

Deep Learning for NLP

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Lecture 6 – Word Embeddings 2 (Syntactic, Bilingual, Contextualized Embeddings)

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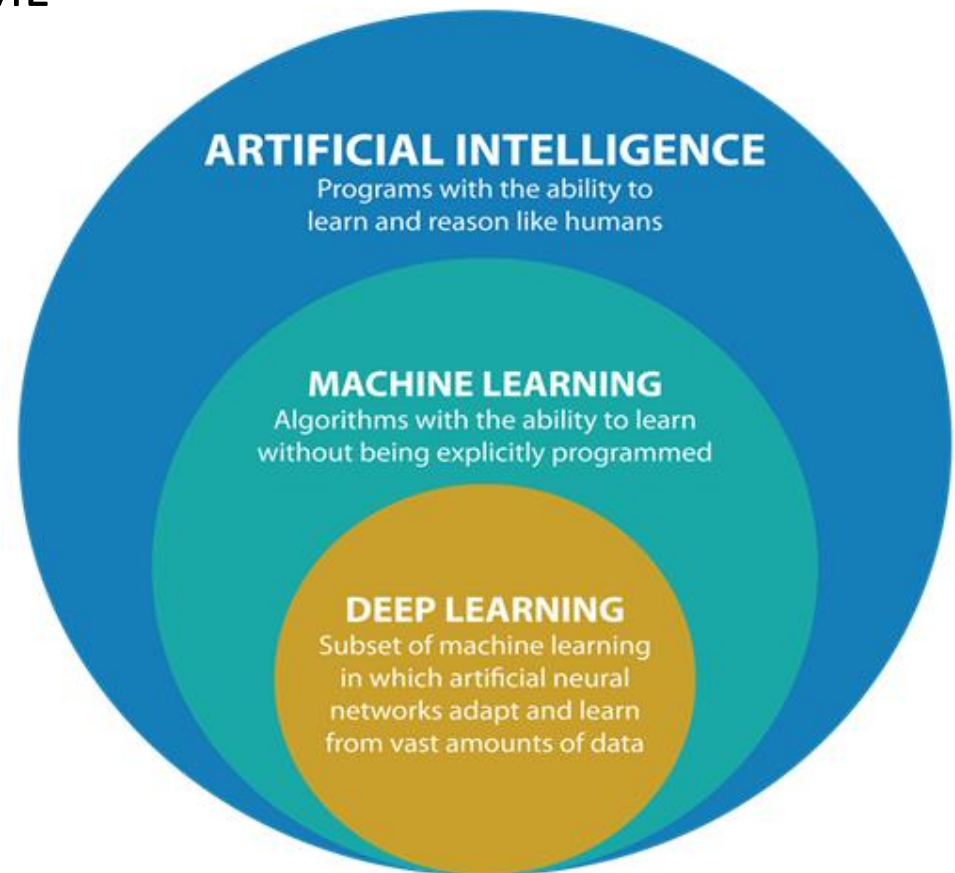
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Natural Language Learning Group (NLLG)

Recap

- Started out with general ML
- Then saw DL as a subfield of ML



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- Today, a large part of NLP is
 - Learning **tasks** from (human) **labeled datasets**
 - Input is **text**

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I like soccer	No-Spam
All the world's a stage	No-Spam
...	...

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Text	Label
Where there is a "will," there are 500 relatives	Funny
I like ice-cream	Not funny
Always remember: you're unique, just like everyone else	Funny
...	...

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Text1	Text2	Label
I like cats	I like dogs	Similarity: high
I like ice-cream	Bielefeld is a city	Similarity: low
Dallas Mavericks will win	Zverev lost again	Similarity: medium
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I like cats	I like dogs	Adequacy: 0.2
I like ice-cream	I enjoy to eat my ice-cream	Adequacy: 0.7
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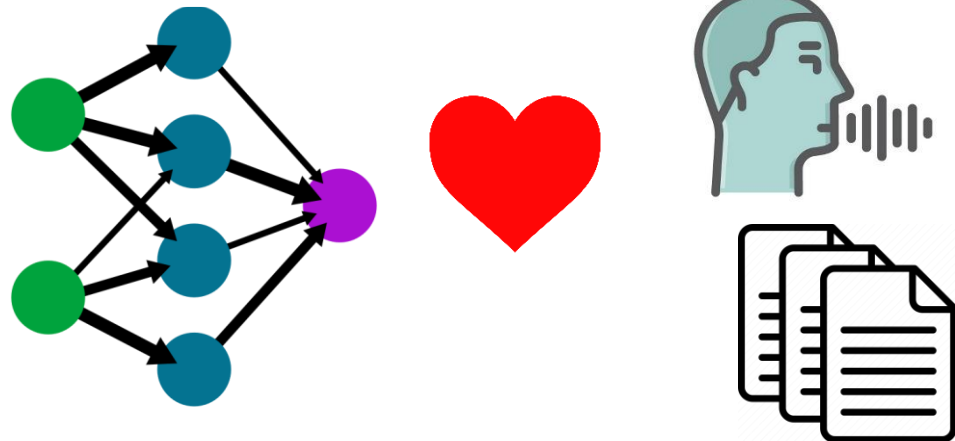
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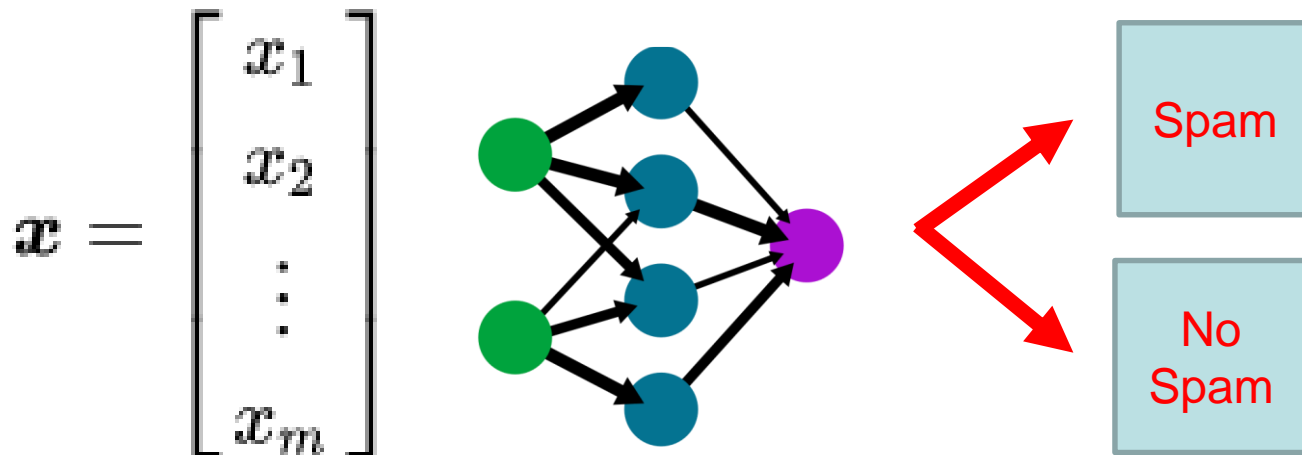
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Quiz

The recap was ...

