



# Workshop 8

COMP90051 Statistical Machine Learning  
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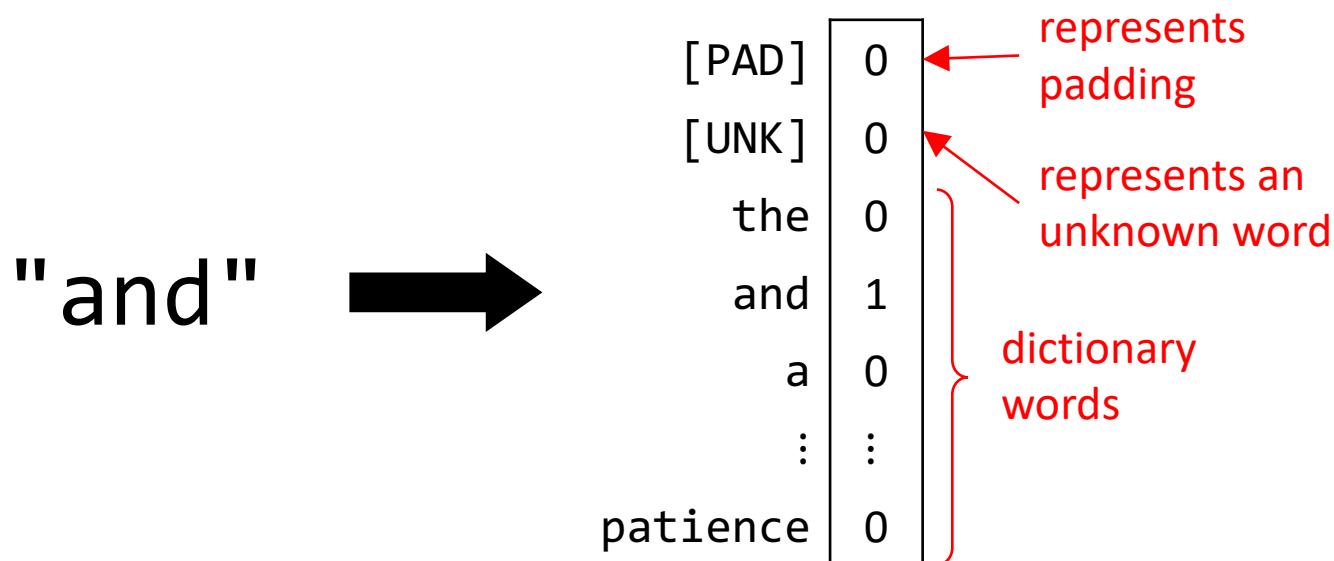
# Learning Outcomes

By the end of this workshop you should be able to:

1. explain how to **vectorise** text data for input into neural nets
2. design neural nets for text classification with **recurrent architecture**
3. be able to implement **attention** mechanism

