Improving methods to learn word representations for efficient semantic similarities computations

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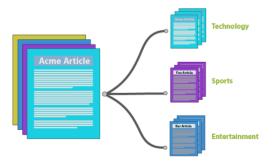




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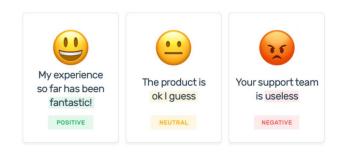
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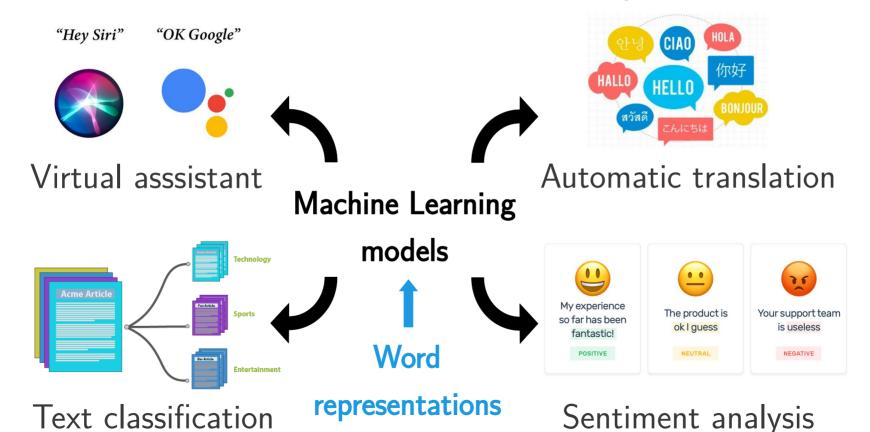


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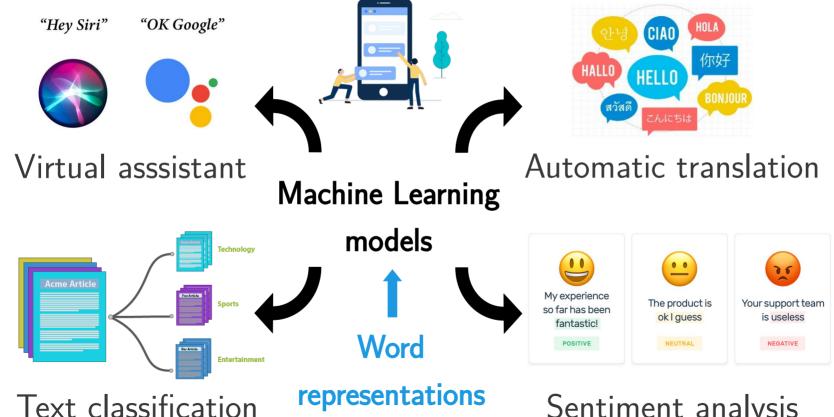


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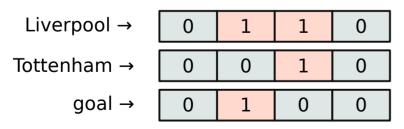
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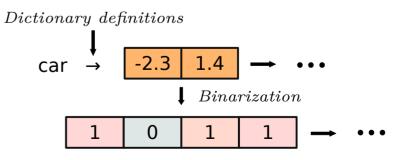


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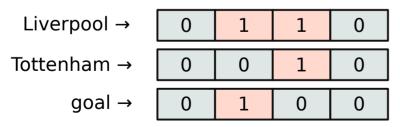
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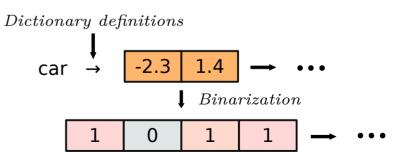


