



# Software-Praktikum: Software-Technologien für Natürlichsprachliche Systeme

## Word Embeddings

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...	...	...	...	...
opera	4	8	...	38

# Cooccurrence Matrix — Raw Frequency

Adding marginal frequencies

	read	pages	...	listen	$\Sigma$
novel	98	60	...	2	172
poem	67	10	...	8	90
...	...	...	...	...	...
opera	4	8	...	38	166
$\Sigma$	199	229		199	2461

total number of cooccurrences

# Cooccurrence Matrix — Relative Frequency

Divide every cell by total number of cooccurrences

	read	pages	...	listen	$P(w_1)$
novel	.049	.024	...	.001	.070
poem	.027	.004	...	.003	.037
...	...	...	...	...	...
opera	.002	.003	...	.015	.067
$P(w_2)$	.081	.093		.077	1

Relative frequency can be used to estimate occurrence probability  $P(w)$

# Pointwise Mutual Information (PMI) Matrix

Compute PMI for each cell:

*Statistical Association:* How much more often than chance do 2 words cooccur?

PMI	read	pages	...	listen	$P(w_1)$
novel	0.94	0.57	...	-0.73	.070
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$$PMI(w_1, w_2) := \log \frac{P(w_1, w_2)}{P(w_1) \times P(w_2)}$$

# PMI for Word Meaning Analysis: *Gay* — 1900s

SEC 1 (1900): 22,097,593 WORDS

	WORD/PHRASE	TOKENS 1	TOKENS 2	PM 1	PM 2	RATIO
1	FLOWERS	13	0	0.6	0.0	58.8
2	LAUGH	12	0	0.5	0.0	54.3
3	BRIGHT	12	0	0.5	0.0	54.3
4	GLAD	10	0	0.5	0.0	45.3
5	PARIS	9	0	0.4	0.0	40.7
6	SMILE	9	0	0.4	0.0	40.7
7	HAPPY	8	0	0.4	0.0	36.2
8	THRONG	8	0	0.4	0.0	36.2
9	GIRL	7	0	0.3	0.0	31.7
10	LAUGHTER	6	0	0.3	0.0	27.2

<https://corpus.byu.edu/coha/>

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- manual inspection of most strongly associated words

# PMI for Word Meaning Analysis: *Gay* – 2000s

SEC 2 (2000): 29,567,390 WORDS

	WORD/PHRASE	TOKENS 2	TOKENS 1	PM 2	PM 1	RATIO
1	MARRIAGE	81	0	2.7	0.0	274.0
2	RIGHTS	57	0	1.9	0.0	192.8
3	COMMUNITY	32	0	1.1	0.0	108.2
4	BECAUSE	19	0	0.6	0.0	64.3
5	ALSO	18	0	0.6	0.0	60.9
6	LESBIAN	78	1	2.6	0.0	58.3
7	LESBIANS	16	0	0.5	0.0	54.1
8	ABORTION	14	0	0.5	0.0	47.3
9	BISEXUAL	14	0	0.5	0.0	47.3
10	ISSUES	12	0	0.4	0.0	40.6

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# Awful – 1810s...1850s vs. 2000s

Corpus of Historical American English        

SEARCH		FREQUENCY			CONTEXT			ACCOUNT					
SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (SPECIFIED SECTION) <a href="#">[HELP...]</a>													
SEC 1 (1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1810): 54,403,008 WORDS						SEC 2 (2000): 29,567,390 WORDS							
	WORD/PHRASE	TOKENS 1	TOKENS 2	PM 1	PM 2	RATIO		WORD/PHRASE	TOKENS 2	TOKENS 1	PM 2	PM 1	RATIO
1	UPON	64	0	1.2	0.0	117.6	1	LOT	71	0	2.4	0.0	240.1
2	STILLNESS	35	0	0.6	0.0	64.3	2	HAPPENED	10	0	0.3	0.0	33.8
3	PRESENCE	29	0	0.5	0.0	53.3	3	GRANDMOTHER	9	0	0.3	0.0	30.4
4	SHALL	27	0	0.5	0.0	49.6	4	SMELL	7	0	0.2	0.0	23.7
5	DOOM	25	0	0.5	0.0	46.0	5	MEAN	6	0	0.2	0.0	20.3
6	SOLEMN	22	0	0.4	0.0	40.4	6	PRETTY	6	0	0.2	0.0	20.3
7	MAJESTY	21	0	0.4	0.0	38.6	7	'RE	11	1	0.4	0.0	20.2
8	MYSTERIOUS	21	0	0.4	0.0	38.6	8	HAPPEN	5	0	0.2	0.0	16.9
9	WHOSE	21	0	0.4	0.0	38.6	9	PROBABLY	5	0	0.2	0.0	16.9
10	SOUL	20	0	0.4	0.0	36.8	10	TASTED	5	0	0.2	0.0	16.9