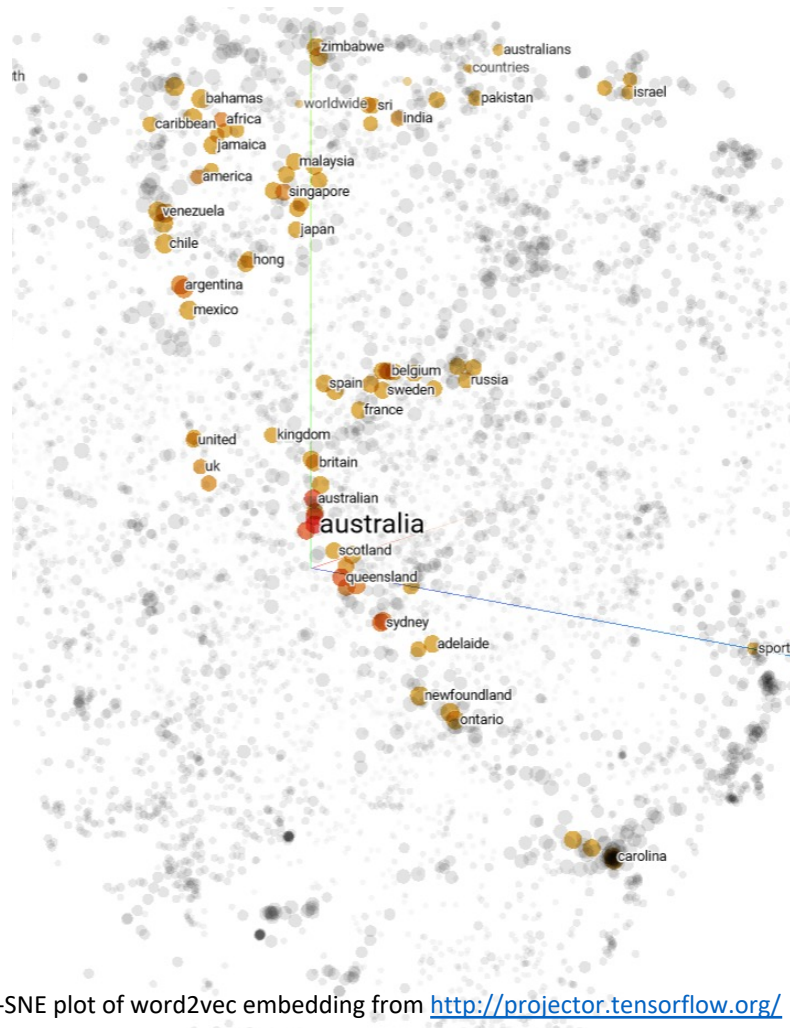
# Word embeddings

- Need to **represent words as vectors** for compatibility with differentiable neural networks
- A familiar solution is **one-hot encoding**
- However it's **inefficient** for large dictionaries (very sparse)



