

# Biomedical Text Mining and Natural Language Processing Workshop

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# Agenda

- We have 3.5 hours (13:30-17:00)
- 20-30 minutes introduction I
- 1 hour hands-on exercise
  - Regular expression
  - Language modeling 1: Bag-of-words / n-grams
- 20-30 minutes introduction II
- 1 hour hands-on exercise in R language
  - Language modeling 2: Topic modeling (LDA)
  - Language modeling 3: Word embedding (GloVe)
  - Language modeling 4: Hidden representation in the neural network (autoencoder)
- 20-30 minutes wrap-up

# INTRODUCTION I

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# Dealing with Biomedical Text?

- Goal: Extracting previously unknown but important information (features)
- Data collection and preprocessing (maybe  $> 80\%$  of your time)
  - **Regular expression!**
- **Natural language processing**
- Exploratory analysis, statistics, missing value & outlier
- Annotation and analysis
- Modeling
- Evaluation
- Prediction

## Difference between TM, IR and IE

- Typical **text mining** tasks include document classification, document clustering, building ontology, sentiment analysis, document summarization, information extraction, etc.
- **Information retrieval** typically deals with crawling, parsing and indexing document, retrieving documents
- **Information extraction** is the task of automatically extracting structured information from unstructured or semi-structured machine-readable documents.

Oliveira

# Important Natural Language Features

- Part-Of-Speech Tagging (POS): syntactic roles (noun, adverb...)
- Chunking (CHUNK): syntactic constituents (noun phrase, verb phrase...)
- Name Entity Recognition (NER): person/company/location...
- Semantic Role Labeling (SRL): semantic role
- Word sense disambiguation (WSD)
- Co-reference resolution (pronoun)

Collobert, Weston 2009

# More Features

**Predicate and POS tag** of predicate

**Phrase type:** adverbial phrase, prepositional phrase, ...

**Head word** and POS tag of the head word

**Path:** traversal from predicate to constituent

**Word-sense** disambiguation of the verb

**Length** of the target constituent (number of words)

**Partial Path:** lowest common ancestor in path

**First and last words** and POS in constituents

**Constituent tree distance**

**Dynamic class context:** previous node labels

**Constituent relative features:** head word

**Constituent relative features:** siblings

**Voice:** active or passive (hand-built rules)

**Governing category:** Parent node's phrase type(s)

**Position:** left or right of verb

Predicted **named entity** class

**Verb clustering**

**NEG** feature: whether the verb chunk has a "not"

**Head word replacement** in prepositional phrases

**Ordinal position** from predicate + constituent type

**Temporal cue words** (hand-built rules)

**Constituent relative features:** phrase type

**Constituent relative features:** head word POS

**Number of pirates existing in the world...**

Collobert, Weston 2009

- Regular expression
  - A regular expression, regex or regexp (sometimes called a rational expression) is, in theoretical computer science and formal language theory, a sequence of characters that define a search pattern. Usually this pattern is then used by string searching algorithms for "find" or "find and replace" operations on strings.

Wikipedia

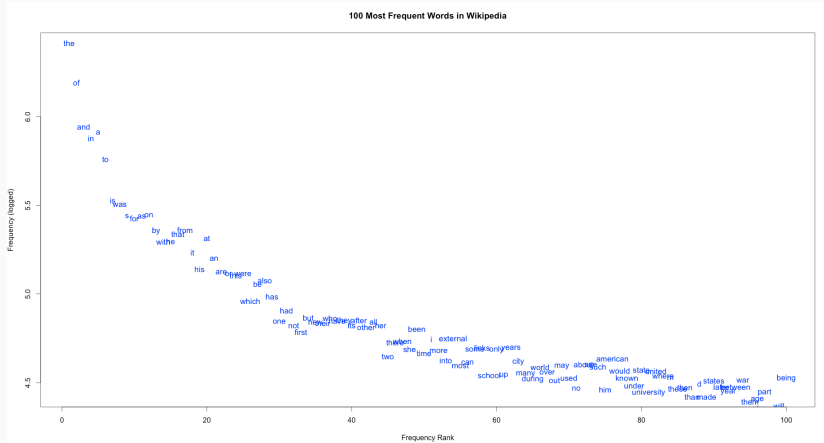


# Text Preprocessing

- Text segmentation / Tokenization
  - Alphabetic or Non-alphabetic (Chinese / Japanese / Tibetan...)
  - Separated characters may be meaningless
  - New York-New Haven (the same characters in different order)
- Stemming and Lemmatization (grammar)
  - Different words, same or similar meanings
  - 'imaging', 'imagination', 'image'
  - 'be', 'am', 'is', 'are'
- Part-of-speech (POS) tagging
  - NN, VV, ...
  - For semantic analysis
- Removing stopwords
  - Frequent but meaningless or not important

