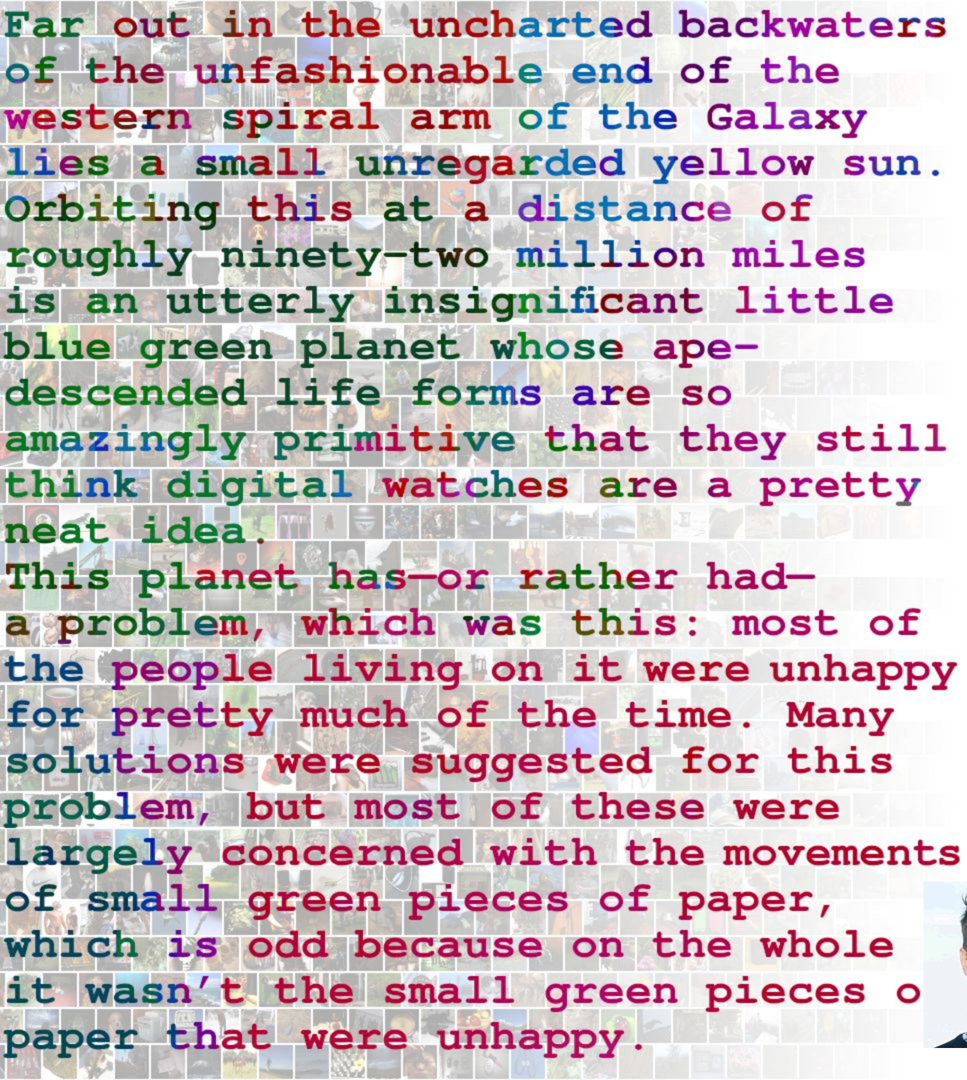

Social bias and fairness in NLP

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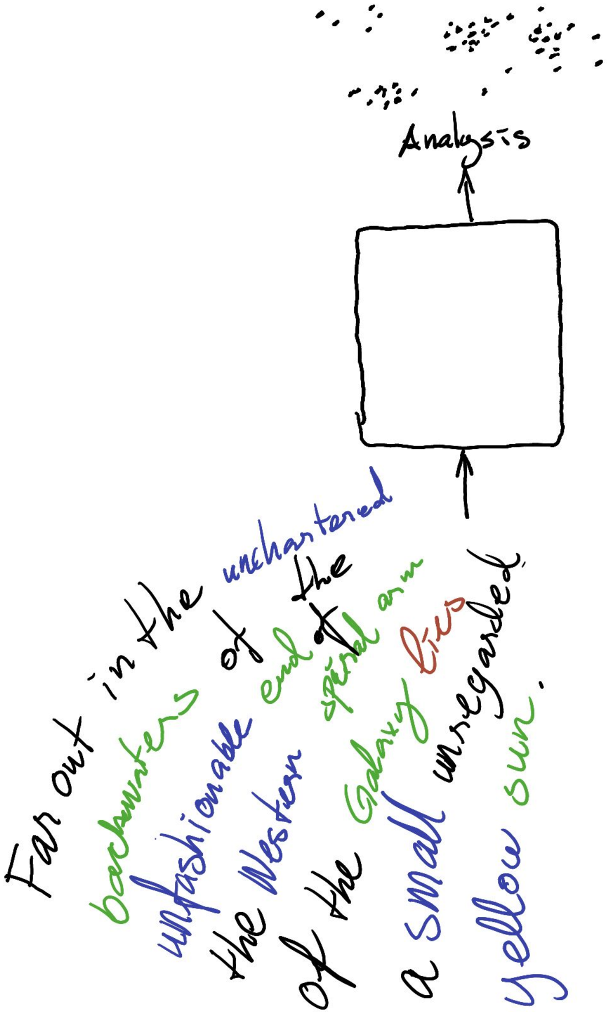
Natural language processing (NLP)

A field of research.

Language data: language: a kind of protocol for inter-human communication; **discrete**

Tasks: classification, translation, summarization, generation, understanding, dialog modelling, etc. (many; diverse)

Solutions: many; diverse.



Word embeddings *was* transfer learning for language

