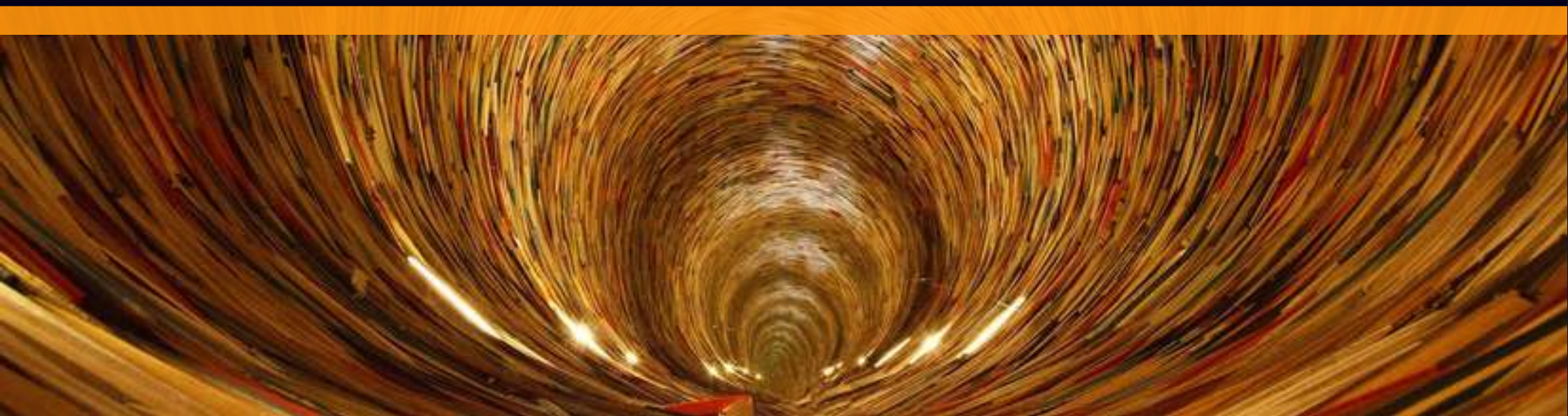


# Neural Vector Representations beyond Words: Sentence and Document Embeddings

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<http://gerard.demelo.org>

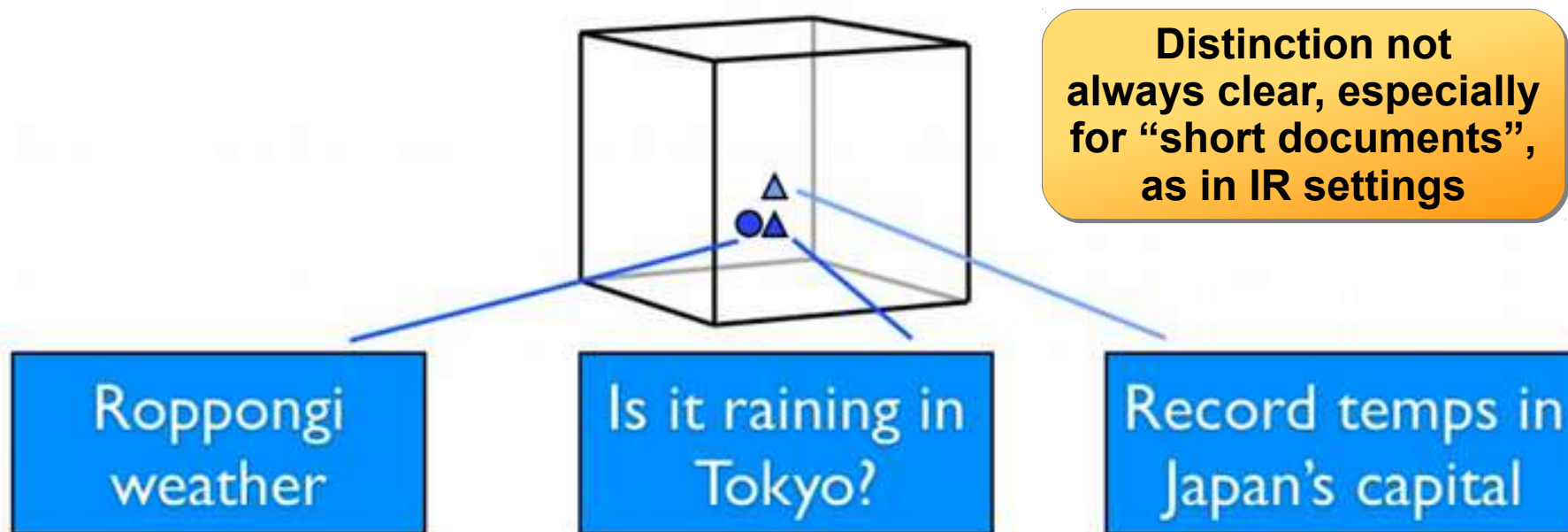
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# Outline

- Word Representations
- Phrase Representations
- Sentence Representations
- Document Representations
- Applications and Outlook

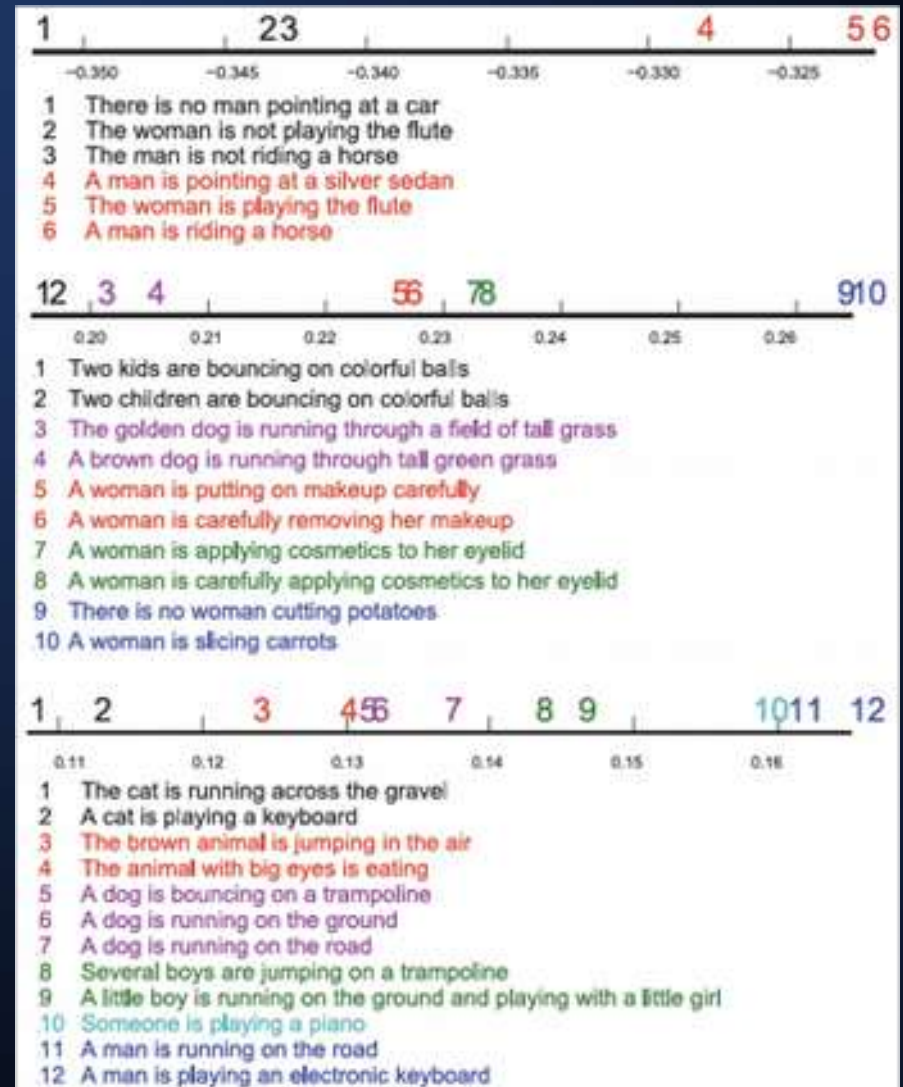
# Sentences vs. Documents



- Query similarity / Query-Document scoring
- Machine translation
- Question answering
- Natural language *understanding*?

