

Deep Learning and Continuous Representations for Natural Language Processing

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Tutorial Outline

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- Part I: Background
- Part II: Deep learning in statistical machine translation (SMT)

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- Part III: Learning semantic representations

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- Part IV: Natural language understanding
- Part V: Conclusion



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Part I

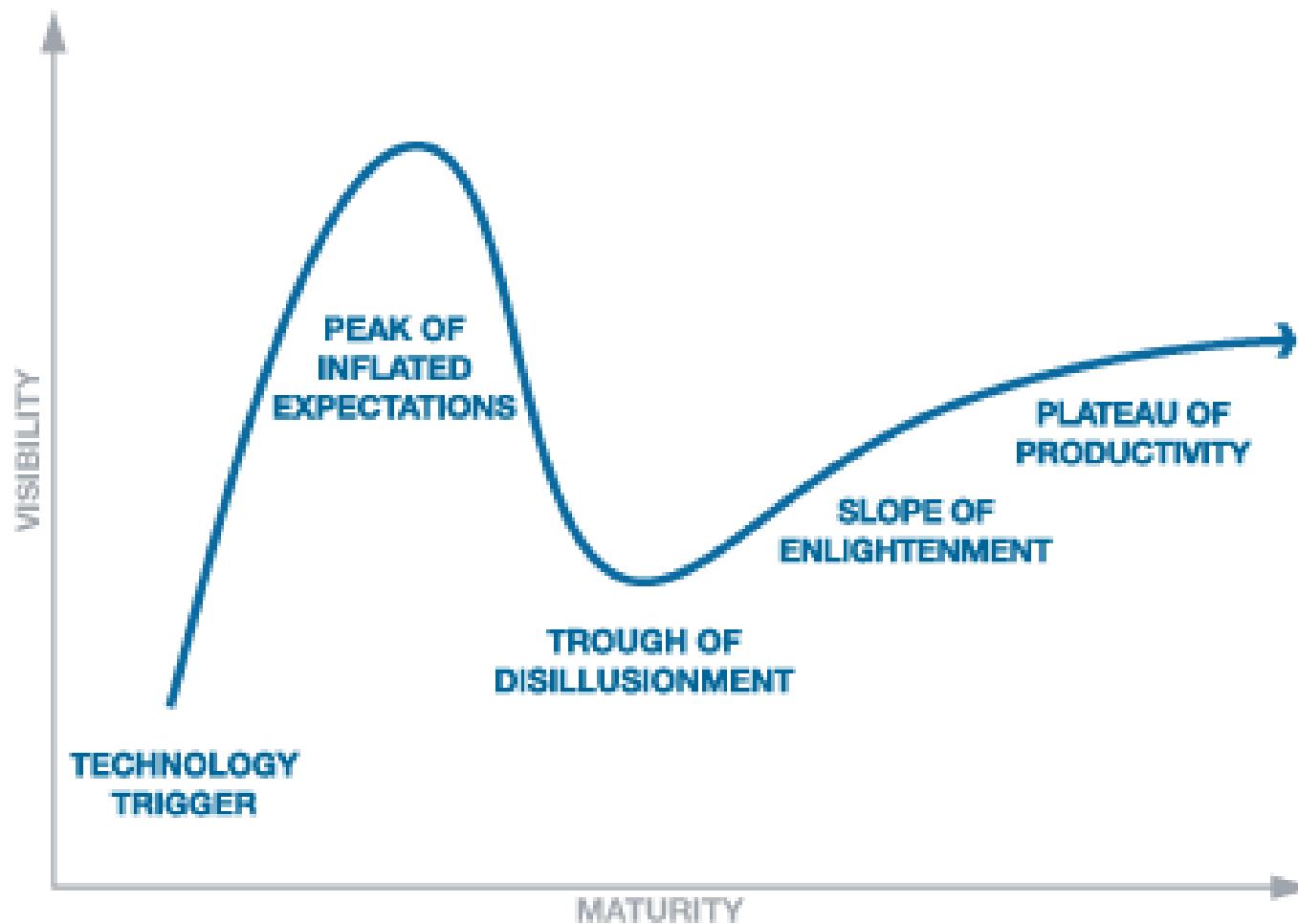
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- Part I: Background
 - A brief history of deep neural networks (DNN)
 - An example of neural models for query classification
 - From classification to semantic similarity
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- Part III: Learning semantic representations
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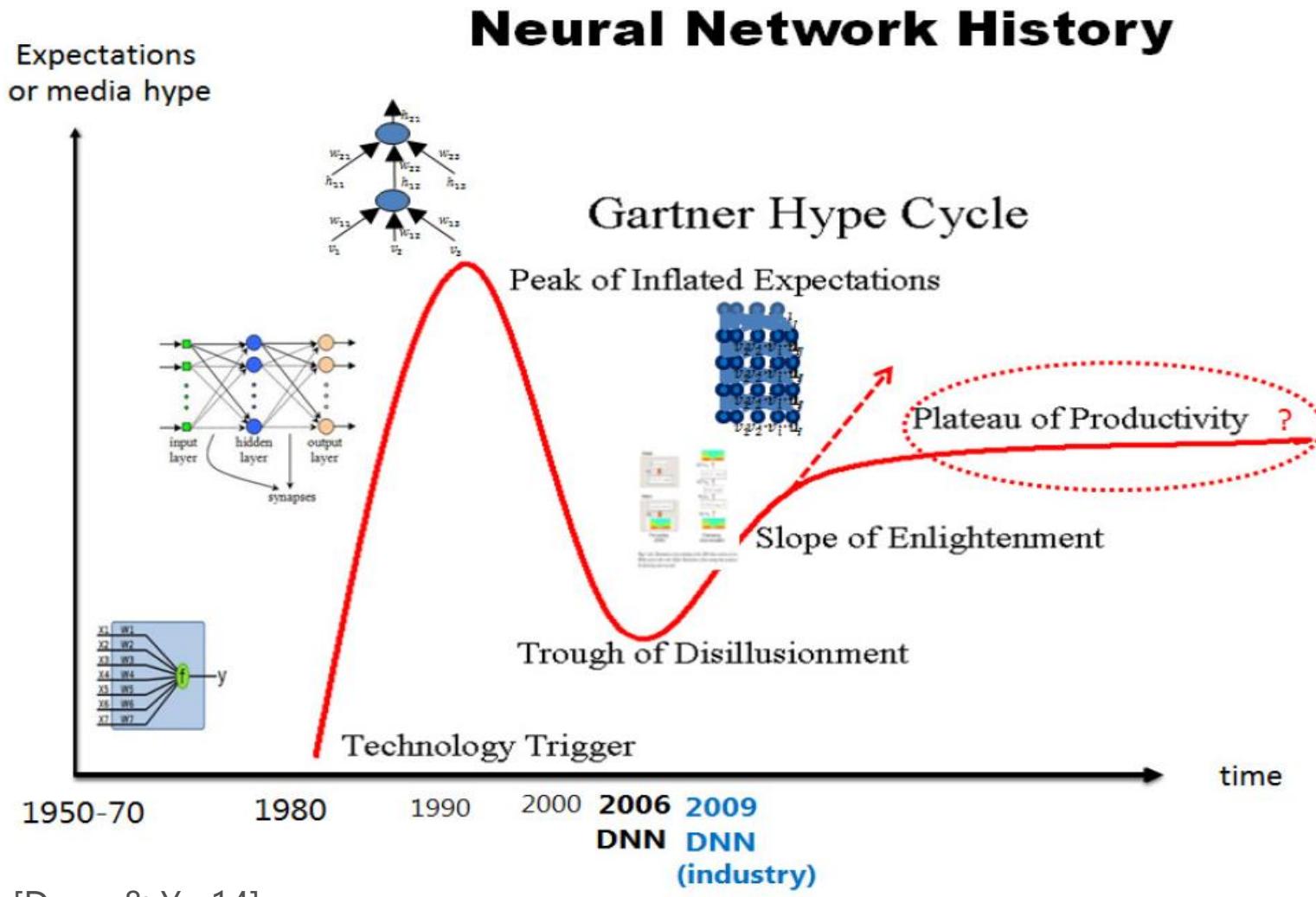
Gartner hype cycle



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A brief history of deep neural networks (DNN)



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Deep Learning

With massive amounts of computational power, machines can now recognize objects and translate speech in real time. Artificial intelligence is finally getting smart.

Temporary Social Media

Messages that quickly self-destruct could enhance the privacy of online communications and make people freer to be spontaneous.

Prenatal DNA Sequencing

Reading the DNA of fetuses will be the next frontier of the genomic revolution. But do you really want to know about the genetic problems or musical aptitude of your unborn child?

Additive Manufacturing

Skeptical about 3-D printing? GE, the world's largest manufacturer, is on the verge of using the technology to make jet parts.

Baxter: The Blue-Collar Robot

Rodney Brooks's newest creation is easy to interact with, but the complex innovations behind the robot show just how hard it is to get along with people.

Memory Implants

A maverick neuroscientist believes he has deciphered the code by which the brain forms long-term memories. Next: testing a prosthetic implant for people suffering from long-term memory loss.

Smart Watches

The designers of the Pebble watch realized that a mobile phone is more useful if you don't have to take it out of your pocket.

Ultra-Efficient Solar Power

Doubling the efficiency of a solar cell would completely change the economics of renewable energy. Nanotechnology just might make it possible.

Big Data from Cheap Phones

Collecting and analyzing information from simple cell phones can provide surprising insights into how people move about and behave – and even help us understand the spread of diseases.

Supergrids

A new high-power circuit breaker could finally make highly efficient DC power grids practical.





Geoff Hinton



The universal translator on "Star Trek" comes true...

The New York Times

Scientists See Promise in Deep-Learning Programs
John Markoff November 23, 2012

Rick Rashid in **Tianjin, China**, October, 25, 2012



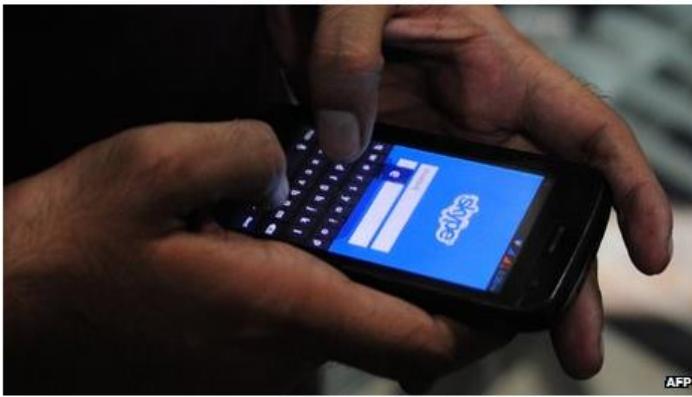
A voice recognition program translated a speech given by Richard F. Rashid, Microsoft's top scientist, into Chinese.



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Skype to get 'real-time' translator



Analysts say the translation feature could have wide ranging applications

The image shows a mobile application interface. At the top, it says '<code/conference>' and 'English (US) → Klingon'. Below this, there are two icons: one with a microphone and another with a pen. The main text on the screen reads 'nuqneH ngoq conference.' followed by 'Welcome to the code conference.' In the bottom right corner, there is a small portrait of a woman with the name 'Ina Fried' next to it.

Microsoft's Skype "Star Trek" Language Translator Takes on Tower of Babel

May 27, 2014, 5:48 PM PDT

By Ina Fried



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Remember the universal translator on Star Trek? The gadget that let Kirk and Spock talk to aliens?



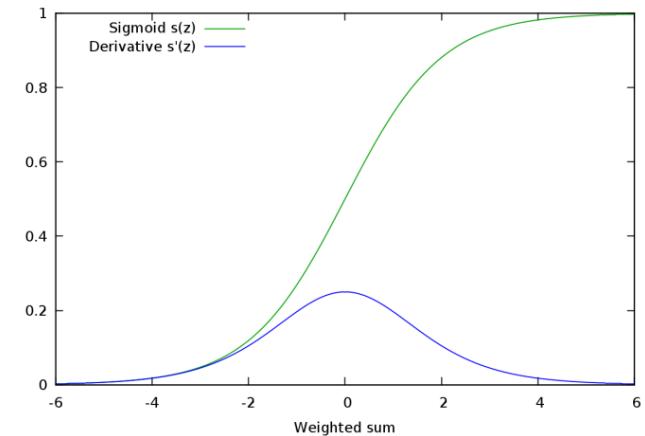
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Impact of deep learning in speech technology



“Early” DNNs are difficult to train

- “Shallow” NN improves acoustic modeling in early 90’s
 - But the benefits were not sufficient to challenge GMMs
- Lack of hardware and algorithms to train DNN
 - Scalability problem, i.e., training NN with many hidden layers on large amounts of data
 - Non-convex optimization with a lot of local optima
 - Vanishing/exploding gradient problem
 - Forward prop: repeated multiplication of $s(z)$
 - Back prop: repeated multiplication of $s'(z)$



Breakthroughs after 2006

- Computational power due to the use of GPU and large-scale CPU clusters
- Better learning algorithms and different nonlinearities
 - SGD allows the training to jump out of local optima due to the noisy gradients estimated from a small batch of samples.
 - SGD is effective for parallelizing over many machines with an asynchronous mode
 - Tricks: Dropout, Rectified Linear Units (ReLUs)
- Use deep belief net (DBN) for initialization – Layer-wise pre-training [Hinton+ 06]





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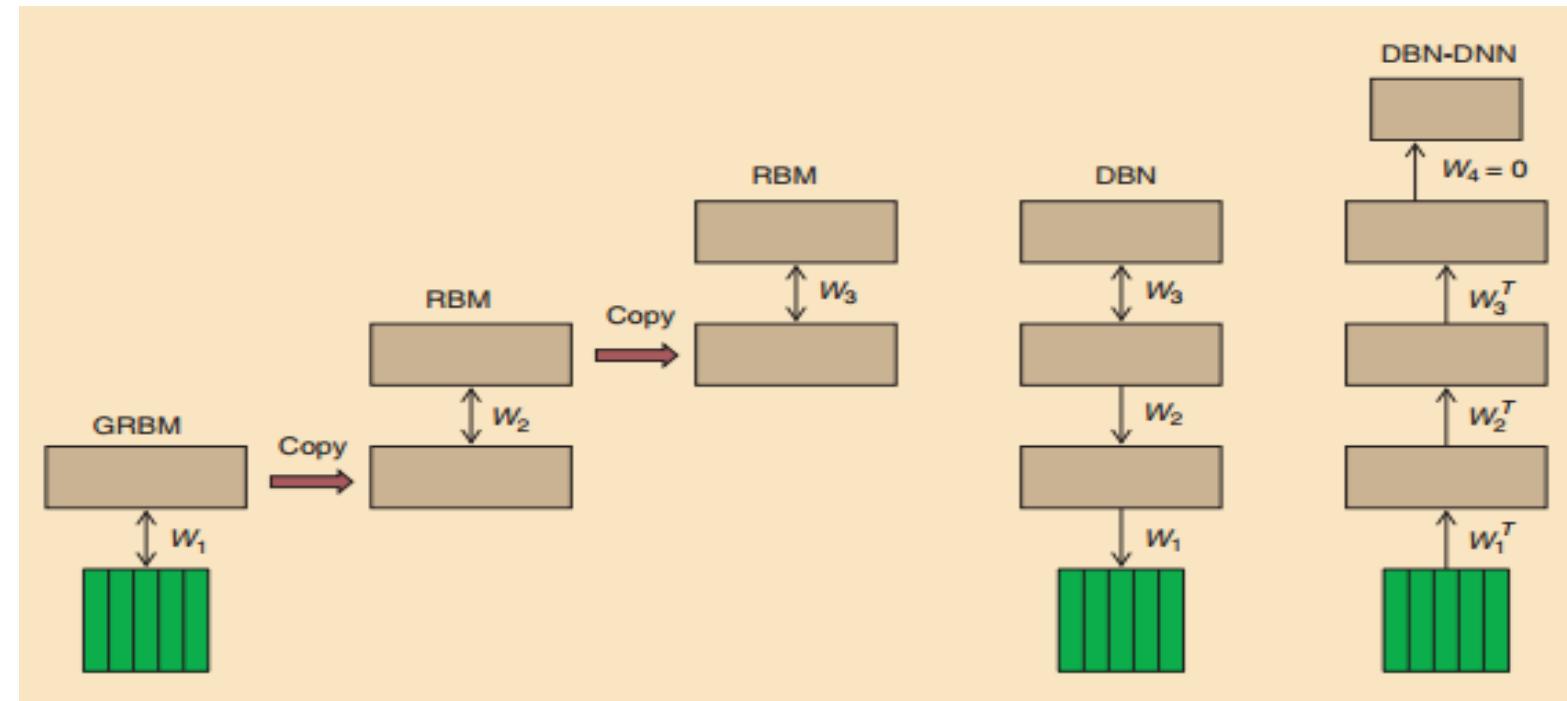
Li Deng



Dong Yu

DNN: (Fully-Connected) Deep Neural Networks

Hinton, Deng, Yu, et al., DNN for AM in speech recognition, *IEEE SPM*, 2012

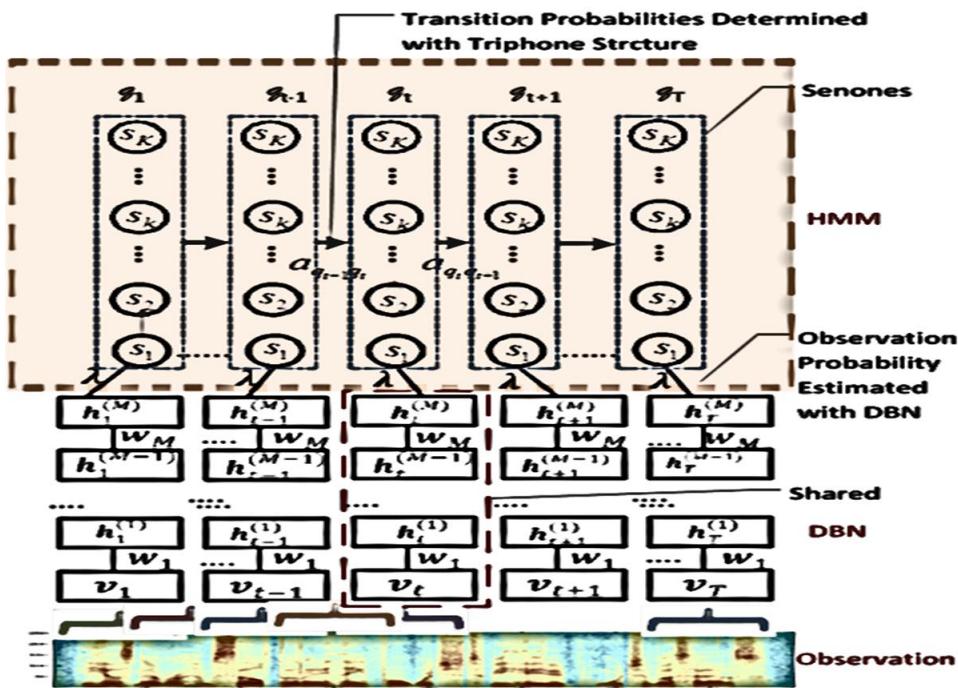


First train a stack of N models each of which has one hidden layer. Each model in the stack treats the hidden variables of the previous model as data.

Then compose them into a single Deep Belief Network.

Then add outputs and train the DNN with backprop.



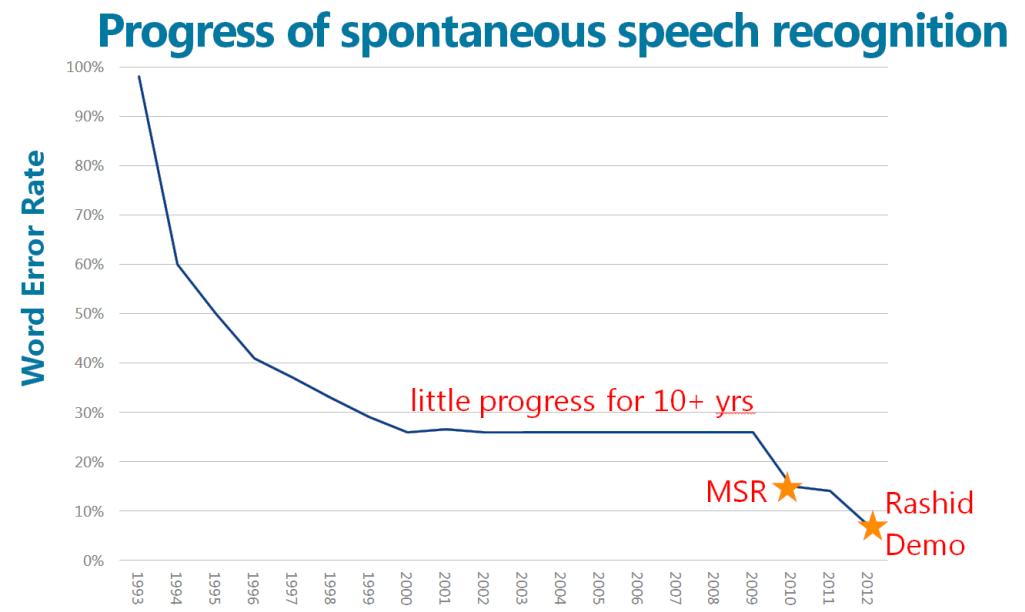


After no improvement for 10+ years by the research community...

MSR reduced error from ~23% to <13%
(and under 7% for Rick Rashid's S2S demo)!

CD-DNN-HMM

Dahl, Yu, Deng, and Acero, "Context-Dependent Pre-trained Deep Neural Networks for Large Vocabulary Speech Recognition," *IEEE Trans. ASLP*, Jan. 2012
Seide, Li, and Yu, "Conversational Speech Transcription using Context-Dependent Deep Neural Networks," *INTERSPEECH* 2011.



The focus of this tutorial

- Is not on speech or image,
- But on text processing and understanding tasks
 - Statistical machine translation
 - Information retrieval
 - Image captioning
 - Question answering
 - Etc.



A query classification problem

- Given a search query q , e.g., “denver sushi downtown”
- Identify its domain c e.g.,
 - Restaurant
 - Hotel
 - Nightlife
 - Flight
 - etc.
- So that a search engine can tailor the interface and result to provide a richer personalized user experience

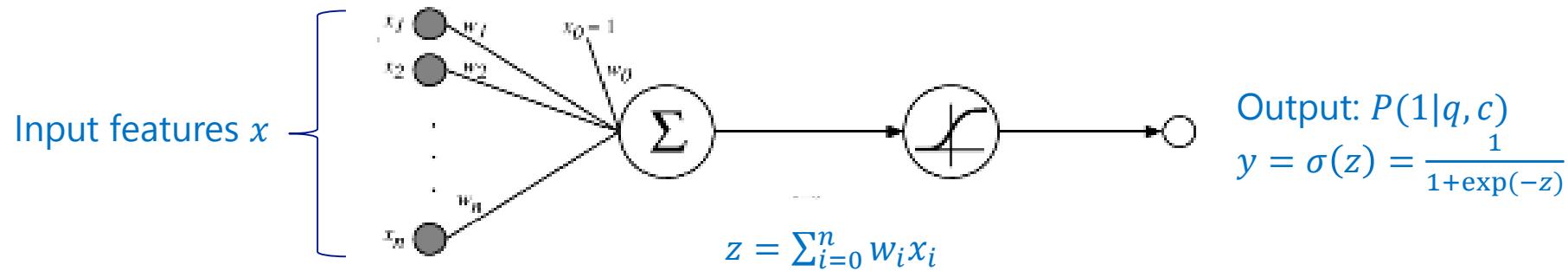


A single neuron model

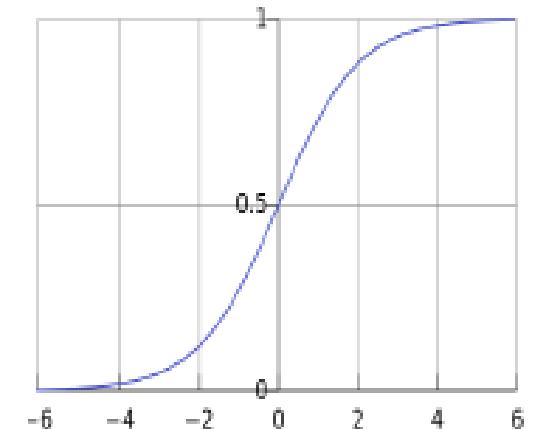
- For each domain c , build a binary classifier
 - Input: represent a query q as a vector of features $x = [x_1, \dots x_n]^T$
 - Output: $y = P(1|q, c)$
 - q is labeled c if $P(1|q, c) > 0.5$
- Input feature vector, e.g., a bag of words vector
 - Regards words as atomic symbols: *denver, sushi, downtown*
 - Each word is represented as a one-hot vector: $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$
 - Bag of words vector = sum of one-hot vectors
 - We may use other features, such as n-grams, phrases, (hidden) topics



A single neuron model



- w : weight vector to be learned
- z : weighted sum of input features
- σ : the logistic function
 - Turn a score to a probability
 - non-linear activation function, essential in DNN models

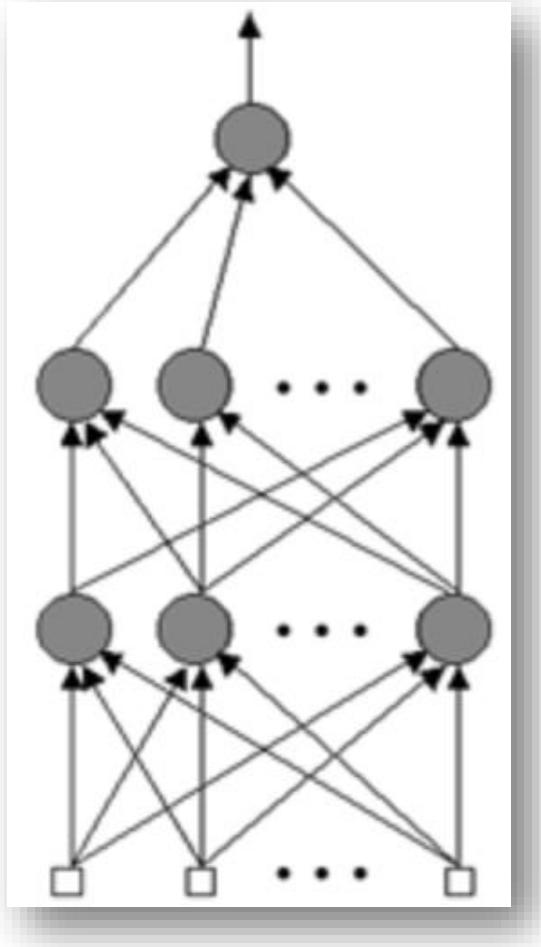


Model training: how to assign w

- Training data: a set of $(x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})_{m=\{1,2,\dots,M\}}$ pairs
 - Input $x^{(m)} \in R^n$
 - Output $y^{(m)} = \{0,1\}$
- optimize parameters w on training data
 - minimize a loss function (mean square error loss)
 - $\min_w \sum_{m=1}^M L^m$
 - where $L^{(m)} = \frac{1}{2} (f_w(x^{(m)}) - y^{(m)})^2$
 - Using Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
 - Initialize w randomly
 - Update for each training sample until convergence: $w^{new} = w^{old} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w}$



Multi-layer (deep) neural networks



Output layer $y^o = \sigma(w^T y^2)$

Vector w

2st hidden layer $y^2 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_2 y^1)$

Projection matrix \mathbf{W}_2

1st hidden layer $y^1 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_1 x)$

Projection matrix \mathbf{W}_1

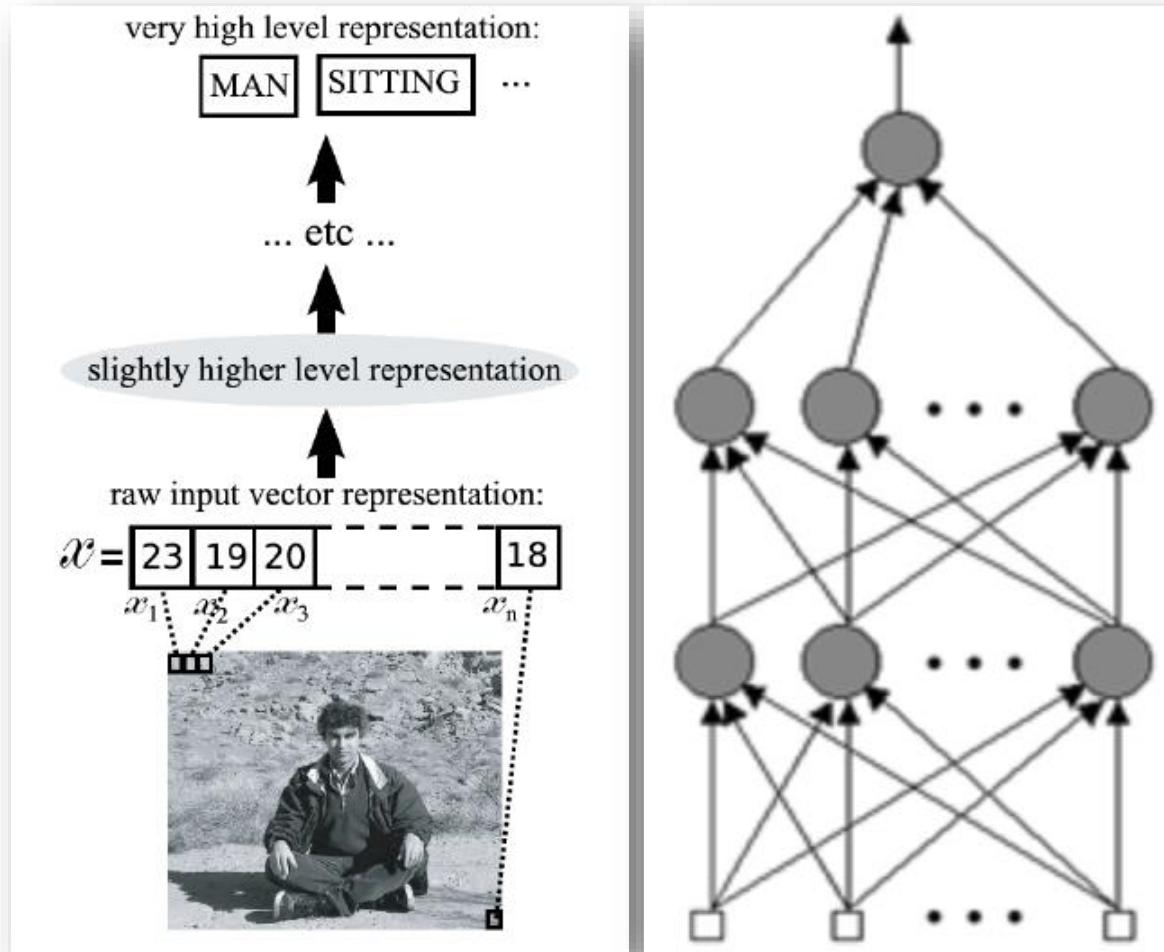
Input features x

This is exactly the **single neuron model** with **hidden** features.

Feature generation: project raw input features (bag of words) to **hidden** features (topics).



DNN for image processing



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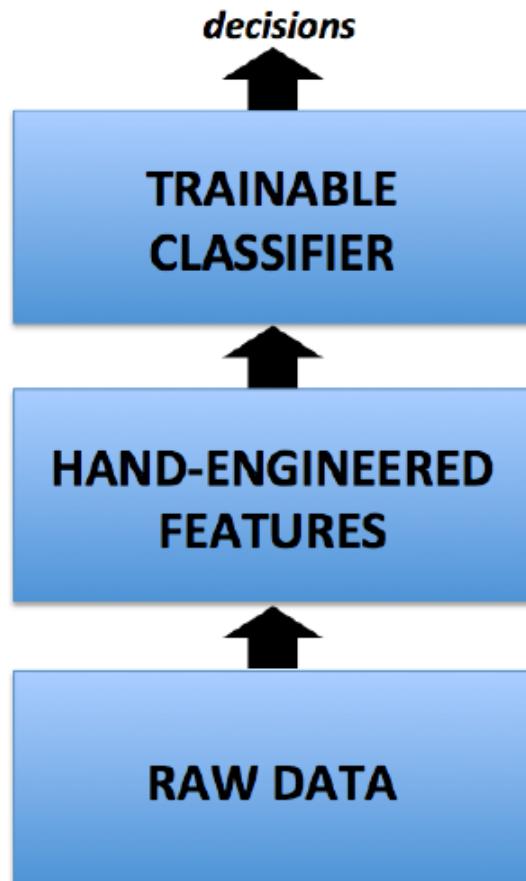
Project raw input features to **hidden** features (high level representation).

