

Embedding Words and Senses Together via Joint Knowledge-Enhanced Training

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- Word sense disambiguation using knowledge from semantic networks
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 - + use predefined senses from semantic networks
 - a training step in addition to word embeddings
 - do not solve the meaning conflation issue properly
 - infrequent senses difficult to discriminate

Motivation

- SW2V: Senses and Words to Vectors
 - + exploits knowledge from both text corpora and semantic networks
 - + jointly training of words and sense embeddings
 - + uses one training step
 - + represents word and sense embeddings in the same vector space
 - + can be applied to different predictive models
 - + is scalable for large semantic networks and text corpora
 - + captures infrequent senses

Corpus and semantic network

- corpus: UMBC 300M-words corpus and Wikipedia
- semantic network: BabelNet
 - ▶ over 350M semantic connections
 - ▶ integrates Wikipedia and WordNet

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Method

Input: corpus + semantic network

- 1 use a semantic network to link associated senses in context
→ shallow word-sense connectivity algorithm
- 2 use a neural network with linked word and sense embeddings
→ joint update

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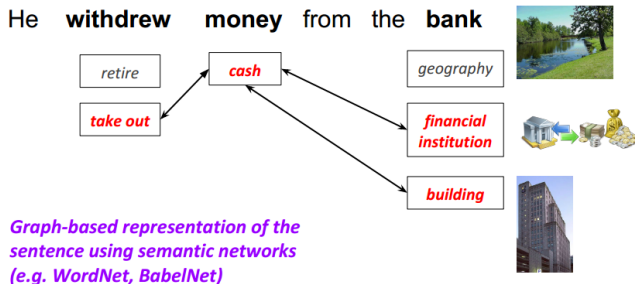
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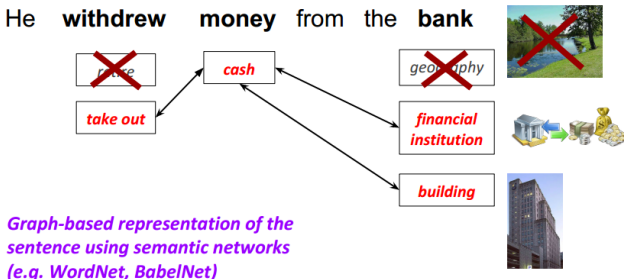
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Semantic network graph (S, E)



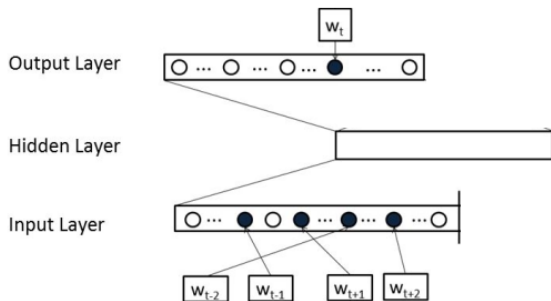
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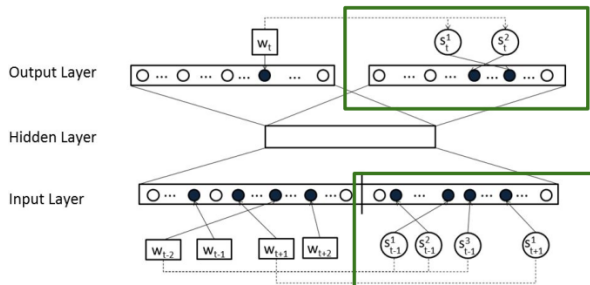
A word is a surface form of a underlying sense

⇒ “updating the embedding of a word should produce a consequent update to the embedding representing that particular sense, and vice-versa”

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$$E = -\log(p(w_t | W^t, \mathbf{S}^t)) - \sum_{s \in S_t} \log(p(s | W^t, \mathbf{S}^t))$$



Words and associated senses used both as input and output

Model parameters

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- vector dimensionality: 300
- window size: 8
- normalization: hierarchical softmax

Model variants

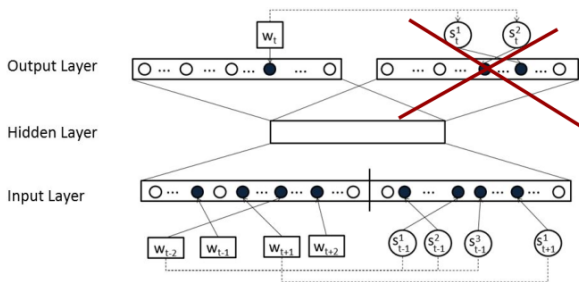
Input and output layer alternatives → calculation of the hidden state and contribution to the loss function

- both words and senses
- only words
- only senses

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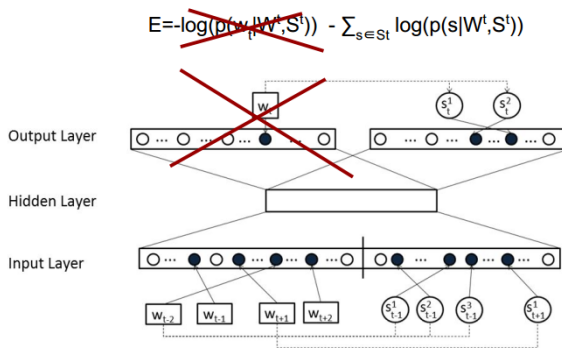
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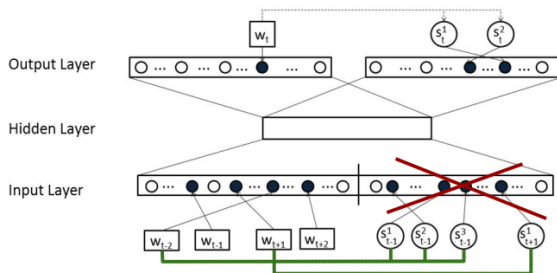