# Cell – 1850s vs. 2000s

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2	CONDEMNED	7	0	0.4	0.0	42.5	2	PHONES	258	0	8.7	0.0	872.6
3	THY	6	0	0.4	0.0	36.4	3	STEM	97	0	3.3	0.0	328.1
4	HONEY	6	0	0.4	0.0	36.4	4	-	71	0	2.4	0.0	240.1
5	BEES	6	0	0.4	0.0	36.4	5	YOU	65	0	2.2	0.0	219.8
6	YOUNG	6	0	0.4	0.0	36.4	6	)	43	0	1.5	0.0	145.4
7	ROYAL	5	0	0.3	0.0	30.4	7	RESEARCH	43	0	1.5	0.0	145.4
8	HERMIT	5	0	0.3	0.0	30.4	8	N'T	42	0	1.4	0.0	142.0
9	GLOOMY	5	0	0.3	0.0	30.4	9	TALKING	40	0	1.4	0.0	135.3
10	FELON	7	1	0.4	0.0	12.6	10	RANG	36	0	1.2	0.0	121.8

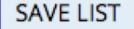
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**Downside:** statistical association does not necessarily entail a semantic relationship

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SECTION: 1850 (9) (SHUFFLE)		
CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT <input type="checkbox"/>   SAVE LIST CHOOSE LIST <input type="text"/> CREATE NEW LIST 		
1 1853 NF LangstrothOnHive A B C	proceed as follows: With a very sharp knife, carefully cut out a queen cell, on a piece of comb an inch or	
2 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	ADVANTAGES OF THIS METHOD. It is very plain that a queen from such finished cell must be ready to d	
3 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	then, until further evidence contradicts it, that the first perfect queen leaving her cell, makes it her busi	
4 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	pieces by the time the bee gets out. The covering to the queen's cell is like the drone's, but larger in dia	
5 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	of growth, as well as the eggs. Fig. 1 represents a queen's cell just commenced. They are usually started	
6 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	and removed by the workers. It will be perceived that each finished queen's cell contains as much wax a	
7 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	foregoing conditions of the stock may require their use). STATE OF QUEEN'S CELL WHEN USED. They are	
8 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	one of these methods could be relied upon. Instead of constructing a queen's cell, and then removing t	
9 1853 NF MysteriesBee-keeping A B C	the fact, that a few times I have found a quantity remaining in the cell after the queen had left. The con:	

