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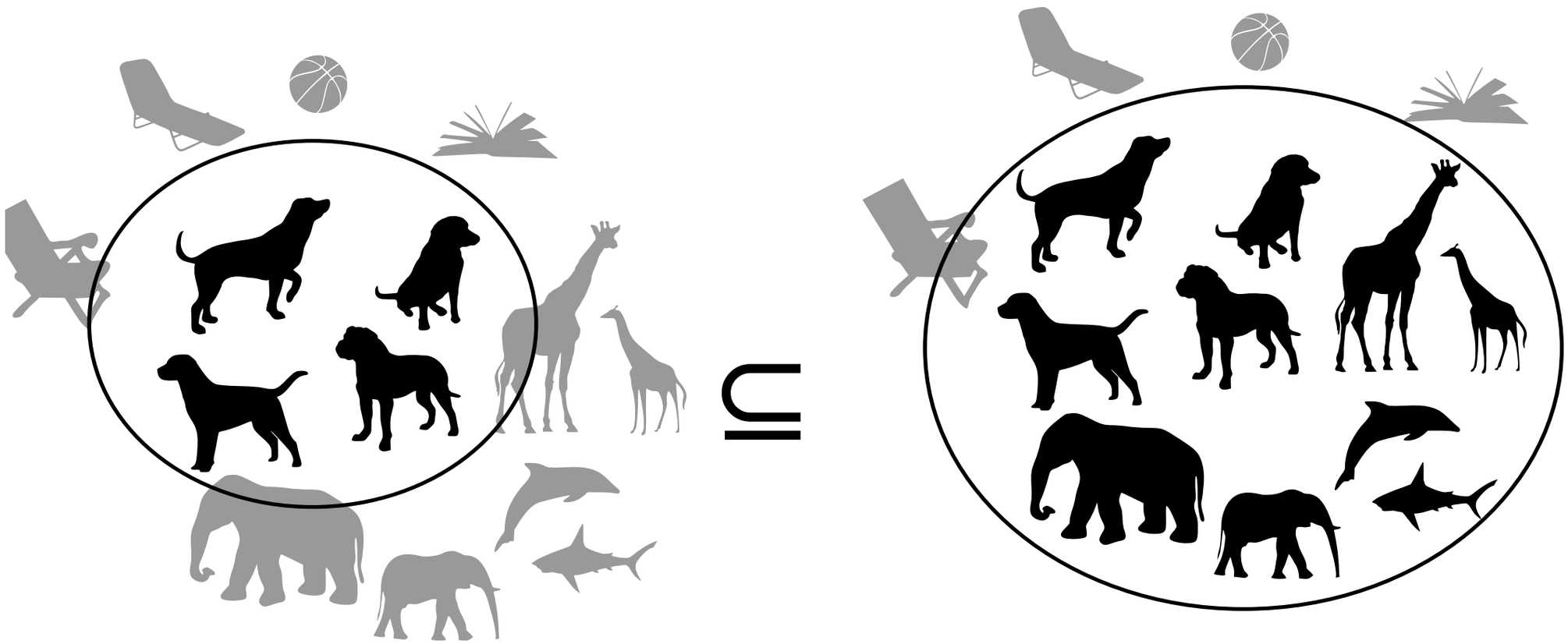

Dog ⊆ Animal

Entailment in formal semantics

All animals have an ulnar artery

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All dogs have an ulnar artery

+ Mathematically well-understood
+ Powerful machinery for handling logical operations
- Knowledge must come from somewhere else

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- S: (n) andiron, firedog, **dog**, dog-iron (metal supports for logs in a fireplace) *"the andirons were too hot to touch"*

Verb

- S: (v) chase, chase after, trail, tail, tag, give chase, **dog**, go after, track (go after with the intent to catch) *"The policeman chased the mugger down the alley"; "the dog chased the rabbit"*

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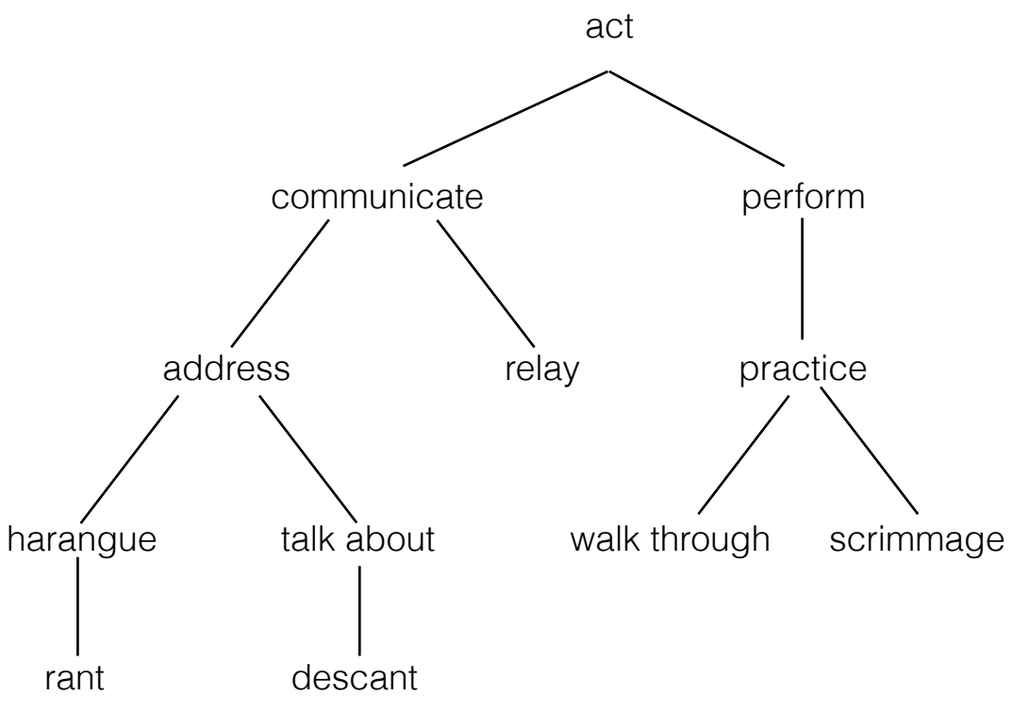
        - S: (n) placental, placental mammal, eutherian, eutherian mammal (mammals having a placenta; all mammals except monotremes and marsupials)
          - S: (n) mammal, mammalian (any warm-blooded vertebrate having the skin more or less covered with hair; young are born alive except for the small subclass of monotremes and nourished with milk)
            - S: (n) vertebrate, craniate (animals having a bony or cartilaginous skeleton with a segmented spinal column and a large brain enclosed in a skull or cranium)
              - S: (n) chordate (any animal of the phylum Chordata having a notochord or spinal column)
                - S: (n) animal, animate being, beast, brute, creature, fauna (a living

Lexical Semantics



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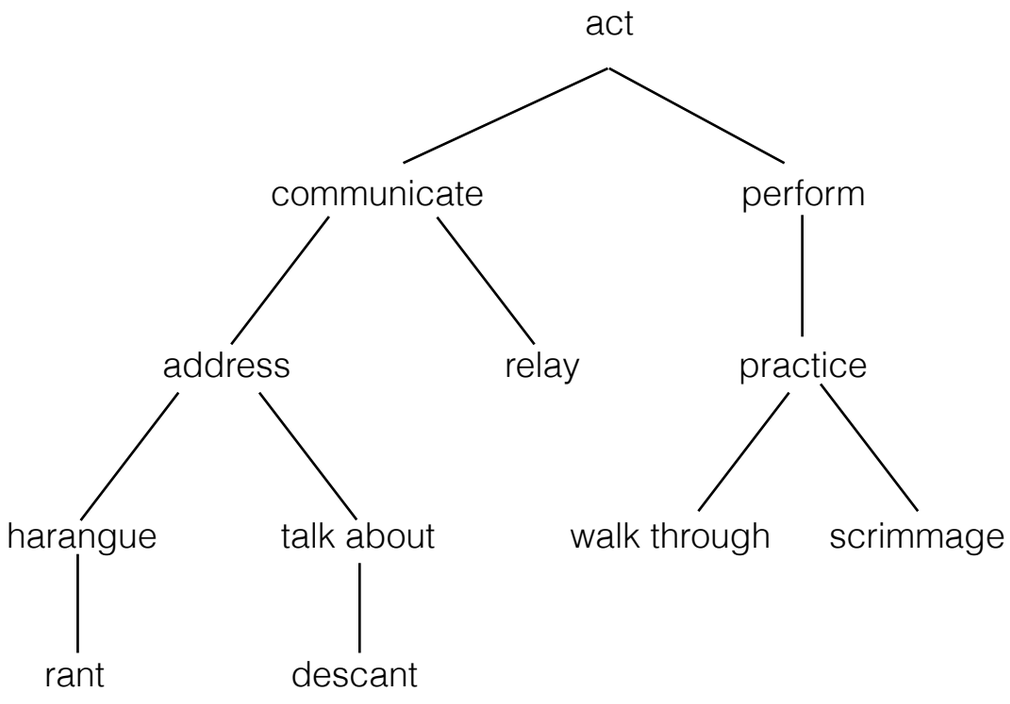

