

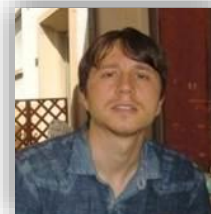
# Deep Learning for NLP



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## Lecture 6 – Word Embeddings 2 (Syntactic, Bilingual, Contextualized Embeddings)

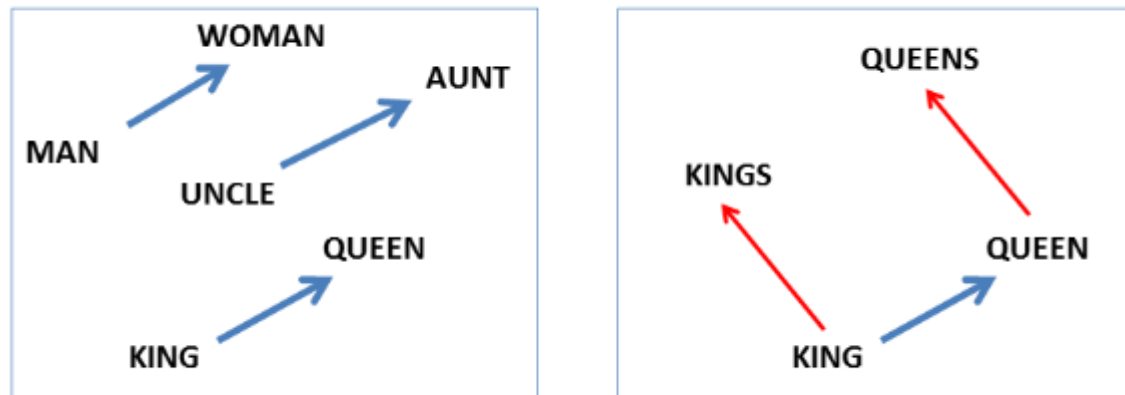
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# Last session

- Word embeddings can represent semantic and syntactic relations between words in the vector space



Mikolov et al (2013a)

Linguistic Regularities in Continuous Space Word Representations

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# Word Senses

- Words do not represent only one meaning



1				
1	2	3		
1	2	3	4	5



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You are pretty fly...

- Problem is generally known as *polysemy* (or even *homonymy*): a word may have many different meanings:
  - bank, table, fly, man, ...

# Word Senses



## Man

1. The human species (i.e., man vs. other organisms)
2. Males of the human species (i.e., man vs. woman)
3. Adult males of the human species (i.e., man vs. boy)

This example shows the specific polysemy where the same word is used at different levels of a [taxonomy](#). Example 1 contains 2, and 2 contains 3.

## Mole

1. a small burrowing mammal
2. consequently, there are several different entities called moles (see the [Mole](#) disambiguation page). Although these refer to *different* things, their names derive from 1. :e.g. A [Mole](#) burrows for information hoping to go undetected.

## Bank

1. a [financial institution](#)
2. the building where a financial institution offers services
3. a [synonym](#) for 'rely upon' (e.g. "*I'm your friend, you can bank on me*"). It is different, but *related*, as it derives from the theme of security initiated by 1.

**However:** a river *bank* is a [homonym](#) to 1 and 2, as they do not share etymologies. It is a *completely different* meaning.<sup>[15]</sup> *River bed*, though, is polysemous with the *beds* on which people sleep.

## Book

1. a bound collection of pages
2. a text reproduced and distributed (thus, someone who has read the same text on a computer has read the same book as someone who had the actual paper volume)
3. to make an action or event a matter of record (e.g. "Unable to book a hotel room, a man sneaked into a nearby private residence where police arrested him and later booked him for unlawful entry.")

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- Idea: Train word vectors on **sense-disambiguated corpora**

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# Sense-disambiguated word representations

- Result: different representations for each sense

<i>bank</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>n</sup> (geographical)	<i>bank</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup> (financial)	<i>number</i> <sub>4</sub> <sup>n</sup> (phone)	<i>number</i> <sub>3</sub> <sup>n</sup> (acting)	<i>hood</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>n</sup> (gang)	<i>hood</i> <sub>12</sub> <sup>n</sup> (convertible car)
upstream <sub>1</sub> <sup>r</sup>	commercial_bank <sub>1</sub> <sup>n</sup>	calls <sub>1</sub> <sup>n</sup>	appearing <sub>6</sub> <sup>v</sup>	tortures <sub>5</sub> <sup>n</sup>	taillights <sub>1</sub> <sup>n</sup>
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Table 1: Closest senses to two senses of three ambiguous nouns: *bank*, *number*, and *hood*

- Iacobacci et al (2015): *SensEmbed: Learning Sense Embeddings for Word and Relational Similarity*



# Problems

- How do you now train an NLP system with these sense-disambiguated embeddings?