[Bengio 09]

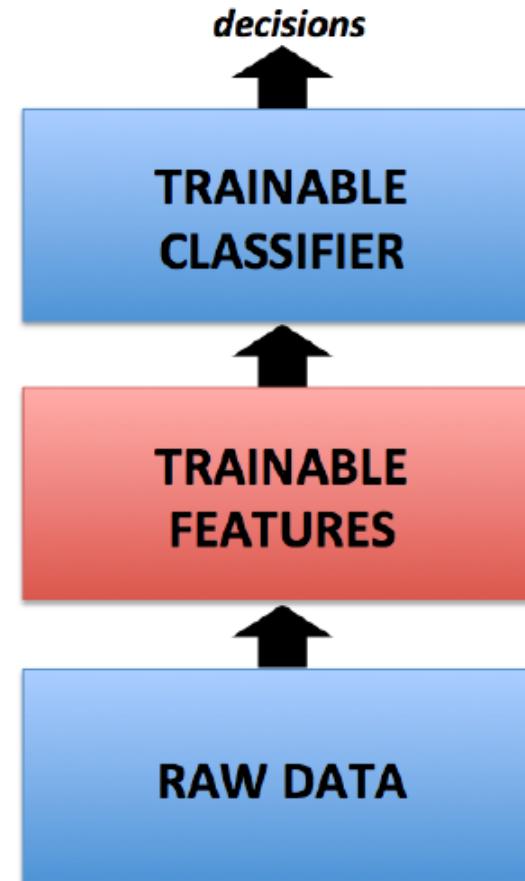


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Standard Machine Learning Process



Deep Learning



Adapted from [Duh 14]



Deep Semantic Similarity Model (DSSM)

[Huang+ 13; Gao+ 14a; Gao+ 14b; Shen+ 14, Yih+ 15]

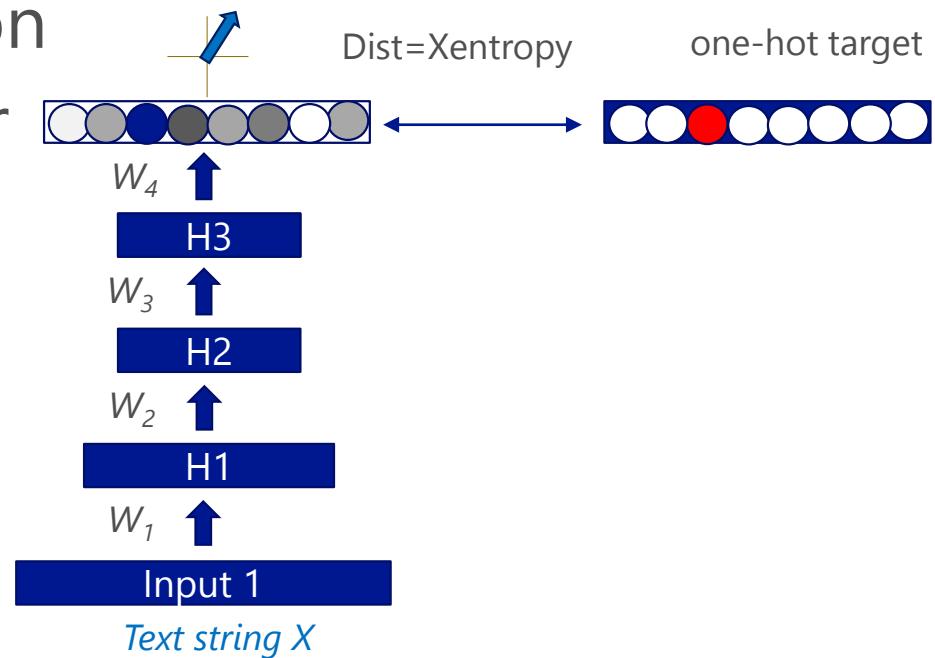
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- DSSM for NLP tasks

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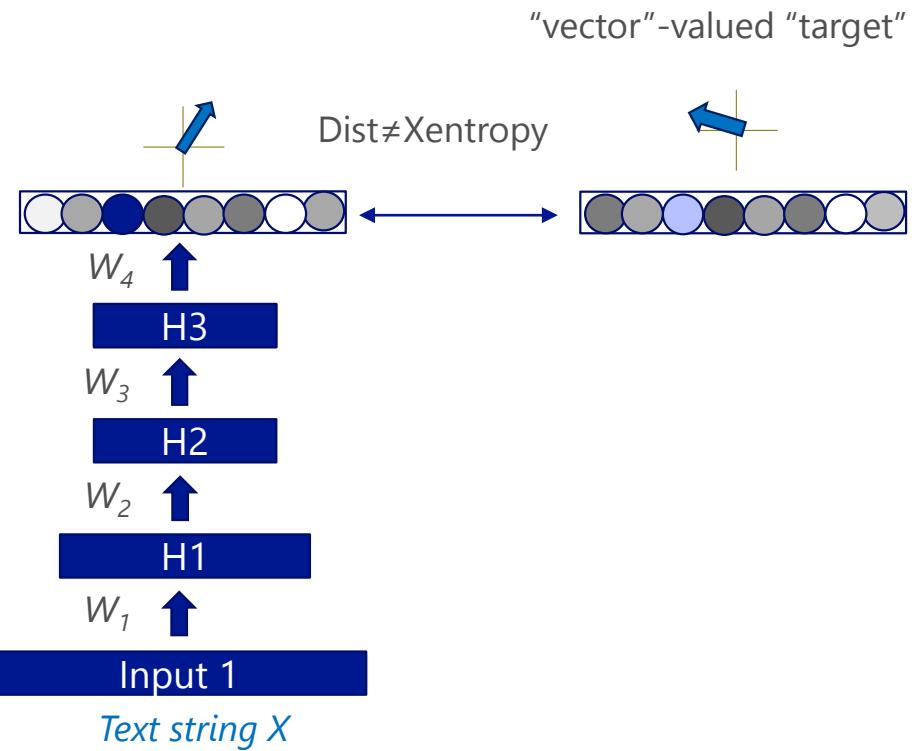
From common DNNs to DSSM

- Common DNN models
 - Mainly for classification
 - Target: one-hot vector
 - Example of DNN:



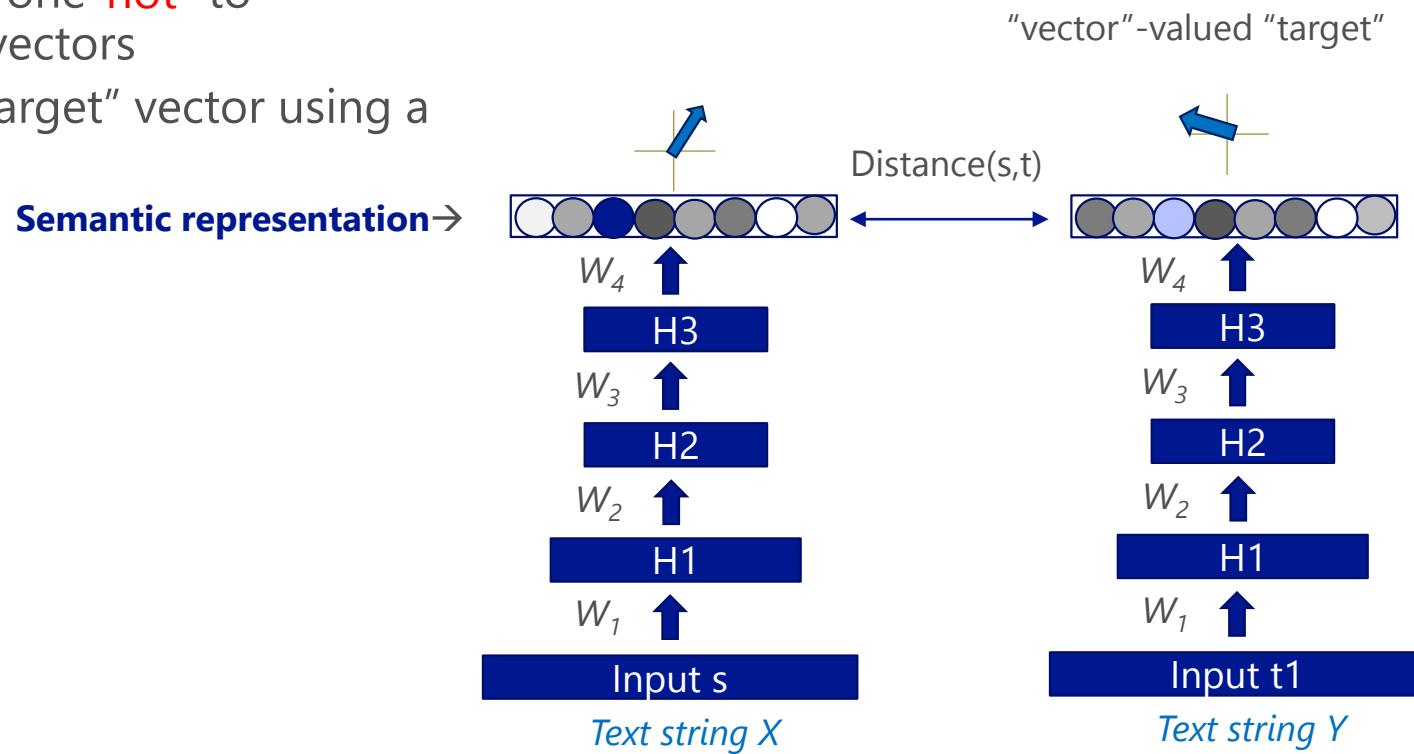
From common DNNs to DSSM

- To construct a DSSM
 - For ranking (not classification with DNN)
 - Step 1: target from “one-hot” to continuous-valued vectors



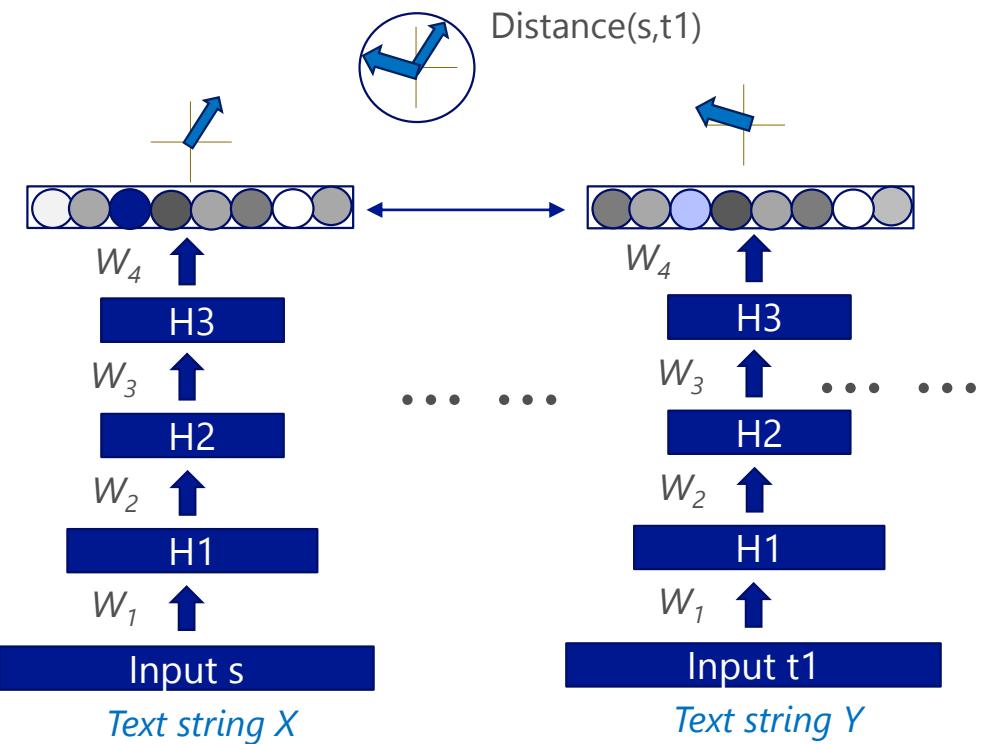
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From common DNNs to DSSM

- To construct a DSSM
 - Step 1: target from “one-hot” to continuous-valued vectors
 - Step 2: derive the “target” vector using a DNN
 - Step 3: normalize two “semantic” vectors & compute their similarity
- Use semantic similarity to rank translations/docs/entities
 - $\text{sim}(X, Y_1)$
 - $\text{sim}(X, Y_2)$
 - $\text{sim}(X, Y_3)$
 -



Part III

Deep learning in statistical machine translation (SMT)

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- Part I: Background
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 - Review of SMT and DNN in SMT
 - Deep semantic translation models
 - Recurrent neural language models
 - Neural network joint models
 - Neural machine translation
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Statistical machine translation (SMT)

S: 救援 人员 在 倒塌的 房屋 里 寻找 生还者

T: Rescue workers search for survivors in collapsed houses

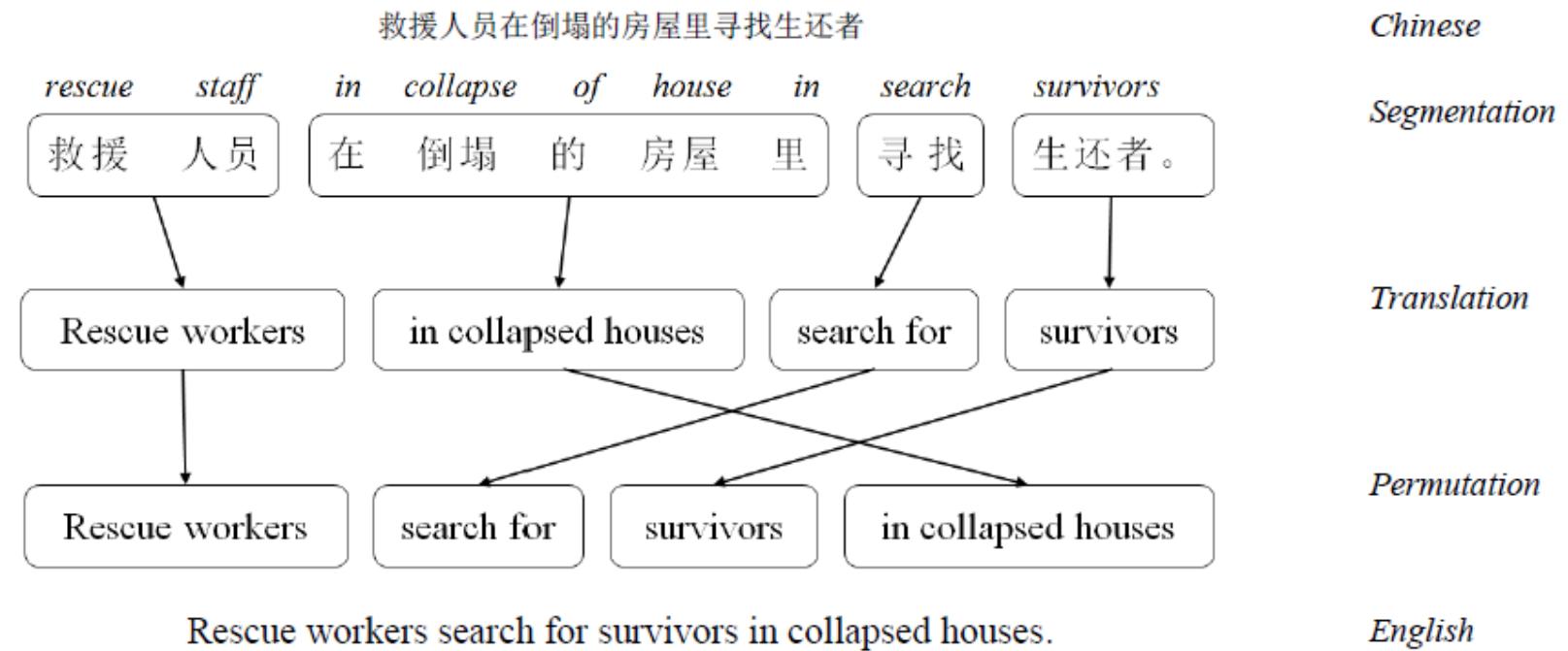
- Statistical decision: $T^* = \operatorname{argmax}_T P(T|S)$
- Source-channel model: $T^* = \operatorname{argmax}_T P(S|T)P(T)$
- Translation models: $P(S|T)$ and $P(T|S)$
- Language model: $P(T)$
- Log-linear model: $P(T|S) = \frac{1}{Z(S,T)} \exp \sum_i \lambda_i h_i(S, T)$
- Evaluation metric: BLEU score (higher is better)

Phrase-based SMT

救援人员在倒塌的房屋里寻找生还者

Chinese

Phrase-based SMT



A taxonomy of neural nets in SMT [Duh 2014]

Core Engine: What is being modeled?

- Target word probability:
 - ▶ Language Model: [Schwenk et al., 2012, Vaswani et al., 2013, Niehues and Waibel, 2013, Auli and Gao, 2014]
 - ▶ LM w/ Source: [Kalchbrenner and Blunsom, 2013, Auli et al., 2013, Devlin et al., 2014, Cho et al., 2014, Bahdanau et al., 2014, Sundermeyer et al., 2014, Sutskever et al., 2014]
- Translation/Reordering probabilities under Phrase-based MT:
 - ▶ Translation: [Maskey and Zhou, 2012, Schwenk, 2012, Liu et al., 2013, Gao et al., 2014a, Lu et al., 2014, Tran et al., 2014, Wu et al., 2014a]
 - ▶ Reordering: [Li et al., 2014b]
- Tuple-based MT: [Son et al., 2012, Wu et al., 2014b, Hu et al., 2014]
- ITG Model: [Li et al., 2013, Zhang et al., 2014, Liu et al., 2014]

Related Components:

- Word Align: [Yang et al., 2013, Tamura et al., 2014, Songyot and Chiang, 2014]
- Adaptation / Topic Context: [Duh et al., 2013, Cui et al., 2014]
- Multilingual Embeddings:
[Klementiev et al., 2012, Lauly et al., 2013, Zou et al., 2013, Kočiský et al., 2014, Faruqui and Dyer, 2014, Hermann and Blunsom, 2014, Chandar et al., 2014]

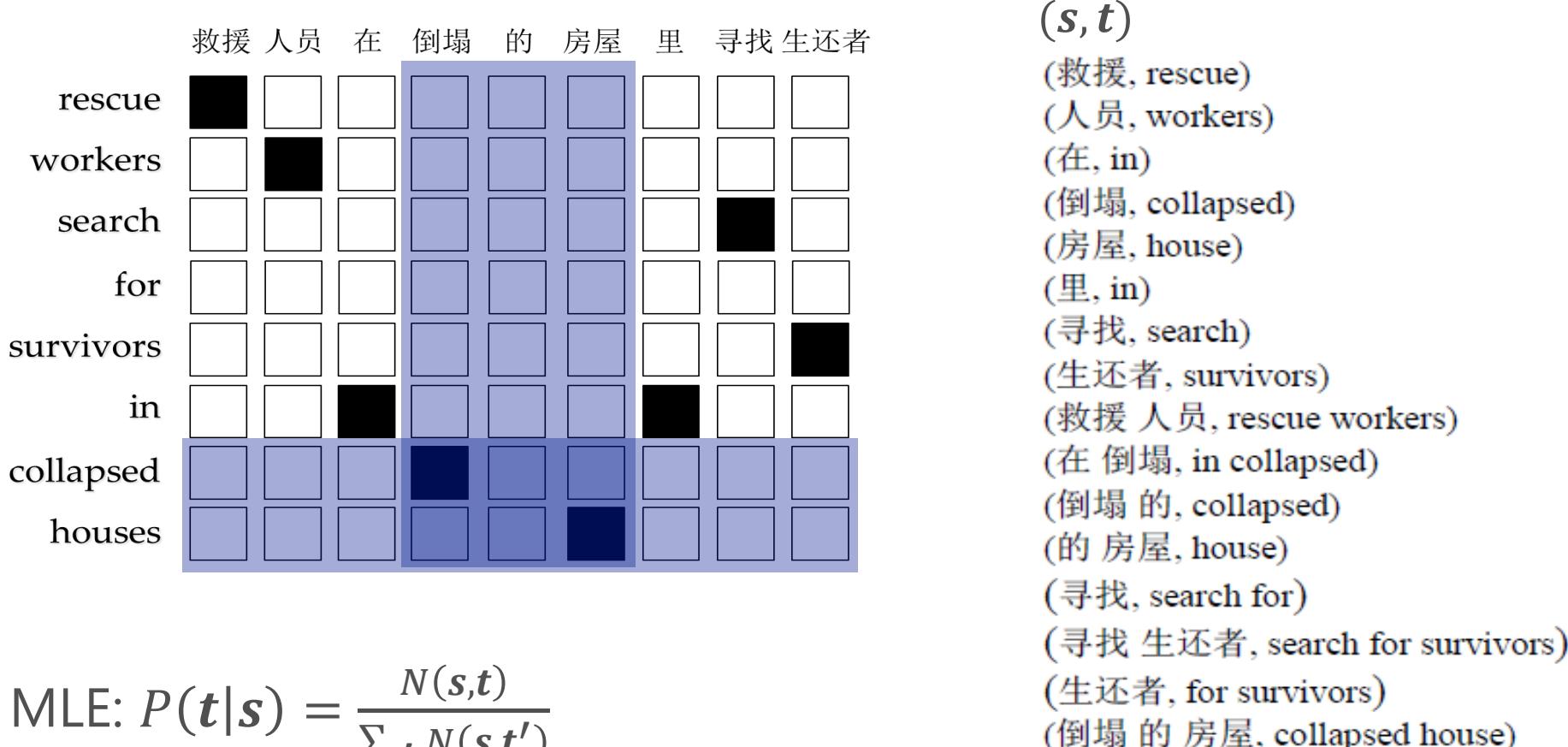


Examples of NN in phrase-based SMT

- Neural nets as components in log-linear model
 - Translation model $P(T|S)$ or $P(S|T)$: the use of DSSM [Gao+ 14]
 - Language model $P(T)$: the use of RNN [Auli+ 2013; Auli & Gao 14]
 - Joint model $P(t_i|S, t_1 \dots t_{i-1})$: FFN + source words [Devlin+ 14]
- Neural machine translation
 - Build a single, large NN that reads a sentence and outputs a translation
 - RNN encoder-decoder [Cho+ 2014; Sutskever+ 14]
 - Long short-term memory (gated hidden units)
 - Jointly learning to align and translate [Bahdanau+ 15]



Phrase translation modeling



$$\text{MLE: } P(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{s}) = \frac{N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})}{\sum_{\mathbf{t}'} N(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}')}$$

Simple, but suffers the data sparseness problem



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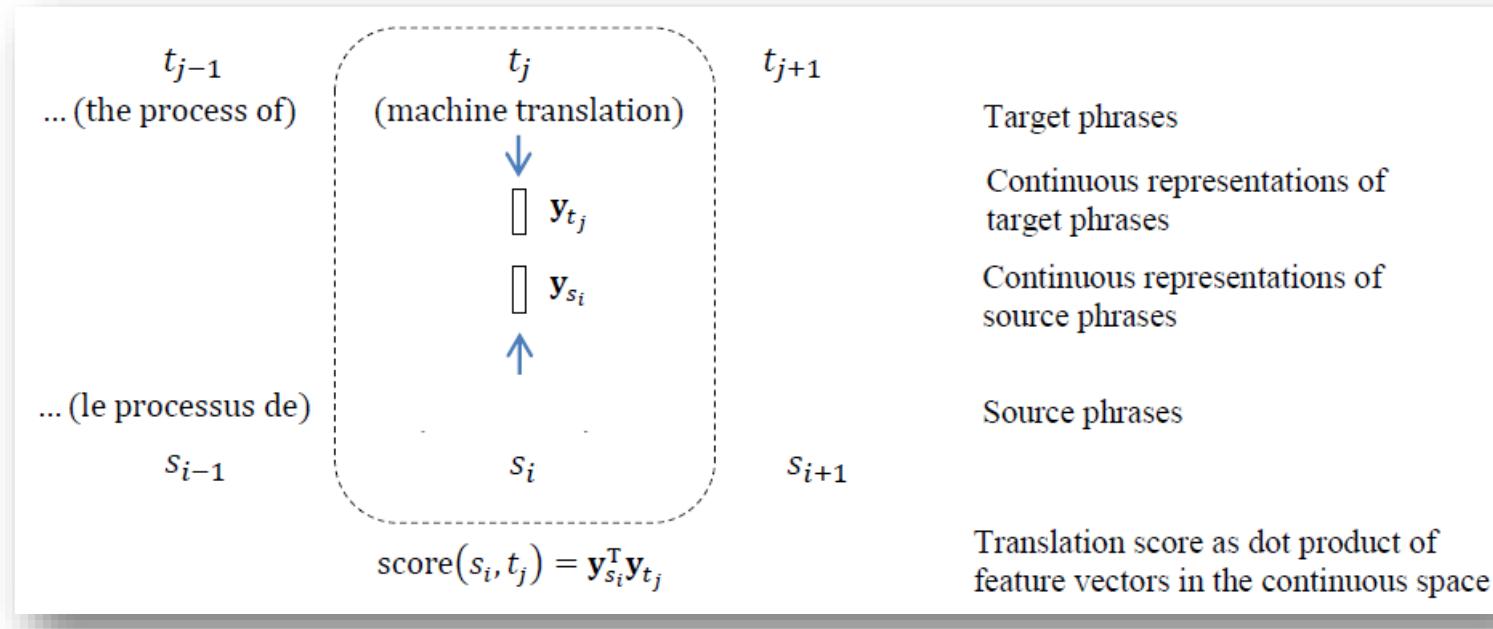
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DSSM for phrase translation modeling [Gao+ 14a]



- Two neural nets (one for source side, one for target side)
 - Input: bag-of-words representation of source/target phrase
 - Output: vector \mathbf{y}_s for source phrase, \mathbf{y}_t for target phrase
- Phrase translation score = dot product of these vectors
 - $\text{score}(s, t) \equiv \text{sim}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{y}_s^T \mathbf{y}_t$
- Alleviate data sparsity, enable complex scoring functions, etc.

Model training procedure

- Generate N-best lists using a baseline SMT system
 - Oracle BLEU in N-best is much better than 1-best
- Optimize neural net parameters θ on the N-best lists of training data
 - Expected BLEU objective: $x\text{Bleu}(\theta) = \sum_{T \in \text{GEN}(S_i)} P(T|S_i) s\text{Bleu}(T_i, T)$
 - Update θ with SGD: $\theta^{new} = \theta - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$,
 - where $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{(s,t)} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \text{sim}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_t)} \frac{\partial \text{sim}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_t)}{\partial \theta}$
- Incorporate DSSM as a feature in log-linear model
 - Feature weight is optimized using MERT on development data.
 - No decoder modification
- Loop if desired

N-gram language modeling

- Word n-gram model (e.g., $n = 3$)
 - A word depends only on $n-1$ preceding words
 - $P(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) = P(w_1)P(w_2|w_1) \prod_{i=2 \dots n} P(w_i|w_{i-2} w_{i-1})$
 - Cannot capture long-distance dependency



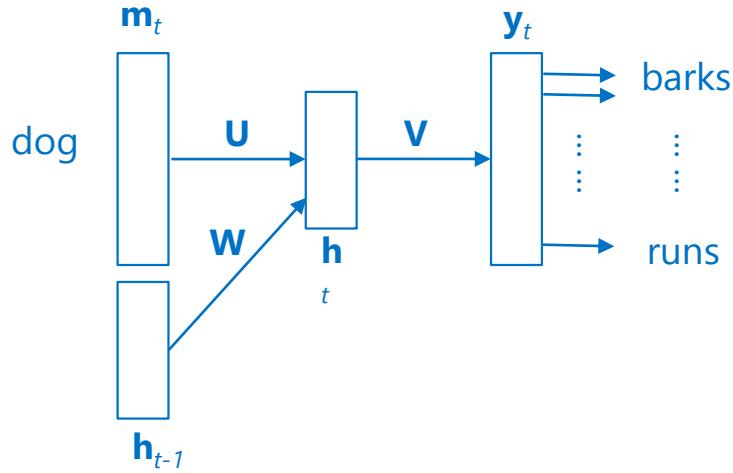
the **dog** of our neighbor **barks**

- Problem of using long history
 - Rare events: unreliable probability estimates

model	# parameters
unigram $P(w_1)$	20,000
bigram $P(w_2 w_1)$	400M
trigram $P(w_3 w_1 w_2)$	8×10^{12}
4-gram $P(w_4 w_1 w_2 w_3)$	1.6×10^{17}

[Manning & Schütze 99]

Recurrent neural net for language modeling



\mathbf{m}_t : input one-hot vector at time step t
 \mathbf{h}_t : encodes the history of all words up to time step t
 \mathbf{y}_t : distribution of output words at time step t

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z}_t &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{m}_t + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_{t-1} \\ \mathbf{h}_t &= \sigma(\mathbf{z}_t) \\ \mathbf{y}_t &= g(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}_t)\end{aligned}$$

where

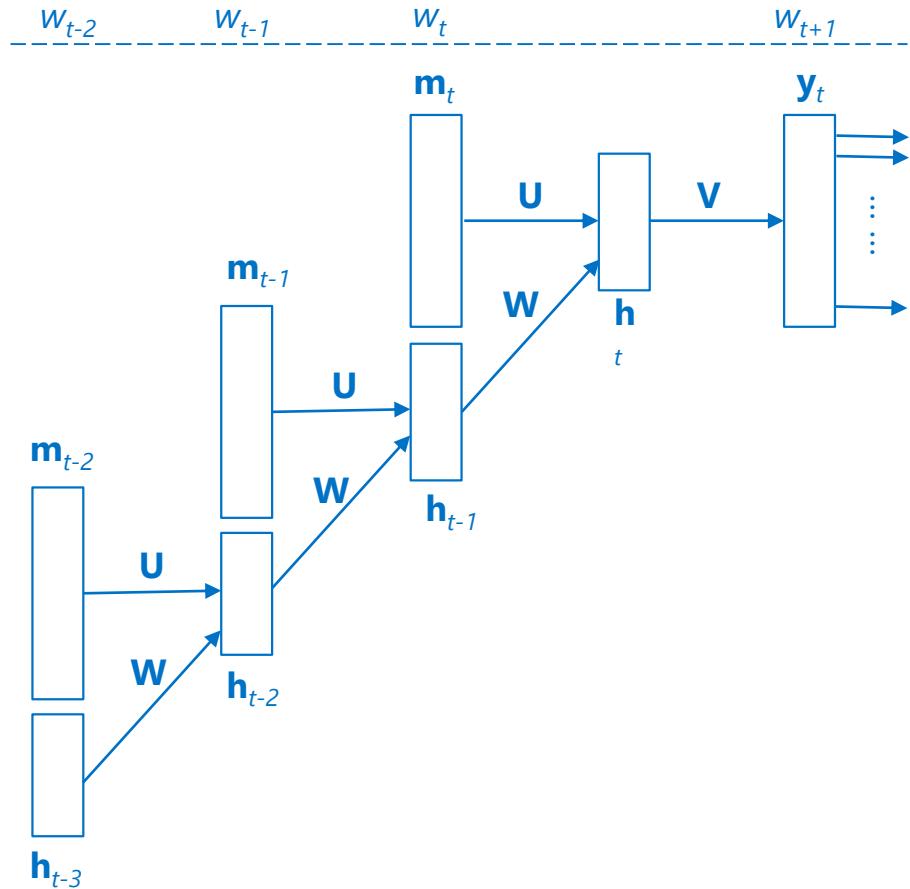
$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-z)}, \quad g(z_m) = \frac{\exp(z_m)}{\sum_k \exp(z_k)}$$

$g(\cdot)$ is called the *softmax* function

[Mikolov+ 11]

Model	# words	PPL	WER
KN5 LM	200K	336	16.4
KN5 LM + RNN 90/2	200K	271	15.4
KN5 LM	1M	287	15.1
KN5 LM + RNN 90/2	1M	225	14.0
KN5 LM	6.4M	221	13.5
KN5 LM + RNN 250/5	6.4M	156	11.7

RNN unfolds into a DNN over time



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z}_t &= \mathbf{Um}_t + \mathbf{Wh}_{t-1} \\ \mathbf{h}_t &= \sigma(\mathbf{z}_t) \\ \mathbf{y}_t &= g(\mathbf{Vh}_t)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-z)}, \quad g(z_m) = \frac{\exp(z_m)}{\sum_k \exp(z_k)}$$

RNN LM decoder integration [Auli & Gao 14]

- RNN LMs require history going back to start-of-sentence.
Harder to do dynamic programming.
- To score new words, each decoder state needs to maintain h . For recombination, merge hypotheses by traditional n-gram context and the best h

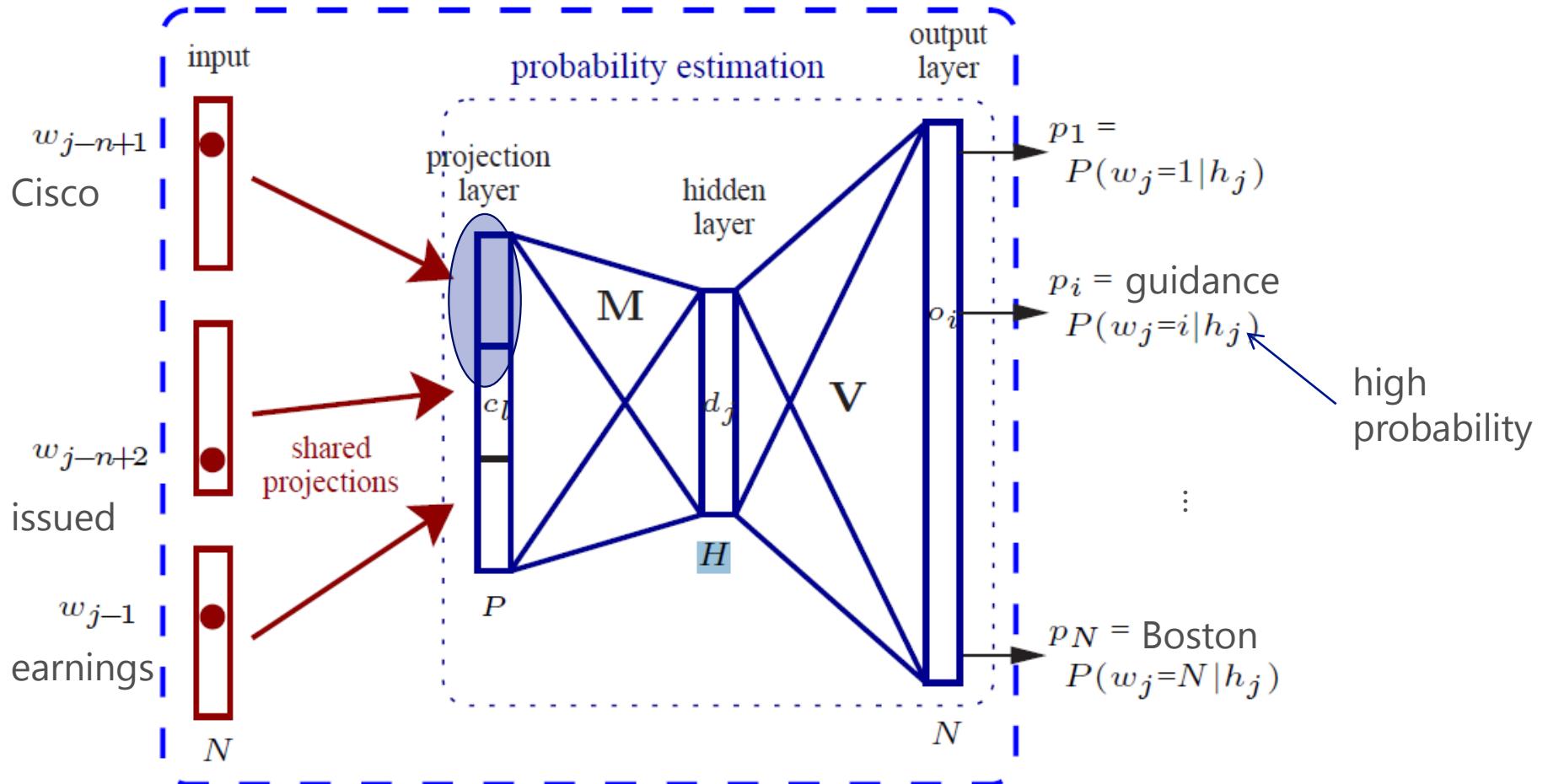
	WMT12 Fr-En	WMT12 De-En
baseline (n-gram)	24.85	19.80
100-best rescoring	25.74	20.54
lattice rescoring	26.43	20.63
decoding	26.86	20.93

Joint model: language model with source

- $P(t_i | t_{i-2} t_{i-1}, S)$
- How to model S ?
 - Entire source sentence or aligned source words
 - S as a word sequence, bag of words, or vector representation
 - How to learn the vector representation of S ?
- Neural network joint models based on
 - RNN language model [Auli+ 13]
 - Feedforward neural language model [Devlin+ 14]



Feed-forward neural language model [Bengio+ 03]



Joint model of [Devlin+ 14]

S: 我 ³就 ⁴取 ⁵钱 ⁶给 ⁷了 她们
i will get money to perf. them

T: ²i ¹will ⁰get the money to them

$P(\text{the} \mid \text{get, will, i, 就, 取, 钱, 给, 了})$

- Extend feed-forward LM to include window around aligned source words.
 - Heuristic: if align to multiple source words, choose middle; if unaligned, inherit alignment from closest target word
- Train on bitext with alignment; optimize target likelihood.



