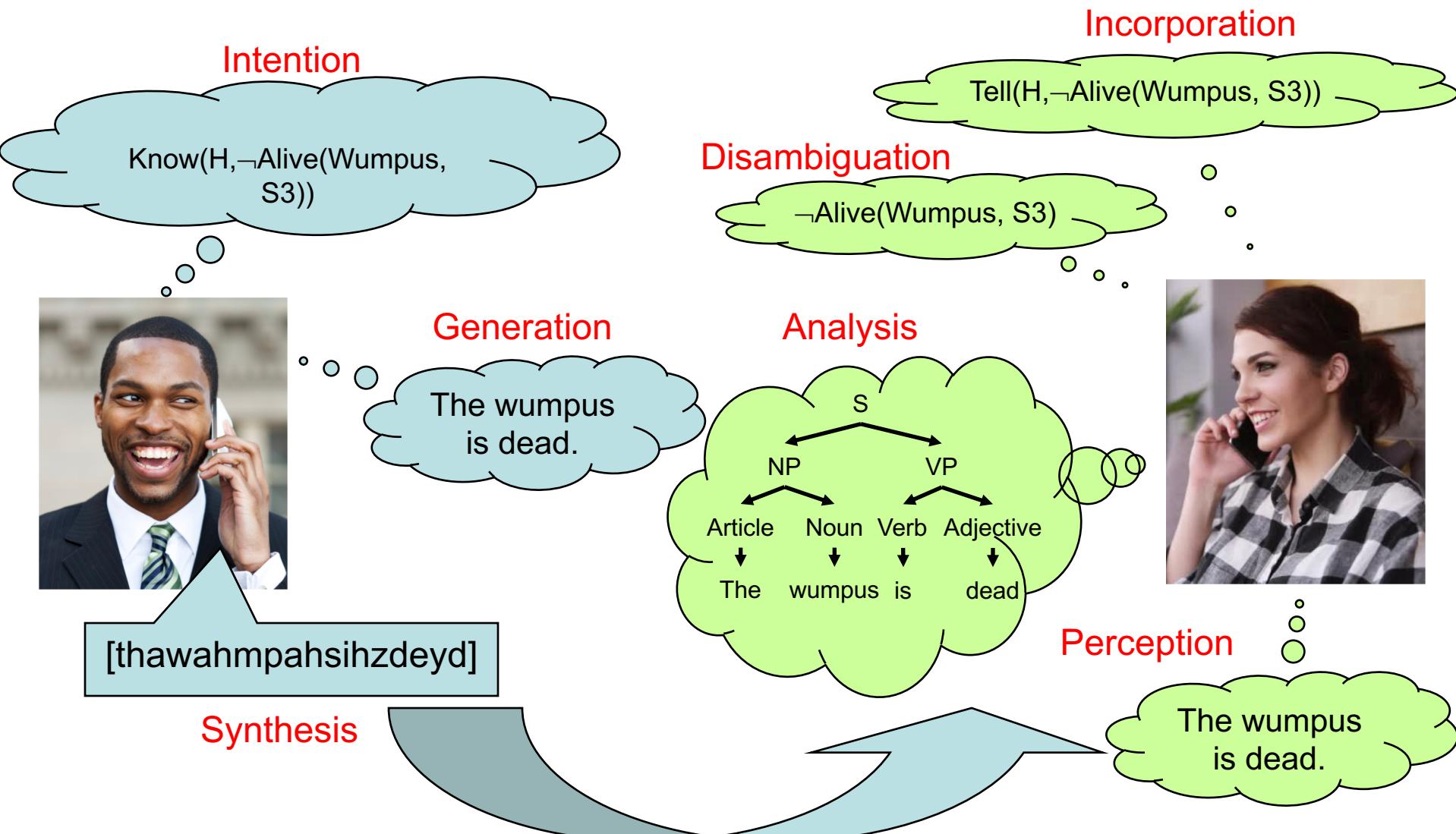


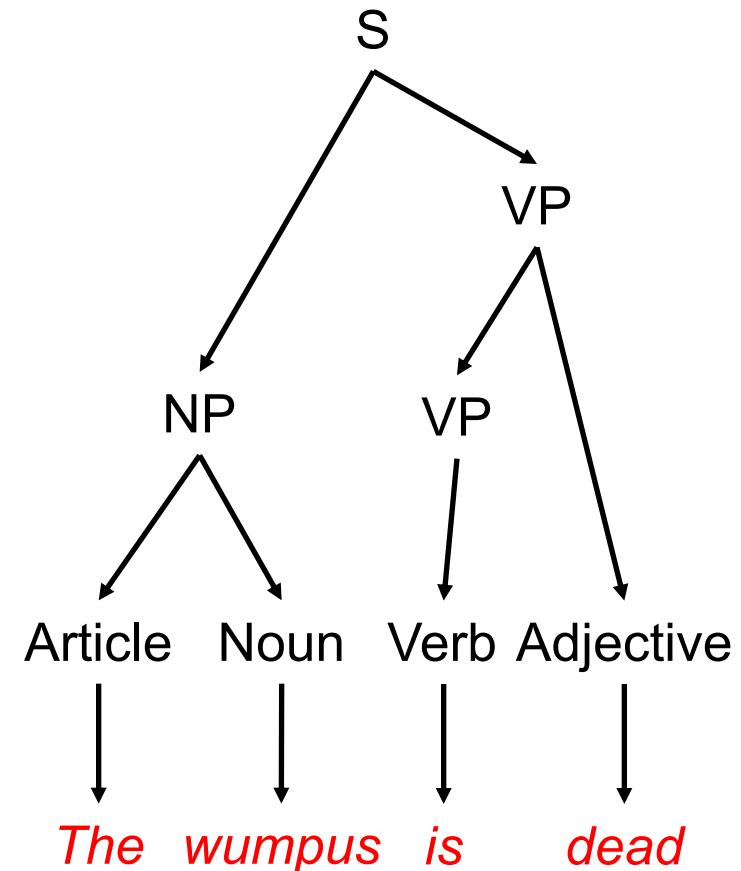
Communication II

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Component Steps of Communication



