

Agenda

- Word Vectors
- Word Embedding
- Word2vec
 - Continuous BoW
 - Skip-Gram
- Concluding Remarks

Word Vectors: Word Similarity & Relatedness

- Representing words as vectors allows easy computation of similarity
 - Measure the semantic similarity between words
 - How similar is pizza to pasta?
 - How related is pizza to Italy?
- As features for various supervised NLP tasks such as document classification, named entity recognition, and sentiment analysis

Application of Word Vectors: Sentiment Analysis

Classic Methods: Random Forests, Naive Bayes, SVM

- Classifying sentences as positive and negative
- Building sentiment lexicons using seed sentiment sets
- No need for classifiers, we can just use cosine distances to compare unseen reviews to known reviews.

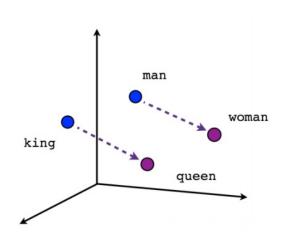
Word Representations

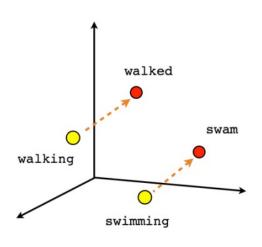
Traditional Method – Bag of Words (BoW) Model	Deep Method – Word Embeddings
 Uses one hot encoding Each word in the vocabulary is represented by one bit position in a HUGE vector. 	 Stores each word in as a point in space, where it is represented by a vector of fixed number of dimensions (generally 300)
 For example, if we have a vocabulary of 10000 words, and "Hello" is the 4th word in the dictionary, it would be represented by: 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Context information is not utilized 	 Unsupervised, built just by reading huge corpus For example, "Hello" might be represented as: [0.4, -0.11, 0.55, 0.3 0.1, 0.02] Dimensions are basically projections along different axes, more of a mathematical concept.

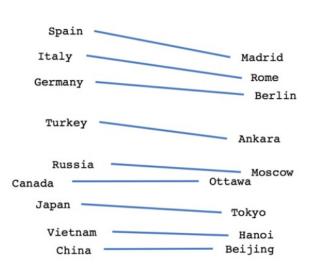
The Power of Word Vectors

- They provide a fresh perspective to ALL problems in NLP, and not just solve one problem.
- Technological Improvement
 - Rise of deep learning since 2006 (Big Data + GPUs + Work done by Andrew Ng, Yoshua Bengio, Yann Lecun and Geoff Hinton)
 - Application of Deep Learning to NLP led by Yoshua Bengio, Christopher Manning, Richard Socher, Tomas Mikalov
- The need for unsupervised learning. (Supervised learning tends to be excessively dependant on hand-labelled data and often does not scale)

Examples







Male-Female

Verb tense

Country-Capital

vector[Queen] = vector[King] - vector[Man] + vector[Woman]

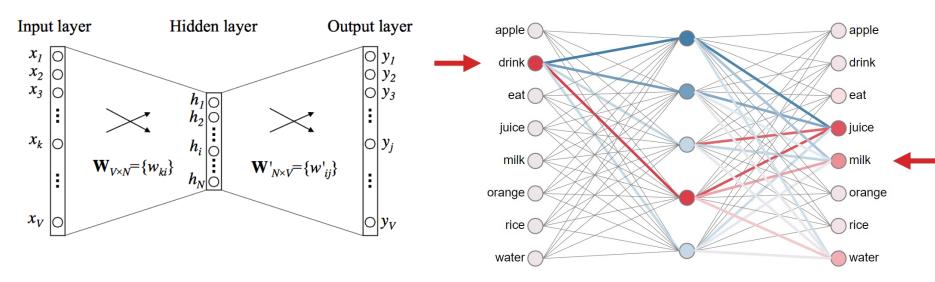
Word Embedding

- Idea: learn an embedding from words into vectors
- A very famous method (from Google) to build lower-dimension vector representations for words based on their context
- Need to have a function $\mathcal{E}mb(word)$ that returns a vector encoding that word.

