

Deep learning for NLP

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Session 1: Introduction

Practicalities: class protocol

- We have a full house! 35 master students, 25 registered attendants plus some guests from our research center
- Those onsite, please minimize noise (computers off)
- Those online, please keep the mic and camera off
- You are encouraged to interrupt, make questions and comments. Anytime!
 - Please use the "raise hand" icon (participants window), and wait until the instructor gives you permission.
 - The instructor will then give you the floor: enable your mic and camera, so the rest can hear and see you.

Practicalities: class protocol

Hand up, wait for the floor

The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting interface. The main window shows a presentation slide titled "Deep learning for NLP" by Eneko Agirre, Gorka Azkune, Ander Barrena, and Oier Lopez de Lacalle. The slide includes social media handles (@eagirre, @gazkune, @oierldl) and a website link (http://ixa2.si.ehu.eus/eneko/dl4nlp). The session is titled "Session 1: Introduction". At the bottom of the slide, logos for HAP/LAP, ICT, and Erasmus Mundus are visible, along with the text "Seminar on Language Technologies. Deep Learning – Eneko Agirre".

On the right side of the interface, the "Participants (2)" panel is open, showing a list of participants: "Johny Guitar" (Me) and "Eneko Agirre" (Host). A blue arrow points from the text "Hand up, wait for the floor" to the "Eneko Agirre" participant card.

At the bottom of the interface, the "Unmute and start video" text is positioned above the "Unmute" and "Start video" buttons. Two blue arrows point from this text to the respective buttons.

Practicalities: class protocol

Here you will see the whiteboard,
click “...” then “move to stage”
enlarge, full screen

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Participants (2)

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Eneko Agirre Host

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Participants Chat

Practicalities: attendance control

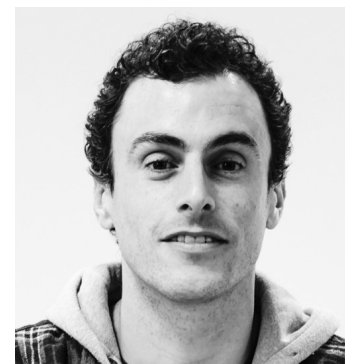
- We need that you identify when entering with your SURNAME
 - If not, close the window now and open a new one
- Otherwise we won't be able to provide attendance certificate
- Because link is open to anyone, we might need to remove SURNAMES not in the list

Plan for the course

- Introductory crash course on deep learning for natural language processing
- Allow to understand the latest developments in deep learning
 - Not only use pre-existing neural networks but be able to reimplement and adapt
- Provide leads to explore and learn further
 - Master projects ideas welcome!
 - Open for collaborations hitz.eus

Plan for the course

- 7 theoretical sessions (Eneko, Gorka) (approx. 150 min, time for questions)
- 7 hands-on laboratories (150 minutes)
 - Master students => Onsite (Oier)
 - Independent course => Online (Ander)
- Calendar with slides and labs::
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- Note on downloading/uploading the labs data folder
=> do it before lab, at home



Labs and pre-requisites

- Basic programming experience, university-level course in computer science, experience in Python. Basic math skills (algebra or pre-calculus)
- Laboratories:
 - Python and Tensorflow, using servers from Google Colaboratory
 - We start from easy to difficult
 - Time might be tight => auto-study / finish labs at home
 - Time might be plenty => review slides / do assignments

Evaluation

Depends on student profile:

- **Independent course:** Attendance or Progress certificate
 - Attendance => attendance certificate
 - 7 labs in class => progress cert. **Deadline:** prior to next lab
- **Master students:** grades of labs, assignments and project
 - 7 labs in class => 4 points. **Deadline:** prior to next lab
 - 4 assignments => 2 points. **Deadlines** for full grade:
1&2 by end of Jan., 3&4 by end of Feb.
No submission beyond 26th of March
 - Personal work: compulsory
Presentations: 17th and 18th of March (further communication)

Certificates (independent course)

- University releases formal certificates for a fee
- Requires us to use signature sheet
- Administrative regulations cause delays, they will be ready beginning of March

<http://www.ehu.eus/eu/web/complementarios/ziurtagiri-eskaria>

(check English option left-top corner)

Quiz

- How many of you have done
 - a course on deep learning
 - a course on natural language processing

Quiz

- How many of you have done
 - a course on deep learning
 - a course on natural language processing
 - a personal implementation project with Python
 - a personal implementation project on deep learning

Plan for the course

- Introduction: machine learning and NLP
- Multilayer perceptron
- Word representation and Recurrent neural networks (RNN)
- Sequence-to-Sequence (seq2seq) and Machine Translation
- Attention, transformers and Natural language inference
- Pre-trained transformers, BERT, GPT
- Bridging the gap between natural languages and the visual world

Session 1

Introduction:

Machine Learning for NLP

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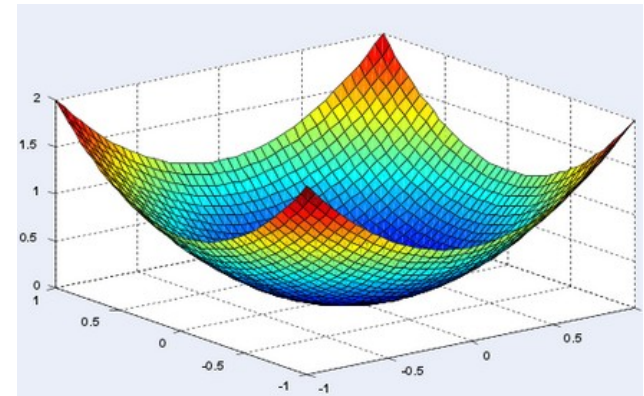
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What is deep learning

A subfield of machine learning

- Supervised ML, given a dataset of examples \mathbf{x} with labels \mathbf{y}
- Learn a function $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ with low training error and low test error

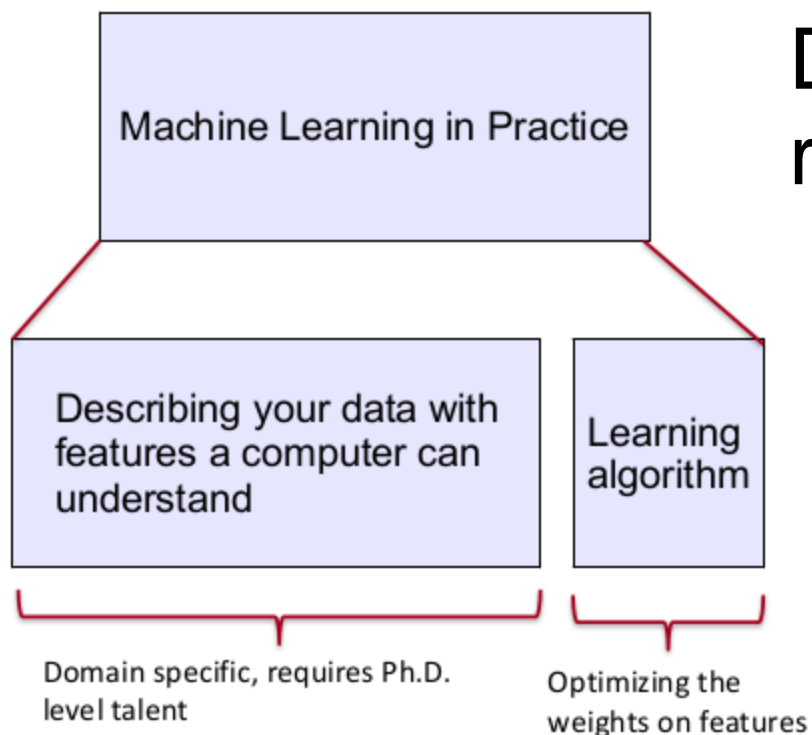


Source: staesthetic.wordpress.com

Key manual step: design features to extract key information from \mathbf{x} (**representation**)