Neural machine translation

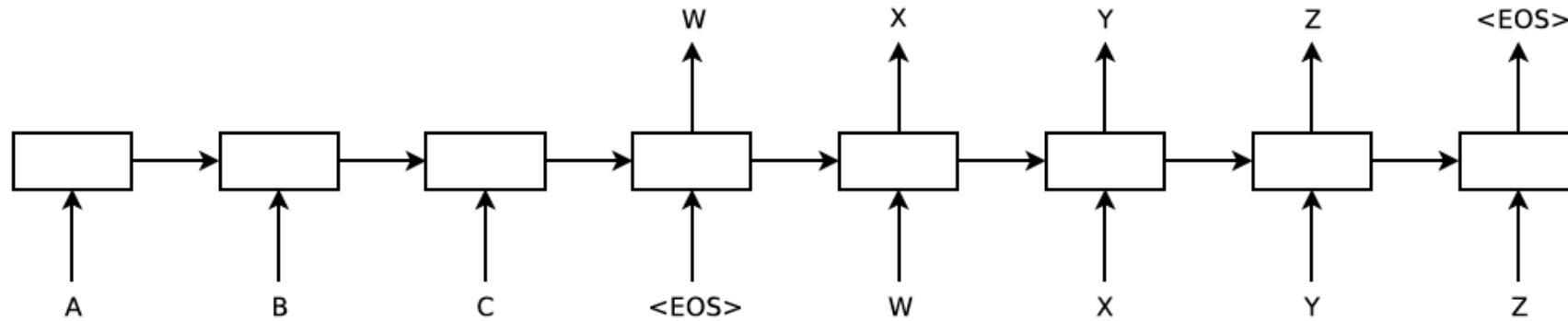
[Sutskever+ 14; Cho+ 14; Bahdanau+ 15]

- Build a single, large NN that reads a sentence and outputs a translation
 - Unlike phrase-based system that consists of many component models
- Encoder-decoder based approach
 - An encoder RNN reads and encodes a source sentence into a fixed-length vector
 - A decoder RNN outputs a variable-length translation from the encoded vector
 - Encoder-decoder RNNs are jointly learned on bitext, optimize target likelihood



Encoder-decoder model of [Sutskever+ 2014]

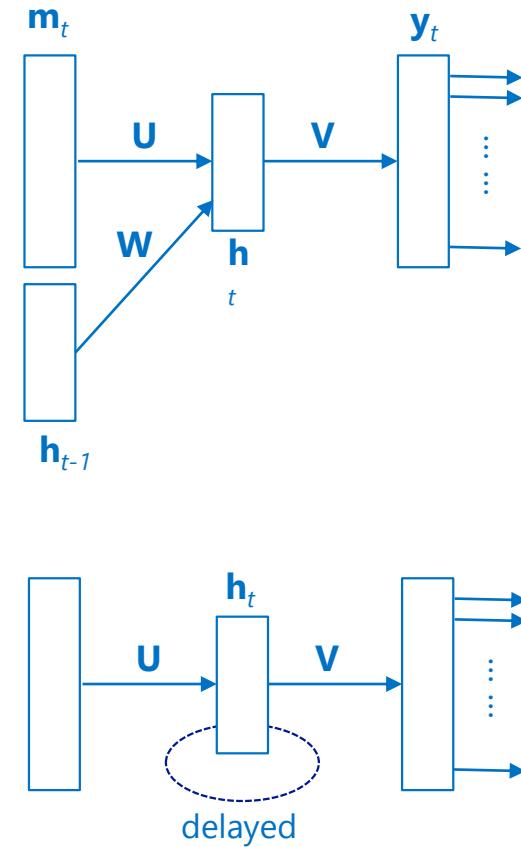
- “A B C” is source sentence; “W X Y Z” is target sentence



- Treat MT as general sequence-to-sequence transduction
 - Read source; accumulate hidden state; generate target
 - **<EOS>** token stops the recurrent process
 - In practice, read source sentence in reverse leads to better MT results
- Train on bitext; optimize target likelihood using SGD

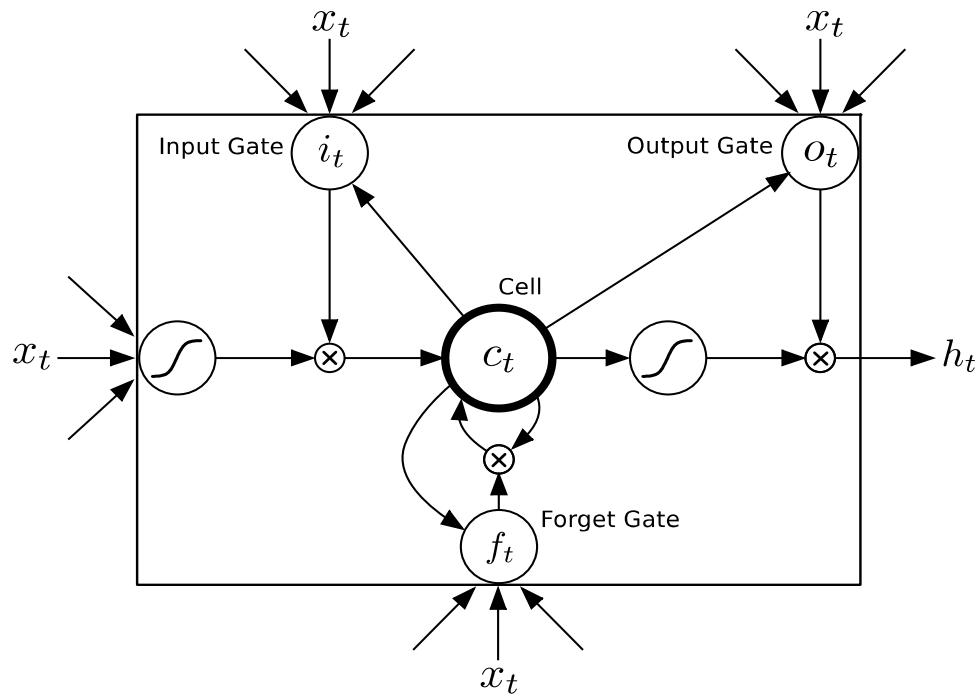
Potentials and difficulties of RNN

- In theory, RNN can “store” in h all information about past inputs
- But in practice, standard RNN cannot capture very long distance dependency
 - Vanishing/exploding gradient problem in backpropagation
 - Not robust to noise
- Solution: long short-term memory (LSTM)



A long short-term memory cell

[Hochreiter & Schmidhuber 97; Graves+ 13]



$$i_t = \sigma(W_{xi}x_t + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + W_{ci}c_{t-1} + b_i)$$
$$f_t = \sigma(W_{xf}x_t + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + W_{cf}c_{t-1} + b_f)$$
$$c_t = f_t c_{t-1} + i_t \tanh(W_{xc}x_t + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c)$$
$$o_t = \sigma(W_{xo}x_t + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + W_{co}c_t + b_o)$$
$$h_t = o_t \tanh(c_t)$$

Information flow in an LSTM unit of the RNN, with both diagrammatic and mathematical descriptions. W's are weight matrices, not shown but can easily be inferred in the diagram (Graves et al., 2013).

A 2-gate memory cell [Cho+ 14]

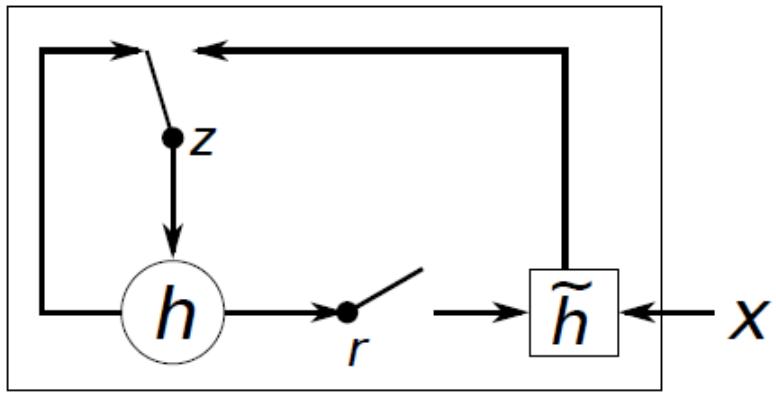


Figure 2: An illustration of the proposed hidden activation function. The update gate z selects whether the hidden state is to be updated with a new hidden state \tilde{h} . The reset gate r decides whether the previous hidden state is ignored. See

$$r_j = \sigma \left([\mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{x}]_j + [\mathbf{U}_r \mathbf{h}_{\langle t-1 \rangle}]_j \right)$$

$$z_j = \sigma \left([\mathbf{W}_z \mathbf{x}]_j + [\mathbf{U}_z \mathbf{h}_{\langle t-1 \rangle}]_j \right)$$

$$\tilde{h}_j^{\langle t \rangle} = \phi \left([\mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}]_j + [\mathbf{U} (\mathbf{r} \odot \mathbf{h}_{\langle t-1 \rangle})]_j \right)$$

$$h_j^{\langle t \rangle} = z_j h_j^{\langle t-1 \rangle} + (1 - z_j) \tilde{h}_j^{\langle t \rangle}$$

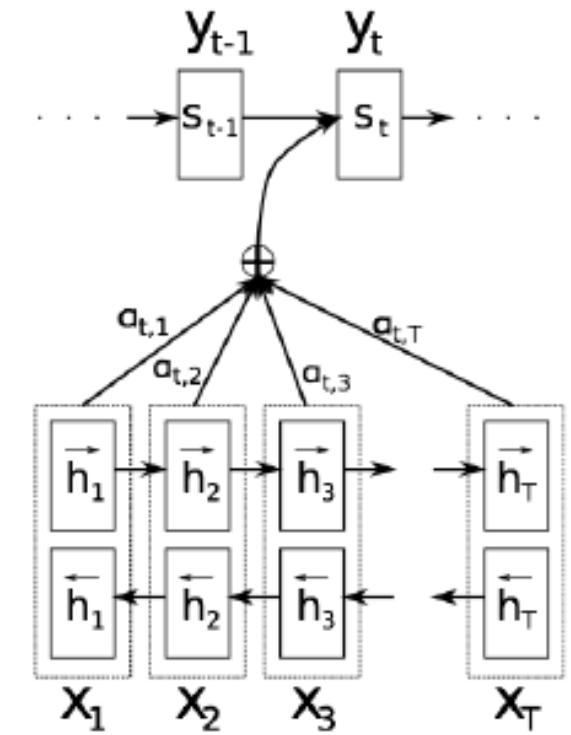
Joint learning to align and translate

- Issue with encoder-decoder model for SMT
 - Compressing a source sentence into a fixed-length vector makes it difficult for RNN to cope with long sentences.
- Attention model of [Bahdanau+ 15]
 - Encodes the input sentence into a sequence of vectors and choose a subset of these vectors adaptively while decoding
 - An idea similar to that of [Devlin+ 14]



Attention model of [Bahdanau+ 15]

- Encoder:
 - bidirectional RNN to encode each word and its context
- Decoder:
 - Searches for a set of source words that are most relevant to the target word to be predicted.
 - Predicts a target word based on the context vectors associated with these source words and all the previous generated target words.
- Close to state-of-the-art performance
 - Better at translating long sentences



Interim summary

- A brief history of DNN
- DNNs in statistical machine translation
 - Feed Forward Neural Networks
 - Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)
 - Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)
 - Deep Semantic Similarity Model (DSSM)

Tutorial Outline

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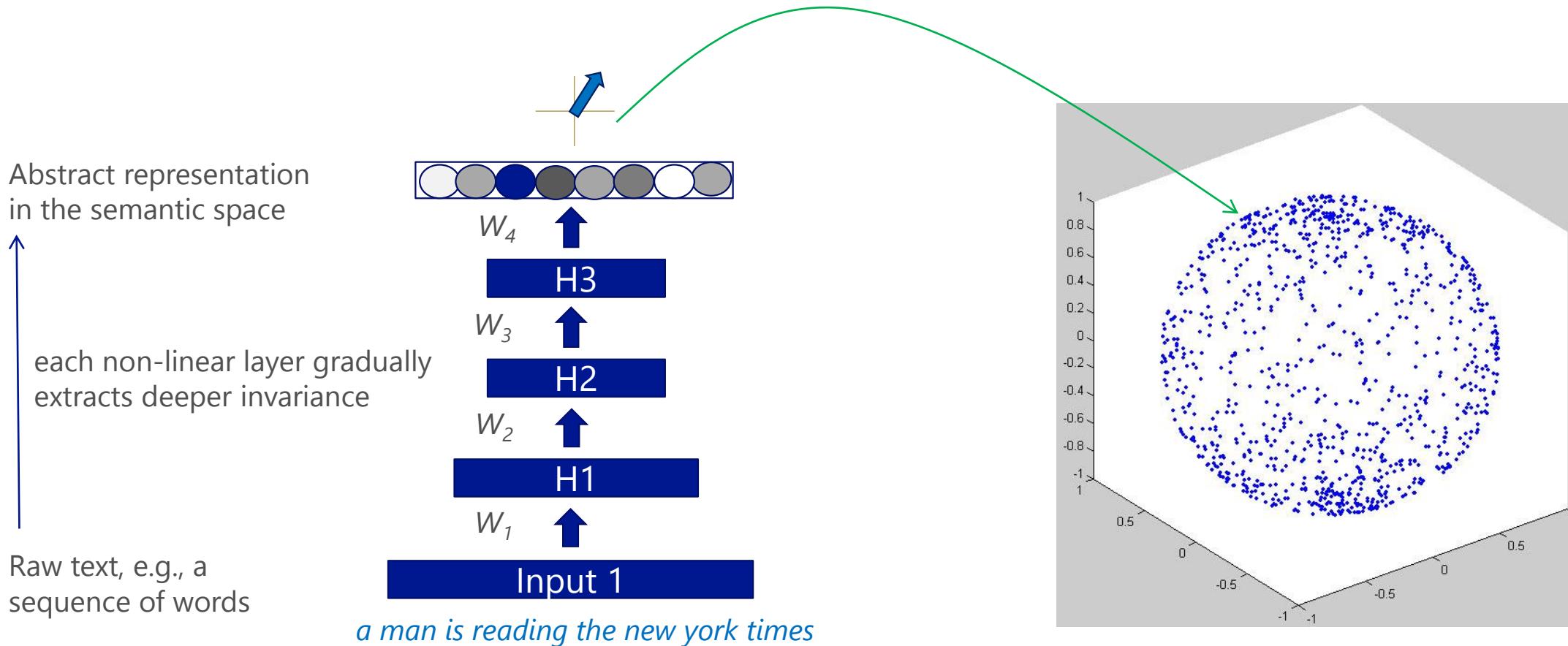
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Learning semantic representation

e.g., from a raw sentence to an abstract semantic vector (Sent2Vec)



Sent2Vec is crucial in many NLP tasks

Tasks	Source	Target
Web search	<i>search query</i>	<i>web documents</i>
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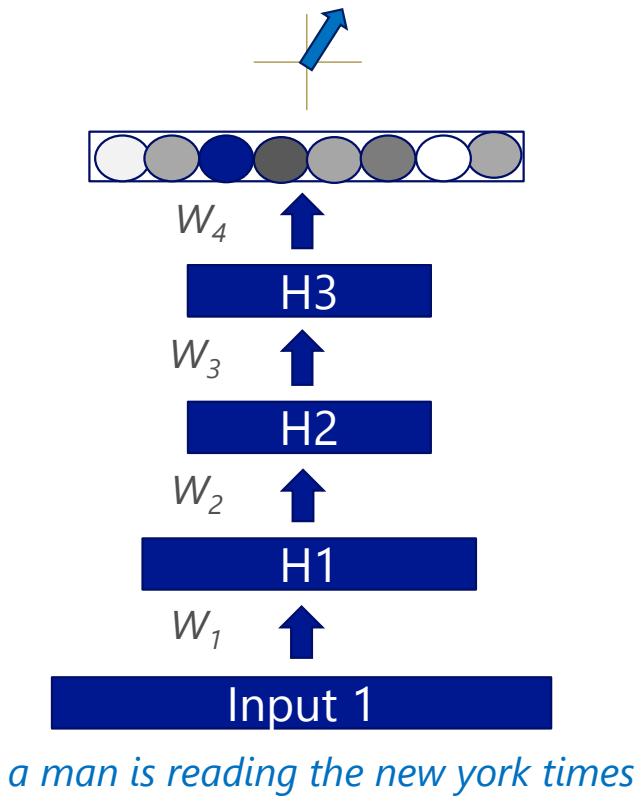
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The supervision problem:



However

- the semantic meaning of texts – to be learned – is latent
- no clear target for the model to learn
- How to do back-propagation?

Fortunately

- we usually know if two texts are "similar" or not.
- That's the signal for semantic representation learning.

Deep Structured Semantic Model

Deep Structured Semantic Model/Deep Semantic Similarity Model (DSSM)

Sentence to vector!

The DSSM is built upon sub-word units for scalability and generalizability

e.g., letter-trigrams, phones, roots/morphs, instead of words

The DSSM is trained by optimizing an similarity-driven objective

projecting semantically similar sentences to vectors close to each other

projecting semantically different sentences to vectors far apart

The DSSM is learned from various signals, with or without human labeling effort

semantically-similar text pairs

e.g., user behavior log data, contextual text

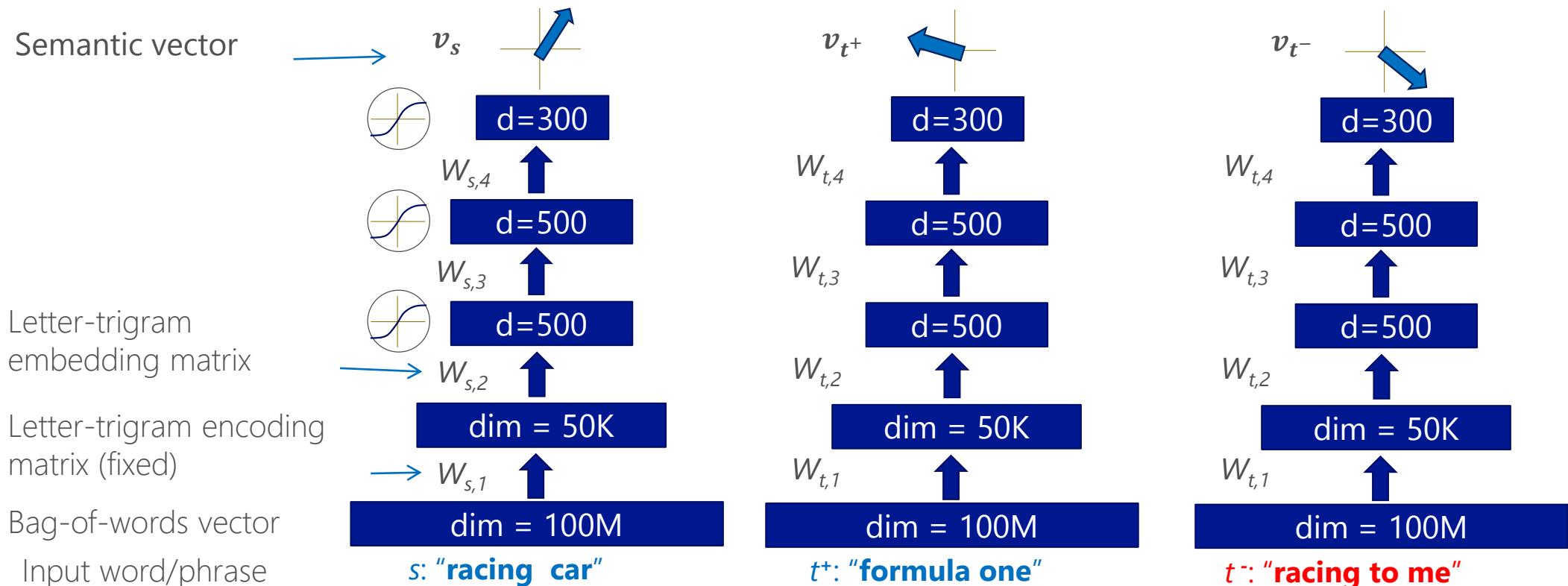
Huang, He, Gao, Deng, Acero, Heck, “Learning deep structured semantic models for web search using clickthrough data,” CIKM, October, 2013



DSSM: a similarity-driven Sent2Vec model

Initialization:

Neural networks are initialized with random weights



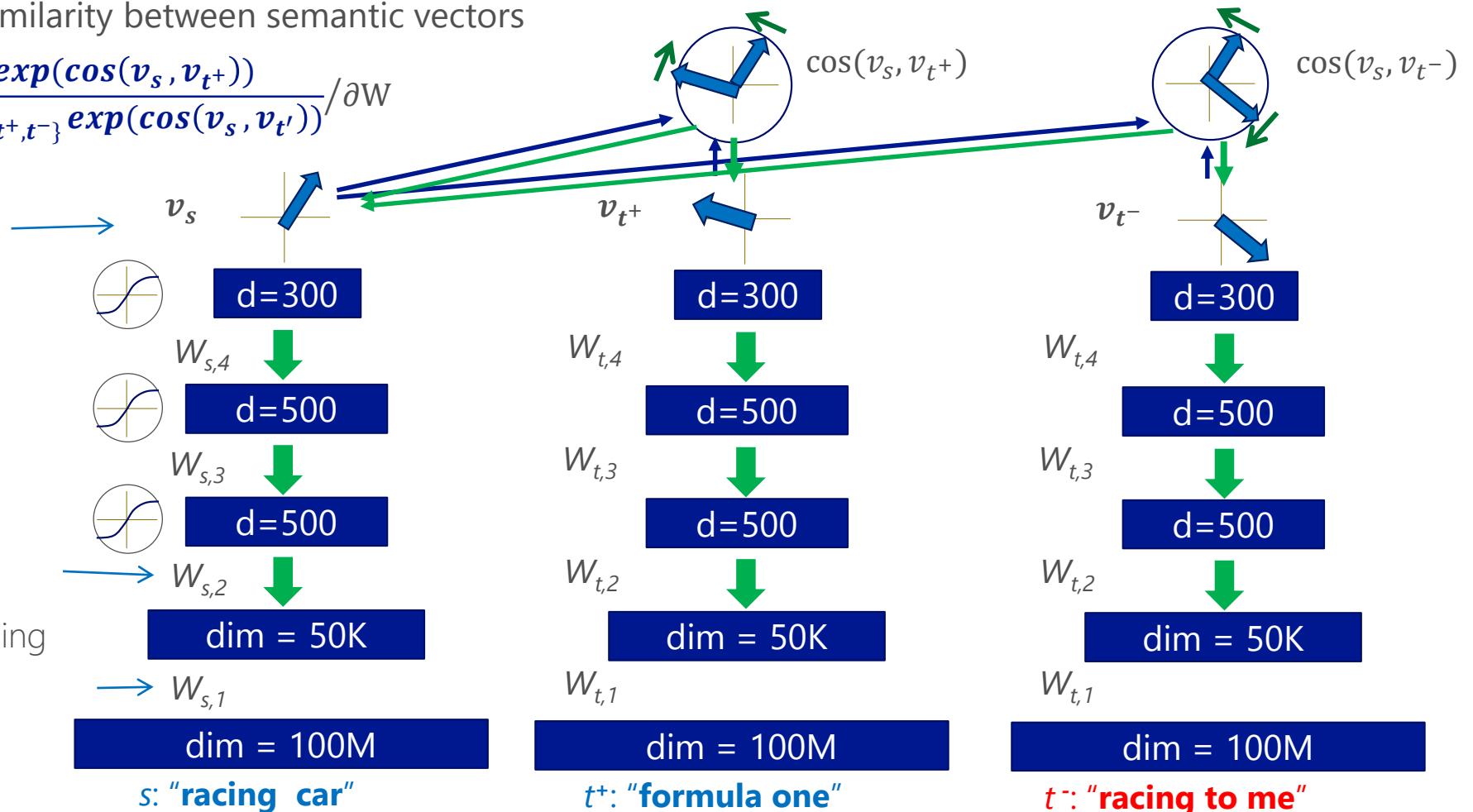
DSSM: a similarity-driven Sent2Vec model

Training:

Compute Cosine similarity between semantic vectors

$$\text{Compute gradients } \frac{\partial \frac{\exp(\cos(v_s, v_{t^+}))}{\sum_{t'=\{t^+, t^-\}} \exp(\cos(v_s, v_{t'}))}}{\partial W}$$

Semantic vector



Letter-trigram
embedding matrix

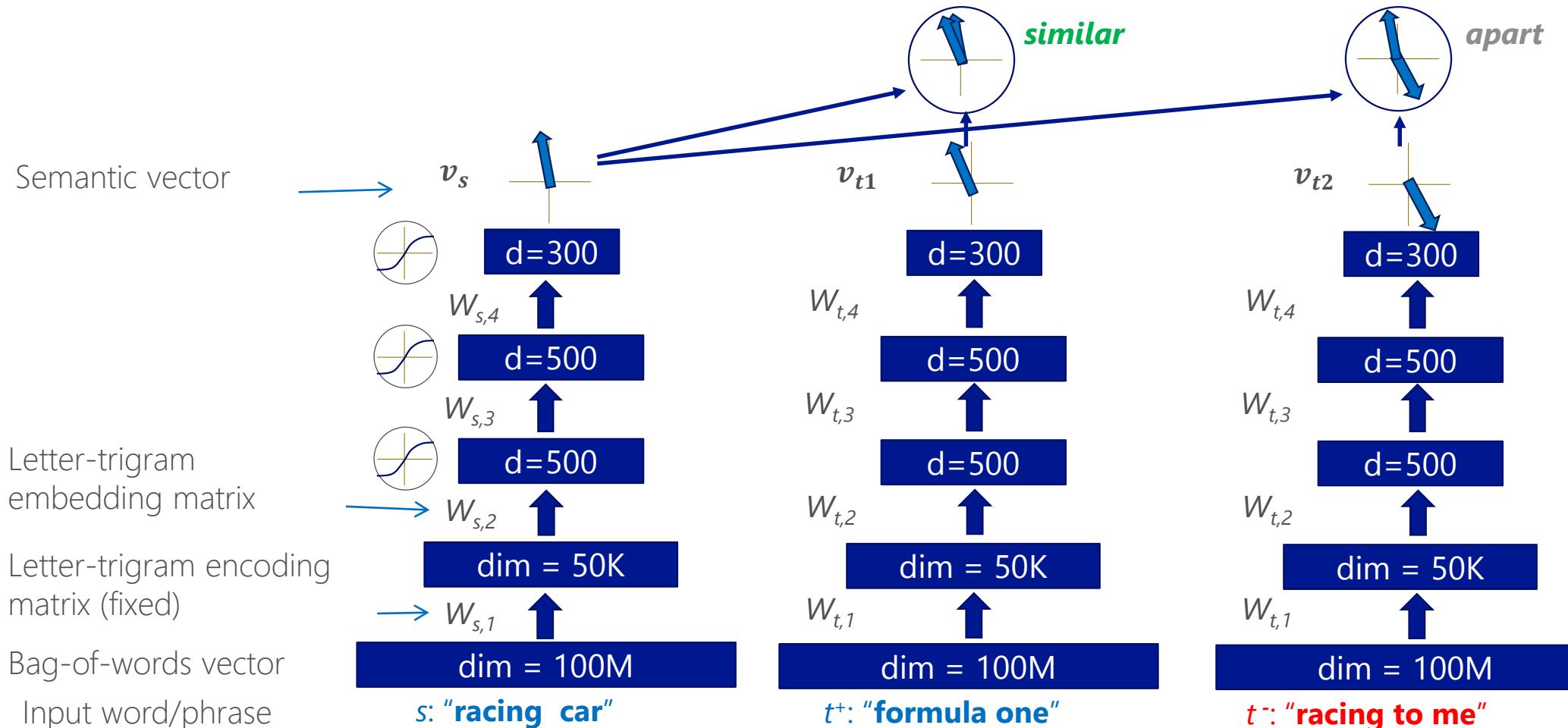
Letter-trigram encoding
matrix (fixed)

Bag-of-words vector

Input word/phrase

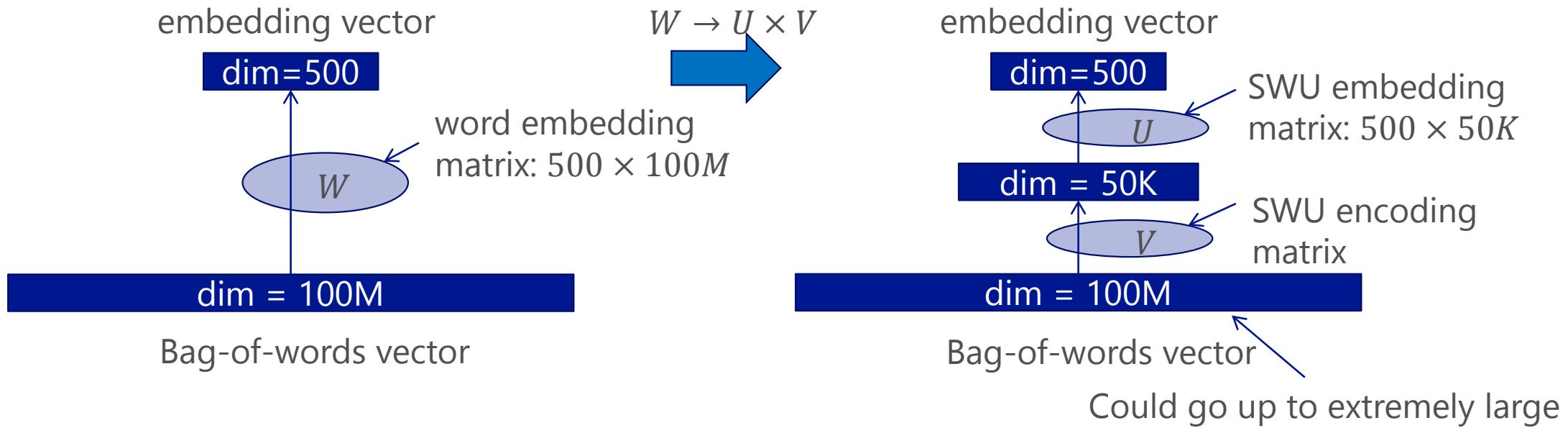
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Runtime:



DSSM: built on top of sub-word units

Decompose *any* word into sub-word units (SWU)



Preferable for large scale NL tasks

- Arbitrary size of vocabulary (*scalability*)
- Misspellings, word fragments, new words, etc. (*generalizability*)

Options:

- Letters, context-dept letters, positioned-phones, context-dept phones, positioned-roots/morphs, context-dept morphs

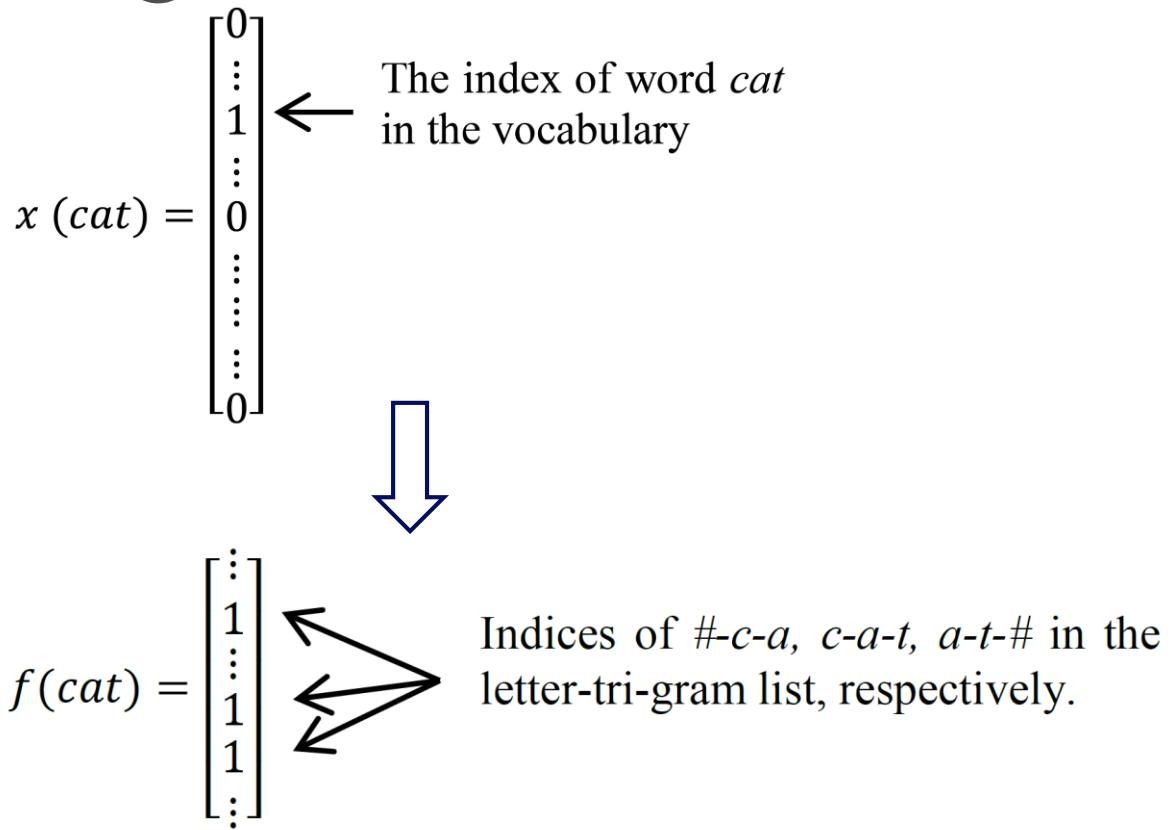
Or

Random projection (random basis unit)

Multi-hashing approach to word input representation

Sub-word unit encoding

- E.g., letter-trigram based
Word Hashing of “cat”
 - -> #cat#
 - Tri-letters: #-c-a, c-a-t, a-t-#.
- Compact representation
 - $|\text{Voc}|$ (500K) \rightarrow $|\text{Letter-trigram}|$ (30K)
- Generalize to unseen words
- Robust to misspelling, inflection, etc.



What if different words have the same word hashing vector (collision)?

Vocabulary size	Unique letter-tg observed in voc	Number of Collisions
40K	10306	2 (0.005%)
500K	30621	22 (0.004%)



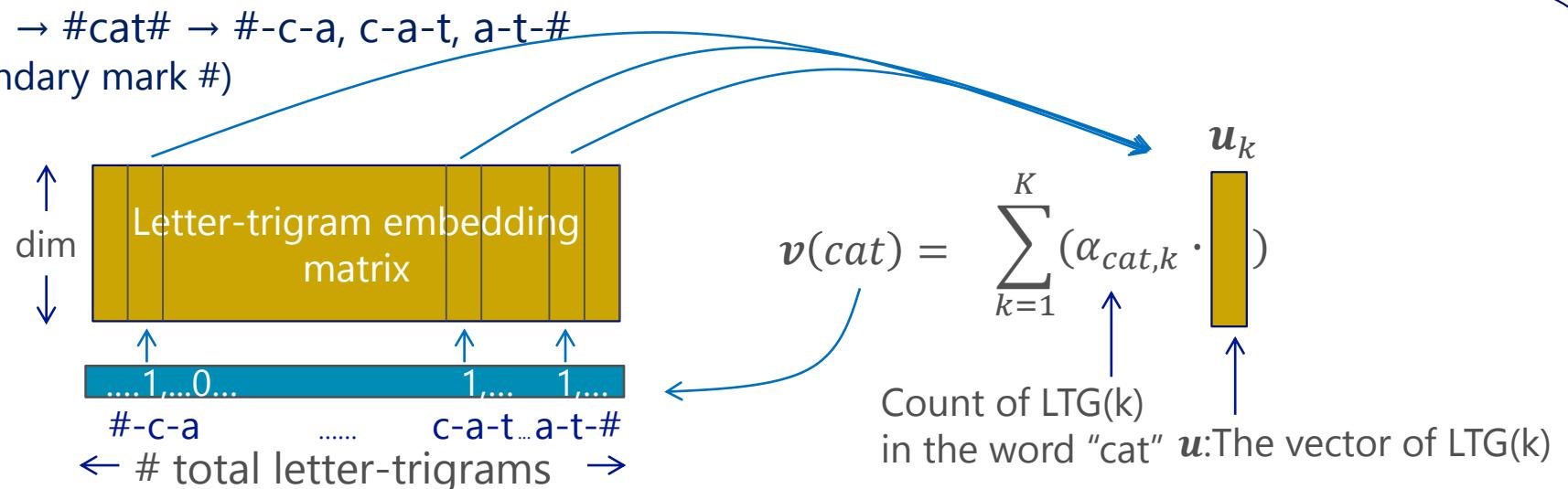
Learning sub-word unit embedding vectors

SWU uses context-dependent letter, e.g., letter-trigram.

Learn one vector per letter-trigram (LTG), the encoding matrix is a fixed matrix

- Use the count of each LTG in the word for encoding

Example: cat → #cat# → #-c-a, c-a-t, a-t-#
(w/ word boundary mark #)



Training objectives

Objective: cosine similarity based loss

Using web search as an example:

- a query q and a list of docs $D = \{d^+, d_1^-, \dots d_K^-\}$
 - d^+ positive doc; $d_1^-, \dots d_K^-$ are negative docs to q (e.g., sampled from not clicked docs)
- Objective: the posterior probability of the clicked doc given the query

$$P(d^+|q) = \frac{\exp(\gamma \cos(v_{\theta}(q), v_{\theta}(d^+)))}{\sum_{d \in D} \exp(\gamma \cos(v_{\theta}(q), v_{\theta}(d)))}$$

e.g., $v_{\theta}(q) = \sigma(W_{s,4} \times \sigma(W_{s,3} \times \sigma(W_{s,2} \times \text{ltg}(q))))$

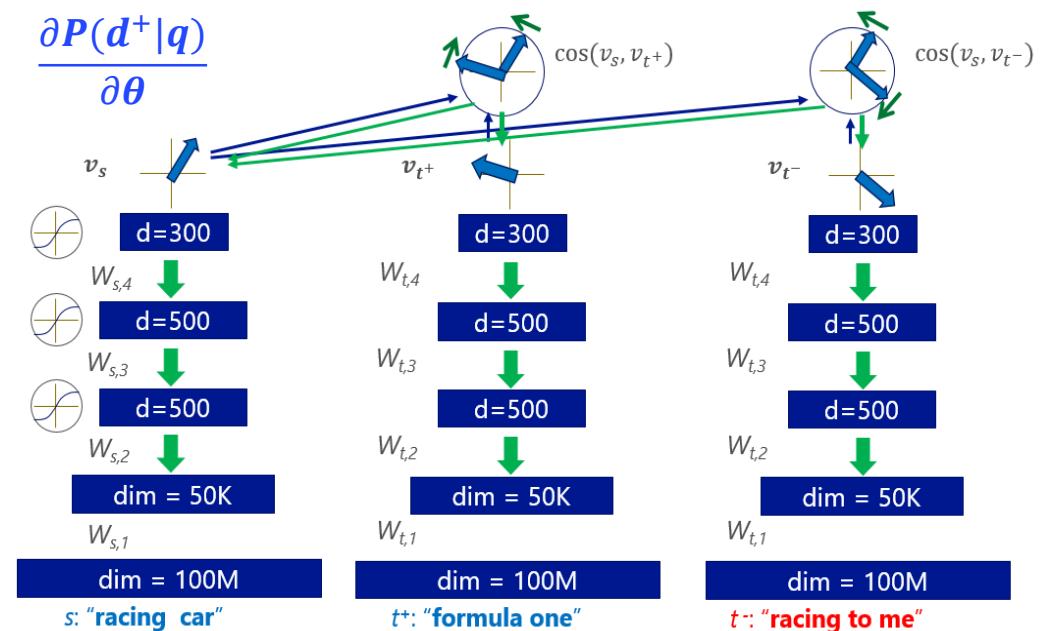
$$v_{\theta}(d) = \sigma(W_{t,4} \times \sigma(W_{t,3} \times \sigma(W_{t,2} \times \text{ltg}(d))))$$

where $\theta = \{W_{s,2 \sim 4}, W_{t,2 \sim 4}\}$, $\sigma()$ is a tanh function.