A: .. waste of time. I knew this already

B: .. an eye-opener. Finally I know what's going on

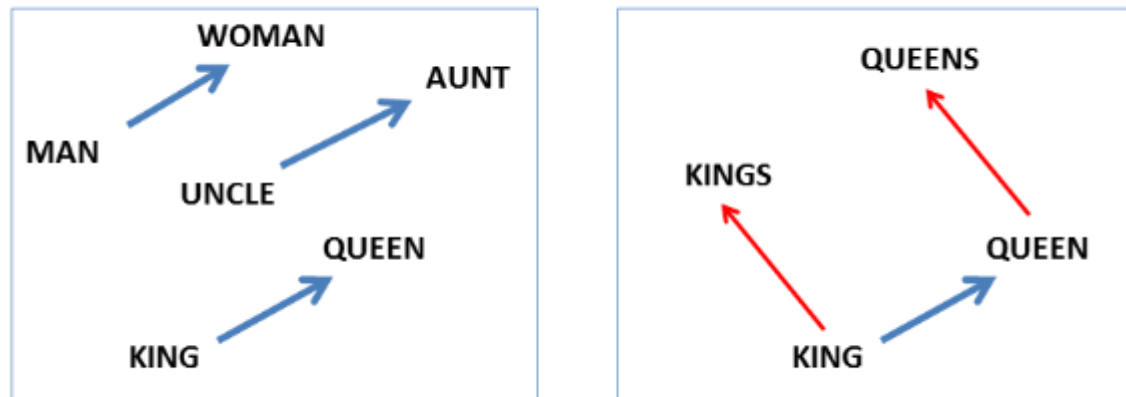
C: .. helpful for sure! (Even though I knew the big picture already)

D: .. useless! I'm still lost!



Last session

- Word embeddings can represent semantic and syntactic relations between words in the vector space



Mikolov et al (2013a)

Linguistic Regularities in Continuous Space Word Representations

This lecture

- 1) **Multi-Sense Embeddings**
- 2) Multi-Lingual Embeddings
- 3) Syntactic Word Embeddings
- 4) Other aspects
- 5) Contextualized Embeddings

Word Senses

- Words do not represent only one meaning



1				
1	2	3		
1	2	3	4	5



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- Problem is generally known as *polysemy* a word may have many different meanings
 - Or even *homonymy*

Word Senses

Man

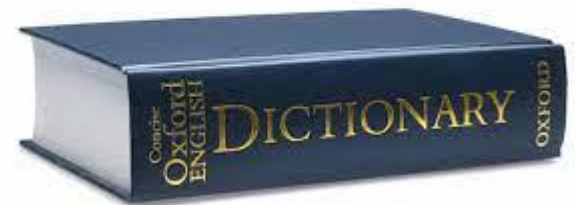
1. The human species
2. Males of the human species
3. Adult males of the human species

Bank

1. A financial institution
2. The building where a financial institution offers services
3. A synonym for „rely upon“
4. **Note:** River *bank* is a homonym to 1 and 2

book

1. A bound collection of pages
2. A text reproduced and distributed
3. Make an action or event a matter of record



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Sense-disambiguated word representations

- Result: different representations for each sense

$bank_1^n$ (geographical)	$bank_2^n$ (financial)	$number_4^n$ (phone)	$number_3^n$ (acting)	$hood_1^n$ (gang)	$hood_{12}^n$ (convertible car)
upstream $_1^r$	commercial_bank $_1^n$	calls $_1^n$	appearing $_6^v$	tortures $_5^n$	taillights $_1^n$
downstream $_1^r$	financial_institution $_1^n$	dialled $_1^v$	minor_roles $_1^n$	vengeance $_1^n$	grille $_2^n$
runs $_6^v$	national_bank $_1^n$	operator $_{20}^n$	stage_production $_1^n$	badguy $_1^n$	bumper $_2^n$
confluence $_1^n$	trust_company $_1^n$	telephone_network $_1^n$	supporting_roles $_1^n$	brutal $_1^a$	fascia $_2^n$
river $_1^n$	savings_bank $_1^n$	telephony $_1^n$	leading_roles $_1^n$	execution $_1^n$	rear_window $_1^n$
stream $_1^n$	banking $_1^n$	subscriber $_2^n$	stage_shows $_1^n$	murders $_1^n$	headlights $_1^n$

Table 1: Closest senses to two senses of three ambiguous nouns: *bank*, *number*, and *hood*

- Iacobacci et al (2015): *SensEmbed: Learning Sense Embeddings for Word and Relational Similarity*

DISCUSS

How to train an NLP system with these sense-disambiguated embeddings?



A more parsimonious approach

- Run word2vec on data and compute embeddings
- For each target word, represent its context as avg. or concatenated embedding
 - ... need to go to the **bank** to get some money
 - ... debt by utilizing a credit line granted by a **bank** ...
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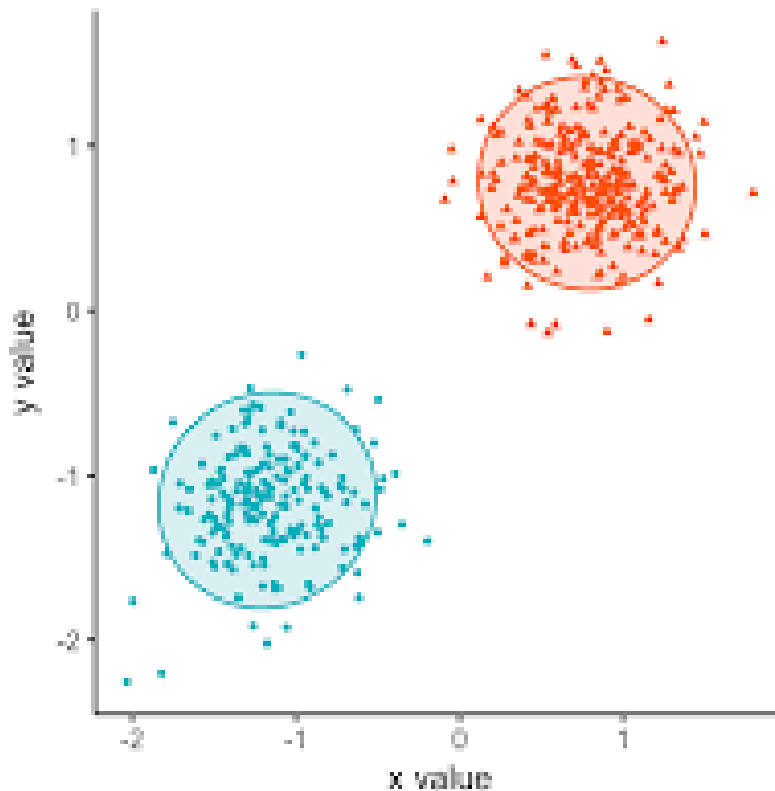
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- Cluster the context representations, and assign each word's context to a cluster → the word has the sense corresponding to the cluster index
 - Using techniques from *unsupervised* machine learning (see lecture 2)
- Run word2vec on sense-disambiguated corpus