# Sentences vs. Documents

For sentences, we care about **detailed semantics**





# Sentences vs. Documents

For sentences, we care about **detailed semantics**

For documents, we typically need to capture **aboutness**



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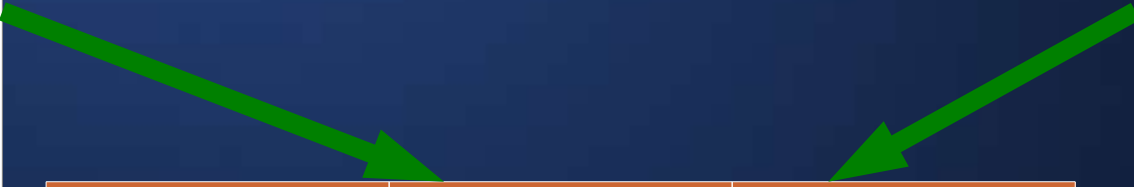
# Bag-of-Words Vectors

**D1**

dog food  
and  
cat food

**D2**

good food  
for dogs  
and cats



	D1	D2
dog	1	1
food	2	1
cat	1	1
good	0	1
...	0	0

# TF-IDF Bag-of-Words Vectors

**D**

good  
dog food  
and good  
cat food

Assume  
N=10  
documents

	f(t)				
<b>dog</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>food</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>cat</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>good</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>...</b>	<b>0</b>				

$$tfidf(t) = (1 + \log f(t)) \times \log \frac{N}{n(t)}$$

# Conceptual Vector Spaces

“new”	1.0
“york”	1.0
“jaguar”	1.0
“automobile”	0.0
“car”	0.0
“10th”	1.0
“street”	1.0
“show”	1.0
...	...

“10th street new york jaguar show”

Similar:

“10th New show in York”

“New Jaguar show”

“Show New Street in York”

New_York	1.0
Jaguar (car)	0.0
Jaguar (animal)	1.0
Automobile/Car	0.0
10th Street	1.0
Performance	1.0
...	...
Animal	0.5
Vehicle	0.0

“10th street new york jaguar show”

Similar:

“10th street nyc jaguar show”

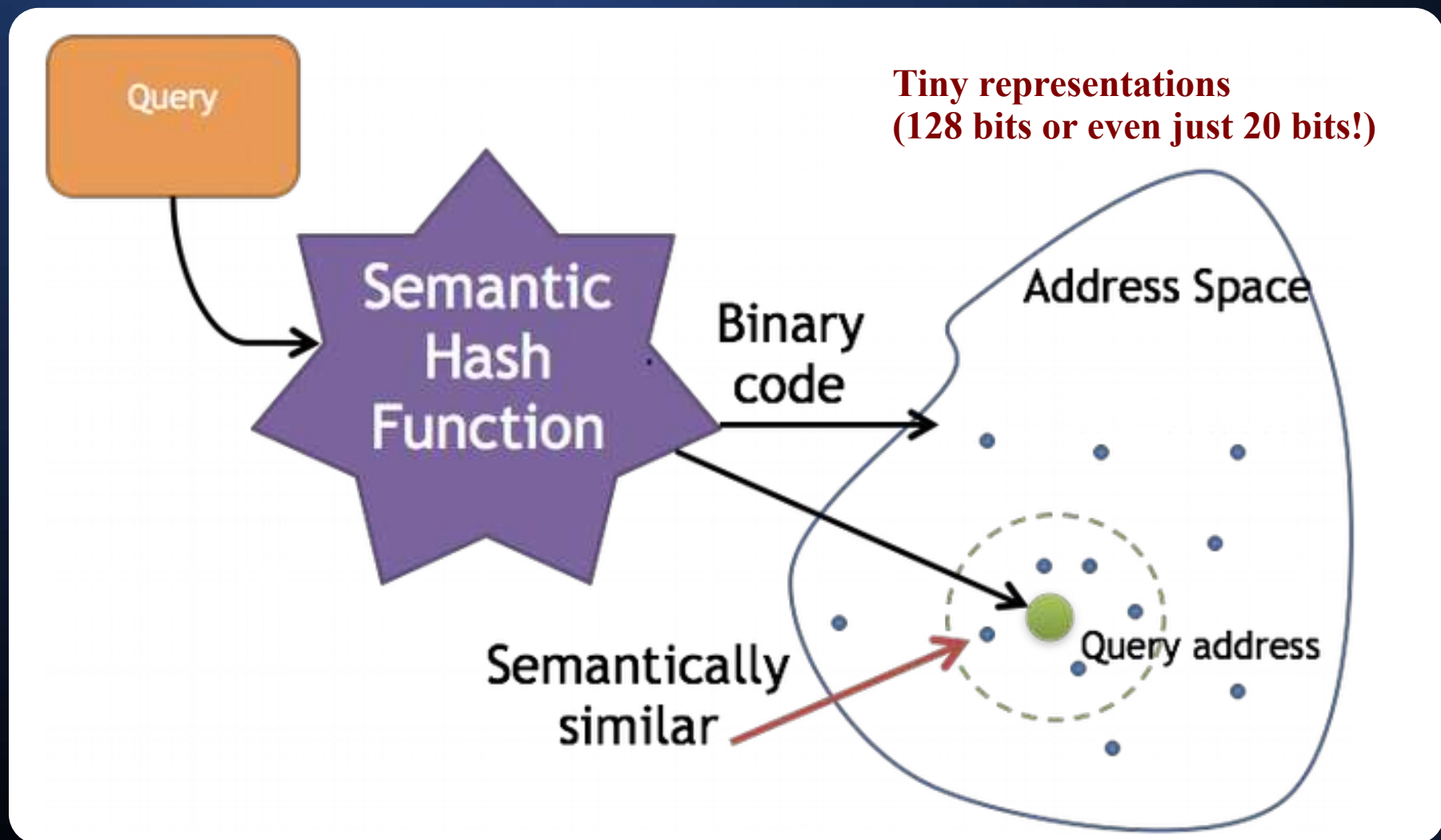
“10th street nyc animal show”

“Exposición de jaguares Nueva York”

Expansion  
(de Melo &  
Siersdorfer)



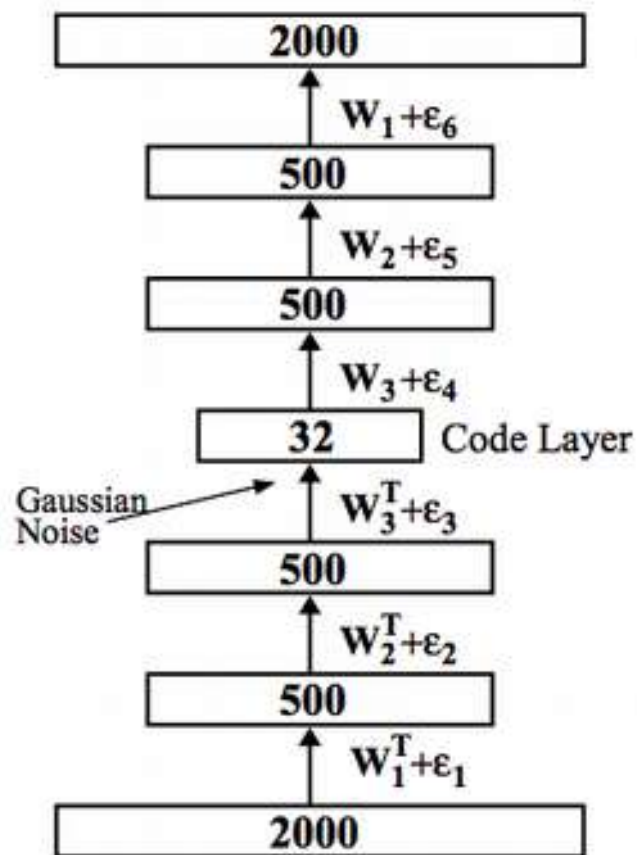
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Salakhutdinov & Hinton, 2007

Image: Adapted from Rob Fergus et al.

