# Mathematical structures for word embeddings

Siddharth Bhat

IIIT Hyderabad

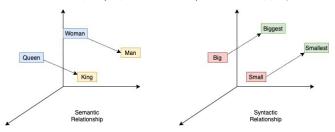
October 23th, 2021

■ Map words to mathematical objects.

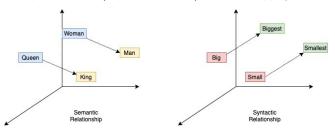
- Map words to mathematical objects.
- $lue{}$  Semantic ideas on words  $\simeq$  mathematical operations on these objects.

- Map words to mathematical objects.
- $\blacksquare$  Semantic ideas on words  $\simeq$  mathematical operations on these objects.
- Most common: *vector embeddings* (word2vec)

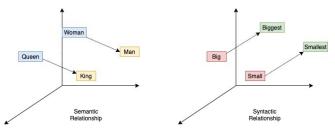
- Map words to mathematical objects.
- $\blacksquare$  Semantic ideas on words  $\simeq$  mathematical operations on these objects.
- Most common: *vector embeddings* (word2vec)



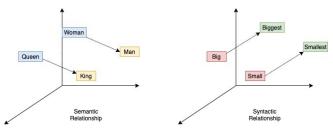
■ Input: A corpus (sequence of words.). Output: mapping from words to vectors.



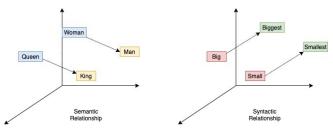
■ How does one compute such a mapping?



- How does one compute such a mapping?
- Distributional Hypothesis: words that occur in the same contexts tend to have similar meanings.



- How does one compute such a mapping?
- Distributional Hypothesis: words that occur in the same contexts tend to have similar meanings.
- Start with random vectors. Make words that occur close by come closer, words that don't occur close by become perpendicular.



- How does one compute such a mapping?
- Distributional Hypothesis: words that occur in the same contexts tend to have similar meanings.
- Start with random vectors. Make words that occur close by come closer, words that don't occur close by become perpendicular.

```
def train(corpus: list, DIMSIZE: int):
  train word2vec of dimension DIMSIZE on the given corpus (list of words).
  Eq:train(["the", "man", "was" "tall", "the", "quick", "brown", "fox"], 20)
  vocab = set(corpus); VOCABSIZE = len(vocab)
  # map each unique word to an index for array indexing.
  vocab2ix = dict([(word, ix) for (ix, word) in enumerate(corpus)])
  # +ve and -ve sample vectors.
  # +ve vectors are random initialized, -ve vectors are zero initialized
  poss = np.rand((VOCABSIZE, DIMSIZE)); negs = np.zeros((VOCABSIZE, DIMSIZE))
  for wix in range(len(corpus)): # for every location in the corpus
    w = vocab2ix[corpus[wix]] # find word at location,
    1 = max(wix-WINDOWSIZE, 0): r = min(wix+WINDOWSIZE, len(corpus)-1) # take a window
    for w2ix in range(1, r+1): # word in window
        w2 = vocab2ix[corpus[w2ix]] # prallel.
        learn(l=poss[w], r=negs[w2], target=1.0)
    for _ in range(NNEGSAMPLES): # random words outside window.
        w2ix = random.randint(0, len(corpus)-1) # random word.
        w2 = vocab2ix[corpus[w2ix]]
      learn(l=poss[w], r=negs[w2], target=0.0) # perpendicular
  return { v: poss[vocab2ix[v]] for v in vocab }
                                                       ◆□▶ ◆□▶ ◆□▶ ◆□▶ □ めぬ◎
```

```
def learn(1: np.array, r:np.array, target: float):
  aradient descent on
  loss = (target - dot(l. r))^2 where l = larr[lix]: r = rarr[rix]
  .....
  dot = np.dot(1, r): grad loss = 2 * (target - out)
  \#dloss/dl = 2 * (target - dot(l. r)) r
  \#dloss/dr = 2 * (target - dot(l, r)) l
  lgrad = EPSILON * grad_loss * r; rgrad = EPSILON * grad_loss * 1
  # l -= eps * dloss/dl; r -= eps * dloss/dr
  1 += EPSILON * grad_loss * r;
  r += EPSILON * grad_loss * 1
def train(corpus: list, DIMSIZE: int):
    for w2ix in range(1, r+1): # positive samples, parallell
        w2 = vocab2ix[corpus[w2ix]] # word in window
        learn(l=poss[w], r=negs[w2], target=1.0)
    for _ in range(NNEGSAMPLES): # negative samples: perpendicular.
        w2ix = random.randint(0, len(corpus)-1) # random word outside window.
        learn(l=poss[w], r=negs[w2], target=0.0) # perpendicular
```

Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.

- Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.
- A mathematical analogy: The *meaning* of an expression  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 2$  is...

- Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.
- A mathematical analogy: The *meaning* of an expression  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 2$  is...
- the set of possible values where the meaning holds true:

$$(-\infty,2] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leqslant 2\}.$$

- Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.
- A mathematical analogy: The *meaning* of an expression  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 2$  is...
- the set of possible values where the meaning holds true:  $(-\infty, 2] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \le 2\}.$
- Meaning ~ subsets. Is word2vec subsets?

- Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.
- A mathematical analogy: The *meaning* of an expression  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 2$  is...
- the set of possible values where the meaning holds true:  $(-\infty, 2] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leq 2\}.$
- Meaning ≃ subsets. Is word2vec subsets? Yes, fuzzy sets.

- Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.
- A mathematical analogy: The *meaning* of an expression  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 2$  is...
- the set of possible values where the meaning holds true:  $(-\infty, 2] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \le 2\}.$
- Meaning ≃ subsets. Is word2vec subsets? Yes, fuzzy sets.
- Set: binary membership.  $(1 \in_{?} \{1,2\} = T, 3 \notin_{?} \{1,2\} = F)$ .

- Montague semantics: The meaning of a word is the set of possible worlds where the meaning holds true.
- A mathematical analogy: The *meaning* of an expression  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 2$  is...
- the set of possible values where the meaning holds true:  $(-\infty, 2] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \le 2\}.$
- Meaning ≃ subsets. Is word2vec subsets? Yes, fuzzy sets.
- Set: binary membership.  $(1 \in_{?} \{1,2\} = T, 3 \notin_{?} \{1,2\} = F)$ .
- Fuzzy set: probabilistic membership. (1  $\in_{fuz}$  F = 0.1, 2  $\in_{fuz}$  F = 0.5).
- Formally:  $A \equiv \{(x, \mu_A(x)), x\}$ . x is an element of set A with a probability  $\mu_A(x)$  such that  $0 \le \mu_A(x) \le 1$

Given the set of vectors, normalize the ith component of the vector across all vectors.

- Given the set of vectors, normalize the ith component of the vector across all vectors.
- fuzembed\_word[i]  $\equiv e^{\text{vecembed_word}[i]} / \sum_{w \in \text{CORPUS}} e^{\text{vecembed}_w[i]}$ .

- Given the set of vectors, normalize the ith component of the vector across all vectors.
- fuzembed\_word[i]  $\equiv e^{\text{vecembed_word}[i]} / \sum_{w \in \text{CORPUS}} e^{\text{vecembed}_w[i]}$ .
- Fuzzy set embedding from word2vec embeddings.

- Given the set of vectors, normalize the ith component of the vector across all vectors.
- fuzembed<sub>word</sub>[i]  $\equiv e^{\text{vecembed}_{word}[i]} / \sum_{w \in \text{CORPUS}} e^{\text{vecembed}_w[i]}$ .
- Fuzzy set embedding from word2vec embeddings.
- The projection of  $\vec{v}$  on a dimension i normalized is to be interpreted as if this dimension i were a property, what is probability that v would possess that property?

## What does this buy us anyway? (Set operations)

$$\begin{split} (A \cap B)[i] &\equiv A[i] \times B[i] \quad \text{(set intersection)} \\ (A \cup B)[i] &\equiv A[i] + B[i] - A[i] \times B[i] \text{ (set union)} \\ (A \sqcup B)[i] &\equiv \max(1, \min(0, A[i] + B[i])) \text{ (disjoint union)} \\ (\neg A)[i] &\equiv 1 - A[i] \quad \text{(complement)} \\ (A \setminus B)[i] &\equiv A[i] - \min(A[i], B[i]) \quad \text{(set difference)} \\ (A \subseteq B) &\equiv \forall x \in \Omega : \mu_A(x) \leqslant \mu_B(x) \text{ (set inclusion)} \\ |A| &\equiv \sum_{i \in \Omega} \mu_A(i) \quad \text{(cardinality)} \end{split}$$

