# PSY9511: Seminar 8

Sequence modelling (with an emphasis on language)

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#### Exercise 6

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# Language modelling

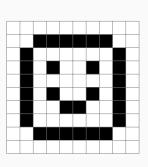




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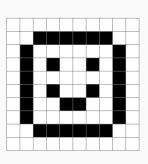


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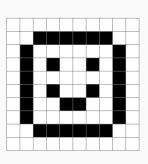








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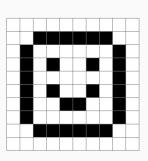
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Age Sex

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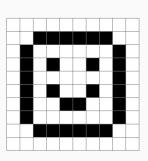
















movie



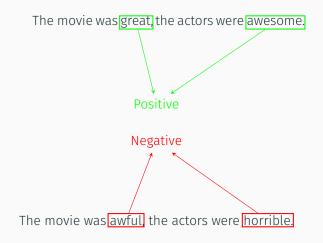


The movie was great, the actors were awesome.

Positive

Negative







The movie was great, the actors were awesome.

La película fue genial, las actores fueron increíbles.



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The movie was great, the actors were\_\_\_\_\_





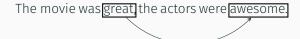
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The movie was great, the actors were\_\_\_\_\_









The movie was great, we saw it at the new Cinema in the city center, the actors were awesome.



The movie was great, we saw it at the new Cinema in the city center, right down by the restaurant where we went for my birthday that one year, the one where the clown was inside the cake, the actors were awesome.



Language modelling: Using the innate structure in language to create better models

- Classification: Predict a class for a full sequence (sentiment analysis)
- Sequence-to-sequence: Predict a sequence from another sequence (translation)
- Generative: Predict the next token in a sequence of words

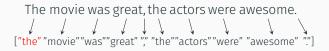


# Preprocessing



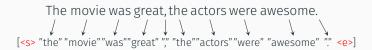
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#### **Tokenization**



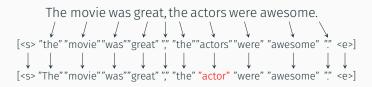


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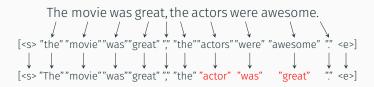
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 In[1]:
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         stemmer = SnowballStemmer('english')
         stemmed = [stemmer.stem(token) for token in tokens]
         stemmed
Out[1]:
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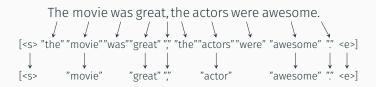
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 In[1]:
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         lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
         lemmatized = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(token) for token in tokens]
         print(lemmatized)
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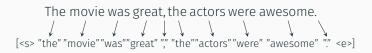
#### Stopword removal



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         pruned = [token for token in tokens if not token in stopwords.
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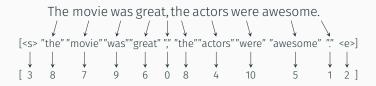
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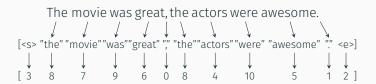


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["," "." <e> <s> "actors" "awesome" "great" "movie" "the" "was" "were"]
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```





#### Integer encoding



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Language preprocessing: Highlighting important parts of a sentence while hiding redundancies

- Tokenization: Splitting text into tokens
- · Stemming: Removing redundant suffixes
- · Lemmatization: Mapping words to common lemmas
- · Stopword removal: Removing non-informative words
- Integer encoding: Turning words into numbers
- · Assumes we know what is important and what is redundant

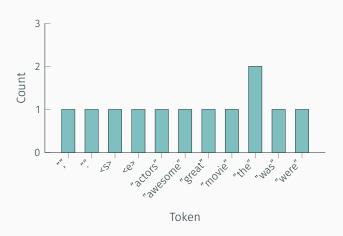




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I	,		<s></s>	<6>	actors	awesome	great	movie	the	was	were
I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1



The movie was great, the actors were awesome.

,		<s></s>	<6>	actors	awesome	awful	great	horrible	movie	the	was	were	sentiment
1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	positive
1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	negative

The movie was awful, the actors were horrible.