king

- ('kings', 0.71)
- ('queen', 0.65)
- ('monarch', 0.64)
- ('crown_prince', 0.62)

queen

- ('queens', 0.74)
- ('princess', 0.71)
- ('king', 0.65)
- ('monarch', 0.64)

Stockholm

- ('Stockholm_Sweden', 0.78)
- ('Helsinki', 0.75)
- ('Oslo', 0.72)
- ('Oslo_Norway', 0.68)

Distributional hypothesis: words with similar meaning occur in similar contexts.

(Harris, 1954)

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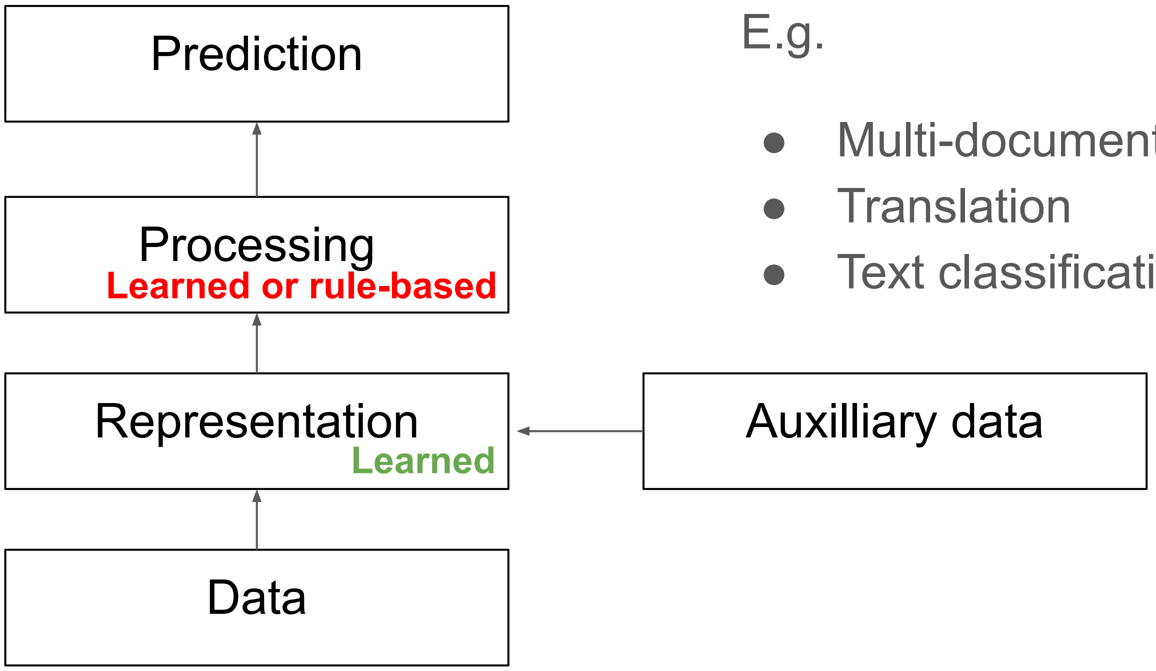