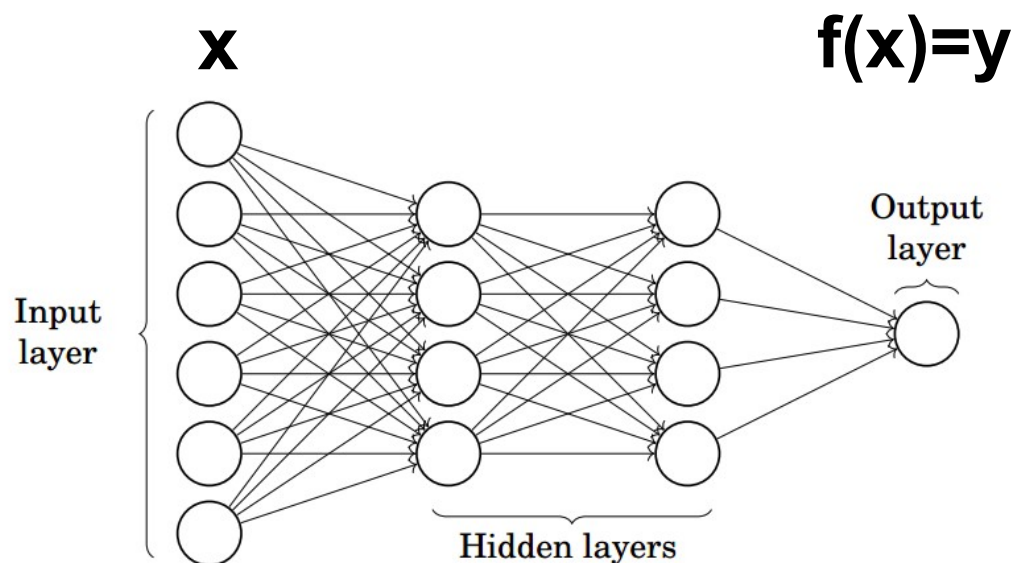
- e.g. weather forecast (wind, temperature, humidity, pressure, precipitations ... – local and nearby locations)
- e.g. sentiment of tweet (keywords like “good” “bad”, certain emojis, ...)

What is deep learning



Source: Chris Manning cs224n

Deep learning jointly learns representation and output



Source: www.vaetas.cz

Deep? Multiple levels

What is deep learning

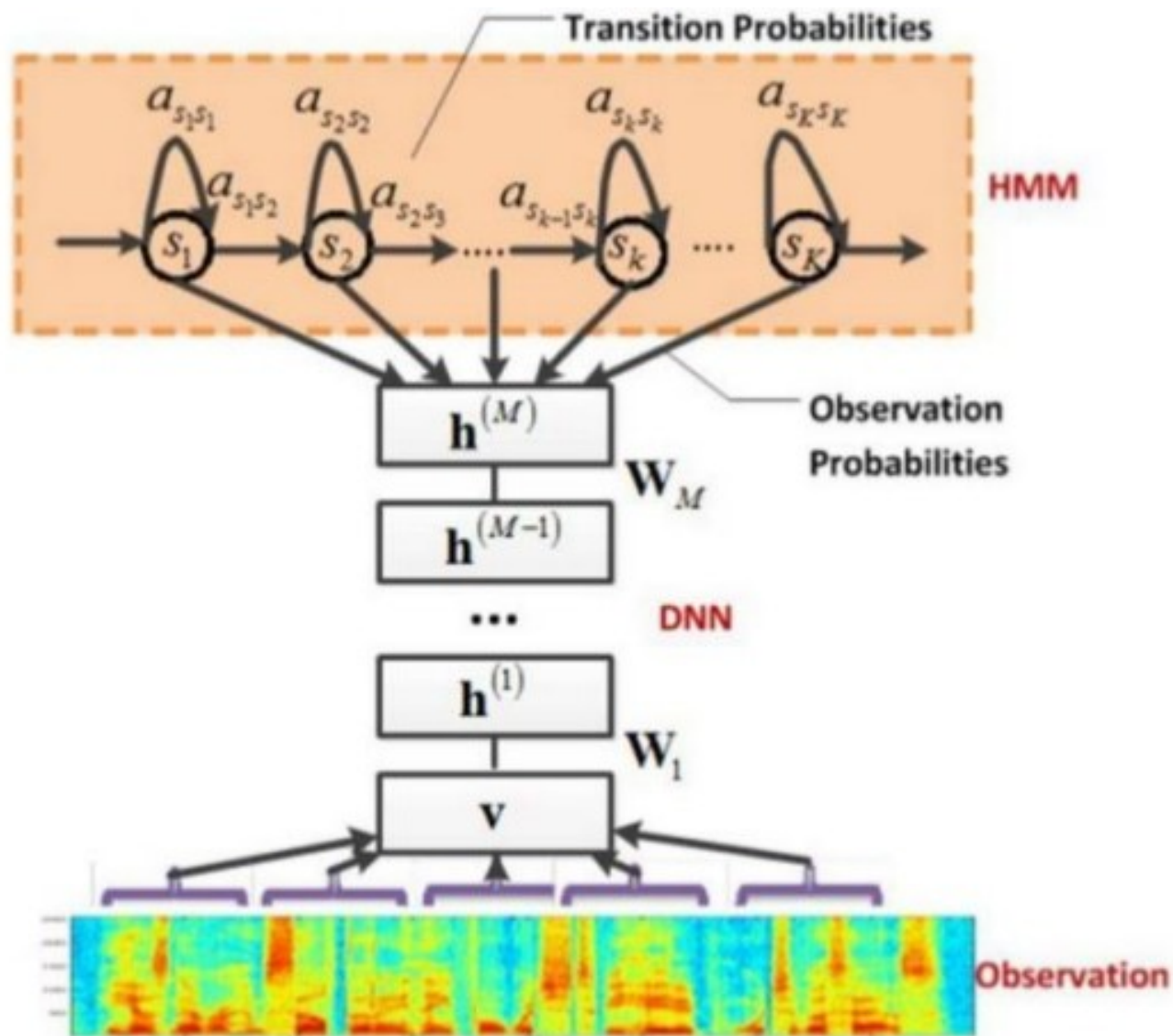
- A rebranding of artificial neural networks with more than two layers
 - Differentiable
 - Parameters by stochastic gradient descent
- Might be rebranded as Differentiable Programming
 - Combine parameterized functional blocks
 - Structure dependent of input (Dynamic networks)
 - Imperative differentiable programming languages

(source: Yann LeCun 5/1/2018 via facebook)

