

# Tutorial NLP

# Outline Today

- Recap NLP Courseware
- Further questions (Last Topic/Homework/ect.)

# 1. Recap

# Word Embeddings



- mapping words to lower dim space → enforcing a meaningful representation, similarity is based on their distance
- founded on distributional hypothesis:  
**Similar words occur in similar contexts.**
- ideally, embedding captures semantic + syntactic information



# Continuous Bag of Words

- embed a bag of words (= the context window), order does not matter  
→ try to predict the target word

**Sentence from text corpus:** *The cat climbed the tree.*

**Context**

*The cat ... the tree.*

**Target Word**

*climbed*

→  
predict

# CBOW

## Step 0: the embedding matrix

- embedding matrix is the weight matrix of encoder network (feed-forward net)  
dimension = vocab\_size x hidden\_size

## Step 1: Receive the embedding of the context words

- matrix multiply one-hot encoded word with the embedding matrix

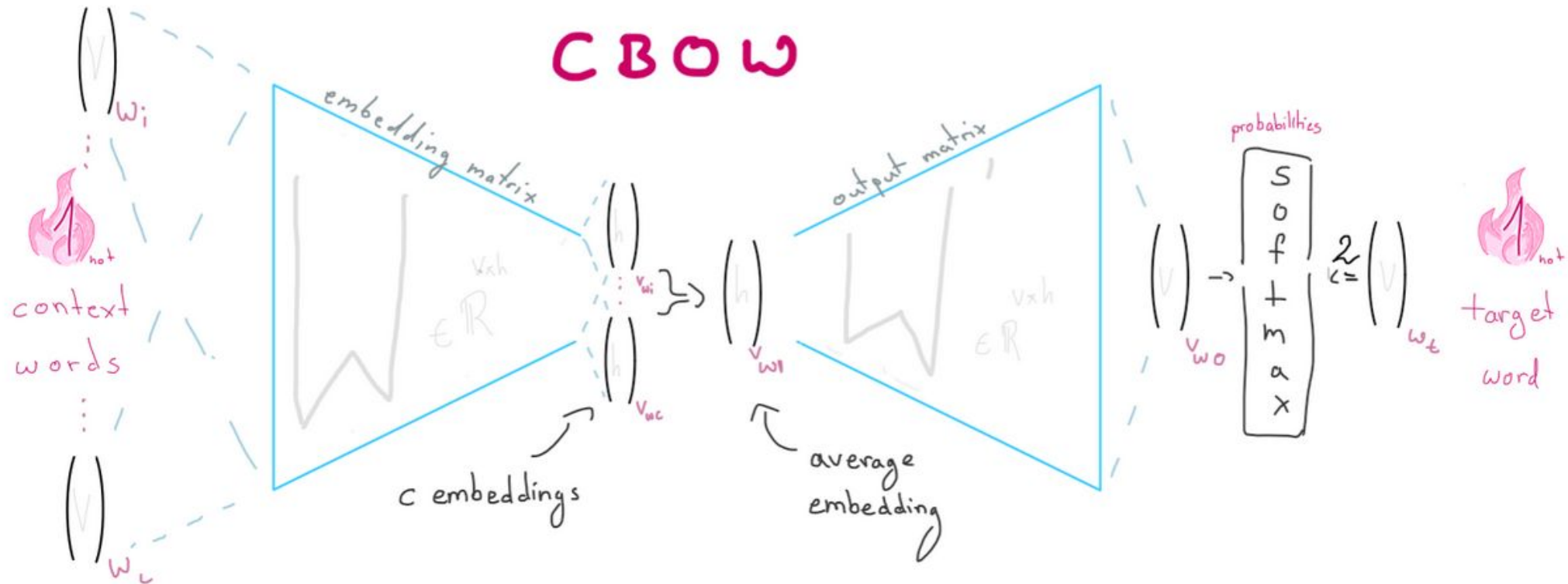
## Step 2: Predict the target word from the context

- average embedded context words
- pass it to “decoder” feed-forward network → learns to map the embedding to score vector
- scoring vector (size = vocab\_size) → softmax → pred probabilities for each word

## Step 3: Improving the embedding

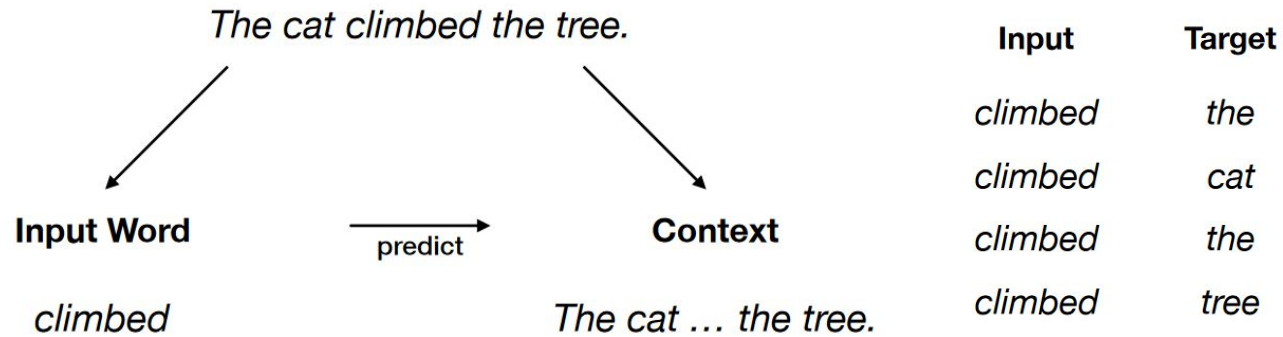
- get prediction, compare to real target word, compute cross-entropy-loss, gradient descent as usual

