# exploring\_word\_vectors

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## 1 CS224N Assignment 1: Exploring Word Vectors (25 Points)

## 1.0.1 Due 4:30pm, Tue Jan 19

Welcome to CS224N!

Before you start, make sure you read the README.txt in the same directory as this notebook for important setup information. A lot of code is provided in this notebook, and we highly encourage you to read and understand it as part of the learning:)

If you aren't super familiar with Python, Numpy, or Matplotlib, we recommend you check out the review session on Friday. The session will be recorded and the material will be made available on our website. The CS231N Python/Numpy tutorial is also a great resource.

**Assignment Notes:** Please make sure to save the notebook as you go along. Submission Instructions are located at the bottom of the notebook.

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[62]: # All Import Statements Defined Here
      # Note: Do not add to this list.
      # -----
      import sys
      assert sys.version info[0]==3
      assert sys.version info[1] >= 5
      from gensim.models import KeyedVectors
      from gensim.test.utils import datapath
      import pprint
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [10, 5]
      import nltk
      nltk.download('reuters')
      from nltk.corpus import reuters
      import numpy as np
      import random
      import scipy as sp
      from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
      from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
      START_TOKEN = '<START>'
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END_TOKEN = '<END>'
np.random.seed(0)
random.seed(0)
# ------
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[nltk\_data] Downloading package reuters to /Users/Aman/nltk\_data...
[nltk\_data] Package reuters is already up-to-date!

#### 1.1 Word Vectors

Word Vectors are often used as a fundamental component for downstream NLP tasks, e.g. question answering, text generation, translation, etc., so it is important to build some intuitions as to their strengths and weaknesses. Here, you will explore two types of word vectors: those derived from co-occurrence matrices, and those derived via GloVe.

**Note on Terminology:** The terms "word vectors" and "word embeddings" are often used interchangeably. The term "embedding" refers to the fact that we are encoding aspects of a word's meaning in a lower dimensional space. As Wikipedia states, "conceptually it involves a mathematical embedding from a space with one dimension per word to a continuous vector space with a much lower dimension".

## 1.2 Part 1: Count-Based Word Vectors (10 points)

Most word vector models start from the following idea:

You shall know a word by the company it keeps (Firth, J. R. 1957:11)

Many word vector implementations are driven by the idea that similar words, i.e., (near) synonyms, will be used in similar contexts. As a result, similar words will often be spoken or written along with a shared subset of words, i.e., contexts. By examining these contexts, we can try to develop embeddings for our words. With this intuition in mind, many "old school" approaches to constructing word vectors relied on word counts. Here we elaborate upon one of those strategies, co-occurrence matrices (for more information, see here or here).

#### 1.2.1 Co-Occurrence

A co-occurrence matrix counts how often things co-occur in some environment. Given some word  $w_i$  occurring in the document, we consider the *context window* surrounding  $w_i$ . Supposing our fixed window size is n, then this is the n preceding and n subsequent words in that document, i.e. words  $w_{i-n} \dots w_{i-1}$  and  $w_{i+1} \dots w_{i+n}$ . We build a *co-occurrence matrix* M, which is a symmetric word-by-word matrix in which  $M_{ij}$  is the number of times  $w_j$  appears inside  $w_i$ 's window among all documents.

#### Example: Co-Occurrence with Fixed Window of n=1:

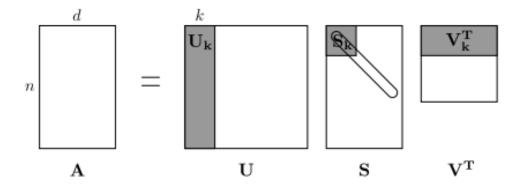
Document 1: "all that glitters is not gold"

Document 2: "all is well that ends well"

*	<start></start>	all	that	glitters	is	not	gold	well	ends	<end></end>
<start></start>	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
all	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
that	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
glitters	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
is	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
not	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
gold	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
well	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
ends	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<end></end>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0

Note: In NLP, we often add <START> and <END> tokens to represent the beginning and end of sentences, paragraphs or documents. In thise case we imagine <START> and <END> tokens encapsulating each document, e.g., "<START> All that glitters is not gold <END>", and include these tokens in our co-occurrence counts.

The rows (or columns) of this matrix provide one type of word vectors (those based on word-word co-occurrence), but the vectors will be large in general (linear in the number of distinct words in a corpus). Thus, our next step is to run dimensionality reduction. In particular, we will run SVD (Singular Value Decomposition), which is a kind of generalized PCA (Principal Components Analysis) to select the top k principal components. Here's a visualization of dimensionality reduction with SVD. In this picture our co-occurrence matrix is A with n rows corresponding to n words. We obtain a full matrix decomposition, with the singular values ordered in the diagonal S matrix, and our new, shorter length-k word vectors in  $U_k$ .



This reduced-dimensionality co-occurrence representation preserves semantic relationships between words, e.g. doctor and hospital will be closer than doctor and dog.

Notes: If you can barely remember what an eigenvalue is, here's a slow, friendly introduction to SVD. If you want to learn more thoroughly about PCA or SVD, feel free to check out lectures 7, 8, and 9 of CS168. These course notes provide a great high-level treatment of these general purpose algorithms. Though, for the purpose of this class, you only need to know how to extract the k-dimensional embeddings by utilizing pre-programmed implementations of these algorithms from the numpy, scipy, or sklearn python packages. In practice, it is challenging to apply full SVD

to large corpora because of the memory needed to perform PCA or SVD. However, if you only want the top k vector components for relatively small k — known as Truncated SVD — then there are reasonably scalable techniques to compute those iteratively.

## 1.2.2 Plotting Co-Occurrence Word Embeddings

Here, we will be using the Reuters (business and financial news) corpus. If you haven't run the import cell at the top of this page, please run it now (click it and press SHIFT-RETURN). The corpus consists of 10,788 news documents totaling 1.3 million words. These documents span 90 categories and are split into train and test. For more details, please see https://www.nltk.org/book/ch02.html. We provide a read\_corpus function below that pulls out only articles from the "crude" (i.e. news articles about oil, gas, etc.) category. The function also adds <START> and <END> tokens to each of the documents, and lowercases words. You do **not** have to perform any other kind of pre-processing.

```
[63]: def read_corpus(category="crude"):
    """ Read files from the specified Reuter's category.
    Params:
        category (string): category name
    Return:
        list of lists, with words from each of the processed files
    """
    files = reuters.fileids(category)
    return [[START_TOKEN] + [w.lower() for w in list(reuters.words(f))] +□
        ⇔[END_TOKEN] for f in files]
```

Let's have a look what these documents are like....