Optimization

- Optimize θ to maximize $P(d^+|q)$.
- θ is randomly initialized
- SGD training on GPUs
e.g. NVidia K40



Please refer to the full version of the paper for detailed derivation.
[Huang, He, Gao, Deng, Acero, Heck, 2013]

Mine semantically-similar text pairs from Search Logs

how to deal with stuffy nose?

stuffy nose treatment

cold home remedies

Best Home Remedies for Cold and Flu

Wind Heat External Pathogens

By: Catherine Browne, L.Ac., MH, Dipl. Ac.

In Chinese medicine, colds and flu's are delineated into several different energetic classifications. Here we will outline the different types of cold and flu viruses that you will likely encounter, and then describe the best home remedies for those.

QUERY (Q)	Clicked Doc Title (T)
how to deal with stuffy nose	best home remedies for cold and flu
stuffy nose treatment	best home remedies for cold and flu
cold home remedies	best home remedies for cold and flu
...
go israel	forums goisrael community
skate at wholesale at pr	wholesale skates southeastern skate supply
breastfeeding nursing blister baby	clogged milk ducts babycenter
thank you teacher song	lyrics for teaching educational children s music
immigration canada lacolle	cbsa office detailed information

[Gao, He, Nie, CIKM2010]

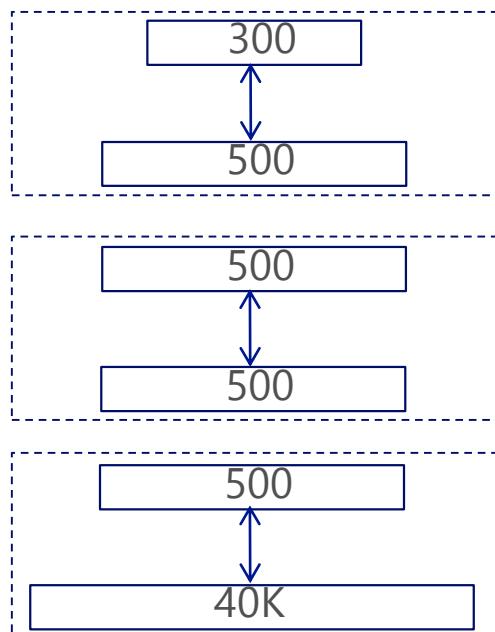


Semantic Hashing

- 1) Single layer learning: Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM)
- 2) Multi-layer training: deep auto-encoder, learn internal representations

Model is trained to minimize the reconstruction error

Step1: get initial weights
from RBM

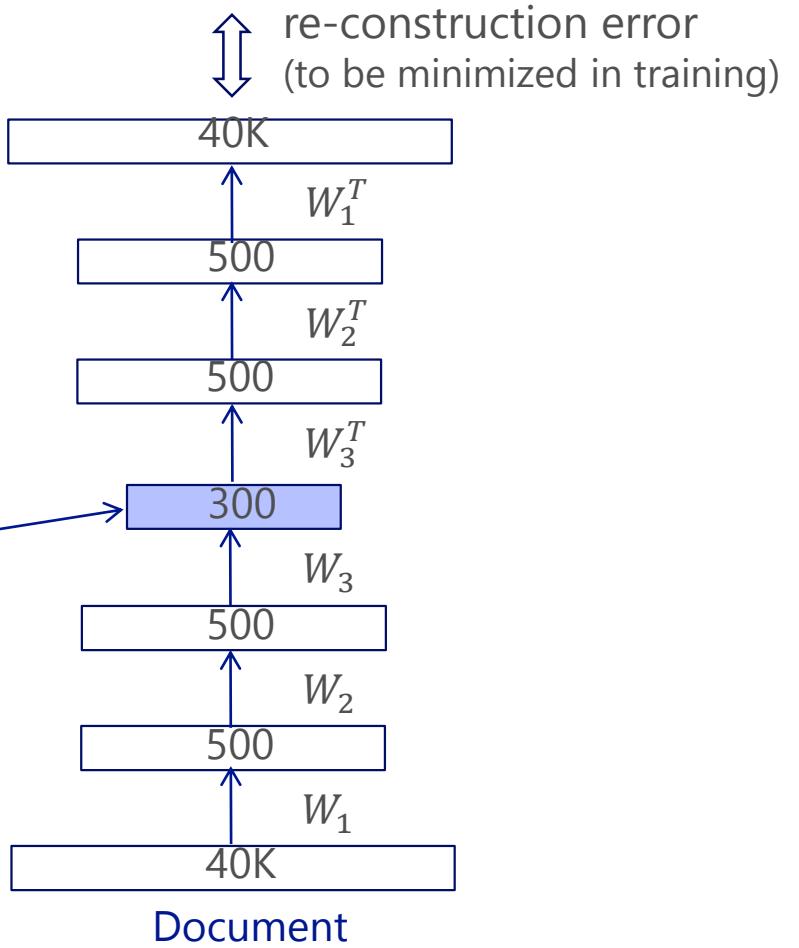


Step2: auto-encoder

unrolling

Embedding
of the document

Document



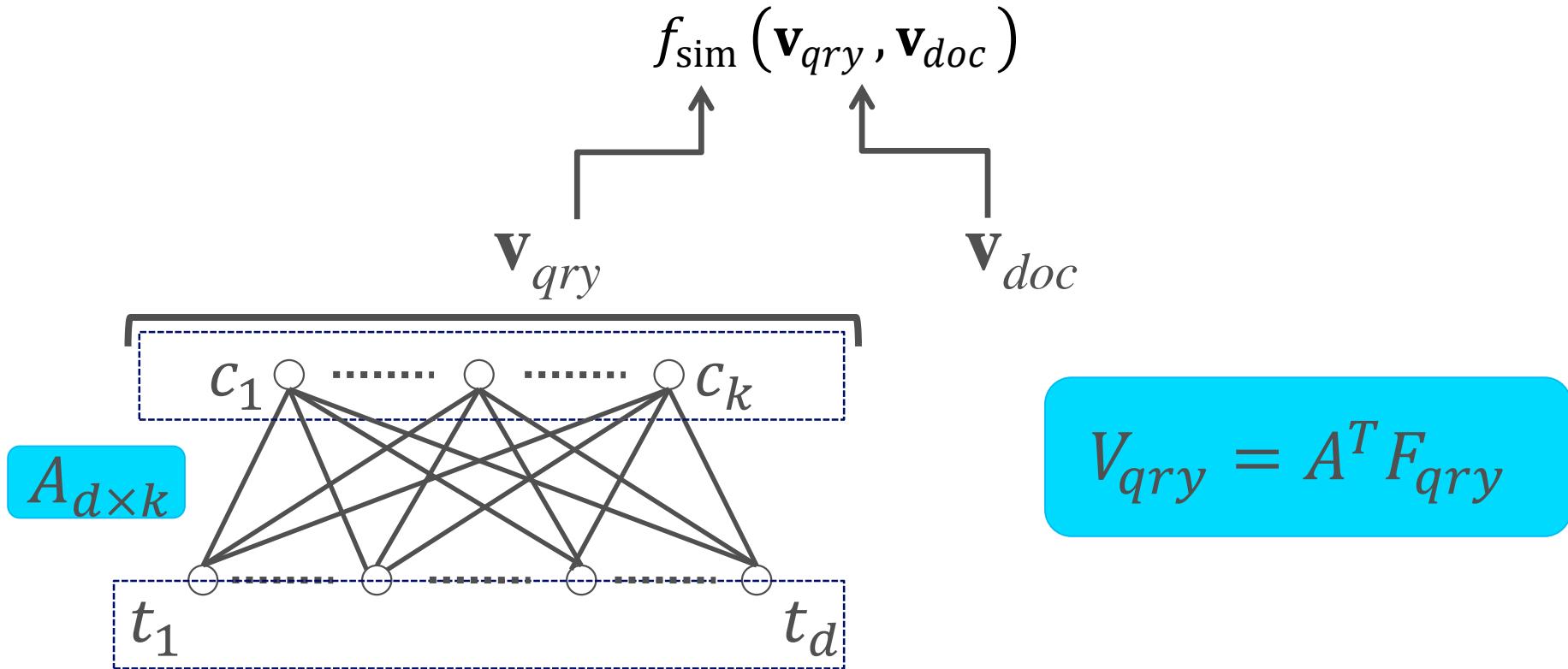
[Salakhutdinov & Hinton 2007, 2010]



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S2Net

- Model form is the same as LSA/PCA
- Learning the projection matrix discriminatively



[Yih, Toutanova, Platt, Meek, 2011]



DSSM: Web Search

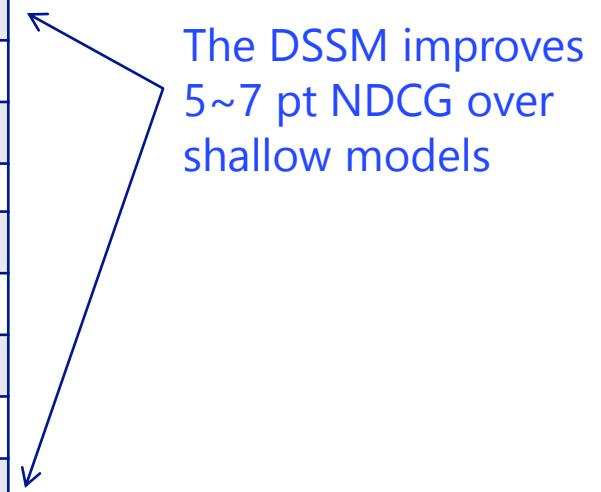
- Training data:
 - 100M query/clicked-doc-title pairs from search log
- Test set:
 - 16,510 English queries sampled from 1-yr. log
 - 5-level relevance label for each query-doc pair
 - Evaluated by NDCG
- Baselines
 - Lexicon matching models: BM25
 - Topic model: PLSA



Results on a document retrieval task

Docs are ranked by the cosine similarity between query vector and doc vector

NDCG@1	
BM25	30.8
LSA (Deerwester et al., 1990)	29.8
PLSA (Hofmann 1999)	29.5
Auto-Encoder (Hinton et al., 2010)	31.0
DPM (w/ S2Net (Yih et al., 2011))	32.9
Word Translation Model (Gao et al, 2010)	33.2
Bilingual Topic Model (Gao et al., 2011)	33.7
DSSM	36.2



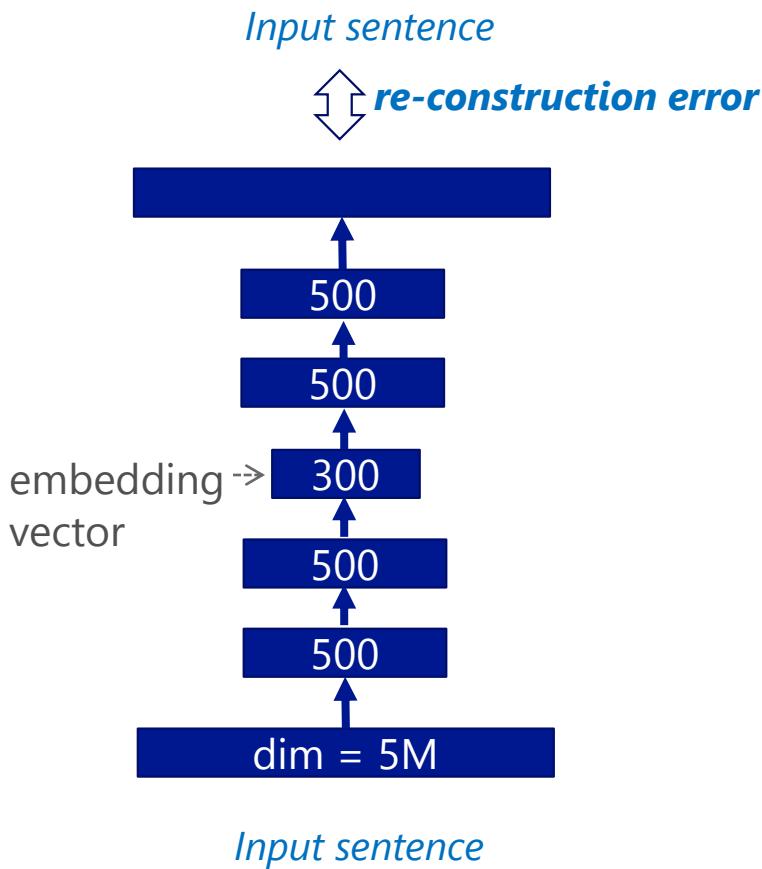
The higher the NDCG score the better, 1% NDCG difference is statistically significant.

- The DSSM learns superior semantic embedding
- Letter-trigram + the DSSM gives superior results



Reflection: from Auto-encoder to DSSM

Auto-encoder



Training loss func.:

AE: reconstruction error
DSSM: distance between embedding vectors

Training data:

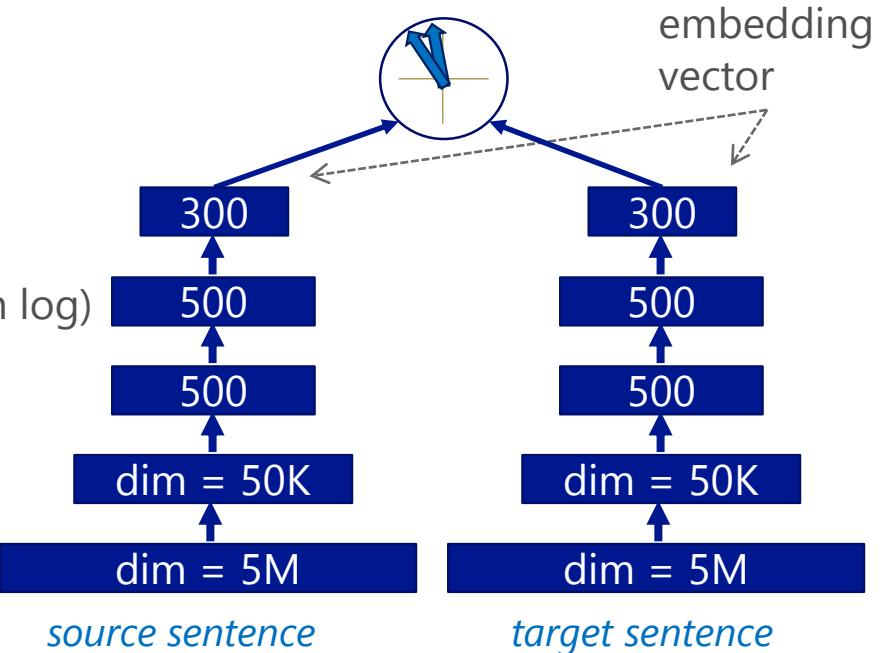
AE: unsupervised
(e.g., doc \leftrightarrow doc)
DSSM: weakly supervised
(e.g., query \leftrightarrow doc search log)

Input:

AE: 1-hot word vector
DSSM: sub-word unit
(e.g., letter-trigram)

DSSM

cosine similarity



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Convolutional DSSM

Model local context at the convolutional layer
Model global context at the pooling layer

Semantic layer: y

Affine projection matrix: W_s

Max pooling layer: v

Max pooling operation

Convolutional layer: h_t

Convolution matrix: W_c

Word hashing layer: f_t

Word hashing matrix: W_f

Word sequence: x_t

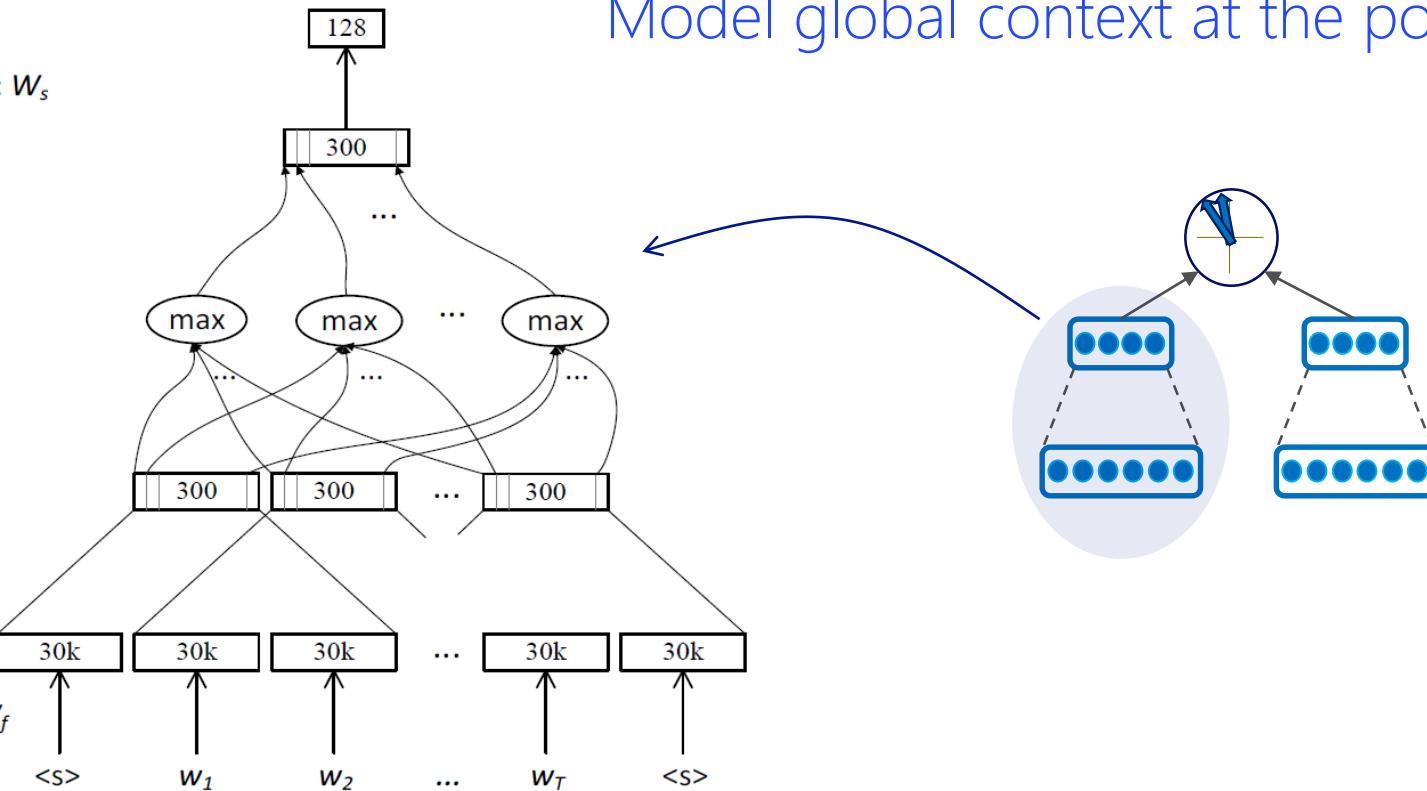


Figure 1: Illustration of the C-DSSM. A convolutional layer with the window size of three is illustrated.

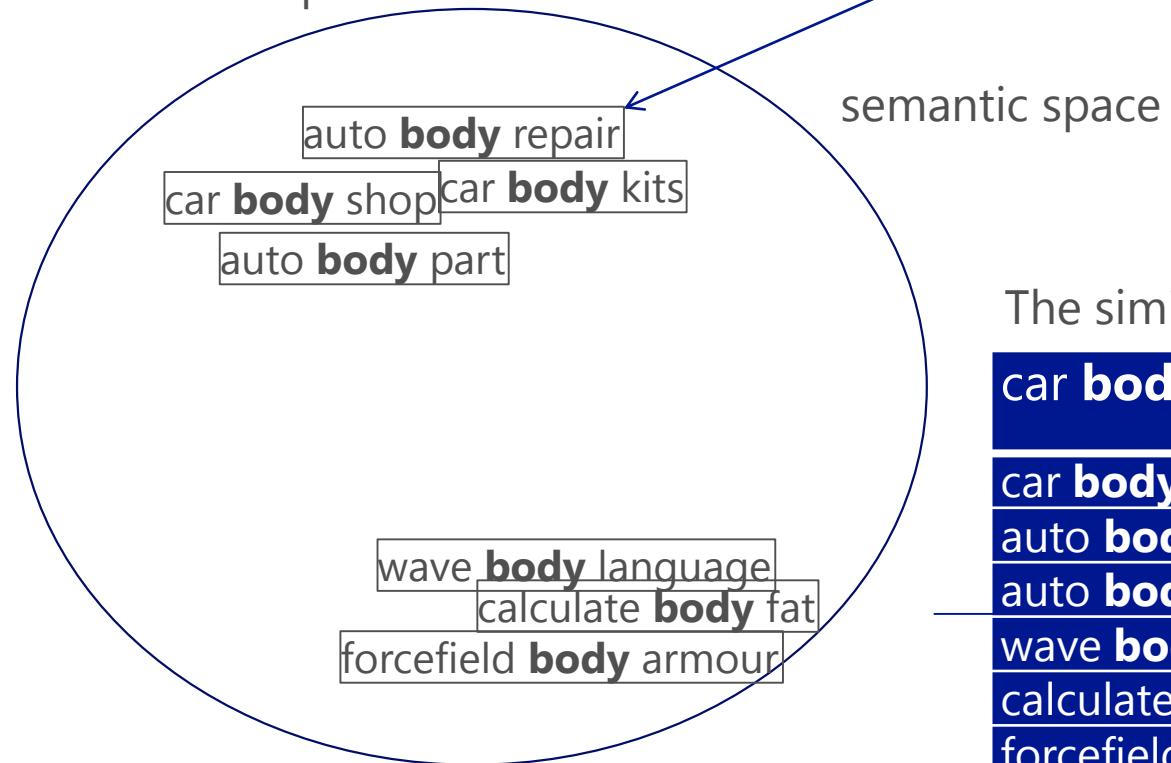
[Shen, He, Gao, Deng, Mesnil, WWW2014 & CIKM2014;
Gao, Pantel, Gamon, He, Deng, Shen, EMNLP2014]



- What does the model learn at the convolutional layer?

Capture the **local context** dependent word sense

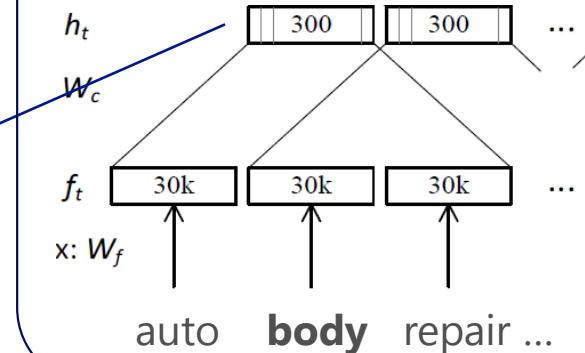
- Learn one embedding vector for each local context-dependent word



The similarity between different "**body**" within contexts

car body shop	cosine similarity	high similarity
car body kits	0.698	
auto body repair	0.578	
auto body parts	0.555	
wave body language	0.301	
calculate body fat	0.220	
forcefield body armour	0.165	

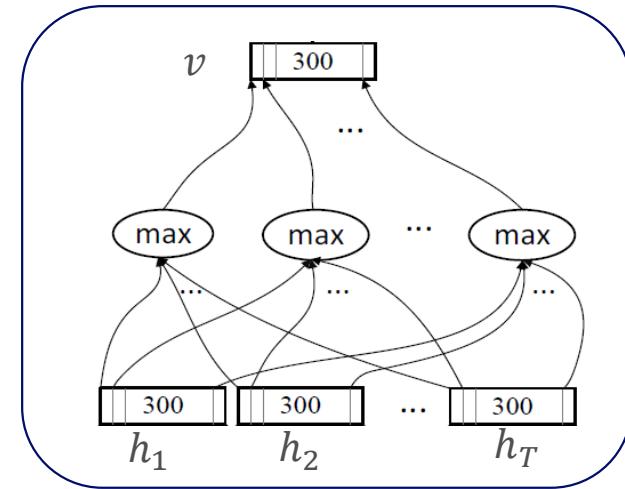
low similarity



$$h_t = W_c \times [f_{t-1}, f_t, f_{t+1}]$$

CDSSM: What happens at the max-pooling layer?

- Aggregate *local topics* to form the *global intent*
- Identify salient words/phrase at the max-pooling layer



$$v(i) = \max_{t=1, \dots, T} \{h_t(i)\}$$

where $i = 1, \dots, 300$

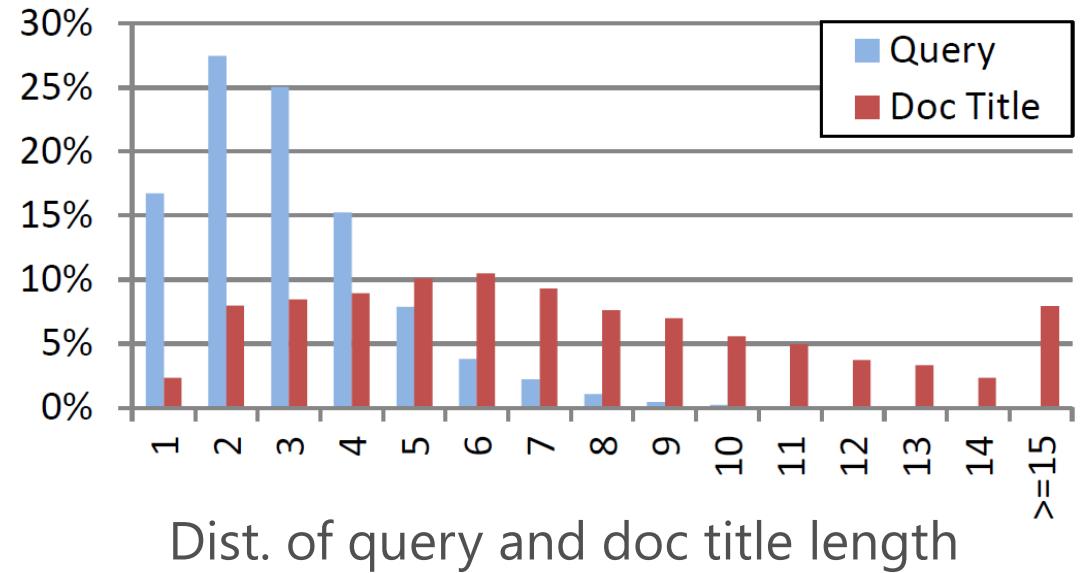
Words that win the most active neurons at the **max-pooling layers**:

auto body repair cost calculator software

Usually, those are salient words containing clear intents/topics

DSSM for Information Retrieval

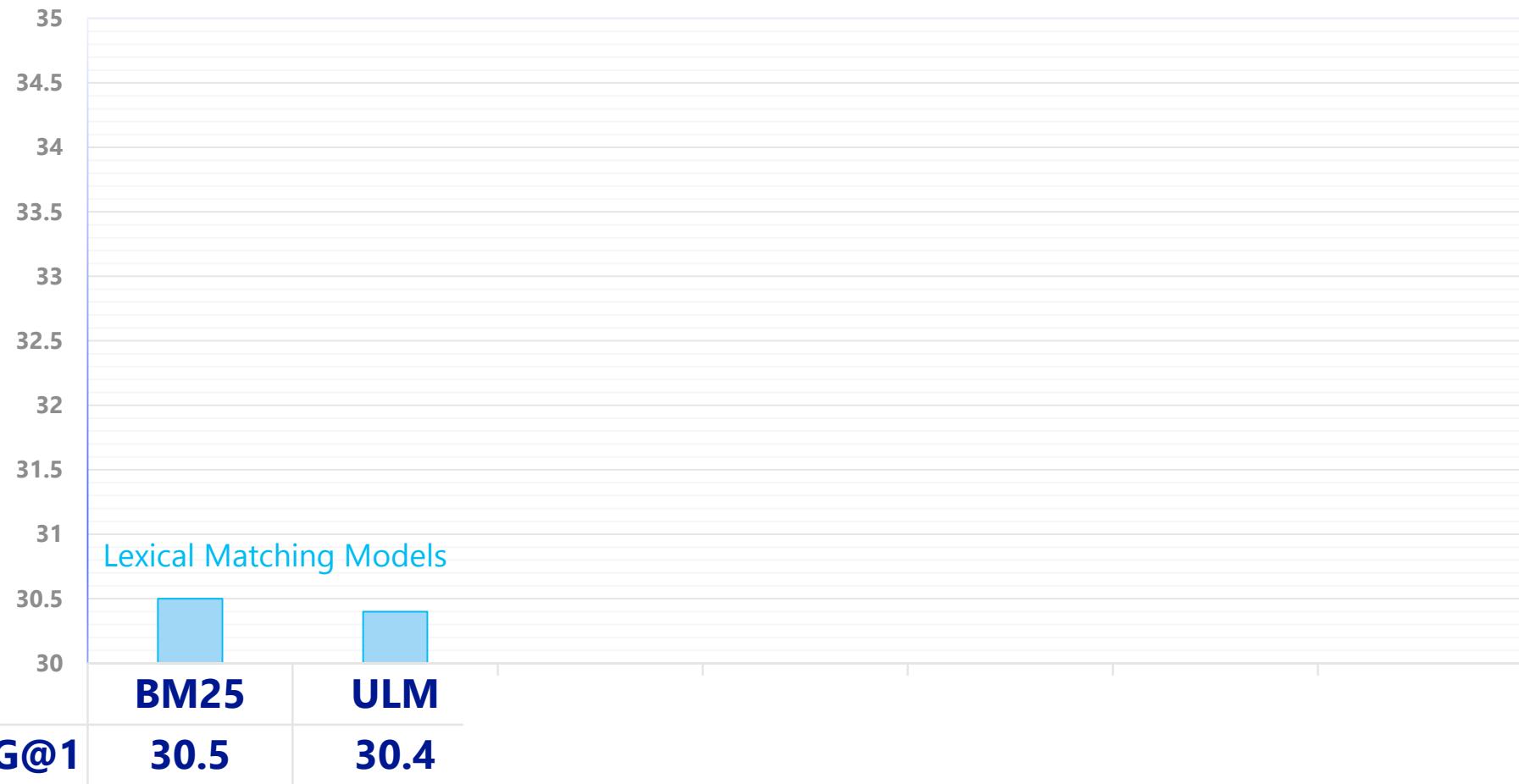
- Training Dataset
 - 30 Million (Query, Document) Click Pairs
- Testing Dataset
 - **12,071** English queries
 - around 65 web document associated to each query in average
 - Human gives each `<query, doc>` pair the label, with range **0 to 4**
 - 0: Bad 1: Fair 2: Good 3: Perfect 4: Excellent
- Evaluation Metric: (higher the better)
 - NDCG
- GPU (NVidia GPU K40)



Main Experiment Results

ULM : Zhai and Lafferty 2001

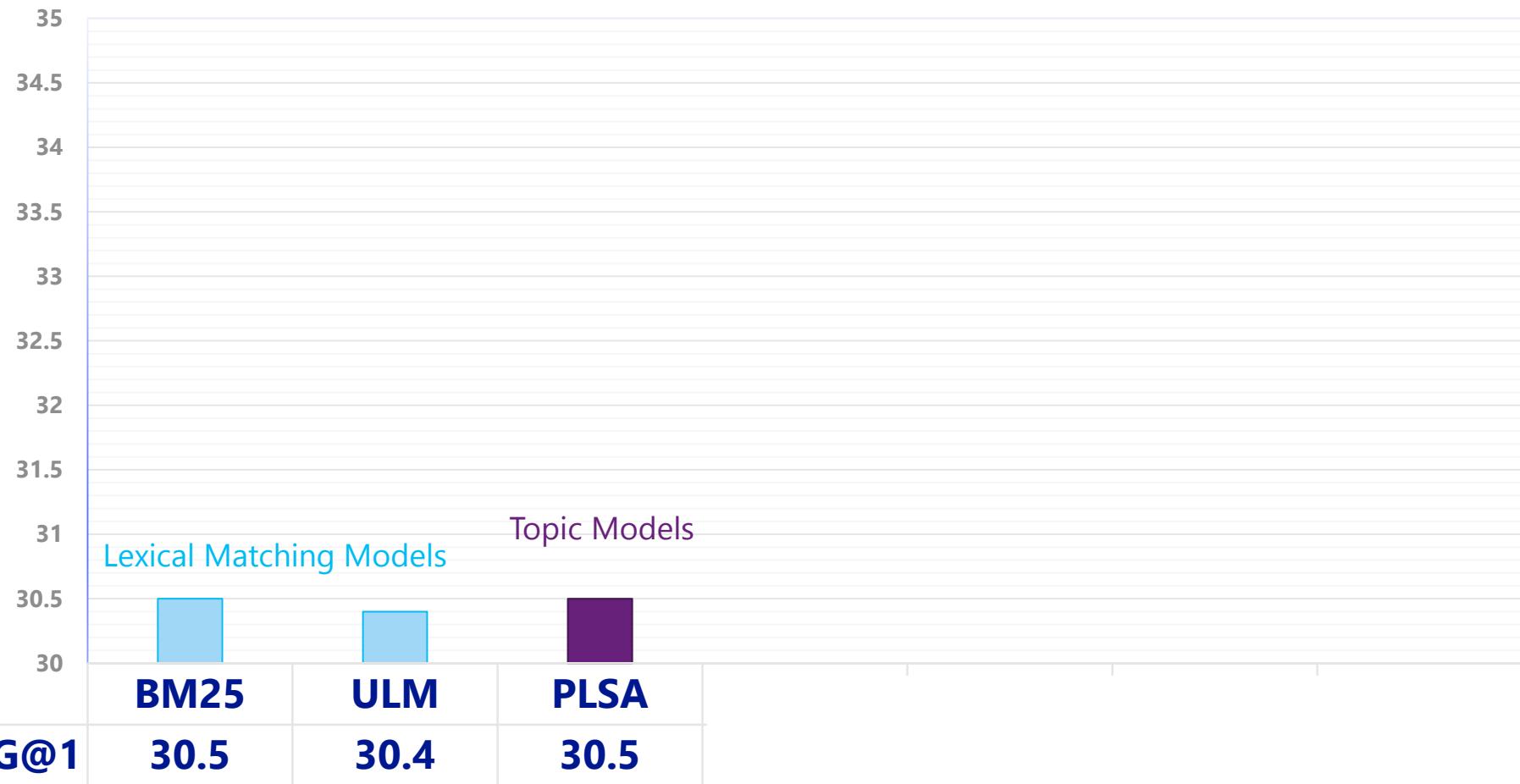
NDCG@1 Results



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PLSA: Hofmann 1999

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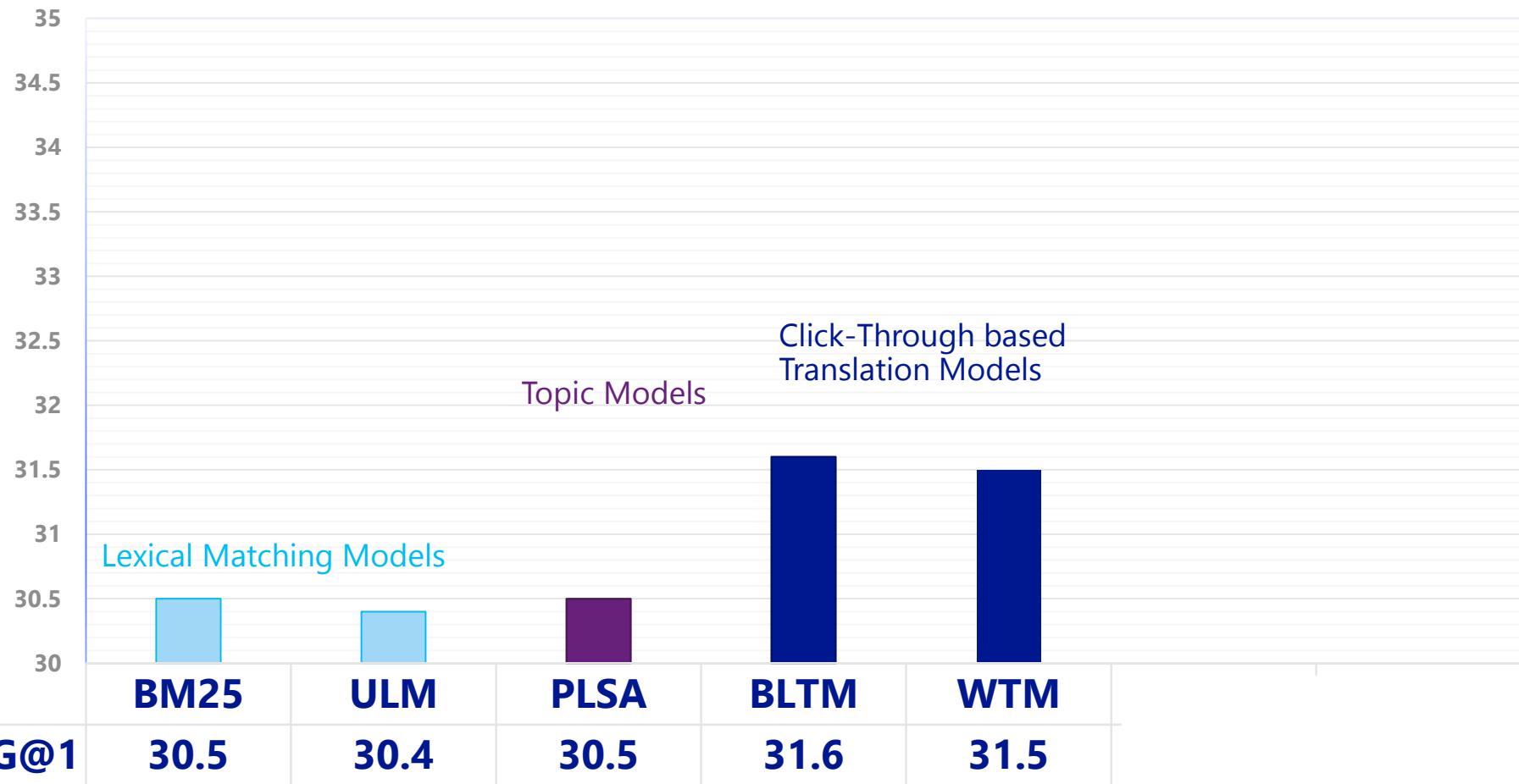


