

Natural Language Processing

CSE 325/425



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Lecture 4:

- Word vectors
- Word2Vec, Glove

How to represent the word meanings

Meaning \Leftrightarrow Semantics

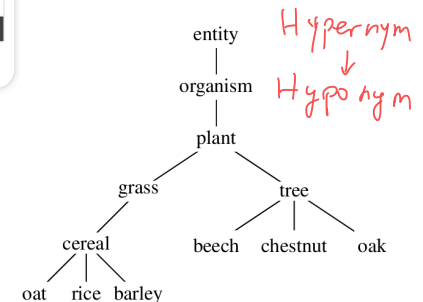
Use a dictionary

- an entry is a lemma;
- can have multiple senses;
- each sense can have examples of using the lemma.



Use WordNet

- Basic unit: word sense.
- Synsets: $\text{synset}(\text{"good-1"}) = \{\text{"excellent", "great", ...}\}$
- Hypernyms: broader meanings
- Hyponyms: more specific meanings.



Advantages:

- represent human knowledge.
- sort of comprehensive.
- encode some relations.

Disadvantages:

- meanings become outdated easily.
- not so comprehensive.
- symbolic.

ID / string \rightarrow concept

AI symbolic

statistical
ML

(Not probabilistic distribution)

Distributional representation

- Non-symbolic.
- Can be learned from the latest text data.

One-hot vectors

The corpus = {
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D2=[<s> Sam I am </s>]
D3=[<s> I do not like green eggs and ham </s>]
}

Sam = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0]

I = [1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]

ham = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1]

Index of "Sam"
↓ in the V

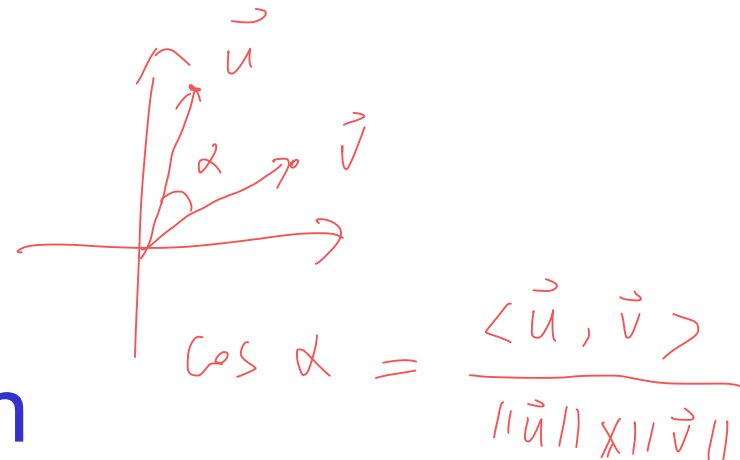
Vector dimension = number of words in vocabulary (e.g., 500,000)

$V = [\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 0}}{\langle s \rangle}, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1}}{I}, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2}}{am}, Sam, do, not, \dots, \langle /s \rangle]$

In ML, stat, AI,

cosine similarity is used

to measure similarity of two vectors



Distributional representation

Issues with one-hot vectors

- Most document vectors are orthogonal to each other and have 0 similarity
 - find articles related to "ham", while "egg" won't show up.
- WordNet's synset can help, but it is not a good solution: incompleteness.
- Extremely high dimensional

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$D_1 = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$

$D_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$

$\cos(D_1, D_2) = 1$

Maximum Similarity

Represent word semantics by their context

A very successful principle in NLP

"You shall know a word by the company it keeps" (J. R. Firth 1957: 11)

is ← dancing
↑ walking
↓ eating

Context of a word w :

- other words that appear closeby the word.
- reflect what w means.
- "closeby" can be defined by a window of 5 words, a sentence, a document.

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Diagram illustrating a window around the word "I" in the sentence "I do not like green eggs and ham":
[← ↑ →] →

a small window:

context("I") = {"am", "do"} < s >

a larger window:

context("I") = {"am", "Sam", "not"}

< s > I am , Sam < / s >
2 words ← 4 → 2 words

Represent word semantics by their context

A dense word vector of 50 ~ 300 dimensions:

- each dimension represents some meaning: capital city, is a number, is a noun, etc.
- two vectors are similar if they appear in each other's context.
- also called: word embedding, word representation.
- Why need more than two dimensions? Two words can be similar in different senses.
 - The following example shows a not-so-good word embedding.

