

# Semantic Similarity Frontiers:

## From Concepts to Documents



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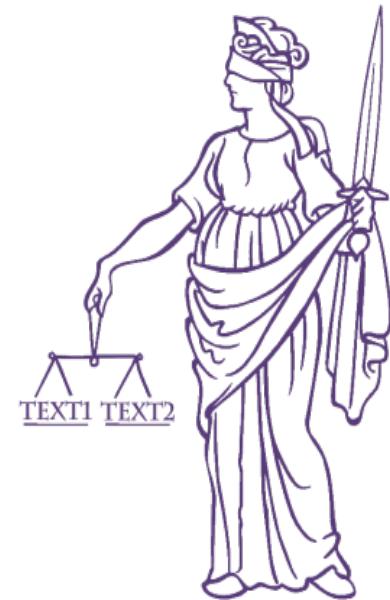


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Semantic Similarity's  
Key Question:  
**How similar are two  
linguistic items?**



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The supervisor reprimanded the

worker

somewhat

The boss promoted the worker

related

Don't we already have  
solutions for semantic similarity?



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- Application-specific similarity functions

# Do we still need *more* methods?

- Semantic similarity itself is not an end-task, but rather a component
  - Applications can select the similarity method that yields the best performance.
- Performance on new benchmarks is still not satisfactory
  - Low hanging similarity fruit is solved, but many challenging cases still remain

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- Target audience: we assume no knowledge of any machine learning or lexical semantics
  - Stop us to ask questions at any time!

# Tutorial *non*-Objectives

- Provide gory details of methodologies
  - We focus more on the landscape and knowing which methods matter
  - But feel free to ask questions on details if interested!
- Covering all work on a similarity task
  - Course materials provide an extended bibliography
  - We focus on the most exciting ideas (to us)

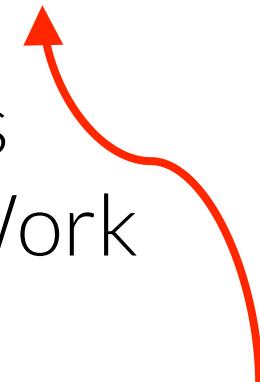
You should leave feeling comfortable knowing what papers to read next, why, and roughly what they're about!

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**Coffee Break happens in here!**  
**10:30 - 11:00**

# Foundations

# Semantic similarity can be defined on many linguistic levels

- Word senses (concepts)
- Words
- Phrases
- Sentences
- Paragraphs
- Documents

For the most part, different algorithms are used for each kind of item being compared.

# Similarity is *graded*

car vs. automobile -> 1.0

car vs. vehicle -> 0.6

car vs. tire -> 0.2

car vs. street -> 0.1

# Similarity has psychological quirks

- Nontransitive
  - Cuba vs. Jamaica
  - Cuba vs. China
  - Jamaica vs. China
- Asymmetric
  - North Korea vs. China
  - China vs. North Korea

**These are ignored by nearly all approaches,  
but see Gawron (2014)**

# Similarity vs. Relatedness

Similarity is a specific type of relatedness

- **Similarity:** synonyms and hyponyms/hyperonyms, and siblings are highly similar
  - Doctor vs. surgeon, Bike vs. bicycle
- **Related:** topically related or based on any other semantic relation
  - Heart vs. surgeon, tyre vs. car

# Relational similarity

- The **degree of correspondence** between two relations:
  - Linux – grep
  - Windows – findstr
  - France – paris
  - Italy – Rome
- SemEval-2012 Task 2: Measuring Degrees of Relational Similarity (Jurgens et al)

# Desiderata for a Semantic Similarity Method

- Consistently interpretable similarity scores with explanations of why similar
- Works well for different types of text (news, web, social media, ...)
- Applicable to multiple linguistic types (words, phrases sentences)

# Typically, two main resources for measuring similarity

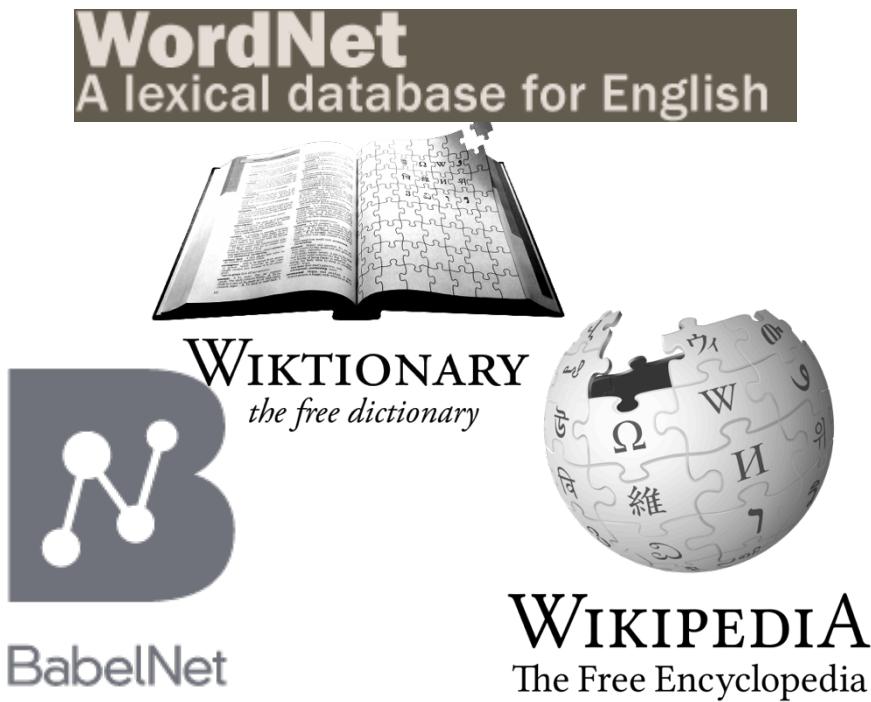


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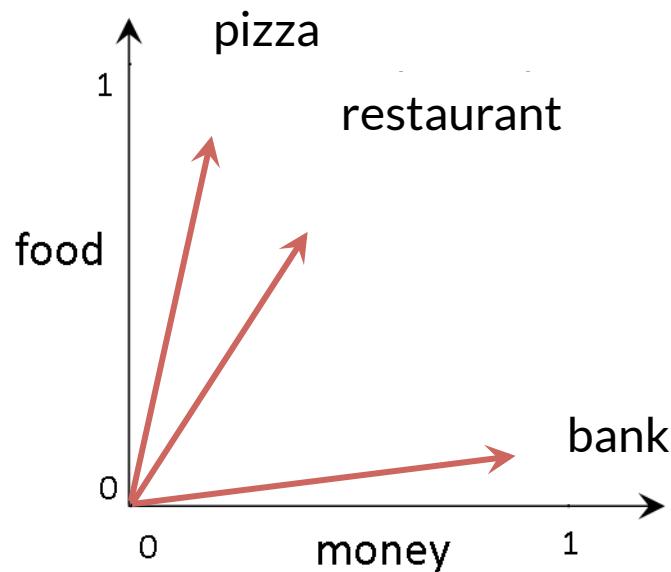
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Semantic resources  
and knowledge bases

# Many methods represent semantics using a vector space model (VSM)

Vector spaces provide a machine-interpretable or mathematical format



# Vector Space Models

- Simple representation based on linear algebra
- Easy comparison of different items based on a continuous scale of similarity
- Supported by studies in Cognitive science
- Flexible way of adjusting the degree of complication through setting the number of dimensions

# Vector Space Models

## Explicit

- Individual dimensions denote specific linguistic items, e.g., words
- Usually higher in dimension
- The vector is interpretable

## Continuous

- Dimensions do not correspond to explicit concepts
- Usually lower in dimension

# Vector Space Models

Vector comparison techniques

Kullback–Leibler (KL) divergence

$$D_{KL} (\mathcal{S}_1 \| \mathcal{S}_2) = \sum_{h \in H} \log_e \left( \frac{\mathcal{S}_1^h}{\mathcal{S}_2^h} \right) \mathcal{S}_1^h$$

Jensen–Shannon (JS) divergence

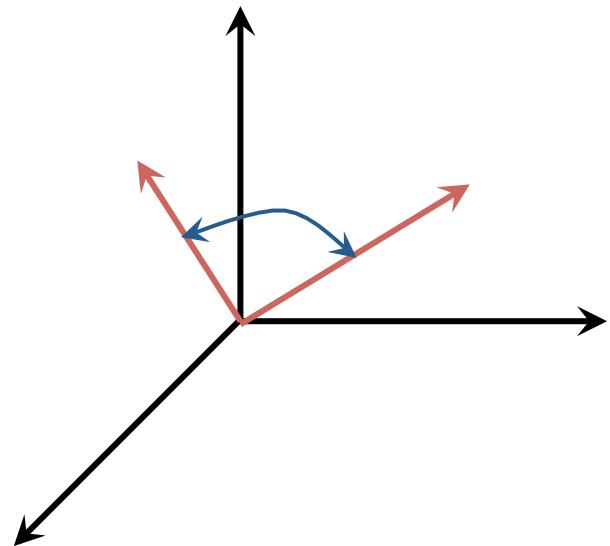
$$D_{JS} (\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2) = \frac{1}{2} D_{KL} \left( \mathcal{S}_1 \middle\| \frac{\mathcal{S}_1 + \mathcal{S}_2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} D_{KL} \left( \mathcal{S}_2 \middle\| \frac{\mathcal{S}_1 + \mathcal{S}_2}{2} \right)$$

# Vector Space Models

Vector comparison techniques

Cosine distance

$$Sim_{Cos} (\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2) = \frac{\mathcal{S}_1 \cdot \mathcal{S}_2}{\|\mathcal{S}_1\| \|\mathcal{S}_2\|}$$



# Vector Space Models

Vector comparison techniques

Tanimoto similarity (1957)

$$f(A, B) = \frac{A \cdot B}{|A|^2 + |B|^2 - A \cdot B}$$

# Vector Space Models

Rank-based Vector comparison techniques

## Rank-Biased Overlap (RBO)

$$RBO(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2) = (1 - p) \sum_{d=1}^{|H|} p^{d-1} \frac{|H_d|}{d}$$

A parameter that determines the relative importance of the top elements.

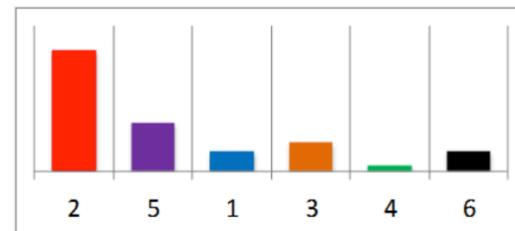
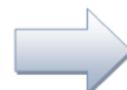
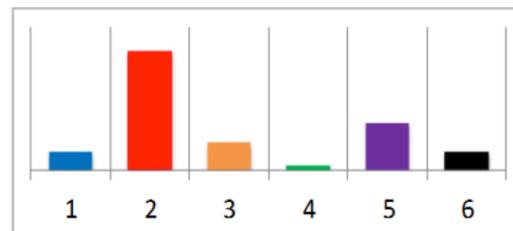
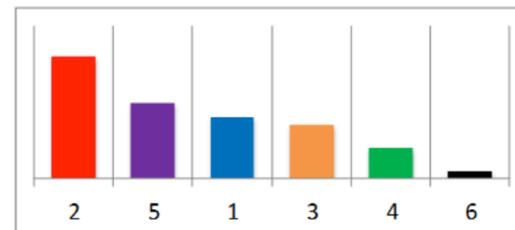
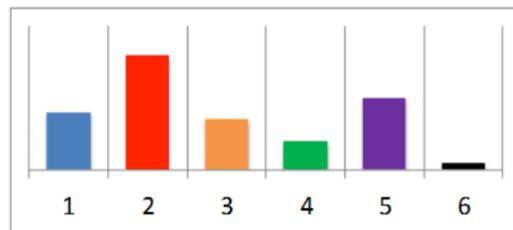
The set of overlapping dimensions between the top- $d$  elements

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## Weighted Overlap

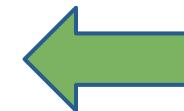
$$Sim_{WO}(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2) = \frac{\sum_{h \in H} (r_h(\mathcal{S}_1) + r_h(\mathcal{S}_2))^{-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^{|H|} (2i)^{-1}}$$



# Semantic Similarity: State of the Art

# Many approaches incorporate techniques from more specific linguistic levels

- Word senses (concepts)
- Words
- Phrases
- Sentences
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Start here and work our way to bigger ideas!

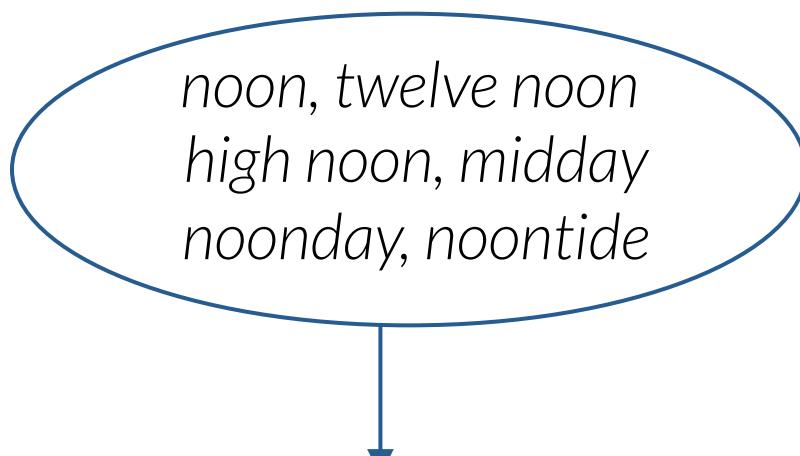
# Semantic Similarity

between word senses

# Concepts vs. senses

A WordNet synset (concept):

the middle of the day



(noon#n#1)

# Applications - general

- Lowest (most fine-grained) level of semantic similarity: can be extended to applications that require higher levels of similarity
  - MT evaluation, paraphrases recognition, textual entailment, information retrieval, question answering, text summarization, lexical substitution or simplification, query expansion

# Applications - specific

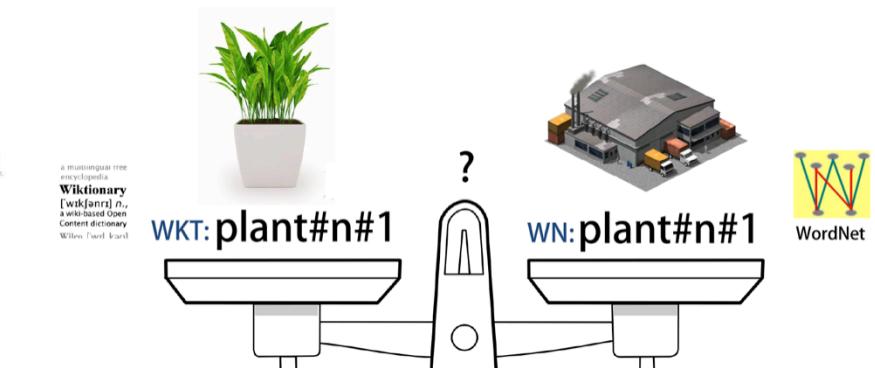
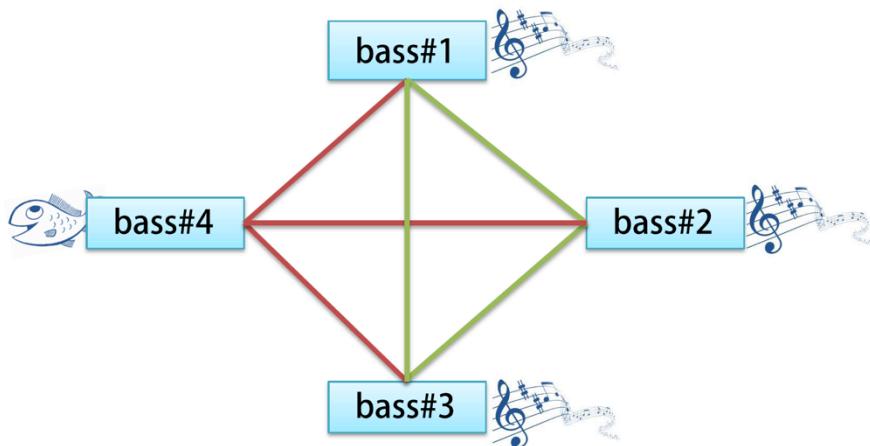
## WSD

install the updated application

- software application?
- application for a job?
- practical usage?

## Coarsening

## Alignment



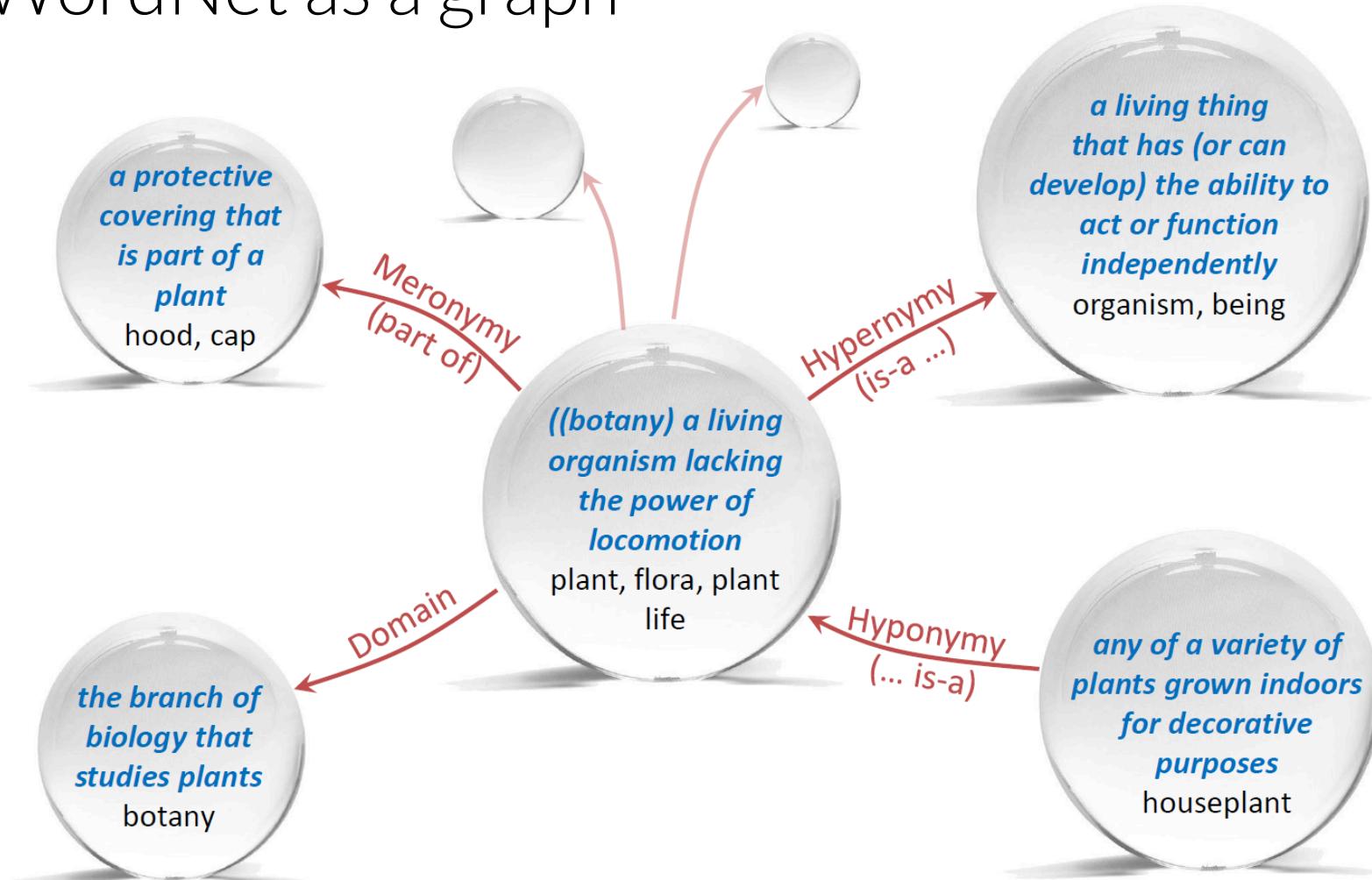
# Sense Similarity Techniques

- Tied to sense inventories
  - Graph distance-based
    - WordNet-based
    - Thesauri-based
    - Dictionary-based
  - Explicit sense representation
    - Simple gloss-based
    - Random walk-based
    - Distributional
- Not tied to sense inventories

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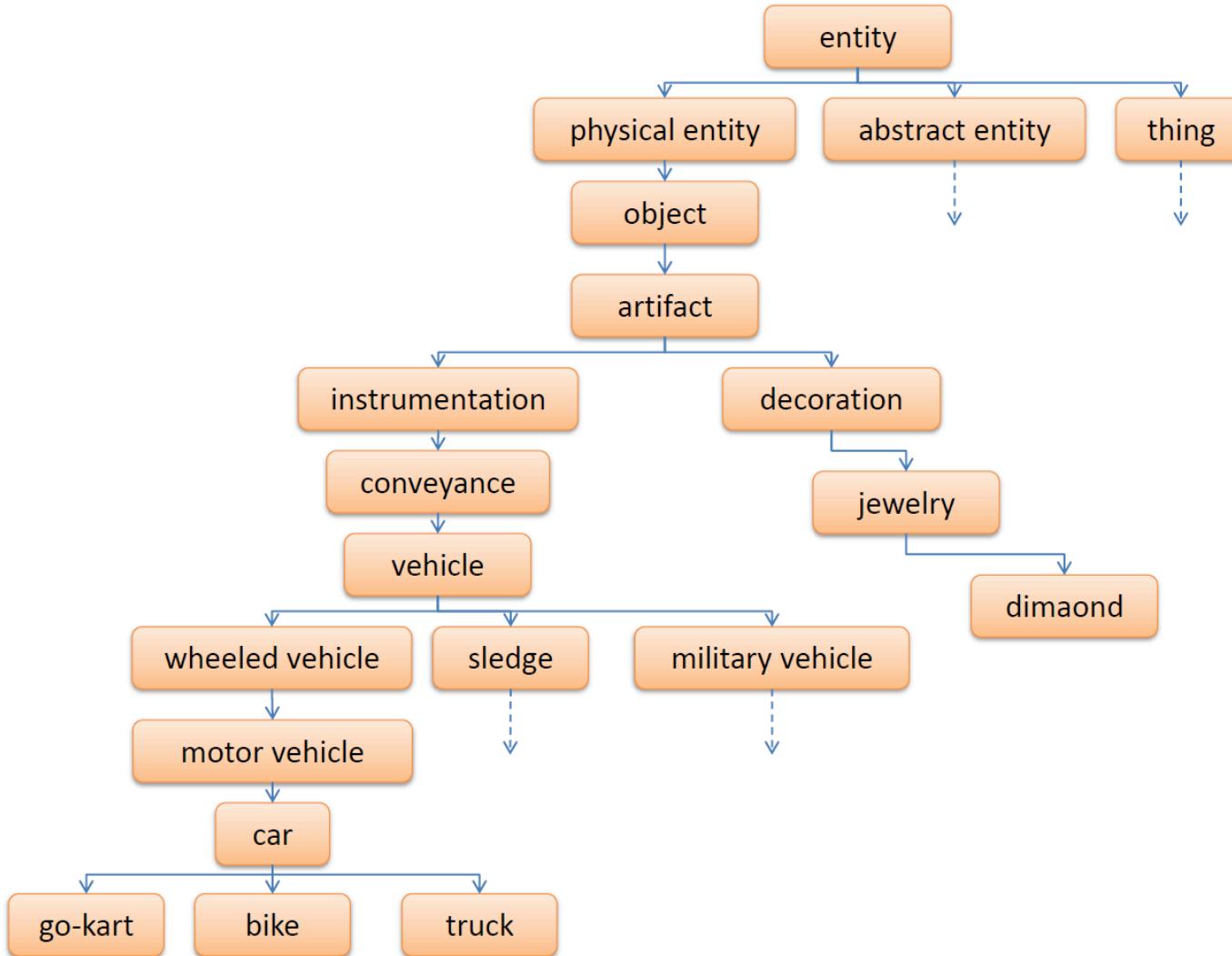
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WordNet as a graph



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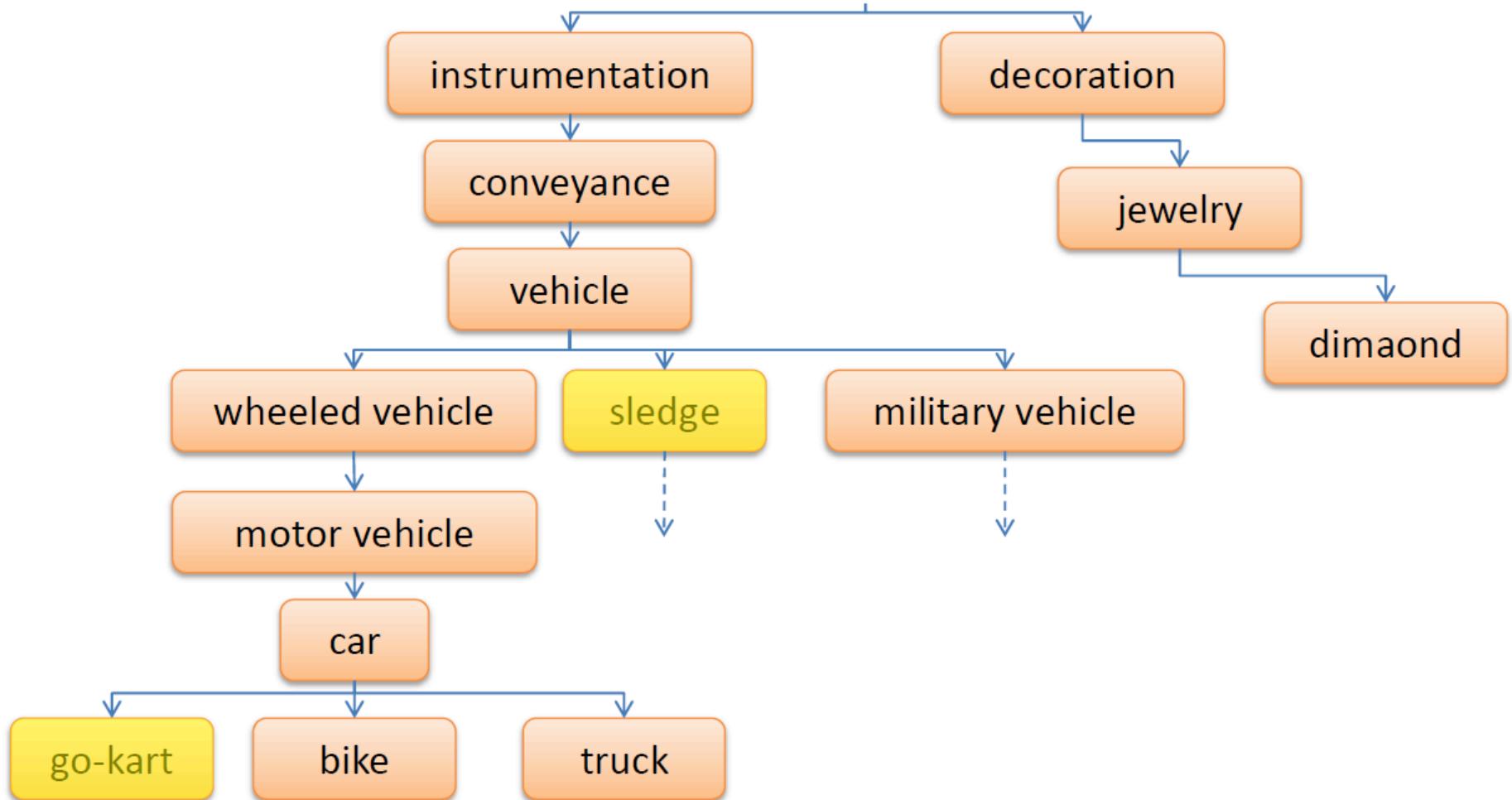
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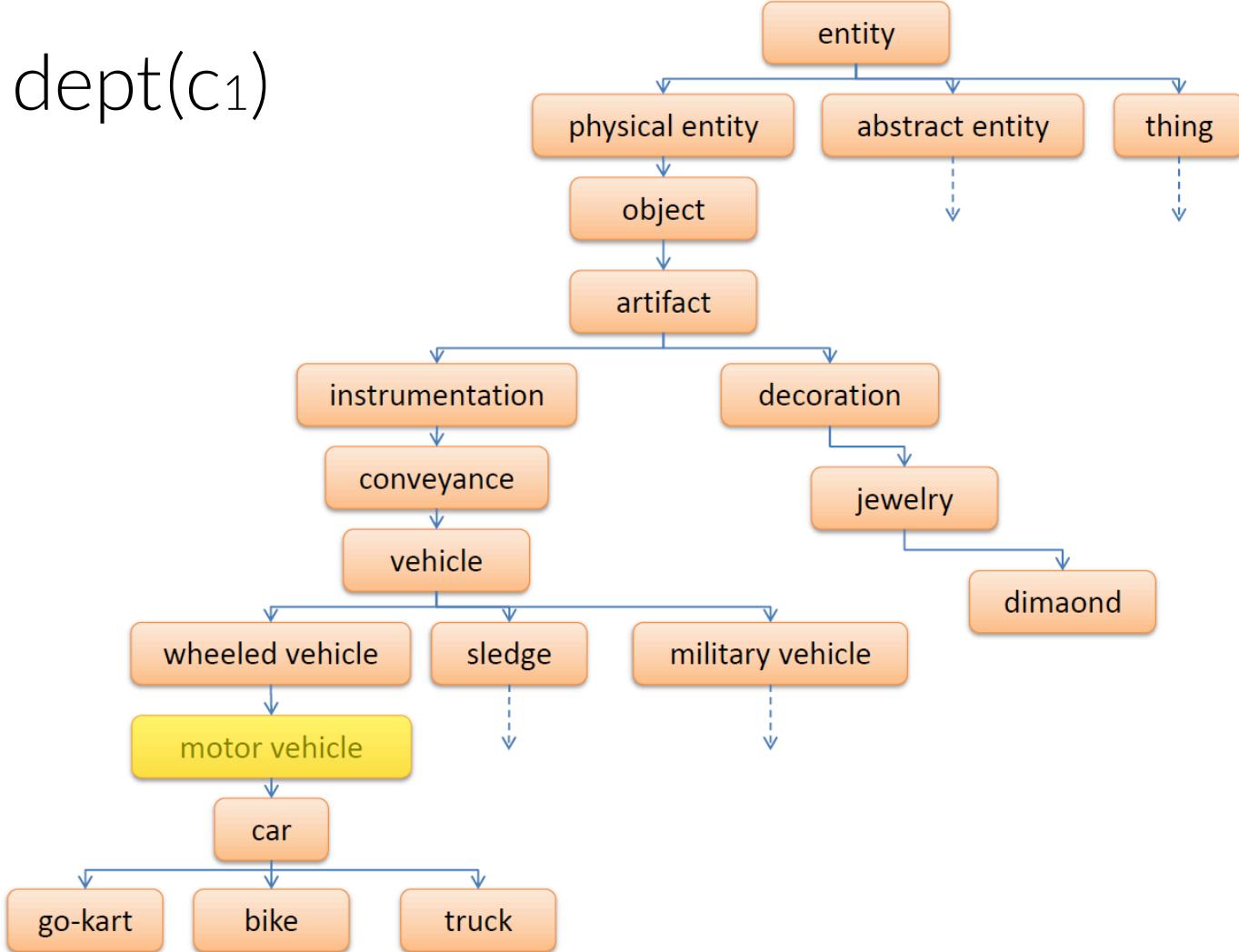
$\text{len}(c_1, c_2)$



