

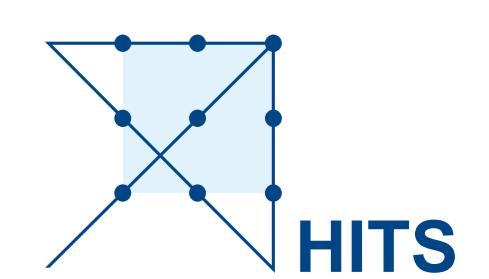
BPEmb: Tokenization-free Pre-trained Subword Embeddings in 275 Languages

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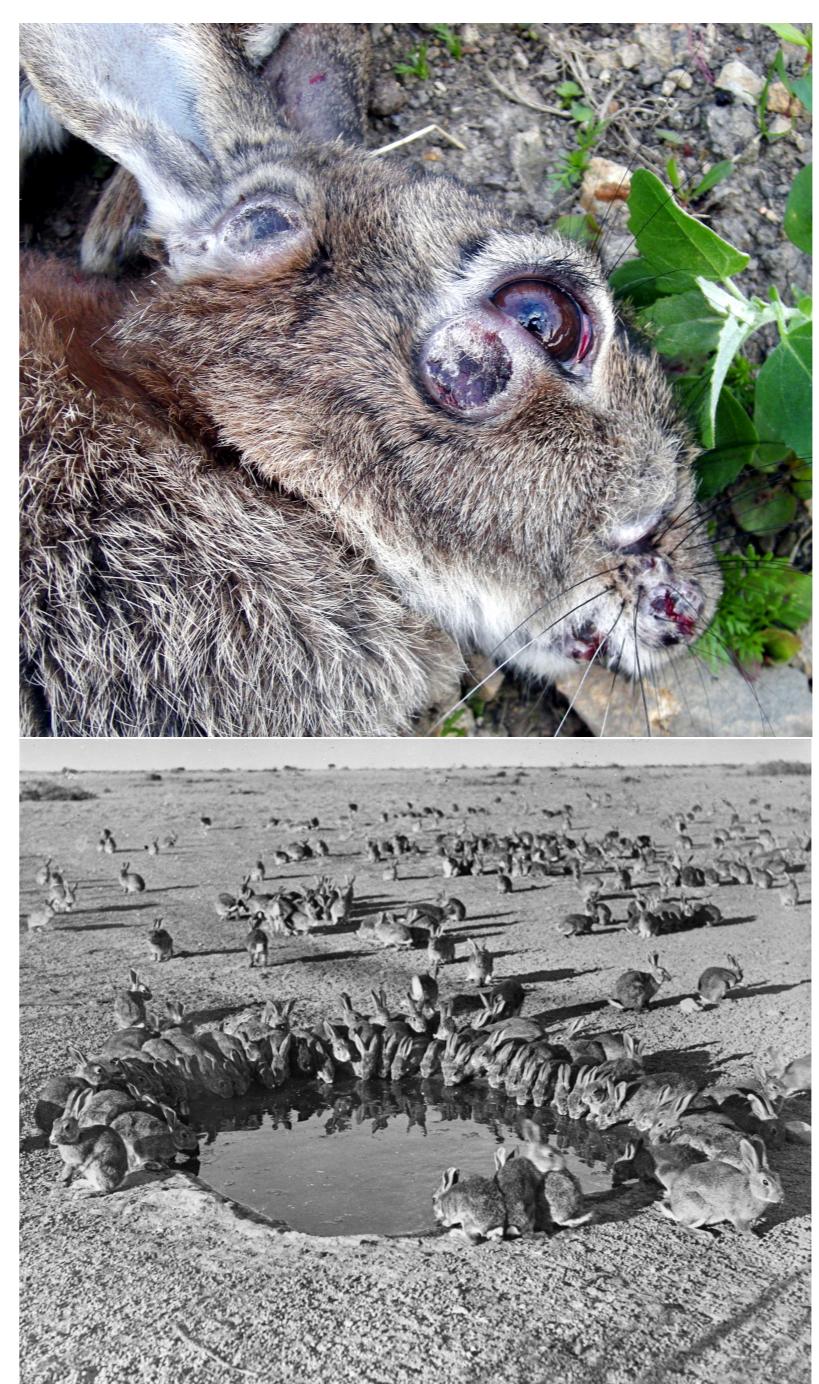
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Myxomatosis

-osis

"state, abnormal condition, or action"



