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Abstract

The analogy task introduced by Mikolov et al. (2013) has become the standard method for tuning the hyperparameters for word embedding models. It has an intrinsic appeal and has been shown to correlate well with downstream tasks. In this paper, however, we show that the analogy task is unsuitable for low-resource settings for two reasons: (1) it requires large amounts of data to make measurable progress on, and (2) it is not even well-defined in some settings. We solve this problem by introducing the OddOneOut and Topk tasks, which are specifically designed for model selection in the low-resource setting. Performance on these tasks also correlates well with downstream tasks, but these tasks are more sensitive to word embedding performance when trained on smaller datasets. We use these metrics to successfully tune hyperparameters for 18 low-resource languages provided by the Classical Languages ToolKit. The smallest of these languages (Ancient Gujarati) has only 1813 unique tokens available.

1 Introduction

There has been a strong push in recent years for improved natural language processing on low-resource languages. Little data exists for these languages, and so trained machine learning models have low accuracies. Recent work has focused on solving this problem by developing more sample-efficient algorithms that can achieve higher accuracies with less data. We argue, however, that standard evaluation tasks are not sensitive enough to measure model quality in the low-resource setting, and new performance measures tailored to the low-resource setting are required. Specifically, we argue that the standard analogy task is not suitable for the low-resource setting and we introduce two new evaluation metrics designed for the low-resource setting.

Mikolov et al. (2013) introduced the word2vec model for training word embeddings and the analogy task for evaluating them. In the analogy task, the goal is to answer questions similar to

Man is to King as Woman is to ?

by exploiting the linear structure of the word embeddings. Follow on work has focused on developing better algorithms for training word embeddings as measured by performance on the analogy task. GloVe (Pennington et al., 2014) and FastText (Bojanowski et al., 2016) are the two most prominent examples, although dozens of alternatives have now been proposed. The analogy task has proven so successful for English language research because it correlates well with performance on a wide range of downstream tasks (Wang et al., 2019).

While most word embeddings algorithms focus on the high-resource domain, several recent works have developed new algorithms designed for training models in the low-resource setting (Adams et al., 2017; Jiang et al., 2018; Gupta et al., 2019; Jungmaier et al., 2020). Unfortunately, each of these works evaluate their method only in a simulated low-resource environment using English text and not on any actual low-resource languages. They do this specifically because no evaluation metrics exist that are suitable for their low-resource target languages. They also do not use the analogy task to measure performance. Instead, they use word similarity tasks. These tasks include datasets based on the English-language WordNet: WordSim Similarity (Zesch et al., 2008) WordSim Relatedness (Agirre et al., 2009), and datasets based on human annotation of English language word pairs: WordSim363 (Finkelstein et al., 2001), Mechanical Turk (Radinsky et al., 2011), MEN (Bruni et al., 2012). These word similarity tasks are more sensitive to their low-resource experimental design than the analogy task, but they cannot be easily used

in non-English languages because they require the manual generation of new datasets for each language.

Perhaps surprisingly, there is growing body of digital humanities work where English language text is low-resource. This occurs when researchers attempt to compare how to bodies of text use words differently over different time periods (e.g. Hamilton et al., 2016b,a; Kutuzov et al., 2018; Kozłowski et al., 2019; Dubossarsky et al., 2017; Tang, 2018; Szymanski, 2017; Liang et al., 2018; Chen et al., 2017) or different political ideologies Azarbondy et al. (2017) or different twitter users (Kulkarni et al., 2015).

Our contributions can be summarized with the following three points.

1. We introduce the first word embedding evaluation tasks designed specifically for the low-resource setting, OddOneOut and Topk. Code for computing these metrics is released as an open source Python library.¹
2. We introduce a method for automatically generating test datasets for the OddOneOut and Topk tasks in the 581 languages supported by the wikidata project.² All previous evaluation methods work on only a small number of languages (typically just English), and require significant manual work to adapt to new languages.
3. We perform the largest existing multilingual evaluation on low-resource languages. Specifically, we provide word embeddings for the 18 languages of the Classical Languages ToolKit (CLTK) library *FIXME: bibtex format is wrong (et al., 2014–2019)*. We further introduce a new downstream task called the Language Comparison Task (LCT) that lets us map which topics are included in these classical language corpora.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 formally defines the Topk and OddOneOut tasks. Section 3 empirically demonstrates that these tasks are better than the analogy task in low-resource settings. We use a synthetic English language experimental design common

¹ URL hidden for blind review.