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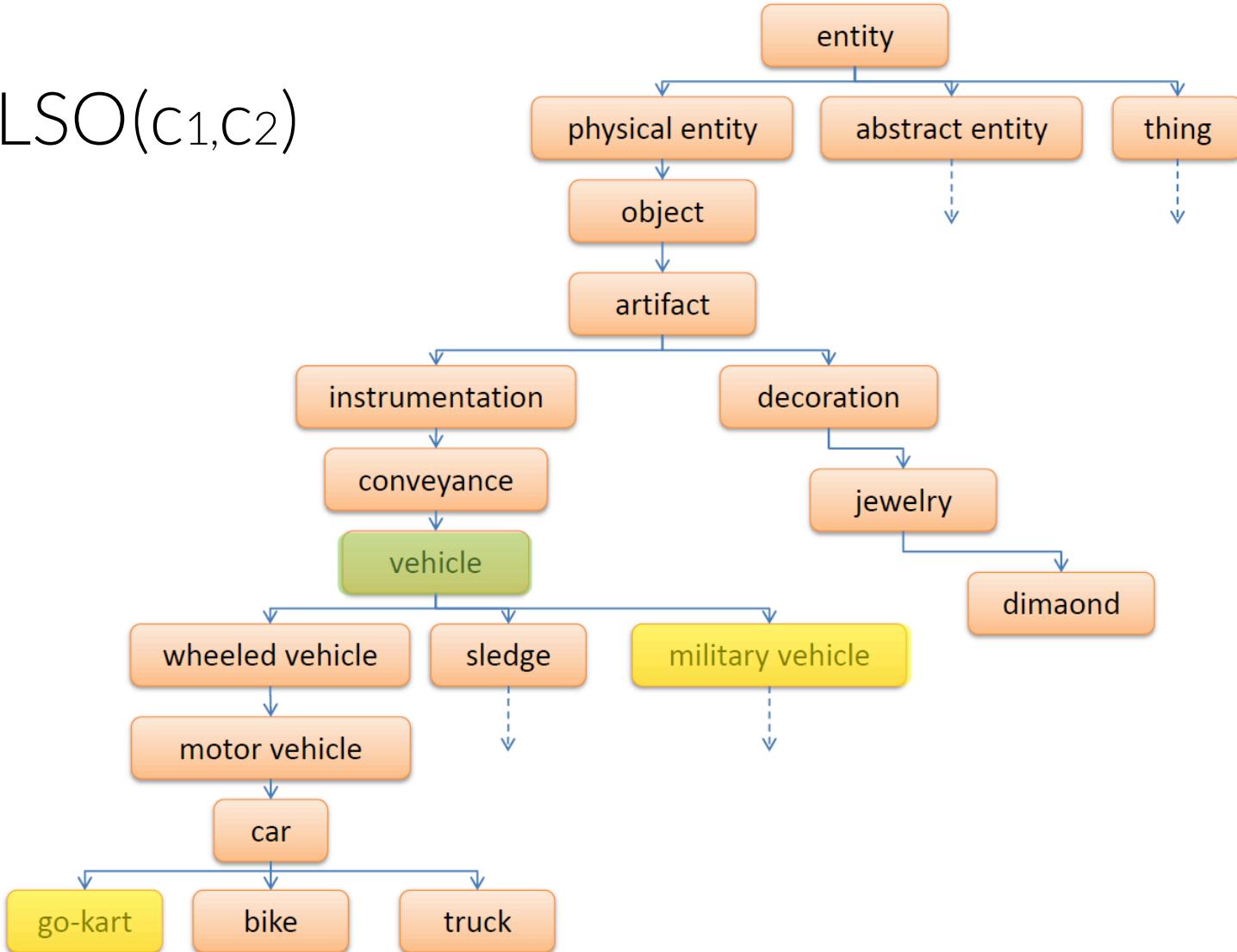
dept( $c_1$ )



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LSO( $c_1, c_2$ )



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Conventional WordNet-based techniques

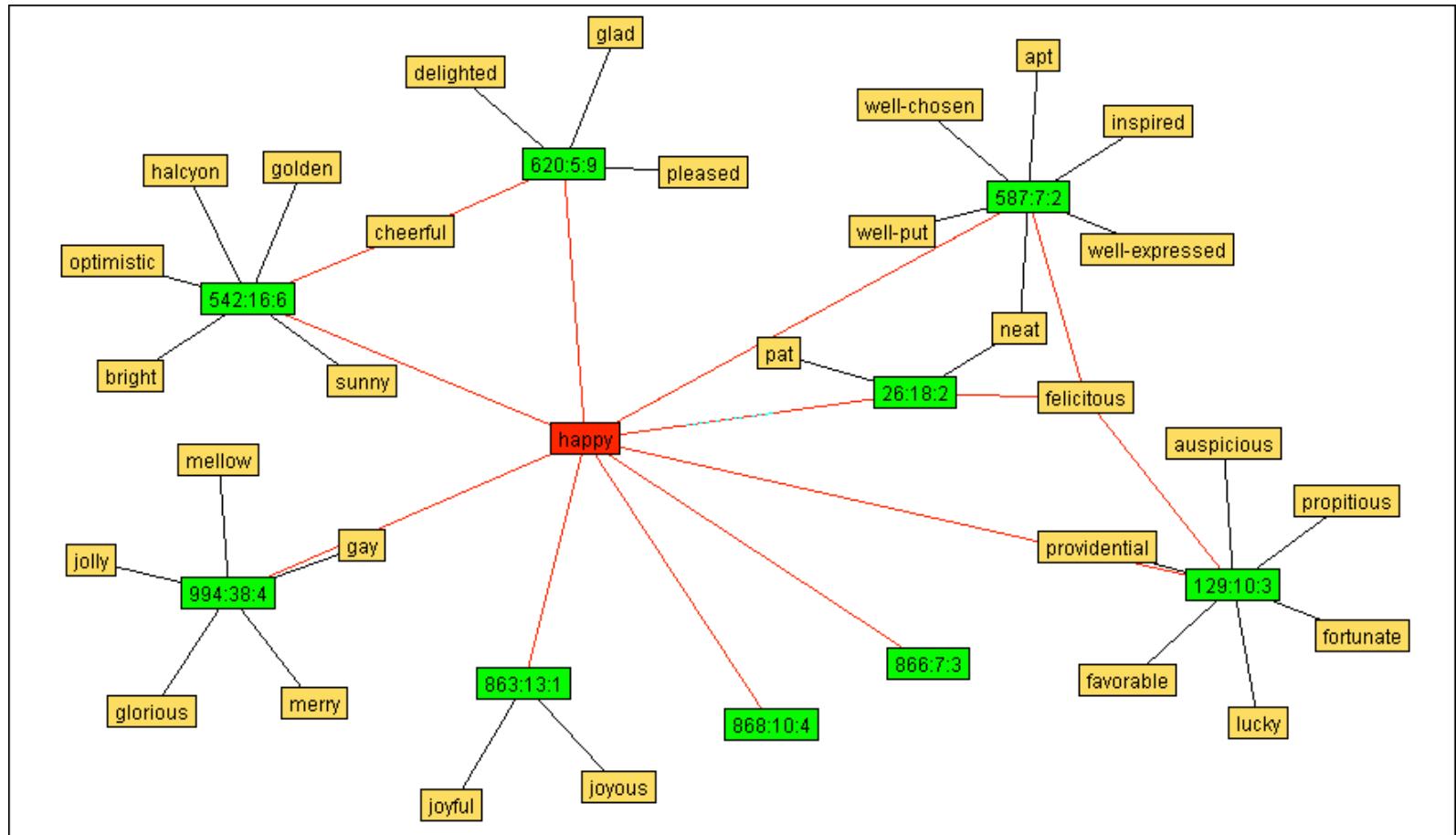
Survey: Budanitsky and Hirst (2006)

- WordNet structure only
  - Hirst and St-Onge (1998)
  - Sussna's Depth-relative Scaling (1993, 1997)
  - Wu and Palmer (1994)
  - Leacock and Chodorow's (1998)
- Combined with statistics from corpora
  - Jiang and Conrath's Measure (1997)
  - Resnik (1995)
  - Lin's Measure (1998)

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Tied to sense inventories: Thesauri-based

Roget's thesaurus: Morris and Hirst (1991), Jarmasz and Szpakowicz (2003)



# Sense Similarity Techniques

Tied to sense inventories: Dictionary-based

**Longman Dictionary** (LDOCE): Kozima and Furugori (1993), Kozima and Ito (1997)

- Constructs a semantic network from a subset of the dictionary, 2851 nodes, called Paradigme
- Computes similarity by spreading the activation in the network

# Sense Similarity Techniques

Tied to sense inventories

**Explicit semantic representation**

# Sense Similarity Techniques

Tied to sense inventories: Explicit semantic representation

Simple gloss-based: Exploiting WordNet's content

*application#n#2 --*

*a verbal or written request for assistance or employment or admission to a school*

*application#n#4 --*

*a program that gives a computer instructions that provide the user with tools to accomplish a task*

example:

Meerkat Mafia - Kashyap et al (2014)

@ SemEval-2014 Task-3: CLSS

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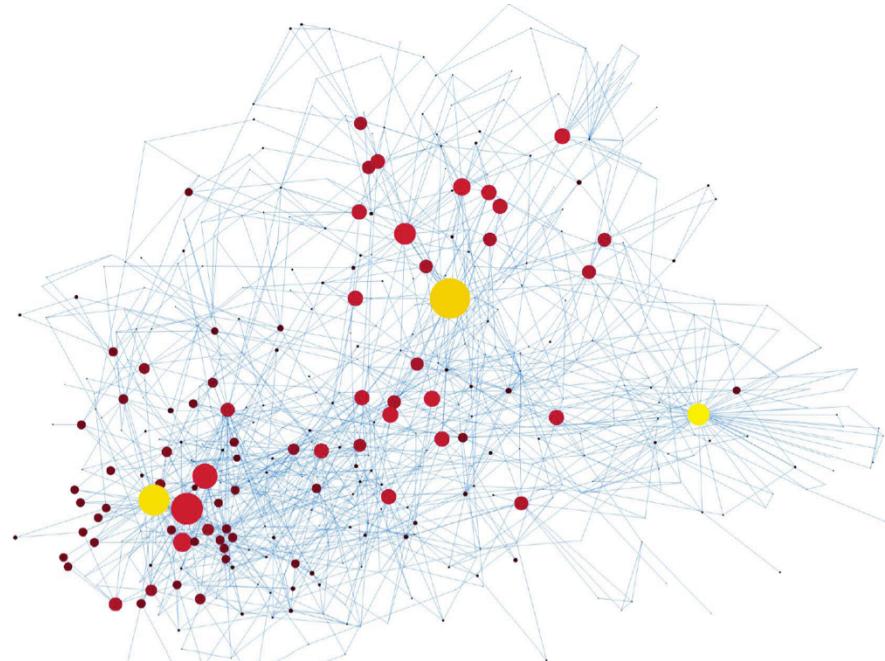
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**Random walks** on semantic networks

The Personalized PageRank algorithm

Semantic similarity: Pilehvar et al (2013)

WSD: Agirre et al (CL 2014)



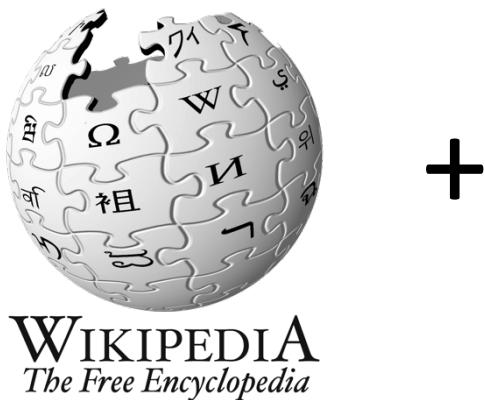
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## Distributional

SensEmbed - word2vec sense embeddings

Iacobacci et al (2015)



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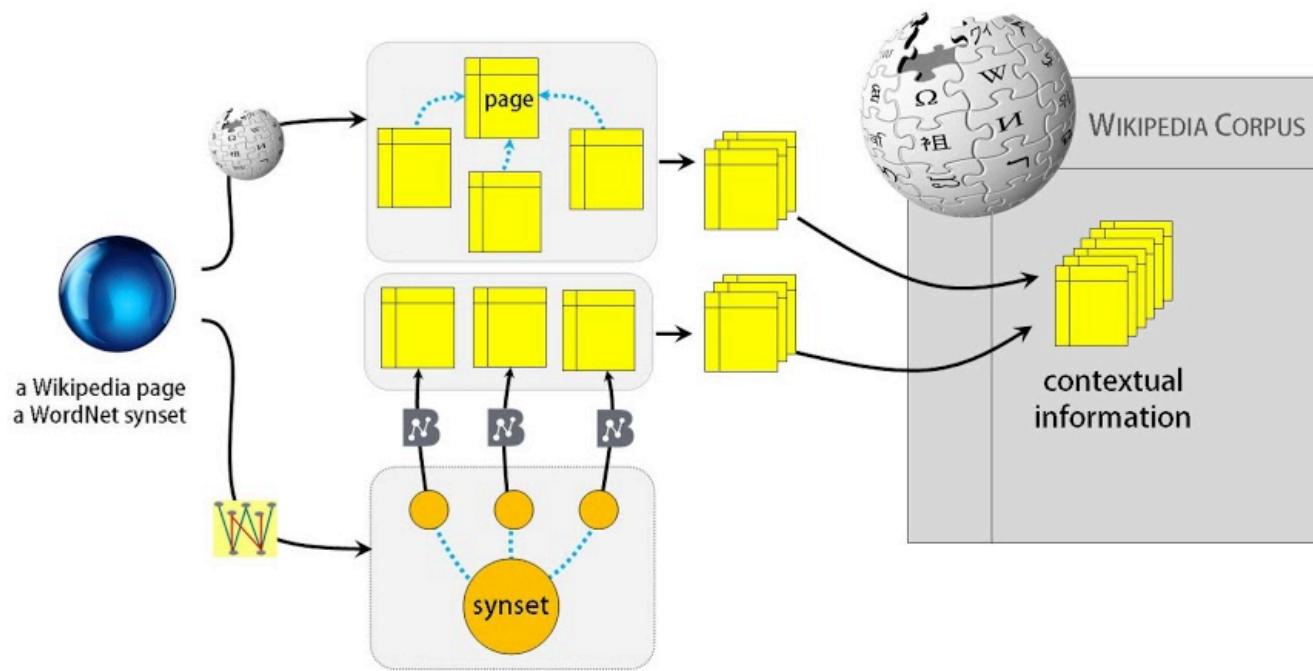
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NASARI and MUFFIN - Camacho-collados et al (2015)



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## Distributional

Chen et al (emnlp 2014)

Joint word sense representation and disambiguation

- Learn word representations (word2vec skip-gram)
- Use them for sense representation (average gloss)
- Automatically disambiguate large amounts of text
- Modify the objective of Skip-gram to learn sense representations

# Sense Similarity Techniques

Tied to sense inventories: Explicit semantic representation

## Distributional

Rothe and Schutze (acl 2015)

Extends word embeddings (word2vec) to embeddings of other data types:  
WordNet synsets and word senses

- Constructs an auto-encoder
- Learns these representations based on WordNet constraints  
(word/synset is the summation of its lexemes + WN relations)

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Also called

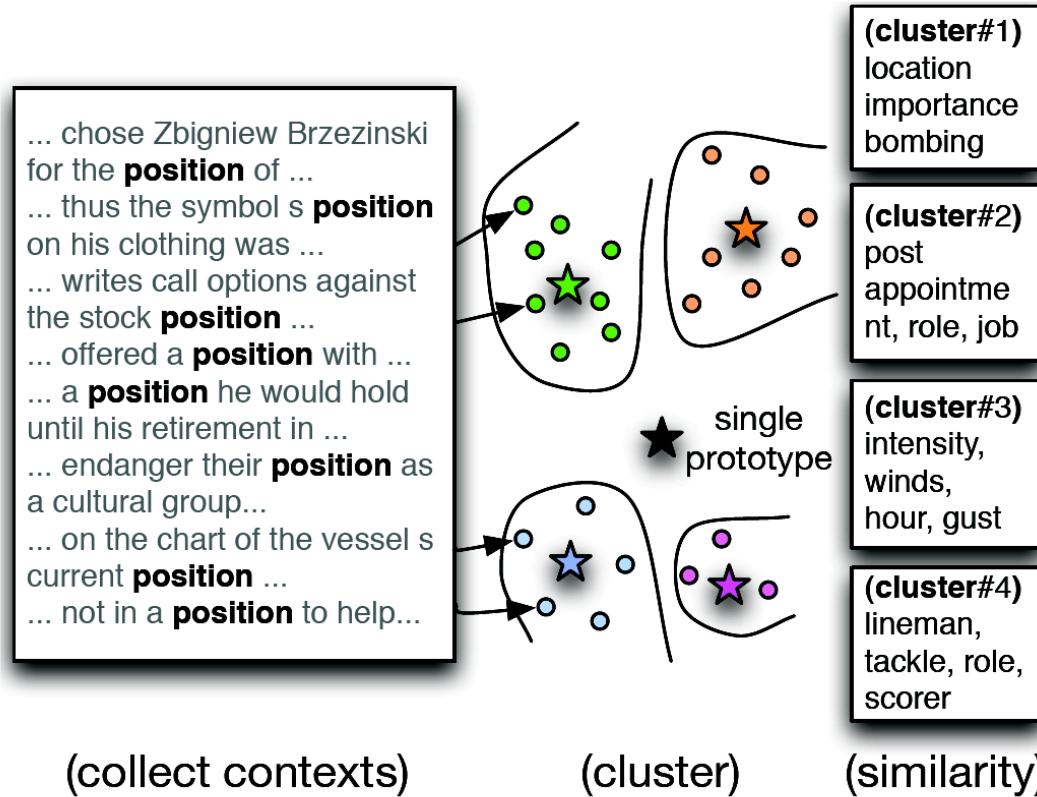
multi-prototype or topic-based representations

Usually based on clustering

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Measuring similarity - isolated words:

$$\text{AvgSim}(w, w') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{K^2} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{k=1}^K d(\pi_k(w), \pi_j(w'))$$

$$\text{MaxSim}(w, w') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{1 \leq j \leq K, 1 \leq k \leq K} d(\pi_k(w), \pi_j(w'))$$

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Reisinger and Mooney (2010)

Measuring similarity - words in contexts:

$$\text{AvgSimC}(w, w') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{K^2} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{k=1}^K d_{c,w,k} d_{c',w',j} d(\pi_k(w), \pi_j(w'))$$

↓      ↓  
likelihood of the cluster given the context  
↑

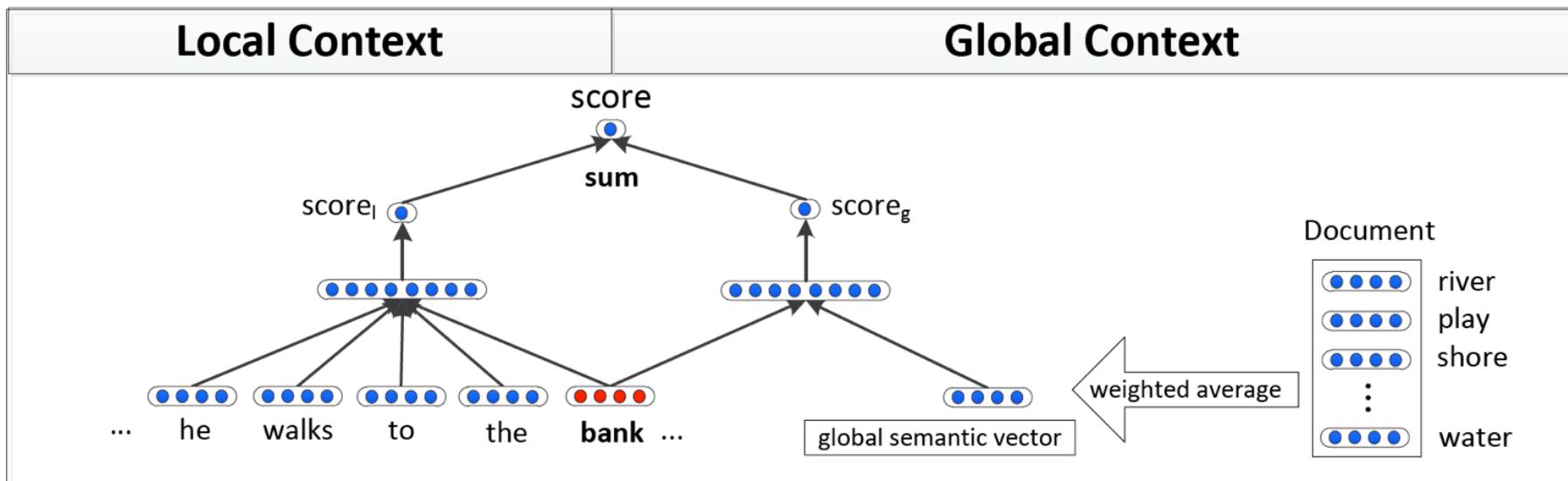
$$\text{MaxSimC}(w, w') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d(\hat{\pi}(w), \hat{\pi}(w'))$$

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Huang et al (2012)

- Learns word embeddings with local and global objectives
- Then clusters the contexts of a word and learns multi-prototype representations



# Sense Similarity Techniques

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Neelakantan et al (emnlp 2014)

Multi-Sense Skip-gram (MSSG) model

(fixed number of senses)

Sense discrimination and learning embeddings are performed jointly

by disambiguating a word using current parameters

Non-parametric MSSG model

(varying number of senses per word)

Different in the sense discrimination phase

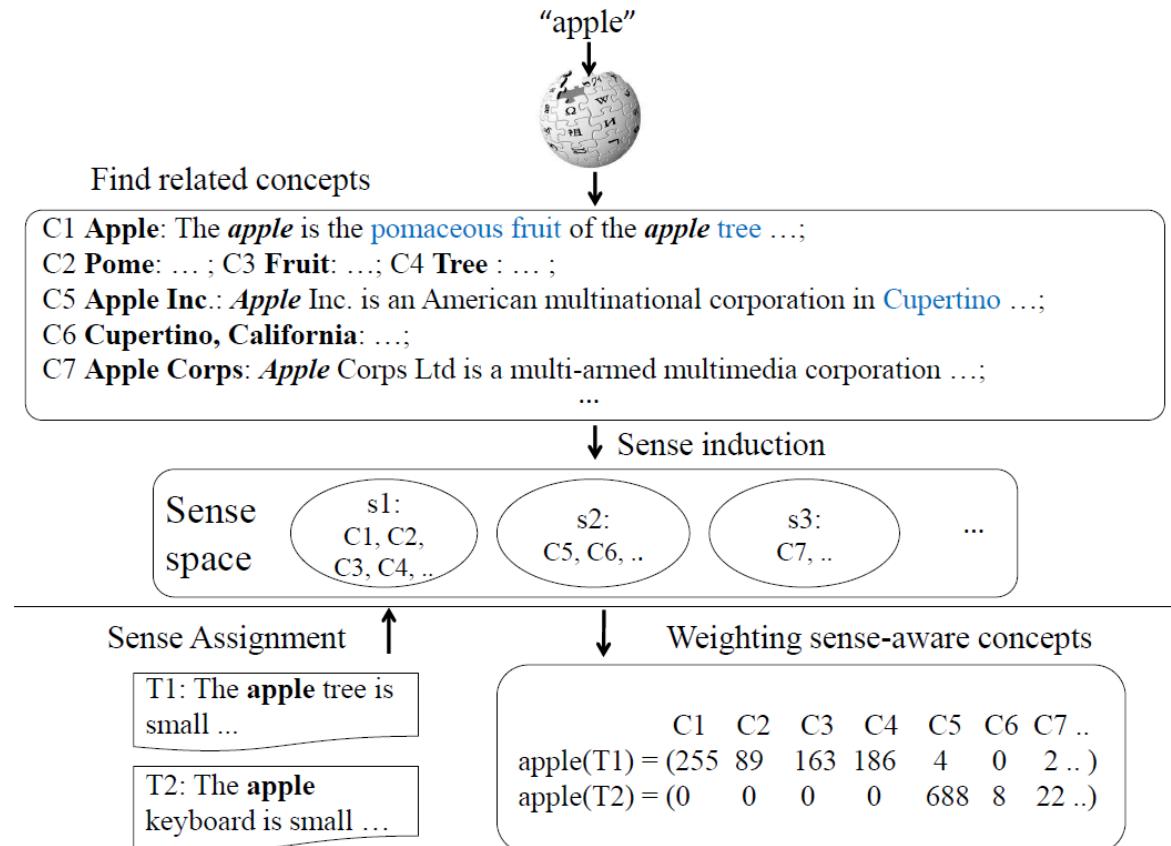
Online non-parametric clustering

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## SaSA - Sense-aware Semantic Analysis

Wu and Giles (AAAI 2015)



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## Topical Word Embeddings - Liu et al (AAAI 2015)

Different senses of a word can overlap  
-> soft clustering

Uses LDA to learn representations for <word,topic> pairs

$$\mathcal{L}(D) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{-k \leq c \leq k, c \neq 0} \underline{\log \Pr(w_{i+c} | w_i) + \log \Pr(w_{i+c} | z_i)}.$$

# Sense Similarity

Evaluation benchmarks

- Word similarity  
and all other word-level applications
- Sense merging
- Word Sense Disambiguation
- Stanford's Contextual Word Similarities (SCWS)
- Cross Level Semantic Similarity  
(more details to follow)

# Word Similarity

# Word similarity is a lot like sense similarity

He went to the ATM to deposit the money.

She goes to the bank to withdraw cash.

# Word similarity is a lot like sense similarity ... except for ambiguity

He went to the ATM to deposit the money.

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He went to the **ATM** to deposit the money.

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**Most approaches measure similarity completely out of context.**

# Word similarity lets you easily build to larger linguistic level's similarities

The boy sailed the boat over the ocean.

The girl navigate the sailboat across the sea.

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graph TD; A[The boy sailed the boat over the ocean.] --- B[The girl navigate the sailboat across the sea.]; A --> B; A --> B; A --> B;
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# Many applications benefit from having word representations that encode similarity or having effective word similarity functions.

- Text classification (Baker and McCallum, 1998)
- Document classification (Sebastiani et al, 2002)
- Question answering (Tellex et al, 2003)
- IR (Sanderson, 1994), Manning et al (2008)
- Textual entailment (Baroni, 2014 - SICK)
- Named entity recognition (Turian et al, 2010, Passos et al, 2014)
- Dependency parsing (Bansal et al, 2014)
- Chunking (Turian et al, 2010, Dhillon and Ungar, 2011)
- Paraphrase detection (Socher et al, 2011)

**Ideal references for comparing  
impact of new approaches**

# Most approaches evaluate on similarity benchmarks, rather than tasks

## Numeric Word-Pair Similarity Tests

- Rubenstein & Goodenough, 1965 (RG)
- WordSim-353 (Finkelstein et al., 2001)
- Rare Words (Luong et al., 2013)
- MEN (Bruni et al., 2012)
- Radinsky et al., (2010)

## Word Choice Tests

- TOEFL, ESL, Reader's Digest

# TOEFL Synonymy recognition

enormous?

- appropriate
- unique
- tremendous
- decided

# RG-65 judgement correlation

autograph	shore	0.06
coast	forest	0.85
midday	noon	3.94

# Stanford Rare Word (RW) judgement correlation

dispossess	deprive	6.83
entrapping	capture	8.00
ruralist	advocate	0.67
acoustical	remedy	0.14
quieten	hush	9.38

What if we know nothing  
(about the words)?