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Sense-disambiguated word representations

However, in practice, **most people didn't use sense embeddings**

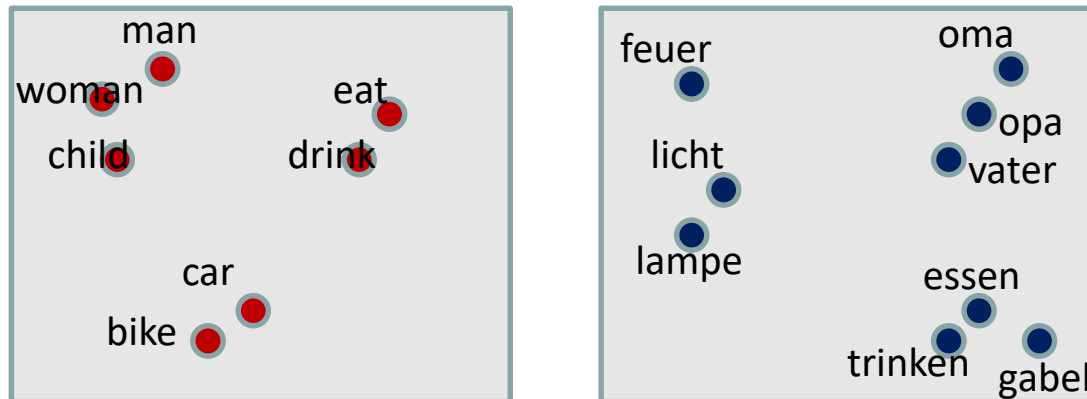
- Not so much benefit in using them in practical applications
- On the other hand, the cost is much higher --- one needs a sense-labeler or a computation heavy model
- **Before ELMo and BERT came around in 2018 (see below) ...**
 - **With contextualized word embeddings**

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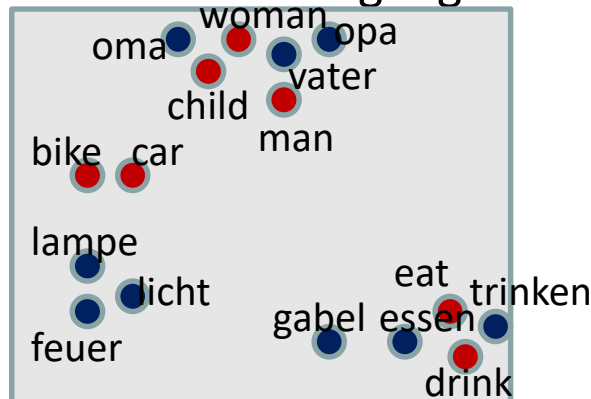
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Bilingual Embeddings

- Word representations for two languages:
 - train on corpus from each language

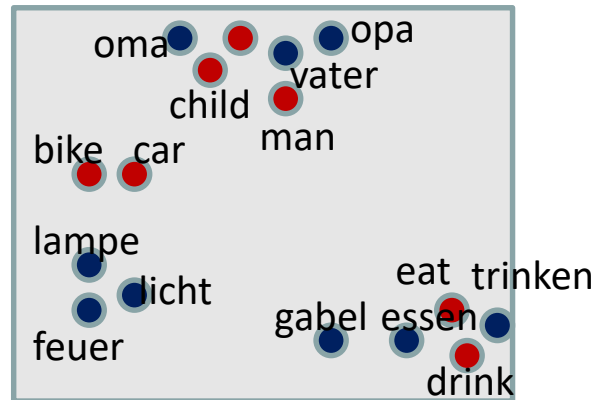


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Bilingual Embeddings – General idea

- Can think of it as having two objectives we want to satisfy
- **cross-lingual objective**: words that are translations of each other should be close in the projected space
- **mono-lingual objective**: words that occur in monolingually similar contexts should be close to each other in vector space

(1) Second language may act as an additional “signal”

- Which may help to improve word embeddings even in the first language
 - → **Make Monolingual Embeddings better**
- E.g. assume that some word like “opa” occurs very infrequently in the German corpus, thus it’s difficult to reliably estimate its word embedding
- If its English translation “grandfather” occurs frequently in the English corpus, the German word should get a more appropriate embedding in the bilingual space

Bilinguality – Why?

(2) If words are projected in a common space (“shared features”), this may allow for **Direct Transfer / Zero-shot learning**

- Train a model in one language (usually resource-rich)
- Directly apply in another language (usually resource-poor)

Bilinguality – Example

(2) Example Direct Transfer: task is POS tagging

- Setup:

- *Train:*

- I may not drink this → PRON VERB PARTICLE VERB DET

- ...

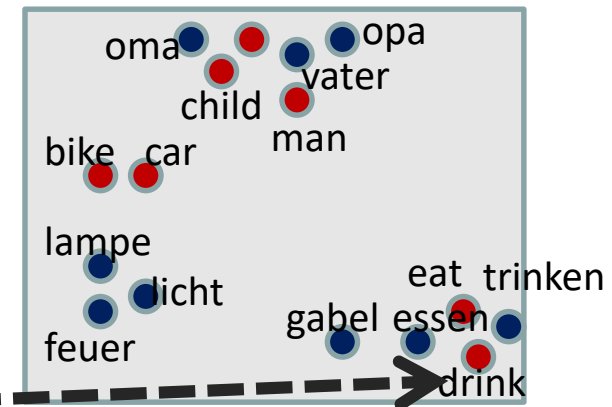
- *Test:* Es ist wichtig, ausreichend zu trinken →

- Training (idea):

- Input: center words with their context words

- Output: labels of center word

- E.g. (not, **drink**, this) → VERB



- **Direct transfer / zero-shot learning:**

- train using bilingual embeddings in English

- assume big labeled English dataset

- then directly apply to German data

DISCUSS

Name problems of the zero-shot learning approach. When and why will it not perform well?