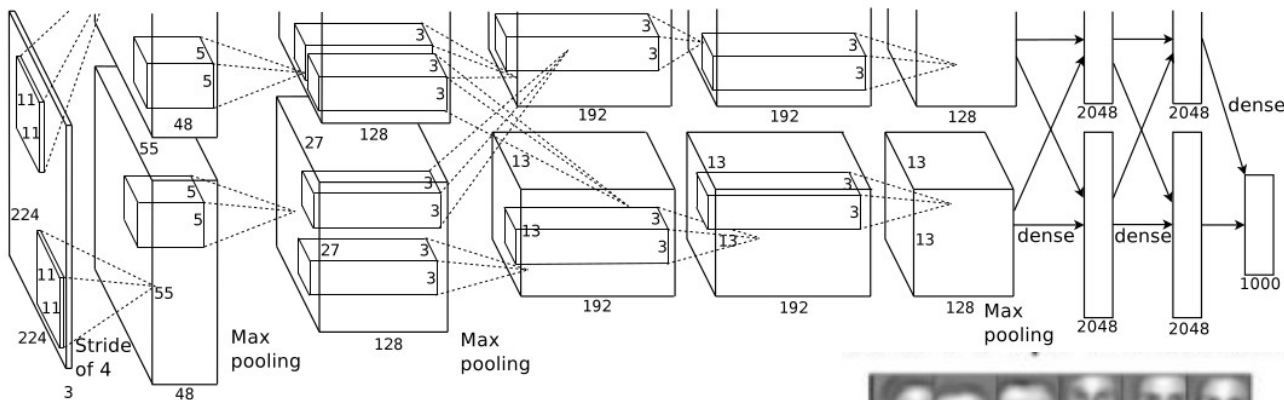
What is deep learning

Why now?

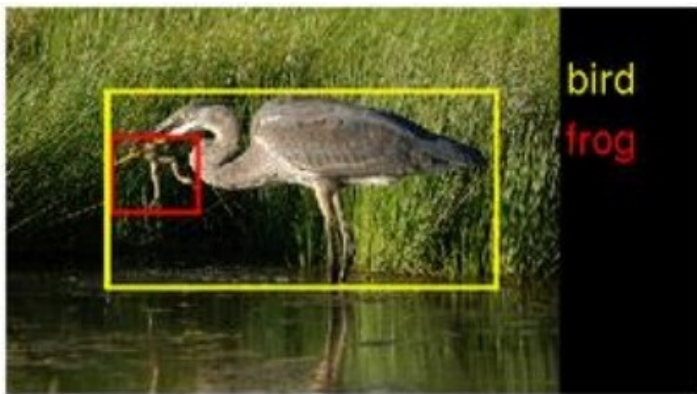
- Large amounts of data
- Multicore CPUs and GPUs
- Best performance: speech, vision, NLP



Dahl, George E., et al. "Context-dependent pre-trained deep neural networks for large-vocabulary speech recognition." *Audio, Speech, and Language Processing, IEEE Transactions on* 20.1 (2012): 30-42.



ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (Krizhevsky et al. 2012)



3rd layer
"Objects"



2nd layer
"Object parts"



1st layer
"Edges"



Learning hierarchical representations for face verification with convolutional deep belief networks (Huang et al. 2012)

What is deep learning

Deep learning is behind the latest Artificial Intelligence hype



Connectivity

Amazon's cashier-less Seattle grocery store is opening to the public

At Amazon Go, you grab your milk and leave. It might take some getting used to.

by Rachel Metz January 21, 2018

Source: www.technologyreview.com

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Elon Musk, founder, CEO and lead designer at SpaceX and co-founder of Tesla, speaks at the International Space Station Research and Development Conference in Washington, U.S., July 19, 2017 / REUTERS/Aaron P. Bernstein

'Should that be controlled by a few people at Google with no oversight?'

AATIF SULLEYMAN

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The AI Skills Crisis And How To Close The Gap



Bernard Marr Contributor ⓘ

Now that nearly every company is considering how [artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#) applications can positively impact their businesses, they are on the hunt for professionals to help them make their vision a reality. According to research done by [Glassdoor](#), data scientists have the No. 1 job in the United States. The survey looked at salary, job

Source: www.forbes.com



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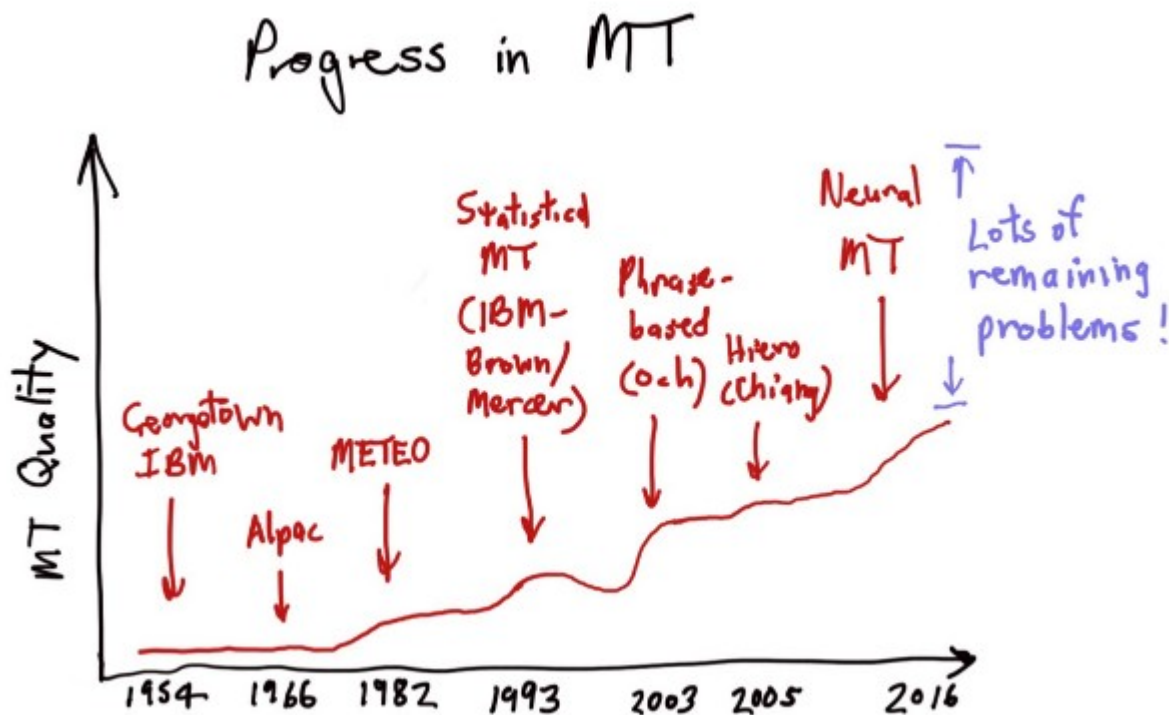
Natural Language Processing

- Intersection of AI and linguistics
 - Machine learning
 - Big data
 - Data science
- aka text processing, text analytics,
natural language engineering,
computational linguistics, ...
- Goal: process natural language input
to perform a task
- Language understanding is AI-complete

Youth unemployment around 27%, wow!

