

# Dialog Act Classification using Word Embeddings & Acoustic Features



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### Task Introduction

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- Short examples:
- What is your name? Question
- It's raining. Statement
- Dialog Act Classification
- What are Dialog Acts
- Short examples

# **Data**

# **Switchboard**

- Subset of the Switchboard Telephone Speech Corpus
- The Switchboard Corpus has lexical and acoustic data
- The lexical dataset are divided in training-, development- and test-sets

Dataset\Channel	opinion	question	backchannel	statement	Sun
training	4984	2150	6792	14459	2838
development	1068	460	1455	3098	608
test	1070	463	1458	3099	609

• The acoustic dataset includes a recording of every utterance

# **MFCC** features

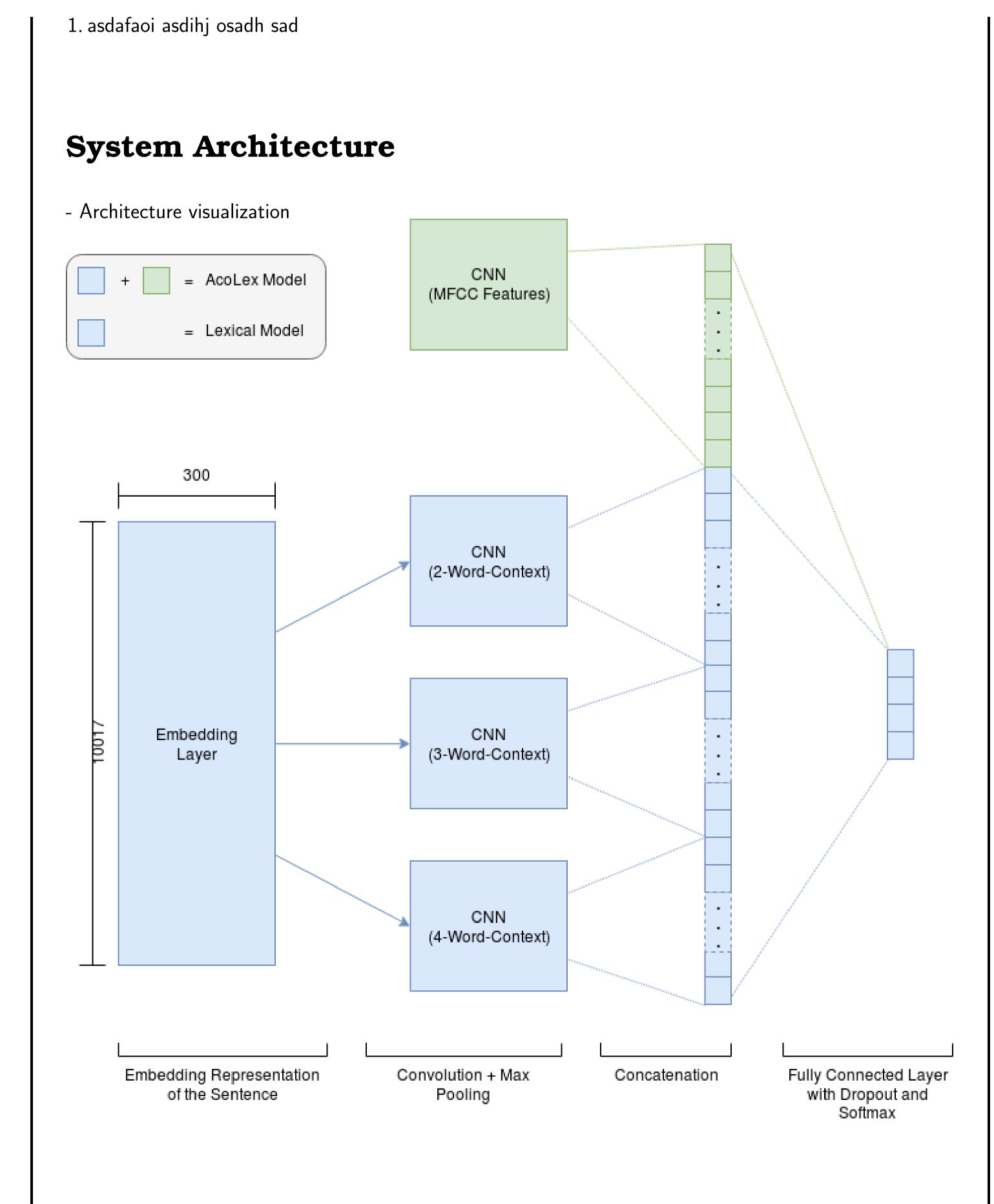
- Extraction of the MFCC features for every sentence with OpenSmile
- Every 25ms the MFCC features where extracted, which resulted in 13 features for each measurement point

#### word2vec

- For the word embedding layer we used the Google word2vector model
- It contains 3 million words and phrases with a 300-dimensional vector each

# **Data Preprocessing**

- 1. All words from the three datasets are indexed in a word list for use in the embedding matrix
- 2. Each word in word list, from the training set, was given the corresponding vector from the word2vec model
- 3. A random vector is assigned if the word is not in the word2vec model or from the test and development set
- 4. Each sentence is converted to a sequence with the corresponding indexes from the word list
- 1. The MFCC feature matrix is reduced to the first 1000 and the last 1000 measurement points, which results in a 13 by 2000 matrix



# Potential Future Work

- Further optimizations
- Maybe varying MFCC feature size
- Including word2vec features for the test and development set
- Introducing additional layer between CNN output and softmax

# Intermediate Results

- Table with different configs and mean accuracies