You shall know a word by the  
company it keeps

-- Firth (1957)

# Learning semantic representations from text

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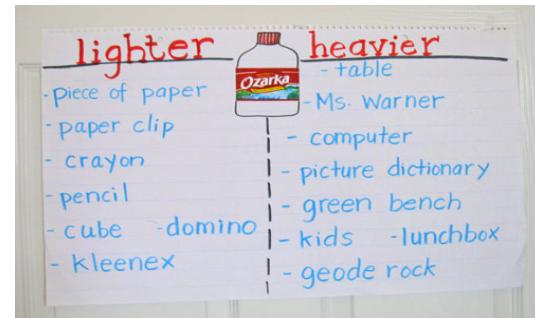


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2) Preprocessing

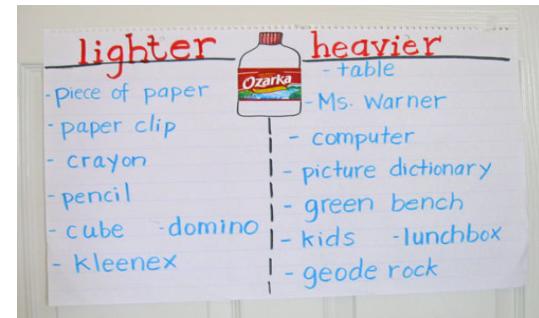


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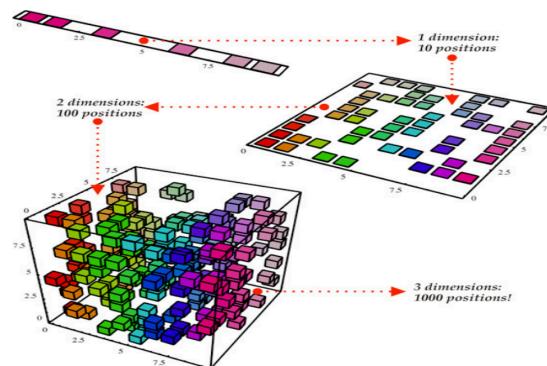
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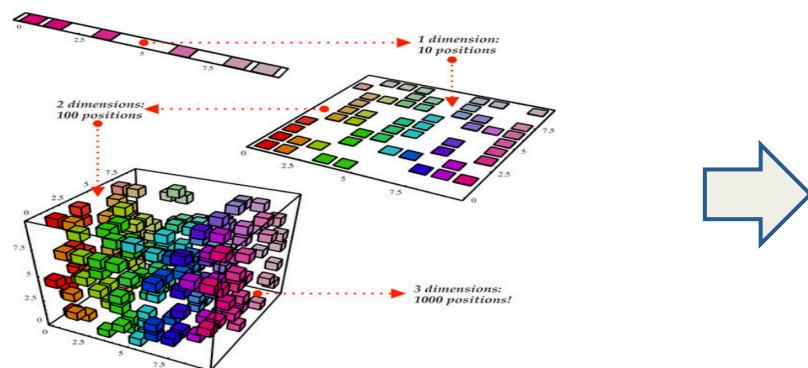


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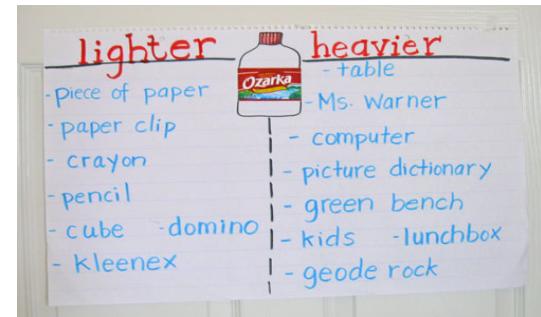
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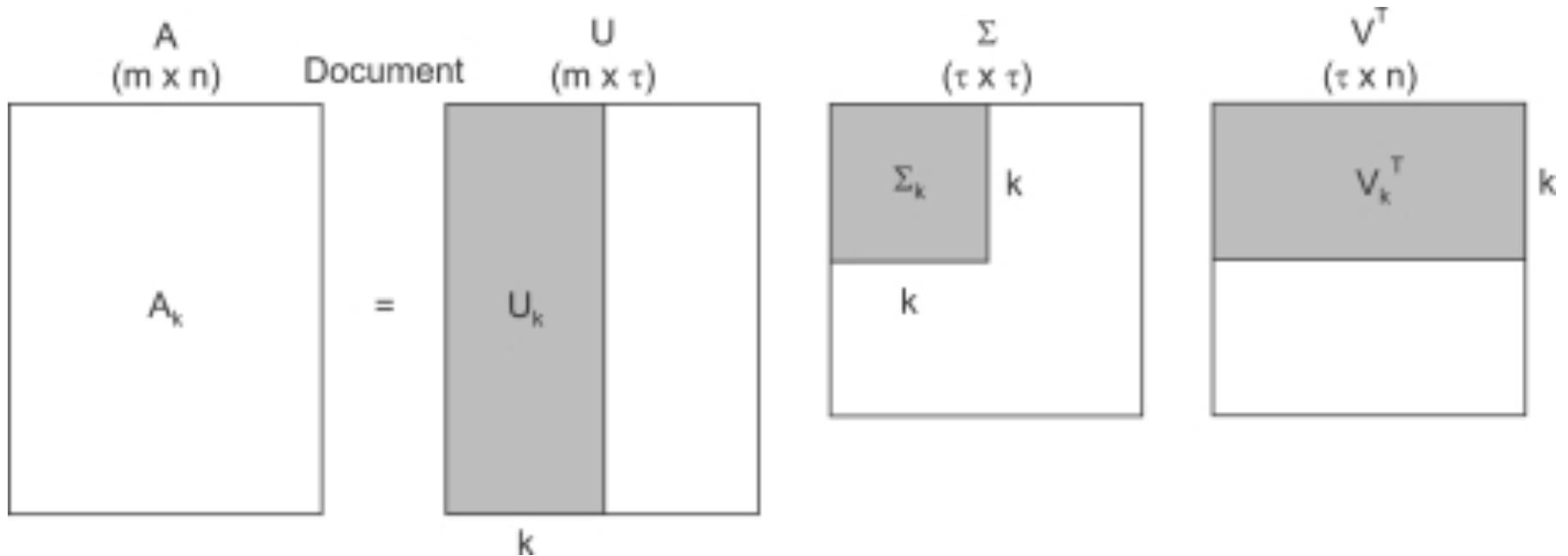
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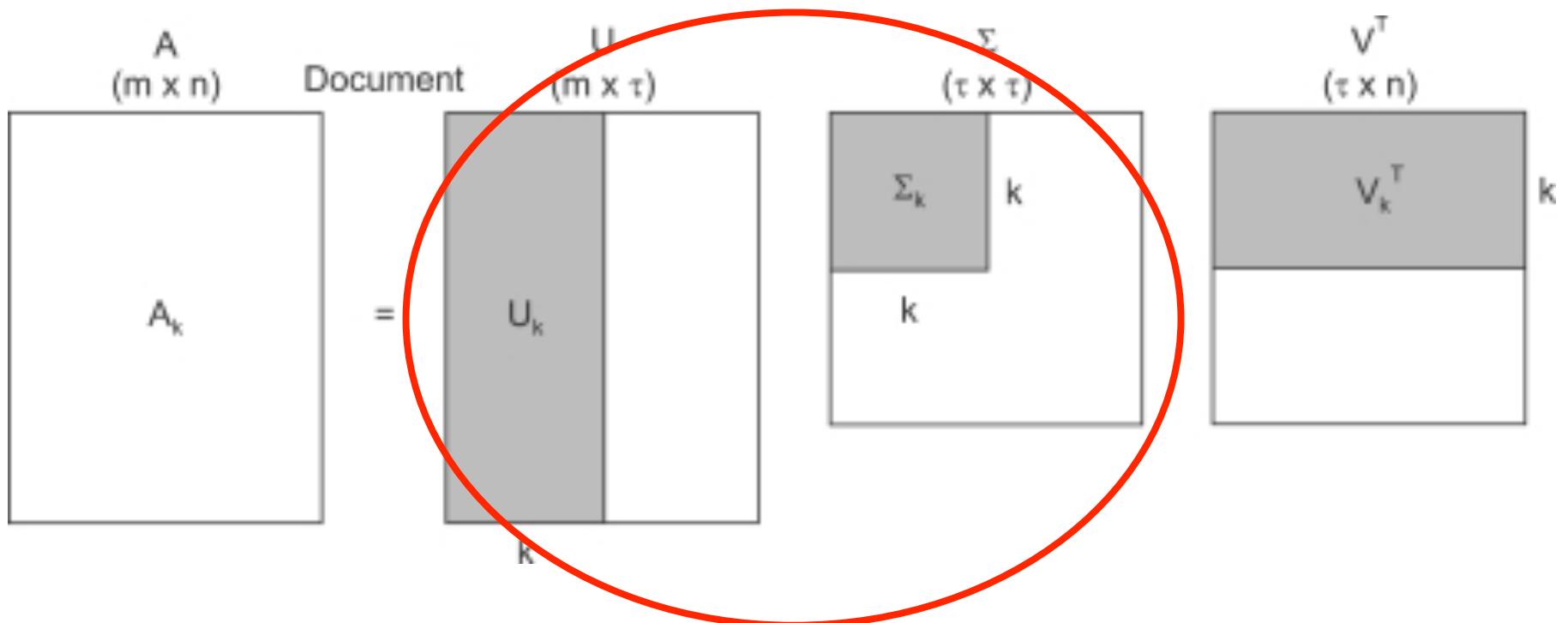
# Raw word co-occurrence is rarely satisfactory as a representation

- All words are treated as equally informative
  - the, big, metallic, biophosphorescence
- Vector length is proportional to vocabulary size
  - Eventually issues with computation and space
- Infrequent words have overly-sparse vectors

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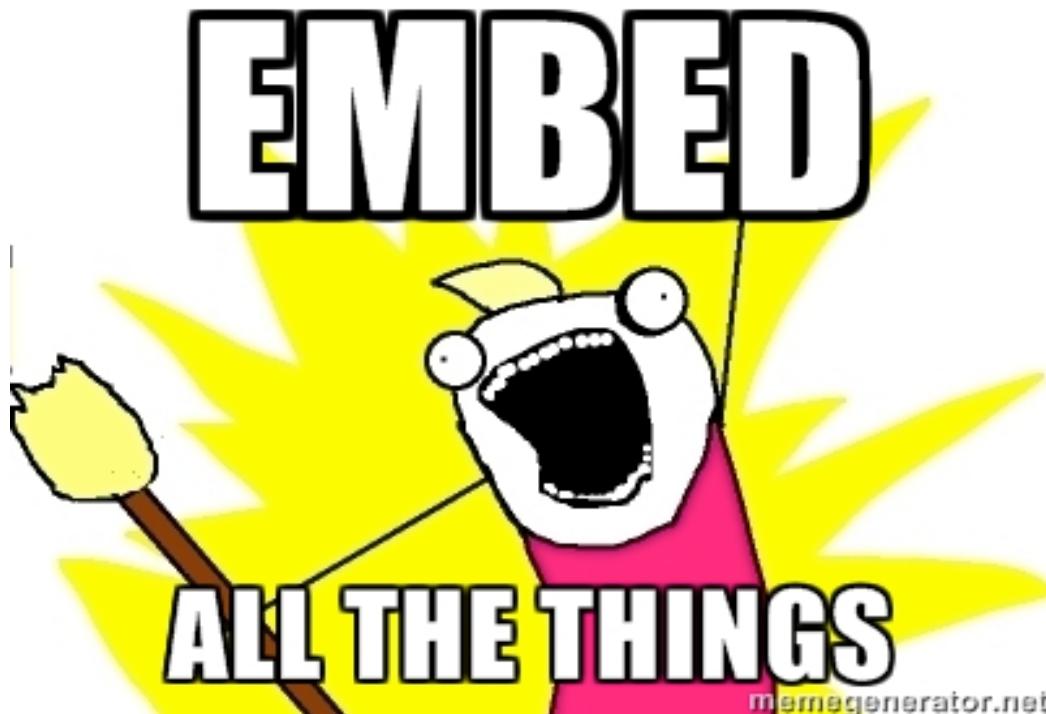
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**Typically,  $U^* \Sigma$  is used as the vector space.**

# State of the Art: Reduce dimensionality with Neural Embeddings (word2vec)

*also known as*



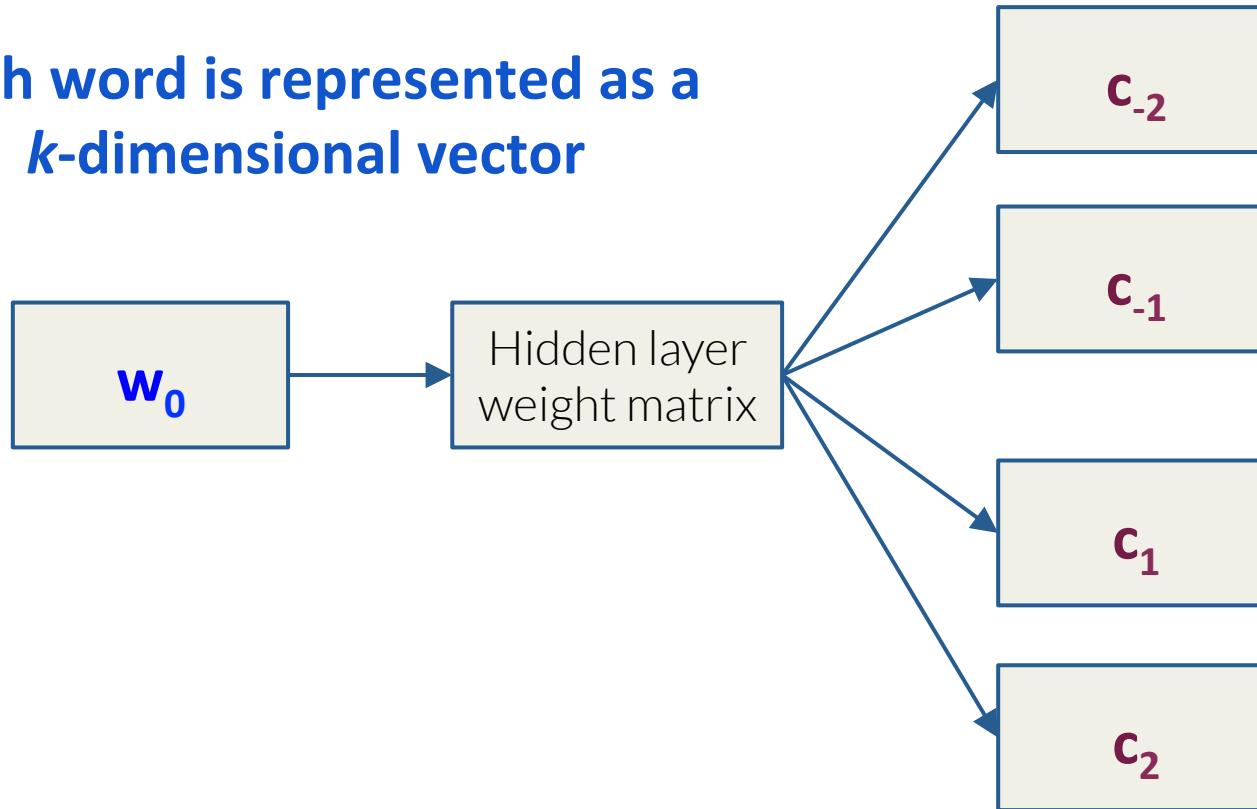
# word2vec

More a software system than an algorithm

- Training methods
  - Negative Sampling
  - Hierarchical Softmax
- Context representations
  - Continuous Bag of Words (CBoW)
  - Skip grams

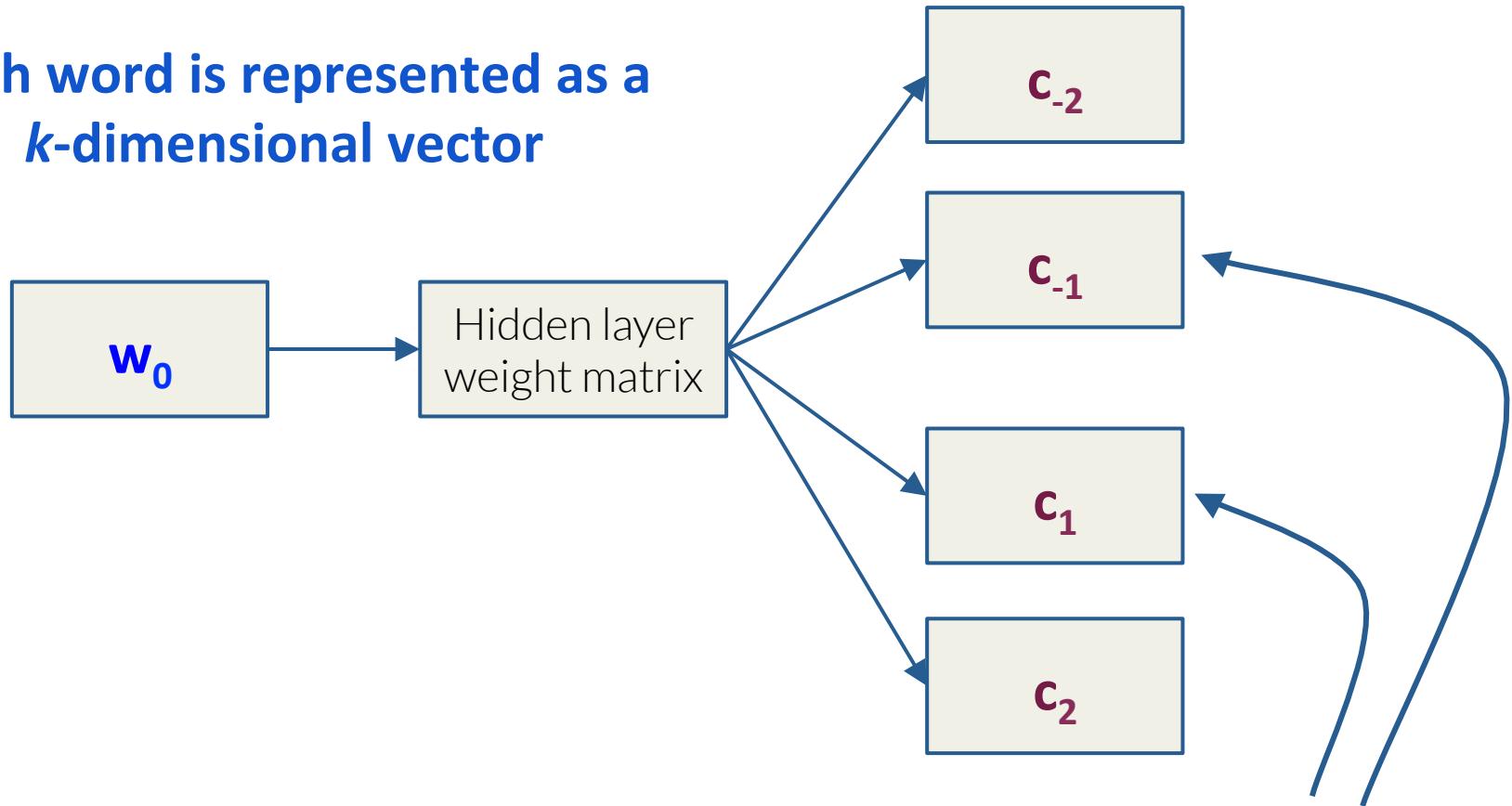
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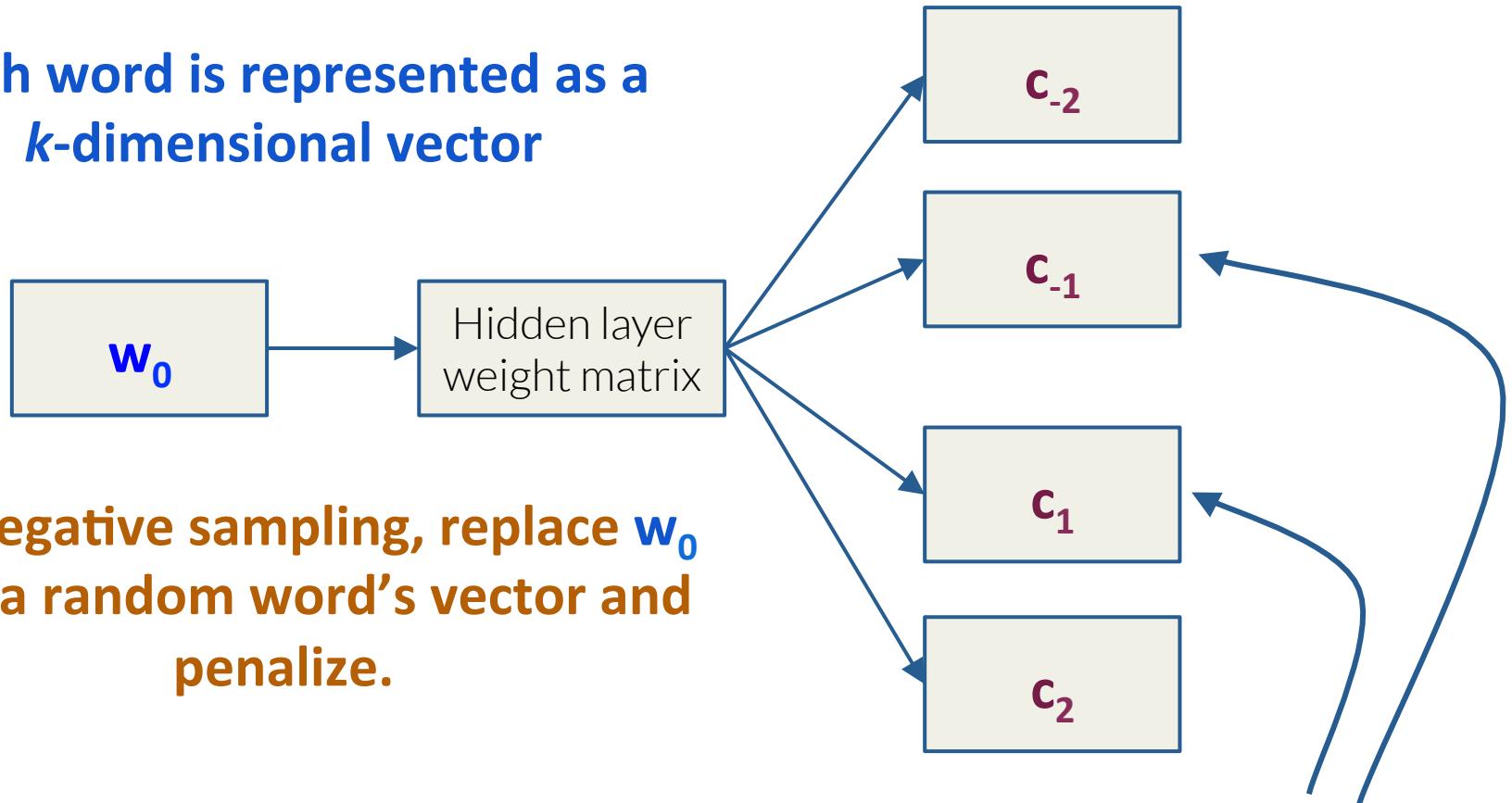
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For negative sampling, replace  $w_0$  with a random word's vector and penalize.

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word2vec  $\approx$  implicitly  
factorizing PMI-weighted  
word-context matrix

Key Implication: word2vec is building upon  
existing techniques by using a new decomposition

# Huge gains from using embeddings!

	RG	WordSim	MEN	TOEFL
PMI+SVD	.70	.70	.72	.76
word2vec	.83	.78	.80	.86

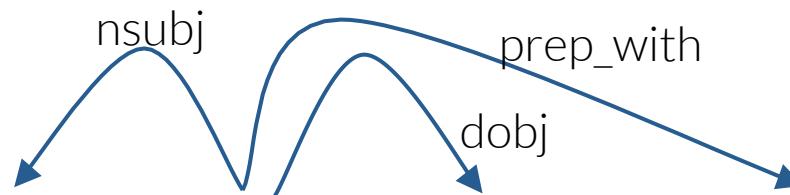
**Performance improvement over SVD-based methods is consistent across many tasks\***

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# Dependency-based embeddings capture functional information

Target Word	BOW5	BOW2	DEPS
batman	nightwing	superman	superman
	aquaman	superboy	superboy
	catwoman	aquaman	supergirl
	superman	catwoman	catwoman
	manhunter	batgirl	aquaman
hogwarts	dumbledore	evernight	sunnydale
	hallows	sunnydale	collinwood
	half-blood	garderobe	calarts
	malfoy	blandings	greendale
	snape	collinwood	millfield
turing	nondeterministic	non-deterministic	pauling
	non-deterministic	finite-state	hotelling
	computability	nondeterministic	heting
	deterministic	buchi	lessing
	finite-state	primality	hamming

No quantitative results on standard benchmarks

# Glove: capture the ratio of co-occurrence probabilities

**word2vec:**  $\overset{\rightarrow}{w} \cdot \overset{\rightarrow}{c^T} = \text{pmi}(w, c) - \log k$

**GloVe:**  $\overset{\rightarrow}{w} \cdot \overset{\rightarrow}{c^T} \cdot b_w \cdot b_c = \log(\#(w, c))$

**Key insight: the context vector provides insight into so a word representation is  $w + c$**

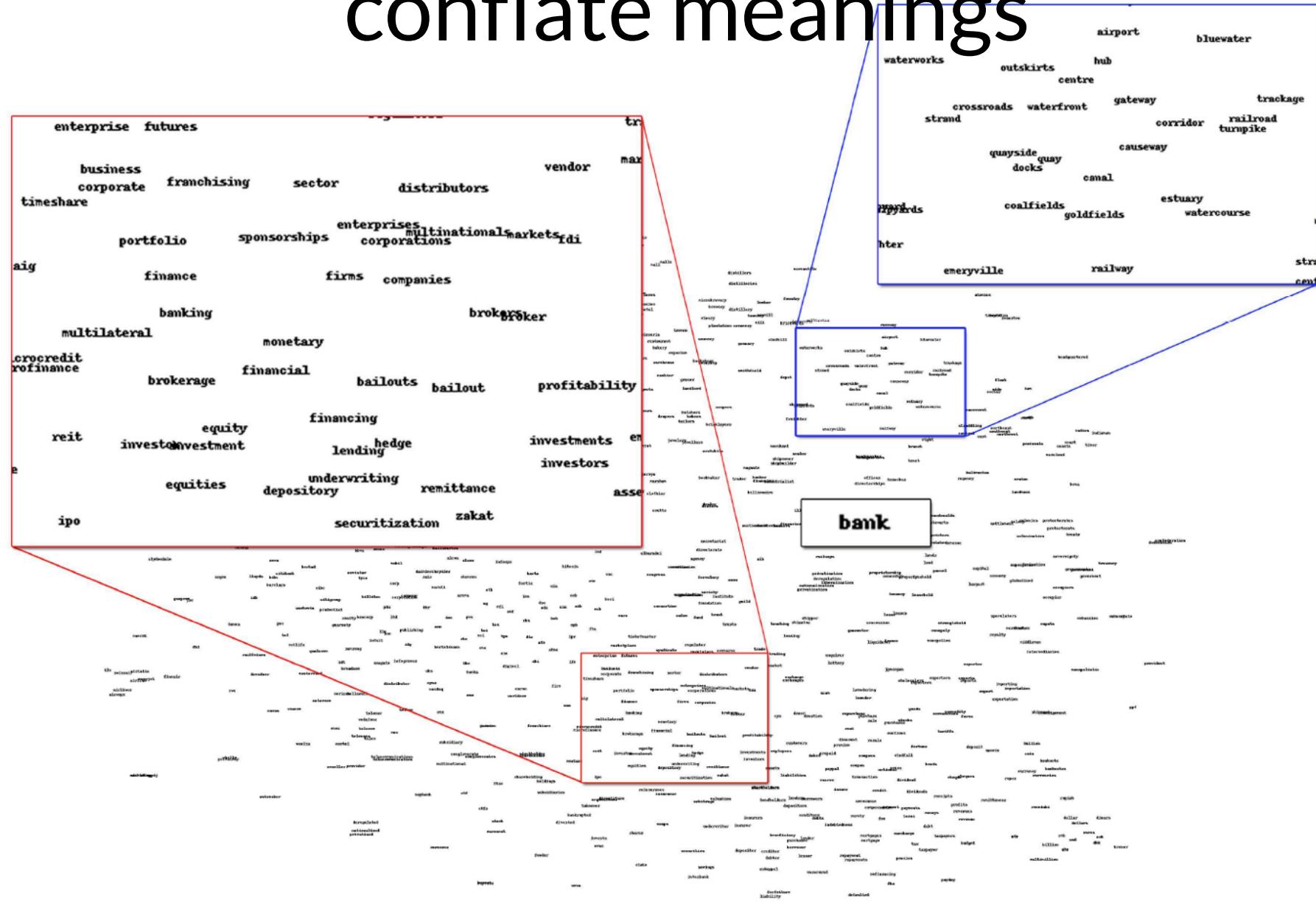
# GloVe had initially impressive performance at word similarity

	MC	RG	SCWS	Rare Words
SVD	<u>.727</u>	.751	.565	.370
word2vec	.652	.697	<u>.581</u>	.372
GloVe	<u>.727</u>	<u>.778</u>	.529	<u>.381</u>

# However under equivalent tuning, word2vec performs better

	Word Sim	MEN	Rad. et al. (2011)	Rare Words	SimLex
PPMI	.755	.745	.686	.462	.393
PMI+SVD	<u>.793</u>	<u>.778</u>	.666	<u>.514</u>	.432
word2vec	<u>.793</u>	.774	<u>.693</u>	.470	<u>.438</u>
GloVe	.725	.729	.632	.403	.398

# Regular embeddings still conflate meanings



# Incorporating senses\* seems to improve performance

	SCWS	RG	MEN	SimLex
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# But results vary based on test setup

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**Many other sense-based embeddings  
never evaluate on similarity**

(Pennington et al., 2014;  
Levy and Goldberg, 2015)

Results suggest that more dimensions in word vectors can compensate for conflating meanings

	NER	Semantic Relatedness	Sentiment
word-embeddings (50 dims)	.852	.748	.747
sense-embeddings (50 dims)	.854	.762	.750
word-embeddings (100 dims)	.867	.770	.763

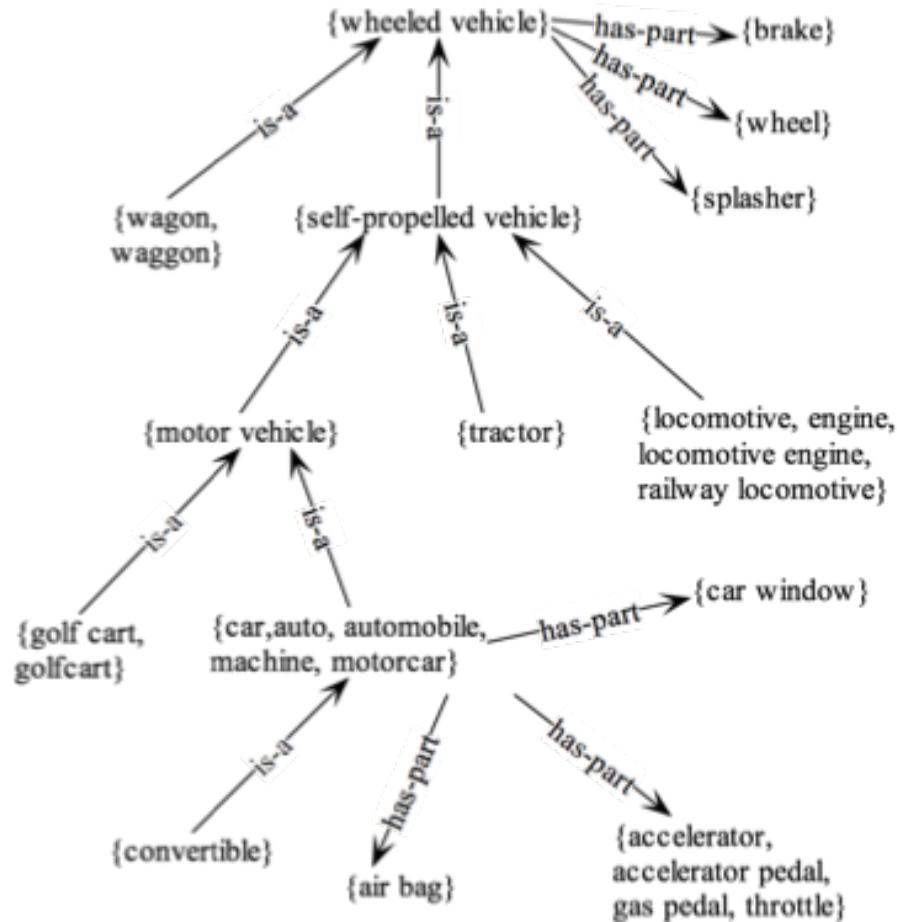
# Learning-Approach Recap

- Nothing magic in the representation
  - similar to SVD with PMI-weighted matrix
- word2vec state of the art for most use cases
  - But dependency-based relations may be useful in some circumstances
  - Also, one of the fastest to train
- Sense-aware representations have a yet to show a clear benefit

# What if we already know something about the words?



# The structure of WordNet, Wikipedia, and other knowledge bases can be used to measure word similarity



**Great for when you need a similarity value**

**Not as great when you need a representation to use, unless you create one**

# Wikipedia links create a knowledge graph with edges between related pages

## Dog

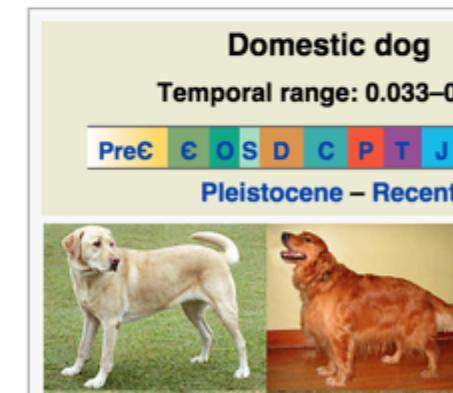
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*This article is about the domestic dog. For related species known as "dogs", see [Canidae](#). For other uses, see [Dog \(disambiguation\)](#).*

"Doggie" redirects here. For the Danish artist, see [Doggie \(artist\)](#).

