

# Skip-gram Negative Sampling (SGNS)

Instead of predicting a word for another word,  
predict “yes” or “no” for word pairs:

$$\sum_{u \in W} \sum_{v \in W} n_{uv} \log \sigma(\langle \phi_u, \theta_v \rangle) +$$

$$k \mathbb{E}_{\bar{v}} \log \sigma(-\langle \phi_u, \theta_{\bar{v}} \rangle) \rightarrow \max_{\phi_u, \theta_v}$$

- Use **positive examples** from data:  $v$  co-occurred with  $u$
- Sample **negative examples**:  $k$  random  $\bar{v}$  from the vocabulary

Train with SGD to find two matrices of parameters (as usual).