Main Experiment Results

WTM: Gao et al. 2010

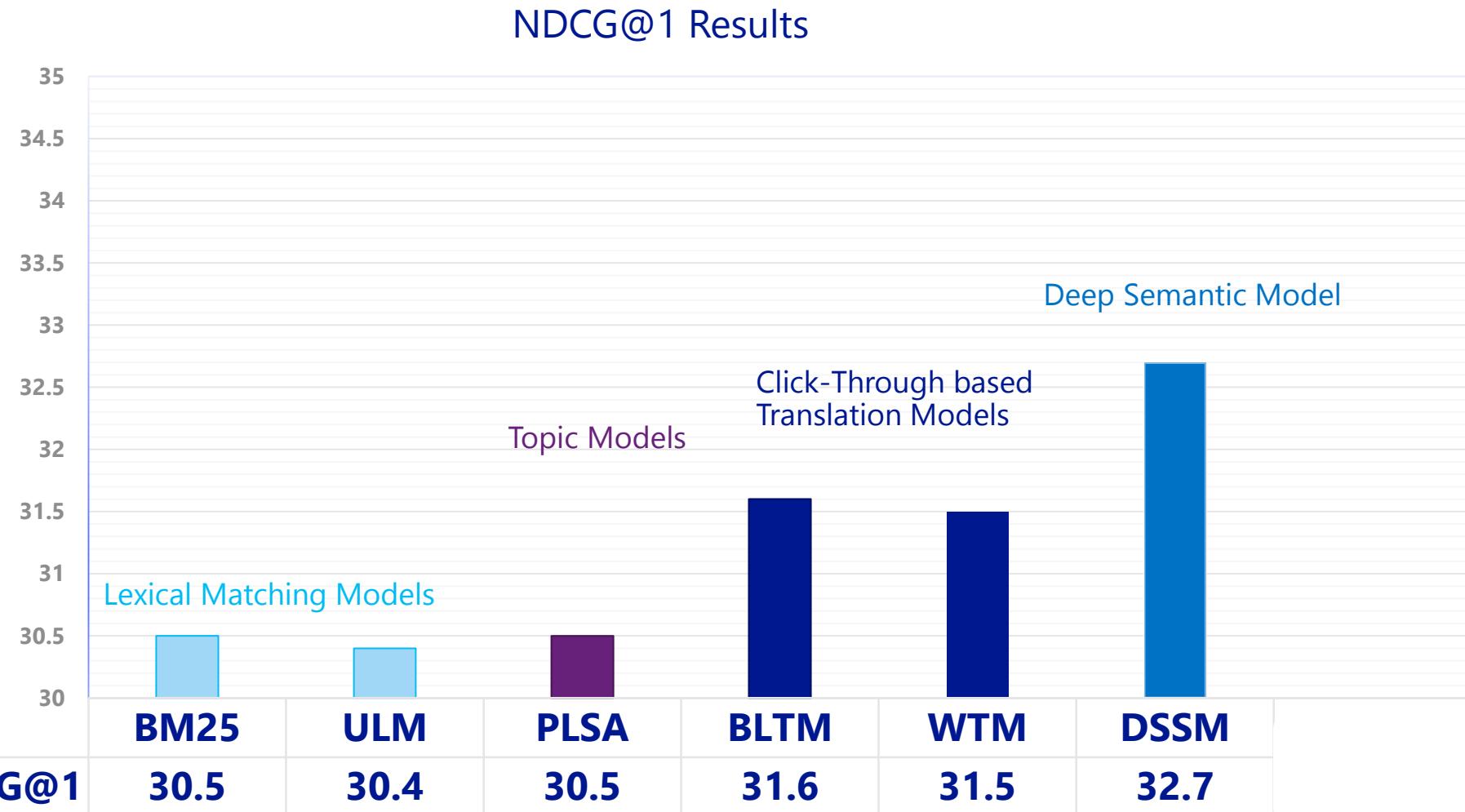
BLTM: Gao et al. 2011

NDCG@1 Results



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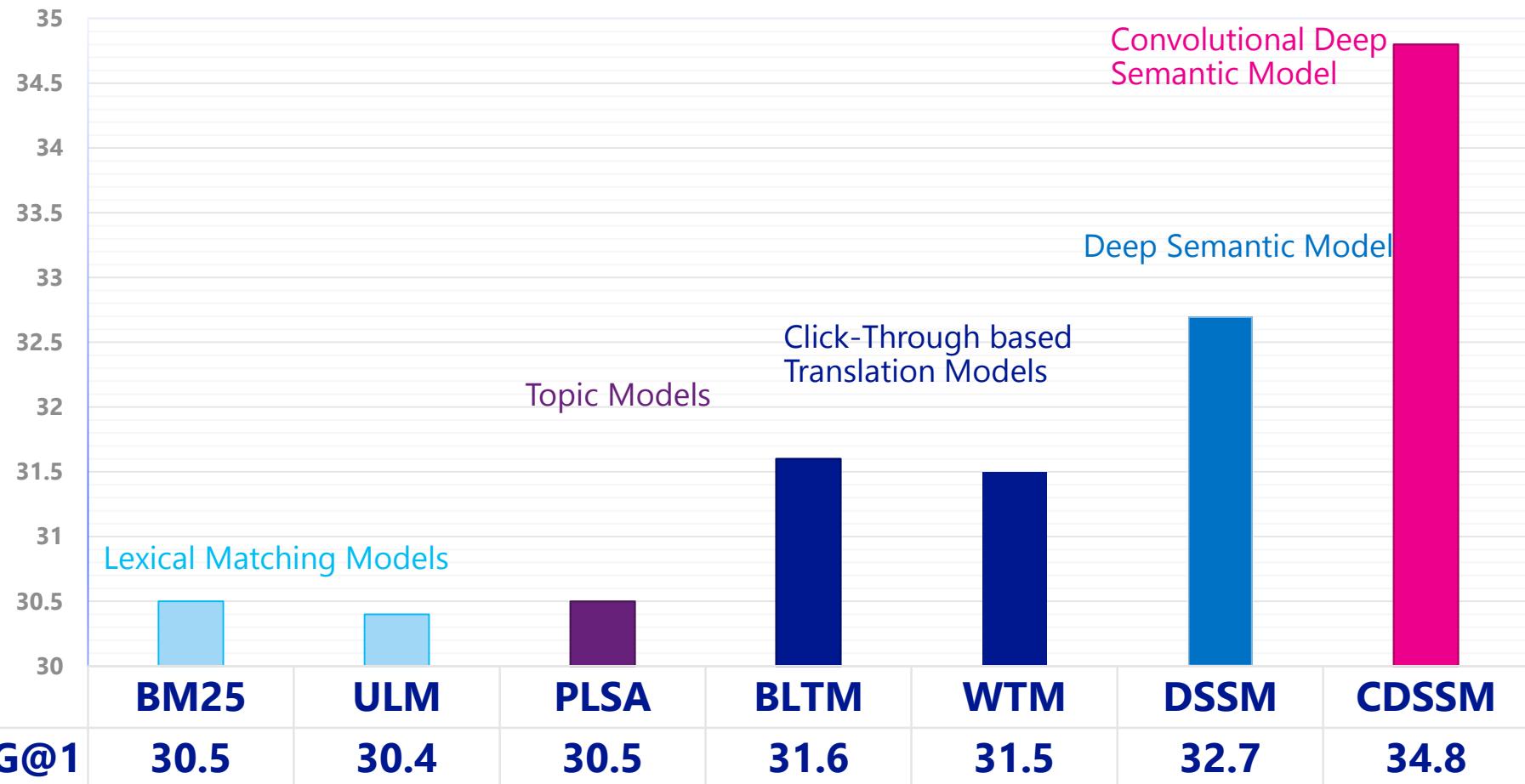
DSSM: Huang et al. 2013



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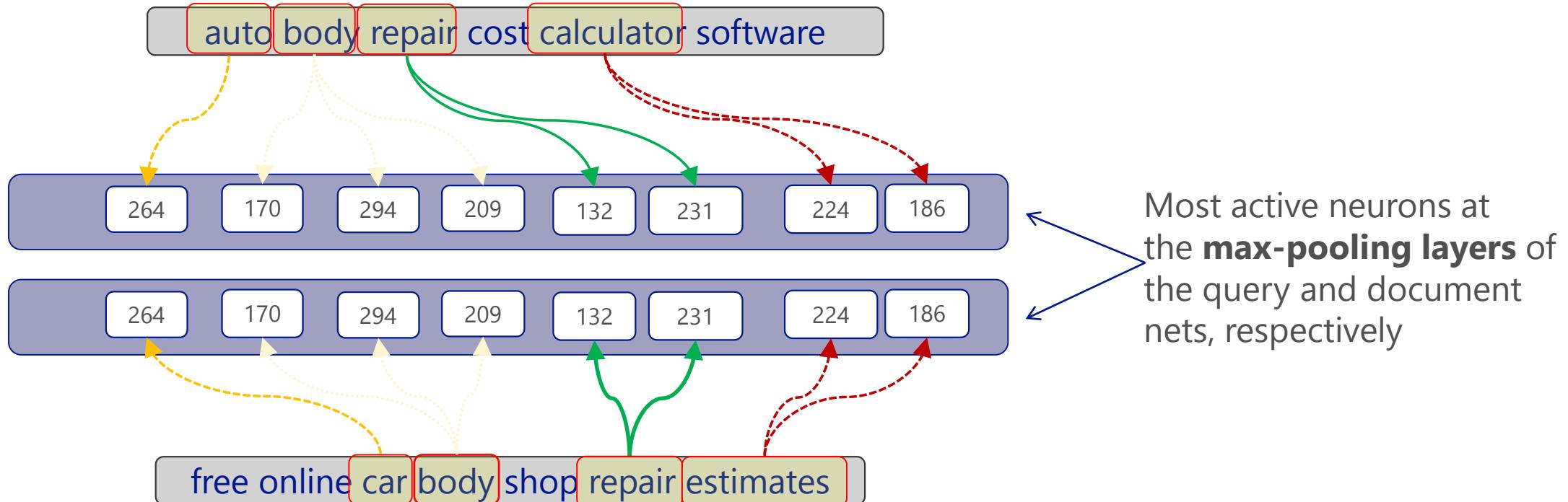
CDSSM: Shen et al. 2014

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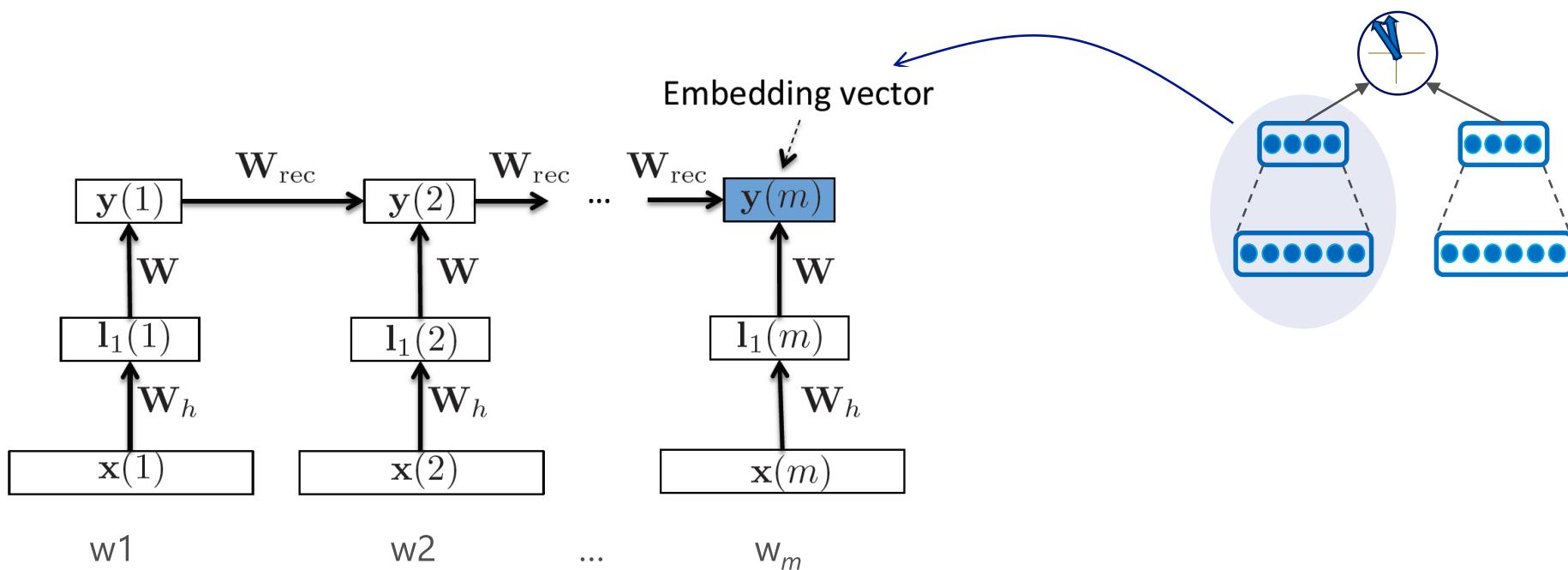
Example: semantic matching

- Semantic matching of query and document



Recurrent DSSM

- Encode the word one by one in the recurrent hidden layer
- The hidden layer at the last word codes the semantics of the full sentence
- Model is trained by a cosine similarity driven objective

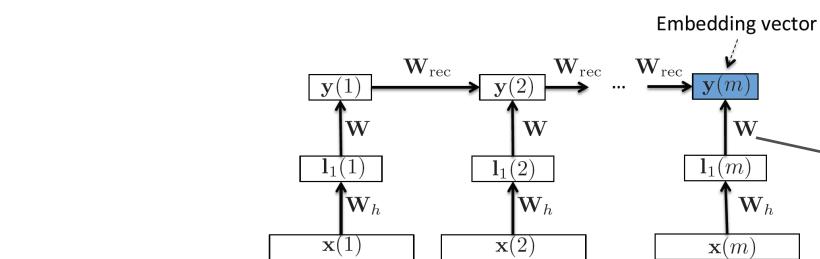


[Palangi, Deng, Shen, Gao, He, Chen, Song, Ward, 2015]



Using LSTM cells

LSTM (long short term memory) uses special cells in RNN



$$\begin{aligned}
 y_g(t) &= g(\mathbf{W}_4 l_1(t) + \mathbf{W}_{rec4} y(t-1) + \mathbf{b}_4) \\
 i(t) &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}_3 l_1(t) + \mathbf{W}_{rec3} y(t-1) + \mathbf{W}_{p3} c(t-1) + \mathbf{b}_3) \\
 f(t) &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}_2 l_1(t) + \mathbf{W}_{rec2} y(t-1) + \mathbf{W}_{p2} c(t-1) + \mathbf{b}_2) \\
 c(t) &= f(t) \circ c(t-1) + i(t) \circ y_g(t) \\
 o(t) &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}_1 l_1(t) + \mathbf{W}_{rec1} y(t-1) + \mathbf{W}_{p1} c(t) + \mathbf{b}_1) \\
 y(t) &= o(t) \circ h(c(t))
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where \circ denotes Hadamard (element-wise) product.

[Hochreiter and J. Schmidhuber, 1997]

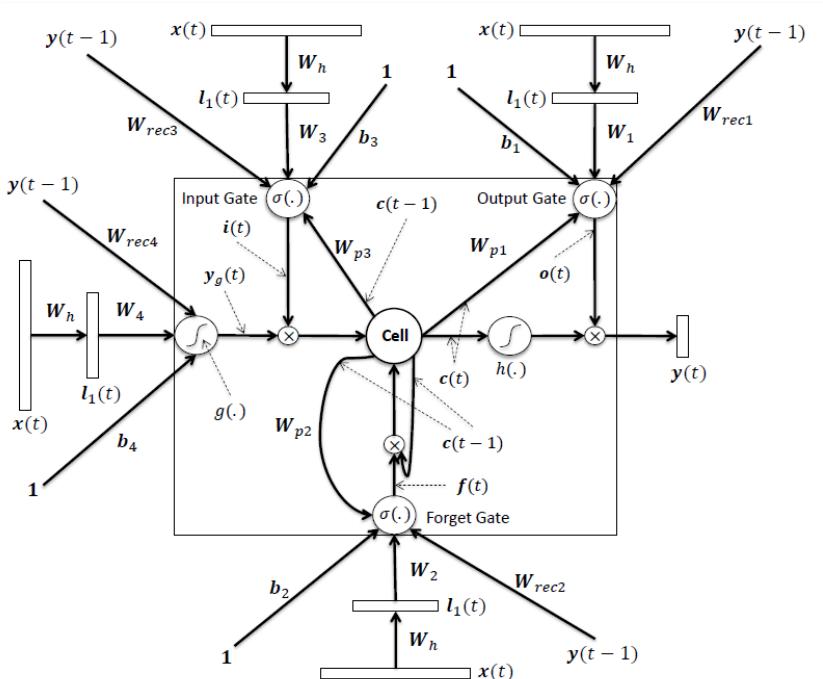


Figure 2. The basic LSTM architecture used for sentence embedding

[Palangi, Deng, Shen, Gao, He, Chen, Song, Ward, Deep Sentence Embedding Using the LSTM network: Analysis and Application to IR, 2015]

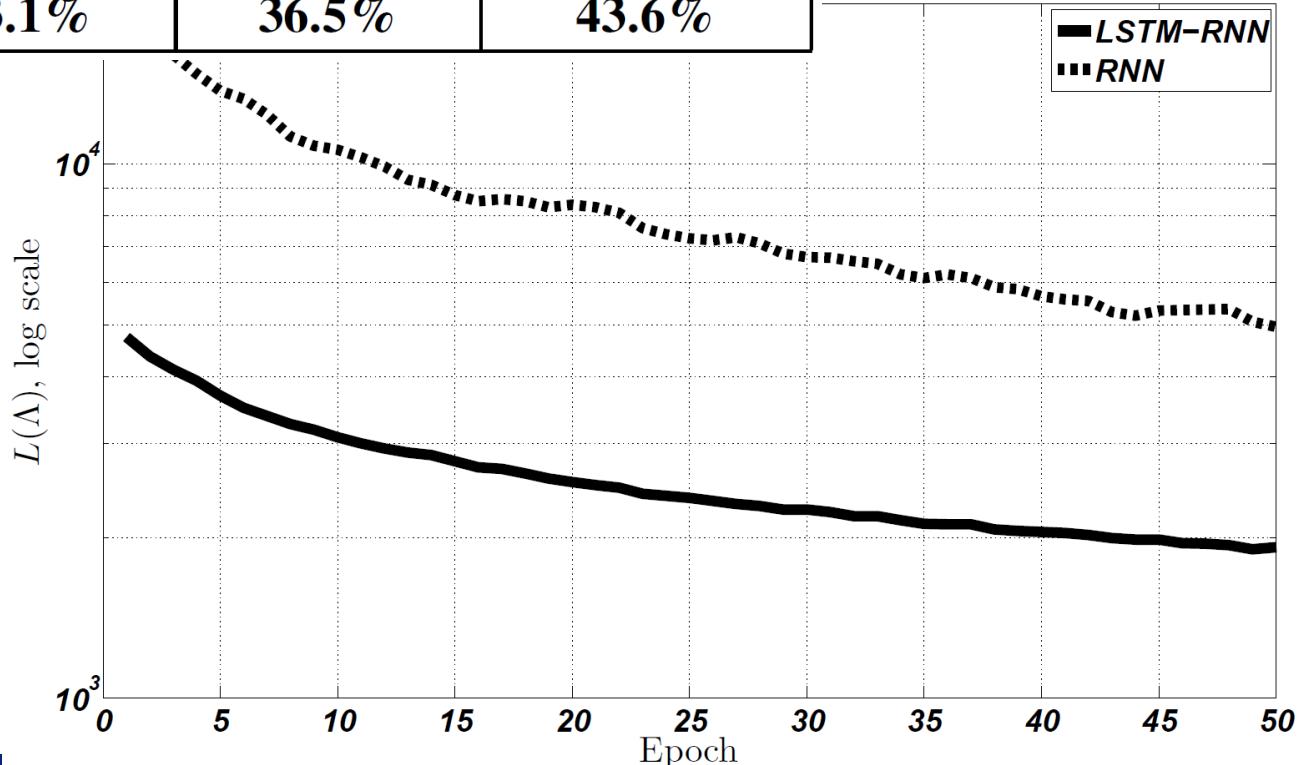


Results

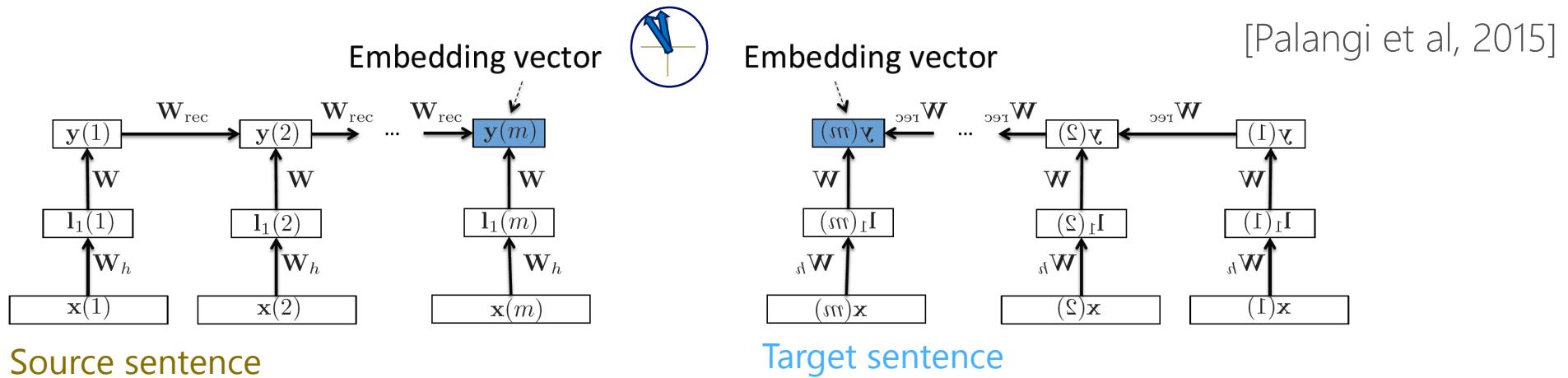
Model	NDCG@1	NDCG@3	NDCG@10
BM25	30.5%	32.8%	38.8%
PLSA (T=500)	30.8%	33.7%	40.2%
DSSM (nhid = 288/96), 2 Layers	31.0%	34.4%	41.7%
CLSM (nhid = 288/96), 2 Layers	31.8%	35.1%	42.6%
RNN (nhid = 288), 1 Layer	31.7%	35.0%	42.3%
LSTM-RNN (ncell = 96), 1 Layer	33.1%	36.5%	43.6%

LSTM learns much faster than regular RNN

LSTM effectively represents the semantic information of a sentence using a vector

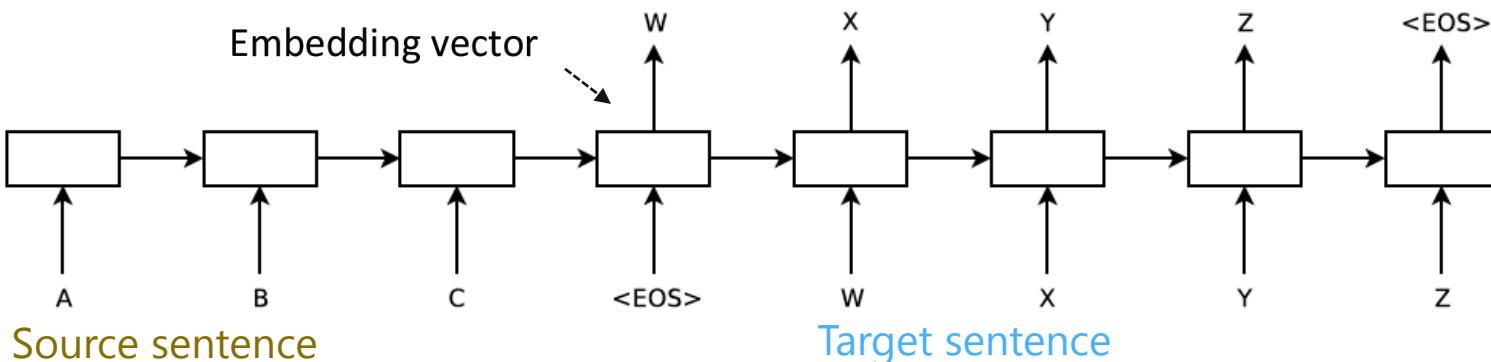


Related work



Optimize *sentence-level* semantic similarity

VS.



Optimize *word-level* perplexity

[Sutskever, Vinyals, Le, 2014. Sequence to Sequence Learning with Neural Networks]



Some other related work

Deep CNN for text input

Mainly classification tasks in the paper

[Kalchbrenner, Grefenstette, Blunsom, A Convolutional Neural Network for Modelling Sentences, ACL2014]

Paragraph Vector

Learn a vector for a paragraph

Quoc Le, Tomas Mikolov, Distributed Representations of Sentences and Documents, in ICML 2014

Recursive NN (ReNN)

Tree structure, e.g., for parsing

[Socher, Lin, Ng, Manning, "Parsing natural scenes and natural language with recursive neural networks", 2011]

Tensor product representation (TPR)

Tree representation

[Smolensky and Legendre: The Harmonic Mind, From Neural Computation to Optimality-Theoretic Grammar, MIT Press, 2006]

Tree-structured LSTM Network

Tree structure LSTM

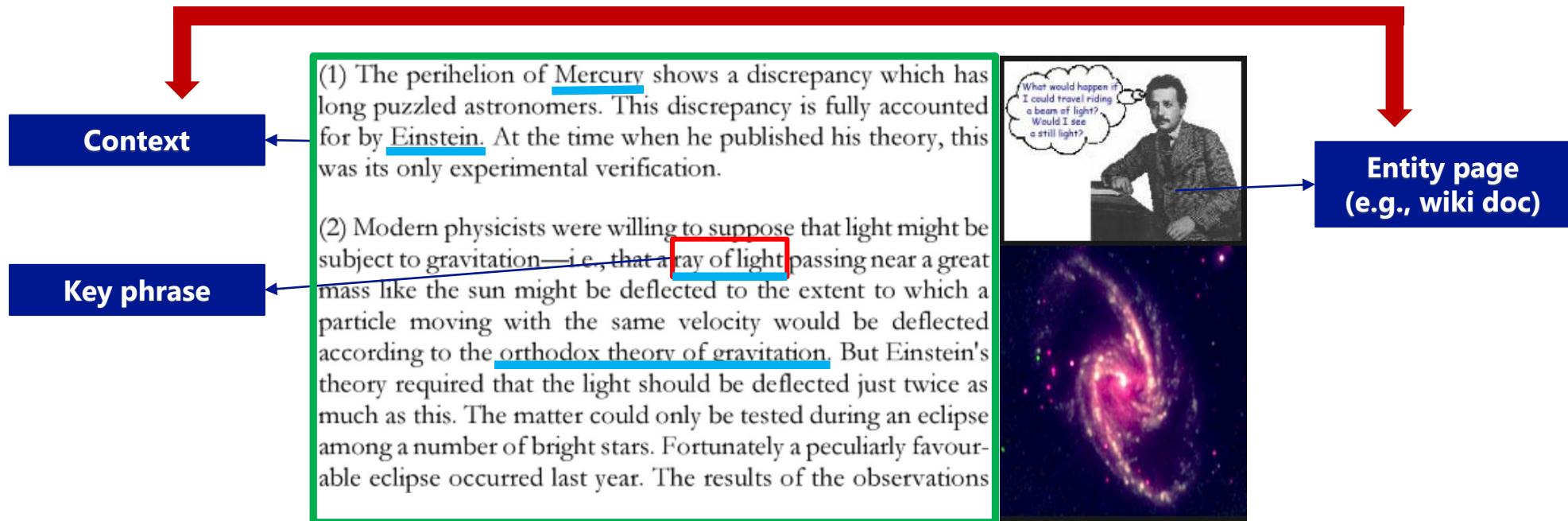
[Tai, Socher, Manning. 2015. Improved Semantic Representations From Tree-Structured LSTM Networks.]

Deep Learning for Semantic Representations

- Sentence to vector
- The deep semantic similarity model (DSSM)
- Convolutional & Recurrent DSSM
- Applications to IR and contextual entity ranking
- Multimodal semantic learning for image captioning

Contextual Entity Ranking

Given a user-highlighted text span representing an entity of interest, search for supplementary document for the entity



Gao, Pantel, Gamon, He, Deng, Shen, "Modeling interestingness with deep neural networks." EMNLP2014

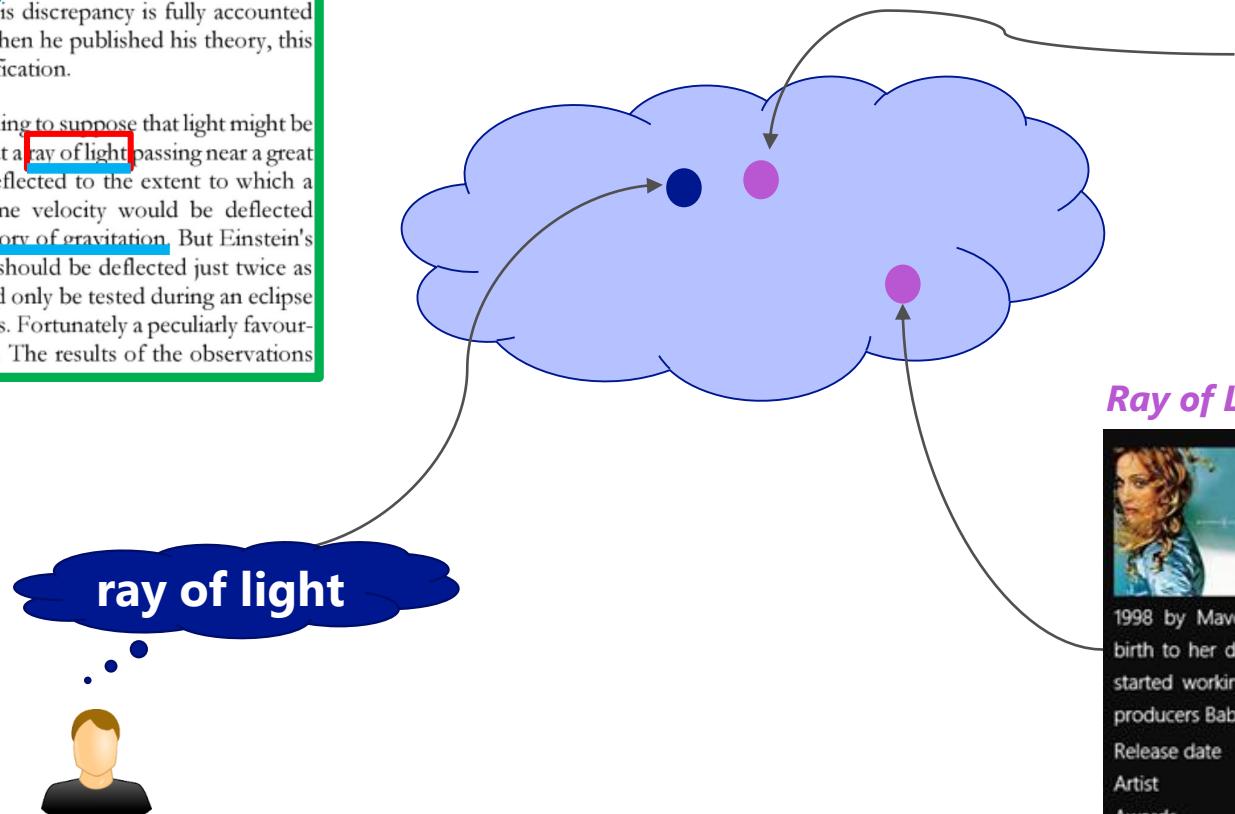


Learning DSSM for contextual entity ranking

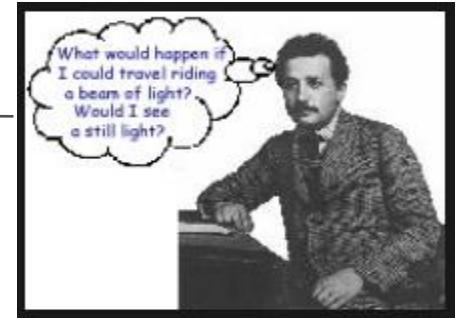
The Einstein Theory of Relativity

(1) The perihelion of Mercury shows a discrepancy which has long puzzled astronomers. This discrepancy is fully accounted for by Einstein. At the time when he published his theory, this was its only experimental verification.

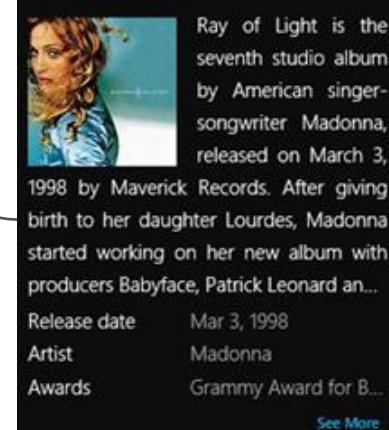
(2) Modern physicists were willing to suppose that light might be subject to gravitation—i.e., that a ray of light passing near a great mass like the sun might be deflected to the extent to which a particle moving with the same velocity would be deflected according to the orthodox theory of gravitation. But Einstein's theory required that the light should be deflected just twice as much as this. The matter could only be tested during an eclipse among a number of bright stars. Fortunately a peculiarly favourable eclipse occurred last year. The results of the observations



Ray of Light (Experiment)



Ray of Light (Song)



Extract Labeled Pairs from Web Browsing Logs

Contextual Entity Search

- When a hyperlink H points to a Wikipedia P'

<http://runningmoron.blogspot.in/>

I spent a lot of time finding music that was motivating and that I'd also want to listen to through my phone. I could find none. None! I wound up downloading three Metallica songs, a Judas Priest song and one from Bush.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bush_\(band\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bush_(band))

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Bush (band)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For the Canadian band, see *Bush (Canadian band)*.

Bush are a British rock band formed in London in 1992.

The grunge band found its immediate success with the release of their debut album *Sixteen Stone* in 1994, which is certified 6× multi-platinum by the RIAA.^[3] Bush went on to become one of the most commercially successful rock bands of the 1990s, selling over 10 million records in the United States. Despite their success in the United States, the band was less well known in their home country and enjoyed only marginal success

Bush



Bush performing in Texas 2011.