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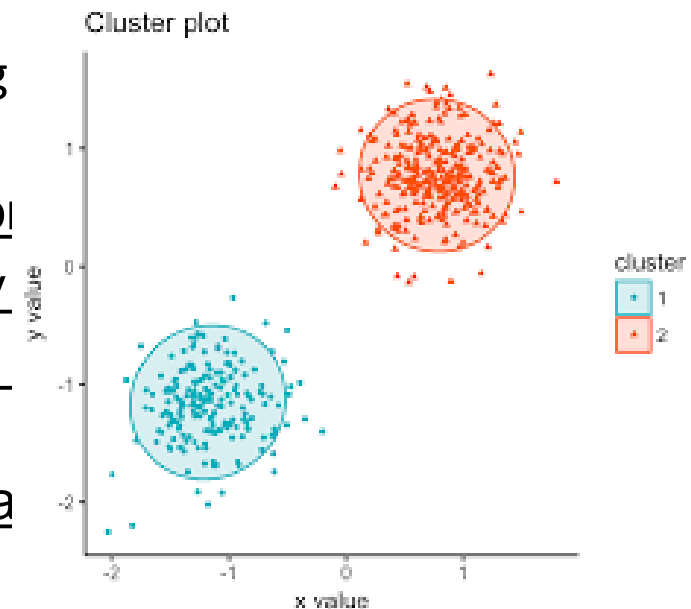
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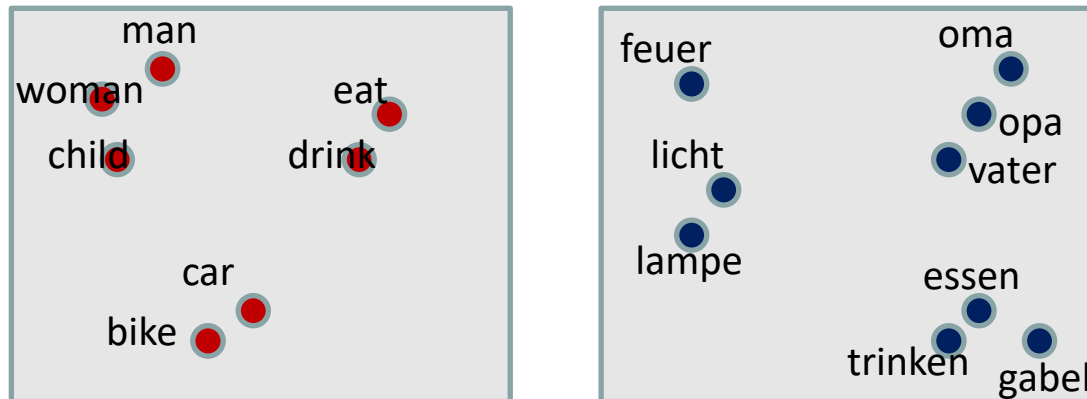
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However, in practice, **most people didn't use sense embeddings**

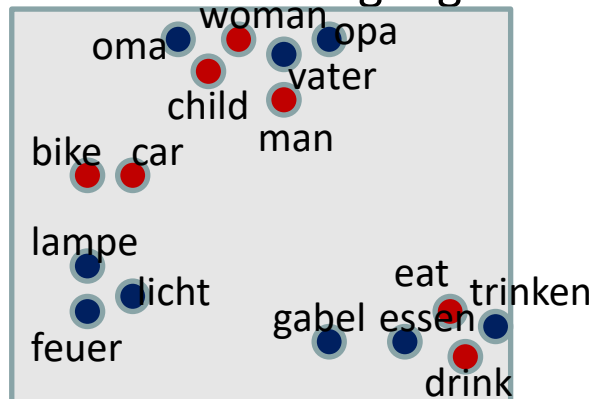
- Not so much benefit in using them in practical applications
- On the other hand, the cost is much higher --- one needs a sense-labeler or a more complicated model
- **Before ELMo and BERT came around in 2018 (see below) ...**
  - **With contextualized word embeddings**

# Bilingual Embeddings

- Word representations for two languages:
  - train on corpus from both languages

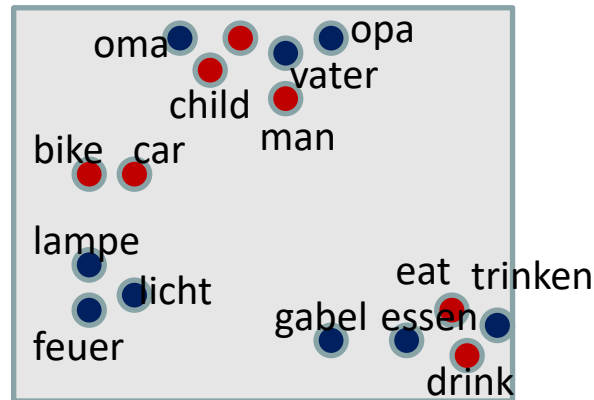


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# Bilingual Embeddings – General idea

- Can think of it as having two objectives we want to satisfy
- **cross-lingual objective**: words that are translations of each other should be close in the projected space
- **mono-lingual objective**: words that occur in monolingually similar contexts should be close to each other in vector space

# Bilinguality – Why?

## (1) Second language may act as an additional “signal”

- Which may help to improve word embeddings even in the first language
  - → **Make Monolingual Embeddings better**
- E.g. assume that some word like “opa” occurs very infrequently in the German corpus, thus it’s difficult to reliably estimate its word embedding
- If its English translation “grandfather” occurs frequently in the English corpus, the German word should get a more appropriate embedding in the bilingual space

# Bilinguality – Why?

(2) If words are projected in a common space (“shared features”), this may allow for **Direct Transfer**

- Train a model in one language (usually resource-rich)
- Directly apply in another language (usually resource-poor)

