Finding Word Sense Embeddings of Known Meaning

A method for refitting word sense embeddings, using a single example, by application of Bayes' theorem to the language model

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Words don’t only have one meaning

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Word Embeddings Implementation

- Represent each input word as a vector
- Train a neural network to estimate $P(w_i \mid w_T)$
- Back-prop finds values for the input vector – i.e. good representation for the word

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Word sense embeddings represent each word as a multiple vectors

- Each word has multiple senses $\{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n\}$
- SkipGram Language Model becomes
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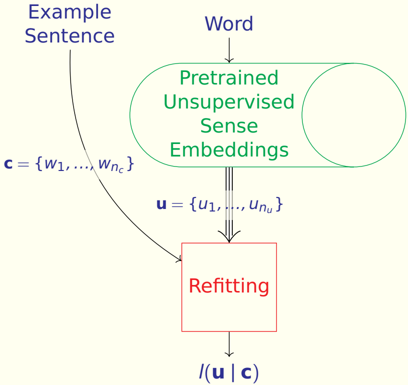
- Useful, but not interoperable with lexical knowledge bases.

We will solve this by *refitting* them to be for the sense we mean

- Refitting constructs new sense embeddings out of the old.
- It uses the probabilities of example sentence occuring.
- The new embedding aligns to the meaning in that sentence.



Refitting uses a probability weighted sum

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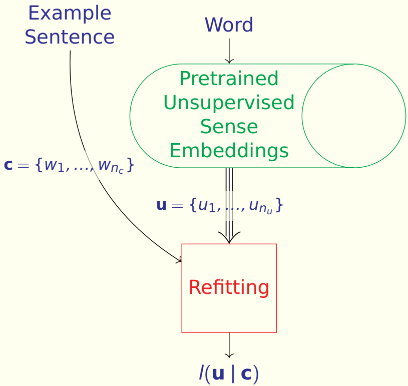

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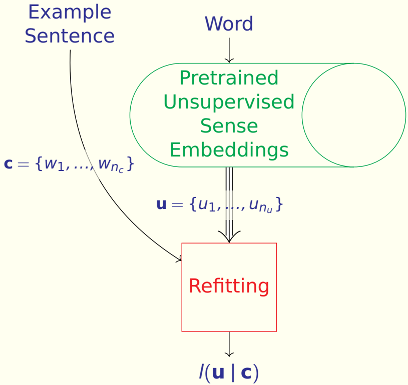

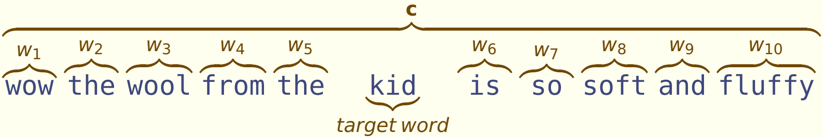

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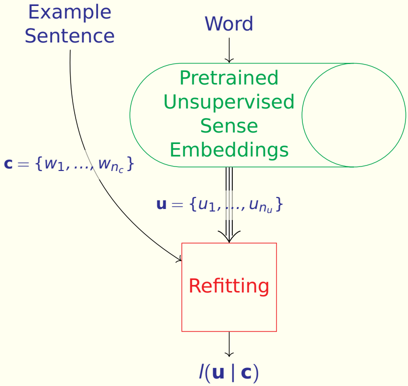

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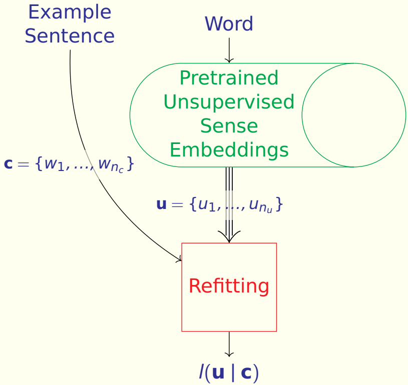

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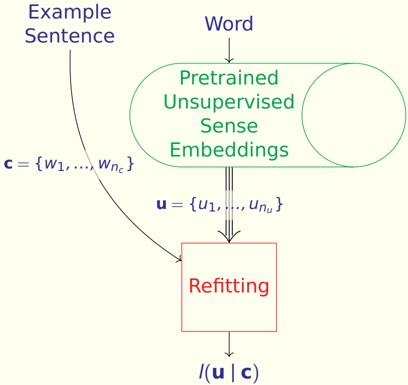

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Similarity with context, is the task of ranking how similar a word is, given its usage

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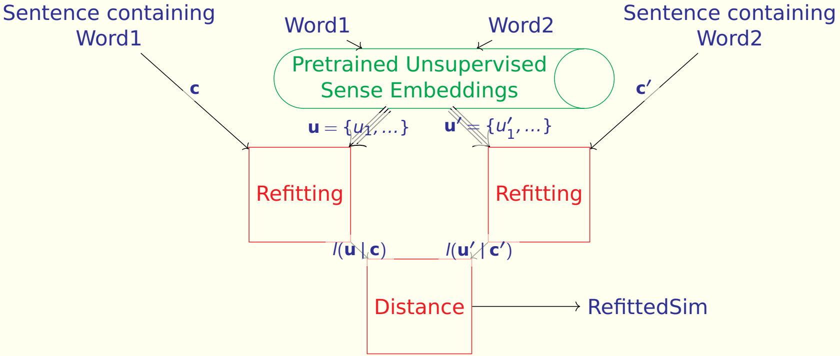
Huang et al. 2012.