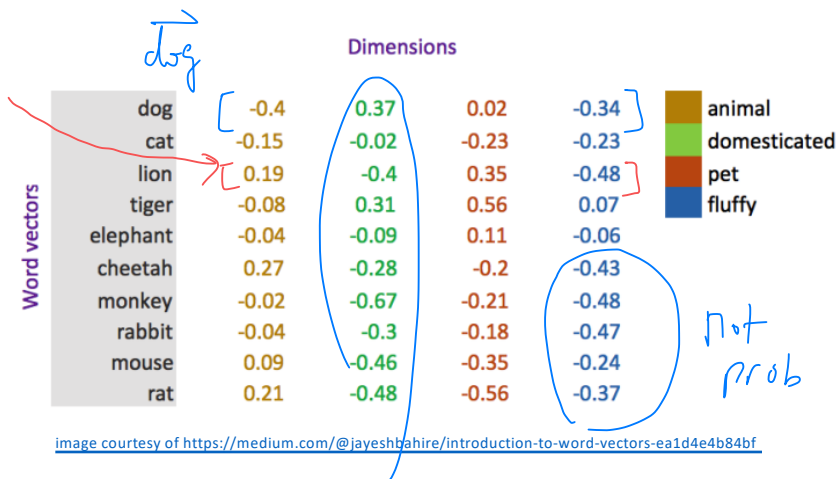
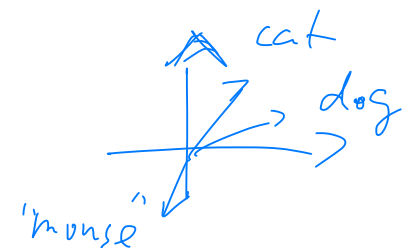


image courtesy of <https://medium.com/@jayeshbahire/introduction-to-word-vectors-ea1d4e4b84bf>

A single dimension will not describe a concept in full

Topic model
(Bayesian Network)

$$\cos(\vec{\text{dog}}, \vec{\text{lion}}) = \frac{\langle \vec{\text{dog}}, \vec{\text{lion}} \rangle}{\|\vec{\text{dog}}\| \times \|\vec{\text{lion}}\|}$$

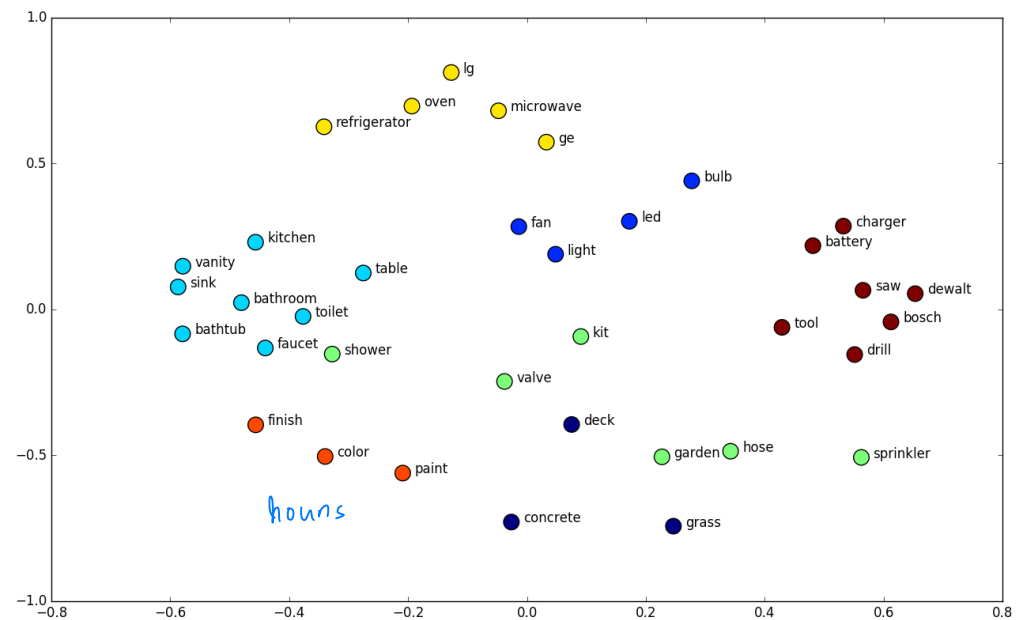
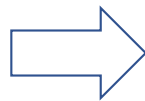