The **domestic dog** (*Canis lupus familiaris* or *Canis familiaris*) is a [domesticated canid](#) which has been selectively bred for millennia for various behaviors, sensory capabilities, and physical attributes.<sup>[2]</sup>

Although initially thought to have originated as a manmade variant of an extant canid species (variously supposed as being the [dhole](#),<sup>[3]</sup> [golden jackal](#),<sup>[4]</sup> or [gray wolf](#)<sup>[5]</sup>), extensive genetic studies undertaken during the 2010s indicate that dogs diverged from other [wolf-like canids](#) in [Eurasia](#) 40,000 years ago.<sup>[6]</sup> Being [the oldest domesticated animals](#), their long association with people has allowed dogs to be uniquely attuned to human behavior,<sup>[7]</sup> as well as thrive on a [starch-rich diet](#) which would be inadequate for other canid species.<sup>[8]</sup>



**Ideal for path-based measures of similarity  
and for random walks!**

# WikiRelate: Apply WordNet measures on Wikipedia's graph

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(Leacock and Chodorow, 1998; Strube and Ponzetto, 2006)

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Large amount of noise in Wikipedia's graph creates issues for similarity-specific calculations. I.e., difficult to tell edges and nodes are important.

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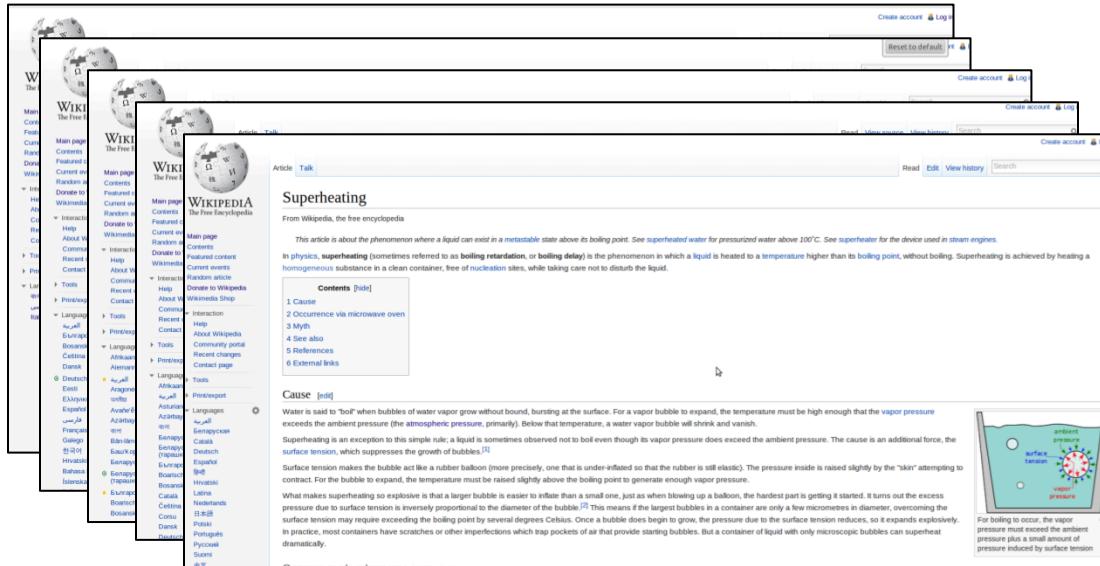
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(Agirre et al., 2009; Gabrilovich and Markovitch, 2007)

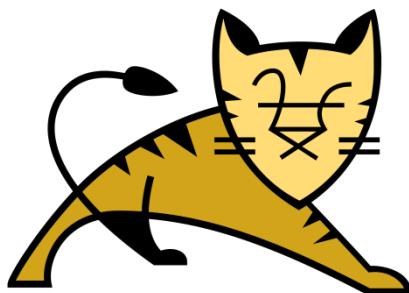
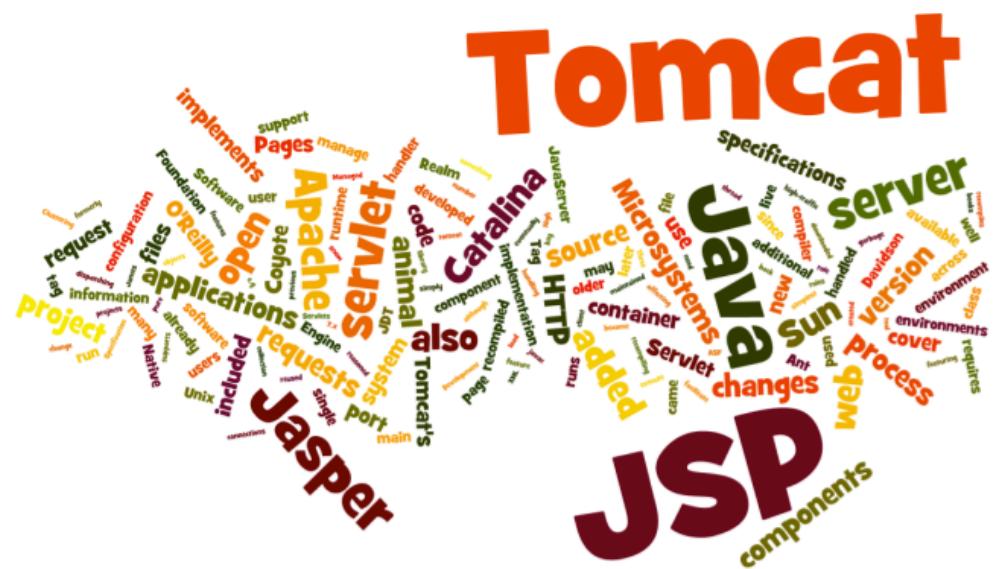
# (Still) State of the Art for Wikipedia: Explicit Semantic Analysis

Consider each Wikipedia article as a concept



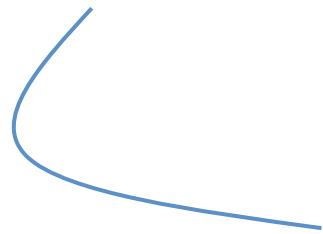
$\{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots c_N\}$  where  $N$  is the number of articles in Wikipedia

# WIKIPEDIA articles for Tomcat



# Explicit Semantic Analysis (ESA)

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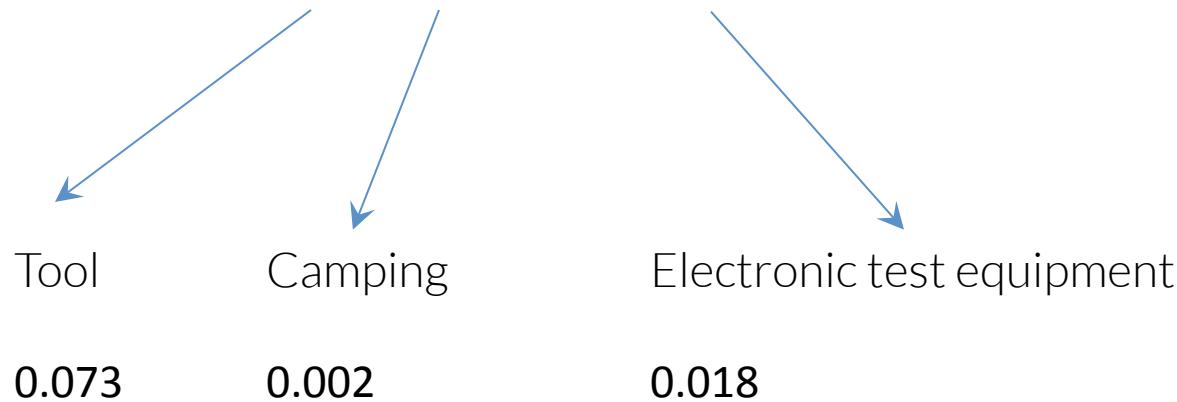
$$T[i, j] = tf(t_i, d_j) \cdot \log \frac{n}{df_i},$$

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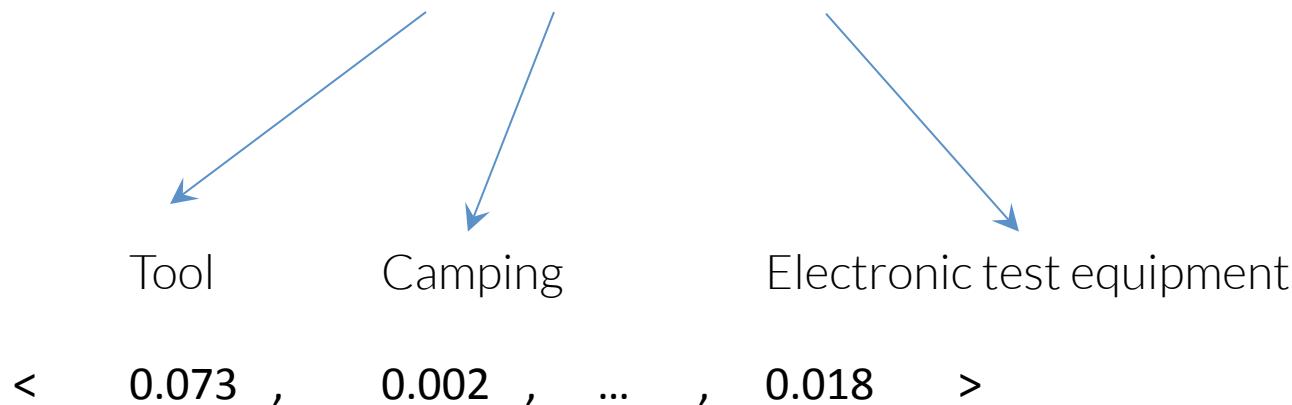
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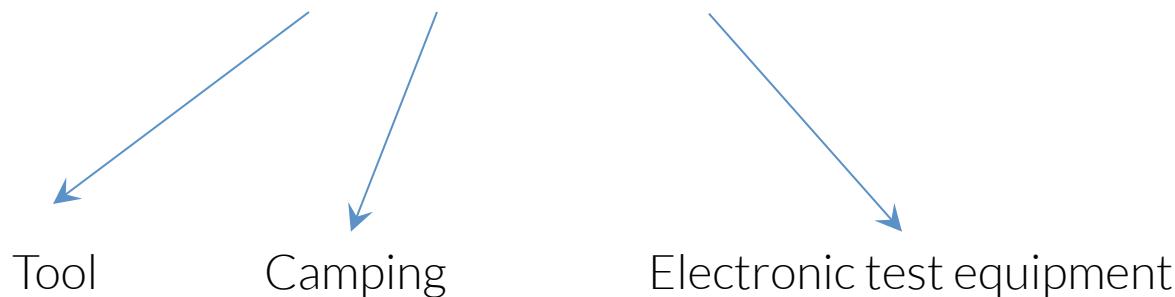
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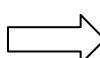


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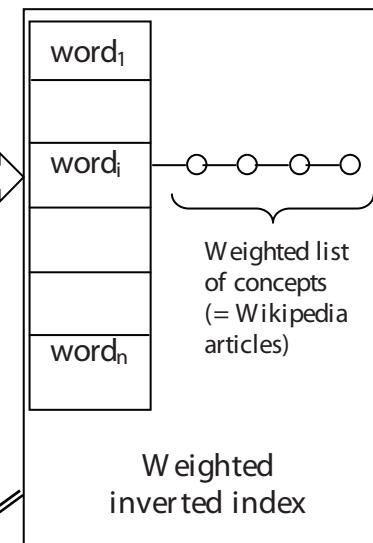
**Vector for equipment**

# ESA pipeline

Building Semantic Interpreter

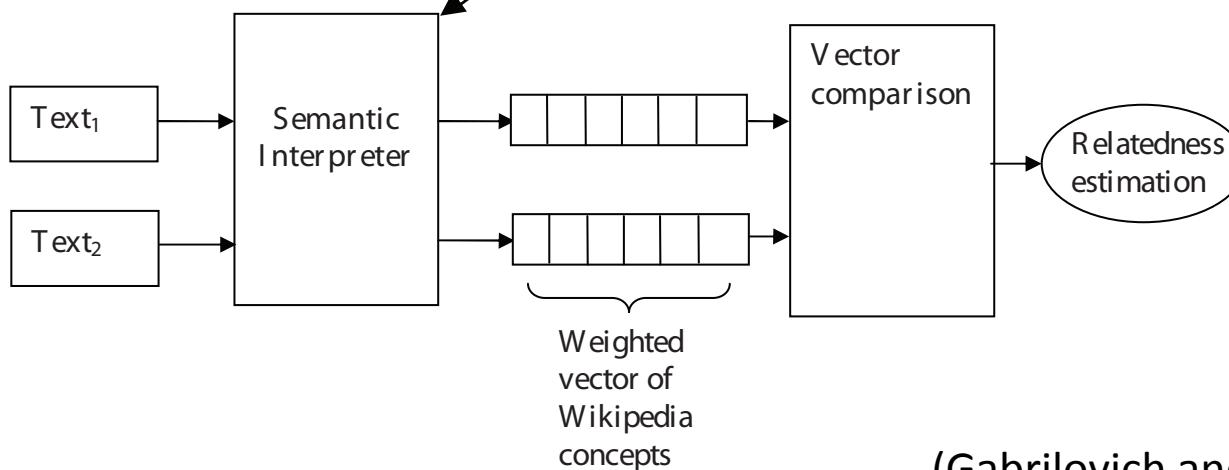


Building weighted inverted index



Wikipedia

Using Semantic Interpreter



(Gabrilovich and Markovitch, 2007)

# ESA (example)

#	Input: “ <i>equipment</i> ”	Input: “ <i>investor</i> ”
1	Tool	Investment
2	Digital Equipment Corporation	Angel investor
3	Military technology and equipment	Stock trader
4	Camping	Mutual fund
5	Engineering vehicle	Margin (finance)
6	Weapon	Modern portfolio theory
7	Original equipment manufacturer	Equity investment
8	French Army	Exchange-traded fund
9	Electronic test equipment	Hedge fund
10	Distance Measuring Equipment	Ponzi scheme

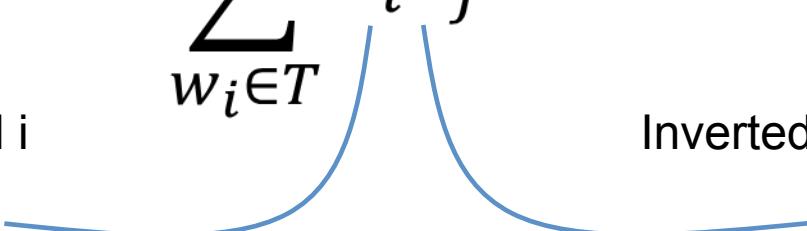
# ESA: text modeling

- Centroid of the vectors representing the individual words
- Can be weighted:

$$\sum_{w_i \in T} v_i k_j$$

TFIDF weight of word i  
in the text

Inverted index for word i



# Wiktionary provides links with more semantic structure

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- [\(male\)](#): [stud](#), [sire](#)
- [\(man\)](#): [bloke](#) (*British*), [chap](#) (*British*), [dude](#), [fellow](#), [guy](#), [man](#); *see also Wikisaurus:man*
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**Coordinate terms** [\[edit\]](#)

- [\(male adult dog\)](#): [bitch](#), [pup](#), [puppy](#)

**Hyponyms** [\[edit\]](#)

- [\(animal\)](#): [Afghan hound](#), [bloodhound](#), [chihuahua](#), [coonhound](#), [dachshund](#), [deerhound](#), [foxhound](#), [gazehound](#), [German shepherd](#), [greyhound](#), [hound](#), [Irish Wolfhound](#), [Norwegian Elkhound](#), [otterhound](#), [pointer](#), [poodle](#), [retriever](#), [Russian Wolfhound](#), [scenthound](#), [setter](#), [sheepdog](#), [shepherd](#), [sighthound](#), [spaniel](#), [staghound](#), [terrier](#), [wolfhound](#)

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# Random Walks are still useful if you use a semantically structured resource

	RG
ADW w/ Wiktionary (Pilehvar and Navigli, 2015)	.920
ADW w/ WordNet (Pilehvar et al. 2013)	.868
PPR w/ WordNet (Hughes and Ramage, 2007)	.838
PPR w/ WordNet (Agirre et al., 2009)	.830
ESA (Gabrilovich and Markovitch, 2007)	.749
WikiRelate (Strube and Ponzetto, 2006)	r = 0.53

# Word vectors don't need to be learned either!

**Idea:** create binary vectors of whether a word satisfies a set properties from knowledge bases

- WordNet: is hypernym of x
- FrameNet: evokes frame x
- Sentiment: evokes emotion or sentiment
- ~172K features total

Optionally compress vectors using an SVD

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Significant gains in similarity just by encoding knowledge bases in a vector format

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There may still be better ways to encode knowledge though

(Pilehvar et al., 2013; Faruqui and Dyer, 2015)

# What if we knew something but still wanted to learn?



# Idea: modify vectors learning (or representations) to match desired properties of knowledge bases

Impose constraints such as

- $\text{Sim}(\text{word}, \text{synonym}) > \text{Sim}(\text{word}, \text{antonym})$
- Similarity is greater when concepts are more categorically related (e.g., using hypernyms)

Constraints could be added during learning or could be used to retrofit already-learned vectors

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	Where is knowledge added?	RG	TOEFL	WordSim-353
word2vec	N/A	.728	83.75	.709
Li et al., (2015)	Learning		87.5	.727
Faruqui et al., (2015)	Representation	.778	<u>100</u>	.700
Iacobacci et al., (2015)	Similarity Func.	<u>.871</u>		<u>.779</u>

Significant opportunities to add knowledge at different stages, with the ability to tune the representation or how it is used for a specific task

(Iacobacci et al., 2015; Liu et al. 2015; Faruqui et al, 2015)

# **Phrase similarity**

## **Compositionality**

Moving from words to phrases, sentences,  
and larger pieces of texts

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Measuring the similarity of the phrases requires understanding each item as a whole.

We need compositionality!

Initial idea: compose from existing  
word representations

# Combining individual words' vectors

Simple average:  $p_i = u_i + v_i$

Weighted average:  $p_i = \alpha u_i + \beta v_i$

Including one or more  
distributional neighbors:

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \sum \mathbf{n}$$

Multiplicative:

$$p_i = u_i \cdot v_i$$

Combined multiplication  
and addition:

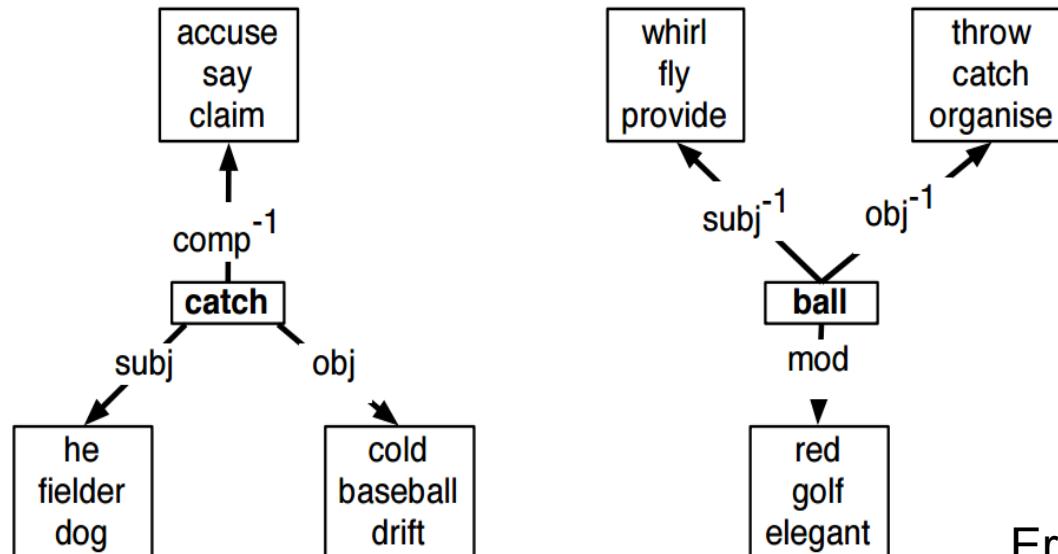
$$p_i = \alpha u_i + \beta v_i + \gamma u_i v_i$$

Better at distinguishing  
high and low  
semantic similarity

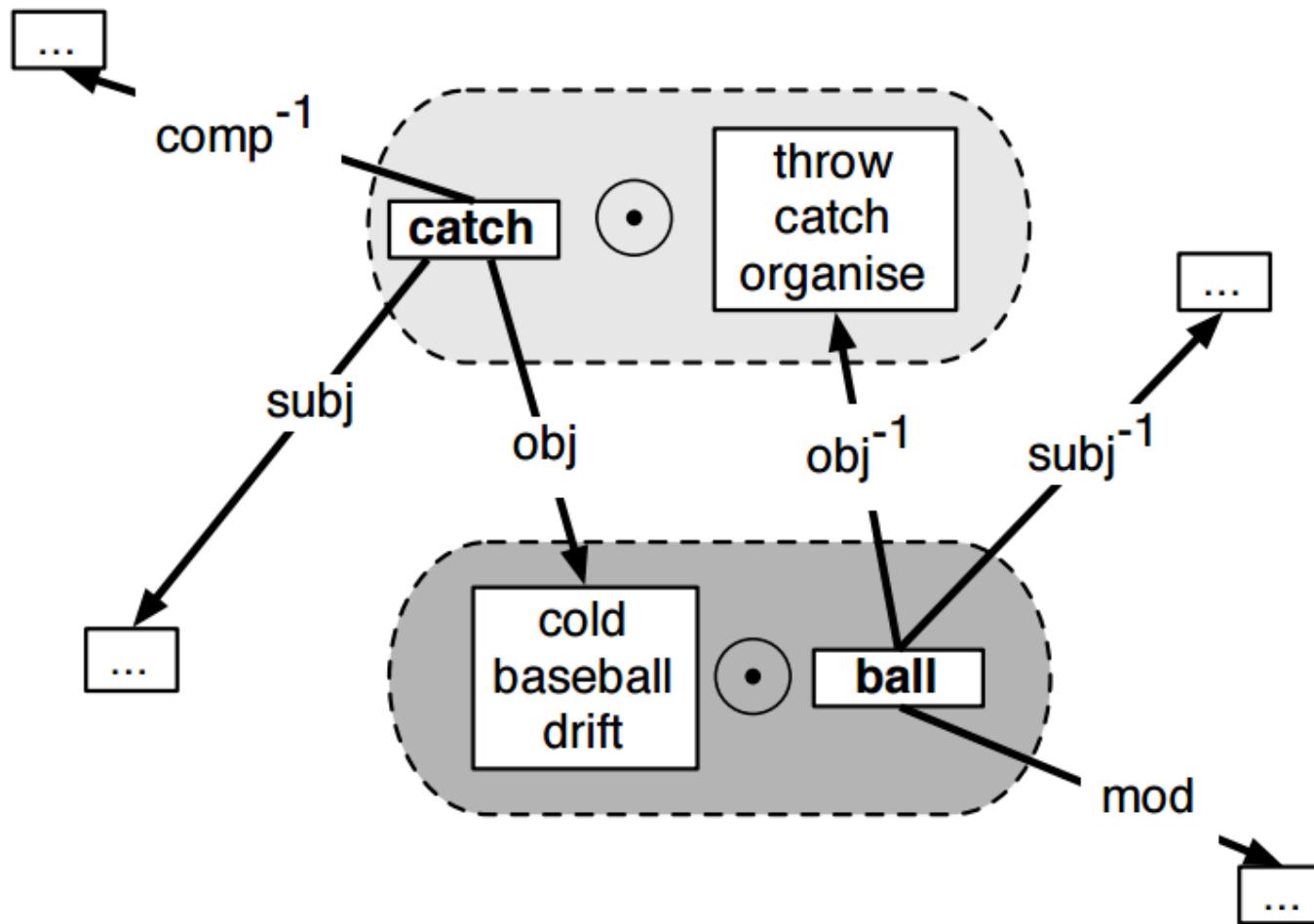


# Combine words by taking syntax into account

- Integrates lexical information with selectional preferences
- Computes the meaning of a word a in the context of the word b (disambiguates the meaning of a word in the context of another)



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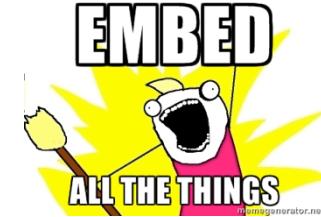
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Key insight: composition is decoupled from word type!

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# Learn phrase representations directly during embedding!



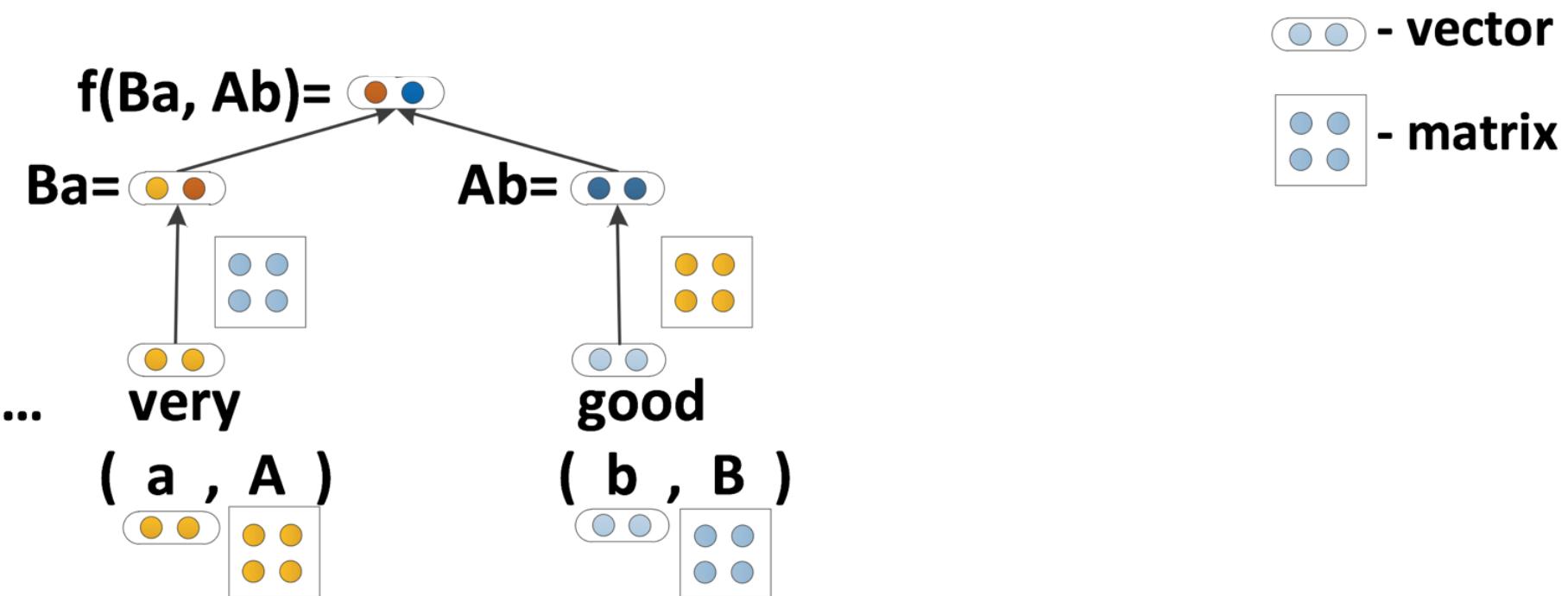
Directly learns word2vec representations for phrases

- First detects phrases in the training corpus by using a simple frequency-based approach
- Treating these phrases as single tokens, obtains phrase-specific representations

Czech + currency	Vietnam + capital	German + airlines	Russian + river	French + actress
koruna	Hanoi	airline Lufthansa	Moscow	Juliette Binoche
Check crown	Ho Chi Minh City	carrier Lufthansa	Volga River	Vanessa Paradis
Polish zolty	Viet Nam	flag carrier Lufthansa	upriver	Charlotte Gainsbourg
CTK	Vietnamese	Lufthansa	Russia	Cecile De

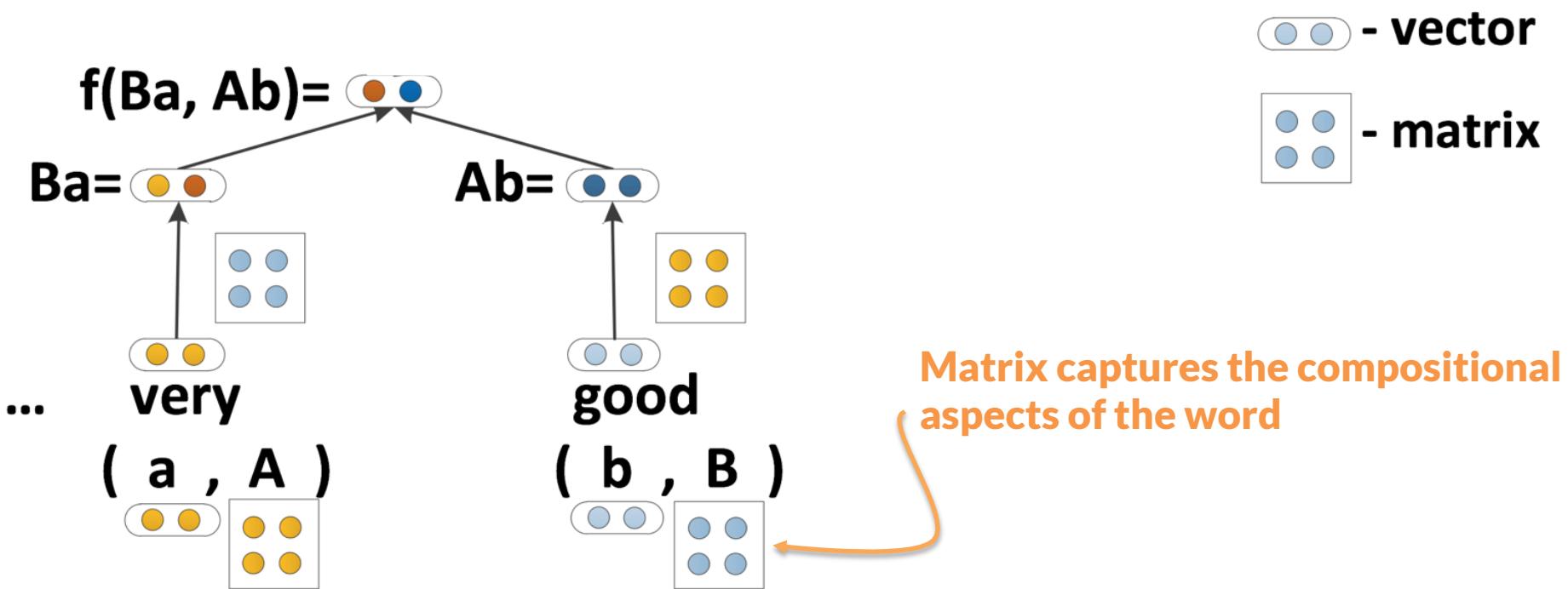
**Incapable of handling syntactic dependencies or related phrasal constructions**

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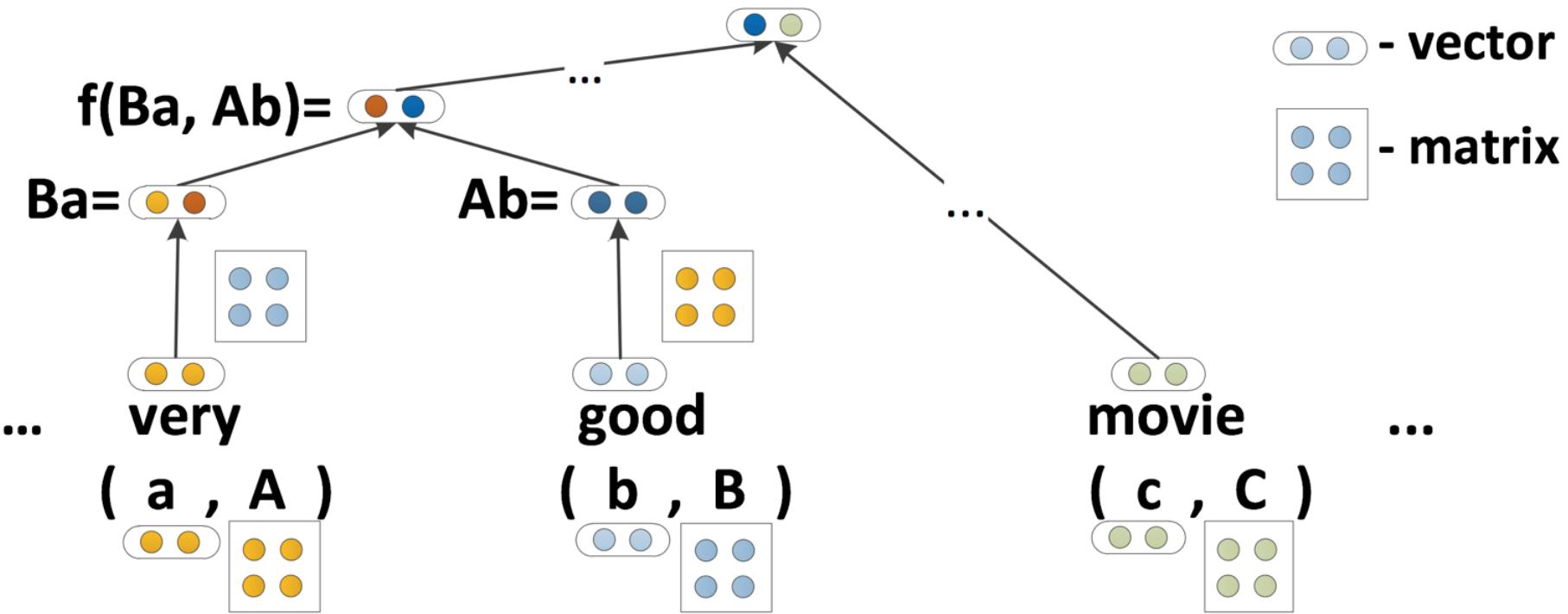
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# Compose with a recursive neural net



Not ideal performance in compositionality-specific tasks (Blacoe and Lapata, 2012; Hashimoto et al., 2014) -- partly because the model isn't trained for compositionality!