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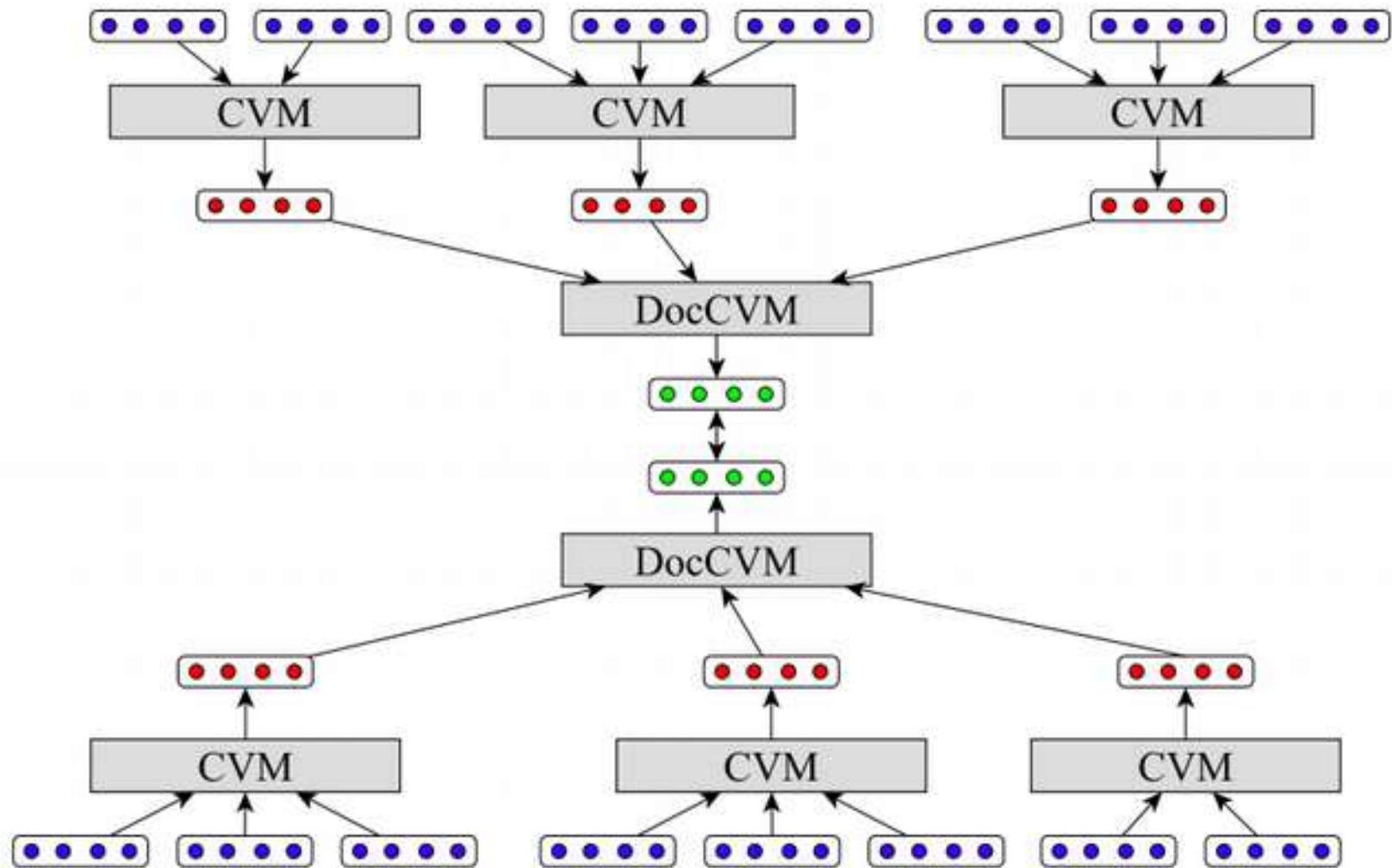
**Autoencoder  
approach**

Used RBM-based pretraining

Salakhutdinov & Hinton, 2007

Image: Rob Fergus et al.

# Composition from Sentences



# Paragraph Vectors

(a) Wikipedia nearest neighbours to “Lady Gaga” using Paragraph Vectors. All articles are relevant.

Article	Cosine Similarity
Christina Aguilera	0.674
Beyonce	0.645
Madonna (entertainer)	0.643
Artpop	0.640
Britney Spears	0.640
Cyndi Lauper	0.632
Rihanna	0.631
Pink (singer)	0.628
Born This Way	0.627
The Monster Ball Tour	0.620

(b) Wikipedia nearest neighbours to “Lady Gaga” - “American” + “Japanese” using Paragraph Vectors. Note that Ayumi Hamasaki is one of the most famous singers, and one of the best selling artists in Japan. She also has an album called “Poker Face” in 1998.

Article	Cosine Similarity
Ayumi Hamasaki	0.539
Shoko Nakagawa	0.531
Izumi Sakai	0.512
Urbangarde	0.505
Ringo Sheena	0.503
Toshiaki Kasuga	0.492
Chihiro Onitsuka	0.487
Namie Amuro	0.485
Yakuza (video game)	0.485
Nozomi Sasaki (model)	0.485

Aka “Doc2Vec”



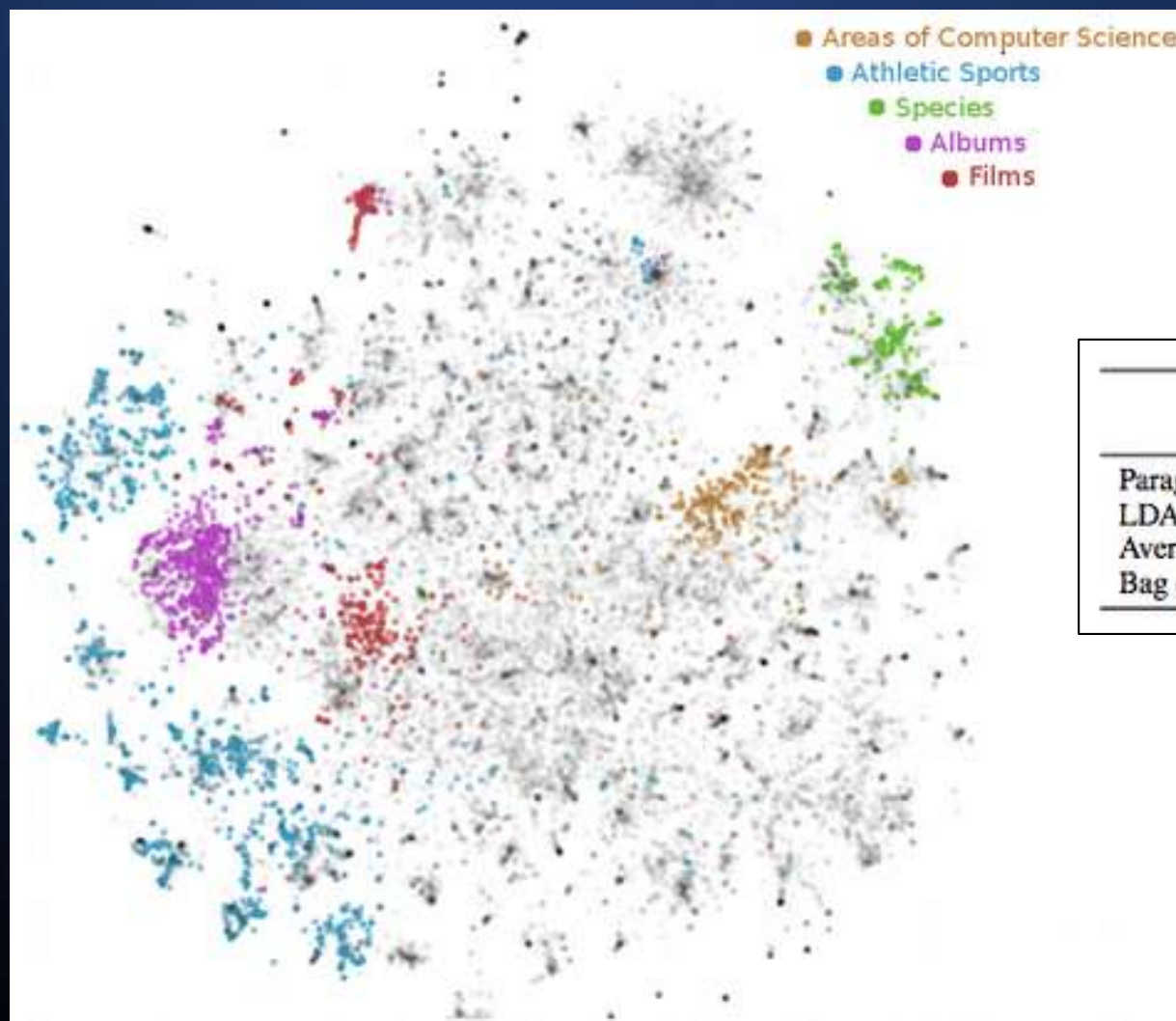
# Paragraph Vectors

Title	Cosine Similarity
Evaluating Neural Word Representations in Tensor-Based Compositional Settings	0.771
Polyglot: Distributed Word Representations for Multilingual NLP	0.764
Lexicon Infused Phrase Embeddings for Named Entity Resolution	0.757
A Convolutional Neural Network for Modelling Sentences	0.747
Distributed Representations of Words and Phrases and their Compositionality	0.740
Convolutional Neural Networks for Sentence Classification	0.735
SimLex-999: Evaluating Semantic Models With (Genuine) Similarity Estimation	0.735
Exploiting Similarities among Languages for Machine Translation	0.731
Efficient Estimation of Word Representations in Vector Space	0.727
Multilingual Distributed Representations without Word Alignment	0.721

Nearest neighbours in 886,000 full arXiv papers  
For “Distributed Representations of Sentences and Documents”  
(original Paragraph Vectors paper)