Visualization of word vectors

fan = $\begin{bmatrix} 0.286 \\ 0.792 \\ -0.177 \\ -0.107 \\ 0.109 \\ -0.542 \\ 0.349 \\ 0.271 \\ 0.487 \end{bmatrix}$

t-SNE

Further
embedding



[image courtesy of https://www.shanelynn.ie/get-busy-with-word-embeddings-introduction/](https://www.shanelynn.ie/get-busy-with-word-embeddings-introduction/)

$LM = \{ \text{unigram}, \text{bi-gram}, \text{tri-gram}, \text{word2vec}, \text{LSTM}, \dots \}$
 $P(w) \quad P(w_t | w_{t-1})$

Word2Vec: overview

Tomas Mikolov, etc. **Efficient Estimation of Word Representations in Vector Space**, NIPS, 2013

Ideas:

- Learn vectors for many words (millions) from large corpus (billions).
- It is a neural language model: use neural networks to predict probabilities.
- Use center word to predict context word (Ski-gram) or the other way around (CBOW).
- Iterate through the corpus and adjust the word vectors to maximize the likelihood of word prediction.

Word2Vec: overview

Finding pairs of (center, context) words:

center word context word
in the window

I do [not like green eggs and] ham

Window size = 5

Use the center word to predict the context words:

- maximize the conditional probabilities.
- context words are assumed to be conditional independent.

observe "like"
given "green"

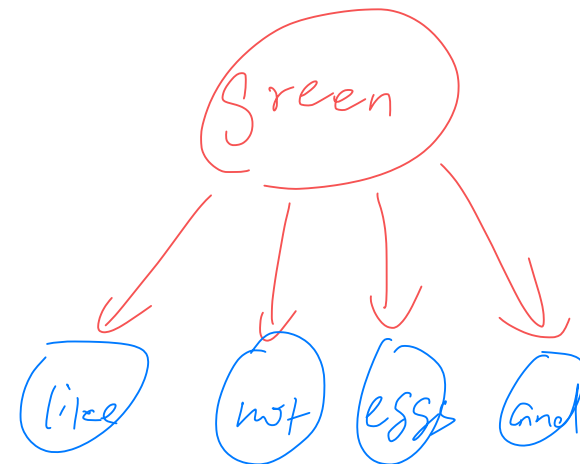
$P(\text{like} \mid \text{green})$

$P(\text{eggs} \mid \text{green})$

$P(\text{not} \mid \text{green})$

$P(\text{and} \mid \text{green})$

sufficient statistic

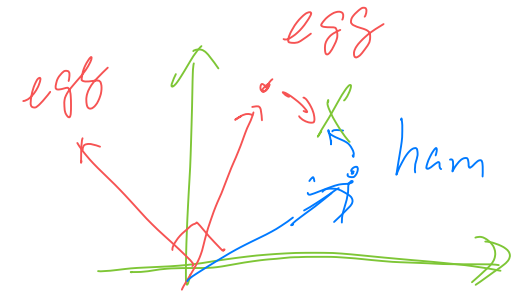


Word2Vec: overview

Finding pairs of (center, context) words:

center word context word in the window
 ↓ ↓
I do not [like green eggs and ham]
 ? [:] [:] ?
 $P(\text{like} \mid \text{egg})$ $P(\text{ham} \mid \text{egg})$

 $P(\text{green} \mid \text{egg})$ $P(\text{and} \mid \text{egg})$



$$V_{\text{"egg"}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_{\text{"ham"}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\max_{u_{\text{ham}}, V_{\text{egg}}} P(\text{ham} \mid \text{egg})$$

← θ to be optimized

$$P(\text{ham} \mid \text{egg}) = \frac{\exp(u_{\text{"ham"}} \cdot V_{\text{"egg"}})}{\sum_{\text{any } w \text{ in Vocab}} \exp(u_w \cdot V_{\text{"egg"}})}$$

Alg MLE

Input: \mathcal{D} observed sufficient statistics

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$$

output: $\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$

Word2Vec: loss function

Maximum Likelihood Est.
(MLE)

For each position $t = 1, \dots, T$

predict context words w_{t+j} within a window of fixed size m , given center word w_t

Likelihood:
$$L(\theta) = \prod_{t=1}^T \prod_{\substack{j=-m \\ j \neq 0}}^m P(w_{t+j}|w_t)$$

Indexing the center word \rightarrow \leftarrow *Indexing the context*

Context \downarrow

$\left[w_{t-2} \quad w_{t-1} \quad w_t \quad w_{t+1} \quad w_{t+2} \right]$

\uparrow *Center* $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{m=2}$

Loss function (negative log-likelihood, or cross entropy loss):

$$-\log L(\theta) = - \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=-m, j \neq 0}^m \log P(w_{t+j}|w_t)$$

T in the scale of billions

with millions of word vectors

Word2Vec: parametrization

How to represent the probability using some parameters?