## What does this buy us anyway? (Set intersection)

$\hat{N}$ nobility isotope fujwara feudal clan	$\hat{M}$ metal fusible ductility with alnico	$\hat{G}$ bad manners happiness evil excellent	$\hat{N} \cap \hat{M}$ fusible unreactive metalloids ductility heavy	$\hat{N} \cap \hat{G}$ good dharma morals virtue righteous
N noblest auctoritas abies eightfold vojt	M trivalent carbides metallic corrodes alloying	$\vec{G}$ bad natured humoured selfless gracious	$\vec{N} + \vec{M}$ fusible metals sulfides finntroll rhodium	$\vec{N} + \vec{G}$ gracious virtuous believeth savages hedonist

- Polysemy of the word noble, in the context of the words good and metal.
- noble is represented by N, metal by M and good by G.
- We also provide the word2vec analogues of the same, under  $\vec{N}$ ,  $\vec{M}$ , and  $\vec{G}$ .
- See that word2vec has no analogue for set-intersection. We use the closest possible analogue (addition), which performs worse semantically.

■ Given a probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ , define the *surprisal* to be  $-\log_2 p$ .

- Given a probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ , define the *surprisal* to be  $-\log_2 p$ .
- If p = 1, and the event happens, then we are never  $(-\log_2 1 = 0)$  surprised.

- Given a probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ , define the *surprisal* to be  $-\log_2 p$ .
- ullet If p=1, and the event happens, then we are never  $(-\log_2 1=0)$  surprised.
- If p = 0, and the event happens, then we are terrifically  $(-\log_2 0 = --\infty = +\infty)$  surprised.

- Given a probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ , define the *surprisal* to be  $-\log_2 p$ .
- If p = 1, and the event happens, then we are never  $(-\log_2 1 = 0)$  surprised.
- If p = 0, and the event happens, then we are terrifically  $(-\log_2 0 = --\infty = +\infty)$  surprised.
- If p = 1/2, and the event happens, then we are terrifically  $\left(-\log_2 1/2 = --1 = +1\right)$  surprised.

- Given a probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ , define the *surprisal* to be  $-\log_2 p$ .
- If p = 1, and the event happens, then we are never  $(-\log_2 1 = 0)$  surprised.
- If p = 0, and the event happens, then we are terrifically  $(-\log_2 0 = --\infty = +\infty)$  surprised.
- If p = 1/2, and the event happens, then we are terrifically  $(-\log_2 1/2 = -1 = +1)$  surprised.
- Given a distribution  $P: X \to [0,1]$ , the entropy of P is the average surprise, given by  $\sum_{x \in X} P(x) \cdot -\log P(x)$ .

# What does this buy us anyway? (Entropy)

Fuzzy entropy is a measure of the uncertainty of the elements belonging to the set.

## What does this buy us anyway? (Entropy)

Fuzzy entropy is a measure of the uncertainty of the elements belonging to the set.

$$\begin{split} H(A) &\equiv \sum_{i} H(X_{i}^{A}) \\ &\equiv \sum_{i} -p_{i}^{A} \ln p_{i}^{A} - (1-p_{i}^{A}) \ln \left(1-p_{i}^{A}\right) \\ &\equiv \sum_{i} -A[i] \ln A[i] - (1-A[i]) \ln (1-A[i]) \end{split}$$

and	the	in	one	which	to	however	two	for	eight
this	of	of	in	the	zero	to	is	а	for
as	and	only	а	also	nine	it	as	but	S

- Function words are words which are largely syntactic rather than semantic.
- lacktriangledown On the left: Top 15 words with highest entropy with frequency  $\geqslant$  100. (note that all of them are function words).
- On the right: Top 15 words with the highest frequency.
- Non-function words are emphasized for comparison.