Bottom-Up Parsing Example



Forest

The wumpus is dead

Article *wumpus is dead*

Article Noun *is dead*

NP *is dead*

NP Verb *dead*

NP Verb Adjective

NP VP Adjective

NP VP

S

Rule being applied

Article → *the*

Noun → *wumpus*

NP → Article Noun

Verb → *is*

Adjective → *dead*

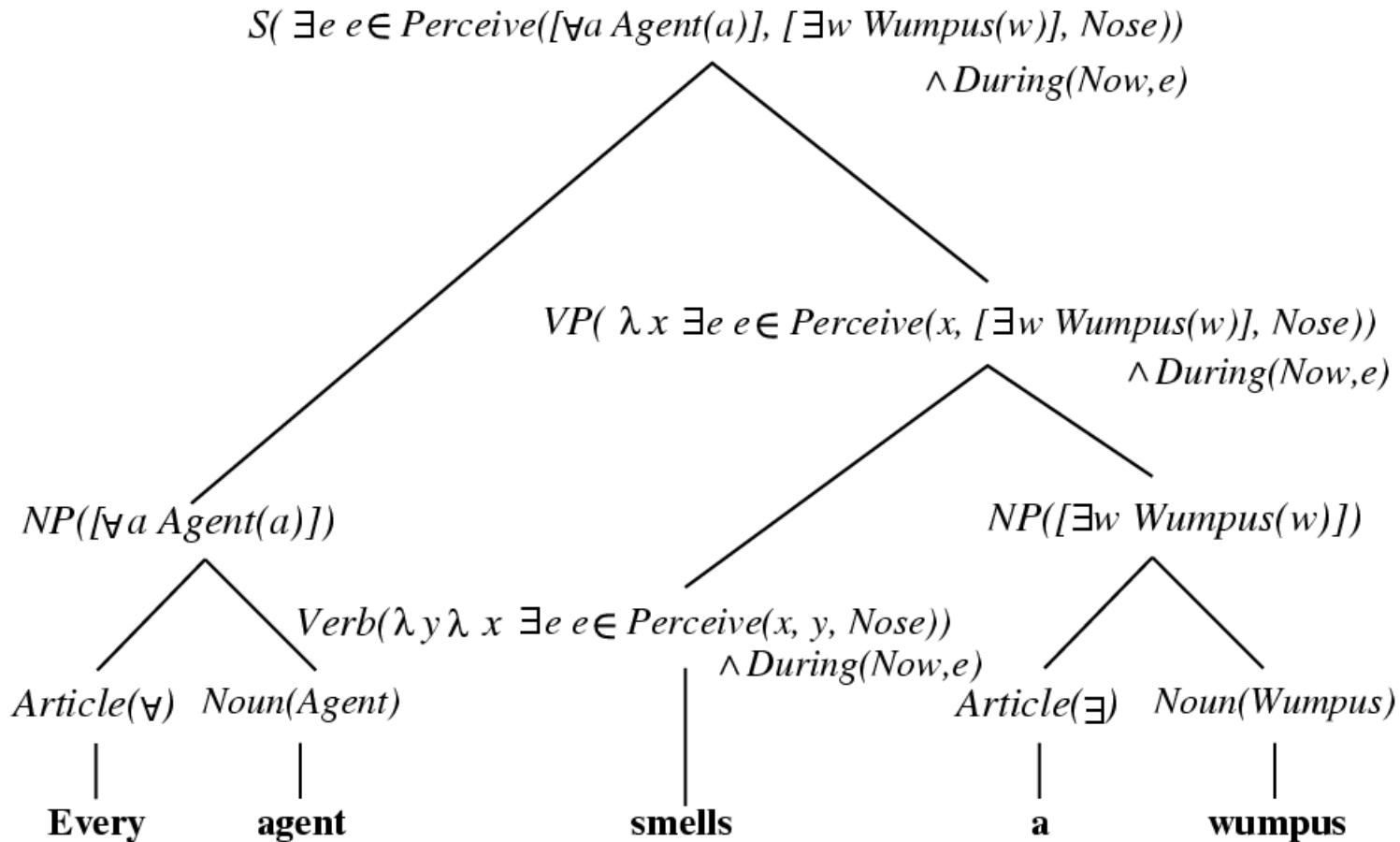
VP → Verb

VP → VP Adjective

S → NP VP

S

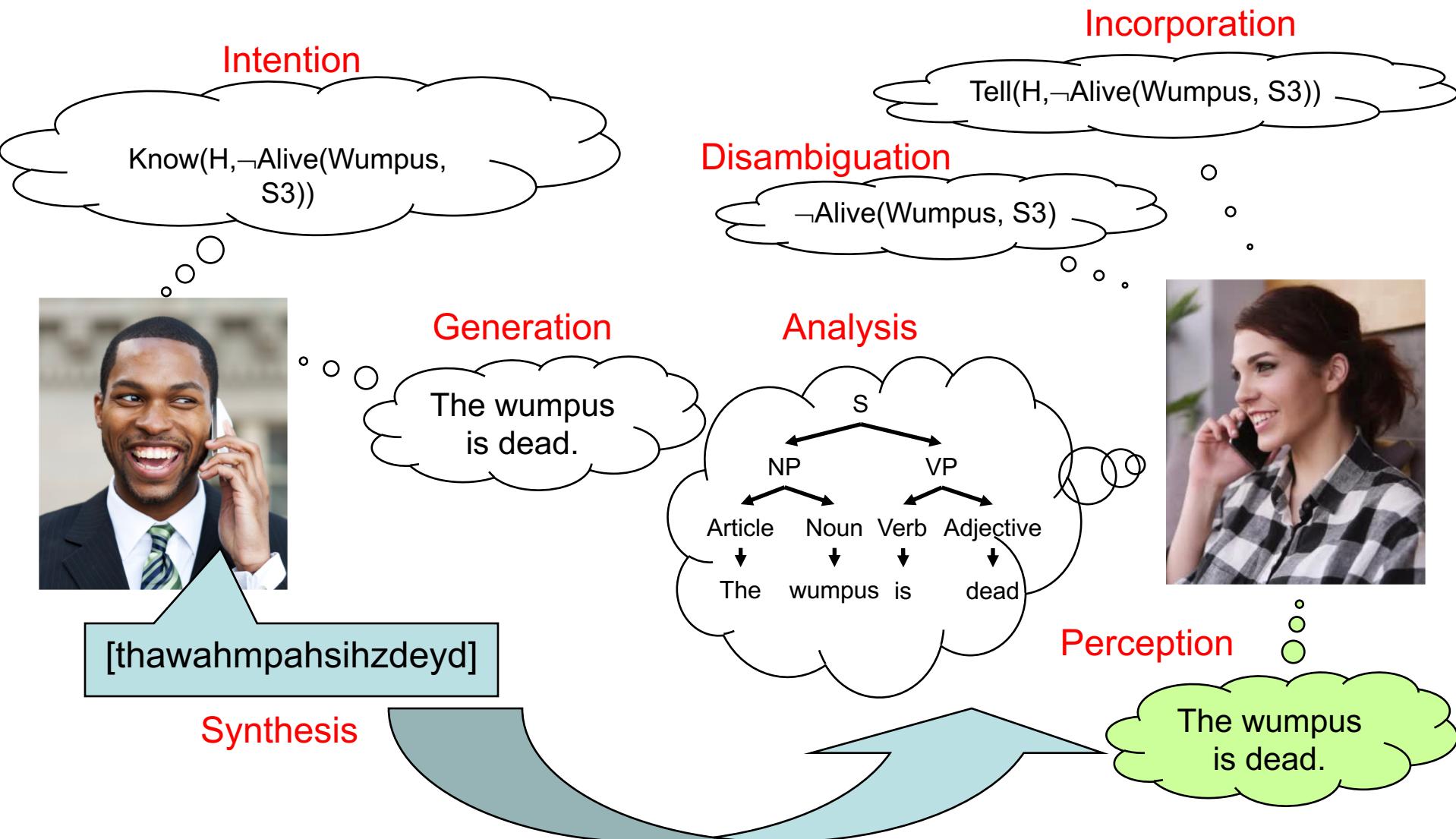
Parsing with Syntax and Semantics



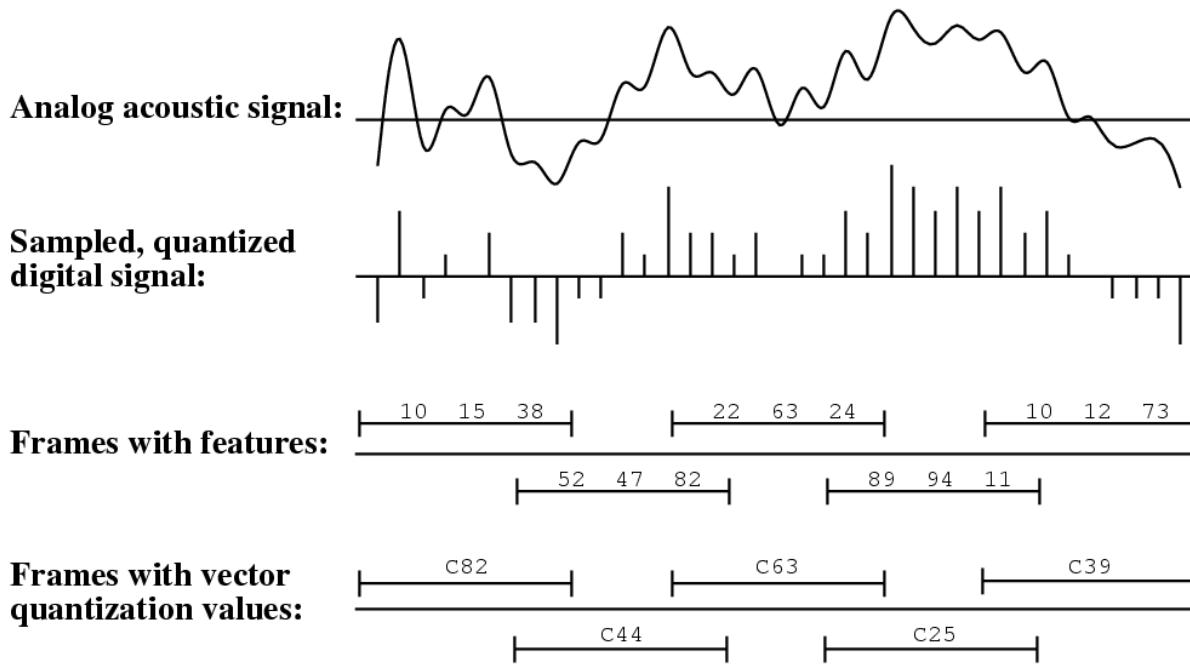
Ambiguity

- Ambiguous newspaper headlines
 - Squad helps dog bite victim.
 - Red-hot star to wed astronomer.
 - Helicopter powered by human flies.
 - American pushes bottle up Germans.
- Many places that ambiguity can arise
 - Lexical ambiguity (*star* has more than one meaning)
 - Syntactic ambiguity (is *dog* an adjective or a noun)
 - Semantic ambiguity (A *coast road* can either lead to the coast or run along the coast)
 - Pragmatic ambiguity (*I'll meet you next Friday*... is *Friday* two days or nine days away?)

