

# Text Classification Using Fully-Connected (FC) NNs

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# Introduction

#### Introduction and motivation

#### Why deep learning for text classification?

- ► Text classification is one of the popular tasks in natural language processing.
- ► The task allows a system to classify a text document into one of the predefined classes.
- ► We have seen classical machine learning algorithms like naive Bayes, support vector machine e.t.c can be used for this text, and achieve good results.
- On the other hand, deep learning methods are proving very good in text classification achieving state-of-the-art results.

#### **Objective of this project**

Our primary goal is to implement fully connected (FC) neural networks (NNs) for the task of text classification.

# Word representation

- Machine learning algorithms take vectors as input
- When working with text, we need to come up with strategies to vectorize texts.
- So methods may be inefficient, due to the problem of encoding sparse vectors
- Word embedding is a popular technique used in deep learning, which is a learned representation of words.
- ► In word embedding, similar words have similar encoding.
- ► This type of representation helps overcome the problem of high-dimensional, sparse vectors

#### **One-hot Vectors**

We used **one-hot** vectors to represent words to vectors in the neural network. In **One-hot**, we create a length *N* vector with all 0s and set the element at position *i* to 1.

Although this approach is very easy to construct, it is not a good choice because they cannot accurately express the similarities between different words.

id	color	One Hot Encoding	id	color_red	color_blue	color_green
1	red		1	1	Θ	0
2	blue		2	0	1	0
3	green		3	0	0	1
4	blue		4	0	1	Θ

**Figure 1:** One-Hot Encoding Source: image by George Novack

#### Bag of Words (BoW)

► The simplest word embedding approach

document

1	i love maths				
2	maths maths is my favourite				
3	i love maths and science				

representation

	and	for	i	is	love	math	my	science
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
2	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
3	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1

► It is not a computationally expensive method but it takes a lot of memory. Context information is also lost.

#### **TF-IDF**

Is a product of two terms: Term Frequency (TF) and Inverse Document Frequency (IDF).

TF = (Number of Occurences of a word) / (Total words in the document)

IDF = Log((Total number of documents) / (Number of documents containing the word))

#### **Pros and cons**

It is an improvement over the BoW. However, we still create a huge sparse matrix, and also the semantic relationship of the words is not maintained.

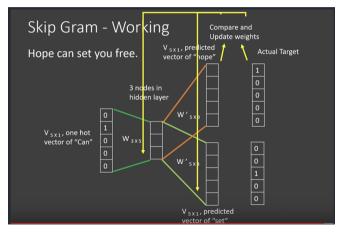
#### Word2vec

Word2vec is a technique to convert a word into a fixed-length vector by considering the semantic meaning of the words.

The word2vec tools contain two models namely skip-gram and CBoW. For Semantically meaningful representations their training relies on conditional probabilities.

#### Skip-gram

The skip gram model assumes that a word (i.e centre word) can be used to generate its surrounding word in a text sequence.



**Figure 2:** Skip gram Architecture Source: Suman Kundu-online article

#### **CBOW**

The CBOW model is similar to the skip-gram model. The major difference between CBOW to the skip-gram is that CBOW model assumes that a centre word is generated based on its surrounding context words in the text sequence.

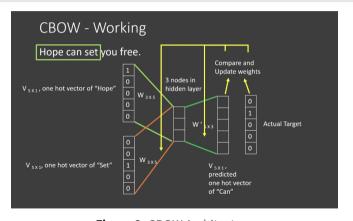


Figure 3: CBOW Architecture
Source: Suman Kundu-online article

## Skip-gram model [1]

Each word has two d-dimensional-vector representations. For any word with index i in the dictionary, denote by  $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are center word and a context word, respectively. The conditional probability of generating any context word  $w_o$  given the center word  $w_c$  can be modeled by a softmax operation on vector dot products:

$$P(w_o \mid w_c) = \frac{\exp\left(\mathbf{u}_o^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c\right)}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp\left(\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c\right)}$$

where the vocabulary index set  $\mathcal{V} = \{0, 1, \dots, |\mathcal{V}| - 1\}$ .

