

# Semantics

Natural Language Processing

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# Word Senses

- One lemma “bank” can have many meanings:



- **Sense (or word sense)**
  - Every aspect of a word’s meaning.
- The lemma **bank** here has **two senses**

# Homonymy

- **Homonyms:** same lemma, distinct meanings

bank<sub>1</sub>: financial institution,

bank<sub>2</sub>: sloping land

bat<sub>1</sub>: club for hitting a ball,

bat<sub>2</sub>: nocturnal flying mammal

- **Homographs**

bank/bank

bat/bat

- **Homophones:**

Write/right

Piece/peace

# Polysemy

Bank1: The **bank** was constructed in 1875 out of local red brick.

Bank2: I withdrew the money from the **bank**

- Are those the same sense?
  - Sense 2: “A financial institution”
  - Sense 1: “The building belonging to a financial institution”
- A **polysemous** word has **related** meanings
  - Most non-rare words have multiple meanings

# Metonymy or Systematic Polysemy

- Lots of types of polysemy are **systematic**
  - IE University



Organization



Building

- Other such kinds of systematic polysemy:

**Author** (**Jane Austen** wrote Emma) ↔ **Works of Author** (I love **Jane Austen**)  
**Tree** (**Plums** have beautiful blossoms) ↔ **Fruit** (I ate a preserved **plum**)

# The “zeugma” test

- How do we know when a word has more than one sense?
- Two senses of `serve`?
  - Which flights **serve** breakfast?
  - Does Lufthansa **serve** Philadelphia?
- Does Lufthansa serve breakfast and Philadelphia?
  - two different senses of “serve”

# Synonyms

- Word that have the **same meaning** in some or all contexts.
  - big / large
  - automobile / car
- **Two lexemes are synonyms iff:**
  - Can be substituted for each other in all situations
  - Have the same **propositional meaning**

# Synonyms

- **There is not perfect synonyms**
  - Many aspects of meaning are identical
  - Notions of politeness, slang, register, genre, etc.
- **Example:**
  - Water/H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Big/large
  - Brave/courageous



# Synonymy is a relation between senses rather than words

- Consider the words *big* and *large*
- Are they synonyms?
  - How **big** is that plane?
  - Would I be flying on a **large** or small plane?
- How about here:
  - Miss Nelson became a kind of **big** sister to Benjamin.
  - Miss Nelson became a kind of **large** sister to Benjamin.
- Why?
  - *big* has a sense that means being older, or grown up
  - *large* lacks this sense

# Antonyms

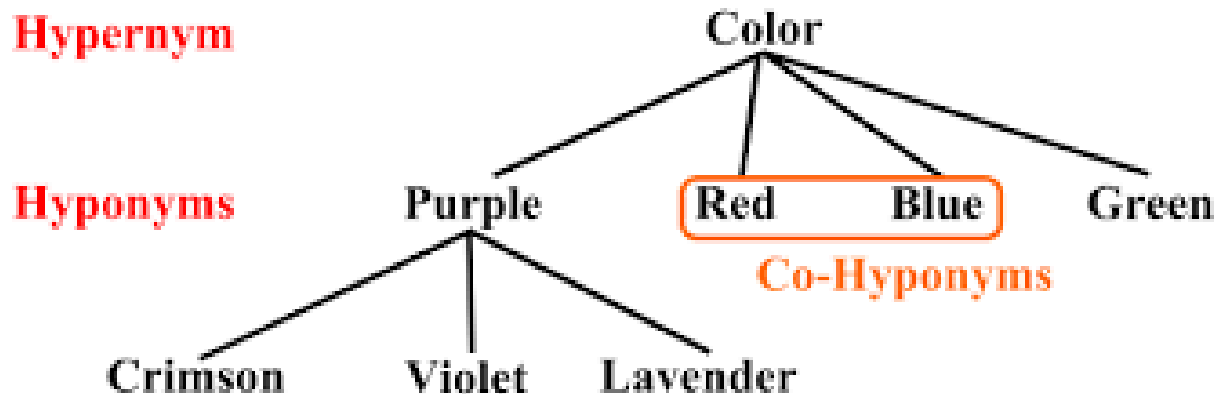
- Senses that are **opposites with respect to one meaning**
- Otherwise, **they are very similar!**

dark/light      short/long      fast/slow      rise/fall  
hot/cold      up/down      in/out

- More formally: antonyms can
  - Define a binary opposition or be at opposite ends of a scale
    - long/short, fast/slow
  - Be **reversives**:
    - rise/fall, up/down

# Hyponymy and Hypernymy

- One sense is a **hyponym** of another if the first sense is more specific, denoting a **subclass** of the other
- Conversely **hypernym/superordinate** (“hyper is super”)



# Hyponyms and Instances

- WordNet has both **classes** and **instances**.
- An **instance** is an individual, a proper noun that is a unique entity
  - San Francisco is an **instance** of city
- But city is a class
  - city is a **hyponym** of municipality... location...