²For the full list of languages supported, see https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Help:Wikimedia_language_codes/lists/all *FIXME: You wrote 461 without a citation. Which is correct?*

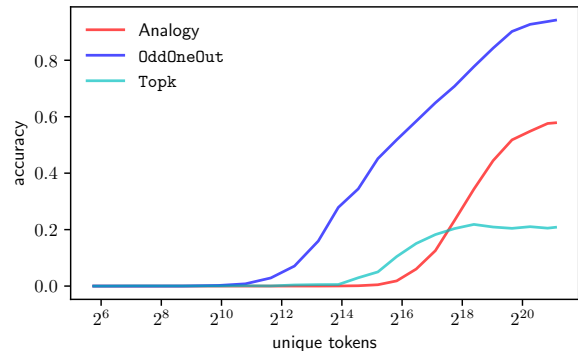


Figure 1: The plot above compares the regions of effectiveness for our evaluation metrics. The analogy task fails to measure change in accuracy of the embeddings until the number of unique words in the training dataset reaches 2^{16} , much later than both OddOneOut and Topk. Though OddOneOut seems the clear victor of these methods, experimentation in 3 shows that Topk works better in some circumstances.

in previous work, and demonstrate the versatility of these evaluation metrics by applying them to an emoji embedding task for which the analogy task is not even well defined. Section 4 computes word embeddings for the 18 languages provided by CLTK. We further introduce our technique for using wikidata to automatically generate the test sets for the OddOneOut and Topk tasks and the LCT task and provide a semantic analysis of the topics covered in each of these 18 language corpora. Section 5 concludes by discussing how extensions to this work could serve communities working with low-resource languages.

2 Evaluation Methods

The OddOneOut and Topk tasks are simple and generally applicable. Both tasks require a test set in the same easy to generate format. The test set consists of a list of categories, and each category contains a list of words that belong to that category. For example, the category `fruit` might contain the words `banana`, `apple`, and `orange`. *FIXME: use a real example.* The OddOneOut task measures a model’s ability to identify words that are unrelated to the category, and the Topk task measures a model’s ability to identify words that are related to the category.

Formally, assume that there are m categories, that each category has n words³, that there are v

³In practice, the number of words per category can vary for each category, however for notational simplicity we assume that each category has the same number of words.

total words in the vocabulary, and that the words are embedded into \mathbb{R}^d . Let $c_{i,j}$ be the j th word in category i , and let $C_i = \{c_{i,1}, c_{i,2}, \dots, c_{i,n}\}$ be the i th category.

2.1 The Topk method

Let $\text{Sim}(k, w)$ return the k most similar words in the vocabulary to w . We use the cosine distance in all our experiments, but any distance metric can be used. Next, define the Topk score for class i to be

$$\text{Topk}(k, i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \sum_{x \in \text{Sim}(k, c_{i,j})} \mathbb{1}[x \in C_i] \quad (1)$$

and the Topk score for the entire evaluation set to be

$$\text{Topk}(k) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Topk}(k, i). \quad (2)$$

The runtime of Sim is $O(dvk)$.⁴ So the runtime of $\text{Topk}(k, i)$ is $O(dnk^2v)$ and the runtime of $\text{Topk}(k)$ is $O(dnmk^2v)$. Typically k is small (we recommend $k = 3$ in our experiments), and so the runtime is linear in all of the interesting parameters. In particular, it is linear in both the size of our vocabulary, the number of categories in the test set, and the size of the categories.