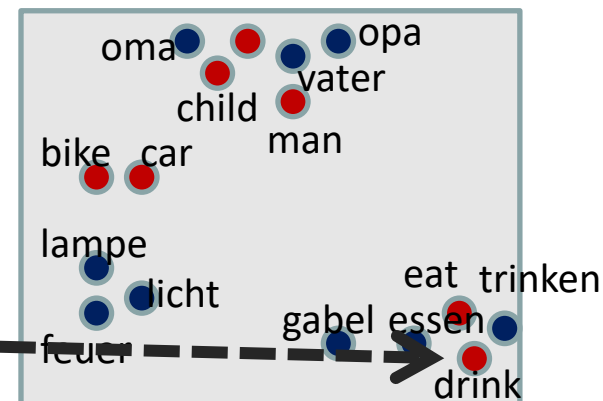
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- **Direct transfer aka zero-shot transfer:**

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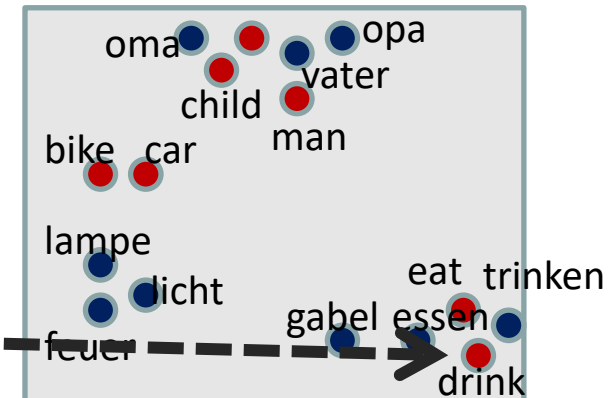
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  - “OOV words”, syntactic ordering

# Bilingual Embeddings – Naive Approach

- Given 1: Monolingual Embeddings (e.g. English, German)
- Given 2: Dictionary  $EN \leftrightarrow DE$
- Translate German words to English words, assign them the embedding of the English word (or concatenate, average, ...)
  - Bottleneck is the dictionary
  - Cannot assign meanings to words that are not in the dictionary

# Bilingual Embeddings

- More sophisticated approaches have been suggested, relying on different kinds of (costly) information

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[1,2,-5]	[0.1,-0.1,0.1]
...	...

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- We estimate a linear transformation from this data:
  - $\min_W \sum_i ||x_i W - z_i||^2$
  - $x_i$  and  $z_i$  are monolingual vectors of words from dictionary
- Once  $W$  is learned, we can map any language  $x$  word into the space of language  $z$ 
  - Even words for which we do not have translations

How to solve this?

# More Bilingual Embeddings

- See Upadhayay et al. (2016), Cross-lingual Models of Word Embeddings: An Empirical Comparison
- And more recent Glavas et al. (2019), How to (properly) evaluate cross-lingual word embeddings: On Strong Baselines, Comparative Analyses, and Some Misconceptions
  - for survey papers

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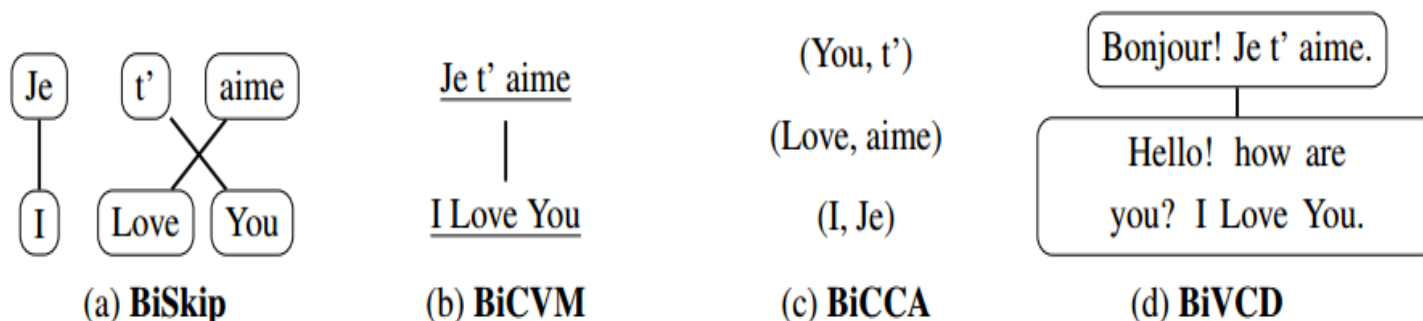
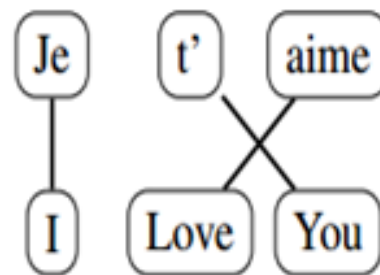


Figure 2: Forms of supervision required by the four models compared in this paper. From left to right, the cost of the supervision required varies from expensive (BiSkip) to cheap (BiVCD). BiSkip requires a parallel corpus annotated with word alignments (Fig. 2a), BiCVM requires a sentence-aligned corpus (Fig. 2b), BiCCA only requires a bilingual lexicon (Fig. 2c) and BiVCD requires comparable documents (Fig. 2d).