## What does this buy us anyway? (KL divergence)

- K-L (Kullback Leibler) divergence is an asymmetric measure of similarity.
- Given data d which follows distribution P, the extra bits need to store it under the false assumption that the data d follows distribution Q is the K-L divergence between the distributions P and Q.
- Let *P* be the distribution that assigns 0.25 probability to *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*. Since all are equiprobable, we use 2 bits per character.
- Let *Q* be the distribution that assigns 0.5 probability to *a*, *b* and 0 probability to *c*, *d*. We use 1 bit to represent if we are storing *a* or *b*.
- If the real distribution is Q and we store data using P, then we really need only  $\{a,b\}$ , but we are trying to store  $\{a,b,c,d\}$ . P(false assumption) needs twice as many bits as Q(true distribution) to store the message c.
- If the real distribution is P and we store data using Q, then we really need  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ , but we can only store  $\{a, b\}$ . Q(false assumption) need infinitely more bits to store the message c than P (true distribution).

## What does this buy us anyway? (KL divergence)

$$KL(S, T) \equiv \sum_{i} KL(X_{i}^{S}, X_{i}^{T}) = \sum_{i} p_{i}^{S} \log \left( p_{i}^{S} / p_{i}^{T} \right)$$

Example 1	KL(ganges, delta)	6.3105
	KL(delta, ganges)	6.3040
Example 2	$KL(north \cap korea, china)$	1.02923
Example 2	$KL(china, north \cap korea)$	10.60665

- K-L divergence shows the relation between two words.
- Can also consider phrases when composed using feature intersection as in the case of north korea.
- We demonstrate human annotator judgement of the distance between China and North Korea, where human annotators considered "North Korea" to be very similar to "China", while the reverse relationship was rated as significantly less strong ("China" is not very similar to "North Korea")

# What does this buy us anyway? (Cross entropy)

- $lue{}$  cross-entropy of two distributions P and Q is the sum of the entropy of P and the K-L divergence between P and Q.
- $\blacksquare$  captures both the *uncertainty in P*, as well as the distance from *P* to *Q*.
- lacksquare Gives information theoretic difference between the concepts of P and Q.

# What does this buy us anyway? (Analogy)

$$a:b::x:y_?$$
  
 $y_?=b-a+x \implies y_?=(b+x)-a$   
 $y=(b\sqcup x)\setminus a$  (Set-theoretic interpretation)

- given a pairing (a:b), and a prior x, we are asked to compute an unknown word  $y_?$  such that  $a:b::x:y_?$
- In the vector space model, analogy is computed based on vector distances. But this is semantically incoherent, as we must then re-normalize vectors.

Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	word2vec	Our representation
bacteria	tuberculosis	virus	polio	hiv
cold	freezing	hot	evaporates	boiling
ds	nintendo	dreamcast	playstation	sega
pool	billiards	karate	taekwondo	judo

 Examples of analogy compared to the analogy in word2vec. We see here that the comparisons constructed by feature representations are similar to those given by the standard word vectors.

## **Evaluation: Similarity**

Dims.	word2vec	Our Representation			
Dillis. Wordzvec		K-L Divergence	Cross-Entropy		
20	0.2478	0.2690	0.2744		
50	0.2916	0.2966	0.2981		
100	0.2960	0.3124	0.3206		
200	0.3259	0.3253	0.3298		

■ Similarity scores on the SimLex-999 dataset for various dimension sizes (Dims.).

### **Evaluation:** Analogy

Category		word2vec		Our representation	
		50	100	50	100
Capital Common Countries		21.94	37.55	39.13	47.23
Capital World		13.02	20.10	27.30	26.54
Currency		12.24	18.60	25.27	24.90
City-State		10.38	16.70	23.24	23.51
Family		10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Syntactic	4.74	3.23	7.26	3.83
Adjective-Adverb	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	9.92	15.68	21.73	21.52
	Syntactic	4.06	3.66	7.61	4.92
Opposite	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	9.36	14.73	20.60	20.26
	Syntactic	8.86	12.63	16.88	15.39
Comparative	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	10.10	15.96	21.67	21.39
	Syntactic	7.59	11.30	14.32	13.36
Superlative	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	9.54	15.20	20.35	20.15
	Syntactic	7.51	10.96	14.31	13.14
Present-Participle	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	9.34	14.73	19.84	19.49
	Syntactic	12.51	19.07	21.64	21.96
Nationality	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	11.51	18.16	22.71	22.97
	Syntactic	11.65	17.09	20.43	19.76
Past Tense	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	11.16	17.21	21.96	27.72
	Syntactic	11.76	17.23	20.53	19.89
Plural	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	11.26	17.28	21.90	21.64
	Syntactic	11.36	16.60	19.88	19.46
Plural Verbs	Semantic	10.61	17.34	23.67	23.88
	Overall	11.05	16 01	21 46	21 30

- Comparison of Analogies between word2vec and our representation for 50 and 100 dimensions (Dims.).
- Outperform word2vec on every single metric.