# WordNet 3.0

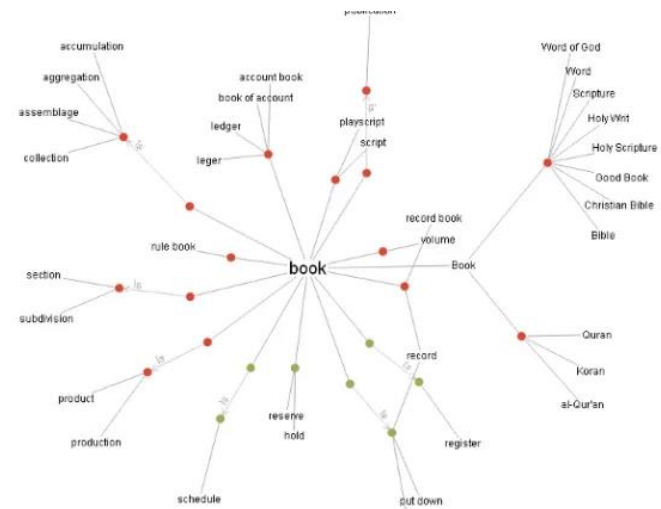
- A hierarchically organized lexical database
  - On-line thesaurus + aspects of a dictionary

## Noun

- **S: (n) bass** (the lowest part of the musical range)
- **S: (n) bass, bass part** (the lowest part in polyphonic music)
- **S: (n) bass, basso** (an adult male singer with the lowest voice)
- **S: (n) sea bass, bass** (the lean flesh of a saltwater fish of the family Serranidae)
- **S: (n) freshwater bass, bass** (any of various North American freshwater fish with lean flesh (especially of the genus Micropterus))
- **S: (n) bass, bass voice, basso** (the lowest adult male singing voice)
- **S: (n) bass** (the member with the lowest range of a family of musical instruments)
- **S: (n) bass** (nontechnical name for any of numerous edible marine and freshwater spiny-finned fishes)

## Adjective

- **S: (adj) bass, deep** (having or denoting a low vocal or instrumental range) "a deep voice"; "a bass voice is lower than a baritone voice"; "a bass clarinet"



# Senses in WordNet?

- The **synset (synonym set)**, the set of near-synonyms, instantiates a sense or concept, with a **gloss**
- Example: **chump** as a noun with the **gloss**:  
“a person who is gullible and easy to take advantage of”
- This sense of “chump” is shared by 9 words:  
`chump1, fool2, gull1, mark9, patsy1, fall guy1, sucker1, soft touch1, mug2`
- Each of **these** senses have this same gloss

# WordNet Relations

Relation	Also called	Definition	Example
Hypernym	Superordinate	From concepts to superordinates	<i>breakfast</i> <sup>1</sup> → <i>meal</i> <sup>1</sup>
Hyponym	Subordinate	From concepts to subtypes	<i>meal</i> <sup>1</sup> → <i>lunch</i> <sup>1</sup>
Member Meronym	Has-Member	From groups to their members	<i>faculty</i> <sup>2</sup> → <i>professor</i> <sup>1</sup>
Has-Instance		From concepts to instances of the concept	<i>composer</i> <sup>1</sup> → <i>Bach</i> <sup>1</sup>
Instance		From instances to their concepts	<i>Austen</i> <sup>1</sup> → <i>author</i> <sup>1</sup>
Member Holonym	Member-Of	From members to their groups	<i>copilot</i> <sup>1</sup> → <i>crew</i> <sup>1</sup>
Part Meronym	Has-Part	From wholes to parts	<i>table</i> <sup>2</sup> → <i>leg</i> <sup>3</sup>
Part Holonym	Part-Of	From parts to wholes	<i>course</i> <sup>7</sup> → <i>meal</i> <sup>1</sup>
Antonym		Opposites	<i>leader</i> <sup>1</sup> → <i>follower</i> <sup>1</sup>

# Hypernym Hierarchy for “bass”

- **S: (n) bass, basso** (an adult male singer with the lowest voice)
  - **direct hypernym** / **inherited hypernym** / **sister term**
    - **S: (n) singer, vocalist, vocalizer, vocaliser** (a person who sings)
      - **S: (n) musician, instrumentalist, player** (someone who plays a musical instrument (as a profession))
        - **S: (n) performer, performing artist** (an entertainer who performs a dramatic or musical work for an audience)
          - **S: (n) entertainer** (a person who tries to please or amuse)
            - **S: (n) person, individual, someone, somebody, mortal, soul** (a human being) *"there was too much for one person to do"*
              - **S: (n) organism, being** (a living thing that has (or can develop) the ability to act or function independently)
                - **S: (n) living thing, animate thing** (a living (or once living) entity)
                  - **S: (n) whole, unit** (an assemblage of parts that is regarded as a single entity) *"how big is that part compared to the whole?"; "the team is a unit"*
                    - **S: (n) object, physical object** (a tangible and visible entity; an entity that can cast a shadow) *"it was full of rackets, balls and other objects"*
                      - **S: (n) physical entity** (an entity that has physical existence)
                        - **S: (n) entity** (that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving))



# Word Similarity

- **Synonymy**: a binary relation
  - Two words are either synonymous or not
- **Similarity (or distance)**: a looser metric
  - Two words are more similar if they share more features of meaning
- Similarity is properly a relation between **senses**
  - The word “bank” is not similar to the word “slope”
  - Bank<sup>1</sup> is similar to fund<sup>3</sup>
  - Bank<sup>2</sup> is similar to slope<sup>5</sup>
- But we’ll compute similarity over both words and senses