Use for word similarity with context



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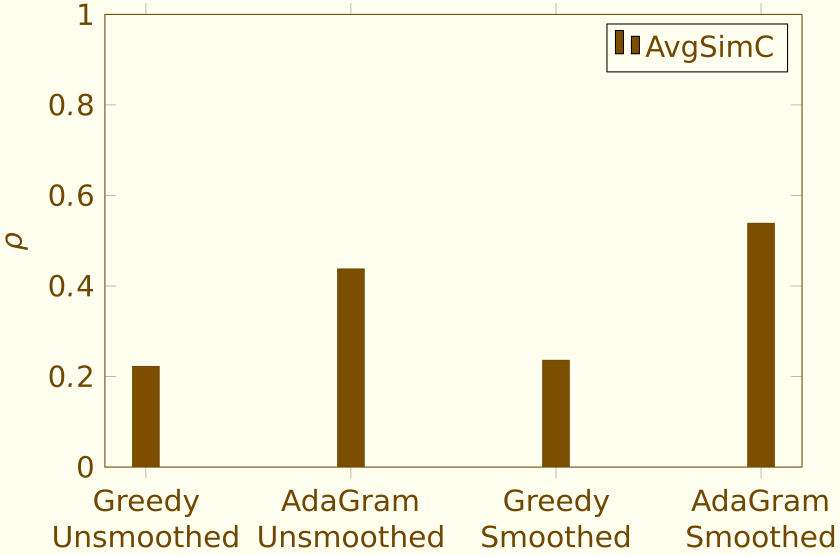

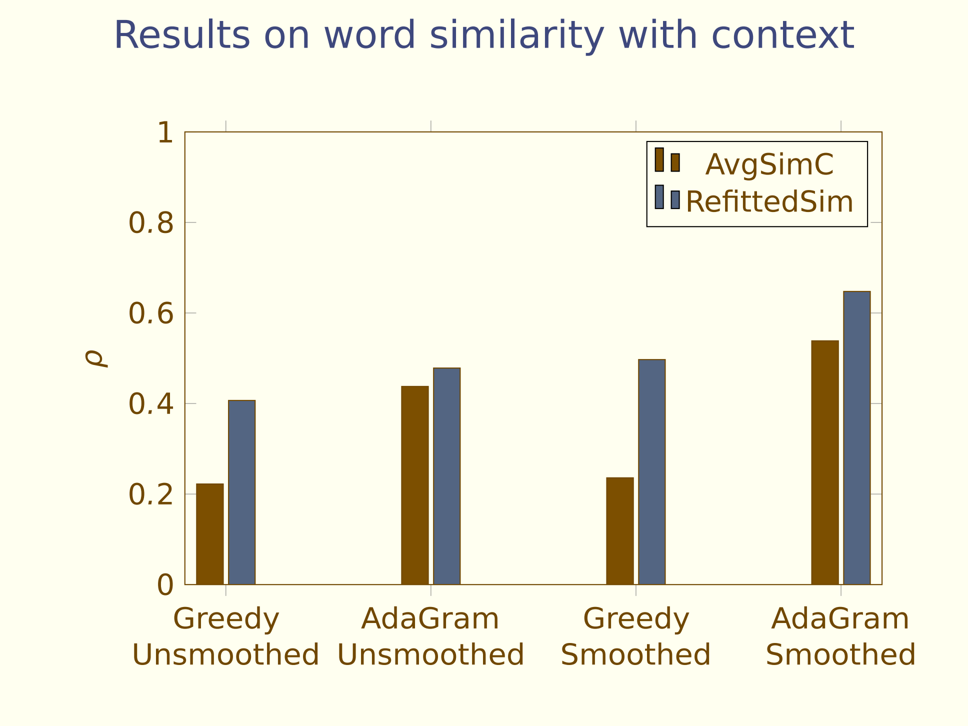
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WSD is the task of determining which sense is being used