Assume that context words are independently generated given any center word. For context window size m, the likelihood function of the skip-gram model is the probability of generating all context words given any center word:

$$\prod_{t=1}^{T} \prod_{-m \leq j \leq m, j \neq 0} P\left(w^{(t+j)} \mid w^{(t)}\right)$$

where any time step that is less than 1 or greater than T can be omitted.

The skip-gram model parameters are the center word vector and context word vector for each word in the vocabulary. In training, we learn the model parameters by maximizing the likelihood function (i.e., maximum likelihood estimation). This is equivalent to minimizing the following loss function:

$$-\sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{-m \le j \le m, j \ne 0} \log P\left(w^{(t+j)} \mid w^{(t)}\right)$$

Using stochastic gradient descent to minimize the loss, in each iteration, we can randomly sample a shorter subsequence to calculate the (stochastic) gradient for this subsequence to update the model parameters.

$$\log P\left(w_o \mid w_c\right) = \mathbf{u}_o^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c - \log \left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp \left(\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c\right)\right)$$

Through differentiation, we can obtain its gradient with respect to the center word vector  $\mathbf{v}_c$  as:

$$\frac{\partial \log P(w_o \mid w_c)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} = \mathbf{u}_o - \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} \exp \left(\mathbf{u}_j^\top \mathbf{v}_c\right) \mathbf{u}_j}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp \left(\mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_c\right)}$$

$$= \mathbf{u}_o - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\exp \left(\mathbf{u}_j^\top \mathbf{v}_c\right)}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp \left(\mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_c\right)}\right) \mathbf{u}_j$$

$$= \mathbf{u}_o - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} P\left(w_j \mid w_c\right) \mathbf{u}_j$$

Note that the gradient calculation requires the conditional probabilities of all words in the dictionary with  $w_c$  as the center word.

After training, for any word with index i in the dictionary, we obtain both word vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i$ . The center word vectors of the skip-gram model are typically used as the word representations.

### CBOW Model [1]

For any word with index i in the dictionary, denote by  $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The conditional probability of generating any center word  $w_c$  (with index c in the dictionary) given its surrounding context words  $w_{v_1}, \ldots, w_{\nu_{-m}}$  (with index  $v_1, \ldots, v_{\angle m}$  in the dictionary) can be modeled by

$$P(w_c \mid w_{o_1}, \dots, w_{o_{2m}}) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2m}\mathbf{u}_c^{\top}(\mathbf{v}_{o_1} + \dots, +\mathbf{v}_{o_{2m}})\right)}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2m}\mathbf{u}_i^{\top}(\mathbf{v}_{o_1} + \dots, +\mathbf{v}_{o_{2m}})\right)}$$

Let 
$$\mathcal{W}_o = \{w_{o_1}, \dots, w_{o_{2m}}\}$$
 and  $\overline{\mathbf{v}}_o = (\mathbf{v}_{o_1} + \dots, + \mathbf{v}_{o_{2m}})/(2m)$ . 
$$P(w_c \mid \mathcal{W}_o) = \frac{\exp\left(\mathbf{u}_c^{\top} \overline{\mathbf{v}}_o\right)}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp\left(\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \overline{\mathbf{v}}_o\right)}$$

Given a text sequence of length T, where the word at time step t is denoted as  $w^{(t)}$ . For context window size m, the likelihood function of the continuous bag of words model is the probability of generating all center words given their context words:

$$\prod_{t=1}^{T} P\left(w^{(t)} \mid w^{(t-m)}, \dots, w^{(t-1)}, w^{(t+1)}, \dots, w^{(t+m)}\right)$$

The maximum likelihood estimation of the continuous bag of words model is equivalent to minimizing the following loss function:

$$-\sum_{t=1}^{T} \log P\left(w^{(t)} \mid w^{(t-m)}, \dots, w^{(t-1)}, w^{(t+1)}, \dots, w^{(t+m)}\right)$$

Notice that

$$\log P(w_c \mid \mathcal{W}_o) = \mathbf{u}_c^{\top} \overline{\mathbf{v}}_o - \log \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp \left( \mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \overline{\mathbf{v}}_o \right) \right)$$

Through differentiation, we can obtain its gradient with respect to any context word vector  $\mathbf{v}_{o_i} (i = 1, ..., 2m)$  as

$$\frac{\partial \log P\left(w_c \mid \mathcal{W}_o\right)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_{o_i}} = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \mathbf{u}_c - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\exp\left(\mathbf{u}_j^\top \overline{\mathbf{v}}_o\right) \mathbf{u}_j}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \exp\left(\mathbf{u}_i^\top \overline{\mathbf{v}}_o\right)} \right) = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \mathbf{u}_c - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} P\left(w_j \mid \mathcal{W}_o\right) \mathbf{u}_j \right)$$

Continuous bag of words model typically uses context word vectors as the word representations.