# Word similarity and word relatedness

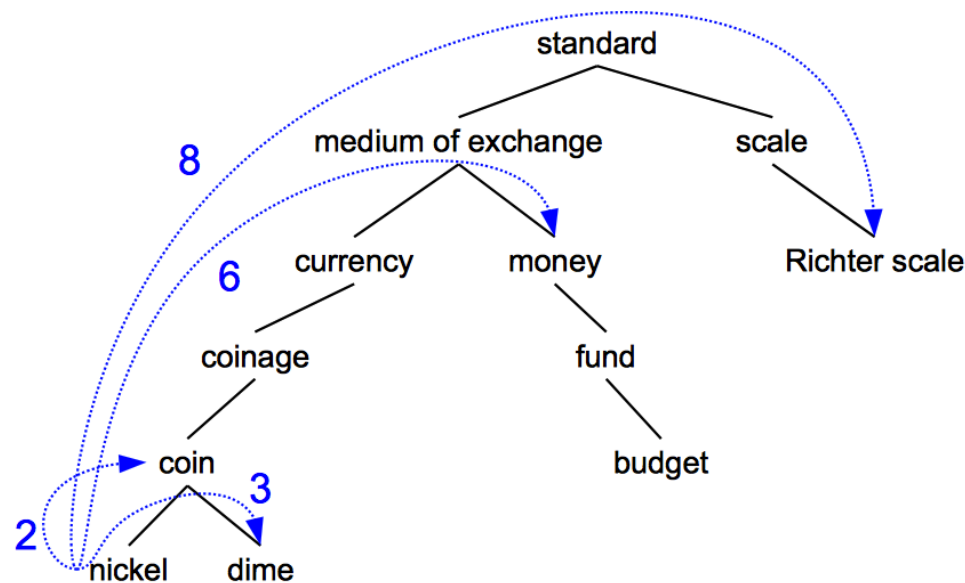
- We often distinguish **word similarity** from **word relatedness**
  - **Similar words**: near-synonyms
  - **Related words**: can be related any way
    - car, bicycle: **similar**
    - car, gasoline: **related**, not similar

# Two classes of similarity algorithms

- **Thesaurus-based algorithms**
  - Are words “nearby” in **hypernym hierarchy**?
  - Do words have similar glosses (definitions)?
- **Distributional algorithms**
  - Do words have **similar distributional contexts**?

# Path based similarity

- Two concepts (senses/synsets) are similar if they are **near each other in the thesaurus hierarchy**

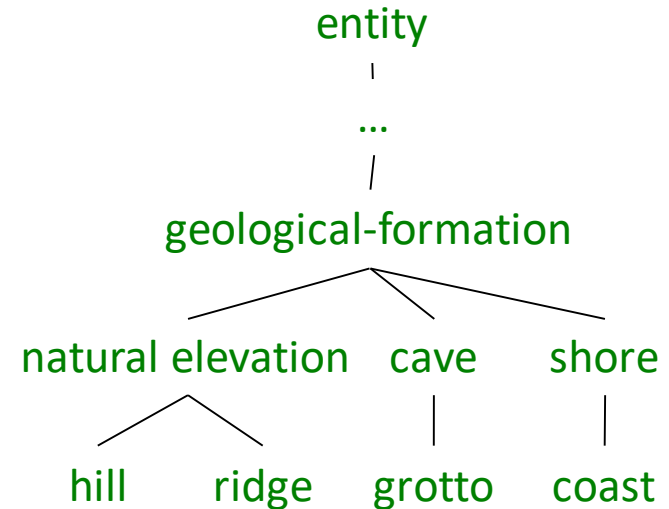


# Problem with basic path-based similarity

- Assumes **each link represents a uniform distance**
  - But *nickel* to *money* seems to us to be closer than *nickel* to *standard*
  - **Nodes high in the hierarchy are very abstract**
- We instead want a **metric** that
  - Represents the cost of each edge independently
  - **Words connected only through abstract nodes are less similar**

# Information Content Similarity

$$P(c) = \frac{\sum_{w \in \text{words}(c)} \text{count}(w)}{N}$$



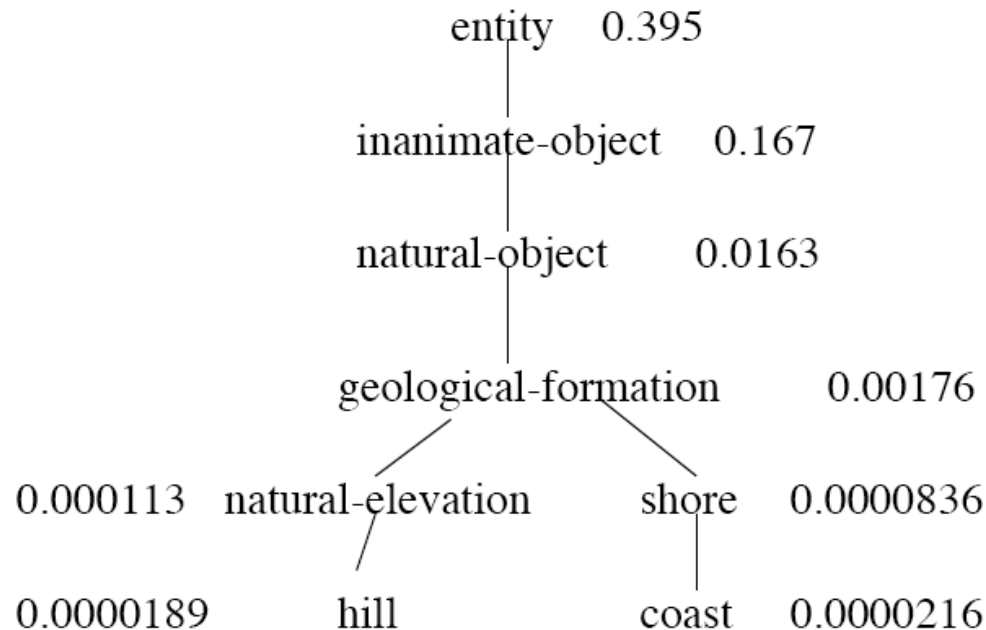
words("geo-formation") = {hill,ridge,grotto,coast,cave,shore,natural elevation}

words("natural elevation") = {hill, ridge}

Resnik 1995. Using information content to evaluate semantic similarity in a taxonomy. IJCAI