Approach 1: Learning a transformation matrix

- One of the first and simplest approaches
 - Mikolov et al. 2013, Exploiting similarities among languages for machine translation
- Given: (1) monolingual embeddings + (2) dictionary
 - Dictionary: *cat-Katze, table-Tisch, ...*

x_i	z_i
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[0.2,-0.3,0.8]	[0.5,0.9,-1]
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Approach 1: Learning a transformation matrix

- We estimate a linear transformation from this data:

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}} \sum_i ||\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{z}_i||^2$$

- \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{z}_i are monolingual vectors of words from dictionary
- Once \mathbf{W} is learned, we can map any language x word into the space of language z
 - Even words for which we do not have translations

More Bilingual Embeddings

- See Upadhayay et al. (2016)
 - Cross-lingual Models of Word Embeddings: An Empirical Comparison
- And more recent Glavas et al. (2019)
 - How to (properly) evaluate cross-lingual word embeddings: On Strong Baselines, Comparative Analyses, and Some Misconceptions

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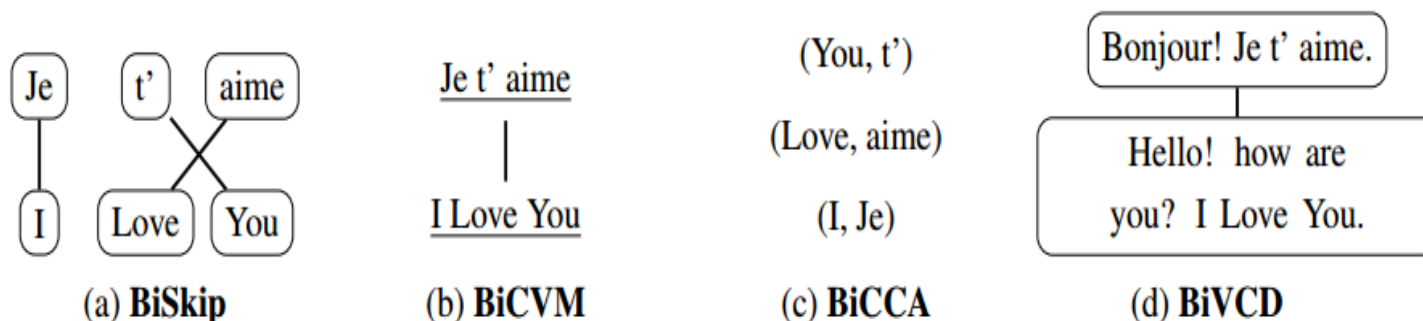
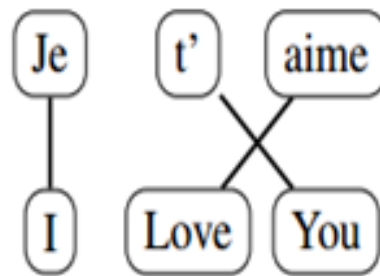


Figure 2: Forms of supervision required by the four models compared in this paper. From left to right, the cost of the supervision required varies from expensive (BiSkip) to cheap (BiVCD). BiSkip requires a parallel corpus annotated with word alignments (Fig. 2a), BiCVM requires a sentence-aligned corpus (Fig. 2b), BiCCA only requires a bilingual lexicon (Fig. 2c) and BiVCD requires comparable documents (Fig. 2d).

- We discuss (a) BiSkip and (d) BiVCD
- **BiSkip** uses sentence and word aligned texts, then runs a skip-gram model whose contexts are words from both languages:
 - E.g. on input *love* BiSkip wants to predict the context *je, I, you, t'*;
 - similar for *aime*: *t', you*
 - → similar contexts are predicted → similar representations



(a) BiSkip

Determining alignments (for BiSkip)

- Word/Sentence alignments learned from parallel corpora

Determining bi-lingual mappings

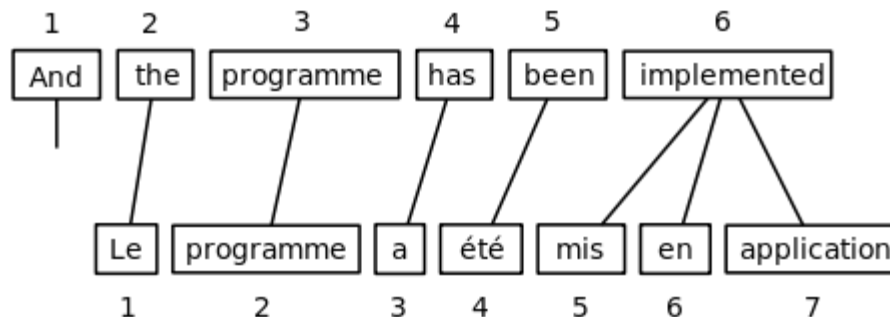
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[Europarl](#): parallel corpus from the European parliament visualized by [IMS](#):

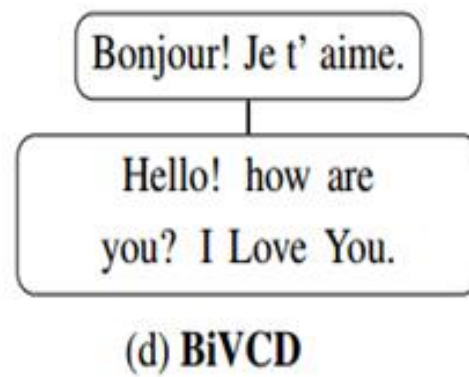
Also , I would like to pay tribute to the clarity of the report and to the innovations it suggests , which are the result of **deep** analysis .

Daher möchte ich die Klarheit des vorliegenden Berichts und seine Neuerungskvorschläge hervorheben , die die Frucht intensiver Überlegungen sind .	Aussi voudrais -je rendre hommage à la clarté du rapport présenté et aux innovations qu' il propose et qui sont le résultat d' une réflexion en profondeur .	Por eso quisiera rendir homenaje a la claridad del informe presentado y a las innovaciones que propone y que son el resultado de una reflexión a fondo .	Vorrei anche rendere omaggio alla chiarezza della relazione presentata e alle innovazioni che propone , e che sono il risultato di una riflessione approfondita .
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Learn word alignments



- We discuss (a) BiSkip and (d) BiVCD
- **BiVCD** is even simpler. Given aligned documents (e.g. Wikipedia articles)
 - Merge them, then random shuffle all words
 - Then run a Monolingual Model (e.g. CBOW, Glove, Skip-Gram) on it
 - Why does this yield meaningful results?