# Paragraph Vectors



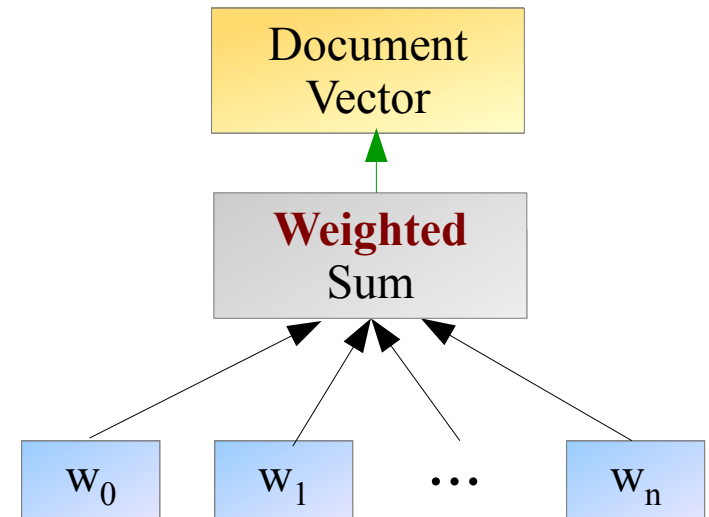
Wikipedia articles  
Embedded using  
Paragraph vectors

Model	Embedding dimensions/topics	Accuracy
Paragraph vectors	10000	93.0%
LDA	5000	82%
Averaged word embeddings	3000	84.9%
Bag of words		86.0%

Neural models  
do outperform  
TF-IDF Bag-of-words

# Word Vector-based Document Vectors

$$\vec{v}_S = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{w \in S} \alpha_{S,w} \vec{v}_w$$



Additional weights

E.g. 0 for stop words

IDF

# Word Vector-based Doc. Vectors: Cross-Lingual Evaluation

Model	Dim	en → de	de → en
Majority class	40	46.8	46.8
MT	40	68.1	67.4
I-Matrix (Klementiev et al., 2012)	40	77.6	71.1
BAE-cr (Sarath Chandar et al., 2014)	40	<b>91.8</b>	74.2
CVM-Add (Hermann and Blunsom, 2014)	40	86.4	74.7
DWA (Kočiský et al., 2014)	40	83.1	75.4
BilBOWA (Gouws et al., 2015)	40	86.5	75
UnsupAlign (Luong et al., 2015)	40	87.6	77.8
Trans-gram (Coulmance et al., 2015)	40	87.8	78.7
BRAVE-S <sub>(EP)</sub>	40	88.1	<b>78.9</b>
BRAVE-D <sub>(CL-APR)</sub>	40	69.4	67.9
CVM-BI (Hermann and Blunsom, 2014)	128	86.1	79.0
UnsupAlign (Luong et al., 2015)	128	88.9	77.4
BRAVE-S <sub>(EP)</sub>	128	89.7	<b>80.1</b>
BRAVE-D <sub>(CL-APR)</sub>	128	70.4	70.6

Although neural document models do well (e.g. BRAVE), simply using IDF (or TF-IDF)-weighted word vector sums is almost as good

# N-Gram Vector Averaging as in fastText

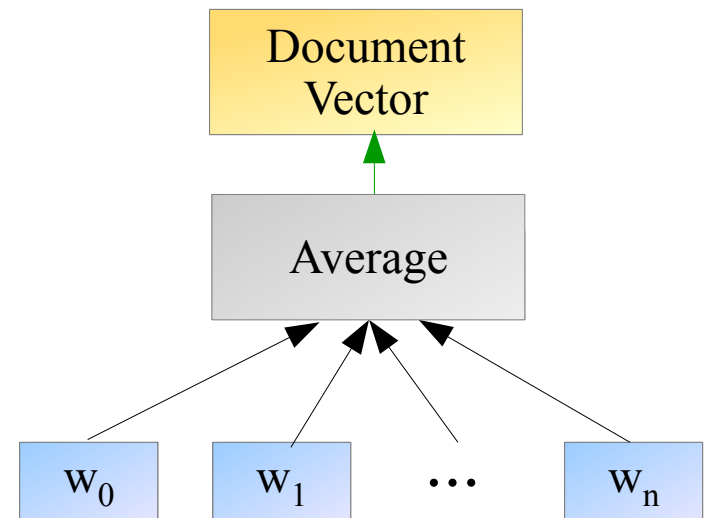
The logo for fastText, with 'fast' in red italicized font and 'Text' in blue bold font.

***fast*Text**

a library for efficient text classification  
and word representation

# N-Gram Vector Averaging as in fastText

$$\vec{v}_S = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{w \in S} \vec{v}_w$$



**fastText**

Consider  $S$  not as bag of words,  
but as bag of n-grams

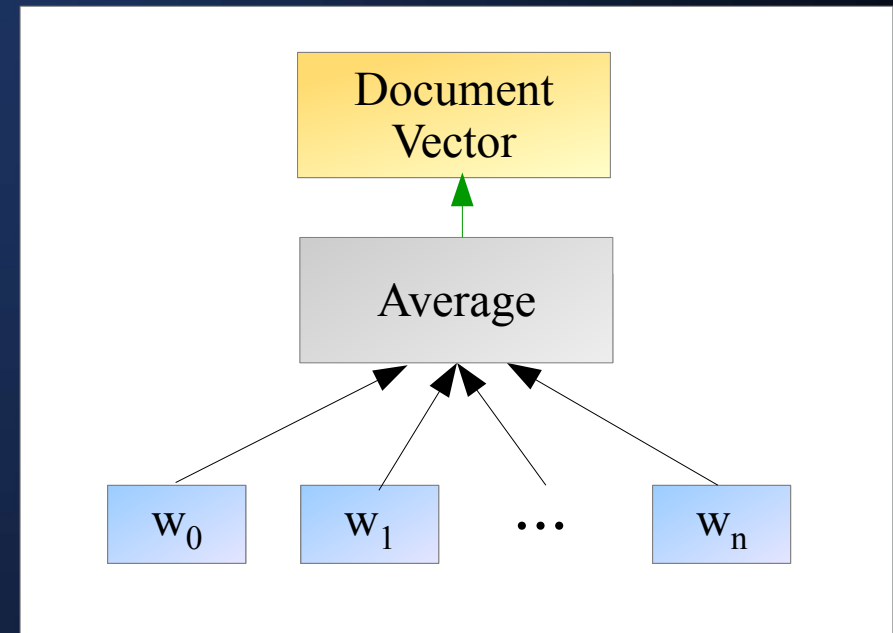
Word vectors for unigrams obtained  
using regular fastText approach.  
For n-grams, use feature hashing  
with 10M or 100M bins.