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[64]: reuters_corpus = read_corpus()
pprint.pprint(reuters_corpus[:3], compact=True, width=100)
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[['<START>', 'japan', 'to', 'revise', 'long', '-', 'term', 'energy', 'demand',
'downwards', 'the',
  'ministry', 'of', 'international', 'trade', 'and', 'industry', '(', 'miti',
')', 'will', 'revise',
  'its', 'long', '-', 'term', 'energy', 'supply', '/', 'demand', 'outlook',
'by', 'august', 'to',
  'meet', 'a', 'forecast', 'downtrend', 'in', 'japanese', 'energy', 'demand',
',', 'ministry',
  'officials', 'said', '.', 'miti', 'is', 'expected', 'to', 'lower', 'the',
'projection', 'for',
  'primary', 'energy', 'supplies', 'in', 'the', 'year', '2000', 'to', '550',
'mln', 'kilolitres',
  '(', 'kl', ')', 'from', '600', 'mln', ',', 'they', 'said', '.', 'the',
'decision', 'follows',
  'the', 'emergence', 'of', 'structural', 'changes', 'in', 'japanese',
'industry', 'following',
  'the', 'rise', 'in', 'the', 'value', 'of', 'the', 'yen', 'and', 'a',
'decline', 'in', 'domestic',
 'electric', 'power', 'demand', '.', 'miti', 'is', 'planning', 'to', 'work',
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'out', 'a', 'revised',
  'energy', 'supply', '/', 'demand', 'outlook', 'through', 'deliberations',
'of', 'committee',
  'meetings', 'of', 'the', 'agency', 'of', 'natural', 'resources', 'and',
'energy', ',', 'the',
 'officials', 'said', '.', 'they', 'said', 'miti', 'will', 'also', 'review',
'the', 'breakdown',
 'of', 'energy', 'supply', 'sources', ',', 'including', 'oil', ',', 'nuclear',
',', 'coal', 'and',
 'natural', 'gas', '.', 'nuclear', 'energy', 'provided', 'the', 'bulk', 'of',
'japan', "'", 's',
 'electric', 'power', 'in', 'the', 'fiscal', 'year', 'ended', 'march', '31',
',', 'supplying',
 'an', 'estimated', '27', 'pct', 'on', 'a', 'kilowatt', '/', 'hour', 'basis',
',', 'followed',
  'by', 'oil', '(', '23', 'pct', ')', 'and', 'liquefied', 'natural', 'gas', '(',
'21', 'pct', '),',
 'they', 'noted', '.', '<END>'],
['<START>', 'energy', '/', 'u', '.', 's', '.', 'petrochemical', 'industry',
'cheap', 'oil',
 'feedstocks', ',', 'the', 'weakened', 'u', '.', 's', '.', 'dollar', 'and',
'a', 'plant',
 'utilization', 'rate', 'approaching', '90', 'pct', 'will', 'propel', 'the',
'streamlined', 'u',
  '.', 's', '.', 'petrochemical', 'industry', 'to', 'record', 'profits', 'this',
'year', ',',
  'with', 'growth', 'expected', 'through', 'at', 'least', '1990', ',', 'major',
'company',
  'executives', 'predicted', '.', 'this', 'bullish', 'outlook', 'for',
'chemical', 'manufacturing',
 'and', 'an', 'industrywide', 'move', 'to', 'shed', 'unrelated', 'businesses',
'has', 'prompted',
  'gaf', 'corp', '&', 'lt', ';', 'gaf', '>,', 'privately', '-', 'held', 'cain',
'chemical', 'inc',
  ',', 'and', 'other', 'firms', 'to', 'aggressively', 'seek', 'acquisitions',
'of', 'petrochemical',
 'plants', '.', 'oil', 'companies', 'such', 'as', 'ashland', 'oil', 'inc', '&',
'lt', ';', 'ash',
  '>,', 'the', 'kentucky', '-', 'based', 'oil', 'refiner', 'and', 'marketer',
',', 'are', 'also',
 'shopping', 'for', 'money', '-', 'making', 'petrochemical', 'businesses',
'to', 'buy', '.', '"',
 'i', 'see', 'us', 'poised', 'at', 'the', 'threshold', 'of', 'a', 'golden',
'period', ',"', 'said',
 'paul', 'oreffice', ',', 'chairman', 'of', 'giant', 'dow', 'chemical', 'co',
'&', 'lt', ';',
 'dow', '>,', 'adding', ',', '"", 'there', "'", 's', 'no', 'major', 'plant',
'capacity', 'being',
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'added', 'around', 'the', 'world', 'now', '.', 'the', 'whole', 'game', 'is',
'bringing', 'out',
  'new', 'products', 'and', 'improving', 'the', 'old', 'ones', '."', 'analysts',
'say', 'the',
  'chemical', 'industry', "'", 's', 'biggest', 'customers', ',', 'automobile',
'manufacturers',
  'and', 'home', 'builders', 'that', 'use', 'a', 'lot', 'of', 'paints', 'and',
'plastics', ',',
  'are', 'expected', 'to', 'buy', 'quantities', 'this', 'year', '.', 'u', '.',
's', '.',
  'petrochemical', 'plants', 'are', 'currently', 'operating', 'at', 'about',
'90', 'pct',
  'capacity', ',', 'reflecting', 'tighter', 'supply', 'that', 'could', 'hike',
'product', 'prices',
  'by', '30', 'to', '40', 'pct', 'this', 'year', ',', 'said', 'john', 'dosher'.
',', 'managing',
 'director', 'of', 'pace', 'consultants', 'inc', 'of', 'houston', '.',
'demand', 'for', 'some',
  'products', 'such', 'as', 'styrene', 'could', 'push', 'profit', 'margins',
'up', 'by', 'as',
 'much', 'as', '300', 'pct', ',', 'he', 'said', '.', 'oreffice', ',',
'speaking', 'at', 'a',
 'meeting', 'of', 'chemical', 'engineers', 'in', 'houston', ',', 'said', 'dow',
'would', 'easily',
  'top', 'the', '741', 'mln', 'dlrs', 'it', 'earned', 'last', 'year', 'and',
'predicted', 'it',
  'would', 'have', 'the', 'best', 'year', 'in', 'its', 'history', '.', 'in',
'1985', ',', 'when',
  'oil', 'prices', 'were', 'still', 'above', '25', 'dlrs', 'a', 'barrel', 'and',
'chemical',
  'exports', 'were', 'adversely', 'affected', 'by', 'the', 'strong', 'u', '.',
's', '.', 'dollar',
 ',', 'dow', 'had', 'profits', 'of', '58', 'mln', 'dlrs', '.', '"', 'i',
'believe', 'the',
 'entire', 'chemical', 'industry', 'is', 'headed', 'for', 'a', 'record',
'year', 'or', 'close',
 'to', 'it', ',"', 'oreffice', 'said', '.', 'gaf', 'chairman', 'samuel',
'heyman', 'estimated',
  'that', 'the', 'u', '.', 's', '.', 'chemical', 'industry', 'would', 'report',
'a', '20', 'pct',
  'gain', 'in', 'profits', 'during', '1987', '.', 'last', 'year', ',', 'the',
'domestic',
  'industry', 'earned', 'a', 'total', 'of', '13', 'billion', 'dlrs', ',', 'a',
'54', 'pct', 'leap',
 'from', '1985', '.', 'the', 'turn', 'in', 'the', 'fortunes', 'of', 'the',
'once', '-', 'sickly',
  'chemical', 'industry', 'has', 'been', 'brought', 'about', 'by', 'a',
'combination', 'of', 'luck',
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'and', 'planning', ',', 'said', 'pace', "'", 's', 'john', 'dosher', '.',
'dosher', 'said', 'last',
  'year', "'", 's', 'fall', 'in', 'oil', 'prices', 'made', 'feedstocks',
'dramatically', 'cheaper',
  'and', 'at', 'the', 'same', 'time', 'the', 'american', 'dollar', 'was',
'weakening', 'against',
  'foreign', 'currencies', '.', 'that', 'helped', 'boost', 'u', '.', 's', '.',
'chemical',
  'exports', '.', 'also', 'helping', 'to', 'bring', 'supply', 'and', 'demand',
'into', 'balance',
  'has', 'been', 'the', 'gradual', 'market', 'absorption', 'of', 'the', 'extra',
'chemical',