- We talked about mapping two languages in a common space
- How about 3, 5, 10 languages?
- Early work: Ammar et al. (2016), Massively Multilingual word embeddings
 - They extend BiCCA to MultiCCA and BiSkip to MultiSkip
- In recent years, people use **Multilingual BERT** (MBERT), which yields embeddings in a joint space for 100+ languages

More recent trends

- Learn bilingual word embeddings from as few resources as possible,
 - E.g., dictionary with only 10 word pairs (can be punctuation)
- E.g. Artexte et al., Learning bilingual word embeddings with (almost) no bilingual data, ACL 2017
 - From there we can go to unsupervised machine translation

More recent trends

- E.g. Artexte et al., Learning bilingual word embeddings with (almost) no bilingual data, ACL 2017
- Main idea:
 - If we had a dictionary, we can get bilingual embeddings
 - If we had bilingual embeddings, we can get a dictionary

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- Idea:
 - 1) Use a lexicon (*seed lexicon* is easy to get automatically)
 - 2) Learn bilingual embeddings using current lexicon (→ Mikolov's method, i.e., "Approach 1")
 - 3) Get a better lexicon using bilingual embeddings
 - 4) Go back to 1)

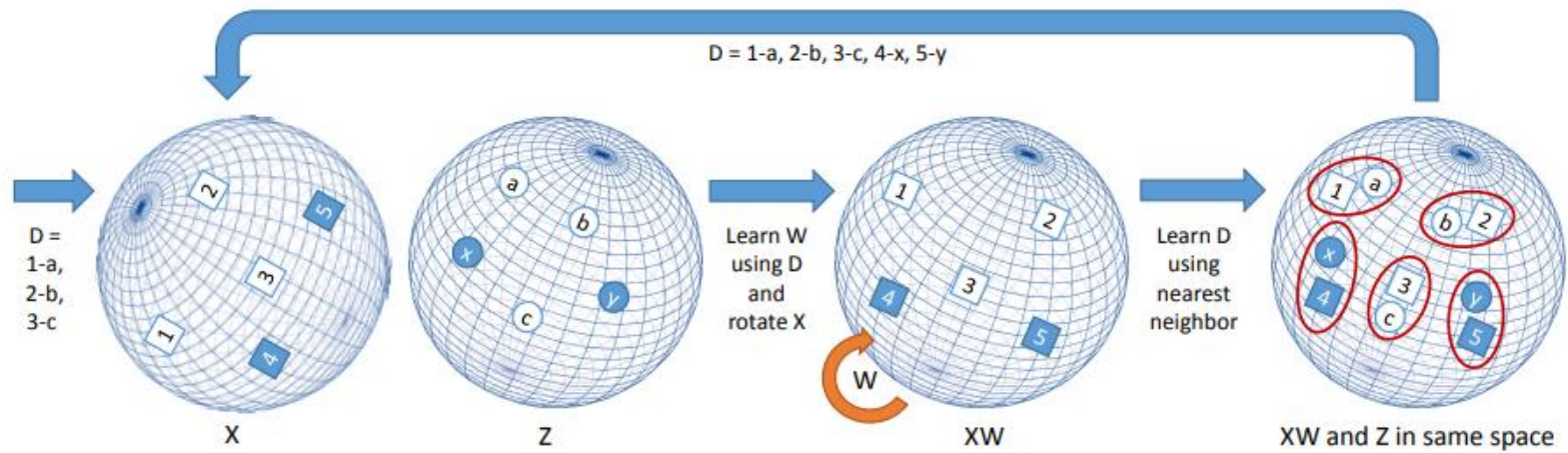


Figure 1: A general schema of the proposed self-learning framework. Previous works learn a mapping W based on the seed dictionary D , which is then used to learn the full dictionary. In our proposal we use the new dictionary to learn a new mapping, iterating until convergence.

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Long-distance dependencies

- Words can be similar with respect to (grammatical) role in a sentence
 - tea/milk/beer/coffee can all be an object of the verb *drink*
- Words that share syntactic relations might be distant in a sentence:

*I would like to **drink** a very hot tall decaf half-soy (...) white chocolate **mocha***

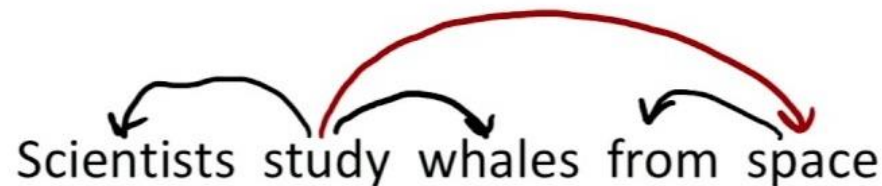


Dependency parsing in one slide

Outlines grammatical **relationships** between words in a sentence



Ambiguity: PP attachments



Dependency parses

- Idea: apply dependency parsing first

*I would like to **drink** a very hot tall decaf half-soy (...) white chocolate **mocha***

Output of Stanford dependency parser:

nsubj(like-3, I-1)	nsubj(drink-5, I-1)	aux(like-3, would-2)
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dobj(drink-5, mocha-14)		

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- Levy and Goldberg, 2014: *Dependency-Based Word Embeddings*

Word	Dependency Context
<i>like</i>	I/nsubj, would/aux, drink/xcomp
<i>drink</i>	I/nsubj, to/mark, mocha/dobj, like/xcomp ⁻¹
<i>hot</i>	very/advmod, mocha/amod ⁻¹
...	...

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 - Domain similarity vs. functional similarity*

Target Word	BoW5	BoW2	DEPS
batman	nightwing aquaman catwoman superman manhunter	superman superboy aquaman catwoman batgirl	superman superboy supergirl catwoman aquaman
hogwarts	dumbledore hallows half-blood malfoy snape	evernight sunnydale garderobe blandings collinwood	sunnydale collinwood calarts greendale millfield
turing	nondeterministic non-deterministic computability deterministic finite-state	non-deterministic finite-state nondeterministic buchi primality	Pauling hotelling heting lessing hamming
florida	gainesville fla jacksonville tampa lauderdale	fla alabama gainesville tallahassee texas	texas louisiana georgia california carolina
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	manhunter	batgirl	aquaman
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	hallows	sunnydale	collinwood
	half-blood	garderobe	calarts
	malfoy	blandings	greendale
	snake	collinwood	millfield
turing	nondeterministic	non-deterministic	pauling
	non-deterministic	finite-state	hotelling
	computability	nondeterministic	heting
	deterministic	buchi	lessing
	finite-state	primality	hamming
florida	gainesville	fla	texas
	fla	alabama	louisiana
	jacksonville	gainesville	georgia
	tampa	tallahassee	california
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More syntactically oriented embeddings