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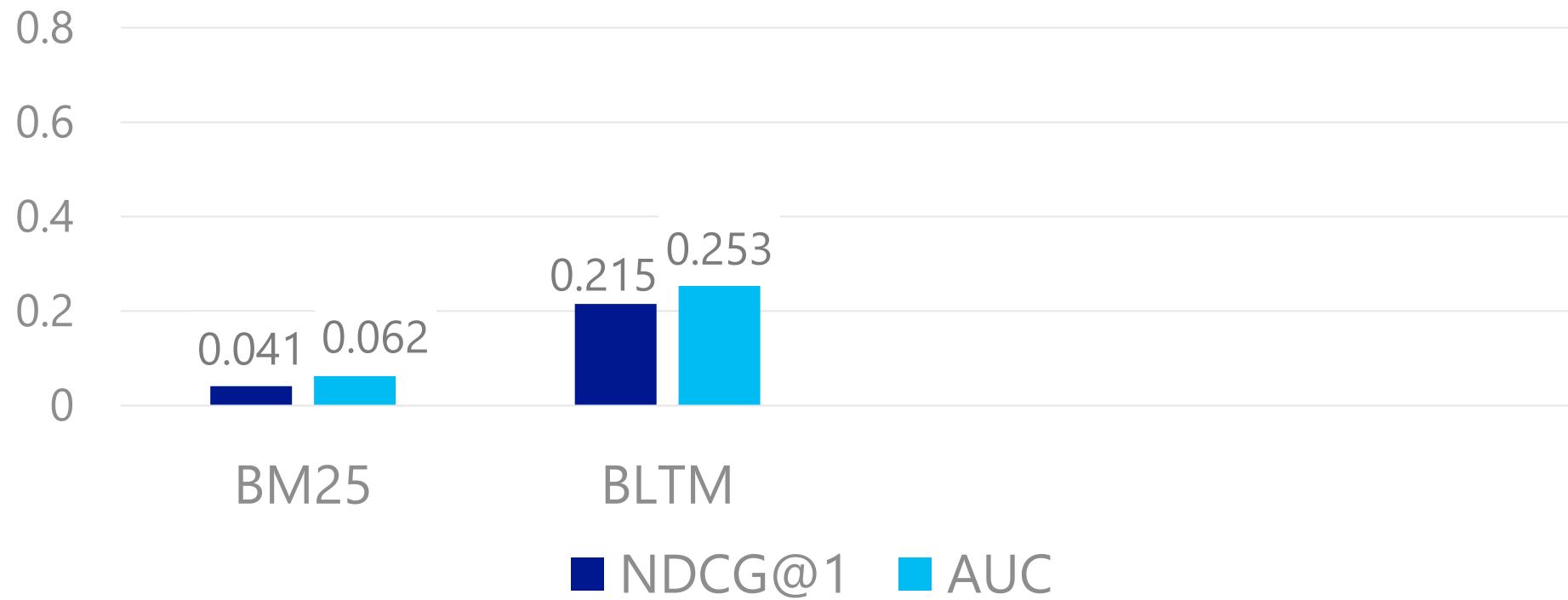
- (anchor text of H & surrounding words, text in P')

Contextual Entity Search: Settings

- Training/validation data: 18M of user clicks in wiki pages
- Evaluation data
 - Sample 10k Web documents as the **source** documents
 - Use named entities in the doc as query; retain up to 100 returned documents as **target** documents
 - Manually label whether each target document is a good page describing the entity
 - 870k labeled pairs in total
- Evaluation metric: NDCG and AUC

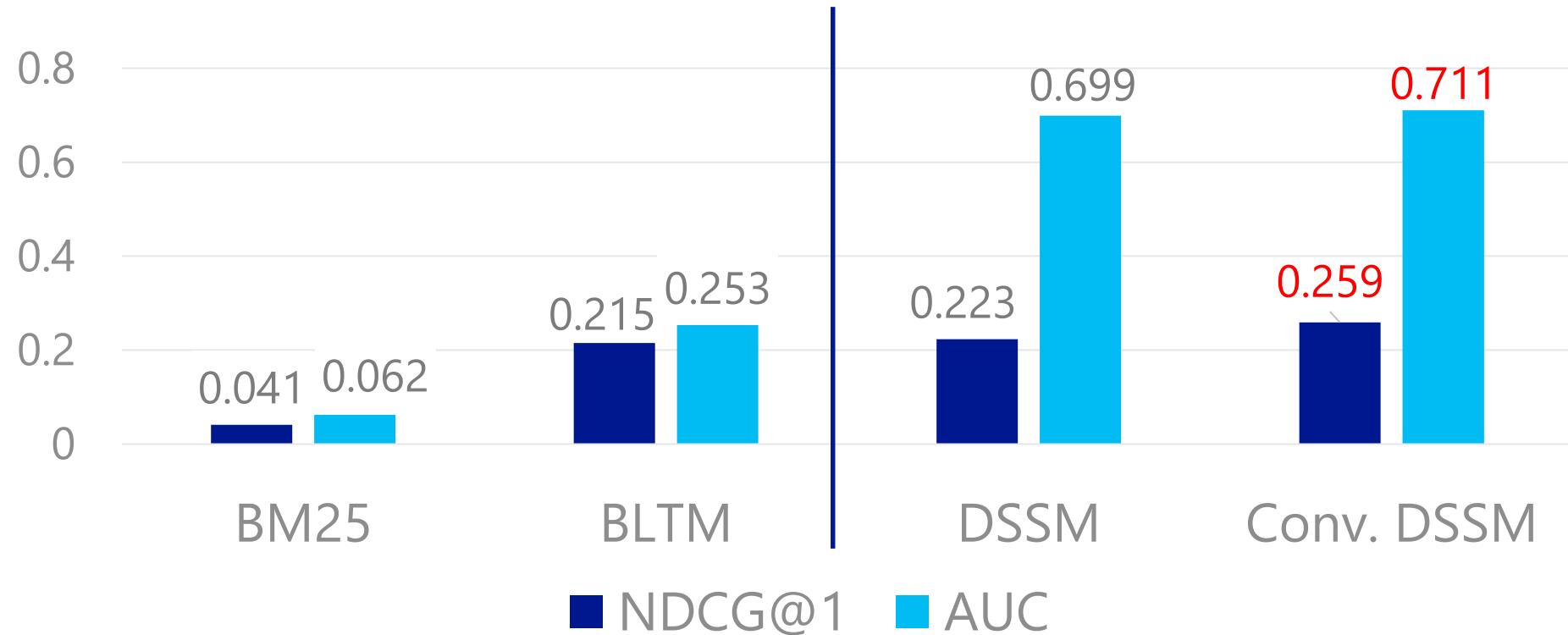


Contextual Entity Search Results: Baselines



- **BM25:** The classical document model in IR [Robertson+ 1994]
- **BLTM:** Bilingual Topic Model [Gao+ 2011]

Contextual Entity Search Results: DSSM



- DSSM: bag-of-words input
- Conv. DSSM: convolutional DSSM

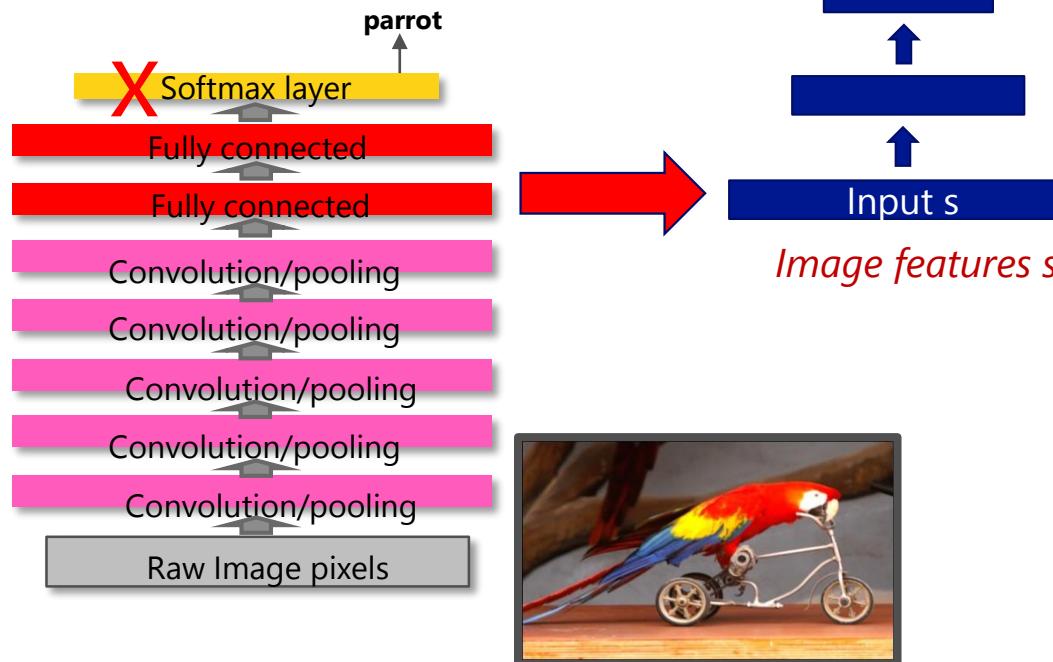
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Deep Multimodal Similarity Model (DMSM)

Multimodal DSSM for image-text joint learning

- Recall DSSM for text inputs: s, t
- Now: replace text s by image s
- Pick complete captions affinitize to complete images



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Text: *a parrot riding a tricycle*

$Q = \text{image}, D = \text{caption}, R = \text{relevance}$

Relevance: $R(Q, D) = \cosine(y_Q, y_D) = \frac{y_Q^T y_D}{\|y_Q\| \|y_D\|}$

Caption probability: $P(D|Q) = \frac{\exp(\gamma R(Q, D))}{\sum_{D' \in \mathbb{D}} \exp(\gamma R(Q, D'))}$

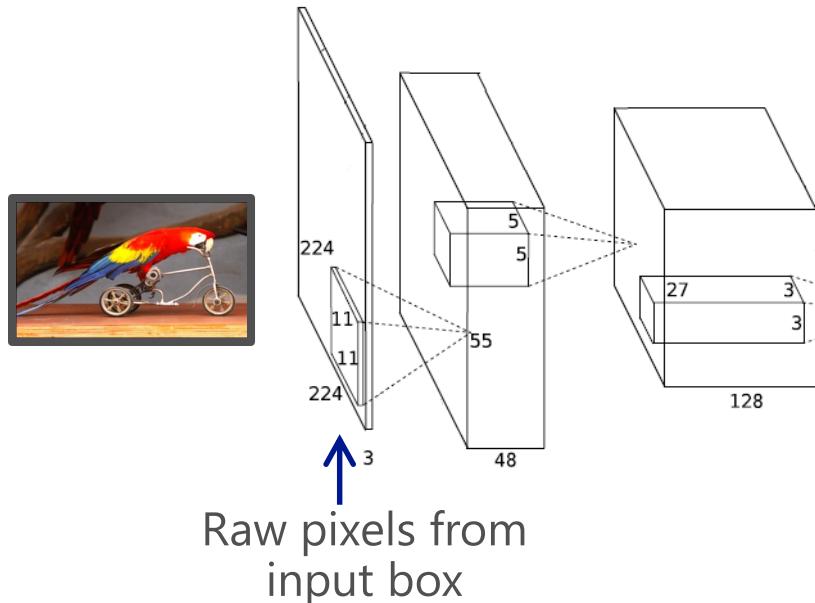
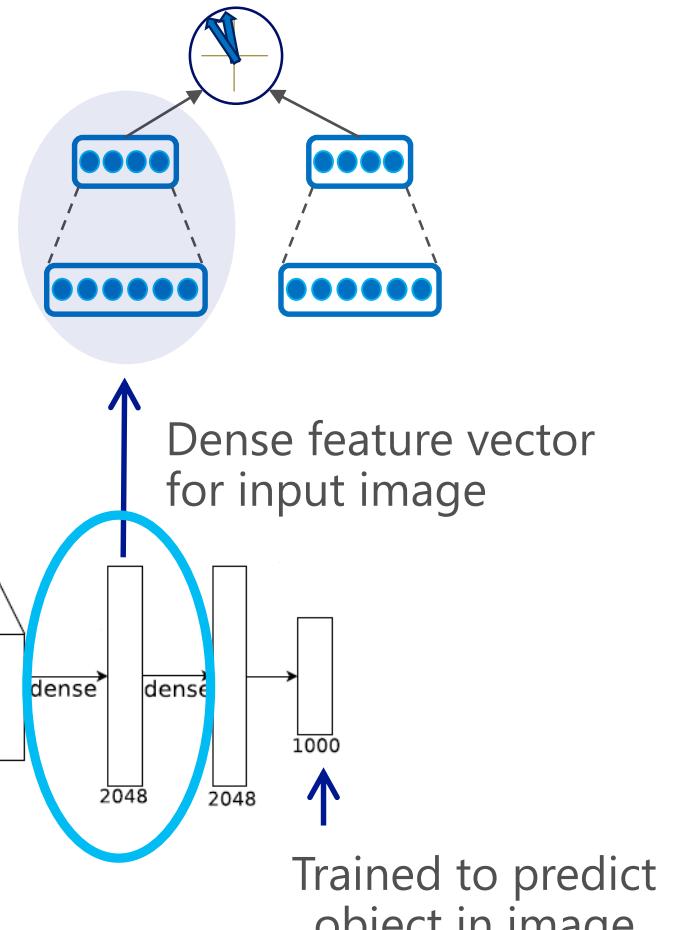
Candidate captions Smoothing factor

Objective: $L(\Lambda) = -\log \prod_{(Q, D^+)} P(D^+|Q)$

Correct caption

The convolutional network at the image side

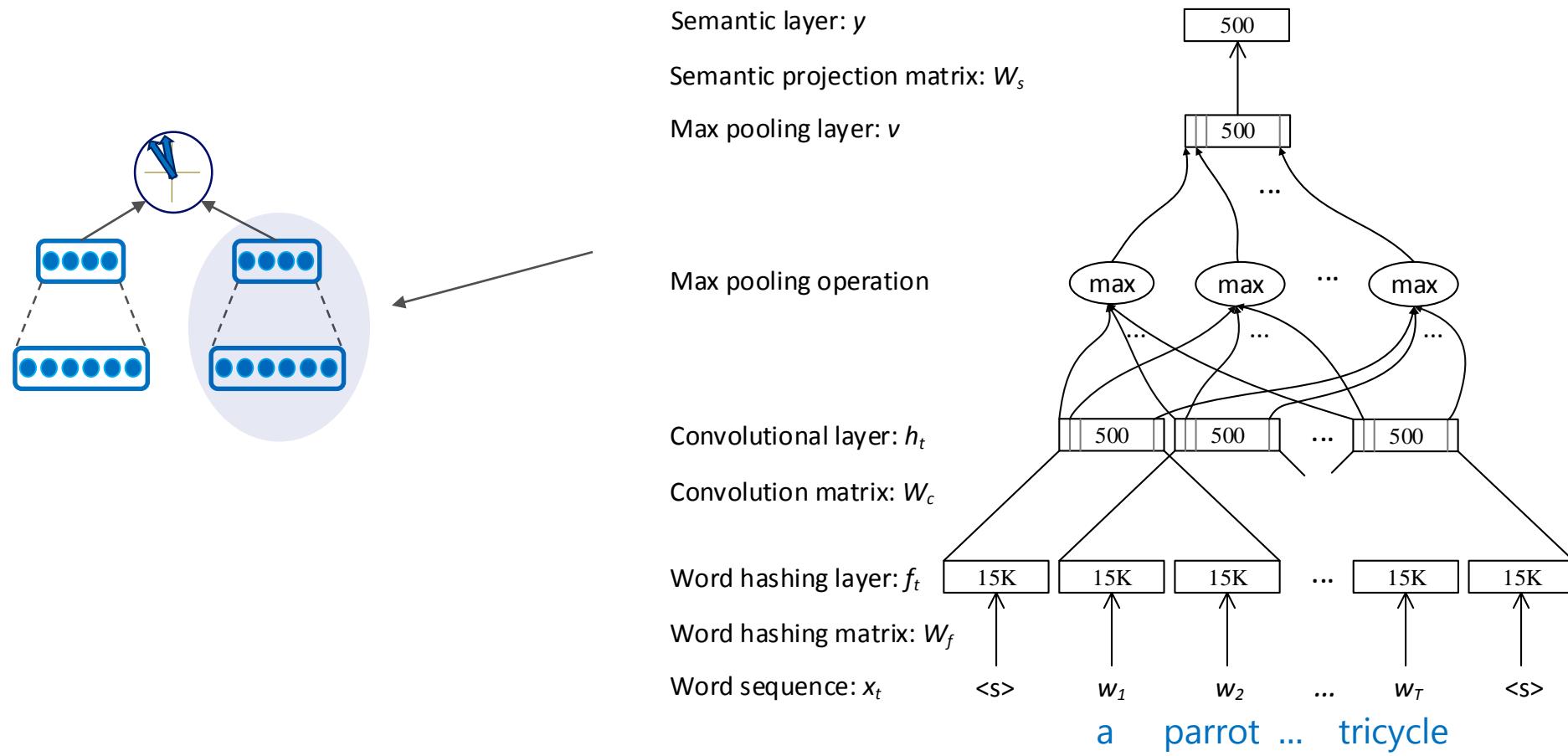
Feed the pre-trained image feature vector
into the image side of the DMSM



Pretrained from ImageNet [Krizhevsky et al., 2012]

The convolutional network at the caption side

Models fine-grained structural language information in the caption



Using convolutional neural network for the text caption side



The task: Image -> Language

- Why important?

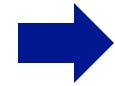
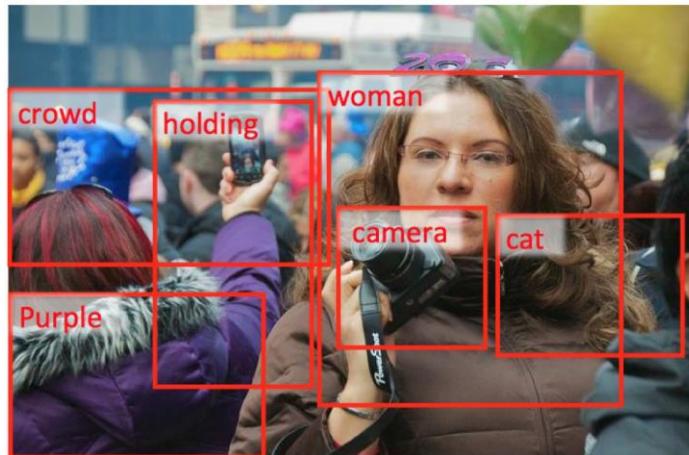
For building intelligent machines that understand the semantics in complex scenes
And language is like a regulator for *understanding as human do.*

- Why difficult?

Need to detect multiple objects in arbitrary regions, and need to capture the complex semantics among these objects.

- What different (e.g., vs. ImageNet / object categorization)?

Capturing the salient, coherent semantic information embedded in a picture.



A woman holding a camera in a crowd.



The MSR system

Understand the image stage by stage:

Image word detection

Deep-learned features, applied to likely items in the image, trained to produce words in captions

Language generation

Maxent language model, trained on caption, conditional on words detected from the image

Global semantic re-ranking

Hypothetical captions re-ranked by deep-learned multi-modal similarity model looking at the entire image

Fang, Gupta, Iandola, Srivastava, Deng, Dollar, Gao, He, Mitchell, Platt, Zitnick, Zweig, "From Captions to Visual Concepts and Back," CVPR, June 2015

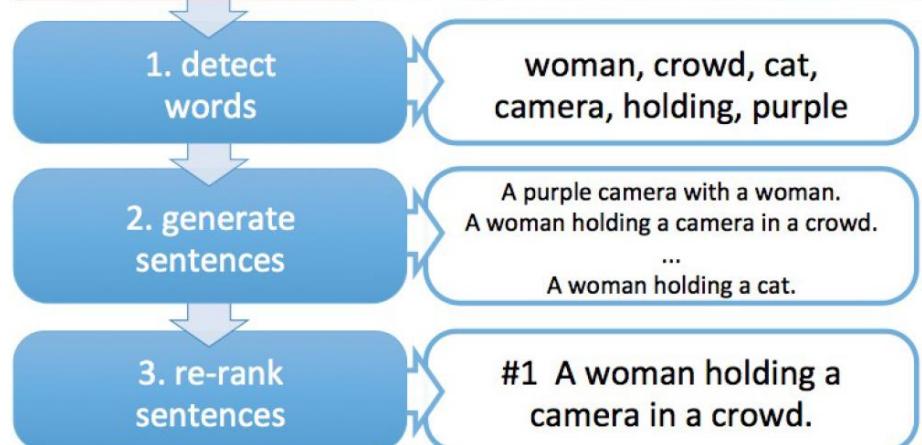
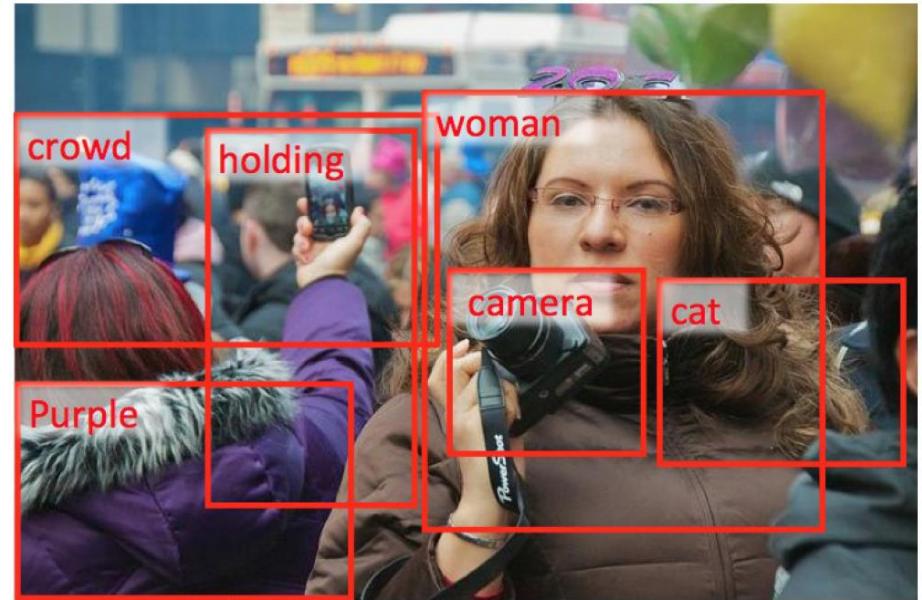
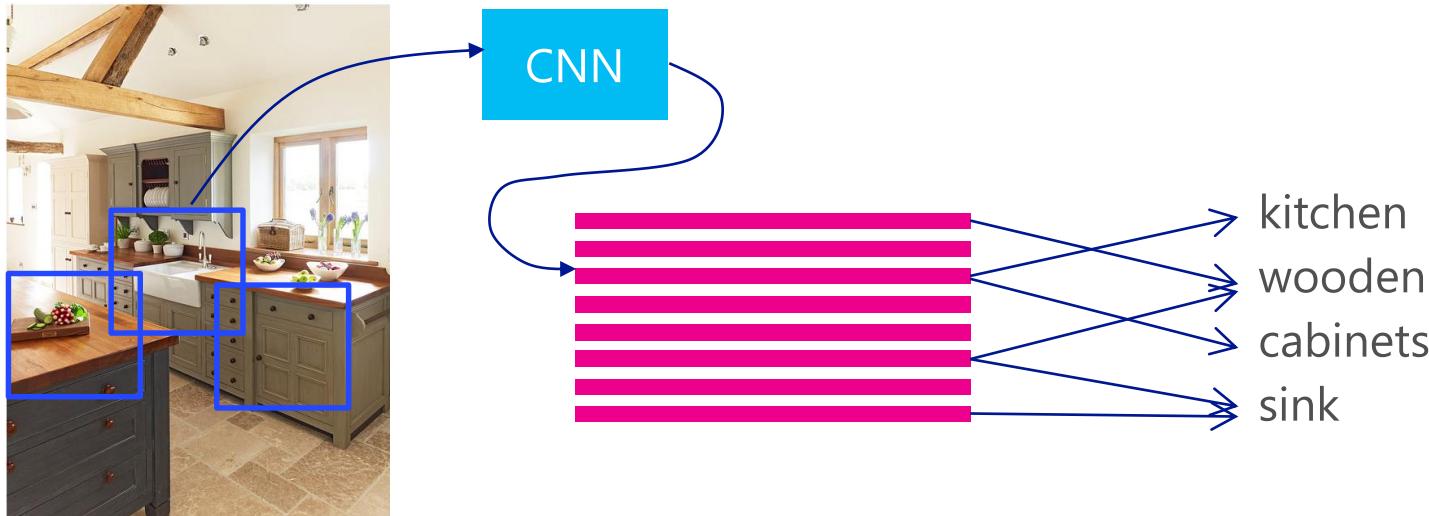


Figure 1. An illustrative example of our pipeline.



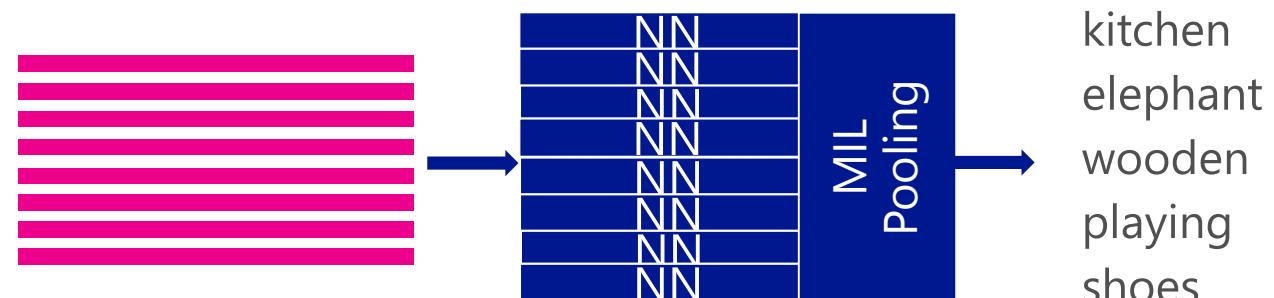
Train to predict words in captions



Which words should be detected? Let a neural network figure it out

The prob that the j-th box of the i-th image corresponds to word w is

$$p_{ij}^w = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\mathbf{v}_w^t \phi(b_{ij}) + u_w))}$$



Vocabulary = the 1000 most common words in the training captions (92% of data)



Map features to likely image words

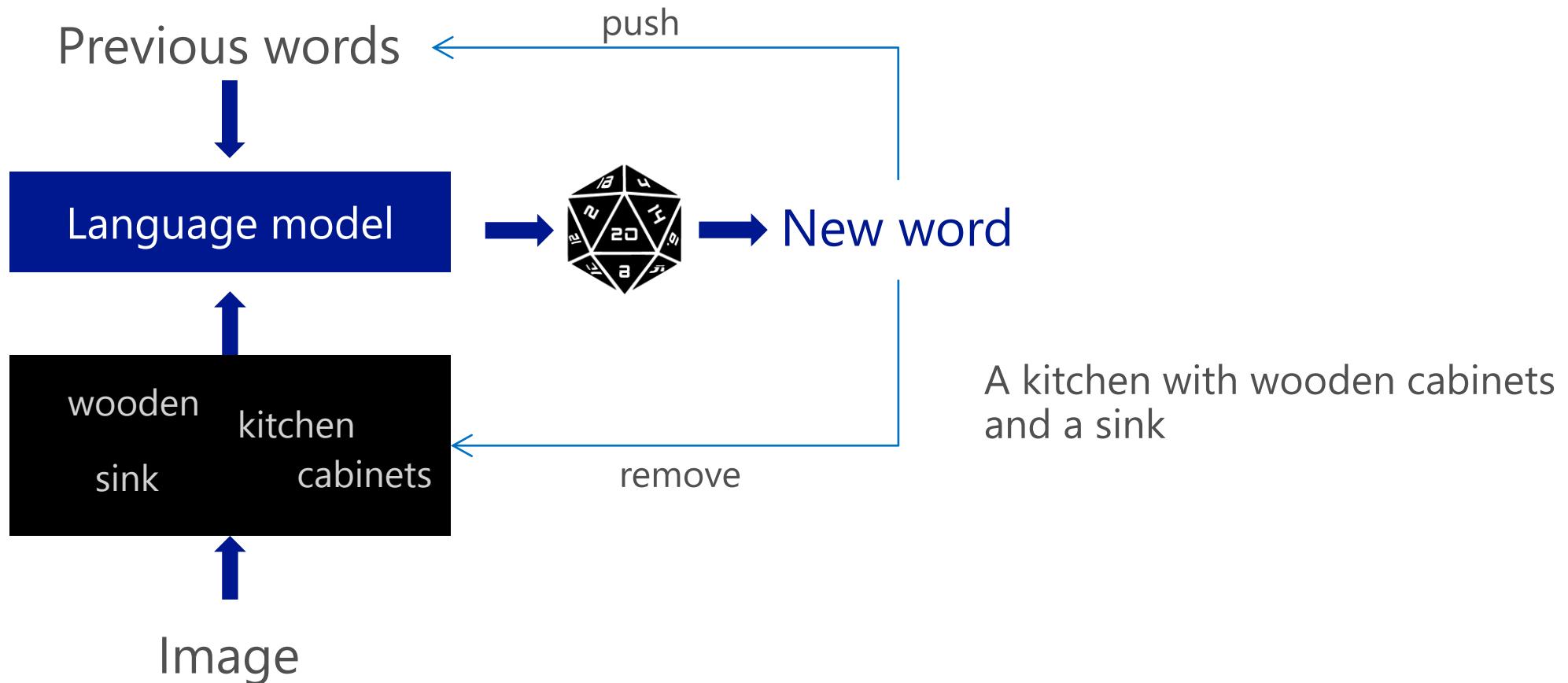
- Train with Multiple Instance Learning (MIL)
 - Use noisy-OR version (Zhang et al., 2005)
- For each word w , MIL uses positive and negative bags of bounding boxes
 - For each image i :
 - We have the “bag of boxes”, b_i
 - b_i is **positive** if w in i ’s description
 - b_i is **negative** if w not in i ’s description
 - Probability that image i manifests word w , p_i^w :

$$p_i^w = 1 - \prod_{j \in b_i} (1 - p_{ij}^w)$$

Each bounding box in image $\xrightarrow{j \in b_i}$ Calculated from CNN (last slide)

Language models with a blackboard

A LM generates caption candidates given detected words



Maximum Entropy Language Model

- Berger et al., 1996

$$\Pr(w_l = \bar{w}_l | \bar{w}_{l-1}, \dots, \bar{w}_1, \langle s \rangle, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}) =$$

Word probability:

$$\frac{\exp \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k f_k(\bar{w}_l, \bar{w}_{l-1}, \dots, \bar{w}_1, \langle s \rangle, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}) \right]}{\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V} \cup \langle s \rangle} \exp \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k f_k(v, \bar{w}_{l-1}, \dots, \bar{w}_1, \langle s \rangle, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}) \right]}$$

Feature	Type	Definition	Description
Attribute	0/1	$\bar{w}_l \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}$	Predicted word is in the attribute set, i.e. has been visually detected and not yet used.
N-gram +	0/1	$\bar{w}_{l-N+1}, \dots, \bar{w}_l = \kappa$ and $\bar{w}_l \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}$	N-gram ending in predicted word is κ and the predicted word is in the attribute set.
N-gram -	0/1	$\bar{w}_{l-N+1}, \dots, \bar{w}_l = \kappa$ and $\bar{w}_l \notin \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}$	N-gram ending in predicted word is κ and the predicted word is not in the attribute set.
End	0/1	$\bar{w}_l = \kappa$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1} = \emptyset$	The predicted word is κ and all attributes have been mentioned.
Score	\mathbb{R}	score(\bar{w}_l) when $\bar{w}_l \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}$	The log-probability of the predicted word when it is in the attribute set.

Objective:

$$L(\Lambda) = \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{l=1}^{\#(s)} \log \Pr(\bar{w}_l^{(s)} | \bar{w}_{l-1}^{(s)}, \dots, \bar{w}_1^{(s)}, \langle s \rangle, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{l-1}^{(s)})$$

All sentences Sentence length



Rerank hypotheses globally using DMSM

Top 500 hypotheses from the language model

A man sitting on a bench

A man sitting on a table

A white bench sitting on top of a table

A man sitting at a table with plates of food

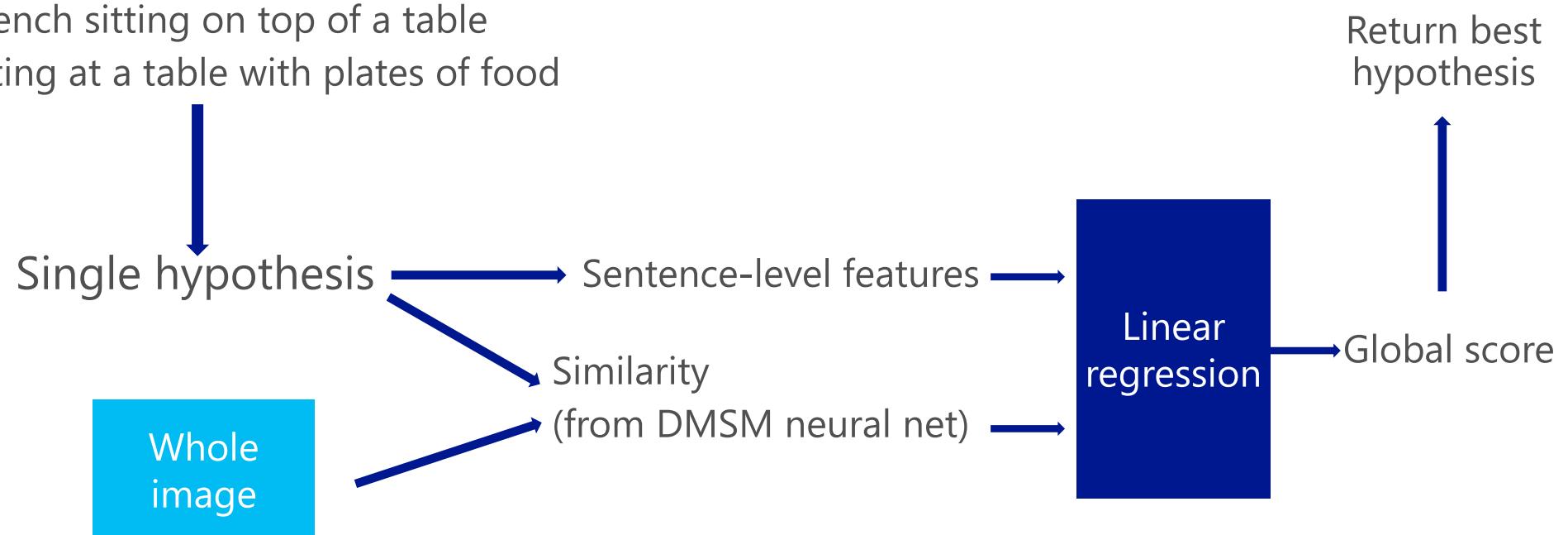


Image features from AlexNet (Krizhevsky et al., 2012) or VGG (Simonyan and Zisserman, 2014). They are fine-tuned with in-domain image data for DMSM



Linear regression based ranker

- Minimum error rate training (MERT) uses linear combination of features
- Trained on M-best lists using BLEU

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1. The log-likelihood of the sequence.
 2. The length of the sequence.
 3. The log-probability per word of the sequence.
 4. The logarithm of the sequence's rank in the log-likelihood.
 5. 11 binary features indicating whether the number of mentioned objects is x ($x = 0, \dots, 10$).
 6. The DMSM score between the sequence and the image.
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The MS COCO Benchmark

What is Microsoft COCO?



Microsoft COCO is a new image recognition, segmentation, and captioning dataset. Microsoft COCO has several features:

- ✓ Object segmentation
- ✓ Recognition in Context
- ✓ Multiple objects per image
- ✓ More than 300,000 images
- ✓ More than 2 Million instances
- ✓ 80 object categories
- ✓ 5 captions per image

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The man at bat readies to swing at the pitch while the umpire looks on.



A large bus sitting next to a very tall building.