Component Steps of Communication



From Analog Audio to Digital Features



- Analog signal is too noisy, contains too much data, and is not in a representation that is easy to manipulate
- Digitize and reduce the dimensionality using quantization

The Speech Recognition Problem

- Recover the words that produce a given acoustic signal
- Given a signal, identify the sequence of words that maximizes $P(\text{words} \mid \text{signal})$

$$P(\text{words} \mid \text{signal}) = \frac{P(\text{words})P(\text{signal} \mid \text{words})}{P(\text{signal})}$$

- $P(\text{words})$ is the **language model**
- $P(\text{signal} \mid \text{words})$ is the **acoustic model**
- $P(\text{signal})$ is a normalizing constant

The Language Model: $P(\text{words})$

- How to get the probability of a sequence of words?

$$\begin{aligned} P(w_1 \dots w_n) &= P(w_1)P(w_2 | w_1)P(w_3 | w_1w_2)\dots P(w_n | w_1\dots w_{n-1}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | w_1\dots w_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

- But this gets really, really complicated

$P(\text{the rat ate cheese}) = P(\text{the}) * P(\text{rat}|\text{the}) * P(\text{ate}|\text{the rat}) * P(\text{cheese}|\text{the rat ate})$

- Approximate with a **bigram** model that depends only on pairs of words

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- Easier to compute values

$P(\text{the rat ate cheese}) = P(\text{the}) * P(\text{rat}|\text{the}) * P(\text{ate}|\text{rat}) * P(\text{cheese}|\text{ate})$

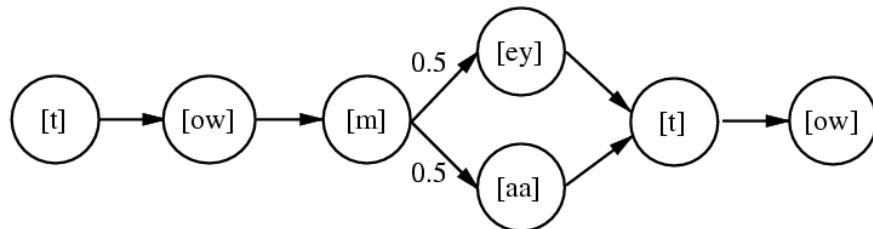
Building a bigram model

Word	Unigram count	Previous words									
		OF	IN	IS	ON	TO	FROM	THAT	WITH	LINE	VISION
THE	367	179	143	44	44	65	35	30	17	0	0
ON	69	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OF	281	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	4	0
TO	212	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
IS	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	1	3
A	153	36	36	33	23	21	14	3	15	0	0
THAT	124	0	3	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
WE	105	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	0	0
LINE	17	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
VISION	13	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

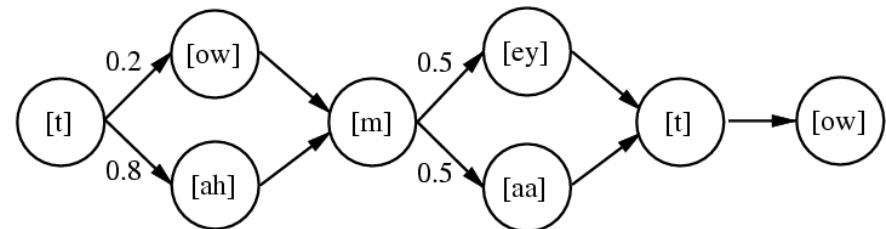
- Construct a bigram table just by counting word frequencies
 - This table is taken from chapter 24 in the text
- Can also use higher-order models (trigram, etc.)
 - Distinguish “ate a banana” from “ate a bandana”

The Acoustic Model: $P(\text{signal} \mid \text{words})$

Word model with dialect variation:



Word model with coarticulation and dialect variations:

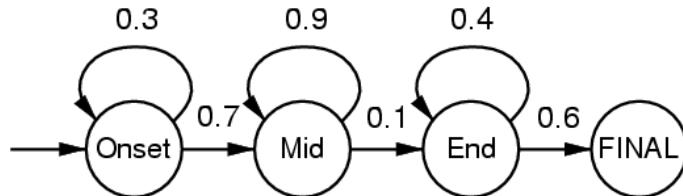


- Markov models for generating a word from phones
 - States give a unique output symbol
 - Total output is a sequence of output symbols (or state names)
 - Links have a probability associated with them
 - Unlabelled links have a probability of 1
 - Markov property: history does not matter
 - Probability of a pronunciation is the product of the probabilities along the paths

The Acoustic Model: $P(\text{signal} \mid \text{words})$

Hidden Markov Models

Phone HMM for [m]:



Output probabilities for the phone HMM:

Onset:	Mid:	End:
C1: 0.5	C3: 0.2	C1: 0.1
C2: 0.2	C4: 0.7	C6: 0.5
C3: 0.3	C5: 0.1	C7: 0.4

- Output of a state is determined by a probability distribution
- Multiple states can share the same output symbols
- True state of the system is “hidden” from the user

- Computes $P(\text{signal} \mid \text{phone})$
- $P([C1, C4, C6] \mid [m]) = \text{prob. of going from } O \rightarrow M \rightarrow E \text{ by the output probs.}$
 $(0.7 \times 0.1 \times 0.6) \times (0.5 \times 0.7 \times 0.5) = 0.0075$
- $P([C1, C3, C4, C6] \mid [m]) = P(O \rightarrow O \rightarrow M \rightarrow E) + P(O \rightarrow M \rightarrow M \rightarrow E) =$
 $(0.3 \times 0.7 \times 0.1 \times 0.6) \times (0.5 \times 0.3 \times 0.7 \times 0.5) +$
 $(0.7 \times 0.9 \times 0.1 \times 0.6) \times (0.5 \times 0.2 \times 0.7 \times 0.5)$
 $= 0.0006615 + 0.001323 = 0.0019845$

The Acoustic Model: $P(\text{signal} \mid \text{words})$

Putting it all together

- Language bigram model gives us
 $P(\text{word}_i \mid \text{word}_{i-1})$ -or- $P(\text{word} \mid \text{words})$
 - Like an HMM in which each word is a state and each bigram probability is a transition between states
- Word pronunciation HMM gives us
 $P(\text{phones} \mid \text{word})$
- Phone HMM gives us
 $P(\text{signal} \mid \text{phones})$
- Put them all together into one big HMM
$$P(\text{signal} \mid \text{words}) = P(\text{signal} \mid \text{phones}) * P(\text{phones} \mid \text{word}) * P(\text{word} \mid \text{words})$$