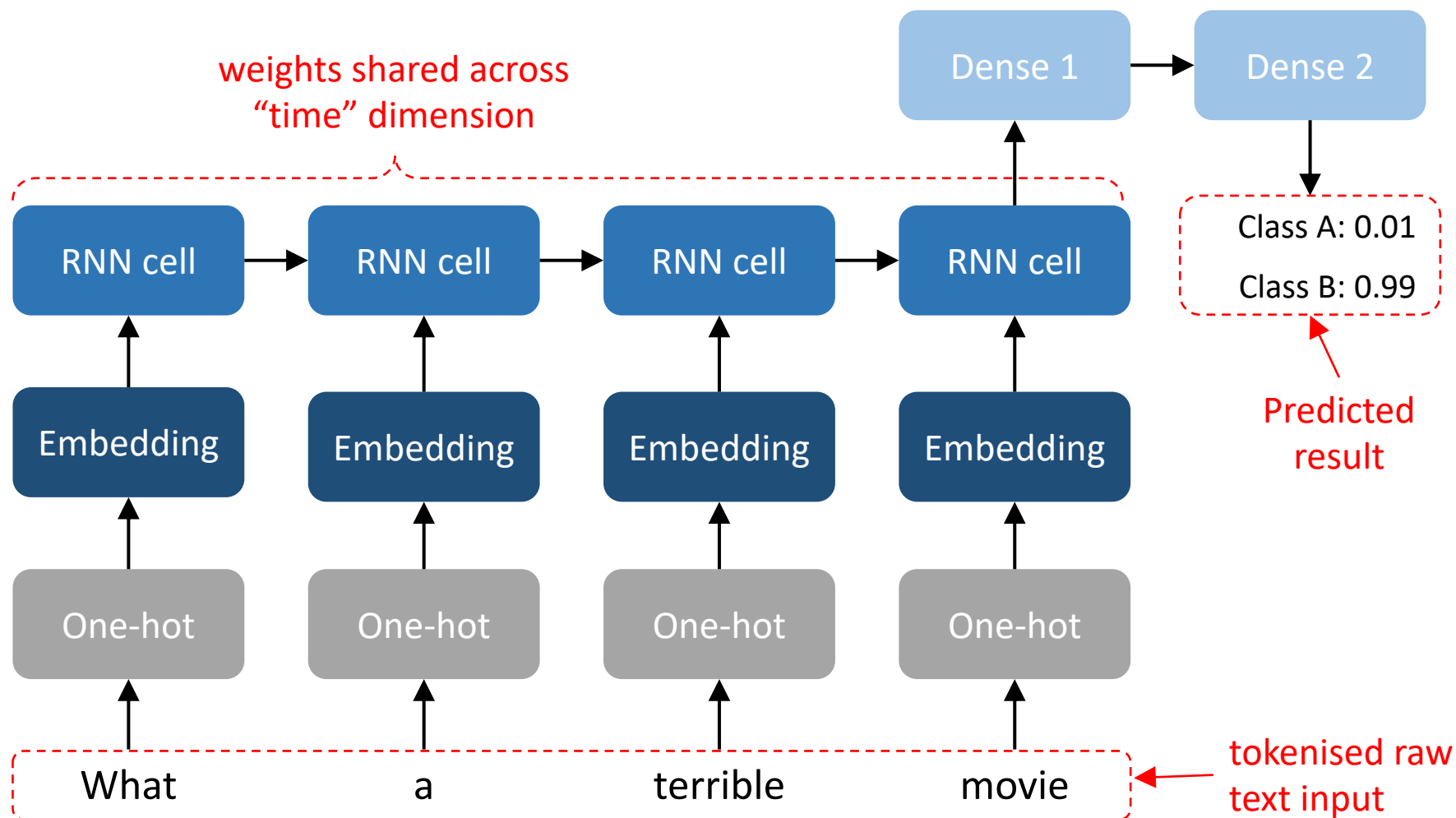
# Word embeddings

- To improve efficiency, we can **learn an embedding** in a lower-dimensional space
- Embedding is a **linear map** from one-hot encoded word vectors  $\mathbf{x}_{o-h} \in \{0,1\}^k$  to dense word vectors  $\mathbf{x}_{dense} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , parameterised by a weight matrix  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$
- Common to use **pre-trained embeddings**