NLP tasks – Machine Translation

Given sentence or sets of sentences
output translation in other languages



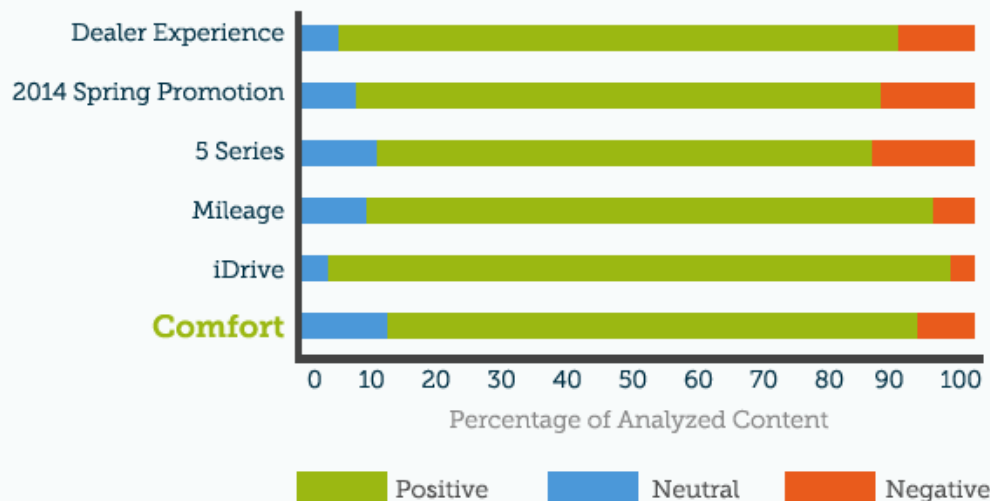
Source: Chris Manning

NLP tasks – Sentiment Analysis

Given sentence
or short document

text is positive/
negative/neutral

BMW Sentiment Analysis Example



 Tweet analyzed as positive for **Comfort**



Sarah Smith
@sarahsmith

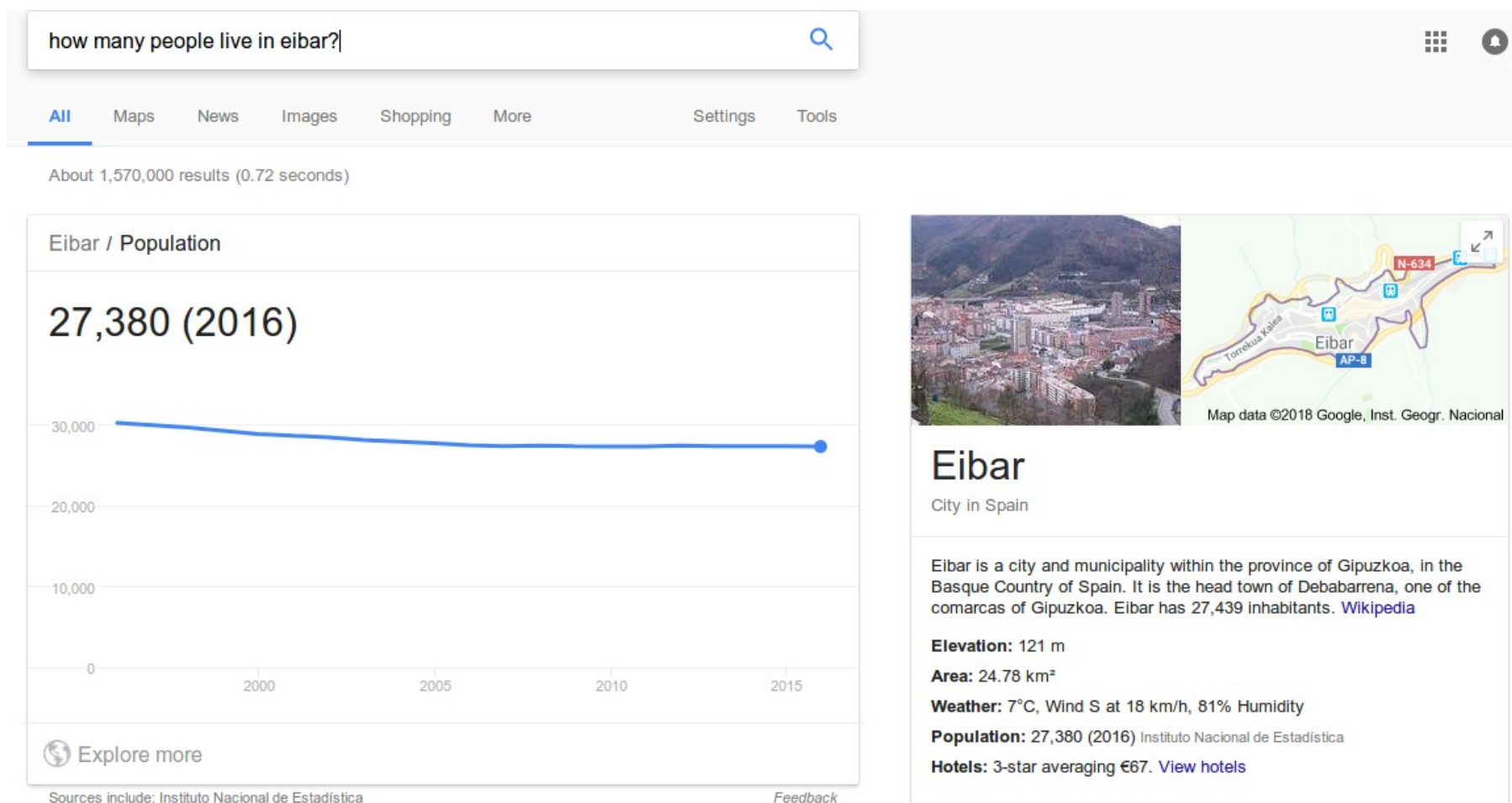
<3 BMW. So comfy. Def checking out the new 3 series next wk.

2 Jan 14

 Reply  Retweet  Favorite  More

Source: www.crowdsourcing.com

NLP tasks – Question Answering



Source: google.com

NLP tasks – (Spoken) dialogue

Simple dialogues with Alexa, OK google, Siri:

What's in the news?
What's the weather like?
What's my commute look like?
Add eggs to my shopping list
I need to buy laundry detergent.



Source: www.cnet.com/how-to/the-complete-list-of-siri-commands/
[complete-list-of-ok-google-commands/](http://www.cnet.com/how-to/the-complete-list-of-ok-google-commands/)
[amazon-echo-the-complete-list-of-alexa-commands/](http://www.cnet.com/how-to/amazon-echo-the-complete-list-of-alexa-commands/)

Alexa Prize: socialbots

User: Let's chat about the Mars Mission.

Socialbot: There are multiple Mars missions, some public and some private.

User: Who do you think will succeed?

Socialbot: I think more than one will succeed. The first one to get to Mars will open the doors for others.

User: I'd love to go to Mars.

Socialbot: Me too. Luckily I can hitch a ride on any computer.