- Bag-of-words
  - One-hot encoding representation
  - Simple but useful
  - Frequency  $\propto$  representative?
  - Zipf's Law (Zipf 1949)
  - Words with high term frequencies may be just common terms
  - Tf-idf: importance estimation
  - Problem: no word sequence meaning

# Zipf's Law



<http://wugology.com/zipfs-law/>

# Natural Language Modeling

- n-gram model
  - [Google Ngram Viewer](#)
  - Consecutive n words
  - Some words are meaningful only when they are observed together
  - Information of phrase
  - Bag-of-words (unigram)  $\rightarrow$  n-grams
    - I like dog
    - BoW: ['I', 'like', 'dog']
    - BoW + n-gram: ['I', 'like', 'dog', 'I like', 'like dog', 'I like dog']  
(unigram + bigram + trigram)

# Tf-idf Weighting

- Importance of the term in the corpus
- For term  $i$  in document  $j$

$$w_{i,j} = tf_{i,j} \times \log\left(\frac{N}{df_i}\right)$$

- $tf_{i,j}$ : frequency of  $i$  in  $j$
- $df_i$ : number of documents have  $i$
- $N$ : number of all documents

## Tf-idf Weighting Example

- A: "Dog is so cute."
- B: "I like dog."
- $tfidf_{('dog',A)} = \frac{1}{4} \times \log(\frac{2}{2}) = 0$
- $tfidf_{('dog',B)} = \frac{1}{3} \times \log(\frac{2}{2}) = 0$
- $tfidf_{('cute',A)} = \frac{1}{4} \times \log(\frac{2}{1}) = \frac{\log 2}{4}$
- $tfidf_{('cute',B)} = \frac{0}{3} \times \log(\frac{2}{0}) = 0$

## HANDS-ON EXERCISE I

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# Regular Expression

- Crazy regex
- Some tools that can help you
  - [regex101](#)
  - [regexpr](#)
- [Regex cheatsheet](#)
- [Also a cheatsheet](#)

## E.g. 'echocardiogram'

Pattern	Meaning	Example
.	all characters	echocardiogram
cardi	phrase 'cardi'	cardi
.*cardi	0 or more characters before	echocardi
[a-z]*cardi	0+ lower case (only) before	echocardi
[A-Z]*cardi	0+ upper case (only) before	cardi
[aeiou]*cardi	0+ aeiou (only) before	ocardi
[aA-zZ]+cardi	if we use 'xcardiogram'	xcardi
[aA-zZ]{2,}cardi	if we use 'xcardiogram'	-
cardi gram	catches 'cardi' or 'gram'	cardi, gram
\d	catches any digit	-
\d3, 5	catches 3 to 5 digits	-

# Building Language Model Using R

- **tm** package in R (Feinerer, Hornik 2014)
- Steps
  1. Convert to lower case
  2. Remove punctuation, numbers, URLs, emoji
  3. Remove stopwords
  4. Lemmatization, stemming
  5. Tokenization
  6. POS tagging (optional, not in **tm**)
  7. Tf-idf weighting
  8. n-grams
  9. Convert to document-term matrix

- Wordcloud (`wordcloud`)
- Frequency plot (`ggplot2`)
- Unsupervised clustering
  - k-means clustering (`fpc`, `cluster`)

## INTRODUCTION II

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# Important Feature in Text

- Large scale hand-made feature engineering!
- Task-specific engineering limits NLP scope
- We want to avoid task-specific engineering
- Can we find unified hidden representations? Can we build unified NLP architecture? Can we utilize/preserve semantics?
- More algorithmic approaches for knowledge representation!