(Socher et al., 2012)

# Idea: Design an RNN with a cost function based on good paraphrase

- Create a paraphrase ranking corpus from PPDB (Ganitkevitch et al., 2013)
- Modify the RNN from Socher et al. (2014) so that the loss function penalizes similar representations of bad paraphrase examples
- Initialize with word2vec, but tune the vectors

(Wieting et al., 2015)

# Idea: Design an RNN with a cost function based on good paraphrase

			M&L Bigrams	M&L Paraphrase	Annotated PPDB
	word2vec	additive	.39	.36	.20
	paragram	additive	.42	.46	.32
	paragram	RNN	.47	.52	.40
Hashimoto et al. (2014)			.47	.41	-
Mitchell and Lapata (2010)			.44	-	-

**A supervised RNN provides significant benefits over representing phrases using vector addition.**

(Wieting et al., 2015)

# Sentence Similarity

# Sentence similarity is one of the most active areas

Many applications benefit:

- Paraphrasing
- Textual entailment
- Machine translation
- Question Answering

Easy to build models using combinations of string similarity and word-semantics similarity!

# Semantic Textual Similarity

- 2012 (A pilot): 35 teams 88 runs
- 2013 (+typed): 34 teams 89 runs
- 2014 (Multilingual):
  - English 15 teams 38 runs
  - Spanish 9 teams 22 runs
- 2015 (+Pilot on Interpretability):
  - English 29 teams 74 runs
  - Spanish 7 teams 16 runs
  - Interpretable STS 7 teams 29 runs
- 2016 (Interpretable STS)

# Semantic Textual Similarity

year	dataset	pairs	source
2012	MSRpar	1500	newswire
2012	MSRvid	1500	videos
2012	OnWN	750	glosses
2012	SMTnews	750	MT eval.
2012	SMTeuroparl	750	MT eval.
2013	HDL	750	newswire
2013	FNWN	189	glosses
2013	OnWN	561	glosses
2013	SMT	750	MT eval.
2014	HDL	750	newswire headlines
2014	OnWN	750	glosses
2014	Deft-forum	450	forum posts
2014	Deft-news	300	news summary
2014	Images	750	image descriptions
2014	Tweet-news	750	tweet-news pairs

IAA statistics:

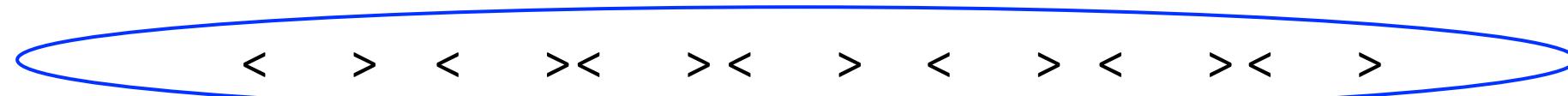
- HDL: 79.4%
- OnWN: 67.2%
- Deft-forum: 58.6%
- Deft-news: 70.7%
- Images: 83.6%
- Tweets-news: 74.4%

# Sentence Similarity Techniques

Basic idea: Average vectors of the words in a sentence



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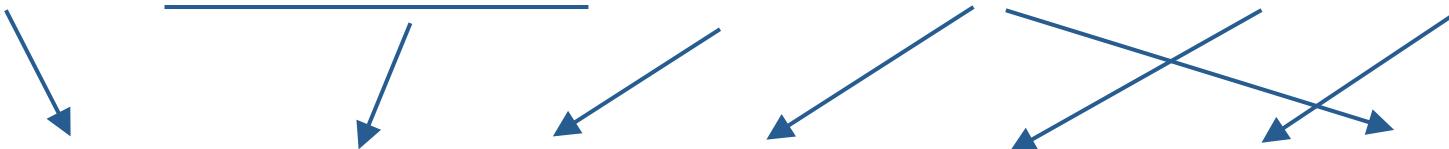
# Sentence Similarity Techniques

## Alignment

**Aggregate** the similarities of the closest pairs of words: Corley and Mihalcea (2005)

$$\text{sim}(T_1, T_2) = \frac{\sum_{w \in T_1} \max\text{Sim}(w, T_2) \text{idf}(w)}{\sum_{w \in T_1} \text{idf}(w)}$$

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<begin> He is  
He is talking  
is talking on  
talking on phone  
on phone <end>

<begin> He talks  
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on a telephone  
A telephone <end>

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<b>He-  
He-  
e-i  
-is  
is-  
s-t  
...

<b>He-  
He-  
e-t  
-ta  
tal  
alk  
...

# Sentence Similarity Techniques

Usually feature-based regression models

e.g., UKP (best system in STS-12)

**String-based similarity:** character n-gram, GST, etc.

**Semantic similarity:** WordNet-based approaches, ESA, etc.

**Other features:** POS n-gram, SMT, etc.

# Most STS systems are multi-feature regressors

- STS-2012
- Resources and tools used by the systems (from the Task's paper)

Action	ms	Distributional disambiguation	Morphological corpora	Stop words	Tables of paraphrases	WordNet	Alignment	Distributional similarity	SIMILARITY	Lexical Substitution	Machine Learning	NMF evaluation	NAME	Named Entity recognition	PoS tagger	Semantic Role Labeling	SNLI	Spelling similarity	Syntax	Textual entailment	Time and date resolution	Word Sense Disambiguation	Other				
aca@Shef/tasks-University_Ol_Sheffield-Hybrid		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
aca@Shef/tasks-University_Ol_Sheffield-Machine_Learning		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
aca@Shef/tasks-University_Ol_Sheffield-Vector_Space		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
baer/task6-UKP-run1		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
baer/task6-UKP-run2_plus_postprocessing_smt_twsi		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
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csjtu/task6-PolyUCOMP-RUN		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
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dvilarnoy/ala/task6-BUAP-RUN-1		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
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weiwei/task6-weiwei-run1		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
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- STS-2013
  - Resources and tools used by the systems (from the Task's paper)

	Annotations	Distr. of total memory	Distr. of total resources	Multimodal corpora	OpenNLP & SUTTOM	Value of multimodality	WordEmbedding	WordNet	Confidence place	Decoding place	RFSIMilarity	Lexical Substitution	Logical rule & tree	Whether or not using	Multiword recognition	Name of entity recognition	HOG filter	ROI filter	Free text &	Semantic Role Labeling	
																				String similarity	Similar
analog-w-sc3																					
BGJ-1	x			x					x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
BGJ-2	x			x				x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
BGJ-3	x			x				x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>CHLT-APPROACH</b>																					
ChLt-Run1	x			x				x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
ChLt-Run2	x			x				x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
ChLt-Run3	x			x				x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
CNGL-LPSSVR	x																				
CNGL-LPSSVRL	x																				
CNGL-LSSVR	x																				
CPN-combined RandSubSpace		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
CPN-combined SVM		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
CPN-individual RandSubSpace		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
DeepPurple-length	x													x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
DeepPurple-linear	x													x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
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dfl-Baseline	x							x	x	x											
dfl-Baseline	x							x	x	x											
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DL-SfCU-wordSemantic	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
ECSNUC-Ran1	x							x	x	x											
ECSNUC-Ran2	x							x	x	x											
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HEINRY-run1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
HEINRY-run2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IBM-JG-run2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
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# Most STS systems are multi-feature regressors

- STS-2013 Resources and tools used by the systems
  - WordNet
  - Monolingual corpora
  - Wikipedia
  - Dictionaries
  - Multilingual corpora
  - Opinion and sentiment analysis
  - Lists and tables of paraphrases

# Sentence Similarity Techniques

## Soft cardinality

Jimenez et al (2010)

Uses only surface text information, a stop-word remover, and a stemmer

ranked 3rd in STS-12

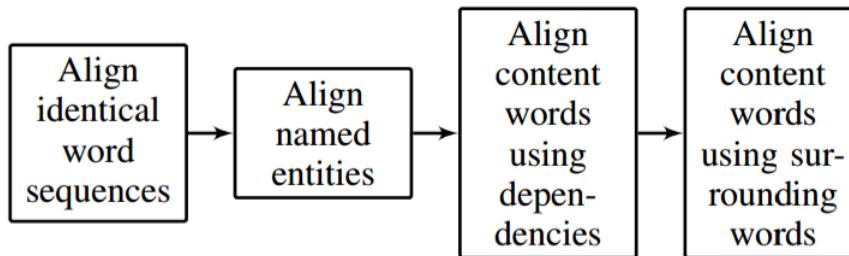
$$SIM(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B| + bias}{\alpha \max(|A|, |B|) + (1 - \alpha) \min(|A|, |B|)}$$

# Sentence Similarity Techniques

## Monolingual alignment

Sultan et al (2014): best system in STS-14 and -15

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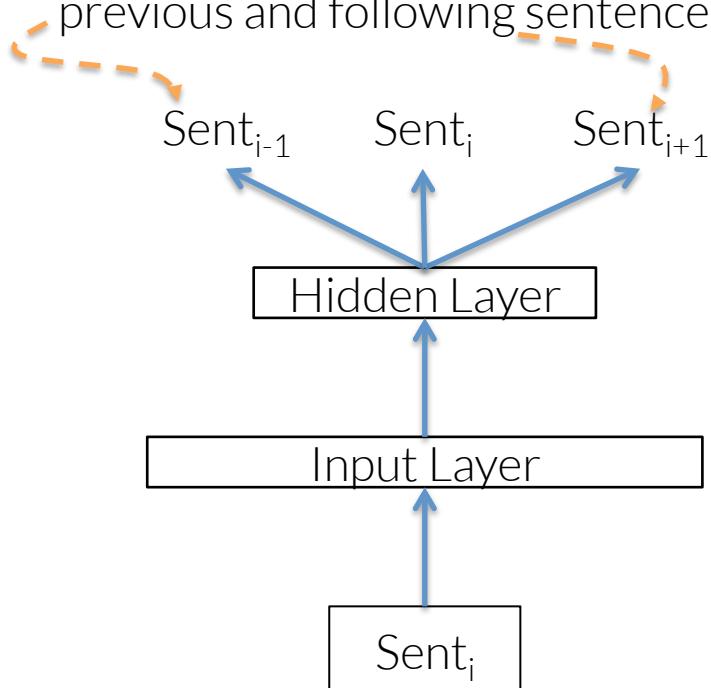


The similarity score is computed as a function of the proportions of aligned content words in the two input sentences.

# Sentence Similarity Techniques: Skip-thought vectors

Embedding a sentence with unsupervised training

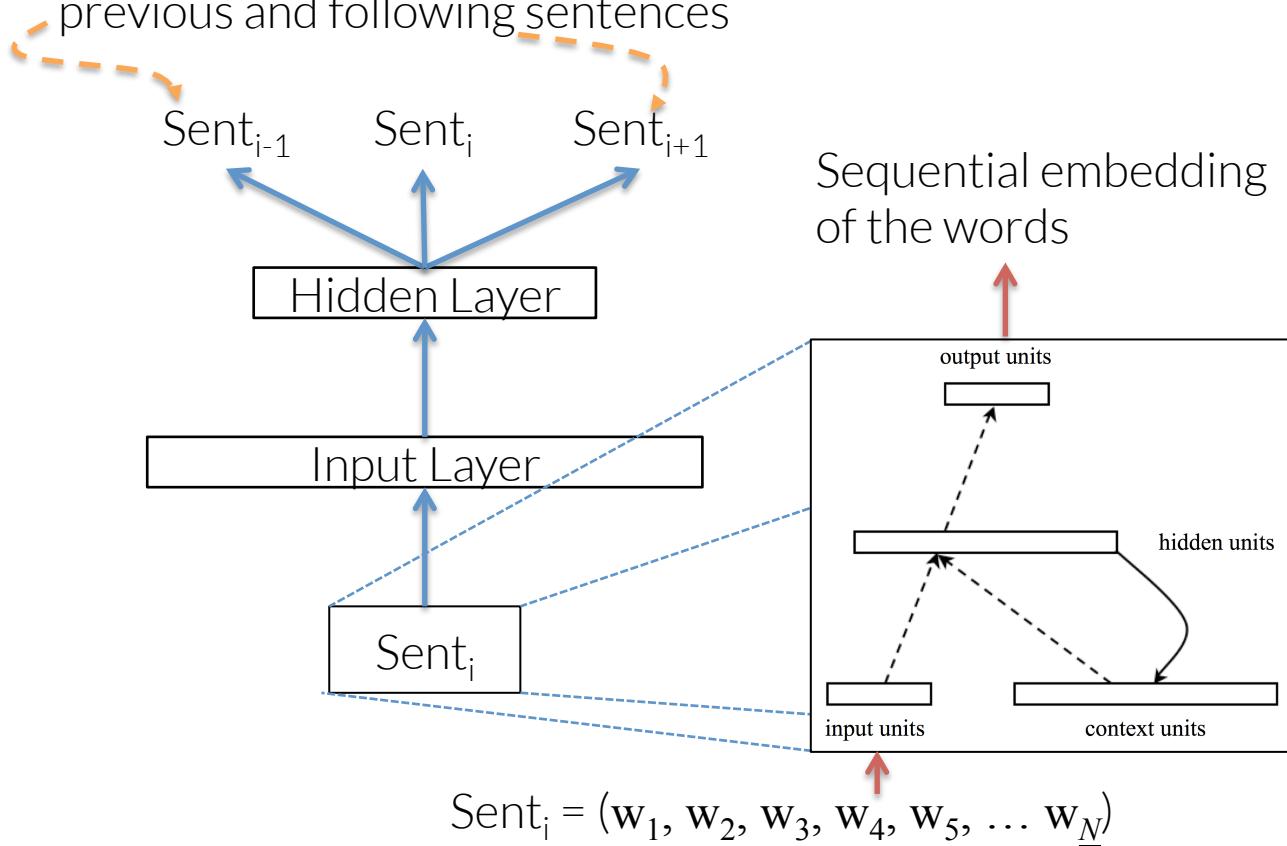
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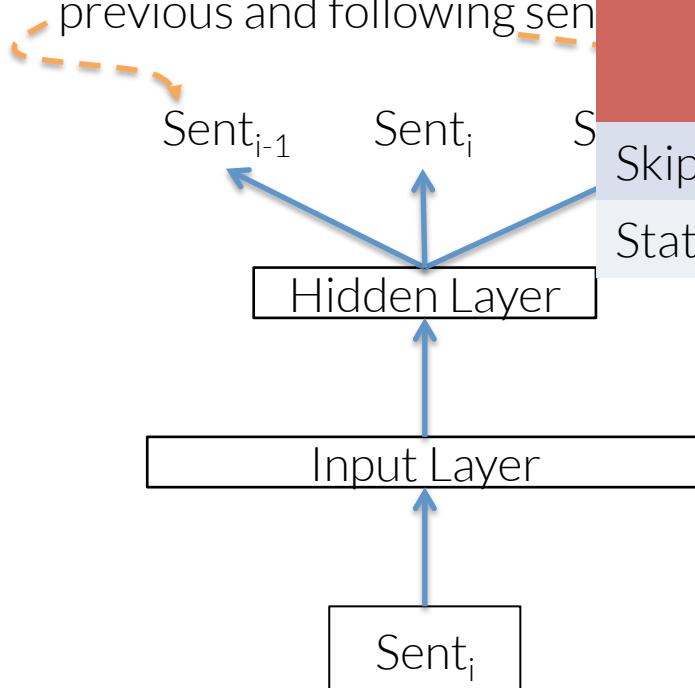
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	MSR Paraphrase Detection (MSE)	SICK Semantic Relatedness (F1)
Skip-Thought Vectors	0.2561	83.0
State of the Art	<u>0.2532</u>	<u>84.1</u>

**Not state of the art,  
but high performance on  
a wide variety of tasks**

# Coffee Break

30 minutes

# Paragraph Similarity

# Paragraphs represent large thematic, topical units -- more than just a sequence of sentence

The Lisbon region is the wealthiest region in Portugal and it is well above the European Union's GDP per capita average – it produces 45% of the Portuguese GDP. Lisbon's economy is based primarily on the tertiary sector. Most of the headquarters of multinationals operating in Portugal are concentrated in the Grande Lisboa Subregion, specially in the Oeiras municipality. The Lisbon Metropolitan Area is heavily industrialized, especially the south bank of the Tagus river (Rio Tejo).

# Little evaluation directly on paragraph similarity

- Often used as the unit of text for applications
  - Plagiarism detection
  - Summarization
  - Essay grading
  - Scientific abstracts
  - Document chunking

# Simplest Idea: Model paragraphs as a bag of words (BoW)

Paragraph BoW representations run into all the same issues as with words

- huge dimensionality makes them cumbersome
- ignores word semantics

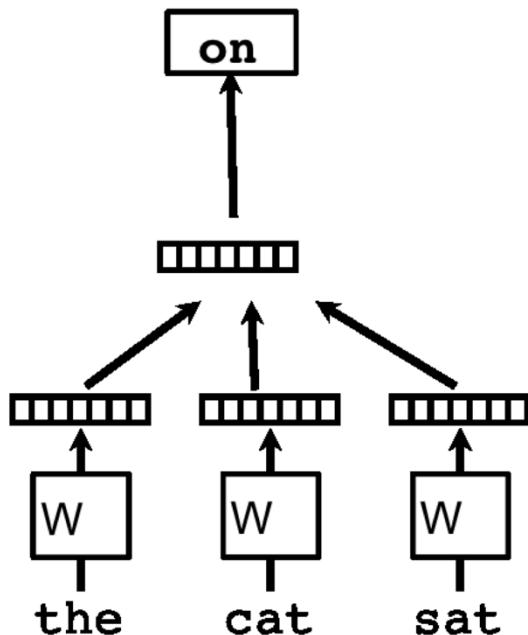
Paragraphs also include word ordering and sentence ordering

- The topic sentence can matter!

# Current state of the art: doc2vec

Tackles two problems with bag-of-word and topic modeling approaches:

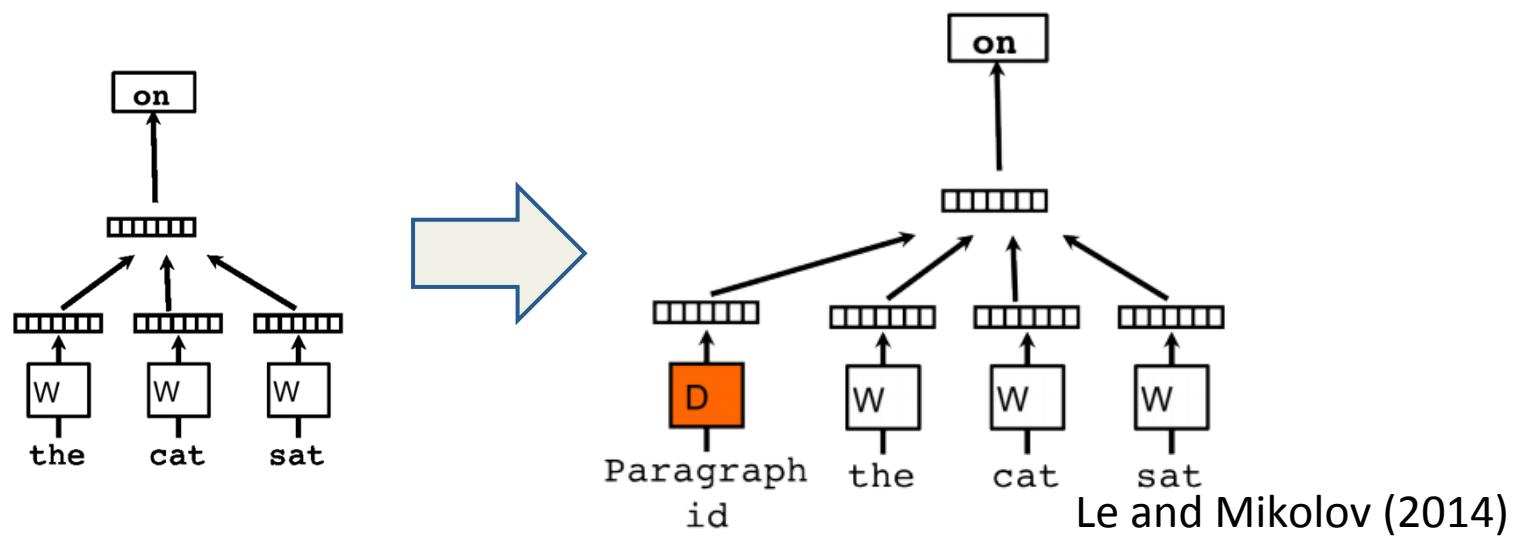
- They lose the ordering of the words
- They ignore semantics of the words



**Base model is a prediction task to predict the next word in a sequence**

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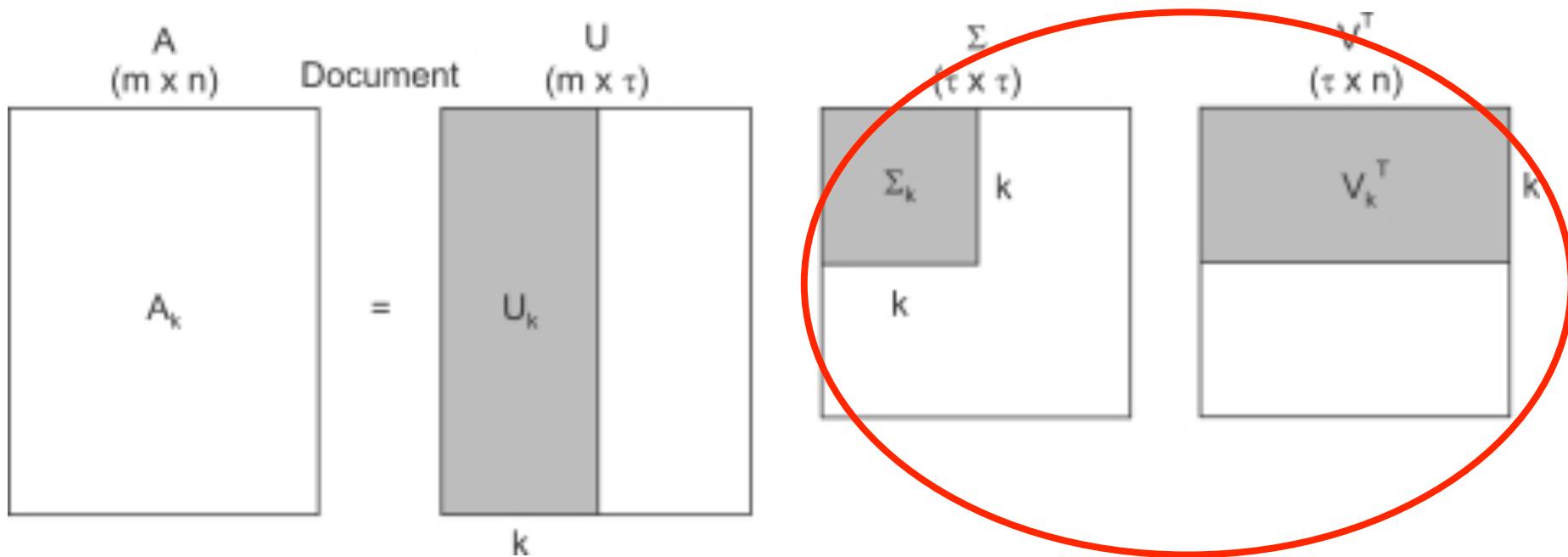
- Incorporate paragraph structure explicitly by adding a paragraph vector to the predictive model
  - Every paragraph is mapped to a unique vector
  - A paragraph is thought of as another word that remembers what is missing from the current context



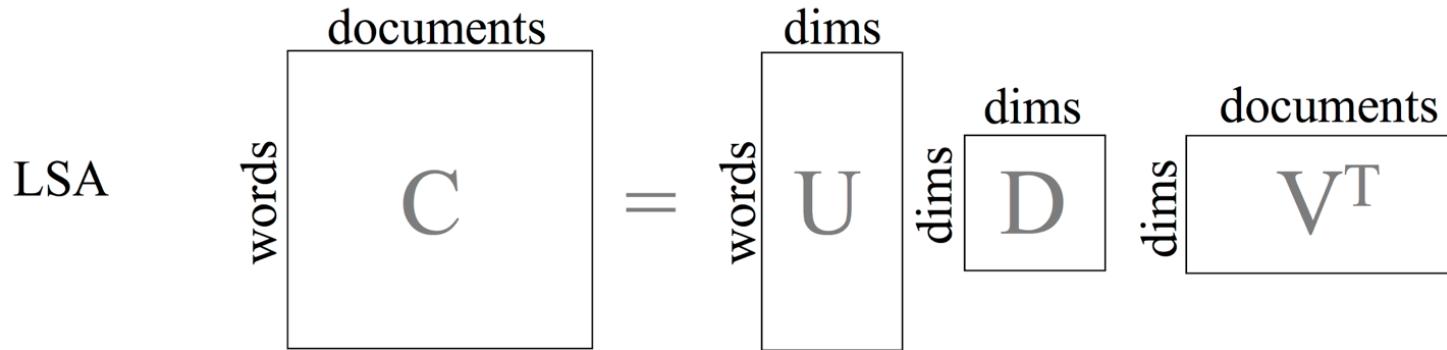
# Document Similarity

# Early document similarity techniques used vector space models

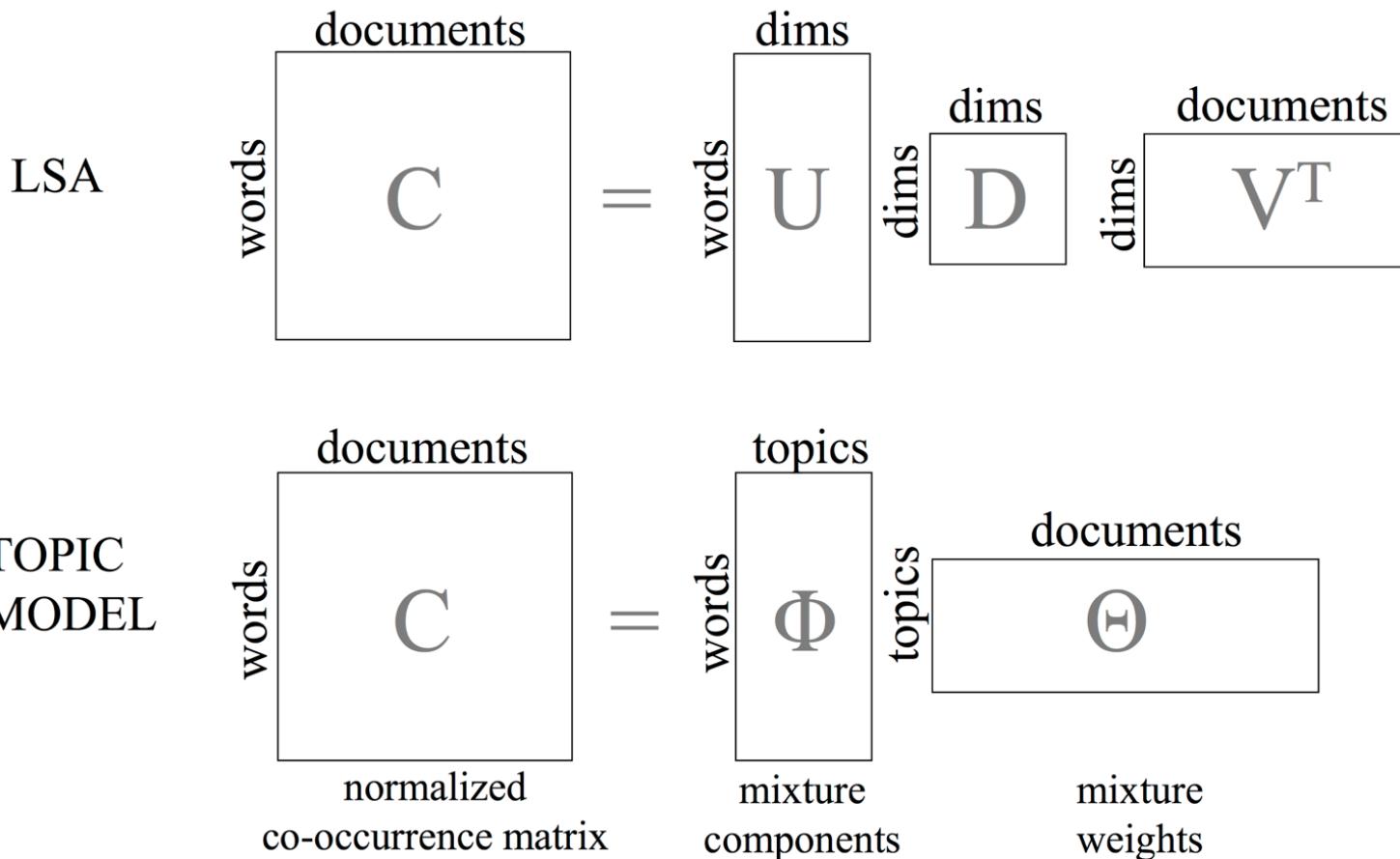
Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI, aka LSA)  
developed by Deerwester (1988) to address  
already-discussed issues with VSMs.



