Machine Learning

Chapter 9: Application - Word Embedding

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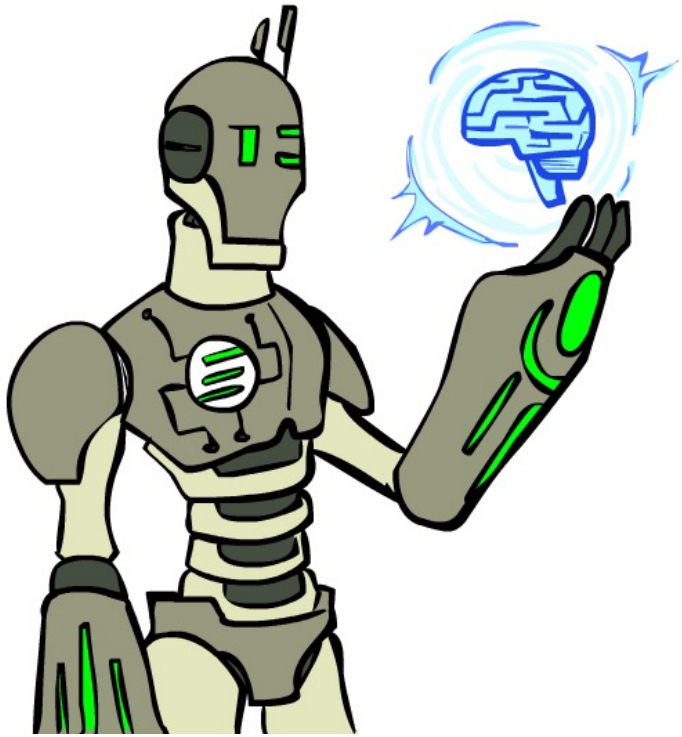
Today

- Word Embedding (word2vec)

  an application of neural networks for distributed representations of words

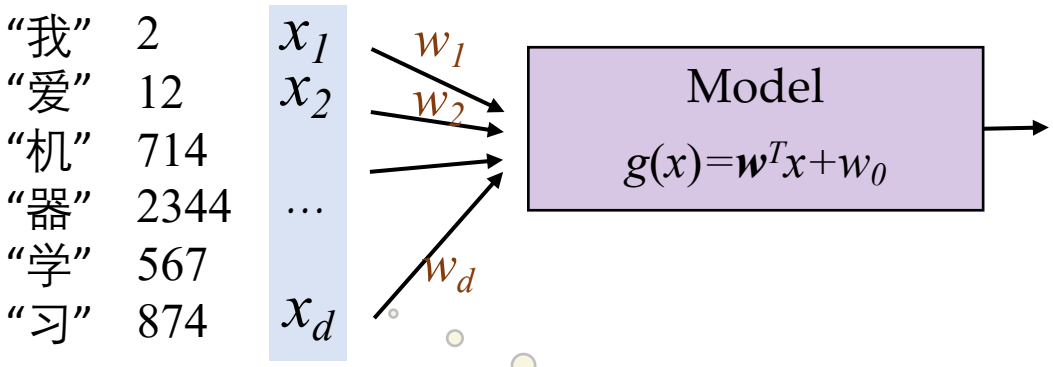
- Language Model

  a key concept in NLP that is important for the following lectures.



Before learning word embedding…

- How to represent words in computers?
  - discrete-symbols (ASCII, id, etc.)
  - e.g., "hotel", "conference", "motel", 1203, …
  - a localist representation
- How to represent words in machine learning models?



What does this feature-weight combination mean?

Words as Vectors

- Words can be represented by **one-hot** vectors:

Means one 1, the rest 0s

One-Hot Encoding

$$\text{hotel} = [1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0]$$
$$\text{flower} = [0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0]$$
$$\text{tree} = [0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0]$$
$$\text{motel} = [0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0]$$
$$\text{elephant} = [0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1]$$

Vector dimension = number of words in vocabulary (e.g., **500,000**)

How to capture relationships (similarity) between words?

Problems of One-hot Encoding

Example: in web search, if user searches for "Minhang motel", we would like to match documents containing "Minhang hotel".

But

motel = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0]

hotel = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]

orthogonal.

Thre is no natural notion of **similarity** for one-hot vectors!

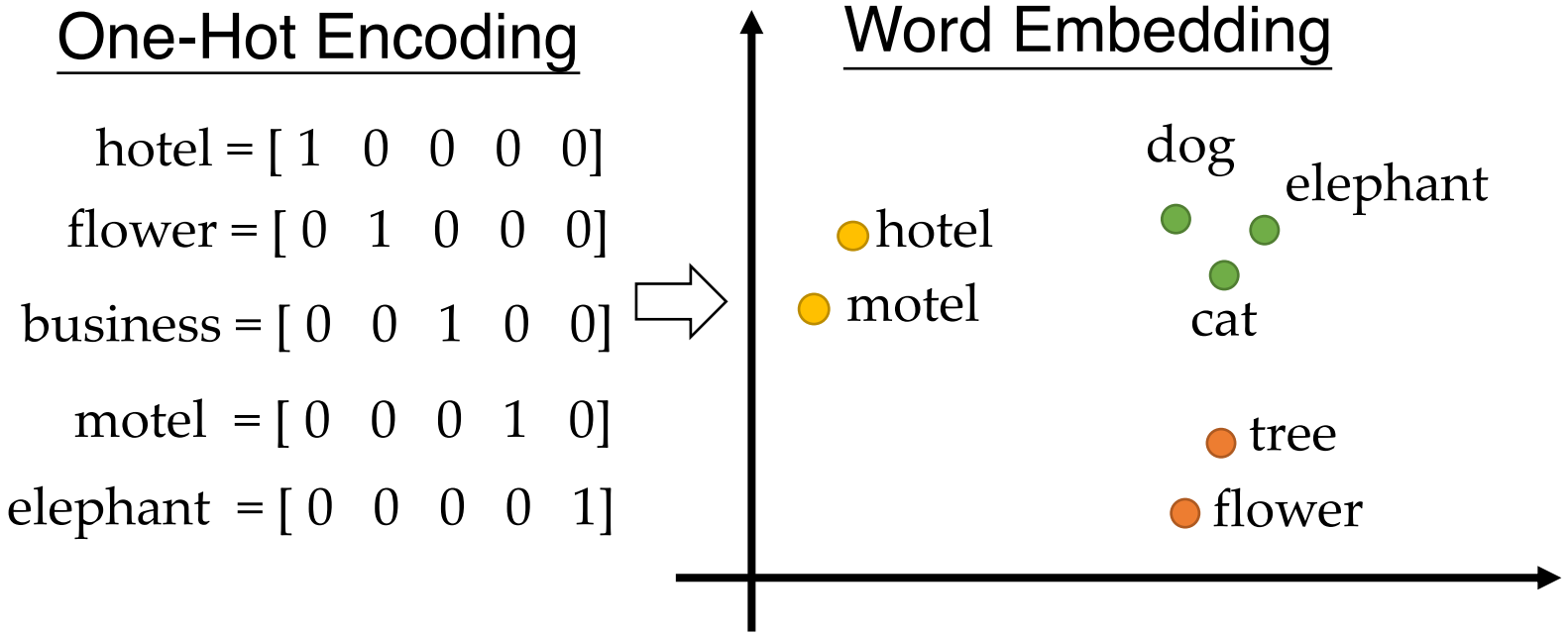
Solution:

- Use **WordNet**'s list of synonyms?
- But it is well-known to fail badly: incompleteness, etc.

Instead: learn to encode similarity in the vectors themselves

Distributed Word Representation

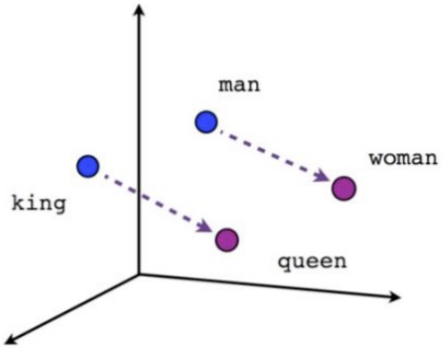
- Represent words as low-dimensional **dense vectors** that can reflect their semantic similarities.



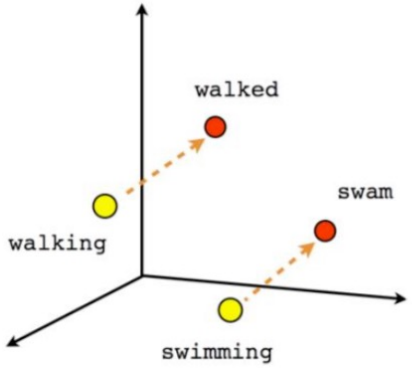
Note: word vectors are sometimes called word embeddings or word representations. They are a distributed representation.

Why Word Embeddings?

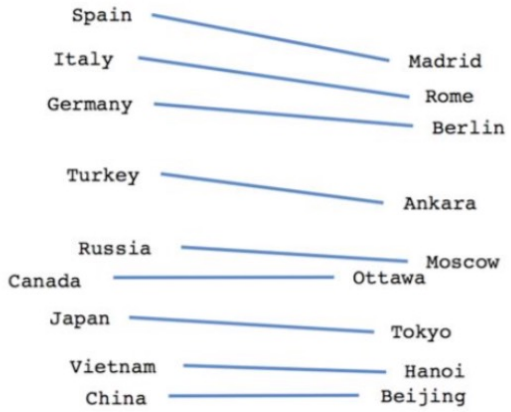
- Can capture the rich relational structure of the lexicon.



Male-Female



Verb tense



Country-Capital

How to obtain word embeddings?

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- *A word can be understood by its context*

> "A bottle of ***tesgüino*** is on the table"
> "Everybody likes ***tesgüino***"
> "***Tesgüino*** makes you drunk"
> "We make ***tesgüino*** out of corn"

  - From context words we can guess **tesgüino** means an alcoholic beverage such as beer.

"You shall know a word by the company it keeps"
(J. R. Firth 1957)

- Intuition for an algorithm:

Two words are similar if they have similar word contexts

How to Exploit the Context?

- Counting-based Approach
  - if two words w_i and w_j frequently co-occur in the same context (sentence, document, etc.), their vectors $V(w_i)$ and $V(w_j)$ tend to be close to each other.
  - e.g. Glove vector: http://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/
- Prediction-based Approach
  - train **neural networks** to predict a word (vector) given its context words (vector).
  - e.g., word2vec

Counting based: the vector space model

Vector Space Model

- The cornerstone technology in information retrieval.
- Term-Document Matrix

  Each cell is the count of word t in document d

	d_1	d_2	d_3	d_4	d_5
ekonomi	0	1	40	38	1
pusing	4	5	1	3	30
keuangan	1	2	30	25	2
sakit	4	6	0	4	25
Inflasi	8	1	15	14	1

vector of d_3
= [40, 1, 30, 0, 15]

- Two documents are similar if they have similar vector!

  d_3 = [40, 1, 30, 0 15]
  d_4 = [38, 3, 25, 4, 14]

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Vector of word "sakit"
= [4, 6, 0, 4, 25]

- Two words are similar if they have similar vector!

  pusing = [4, 5, 1, 3, 30]

  sakit = [4, 6, 0, 4, 25]

Vector Space Model

- **Weighting**: in practice, we usually use weights such as TF-IDF, instead of just using raw counts (only TF).

$$\text{tf-idf}_{w,d} = \text{tf}_{w,d} \times \log(N / \text{df}_w)$$

$\text{tf}_{w,d}$ = frequency of w in d
df_w = number of documents containing w
N = total number of documents

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TF(sakit) = [4, 6, 0, 4, 25]

DF(sakit) = 4
N = 5
} IDF(sakit) = log(5/4)

TF-IDF(sakit) = [……]

Limitations of Vector Space Model

- TF-IDF vectors are
  - long (length $|V| = 20{,}000$ to $50{,}000$)
  - sparse (most elements are zero)

- difficult to use as features in machine learning (more weights to tune)
- storing explicit counts can be difficult for generalization

Prediction based: word2vec

Word2Vec: Overview

- Word2vec (Mikolov et al. 2013) is a framework for learning word vectors.