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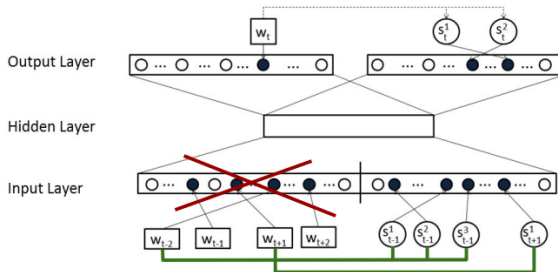


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- Intuition: “Co-occurrence information gets duplicated if both words and senses are included in the input layer”

Analysis of model configuration

Best configuration:

		Output											
		Words				Senses				Both			
		WS-Sim		RG-65		WS-Sim		RG-65		WS-Sim		RG-65	
		r	ρ	r	ρ	r	ρ	r	ρ	r	ρ	r	ρ
Input	Words	0.49	0.48	0.65	0.66	0.56	0.56	0.67	0.67	0.54	0.53	0.66	0.65
	Senses	0.69	0.69	0.70	0.71	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.74	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.74
	Both	0.60	0.65	0.67	0.70	0.62	0.65	0.66	0.67	0.65	0.71	0.68	0.70

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Evaluation: shallow word-sense connectivity algorithm

- input: pre-disambiguated text
- baseline: Babelfly - state-of-the-art graph-based disambiguation and entity linking system
(* only instances above the default confidence threshold disambiguated)
- results:

- ▶ better correlation results
- ▶ 10 times faster than Babelfly
- ▶ more robust by associating words with more than one sense

	WS-Sim		RG-65	
	r	ρ	r	ρ
<i>Shallow</i>	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.74
Babelfly	0.65	0.63	0.69	0.70
Babelfly*	0.63	0.61	0.65	0.64

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Evaluation: Model

- Best configuration used on all experiments
- Experiments on:
 - ▶ Word similarity
 - ▶ Sense clustering
 - ▶ Word and sense interconnectivity
- Measure of word similarity: cosine similarity
- Measure of sense similarity: closest sense strategy

$$\text{sim}(w_1, w_2) = \max_{s \in S_{w_1}, s' \in S_{w_2}} \cos(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2)$$

Model results

- Word similarity

			SimLex-999		MEN	
	System	Corpus	r	ρ	r	ρ
Senses	SW2V _{BN}	UMBC	0.49	0.47	0.75	0.75
	SW2V _{WN}	UMBC	0.46	0.45	0.76	0.76
	AutoExtend	UMBC	0.47	0.45	0.74	0.75
	AutoExtend	Google-News	0.46	0.46	0.68	0.70
	SW2V _{BN}	Wikipedia	0.47	0.43	0.71	0.73
	SW2V _{WN}	Wikipedia	0.47	0.43	0.71	0.72
	SensEmbed	Wikipedia	0.43	0.39	0.65	0.70
	Chen et al. (2014)	Wikipedia	0.46	0.43	0.62	0.62
Words	Word2vec	UMBC	0.39	0.39	0.75	0.75
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	Word2vec	Wikipedia	0.39	0.38	0.71	0.72
	Retrofitting _{BN}	Wikipedia	0.35	0.32	0.66	0.66
	Retrofitting _{WN}	Wikipedia	0.47	0.44	0.73	0.73

Pearson r and Spearman ρ correlation performance on the SimLex-999 and MEN word similarity datasets

Model results

- Sense clustering
- Binary classification task - a pair is a cluster above a threshold γ

	Accuracy	F-Measure
SW2V	87.8	63.9
SensEmbed	82.7	40.3
NASARI	87.0	62.5
Multi-SVM	85.5	-
Mono-SVM	83.5	-
Baseline	17.5	29.8

Accuracy and F-score of different systems on the SemEval Wikipedia sense clustering dataset, BabelNet only as lexical resource

Model results

- Word and sense interconnectivity
 - ▶ Intuition: the most common sense (MCS) should be close to the word embedding

$$MCS(w) = \operatorname{argmax}_{s \in S_w} \cos(\vec{w}, \vec{s})$$

	SemEval-07	SemEval-13
SW2V	39.9	54.0
AutoExtend	17.6	31.0
Baseline	24.8	34.9

F-score of different MCS strategies

Model results

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<i>company_n² (military unit)</i>		<i>school_n⁷ (group of fish)</i>	
<u>AutoExtend</u>	<u>SW2V</u>	<u>AutoExtend</u>	<u>SW2V</u>
company _n ⁹	battalion _n ¹	school	schools _n ⁷
company	battalion	school _n ⁴	sharks _n ¹
company _n ⁸	regiment _n ¹	school _n ⁶	sharks
company _n ⁶	detachment _n ⁴	school _v ¹	shoals _n ³
company _n ⁷	platoon _n ¹	school _n ³	fish _n ¹
company _v ¹	brigade _n ¹	elementary	dolphins _n ¹
firm	regiment	schools	pods _n ³
business _n ¹	corps _n ¹	elementary _a ³	eels
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- Joint vector space for words and sense embeddings: semantically coherent vector space
- One training phase
- Better results on all 3 tasks
- Able to disambiguate also less frequent senses
- Quick and scalable

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