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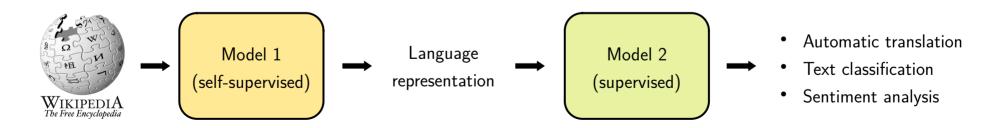
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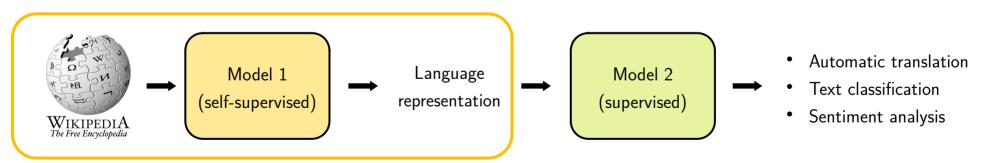
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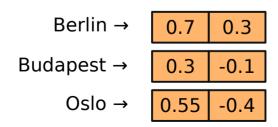
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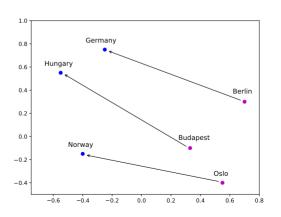


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Word embeddings

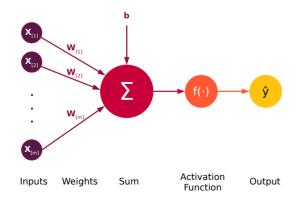
- Representation of words of a language
- Word embeddings: associating one numerical vector to each word of a language
- These vectors should reflect the linguistic information of words
 - Semantic (meaning of words)
 - Syntactic (properties of words)

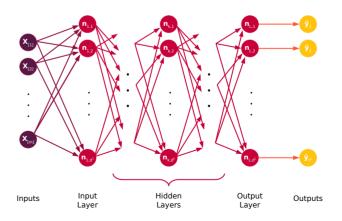




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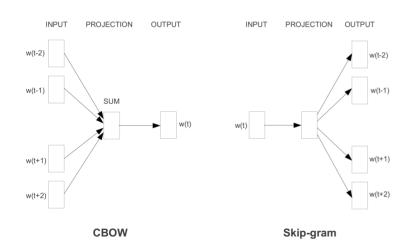
- Machine learning models composed of layers of neurons
- Given an input, compute an output. Trained to minimize a loss based on the computed output and the expected output
- Trained with gradient descent (and backpropagation)





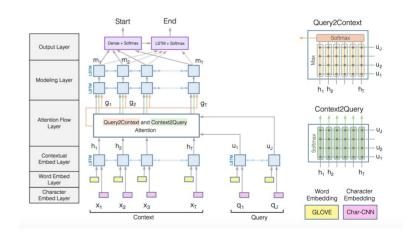
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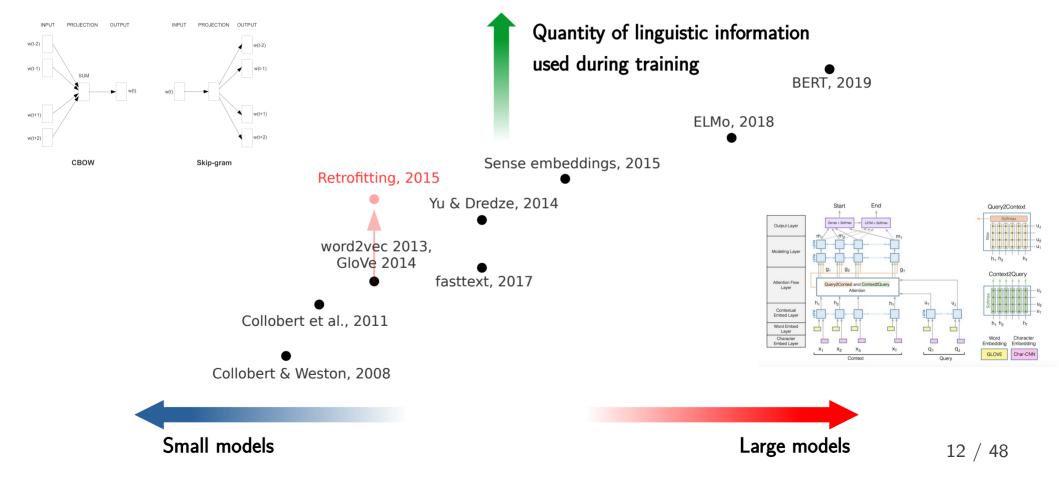
Architecture of word2vec