Word embeddings: questions

- How big should the embedding space be?
 - Trade-offs like any other machine learning problem greater capacity versus efficiency and overfitting.
 - E.g. how many hidden nodes do we need for a MLP application?
- How do we find the embedding function $\mathcal{E}mb(word)$?
 - Often as part of a prediction or classification task involving neighboring words.

Intuitive Idea



- 1. eat apple
- 2. eat orange
- 3. eat|rice
- 4. drink|juice
- 5. drink milk
- 6. drink | water
- 7. orange|juice
- 8. apple|juice
- 9. rice milk
- 10. milk drink
- 11. water | drink
- 12. juice | drink

Concept:

- 1. Milk and Juice are drinks
- 2. Apple, Orange and Rice can be eaten
- 3. Apple and Orange are also juices
- 4. Rice milk is a actually a type of milk!

Word Embedding Visualization http://ronxin.github.io/wevi/

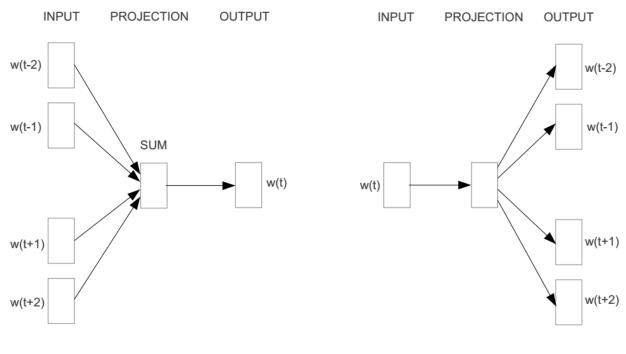
word2vec:

An approach to represent the meaning of word

- Represent each word with a low-dimensional vector
- Word similarity = vector similarity
- Key idea: Predict surrounding words of every word
- Faster and can easily incorporate a new sentence/document or add a word to the vocabulary

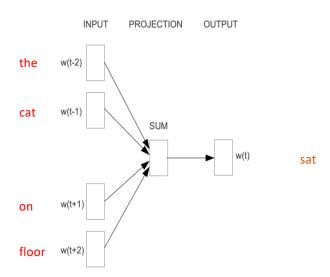
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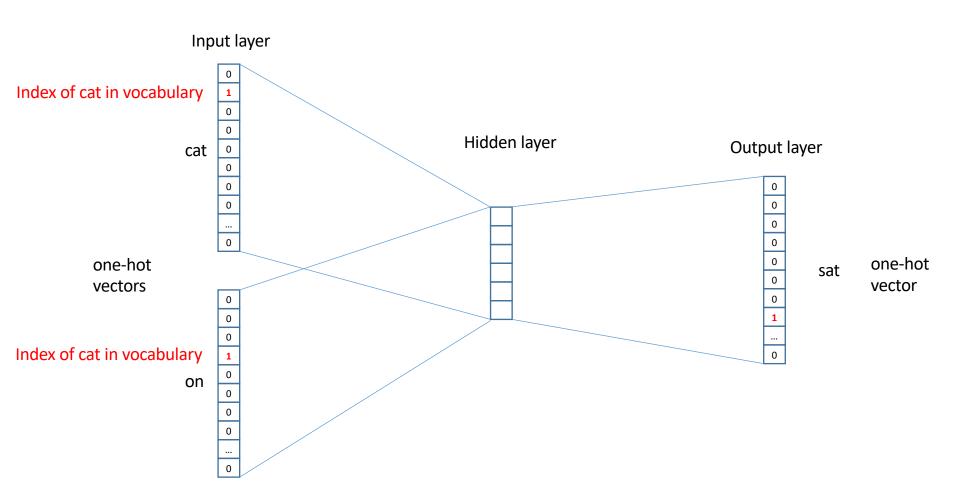
- Involves 2 basic neural network models:
 - Continuous Bag of Word (CBOW): use a window of word to predict the middle word
 - Skip-gram (SG): use a word to predict the surrounding ones in window.

