

# Distributed Representation for Word Embeddings

In this programming assignment, we will experiment with distributed representations of words. We'll also see how such an embedding can be constructed by applying principal component analysis to a suitably transformed matrix of word co-occurrence probabilities. For computational reasons, we'll use the moderately sized **Brown corpus of present-day American English** for this.

### 1. Accessing the Brown corpus

The Brown corpus is available as part of the Python Natural Language Toolkit ( nltk ).

```
import numpy as np
import math
import pickle
import nltk
nltk.download('brown')
nltk.download('stopwords')
from nltk.corpus import brown, stopwords
from scipy.cluster.vq import kmeans2
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from scipy.spatial import distance
```

The corpus consists of 500 samples of text drawn from a wide range of sources. When these are concatenated, they form a very long stream of over a million words, which is available as <code>brown.words()</code>. Let's look at the first 50 words.

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In [2]:
          ▶ for i in range(50):
                 print (brown.words()[i],)
             The
             Fulton
             County
             Grand
             Jury
             said
             Friday
             an
             investigation
             of
             Atlanta's
             recent
             primary
             election
             produced
             no
             evidence
             1 1
             that
             any
             irregularities
             took
             place
             The
             jury
             further
             said
             in
             term-end
             presentments
             that
             the
             City
             Executive
             Committee
             which
             had
             over-all
             charge
             of
             the
             election
             deserves
             the
```

praise

lowercase. The resulting sequence will be stored in <code>my\_word\_stream</code> .

Here are the initial 20 words in <code>my\_word\_stream</code> .

```
In [4]:
             my_word_stream[:20]
    Out[4]: ['fulton',
               'county',
               'grand',
               'jury',
               'said',
               'friday',
              'investigation',
              'recent',
               'primary',
               'election',
               'produced',
              'evidence',
              'irregularities',
              'took',
               'place',
               'jury',
              'said',
               'presentments',
               'city',
               'executive']
```

# 2. Computing co-occurrence probabilities

**Task P1**: Complete the following code to get a list of words and their counts. Report how many times does the word "evidence" and "investigation" appears in the corpus.

```
In [5]: N = len(my_word_stream)
words = []
totals = {}

## STUDENT: Your code here
# words: a python list of unique words in the document my_word_stream as the
# totals: a python dictionary, where each word is a key, and the correspondit
# is the number of times this word appears in the document my_word_s:

for word in my_word_stream:
    if word in words:
        totals[word] += 1
    else:
        totals[word] = 1
        words.append(word)

## STUDENT CODE ENDS
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In [6]: ## STUDENT: Report how many times does the word "evidence" and "investigation
print('Word "',words[10],'" appears ',totals[words[10]], ' times')
print('Word "',words[5],'" appears ',totals[words[5]], ' times')

Word " produced " appears 90 times
Word " friday " appears 60 times
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\*\* Task P2\*\*: Decide on the vocabulary. There are two potentially distinct vocabularies: the words for which we will obtain embeddings (vocab\_words) and the words we will consider when looking at context information (context\_words). We will take the former to be all words that occur at least 20 times, and the latter to be all words that occur at least 100 times. We will stick to these choices for this assignment, but feel free to play around with them and find something better.

How large are these two word lists? Note down these numbers.

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In [7]:  ## STUDENT: Your code here

vocab_words = [] # a list of words whose occurances (totals) are > 19
context_words = [] # a list of words whose occurances (totals) are > 99

for word in words:
    if totals[word] > 19:
        vocab_words.append(word)
        if totals[word] > 99:
            context_words.append(word)

## STUDENT CODE ENDS
print('Number of vocabulary words ',len(vocab_words), ';')
print('Number of context words ',len(context_words), ';')
```

Number of vocabulary words 4720; Number of context words 918; **Task P3**: Get co-occurrence counts. These are defined as follows, for a small constant window\_size=2.

- Let w0 be any word in vocab\_words and w any word in context\_words.
- Each time w0 occurs in the corpus, look at the window of window\_size words before and after it. If w appears in this window, we say it appears in the context of (this particular occurrence of) w0.
- Define counts[w0][w] as the total number of times w occurs in the context of w0.

Complete the function <code>get\_counts</code> , which computes the <code>counts</code> array and returns it as a dictionary (of dictionaries). Find how many times the word "fact" appears in the context of "evidence" with window <code>size=2</code>.