  'manufacturing', 'capacity', 'created', 'by', 'middle', 'eastern', 'oil',
'producers', 'in',
  'the', 'early', '1980s', '.', 'finally', ',', 'virtually', 'all', 'major',
'u', '.', 's', '.',
 'chemical', 'manufacturers', 'have', 'embarked', 'on', 'an', 'extensive',
'corporate',
  'restructuring', 'program', 'to', 'mothball', 'inefficient', 'plants', ',',
'trim', 'the',
  'payroll', 'and', 'eliminate', 'unrelated', 'businesses', '.', 'the',
'restructuring', 'touched',
 'off', 'a', 'flurry', 'of', 'friendly', 'and', 'hostile', 'takeover',
'attempts', '.', 'gaf', ',',
  'which', 'made', 'an', 'unsuccessful', 'attempt', 'in', '1985', 'to',
'acquire', 'union',
  'carbide', 'corp', '&', 'lt', ';', 'uk', '>,', 'recently', 'offered', 'three',
'billion', 'dlrs',
  'for', 'borg', 'warner', 'corp', '&', 'lt', ';', 'bor', '>,', 'a', 'chicago',
'manufacturer',
 'of', 'plastics', 'and', 'chemicals', '.', 'another', 'industry',
'powerhouse', ',', 'w', '.',
  'r', '.', 'grace', '&', 'lt', ';', 'gra', '>', 'has', 'divested', 'its'.
'retailing', ',',
  'restaurant', 'and', 'fertilizer', 'businesses', 'to', 'raise', 'cash', 'for',
'chemical',
  'acquisitions', '.', 'but', 'some', 'experts', 'worry', 'that', 'the',
'chemical', 'industry',
  'may', 'be', 'headed', 'for', 'trouble', 'if', 'companies', 'continue',
'turning', 'their',
  'back', 'on', 'the', 'manufacturing', 'of', 'staple', 'petrochemical',
'commodities', ',', 'such',
  'as', 'ethylene', ',', 'in', 'favor', 'of', 'more', 'profitable', 'specialty',
'chemicals',
  'that', 'are', 'custom', '-', 'designed', 'for', 'a', 'small', 'group', 'of',
'buyers', '.', '"',
  'companies', 'like', 'dupont', '&', 'lt', ';', 'dd', '>', 'and', 'monsanto',
'co', '&', 'lt', ';',
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'mtc', '>', 'spent', 'the', 'past', 'two', 'or', 'three', 'years', 'trying',
'to', 'get', 'out',
 'of', 'the', 'commodity', 'chemical', 'business', 'in', 'reaction', 'to',
'how', 'badly', 'the',
 'market', 'had', 'deteriorated', ',"', 'dosher', 'said', '.', '"', 'but', 'i',
'think', 'they',
  'will', 'eventually', 'kill', 'the', 'margins', 'on', 'the', 'profitable',
'chemicals', 'in',
 'the', 'niche', 'market', '."', 'some', 'top', 'chemical', 'executives',
'share', 'the',
  'concern', '.', '"', 'the', 'challenge', 'for', 'our', 'industry', 'is', 'to',
'keep', 'from',
  'getting', 'carried', 'away', 'and', 'repeating', 'past', 'mistakes', ',"',
'gaf', "'", 's',
  'heyman', 'cautioned', '.', '"', 'the', 'shift', 'from', 'commodity',
'chemicals', 'may', 'be',
 'ill', '-', 'advised', '.', 'specialty', 'businesses', 'do', 'not', 'stay',
'special', 'long',
 '."', 'houston', '-', 'based', 'cain', 'chemical', ',', 'created', 'this',
'month', 'by', 'the',
 'sterling', 'investment', 'banking', 'group', ',', 'believes', 'it', 'can',
'generate', '700',
 'mln', 'dlrs', 'in', 'annual', 'sales', 'by', 'bucking', 'the', 'industry',
'trend', '.',
  'chairman', 'gordon', 'cain', ',', 'who', 'previously', 'led', 'a',
'leveraged', 'buyout', 'of',
  'dupont', "'", 's', 'conoco', 'inc', "'", 's', 'chemical', 'business', ',',
'has', 'spent', '1',
  '.', '1', 'billion', 'dlrs', 'since', 'january', 'to', 'buy', 'seven',
'petrochemical', 'plants',
 'along', 'the', 'texas', 'gulf', 'coast', '.', 'the', 'plants', 'produce',
'only', 'basic',
  'commodity', 'petrochemicals', 'that', 'are', 'the', 'building', 'blocks',
'of', 'specialty',
 'products', '.', '"', 'this', 'kind', 'of', 'commodity', 'chemical',
'business', 'will', 'never',
 'be', 'a', 'glamorous', ',', 'high', '-', 'margin', 'business', ',"', 'cain',
'said', ',',
  'adding', 'that', 'demand', 'is', 'expected', 'to', 'grow', 'by', 'about',
'three', 'pct',
 'annually', '.', 'garo', 'armen', ',', 'an', 'analyst', 'with', 'dean',
'witter', 'reynolds', ',',
  'said', 'chemical', 'makers', 'have', 'also', 'benefitted', 'by',
'increasing', 'demand', 'for',
  'plastics', 'as', 'prices', 'become', 'more', 'competitive', 'with',
'aluminum', ',', 'wood',
  'and', 'steel', 'products', '.', 'armen', 'estimated', 'the', 'upturn', 'in',
'the', 'chemical',
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'business', 'could', 'last', 'as', 'long', 'as', 'four', 'or', 'five',
'years', ',', 'provided',
  'the', 'u', '.', 's', '.', 'economy', 'continues', 'its', 'modest', 'rate',
'of', 'growth', '.',
 '<END>'],
['<START>', 'turkey', 'calls', 'for', 'dialogue', 'to', 'solve', 'dispute',
'turkey', 'said',
  'today', 'its', 'disputes', 'with', 'greece', ',', 'including', 'rights',
'on', 'the',
 'continental', 'shelf', 'in', 'the', 'aegean', 'sea', ',', 'should', 'be',
'solved', 'through',
  'negotiations', '.', 'a', 'foreign', 'ministry', 'statement', 'said', 'the',
'latest', 'crisis',
  'between', 'the', 'two', 'nato', 'members', 'stemmed', 'from', 'the',
'continental', 'shelf',
  'dispute', 'and', 'an', 'agreement', 'on', 'this', 'issue', 'would', 'effect',
'the', 'security',
  ',', 'economy', 'and', 'other', 'rights', 'of', 'both', 'countries', '.', '"',
'as', 'the',
 'issue', 'is', 'basicly', 'political', ',', 'a', 'solution', 'can', 'only',
'be', 'found', 'by',
  'bilateral', 'negotiations', ',"', 'the', 'statement', 'said', '.', 'greece',
'has', 'repeatedly',
  'said', 'the', 'issue', 'was', 'legal', 'and', 'could', 'be', 'solved', 'at',
'the',
 'international', 'court', 'of', 'justice', '.', 'the', 'two', 'countries',
'approached', 'armed',
 'confrontation', 'last', 'month', 'after', 'greece', 'announced', 'it',
'planned', 'oil',
  'exploration', 'work', 'in', 'the', 'aegean', 'and', 'turkey', 'said', 'it',
'would', 'also',
  'search', 'for', 'oil', '.', 'a', 'face', '-', 'off', 'was', 'averted',
'when', 'turkey',
  'confined', 'its', 'research', 'to', 'territorrial', 'waters', '.', '"',
'the', 'latest',
  'crises', 'created', 'an', 'historic', 'opportunity', 'to', 'solve', 'the',
'disputes', 'between',
  'the', 'two', 'countries', ',"', 'the', 'foreign', 'ministry', 'statement',
'said', '.', 'turkey',
 "'", 's', 'ambassador', 'in', 'athens', ',', 'nazmi', 'akiman', ',', 'was',
'due', 'to', 'meet',
 'prime', 'minister', 'andreas', 'papandreou', 'today', 'for', 'the', 'greek',
'reply', 'to', 'a',
 'message', 'sent', 'last', 'week', 'by', 'turkish', 'prime', 'minister',
'turgut', 'ozal', '.',
 'the', 'contents', 'of', 'the', 'message', 'were', 'not', 'disclosed', '.',
'<END>']
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## 1.2.3 Question 1.1: Implement distinct\_words [code] (2 points)

