

Neural Network Approaches to Representation Learning for NLP

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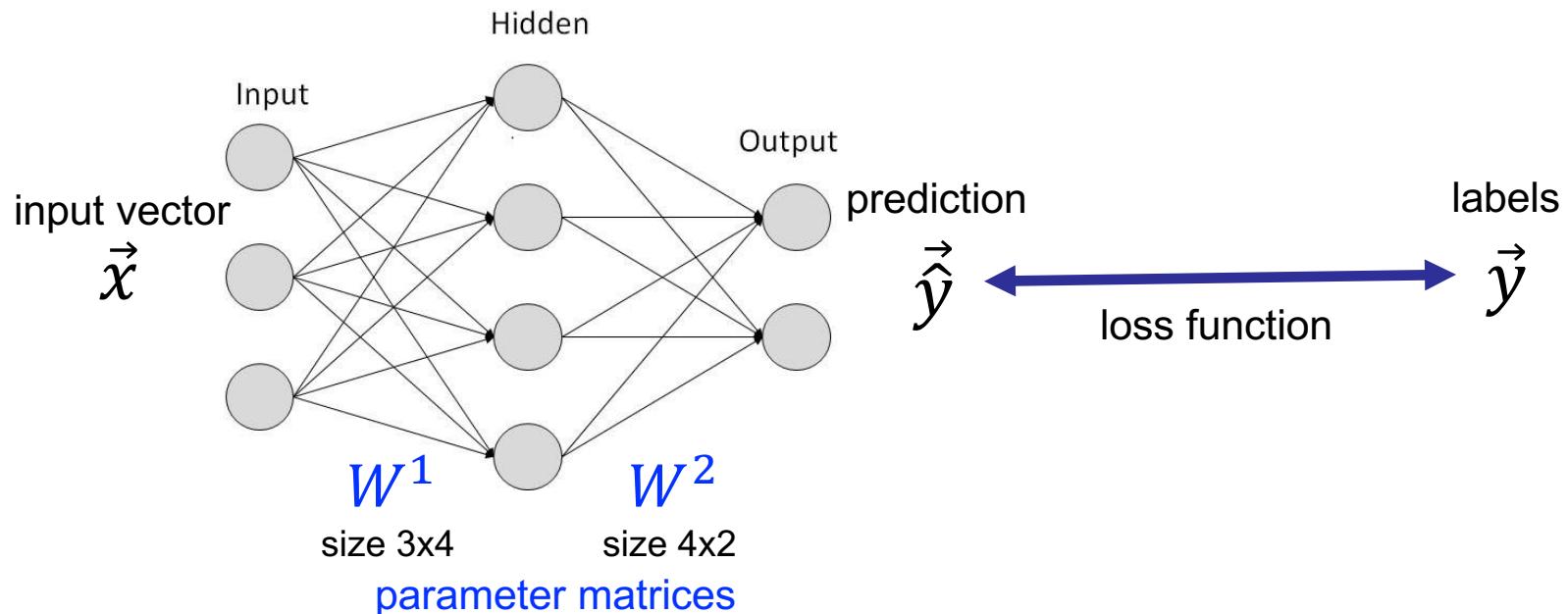
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Recap on Linear Algebra

- Scalar a
- Vector \vec{b}
- Matrix W
- Tensor: generalization to higher dimensions
- Dot product
 - $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}^T = c$
dimensions: $1 \times d \cdot d \times 1 = 1$
 - $\vec{a} \cdot W = \vec{c}$
dimensions: $1 \times d \cdot d \times e = 1 \times e$
 - $A \cdot B = C$
dimensions: $l \times m \cdot m \times n = l \times n$
- Element-wise Multiplication
 - $\vec{a} \odot \vec{b} = \vec{c}$

Neural Networks

- Neural Networks are **non-linear functions** with many parameters
$$\vec{\hat{y}} = f(\vec{x})$$
- They consist of several simple **non-linear operations**
- Normally, the objective is to **maximize likelihood**, namely
$$p(y|x, \theta)$$
- Generally optimized using Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

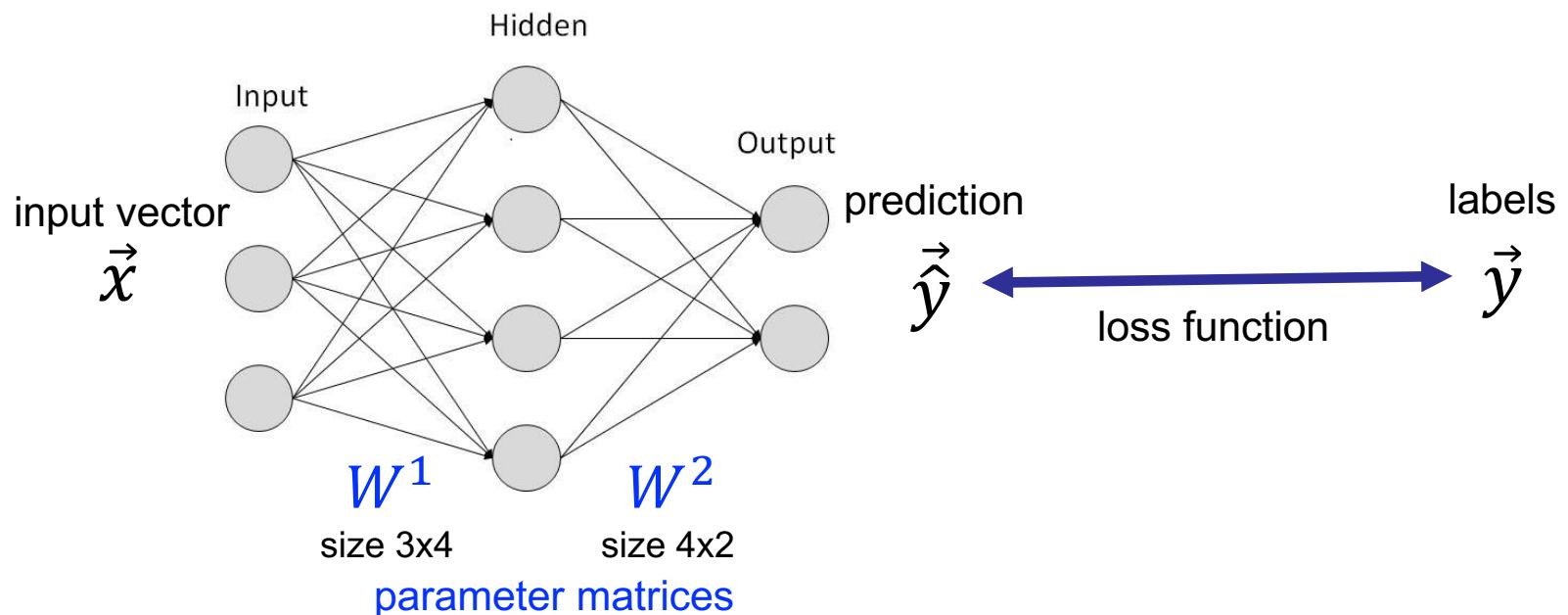


Neural Networks – Training with SGD (simplified)

Initialize parameters

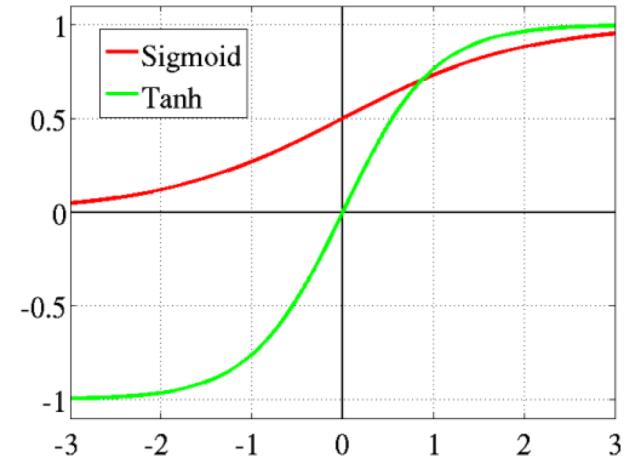
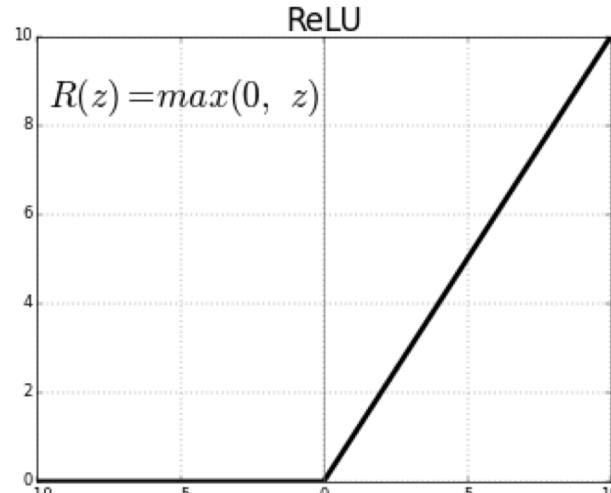
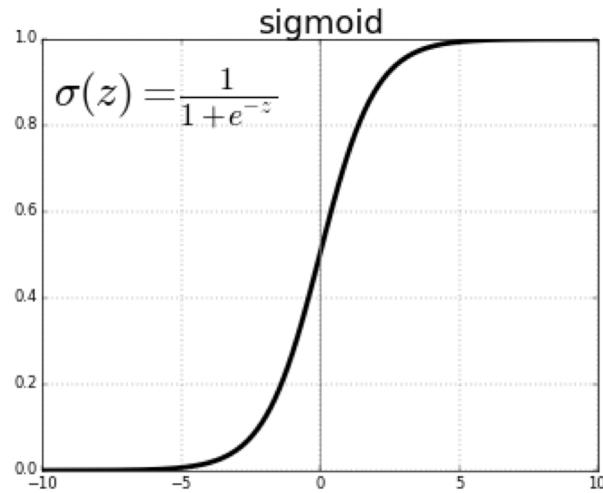
Loop over training data (or minibatches)

