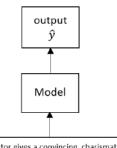
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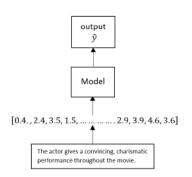
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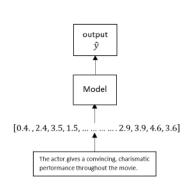


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One-hot vectors (simple representation)

Corpus

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 $\mathcal{V} = [$ the, actor, gives, a, convincing performance, movie, is, very, powerful, was, awful]

- Given a corpus, consider the set V of all unique words in the input (all sentences or documents)
- $m{ ilde{m{ ilde{}}}}$ $\mathcal V$ is called the **vocabulary** of the corpus
- Each word in \mathcal{V} needs a representation.

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$$\sqrt{2}$$
; euclid_dist(cat, car) = $\sqrt{2}$
cosine_sim(cat, dog) = 0; cosine_sim(cat, car) = 0

• ideally, cat and dog should be represented closer compared to cat and car

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Why similarity between words matter?

• if we can learn:

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"fast" is similar to "rapid"

"tall" is similar to "height"
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useful for question answering task

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Question: "How tall is Mount Everest?"
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Candidate answer: "The official height of Mount Everest is 29029 feet".

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Plagiarism Detection

MAINFRAMES

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Do words have meanings?

Not really.

They just borrow meanings from their neighbours

Distributional Hypothesis



J. R. Firth

"You shall know a word by the company it keeps"

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Quiz

- X is a device that is easy to carry around, you can speak using X, watch the Internet. It was manufactured by Apple. What could be X?
 - a dog
 - an airplane
 - an iPhone
 - a banana

But is that really true?

- Don't dictionaries define the meanings of words?
 - Dictionaries define the meanings of words using other words, in a recursive manner.
- Distributional hypothesis provides us with a practical method to learn the meanings of words using text corpora
- Distributional semantic representations have been successfully used in numerous NLP tasks reporting state-of-the-art performances.

Therefore, it must be correct.

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 Similarity between two words can be measured using overlapping features/attributes in their respective semantic representations

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Jaccard Coefficienct = | apple AND orange | / | apple OR orange | sim(apple, orange) = 2/6 = 0.3333
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Co-occurrence Matrix

- We can arrange the semantic representations
- We learn for all the words in a corpus as rows in a co-occurrence matrix
 - rows = semantic representation of words
 - various features/words that co-occur with words

[1.5]	red	delicious	Washingtor	produce	yellow	California
apple	2	1	1	1	0	0
orange	0	1	0	1	1	1

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Issues of large co-occurrences

- How reliable are large co-occurrences?
- Consider Google hits (no. of pages) for,
 - (car, automobile) = 11,300,000
 - (car, apple) = 49,000,000
- apples are more similar to cars than automobiles ???
- We need proper weighting for co-occurrences (in particular when some words are very common)

Co-occurrence Weighting Measures

- combines scores of individual words, h(x), h(y) and co-occurrences between two words h(x, y)
 - weighting function = f(h(x), h(y), h()x, y)
- pointwise mutual information (PMI) (Church & Hanks, 1989)
 - Do words x and y co-occur more than if they were independent
 - $PMI(x, y) = log\left(\frac{p(x, y)}{p(x), p(y)}\right) = log\left(\frac{h(x, y)/N}{(h(x)/N) \times (h(y)/N)}\right)$

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Positive Pointwise Mutual Information

- PMI ranges from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$
- negative values are problematic
 - Unreliable without enormous corpora
 - consider w_1 and w_2 whose probability is each 10^{-6}
 - hard to be sure $p(w_1, w_2)$ is significantly different than 10^{-12}
 - replace negative PMI values by 0
 - Positive PMI (PPMI) between word1 and word2:

$$PMI(x, y) = max(log_2 \frac{h(x, y)/N}{(h(x)/N) \times (h(y)/N)}, 0)$$



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Example contexts: 20 words (Brown corpus)

- equal amount of sugar, a sliced lemon, a tablespoonful of apricot preserve or jam, a pinch each of clove and nutmeg,
- on board for their enjoyment. Cautiously she sampled her first pineapple and another fruit whose taste she likened to that of
- of a recursive type well suited to programming on the digital computer.
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- substantially affect commerce, for the purpose of gathering data and information necessary for the study authorised in the first section of this

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Co-occurrence Matrix

	material	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar
apricot	0	0	0	1	0	1
pinepapple	0	0	0	1	0	1
digital	0	2	1	0	1	0
information	0	1	6	0	4	0