Write a method to work out the distinct words (word types) that occur in the corpus. You can do this with for loops, but it's more efficient to do it with Python list comprehensions. In particular, this may be useful to flatten a list of lists. If you're not familiar with Python list comprehensions in general, here's more information.

Your returned corpus words should be sorted. You can use python's sorted function for this.

You may find it useful to use Python sets to remove duplicate words.

```
[65]: def distinct_words(corpus):
           """ Determine a list of distinct words for the corpus.
               Params:
                   corpus (list of list of strings): corpus of documents
               Return:
                   corpus words (list of strings): sorted list of distinct words⊔
       \hookrightarrow across the corpus
                   num corpus words (integer): number of distinct words across the
       \hookrightarrow corpus
           11 11 11
          corpus_words = []
          num\_corpus\_words = -1
          # Write your implementation here.
          corpus words = {word for doc in corpus for word in doc}
          corpus_words = sorted(list(corpus_words))
          num corpus words = len(corpus words)
          return corpus_words, num_corpus_words
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Passed All Tests!

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## 1.2.4 Question 1.2: Implement compute\_co\_occurrence\_matrix [code] (3 points)

Write a method that constructs a co-occurrence matrix for a certain window-size n (with a default of 4), considering words n before and n after the word in the center of the window. Here, we start to use numpy (np) to represent vectors, matrices, and tensors. If you're not familiar with NumPy, there's a NumPy tutorial in the second half of this cs231n Python NumPy tutorial.

```
[67]: def compute_co_occurrence_matrix(corpus, window_size=4):
           """ Compute co-occurrence matrix for the given corpus and window_size_\sqcup
       \hookrightarrow (default of 4).
              Note: Each word in a document should be at the center of a window. \Box
       →Words near edges will have a smaller
                     number of co-occurring words.
                     For example, if we take the document "<START> All that glitters_
       ⇒is not gold <END>" with window size of 4,
                     "All" will co-occur with "<START>", "that", "glitters", "is", and
       \rightarrow "not".
              Params:
                   corpus (list of list of strings): corpus of documents
                   window_size (int): size of context window
              Return:
                   M (a symmetric numpy matrix of shape (number of unique words in the \sqcup
       →corpus , number of unique words in the corpus)):
                       Co-occurence matrix of word counts.
                       The ordering of the words in the rows/columns should be the 
       ⇒same as the ordering of the words given by the distinct_words function.
```