# CBOW



# SkipGram

- predict a set of context words from one word





input word

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v \end{pmatrix}_{w_i}$$



## Skip-Gram

$$\begin{pmatrix} h \\ v_{wt} \end{pmatrix}$$

embedding vector



$$\begin{pmatrix} v \\ v_{w_o} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{probabilities} \\ \begin{matrix} s \\ o \\ f \\ + \\ 3 \\ x \\ 9 \\ x \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \leftarrow \mathbb{L}$$

randomly sampled target from context

$$\begin{pmatrix} v \\ w_j \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w_{t-c} \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w_{t+c} \end{pmatrix}$$

context words

# SkipGram

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**preprocessing:** one\_hot encode corpus, generate input-context pairs  $(w_i, w_{i-c} \dots w_{i+c})$

**for each** input context pair:

- from context  $(w_{i-c} \dots w_{i+c})$  sample one target (uniform or distance based)  $w_t$
- compute embedding  $v_{w_I}$  for input word using embedding matrix  $W$
- compute score vector  $v'_{W_I}$  using output matrix  $W'$
- compute softmax of score to obtain probabilities:

$$\circ p(w_t \sim P_c | w_i) = \frac{\exp(v'_{w_I} v_{w_t})}{\sum_{i=1}^V \exp(v'_{w_I} v_{w_i})}$$

- compute loss using cross-entropy
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→ in practise only use the index and use lookup

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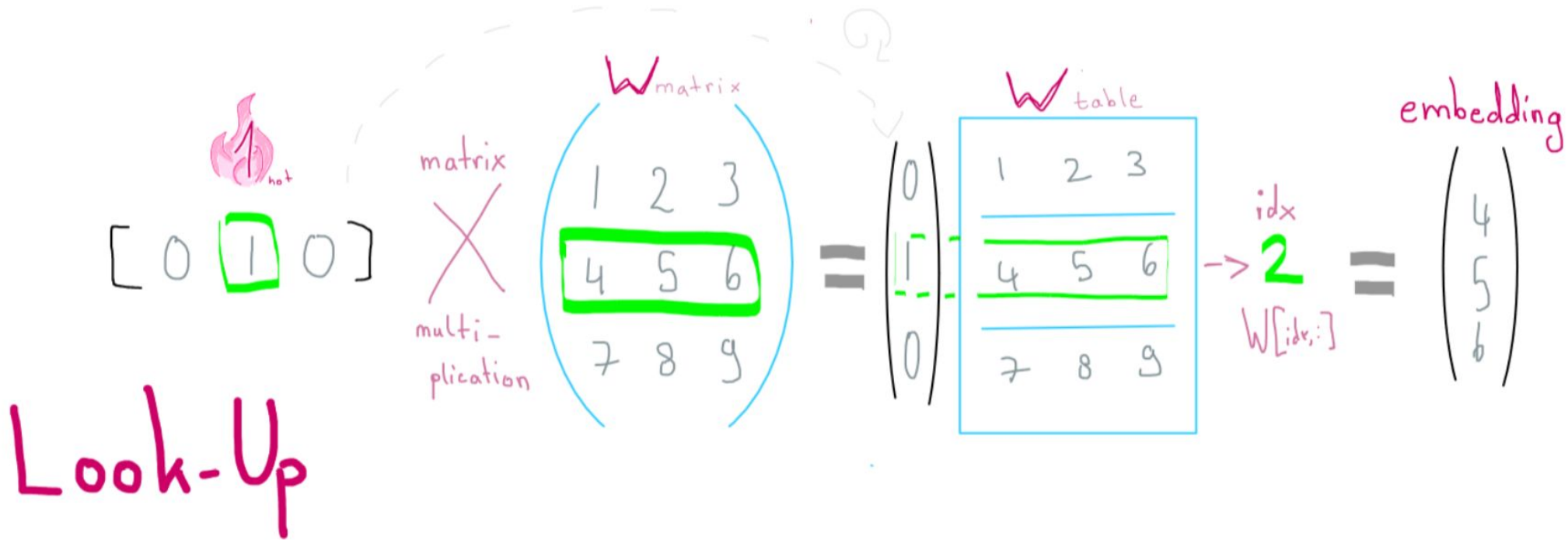
→ alternative: use each input-target pair (This is how we have described it in the homework sheet, you can decide how you want to do it.)