Deep



Architecture of BERT

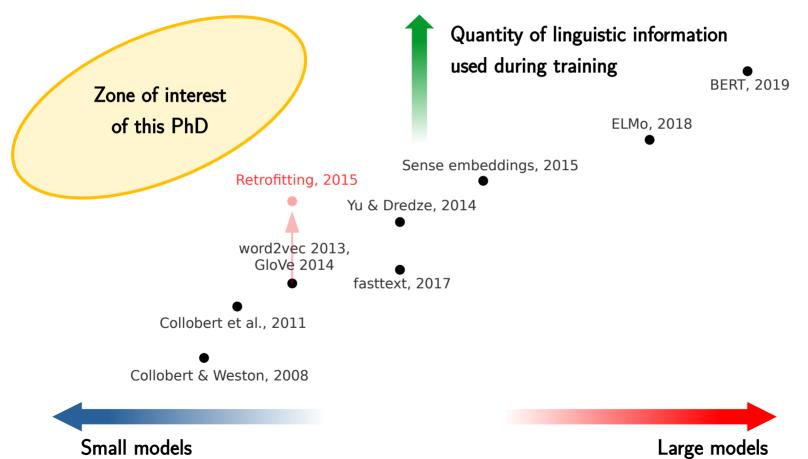
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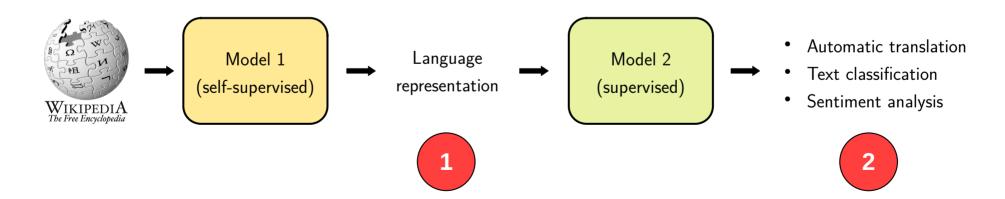
- Recent models are able to use more language information during training ...
- ... but this implies larger model architectures
- More and more downstream tasks are run on mobile devices, where large models and word embeddings cannot be deployed
- How to learn word embeddings with large quantity of information but small model architecture?

Learning word embeddings



Evaluating word embeddings

- 1) Quality of captured information → intrinsic evaluation
- 2) Useful in downstream task → extrinsic evaluation



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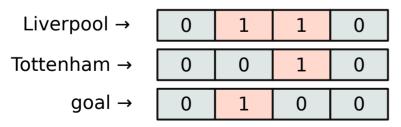
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Use co-occurrence of words in large text corpora Training Source Text Samples The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. -(the, quick) (the, brown) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. \Longrightarrow (quick, the) (quick, brown) (quick, fox) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. -(brown, the) (brown, quick) (brown, fox) (brown, jumps) quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. -(fox, quick) (fox, brown) (fox, jumps)

(fox, over)

word2vec (2013) GloVe (2014) fasttext (2017)

 Use co-occurrence of words to move closer the embeddings of related words (e.g. fox/brown)

• Loss
$$(\mathbf{v'}_{\mathsf{brown}}, \mathbf{v}_{\mathsf{fox}}) = -\log(\sigma(\mathbf{v'}_{brown}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{fox})) - \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbb{E}_{w_{i} \sim P_{w_{fox}}} \log(\sigma(-\mathbf{v'}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{fox}))$$