• two words are considered to be similar if their context vectors are similar

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pinepapple	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
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information	0	1	6	0	4	0	11
<i>c</i> (<i>y</i>)	0	3	7	2	5	2	

$$c = count$$

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digital	0.11	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.21	
information	0.05	0.32	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.58	
h(y)	0.16	0.37	0.11	0.26	0.11		



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	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar
apricot	-	-	2.25	-	2.25
pinepapple	-	-	2.25	-	2.25
digital	1.66	0.00	-	0.00	-
information	0.00	0.57	-	0.47	-



PPMI - Example - add-2 smoothing

	without smoothing							
	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar			
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with add-2 smoothing

	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar
apricot	2	2	3	2	3
pinepapple	2	2	3	2	3
digital	4	3	2	3	2
information	3	8	2	6	2

h(x, y) with add-2 smoothing

	(,) / = = =8					
	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar	h(x)
apricot	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.20
pinepapple	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.20
digital	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.10	0.03	0.36
information	0.05	0.14	0.03	0.10	0.03	0.36
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h(x, y) with add-2 smoothing

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pinepapple	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.56		
digital	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
information	0.00	0.57	0.00	0.37	0.00		

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Issues of zero co-occurrences

- Some words never co-occur even in very large corpora.
- If words x and y do not co-occur, then
 - x and y might not be related OR
 - it could be that our corpus was too small and we did not observe their co-occurrences.
- If we have co-occurrence-based semantic representations that have many zeros, then we will have many zero similarity scores, which is not good.
- How can we reduce the number of zeros?



Dimensionality reduction / Low-dimensional projection

- We can reduce the number of features (columns) thereby collapsing similar dimensions.
- This process will reduce the number of zeros.

Note that the number of words (rows) does not change. Therefore, we have a representation for all the words that appear in the original co-occurrence matrix.

Dimensionality reduction methods

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
 - A = UDV^T, use U or UD as the lower-dimensional projection
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
 - See the lecture on dimensionality reduction
- non-negative matrix factorization (NMF)
 - A = WH
- There are many libraries that implement the above (and many more)
 - · In Python: numpy, scipy, sklearn



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Selecting context

- How to select the "context"?
 - · sentence-level co-occurrences
 - proximity window (n words before/after)
 - Words that are connected via dependency relations

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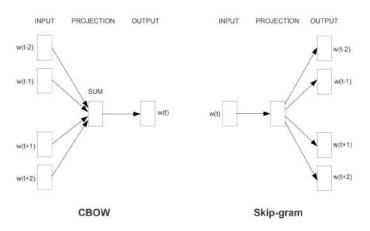


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CBOW Model

• given context (window of words), predict words

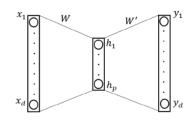


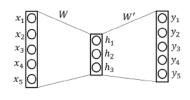
Figure: Architecture of CBOW model

- input: $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = \mathcal{V}$, size of the vocabulary
- hidden layer: $\mathbf{h} = W^T x$
- output: $\mathbf{u} = W'^T \mathbf{h}$

 $\mathbf{y} = \phi(\mathbf{u}); \phi = \text{activation function}$

$$y_i = \frac{\exp(v_w'^T, v_c)}{\sum_{w=1}^{\mathcal{V}} \exp(v_w'^T, v_c)}$$

• parameters: $\{v_c \in W, v_w \in W'\}$



Toy corpus:

- The dog ran
- The cat screamed

 $\mathcal{V} = [\mathsf{the},\,\mathsf{dog},\,\mathsf{ran},\,\mathsf{can},\,\mathsf{screamed}]$

One-hot vector representation:

the	[1, 0, 0, 0, 0]
dog	[0, 1, 0, 0, 0]
ran	[0, 0, 1, 0, 0]
cat	[0, 0, 0, 1, 0]
screamed	[0, 0, 0, 0, 1]

- learn relation between *cat* and *screamed*, compute $P(word \mid context) = P(w \mid c)$
- input word would be cat
- hidden vector $\mathbf{h} = W^T \mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{h}_{3\times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} [1.5]h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} [1.5]w_{11} & w_{21} & w_{31} & w_{41} & w_{51} \\ w_{12} & w_{22} & w_{32} & w_{42} & w_{52} \\ w_{13} & w_{23} & w_{33} & w_{43} & w_{53} \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 5} \begin{bmatrix} [1.5]0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{5\times 1}$$

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Remember, we are computing $\mathbf{h} = W^T \mathbf{x}$ (hidden representation of context)