Modern Voice Assistants



Alexa



Siri



Google Now



Cortana

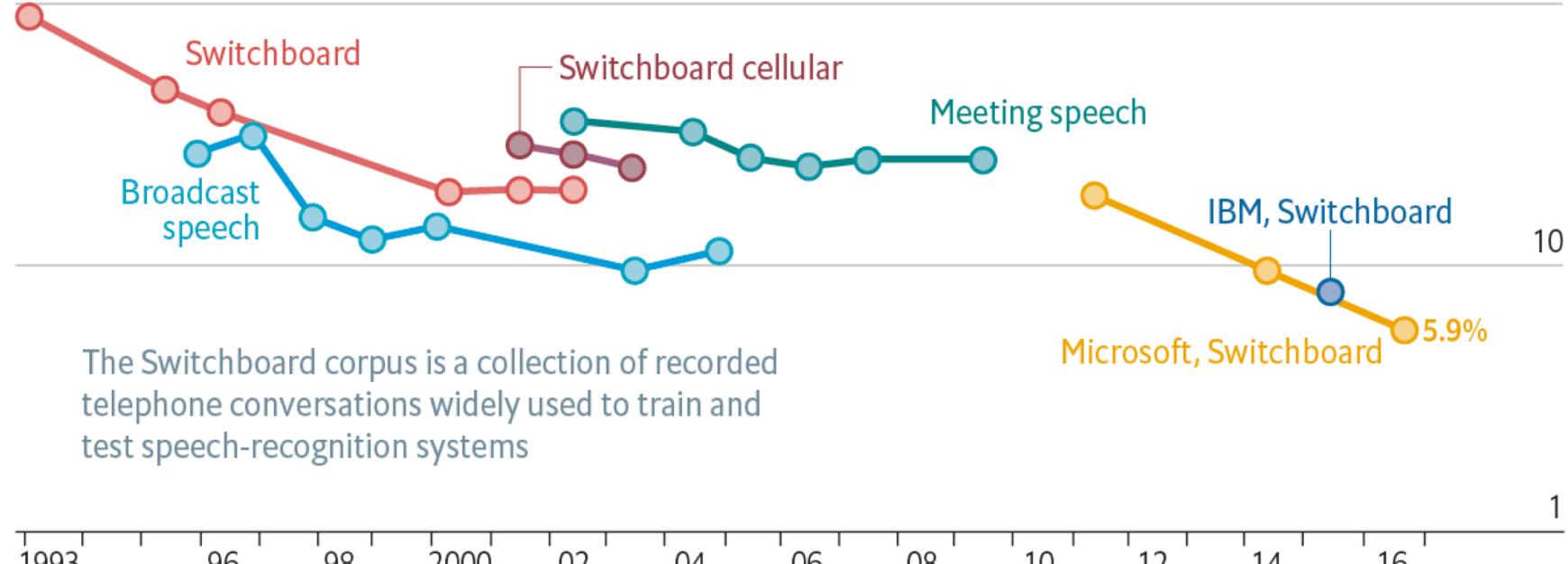
Word Recognition Error Rates

Loud and clear

Speech-recognition word-error rate, selected benchmarks, %

Log scale

100



The Switchboard corpus is a collection of recorded telephone conversations widely used to train and test speech-recognition systems

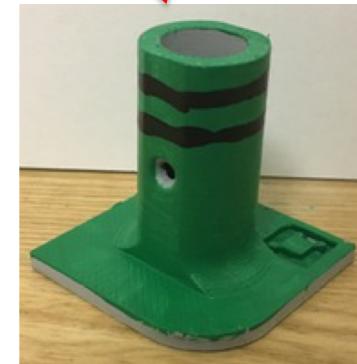
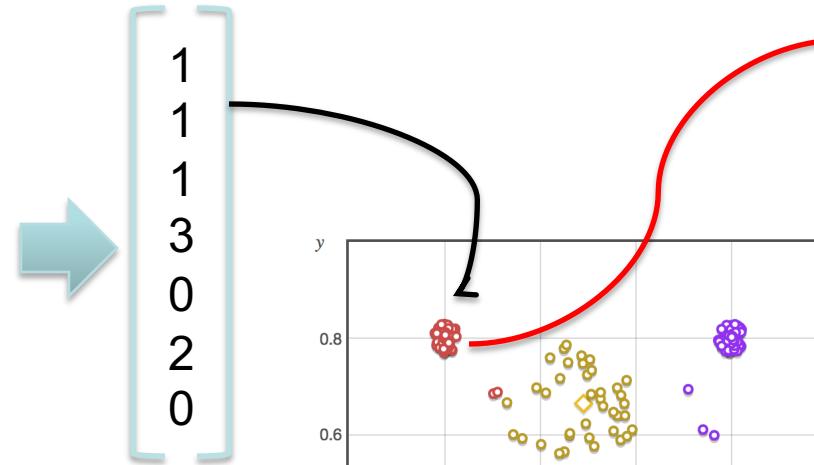
Sources: Microsoft; research papers

Context-Free Approaches: Bag-of-Words Models

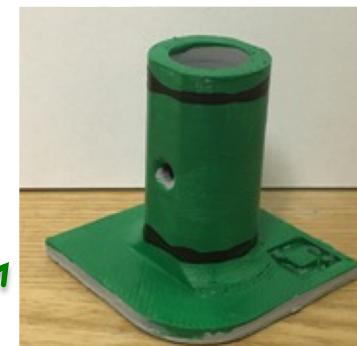
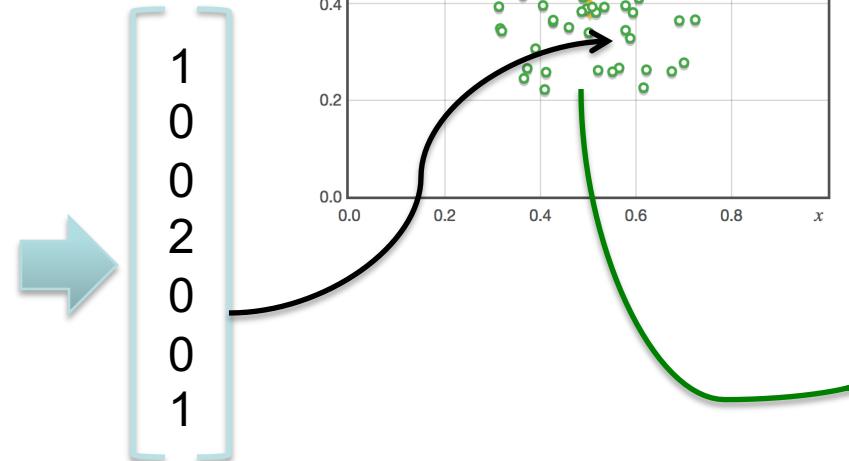


Context-Free Approaches: Bag-of-Words Models

The quick brown fox...