# Doc2VecC: Doc2Vec with Corruption

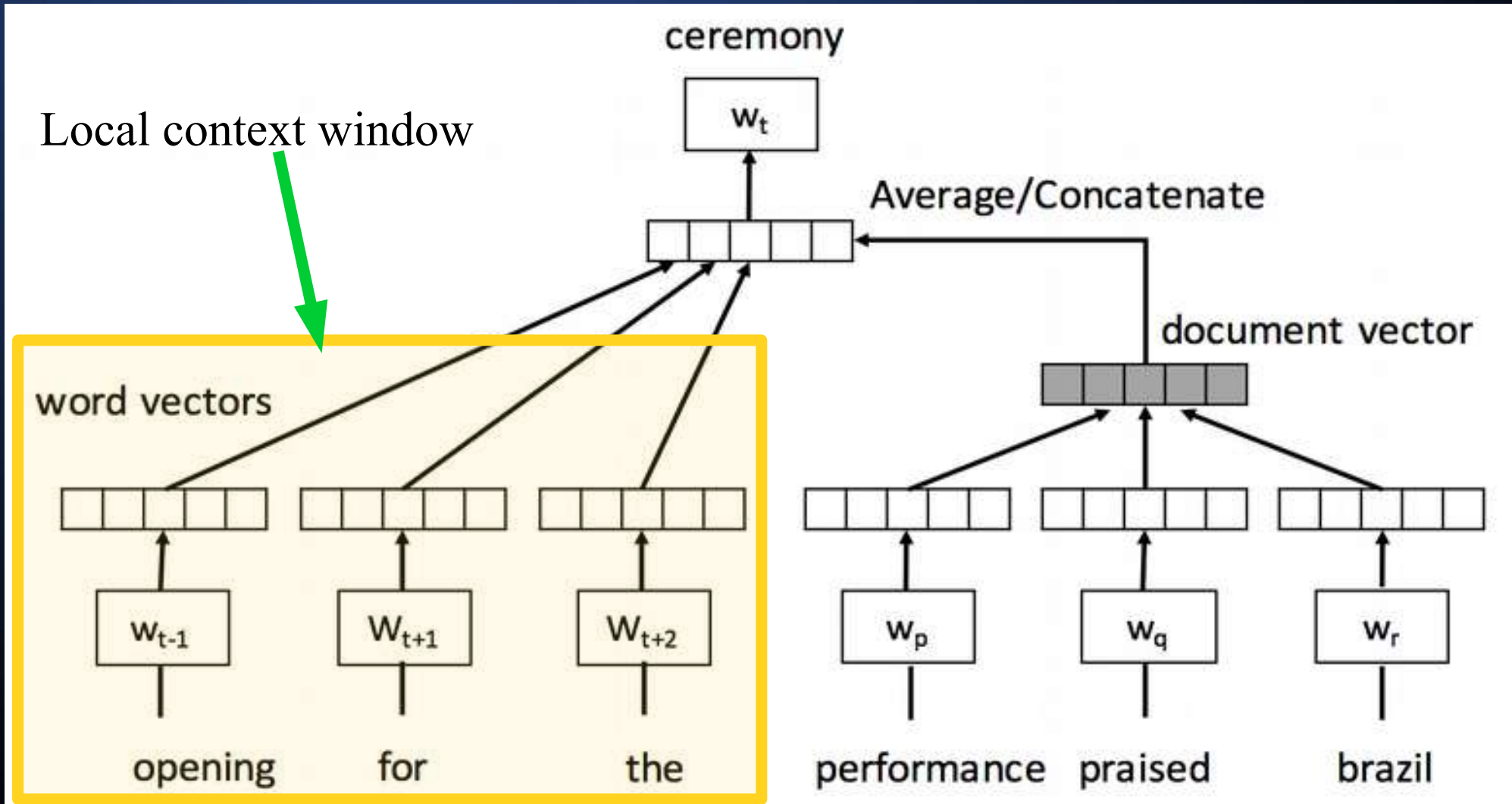
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Simple averaging

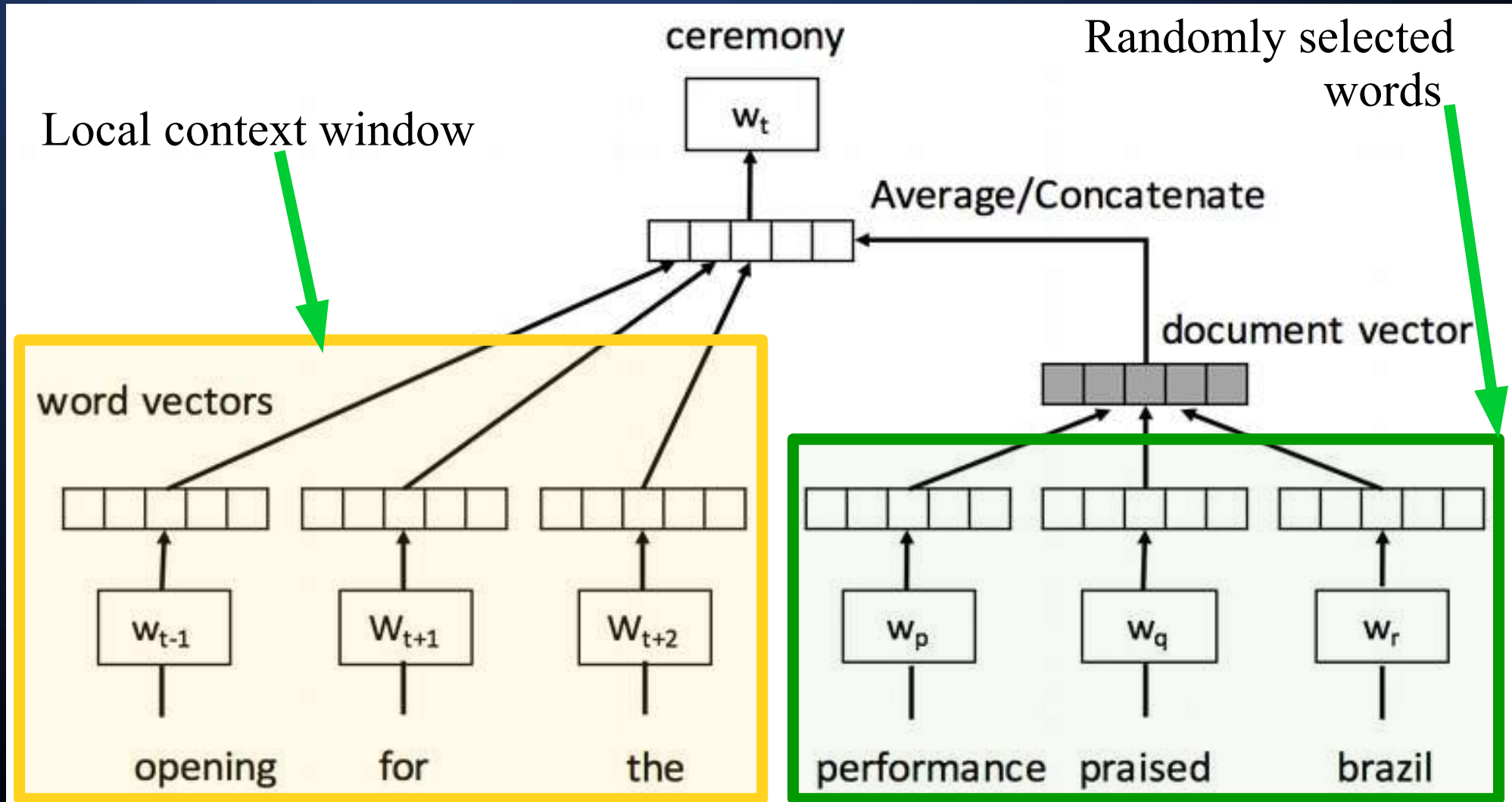


However, the word vectors are learned using a drop-out like procedure.