Move closer the vectors of cooccurring words

• Global loss $=\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}\sum_{\substack{-n\leq j\leq n\\ i\neq 0}}^{T}$ Loss $(\mathbf{v'}_{\mathsf{t+j}},\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathsf{t}})$

Move further the vectors of random words (negative sampling)

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- Solution: add information contained in dictionaries
 - Strong semantic information
 - Weak supervision
 - Move closer related words

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- Strong pair: mutual inclusion (car vehicle)
- Weak pair: one-sided inclusion (car wheel), (wheel vehicle)

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// Positive sampling -\beta_{s} \sum_{w_{i} \in S_{trong}(w_{c})} \log \left(\sigma(\mathbf{v'}_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c})\right) - \beta_{w} \sum_{w_{j} \in W_{eak}(w_{c})} \log \left(\sigma(\mathbf{v'}_{j}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c})\right)
// Controlled negative -\sum_{\substack{w_{i} \in R_{andom}(w_{t})\\ w_{i} \notin S_{trong}(w_{t})\\ w_{i} \notin W_{eak}(w_{t})}} \log \left(\sigma(-\mathbf{v'}_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{t})\right)
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$$=\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}\sum_{\substack{-n\leq j\leq n\\j\neq 0}}$$
 Loss $(\mathbf{v'}_{\mathsf{t}},\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathsf{t}+\mathsf{j}})$

- Trained on the full Wikipedia corpus (July 2017) with pairs generated from 4 dictionaries
- Evaluation
 - Intrinsic (word semantic similarity)
 - Extrinsic (document classification, sentiment analysis)

Results: semantic similarity evaluation

Datasets composed of pairs of words rated by humans

television - radio: 6.77 bank - money: 8.12 opera - industry: 2.63

Compared to word2vec and fasttext

		Wikipedia	
	word2vec	fasttext	dict2vec
MC-30	0.809	0.831	0.860
MEN-TR-3k	0.733	0.752	0.756
MTurk-287	0.660	0.672	0.661
MTurk-771	0.623	0.631	0.696
RG-65	0.787	0.817	0.875
RW	0.407	0.464	0.482
SimVerb	0.186	0.222	0.384
WS353-ALL	0.705	0.729	0.756
WS353-REL	0.664	0.687	0.702
WS353-SIM	0.757	0.775	0.781
YP-130	0.502	0.533	0.646
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Results: semantic similarity evaluation

- Not fair because **dict2vec** uses additional knowledge
- Also add the definition into the training corpus

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Results: text classification evaluation

- Document classification (AG-News, DBPedia), Sentiment analysis (Yelp)
- On par or slightly better → not over-specialized for semantic similarities

	Wikipedia		Wikipedia + definitions			
	word2vec	fasttext	dict2vec	word2vec	fasttext	dict2vec
AG-News	88.5	88.7	88.1	88.5	88.7	88.4
DBPedia	96.6	96.7	96.8	96.6	96.7	96.9
Yelp Pol.	86.5	87.2	87.6	86.7	87.4	87.5
Yelp Full	50.6	51.2	51.6	50.6	51.4	51.8

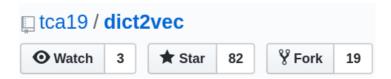
Results: dictionaries vs. WordNet

- WordNet is a knowledge base of related words
- Use pairs of WordNet related words in the dict2vec model
- Using dictionary pairs is better than using WordNet pairs

	50M	200M	full
No pairs	0.453	0.471	0.488
With WordNet pairs	0.564	0.566	0.559
With dictionary pairs	0.569	0.569	0.571

Summary

- **dict2vec** is a new model that incorporates additional information during training of word embeddings
- Use dictionaries to generate pairs of related words
- **dict2vec** introduces the positive sampling to incorporate these pairs of related words
- Large improvements of semantic information captured in word embeddings