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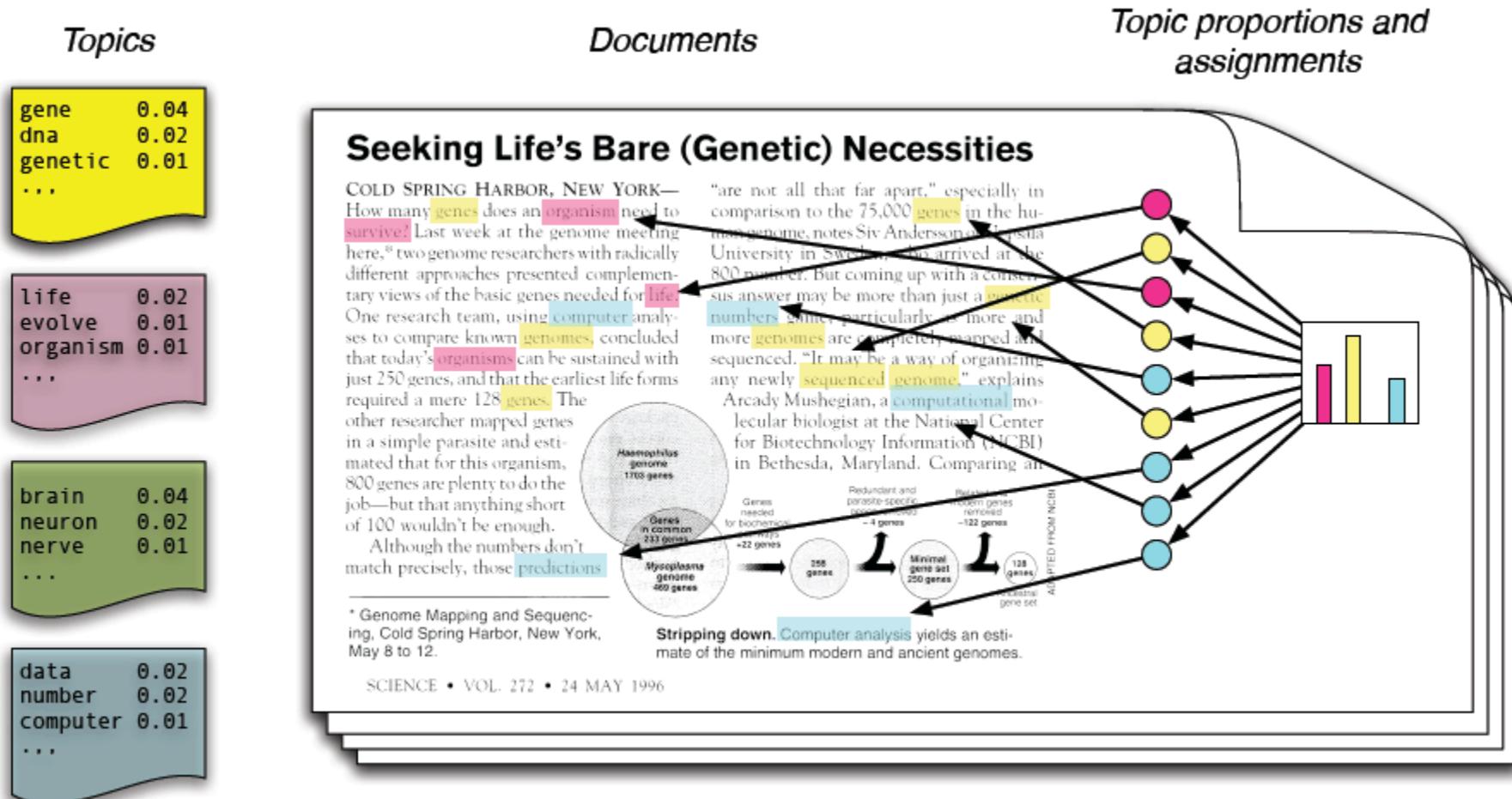
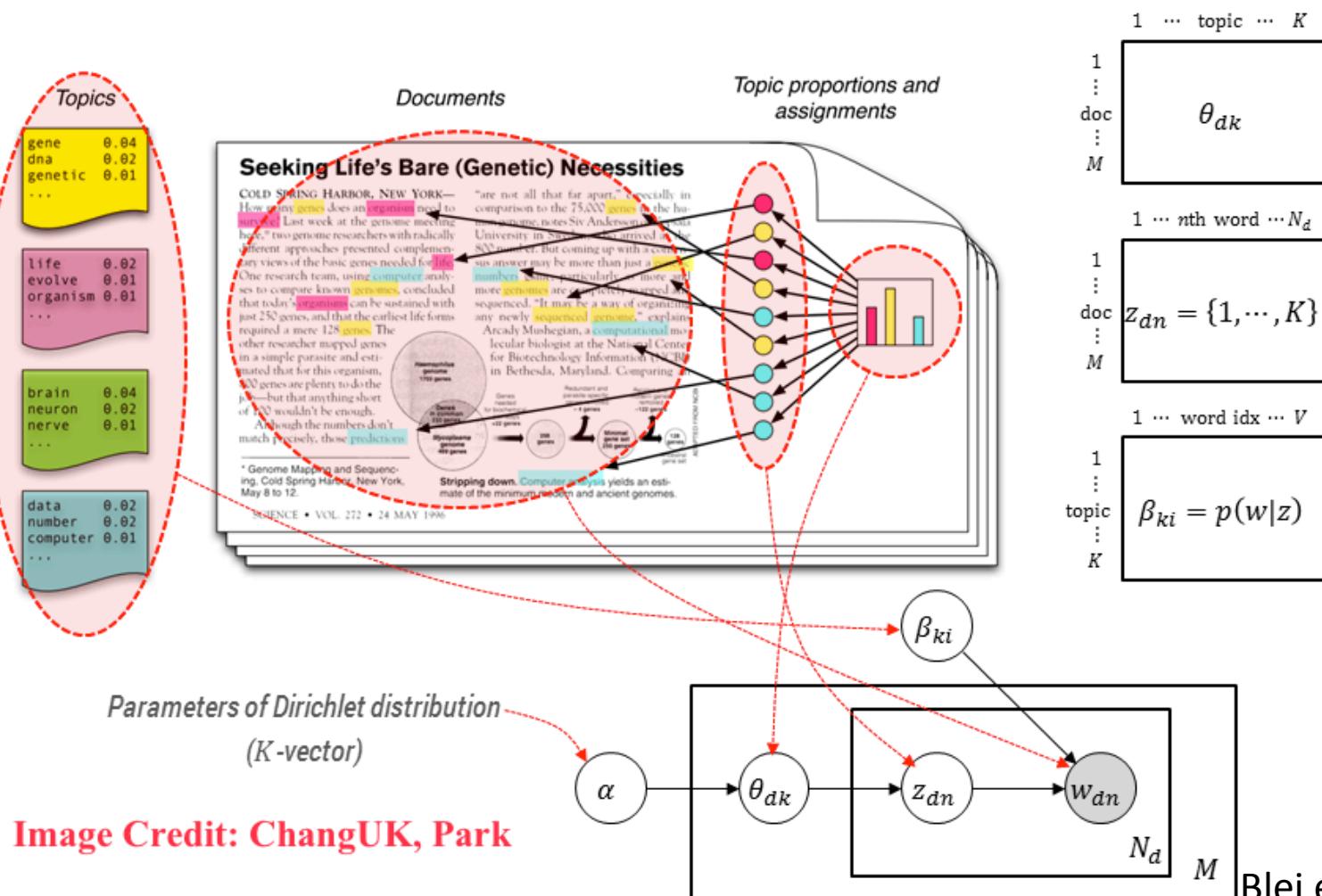


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# Document Similarity Techniques

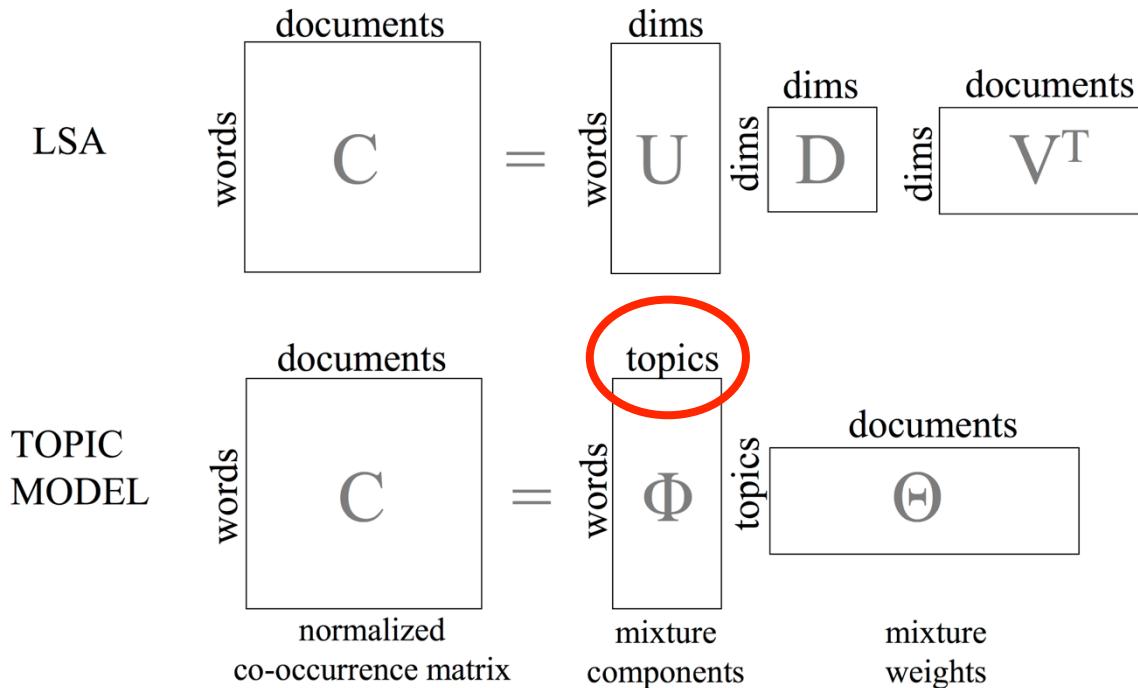
## Latent Dirichlet Allocation



# Key points for using topic distributions as document representations

- Selecting the number of topics
- Identify relationships between topics
- Moving beyond token-topic assignments

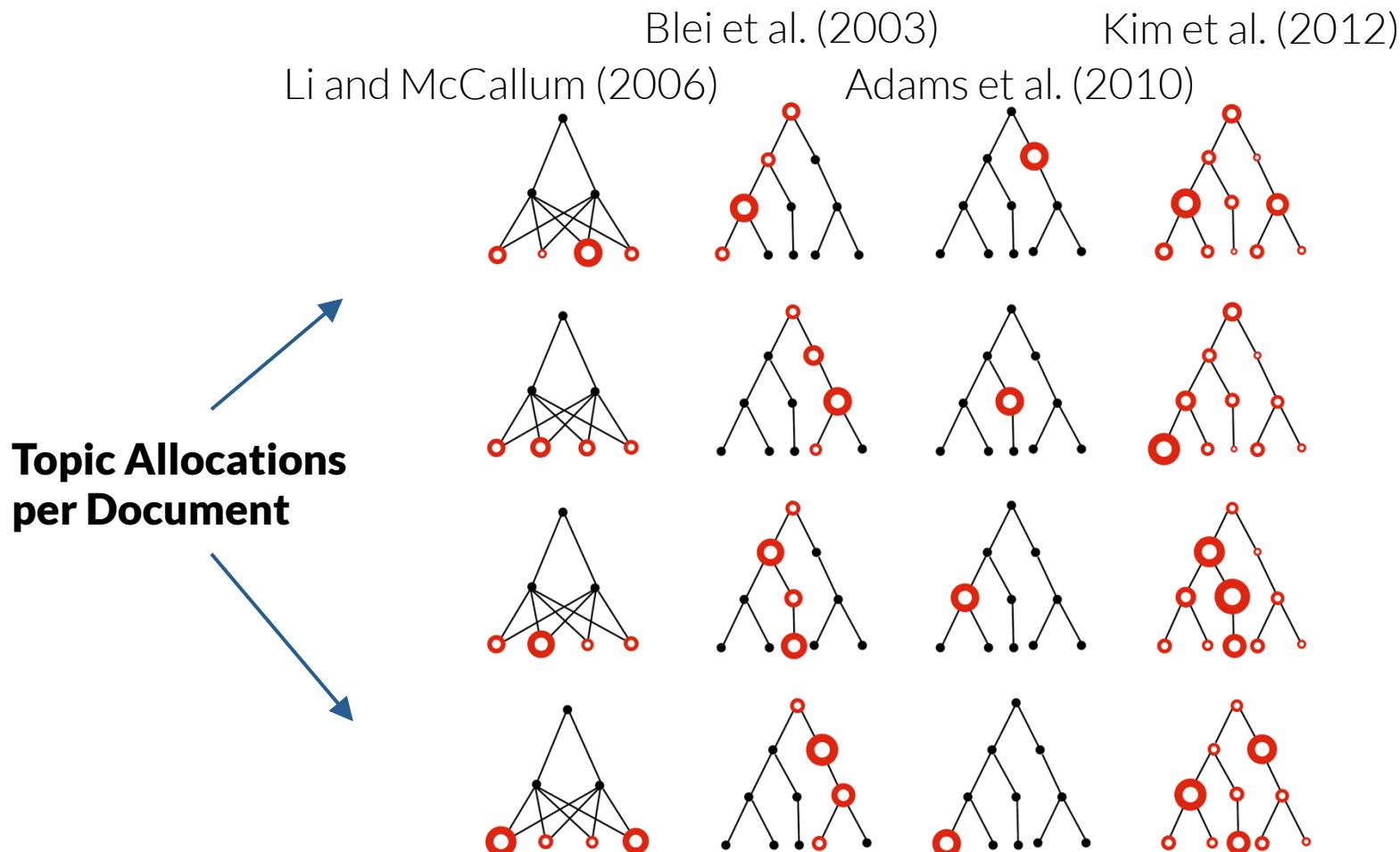
# How many topics should you use?



Let a Hierarchical Dirichlet Process (HDP)  
model decide for you.

(Teh et al., 2005; Fourtassi and Dupoux, 2013)

# Introducing structure into the topics



**Hierarchical topic organizations can potentially yield  
more informative document representations**

Image credit: Kim et al. (2012)

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# TurboTopics example phrases

Huffington Post				Physics arXiv				n-gram topics
movie the film hollywood director first character documentary theater best sex and the city hbo scene to make release screen actor made stars indiana jones seen	barack obama obamas campaign sen barack obama democratic the illinois senator michelle recent speech choice sen clinton david axelrod president camp the huffington post endorsed seen attacks political gave	marriage state in california gay decision court law supreme court couples ruling rights equality legal to marry married samesex couples states gay marriage sexual orientation the california supreme court	hillary clinton campaign bill clinton shes the clinton hillarys president sen clinton mark penn politics sexism the first her campaign supporters made fight called mrs clinton political hillary rodham clinton	mass star formation stars masses black hole stellar star black holes massive msun solar masses stellar mass black hole mass the stellar young the mass times myr imf supermassive black holes	model point monte carlo simulations fixed point results lattice scaling numerical ising model two we study the models quantum monte carlo interactions numerical simulations simulation dimensions analytical phase spin glass	lattice qcd mass dirac operator chiral perturbation theory operators quarks limit theta quark mev simulations lattice spacing chiral symmetry breaking results effects small baryon in the continuum limit physical quenched	phase transitions model symmetry point quantum systems phase transition phase diagram system order field order parameter critical two transitions in models different symmetry breaking first order phenomena	
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- Learn the MWEs *during* topic modeling
  - Most scalable approach is Top-Min (El-Kishky et al., 2014)

# TopMine example phrases

	<i>Topic 1</i>	<i>Topic 2</i>	<i>Topic 3</i>	<i>Topic 4</i>
1-grams	plant nuclear environmental energy year waste department power state chemical	church catholic religious bishop pope roman jewish rev john christian	palestinian israeli israel arab plo army reported west bank state	bush house senate year bill president congress tax budget committee
n-grams	energy department environmental protection agency nuclear weapons acid rain nuclear power plant hazardous waste savannah river rocky flats nuclear power natural gas	roman catholic pope john paul john paul catholic church anti semitism baptist church united states lutheran church episcopal church church members	gaza strip west bank palestine liberation organization united states arab reports prime minister yitzhak shamir israel radio occupied territories occupied west bank	president bush white house bush administration house and senate members of congress defense secretary capital gains tax pay raise house members committee chairman

# Documents can contain much more than just text

## The Application of the PSO Based Community Discovery Algorithm in Scientific Paper Management SNS Platform\*

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**Abstract.** The development of SNS provides a new platform and application prospect for the realization of Personalized Recommendation System. It is becoming a fire new research hot spot in social science and e-commerce about how to apply community discovery algorithm (CDA) to find community structures in large network and to effectively conduct personalized recommendation. In terms of our recent research, we applied PSO based CDA as principle to divide social communities and based on this to conduct personalized recommendation in a scientific paper management system. The system's running results proved that by applying PSO based CDA, the accuracy of PR and the popularity of the platform had been both improved greatly.

**Keywords:** SNS, community structure, Personalized Recommendation, PSO based CDA.

### 1 Introduction

Social network lays emphasis on interpersonal interaction and reflects user's essential need for internet service. In recent years, SNS has become an increasing concern because it allows users to create and to manage things independently by themselves. This concern not only comes from the need to analyze network users' behavior model but also is dominated by the request to maintain the network cohesion. As a result of sparse communication and identity conceal, the effects of PR are not very efficient in normal network.

However, the emergence of SNS brings network users with a safer and more reliable platform[1] which enables users to interact with others more convenient and relieved. This paper's results sufficiently proved that SNS optimized the consequent of social communication and constructed the foundation to realize PRS.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we introduce the current development of SNS. In section 3, common community discovery algorithms are presented. Section 4 introduces the application of PSO based CDA in scientific paper management system. Subsequently, running comparison is presented and finally, section 6 gives conclusion.

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## Chapter Two

### First Steps in My New Country

My father gave me 50 piasters – that was the name of the sub-division of the pound. My mother made me take my awful, rough Bulgarian coat, and wearing my freshly washed but creased white dress, I made my way towards the main gate.

The policeman, in shirt sleeves, was sitting on a chair at the entrance to his little booth, reading a newspaper. He looked up as I came nearer and smiled:

'Bulgaria?'

I nodded. He spoke to me for a while, and although I didn't understand a word of what he said, I realised that he was talking about me. His winks and side-smiles, made that quite clear, but I didn't much like to think what the subject matter of his discourse was. He pointed to himself eventually, and said:

'Polonia.'

I understood that he was telling me that he was Polish.

'Yes, Warsaw.' I said.

'No, no Krakow!'

It was all Poland to me, but obviously, to him, it made a

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for Barack Obama. The page title is "Barack Obama". Below the title, it says "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia" and "Barack" and "Obama" are disambiguation links. The main content starts with a short biography: "Barack Hussein Obama II (born 4 August 1961) is the 44th and current President of the United States. He is the first African American to hold the office. Obama previously served as a U.S. Senator from Illinois, from January 2005 until he resigned after his election to the presidency in November 2008." To the right of the text is a large portrait of Barack Obama. At the bottom of the page, there is a summary box containing information about his political career, including his time as a senator and president, and a list of his awards and achievements, such as the Nobel Peace Prize.

# Lots of work on structured document similarity

# Adding knowledge to the document representation

Barack Obama - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Article Discussion Read View source View history Search

Log in / create account

WIKIPEDIA The Free Encyclopedia

Barack Obama

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia (Redirected from Obama)

"Barack" and "Obama" redirect here. For other uses, see Barack (disambiguation) and Obama (disambiguation).

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A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, Obama is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School, where he was the president of the Harvard Law Review. He was a community organizer in Chicago before earning his law degree. He worked as a civil rights attorney in Chicago and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004.

Obama served three terms in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004. Following an unsuccessful bid against a Democratic incumbent for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, he ran for United States Senate in 2004.<sup>[4]</sup> Several events brought him to national attention during the campaign, including his victory in the March 2004 Democratic primary and his keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in July 2004. He won election to the U.S. Senate in November 2004. His presidential campaign began in February 2007, and after a close campaign in the 2008 Democratic Party presidential primaries against Hillary Rodham Clinton, he won his party's nomination. In the 2008 general election, he defeated Republican nominee John McCain and was inaugurated as president on January 20, 2009.

As president, Obama signed economic stimulus legislation in the form of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in February 2009. Other domestic policy initiatives include the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – a major piece of health care reform legislation which he signed into law in March 2010 – and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which forms part of his financial regulatory reform efforts, which he signed in July 2010. In foreign policy, Obama gradually withdrew combat troops from Iraq, increased troop levels in Afghanistan, and signed an arms control treaty with Russia. On October 9, 2009, Obama was named the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Contents [view]

1 Early life and career  
1.1 Chicago community organizer and Harvard Law School  
1.2 University of Chicago Law School and civil rights attorney

2 Legislative career: 1997–2008  
2.1 State Senator: 1997–2004  
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2.3 U.S. Senator: 2005–2009

44th President of the United States

Incumbent  
Assumed office  
January 20, 2009

Vice President Joe Biden

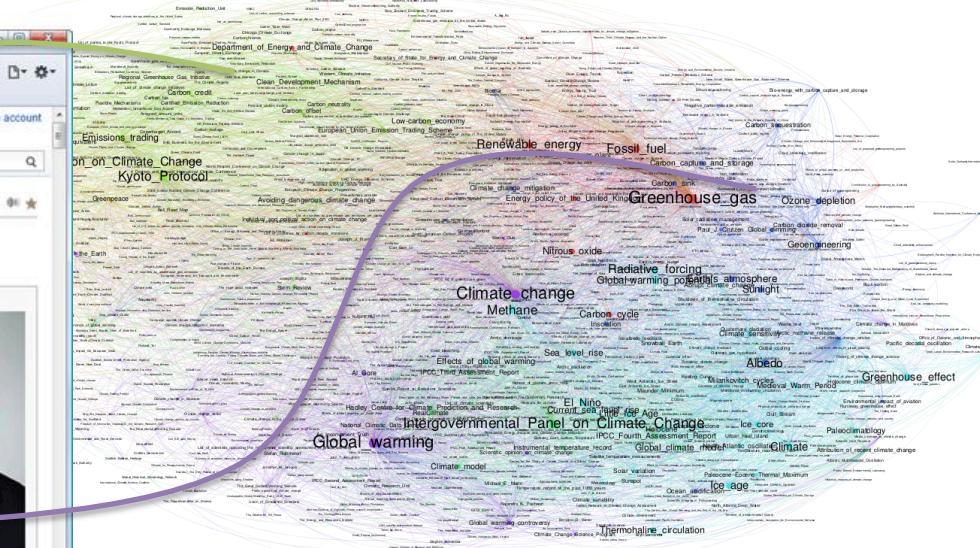
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United States Senator from Illinois

In office  
January 3, 2005 – November 16, 2008

Preceded by Peter Fitzgerald  
Succeeded by Roland Burris

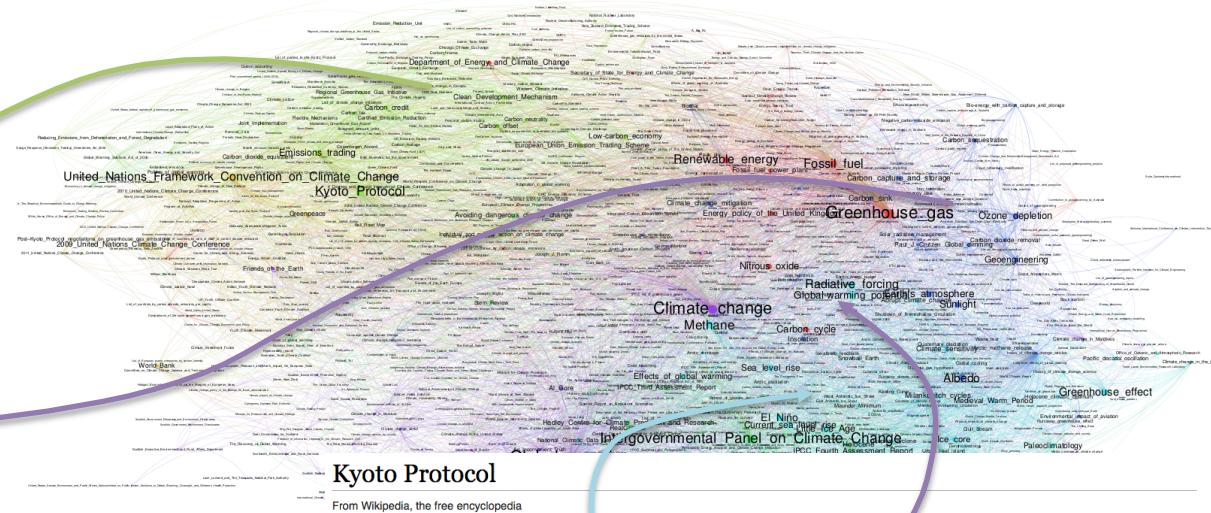
Member of the Illinois Senate from the 13th district  
In office



Entities that can be linked in a document become connected to Wikipedia's semantic network

# Adding knowledge to the document representation

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia page for Barack Obama. It includes a sidebar with navigation links like Main page, Contents, Featured content, Current events, Random article, Donate, Interaction, Help, About Wikipedia, Contact, Recent changes, and Contact Wikipedia. The main content area features a portrait of Obama, a summary of his life, and sections on his political career, including his time in the Senate and his role as the 44th President of the United States. A sidebar on the right provides details about his political offices and legislative actions.



The edges in the graph between linked entities define how similar the documents are

Schuhmacher and Ponzetto (2014)

Other recent works have tried an LSA-like approach with new dimensionality reductions

- Non-negative Matrix Factorization  
(Xu et al., 2003)
- Concept Factorization  
(Xu and Gong, 2004)
- Locally-Consistent Concept Factorization  
(Cai et al. 2011)
  - Non-linear dimensionality reduction

Main issues are computational complexity and representational opaqueness

# Cross-Level Semantic Similarity

# Semantic Similarity

Mostly focused on **similar** types of lexical items

Paragraph Level



Sentence Level



Word Level

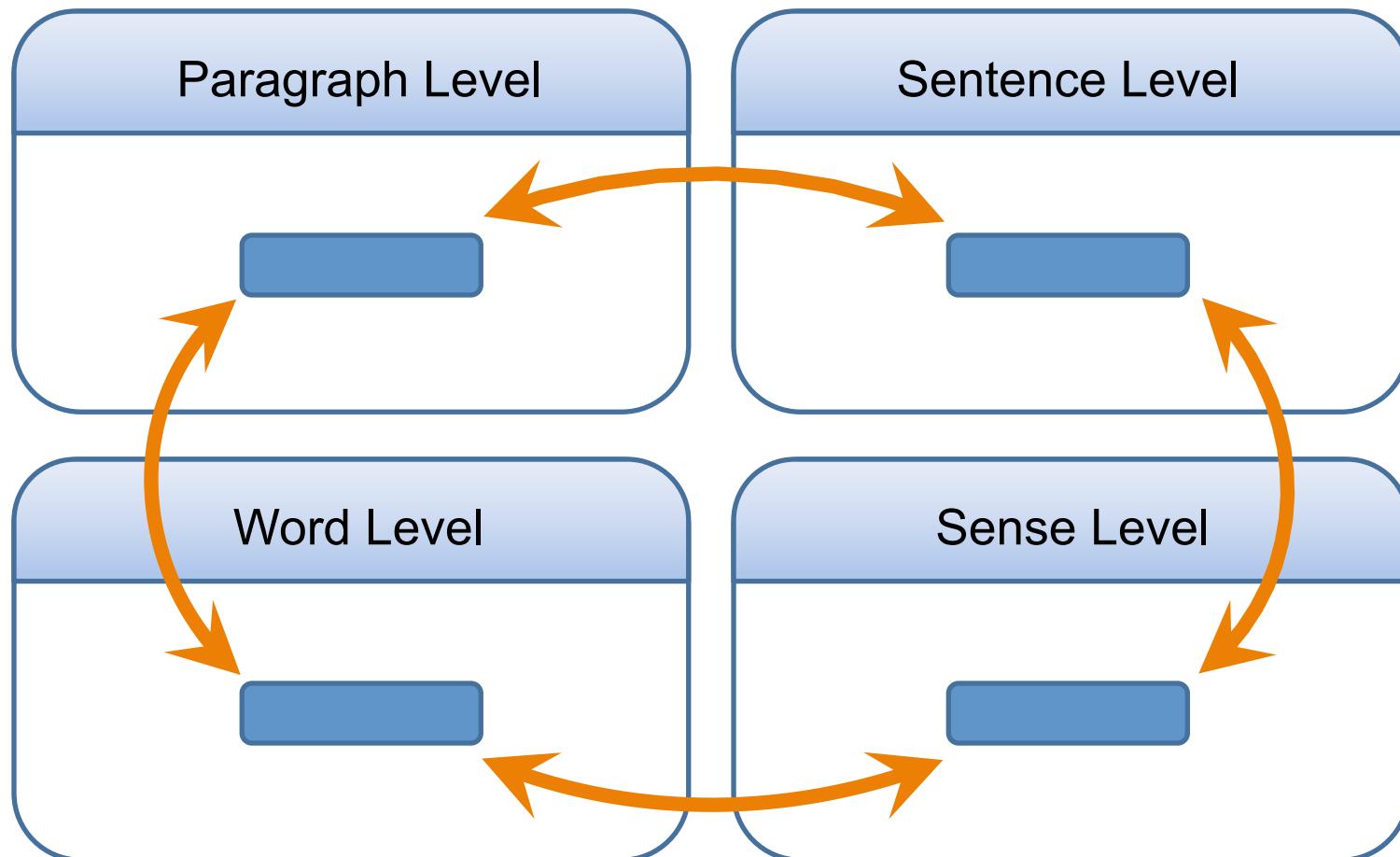


Sense Level



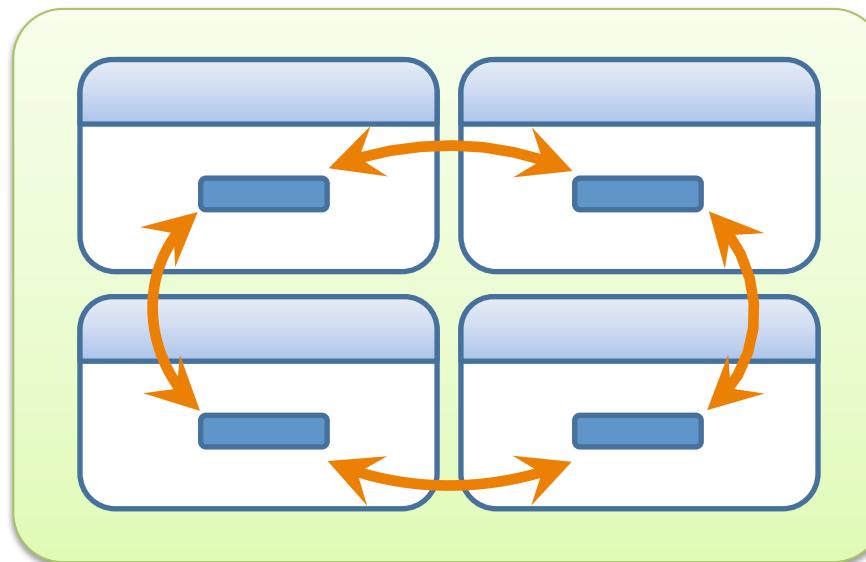
# Semantic Similarity

What if we have **different** types of inputs?