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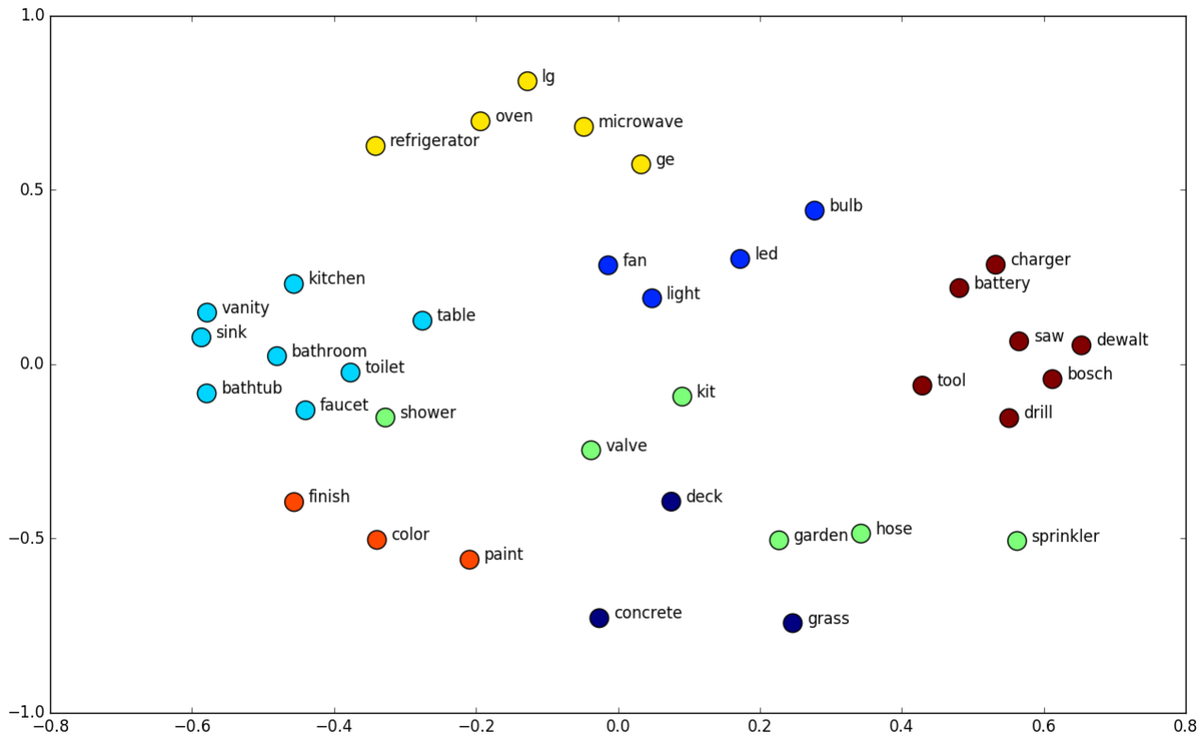

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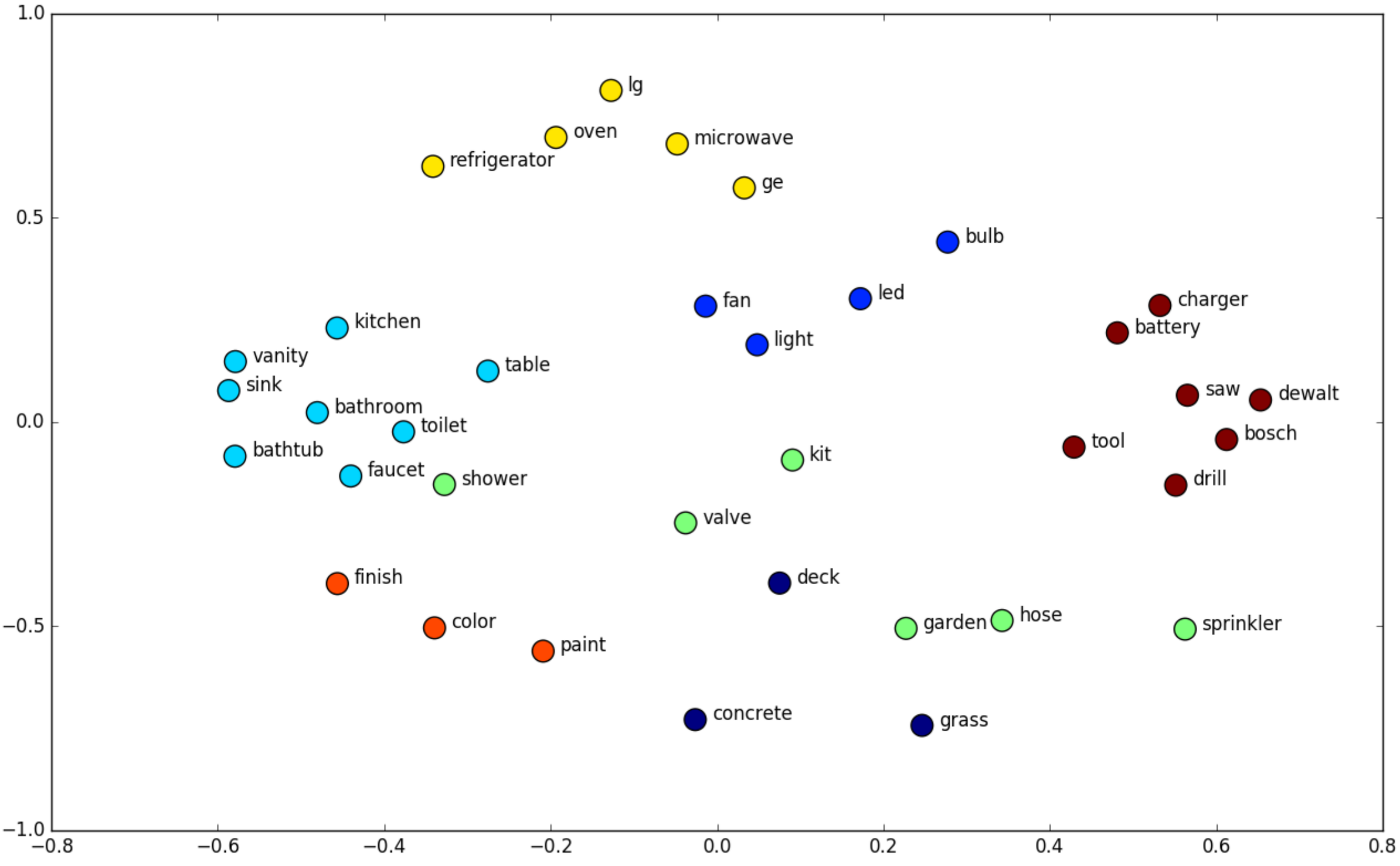

Why vector models of meaning? computing the similarity between words

"**fast**" is similar to "**rapid**"

"**tall**" is similar to "**height**"