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$$y = \beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i$$



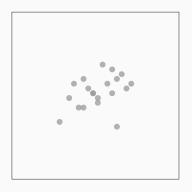
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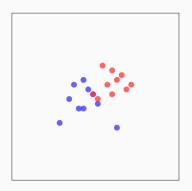
Bag of words: Model language by using word counts (or frequencies)

- Main advantage: Simple, useful when a few key words are sufficient to determine the correct prediction
- · Main disadvantage: Does not understand word similarities

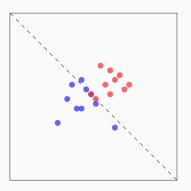












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Encoded:

awesome	wonderful				
1	0				
0	1				



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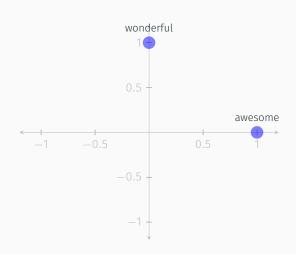
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Vectors: [[1, 0], [0, 1]]



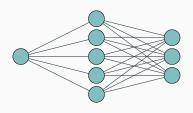


## Semantic embedding



#### Word2vec

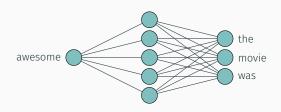
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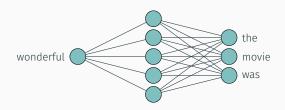
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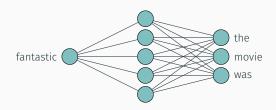
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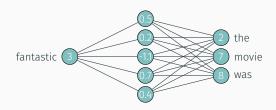


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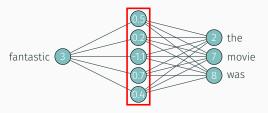


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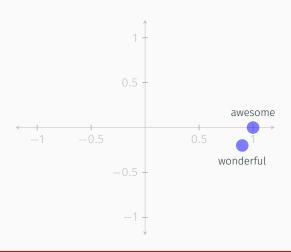


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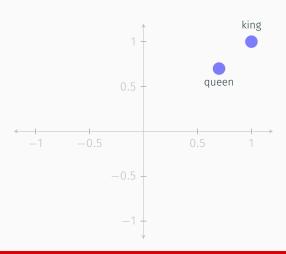




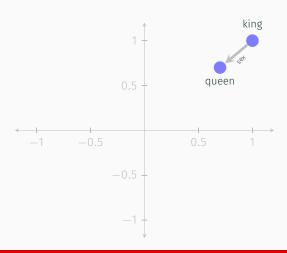


The movie was awesome. The food was awesome. The book was awesome.

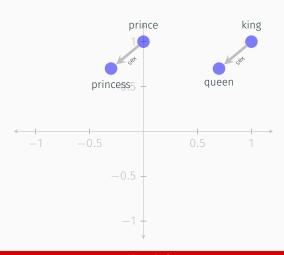




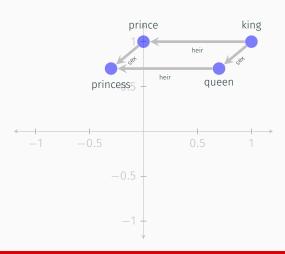






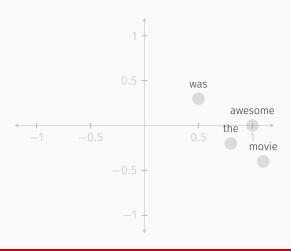




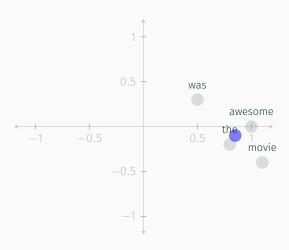




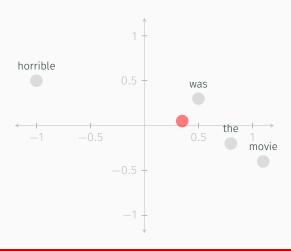




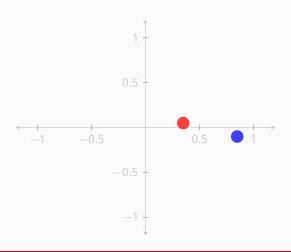














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## Word2vec: Disadvantages

I think the movie was really bad, but my friend said it was good.

I think the movie was really good, but my friend said it was bad.