# Deciphering Hieroglyphs

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Evert 2010













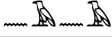
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













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$$\text{sim}(\text{triangle with horizontal line, triangle, circle}, \text{triangle with horizontal line, triangle, circle}) = 0.939$$

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$$\text{sim}(\text{triangle, triangle, box}, \text{eye, triangle, triangle}) = 0.961$$

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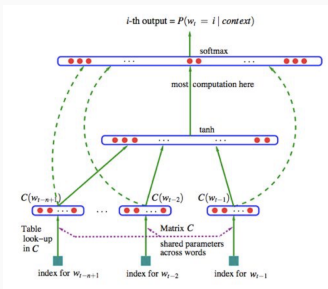
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verb-object counts from British National Corpus

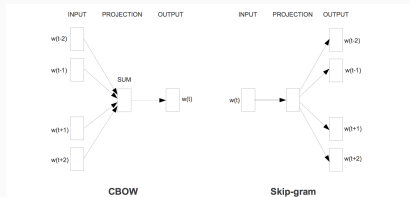
- Matrix decomposition
  - LSI (Deerwester 1990), NMF (Lee 1999), NTF (Cruys 2010)
  - Using SVD ( $U\Sigma V$ )
  - Fast, unless using NTF
- Probabilistic language model
  - PLSI (Hofmann 1999), LDA (Blei 2003)
  - Topic modeling, using probability
  - Heavy computation

# Neural Language Model

- NNLM (Bengio 2003), RNN/LSTM, autoencoder
- skip-gram / CBOW (word2vec, Mikolov 2013) and GloVe (Global Vectors for Word Representation, Pennington 2014) for word embedding
- Heavy computation, hard to implementation
- Interpretation...?

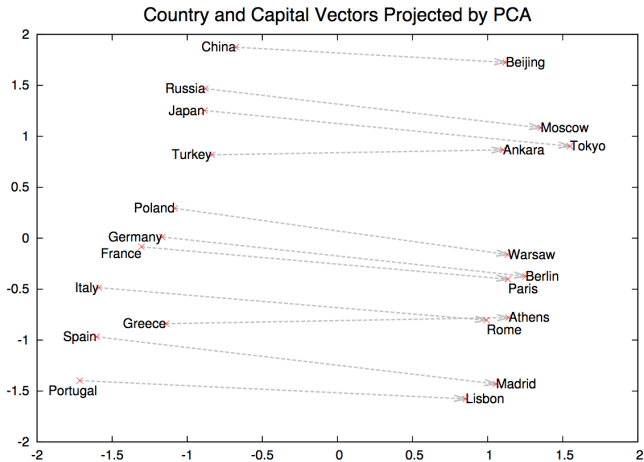


Bengio 2003



Mikolov 2013

# An Example of Word Embedding



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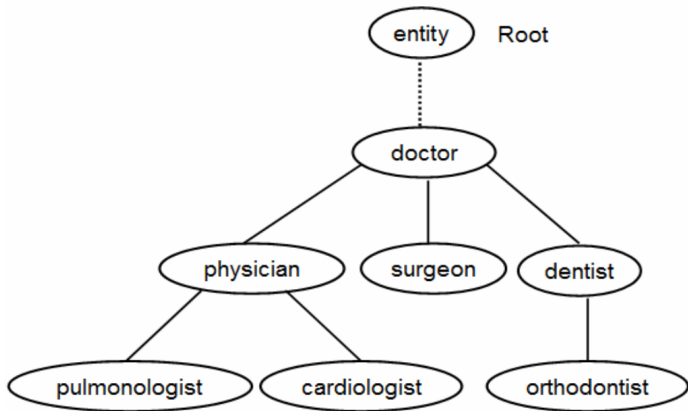


- Topic modeling using latent Dirichlet allocation (`topicmodels`)
- Word embedding using GloVe (`text2vec`)
- Extracting the hidden representation in deep autoencoder (`keras`)

## UTILIZING HUMAN-CURATED KNOWLEDGE

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# Ontology for Knowledge Representation



Liu, 2012

# Medical Ontology

- SNOMED-CT (for all medical terms)
- RxNorm (for medication)
- MeSH (for all biomedical terms)
- ICD-10 (for disease categorization)
  - W22.02XD: Walked into lamppost, subsequent encounter.
  - W59.29XS: Other contact with turtle, sequel.
  - V97.33XD: Sucked into jet engine, subsequent encounter.
- FMA (for anatomy)
- HPO (for rare diseases)

- Upper level connection
- UMLS Metathesaurus
- Make sure you already have UTS account
- Two versions per year (now 2016AA)
- Concept unique identifier (CUI)
  - C0031511|SNOMEDCT\_US|154555009|Phaeochr...
  - C0031511|SCTSPA|85583005|feocromocitoma