t-SNE plot of word2vec embedding from <http://projector.tensorflow.org/>

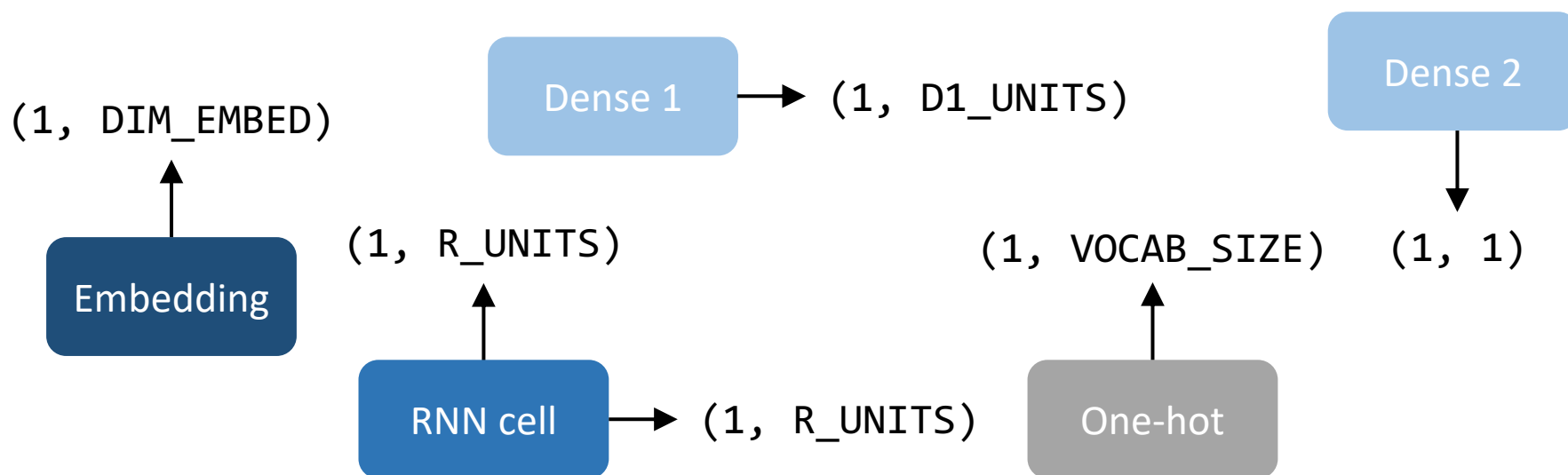
# Text classification architecture



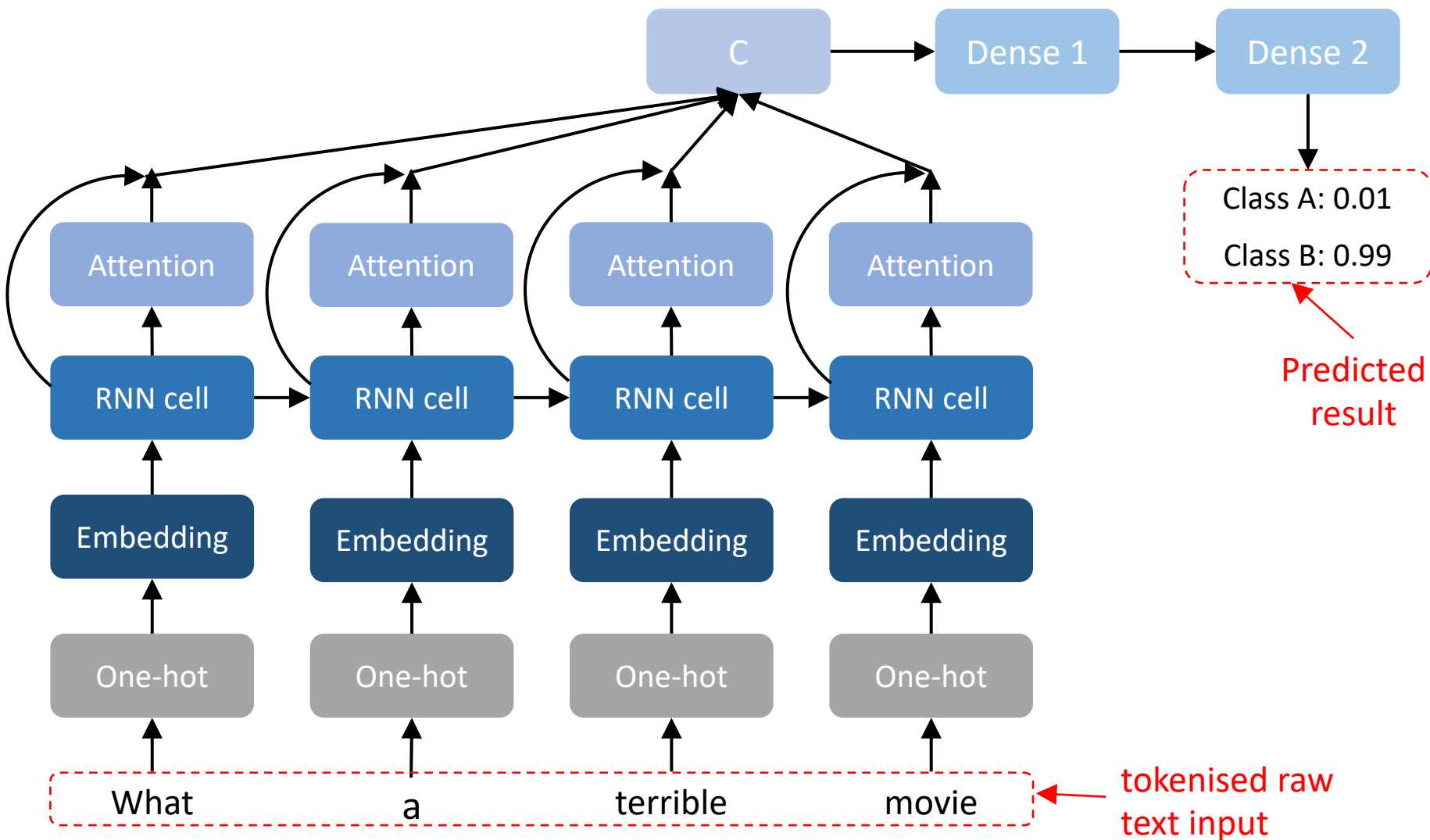
# Exercise

Let **VOCAB\_SIZE** be the size of the word dictionary, **DIM\_EMBED** be the dimension of the embedding space, **R\_UNITS** be the number of units in the RNN cell, and **D1\_UNITS** be the number of units in dense layer 1.

Write down the shape of the tensor output for each layer when a single sample is fed through the network.



# Attention



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