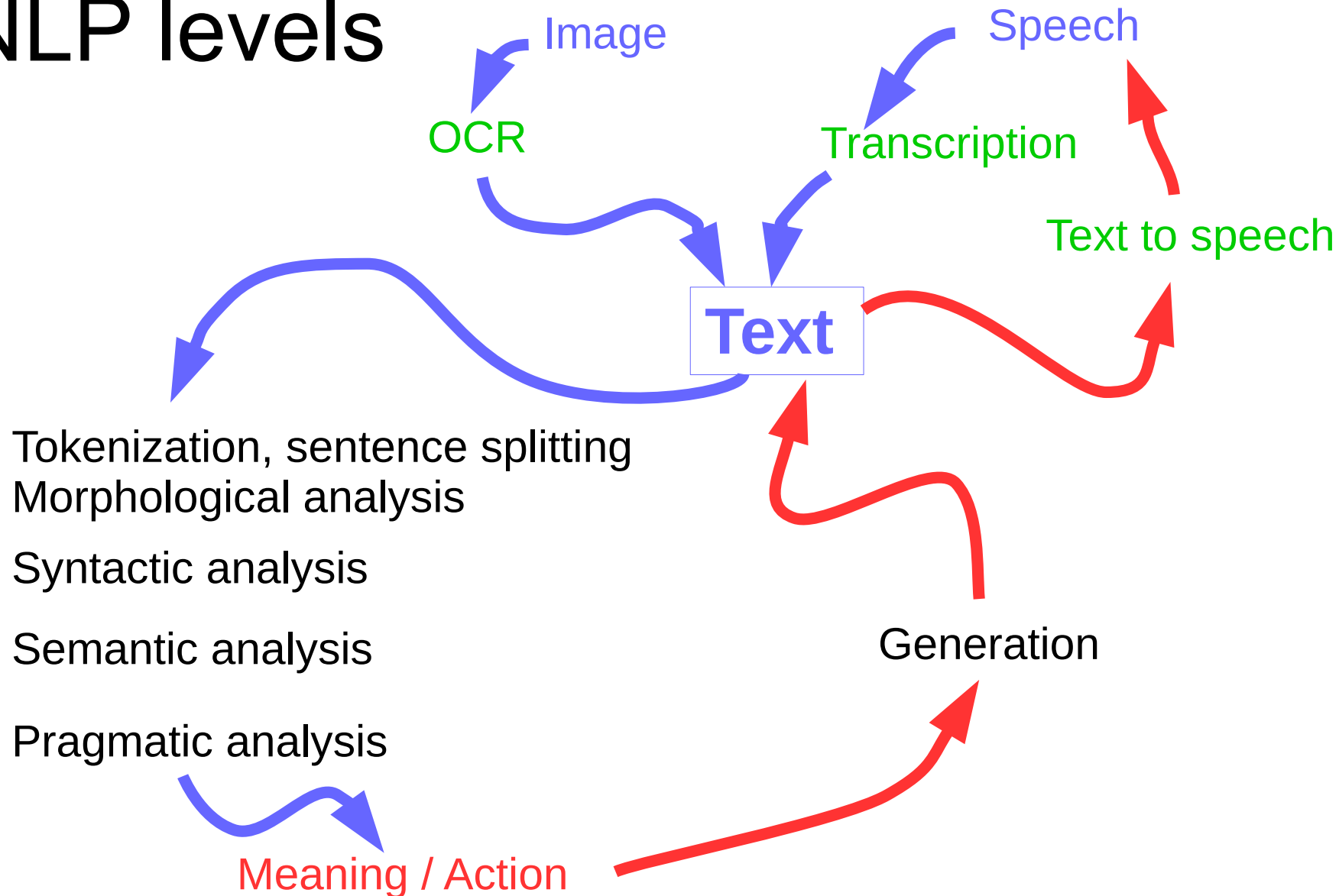
User: That's very funny.

Socialbot: The biggest challenge isn't technology, it's funding. It will cost \$500 billion to send humans to Mars.

NLP tasks – getting mainstream

- Search engines
- Machine (assisted) translation
- Online advertisement placement
- Sentiment analysis for finance, reputation
- Speech recognition, dialogue

NLP levels

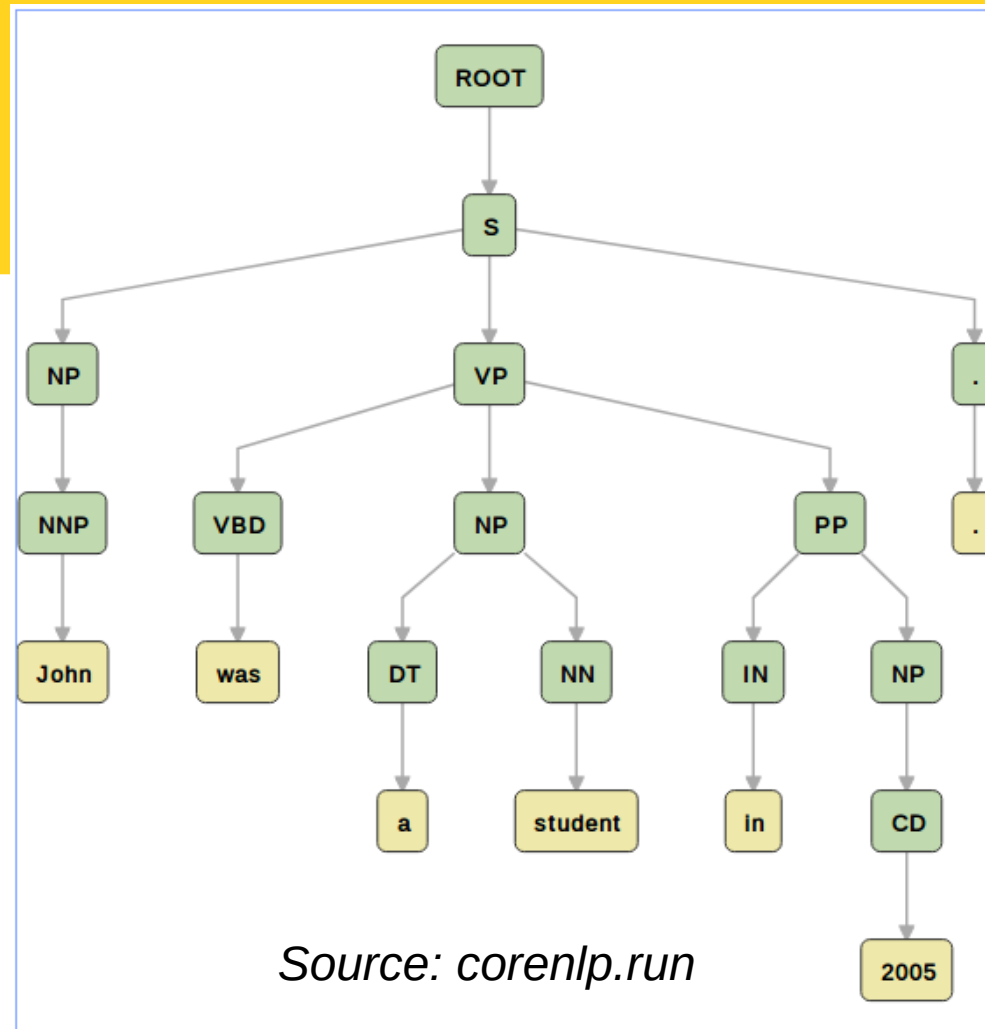


NLP levels

- Tokenization, sentence splitting
 - *John was a student in 2005.*
 - *2005. urtean John ikaslea zen.*
 - 约翰是 2005 年的学生。
- Morphological analysis (PoS, lemma, NERC)
 - *was* (lemma *be*, PoS *V*)
 - *John F. Kennedy* (lemma *John_F._Kennedy*,
PoS *NNP*, NERC *Person*)
 - *etxekoarentzat* (lemma *etxe*, PoS *N*, for the one of the house)
 - *tomemos* (lemma *tomar*, PoS *V*, let we take it)

NLP levels

- Syntactic analysis



- Semantic analysis

$$\exists x, y \wedge name(x, John) \wedge student(x) \\ intime(x, y) \wedge time(y, T2005xxxx)$$

Source: gmb.let.rug.nl

NLP levels

- Pragmatics (discourse, coreference, ...)
 - ***But** Mary become a lawyer **that year**.*
 - Wasn't it one year later?
- Inference
 - *John and Mary were law students in Dec. 2005*
 - *Mary was working full-time as a lawyer in 2005*

NLP is difficult

- Ambiguity at all levels
 - *cells in prisons vs. cells in animals*
 - *One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.
How he got into my pajamas I'll never know. (Groucho)*
 - *You mean Mary Smith or Mary Doe?*
- Variability at all levels (many ways to convey a meaning)
- Subtlety
- Understanding language requires
 - Language knowledge (word meaning, grammar, ...)
 - World knowledge (physical, encyclopedic, visual ...)
 - Common sense and inference ability
- But sometimes it is surprisingly easy!