# Padding and truncation

#### **Padding**

Allows the sequence fed into the neural network to be of the same length by adding 0s. We can perform either **pre** or **post** padding.

#### **Truncantion**

Tokens of sequence after the 'maximum length' are truncated. We can choose to use either pre or post truncation.

The Figure 4 below illustrates padding and truncation

# sequence before padding [21, 4, 2, 12, 22, 23, 13, 2, 24, 6, 2, 7, 2, 4, 25], [ 2, 26, 7, 27, 14, 9, 1, 4, 28 ], [ 15, 25, 1, 29, 6, 15, 30 ], [ 1, 16, 17, 27, 30, 1, 5, 2 ], [ 31, 2, 28, 6, 32, 9, 33 ], [ 23, 13, 2, 24, 6, 2, 7, 2, 4, 25], [ 0, 0, 0, 15, 25, 1, 29, 6, 15, 30], [ 0, 0, 1, 16, 17, 27, 30, 1, 5, 2], [ 0, 0, 0, 15, 25, 1, 29, 6, 15, 30], [ 0, 0, 1, 16, 17, 27, 30, 1, 5, 2], [ 0, 0, 0, 31, 2, 28, 6, 32, 9, 33],

Figure 4: padding and truncation Source: online-blog

# Methods

#### Model architecture

```
class FcNeuralNet(nn.Module):
    def init (self, input dim, hidden dim, num classes):
        super(FcNeuralNet, self). init ()
        self.fcl= nn.Linear(input dim, hidden dim)
        self.fc2= nn.Linear(hidden dim, num classes)
    def forward(self, x):
      The forward pass of the fully connected layer
      x = F.relu(self.fcl(x))
      x = self.fc2(x)
      out=F.log softmax(x, dim =1)
      return out
```

Figure 5: Fully Connected Model Architecture

# Results and discussions

#### **Model Accuracy**

The Table 1 below shows the comparison of accuracy (%) results using different word embeddings with different word lengths.

Method	Accuracy
Word2vec w/20 words	35.7
Word2vec w/All words	39.8
GloVe w/20 words	37.9
GloVe w/All words	41.5

Table 1: Results

#### **Model Loss**

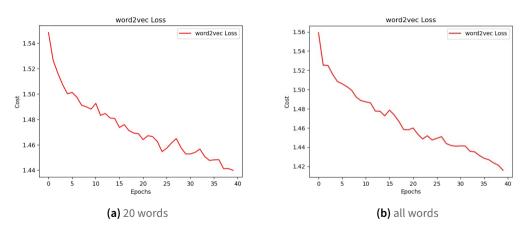


Figure 6: Word2Vec loss

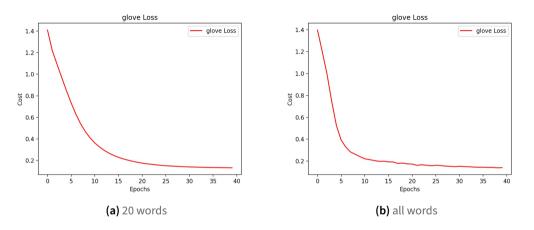


Figure 7: GloVe loss

# Conclusion

#### Conclusion

- In this project we trained a fully connected neural network for text classification.
- We relied on word embeddings, and compared our model for documents of different lengths

#### Some difficulties

- The parameters to learn are too many which makes it computationally expensive
- The accuracy is not good enough

#### **Future Work**

- Work on field based Word2Vec
- Explore on recurrent neural network RNN or any of its variants (LSTM, GRU).

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