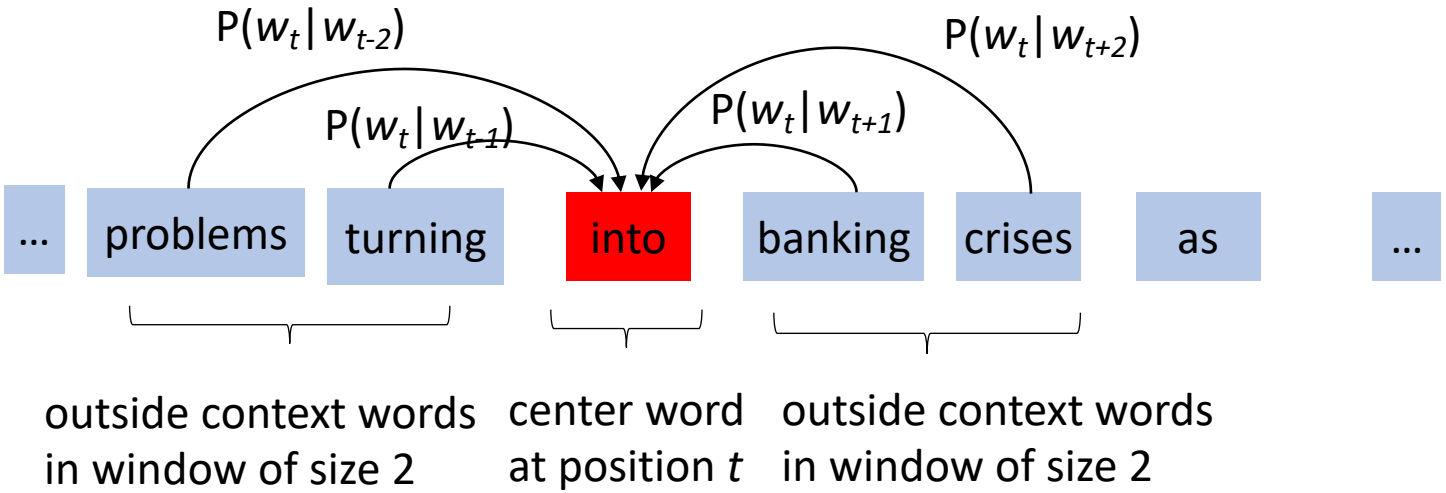
Idea:

- we have a large corpus of text.
- every word in a fixed vocabulary is represented by a vector;
- go through each position *t* in the text, which has a center word *c* and context ("outside") words *o* ;
- use the similarity of the word vectors for *c* and *o* to calculate the probability of *o* given *c* (or vice versa) ;
- keep adjusting the word vectors to maximize this probability.

Mikolov T, Sutskever I, Chen K, et al. Distributed representations of words and phrases and their compositionality. NIPS 2013.

Word2Vec: Overview

Example: window and process for computing $P(w_t | w_{t+j})$



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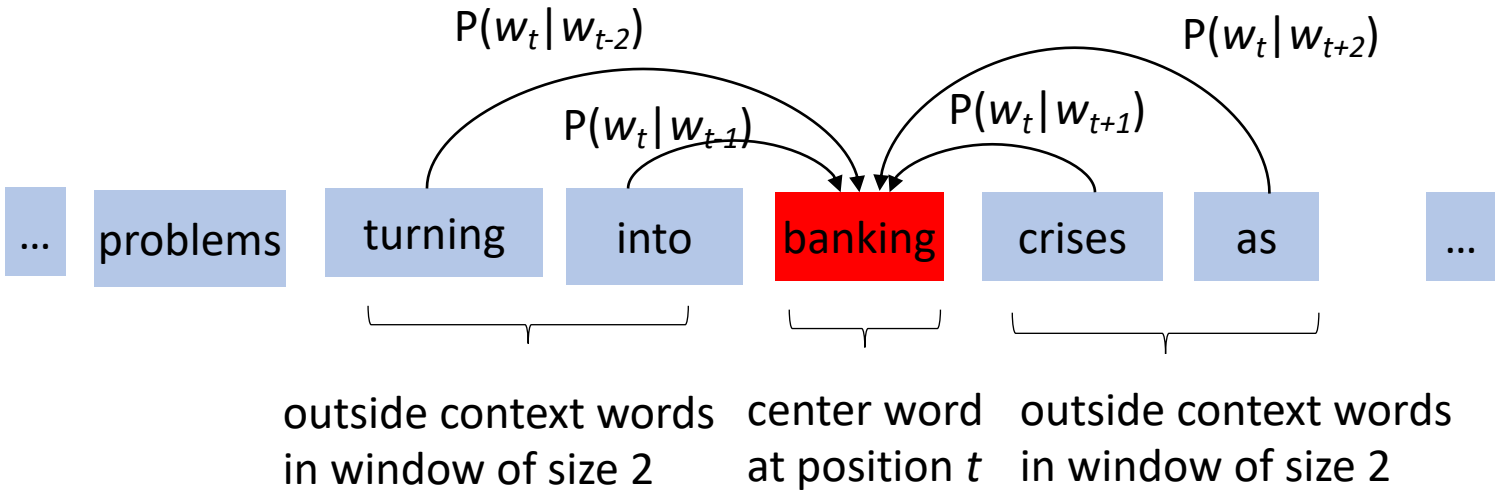


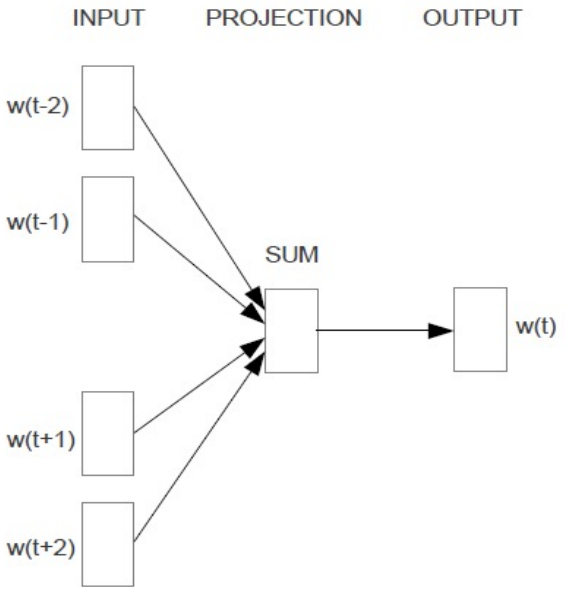
Mikolov's CBOW

- CBOW: the distributed representations of context (or surrounding words) are combined to **predict the word in the middle.**

$$P(w_t|w_{t-k}, \ldots w_{t-1}\ w_{t+1} \ldots w_{t+k}) = \text{NN}\ (V(w_{t-k}) + \ldots + V(w_{t+k}))$$