Wizards prefer wands ...



Feedback is Critical

- **Unsupervised learning**: no indication is given whether an output was correct or incorrect
- **Supervised learning**: when an error occurs, agent receives the correct output
- **Reinforcement learning**: when an error occurs, agent receives an evaluation of its output, but is not told the correct output

Goals of Unsupervised Learning

- To find useful representations of the data, for example:
 - finding clusters, e.g. **k -means**, ART
 - dimensionality reduction, e.g. PCA, Hebbian learning, multidimensional scaling (MDS)
 - building topographic maps, e.g. elastic networks, Kohonen maps
 - finding the hidden causes or sources of the data
 - modeling the data density

Practical Uses of Unsupervised Learning

- Data compression
- Outlier detection
- Classification
- Make other learning tasks easier
- Model human learning and perception

Overview: K-Means

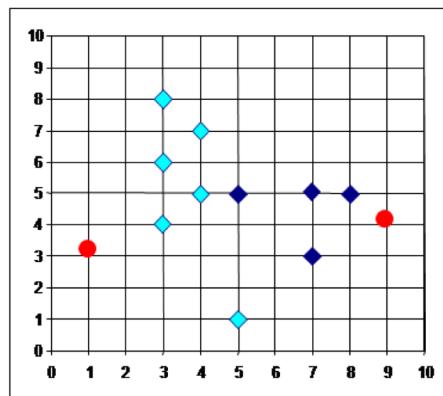
- Clustering is the process of partitioning a group of data points into a small number of clusters.
- In general, we have n data points $\mathbf{x}_i, i=1\dots n$ to partition into k clusters.
- K -means aims to find the positions $u_i, i=1\dots k$ that minimize the distance from the data points to the cluster, where c_i is the set of points belonging to cluster i

$$\arg \min_c \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in c_i} d(x, u_i) = \arg \min_c \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{x \in c_i} \|x - u_i\|_2^2$$

$d =$ squared
Euclidian
distance

- This is NP hard; K -means hopes to find global minimum

K-means example



K=2

↑
Arbitrarily choose K
object as initial
cluster center

K-Means Algorithm (Lloyd's)

1. Initialize the center of the clusters

$$u_i = \text{some value}, i = 1, \dots, k$$

Since the algorithm stops in a local minimum, the initial position of the clusters is very important!

1. Attribute the closest cluster to each data point

$$c_i = \left\{ j : d(x_j, u_i) \leq d(x_j, u_l), l \neq i, j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

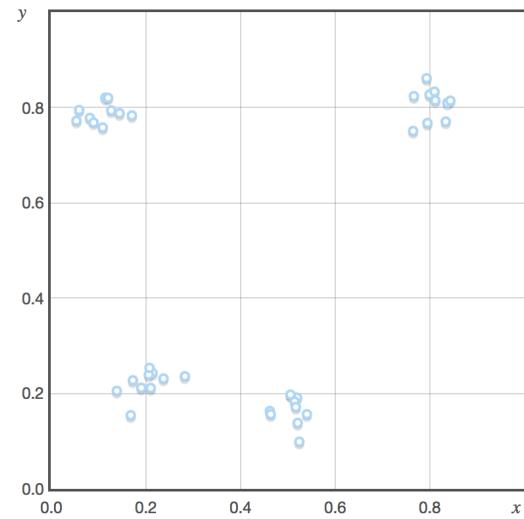
1. Set the position of each cluster to the mean of all data points belonging to that cluster

$$u_i = \frac{1}{|c_i|} \sum_{j \in c_i} x_j, \quad \forall i \quad \text{where } |c| = \# \text{ elements in } c$$

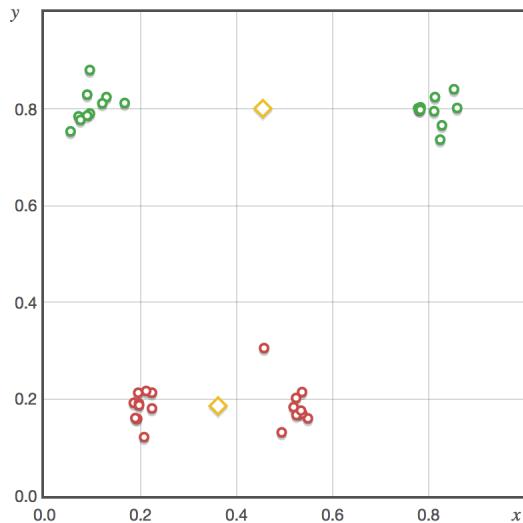
1. Repeat steps 2-3 until convergence.

K -Means: Example #1

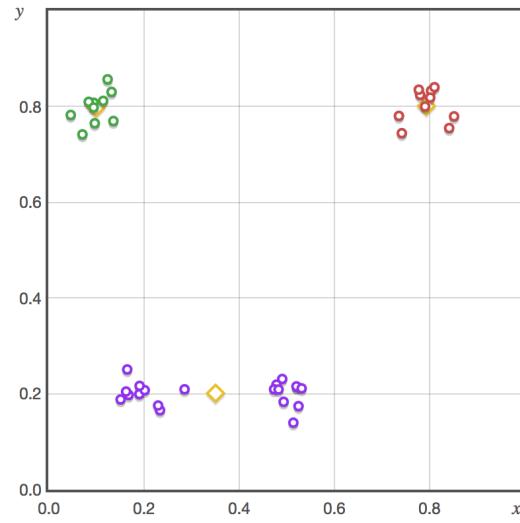
- Arbitrarily choose K objects as the initial cluster centers
- Repeat until no change:
 - Assign data points to closer cluster
 - Calculate center of each cluster