```
word2ind (dict): dictionary that maps word to index (i.e. row/
\rightarrow column number) for matrix M.
   words, num_words = distinct_words(corpus)
   M = None
   word2ind = {}
   # -----
   # Write your implementation here.
   # Build the word to index mapping.
   word2ind = {word: i for i, word in enumerate(words)}
   # Build the co-occurrence matrix.
   M = np.zeros((num_words, num_words))
   for body in corpus:
       for curr_idx, word in enumerate(body):
           for window_idx in range(-window_size, window_size + 1):
               neighbor idx = curr idx + window idx
               if (neighbor_idx < 0) or (neighbor_idx >= len(body)) or_
\hookrightarrow (curr idx == neighbor idx):
                   continue
               co_occur_word = body[neighbor_idx]
               (word_idx, co_occur_idx) = (word2ind[word],__
→word2ind[co_occur_word])
               M[word_idx, co_occur_idx] += 1
   return M, word2ind
```

```
[0., 1., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1.,],
     [0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 1.,],
     [0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 1., 0.,],
     [1., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0., 0.,],
     [0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 1., 0., 0., 0.,],
     [0., 0., 1., 0., 1., 1., 0., 0., 0., 1.,],
     [1., 0., 0., 1., 1., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0.,]]
ans_test_corpus_words = sorted([START_TOKEN, "All", "ends", "that", "gold", "
→"All's", "glitters", "isn't", "well", END_TOKEN])
word2ind_ans = dict(zip(ans_test_corpus_words,__
→range(len(ans_test_corpus_words))))
# Test correct word2ind
assert (word2ind_ans == word2ind_test), "Your word2ind is incorrect:\nCorrect:\
→{}\nYours: {}".format(word2ind_ans, word2ind_test)
# Test correct M shape
assert (M_test.shape == M_test_ans.shape), "M matrix has incorrect shape.
→\nCorrect: {}\nYours: {}".format(M_test.shape, M_test_ans.shape)
# Test correct M values
for w1 in word2ind_ans.keys():
   idx1 = word2ind_ans[w1]
   for w2 in word2ind_ans.keys():
        idx2 = word2ind_ans[w2]
        student = M_test[idx1, idx2]
        correct = M_test_ans[idx1, idx2]
        if student != correct:
            print("Correct M:")
            print(M_test_ans)
            print("Your M: ")
            print(M test)
            raise AssertionError("Incorrect count at index ({}, {})=({}, {}) in⊔
→matrix M. Yours has {} but should have {}.".format(idx1, idx2, w1, w2,,,
⇔student, correct))
# Print Success
print ("-" * 80)
print("Passed All Tests!")
print ("-" * 80)
```

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#### Passed All Tests!

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## 1.2.5 Question 1.3: Implement reduce\_to\_k\_dim [code] (1 point)

Construct a method that performs dimensionality reduction on the matrix to produce k-dimensional embeddings. Use SVD to take the top k components and produce a new matrix of k-dimensional embeddings.

**Note:** All of numpy, scipy, and scikit-learn (sklearn) provide *some* implementation of SVD, but only scipy and sklearn provide an implementation of Truncated SVD, and only sklearn provides an efficient randomized algorithm for calculating large-scale Truncated SVD. So please use sklearn.decomposition.TruncatedSVD.

```
[69]: def reduce to k \dim(M, k=2):
           """ Reduce a co-occurence count matrix of dimensionality (num_corpus_words, __
       \hookrightarrow num_corpus_words)
               to a matrix of dimensionality (num_corpus_words, k) using the following_
       \hookrightarrow SVD function from Scikit-Learn:
                   - http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.
       \rightarrow decomposition. Truncated SVD. html
               Params:
                   M (numpy matrix of shape (number of unique words in the corpus, _{\sqcup}
       →number of unique words in the corpus)): co-occurence matrix of word counts
                   k (int): embedding size of each word after dimension reduction
               Return:
                   M reduced (numpy matrix of shape (number of corpus words, k)):
       \rightarrow matrix of k-dimensioal word embeddings.
                           In terms of the SVD from math class, this actually returns \Box
       \hookrightarrow U * S
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          n iters = 10
                            # Use this parameter in your call to `TruncatedSVD`
          M_reduced = None
          print("Running Truncated SVD over %i words..." % (M.shape[0]))
          # -----
          # Write your implementation here.
          svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components = k)
          svd.fit(M)
          M_reduced = svd.transform(M)
           # -----
          print("Done.")
          return M_reduced
```

```
[70]: # -------
# Run this sanity check
# Note that this is not an exhaustive check for correctness
```

```
# In fact we only check that your M_reduced has the right dimensions.
# Define toy corpus and run student code
test_corpus = ["{} All that glitters isn't gold {}".format(START_TOKEN, __
→END_TOKEN).split(" "), "{} All's well that ends well {}".format(START_TOKEN,
→END TOKEN).split(" ")]
M test, word2ind test = compute co occurrence matrix(test corpus, window size=1)
M_test_reduced = reduce_to_k_dim(M_test, k=2)
# Test proper dimensions
assert (M_test_reduced.shape[0] == 10), "M_reduced has {} rows; should have {}".
→format(M_test_reduced.shape[0], 10)
assert (M_test_reduced.shape[1] == 2), "M_reduced has {} columns; should have_
→{}".format(M_test_reduced.shape[1], 2)
# Print Success
print ("-" * 80)
print("Passed All Tests!")
print ("-" * 80)
```

Running Truncated SVD over 10 words...
Done.

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Passed All Tests!

#### 1.2.6 Question 1.4: Implement plot embeddings [code] (1 point)

Here you will write a function to plot a set of 2D vectors in 2D space. For graphs, we will use Matplotlib (plt).

For this example, you may find it useful to adapt this code. In the future, a good way to make a plot is to look at the Matplotlib gallery, find a plot that looks somewhat like what you want, and adapt the code they give.

```
[71]: def plot_embeddings(M_reduced, word2ind, words):

""" Plot in a scatterplot the embeddings of the words specified in the list

""words".

NOTE: do not plot all the words listed in M_reduced / word2ind.

Include a label next to each point.