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- note, the fourth column of W^T is h
- note the fourth column of W^T is the fourth row of W
- in the toy example, $W^T \mathbf{x}$ is the 4th row of W
- to generalise, $W^T \mathbf{x}$ is the kth row of W let us denote

$$h = W^T \mathbf{x} = v_c \tag{1}$$

 v_c can also be regarded as the context vector in W

W12 W₂₂ W32 W52

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from hidden to output layer

we compute $\mathbf{u} = W'^T \mathbf{h}$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} [1.5]w_{11}' & w_{21}' & w_{31}' \\ w_{12}' & w_{22}' & w_{32}' \\ w_{13}' & w_{23}' & w_{33}' \\ w_{14}' & w_{24}' & w_{34}' \\ w_{15}' & w_{25}' & w_{35}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} [1.5]h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

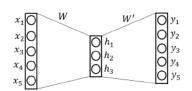
$$u_i = W_{i}^{T} \mathbf{h}$$

 W_{ij}^{T} is the *i*th row of W^{T} , which is the *i*th column in W^{T}

let us denote

$$W_{:i}{}^{\prime}{}^{T}=v_{w} \tag{2}$$

 v_W is also the word vector in W'



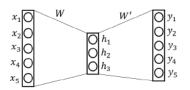


- $y_i = \phi(u_i)$
- softmax activation is used to compute probability for each y_i

$$y_i = \frac{\exp(u_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{V}} \exp(u_i)}$$

$$y_i = rac{\exp(W_{:i}{}^{\prime}{}^{T}\mathbf{h})}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{V}}\exp(W_{:i}{}^{\prime}{}^{T}\mathbf{h})}$$

- from (1) and (2): $y_i = \frac{\exp(v_w^T v_c)}{\sum_{w=1}^{V} \exp(v_w^T v_c)}$
- To train the network, we learn v_w , v_c
- objective function: since we predict probabilities at each y_i, we can use maximum likelihood to maximise the likelihood of observing the data





maximise log likelihood of the model

parameters:
$$\theta = \{v_c, v_w\}$$

likelihood: $L(\theta) = \prod_{w \in V} P(w \mid c; \theta)$
 $L = \log(L(\theta)) = \sum_{w \in V} \log P(w \mid c; \theta)$
 $L = \sum_{w \in V} \log \frac{\exp(v_w^T v_c)}{\sum_{w=1}^{\mathcal{V}} \exp(v_w^T v_c)}$
 $L = \sum_{w \in V} v_w^T v_c - \log \sum_{w=1}^{\mathcal{V}} \exp(v_w^T v_c)$

- compute $\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_w}$, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_c}$ to maximise the likelihood
- consider $\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_w} = v_c \frac{1}{\sum_{w=1}^{V} exp(v_w^T v_c)} exp(v_w^T v_c)v_c$



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• update gradients using gradient descent.

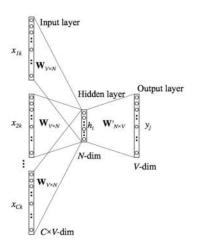
$$v_w = v_w - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_w}$$

$$v_w = v_w - \eta [v_c (1 - P(w \mid c))]$$

• similarly $\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_c}$ can be computed to update v_c .

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CBOW Model- multiple context words



Continuous bag-of-word and skip-gram

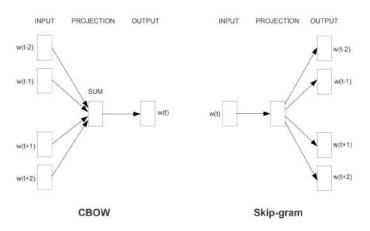
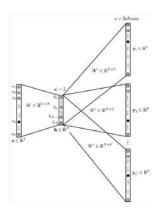


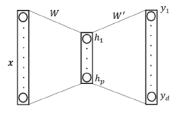
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Skip-gram model

- architecture similar to CBOW model
- given input word (center word) predict context words
- CBOW model: one set of output probabilities; Skip-gram model: c set of output probabilities.
- output: $y_i = \frac{\exp(v_w^T v_c)}{\sum_{w=1}^{V} \exp(v_w^T v_c)}$
- computationally expensive to compute softmax function $(10^5 10^7 terms)$.
- solution: negative sampling

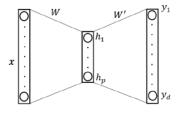


- turn unsupervised learning into supervised learning.
- create two sets of word pairs:
 - D: set of all word pairs (w, c)
 present in the text
 - \mathcal{D}' : set of all word pairs (w, c) that are not present in the text
- we can now define:
 - z = 1 if $(w, c) \in \mathcal{D}$
 - z = 0 if $(w, c) \in \mathcal{D}'$



- instead, we can compute probabilities using logistic regression
 - $P(z = 1 \mid w, c)$ is the probability that (w, c) is in \mathcal{D}
 - $P(z = 0 \mid w, c)$ is the probability that (w, c) is in \mathcal{D}'
- we have turned the task into classification problem
- we can apply logistic function to compute probabilities

thus, $P(z = 1 \mid w, c) = \sigma(v_c^T v_w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_c^T v_w}}$