- **Syntactic** relations between words should also be represented in the vectors
→ Problem: word order matters

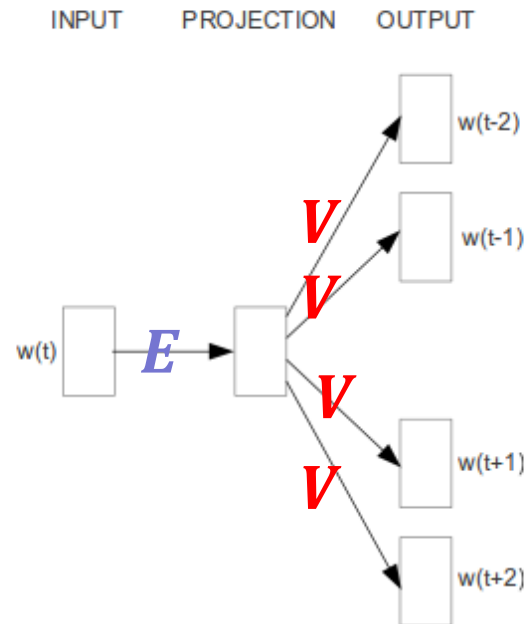
Dog bites man. vs Man bites dog.

- Remember: The word2vec models do not consider position information:
 - No distinction between left and right context
 - No distinction between close and far contexts

Skip-gram: *bites*
 → *(bites, man)* , *(bites, dog)*

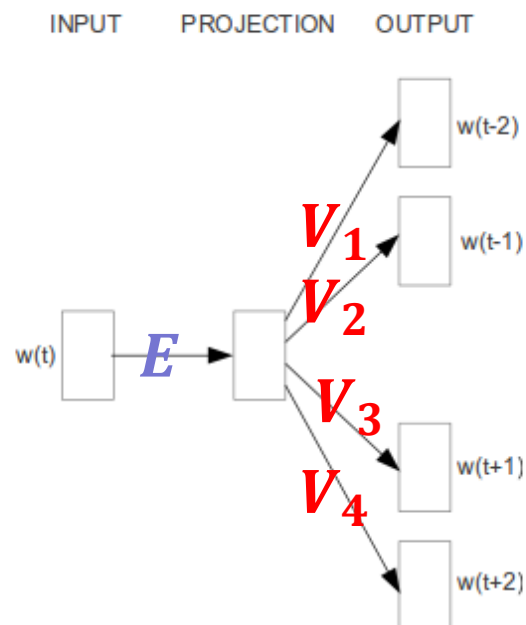
- dog bites man vs man bites dog
 - *(bites, dog-1)*, *(bites, man+1)* vs *(bites, man-1)*, *(bites, dog+1)*
- This is “intuitively” what we want (although we don’t add indices to words; why?)

The Skip-gram model



Skip-gram

The Structured Skip-gram model



Structured Skip-gram

- Nearest neighbors for “*breaking*”

Skip-gram	Structured Skip-gram
<i>breaks</i>	<i>putting</i>
<i>turning</i>	<i>turning</i>
<i>broke</i>	<i>sticking</i>
<i>break</i>	<i>pulling</i>
<i>stumbled</i>	<i>picking</i>

- Word representations with positional information work slightly better for syntactic tasks like POS-tagging and parsing
- Ling et al. 2015: *Two/Too Simple Adaptations of Word2Vec for Syntax Problems*

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Embed other things than words:

- **Characters:** *i n s i g h t f u l*
 - However, there are no pre-trained embeddings on the net, why?
- Or **syllables:** *in + sight + ful*
- Or **morphemes:**
 - *insightful = insight + ful*
 - *helping = help + ing*
 - *greedily = greedy + ly*
 - *Dampfschiffahrt = Dampf+Schiff+Fahrt*
 - Useful (?) particularly for morphologically rich languages like
 - German, French, Czech, etc.
 - Rarely find *Dampfschiffahrt* in a corpus, but its three morphemes are quite likely
- Embed **postags, synsets, lexemes, supersenses** (Flekova and Gurevych, 2016), ...

Embeddings of other things than words

- Embed **n-grams**
 - That's the **FastText** approach
 - Bojanowski et al. 2016, Enriching Word Vectors with Subword Information
 - Very popular, available in many languages
- Words are represented as bags of character n-grams ($n=3,4,5,6$)
 - E.g., $n=3$: where = (>wh , whe, her, ere , re<)
- Embeddings for all n-grams are learned
- Representation for a word is given by average over its n-gram embeddings
- Big advantage:
 - Can embed OOV words, e.g. spelling mistakes: "lenght", "spelling"
 - Naturally works for morphologically rich languages

This lecture

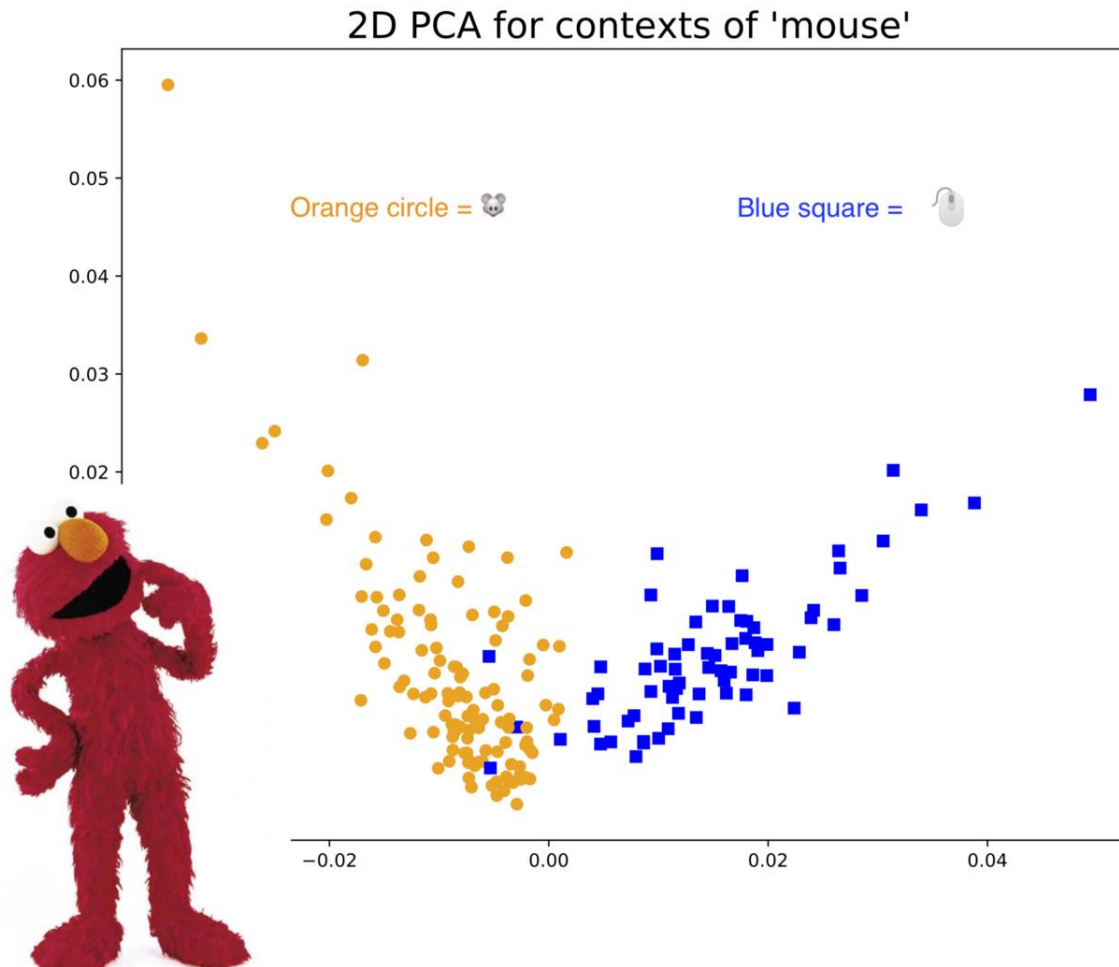
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- 3) Syntactic Word Embeddings
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Contextualized word embeddings: ELMo & BERT