1. Do **forward pass**: given input \vec{x} predict output \hat{y}
2. Calculate **loss function** by comparing \hat{y} with labels y
3. Do **backpropagation**: calculate the gradient of each parameter in regard to the loss function
4. Update parameters in the direction of gradient
5. Exit if some stopping criteria are met



Neural Networks – Non-linearities

- Sigmoid
 - Projects input to value between 0 to 1 → becomes like a probability value
- ReLU (Rectified Linear Units)
 - Suggested for deep architectures to prevent vanishing gradient
- Tanh



Neural Networks - Softmax

- Softmax turns a vector to a probability distribution
 - The vector values become in the range of 0 to 1 and sum of all the values is equal 1

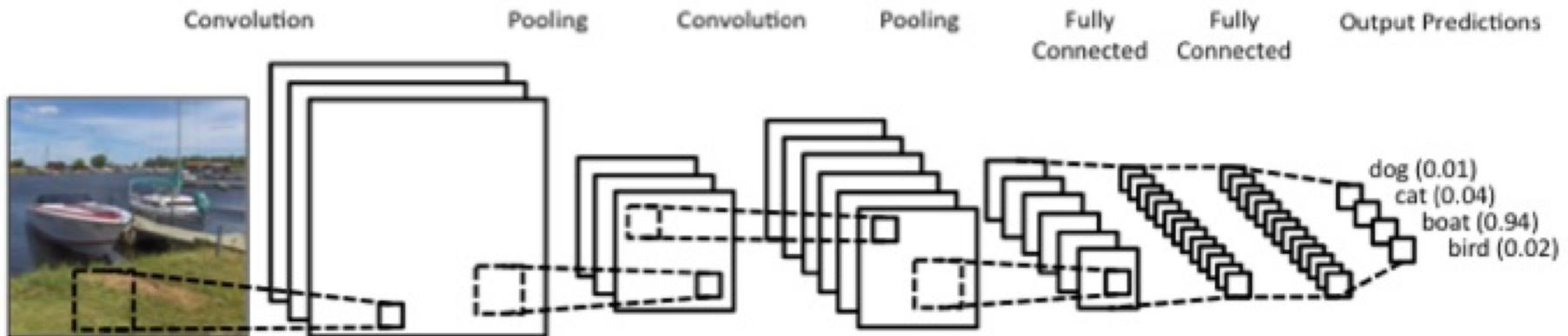
$$\text{softmax}(\vec{v})_i = \frac{e^{v_i}}{\sum_{k=1}^d e^{v_k}}$$

- Normally applied to the output layer and provide a probability distribution over output classes
- For example, given four classes:

$$\vec{y} = [2, 3, 5, 6] \quad \text{softmax}(\vec{y}) = [0.01, 0.03, 0.26, 0.70]$$

Deep Learning

- Deep Learning models the overall function as a **composition of functions** (layers)
- With several **algorithmic** and **architectural** innovations
 - dropout, LSTM, Convolutional Networks, Attention, GANs, etc.
- Backed by large **datasets**, large-scale **computational resources**, and enthusiasm from academia and industry!



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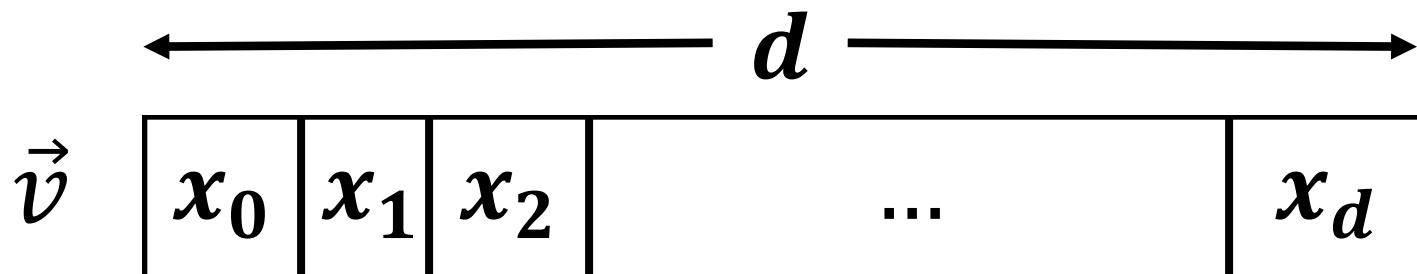
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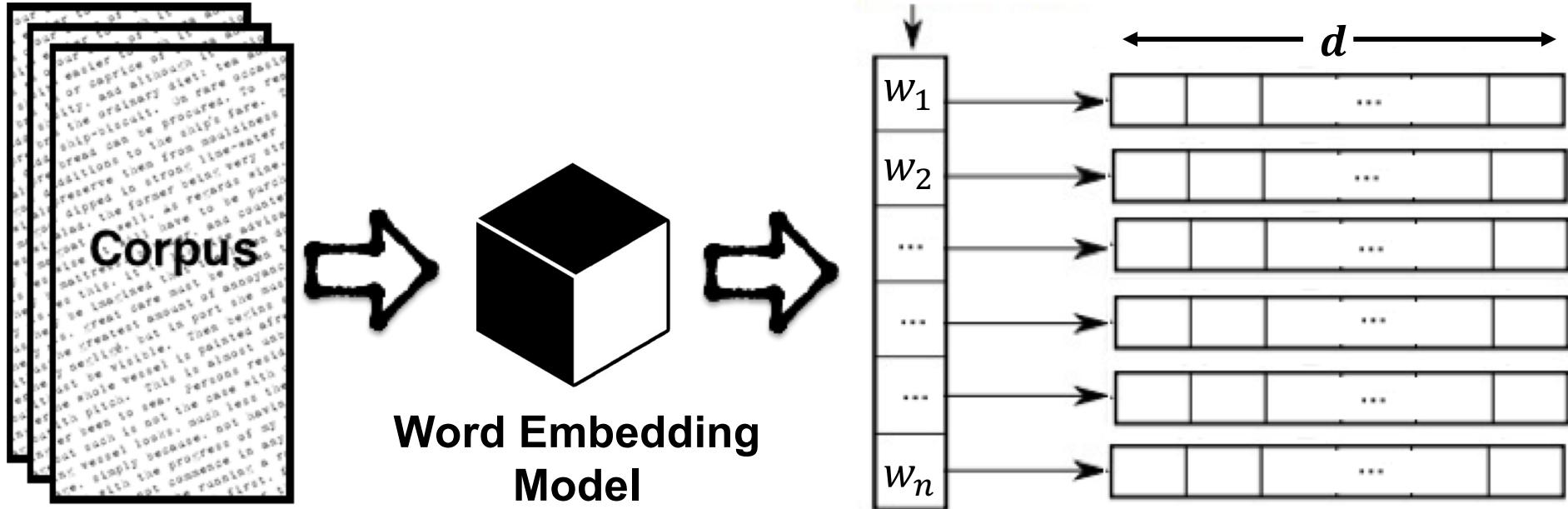
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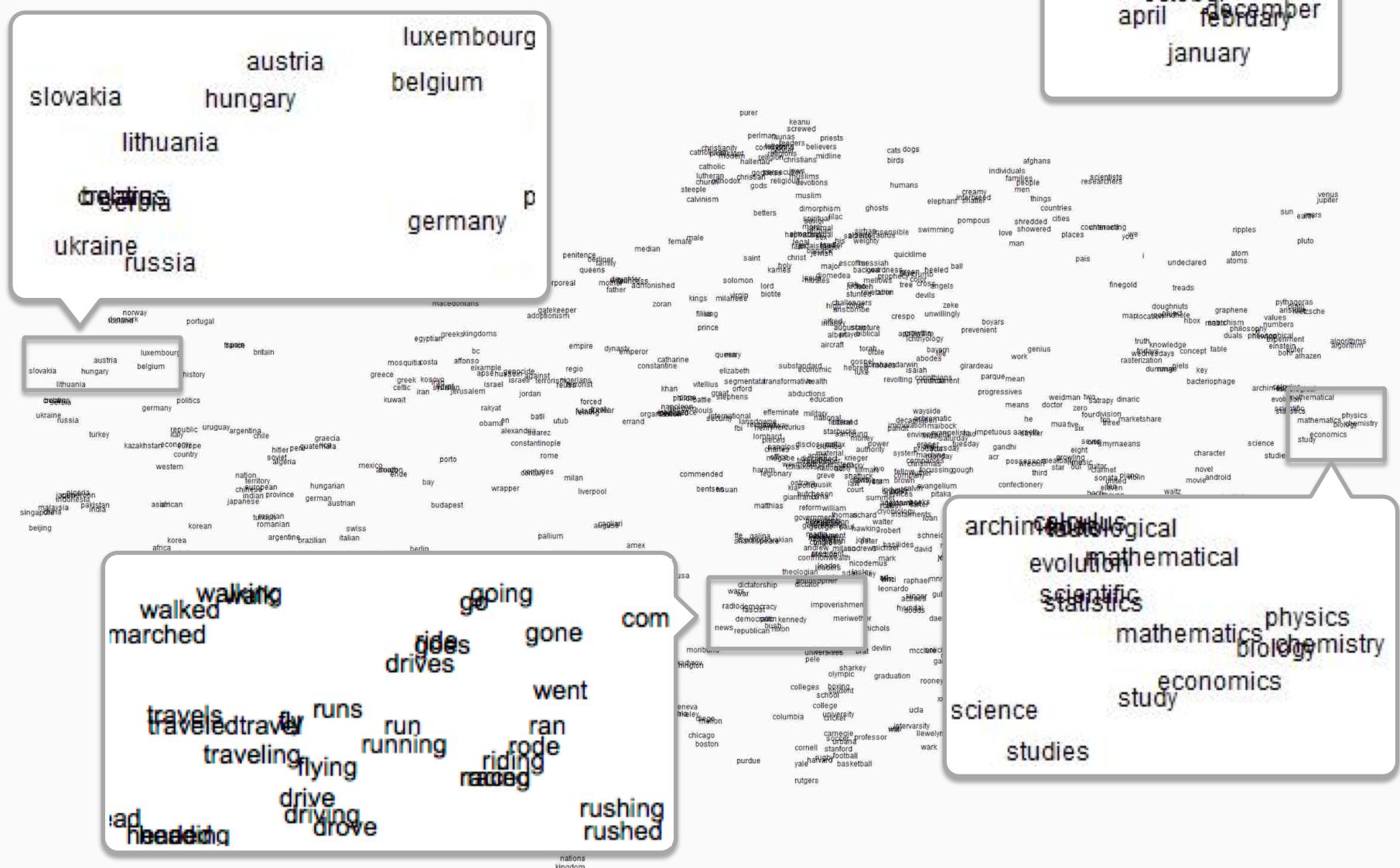
Vector Representation (Recall)