This can be represented by a **neural network**:

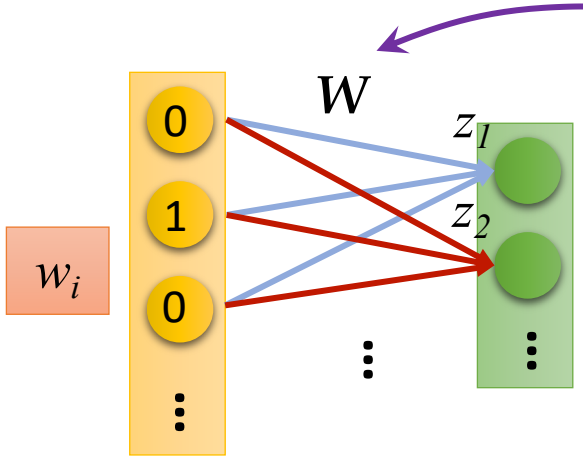
- An input layer which converts each word (one-hot) into a dense vector.
- A projection layer which combines the vectors of input words.
- An output layer which predicts the target word w_t given the combined context vector.



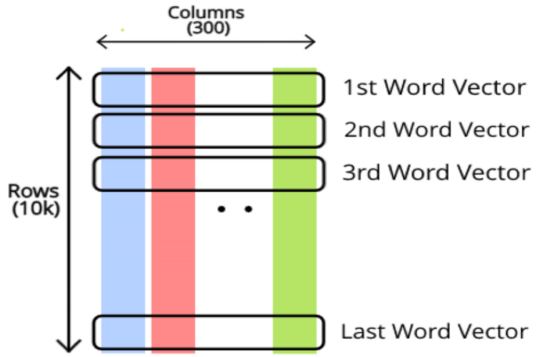
CBOW = Continuous-Bag-of-Words
the order of words in the context does not influence the projection.

Architecture

- Input Layer: representing any word into a vector. $z_i = Wx_i = W_i$



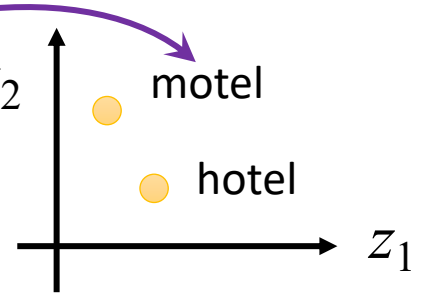
The weight matrix $W \in R^{|V| \times d}$ is a **lookup table** with each row W_i being the vector for word w_i.



Example

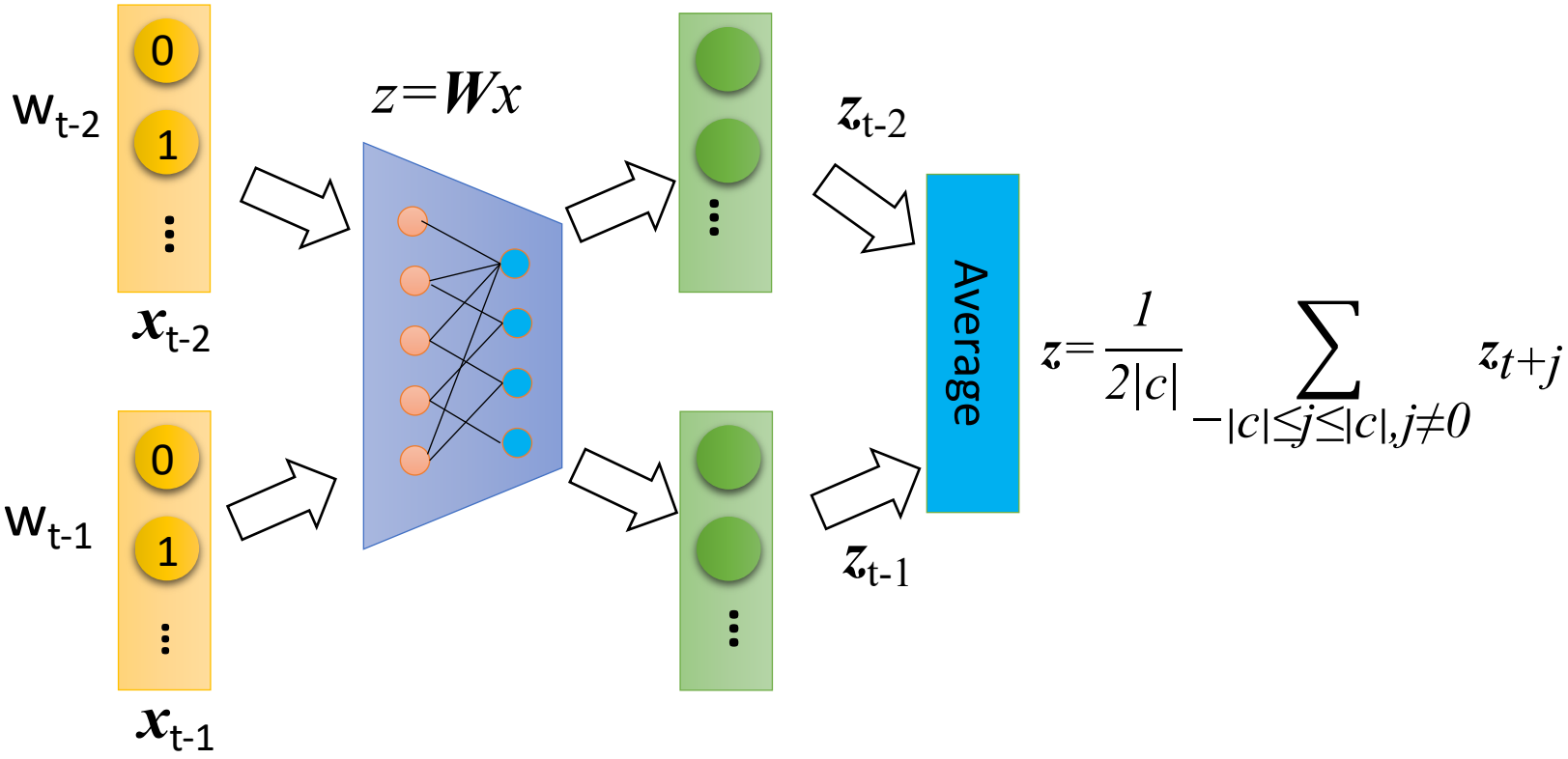
$$[0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0] \times \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 24 & 1 \\ 23 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 & 13 \\ 10 & 12 & 19 \\ 11 & 18 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = [10 \quad 12 \quad 19]$$