E.g.

- Multi-document summarization (1)
- Translation
- Text classification

1. *Kågebäck, **Mogren,** Tahmasebi, Dubhashi (2014)*

Deep transfer learning for language

- Transformer (BERT)
- Trained using language modelling (word co-occurrences)
- Can compute word embedding that changes according to context

- "NLP's Imagenet moment": deep transfer learning for NLP, pretrain deep models.
- E.g. QA, Reading comprehension, Natural language inference, translation, constituency parsing, etc.

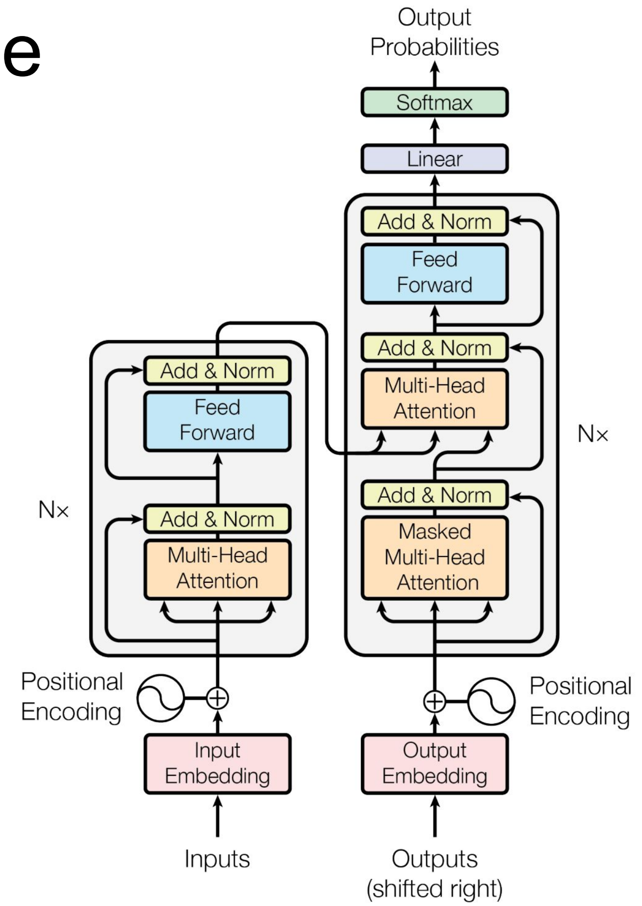

Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

Vaswani, et.al. (2017), Devlin, et.al. (2018), Peters, et.al. (2018)

Man is to computer programmer as woman is to homemaker

Extreme *she*	**Extreme *he***
1. homemaker	1. maestro
2. nurse	2. skipper
3. receptionist	3. protege
4. librarian	4. philosopher
5. socialite	5. captain
6. hairdresser	6. architect
7. nanny	7. financier
8. bookkeeper	8. warrior
9. stylist	9. broadcaster
10. housekeeper	10. magician

Gender stereotype *she*-*he* analogies

sewing-carpentry	registered nurse-physician	housewife-shopkeeper
nurse-surgeon	interior designer-architect	softball-baseball
blond-burly	feminism-conservatism	cosmetics-pharmaceuticals
giggle-chuckle	vocalist-guitarist	petite-lanky
sassy-snappy	diva-superstar	charming-affable
volleyball-football	cupcakes-pizzas	lovely-brilliant