2.2 The OddOneOut method

Define the OddOneOut score of a set S with k words with respect to a word $w \notin S$ as

$$\text{OddOneOut}(S, w) = \mathbb{1}[w = \hat{w}], \quad (3)$$

where

$$\hat{w} = \arg \max_{x \in S \cup \{w\}} \|x - \mu\| \quad (4)$$

$$\text{and } \mu = \frac{1}{k+1} \left(w + \sum_{i=1}^k s_i \right). \quad (5)$$

We define the k th order OddOneOut score of a category i to be

$$\text{OddOneOut}(k, i) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{(S,w) \in P} \text{OddOneOut}(S, w) \quad (6)$$

⁴ We use gensim's implementation of Sim , which uses the naive loop strategy for computing the nearest neighbor. Data structures like the k d-tree or cover tree could potentially be used to speed up this search, but we did not find such data structures necessary.

where

$$P = \{(S, w) : S \text{ is a combination of } k \text{ words from } C_i, \text{ and } w \in V - C_i\}. \quad (7)$$

In Equation (7) above, the total number of values that S can take is $\binom{n}{k} = O(n^k)$, and the total number of values that w can take is $O(v)$, so $|P| = O(n^k v)$. Finally, we define the k -th order OddOneOut score of the entire evaluation set to be

$$\text{OddOneOut}(k) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{OddOneOut}(k, i). \quad (8)$$

The runtime of $\text{OddOneOut}(S, w)$ is $O(dk)$. So the runtime of $\text{OddOneOut}(k, i)$ is $O(dkn^k v)$ and the runtime of $\text{OddOneOut}(k)$ is $O(dkmn^k v)$.

Comparing the runtimes of $\text{OddOneOut}(k)$ and $\text{Topk}(k)$, we can see that $\text{OddOneOut}(k)$ is a factor of $O(m^{k-1} k^{-1})$ slower. In real world applications, $m \gg k$, and so OddOneOut will take considerably more time to compute. In particular, the Mikolov test evaluations in Section 3 below use $m = 50$ and $k = 3$, so the $\text{OddOneOut}(k)$ score takes approximately 800x longer to compute.

To solve this problem, we use a sampling strategy. Let \tilde{P} denote the set of p samples without replacement from the set P . Then we rewrite Equation 6 as

$$\text{OddOneOut}(k, i) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{(S,w) \in \tilde{P}} \text{OddOneOut}(S, w) \quad (9)$$

With this definition, the runtime of $\text{OddOneOut}(k)$ is $O(dkmpv)$, which is linear in all the parameters of interest. **FIXME:** In our experiments, we found $p = 1000$ to give sufficiently accurate results without taking too much computation.

3 Experiments

We demonstrate the usefulness of our evaluation metrics with two experiments. First, we show that the OddOneOut and Topk metrics are better measures of word embedding quality than the Analogy metric in the low-resource regime. Second, we show that the OddOneOut and Topk metrics are useful for model selection in an emoji embedding task where the analogy task cannot be applied. This experiment also demonstrates that

the OddOneOut and Topk metrics correlate with downstream task performance.

3.1 English Experiments

This experiment measures the performance of the OddOneOut, Topk, and Analogy metrics as a function of data set size.

For training data, we use a 2017 dump of the English-language Wikipedia that contains 2 billion total tokens and 2 million unique tokens. The dataset is freely distributed with the popular gensim library (Řehůřek and Sojka, 2010) for training word embeddings, and it is therefore widely used. State-of-the-art embeddings are trained on significantly larger datasets—for example, datasets based on the common crawl contain hundreds of billions of tokens even for non-English languages (Buck et al., 2014; Grave et al., 2018)—but since our emphasis is on the low-resource setting, this 2 billion token dataset is sufficient.

Using the wikipedia dataset, we generate a series of synthetic low-resource datasets of varying size. First, we sort the articles in the wikipedia dataset randomly.⁵ Then, each dataset i contains the first 2^i tokens in the randomly ordered wikipedia dump.

On each of these low-resource datasets, we train a word2vec skipgram model with gensim’s default hyperparameters⁶, which are known to work well in many contexts. Importantly, we do not tune these hyperparameters for each low-resource dataset. Instead, we use the same hyperparameters because our goal is to isolate the effects of dataset size on the three evaluation metrics.