```
In [8]:
         def get_counts(window_size=2):
                ## Input:
                # window_size: for each word w0, its context includes window_size words
                # For instance, if window size = 2, it means we look at w1 w2 w0 w3 w4,
                # context woreds
                ## Output:
                # counts: a python dictionary (of dictionaries) where counts[w0][w] ind
                # in the context of w0 (Note: counts[w0] is also a python dictionary)
                counts = {}
                for w0 in vocab words:
                    counts[w0] = \{\}
                for i, word in enumerate(my word stream):
                    if word in vocab words:
                        for j in range(max(0, i-window size), min(len(my word stream), i-
                            if i == j:
                                continue
                            count word = my word stream[j]
                            if count word in context words:
                                if count word in counts[word].keys():
                                    counts[word][count word] += 1
                                else:
                                    counts[word][count word] = 1
                ## STUDENT: Your code here
                ## End of codes
                return counts
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In [9]: 
## STUDENT: Report how many times the word "fact" appears in the context of counts = get_counts(window_size=2)
print(counts['evidence'])
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{'obtained': 2, 'persons': 1, 'said': 3, 'much': 5, 'blue': 1, 'long': 1, 'would': 2, 'however': 4, 'several': 4, 'spent': 1, 'going': 1, 'limited': 2, 'rather': 2, 'meeting': 1, 'western': 1, 'record': 1, 'court': 2, 'littl e': 7, 'late': 1, 'find': 1, 'good': 1, 'effort': 1, 'another': 2, 'hope': 1, 'piece': 1, 'available': 6, 'less': 1, 'nothing': 2, 'level': 1, 'adde d': 1, 'great': 3, 'strong': 2, 'make': 3, 'necessary': 1, 'look': 2, 'exis tence': 1, 'especially': 1, 'among': 2, 'students': 2, 'earth': 2, 'real': 1, 'turn': 1, 'enough': 2, 'industry': 1, 'stand': 1, 'property': 1, 'musi c': 1, 'many': 2, 'bad': 1, 'question': 1, 'together': 1, 'new': 3, 'life': 1, 'power': 2, 'points': 2, 'lead': 1, 'trial': 2, 'years': 2, 'fact': 3, 'wanted': 1, 'better': 1, 'likely': 1, 'clear': 2, 'various': 1, 'written': 2, 'actually': 1, 'personal': 1, 'national': 1, 'responsibility': 1, 'suppo rt': 2, 'ago': 1, 'provide': 1, 'deal': 1, 'us': 2, 'first': 3, 'growth': 1, 'unless': 1, 'gives': 2, 'gave': 2, 'light': 1, 'mean': 1, 'beginning': 1, 'since': 3, 'method': 1, 'taking': 1, 'number': 1, 'defense': 1, 'soon': 1, 'use': 4, 'knowledge': 1, 'general': 1, 'like': 2, 'away': 1, 'want': 1, 'come': 2, 'take': 1, 'full': 1, 'returned': 1, 'one': 2, 'recently': 2, 't ypes': 1, 'meant': 1, 'show': 1, 'time': 1, 'material': 1, 'period': 2, 'co nsider': 1, 'based': 1, 'evidence': 3, 'made': 1, 'difference': 2, 'straigh t': 1, 'suggested': 1, 'religion': 1, 'either': 1, 'well': 1, 'main': 1, 'c ourse': 2, 'taken': 1, 'given': 3, 'interest': 1, 'working': 1, 'countrie s': 1, 'upon': 1, 'federal': 1, 'developed': 1, 'face': 1, 'growing': 1, 'e arly': 1, 'af': 1, 'aj': 1, 'though': 4, 'unit': 1, 'important': 2, 'direc t': 2, 'give': 2, 'side': 1, 'waiting': 1, 'present': 4, 'far': 2, 'yet': 1, 'family': 1, 'lower': 1, 'except': 1, 'numbers': 1, 'population': 1, 'ma y': 1, 'statement': 2, 'methods': 1, 'mind': 1, 'related': 1, 'research': 1, 'cases': 1, 'hold': 1, 'larger': 1, 'problems': 2, 'found': 1, 'local': 1, 'provided': 1, 'running': 1, 'example': 1, 'amount': 1, 'order': 1, 'att itude': 1, 'longer': 2, 'hand': 1, 'eyes': 1, 'closed': 1, 'following': 1, 'simply': 1, 'physical': 1, 'dark': 1, 'must': 2, 'world': 1, 'easy': 1, 't hinking': 1, 'wrote': 1, 'indeed': 1, 'best': 3, 'comes': 2, 'could': 2, 'b rown': 1, 'considered': 1, 'different': 2, 'kind': 1, 'perhaps': 1, 'recen t': 1, 'really': 1, 'matter': 1, 'police': 1, 'anything': 1, 'sort': 1, 'ge t': 1, 'man': 1, 'received': 1, 'outside': 1}