- ELMo and BERT use language models to get **contextualized word representations**: in each context a word has a different embedding
- They are the absolute methods of choice at the moment



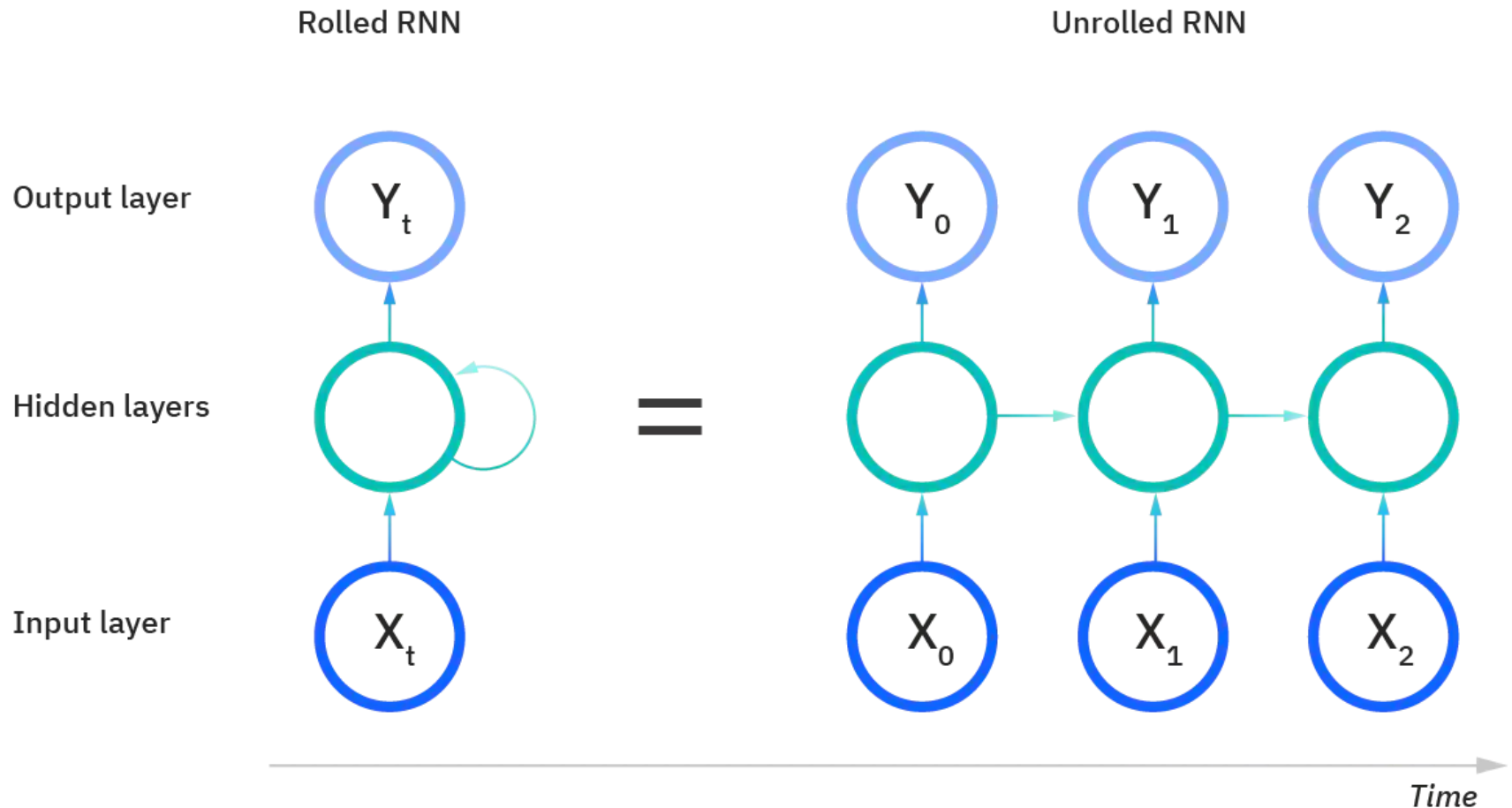
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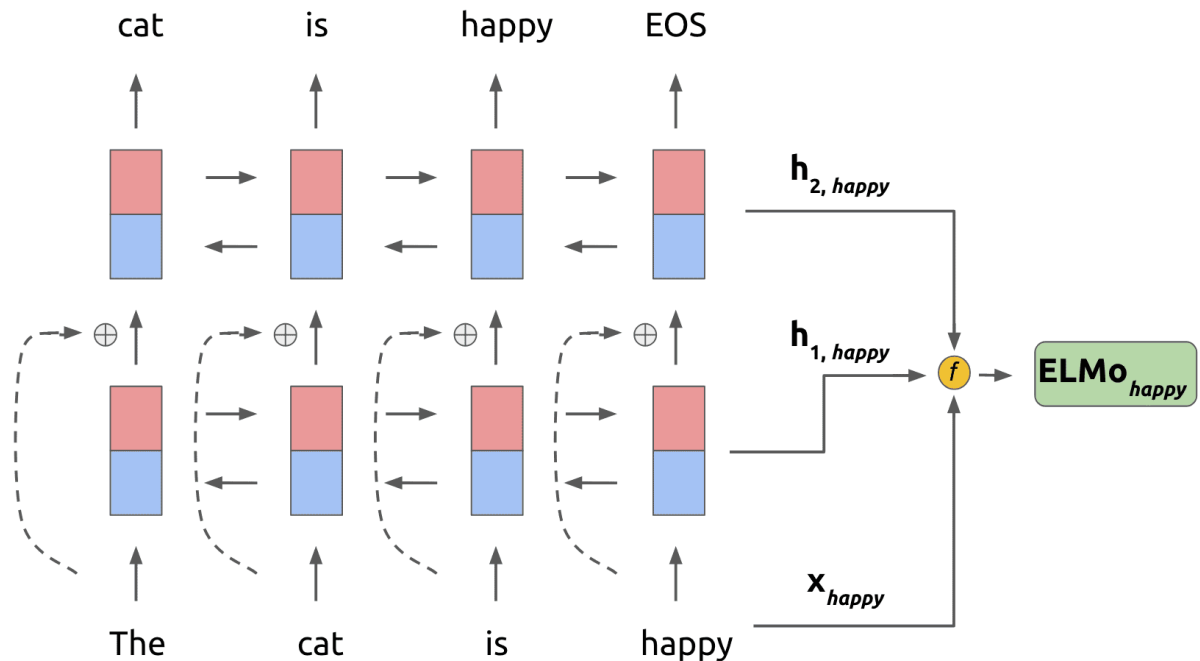
- ELMo combines three representations:
 - One on character level
 - Two representations obtained from the two layers in an RNN
- The language model is pre-trained on a large corpus
- For a new task, weights for the three representations are learned to get a task-specific representation
- This task specific representation is concatenated with standard static word embeddings