Params:

M_reduced (numpy matrix of shape (number of unique words in the

→corpus , 2)): matrix of 2-dimensioal word embeddings

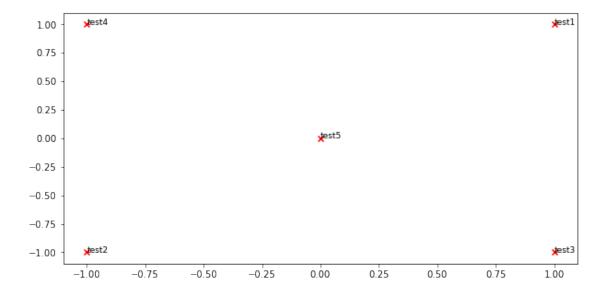
word2ind (dict): dictionary that maps word to indices for matrix M

words (list of strings): words whose embeddings we want to visualize

"""
```

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Outputted Plot:



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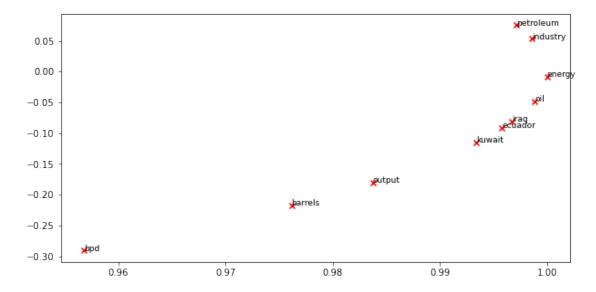
#### **Test Plot Solution**

## 1.2.7 Question 1.5: Co-Occurrence Plot Analysis [written] (3 points)

Now we will put together all the parts you have written! We will compute the co-occurrence matrix with fixed window of 4 (the default window size), over the Reuters "crude" (oil) corpus. Then we will use TruncatedSVD to compute 2-dimensional embeddings of each word. TruncatedSVD returns U\*S, so we need to normalize the returned vectors, so that all the vectors will appear around the unit circle (therefore closeness is directional closeness). **Note**: The line of code below that does the normalizing uses the NumPy concept of *broadcasting*. If you don't know about broadcasting, check out Computation on Arrays: Broadcasting by Jake VanderPlas.

Run the below cell to produce the plot. It'll probably take a few seconds to run. What clusters together in 2-dimensional embedding space? What doesn't cluster together that you might think should have? **Note:** "bpd" stands for "barrels per day" and is a commonly used abbreviation in crude oil topic articles.

Running Truncated SVD over 8185 words... Done.



## Write your answer here.

- From the plot above, there's three clusters that we can observe:
  - petroleum, industry
  - energy, oil
  - ecuador, iraq, kuwait
- Countries that are major exporters of oil have been clustered together. This makes sense as co-occurrence matrices group general topics and since oil countries likely share similar co-occurrence words in the reuter articles corpus, they are expected to cluster together here.
- "bpd", "barrels" and "output" should cluster together, but apparently they have less cooccurance in given datasets. Also, petroleum and oil could be clustered more closely together as crude oil and petroleum are sometimes used synonymously.

## 1.3 Part 2: Prediction-Based Word Vectors (15 points)

As discussed in class, more recently prediction-based word vectors have demonstrated better performance, such as word2vec and GloVe (which also utilizes the benefit of counts). Here, we shall explore the embeddings produced by GloVe. Please revisit the class notes and lecture slides for more details on the word2vec and GloVe algorithms. If you're feeling adventurous, challenge yourself and try reading GloVe's original paper.

Then run the following cells to load the GloVe vectors into memory. **Note**: If this is your first time to run these cells, i.e. download the embedding model, it will take a couple minutes to run. If you've run these cells before, rerunning them will load the model without redownloading it, which will take about 1 to 2 minutes.

```
[75]: # ------
# Run Cell to Load Word Vectors
# Note: This will take a couple minutes
# ------
wv_from_bin = load_embedding_model()
```

Loaded vocab size 400000

Note: If you are receiving a "reset by peer" error, rerun the cell to restart the download.

#### 1.3.1 Reducing dimensionality of Word Embeddings

Let's directly compare the GloVe embeddings to those of the co-occurrence matrix. In order to avoid running out of memory, we will work with a sample of 10000 GloVe vectors instead. Run the following cells to:

- 1. Put 10000 Glove vectors into a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$
- 2. Run reduce\_to\_k\_dim (your Truncated SVD function) to reduce the vectors from 200-dimensional to 2-dimensional.

```
print("Shuffling words ...")
random.seed(224)
random.shuffle(words)
words = words[:10000]
print("Putting %i words into word2ind and matrix M..." % len(words))
word2ind = {}
M = []
curInd = 0
for w in words:
    try:
        M.append(wv_from_bin.word_vec(w))
        word2ind[w] = curInd
        curInd += 1
    except KeyError:
        continue
for w in required_words:
    if w in words:
        continue
    try:
        M.append(wv_from_bin.word_vec(w))
        word2ind[w] = curInd
        curInd += 1
    except KeyError:
        continue
M = np.stack(M)
print("Done.")
return M, word2ind
```

```
Shuffling words ...
Putting 10000 words into word2ind and matrix M...
Done.
Running Truncated SVD over 10010 words...
Done.
```

Note: If you are receiving out of memory issues on your local machine, try closing other applications to free more memory on your device. You may want to try restarting your machine so that you can free up extra memory. Then immediately run the jupyter

notebook and see if you can load the word vectors properly. If you still have problems with loading the embeddings onto your local machine after this, please go to office hours or contact course staff.

## 1.3.2 Question 2.1: GloVe Plot Analysis [written] (3 points)

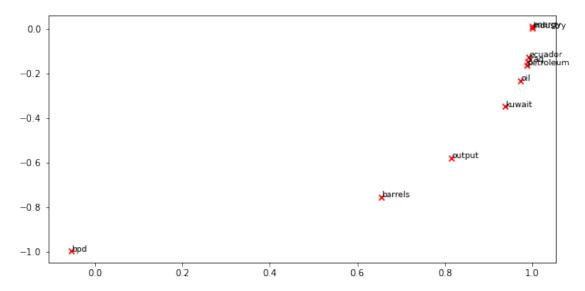
Run the cell below to plot the 2D GloVe embeddings for ['barrels', 'bpd', 'ecuador', 'energy', 'industry', 'kuwait', 'oil', 'output', 'petroleum', 'iraq'].

What clusters together in 2-dimensional embedding space? What doesn't cluster together that you think should have? How is the plot different from the one generated earlier from the co-occurrence matrix? What is a possible cause for the difference?