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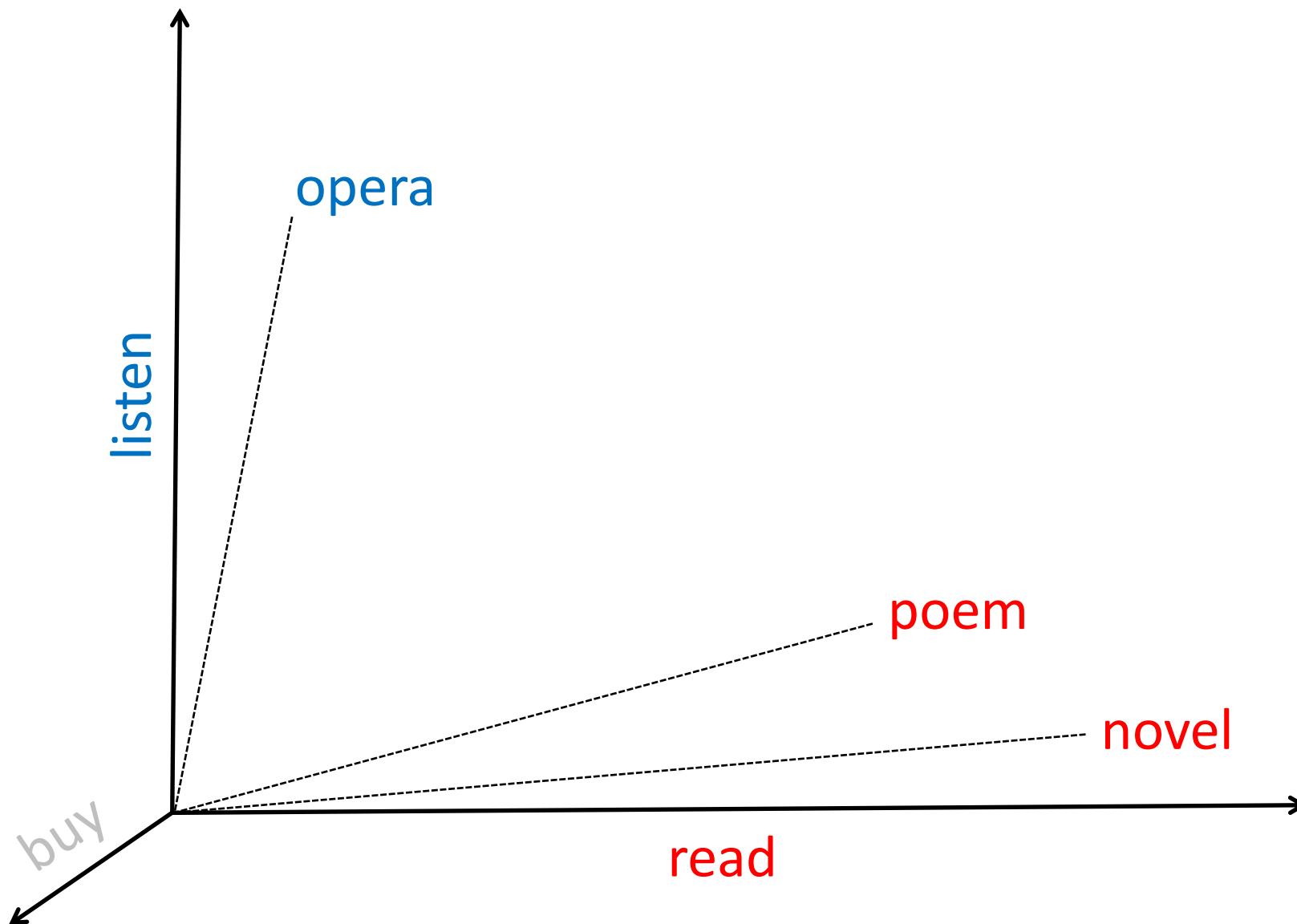
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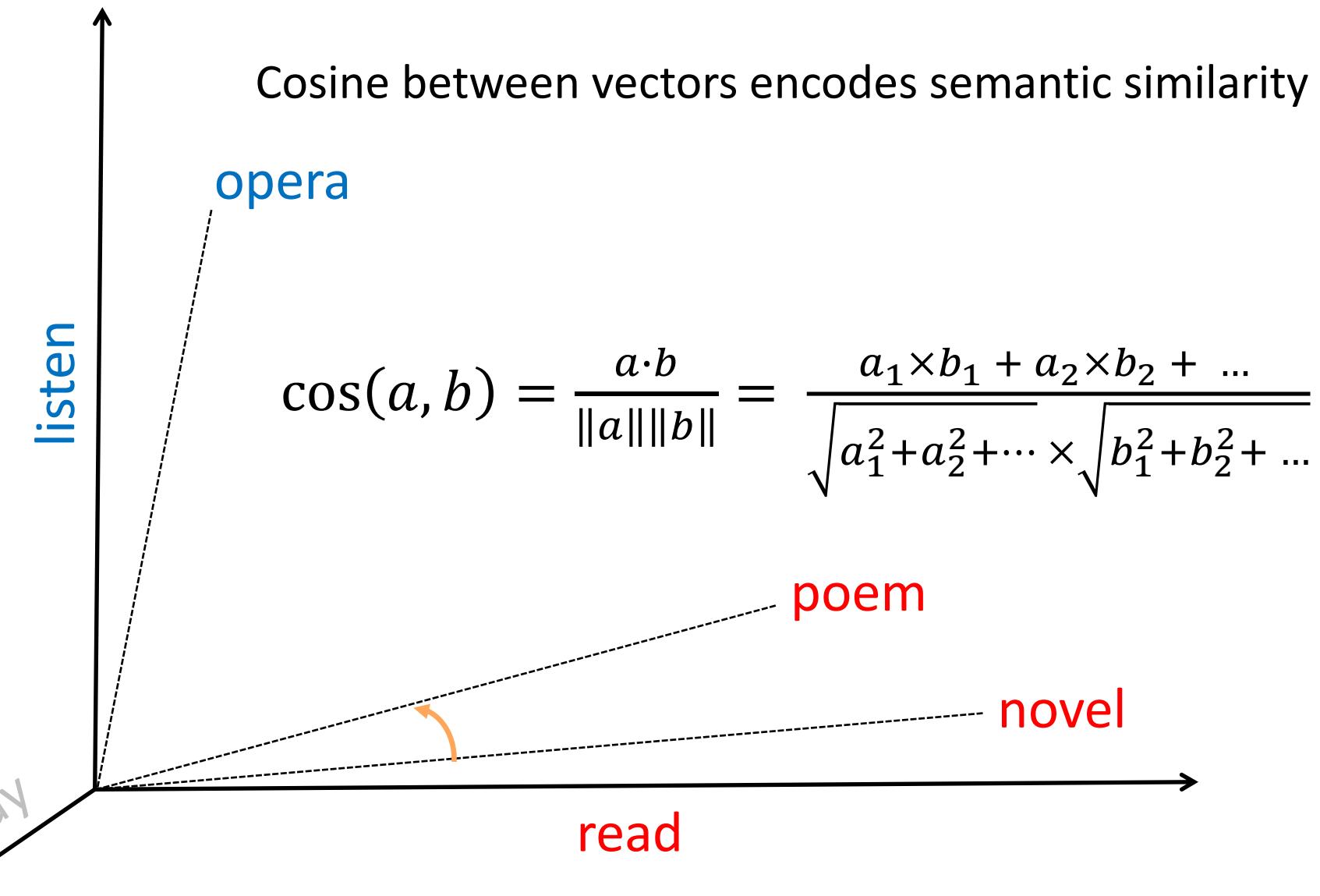
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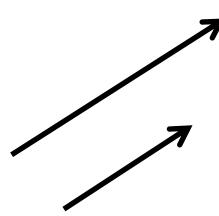
# Vector Space Interpretation of PMI Matrix