- Computation starts with representation of entities
- An entity is represented with a **vector** of d dimensions
- The dimensions usually reflects **features**, related to an entity
- When vector representations are dense, they are often referred to as **embedding** e.g. word embedding



Word Representation Learning





Vector representations of words projected in two-dimensional space

Intuition for Computational Semantics



“You shall know a word
by the company it
keeps!”

*J. R. Firth, A synopsis of
linguistic theory 1930–1955
(1957)*

beverage

drink

sacred

alcoholic

fermented

Tesgüino

Mexico

bottle

out of corn

fermentation

brew

bar

alcoholic

bottle

Ale

drink

pale

grain

medieval

Ale



Tesgüino ←→ Ale



Algorithmic intuition:

Two words are **related** when they share many **context words**

Word-Context Matrix (Recall)

- Number of times a word c appears in the context of the word w in a corpus

sugar, a sliced lemon, a tablespoonful of
their enjoyment. Cautiously she sampled her first
well suited to programming on the digital
for the purpose of gathering data and

apricot
pineapple
computer.
information

preserve or jam, a pinch each of,
and another fruit whose taste she likened
In finding the optimal R-stage policy from
necessary for the study authorized in the

	c_1 Aardvark	c_2 computer	c_3 data	c_4 pinch	c_5 result	c_6 sugar
w_1 apricot	0	0	0	1	0	1
w_2 pineapple	0	0	0	1	0	1
w_3 digital	0	2	1	0	1	0
w_4 information	0	1	6	0	4	0

- Our first word vector representation!!



Words Semantic Relations (Recall)

	c_1 Aardvark	c_2 computer	c_3 data	c_4 pinch	c_5 result	c_6 sugar
w_1	apricot	0	0	0	1	0
w_2	pineapple	0	0	0	1	0
w_3	digital	0	2	1	0	1
w_4	information	0	1	6	0	4

- **Co-occurrence relation**
 - Words that appear **near each other** in the language
 - Like (*drink* and *beer*) or (*drink* and *wine*)
 - Measured by counting the co-occurrences
- **Similarity relation**
 - Words that appear in **similar contexts**
 - Like (*beer* and *wine*) or (*knowledge* and *wisdom*)
 - Measured by similarity metrics between the vectors

$$\text{similarity}(\text{digital}, \text{information}) = \cosine(\vec{v}_{\text{digital}}, \vec{v}_{\text{information}})$$

Sparse vs. Dense Vectors (Recall)

- Such word representations are highly **sparse**
 - Number of dimensions is the same as the number of words in the corpus $n \sim [10000-500000]$
 - Many zeros in the matrix as many words don't co-occur
 - Normally ~98% sparsity
- **Dense** representations → Embeddings
 - Number of dimensions usually between $d \sim [10-1000]$
- Why dense vectors?
 - More efficient for storing and load
 - More suitable for machine learning algorithms as features
 - Generalize better by removing noise for unseen data

Word Embedding with Neural Networks

Recipe for creating (dense) word embedding with neural networks

1. Design a neural network architecture!
2. Loop over training data (w, c)
 - a. Set word w as input and context word c as output
 - b. Calculate the output of network, namely
The probability of observing context word c given word w
$$P(c|w)$$
 - c. Optimize the network to maximize the likelihood probability
3. Repeat

Details come next!

Prepare Training Samples

Window size of 2

Source Text

Training Samples

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. →

(the, quick)
(the, brown)

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. →

(quick, the)
(quick, brown)
(quick, fox)