• if,
$$P(z = 1 \mid w, c) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_c^T v_w}}$$

• then $P(z = 0 \mid w, c) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_c^T v_w}}$

$$P(z = 0 \mid w, c) = \frac{e^{-v_c^T v_w}}{1 + e^{-v_c^T v_w}}$$

$$P(z = 0 \mid w, c) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{v_c^T v_w}} = \sigma(-v_c^T v_w)$$

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lacktriangle to find v_c, v_w , we can use maximum likelihood for all (w,c) pairs in $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'$

thus:
$$L(\theta) = \prod_{(w,c) \in \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'} \left(\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_c^T v_w}} \right)^z \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{v_c^T v_w}} \right)^{(1-z)} \right)$$

• to find the log likelihood:

$$\log(L(\theta)) = \sum_{(w,c) \in \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'} z \log\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-v_c^T v_w}}\right) + (1-z) \log\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{v_c^T v_w}}\right)$$



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• to further simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(L(\theta)) &= \sum_{(w,c) \in \mathcal{D}} \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-v_c^T v_w}}\right) + \sum_{(w,c) \in \mathcal{D}'} \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{v_c^T v_w}}\right) \\ \log(L(\theta)) &= \sum_{(w,c) \in \mathcal{D}} \log\sigma(v_c^T v_w) + \sum_{(w,c) \in \mathcal{D}'} \log\sigma(-v_c^T v_w) \end{aligned}$$

loss function :

$$\log \sigma({v_{w_O}'}^\top v_{w_I}) + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim P_n(w)} \left[\log \sigma(-{v_{w_i}'}^\top v_{w_I}) \right]$$



- provides computationally efficient approximation of the full softmax
- main advantage is that instead of evaluating W output nodes to obtain probability distribution, we evaluate about $\log_2(W)$
- the depth of the binary tree depends on the vocabulary
- the path to any given word in the vocabulary is known
- length to reach any word is $log_2(\mathcal{V})$



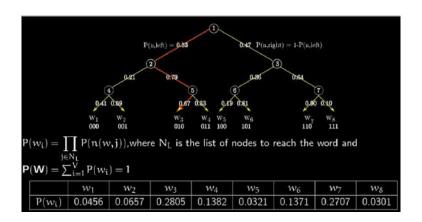
Figure: Balanced Binary Tree

- We can arrange the words using:
 - random order
 - WordNet based rules
 - frequency



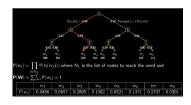
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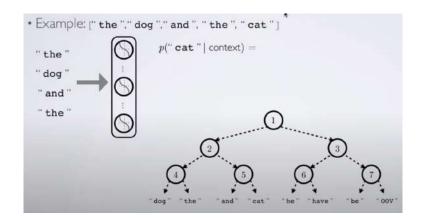
provides a well-defined multinomial distribution among all words

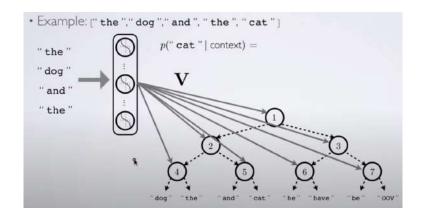


Advantages

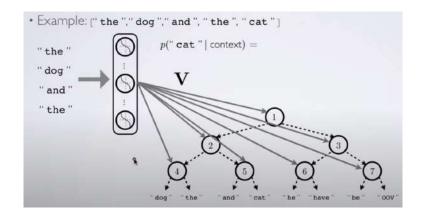
- a flat hierarchy can be decomposed into a binary tree
- The path to each word (leaf) is unique
- Each intermediate node provides the relative probabilities of its child nodes
- every leaf represents the probability of the word



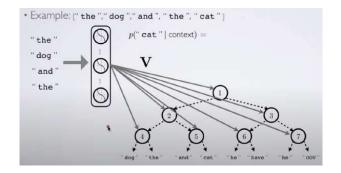




• $P(cat \mid context) = p(branch \mid eft \mid at \mid 1 \mid context)p(\mid branch \mid right \mid at \mid 2 \mid | context)p(\mid branch \mid right \mid at \mid 5 \mid | context)$



- How to compute probabilities at inner nodes?
 - probability at a node to it's right child node $\sigma(v_w \mathbf{h})$
 - probability at a to to its left child node $1 \sigma(v_w \mathbf{h})$



item
$$P(cat \mid context) = (1 - \sigma(v_w \mathbf{h})(\sigma(v_w \mathbf{h}))(\sigma(v_w \mathbf{h}))$$