For the analogy task, we use the standard Google Analogy Test Set introduced by (Mikolov et al., 2013). This test set contains 14 sets of analogies, and each analogy set contains 2 categories that are being compared. For example, the countries-capitals analogy set which has analogies like

England—London+Paris \approx France (10)

contains both a list of countries and a list of capitals. We generate test sets for the OddOneOut and Topk tasks from the 28 categories in the Google test set.

⁵ This sorting is required for our low-resource datasets to be representative of English language text. Without this random sorting step, most of our datasets would be based only on articles that begin with the letter A, and therefore would not contain a representative sample of English words.

⁶ Embedding dimension 100, number of epochs 1, learning rate 0.025, window size is 5, min count is 5. **FIXME:** *should we defined min count?*

The results are shown in Figure 1. **FIXME:** *The OddOneOut and Topk metrics show higher results*

3.2 Emoji Experiments

This second experiment demonstrates the versatility of our methods by applying them to the domain of emoji embeddings. We show that our generic Topk and OddOneOut metrics perform as well as a custom designed emoji evaluation metric, but our metrics are more versatile.

Emoji embeddings are an important topic of study because they are used to improve the performance of sentiment analysis systems (e.g. Eisner et al., 2016; Felbo et al., 2017; Barbieri et al., 2017; Ai et al., 2017; Wijeratne et al., 2017; Al-Halah et al., 2019). Unfortunately, the standard analogy task is not suitable for evaluating the quality of emoji embeddings for two reasons. First, emoji embeddings are inherently low-resource—only 3000 unique emojis exist in the Unicode standard—and thus evaluation techniques specifically designed for the low-resource setting will be more effective. Second, the semantics of most emojis do not allow them to be used in any analogy task. In particular, the original emoji2vec paper (Eisner et al., 2016) identifies only **FIXME:** *5?* possible emoji analogies.

In order to tune their emoji embeddings, Eisner et al. (2016) therefore do not use the analogy task, and instead introduce an ad-hoc “emoji-description classification” metric that required the creation of a test set with manually labeled emotion-description pairs. Due to the expense of manually creating this test set, only **FIXME:** *64?* of the 3000 Unicode emojis are included. The Topk and OddOneOut metrics improve on the “emoji-description classification” metric because they are able to evaluate the quality of all emojis and require no manual test set creation. For our test set categories, we use the categories that the Unicode standard provides for each emoji.⁷

To test the performance of the three metrics, we use them to tune the hyperparameters of an emoji2vec model. To ensure the fairest comparison possible, we use the original emoji2vec code for training and model selection, changing only the function call to the metric used. In particular, this means we are only embedding and evaluating on

⁷For the full list of categories, see <https://unicode.org/Public/emoji/13.0/emoji-test.txt>