Useful for applications like Question Answering

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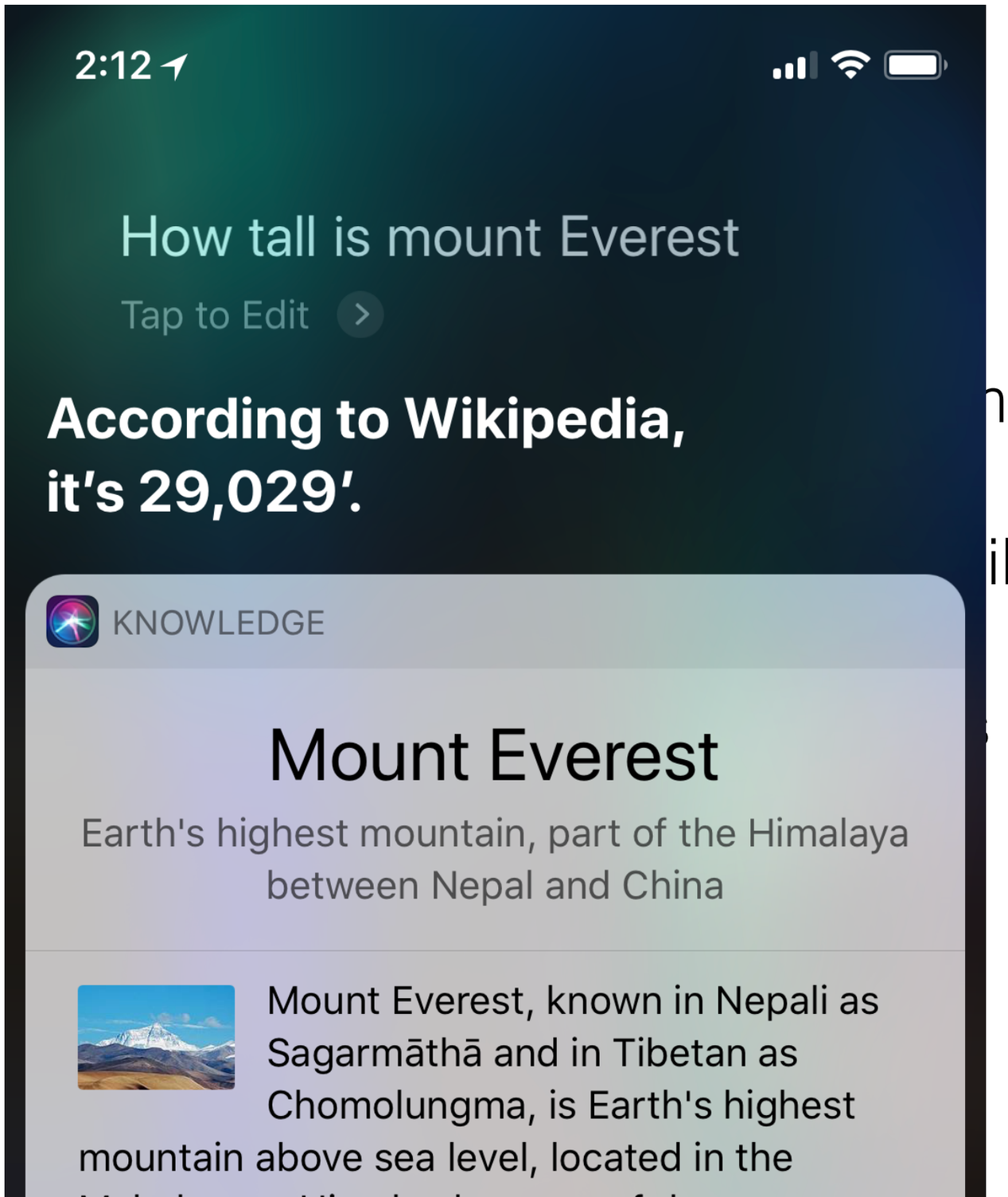

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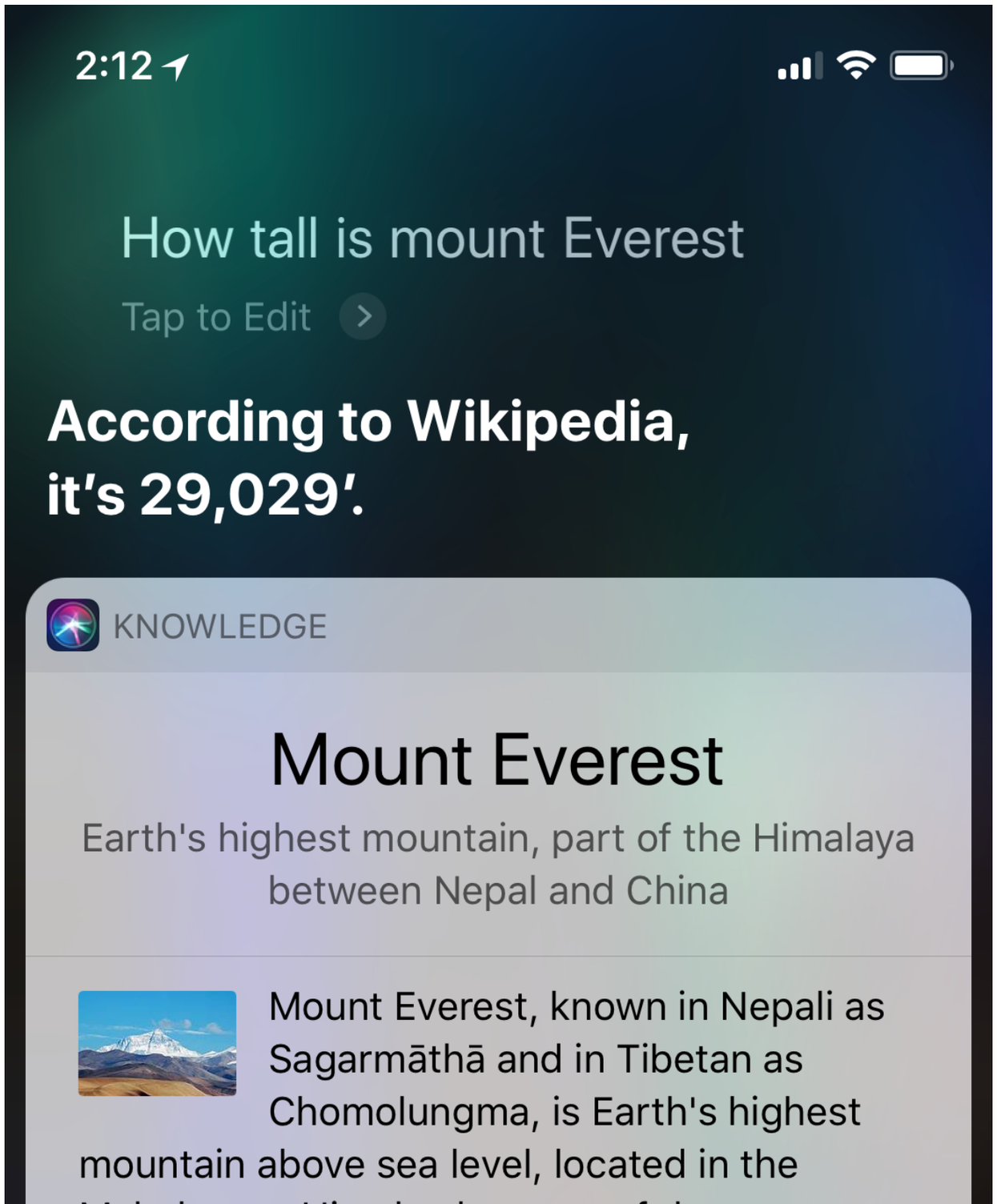

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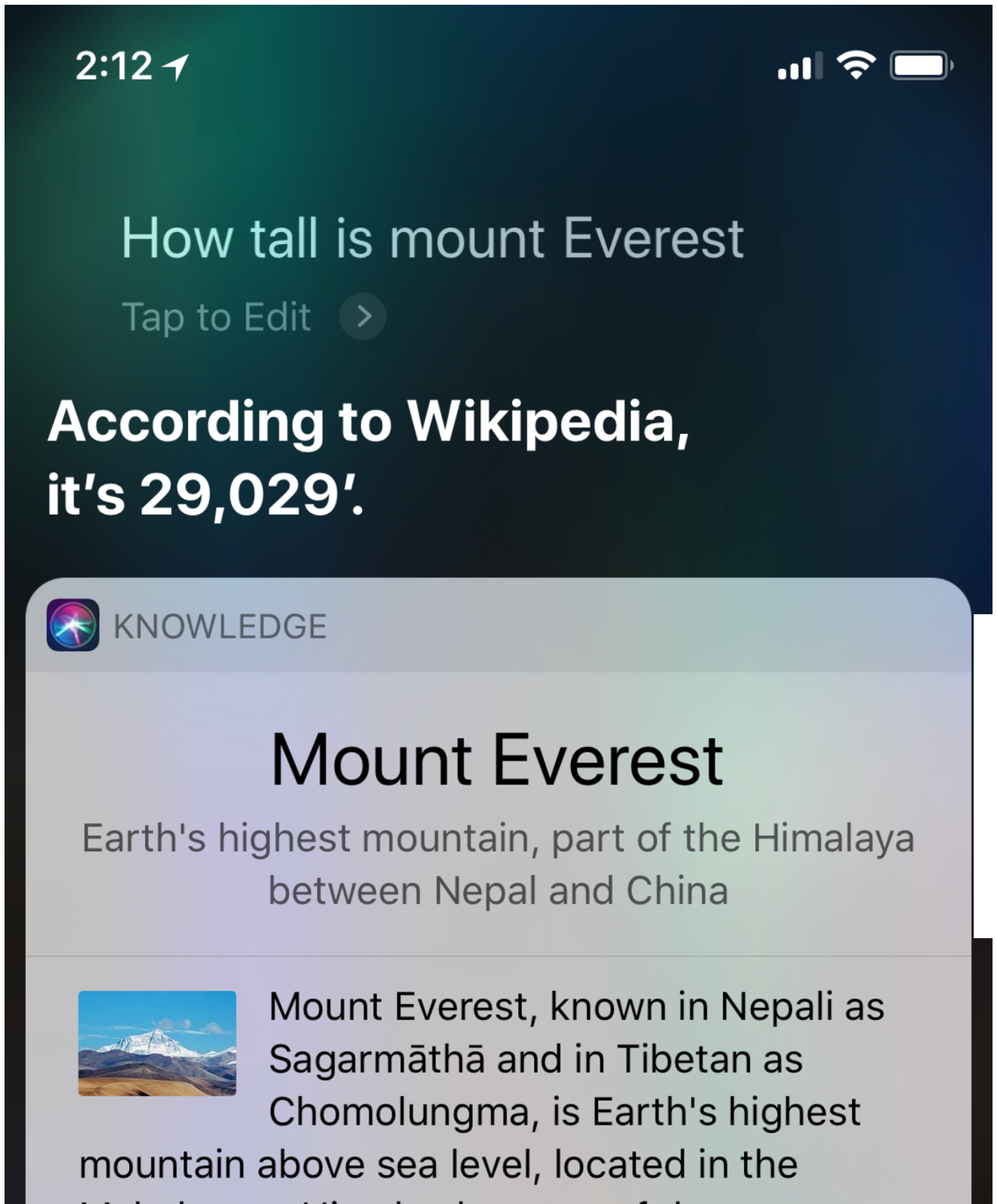