```
[78]: words = ['barrels', 'bpd', 'ecuador', 'energy', 'industry', 'kuwait', 'oil', 

→'output', 'petroleum', 'iraq']

plot_embeddings(M_reduced_normalized, word2ind, words)
```



## Write your answer here.

- Unlike the window-based co-occurrence embeddings, these prediction-based GloVe embeddings do not cluster together countries. Kuwait for example is largely displaced from Iraq.
- GloVe seems to cluster together "energy" and "industry" more closely than co-occurrence embeddings. "barrels" and "bpd" are still far off even though they're expected to be a bit closer since barrels-per-day should be a function of the number of barrels.

## 1.3.3 Cosine Similarity

Now that we have word vectors, we need a way to quantify the similarity between individual words, according to these vectors. One such metric is cosine-similarity. We will be using this to find words that are "close" and "far" from one another.

We can think of n-dimensional vectors as points in n-dimensional space. If we take this perspective L1 and L2 Distances help quantify the amount of space "we must travel" to get between these two points. Another approach is to examine the angle between two vectors. From trigonometry we know that:

Instead of computing the actual angle, we can leave the similarity in terms of  $similarity = cos(\Theta)$ . Formally the Cosine Similarity s between two vectors p and q is defined as:

$$s = \frac{p \cdot q}{||p||||q||}, \text{ where } s \in [-1, 1]$$

## 1.3.4 Question 2.2: Words with Multiple Meanings (1.5 points) [code + written]

Polysemes and homonyms are words that have more than one meaning (see this wiki page to learn more about the difference between polysemes and homonyms). Find a word with at least two different meanings such that the top-10 most similar words (according to cosine similarity) contain related words from both meanings. For example, "leaves" has both "go\_away" and "a\_structure\_of\_a\_plant" meaning in the top 10, and "scoop" has both "handed\_waffle\_cone" and "lowdown". You will probably need to try several polysemous or homonymic words before you find one.

Please state the word you discover and the multiple meanings that occur in the top 10. Why do you think many of the polysemous or homonymic words you tried didn't work (i.e. the top-10 most similar words only contain **one** of the meanings of the words)?

Note: You should use the wv\_from\_bin.most\_similar(word) function to get the top 10 similar words. This function ranks all other words in the vocabulary with respect to their cosine similarity to the given word. For further assistance, please check the **GenSim documentation**.

#### Write your answer here.

- Since both "weapons" and "arms" are among the top 10 meanings of the word "arms", this implies that the embedding has captured both meanings of "arms": weaponry and limb.
- A reason why many polysemous words don't exhibit different meanings is that these GloVe vectors are built upon Wiki data in which more often than not words tend to take on the same meanings. Another reason could be that the top 10 similar words sometimes include different forms of the same word (arm) or its meanings (hand/hands).

## 1.3.5 Question 2.3: Synonyms & Antonyms (2 points) [code + written]

When considering Cosine Similarity, it's often more convenient to think of Cosine Distance, which is simply 1 - Cosine Similarity.

Find three words  $(w_1, w_2, w_3)$  where  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are synonyms and  $w_1$  and  $w_3$  are antonyms, but Cosine Distance  $(w_1, w_3) < \text{Cosine Distance } (w_1, w_2)$ .

As an example,  $w_1$ ="happy" is closer to  $w_3$ ="sad" than to  $w_2$ ="cheerful". Please find a different example that satisfies the above. Once you have found your example, please give a possible explanation for why this counter-intuitive result may have happened.

You should use the the wv\_from\_bin.distance(w1, w2) function here in order to compute the cosine distance between two words. Please see the GenSim documentation for further assistance.

Synonyms love, affection have cosine distance: 0.42052197456359863 Antonyms love, hate have cosine distance: 0.49353712797164917

## Write your answer here.

- The proximity of words to each other in a sequence, i.e., the context, carries more weight than their similarity in meaning/semantics in determining word embeddings.
- Some words can be antonyms, but can still be used in the same context, so their distance is lower than a pair of synonyms. Conversely, even where two words are synonyms, they can be used in different contexts. As such,  $w_1$  and  $w_3$  might have appeared in more similar contexts than  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . This could lead to  $w'_1s$  and  $w'_3s$  vectors to be more similar to each other than  $w'_1s$  and  $w'_2s$ .

## 1.3.6 Question 2.4: Analogies with Word Vectors [written] (1.5 points)

Word vectors have been shown to *sometimes* exhibit the ability to solve analogies.

As an example, for the analogy "man: king: woman: x" (read: man is to king as woman is to x), what is x?

In the cell below, we show you how to use word vectors to find x using the most\_similar function from the **GenSim documentation**. The function finds words that are most similar to the words in the positive list and most dissimilar from the words in the negative list (while omitting the input words, which are often the most similar; see this paper). The answer to the analogy will have the highest cosine similarity (largest returned numerical value).

```
[81]: # Run this cell to answer the analogy -- man : king :: woman : x

pprint.pprint(wv_from_bin.most_similar(positive=['woman', 'king'],

→negative=['man']))
```

```
[('queen', 0.6978679299354553),
  ('princess', 0.6081743836402893),
  ('monarch', 0.5889754891395569),
  ('throne', 0.5775110125541687),
  ('prince', 0.5750998258590698),
  ('elizabeth', 0.5463595986366272),
  ('daughter', 0.5399126410484314),
  ('kingdom', 0.5318052768707275),
  ('mother', 0.5168544054031372),
  ('crown', 0.5164472460746765)]
```

Let m, k, w, and x denote the word vectors for man, king, woman, and the answer, respectively. Using **only** vectors m, k, w, and the vector arithmetic operators + and - in your answer, what is the expression in which we are maximizing cosine similarity with x?

Hint: Recall that word vectors are simply multi-dimensional vectors that represent a word. It might help to draw out a 2D example using arbitrary locations of each vector. Where would man and woman lie in the coordinate plane relative to king and the answer?

Write your answer here. The expression in which we are maximizing cosine similarity with x is:

$$|k-m| \approx |x-w|$$

Programmatically, we are trying to ensure that the distance (measured using cosine similarity) between k-m is as similar as possible to x-w.

#### 1.3.7 Question 2.5: Finding Analogies [code + written] (1.5 points)

Find an example of analogy that holds according to these vectors (i.e. the intended word is ranked top). In your solution please state the full analogy in the form x:y :: a:b. If you believe the analogy is complicated, explain why the analogy holds in one or two sentences.

**Note**: You may have to try many analogies to find one that works!