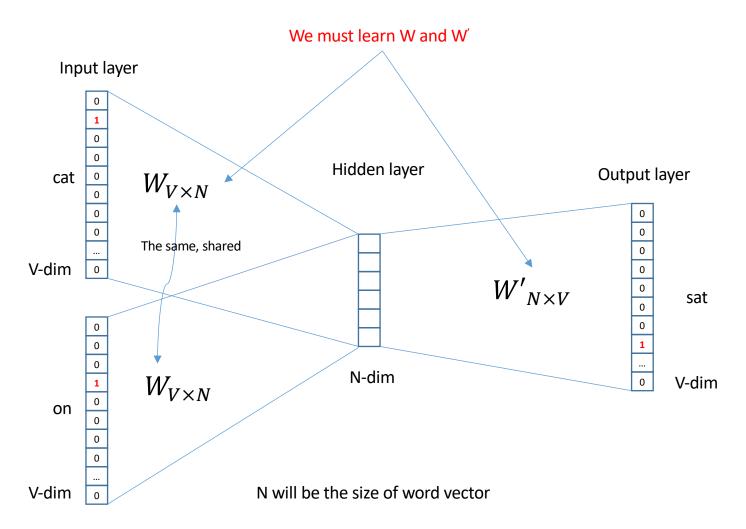


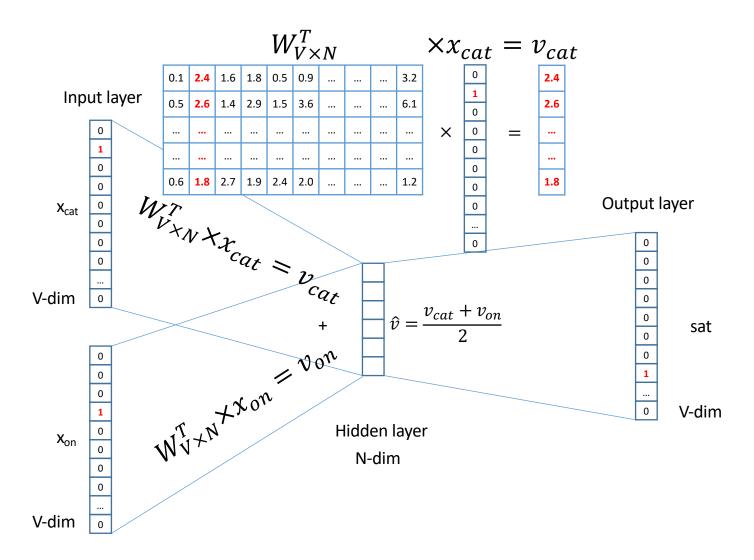
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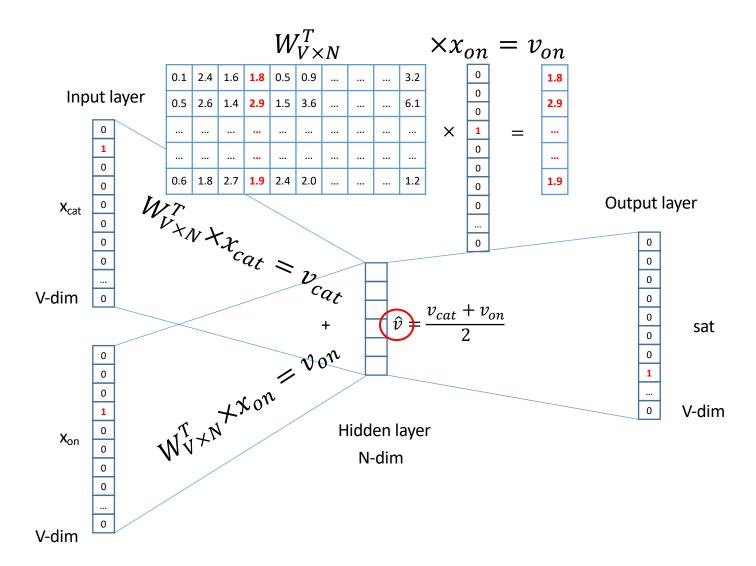
- Bag of words (BoW)
 - Get rid of word order (c.f. tfidf). Used in discrete case using counts of words that appear.
- CBoW
 - Takes vector embeddings of n words before target and n words after and adds them (as vectors).
 - Also removes word order, but the vector sum is meaningful enough to deduce missing word.
- E.g. "The cat sat on floor"
 - Window size = 2