Word2vec: Model words by vectors that encode their semantic content

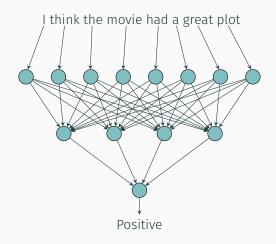
- Main advantage: Models semantic meaning, allowing us to do mathematics with language
- Main disadvantage: Does not consider the structure innate to language



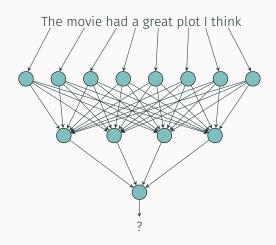


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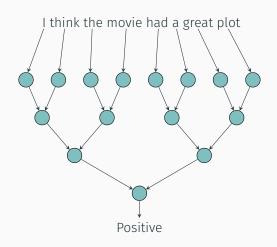




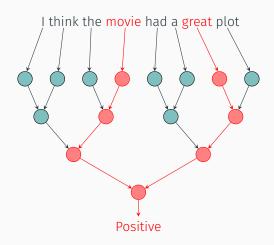


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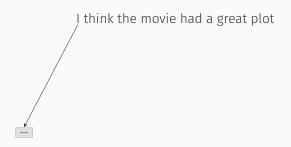




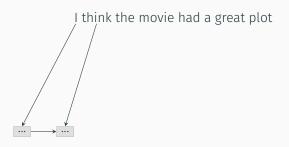


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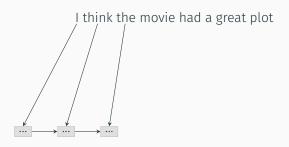




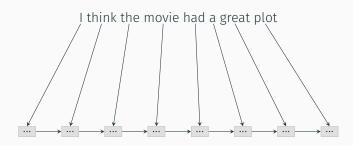




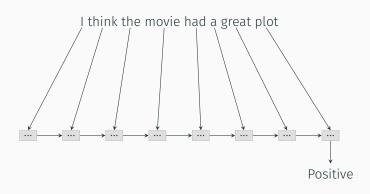




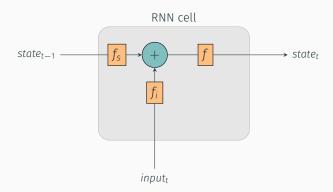




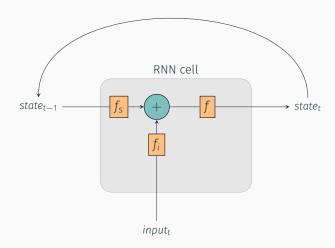








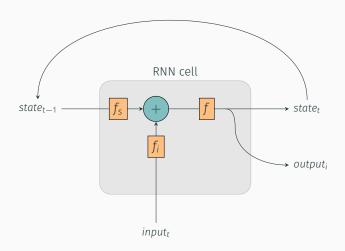




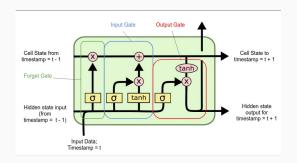


Blackboard demo!









https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/working\_with\_rnns



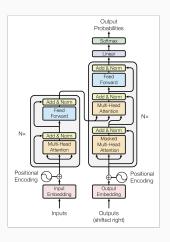
### Recurrent neural networks

RNNs: Models sequences by recursively considering what it has seen so far, and what the new input token is

- Main advantage: Is able to encompass both long- and short-term dependencies
- Main disadvantage: In practice it is hard to weigh long-term versus short-term









Auto-regression: The model generates one token at a time, based on the tokens it has generated so far





















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The movie was great, the actors were\_\_\_\_

 $[8 \quad 7 \quad 9 \quad 6 \quad 0 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 10] \rightarrow ?$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 9 & 6 & 0 & 8 & 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow ?$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[8 \quad 7 \quad 9 \quad 6 \quad 0 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 10] \rightarrow ?$$

$$[0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Transformers: Demo**

https://huggingface.co/docs/transformers/model\_doc/llama2



#### Transformers: Demo

http://localhost:8888/notebooks/notebooks/GPT%20Embedding.ipynb



Transformers: Revolutionized language modelling by combining feed forward neural networks with, among other things, multihead attention (and infinite data and compute)

- Main advantage: Outperforms everything else for almost all language modelling tasks
- Main disadvantage: Can either be used locally, which is fidgety and requires a good computer, or via an API, which is costly and gives others access to your data