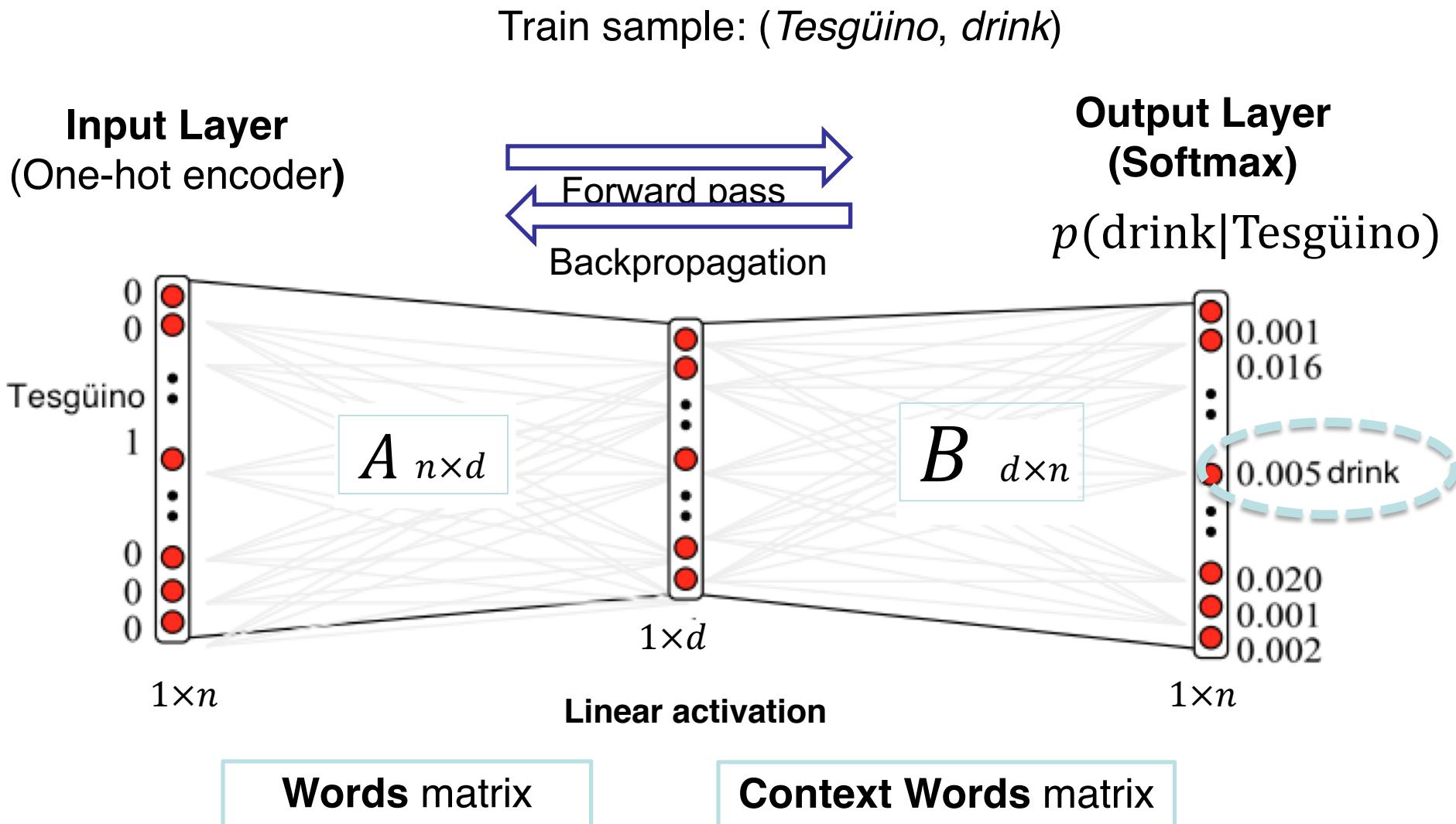
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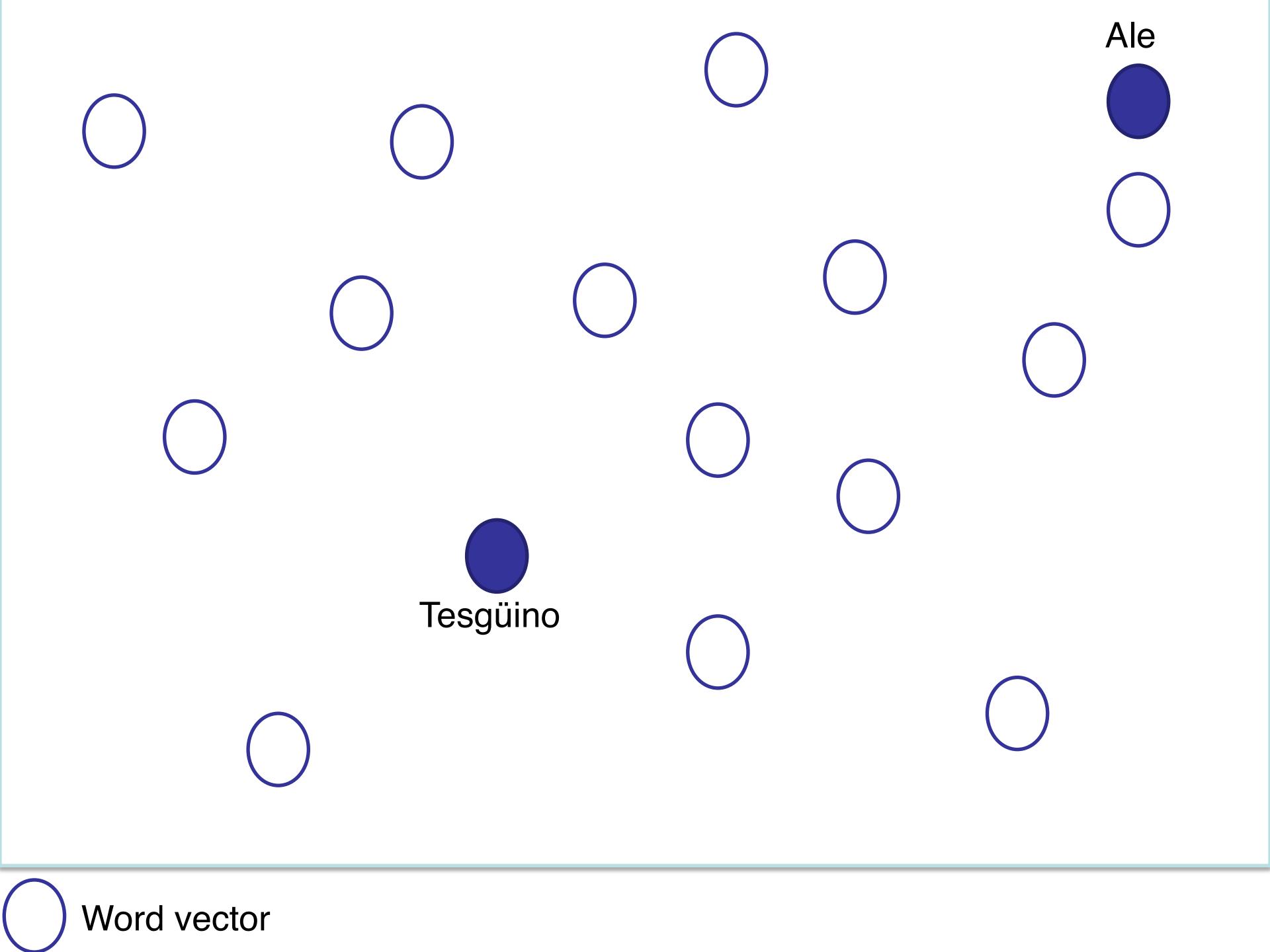
(brown, the)
(brown, quick)
(brown, fox)
(brown, jumps)

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. →

(fox, quick)
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(fox, jumps)
(fox, over)

Neural Word Embedding Architecture





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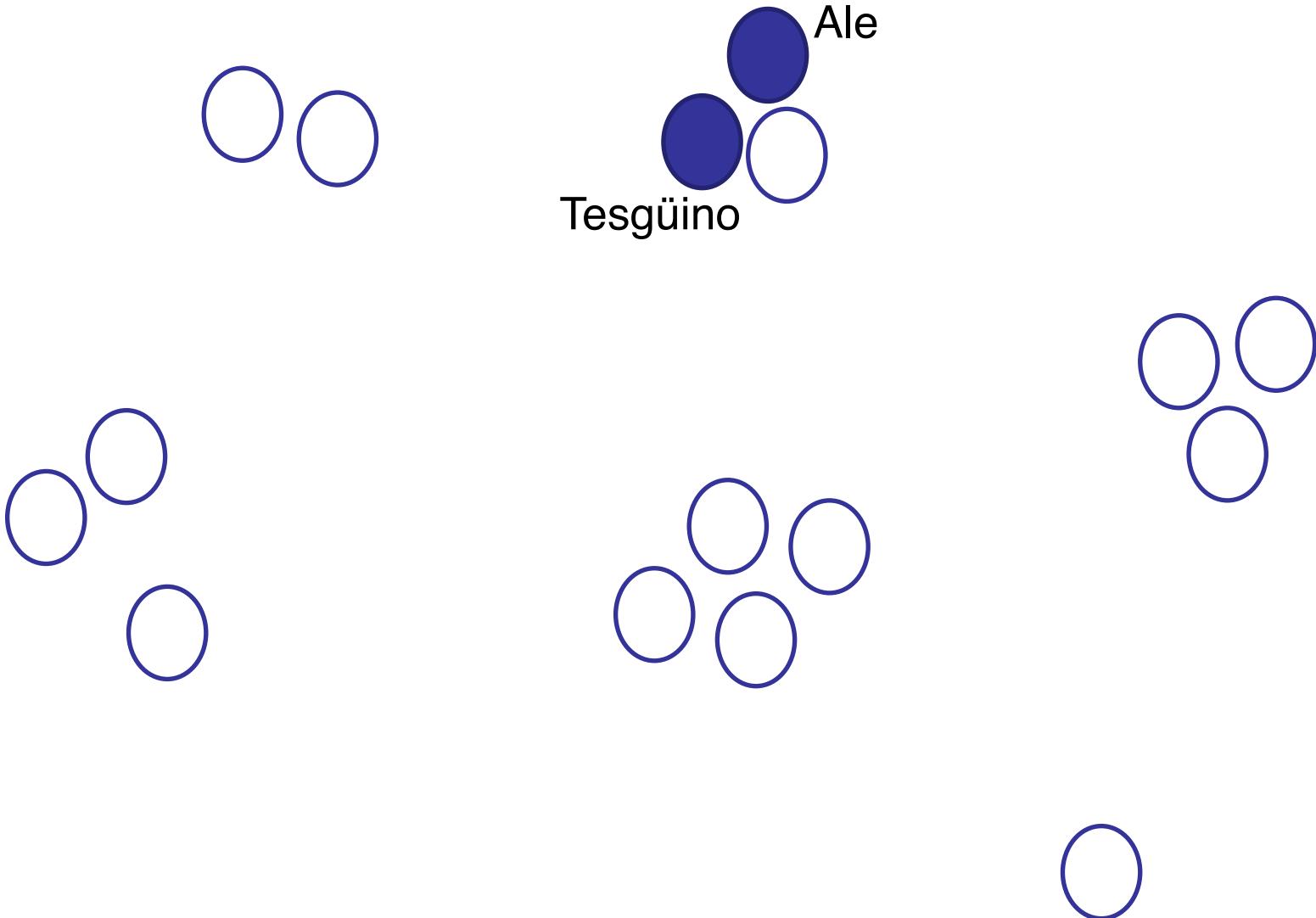
Tesgüino