# Bilingual Embeddings

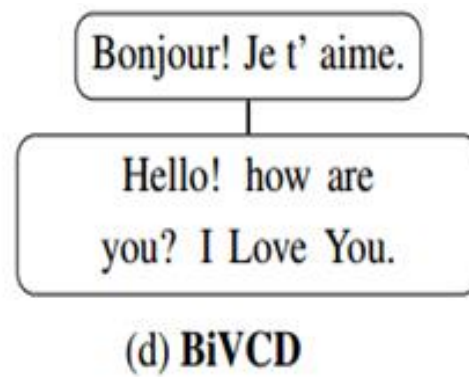
- We discuss (a) BiSkip and (d) BiVCD
- **BiSkip** uses sentence and word aligned texts, then runs a skip-gram model whose contexts are words from both languages:
  - E.g. on input *love* BiSkip wants to predict the context *je, I, you, t'*;
  - similar for *aime*: *t', you*
  - → similar contexts are predicted → similar representations



(a) BiSkip

# Bilingual Embeddings

- We discuss (a) BiSkip and (d) BiVCD
- **BiVCD** is even simpler. Given aligned documents (e.g. Wikipedia articles)
  - Merge them, then random shuffle all words
  - Then run a Monolingual Model (e.g. CBOW, Glove, Skip-Gram) on it
  - Why does this yield meaningful results?



# Determining bi-lingual mappings (for BiSkip)

- Dictionary
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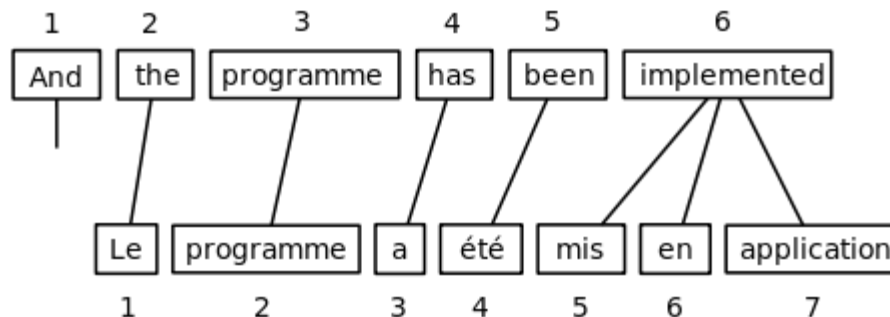
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[Europarl](#): parallel corpus from the European parliament visualized by [IMS](#):

Also , I would like to pay tribute to the clarity of the report and to the innovations it suggests , which are the result of **deep** analysis .

Daher möchte ich die Klarheit des vorliegenden Berichts und seine Neuerungsvorschläge hervorheben , die die Frucht intensiver Überlegungen sind .	Aussi voudrais -je rendre hommage à la clarté du rapport présenté et aux innovations qu' il propose et qui sont le résultat d' une réflexion en profondeur .	Por eso quisiera rendir homenaje a la claridad del informe presentado y a las innovaciones que propone y que son el resultado de una reflexión a fondo .	Vorrei anche rendere omaggio alla chiarezza della relazione presentata e alle innovazioni che propone , e che sono il risultato di una riflessione approfondita .
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Learn word alignments





- We talked about mapping two languages in a common space
- How about 3, 5, 10 languages?
- Much less explored topic
- However, there is work on it, such as Ammar et al. (2016), Massively Multilingual word embeddings
  - They extend BiCCA to MultiCCA and BiSkip to MultiSkip
- In recent years, people use **Multilingual BERT** (MBERT), which yields embeddings in a joint space for 100+ languages

# Current trends

- Learn bilingual word embeddings from as few resources as possible,
  - E.g., only 10 aligned word pairs (can be punctuation)
- E.g. Artexte et al., Learning bilingual word embeddings with (almost) no bilingual data, ACL 2017
  - From there we can go to unsupervised machine translation
    - Without any parallel data (crazy stuff!)

# Current trends

- E.g. Artexte et al., Learning bilingual word embeddings with (almost) no bilingual data, ACL 2017
- Main idea:
  - If we had a dictionary, we can get bilingual embeddings
  - If we had bilingual embeddings, we can get a dictionary

- E.g. Artexte et al., Learning bilingual word embeddings with (almost) no bilingual data, ACL 2017
- Idea:
  - 1) Use a lexicon (*seed lexicon* is easy to get automatically)
  - 2) Learn bilingual embeddings using current lexicon (→ Mikolov's method, i.e., "Approach 1")
  - 3) Get a better lexicon using bilingual embeddings
  - 4) Go back to 1)

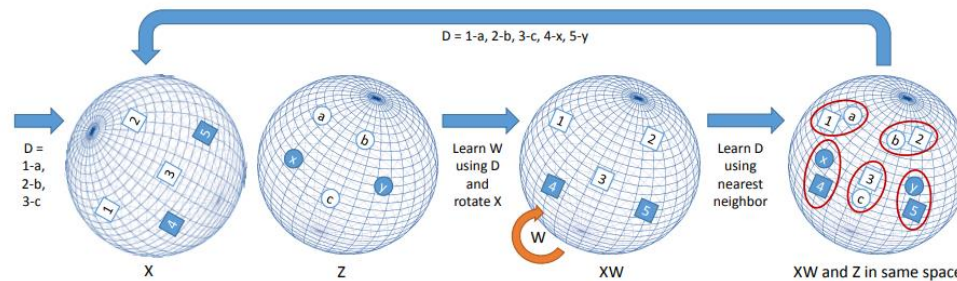


Figure 1: A general schema of the proposed self-learning framework. Previous works learn a mapping  $W$  based on the seed dictionary  $D$ , which is then used to learn the full dictionary. In our proposal we use the new dictionary to learn a new mapping, iterating until convergence.