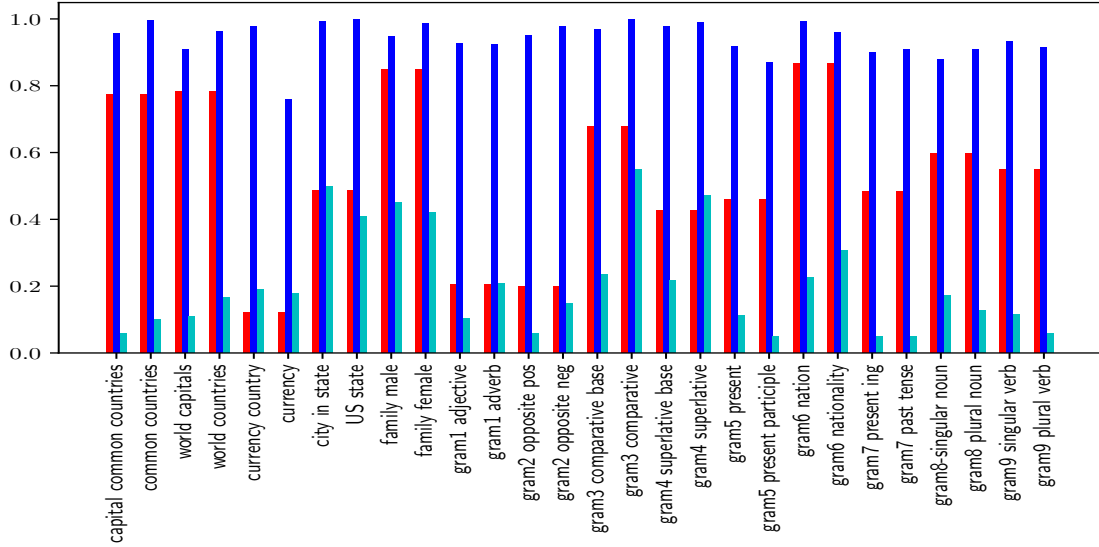


Figure 2: The methods perform better on some categories than others. Topk seems to excel in categories that are more homogenous like ‘family female’, while analogies seem to work best with geographical relationships. Note that in adapting the Google analogy set to work with our methods required splitting each relationship pair into two separate categories. As a result the analogy score for a given relationship is shown twice; one bar in each of the categories that make up the pair.

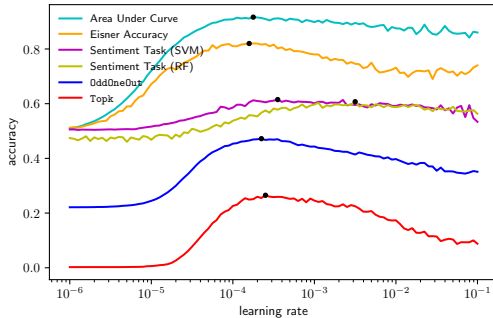


Figure 3: This figure shows the tuning of emoji embeddings across different learning rates where the max accuracy for each metric is marked with a point. Both Topk and OddOneOut follow the shape of (Eisner et al., 2016) area under the curve and accuracy metrics. Our methods lead us to select essentially the same hyperparameters as (Eisner et al., 2016) and reproduced results on the downstream task.

the subset of **FIXME: 64?** emojis supported by the “emoji-description classification” metric. The code allows tuning the model’s learning rate, **FIXME: insert other options here**. We found that the learning rate was the only hyperparameter to have a significant impact, and Figure 3 shows how the learning rate effects the performance on the three evaluation metrics and the performance on a downstream sentiment analysis task. All three metrics show optimal performance with a learning rate of approximately 8×10^{-4} , which also results in the best performance on the downstream task. This indicates that our Topk and OddOneOut metrics generate the same models as the specialized “emoji-description classification” metric, but our metrics have the advantage of being simpler, more widely applicable, and easier to generate test data for.

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4 Multilingual Content Analysis

In this section we perform the first highly multilingual analysis of word embeddings for low-resource languages. We analyze 18 languages provided by the Classical Languages ToolKit (CLTK) library (et al., 2014–2019).⁸ Each of these languages is

⁸ Specifically, we analyzed all languages for which CLTK provides both a training corpus and a tokenization function, as these are the minimum requirements needed for training word

“extinct” in the sense that no new native text will ever be generated in these languages. To get better models on these languages, it is impossible to collect more data, we must develop better techniques for the low-resource setting. The largest of these language datasets is Ancient Greek, with 37.8 million tokens, and the smallest is Ancient Gujarati with only 1813 tokens.

First we describe a procedure for automatically generating test set data for the OddOneOut and Topk tasks using wikidata. Then, we describe our model training and selection procedure for each language. Finally, we perform the LCT task and perform an interlanguage analysis of the corpora’s content.

4.1 Test Set Generation with Wikidata

One of the most difficult and time consuming steps in the process of generating of high quality word embeddings is the creation of a comprehensive test set. Consequently, one of the biggest advantages of the OddOneOut and Topk methods is that compatible test sets can be semi-automatically generated in hundreds of languages. This is possible using Wikidata. This publicly available SPARQL database contains a comprehensive structure of the semantic content contained in Wikipedia along with its relationship to other items. Simple queries constructed using the Wikidata Query Service can be used to return semantic categories of words that can be included in a test set.