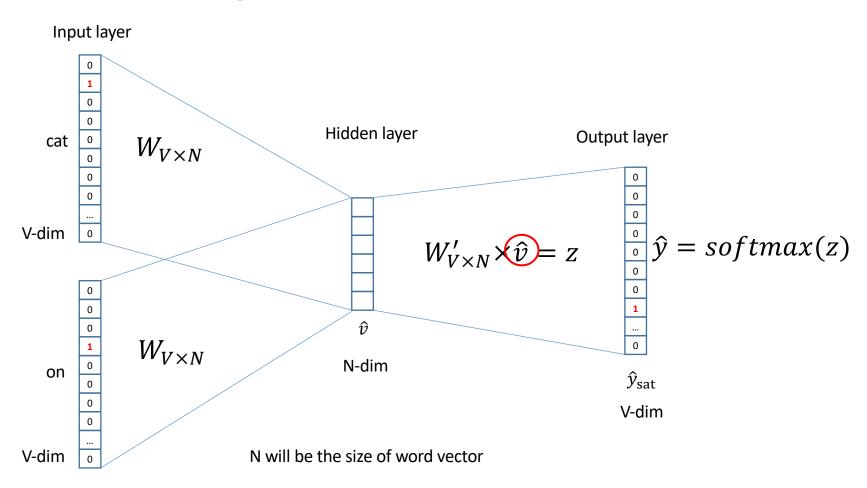


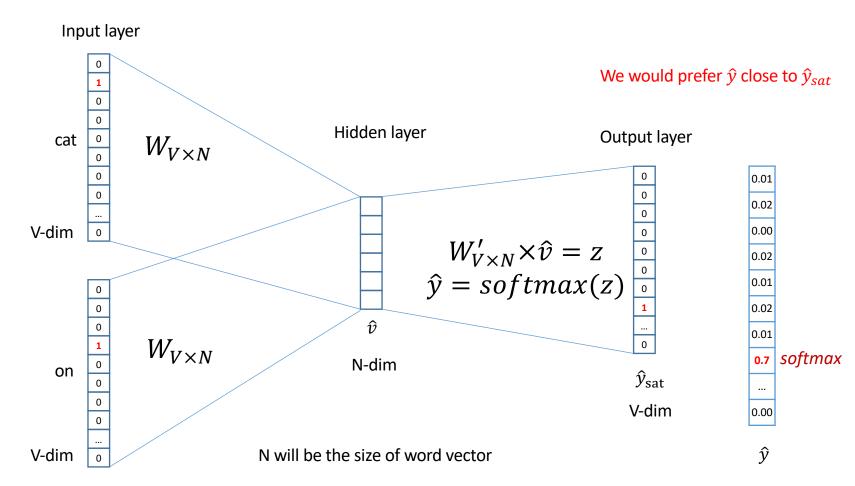


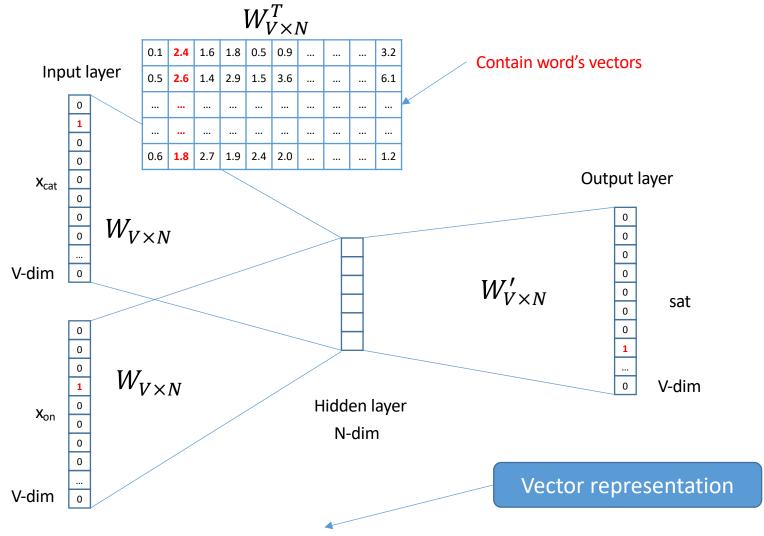










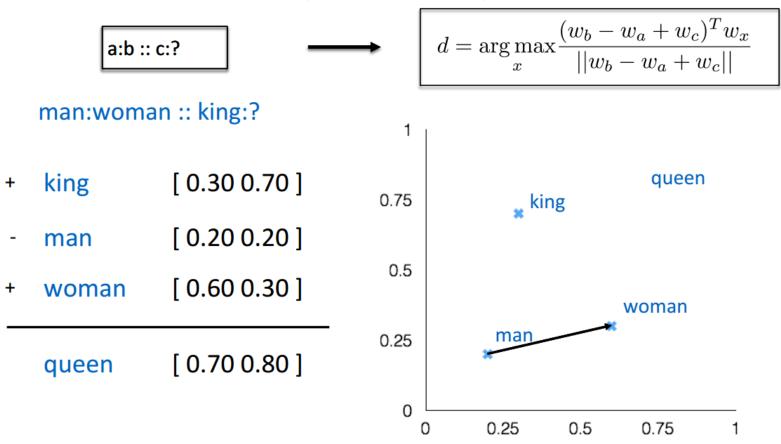


We can consider either W or W' as the word's representation. Or even take the average.

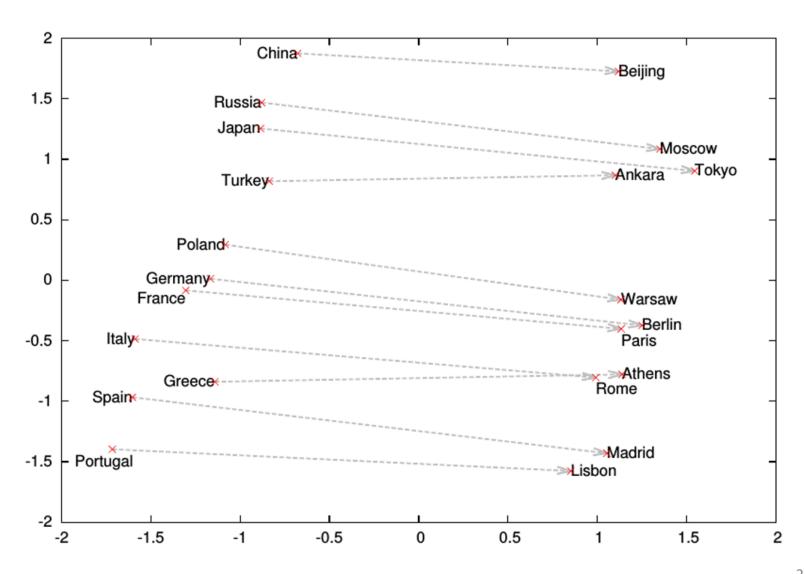
Some interesting results

Word Analogies

Test for linear relationships, examined by Mikolov et al. (2014)

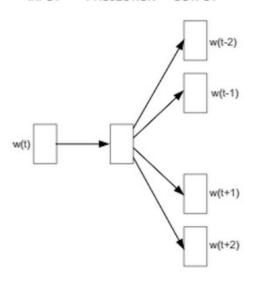


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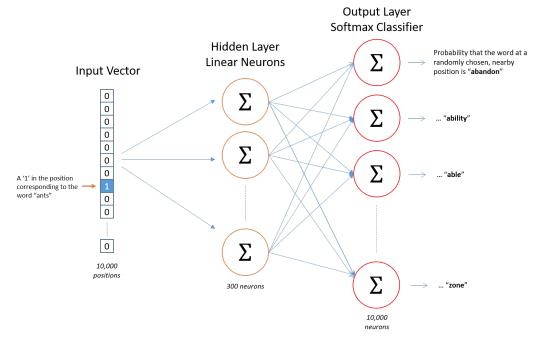
word2vec: Skip-gram

- Skip-gram alternative to CBOW
 - Start with a single word embedding and try to predict the surrounding words.
 - Much less well-defined (difficult) problem, but works better in practice (scales better).



