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Natural Language Processing

Lesson 14. From word back to document representations

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Previously

- Training and loading (existing) embeddings

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End of Chapter 6 of Lane et al. (2019); after skipping visualisation

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Doc2vec

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Objective Computing a vectorial representation for a document

Same idea as with word2vec: a NN to predict words

Input
- k context words (optional)
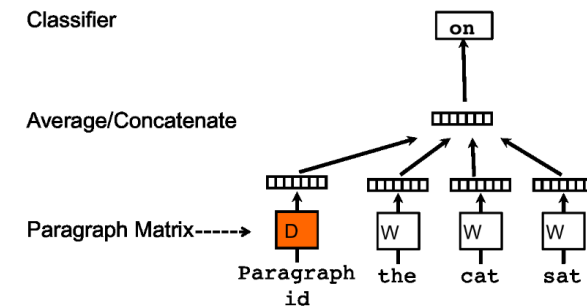- A unique ID of the sentence/paragraph/document

Output
- 1 target word

- The paragraph vector is unique among all documents
- The word vectors are shared among all documents
- The document vector is computed on the fly

(Le and Mikolov, 2014); (Lane et al., 2019, p. 215)

Doc2vec
Distributed Memory Model of Paragraph Vectors (PV-DM)

Derived from CBOW
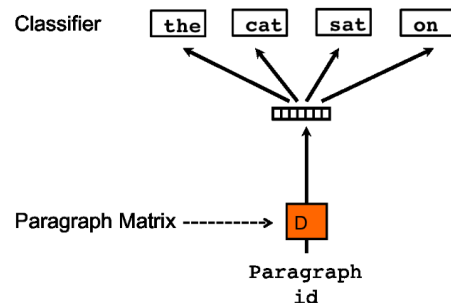

- Each column in the paragraph matrix is a vector representing one paragraph
- We can average or concatenate the word and paragraph vectors

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Doc2vec
Distributed Bag of Words version of Paragraph Vector (PV-DBOW)

Similar to skip-gram

- Iteration: a text window and a random word from the text window are sampled, forming a classification task given the paragraph vector.
- No word vectors: faster + lower memory requirements

References

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