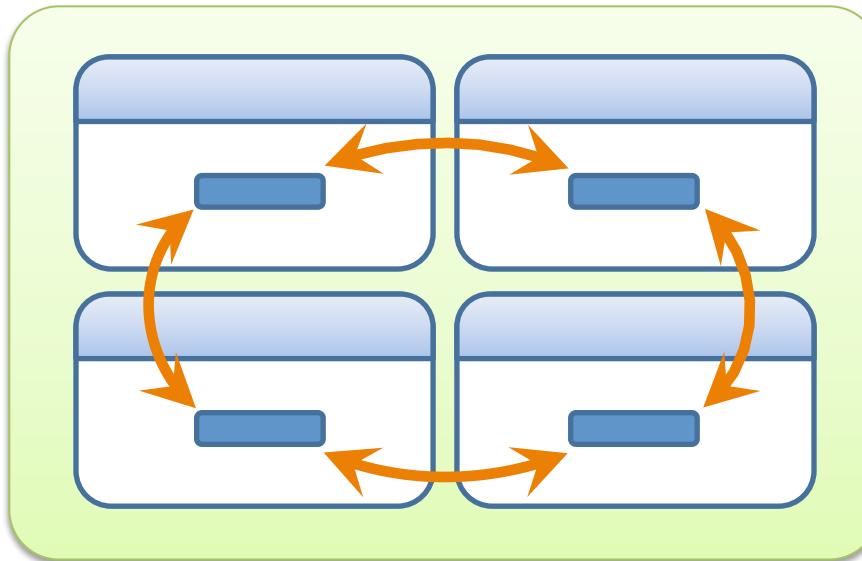


# CLSS: Cross-Level Semantic Similarity

A new type of similarity task



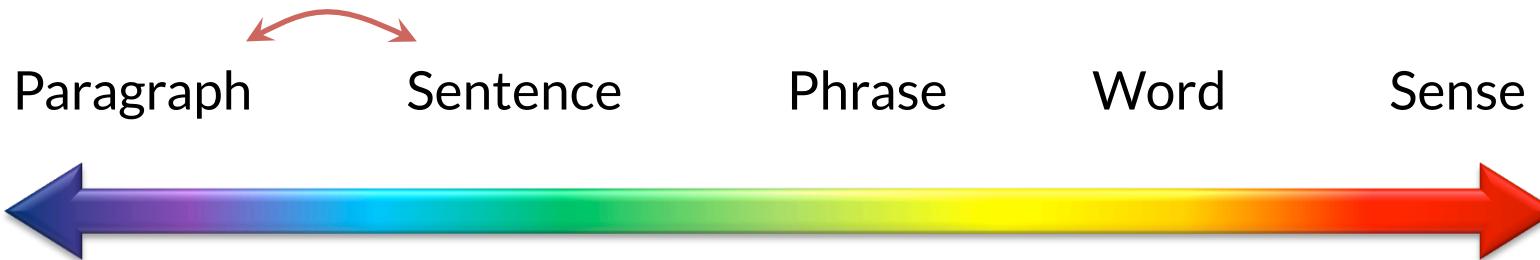
# CLSS: Cross-Level Semantic Similarity



- Multiple **types** of comparison
- Incorporate **multiple genres** of text
- Push towards computing the similarity of **anything**

# CLSS: Comparison Types

Paragraph to Sentence



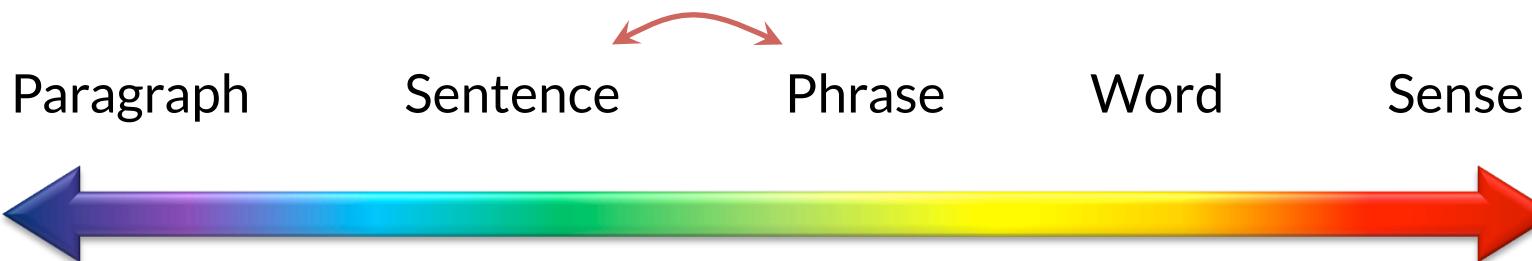
# CLSS: Comparison Types

**Paragraph to Sentence**

**Sentence to Phrase**

The 30-year-old woman has had no contact with the outside world.

30-year-old female recluse



# CLSS: Comparison Types

Paragraph to Sentence

Sentence to Phrase

Phrase to Word

a large, expensive house

mansion

Paragraph

Sentence

Phrase

Word

Sense



# CLSS: Comparison Types

Paragraph to Sentence

Sentence to Phrase

Phrase to Word

Word to Sense

driver

vehicle<sup>1</sup>  
n

(a conveyance that  
transports people or  
objects)

Paragraph

Sentence

Phrase

Word

Sense



# Task Data

4000 pairs in total

500 pairs per type

Paragraph to Sentence

Sentence to Phrase

Phrase to Word

Word to Sense

Training set

500 pairs per type

Paragraph to Sentence

Sentence to Phrase

Phrase to Word

Word to Sense

Test set

# Task Data

A wide range of domains and text styles

## Paragraph to Sentence

Newswire

Travel

## Question Answering

Scientific

Metaphoric

Review

## Sentence to Phrase

Newswire

Travel

## Question Answering

Scientific

Slang

Idiomatic

## Phrase to Word

Newswire

Slang

Idiomatic

Lexicographic

Descriptive

Search

# Word to Sense pairs

## “Regular”

“central” vs. essential#a#1

“tyre” vs. automobile#n#1

## Word not in WordNet

“zombify” vs. resurrect#v#3

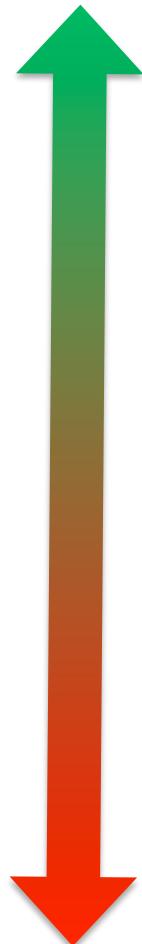
“drank” vs. opiate#n#1

## Sense not in WordNet

“red” vs. communist#a#1

“shiraz” vs. grape#n#1

# Rating Scale



4 -- Nearly identical

3 -- Similar, but not identical

2 -- Related but not similar

1 -- On the same topic, but not closely related

0 -- Completely unrelated

# Comparison Baselines

- Longest Common Substring (LCS)

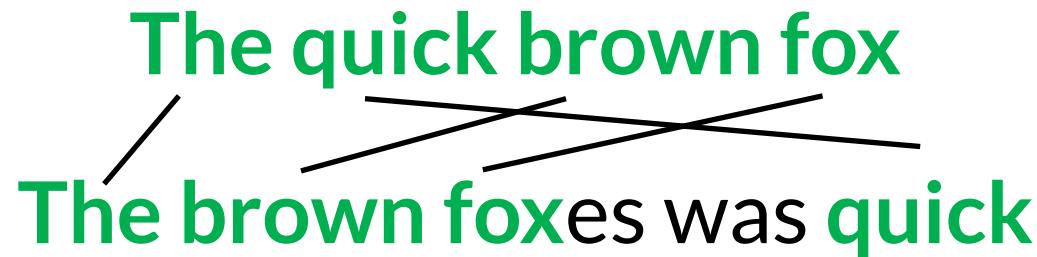
The quick **brown fox**

The **brown fox** was quick

- Greedy String Tiling (GST)

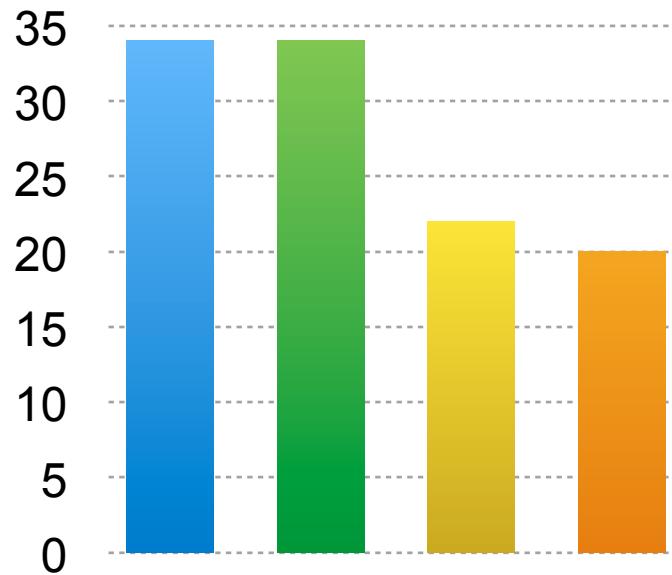
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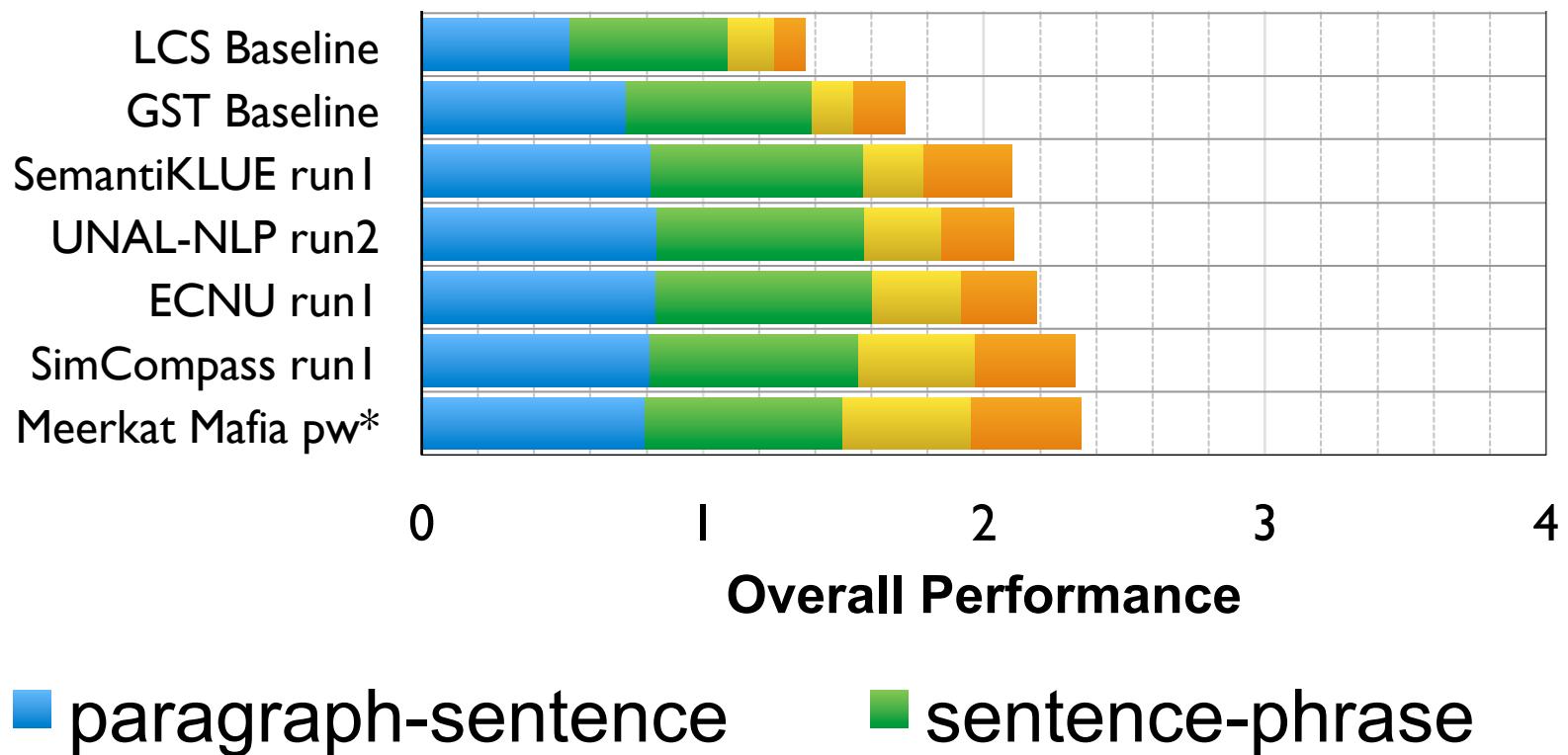
# Number of participants

- Paragraph-Sentence
- Sentence-Phrase
- Phrase-Word
- Word-Sense

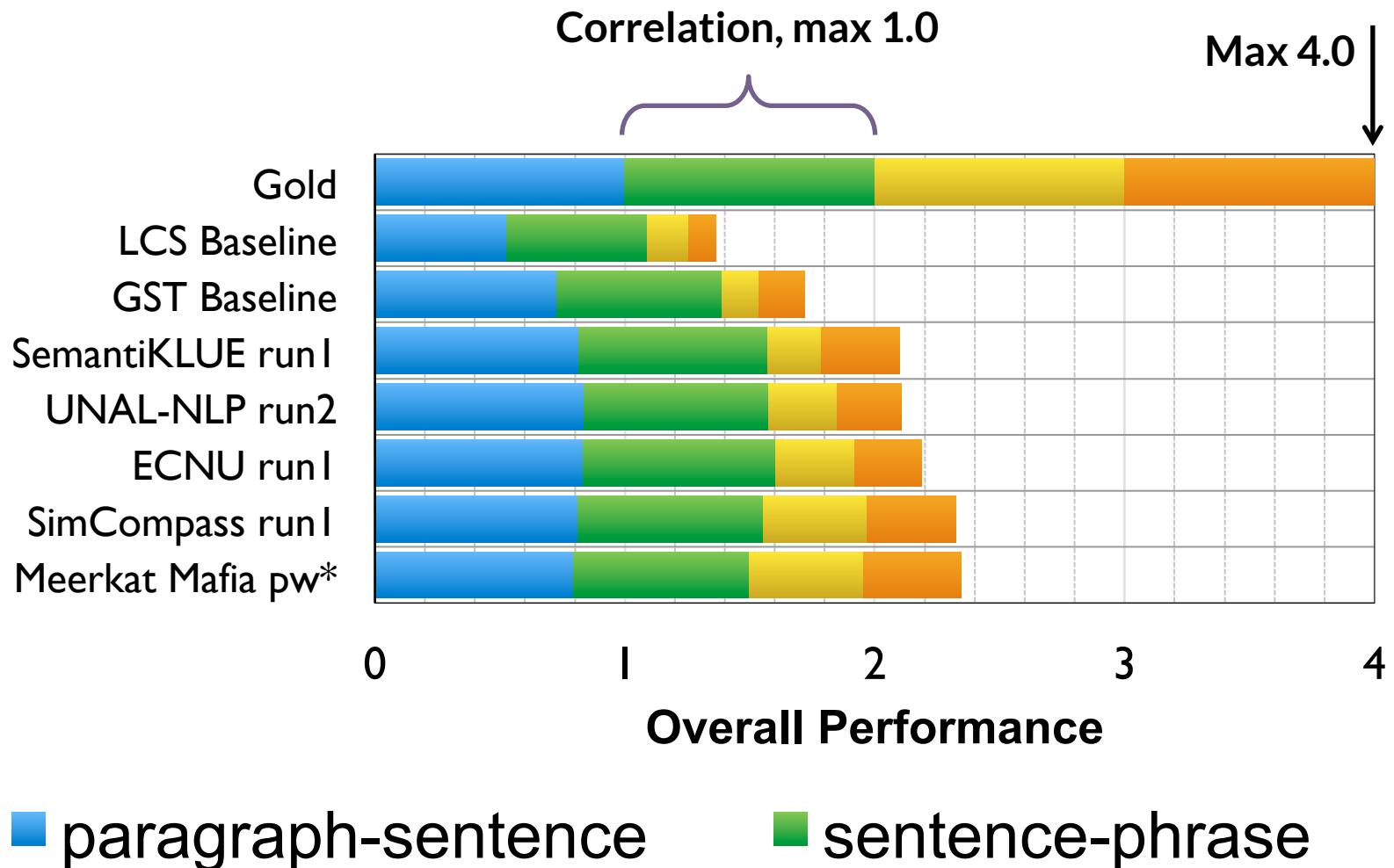


38 Systems total from 19 teams

# Top 5 Systems and Baselines

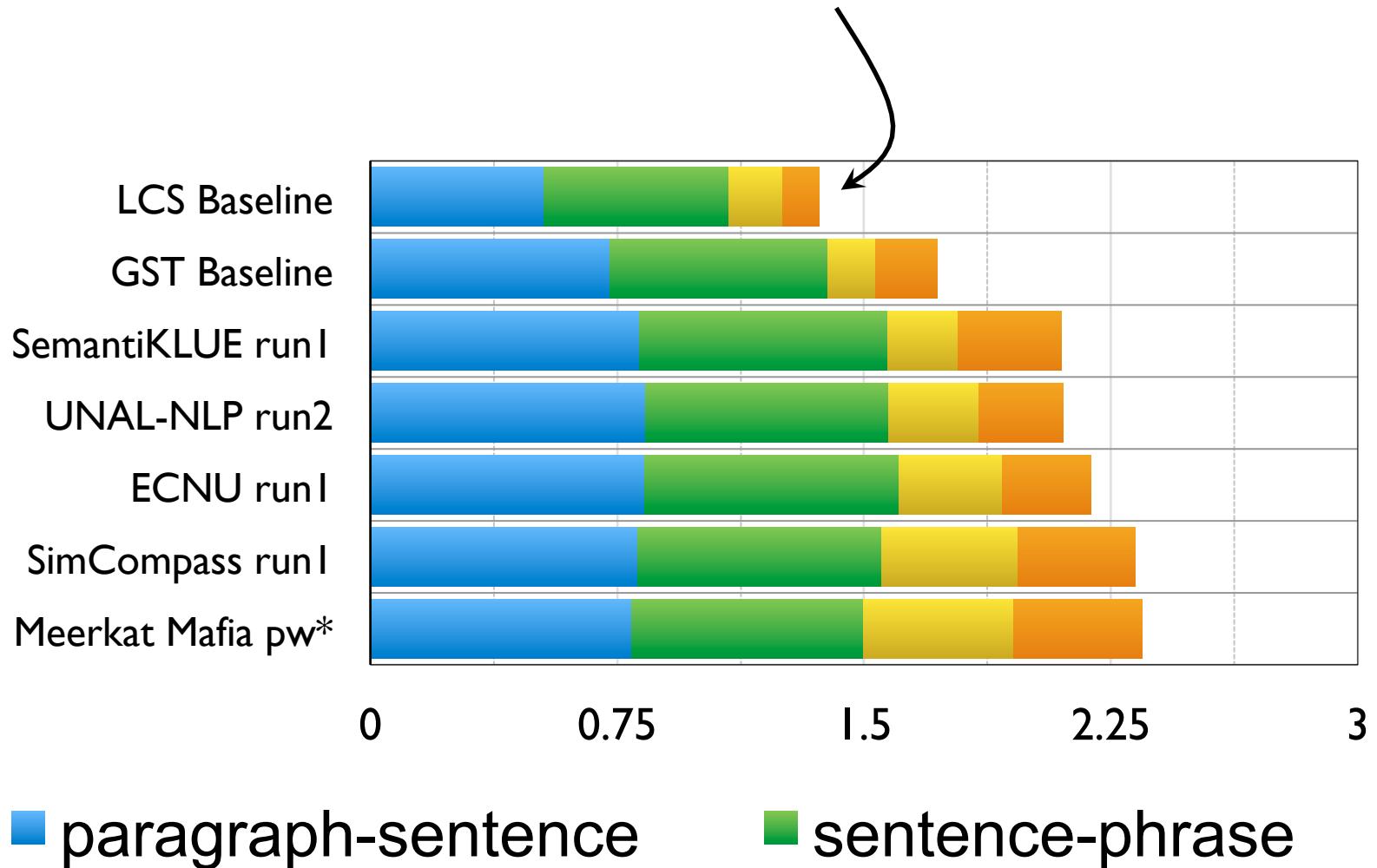


# Top 5 Systems and Baselines

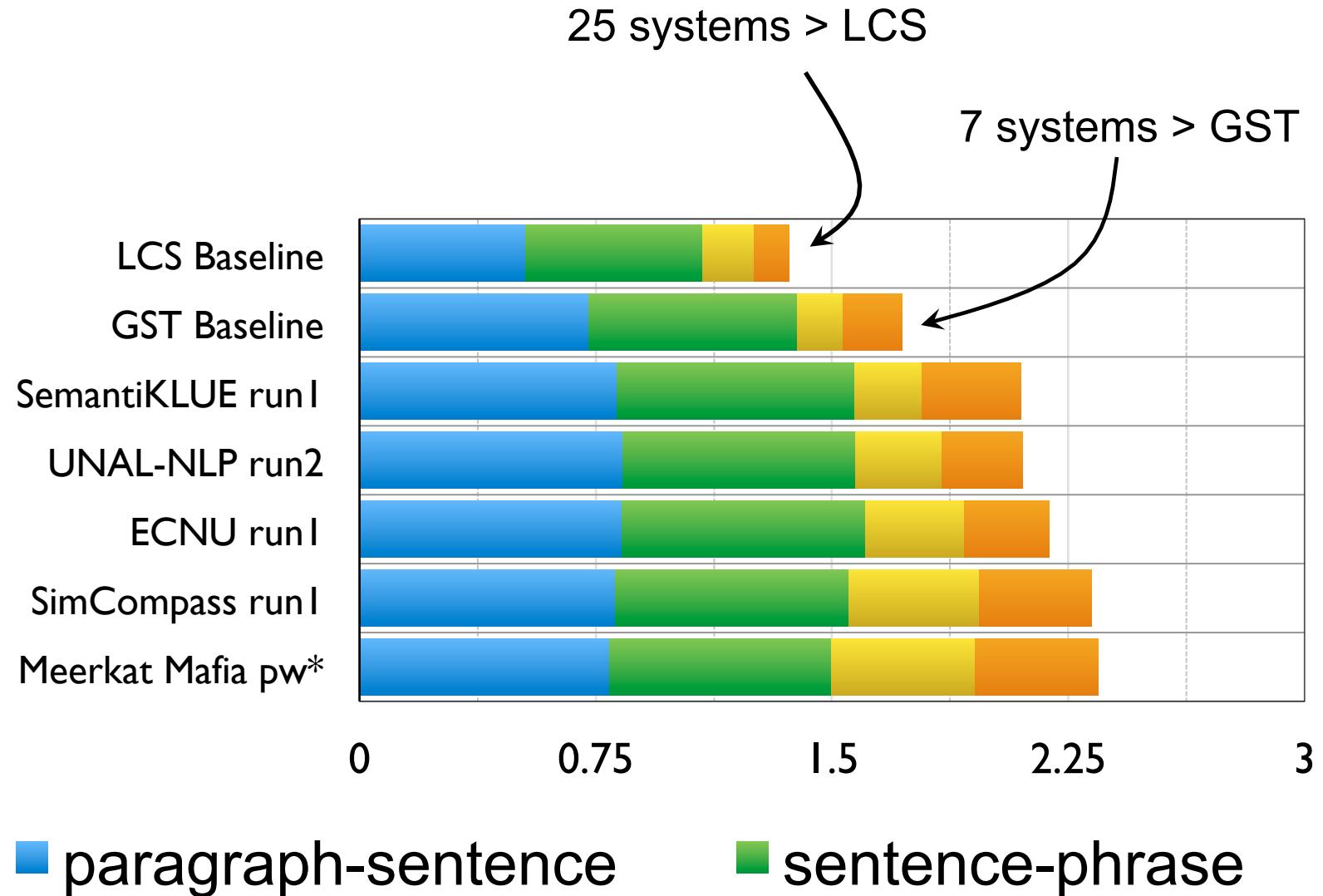


# Where do the baselines stand?

25 systems > LCS



# Where do the baselines stand?



# **SimCompass - Banea et al (2014)**

Highest overall performance among all competing systems.

## **Multi-feature regression model:**

- Knowledge-based
  - Different WordNet-based measures
- Corpus-based
  - Deep Learning Word Embeddings, Skip-gram (Mikolov et al, 2013)

## **Other novel features:**

- Transform texts to a sets of topic centroids; then check for closest topics

# **ENCU - Zhu and Lan (2014)**

Among the top three systems

**Multi-feature regression model:**

- String-based
- Knowledge-based
  - Different WordNet-based measures
- Corpus-based
  - LSA
- Syntactic-based

**Other novel features:**

Using metrics for Machine Translation evaluation for semantic similarity, e.g., TER, METEOR, BLEU, etc.