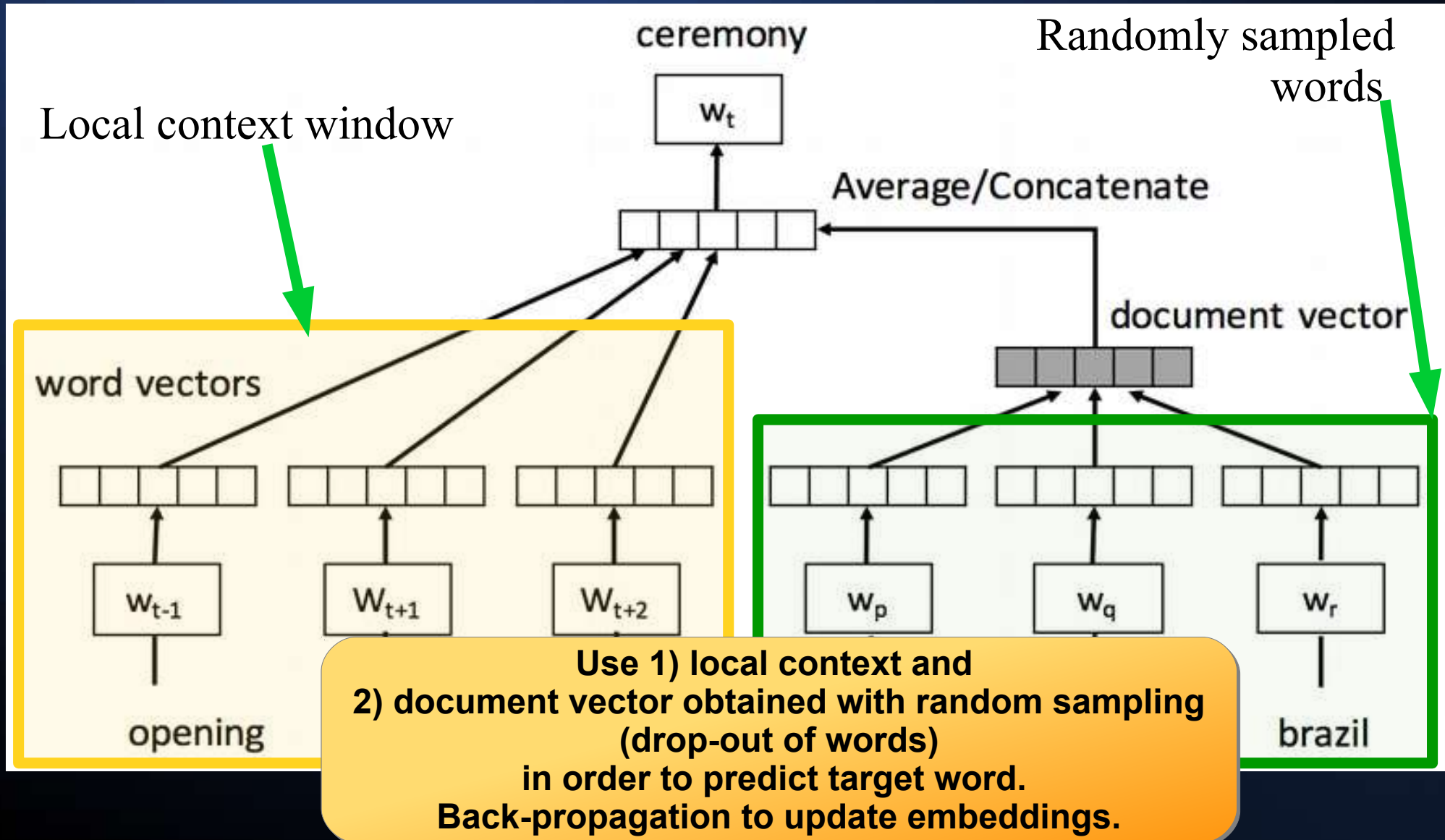
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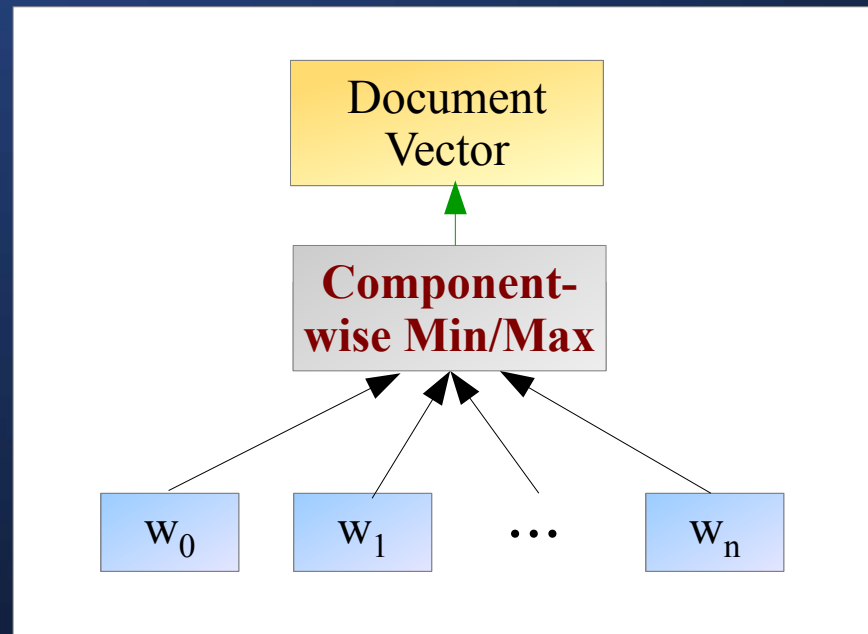
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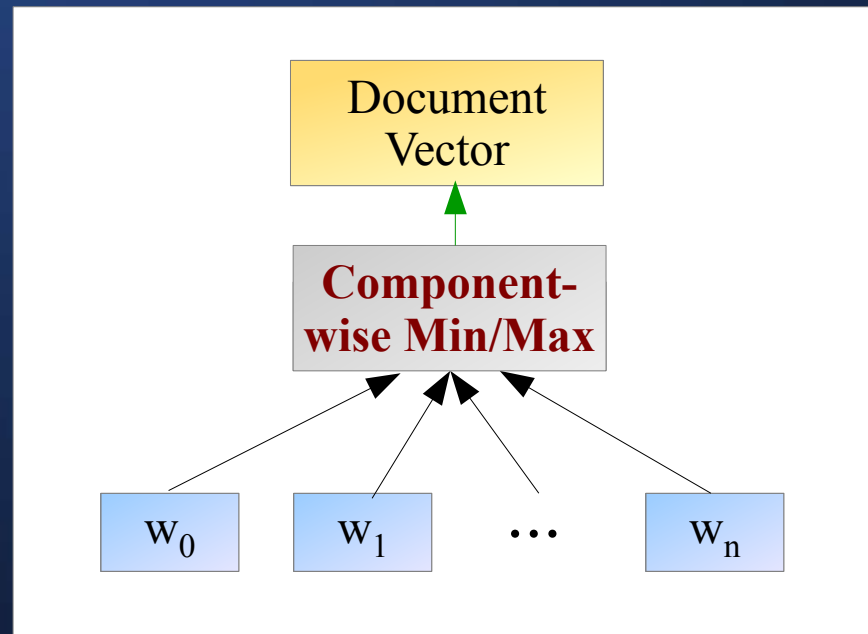
# Component-Wise Aggregation



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Performed best

Cedric De Boom, Steven Van Canneyt, Thomas Demeester, Bart Dhoedt (2016).

Representation learning for very short texts using weighted word embedding aggregation. Pattern Recognition Letters

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*MeSH terms:* Acute Disease, Chronic Disease, Food Habits, Global Health, Humans, Malnutrition, Nutritional, Support, Overnutrition, Risk Factors, Socioeconomic Factors

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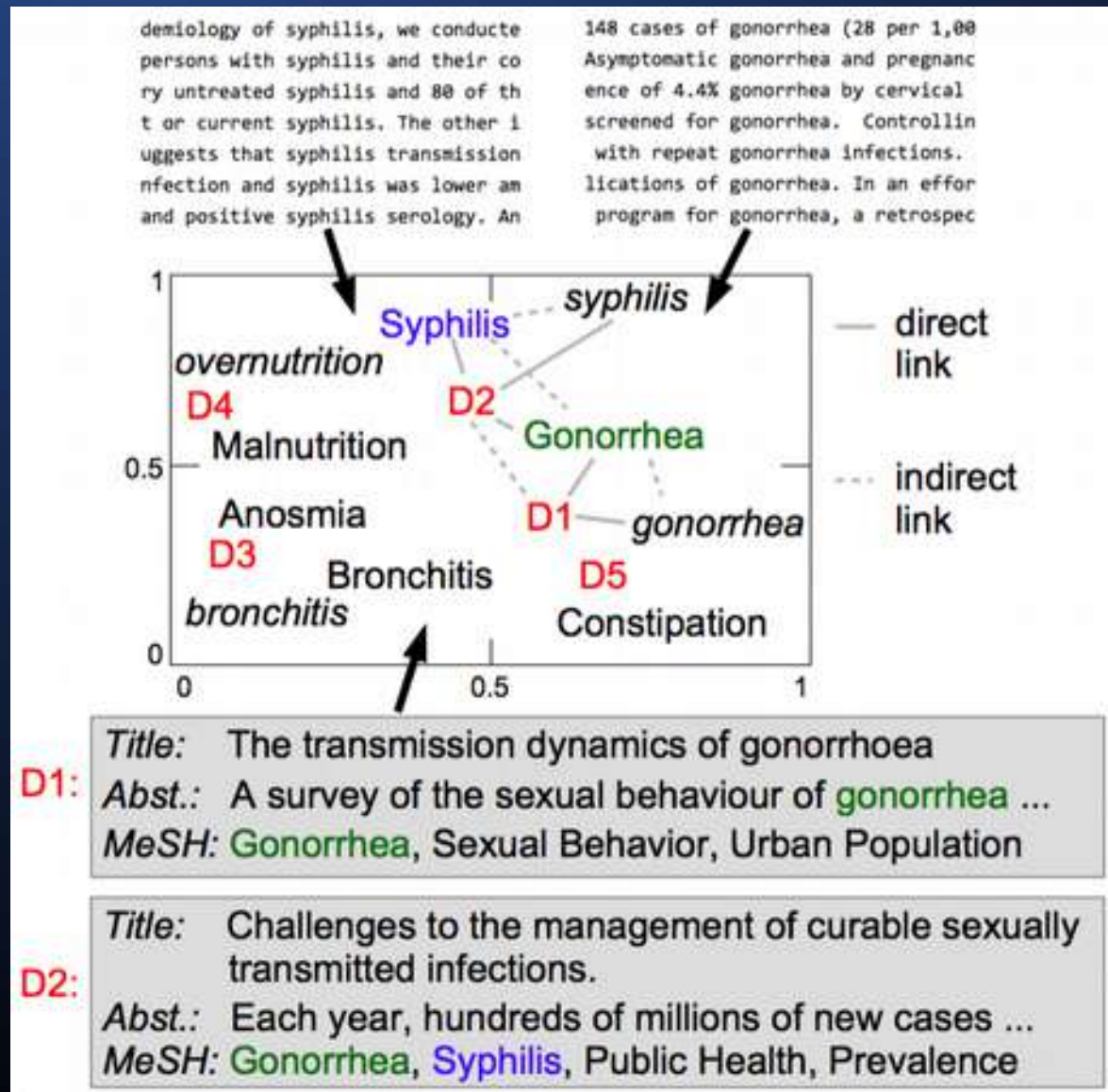
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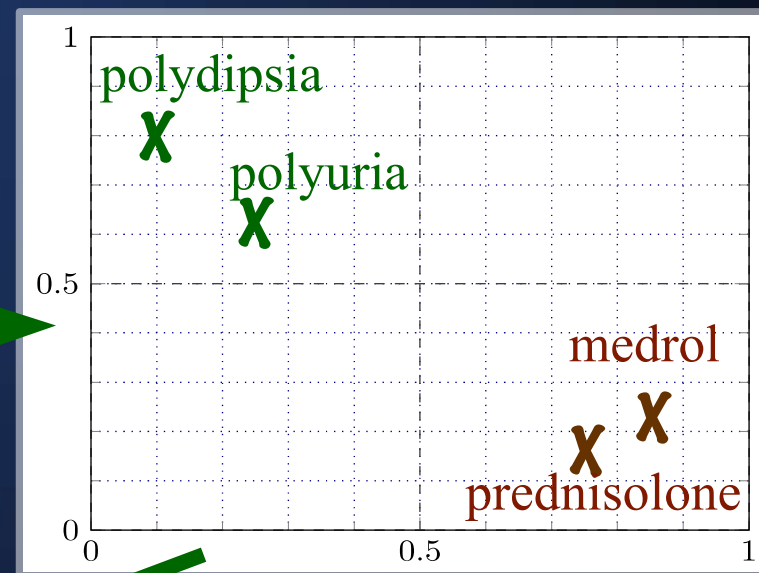