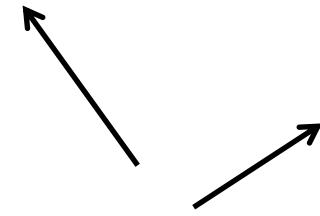
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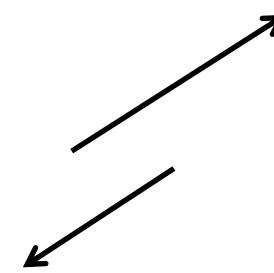
# Illustration of Cosine Similarity



$$\cos(a,b) = 1$$



$$\cos(a,b) = 0$$



$$\cos(a,b) = -1$$

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novel	0.94	0.57	-0.73
poem	0.95	0.07	0.02

$$\cos(novel, poem) = \frac{.94 \times .95 + .57 \times .07 - .73 \times .02}{\sqrt{.94^2 + .57^2 + .73^2} \times \sqrt{.95^2 + .07^2 + .02^2}} = .73$$

# Statistical Association vs. Semantic Similarity

- „Shallow“ text feature vs. „deep“ text feature
- Syntagmatic vs. paradigmatic
- Examples:

• associated:	<i>mashed</i>	<i>potatoes</i>
• similar:	<i>potatoes</i>	<i>fries</i>
• associated and similar:	<i>potato</i>	<i>salad</i>
• neither:	<i>potato</i>	<i>transcendent</i>

# Empirically Validation: Word Similarity Lists

Word 1	Word 2	Similarity
Love	Sex	6.77
Tiger	Cat	7.35
Tiger	Tiger	10.00
Book	Paper	7.46

Example entries WordSim353 (Finkelstein et al., 2002)

- Ask 20 people how similar two words are on 1-to-10 scale
- Average responses for each word (“ground truth”)
- Compute similarity of word pairs with cosine
- PMI vectors agree more with ground truth than two human raters with each other (Levy et al., TACL 2015)

# Curse of Dimensionality

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Typically  $100,000 \times 100,000$  words  
= 10 billion combinations!

# Compressing the PMI Matrix

**Singular Value Decomposition:** Mathematical procedure allowing to reduce the number of columns of PMI matrix

	Opaque Dimension 1	Opaque Dimension 2	Opaque Dimension 3	
novel	0.5	0.1	0.2	...
poem	0.3	0.0	0.3	
opera	0.1	-0.1	0.5	
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Typically 100,000 words x 300 dimensions  
= 30 million combinations!

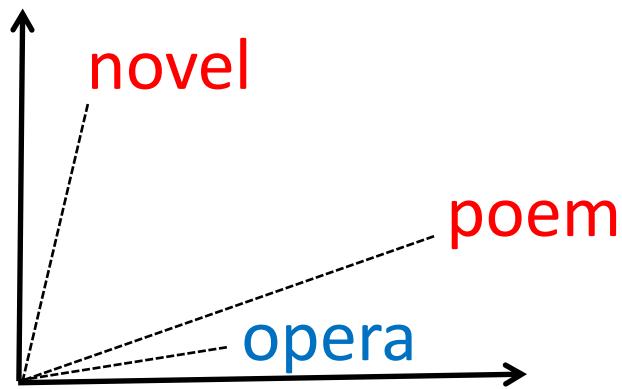
- **Word Embeddings:** Dense (no or few zeros), low dimensional (50-1000) vector representations of words

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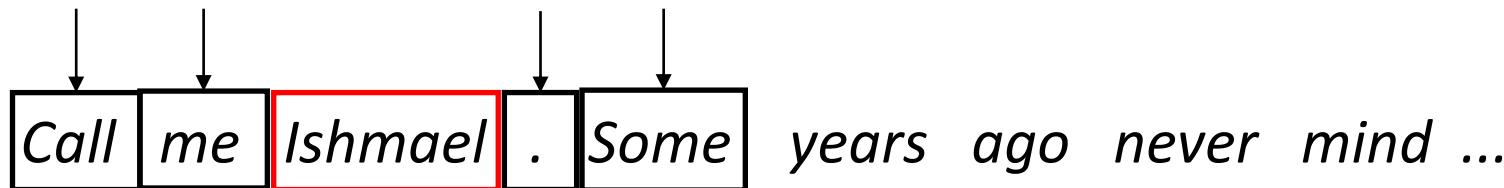
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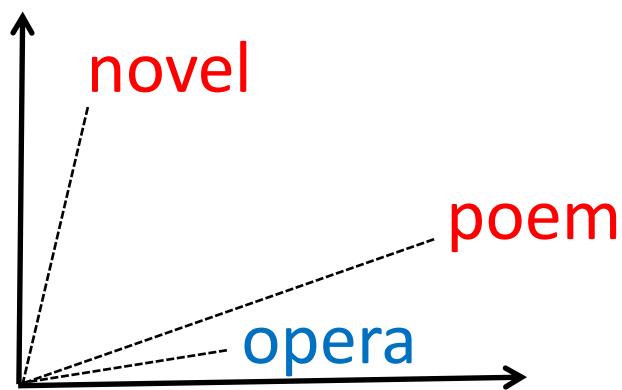