```
[('actress', 0.8572621941566467),
  ('actresses', 0.6734701991081238),
  ('actors', 0.6297088861465454),
  ('starring', 0.6084522604942322),
  ('starred', 0.5989463925361633),
  ('screenwriter', 0.595988929271698),
  ('dancer', 0.5881683230400085),
  ('comedian', 0.5791141390800476),
  ('singer', 0.5661861300468445),
  ('married', 0.5574131011962891)]
```

#### Write your answer here.

• Example 1:

- man:actor :: woman:actress

• Example 2:

- rome:italy :: paris:france

## 1.3.8 Question 2.6: Incorrect Analogy [code + written] (1.5 points)

Find an example of analogy that does *not* hold according to these vectors. In your solution, state the intended analogy in the form x:y :: a:b, and state the (incorrect) value of b according to the word vectors.

```
[('nbc', 0.3861715793609619),
  ('betsy', 0.38571250438690186),
  ('channing', 0.3854195177555084),
  ('abc', 0.3780362904071808),
```

```
('jamie', 0.3735346794128418),
('carol', 0.3651508688926697),
('bonnie', 0.3609510064125061),
('turner', 0.3577595353126526),
('jennings', 0.3513510227203369),
('kelley', 0.34911856055259705)]
```

#### Write your answer here.

- Example 1:
  - Actual: india:peacock :: america:nbc
  - Expected: india:peacock :: america:eagle
- Example 2:
  - Actual: england:english :: india:pakistan
  - Expected: england:english:: india:hindi

## 1.3.9 Question 2.7: Guided Analysis of Bias in Word Vectors [written] (1 point)

It's important to be cognizant of the biases (gender, race, sexual orientation etc.) implicit in our word embeddings. Bias can be dangerous because it can reinforce stereotypes through applications that employ these models.

Run the cell below, to examine (a) which terms are most similar to "woman" and "worker" and most dissimilar to "man", and (b) which terms are most similar to "man" and "worker" and most dissimilar to "woman". Point out the difference between the list of female-associated words and the list of male-associated words, and explain how it is reflecting gender bias.

```
[86]: # Run this cell
      # Here `positive` indicates the list of words to be similar to and `negative`
      → indicates the list of words to be
      # most dissimilar from.
      pprint.pprint(wv_from_bin.most_similar(positive=['woman', 'worker'],__
       →negative=['man']))
      print()
      pprint.pprint(wv_from_bin.most_similar(positive=['man', 'worker'],__
       →negative=['woman']))
     [('employee', 0.6375863552093506),
      ('workers', 0.6068919897079468),
      ('nurse', 0.5837946534156799),
      ('pregnant', 0.536388635635376),
      ('mother', 0.5321309566497803),
      ('employer', 0.5127025842666626),
      ('teacher', 0.5099576711654663),
      ('child', 0.5096741914749146),
      ('homemaker', 0.5019454956054688),
      ('nurses', 0.4970572292804718)]
     [('workers', 0.611325740814209),
```

```
('employee', 0.5983108282089233),

('working', 0.5615329146385193),

('laborer', 0.5442320108413696),

('unemployed', 0.5368516445159912),

('job', 0.5278826951980591),

('work', 0.5223962664604187),

('mechanic', 0.5088937282562256),

('worked', 0.5054520964622498),

('factory', 0.4940453767776489)]
```

Write your answer here. There seems to be some bias in the vectors generated around occupations with respect to gender.

- Nurse, teacher, homemaker are among the top 10 terms most similar to "woman" and "worker" but most disimilar to "man".
- Laborer, mechanic and factory are examples of terms most similar to "man" and "worker" but most disimilar to "woman".

The vectors thus seem to have learnt some discrepency in employment roles among genders. However, some gender-neutral words like employee, workers do show up in both cases.

# 1.3.10 Question 2.8: Independent Analysis of Bias in Word Vectors [code + written] (1 point)

Use the most\_similar function to find another case where some bias is exhibited by the vectors. Please briefly explain the example of bias that you discover.

```
[('professions', 0.5957457423210144),
  ('practitioner', 0.49884119629859924),
  ('teaching', 0.48292142152786255),
  ('nursing', 0.4821180999279022),
  ('vocation', 0.4788965880870819),
  ('teacher', 0.47160348296165466),
  ('practicing', 0.4693780839443207),
  ('educator', 0.46524325013160706),
  ('physicians', 0.4628995358943939),
  ('professionals', 0.4601393938064575)]
```

```
[('reputation', 0.5250176191329956),
  ('professions', 0.5178037881851196),
  ('skill', 0.49046963453292847),
  ('skills', 0.49005505442619324),
  ('ethic', 0.4897659420967102),
  ('business', 0.4875851273536682),
  ('respected', 0.4859202802181244),
  ('practice', 0.4821045994758606),
  ('regarded', 0.47785723209381104),
  ('life', 0.4760662317276001)]
```

## Write your answer here.

- The professions that are most similar to "man" but most dissimilar to "woman" draws up a range of careers such as physicians, educator/teacher etc. and also features keywords such as practitioner and professionals.
- On the flipside, the embeddings that are most similar to "woman" and profession but most dissimilar to "man" are reputation, skills, ethic, business, etc.
- This example thus exhibits a clear bias in gender-specific career choices, since careers like physicians, educator/teacher have more similarity to "man" than "woman".

## 1.3.11 Question 2.9: Thinking About Bias [written] (2 points)

Give one explanation of how bias gets into the word vectors. What is an experiment that you could do to test for or to measure this source of bias?

## Write your answer here.

- "Your model is only as good as the data it is trained on" a.k.a. "garbage in/garbage out".
- Since your model solely relies on the input data to generate its embeddings, biases inherent to society can be implicitly propagated through the data the model is trained on. This raises concerns because their widespread use often tends to amplify these biases.
- Often news articles exhibit bias related to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc. Since the training objective is to maximize the probability of prediciting the next word correctly, if the context windows within the data have implicit biases, they will likely be captured by the model. For instance, while the association between the words "female" and "queen" is desired, the association between the words "female" and "receptionist" indicates a unhealthy gender stereotype that needs to be neutralized, i.e. not be gender-related.
- To test or measure the source of bias, you can compute a vector  $g = e_{woman} e_{man}$ , where  $e_{woman}$  represents the word vector corresponding to the word "woman", and  $e_{man}$  corresponds to the word vector corresponding to the word "man". The resulting vector g thus roughly encodes the concept of "gender". Now, by comparing the distance between g and a list of say, professions, we can uncover unhealthy gender stereotypes.
- Further, using an equalization algorithm proposed by Boliukbasi et al. (2016), we can debias word vectors to some extent by modifying them to reduce gender stereotypes (but not eliminate it altogether).