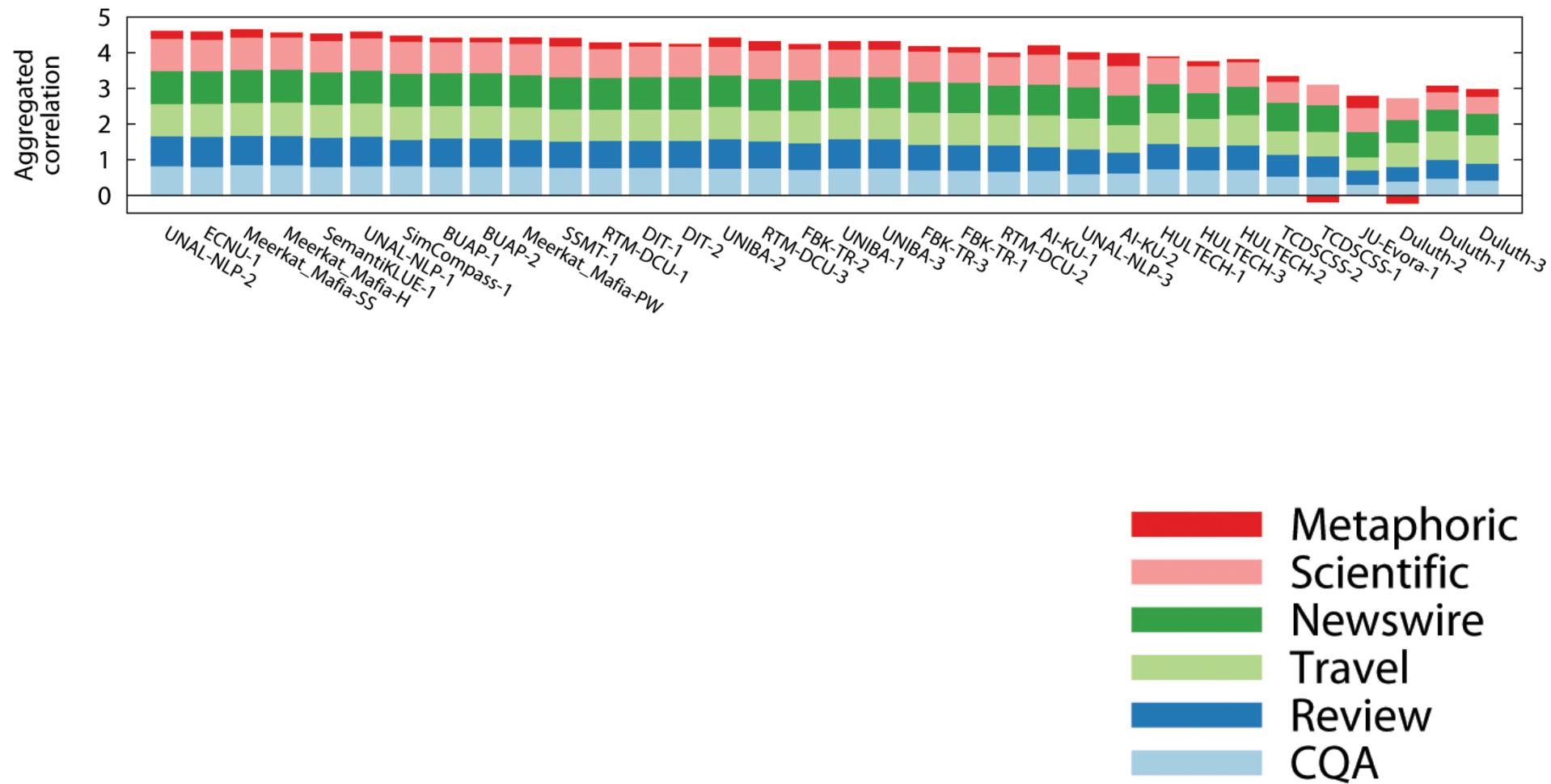
# UNAL-NLP - Jimenez et al (2014)

Third best system overall

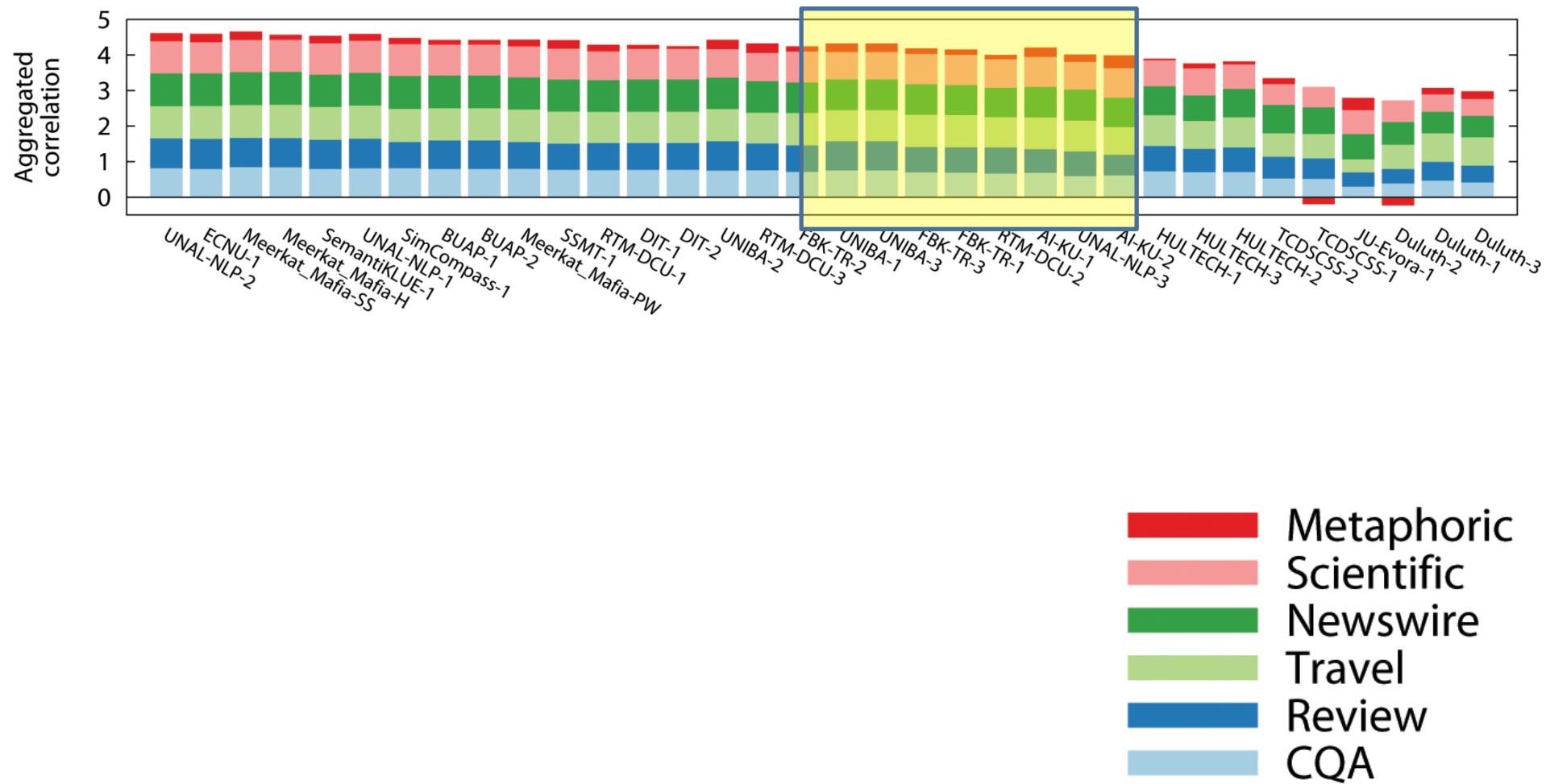
Utilizes only a set of simple **string-similarity features** based on soft cardinality (Jimenez et al, 2010).

UNAL-NLP *run1*, ranked 5th, is unsupervised: mirroring the potential for unsupervised semantic similarity measured seen in the recent work of Sultan et al (2014, 2015).

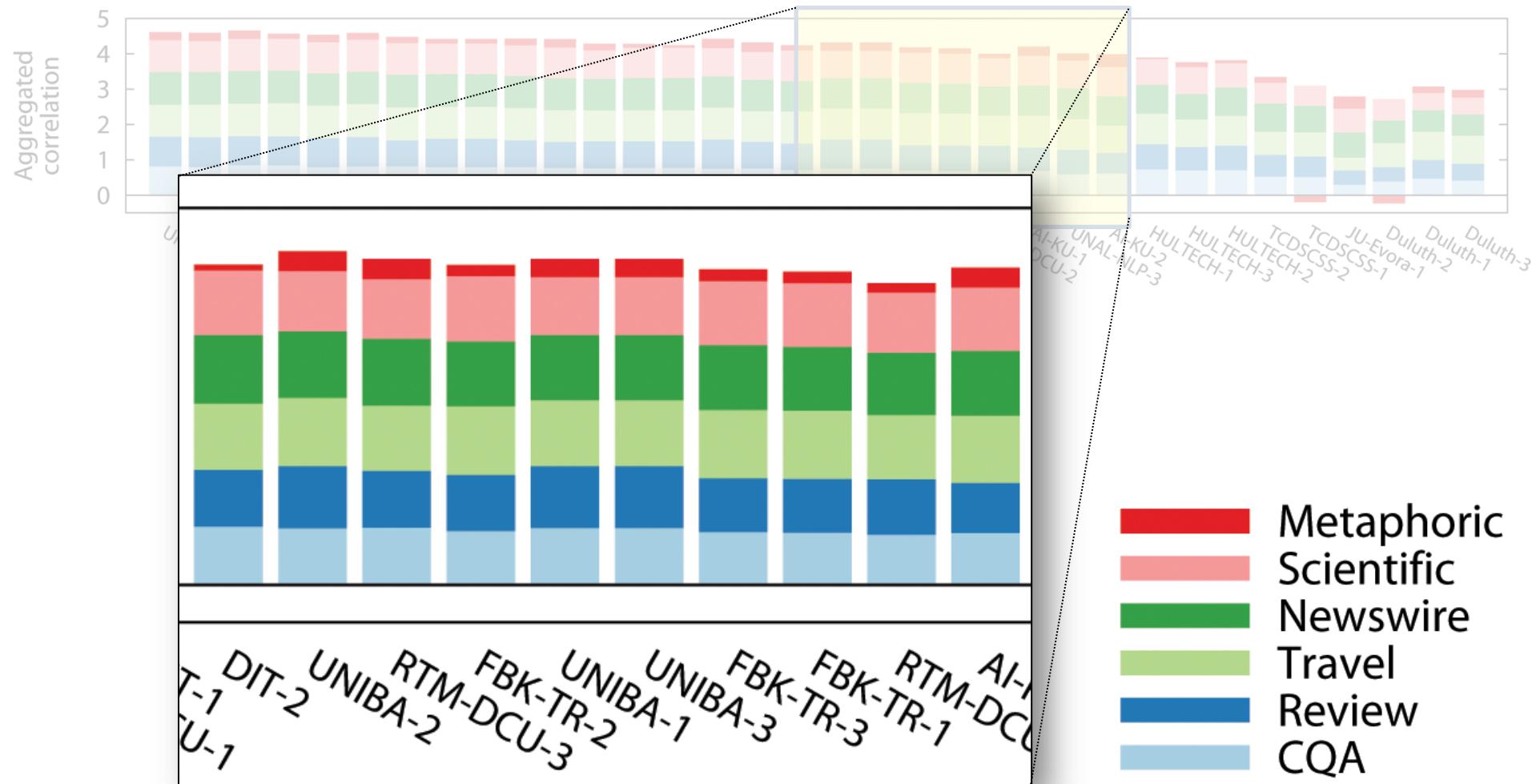
# Correlation per genre paragraph-to-sentence



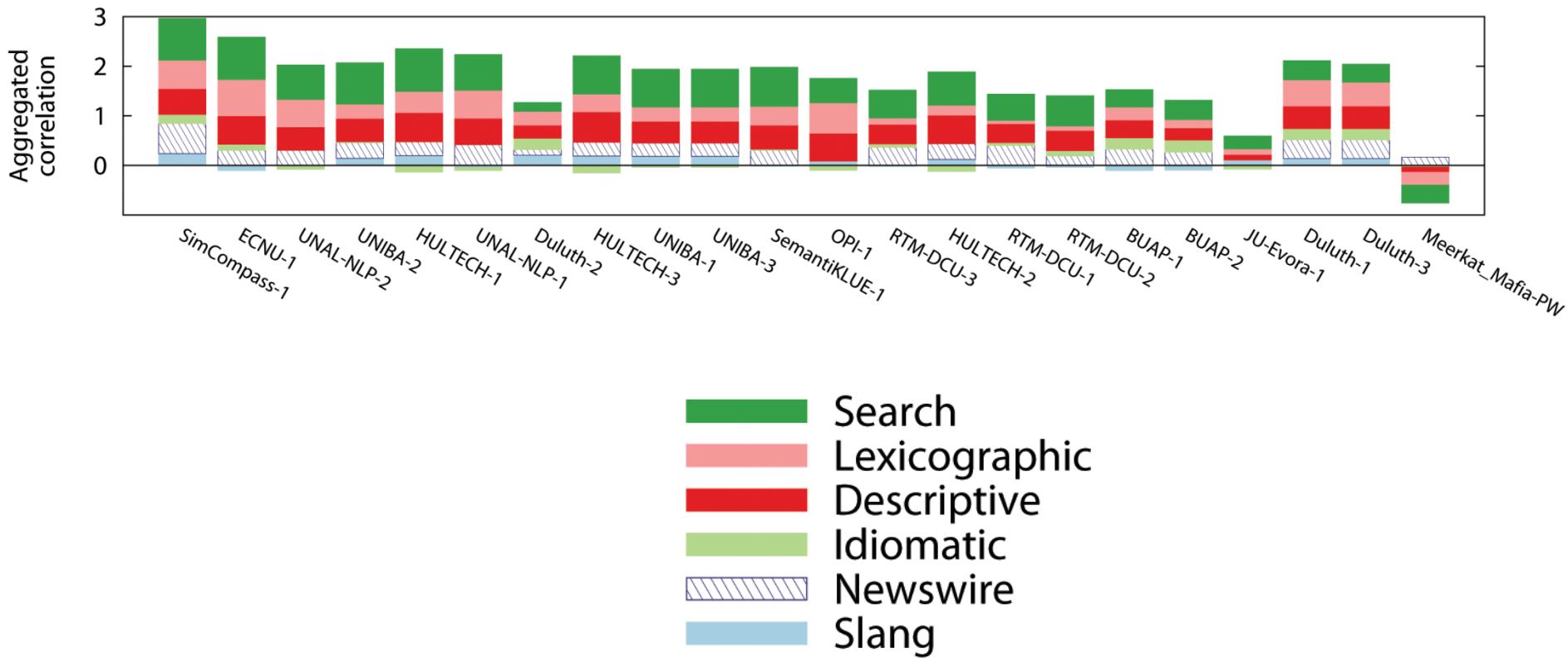
# Correlation per genre paragraph-to-sentence



# Correlation per genre paragraph-to-sentence



# Correlation per genre phrase-to-word



# What makes the task difficult?

# Handling OOV words and novel usages

How often do **draik** eggs come in **Merifoods** in **Meridell**?

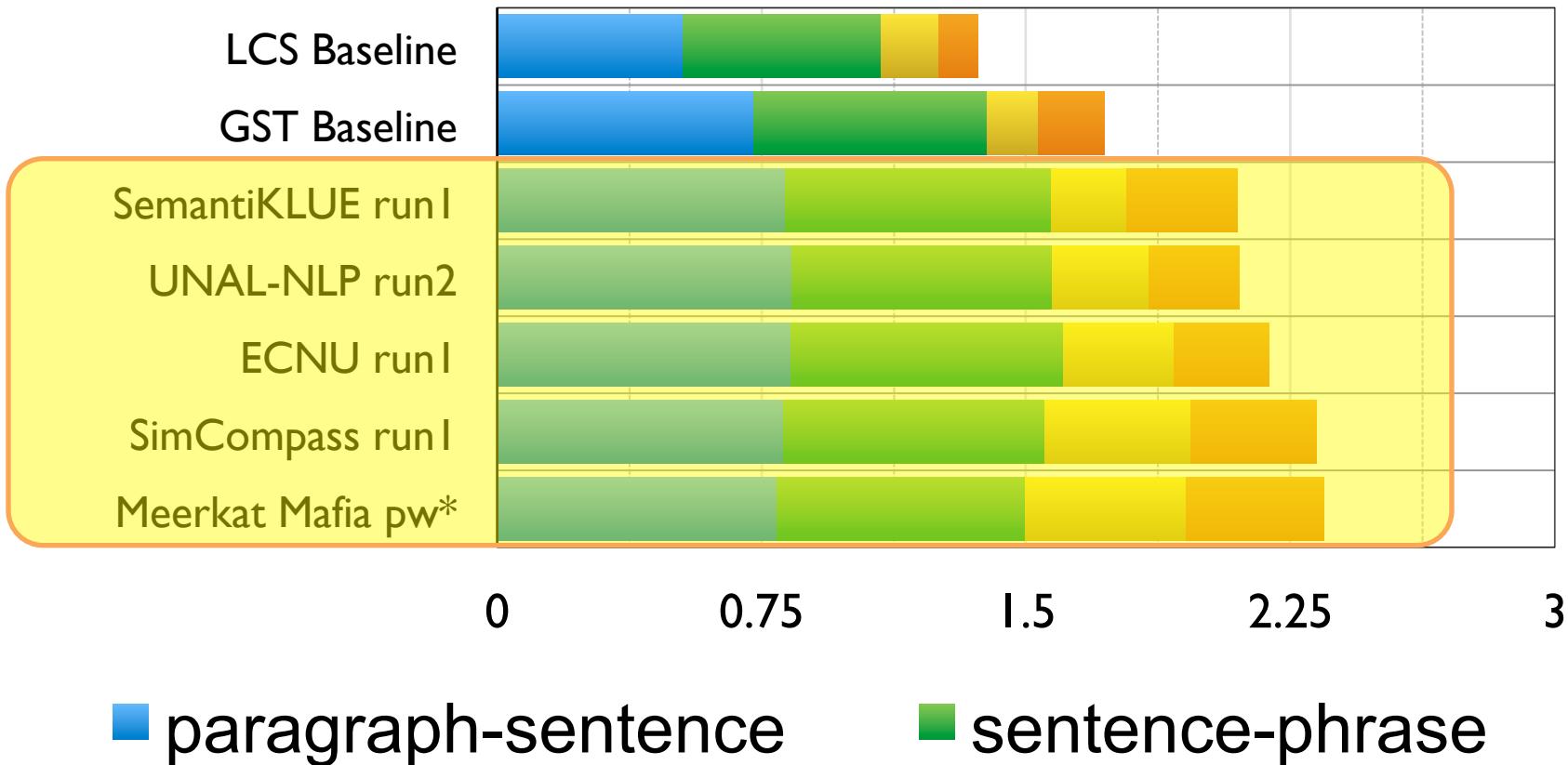
frequency of **draik** eggs in **Merifoods**

Hard feelings

grudge

# WordNet alone is too limited

Include multiple dictionaries or  
use distributional methods



# Dealing with social media text

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internet provider's knowledge of my actions

# Fables

A Groom used to spend whole days in currycombing and rubbing down his Horse, but at the same time stole his oats and sold them for his own profit. “Alas!” said the Horse, “if you really wish me to be in good condition, you should groom me less, and feed me more.”

Horses need food to look their best.

# Fables in real world

The Fields Medals are regarded as mathematics' Nobel Prize, and are awarded every four years. All the previous 52 winners of the Fields have been men since its inception in 1936.

Mathematics is a male-dominated research area.

# Open Source Tools for Semantic Similarity

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# Tools

## WordNet::Similarity

- Word and sense similarity (Ted Pederson)
  - in Perl
    - also available in Java, by Hideki Shima  
WS4J: <http://code.google.com/p/ws4j/>
    - Many common WordNet Similarity measures
      - Leacock & Chodorow (1998)
      - Jiang & Conrath (1997)
      - Resnik (1995)
      - Lin (1998)
      - Hirst & St-Onge (1998)
      - Wu & Palmer (1994)
      - The extended gloss overlap measure by Banerjee and Pedersen (2002)
      - Two measures based on context vectors by Patwardhan (2003).

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# Tools

## Align, Disambiguate and Walk: ADW (ACL 2013)

- Multi-level similarity
  - From word senses to texts
  - All inputs have comparable representations
- Implicit word sense disambiguation
- Publicly available in Java

<https://github.com/pilehvar/adw>

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# Tools

## Align, Disambiguate and Walk: ADW

Online demo at

<http://lcl.uniroma1.it/adw/>

Input the two lexical items [?](#)

fire#v

Input type: Detect automatically [?](#)

terminate#v

Input type: Detect automatically [?](#)

Alignment-based disambiguation?  Yes  No [?](#)

Calculate similarity

# Tools

## DKProSimilarity

<https://github.com/dkpro/dkpro-similarity>

- Open source framework for text similarity, Java
- Best system SemEval STS-12 Task
- Several similarity measures, including:

algorithms.lexical	GreedyStringTiling, Levenshtein, NGramBased, ...
algorithms.lsr	Based on WordNet or Wikipedia
algorithms.style	FunctionWordFrequency, MTLD, TypeTokenRatio
algorithms.vsm	Vector-space models, e.g. ESA
algorithms.wikipedia	Special Wikipedia measures, e.g., WikipediaLinkMeasure

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# Tools

## TakeLab

<http://takelab.fer.hr/sts/>

- Open source framework for text similarity, Python
- Among the top five in STS-12
- Several similarity measures, including:

Lexical	WordNet-based measures from NLTK
Knowledge-based	GreedyStringTiling, Levenshtein, NGramBased, etc
Corpus-based	Latent Semantic Analysis
Syntactic	Syntactic role similarity, syntactic dependency similarity
Other	Normalized differences, number overlap, etc.

# Tools

## S-Space Package

<https://github.com/fozziethebeat/S-Space>

- Open source framework for word distributions
- Written in Java
- Support for common weighting (e.g., PMI) and matrix factorizations (e.g., SVD)
- Implements many common algorithms in a single interface
  - LSA, word2vec, COALS, GloVe, random indexing
- Integrated pre-processing support using Stanford CoreNLP

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# Tools

## DISSECT

<http://clic.cimec.unitn.it/composes/toolkit/>

- Open source framework for word distributions
- Written in Python
- Support for common weighting (e.g., PMI) and matrix factorizations (e.g., SVD)
- Designed around compositionality
  - Easy to build representation for larger phrases

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# Tools

## Gensim

<https://radimrehurek.com/gensim/>

- Originally written for high-performance LSA
- Now includes support for many kinds of topic modeling and word2vec
  - Usually where new algorithms get first implemented
- Fast and written in Python

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# Tools

## word2vec

<https://code.google.com/p/word2vec/>

- Tomas Mikolov (in C)
- Efficient implementation of the continuous bag-of-words and skip-gram architectures for word representation
- Dependency-based version available from Omer Levy
  - <https://bitbucket.org/yoavgo/word2vecf>
- Also available in
  - Java: DL4J, Deep Learning 4 Java  
<http://deeplearning4j.org/word2vec.html>
  - Spark MLib: <https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/mllib-feature-extraction.html#word2vec>
  - Python: as a part of gensim  
<http://radimrehurek.com/2013/09/deep-learning-with-word2vec-and-gensim/>

# Tools

<http://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>

## GloVe: Global Vectors for Word Representation

- Written by Jeffrey Pennington, Richard Socher, Christopher D. Manning (in C) as an alternative to word2vec
- Efficient implementation, with pre-trained vectors available
- Also available in
  - Java: DL4J, Deep Learning 4 Java  
<http://deeplearning4j.org/word2vec.html>

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# Tools

## doc2vec

<https://radimrehurek.com/gensim/models/doc2vec.html>

- Implemented in Python as a part of gensim
- Efficient implementation of the continuous bag-of-words and skip-gram architectures for paragraph-level representations

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# Tools

## NLTK

<http://www.nltk.org/>

- A large NLP package with support for many kinds of operations on text
- Integrated with WordNet with easy support for most sense- and word-similarity measures
- Written in Python

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# Tools

## Spacy

<http://spacy.io/>

- A large NLP package with support for many kinds of operations on text
  - Fast POS taggers, parsers, with state of the art-level performance
- Built in support for representing words with dependency-based word2vec vectors (Levy and Goldberg, 2014)
- Written in Python

# Tools

<http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/>

## MALLET - MAchine Learning for LanguagE Toolkit

- A software package for building all kinds of probabilistic models from text
- Scalable and fast support for LDA and the hierarchical Pachinko Allocation Model
- Written in Java

# Tools

## Other topic modeling software

- Huge list of topic modeling software available at

[http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~blei/topicmodeling\\_software.html](http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~blei/topicmodeling_software.html)

- with an active mailing list too

- Highlights include:

- LDA in C (fast!)
  - HDP in C
  - TurboTopics in Python

# Resources

## Out of vocabulary or rare words

- Medial Subject Headings (MeSH)
  - <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>
- Wiktionary
  - <https://www.wiktionary.org>
- Wordnik: “world's biggest online English dictionary”
  - <https://www.wordnik.com/>
- Collaborative International Dictionary of English
  - <http://gcide.gnu.org.ua/>
- Moby Thesaurus II
  - <http://goo.gl/fzRRCF>
- The Free On-line Dictionary of Computing
  - <http://foldoc.org/>

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# Resources

## CROWN

<https://github.com/davidjurgens/crown>

- Extension of WordNet with new synsets and lexicalizations
  - 2X the size of WordNet
  - Slang, archaic forms, idioms, technical words, ...
- Released as stand-off dictionaries, so compatible with all WordNet libraries
  - NLTK, WordNet::Similarity

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# Resources

## BabelNet

<http://babelnet.org/>

- Combination of many resources into a single representation
  - WordNet, Wikipedia, Wiktionary
- Can be combined with Babelfy to disambiguate text to sense level
- Support for cross-lingual mapping of concepts across 271 languages
- Written in Java, but has REST API as well

# Pre-trained Word Vectors

- Word2vec
  - <https://code.google.com/p/word2vec/>
  - <https://github.com/3Top/word2vec-api>
- Baroni and Lenci, Distributional memory
  - <http://clic.cimec.unitn.it/dm/>
- GloVe
  - <http://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>
- Faruqui and Dyer (ACL 2014)
  - <http://wordvectors.org/>
- Huang et al (2012), Multiple Word Prototypes
  - <http://www-nlp.stanford.edu/~ehuang/wordrep.zip>
- Levy and Goldberg (2014), dependency-based word embeddings
  - <https://levyomer.wordpress.com/2014/04/25/dependency-based-word-embeddings/>

# Open Problems in Semantic Similarity

# Open Problem: Irregular Language

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Can d Internet companies see which websyts ive bin visiting?  
internet provider's knowledge of my actions

# Open Problem: Multi-word Expressions (MWEs)

- Most approaches either ignore MWEs or recognize those from fixed lists of MWEs
  - Problematic unless lemmatizing
  - Even more problematic with syntactic rearrangement

We need to sort out the problem  
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# Open Problem: Multi-word Expressions (MWEs)

- New SemEval-2016 task on super-sense tagging seems like a promising direction for addressing this

I PRP googled VBD restaurants NNS in IN the DT area NN and cc Fuji NNP Sushi NNP came VBD up RB and cc reviews NNS were VBD great JJ so RB I PRP made VBD a DT carry VB out RP order NN

the goal is to predict the representation

I googled communication restaurants GROUP in the area LOCATION and Fuji \_ Sushi GROUP came \_ up communication and reviews COMMUNICATION were static great so I made \_ a carry \_ out possession \_ order communication

example from the Task's website

# Open Problem: Cross-Language Similarity

- Beneficial for Machine Translation evaluation or even applications like plagiarism detection
- Recent benchmarks by Camacho-collados et al. (2015) and Leviant and Reichart (2015)

Cross-lingual datasets constructed based on **RG-65** (FR, DE, EN, FA, ES, and PT) and **WS353** (EN, DE, IT, and RU)

<http://lcl.uniroma1.it/similarity-datasets/>

<http://technion.ac.il/~irakr/MultilingualVSMdata.html>

# Open Problem: Syntax

- Syntax matters
    - “Man bites dog”
    - “Dog bites man”
    - “Pitbull bites man”
  - Compositionality can help here but more analysis is needed
    - Recent SICK benchmark designed to explicit test for compositional ability (Marelli et al., 2014)
  - Possible solution with Abstract Meaning Representations (AMRs)
    - Check out SemEval-2016’s task!
- Vector addition would fail  
in these cases

# Open Problem: Punctuations!

A woman without her man is nothing.

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

# Open Problem: Variable-Sized Input

The 30-year-old woman has had "no contact with the outside world."

30-year-old female recluse

Prius

A fuel-efficient hybrid car

An automobile powered by both an internal combustion engine and an electric motor, reducing its dependence on fossil fuels

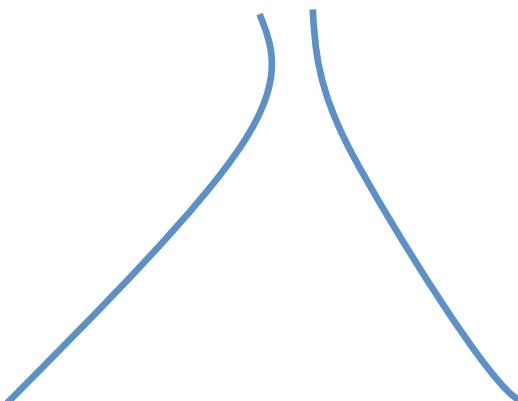
Requires smarter compositionality

# Open Problem: Ambiguity

- Multiple interpretations can wreak havoc when text is limited

The boss **fired** his worker.

An employee was  
terminated  
from work by his boss.

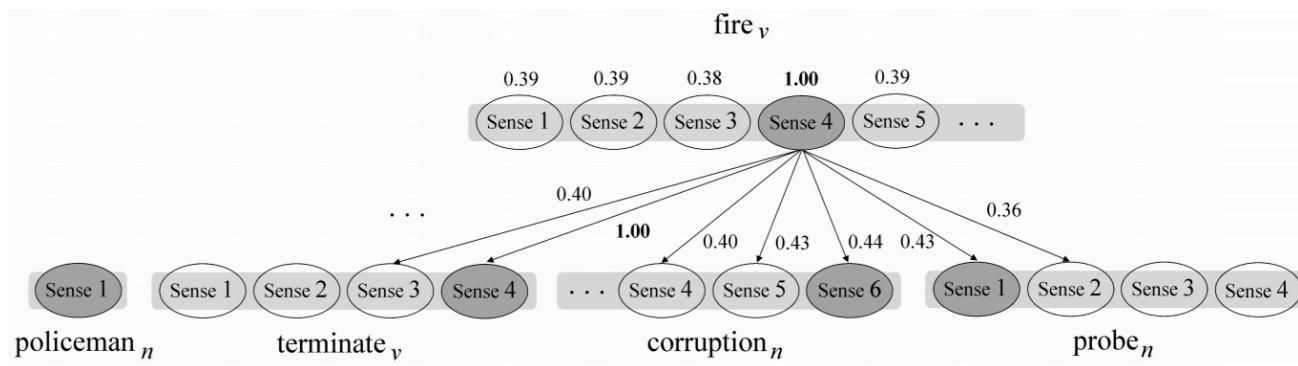


A worker was **shot**  
by his boss.



# Open Problem: Ambiguity

- Alignment-based disambiguation of ADW

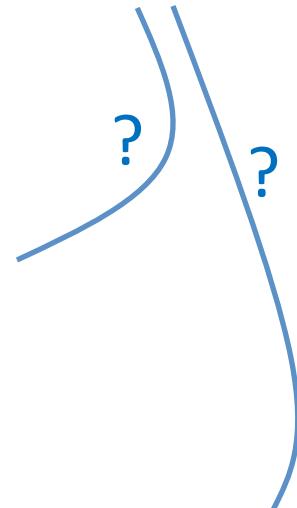


- WSD is a solution, but is still a long way off



# Open Problem: Subjectivity vs. objectivity

As of 2012, there are 2.1 million hybrids on U.S. roads.



Hybrid cars are getting quite popular in U.S.

US hybrid vehicle market share grew by 41% in 2012.

# Open Problem: Uncovered words

- Words might not have been covered in the corpus or by the lexicon;
- For instance, some WordNet OOV words:
  - prequel#n
  - fanbase#n
  - screenshot#n
  - bookmark#v
  - programmatic#a
  - broadband#n
  - And many more regular terms
  - photoshop#v
  - space\_cadet#n
  - homewrecker#n
  - And many more slang terms

# Open Problem: Evaluation

- Many evaluation tasks make it easy to pick-and-choose which results to report
  - 20+ choices for word similarity!
  - What exactly is state of the art?
- Similarity itself is **not an end-task**, yet most approaches are only tested on STS benchmarks, not in any application.
  - No easily-pluggable application-based tests

# Semantic Similarity Frontiers: From Concepts to Documents



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Slides, bibliography, extended reading list,  
and all other materials available at  
<http://tiny.cc/similarity-tutorial>



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# Bonus: must-see similarity papers at EMNLP!

- J. Li and D. Jurafsky: Do Multi-Sense Embeddings Improve Natural Language Understanding?
- H. He et al: Multi-Perspective Sentence Similarity Modeling with Convolutional Neural Networks
- D. Kiela et al: Specializing Word Embeddings for Similarity or Relatedness
- J. Wieting and D. Roth: Latent Variable Regression for Text Similarity and Textual Entailment
- Sergienya and Schutze: Learning Better Embeddings for Rare Words Using Distributional Representations
- A. Gupta et al: Distributional vectors encode referential attributes