ELMo: Recurrent Neural Networks



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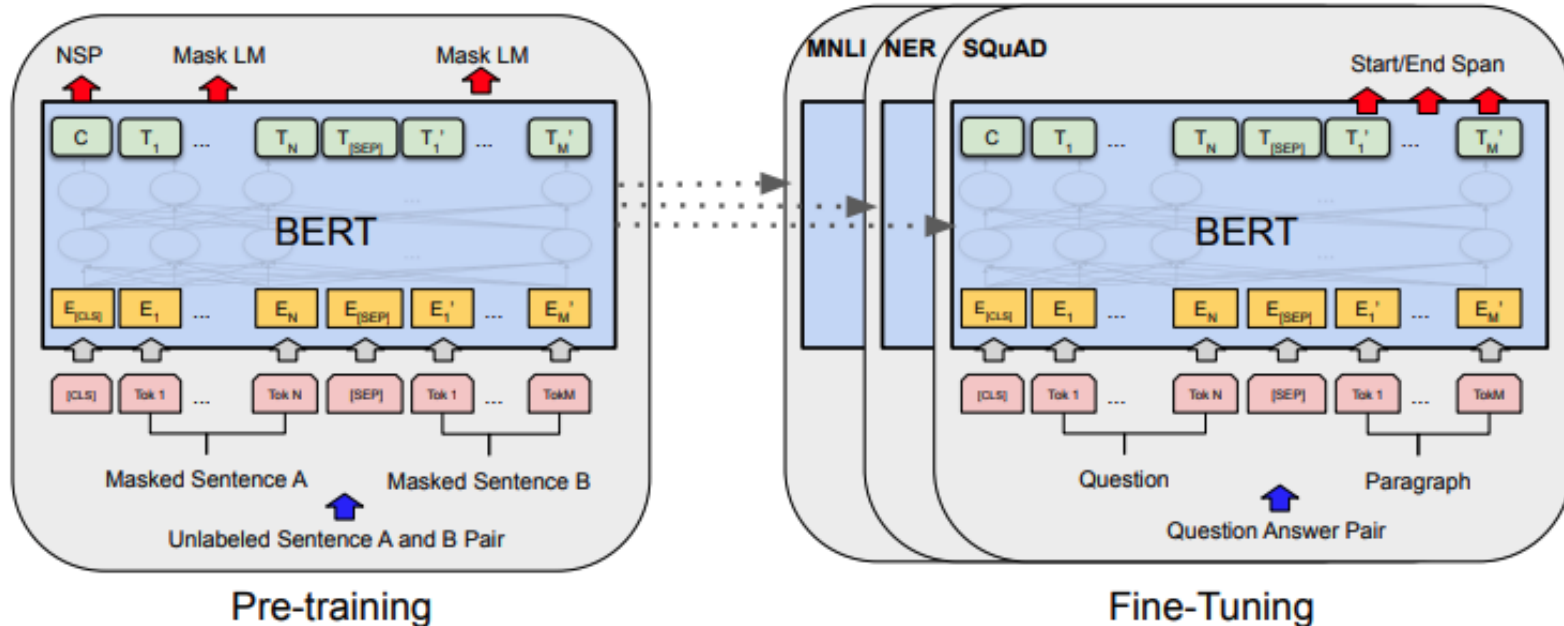
- ELMo visually:



- ELMo (mid-2018) outperformed static word embeddings considerably
- More on ELMo: <https://www.mihaileric.com/posts/deep-contextualized-word-representations-elmo/>

Contextualized word embeddings: BERT

BERT has changed NLP fundamentally: pre-training & fine-tuning



Use BERT for all kinds of tasks:

<https://github.com/huggingface/pytorch-pretrained-BERT>

What are main differences between ELMo and BERT?

A: BERT uses Transformers

B: ELMo computes static representations



C: BERT combines representation learning and downstream task modeling, ELMo doesn't

D: BERT is deep, ELMo is shallow



E: Both use Masked Language Modeling



Summary: Embedding approaches

	Approaches		
Multi-Sense	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Supervised Model 2) Unsupervised 	Linguistic Plausibility	Small gains in practice, high costs 1) Requires labeled data
Multi-Lingual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Transformation Matrix 2) BiSkip 3) BiVCD 4) Unsupervised approaches 	Allows zero-shot learning in other languages	1-3) Requires parallel data
Dependency Based	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Parsing 2) Order 	Better embeddings for more syntactic tasks	1) Needs a parser
Contextualized	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ELMo 2) BERT 	Linguistic plausibility, unsupervised	1) Shallow model

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	Approaches		
Other	1) Combination with Linguistic Resources 2) FastText	1) Better embeddings? 2) Good in OOV settings	2) static

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- Note that **static word embeddings** are becoming **extinct** now
- ... and replaced by **contextualized embeddings**

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