Intuition of distributional word similarity

- Nida (1975) example:

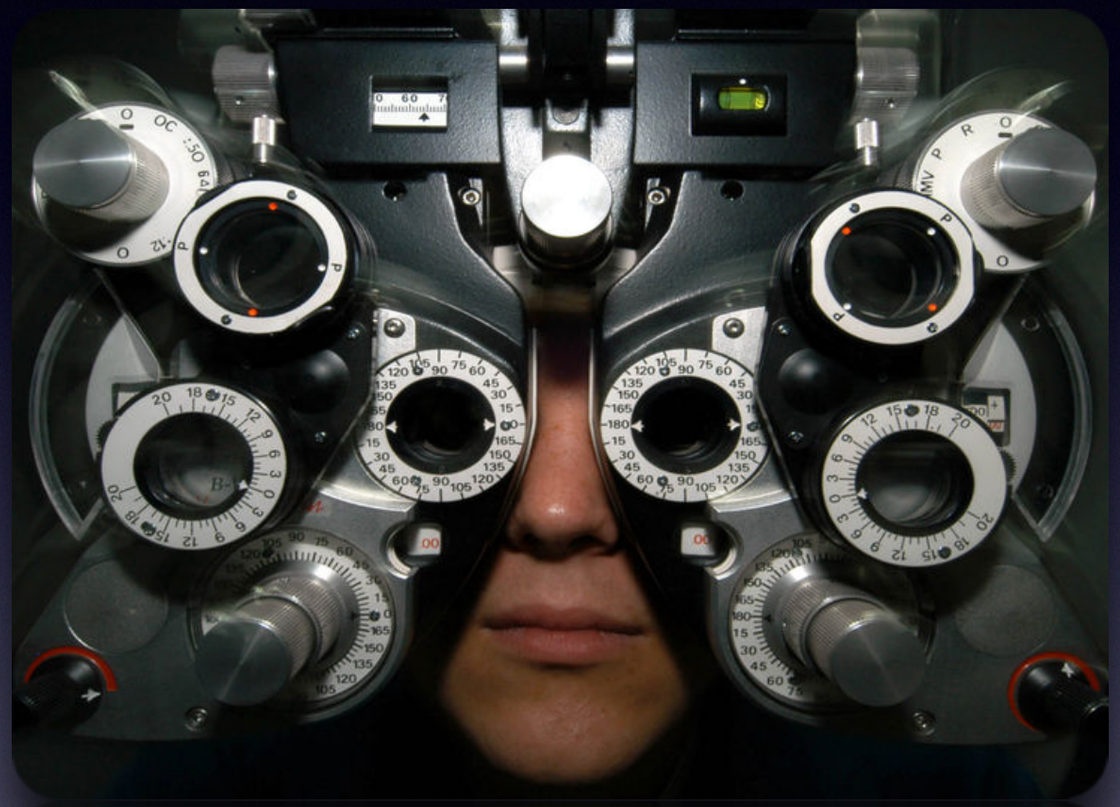
A bottle of **tesgüino** is on the table
Everybody likes **tesgüino**
Tesgüino makes you drunk
We make **tesgüino** out of corn.

- From context words humans can guess **tesgüino** means *an alcoholic beverage like beer*

- Intuition for algorithm:
  Two words are similar if they have similar word contexts.

Distributional Hypothesis

If we consider **optometrist** and **eye-doctor** we find that, as our corpus of utterances grows, these two occur in almost the same environments. In contrast, there are many sentence environments in which **optometrist** occurs but **lawyer** does not...



It is a question of the relative frequency of such environments, and of what we will obtain if we ask an informant to substitute any word he wishes for **oculist** (not asking what words have the same meaning).

These and similar tests all measure the probability of particular environments occurring with particular elements... If A and B have almost identical environments we say that they are synonyms.

–Zellig Harris (1954)

Information Retrieval

- Vector Space Models were initially developed in the SMART information retrieval system (Salton, 1971)

- Each document in a collection is represented as point in a space (a vector in a vector space)

- A user's query is a pseudo-document and is represented as a point in the same space as the documents

- Perform IR by retrieving documents whose vectors are close together in this space to the query vector

Term-Document Matrix

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
abandon					
abdicate					
abhor					
academic					
...					
zygodactyl					
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The value in a cell is based on how often that term occurred in that document

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The length of the document vectors is the size of the vocabulary

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Document vectors can be sparse (most values are 0)

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We can measure how similar two documents are by comparing their column vectors

What can document similarity let you do?

Word similarity for plagiarism detection

MAINFRAMES

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What does comparing two row vectors do?

Vector comparisons

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doc_Y is a positive movie review
doc_X is a less positive movie review

A = "superb" positive / low frequency
B = "good" positive / high frequency
C = "disappointing" negative / high frequency

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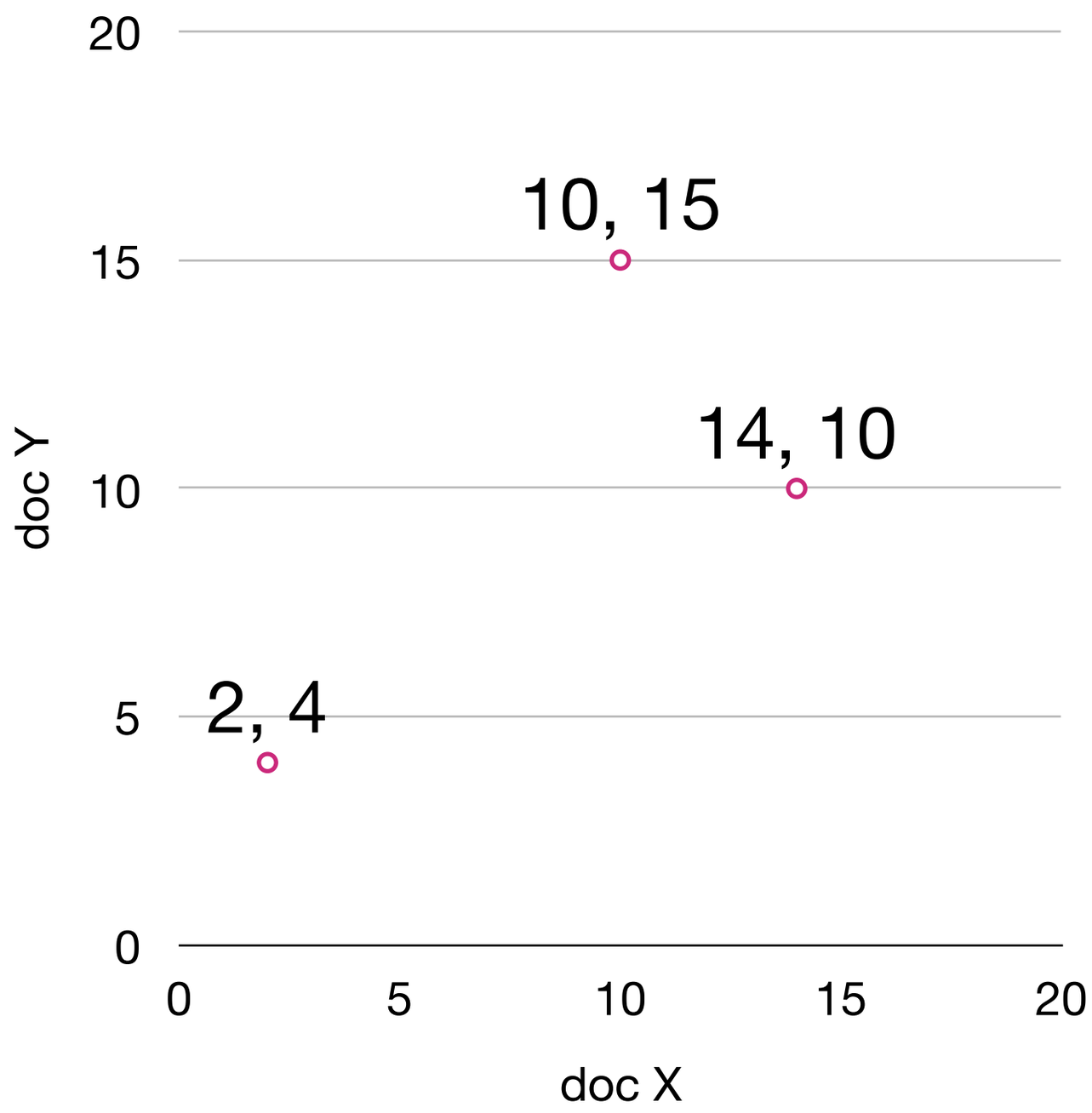