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Angina	Dyspnea
Xanax	Ativan
Hernias	Earache
Ataxia	Ethanol
Overnutrition	Malnutrition
Cirrhosis	Hematemesis
Anosmia	Constipation
Pallor	Iron
Starvation	Anorexia

# Application: Cross-Lingual Text Classification

- Given: training documents with class labels
- Goal: guess class labels for test documents in some other language
- better than plain machine translation

Map to  
concepts



	Reuters Spanish			
	Topics		Geography	
	$F_1$	error rate	$F_1$	error rate
B	80.97	18.61 $\pm$ 0.30	81.86	18.12 $\pm$ 0.30
CM	89.23	10.49 $\pm$ 0.24	85.74	14.58 $\pm$ 0.28
ORM	89.53	10.36 $\pm$ 0.24	87.33	12.97 $\pm$ 0.26
ORM+B	91.88	8.04 $\pm$ 0.21	91.92	8.22 $\pm$ 0.21
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	$F_1$	error rate
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Expand  
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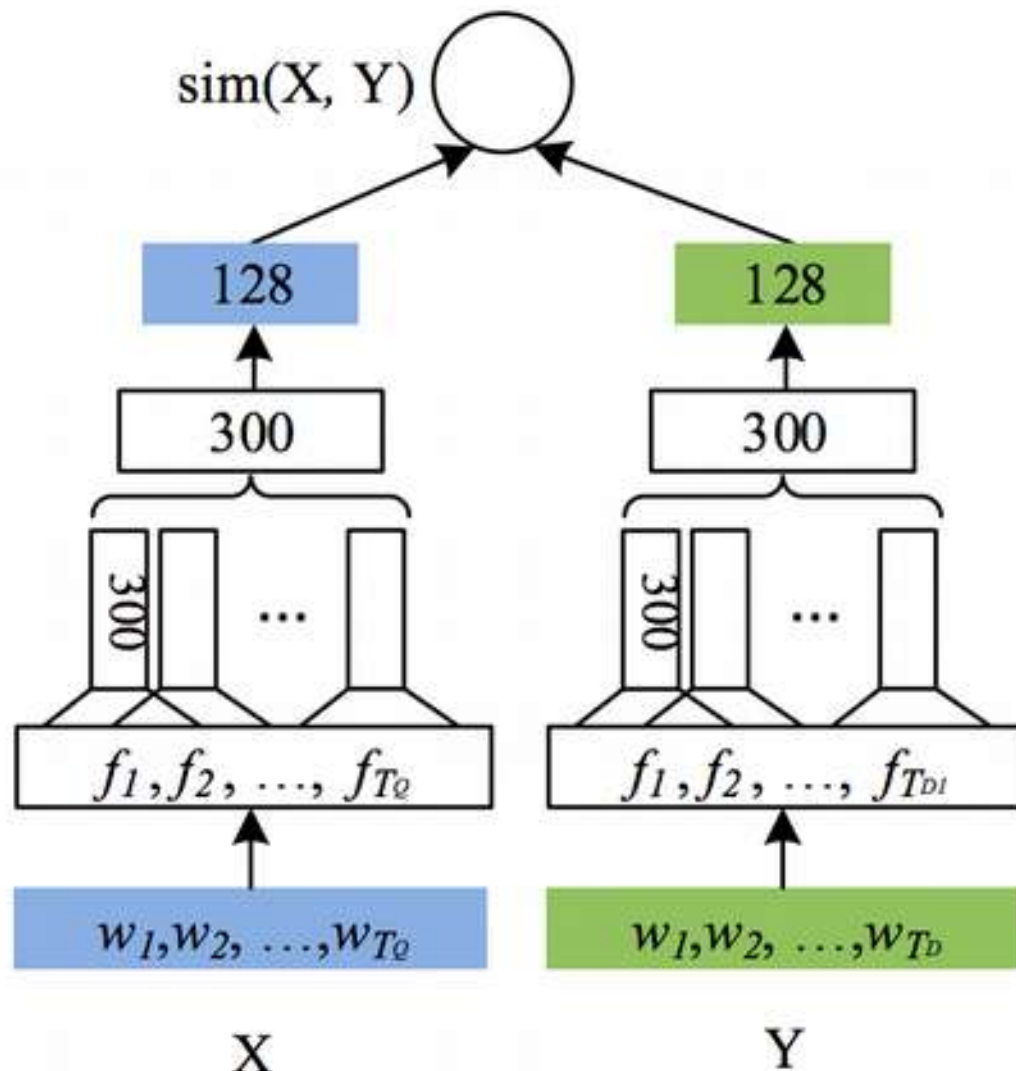
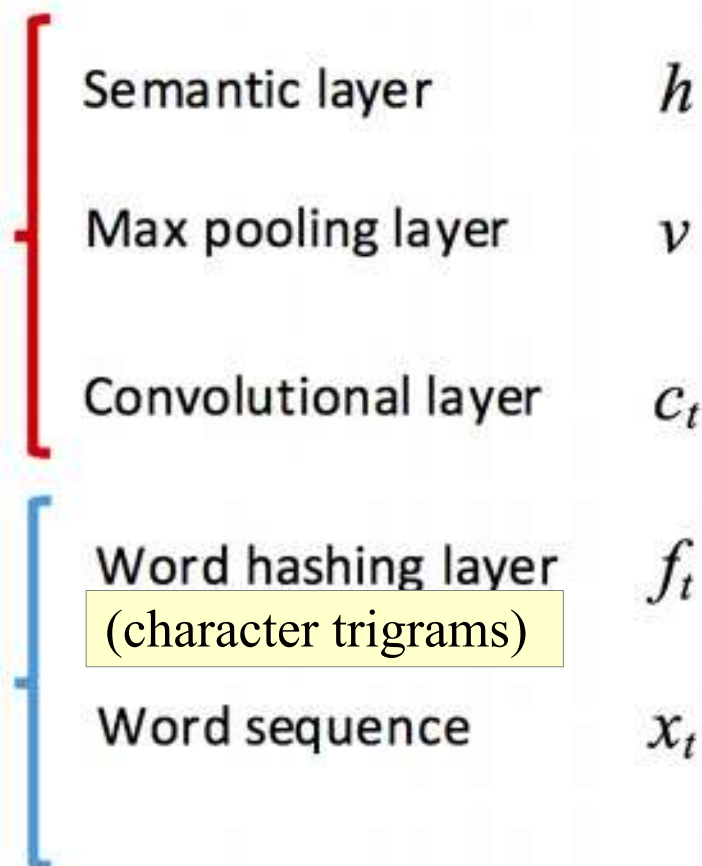
# Application: Dataless Text Classification

Newsgroup Name	Expanded Label
talk.politics.guns	politics guns
talk.politics.mideast	politics mideast
talk.politics.misc	politics
alt.atheism	atheism
soc.religion.christian	society religion christianity christian
talk.religion.misc	religion
comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware	computer systems ibm pc hardware
comp.sys.mac.hardware	computer systems mac macintosh apple hardware
sci.electronics	science electronics
comp.graphics	computer graphics
comp.windows.x	computer windows x windowsx
comp.os.ms-windows.misc	computer os operating system microsoft windows
misc.forsale	for sale discount
rec.autos	cars
rec.motorcycles	motorcycles
rec.sport.baseball	baseball
rec.sport.hockey	hockey
sci.crypt	science cryptography
sci.med	science medicine
sci.space	science space

