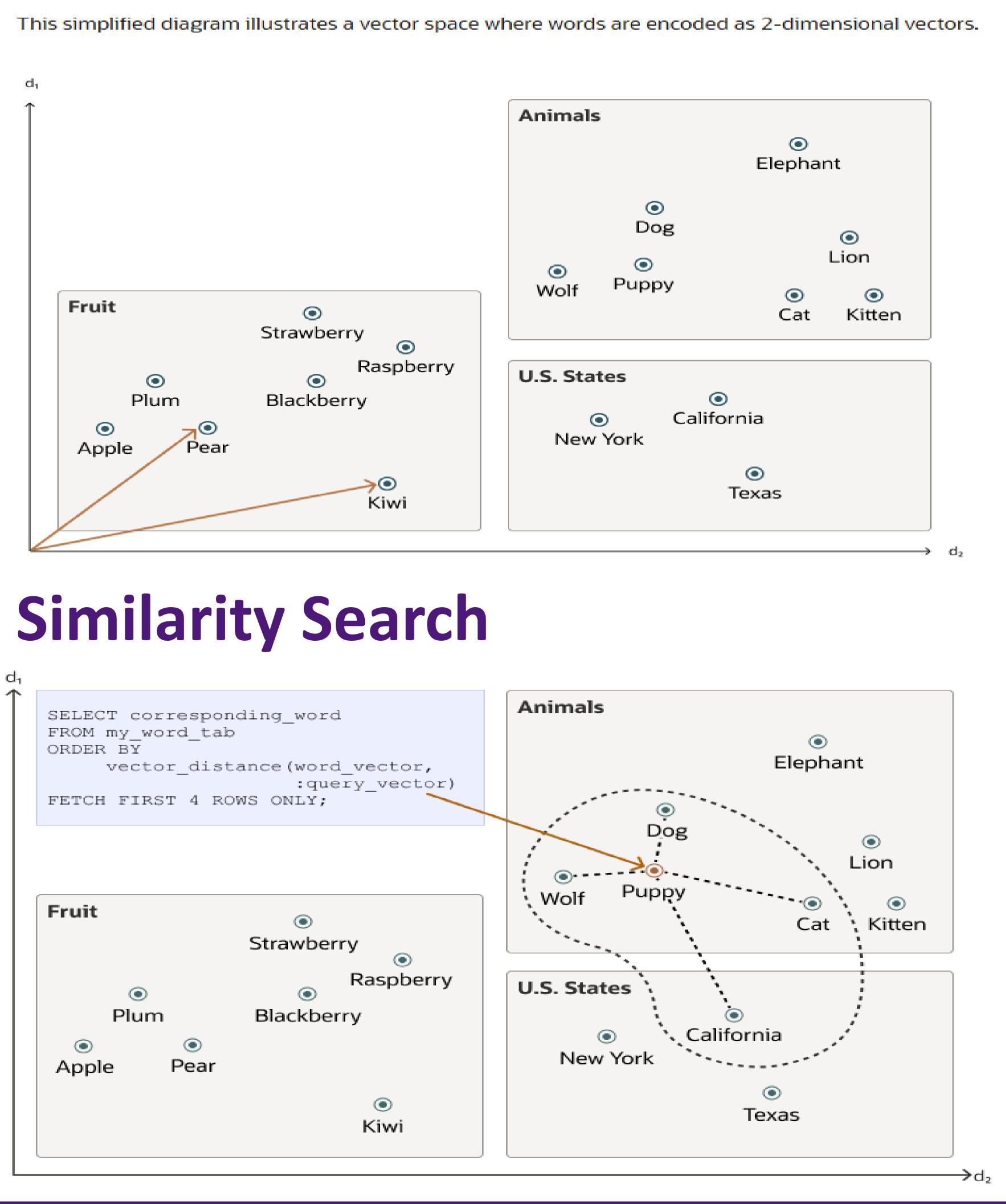


This project shows how vector databases enable fast context search over unstructured data using Algenerated embeddings. By storing and indexing highdimensional vectors, these databases power smarter applications like recommendation systems, image search, and Natural Language Processing (NLP).



Harnessing Vector Databases for AI and Data Search Author: Michael Nguyen

Vectors Embeddings



Terminology

Vector Embedding: A numerical representation of unstructured data (text, image, etc.) used to capture semantic meaning. ing high-dimensional vector embeddings. tween two points (vectors) in space. **Embedding Model:** A machine learning model (e.g., BERT, CLIP, GPT) used to generate vector embeddings from unstructured input.

- **Vector Database:** A database optimized for storing, indexing, and query-
- **Euclidian Distance:** A metric that calculates the straight-line distance be-