# Information Content Similarity

- WordNet hierarchy augmented with probabilities  $P(c)$

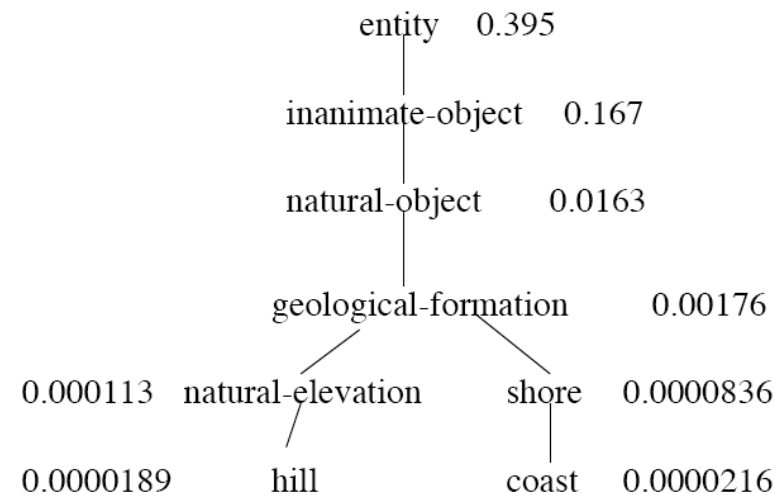


# Information Content Similarity

- Information content:  
 $IC(c) = -\log P(c)$
- Most informative subsume

$$LCS(c_1, c_2)$$

The most informative (lowest) node in the hierarchy subsuming both  $c_1$  and  $c_2$





# Using IC for similarity

- The similarity between two words is related to their common information
- Common information:
  - The information content of the most informative (lowest) subsumer (MIS/LCS) of the two nodes

$$sim_{resnik}(c_1, c_2) = -\log P( LCS(c_1, c_2) )$$

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# Dekang Lin similarity theorem

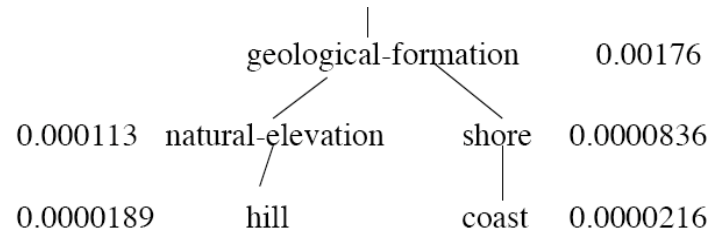
- Ratio between the amount of **information needed to state the commonality of A and B** and the **information needed to fully describe A and B**

$$sim_{Lin}(A, B) \propto \frac{IC(common(A, B))}{IC(description(A, B))}$$

- Lin defines IC as **2 x information of the LCS**

$$sim_{Lin}(c_1, c_2) = \frac{2 \log P(LCS(c_1, c_2))}{\log P(c_1) + \log P(c_2)}$$

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$$sim_{Lin}(\text{hill}, \text{coast}) = \frac{2 \log P(\text{geological - formation})}{\log P(\text{hill}) + \log P(\text{coast})} = \frac{2 \ln 0.00176}{\ln 0.0000189 + \ln 0.0000216} = .59$$

# Libraries

- **NLTK**

[http://nltk.github.com/api/nltk.corpus.reader.html?highlight=similarity - nltk.corpus.reader.WordNetCorpusReader.res\\_similarity](http://nltk.github.com/api/nltk.corpus.reader.html?highlight=similarity-nltk.corpus.reader.WordNetCorpusReader.res_similarity)

- **WordNet::Similarity**

<http://wn-similarity.sourceforge.net/>

- **Web-based interface:**

<http://marimba.d.umn.edu/cgi-bin/similarity/similarity.cgi>

# Evaluating similarity

- Intrinsic Evaluation:
  - Correlation between algorithm and human word similarity ratings
- Extrinsic (task-based, end-to-end) Evaluation:
  - Malapropism (spelling error) detection
  - WSD
  - Taking TOEFL multiple-choice vocabulary tests

Levied is closest in meaning to:

imposed, believed, requested, correlated

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# Problems with thesaurus-based meaning

- **We don't have a thesaurus for every language**
  - <http://globalwordnet.org/resources/wordnets-in-the-world/>
- **Low-resource settings: problems with recall**
  - Missing words
  - Missing connections between senses
  - Thesauri work less well for **verbs, adjectives**
    - Adjectives and verbs have less structured hyponymy relations

# Distributional models of meaning

- Also called **vector-space models of meaning**
- Offer much **higher recall than hand-built thesauri**
  - Although they tend to have **lower precision**
- **Zellig Harris (1954):**
  - A and B have almost identical environments -> synonyms
- **Firth (1957):**
  - “You shall know a word by the company it keeps!”



# Intuition of distributional word similarity

- Nida example:

A bottle of **tesgüino** is on the table

Everybody likes **tesgüino**

**Tesgüino** makes you drunk

We make **tesgüino** out of corn.

- From context words humans can guess tesgüino means
  - an alcoholic beverage like **beer**

# Reminder: Term-document matrix

- Each cell: count of term  $t$  in a document  $d$ :  $tf_{t,d}$ 
  - Each document is a **count vector**: a column below

|         | As You Like It | Twelfth Night | Julius Caesar | Henry V |
|---------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| battle  | 1              | 1             | 8             | 15      |
| soldier | 2              | 2             | 12            | 36      |
| fool    | 37             | 58            | 1             | 5       |
| clown   | 6              | 117           | 0             | 0       |

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# The words in a term-document matrix

- Each word is a **count vector** in  $\mathbb{N}^D$ : a row below

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# The Term-Context matrix

- Instead of using entire documents, use smaller contexts
  - Paragraph
  - Window of words
- A word is now defined by a vector over counts of context words