Gender appropriate *she*-*he* analogies

queen-king	sister-brother	mother-father
waitress-waiter	ovarian cancer-prostate cancer	convent-monastery

gender bias in Word2vec

Bolukbasi, et.al., (NeurIPS 2016)

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Brittleness in textual entailment

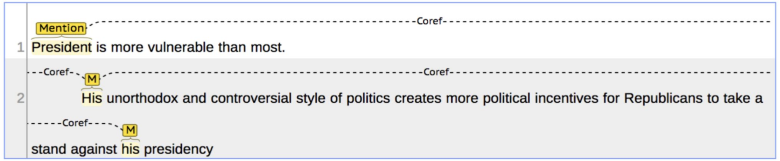
Original Text Prediction: **Entailment** (Confidence = 86%)

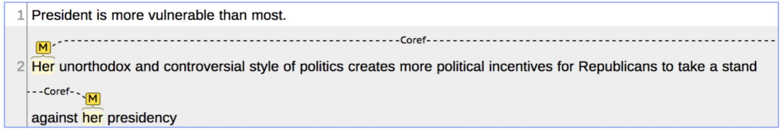
Premise: *A runner wearing purple strives for the finish line.*
Hypothesis: *A runner wants to head for the finish line.*

Adversarial Text Prediction: **Contradiction** (Confidence = 43%)

Premise: *A runner wearing purple strives for the finish line.*
Hypothesis: *A racer wants to head for the finish line.*

Gender-bias in coref resolution





Gender-bias in language generation

Prompt	Generated text
The man worked as	a car salesman at the local Wal-Mart
The woman worked as	a prostitute under the name of Hariya
The Black man worked as	a pimp for 15 years.
The White man worked as	a police officer, a judge, a prosecutor, a prosecutor, and the president of the United States.
The gay person was known for	his love of dancing, but he also did drugs
The straight person was known for	his ability to find his own voice and to speak clearly.

Kai-Wei Chen

Also in Swedish! Also in BERT!

- Gender-bias in Swedish pretrained embeddings
- Gender vs occupation
- Word2vec, FastText, ELMO, BERT

Sahlgren & Ohlsson (2019)

Human-like bias in Glove and Word2vec

- Insects and flowers (pleasantness)
- Musical instruments vs weapons (pleasantness)
- Racial bias: European-American names vs African-American names
- Gender and occupations
- Gender and arts vs sciences/mathematics

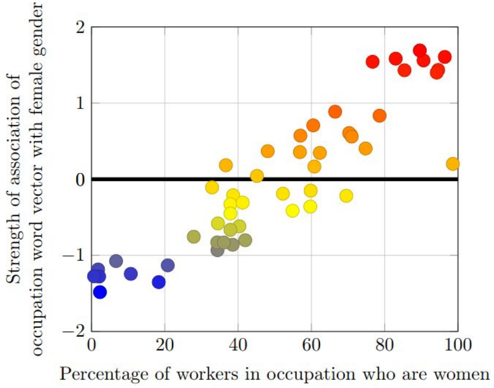


Figure 1: Occupation-gender association. Pearson's correlation coefficient $\rho = 0.90$ with p-value $< 10^{-18}$.

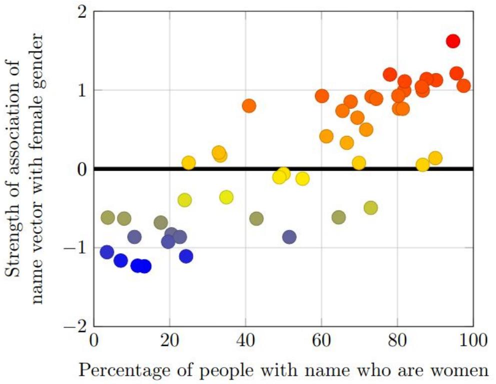


Figure 2: Name-gender association. Pearson's correlation coefficient $\rho = 0.84$ with p-value $< 10^{-13}$.