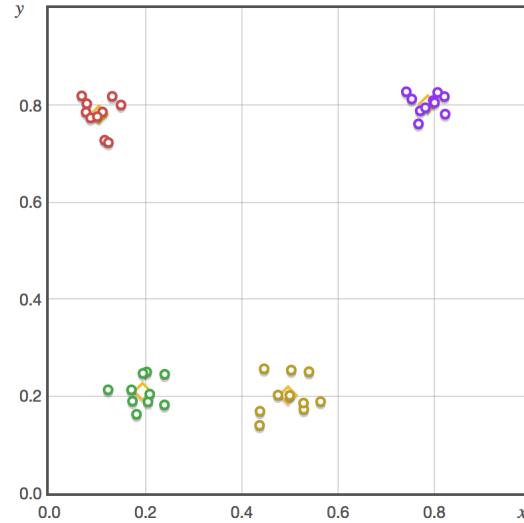
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$K=3$

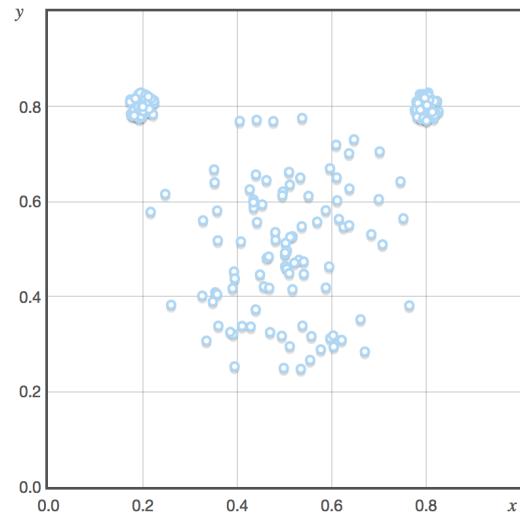


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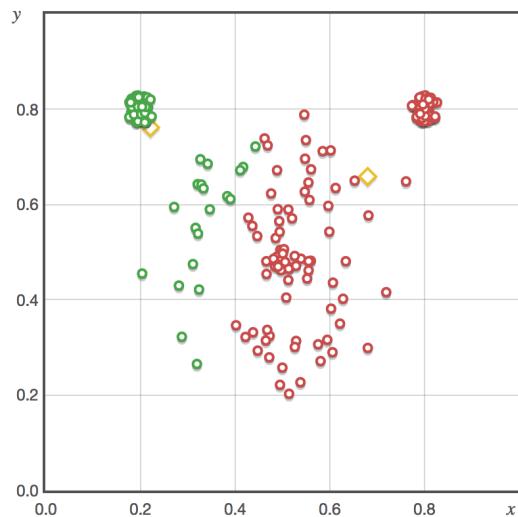


K -Means: Example #2

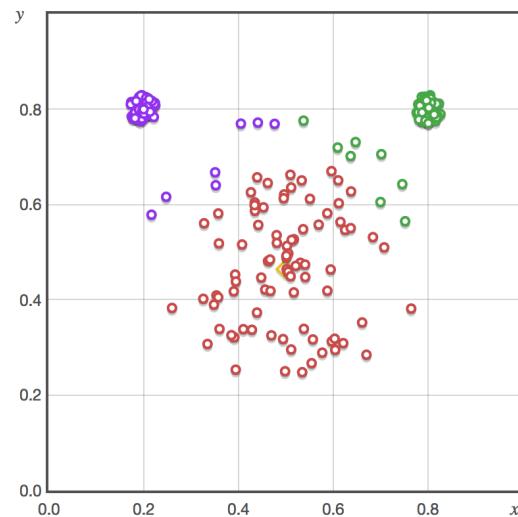
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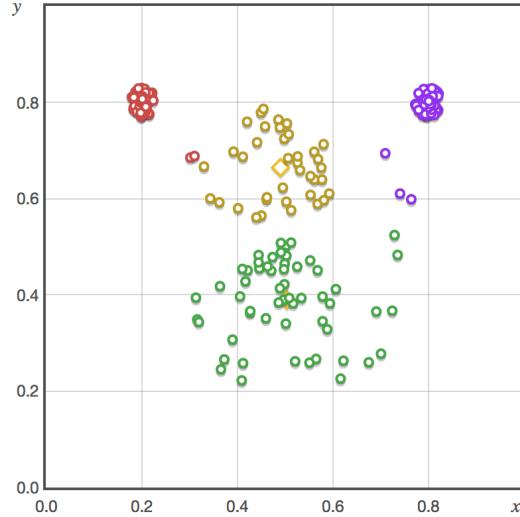
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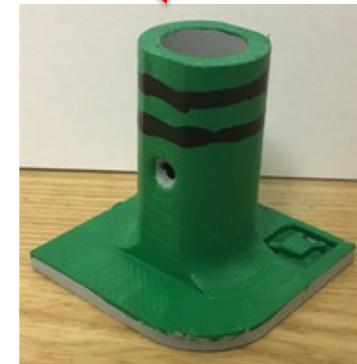
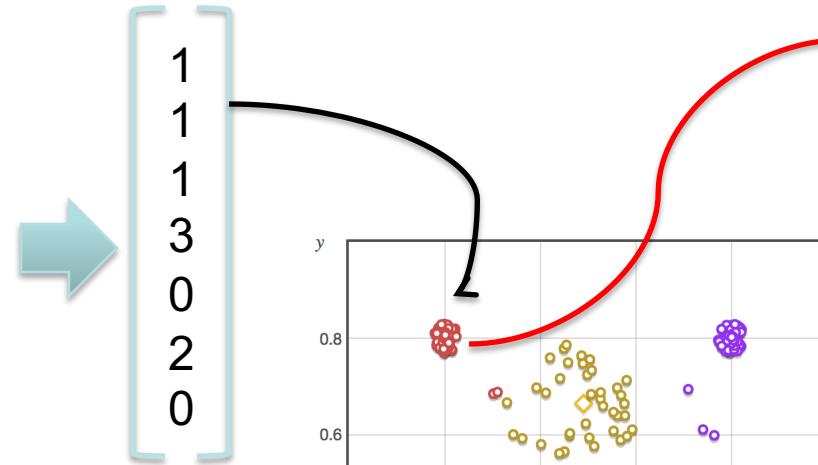