Word vector



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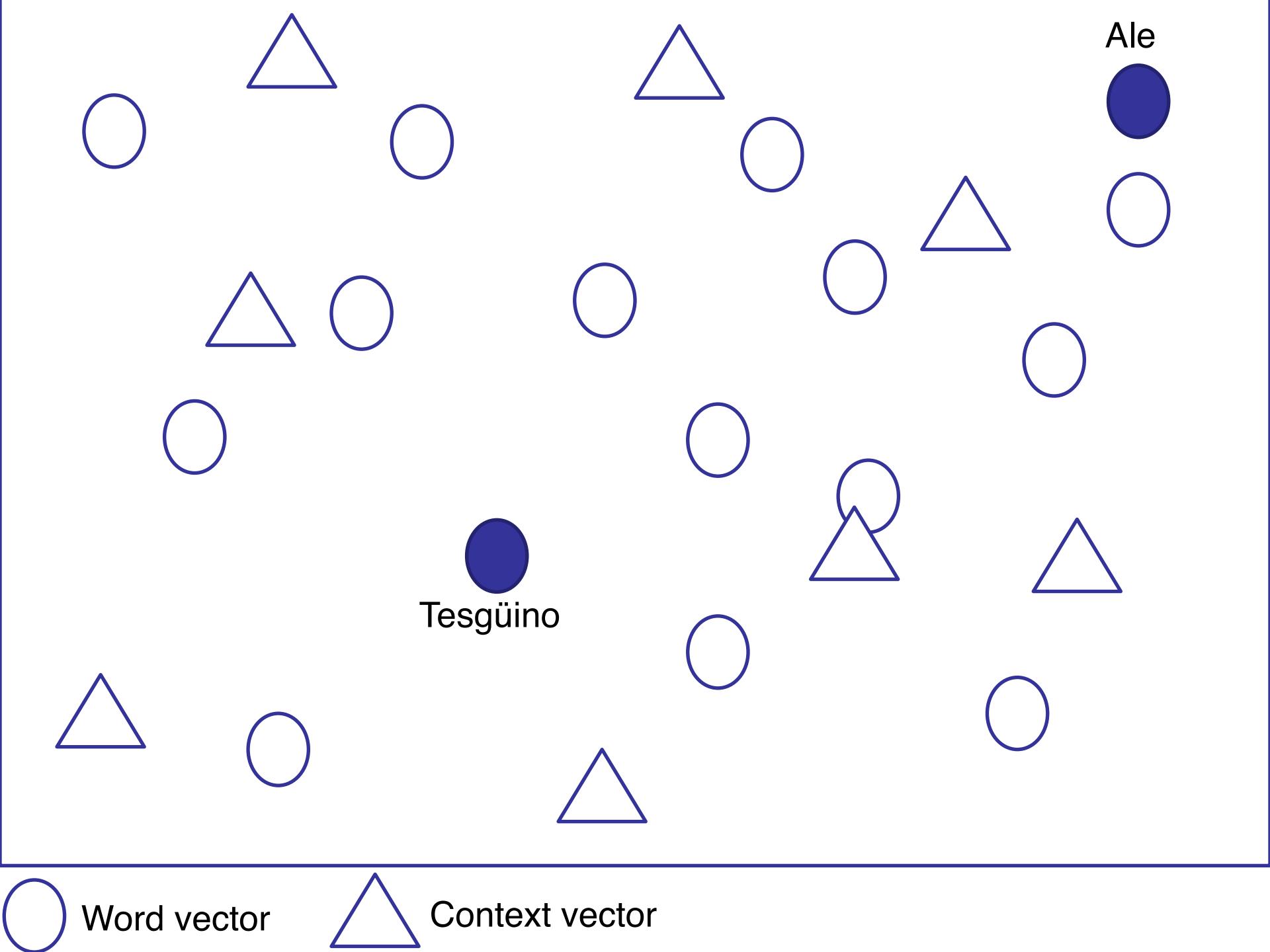


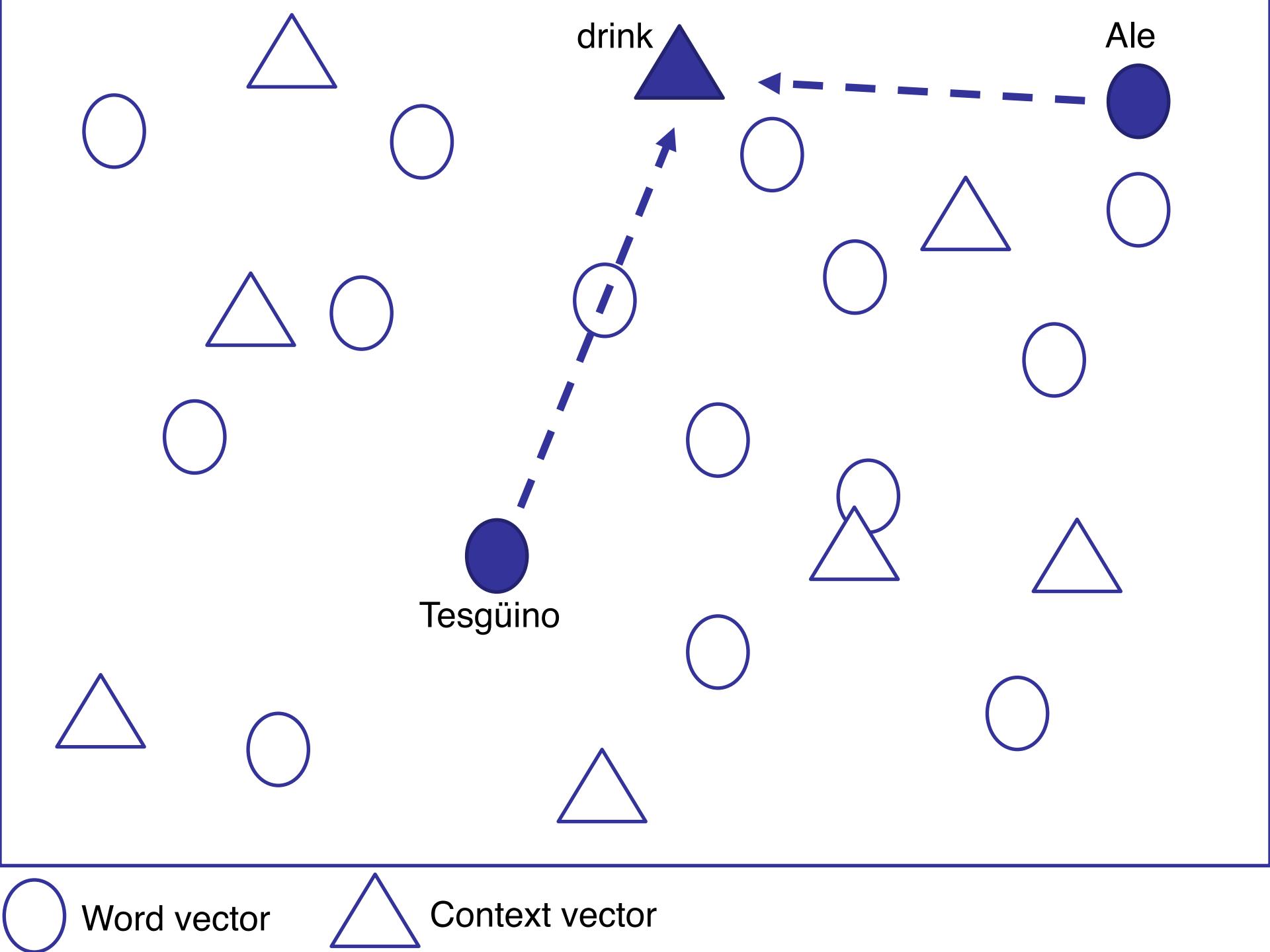
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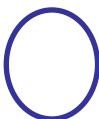
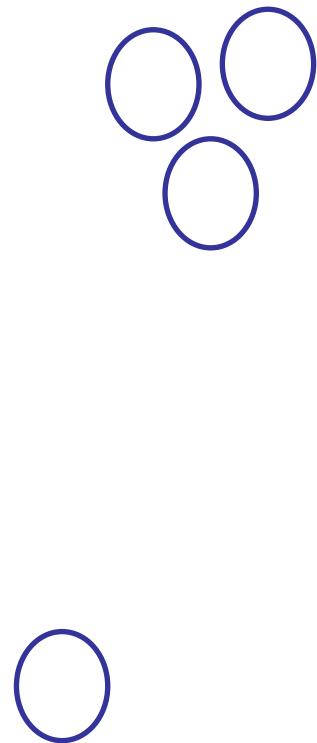
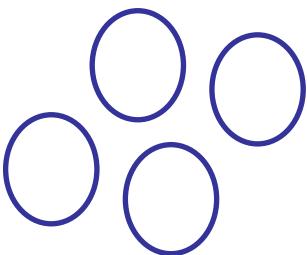
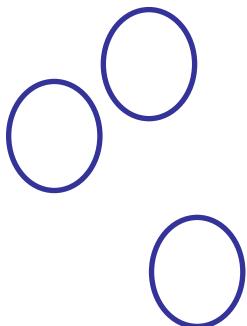
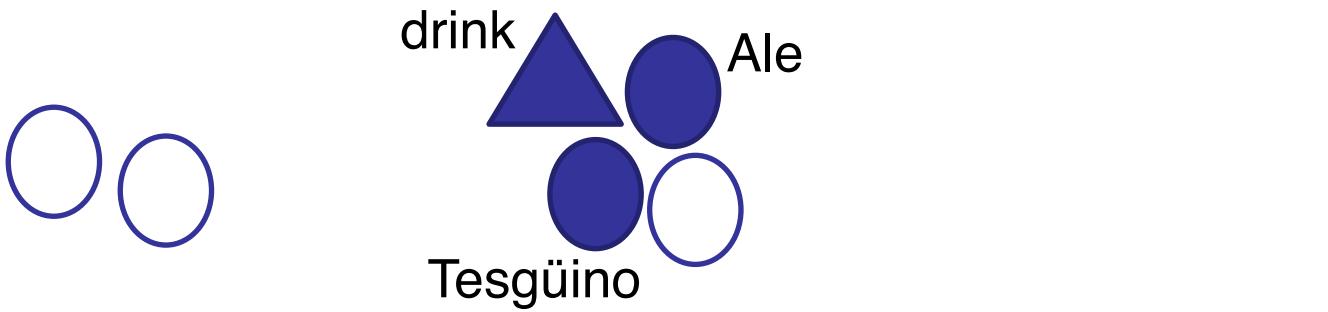