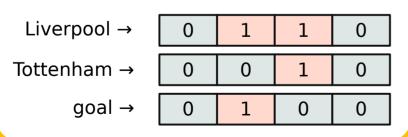
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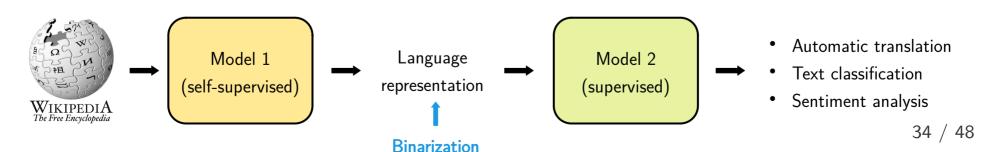
- Require a lot of space for storage
 - Millions of words in vocabulary
 - Usually 300 dimensions per vector
 - A real value (float) requires 32 bits for storage
 - For 1M vectors, 1.2 gigabytes are required
- Not suitable for embedded devices
 - They have limited memory (both RAM and disk)
 - Low computing power for float operations

Binary word embeddings

- Solution: use binary word embeddings, i.e. associate a m-bits vector to each word of a vocabulary
- Faster vector operations
 - Cosine similarity requires O(n) additions and multiplications
 - Binary similarity requires a XOR and a popcount() operations
- Small memory size
 - 9600 bits per real-valued vector (300 dimensions, 32 bits per value)
 - 128 or 256 bits per binary vector
 - 16.1 MB to store 1M vectors of 128 bits (vs. 1.2 GB)
 - Computations can be done locally; no need of sending data to computing servers

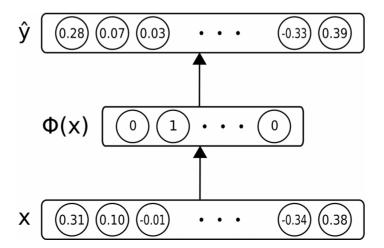
Binary word embeddings

- Binarize instead of training binary vectors
 - Many pre-trained vectors already available. Some are specific (subwords, dictionaries...).
 - Need a general method that works for all types of word embeddings
- Why not a naive binarization?
 - To benefit from hardware optimizations for computations, binary word vectors need to have a size in adequacy with CPU register size (64, 128 or 256 bits)
 - Pre-trained vectors have usually 300 dimensions (so naive binary vectors would have 300 bits)



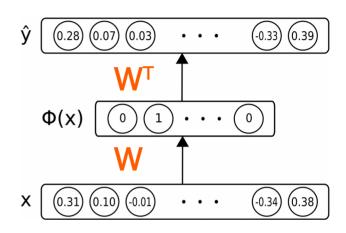
NLB: Near-lossless binarization of word embeddings

- Use pre-trained vectors as input $(\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m)$
- Latent representation $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ is binary $(\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{B}^n)$
- Reconstruct a real-valued vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ given $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$
- Trained to minimize the reconstruction loss: $\operatorname{Loss}(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2$



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- Let $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- Encoding
 - Heaviside function $h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 - $\ \boldsymbol{b}_i = \boldsymbol{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) = \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{W} \ . \ \boldsymbol{x}_i^T)$
 - Can construct binary vectors of arbitrary size
- Decoding
 - $\mathbf{\hat{y}_i} = \mathrm{tanh}(\mathbf{W}^{\!\scriptscriptstyle op} \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}_{\!\scriptscriptstyle i}) + \mathbf{c})$



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• Reconstruction loss: minimize the distance between \mathbf{x}_i and $\mathbf{\hat{y}}_i$

$$\ell_{rec}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{1}{d} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i\|^2 = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^{d} (\mathbf{x}_{i_{[j]}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i_{[j]}})^2$$

Regularization loss: minimize the correlation between each binary dimension

$$\ell_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{W}^{\top} \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{I} \right\|^2$$