(Mikolov et al., NIPS 2013)



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- Iteratively update vectors to reduce error (machine learning)

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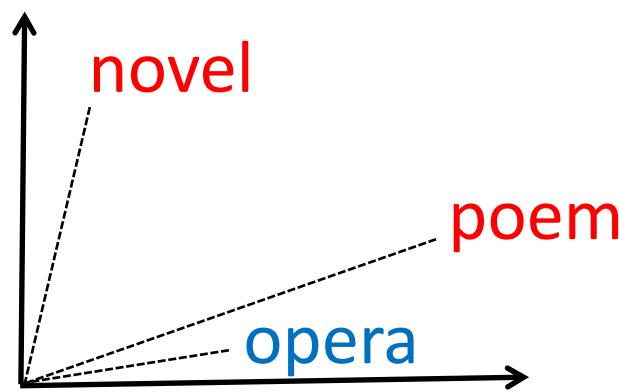
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*Call me Ishmael . Some years ago never mind ...*

The sentence "Call me Ishmael . Some years ago never mind ..." is shown. The words "me", "Ishmael", and "Some" are enclosed in boxes with arrows pointing down to them, indicating they are the words currently being processed by the model.

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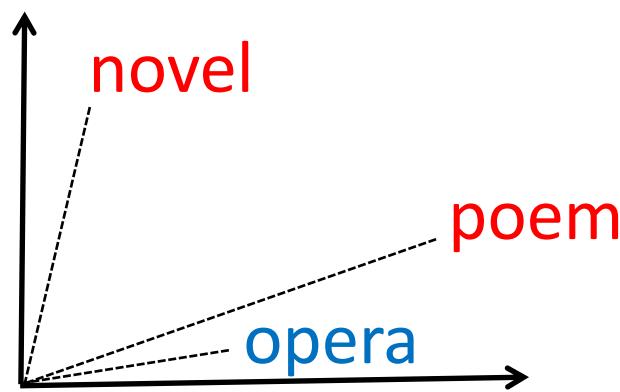
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The word 'Some' is highlighted with a red box, and arrows point from the text to the corresponding word embeddings in the diagram above.