Brief history of NLP

- 1960s: Complex rules and first order logic. Humans build complex grammars.
- 1990s: Supervised machine learning. Humans annotate text, design laborious task-specific features, and apply ML techniques.
- 2010s: Deep learning. Learning continuous representations, get rid of task-specific features.

Why deep learning for NLP?

- Technology behind current speech processing and machine translation
 - Advances in the state-of-the-art of most tasks
- Focus on representation learning
 - Learns a representation for words and word sequences that is fitted to the task
... including world and visual knowledge.
 - Naturally accounts for graded judgements about language:
 - Word similarity: building / house
 - Sentence similarity:
A pony is close to the house / There is a horse in the front yard
- End-to-end joint learning (vs. pipeline)
- Transfer models between tasks (word embeddings)
- But deep learning has its limitations too!!

Quiz

Mention one NLP task of your interest

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A sample NLP task with ML

Text classification

- Spam or not
- Positive or negative movie review
 - Full of zany characters and richly applied satire
 - It was pathetic
 - Modestly accomplished, lifted by two terrific performances.
 - Not NEARLY as funny as its title

A sample NLP task with ML

Text classification:

- Input
 - A document $d \in D$
 - A fixed set of classes $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_j\}$
- Output: a predicted class $y \in C$

Text classification as regression:

- Input
 - A document $d \in D$
 - A range of real values $C = [0, j]$
- Output: a predicted value $y \in C$

A sample NLP task with ML

Text classification method 1: Hand-coded rules

- Rules based on combination of words and other features
 - emoji $\in \{ \text{😊} \text{😂} \} \Rightarrow \text{positive}$
 - word $\in \{ \text{terrible, ugly} \} \Rightarrow \text{negative}$
- Accuracy very high
 - If rules refined by expert
- But writing and maintenance very expensive

A sample NLP task with ML

Text classification method 2: Supervised ML

Learn a classifier from hand-annotated examples

- Input: A training set of n hand-labeled documents $(x_1, y_1) \dots (x_m, y_m)$
- Output: A learned classifier $f:D \rightarrow C$
- Recall very high
- Cost-effective: experts only needed for annotation

Supervised doc. classification

Representation of each example (document)

- Key idea for most machine learning
- Example as a vector of features x
 - All example same number of features
 - Features: boolean, integer, real
- Pre-processing code to convert from example into feature vector
 - Substantial effort

Supervised doc. classification

Representation of each example (document)

⇒ Bag of words representation

I love this movie! It's sweet, but with satirical humor. The dialogue is great and the adventure scenes are fun... It manages to be whimsical and romantic while laughing at the conventions of the fairy tale genre. I would recommend it to just about anyone. I've seen it several times, and I'm always happy to see it again whenever I have a friend who hasn't seen it yet!



it	6
I	5
the	4
to	3
and	3
seen	2
yet	1
would	1
whimsical	1
times	1
sweet	1
satirical	1
adventure	1
genre	1
fairy	1
humor	1
have	1
great	1

Source: Sam Bowman

Supervised doc. classification

Representation of each example (document)

⇒ Bag of words representation

Limited number of words (size of vocabulary)!

Each word is a feature:

non-negative integer **or** boolean:

it	6
I	5
the	4
to	4
and	3
...	

it	1	house	0
I	1	cat	0
the	1	mat	0
to	1	him	0
and	1	eibar	0
...		...	

Supervised doc. classification

Output of the classifier: continuous or discrete

Sentiment analysis:

real number [0:10] or two classes

$$f\left(\begin{array}{cc} \text{it} & 1 \\ \text{I} & 1 \\ \text{the} & 1 \\ \text{to} & 1 \\ \text{and} & 1 \\ \dots & \\ \text{house} & 0 \\ \text{cat} & 0 \\ \text{mat} & 0 \\ \text{eibar} & 0 \\ \dots & \end{array}\right) = C^{8.1} \text{Positive!}$$

Supervised doc. classification: continuous

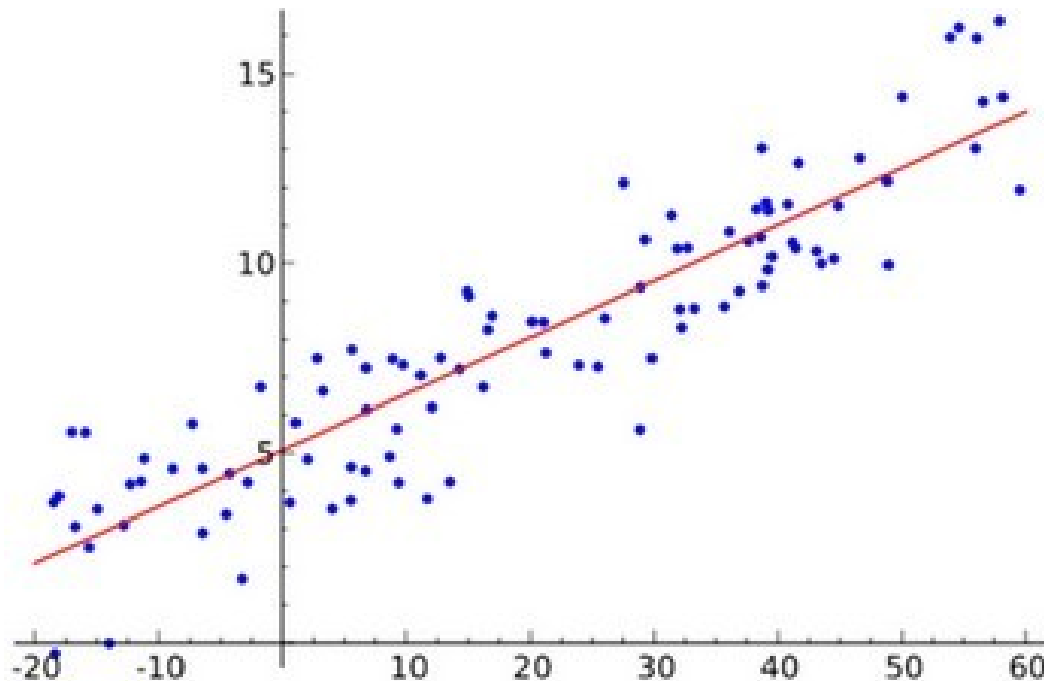
Linear regression (continuous class)

- Assign a weight to each feature:
vector of weights w
- Output value dot product: $y = w^T x + b$
 - e.g. with three features: $y = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + b$
- Task for linear regression:
 - Given labeled examples
 - Find w such that the output value (y) is not too wrong for as many training examples as possible

Supervised doc. classification: continuous

Linear regression

- with one feature: $y = w_1x_1 + b$



Source: gerardnico.com/wiki/data_mining/linear_regression

Supervised doc. Classification: discrete

Linear classification: (Multinomial) logistic regression

- Assign a weight to each feature for each class: vectors of weights w_c for class c
 - For each class compute $w_c^T x$
 - Add non-linearity $f_c = \exp(w_c^T x)$
 - Normalize it to estimate probabilities: $p(y=c|x) \sim f_c / \sum_{c' \in C} f_{c'}$
- Output value $y = \operatorname{argmax}_c p(c|x)$
- Task for linear classification:
 - Given labeled examples
 - Find w_c vectors such that the output value is not wrong for as many training examples as possible