### Evaluation: Function word detection

top $n$ words	word2vec	Our Representation
15	10	15
30	21	30
50	39	47

- Function word detection using entropy (in our representation) and by frequency in word2vec.
- We see that we consistently detect more function words than word2vec, based on the 176 function word list (Making and Using Word Lists for Language Learning and Teaching).
- The metric is *number of words*, i.e. the number of words chosen by frequency for word2vec and entropy for our representation.
- We detect more function words than the baseline frequency based methods.

## Evaluation: Compositionality detection

Dims.	Metric	word2vec	Our Representation
50	Spearman	0.3946	0.4117
50	Pearson	0.4058	0.4081
100	Spearman	0.4646	0.4912
100	Pearson	0.4457	0.4803
200	Spearman	0.4479	0.4549
∠00	Pearson	0.4163	0.4091

- Predict whether two words combine to create a phrase or not (eg. monkey business, silver bullet)
- We decide that a phrase  $w_1w_2$  is a phrase if  $|KL(w_1, w_2) KL(w_2, w_1)|$  is large, as this implies information asymmetry.
- We see that almost across the board, we perform better.

#### Conclusion

- word2vec is performant but poorly understood.
- We extract fuzzy set embeddings from word2vec, giving richer, understandable variants of vector-based operations!
- TL;DR: Mathematical modelling (fuzzy sets) is useful to extend empirical results (word2vec)!
- https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/2020.repl4nlp-1.4/
- Collaborators: Alok Debnath, Souvik Banerjee.
- Advisors: Dr. Kannan Srinathan, Dr Manish Shrivastava.





■ The only thing we need to train word2vec is a dot-product.

- The only thing we need to train word2vec is a dot-product.
- Can we generalize? word2vec consider *directions*, which are 1D subspaces.

- The only thing we need to train word2vec is a dot-product.
- Can we generalize? word2vec consider *directions*, which are 1D subspaces.
- We should generalize! Use nD subspaces.

- The only thing we need to train word2vec is a dot-product.
- Can we generalize? word2vec consider *directions*, which are 1D subspaces.
- We should generalize! Use nD subspaces.
- The collection of all nD subspaces of a vector space is known as the *Grassmanian*.

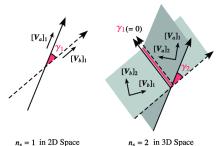
- The only thing we need to train word2vec is a dot-product.
- Can we generalize? word2vec consider *directions*, which are 1D subspaces.
- We should generalize! Use nD subspaces.
- The collection of all nD subspaces of a vector space is known as the *Grassmanian*.

# Training on the grassmanian

■ The collection of all nD subspaces of a vector space is known as the *Grassmanian*.

# Training on the grassmanian

- The collection of all nD subspaces of a vector space is known as the *Grassmanian*.
- What is the analogue of the dot-product? It is an operation known as Angle between flats.



■ How does one take gradients on the Grassmanian?

# Results for training on the grassmanian [Sovik Banerjee's research]

- We evaluate the quality of our document embed-dings with the 20newsgroups topic classification.
- k-NN algorithm on Grassmannian manifold is performed by replacing the euclidean metric with grassmanian-compatible metric

Embedding	F1-Macro	F1-Micro
Avg. W2V	0.630	0.631
SIF	0.552	0.549
Doc2Vec	0.648	0.645
JoSE	0.703	0.707
Grassmannian	0.749	0.752

Foo

Embedding	Accuracy	
Avg. W2V	88.02	
SIF	85.32	
Doc2Vec	88.52	
JoSE	87.95	
Grassmannian	88.90	

## Abstract interpretation

- $\alpha : (C, \leq) \to (A, \sqsubset)$ : monotone Abstraction from the Concrete to the Abstract.
- $\gamma:(A, \sqsubseteq) \to (C, \sqsubseteq)$ : monotone Concretization from Abstract to the Concrete. ( $\gamma$  for Galois)
- $c \leqslant \gamma(\alpha(c))$ : Abstraction can lose information
- **a**  $= \alpha(\gamma(c))$ : Concretization is faithful: abstract objects are well represented by concrete objects.