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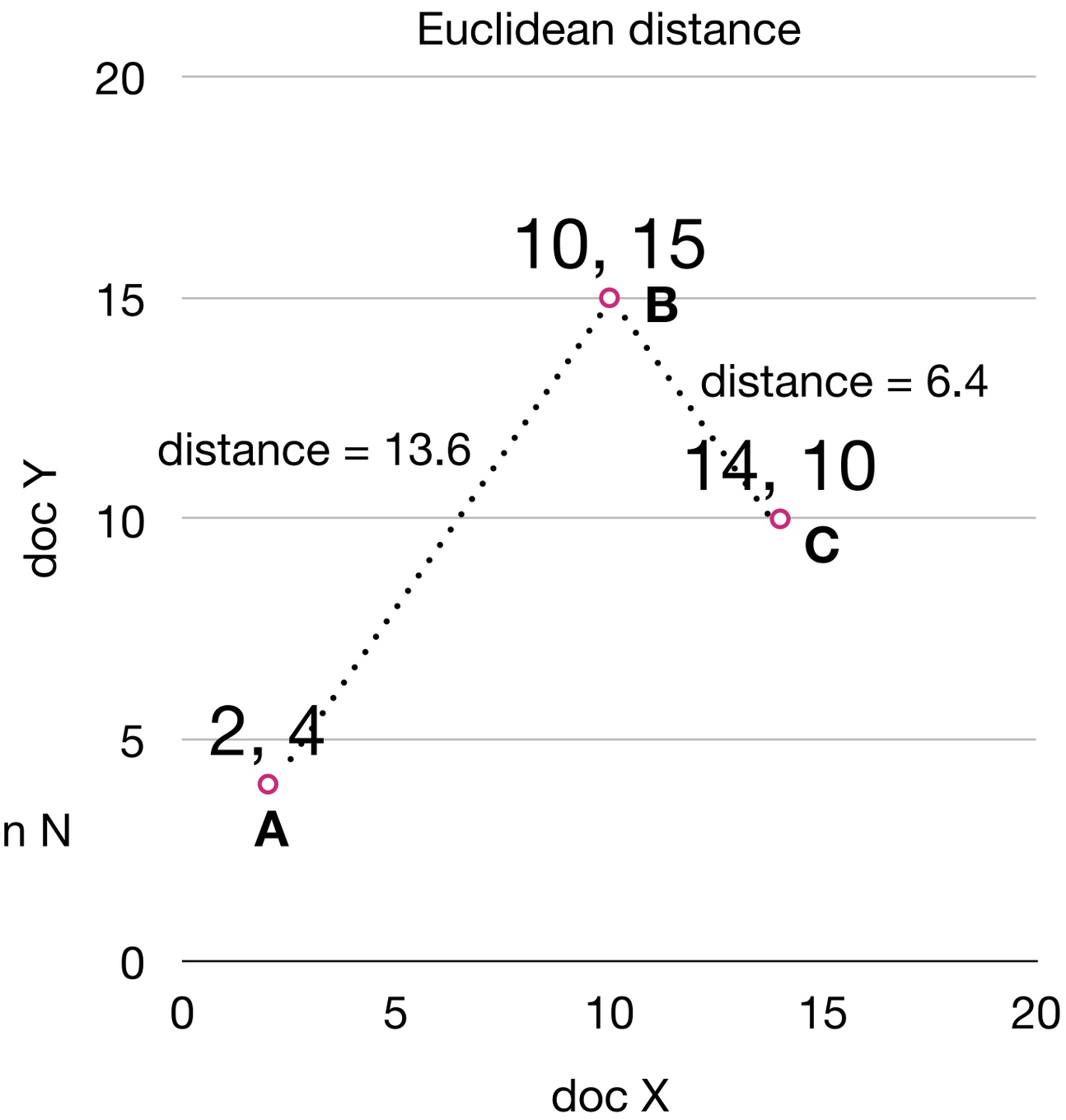

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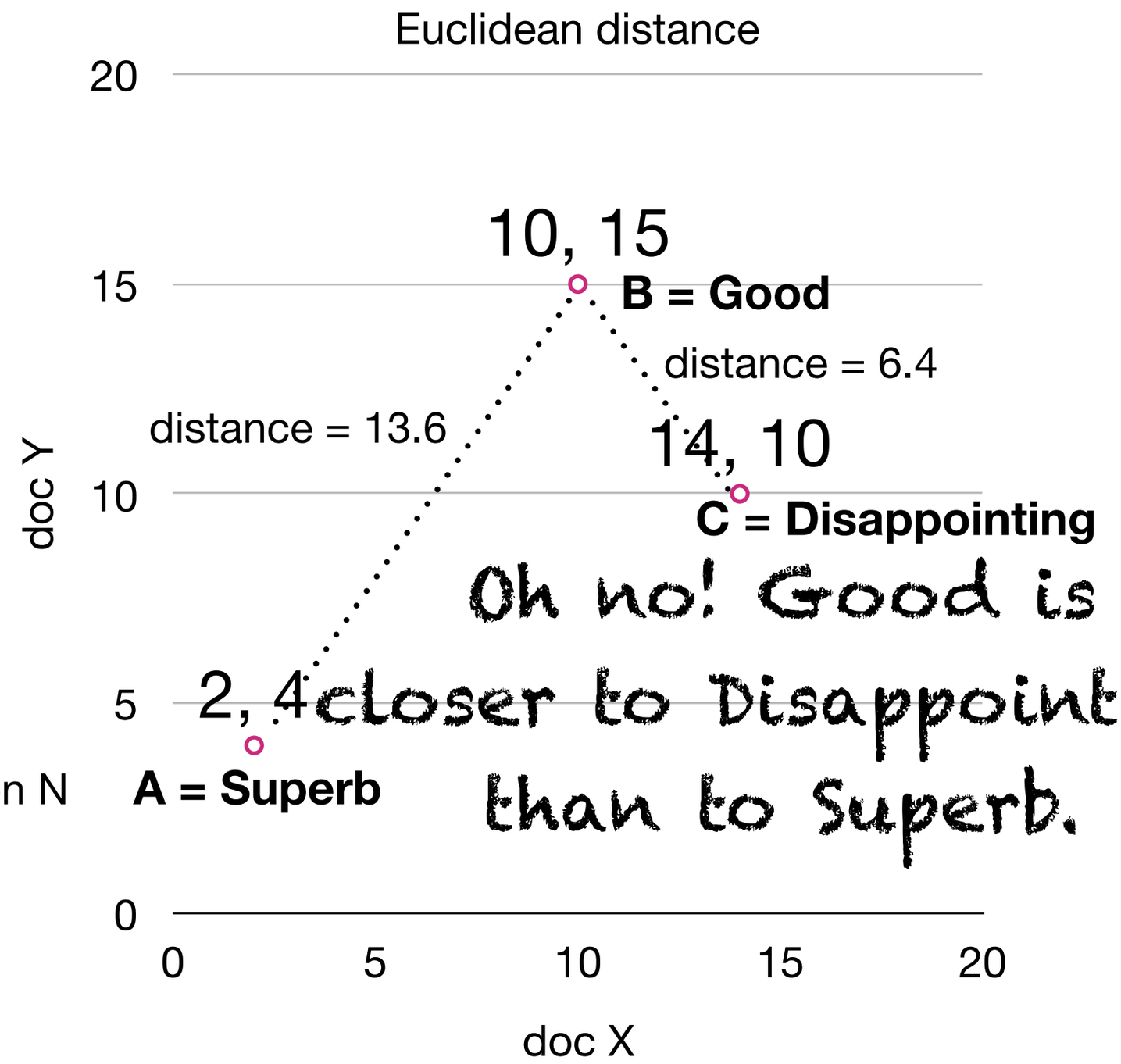

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Vector L2 (length) Normalization

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A	2	4	4.47
B	10	15	18.02
C	14	10	17.20

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^2}$$

Vector L2 (length) Normalization

	doc_X	doc_Y	$\|u\|$
A	2/4.47	4/4.47	4.47
B	10/18.02	15/18.02	18.02
C	14/17.2	10/17.2	17.20