# This lecture

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- 1) Multi-Sense and Multi-Lingual Word Embeddings
- 2) Syntactic Word Embeddings**
- 3) Miscellaneous

# More syntactically oriented embeddings

- **Syntactic** relations between words should also be represented in the vectors  
→ **Problem: word order matters**

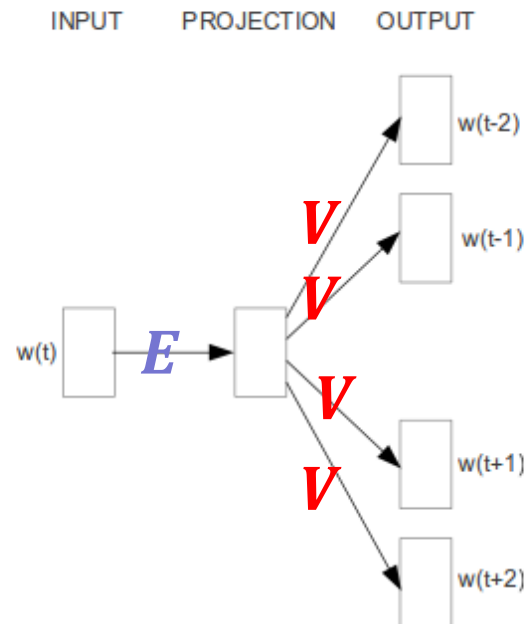
Dog bites man.    vs    Man bites dog.

- Remember: The word2vec models do not consider position information:
  - No distinction between left and right context
  - No distinction between close and far contexts

Skip-gram:          *bites*        
                  → *(bites, man)* , *(bites, dog)*

- dog bites man vs man bites dog
  - *(bites, dog-1)*, *(bites, man+1)* vs *(bites, man-1)*, *(bites, dog+1)*
- This is “intuitively” what we want (although we don’t add indices to words; why?)

# The Skip-gram model

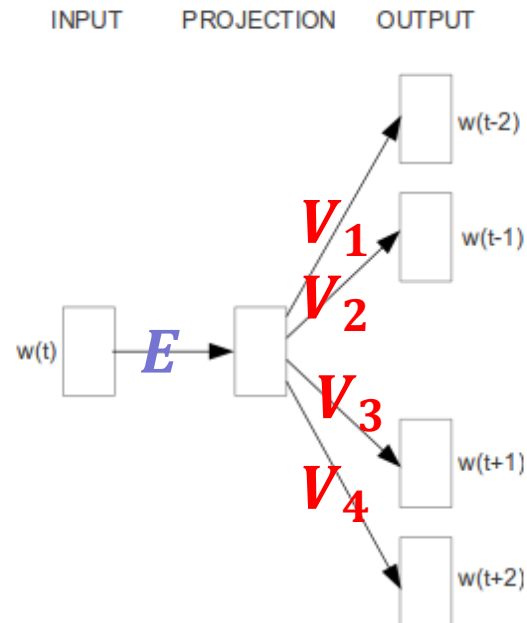


How can we  
predict different  
words when  $V$  is  
always the  
same?

Skip-gram



# The Structured Skip-gram model



Structured Skip-gram

- Nearest neighbours for “*breaking*”

Skip-gram	Structured Skip-gram
<i>breaks</i>	<i>putting</i>
<i>turning</i>	<i>turning</i>
<i>broke</i>	<i>sticking</i>
<i>break</i>	<i>pulling</i>
<i>stumbled</i>	<i>picking</i>

- Word representations with positional information work slightly better for syntactic tasks like POS-tagging and parsing.
- Ling et al. 2015: *Two/Too Simple Adaptations of Word2Vec for Syntax Problems*

# Long-distance dependencies

- Words can be similar with respect to verb selection preferences
  - tea/milk/beer/coffee can all be an object of the verb *drink*
- Words that share syntactic relations might be distant in a sentence:

*I would like to **drink** a very hot tall decaf half-soy (...) white chocolate **mocha***

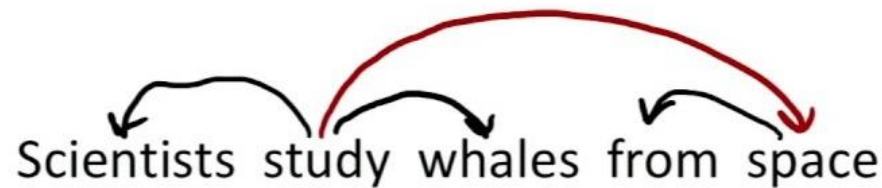


# Dependency parsing in one slide

- Outlines grammatical **relationships** between words in a sentence



## Ambiguity: PP attachments



# Dependency parses

- Idea: apply dependency parsing first

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Output of Stanford dependency parser:

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amod(mocha-14, white-12)	compound(mocha-14, chocolate-13)	
dobj(drink-5, mocha-14)		

- Levy and Goldberg, 2014: *Dependency-Based Word Embeddings*

Word	Dependency Context
<i>like</i>	I/nsubj, would/aux, drink/xcomp
<i>drink</i>	I/nsubj, to/mark, mocha/dobj, like/xcomp <sup>-1</sup>
<i>hot</i>	very/advmod, mocha/amod <sup>-1</sup>
...	...