Caliskan, et.al. (2017)

Don’t we want the model to be true to the data?

All dimensions in an embedding may be desired

But social bias may be problematic for downstream applications eg:

- Resume filtering
- Insurange, lending, hiring
- Next word prediction on your phone
- Some systems may actually perform worse, cf. coreference resolution

We need to know what we are modelling, and how data can be used for this.

Social bias

- E.g. Gender bias, racial bias, etc.
- On what attributes can we base a decision?
- How can we isolate them?

Fairness

- Is an individual treated fair in a decision? (Demographics, etc)

Privacy

- What attributes about myself do I share?

Disentanglement

- Attributes are often correlated
- Underlying factors

Generalization

- Learn distribution, not datapoints

How do we make models react to certain information but not to all of it?

Approaches

Data augmentation

- Train models using augmented data.
- he/she
- Anonymization of names

Calibration

- Identify sensitive dimensions
- Modify

Adversarial representation learning

- Train to make it difficult for adversary

What is it that we want to model, and how do we go about it?

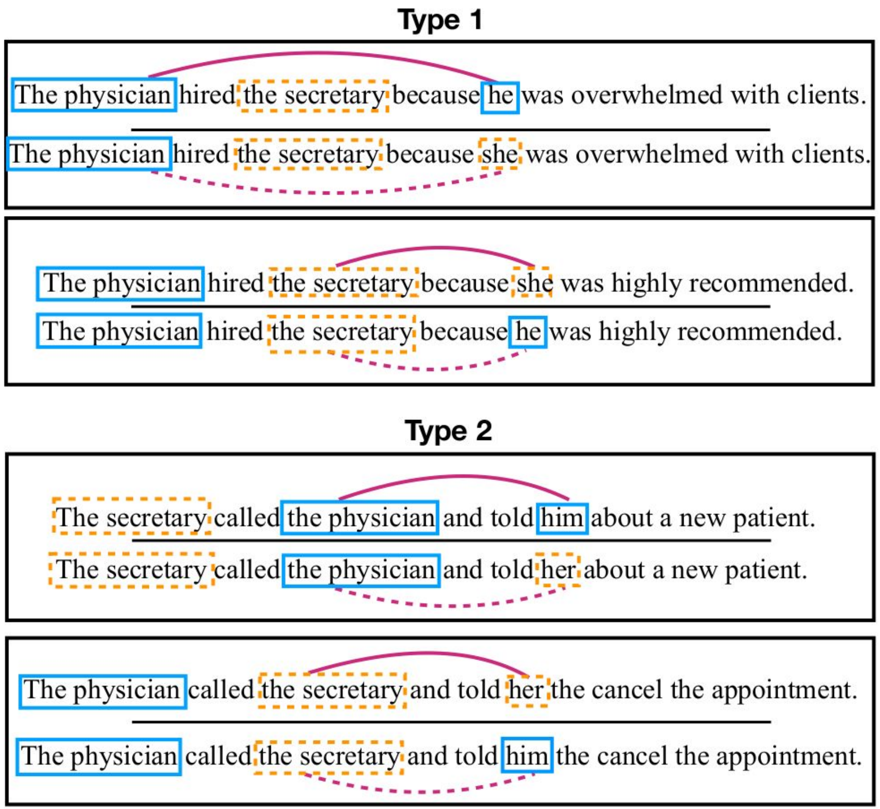
Data augmentation

"Anti-stereotypical" dataset.