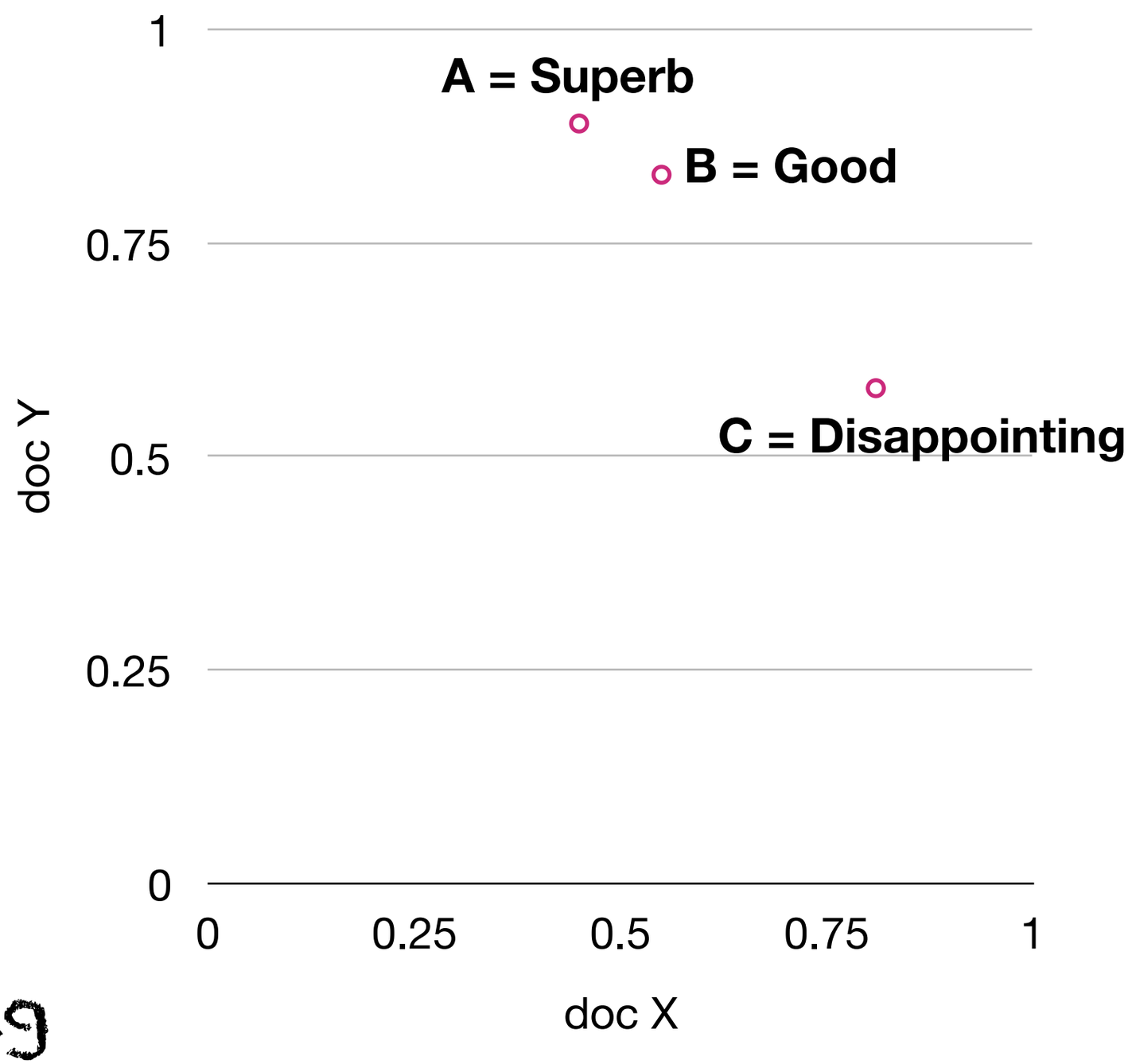
$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^2}$$

Divide each vector by its L2 length

Vector L2 (length) Normalization

	doc_X	doc_Y
Ȧ	0.45	0.89
Ḃ	0.55	0.83
Ċ	0.81	0.58

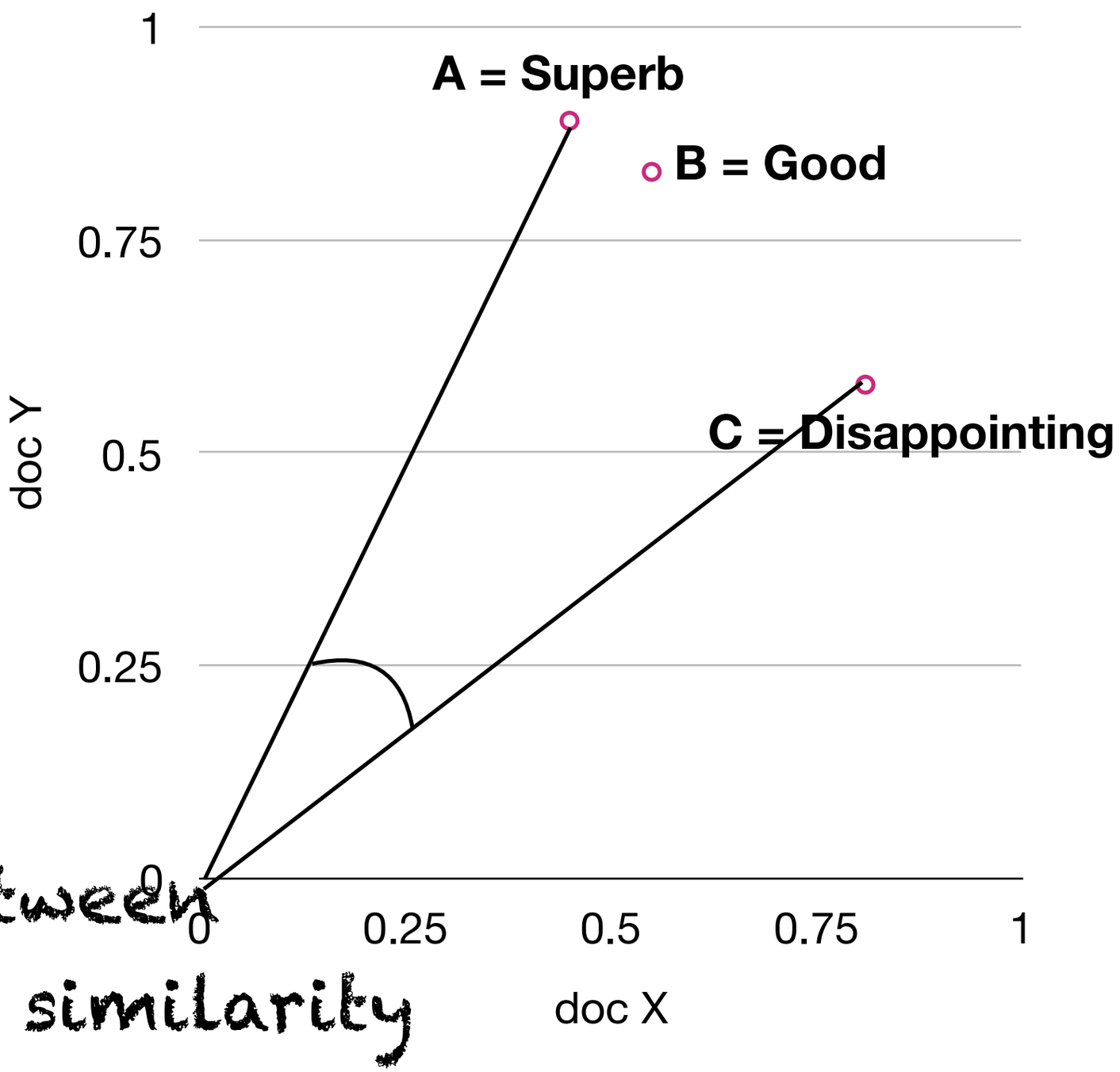
Now Good is closer to Superb than to Disappointing



Cosine Distance

$$1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i \times v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^2} \times \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i^2}}$$

Cosine does the L2 normalization too



Cosine angle between vectors tells us their similarity

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Length of the vector is now |V| instead of number of documents

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The value in a cell indicates how often abandon appears in a context window surrounding abdicate

Context windows

w-2, w-1 **target_word** w+1 w+2

The government most not **abdicate** responsibility to non-elected
it has led men to **abdicate** their family responsibilities
other demands, but declining to **abdicate** his responsibility
leaders **abdicate** their role and present people with no plans

	his	leaders	not	responsibility	to
abandon	1	1	1	2	3

Context windows

- Occur in a window of +/- 2 words, in the same sentence, in the same document

- Instead of window of words use more complex contexts: dependency patters. Subj-of-verb, adj-mod, obj-of-verb