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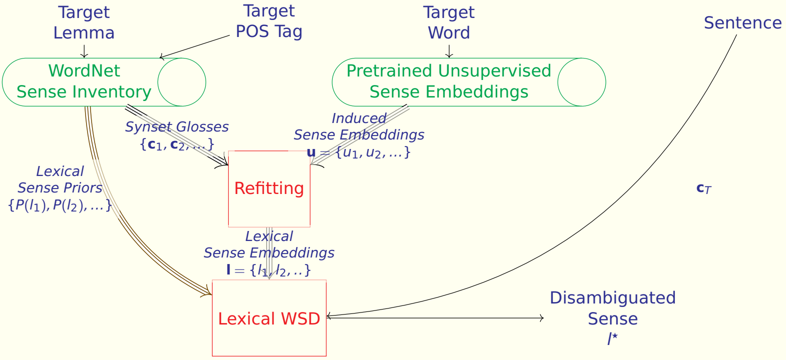
Use of refitted senses for word sense disambiguation



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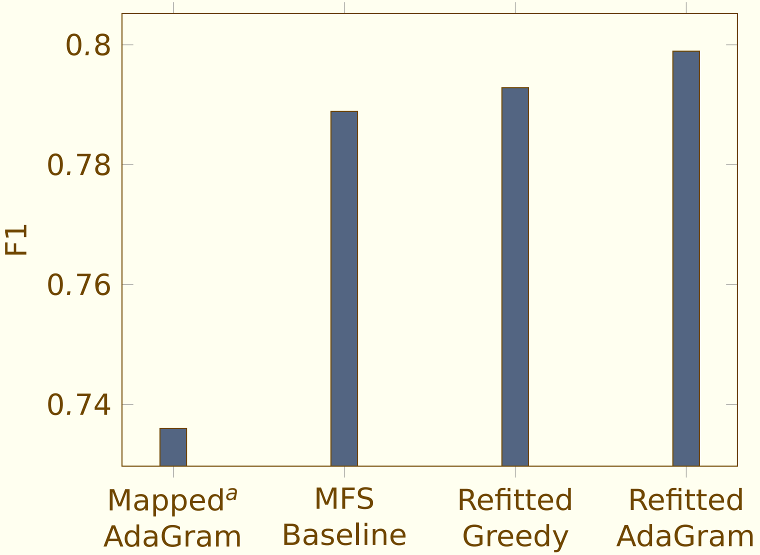
Results for word sense disambiguation

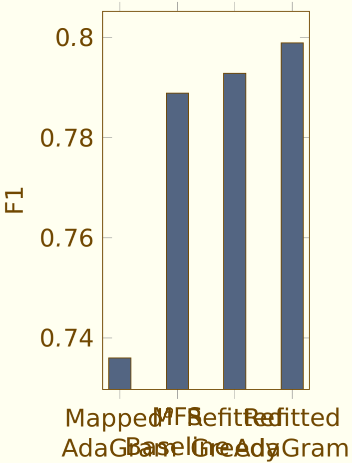
SemEval 2007 Task 7



[a] Agirre et al. 2006

Discussion of the WSD results

- Results are not great: an improvement of a few percent over the baseline.
- With that said, this is an almost unsupervised method.
- We note that Agirre et al.'s mapping method did not scale to this Task.



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Conclusion

- RefittedSim, faster and higher correlation with human judgement than AvgSimC.
- WSD results using refitted not competitive with supervised methods.
- This problem of aligning induced senses to lexical senses is important.

Appendix

RefittedSim vs AvgSimC

RefittedSim

$$\mathrm{RefittedSim}((\mathbf{u},\mathbf{c}),(\mathbf{u}',\mathbf{c}')) = d\left(\sum_{u_i \in \mathbf{u}} u_i P(u_i \mid \mathbf{c}),\ \sum_{u'_j \in \mathbf{u}'} u_i P(u'_j \mid \mathbf{c}')\right)$$

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AvgSimC

$$\mathrm{AvgSimC}((\mathbf{u},\mathbf{c}),(\mathbf{u}',\mathbf{c}')) = \frac{1}{n \times n'} \sum_{u_i \in \mathbf{u}} \sum_{u'_j \in \mathbf{u}'} P(u_i \mid \mathbf{c})\, P(u'_j \mid \mathbf{c}')\, d(u_i, u'_j)$$

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Results on word similarity with context

Method	Geometric Smoothing	Use Prior	AvgSimC	RefittedSim
AdaGram	T	T	**53.8**	64.8
AdaGram	T	F	36.1	**65.0**
AdaGram	F	T	43.8	47.8
AdaGram	F	F	20.7	24.1
Greedy	T	F	23.6	49.7
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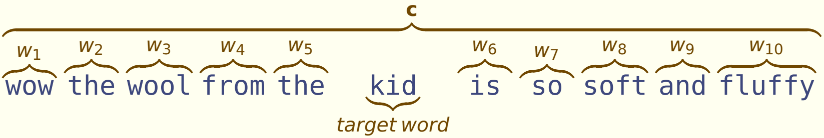

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