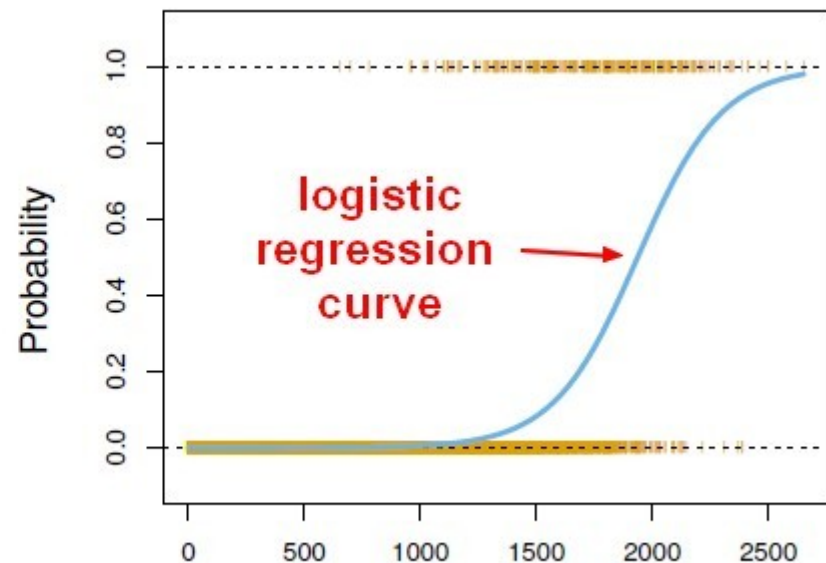
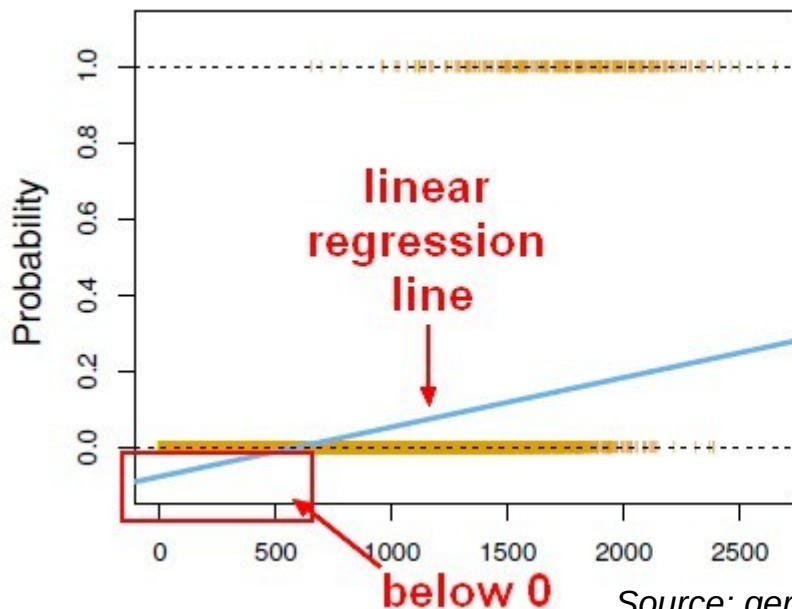
Supervised doc. classification: discrete

(multinomial) logistic regression

= softmax classification

≠ Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine

Why $\exp(w_c^\top x)$?



Source: gerardnico.com/wiki/data_mining/simple_logistic_regression

Supervised doc. classification

Softmax classification

Estimating parameters

- Choose parameter which minimize error over training data

Loss function J (aka cost f. or objective f.)

Cross-entropy error on one example (x_i, y_i)

- We want to maximize probability of correct class
i.e. **minimize** negative log probability of the correct class

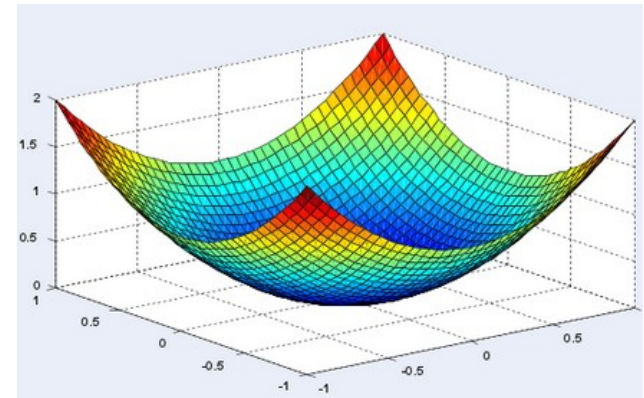
$$J_i(W) = -\log P(y_i = c | x_i) = -\log \left(\frac{\exp(W_c x)}{\sum_{c' \in C} \exp(W_{c'} x)} \right)$$

Supervised doc. classification

Softmax classification

Estimating parameters

- Search for parameters which minimize error over training data
- **Stochastic gradient descent**
 - Start with random parameters
 - Select K examples (mini-batch) at random
 - Change parameters a little bit *towards minimum of loss function* for those K
 - Continue until loss function converges (or increases)
- Another alternative: analytically calculate optimal parameters



Source: staesthetic.wordpress.com

Supervised doc. Classification

Softmax classification

Stochastic gradient descent

- Start with random parameters: W

- Each epoch

- Shuffle training data
- For each mini-batch (set of K examples)

- Compute the loss function (forward)
- Compute the gradient of the loss function (backward)

- Update parameters:
(learning rate η)

$$W = W - \eta \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \nabla J_i(W)$$

- Measure train
and dev. accuracy

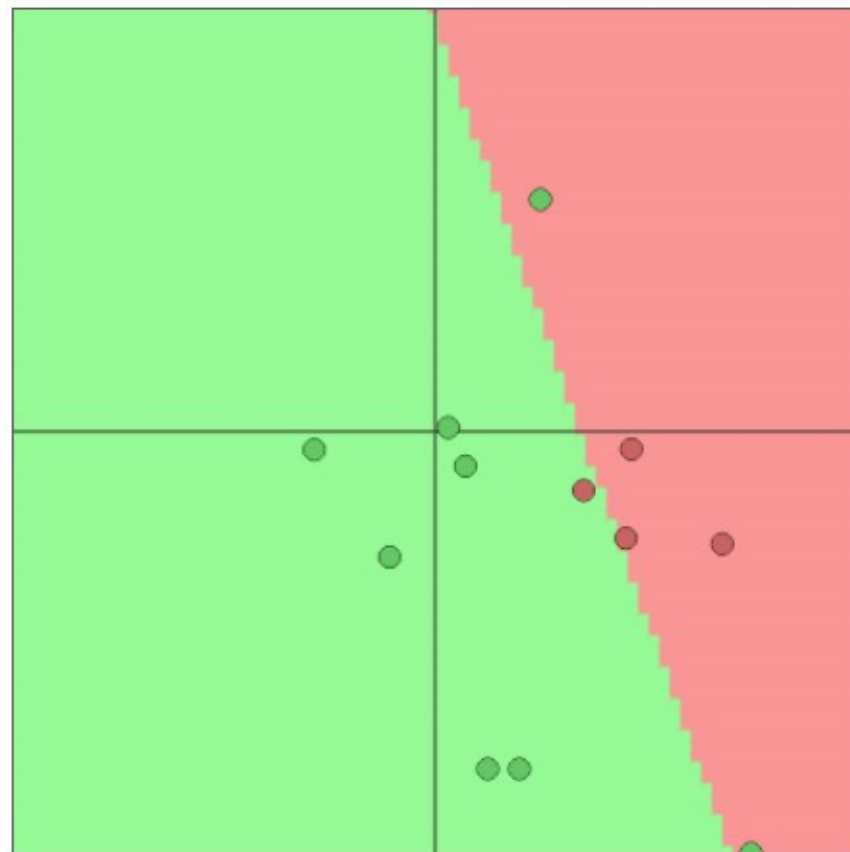
- Continue until loss function converges / time is up / dev. accuracy stops increasing