Define probs[w0][] to be the distribution over the context of w0, that is:

probs[w0][w] = counts[w0][w] / (sum of all counts[w0][])

**Task P4**: Finish the function <code>get\_co\_occurrence\_dictionary</code> that computes <code>probs</code>. Find the probability that the word "fact" appears in the context of "evidence".

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In [10]:
         ## Input:
                # counts: a python dictionary (of dictionaries) where counts[w0][w] ind
                # in the context of w0 (Note: counts[w0] is also a python dictionary)
                ## Output:
                # probs: a python dictionary (of dictionaries) where probs[w0][w] indica
                # in the context of word w0
                probs = \{\}
                for w0 in vocab_words:
                    probs[w0] = \{\}
                for word in counts.keys():
                    total = 0
                    for subword in counts[word].keys():
                        total += counts[word][subword]
                    for subword in counts[word].keys():
                        probs[word][subword] = float(counts[word][subword]) / float(tota
                ## STUDENT: Your code here
                ## End of codes
                return probs
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In [11]: ## STUDENT: Report how many times the word "fact" appears in the context of
probs = get_co_occurrence_dictionary(counts)
print(probs['evidence']['fact'])
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The final piece of information we need is the frequency of different context words. The function below, get\_context\_word\_distribution, takes counts as input and returns (again, in dictionary form) the array:

context frequency[w] = sum of all counts[][w] / sum of all counts[][]

## 3. The embedding

**Task P5**: Based on the various pieces of information above, we compute the **pointwise mutual information matrix**:

PMI[i,j] = MAX(0, log probs[ith vocab word][jth context word] - log context\_frequency[jth context word])

Complete the code to compute PMI for every word i and context word j. Report the output of the code.

```
▶ print ("Computing counts and distributions")
In [13]:
             counts = get counts(2)
             probs = get co occurrence dictionary(counts)
             context frequency = get context word distribution(counts)
             print ("Computing pointwise mutual information")
             n vocab = len(vocab words)
             n context = len(context words)
             pmi = np.zeros((n_vocab, n_context))
             for i in range(0, n vocab):
                 w0 = vocab words[i]
                 for w in probs[w0].keys():
                     j = context words.index(w)
                     ## STUDENT: Your code here
                     diff_logs = math.log(probs[w0][w]) - math.log(context_frequency[w])
                     pmi[i,j] = max(0, diff logs)
                     ## Student end of code
```

Computing counts and distributions
Computing pointwise mutual information

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In [14]: # STUDENT: report the following number
print(pmi[vocab_words.index('evidence'),context_words.index('fact')])
```

1.6657997172507537

The embedding of any word can then be taken as the corresponding row of this matrix. However, to reduce the dimension, we will apply principal component analysis (PCA).

See this nice tutorial on PCA: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkf4lBRSeEc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkf4lBRSeEc</a> (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkf4lBRSeEc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkf4lBRSeEc</a>)

Now reduce the dimension of the PMI vectors using principal component analysis. Here we bring it down to 100 dimensions, and then normalize the vectors to unit length.

It is useful to save this embedding so that it doesn't need to be computed every time.

## 4. Experimenting with the embedding

We can get some insight into the embedding by looking at some intersting use cases.

\*\* Task P6\*\*: Implement the following function that finds the nearest neighbor of a given word in the embedded space. Note down the answers to the following queries.

```
In [17]:
          ▶ def word NN(w, vecs, vocab words, context words, K):
                ## Input:
                # w: word w
                # vecs: the embedding of words, as computed above
                # vocab_words: vocabulary words, as computed in Task P2
                # context_words: context words, as computed in Task P2
                ## Output:
                # the nearest neighbor (word) to word w
                if not(w in vocab words):
                    print("Unknown word")
                    return
                ## Student: your code here
                w_index = vocab_words.index(w)
                distances = []
                #calc all distances
                for i, w0 in enumerate(vocab_words):
                    distances.append((distance.cityblock(vecs[w_index], vecs[i]), w0))
                #find N nearest neighbors
                distances.sort(key = lambda x: x[0])
                return distances[1:K+1]
                ## Student: code ends
         word NN('world', vecs, vocab words, context words, 5)
In [18]:
   Out[18]: [(7.312658394465592, 'war'),
             (7.426339216617139, 'peace'),
              (7.895204315480719, 'nations'),
              (8.085514937096962, 'history'),
              (8.094092396138727, 'nation')]
In [19]:
          Out[19]: [(8.62079121669431, 'necessary'),
              (8.677025570212718, 'even'),
              (8.866903951615488, 'nevertheless'),
              (8.908616457534999, 'need'),
              (8.931364662277659, 'present')]