# NGRAM

- takes into account order of the words
- The cat eats the cake.  $\neq$  The cake eats the cat.
- approximate  $p(w_i | w_{i-k}, \dots, w_{i-1}, w_{i+1}, \dots, w_{i+k})$
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# Receiving Embeddings

- lookup computationally more efficient than matrix multiplication



# Subsampling

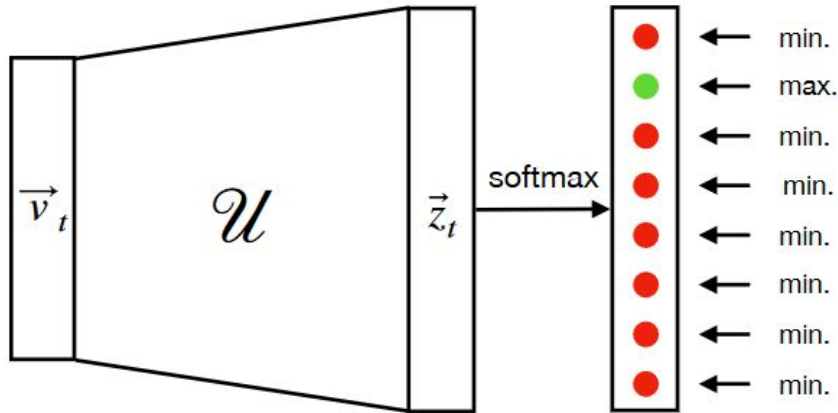
- removing frequent words like 'the', 'a', 'and'
- probability to discard a word based on its frequency  $z(w_i)$  and a hyperparameter  $s$  (often  $s = 0.001$ )

$$P(w_i) = \left( \sqrt{\frac{z(w_i)}{s}} + 1 \right) \cdot \frac{s}{z(w_i)}$$

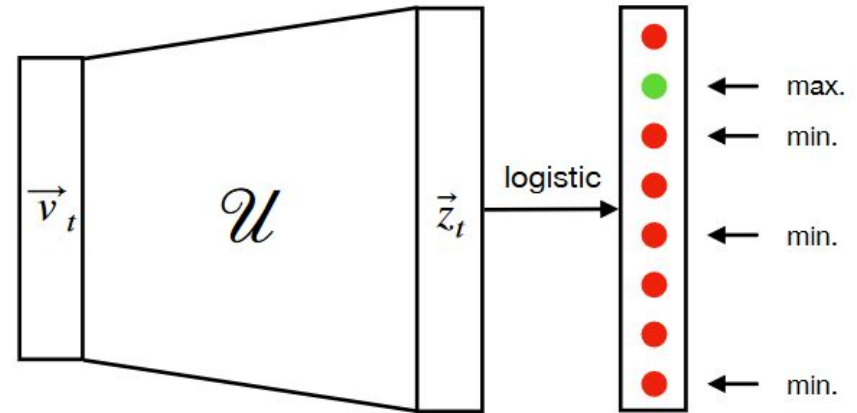
# Negative Sampling

- computationally expensive to minimize all outputs, therefore sample a few to minimize
- use logistic loss instead of softmax because softmax has to sum up to 1

**Previously:**



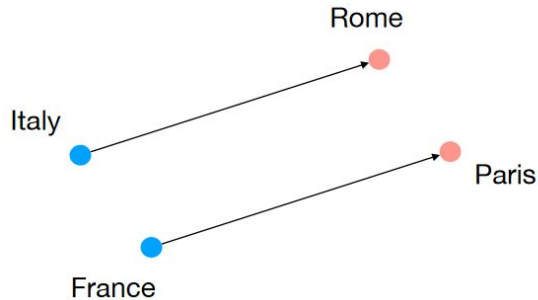
**Now:**



# Distances and Analogies

- calculate **distances** between vectors using cosine similarity
- cosine similarity: inner product of normed vectors
- dimension reduction with maintaining the distances  $\rightarrow$  t-sne

## Semantic analogies



$$\overrightarrow{\text{man}} - \overrightarrow{\text{woman}} \approx \overrightarrow{\text{king}} - \overrightarrow{\text{queen}}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\text{man}} - \overrightarrow{\text{woman}} \approx \overrightarrow{\text{computer programmer}} - \overrightarrow{\text{homemaker}}. \quad ?$$



## Why else might that be interesting?



Man is to Computer Programmer as Woman is to Homemaker? Debiasing Word Embeddings, Bolukbasi et al.

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1607.06520.pdf>

# Supervised NLP

## **Sequence-to-Classification**

- e.g. sentiment analysis - “Is this movie review positive or negative”
- or language identification - “what language is this text?”

## **Sequence-to-Sequence**

- e.g. : Text summarization - “Summarize this paper in 2 sentences.”
- question answering “Who was the worst president of the USA?”
- translation “Here is a text on how to correctly pet your cat, translate it to German please”.

Further questions?