# Sample contexts: 20 words (Brown corpus)

- equal amount of sugar, a sliced lemon, a tablespoonful of **apricot** preserve or jam, a pinch each of clove and nutmeg,
- on board for their enjoyment. Cautiously she sampled her first **pineapple** and another fruit whose taste she likened to that of
- of a recursive type well suited to programming on the **digital** computer. In finding the optimal R-stage policy from that of
- substantially affect commerce, for the purpose of gathering data and **information** necessary for the study authorized in the first section of this

# Term-context matrix for word similarity

- Two **words** are similar in meaning if their context vectors are similar

|             | aardvark | computer | data | pinch | result | sugar | ... |
|-------------|----------|----------|------|-------|--------|-------|-----|
| apricot     | 0        | 0        | 0    | 1     | 0      | 1     |     |
| pineapple   | 0        | 0        | 0    | 1     | 0      | 1     |     |
| digital     | 0        | 2        | 1    | 0     | 1      | 0     |     |
| information | 0        | 1        | 6    | 0     | 4      | 0     |     |



# Should we use raw counts?

- For the term-document matrix
  - We used **tf-idf** instead of raw term counts
- For the term-context matrix
  - **Positive Pointwise Mutual Information (PPMI)** is common

# Pointwise mutual information

- **Pointwise mutual information:**

- Do events  $x$  and  $y$  co-occur more than if they were independent?

$$\text{PMI}(X, Y) = \log_2 \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x)P(y)}$$

- **PMI between two words:** (Church & Hanks 1989)

- Do words  $x$  and  $y$  co-occur more than if they were independent?

$$\text{PMI}(\text{word}_1, \text{word}_2) = \log_2 \frac{P(\text{word}_1, \text{word}_2)}{P(\text{word}_1)P(\text{word}_2)}$$

- **Positive PMI between two words** (Niwa & Nitta 1994)

- Replace all PMI values less than 0 with zero

# PPMI on a term-context matrix

- Matrix  $F$  with  $W$  rows (words) and  $C$  columns (contexts)
- $f_{ij}$  is # of times  $w_i$  occurs in context  $c_j$

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| pineapple   | 0        | 0        | 0    | 1     | 0      | 1     |
| digital     | 0        | 2        | 1    | 0     | 1      | 0     |
| information | 0        | 1        | 6    | 0     | 4      | 0     |

$$p_{ij} = \frac{f_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^W \sum_{j=1}^C f_{ij}} \quad p_{i*} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^C f_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^W \sum_{j=1}^C f_{ij}} \quad p_{*j} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^W f_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^W \sum_{j=1}^C f_{ij}}$$

$$pmi_{ij} = \log_2 \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i*} p_{*j}} \quad ppmi_{ij} = \begin{cases} pmi_{ij} & \text{if } pmi_{ij} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# PPMI on a term-context matrix

$$p(w = \text{information}, c = \text{data}) = 6/19 = 0.32$$

$$p(w = \text{information}) = 11 / 19 = 0.58$$

$$p(c = \text{data}) = 7/19 = 0.37$$

$$p(w = \text{information}, c = \text{data}) = 6/19 = 0.32 \quad p_{ij} = \frac{f_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^w \sum_{j=1}^c f_{ij}}$$

$$p(w = \text{information}) = 11 / 19 = 0.58 \quad p(w_i) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^c f_{ij}}{N}$$

$$p(c = \text{data}) = 7/19 = 0.37 \quad p(c_j) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^w f_{ij}}{N}$$

# PPMI on a term-context matrix

|                     | $p(w, \text{context})$ |      |       |        |       | $p(w)$ |
|---------------------|------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|                     | computer               | data | pinch | result | sugar |        |
| apricot             | 0.00                   | 0.00 | 0.05  | 0.00   | 0.05  | 0.11   |
| pineapple           | 0.00                   | 0.00 | 0.05  | 0.00   | 0.05  | 0.11   |
| digital             | 0.11                   | 0.05 | 0.00  | 0.05   | 0.00  | 0.21   |
| information         | 0.05                   | 0.32 | 0.00  | 0.21   | 0.00  | 0.58   |
| $p(\text{context})$ | 0.16                   | 0.37 | 0.11  | 0.26   | 0.11  |        |

# PPMI on a term-context matrix

$$pmi_{ij} = \log_2 \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i*} p_{*j}}$$

|             | p(w,context) |      |       |        |       | p(w) |
|-------------|--------------|------|-------|--------|-------|------|
|             | computer     | data | pinch | result | sugar |      |
| apricot     | 0.00         | 0.00 | 0.05  | 0.00   | 0.05  | 0.11 |
| pineapple   | 0.00         | 0.00 | 0.05  | 0.00   | 0.05  | 0.11 |
| digital     | 0.11         | 0.05 | 0.00  | 0.05   | 0.00  | 0.21 |
| information | 0.05         | 0.32 | 0.00  | 0.21   | 0.00  | 0.58 |
| p(context)  | 0.16         | 0.37 | 0.11  | 0.26   | 0.11  |      |

$$pmi(\text{information}, \text{data}) = \log_2 (0.32 / (0.37 * 0.58)) = 0.57$$

|             | PPMI(w,context) |      |       |        |       |
|-------------|-----------------|------|-------|--------|-------|
|             | computer        | data | pinch | result | sugar |
| apricot     | -               | -    | 2.25  | -      | 2.25  |
| pineapple   | -               | -    | 2.25  | -      | 2.25  |
| digital     | 1.66            | 0.00 | -     | 0.00   | -     |
| information | 0.00            | 0.57 | -     | 0.47   | -     |

# Weighing PMI

- **PMI is biased toward infrequent events**
- Various weighting schemes help alleviate this
  - From Frequency to Meaning: Vector Space Models of Semantics (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/jair10.pdf>)
- Add-one smoothing can also help