"motel"



Architecture

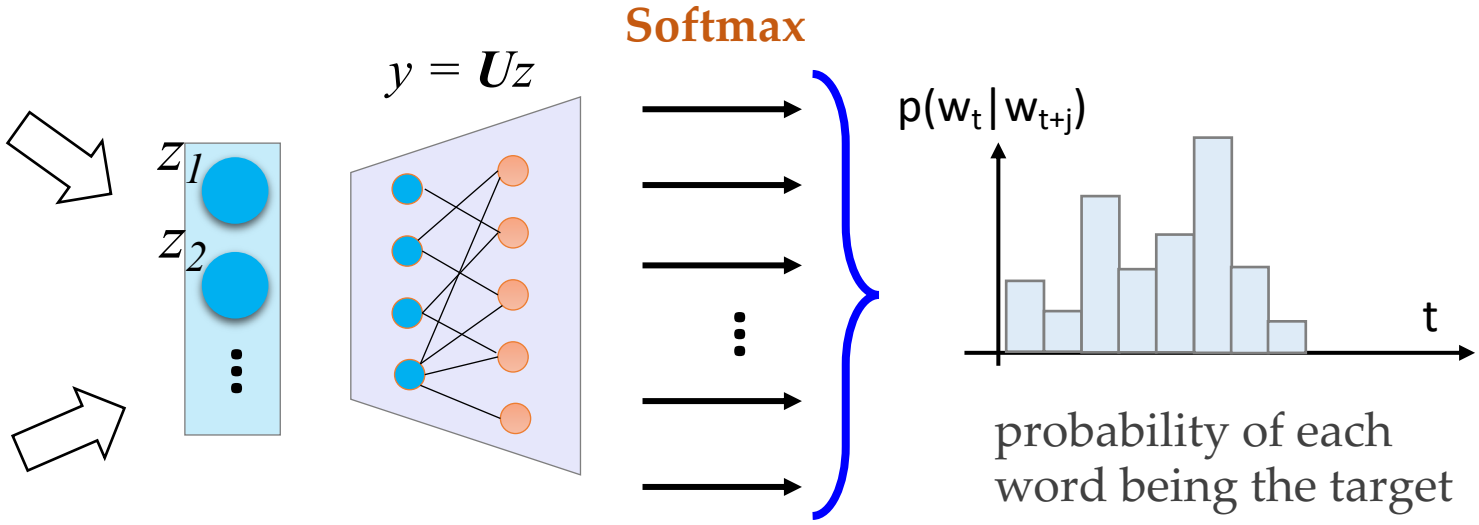
- Projection Layer: combining context vectors into one vector.



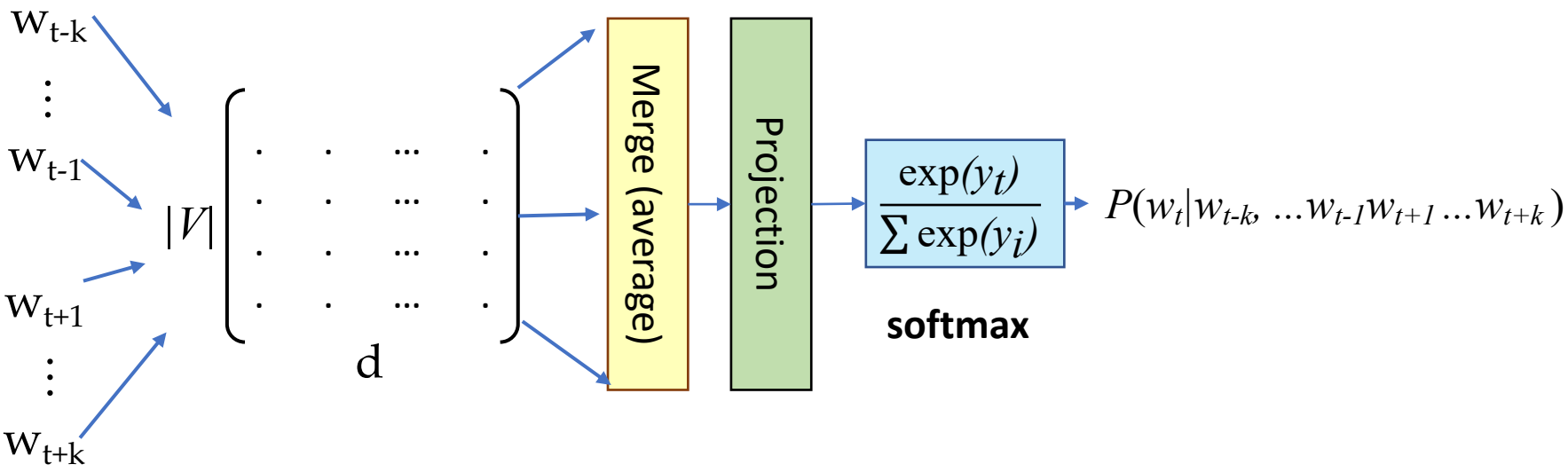
Architecture

- Output Layer: predicts the probability of the target word.

$$P\left(w_t \middle| w_{t-|c|}, \ldots, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, \ldots, w_{t+|c|}\right) = \frac{\exp(y_t)}{\sum_{i=1}^{|V|} \exp(y_i)}$$