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  - Domain similarity vs. functional similarity*

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hogwarts	dumbledore hallows half-blood malfoy snape	evernight sunnydale garderobe blandings collinwood	sunnydale collinwood calarts greendale millfield
turing	nondeterministic non-deterministic computability deterministic finite-state	non-deterministic finite-state nondeterministic buchi primality	pauling hotelling heting lessing hamming
florida	gainesville fla jacksonville tampa lauderdale	fla alabama gainesville tallahassee texas	texas louisiana georgia california carolina
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	aquaman	superboy	superboy
	catwoman	aquaman	supergirl
	superman	catwoman	catwoman
	manhunter	batgirl	aquaman
hogwarts	dumbledore	evernight	sunnydale
	hallows	sunnydale	collinwood
	half-blood	garderobe	calarts
	malfoy	blandings	greendale
	snape	collinwood	millfield
turing	nondeterministic	non-deterministic	pauling
	non-deterministic	finite-state	hotelling
	computability	nondeterministic	heting
	deterministic	buchi	lessing
	finite-state	primality	hamming
florida	gainesville	fla	texas
	fla	alabama	louisiana
	jacksonville	gainesville	georgia
	tampa	tallahassee	california
	lauderdale	texas	carolina
	aspect oriented	aspect oriented	event driven



# This lecture

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- 1) Multi-Sense and Multi-Lingual Word Embeddings
- 2) Syntactic Word Embeddings
- 3) Miscellaneous**

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# Embeddings and Lexical Resources

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# Embeddings of other things than words

- Embed other stuff than words:
  - **Characters:** *i n s i g h t f u l*
    - However, there are no pre-trained embeddings on the net, why?
  - **Or syllables:** *in + sight + ful*
  - **Or morphemes:**
    - *insightful = insight + ful*
    - *helping = help + ing*
    - *greedily = greedy + ly*
    - *Dampfschiffahrt = Dampf+Schiff+Fahrt*
      - Useful (?) particular for morphologically rich languages like
        - German, French, Czech, etc.
        - Rarely find *Dampfschiffahrt* in a corpus, but its three morphemes are quite likely
  - **Embed postags, synsets, lexemes, supersenses** (Flekova and Gurevych, 2016), ...

# Embeddings of other things than words

- Embed **n-grams**
  - That's the **FastText** approach
  - Bojanowski et al. 2016, Enriching Word Vectors with Subword Information
  - Very popular, available in many languages
- Words are represented as bags of character n-grams ( $n=3,4,5,6$ )  
E.g.,  $n=3$ : where = ( >wh , whe, her, ere , re< )
- Embeddings for all n-grams are learned
- Representation for a word is given by average over its n-gram embeddings
- Big advantage:
  - Can embed OOV words, e.g. spelling mistakes: "lenght", "spelling"
  - Naturally works for morphologically rich languages

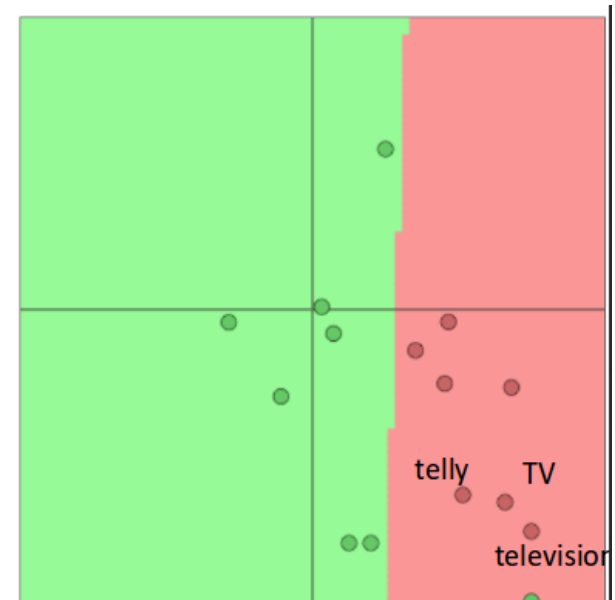
# Training word vectors to the task

- Option 1: fixed word representations
  - map word into id and get the vector from the embedding matrix
  - only train the weights of the hidden layers
- Option 2: adjust the word representations to the task
  - word vectors are parameters and are updated in each epoch
  - Example: sentiment classification, train vectors to represent positive/negative polarity for each word

# Training word vectors to the task

- Problem: Adaptation to the training data
- representations for words that are seen in the training data move in vector space, but words that are not seen remain where they were
- Example by Richard Socher:
  - “TV”, “telly” and “television” all indicate negative sentiment in the dataset
  - Due to pre-training, they have similar vectors
  - “TV” and “telly” occur in the training data, “television” in the test data