# Semantic Connection

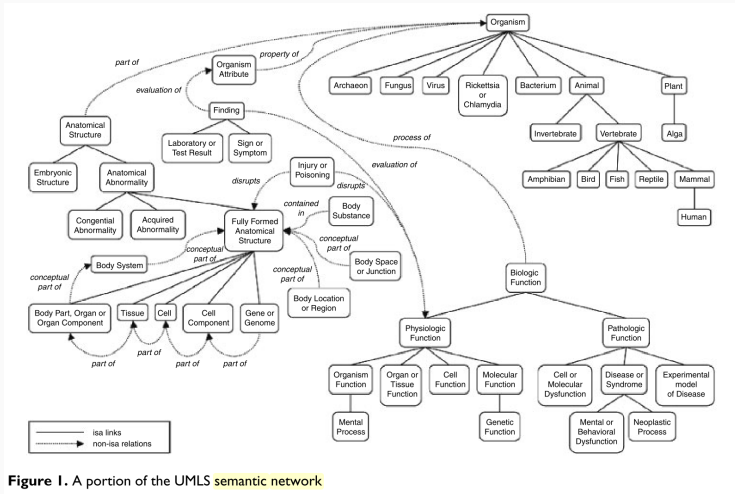
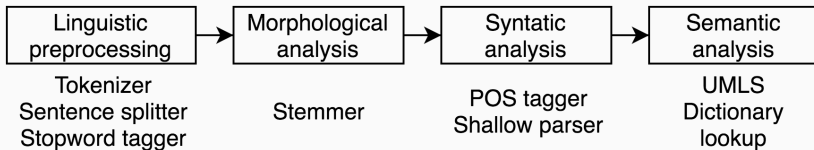


Figure 1. A portion of the UMLS semantic network

## Some Resources

- BioPortal ontology repository
- UMLS
  - UTS web application for UMLS
- SNOMED
  - UTS web application for SNOMED
- RxNorm
  - RxNav (Web application for RxNorm)
- LOINC
- Human Phenotype Ontology
  - For rare, congenital diseases

# Integration - Clinical NLP Systems



MetaMap / cTAKES workflow



- Developed by NLM (Aronson 1994)
- [Web application of MetaMap](#)
- Java API
- Locally execution
- [Download](#)

# MetaMap

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Control options:
  composite_phrases=4
  lexicon=db
  mm_data_year=2015AB
I: thoracentesis was done 1000cc of amber fluid obtained sent spec to lab.pt has another very large formed stool.tube feeds were restarted due
to trach to be done in am not today.peg also planed for future.family spoke with md
I:
Processing 00000000.tx.1: thoracentesis was done 1000cc of amber fluid obtained sent spec to lab.pt has another very large formed stool.tube fe
eds were restarted due to trach to be done in am not today.peg also planed for future.family spoke with md

Phrase: thoracentesis
Meta Mapping (1000):
  1000 Thoracentesis [Diagnostic Procedure,Therapeutic or Preventive Procedure]

Phrase: was
Phrase: done

Phrase: 1000cc of amber fluid
Meta Mapping (555):
  604 AMBER (Amber) [Organic Chemical]
  604 FLUID (Body Fluids) [Body Substance]
```

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weng-2:bin weng$ echo thoracentesis was done 1000cc of amber fluid obtained sent spec to lab.pt has another very large formed stool.tube feeds
were restarted due to trach to be done in am not today.peg also planed for future.family spoke with md | ./metamap -N --prune 20
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prunes=20
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- Developed by Mayo NLP (Savova 2010)
- Modularized
- CLI
- [Download](#)

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## Some Advanced NLP Books / Online Courses

- [NLTK book](#) (useful for text preprocessing and traditional NLP)
- Foundations of Statistical Natural Language Processing (Manning)
- Speech and Language Processing (Jurafsky)
- [Coursera NLP](#) (Jurafusky)
- [Coursera NLP](#) (Radev)
- Coursera NLP provided by Michael Collins is also good, but it's gone now
- [Stanford Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning](#)
- [Oxford Deep NLP](#)

# Take Home Message

- Text preprocessing and NLP for feature extraction
- Topic modeling
- Different language modeling techniques
  - Bag-of-words, n-grams, word embedding, autoencoder
- Unifying biomedical language
- Clinical NLP systems: MetaMap / cTAKES
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