- Languages have long distance dependencies

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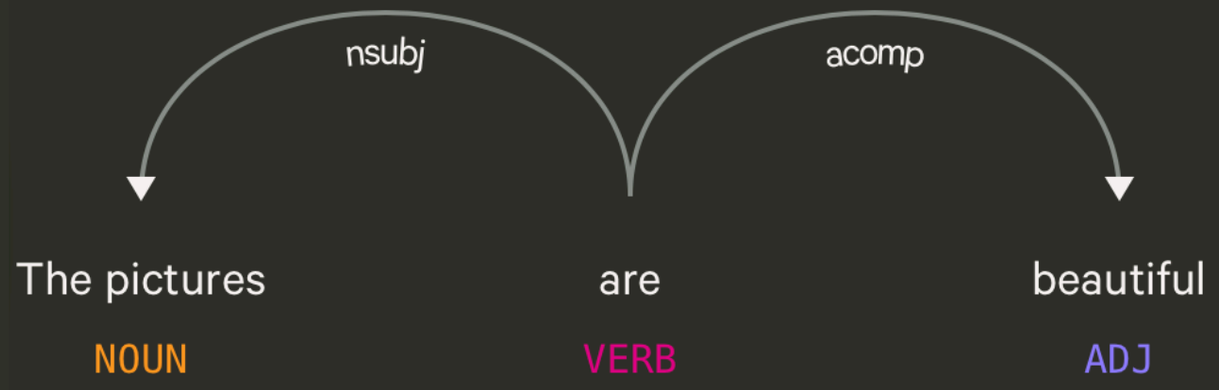
  *The **pictures** of the old man **are** beautiful.*
  *The **pictures** of the old man holding his grandchild **are** beautiful.*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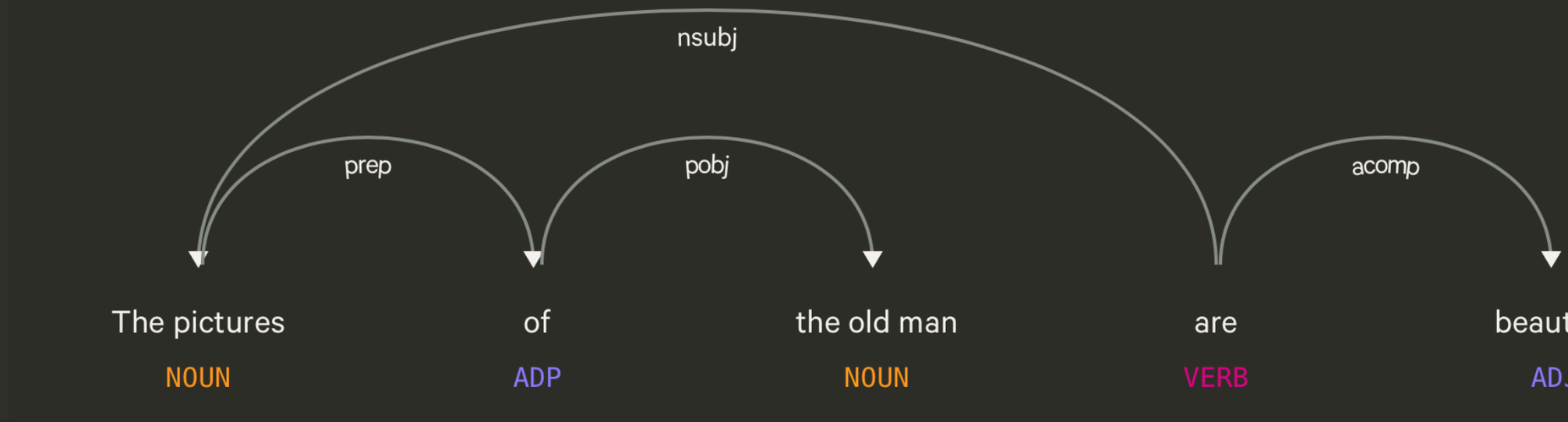
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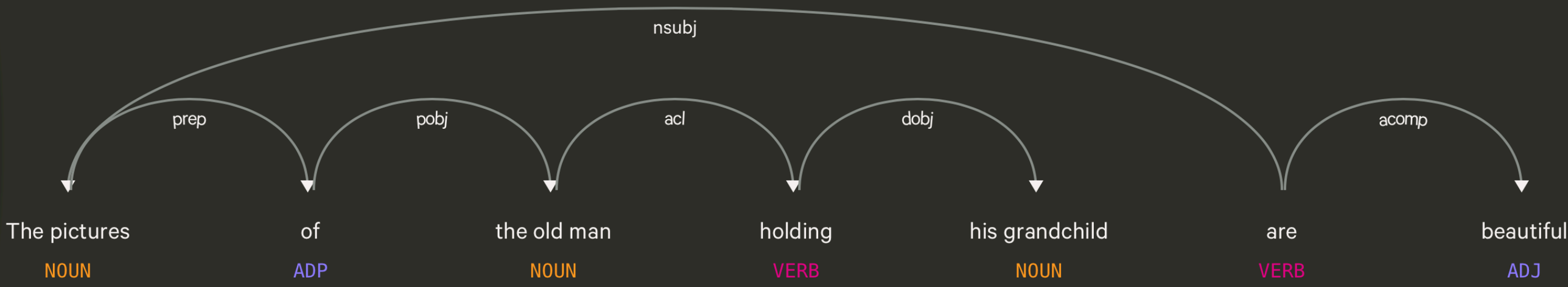
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Using syntax to define a word's context

- Zellig Harris (1968) "The meaning of entities, and the meaning of grammatical relations among them, is related to the restriction of combinations of these entities relative to other entities"

- **Duty** and **Responsibility** have similar syntactic distributions

Modified by adjectives	additional, administrative, assumed, collective, congressional, constitutional …
Object of verbs	assert, assign, assume, attend to, avoid, become, breach..

Alternates to counts

- Raw word frequency is not a great measure of association between words. It's very skewed "the" and "of" are very frequent, but maybe not the most discriminative

- We'd rather have a measure that asks whether a context word is particularly informative about the target word.

- Instead of raw counts, it's common to transform vectors using TF-IDF or PPMI

TF-IDF

*Term frequency * inverse document frequency*

How often a word occurred in a document

1 over the number of documents that it occurred in

Sparse v. Dense Vectors

- Co-occurrence matrix (weighted by TF-IDF or mutual information)
  - **Long** (length |V| = 50,000+)
  - **Sparse** (most elements are zeros)
- Alternative: learn vectors that are
  - **Short** (length 200-1000)
  - **Dense** (most elements are non-zero)

Sparse v. Dense Vectors

- Why dense vectors? Short vectors may be easier to use as features in machine learning (fewer weights to tune)

- Dense vectors may *generalize* better than storing explicit counts

- Neural networks produce dense vectors as output from their final hidden layer. These "word embeddings" are very popular at the moment

Skip-grams, CBOW

Mikolov et al. 2013

Learn embeddings as part of the process of word prediction.

Train a neural network to predict neighboring words

Inspired by neural net language models.

In so doing, learn dense embeddings for the words in the training corpus.

Advantages:

Fast, easy to train (much faster than SVD)

Available online in the word2vec package

Including sets of pretrained embeddings!

Skip-Grams

- Predict each neighboring word in a context window of 2C of surrounding words
- So for C=2, we are given a word w_t and we try to predict its 4 surrounding words
- $$[w_{t-2}, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, w_{t+2}]$$
- Uses "negative sampling" for training