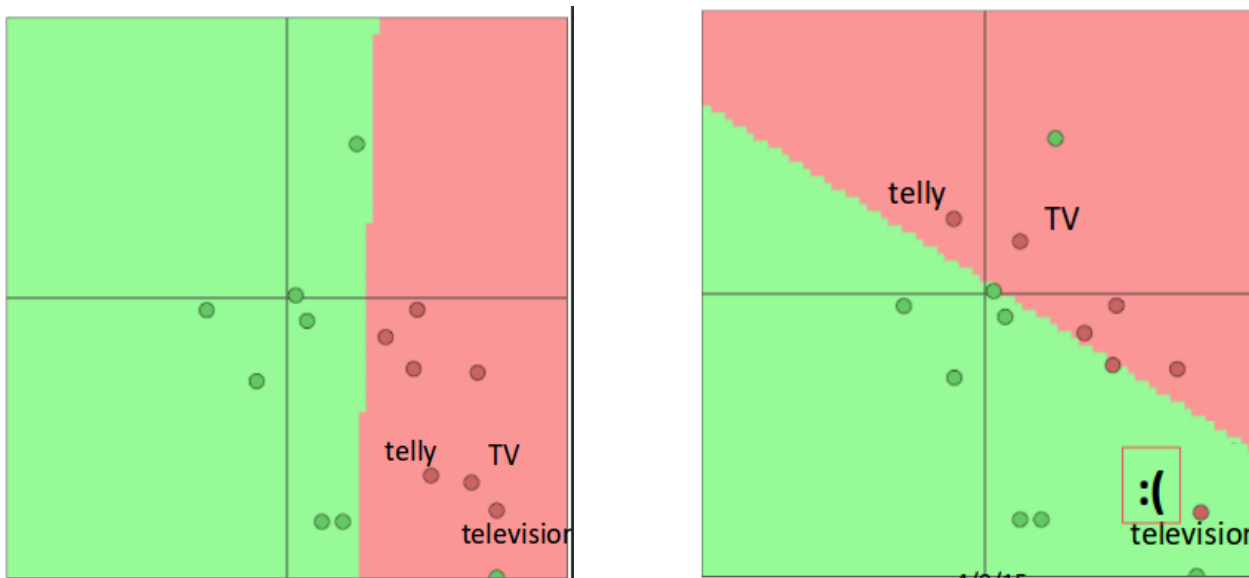
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# Training word vectors to the task

- When we train the vectors to the tasks, the words that are seen in the training data move in vector space, but words that are not seen remain where they were.
  - “TV” and “telly” have been updated
  - “television” stayed the same -> synonym information is lost



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# Rule of thumb

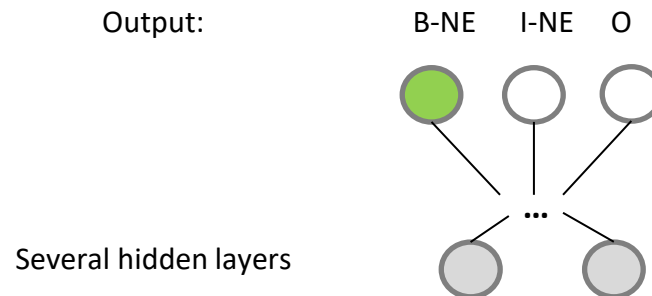
- Only train word vectors to the task if you have a large training corpus.
- Even then, it might not be useful (depends on the task).

- Common practice.  
train the vectors only for a few epochs and then keep them fixed

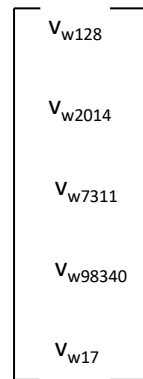


If in doubt, don't update your embeddings

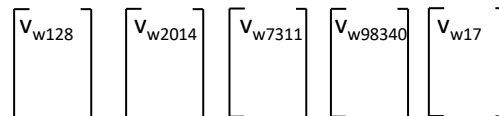
# Using embeddings in a downstream task



Concatenate:  
(also called "Flatten")



Lookup vector:



The lookup layer

Map into id: 128 2014 7311 98340 17  
Input: German chancellor Angela Merkel said

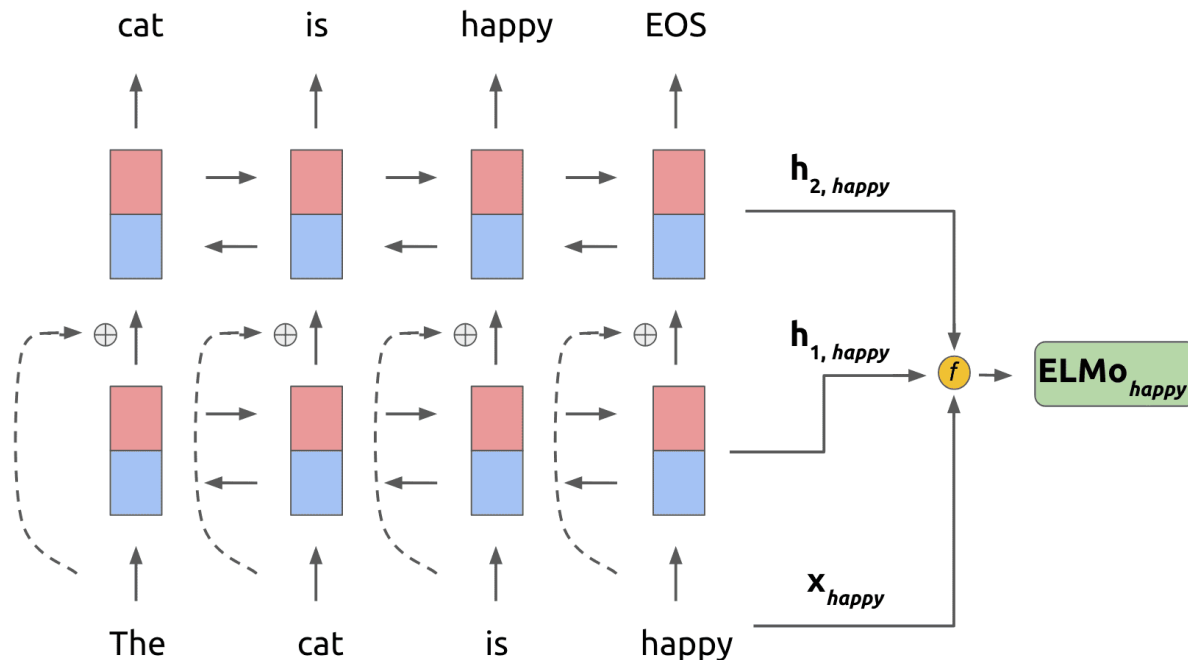
# Contextualized word embeddings: ELMo & BERT