Supervised doc. Classification

Softmax classification

Intuition:

- Assume 2D vectors
- W defines the linear decision boundary



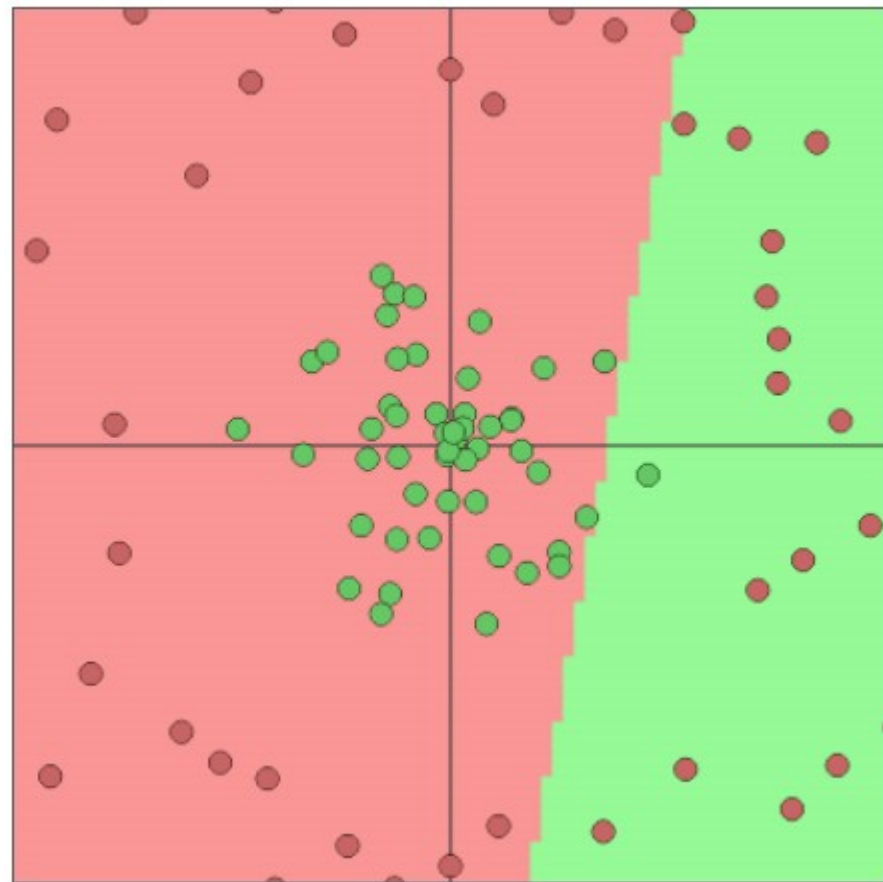
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Supervised doc. Classification

Softmax classification

Intuition:

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- Limitations!
 - Kernel trick (SVM)
 - Deep learning



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Supervised doc. Classification

Softmax classification

Overfitting and regularization

- W can be very good for training, with enough layers and capacity the model can memorize the training data!
 - Generalize very poorly to test data (= the real world)
- First solution: add a **regularizer** to the loss function that avoids the model to fit the training data

$$J_i(W) = -\log \left(\frac{\exp(W_{c_i}^T x)}{\sum_{c' \in C} \exp(W_{c'}^T x)} \right) + \lambda \sum_k W_k^2$$

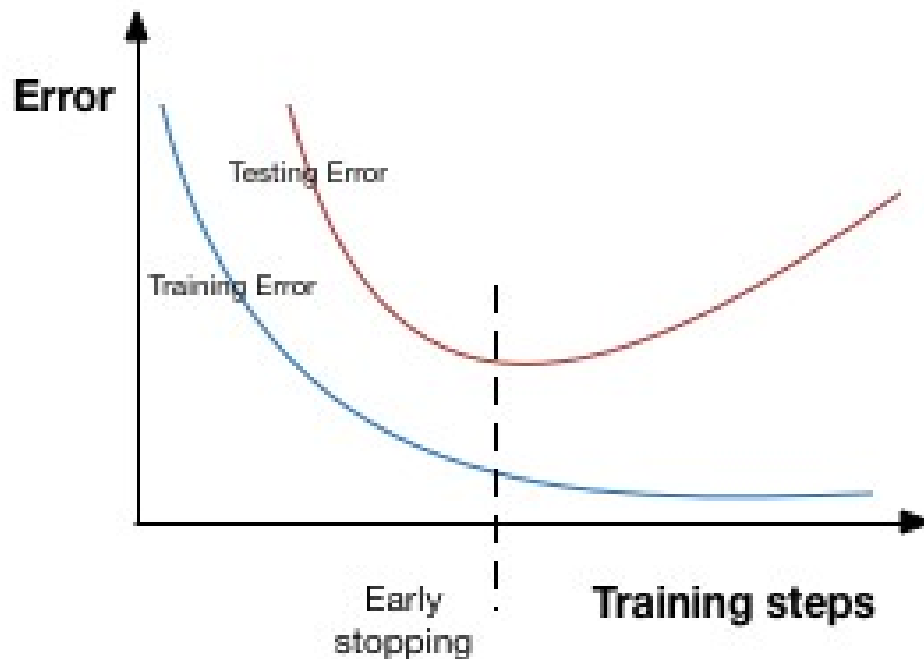
squared L2 norm

Supervised doc. Classification

Softmax classification

Overfitting and regularization

- Overfitting can be seen in this graph
- **Early stopping** finishes training as soon as development error starts to increase
- **Experimental setup:**
%80 train, %10 development, %10 test (blind!!)
- **Model selection:**
best accuracy (lowest error) at development



Source: chatbotlife.com

Quiz

Find definition and slide for the following:

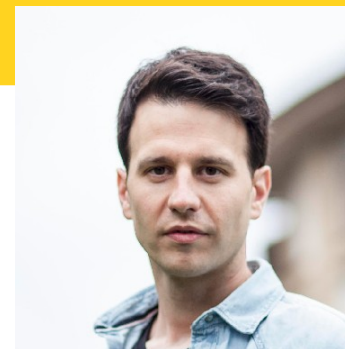
- Supervised machine learning
- Document classification
- Document regression
- Linear regression
- Logistic regression
- Softmax classification
- Loss function
- Gradients ∇

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 - sentiment analysis
 - features (bag of words)
 - classification with logistic regression
- **Tensorflow (tomorrow)**

Plan for the course

- 7 theoretical sessions (Eneko, Gorka) (approx. 150 min, time for questions)
- 7 hands-on laboratories (150 minutes)
 - Master students => Onsite (Oier)
 - Independent course => Online (Ander) (the same webex link)
- Calendar with slides and labs:
<http://ixa2.si.ehu.eus/eneko/dl4nlp>
- Note on downloading/uploading the labs data folder
=> do it before lab, at home



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