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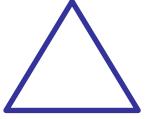
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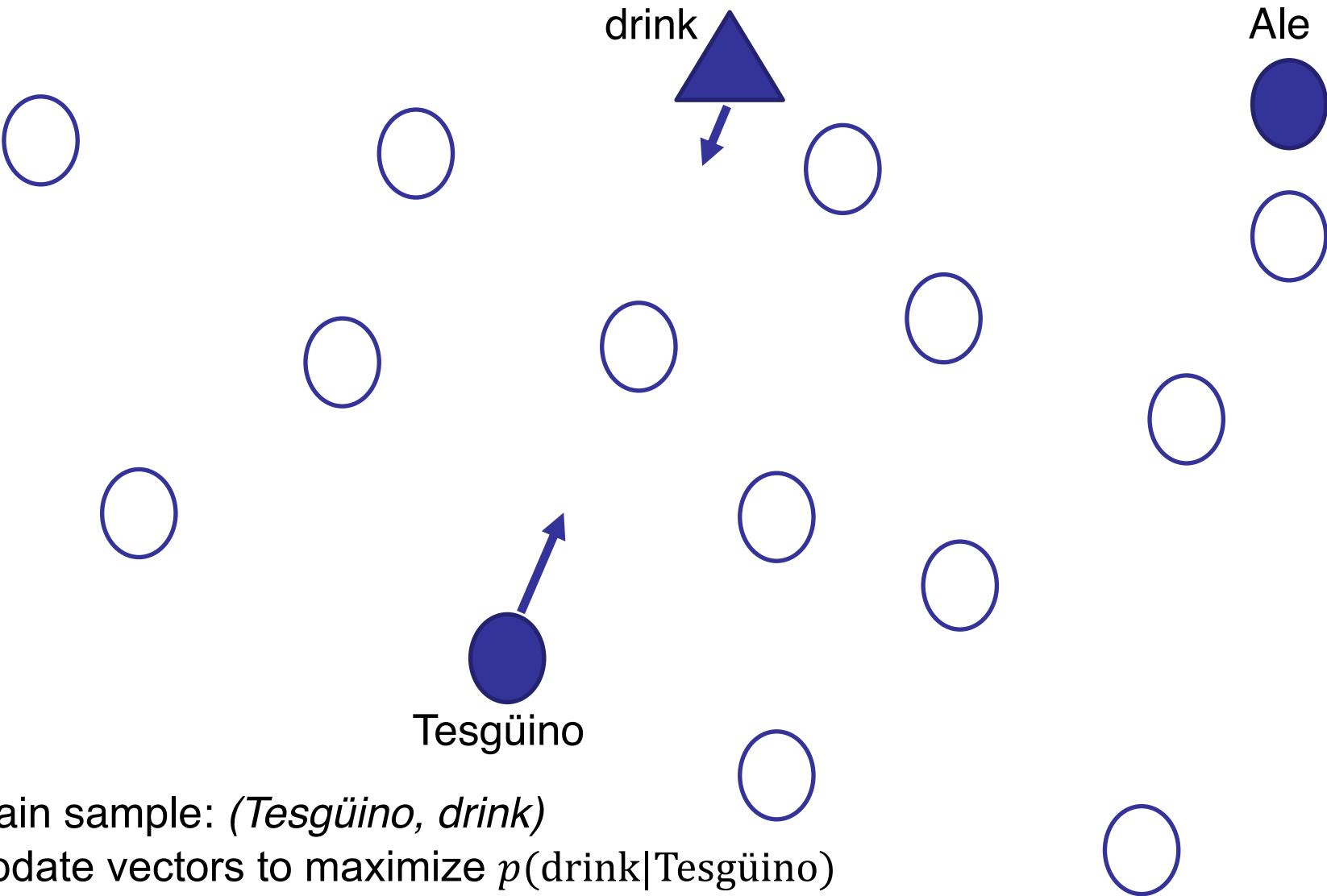




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△ Context vector

Neural Word Embedding - Summary

- Output value is equal to: $\vec{a}_{\text{Tesgüino}} \cdot \vec{b}_{\text{drink}}$

- Output layer is normalized with Softmax

$$p(\text{drink}|\text{Tesgüino}) = \frac{\exp(\vec{a}_{\text{Tesgüino}} \cdot \vec{b}_{\text{drink}})}{\sum_{v \in \mathbb{V}} \exp(\vec{a}_{\text{Tesgüino}} \cdot \vec{b}_v)}$$

\mathbb{V} is the set of vocabularies



Sorry! Denominator is too expensive!

- Loss function is the Negative Log Likelihood (NLL) over all training samples T

$$L = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_1^T \log p(c|w)$$

word2vec (SkipGram) with Negative Sampling

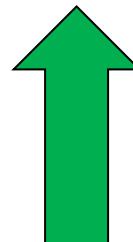
- word2vec is an **efficient** and **effective** algorithm
- Instead of $p(c|w)$, word2vec measures $p(y = 1|w, c)$: the probability of **genuine co-occurrence** of (w, c)
$$p(y = 1|w, c) = \sigma(\vec{a}_w \cdot \vec{b}_c)$$

\downarrow
sigmoid
- When two words (w, c) appear in the training data, it is counted as a **positive sample**
- word2vec algorithm tries to distinguish between the co-occurrence probability of a **positive sample** from any **negative sample**
- To do it, word2vec draws k **negative samples** \check{c} by randomly sampling from the words distribution → why randomly?

word2vec with Negative Sampling – Objective Function

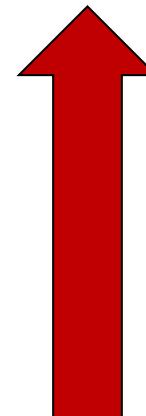
- The objective function
 - increases the probability for the **positive sample** (w, c)
 - decreases the probability for the k **negative samples** (w, \check{c})
- Loss function:

$$L = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_1^T \left[\log p(y = 1|w, c) - \sum_{i=1}^k \log p(y = 1|w, \check{c}) \right]$$