Architecture: the big picture



Training

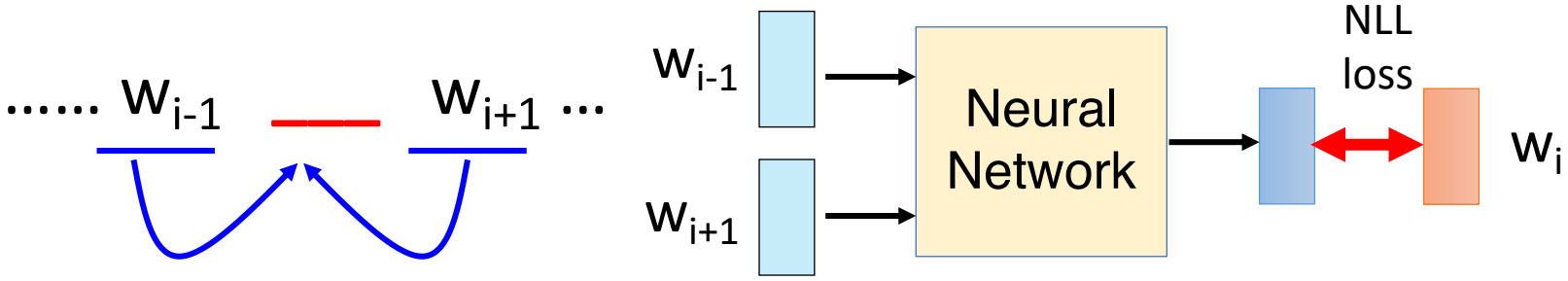
- Given $D = \{w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_N\}$, minimize the negative log likelihood (NLL) loss function:

$$L(W, U \mid D) = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{t=1}^{N} \log p(w_t | w_{t-k}, \ldots, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, \ldots, w_{t+k})$$

  using gradient descend.

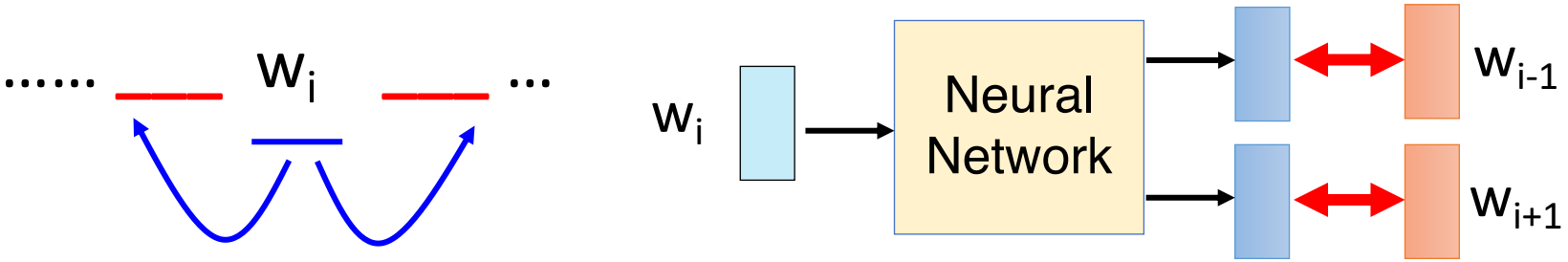
Other Models

- Continuous bag of word (CBOW) model



- Skip-gram

predicting the word given its context



predicting the context given a word

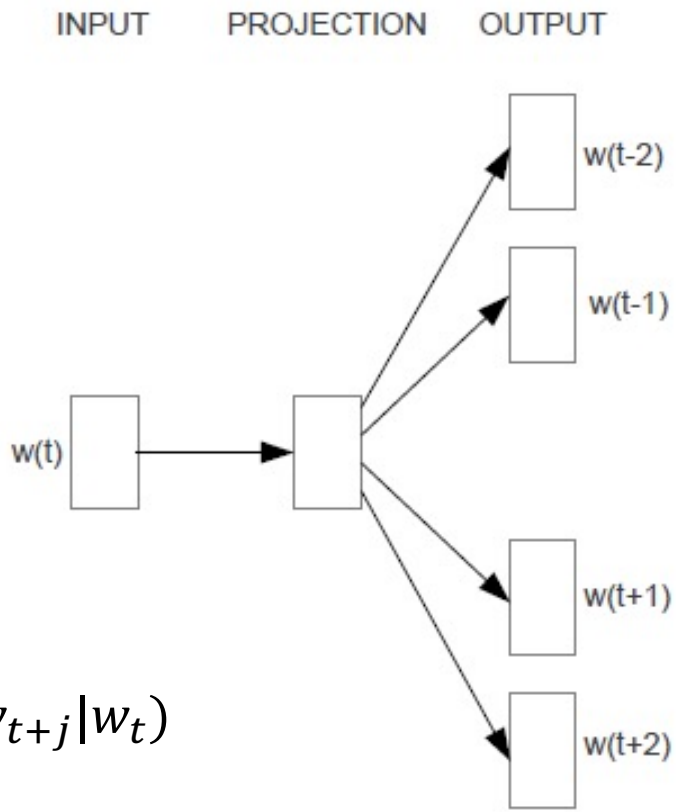
The Skip-Gram Model

- We seek a model for $P(w_{t+j}|w_t)$.