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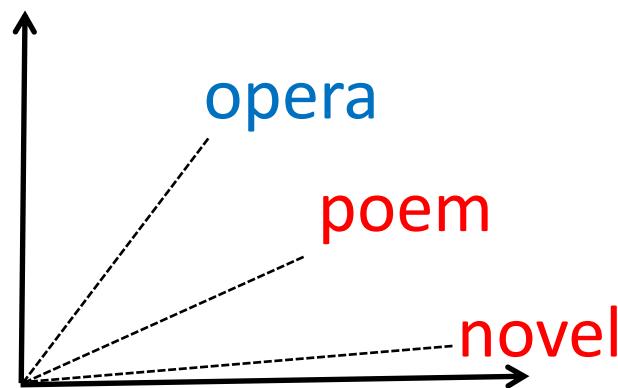
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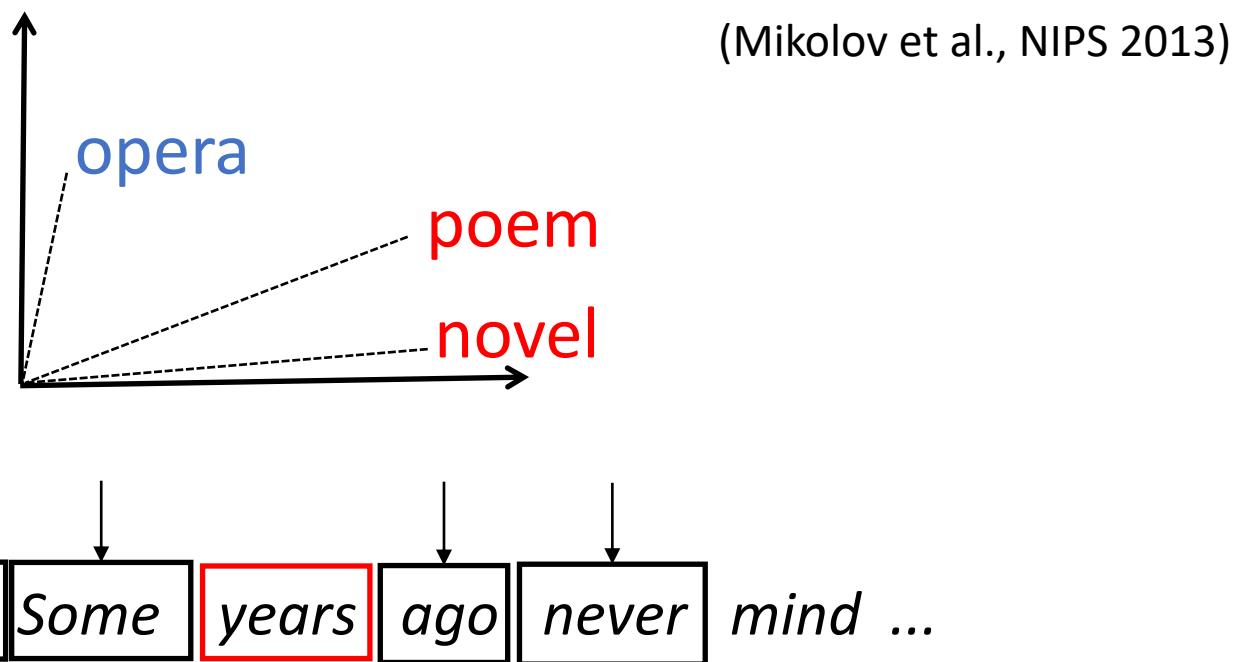
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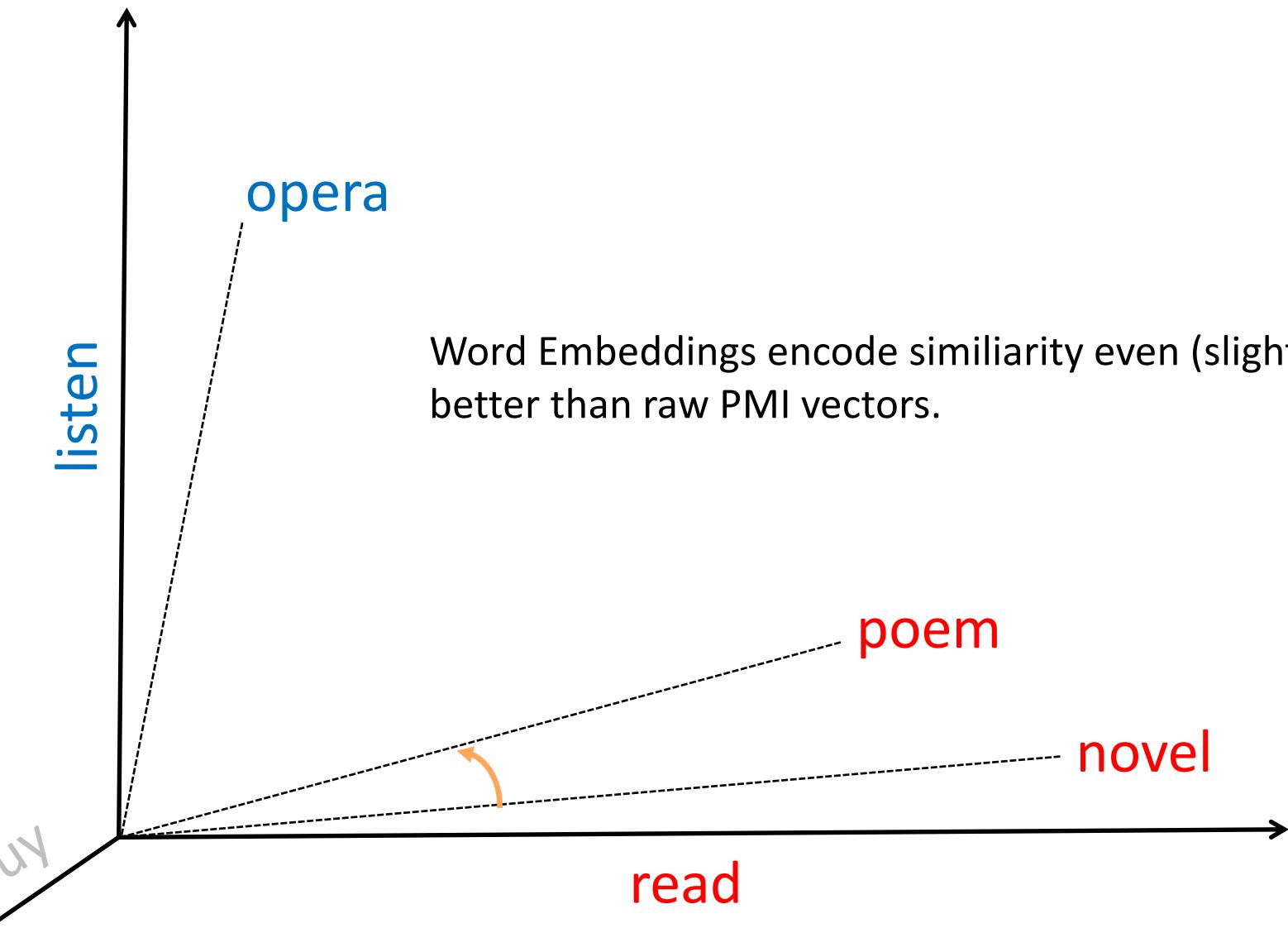
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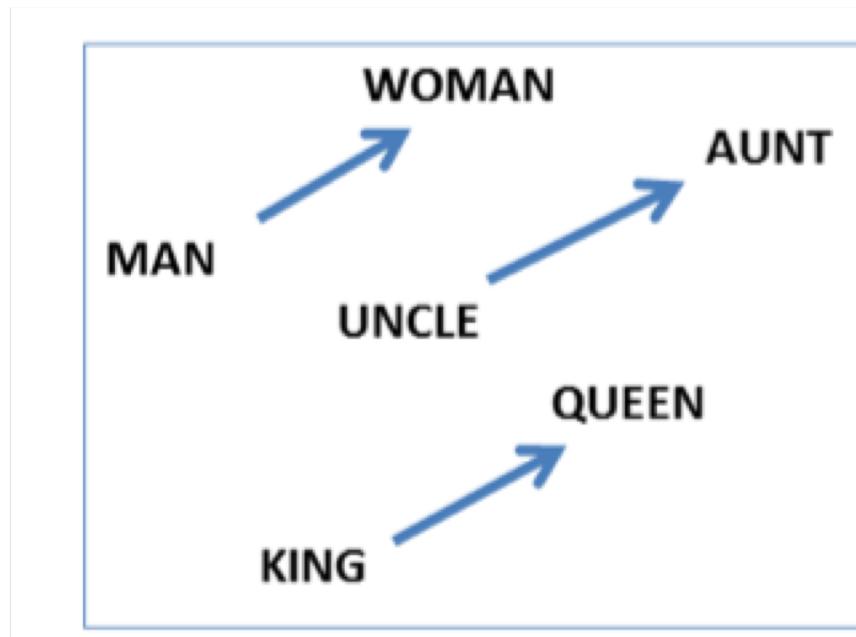


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# Computing Similarity



# Computing Word Analogies



(Mikolov et al., NAACL 2013)

- Semantic relationships are encoded by vectors, too
- Questions like „What is to *king* as *woman* is to *man*?“ can be answered with vector arithmetic

# Surprising „Content“ of Word Embeddings

- Morphological relationships: sg.-pl., comparatives  
(Mikolov et al., NAACL 2013)
- Emotion: *terrorism* vs. *sunshine*  
(Buechel & Hahn, NAACL 2018)
- Abstractness: *freedom* vs. *laptop*  
(Köper & Schulte im Walde, LREC 2016)
- Geolocation, GDP, fertility rate and many other referential attributes of country names (*France*, *Italy*, *Spain*,...)  
(Gupta et al., EMNLP 2015)