Using Wikidata we were able to reconstruct all of the semantic categories contained within the Google analogy set with the option of greater customization and more categories. Additionally, Wikidata supports the translation of queried items into 461 languages, allowing test sets to easily be converted between languages. Though not all items have translated labels in all 461 languages, support is quite extensive and will only get better. **FIXME: Is 461 correct?**

One of the disadvantages of using Wikidata is that syntactic categories are much harder to construct; however, since semantic categories are usually more difficult to generate and require more arbitrary decisions this approach is still very valuable.

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embeddings.

4.2 Model Selection

There are 7 hyperparameters for our language models, and we use the random search method (Bergstra and Bengio, 2012) to tune these hyperparameters. Random search is simple to implement, computationally efficient, easy to parallelize, and avoids the curse of dimensionality inherent to grid search and Bayesian optimization methods. **FIXME: Table 2 defines the hyperparameters and the range of values sampled for each. Should this be a table or included directly in the text?**

To ensure a fair comparison, we randomly sampled 100 sets of hyperparameter combinations.⁹ Then train each language on this same set of hyperparameters. The best results are reported in Table 1. The optimal set of hyperparameters is different for each language, which underscores the importance of proper model tuning in the low-resource regime. Whereas all previous highly multilingual work used the same set of hyperparameters for all models, we show that this is not an optimal strategy.

4.3 Language Comparison Task

We now introduce a novel downstream task for word embeddings called the *Language Comparison Task* (LCT). The goal of this task is to better visualize the topics written about in our 18 language corpora. We choose three religious topics: Biblical Figures, Facets of Buddhism, and Facets of Hinduism. Each of these topics has an entry in Wikidata, **FIXME: I’m not sure what the correct wikidata terminology is here.** and so it is easy to create categories based on these topics in each language. Figure 4 provides a list of words associated with each topic.

For each language and topic, we compute the Topk and OddOneOut metrics and plot the results in Figure 4. **FIXME: explain significance**

Perhaps more interesting, this downstream task also gives rise to circumstances in which Topk performance exceeded OddOneOut. In some cases (like Middle High German on Biblical Figures) Topk merely surpasses OddOneOut and in others (such as Gujarati on Facets of Hinduism) it is the only metric to achieve a performance score. It is likely that a complex interaction between the model and the category being evaluated on can result in either method achieving better performance, thus it is valuable to have both methods at our dis-

⁹We found that 100 combinations was sufficient to give good results without being too computationally burdensome.

Corpus		Parameters										Scores	
	Language	Test Set	Tokens	Unique Tokens	Model	Type	Dim	Window	LR	Min Count	Lemma	OddOneOut	Topk Comb
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	greek	modern greek	37 868 209	1 877 574	fast	sg	90	7	-1	5	True	300	9
Italic	latin	latin	17 777 429	470 790	w2v	cbow	50	10	-1	7	False	2748	48
	old french	french	68 741	8343	fast	sg	250	6	-1	8	False	1	7
Germanic	middle english	english (old)	7 048 144	314 527	fast	sg	90	5	-1	7	False	239	7
	middle high german	german	2 090 954	60 674	fast	cbow	15	6	-1	3	False	9	19
	old english	english (old)	104 011	33 018	fast	cbow	425	3	-1	3	True	0	1
	old norse	icelandic	458 377	59 186	w2v	cbow	60	10	-1	3	False	968	656
	old swedish	swedish	1 297 740	116 374	fast	sg	50	8	-1	5	False	50	1
Indo-Aryan	bengali	bengali	5539	2323	fast	cbow	15	3	-1	4	False	0	2
	gujarati	gujarati	1813	1140	fast	sg	80	3	-1	5	False	0	758
	hindi	hindi	587 655	55 483	fast	cbow	45	4	-1	8	False	263	2
	malayalam	malayalam	9235	5405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	659
	marathi	marathi	797 926	96 778	w2v	sg	400	4	-1	6	False	342	1
	punjabi	punjabi	1 024 075	31 343	fast	sg	50	8	-1	5	False	0	660
	sanskrit	sanskrit	4 042 204	896 480	w2v	sg	35	9	-1	10	False	1530	1
	telugu	telugu	537 673	276 330	w2v	cbow	60	10	-1	3	False	50	661
	classical arabic	arabic	81 306	20 493	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	662
Semitic	hebrew	hebrew	41 378 460	893 512	fast	sg	30	4	-1	3	False	1098	6