Negative sampling

lemon, a [tablespoon of apricot preserves or] jam

c1 c2 w c3 c4

We want predictions
of these words to be high

And these words to be low

[cement metaphysical dear coaxial apricot attendant whence forever puddle]

n1 n2 n3 n4 n5 n6 n7 n8

Neural Network

Input layer

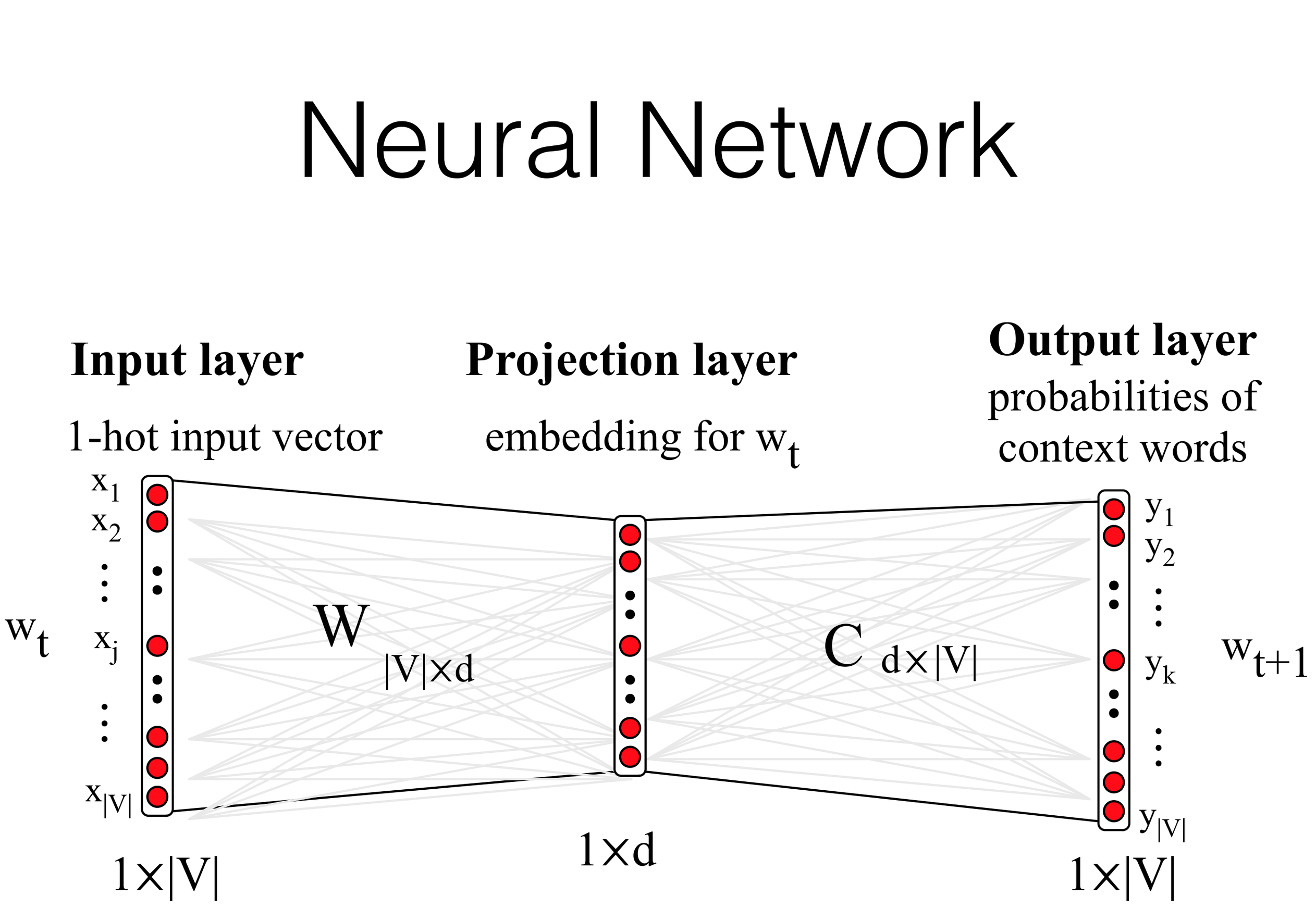
1-hot input vector

Projection layer

embedding for w_t

Output layer

probabilities of context words



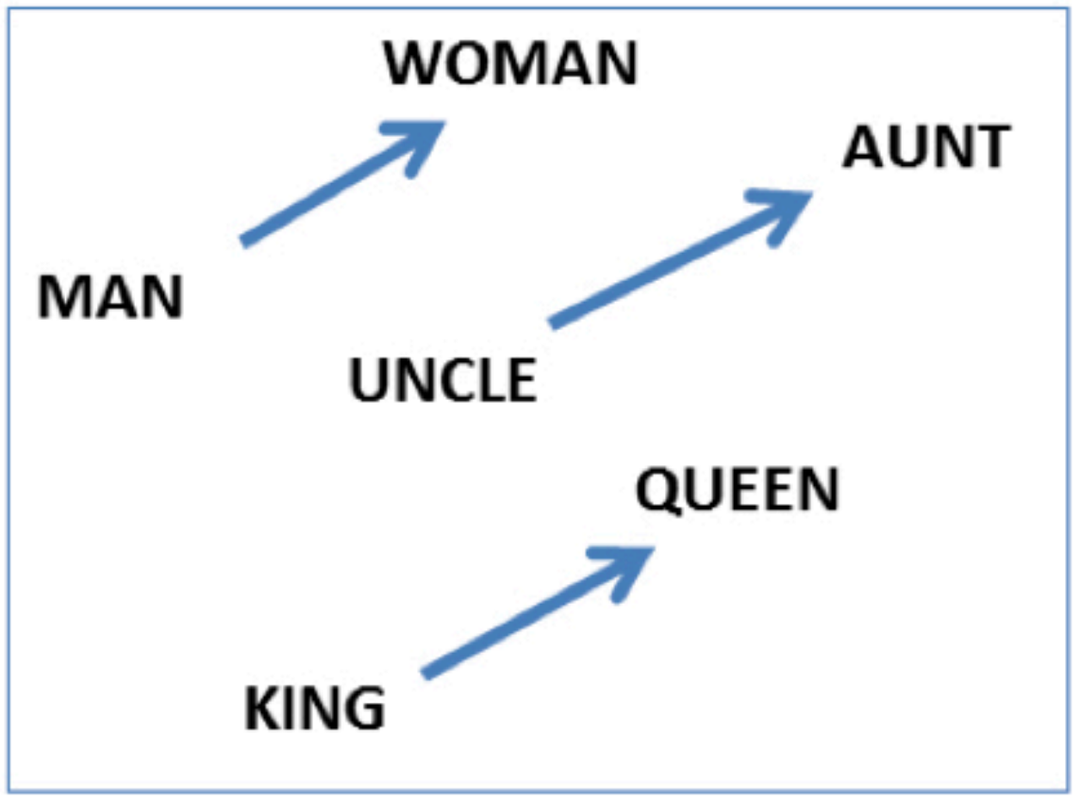
Properties of Embeddings

- Nearest Neighbors are surprisingly good

Redmond	Havel	ninjutsu	graffiti	capitulate
Redmond Wash.	Vaclav Havel	ninja	spray paint	capitulation
Redmond Washington	president Vaclav Havel	martial arts	grafitti	capitulated
Microsoft	Velvet Revolution	swordsmanship	taggers	capitulating

Embeddings capture relational meanings

- .vector('king') - vector('man') + vector('queen') ≅ vector('woman')



Magnitude: A Fast, Efficient Universal Vector Embedding Utility Package

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Abstract

Vector space embedding models like word2vec, GloVe, and fastText are extremely popular representations in natural language processing (NLP) applications. We present Magnitude, a fast, lightweight tool for utilizing and processing embeddings. Magnitude is an open source Python package with a compact vector storage file format that allows for efficient manipulation of huge numbers of embeddings. Magnitude performs common operations up to 60 to 6,000 times faster than Gensim. Magnitude introduces several

Metric	Cold	Warm
Initial load time	97x	–
Single key query	1x	110x
Multiple key query (n=25)	68x	3x
k-NN search query (k=10)	1x	5,935x

Table 1: Speed comparison of Magnitude versus Gensim for common operations. The 'cold' column represents the first time the operation is called. The 'warm' column indicates a subsequent call with the same keys.

file, a 97x speed-up. Gensim uses 5GB of RAM versus 18KB for Magnitude.

Demo of word vectors

```
# Install Magnitude
pip3 install pymagnitude

# Download Google's word2vec vectors
wget http://magnitude.plasticity.ai/word2vec+approx/GoogleNews-vectors-negative300.magnitude
# Warning it's 11GB large

# Start Python, and try the commands
# on the next slide
python3
```

Demo of word vectors

```
from pymagnitude import *
vectors = Magnitude("GoogleNews-vectors-
negative300-2.magnitude")

queen = vectors.query('queen')
king = vectors.query("king")
vectors.similarity(king, queen)
# 0.6510958

vectors.most_similar_approx(king, topn=5)
#[('king', 1.0), ('kings', 0.72),
('prince', 0.62), ('sultan', 0.59),
('ruler', 0.58)]
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How many dimensions?

What modifications should we make to the input?

How do we pick the right combination?

Evaluating word vectors

2 kinds of evaluation:

1) Extrinsic evaluation = task based

2) Intrinsic

Psycholinguistics Data

Cos sim	U	V	Judgements
…	Love	Sex	6.8
	Tiger	Cat	7.3
	Tiger	Tiger	10
	Fertility	Egg	6.7
	Stock	Egg	1.8
	Professor	Cucumber	0.3

Computing correlation

Human ordering

Love	Sex	>	Professor	Cucumber

System ordering predicts

< … this is a discordant pair

> … this is a concordant pair

Does similarity == semantics?

- Word vectors fail to capture logical implications

  Dog(x) → Animal(x)
  Dog(x) → not (Gorilla(x))

- Word vectors for antonyms or logically exclusive things are often very similar
  sim(boys, girls)
  sim(cats, dogs)
  sim(France, Germany)
  sim(rise, fall)

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