Skip-gram

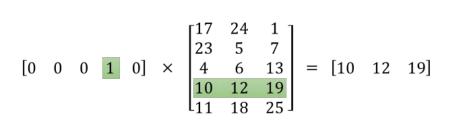
- Map from center word to probability on surrounding words.
 One input/output unit below.
 - There is no activation function on the hidden layer neurons, but the output neurons use softmax.

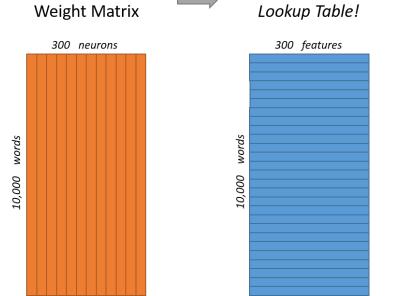


Skip-gram example

- Vocabulary of 10,000 words.
- Embedding vectors with 300 features.
- So the hidden layer is going to be represented by a weight matrix with 10,000 rows (multiply by vector on the left).

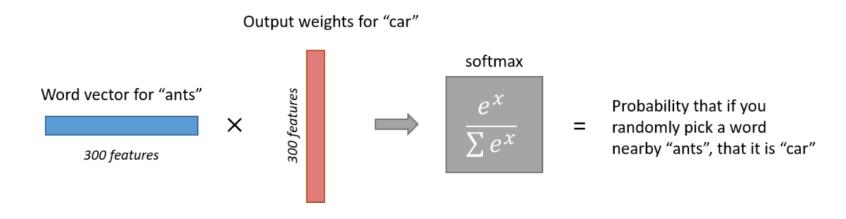
 Hidden Layer Word Vector





The output layer of skip-gram

- The 1x300 word vector gets fed to the output layer which is a softmax regression classifier
- Here is an example:



Skip gram/CBOW intuition

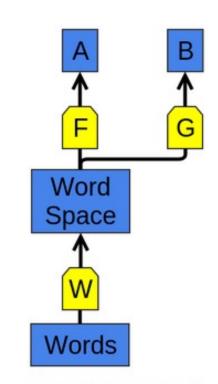
- Similar "contexts" (that is, what words are likely to appear around them), lead to similar embeddings for two words.
- One way for the network to output similar context predictions for these two words is if the word vectors are similar. So, if two words have similar contexts, then the network is motivated to learn similar word vectors for these two words!

word2vec shortcomings

- **Problem:** 10,000 words and 300 dim embedding gives a large parameter space to learn. And 10K words is minimal for real applications.
- Slow to train, and need lots of data, particularly to learn uncommon words.
- Very vulnerable, and not a robust concept
- Non-uniform results
- Hard to understand and visualize

An important milestone

- The use of word representations... has become a key "secret sauce" for the success of many NLP systems in recent years, across tasks including named entity recognition, part-of-speech tagging, parsing, and semantic role labeling. (Luong et al. (2013))
- Learning a good representation on a task A and then using it on a task B is one of the major tricks in the Deep Learning toolbox.
 - Pretraining, transfer learning, and multi-task learning.
 - Can allow the representation to learn from more than one kind of data.

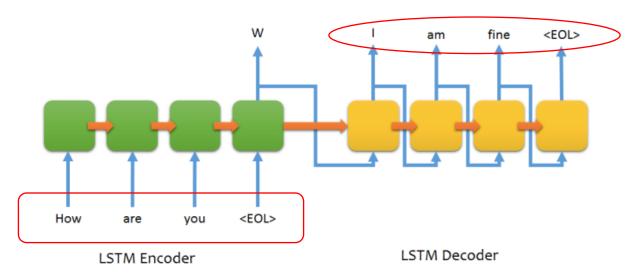


W and F learn to perform task A. Later, G can learn to perform B based on W.

Leading to Chatting, Transformer and GPT

- Given "The cat sat on", predict the next word.
- Given "The cat sat on floor.", predict the next sentence.

Encoder-Decoder LSTM (Long Short Term Memory) structure for chatting



Final Words

- Effective word representation is an important milestone of deep learning, leading to the state-ofthe-art ChatGPT storm.
- Important concepts include embedding, similarity, relatedness, etc.
- Yet more important concepts like transfer learning and attention are waiting for you to further study.
- We have already seen the dramatic success of learning image/media representation and word representation. So, what's next?

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