

Representation Learning

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- Distributional Hypothesis (Harris, 1954; Firth, 1957)
- Know the word by the company it keeps

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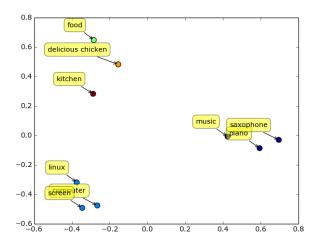
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Usefulness

- Multimodal
- Multilingual
- Useful downstream feature

From Distributional to Distributed Semantics

The new kid on the block

- Deep learning / neural networks
- "Distributed" word representations
 - Feed text into neural-net. Get back "word embeddings".
 - Each word is represented as a low-dimensional vector.
 - Vectors capture "semantics"
- word2vec (Mikolov et al)