Instead of supervision from labeled data, use proximity to representation of the label  
In concept-based representation space for classification

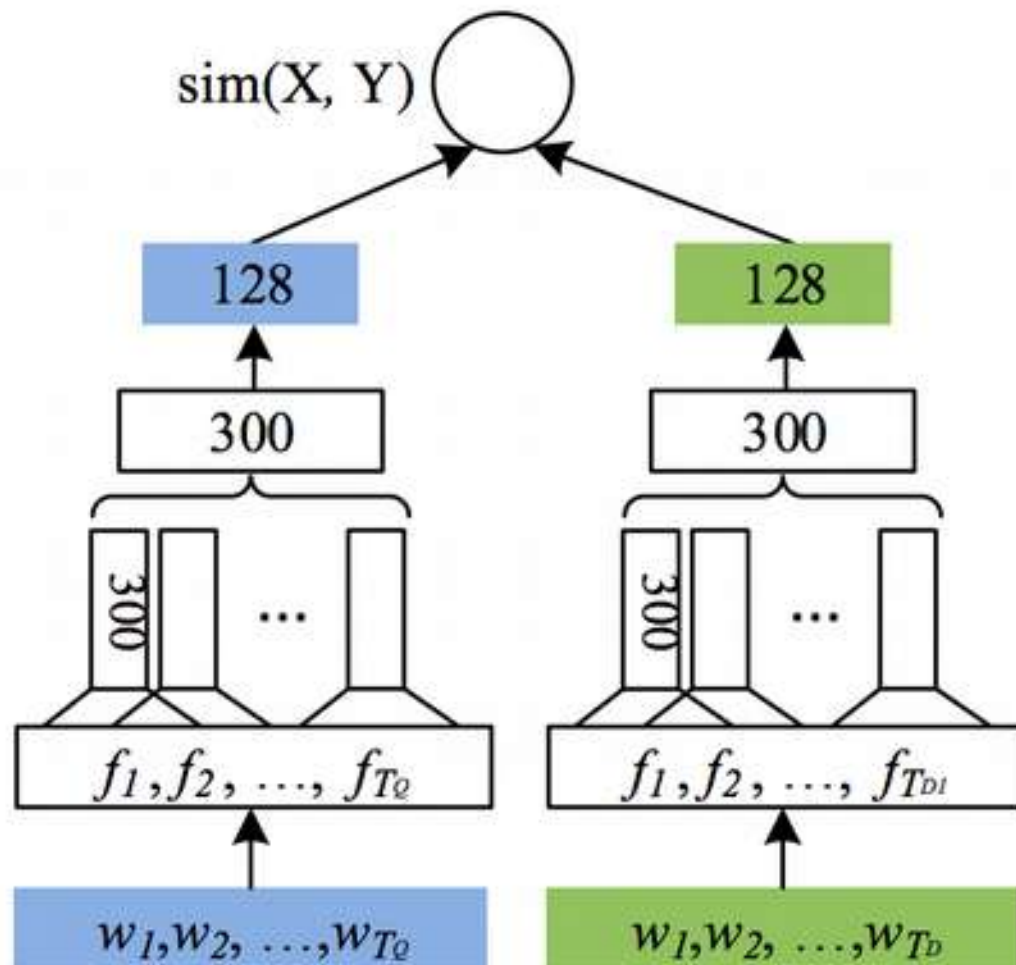
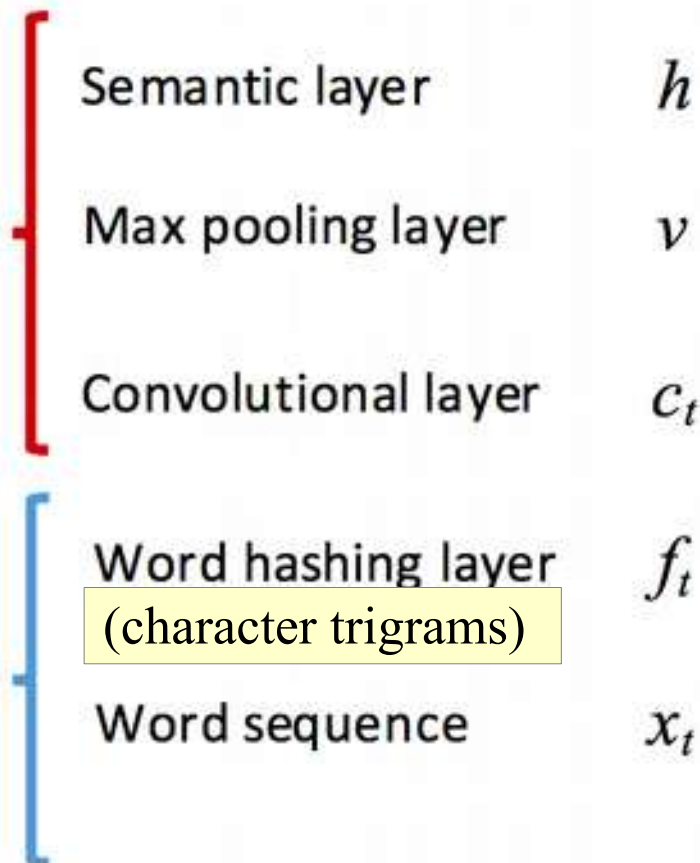
# Application: Information Retrieval via Siamese Models

## Convolutional Deep Structured Semantic Model (CDSSM)



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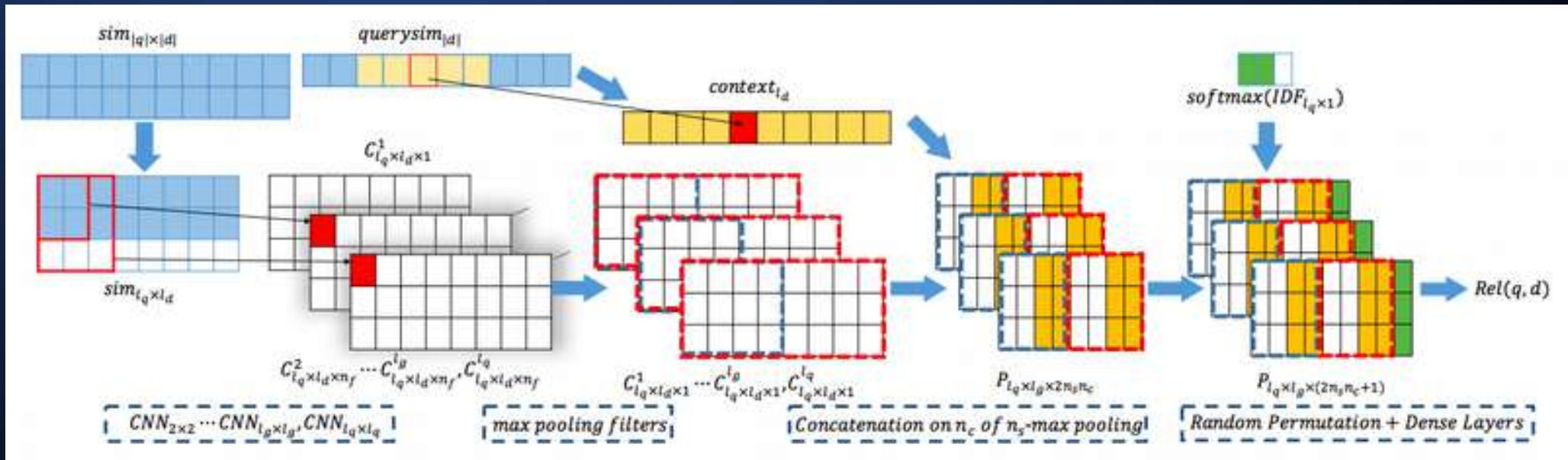
## Convolutional Deep Structured Semantic Model (CDSSM)



Experiments on query–title pairs,  
not full documents



# Application: Information Retrieval via Relevance Matching (Co-PACRR)



**Asymmetry of Query and Document:**  
Support for proximity of query term matches within document,  
but permutation of query term order as regularization

Kai Hui, Andrew Yates, Klaus Berberich, Gerard de Melo. PACRR: A Position-Aware Neural IR Model for Relevance Matching. EMNLP 2017.

Kai Hui, Andrew Yates, Klaus Berberich, Gerard de Melo. Co-PACRR: A Context-Aware Neural IR Model for Ad-hoc Retrieval. WSDM 2018