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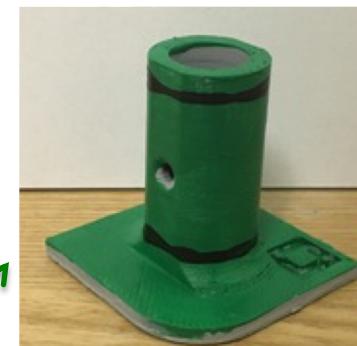
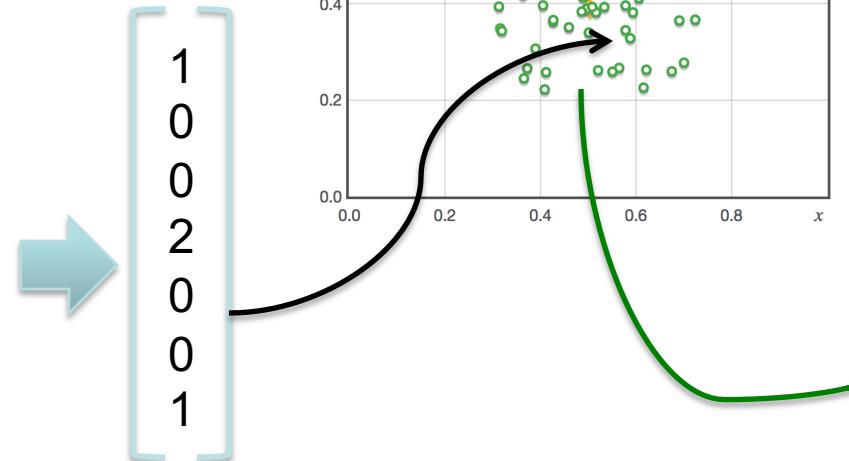


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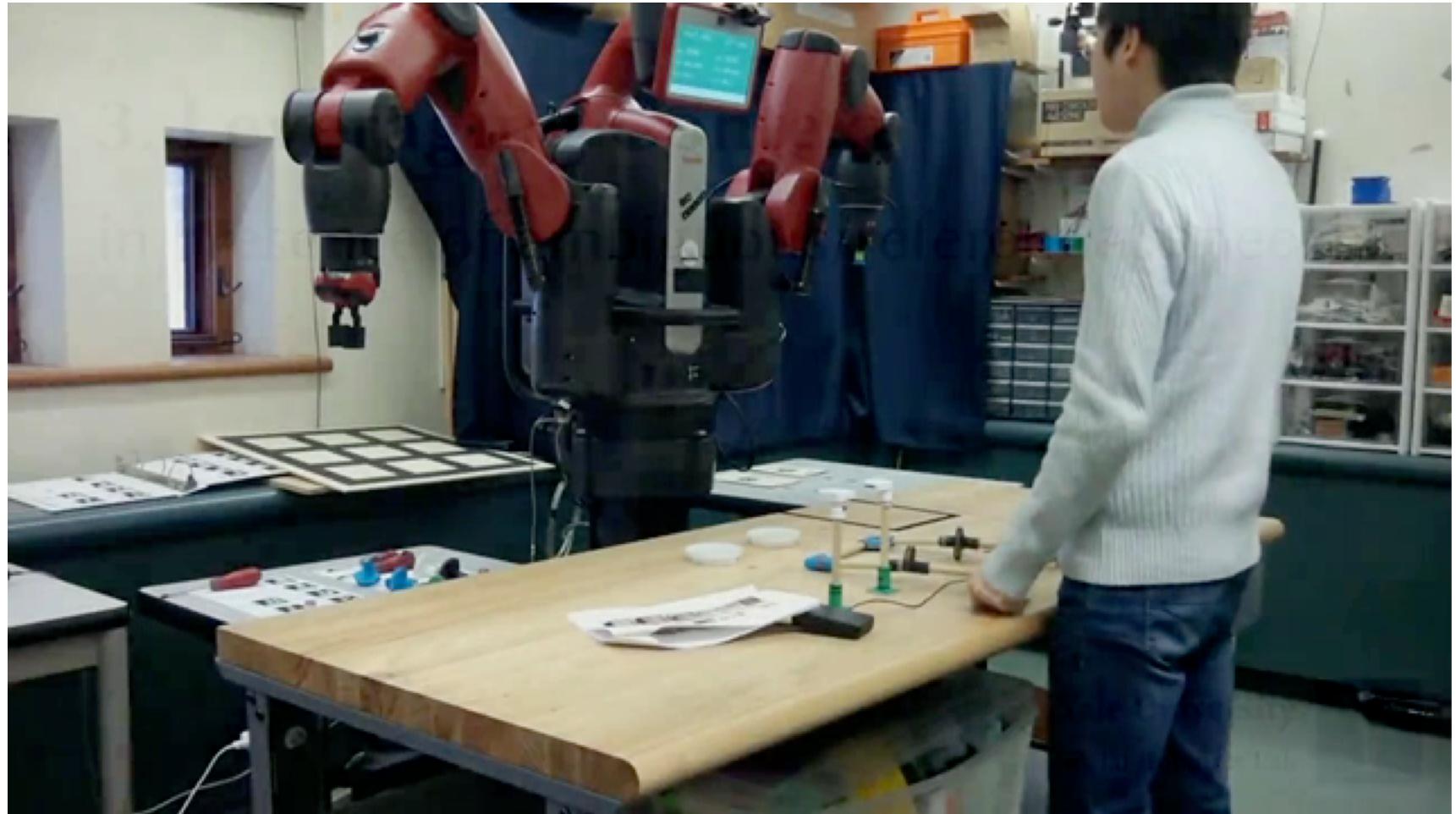
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Bag-of-Words for Object Selection



(Brawer, Widder, Roncone, Mangin & Scassellati, ICRA 2018)

Administrivia

- Next week
 - Perception (mostly vision)