$$P(w_{t+j}|w_t) = \frac{\exp(y_{t+j})}{\sum_{i=1}^{|V|}\exp(y_i)}$$

$$y = Uz$$

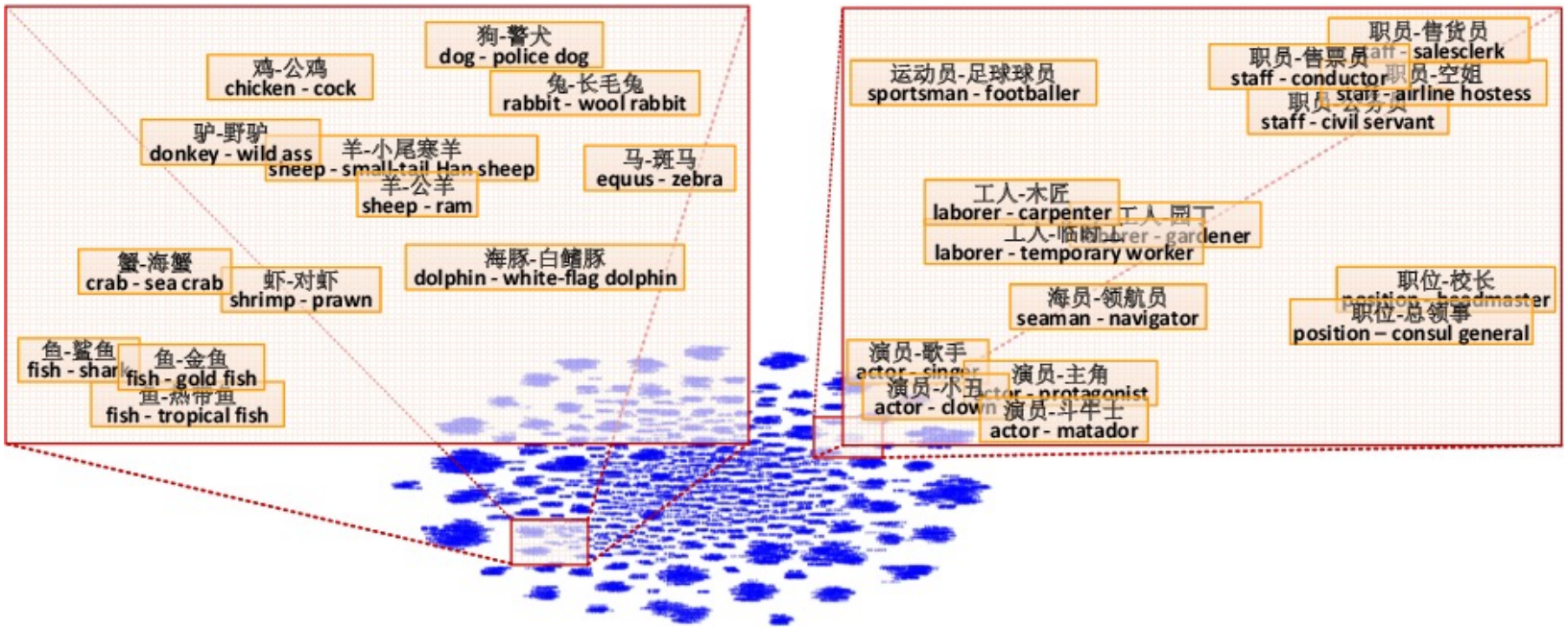
$$z = Wx$$



$$L(W,U|\chi) = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{t=1}^{N}\sum_{-c\le j\le c, j\neq 0}\log p(w_{t+j}|w_t)$$

Example

Word2vec maximizes objective function by putting similar words nearby in space



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The Word Analogy Task

- Word Analogy:

a:b :: c:?

man:woman :: king:?

Examples

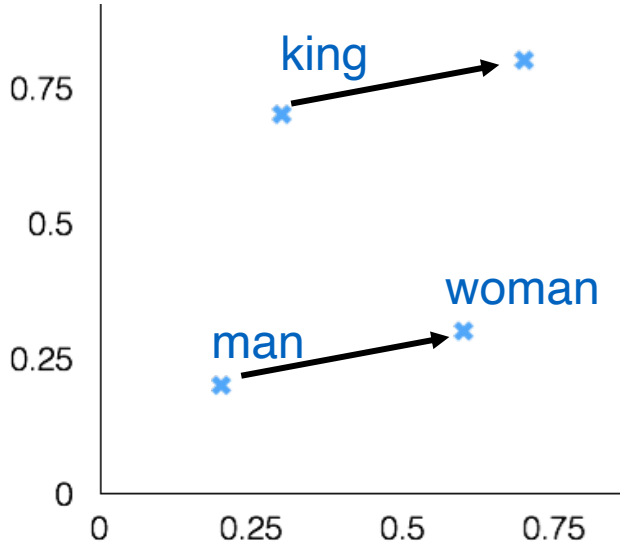
- Man is to Woman as King is to___ ?
- Good is to Best as Smart is to___?
- China is to Beijing as America is to__?

How to find d ?

$$d = \arg\max_i \frac{(x_b - x_a + x_c)^T x_i}{||x_b - x_a + x_c||}$$

- It turns out that word2vec is good for such an analogy task.

$V_{king} - V_{man} + V_{woman} = V_{queen}$



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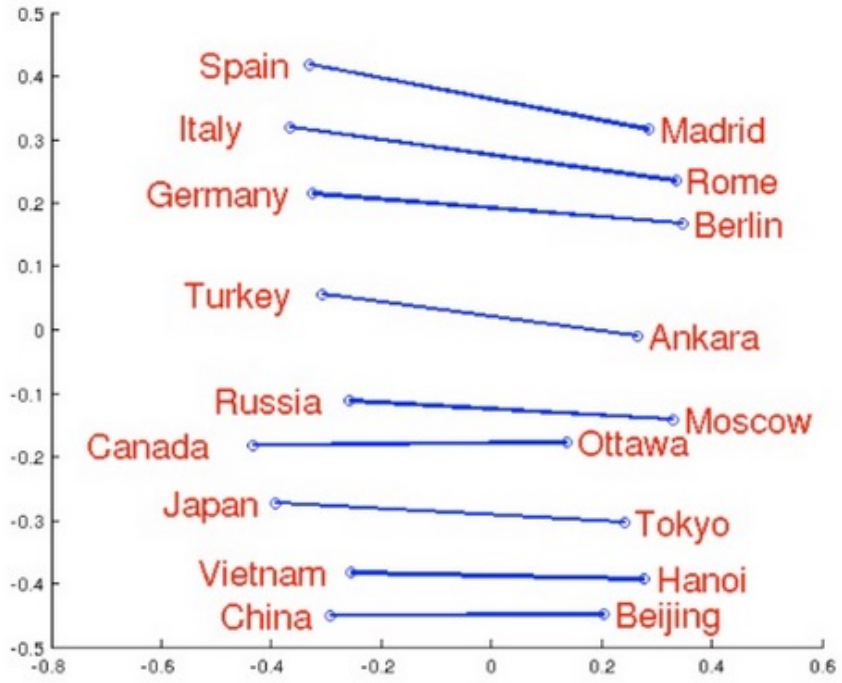