Global objective function

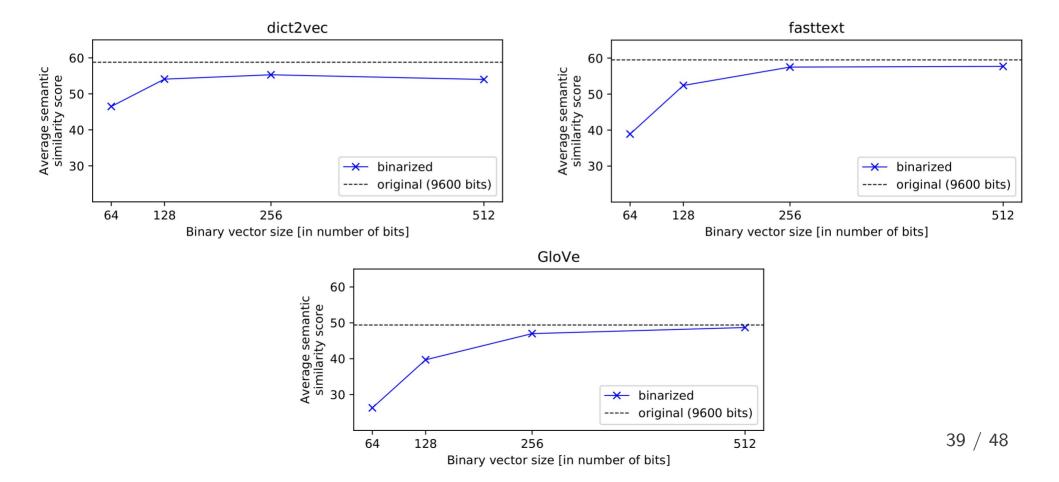
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbf{M}} \ell_{rec}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \lambda_{reg} \ \ell_{reg}$$

Results: semantic similarity evaluation

- Binary vector similarity: $sim(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2) = \frac{n_{11} + n_{00}}{n}$
- Binarized dict2vec (2.3M), fasttext (1M) and GloVe (400k)
- Best average results achieved with 512 bits (18 times smaller)

	dict2vec						fasttext					GloVe				
	\mathbb{R}	64	128	256	512	\mathbb{R}	64	128	256	512	\mathbb{R}	64	128	256	512	
MEN	0.746					0.807					0.737					
NLB	-	0.661	0.713	0.703	0.713	-	0.579	0.720	0.759	0.763	-	0.461	0.633	0.694	0.727	
RW	0.505					0.538					0.412					
NLB	-	0.365	0.420	0.456	0.456	-	0.368	0.447	0.527	0.527	-	0.251	0.343	0.407	0.402	
SimLex	0.452					0.441					0.371					
NLB	-	0.320	0.381	0.448	0.429	-	0.251	0.380	0.446	0.430	-	0.205	0.314	0.372	0.368	
SimVerb	0.417					0.356					0.227					
NLB	-	0.253	0.366	0.384	0.355	-	0.192	0.267	0.337	0.351	-	0.078	0.187	0.229	0.230	
WordSim	0.725					0.697					0.609					
NLB	-	0.637	0.716	0.696	0.666	-	0.503	0.691	0.700	0.703	-	0.301	0.449	0.566	0.603	
W.average	0.588					0.595					0.494					
NLB	-	0.465	0.541	0.553	0.540	-	0.389	0.524	0.575	0.577	-	0.263	0.397	0.470	0.487	

Results: semantic similarity evaluation



Results: text classification evaluation

- Use the binary vectors to initialize the weights of a downstream classification model
- Binary vectors are on par or slightly outperform real-valued original vectors

