

Word Embeddings

* How do we get discrete data like words to work with neural nets?

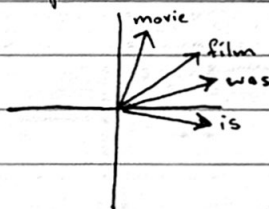
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Movie was good} &\xrightarrow{\text{Bow}} [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \dots 1 \dots] \\ &\quad \text{was} \quad \text{good} \quad \text{movie} \\ &= [0 \ 1 \ 0] + [0 \ 1 \ 0] + [0 \ 1 \ 0] \\ &\quad \text{movie} \quad \text{was} \quad \text{good} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{film is great} \rightarrow [1 \dots 1 \dots 1]$$

film is great

Orthogonal to "movie was good"
No apparent connection.
Dot product between these would be 0.

- Word Embeddings: Low dimensional representations of words capturing their similarity



- How to learn Embeddings:

JR Firth (1957) - Distributional Hypothesis: "You shall know a word by the company it keeps"

I watched the movie
I watched the film
The film inspired me
The movie inspired me

'Movie' and 'Film' might be similar b/c they're used in similar contexts

- Mikolov et al. (2013) - "Word2vec"

Each word \rightarrow \vec{w} word vector
 \rightarrow \vec{c} context vector

Predict each word's context given that word