# Weighing PMI

|             | Add-2.5 Smoothed Count(w, context) |      |       |        |       |      |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|------|
|             | computer                           | data | pinch | result | sugar |      |
| apricot     | 2                                  | 2    | 3     | 2      | 3     |      |
| pineapple   | 2                                  | 2    | 3     | 2      | 3     |      |
| digital     | 4                                  | 3    | 2     | 3      | 2     |      |
| information | 3                                  | 8    | 2     | 6      | 2     |      |
|             | p(w, context) [add-2]              |      |       |        |       | p(w) |
|             | computer                           | data | pinch | result | sugar |      |
| apricot     | 0.03                               | 0.03 | 0.05  | 0.03   | 0.05  | 0.20 |
| pineapple   | 0.03                               | 0.03 | 0.05  | 0.03   | 0.05  | 0.20 |
| digital     | 0.07                               | 0.05 | 0.03  | 0.05   | 0.03  | 0.24 |
| information | 0.05                               | 0.14 | 0.03  | 0.10   | 0.03  | 0.36 |
| p(context)  | 0.19                               | 0.25 | 0.17  | 0.22   | 0.17  |      |



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| pineapple   | -               | -    | 2.25  | -      | 2.25  |
| digital     | 1.66            | 0.00 | -     | 0.00   | -     |
| information | 0.00            | 0.57 | -     | 0.47   | -     |

|             | PPMI(w,context)[add-2] |      |       |        |       |
|-------------|------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|
|             | computer               | data | pinch | result | sugar |
| apricot     | 0.00                   | 0.00 | 0.56  | 0.00   | 0.56  |
| pineapple   | 0.00                   | 0.00 | 0.56  | 0.00   | 0.56  |
| digital     | 0.62                   | 0.00 | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| information | 0.00                   | 0.58 | 0.00  | 0.37   | 0.00  |

# Using syntax to define a word's context

- Zellig Harris (1968)

“The meaning of entities, and the meaning of grammatical relations among them, is related to the restriction of combinations of these entities relative to other entities”
- **Two words are similar if they have similar parse contexts**
- **Duty** and **responsibility** (Chris Callison-Burch's example)

**Modified by  
adjectives**

additional, administrative, assumed,  
collective, congressional, constitutional ...

**Objects of verbs**

assert, assign, assume, attend to, avoid,  
become, breach ...

# Co-occurrence vectors based on syntactic dependencies

- The contexts C are different dependency relations
  - Subject-of- “absorb”
  - Prepositional-object of “inside”
- Counts for the word cell:

|      |                 |                |                 |    |                 |               |    |                      |                 |                       |    |                |              |                   |                  |    |                |            |                   |
|------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|---------------|----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----|----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|----|----------------|------------|-------------------|
|      | subj-of, absorb | subj-of, adapt | subj-of, behave | .. | pobj-of, inside | pobj-of, into | .. | nmod-of, abnormality | nmod-of, anemia | nmod-of, architecture | .. | obj-of, attack | obj-of, call | obj-of, come from | obj-of, decorate | .. | nmod, bacteria | nmod, body | nmod, bone marrow |
| cell | 1               | 1              | 1               |    | 16              | 30            |    | 3                    | 8               | 1                     |    | 6              | 11           | 3                 | 2                |    | 3              | 2          | 2                 |

Dekang Lin, 1998 “Automatic Retrieval and Clustering of Similar Words”

# PMI applied to dependency relations

| Object of “drink” | Count | PMI  |
|-------------------|-------|------|
| tea               | 2     | 11.8 |
| liquid            | 2     | 10.5 |
| wine              | 2     | 9.3  |
| anything          | 3     | 5.2  |
| it                | 3     | 1.3  |

- “Drink it” more common than “drink wine”
- But “wine” is a better “drinkable” thing than “it”

Hindle, Don. 1990. Noun Classification from Predicate-Argument Structure. ACL

# PMI applied to dependency relations

$$\cos(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \frac{\vec{v} \bullet \vec{w}}{|\vec{v}| |\vec{w}|} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \bullet \frac{\vec{w}}{|\vec{w}|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i w_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i^2}}$$

|             | large | data | computer |
|-------------|-------|------|----------|
| apricot     | 1     | 0    | 0        |
| digital     | 0     | 1    | 2        |
| information | 1     | 6    | 1        |

Which pair of words is more similar?

$$\text{cosine}(\text{apricot}, \text{information}) = \frac{1+0+0}{\sqrt{1+0+0} \sqrt{1+36+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{38}} = .16$$

$$\text{cosine}(\text{digital}, \text{information}) = \frac{0+6+2}{\sqrt{0+1+4} \sqrt{1+36+1}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{38}\sqrt{5}} = .58$$

$$\text{cosine}(\text{apricot}, \text{digital}) = \frac{0+0+0}{\sqrt{1+0+0} \sqrt{0+1+4}} = 0$$