Table 1: The table above provides details for the best model trained for languages supported by CLTK. Following a tuning process, models were chosen by their Combined Score which is calculated as the harmonic mean of Topk and OddOneOut. It is important to note that the absolute score for our evaluation metrics are not important in and of themselves, rather they are important as indicators of a change in embedding quality that the analogy task would fail to show. To emphasize this, we have reported the raw number of correct answers for each metric. Using OddOneOut and Topk allows us to tune models trained on corpora with unique token counts in the thousands instead of the millions.

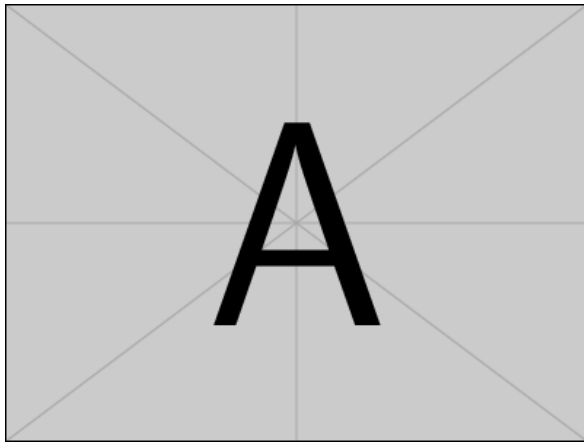


Table 2: Hyperparameters.

positional. Since this exact relationship is still not fully understood we tune and evaluate models using both metrics and compute the harmonic mean to choose the most accurate model.

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5 Discussion

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Not yet using wikidata to its fullest extent. Wikidata categories form a hierarchy. More accurate evaluations could be done by using all categories in the hierarchy, weighting top-level categories higher than leaf categories. This has computational challenges and so we reserve this for future work.