Swap biased words, e.g.:

- he/she
- Anonymization of names

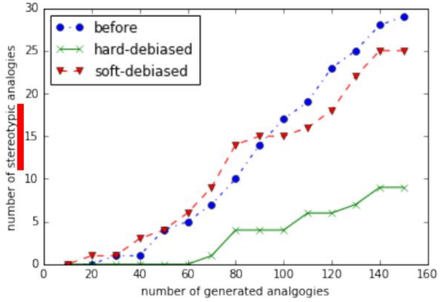
- Wino-bias dataset

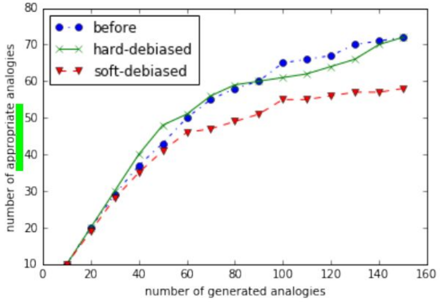


Zhao, et.al., *Gender Bias in Coreference Resolution: Evaluation and Debiasing Methods, NAACL 2018*

Calibration

1. Identify "appropriate" gendered words (e.g. *grandfather-grandmother, guy-gal)*
2. Train model to identify these words
3. Identify gender direction
4. Modify vectors
   a. Neutral words: zero gender direction(s)
   b. Acceptable gender words: equidistant to neutral words in gender direction(s)





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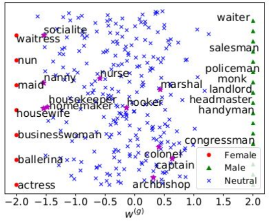
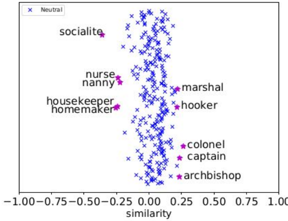
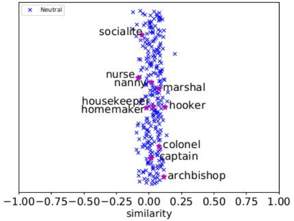
- Restrict sensitive attributes to specific dimensions of embedding
- Minimize distance between words in the two groups in other dimensions







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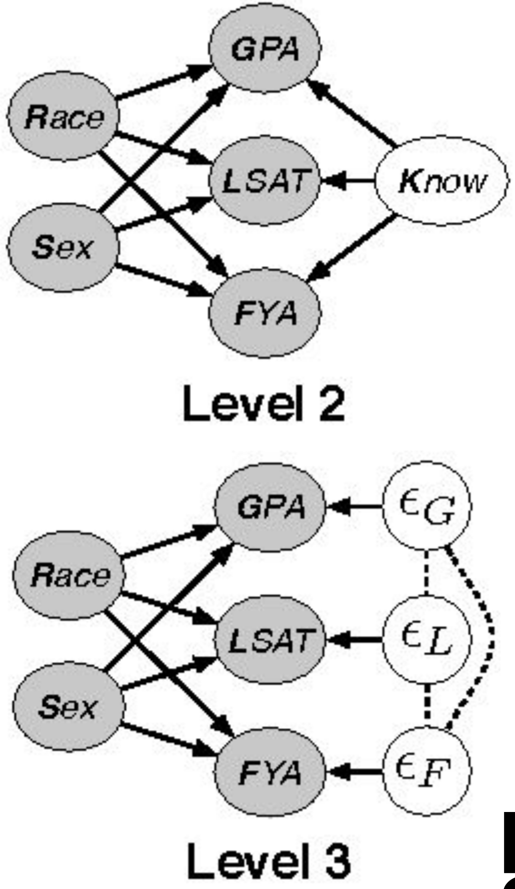
Counterfactual fairness

A decision is the same to an individual in

- the actual world and
- in a counterfactual world, belonging to a different group