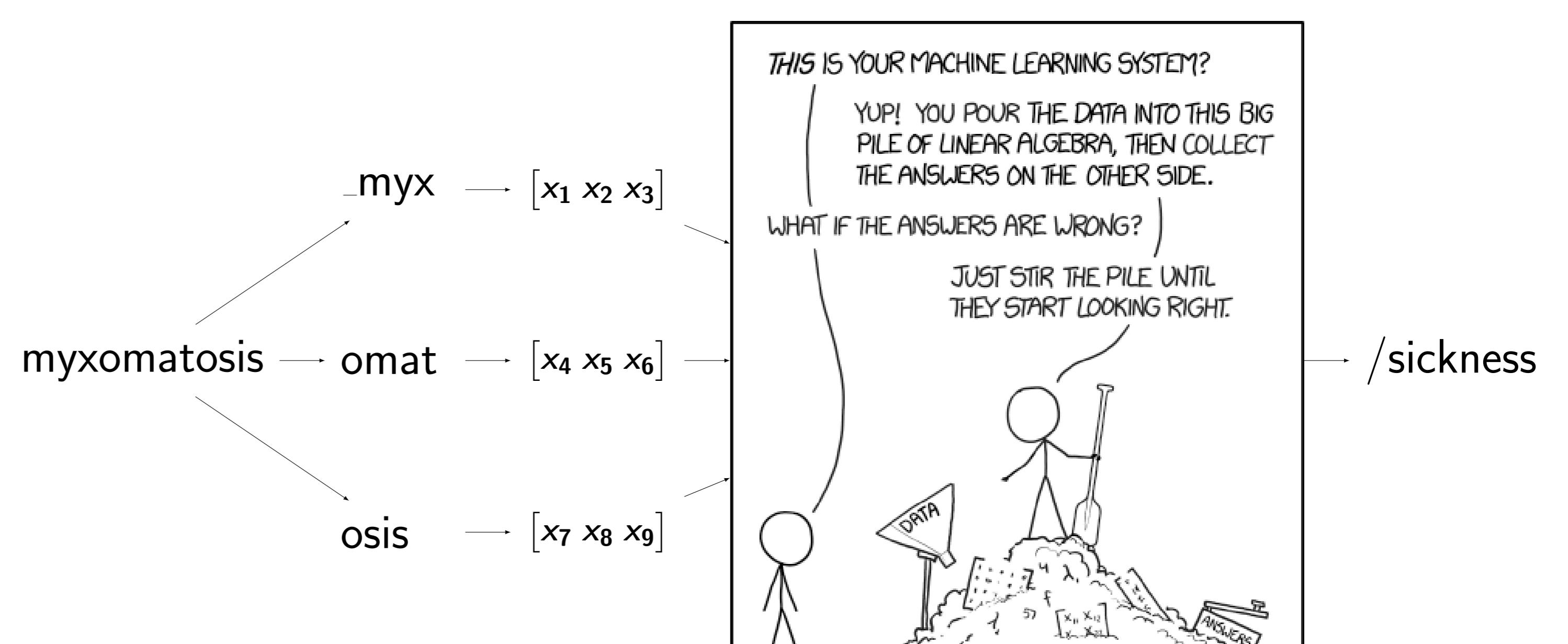
-oma / -omato

Forming nouns indicating tumors or masses

myxo

From Ancient Greek *múxa*, "mucus"

Subword-based Entity Typing



Computational Approximations to Morphological Analysis

1. Split into subwords

characters: m, y, x, o, m, a, t, o, s, i, s

ngrams, e.g.: myx, yxo, xom, oma, mat, ato, tos, osi, sis

FastText: myx + yxo + xom + oma + mat + ato + tos + osi + sis + myxo + yxom + xoma + omat + mato + atos + tosi + osis + myxom + ... + xomato + omatos + matosi + atosis

byte pairs

2. Learn function that infers word meaning from subwords

Byte-Pair Encoding (BPE) (Gage, 1994)

A B A B C A B C D

Most frequent pair: A B

Merge pair A B to X:

X X C X C D

Most frequent pair: X C

Merge pair X C to Y:

X Y Y D

Symbol table:

X: A B

Y: X C

BPE for Text (Sennrich et al., 2016)

A B A B C A B C D

Most frequent pair: A B

Merge symbol pair A B into AB:

AB AB C AB C D

Most frequent pair: AB C

Merge pair AB C into ABC:

AB ABC ABC D

Symbol table:

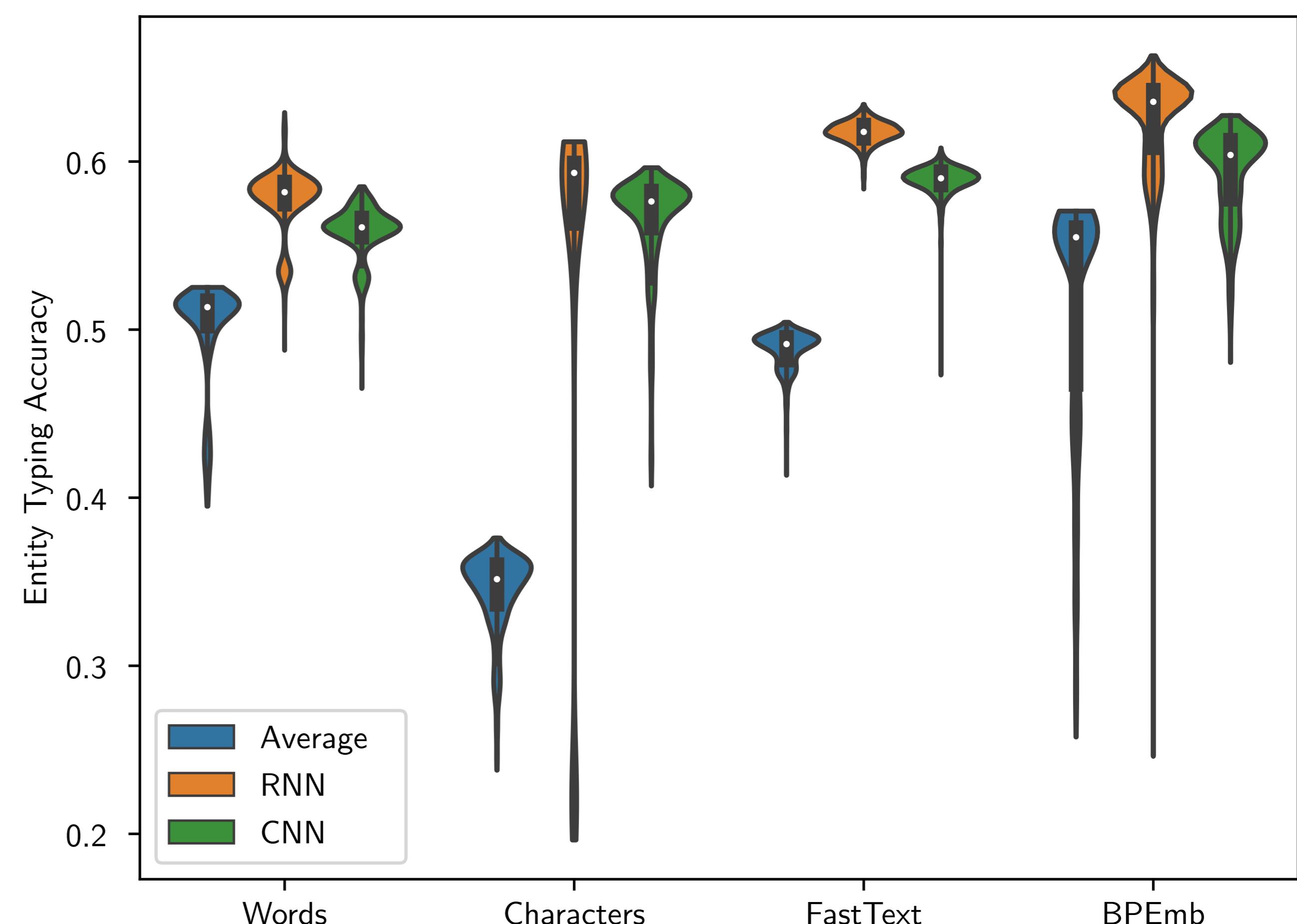
A B: AB

AB C: ABC

BPE Applied to English Wikipedia

_t → _t	_o	stit
_a → _a	_w	ery
h e → he	is	ister
i n → in	an	...
_t he → _the	_in	igo
er	...	osis
_s	ough	jose
on	series	...
_c	int	omatos
re	ai	...

Results: English Entity Typing



Unsupervised Segmentation with BPE

Merge ops	Byte-pair encoded text
1000	to y od a station is a rail way station on the chūō main line
3000	to y od a station is a railway station on the chūō main line
10000	toy oda station is a railway station on the chūō main line
50000	toy oda station is a railway station on the chūō main line
100000	toy oda station is a railway station on the chūō main line
Tokenized	toyoda station is a railway station on the chūō main line
10000	豊田站是東日本旅客鐵道(JR東日本)中央本線的鐵路車站
25000	豊田站是東日本旅客鐵道(JR東日本)中央本線的鐵路車站
50000	豊田站是東日本旅客鐵道(JR東日本)中央本線的鐵路車站
Tokenized	豊田站是東日本旅客鐵道(JR東日本)中央本線的鐵路車站
5000	豊田駅(とよだえき)は、東京都日野市豊田四丁目にある
10000	豊田駅(とよだえき)は、東京都日野市豊田四丁目にある
25000	豊田駅(とよだえき)は、東京都日野市豊田四丁目にある
50000	豊田駅(とよだえき)は、東京都日野市豊田四丁目にある
Tokenized	豊田駅(とよだえき)は、東京都日野市豊田四丁目にある

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<https://github.com/bheinzerling/bpemb>