- In bi-gram model, we use a single number to represent a probability.
- Neural networks allow more complex parametrization of common probability distributions.
 - Logistic regression parametrized a binomial distribution.
 - Multi-layered Perceptron (MLP) can output a multinomial distribution.

Softmax as distribution over the vocab:

Let each word have two parameter vectors:

- \mathbf{V}_w word vector of any w when used as a **center** word.
- \mathbf{u}_w word vector of any w when used as a **context** word.

$$P(w_o|w_c) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_o^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}$$

$$\sum_{w_o \in \text{Vocab}} P(w_o|w_c) = 1$$

Word2Vec: parametrization

Softmax as distribution over the vocab:

$$P(w_o|w_c) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_o^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sum_w \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}$$

- It is indeed a probability distribution: non-negative and sum-to-one.
- It is “max” since the exp enlarge the gap between different inner products.
- It is “soft” since it does not assign all probability to the maximum.

Word2Vec: optimization

Want to minimize the loss

$$-\log L(\theta) = -\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=-m, j \neq 0}^m \log P(w_{t+j}|w_t) \quad P(w_o|w_c) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_o^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sum_w \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}$$

- The parameter θ to be optimized is the $(2 \times V)$ d-dimensional word vectors.
- Stochastic gradient descent
 - sample a batch of (center, context) pairs.
 - compute the gradient of the loss with respect to the relevant vectors.

Alg "SGD"

Init randomly word vectors

for $i = 1, \dots, \infty$ // an epoch

sample a mini-batch of B observed (w_c, w_o) pairs

eval $-\log L(\theta)$ using the mini-batch, and find grad to update the involved word vectors

Word2Vec: optimization

pushes u_o towards v_c
making them closer \Leftarrow

gradient descent on u_o :

$$\begin{cases} u_o \leftarrow u_o - \eta \frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial u_o} \\ = u_o + \eta \underbrace{[1 - P(w_o|w_c)]}_{>0} v_c \end{cases}$$

learning rate > 0

Want to minimize the loss

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Let's focus on one (center, context) pair. The gradient w.r.t. the center word vector is:

$$\bar{J} = -\log P(w_o|w_c) = -\log \exp(u_o^\top v_c) + \log \sum_w \exp(u_w^\top v_c)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial (u_o^\top v_c)} = -1 + \frac{1}{\sum_w \exp(u_w^\top v_c)} \cdot \exp(u_o^\top v_c) = P(w_o|w_c) - 1$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial u_o} = \frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial (u_o^\top v_c)} \cdot \frac{\partial (u_o^\top v_c)}{\partial u_o} = [P(w_o|w_c) - 1] \cdot v_c$$

see above

Negative sampling :

$$p(w_o | w_c) \approx \frac{\exp(u_o^T v_c)}{\sum_{\text{sample}} \exp(u_w^T v_c)}$$

Just 10 random w

Word2Vec: optimization

Optimizing the original loss is too expensive:

- Due to the denominator in the softmax.
- Negative sampling: reduce the number of summands in the denominator.

$$P(w_o | w_c) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sum_w \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c)}$$

Stochastic gradient descent is more preferred:

- With billions of tokens and millions of words, computing the gradient using all training (center, context) pairs can be slow.
- Same a small batch (mini-batch) of training pairs and just optimized the vectors of the selected words => a very sparse gradient.

Word2Vec: negative sampling

Turn the problem into a binary classification problem

- Classify the context word from the words outside the window centered at w_c

$$J(w_o, w_c, \theta) = -\log \sigma(\mathbf{v}_o | \mathbf{v}_c) - \sum_{k=1}^K \log(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{v}_c))$$

$K = 10$

- How to sample the non-context words? $\tilde{P}(w) = \underline{P(w)^{3/4}}$
- How many to sample? K=10 is good enough.

$P(w)$: relative frequency