	dict2vec					fasttext					GloVe				
	\mathbb{R}	64	128	256	512	\mathbb{R}	64	128	256	512	\mathbb{R}	64	128	256	512
AG-News	89.0					86.9					89.5				
NLB	-	85.3	85.9	87.7	87.8	-	84.5	85.9	87.3	87.7	-	84.0	87.2	88.5	88.5
LSH	-	78.8	82.6	86.1	88.1	-	77.5	83.3	86.1	88.8	-	83.5	86.6	88.4	88.6
DBpedia	97.6					95.0					97.2				
NLB	-	94.1	96.1	97.0	97.3	-	91.7	95.1	96.6	97.3	-	90.9	95.0	96.8	97.2
LSH	-	89.6	94.2	96.5	97.4	-	87.4	93.8	96.2	97.2	-	90.4	94.2	96.3	97.2
Yahoo Ans.	68.1					67.2					68.1				
NLB	-	60.7	63.8	66.0	66.8	-	60.4	63.9	66.4	67.8	-	57.5	62.5	66.4	66.1
LSH	-	52.3	59.9	64.5	67.1	-	52.2	59.5	64.9	66.9	-	56.8	62.0	65.3	67.0
Amazon Full	47.5					49.0					47.1				
NLB	-	39.9	43.9	46.8	47.7	-	39.0	43.9	47.9	49.8	-	37.4	42.6	46.7	47.8
LSH	-	38.3	42.5	45.6	48.1	-	38.6	42.7	47.3	49.5	-	37.9	43.0	45.9	48.6

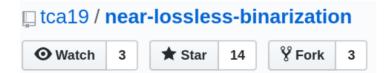
Results: Top-K queries speed improvements

- Measure the time needed to find the K vectors with the highest similarity given a query vector, for both binary and original real-valued vectors
- Using 256-bit vectors is 30 times faster than using real-valued vectors
- When the loading time is taken into account, they are 75 times faster

Top-K query	64-bit	128-bit	256-bit	512-bit	Real-valued
Top 1	2.71	2.87	3.23	4.28	97.89
Top 10	2.72	2.89	3.25	4.29	98.08
Top 50	2.75	2.91	3.27	4.32	98.44
Loading + Top 10	160	213	310	500	23500

Summary

- Simple architecture to binarize any real-valued word embeddings
- Reduce the vector size by 37.5 with only a 2% performance loss
- Perform a top-K query 30 times faster than with real-valued vectors



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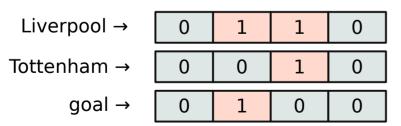
1. Introduction

Liverpool →
$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.6 & 0.1 \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}$$

Tottenham → $\begin{bmatrix} -0.4 & 0.6 \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}$

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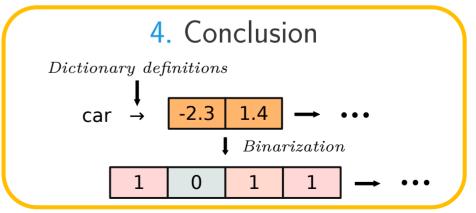
3. Binary Word Embeddings



2. Word Embeddings and Dictionaries

"car: a road vehicle, typically with four wheels"

-2.3 1.4



Conclusion

- Presented two novel complementary methods to learn word embeddings
 - dict2vec [1] uses additional information from lexical dictionaries to improve the semantic knowledge captured in word embeddings
 - [1] Julien Tissier, Christophe Gravier, and Amaury Habrard. "Dict2vec: Learning word embeddings using lexical dictionaries". In *Conference Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2017)*, pages 254–263, 2017.
 - NLB [2] transforms pre-trained vectors to binary word embeddings, resulting in smaller memory size and allowing faster semantic similarity computations on word vectors
 - [2] Julien Tissier, Christophe Gravier, and Amaury Habrard. "Near-lossless binarization of word embeddings". In Proceedings of the Thirty-Third AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2019), volume 33, pages 7104–7111, 2019.

Perspectives

- Polysemy information has been disregarded in dict2vec
- Provides useful information for word sense disambiguation systems
- Use the multi-sense information to learn disambiguated word embeddings





Perspectives

- Binarization of representations can be extended to sentence or document representations
- Binarization can also be applied to the hidden representations of downstream models
- Proposal to Facebook Research grant award

Perspectives

- Learning word embeddings of different languages (not only English)
- Classification of Wikipedia pages among 200 hierarchical classes and 30 languages





Thank you for your attention