# Word2vec

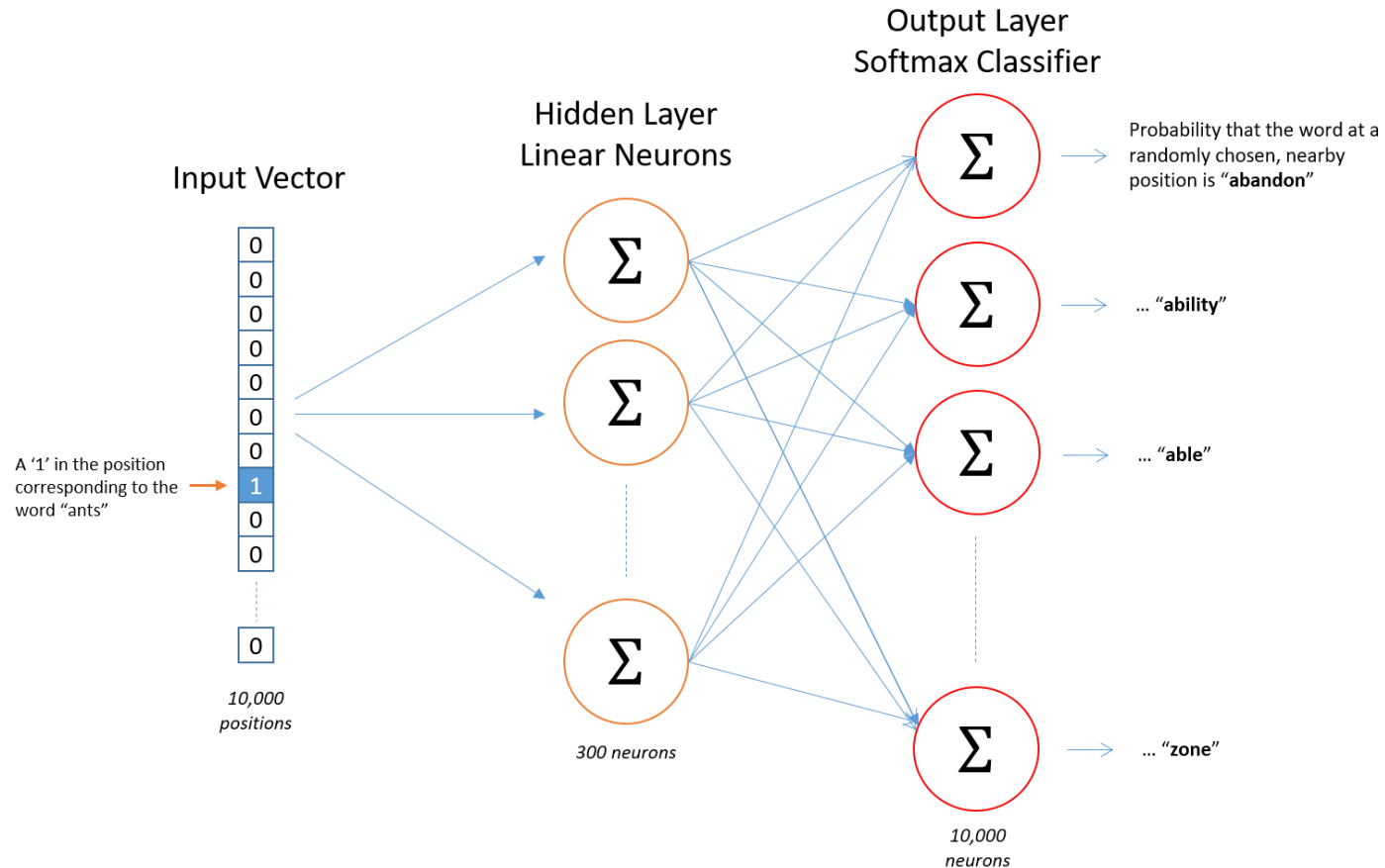
## Source Text

## Training Samples

|  |  |
|--|--|
| The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. → | (the, quick)<br>(the, brown)                                     |
| The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. → | (quick, the)<br>(quick, brown)<br>(quick, fox)                   |
| The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. → | (brown, the)<br>(brown, quick)<br>(brown, fox)<br>(brown, jumps) |
| The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. → | (fox, quick)<br>(fox, brown)<br>(fox, jumps)<br>(fox, over)      |

<http://mccormickml.com/2016/04/19/word2vec-tutorial-the-skip-gram-model/>

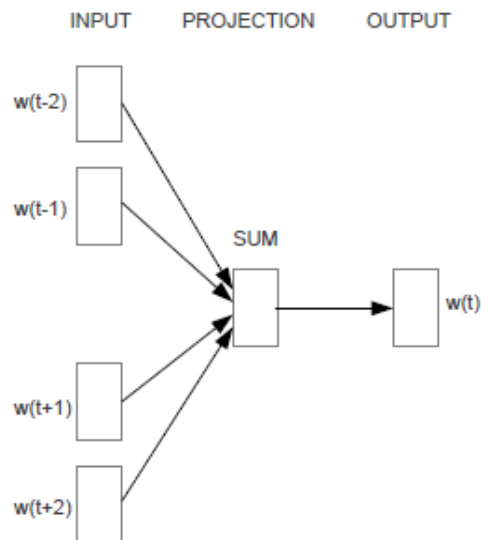
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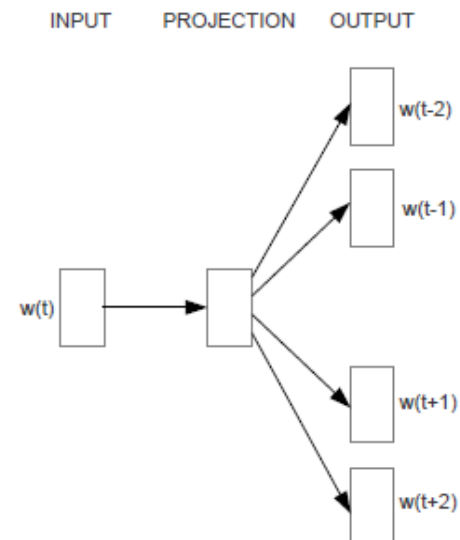
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# Word2vec

- Skip-grams vs CBOW:
  - Skip-grams:  $p(\text{time} \rightarrow \text{It is ? to finish})$
  - CBOW:  $P(\text{it is ? to finish} \rightarrow \text{time})$