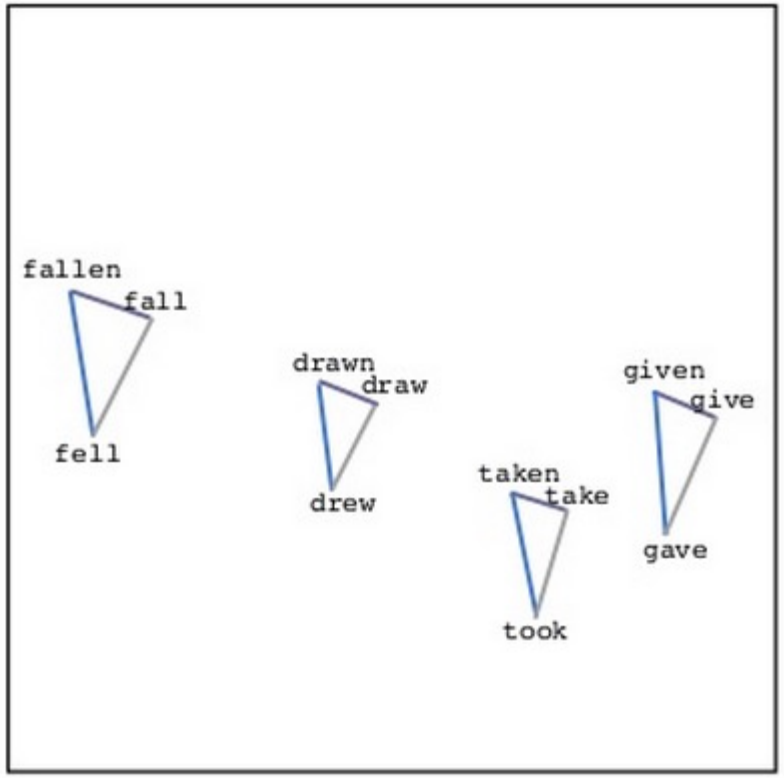

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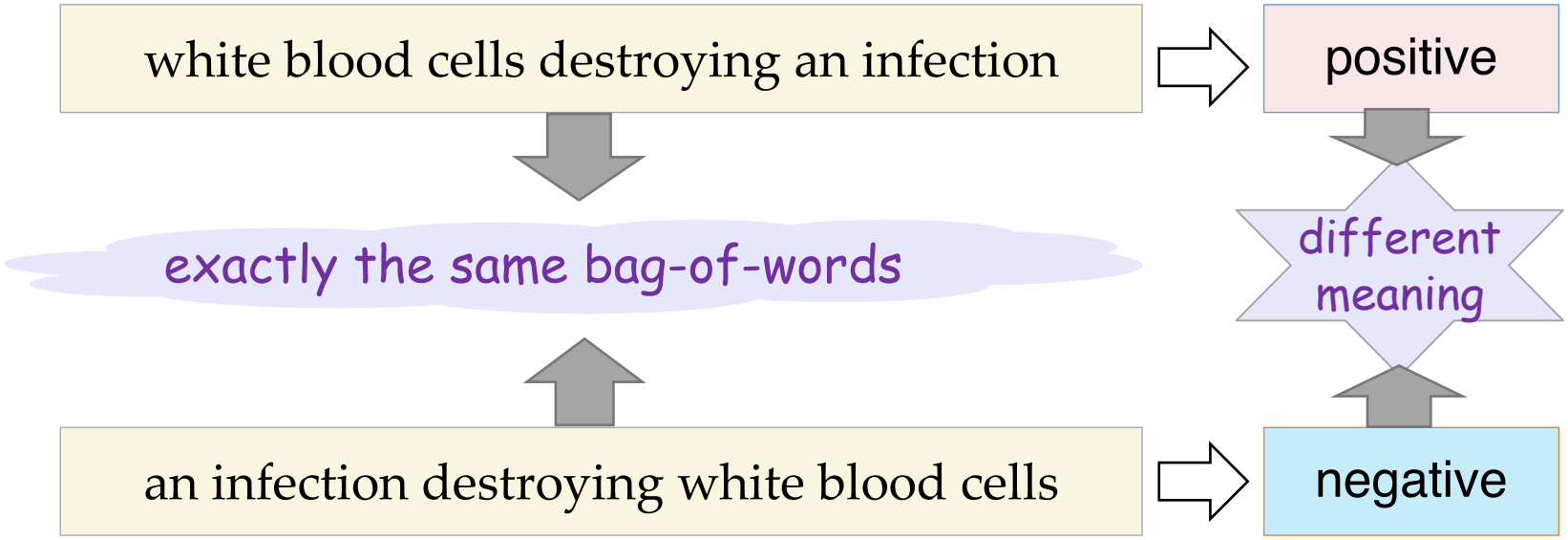
Beyond Bag-of-Words

- To understand the meaning of a sentence, the **order** of the words can not be ignored.



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Beyond Bag-of-Words

- **Language Models**
  Recurrent Neural Networks, Transformers,…

- **Pretrained Language Models**
  BERT, GPT-2, …

To appear in future lectures..

Language Models

- A probabilistic model of how likely a given string appear in a given "language".
- For a given sequence $x = (w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_N)$. A language model can be defined as:

$$p(x) = p(w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_N)$$

Example:

P_1=P("我爱机器学习")
P_2=P("我爱学习机器")
P_3=P("机器我爱学习")
P_4=P("爱我机学习器")

Chinese: $P_1 > P_2 > P_3 > P_4$

- Applications:

message suggestion; document generation; spelling correction; machine translation; speech recognition;…

我爱机器学__?__

Language Model

- What is the probability of $P(w_1, \ldots, w_N)$?

p(我爱机器学习) = ?

- Chain Rule:

$$p(w_1,\ldots,w_N) = p(w_1)p(w_2|w_1)\ldots,p(w_N|w_1,\ldots,w_{N-1})$$

p(我爱机器学习) = p(我)p(爱|我)p(机|我爱)p(器|我爱机)p(学|我爱机器)p(习|我爱机器学)

- Markov Assumption: (only consider the last *n-1* words)

$$p(w_i|w_1,\ldots,w_{i-1}) = p(w_i|w_{i-n+1},\ldots,w_{i-1})$$

p(习|我爱机器学) ≈ p(习|机器学) ≈ p(习|学)

Bigram Language Model

So that's what we get for n=2:

$$p(w) = p(w_1)p(w_2|w_1)\ldots,p(w_N|w_{N-1})$$

$$1/18 \times 1/8 \times 1/120 \times 1/4 \times 1/420 \times 1/2$$

p(我爱机器学习) = p(我)p(爱|我)p(机|爱)p(器|机)p(学|器)p(习|学)

Q: How to estimate these probabilities?

A: Straightforward counting.

Q: But remember in word embedding, counting discrete words have many limitations?

A: Don't worry, we have neural networks as language models.

What's Next?

Recurrent Neural Networks

- A deep neural network for sequence (language) modeling.