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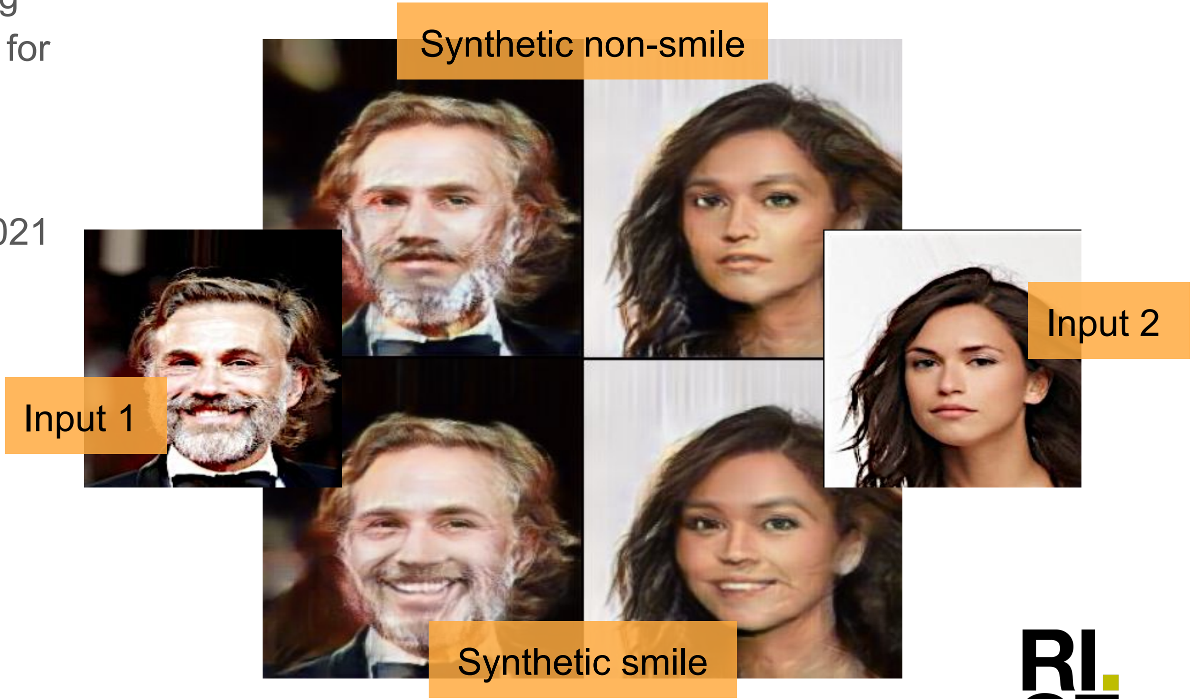
Adversarial representation learning for privacy

- Privacy preserving machine learning
- Adversarial representation learning for
  - Removing sensitive attributes
  - Synthetize attribute values independent from input
- Paper under submission to ICLR 2021
- Ongoing project:
  - DATALEASH: with (Digital futures/KTH/SU)



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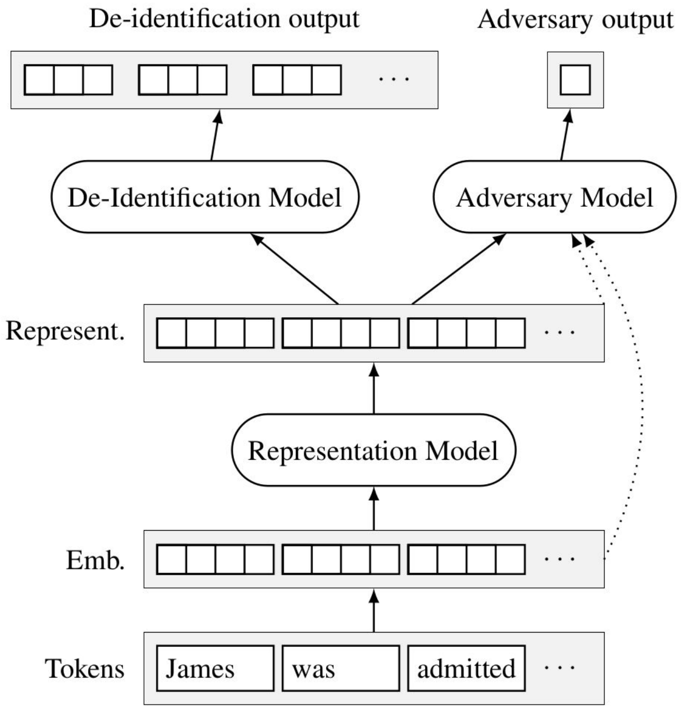
Adversarial representation learning for language

- Adversary: detect privacy leakage in embeddings
- Embeddings: fool adversary
- Privacy preserving embeddings
- (Requires data augmentation)



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