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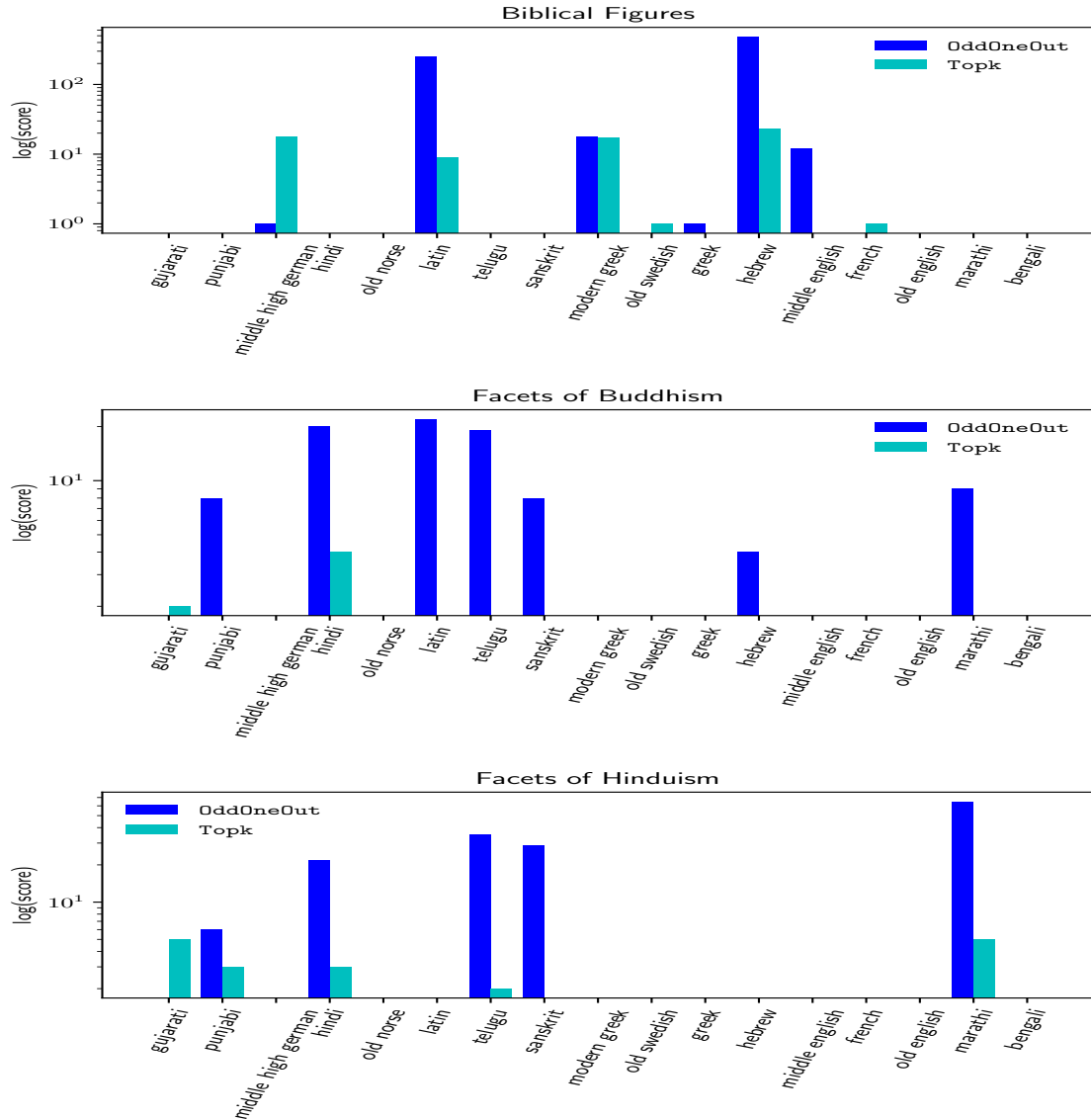


Figure 4: **(Top)** High performance on the Biblical Figures category indicates some level of biblical influence via the corpus. Interestingly, we see that greek embeddings optimized on the Modern Greek test set significantly outperformed the embeddings optimized for the Ancient Greek. This matches our intuition that things of a biblical nature have had a greater influence on Modern Greek than Ancient Greek. **(Middle)** Though many of the Indic language embeddings performed well on the Facets of Buddhism, surprisingly so did our Latin and Hebrew embeddings. This leads us to believe that some Buddhist concepts and words are shared by corpora spanning languages as diverse as Hebrew, Latin, and Hindi. At the same time, it should also be noted that Latin and Hebrew were two of the largest models trained compared to other classical languages and thus also likely benefit from greater resource richness. **(Bottom)** Similar to Figure ?? we see languages more closely related to the topic of the category achieving better performance, in this case primarily the Indic languages. Interestingly, our Bengali embeddings performed poorly on this category suggesting that the corpus did not refer heavily to the Hindu context.

python library.

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[Al-Rfou et al. \(2013\)](#) trained word2vec embeddings on 100 different languages using Wikipedia as the training data. [Grave et al. \(2018\)](#) extended this work by training FastText embeddings on 157 languages using data from the Common Crawl project.

1. For both papers, the Hindi language had the smallest amount of training data, with 23 million and 1.8 billion tokens, respectively. In Section ??, we consider languages with significantly less training data. For example, the Ancient Hindi language contains only 0.6 million tokens, and we are still able to generate meaningful word embeddings using our evaluation metrics.
2. Due to the difficulty of evaluating so many languages, however, the authors evaluate the embeddings only on 10 languages, and the other 147 remain unevaluated.

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