CBOW

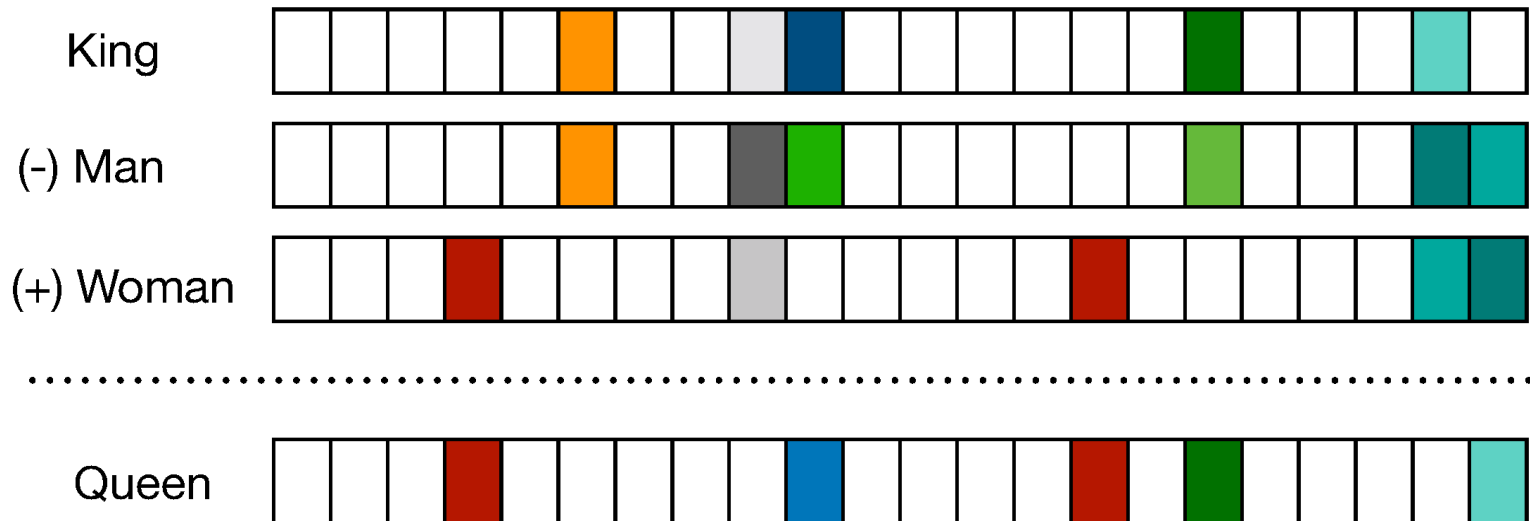


Skip-gram



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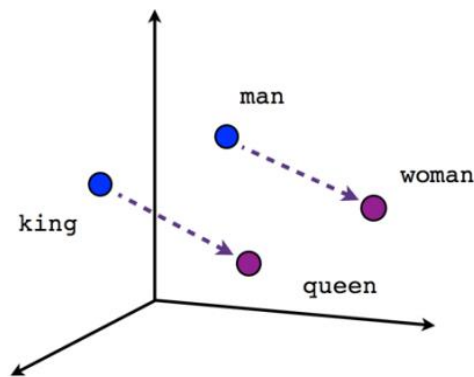
- The **result is a dense vector for each word**, good at predicting other words appearing in its **context** (also represented by vectors)



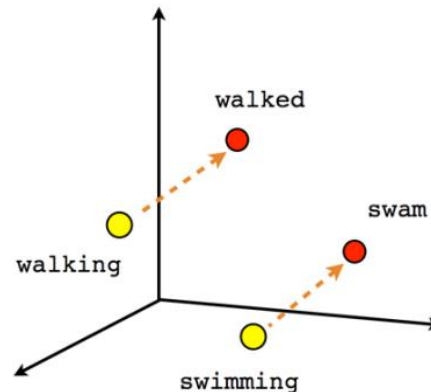
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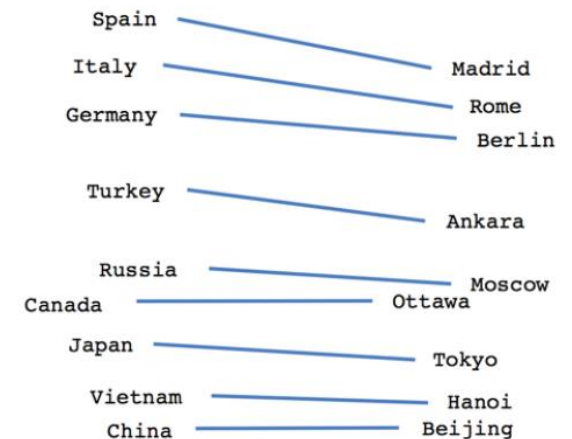
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Male-Female



Verb tense



Country-Capital

<https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/word2vec>

# Anything2Vec

- Med2vec: embeddings for medical codes
  - <https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.05568>
- Author2vec: embeddings of authors based on contents and authorships
  - [https://researchweb.iiit.ac.in/~soumyajit.ganguly/papers/A2v\\_1.pdf](https://researchweb.iiit.ac.in/~soumyajit.ganguly/papers/A2v_1.pdf)
- Citation2vec: embedding of papers based on the citations
  - <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1703.06587.pdf>
- Doc2Vec: embeddings of whole documents
  - [https://cs.stanford.edu/~quocle/paragraph\\_vector.pdf](https://cs.stanford.edu/~quocle/paragraph_vector.pdf)
- Many More:
  - <http://nlp.town/blog/anything2vec/>

# Resources

- Christopher Olah's post on Word Embeddings
  - <http://colah.github.io/posts/2014-07-NLP-RNNs-Representations/>
- Tensorflow tutorial on Word2Vec (with Code):
  - <https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/word2vec>
- GloVe: Global Vectors for Word Representation
  - <https://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>
- Word embeddings vs. other distributional semantic models
  - <http://blog.aylien.com/overview-word-embeddings-history-word2vec-cbow-glove/>