Results

System	PPLX	BLEU	METEOR	≈human	>human	≥human
1. Unconditioned	24.1	1.2%	6.8%			
2. Shuffled Human	–	1.7%	7.3%			
3. Baseline	20.9	16.9%	18.9%	9.9% ($\pm 1.5\%$)	2.4% ($\pm 0.8\%$)	12.3% ($\pm 1.6\%$)
4. Baseline+Score	20.2	20.1%	20.5%	16.9% ($\pm 2.0\%$)	3.9% ($\pm 1.0\%$)	20.8% ($\pm 2.2\%$)
5. Baseline+Score+DMSM	20.2	21.1%	20.7%	18.7% ($\pm 2.1\%$)	4.6% ($\pm 1.1\%$)	23.3% ($\pm 2.3\%$)
6. Baseline+Score+DMSM+ft	19.2	23.3%	22.2%	–	–	–
7. VGG+Score+ft	18.1	23.6%	22.8%	–	–	–
8. VGG+Score+DMSM+ft	18.1	25.7%	23.6%	26.2% ($\pm 2.1\%$)	7.8% ($\pm 1.3\%$)	34.0% ($\pm 2.5\%$)
Human-written captions	–	19.3%	24.1%			

* we use 4 references when measuring BLEU and METEOR, while the official COCO eval server uses 5 references.

DMSM gives additional 2.1 pt BLEU (8 vs. 7) over a strong system.
Compared to human, our system is better or equal 34% of the time.

Related work

Use CNN to generate a whole-image feature vector, then feed it into a LSTM language model to generate the caption.

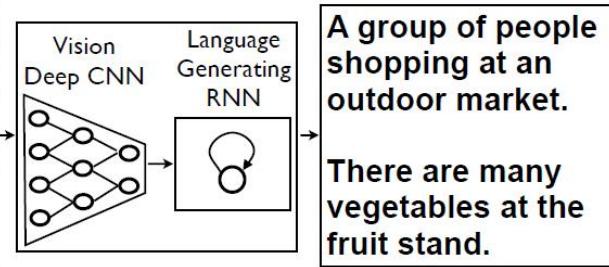


Figure 1. NIC, our model, is based end-to-end on a neural network consisting of a vision CNN followed by a language generating RNN. It generates complete sentences in natural language from an input image, as shown on the example above.

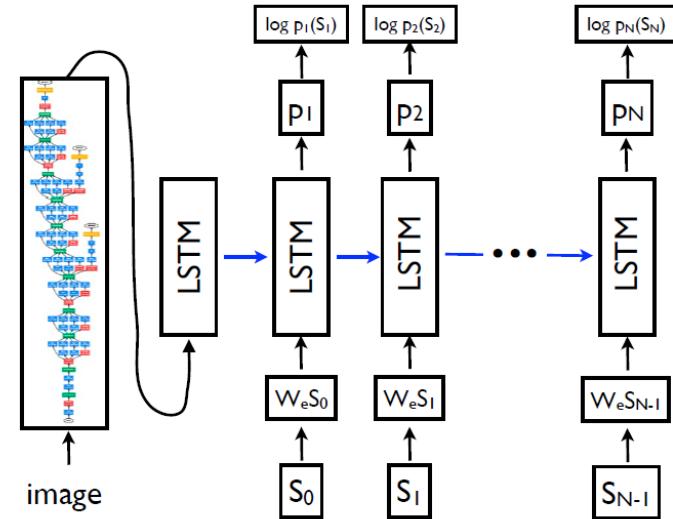


Figure 3. LSTM model combined with a CNN image embedder (as defined in [30]) and word embeddings. The unrolled connections between the LSTM memories are in blue and they correspond to the recurrent connections in Figure 2. All LSTMs share the same parameters.

Vinyals, Toshev, Bengio, Erhan, "Show and Tell: A Neural Image Caption Generator", CVPR 2015



Some other related work

Andrej and Fei-Fei, "Deep Visual-Semantic Alignments for Generating Image Descriptions". CVPR 2015
Use CNN to generate an image feature vector, then input it, at the 1st step, into a multimodal RNN language model to generate the caption.

Kiros, Salakhutdinov, Zemel, "Unifying Visual-Semantic Embeddings with Multimodal Neural Language Models". TACL 2015
Use LSTM for image-language encoding and decoding

Mao, Xu, Yang, Wang, Huang, Yuille. "Deep Captioning with Multimodal Recurrent Neural Networks (m-RNN)," ICLR 2015

Use CNN to generate a whole-image feature vector, then input it, at every step, into a multimodal RNN language model to generate the caption.

Xu, Ba, Kiros, Cho, Courville, Salakhutdinov, Zemel, Bengio, 2015. Show, Attend and Tell:
Neural Image Caption Generation with Visual Attention.

Use CNN to generate a whole-image feature vector, then input it, at every step, into a multimodal RNN language model to generate the caption.

Hill and Korhonen, 2014 Learning Abstract Concept Embeddings from Multi-Modal Data: Since You Probably Can't See What I Mean



m-DSSM helps pick the global semantically matching caption for a given image



Baseline: a large jetliner sitting on top of a stop sign at an intersection on a city street
w/ m-DSSM: a stop light on a city street

Baseline: a clock tower in front of a building

w/ m-DSSM: a clock tower in the middle of the street



Baseline: a red brick building

w/ m-DSSM: a living room filled with furniture and a flat screen tv sitting on top of a brick building



Baseline: a large jetliner sitting on top of a table

w/ m-DSSM: a display in a grocery store filled with lots of food on a table

m-DSSM helps pick the global semantically matching caption for a given image



Baseline: a young man riding a skateboard down a street holding a tennis racquet on a tennis court
w/ m-DSSM: a man riding a skateboard down a street



Baseline: a cat sitting on a table
w/ m-DSSM: a cat sitting on top of a bed



Baseline: a group of people standing in a kitchen
w/ m-DSSM: a group of people posing for a picture



Baseline: two elephants standing next to a baby elephant walking behind a fence
w/ m-DSSM: a baby elephant standing next to a fence

Interpretability



Our system not only generates the caption, but can also interpret it.

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Interpretability



baseball (1.00)

a **baseball**

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Interpretability



player (1.00)

a baseball **player**

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Interpretability



throwing (0.86)

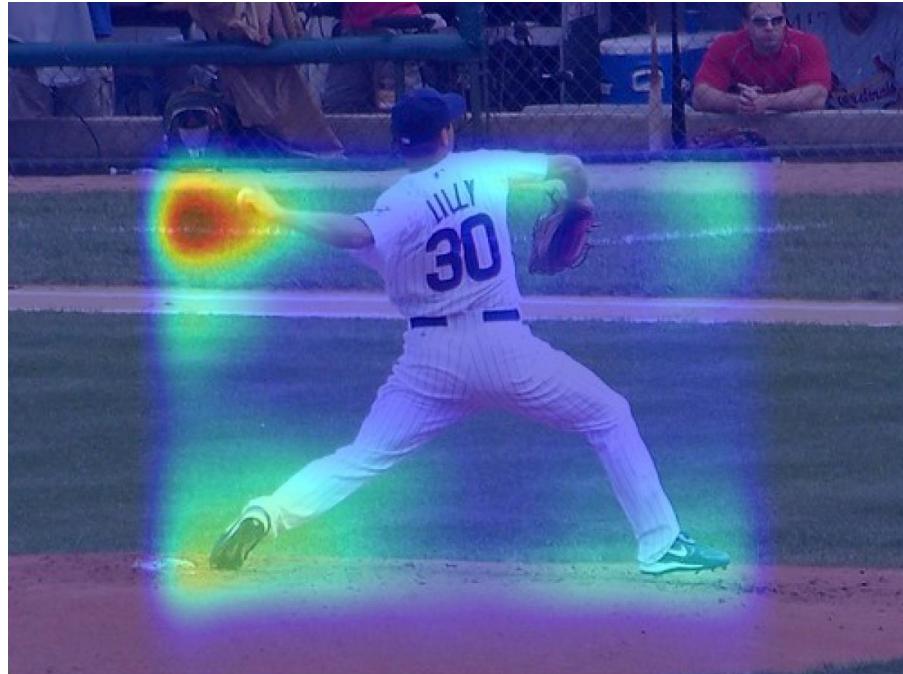
a baseball player **throwing**

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Interpretability



ball (1.00)

a baseball player throwing a **ball**

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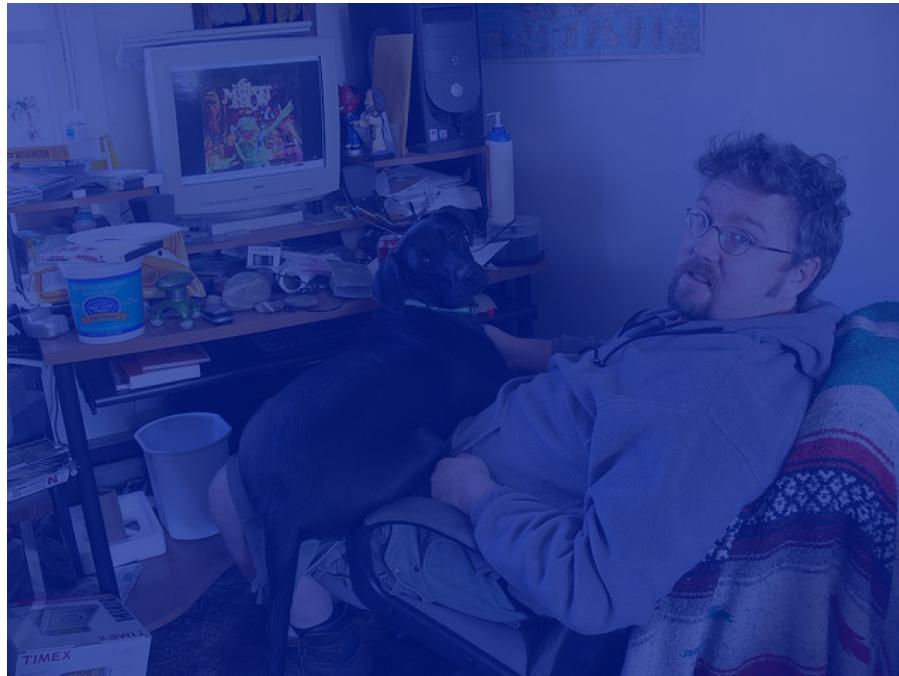
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a **man**

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Interpretability



a man **sitting**

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Interpretability



couch (0.66)

a man sitting in a **couch**

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Interpretability



dog (1.00)

a man sitting in a couch with a **dog**



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Interim summary

Learn Sent2Vec by DSSM

similarity driven deep semantic model

superior performance in a range of NL tasks

Tool kit available online: <http://aka.ms/sent2vec/>

Sent2Vec

Sent2vec maps a pair of short text strings (e.g., sentences or query-answer pairs) to a pair of feature vectors in a continuous, low-dimensional space where the semantic similarity between the text strings is computed as the cosine similarity between their vectors in that space. sent2vec performs the mapping using the Deep Structured Semantic Model (DSSM) proposed in (Huang et al. 2013), or the DSSM with convolutional-pooling structure (CDSSM) proposed in (Shen et al. 2014; Gao et al. 2014).

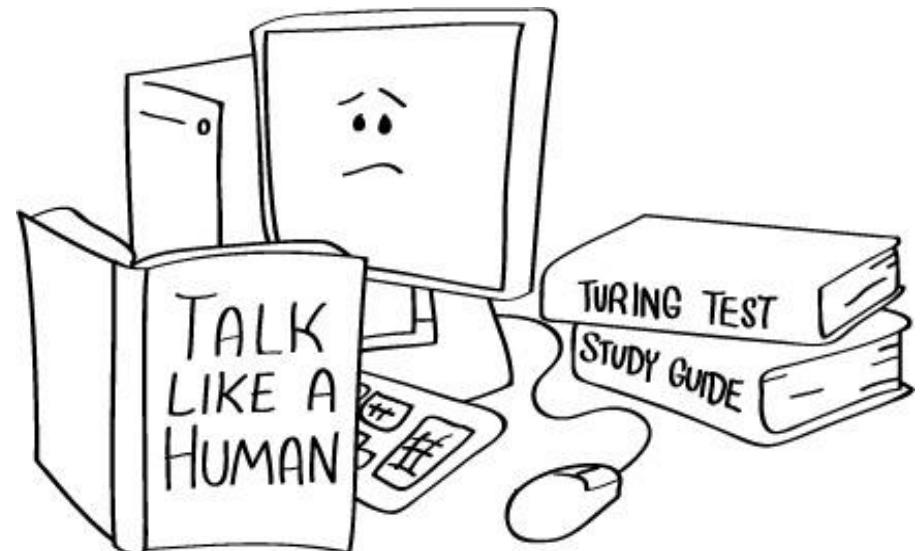
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Part IV

Natural Language Understanding

Natural Language Understanding

- Build an intelligent system that can interact with human using natural language
- Research challenge
 - Meaning representation of text
 - Support useful inferential tasks



<http://csunplugged.org/turing-test>



Natural Language Understanding

- Continuous Word Representations
 - Language is compositional
 - Word is the basic semantic unit
- Knowledge Base Embedding
- Semantic Parsing & Question Answering



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Continuous Word Representations

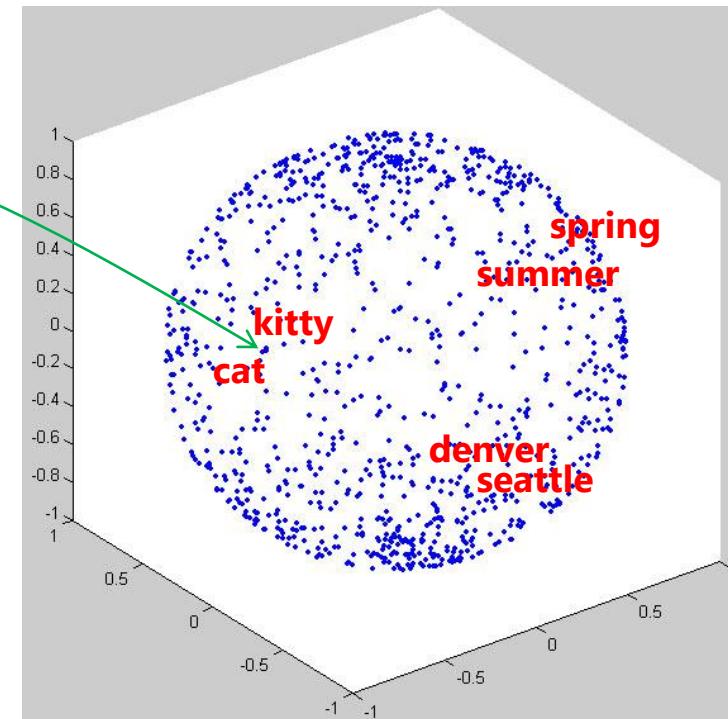
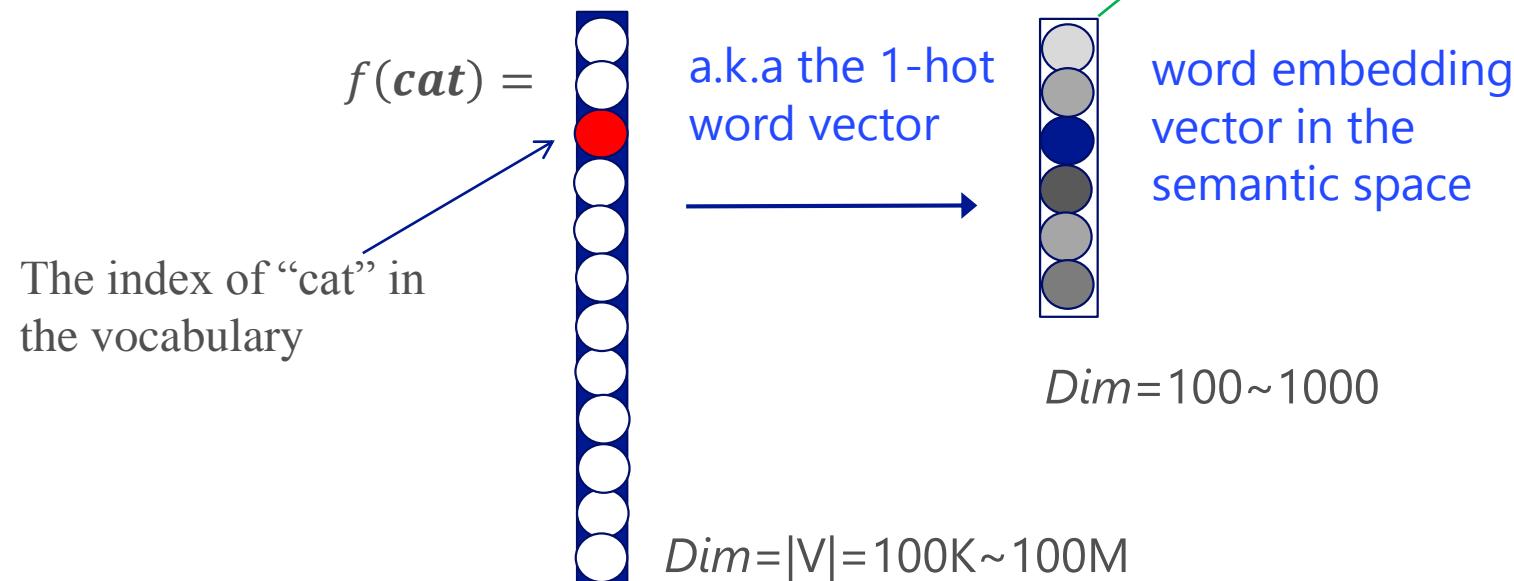
- A lot of popular methods for creating word vectors!
 - Vector Space Model [Salton & McGill 83]
 - Latent Semantic Analysis [Deerwester+ 90]
 - Brown Clustering [Brown+ 92]
 - Latent Dirichlet Allocation [Blei+ 01]
 - Deep Neural Networks [Collobert & Weston 08]
 - Word2Vec [Mikolov+ 13]
- Encode term co-occurrence information
- Measure semantic similarity well



Semantic Embedding

Project raw text into a continuous semantic space
e.g., word embedding

Captures the word meaning in a semantic space

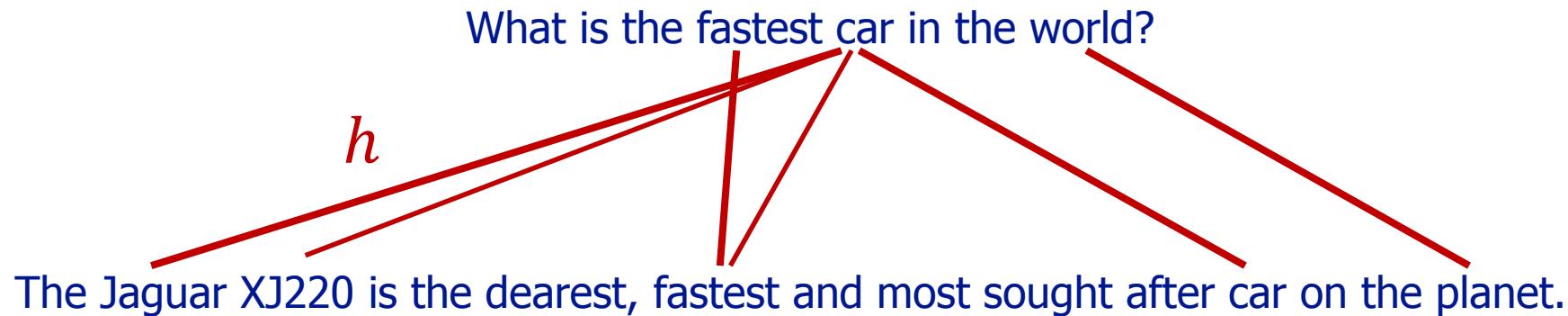


Deerwester, Dumais, Furnas, Landauer,
Harshman, "Indexing by latent
semantic analysis," JASIS 1990



Why is Word Embedding Useful?

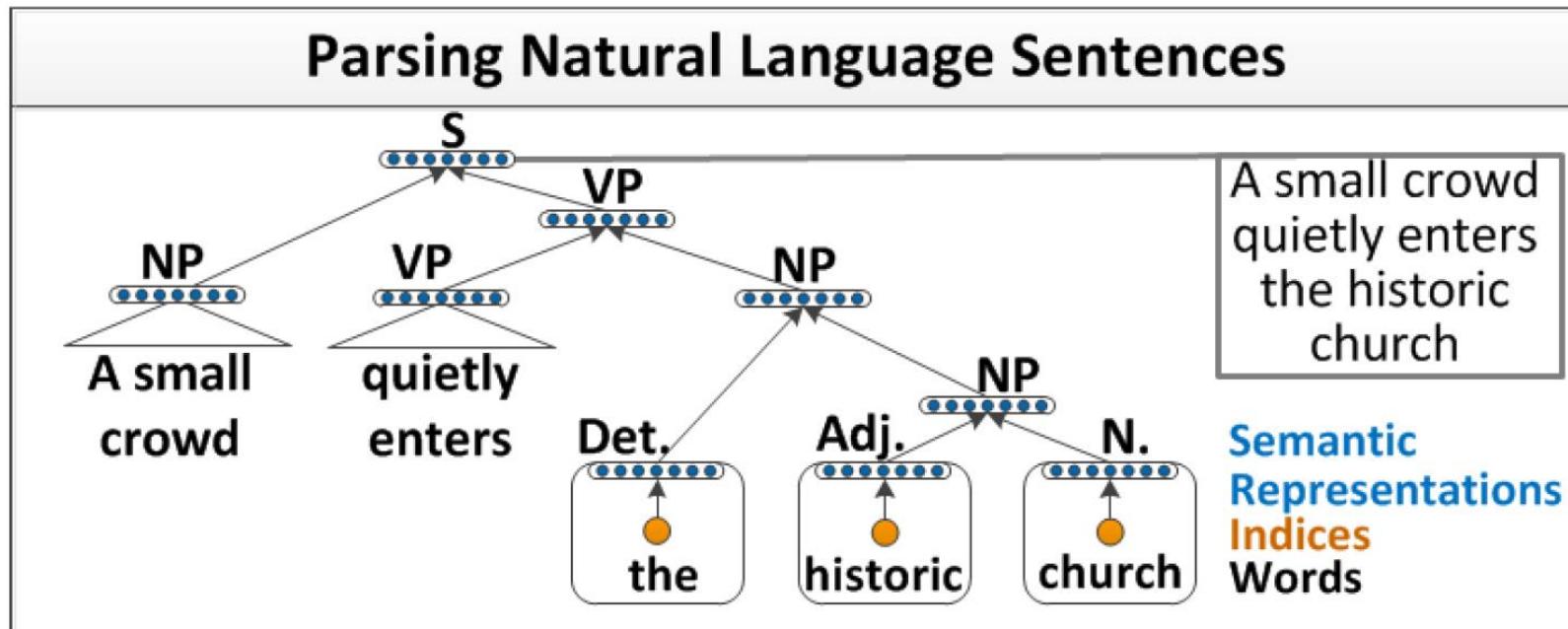
- Lexical semantics – semantic word similarity
 - Used as features in many NLP applications
 - e.g., Question/Sentence matching [Yih+ ACL-13; Jansen+ ACL-14]



- Simple semantic representation of text
 - Represent longer text using average of the word vectors
 - e.g., entity [Socher+ NIPS-13], question [Berant&Liang ACL-14]

Why is Word Embedding Useful? (Cont'd)

- “Pre-training” of a neural-network model
 - Take word vectors trained on a general corpus as input
 - e.g., Recursive NN for parsing [Socher+ ICML-11]

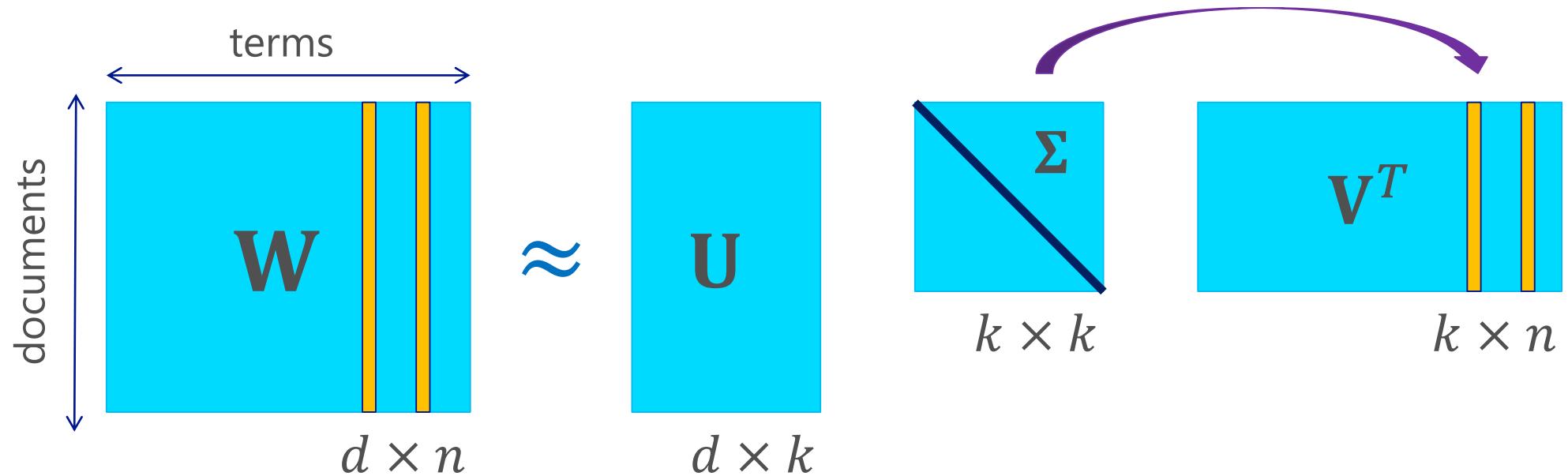


Roadmap – Continuous Word Representations

- Samples of word embedding models
 - Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), Recurrent Neural Networks
 - SENNA, CBOW/Skip-gram, DSSM
- Evaluation
 - Semantic word similarity
 - Relational similarity (word analogy)
- Related work
 - Model different word relations
 - Other word embedding models



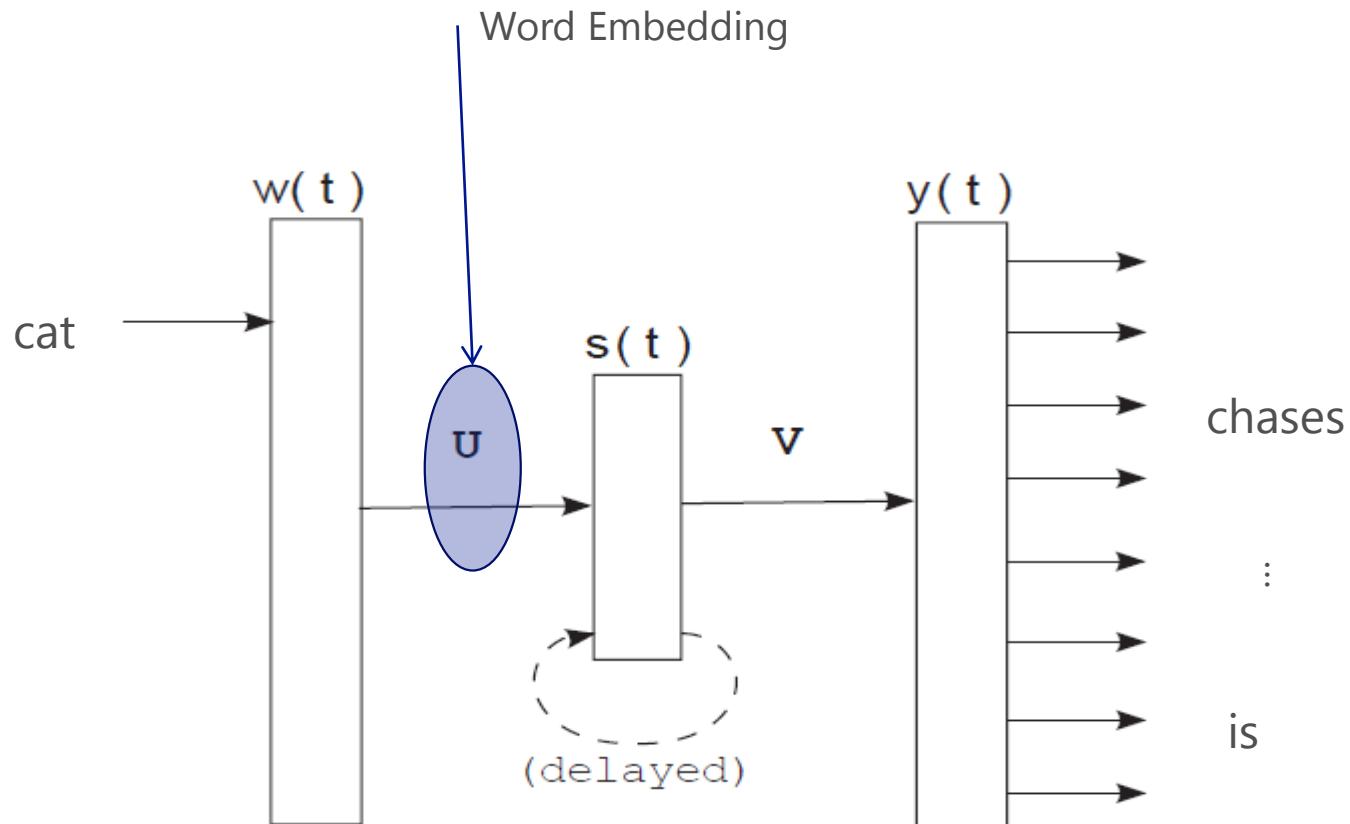
Latent Semantic Analysis



- SVD generalizes the original data
- Uncovers relationships not explicit in the thesaurus
- Term vectors projected to k -dim latent space
- Word similarity: cosine of two column vectors in ΣV^T



RNN-LM Word Embedding



Mikolov, Yih, Zweig, "Linguistic Regularities in Continuous Space Word Representations," NAACL 2013

SENNNA Word Embedding

Scoring:

$$Score(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5) = U^T \sigma(W[f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5] + b)$$

Training:

$$J = \max(0, 1 + S^- - S^+) \quad \text{Update the model until } S^+ > 1 + S^-$$

Where

$$S^+ = Score(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5)$$

$$S^- = Score(w_1, w_2, w^-, w_4, w_5)$$

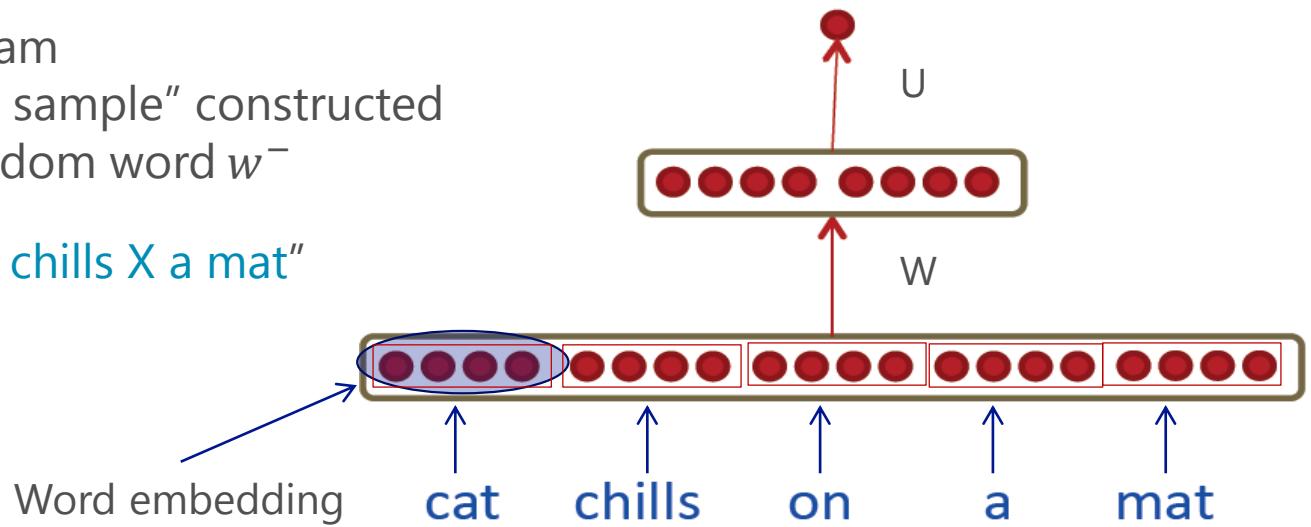
And

w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5 is a valid 5-gram

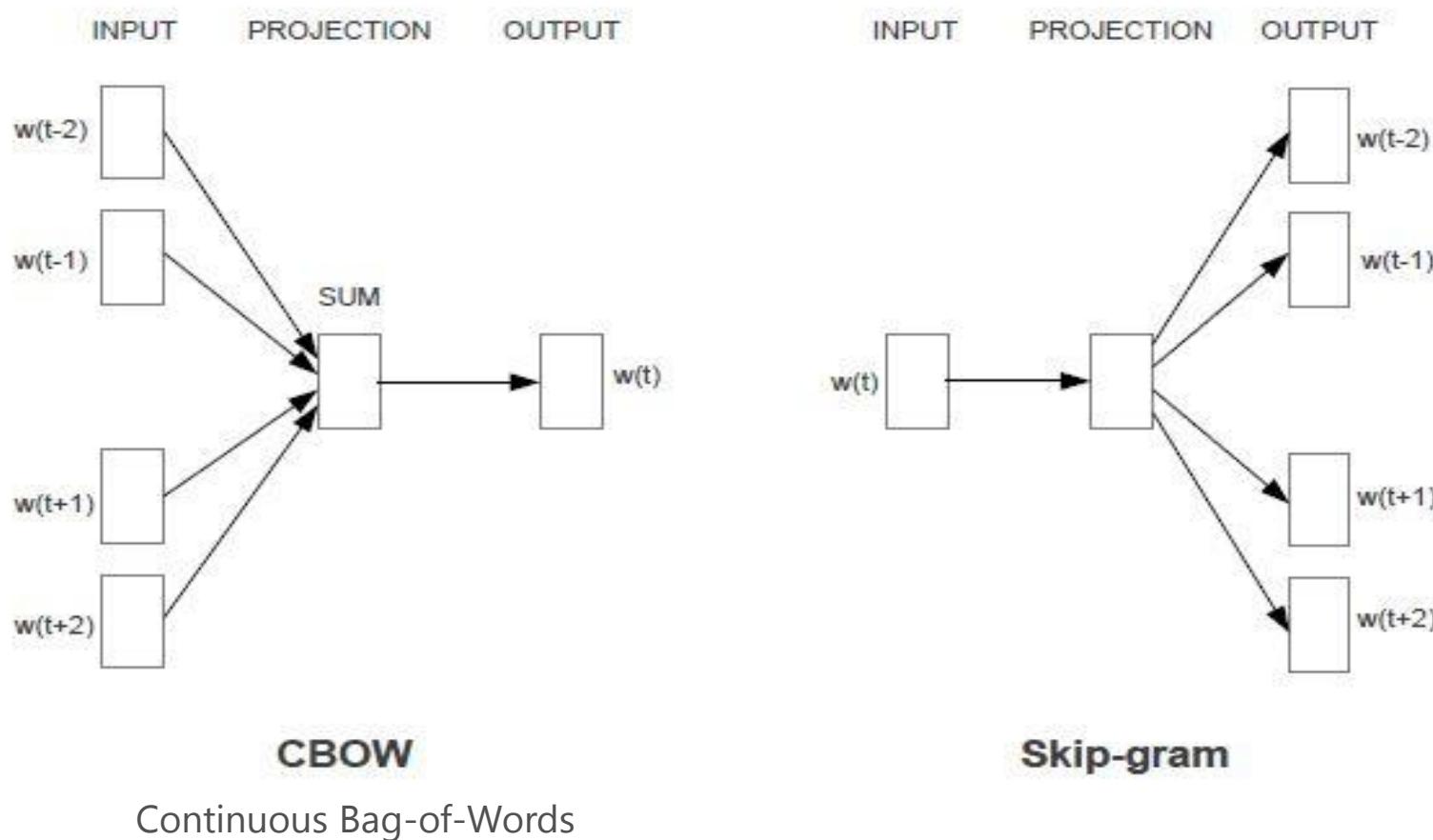
w_1, w_2, w^-, w_4, w_5 is a "negative sample" constructed by replacing the word w_3 with a random word w^-

e.g., a negative example: "cat chills X a mat"

Collobert, Weston, Bottou, Karlen,
Kavukcuoglu, Kuksa, "Natural Language
Processing (Almost) from Scratch," JMLR
2011



CBOW/Skip-gram Word Embeddings



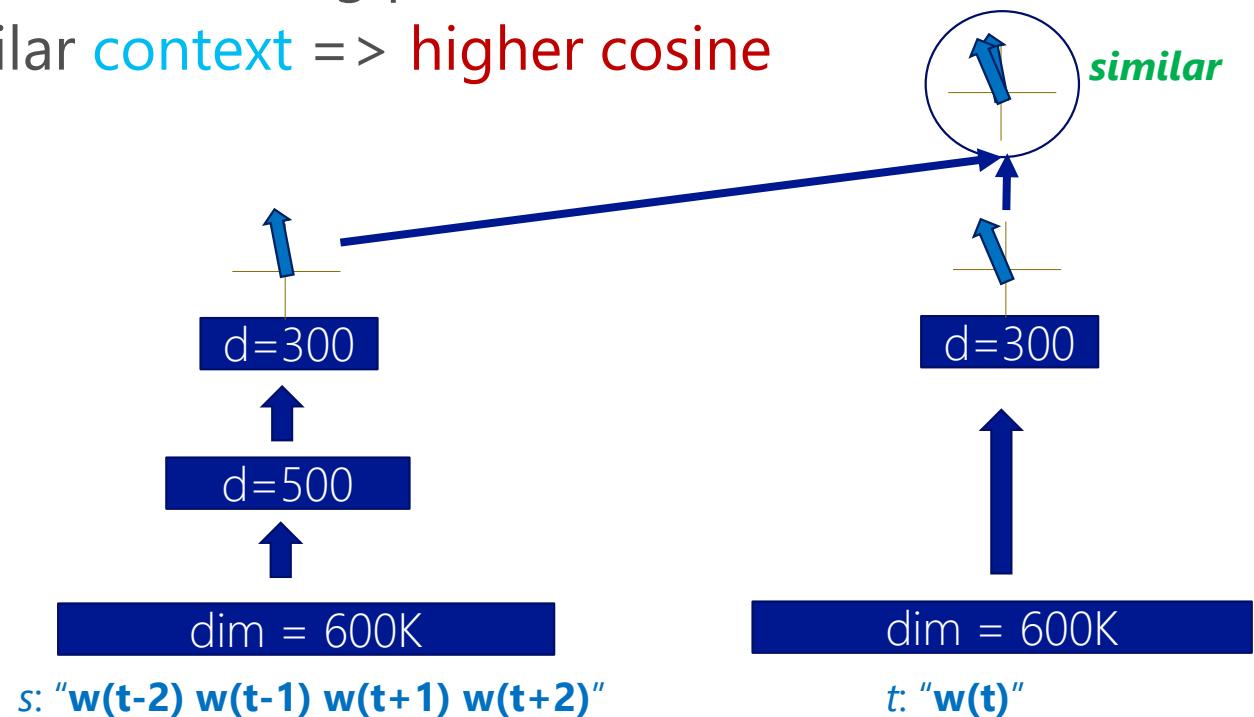
The CBOW architecture (a) on the left, and the Skip-gram architecture (b) on the right.
[Mikolov et al., 2013 ICLR].