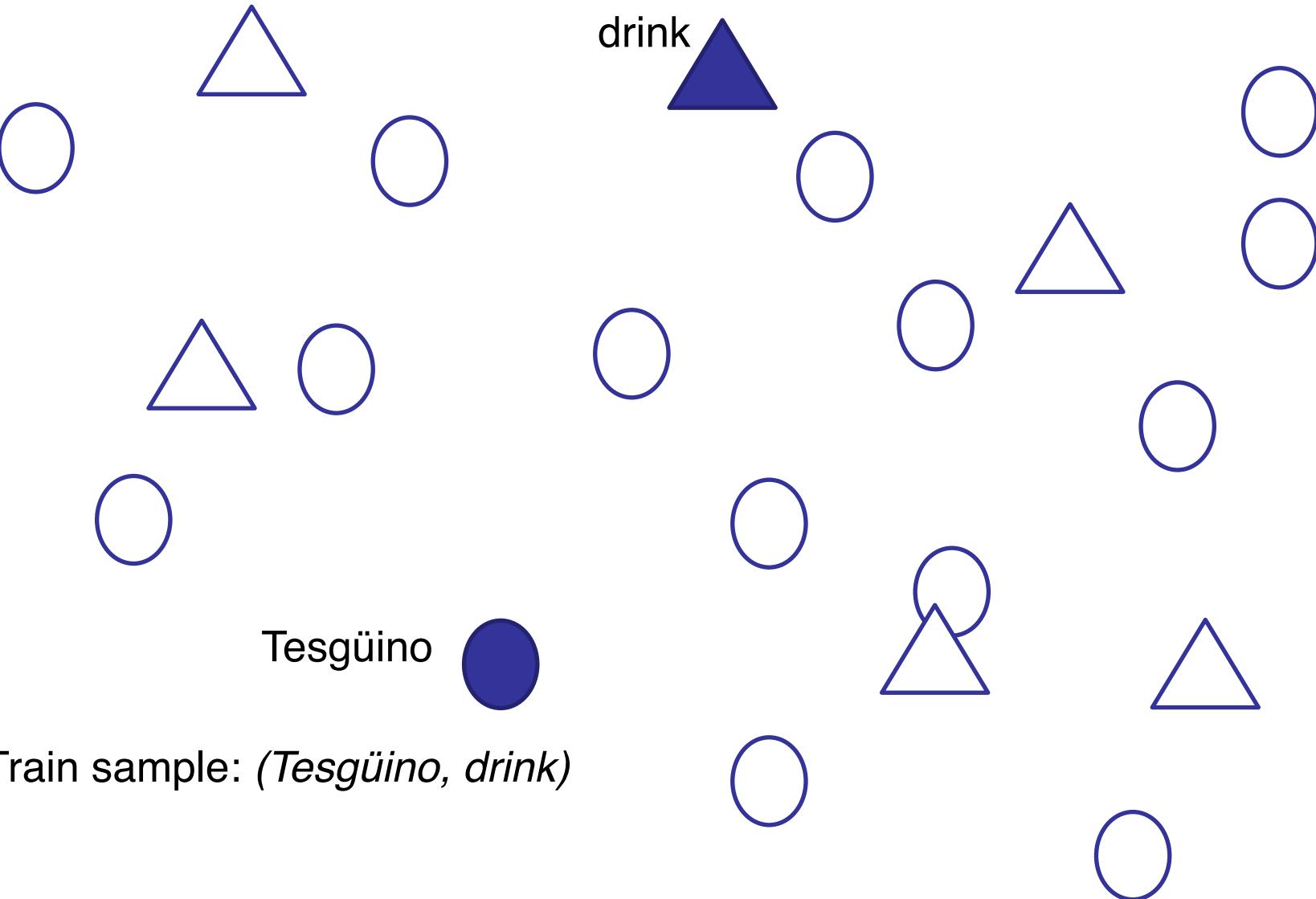


$k \sim 2-10$

Training Samples

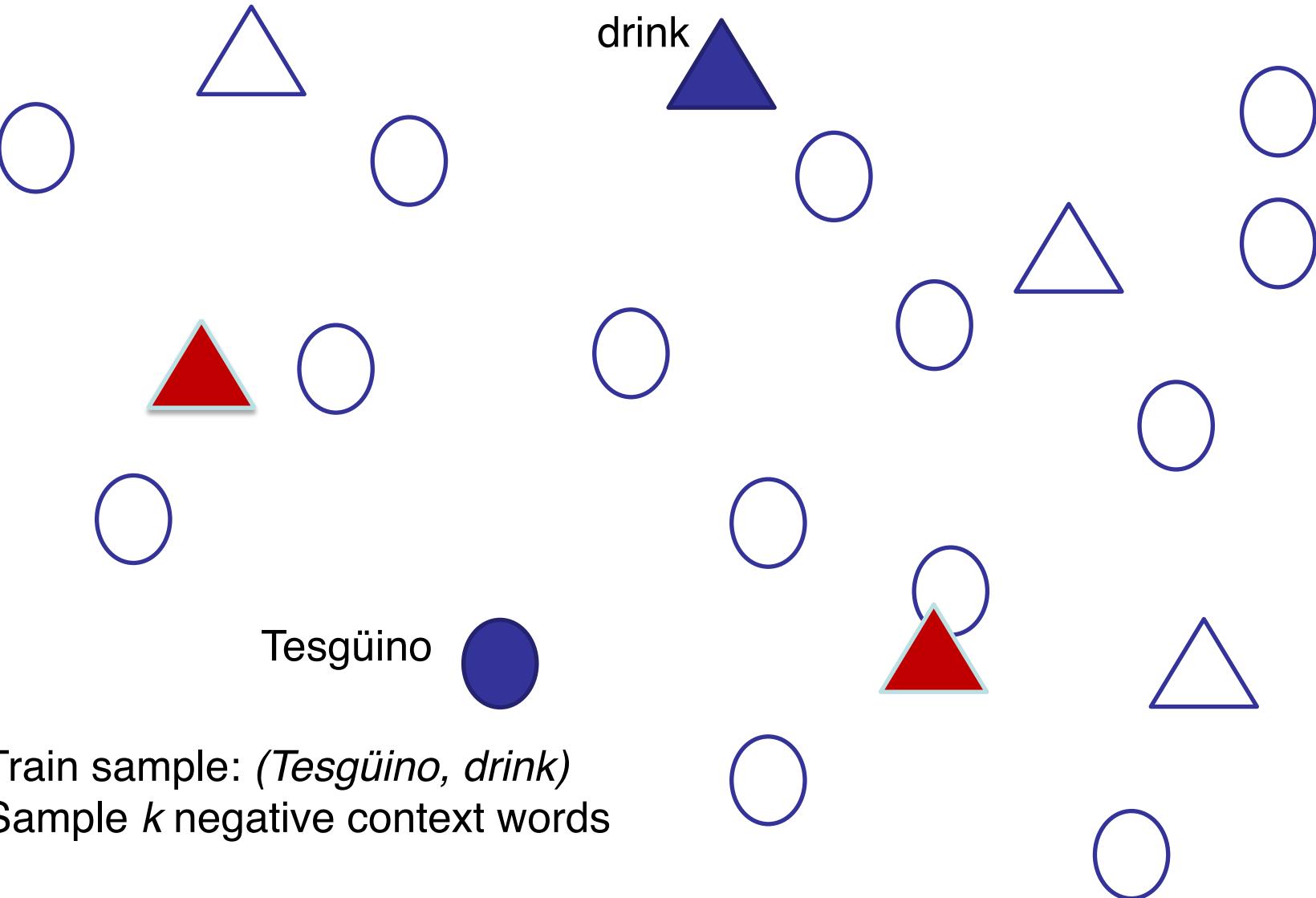


Negative Samples

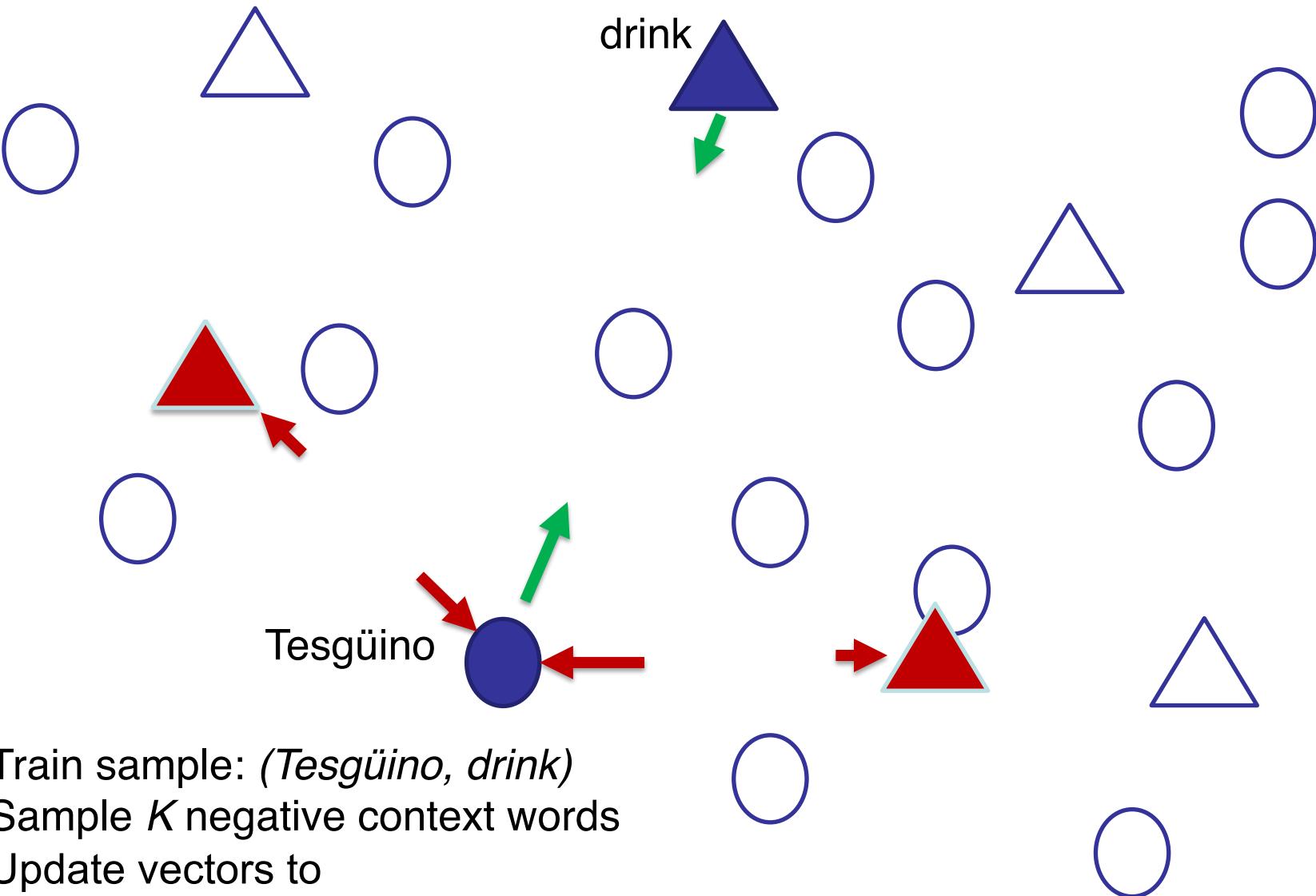


- Train sample: (*Tesgüino*, *drink*)

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Discussion about Bias in Data

- A word embedding model captures intrinsic patterns of the given text corpus
- If the data contains (ethical) bias, the algorithm also encodes the bias in the embedding vectors
- Such bias can be propagated from word embedding to end-user NLP applications



"I think your test grading is biased in favor of students who answer the test questions correctly."