- ELMo and BERT use language models to get **contextualized word representations**: in each context a word has a different embedding
- They are the absolute methods of choice at the moment
- ELMo combines three representations:
  - One on character level
  - Two representations obtained from the two layers in an RNN
- The language model is pre-trained on a large corpus
- For a new task, weights for the three representations are learned to get a task-specific representation
- This task specific representation is concatenated with standard static word embeddings



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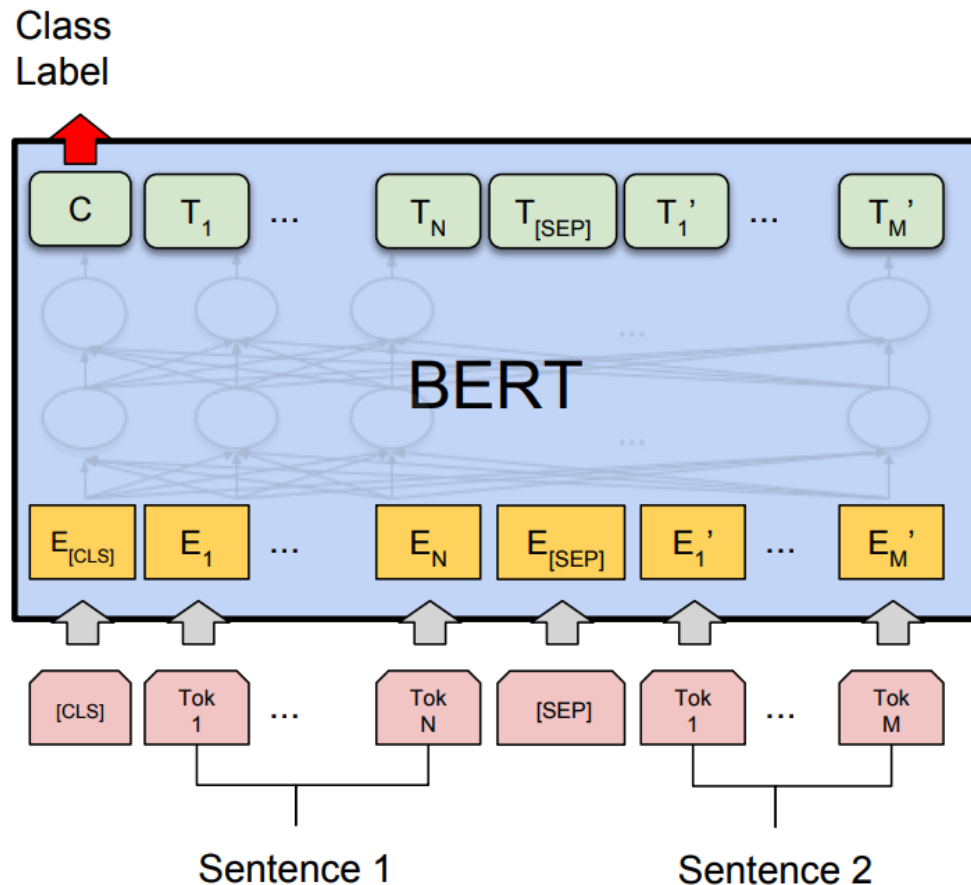
- ELMo visually:



- ELMo (mid-2018) outperformed static word embeddings considerably
- BERT (end-2018) quickly outperformed ELMo
- More on ELMo: <https://www.mihaileric.com/posts/deep-contextualized-word-representations-elmo/>
- Use BERT for all kinds of tasks: <https://github.com/huggingface/pytorch-pretrained-BERT>

# Contextualized word embeddings: BERT

BERT has changed NLP fundamentally: pre-training & fine-tuning



# Summary: Embedding approaches

- What do all the embedding approaches have in common?
  - Represent natural language input with real-valued vectors
- Differences:
  - Unit of representation:
    - characters, morphemes, words, senses, phrases, windows, sentences, documents, ...
  - Definition of context for training:
    - CBOW, Skip-gram, Glove, positional, dependency-based, ...
- Combining units into larger sequences:
  - More intelligent approaches next week
- Using word representations:
  - as fixed representation for any task (including neural networks but also standard machine learning scenarios e.g. SVMs)
  - as pre-trained initialization in neural networks that gets optimized for the task

# Summary: Embedding approaches

- Note that **static word embeddings** are becoming **extinct** now
- ... and replaced by **contextualized embeddings**



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