  | word_NN('technology', vecs, vocab_words, context_words, 5)

In [20]:
   Out[20]: [(8.281225646607872, 'essentially'),
              (8.590205676306255, 'missiles'),
              (8.729041905155256, 'increasing'),
              (8.80162162478013, 'language'),
              (8.818157045218472, 'science')]
```

\*\* Task P7\*\*: Implement the function that aims to solve the analogy problem: A is to B as C is to? For example, A=King, B=Queen, C=man, and the answer for? should be ideally woman (you will see that this may not be the case using the distributed representation).

Finds the K-nearest neighbor of a given word in the embedded space. Note: instead of outputing only the nearest neighbor, you should find the K=10 nearest neighbors and see whether there is one in the list that makes sense. You should also exclude the words C in the output list.

Also report another set A, B, C and the corresponding answer output by your problem. See if it makes sense to you.

```
In [22]:

    def find_analogy(A,B,C,vecs,vocab_words,context_words, K=10):

                 ## Input:
                 # A, B, C: words A, B, C
                 # vecs: the embedding of words, as computed above
                 # vocab_words: vocabulary words, as computed in Task P2
                 # context_words: context words, as computed in Task P2
                 ## Output:
                 # the word that solves the analogy problem
                 ## STUDENT: Your code here
                 if not((A in vocab_words) and (B in vocab_words) and (C in vocab_words))
                     print("Unknown word")
                     return
                 ## Student: your code here
                 a index = vocab words.index(A)
                 b_index = vocab_words.index(B)
                 c_index = vocab_words.index(C)
                 distances = []
                 \#goals is the closest to (B-A) = (D-C)
                                          D = (B-A)+C
                 goal = vecs[b_index] - vecs[a_index] + vecs[c_index]
                 #calc all distances
                 for i, w0 in enumerate(vocab words):
                     distances.append((distance.cityblock(goal, vecs[i]), w0))
                 #find N nearest neighbors
                 distances.sort(key = lambda x: x[0])
                 for i in range(K+1):
                     print(distances[i])
                 D_neighbors = word_NN(C, vecs, vocab_words, context_words, 10)
                 for d in D neighbors:
                     for dist in distances[0:15]:
                         if d[1] == dist[1]:
                             print("Analogy Answer:", d[1])
                             return d
                 print("no good answers")
                 return distances[0:K+1]
                 ## STUDENT: your code ends
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```
In [23]:
          (8.984697846163128, 'queen')
            (10.221045264540034, 'man')
            (11.080216040780813, 'art')
            (11.489801973996437, 'freely')
            (11.529140756452565, 'memory')
            (11.547423299601578, 'woman')
            (11.590046334557204, 'sky')
            (11.618110502114387, 'wine')
            (11.622127840043412, 'shirt')
            (11.627585684937296, 'red')
            (11.639262294693893, 'papa')
            Analogy Answer: woman
   Out[23]: (6.307236775303336, 'woman')
In [24]:
          find_analogy('soil','grass','sun',vecs,vocab_words,context_words)
            word_NN('sun',vecs,vocab_words,context_words, 5)
            (10.976847489204651, 'sun')
            (11.011307190325368, 'rain')
            (11.13379857340074, 'grass')
            (11.707112338738282, 'shoulders')
            (11.853601337727882, 'rose')
            (11.87324305720544, 'floor')
            (11.88448929727884, 'closed')
            (11.89065827552857, 'red')
            (11.980089297445657, 'beneath')
            (12.054259064471847, 'shining')
            (12.054601116108604, 'suddenly')
            Analogy Answer: dark
   Out[24]: [(7.7074759000459, 'light'),
             (7.739082521862044, 'stayed'),
             (7.891781704320759, 'summer'),
             (7.940921255599043, 'day'),
             (8.046904246095046, 'afternoon')]
In [ ]:
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