Bias in Machine Translation



Elaheh Raisi @elaheh_raisi · Oct 3

Bias in google translate from Persian to English 😢 (Persian uses the gender-neutral pronoun)

PERSIAN - DETECTED

ENGLISH



GERMAN

ENGLISH

FRENCH



او مدیر است
او خدمتکار است



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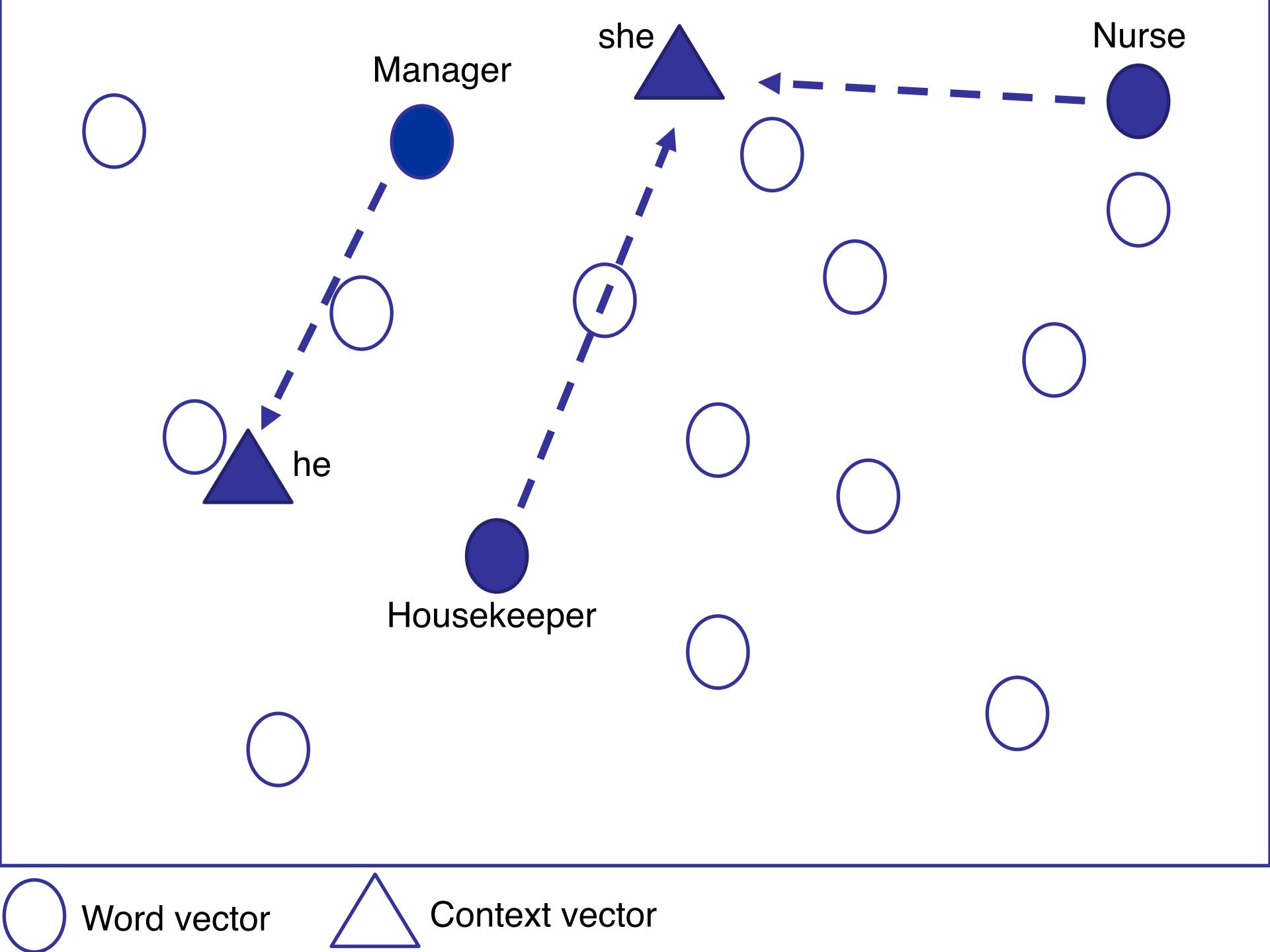


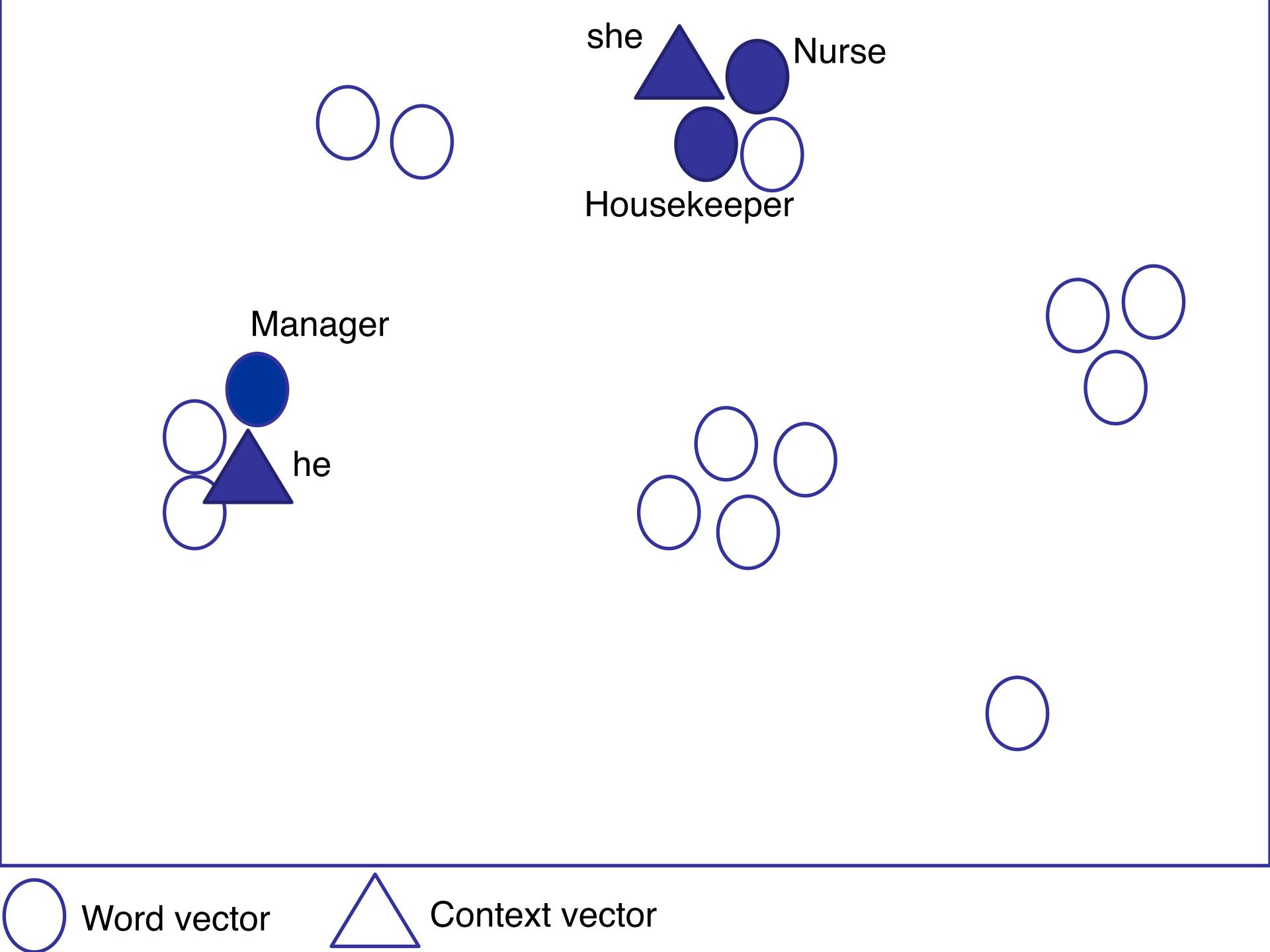
He is the manager

She is a maid

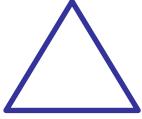


same gender-neutral pronoun





Word vector



Context vector

Gender Bias in Wikipedia

- The bias of 350 occupations to female/male in the word2vec model, created on English Wikipedia