DSSM: Learning Word Meaning

- Learn a word's semantic meaning by means of its neighbors (context)
 - Construct **context** \leftrightarrow **word** training pair for DSSM
 - Similar **words** with similar **context** \Rightarrow **higher cosine**
- **Training Condition:**
 - 600K vocabulary size
 - 1B words from Wikipedia
 - 300-dimentional vector

*You shall know a word by
the company it keeps*
(J. R. Firth 1957: 11)



[Song, He, Gao, Deng, 2014]

Evaluation: Semantic Word Similarity

- Data: word pairs with human judgment (e.g., WS-353, RG-65)

Word 1	Word 2	Human Score (mean)
midday	noon	9.3
tiger	jaguar	8.0
cup	food	5.0
forest	graveyard	1.9
...

- Correlation of the *ranking* of word similarity and human judgment
 - Spearman's rank correlation coefficient ρ
- Word embedding models individually usually do not achieve the state-of-the-art results (cf. [ACL Wiki Similarity \(State-of-the-art\)](#))



Evaluation: Relational Similarity (Word Analogy)

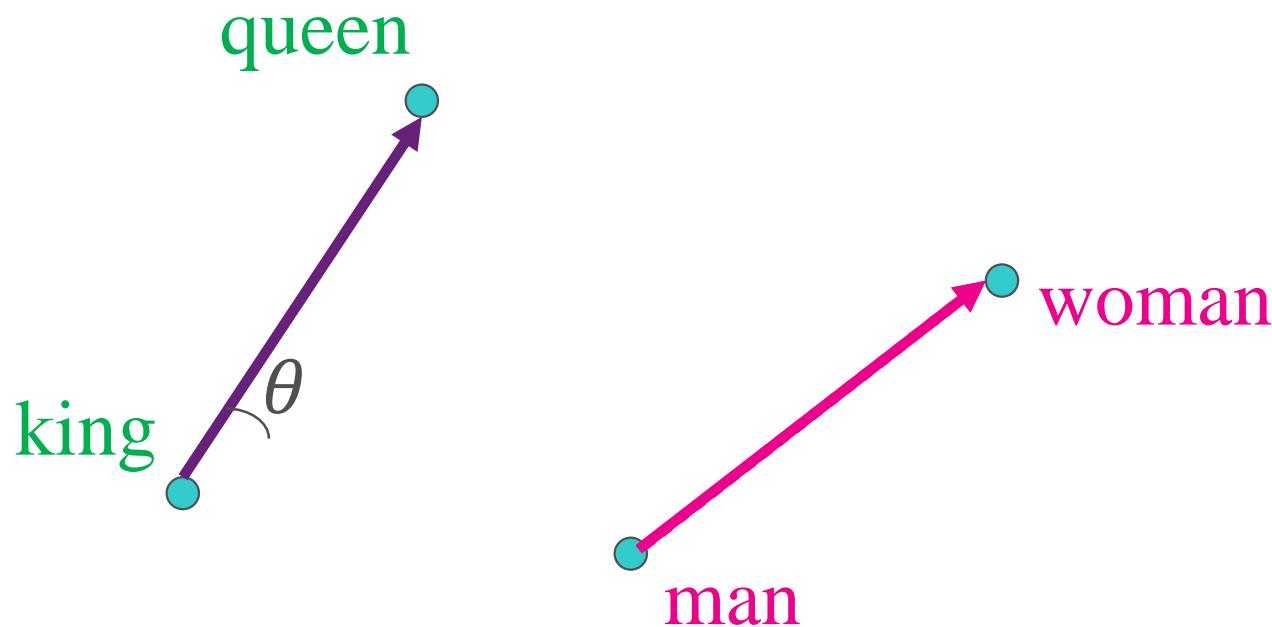
king : queen $\overset{?}{=}$ man : woman

- Determine whether two pairs of words have the same relation (the “analogy” problem) [Bejar et al. ’91]
 - (silverware : fork) vs. (clothing : shirt) [singular collective]
 - (coast : ocean) vs. (sidewalk : road) [contiguity]
 - (psychology : mind) vs. (astronomy : stars) [knowledge]
- Why it’s useful?

Building a general “relational similarity” model is a more efficient way to learn a model for any arbitrary relation
[Turney, 2008]

Unexpected Finding: Directional Similarity

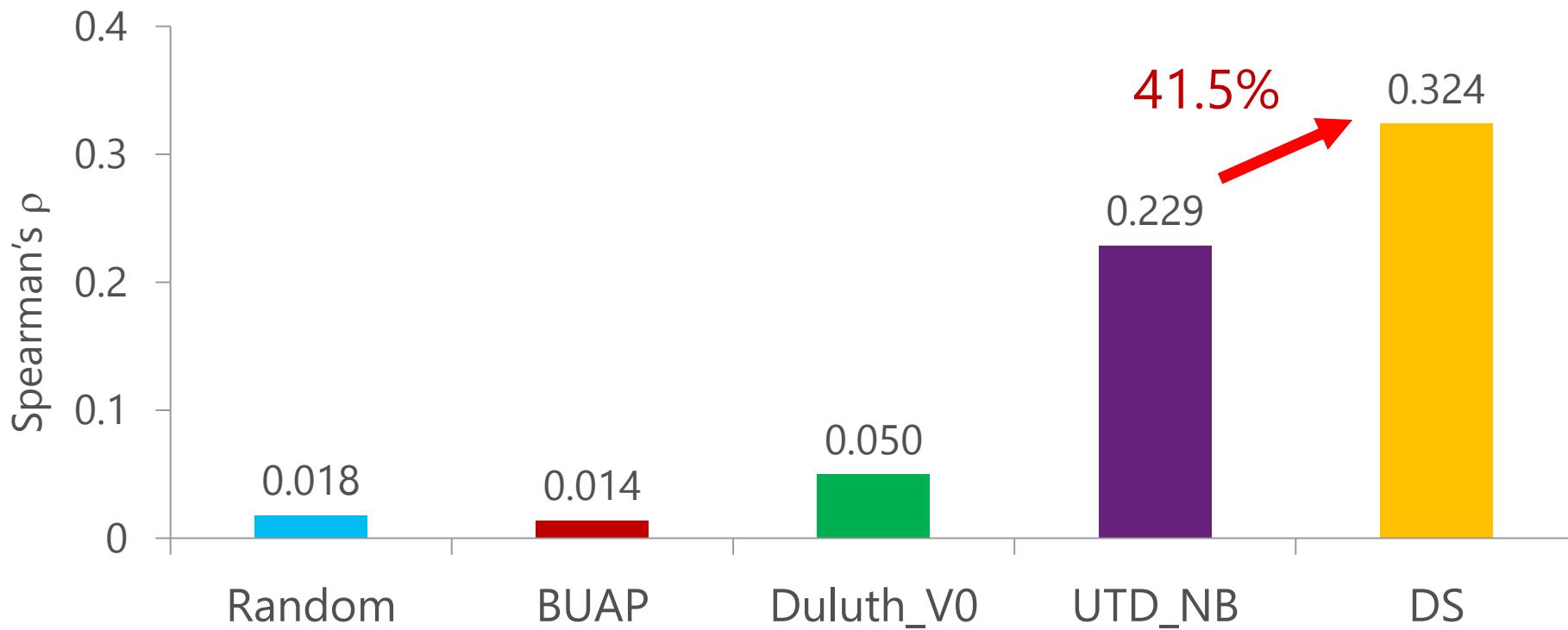
- Word embedding taken from recurrent neural network language model (RNN-LM) [Mikolov 2011]



- Relational similarity is derived by the cosine score

Experimental Results

- SemEval-2012 Task 2 – Relational Similarity
 - Rank word pairs of 69 testing relations
 - Evaluate model by its correlation to human judgments



Similar Results Observed on Other Datasets

- MSR syntactic test set [Mikolov+ 2013]
 - see : saw = return : returned
 - better : best = rough : roughest
- Semantic-Syntactic word relationship [Mikolov+ 2013]
 - Athens : Greece = Oslo : Norway
 - brother : sister = grandson : granddaughter
 - apparent : apparently = rapid : rapidly

Evaluation on Word Analogy

The dataset contains 19,544 word analogy questions:

Semantic questions, e.g.,: "Athens is to Greece as Berlin is to ?"

Syntactic questions, e.g.,: "dance is to dancing as fly is to ?"

Model	Dim	Size	Accuracy Avg.(sem+syn)
SG	300	1B	61.0%
CBOW	300	1.6B	36.1%
vLBL	300	1.5B	60.0%
ivLBL	300	1.5B	64.0%
GloVe	300	1.6B	70.3%
DSSM	300	1B	71.9%

(i)vLBL results are from (Mnih et al., 2013); skip-gram (SG) and CBOW results are from (Mikolov et al., 2013a,b); GloVe are from (Pennington, Socher, and Manning, EMNLP2014)



Discussion

- Directional Similarity cannot handle symmetric relations
 - good : bad = bad : good
- Vector arithmetic = **Similarity** arithmetic
[Levy & Goldberg CoNLL-14]
- Find the closest x to $king - man + woman$ by

$$\arg \max_x (\cos(x, king - man + woman)) =$$
$$\arg \max_x (\cos(x, king) - \cos(x, man) + \cos(x, woman))$$




Related Work – Model Different Word Relations

Tomorrow
will be **rainy**.

Tomorrow
will be **sunny**.



similar(rainy, sunny)?

antonym(rainy, sunny)?



- Multi-Relational Latent Semantic Analysis [Chang+ EMNLP-04]

$$f_{rel}(\bullet, \bullet)$$

$$\approx \begin{matrix} \text{[blue]} \\ \text{[blue]} \\ \text{[blue]} \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \text{[yellow]} \\ \text{[yellow]} \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \text{[yellow]} \end{matrix}$$

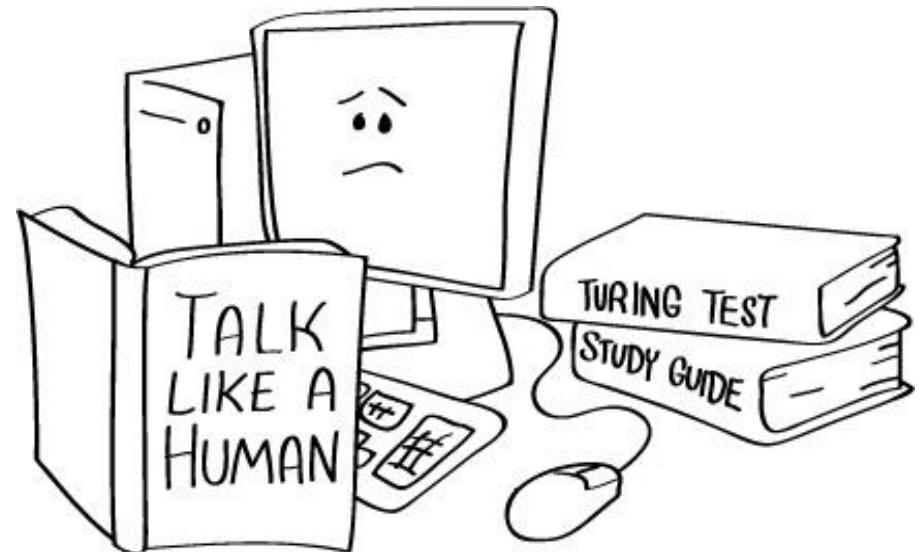
Related Work – Word Embedding Models

- Other word embedding models
 - GloVe [Pennington+ EMNLP-14], [Wang+ EMNLP-14], [Bian+ ECML/PKDD-14], [Xu+, CIKM-14], [Faruqui+ NAACL-15], [Yogatama+ ICML-15], [Faruqui+ ACL-15]
- Analysis of Word2Vec and Directional Similarity
 - Linguistic Regularities in Sparse and Explicit Word Representations [Levy & Goldberg CoNLL-14]
 - Neural Word Embedding as Implicit Matrix Factorization [Levy & Goldberg NIPS-14]
 - Yoav Goldberg's [blog](#) on comparing word embedding models (invited speaker of [CVSC-2015](#))



Natural Language Understanding

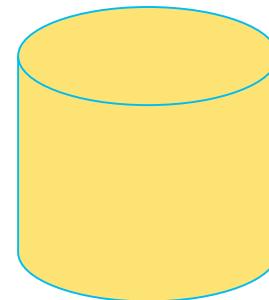
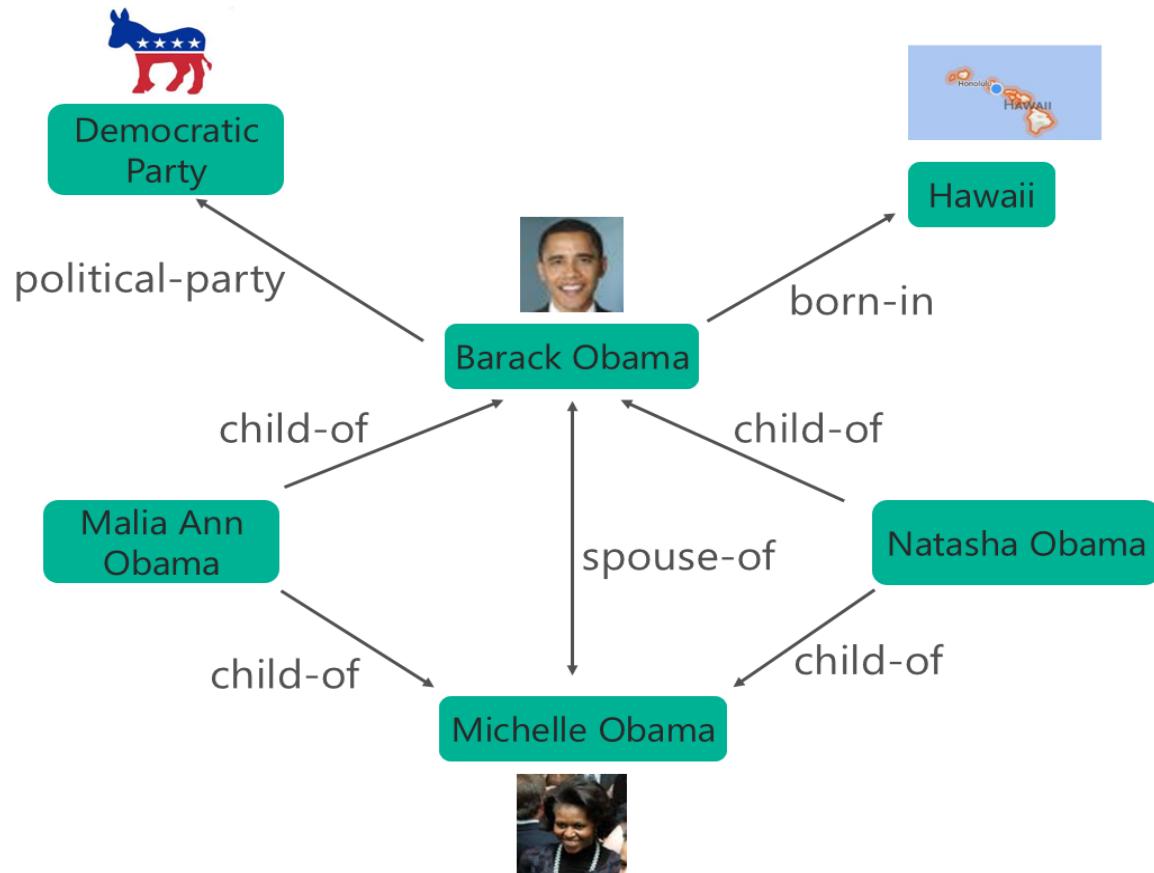
- Continuous Word Representations & Lexical Semantics
- **Knowledge Base Embedding**
- Semantic Parsing & Question Answering



<http://csunplugged.org/turing-test>

Knowledge Base

- Captures world knowledge by storing properties of millions of entities, as well as relations among them



Freebase
DBpedia
YAGO
NELL
OpenIE/ReVerb



Current KB Applications in NLP & IR

- Question Answering

“What are the names of Obama’s daughters?”

$\lambda x. \text{parent}(\text{Obama}, x) \wedge \text{gender}(x, \text{Female})$

- Information Extraction

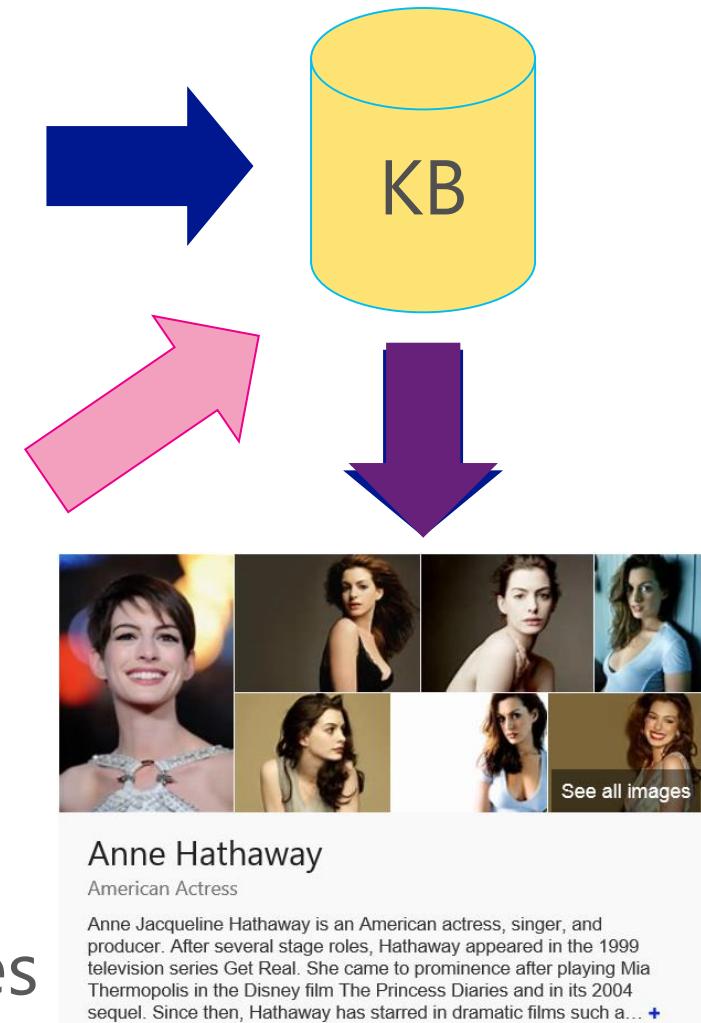
- *“Hathaway was born in Brooklyn, New York. ”*

bornIn(Hathaway, Brooklyn)

contains(New York, Brooklyn)

- Web Search

- Identify entities and relationships in queries



Reasoning with Knowledge Base

- Knowledge base is never complete!
 - Predict new facts: $\text{Nationality}(\text{Natasha Obama}, ?)$
 - Mine rules: $\text{BornInCity}(a, b) \wedge \text{CityInCountry}(b, c) \Rightarrow \text{Nationality}(a, c)$
- Modeling multi-relational data
 - Statistical relational learning [Getoor & Taskar, 2007]
 - Path ranking methods (e.g., random walk) [e.g., Lao+ 2011]
 - **Knowledge base embedding**
 - Very efficient
 - Better prediction accuracy



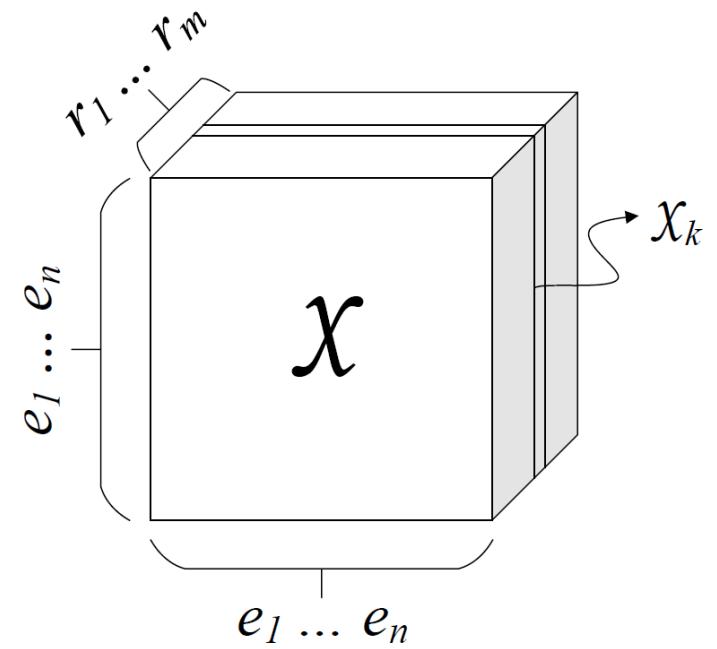
Knowledge Base Embedding

- Each entity in a KB is represented by an R^d vector
- Predict whether (e_1, r, e_2) is true by $f_r(\mathbf{v}_{e_1}, \mathbf{v}_{e_2})$
- Recent work on KB embedding
 - Tensor decomposition
 - RESCAL [Nickel+, ICML-11], TRESCAL [Chang+, EMNLP-14]
 - Neural networks
 - SME [Bordes+, AISTATS-12], NTN [Socher+, NIPS-13], TransE [Bordes+, NIPS-13]

Tensor Decomposition: Knowledge Base Representation (1/2)

- Collection of subj-pred-obj triples – (e_1, r, e_2)

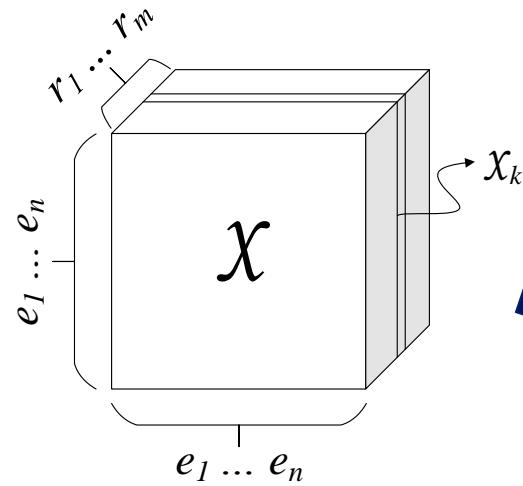
Subject	Predicate	Object
Obama	BornIn	Hawaii
Bill Gates	Nationality	USA
Bill Clinton	SpouseOf	Hillary Clinton
Satya Nadella	WorkAt	Microsoft
...



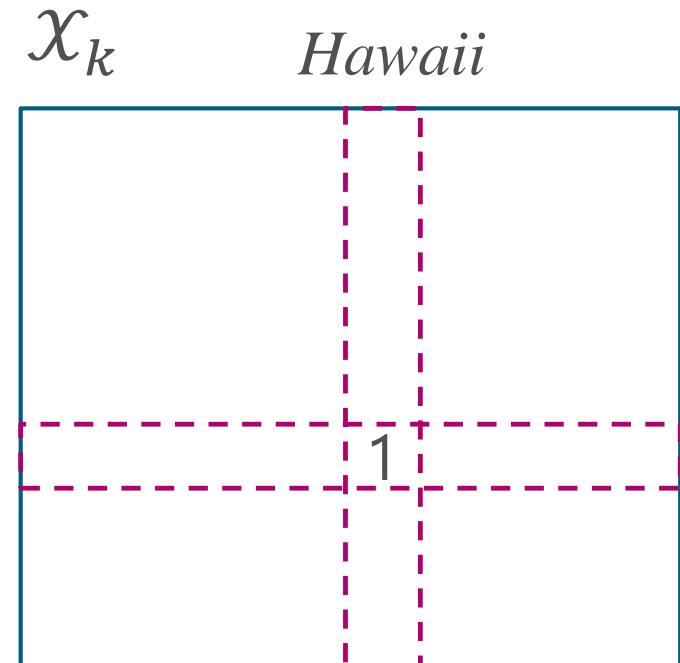
n : # entities, m : # relations



Tensor Decomposition: Knowledge Base Representation (2/2)



k -th slice



$R_k : BornIn$

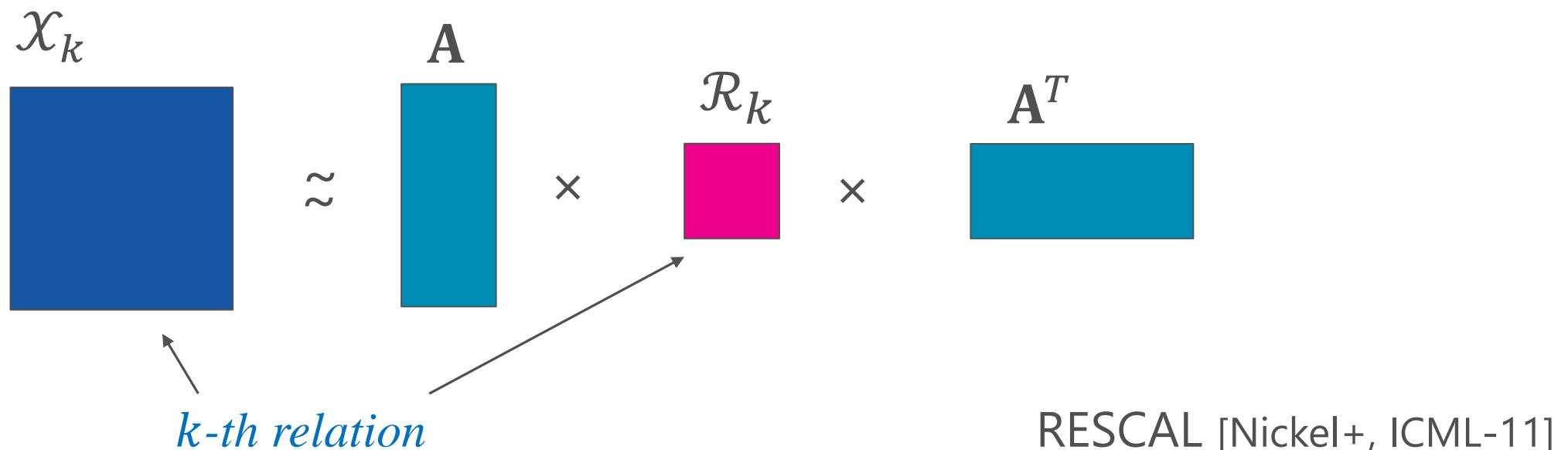
A zero entry means either:

- Incorrect (*false*)
- Unknown



Tensor Decomposition Objective

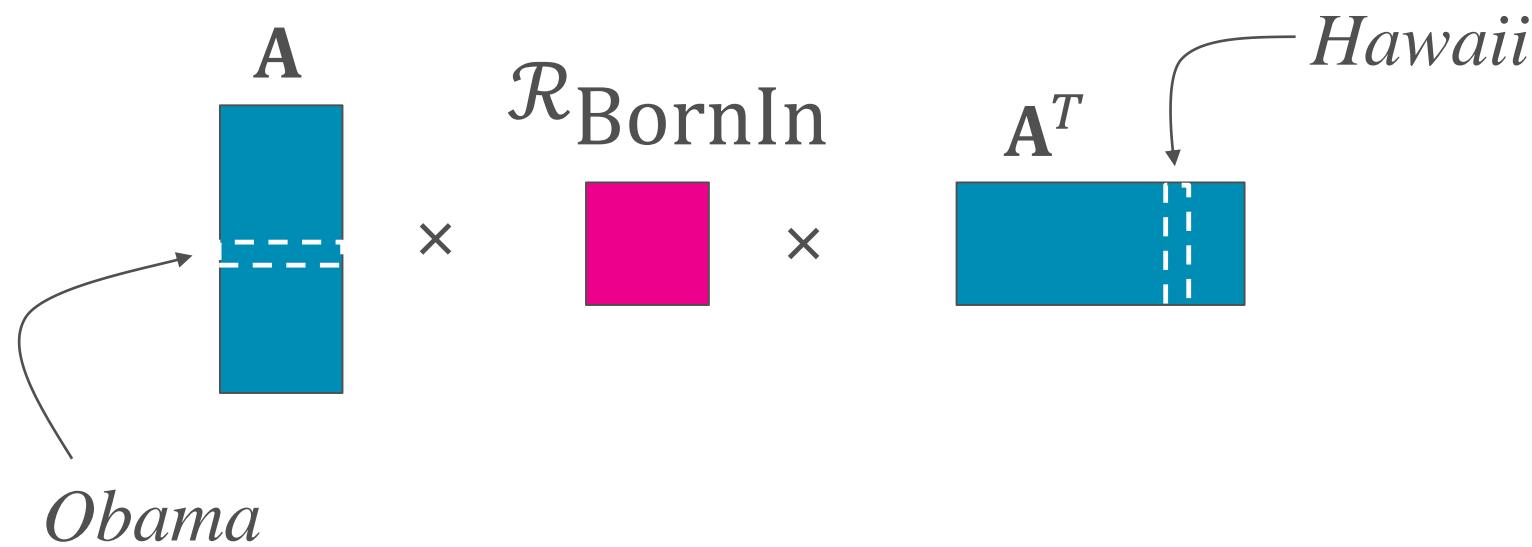
- Objective: $\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_k \| \mathcal{X}_k - \mathbf{A} \mathcal{R}_k \mathbf{A}^T \|_F^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 + \sum_k \|\mathcal{R}_k\|_F^2 \right)$
Reconstruction Error *Regularization*



Measure the Degree of a Relationship

$f_{\text{BornIn}}(\text{Obama}, \text{Hawaii})$

$$= \mathbf{A}_{\text{Obama},:} \mathcal{R}_{\text{BornIn}} \mathbf{A}_{\text{Hawaii},:}^T$$



Typed Tensor Decomposition – TRESCAL

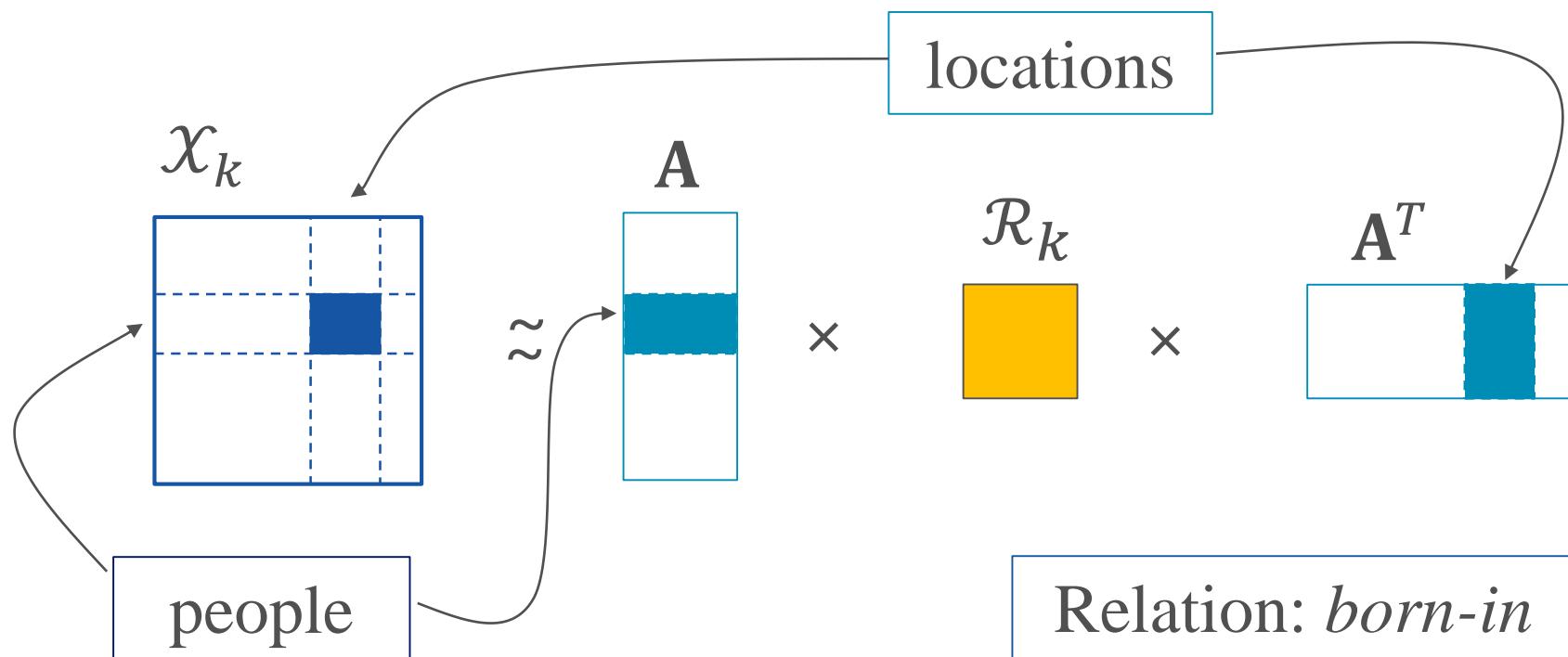
[Chang+ EMNLP-14]

- Relational domain knowledge
 - Type information and constraints
 - Only legitimate entities are included in the loss
- Benefits of leveraging type information
 - Faster model training time
 - Highly scalable to large KB
 - Higher prediction accuracy



Typed Tensor Decomposition Objective

- Reconstruction error: $\frac{1}{2} \sum_k \|\mathcal{X}_k - \mathbf{A}\mathcal{R}_k\mathbf{A}^T\|_F^2$



Typed Tensor Decomposition Objective

- Reconstruction error: $\frac{1}{2} \sum_k \| \mathcal{X}'_k - \mathbf{A}_{kl} \mathcal{R}_k \mathbf{A}_{kr}^T \|_F^2$

$$\mathcal{X}'_k \approx \mathbf{A}_{kl} \times \mathcal{R}_k \times \mathbf{A}_{kr}^T$$

Training Procedure – Alternating Least-Squares (ALS) Method

Fix \mathcal{R}_k , update A

Fix A, update \mathcal{R}_k

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$$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \left[\sum_k \mathcal{X}'_k \mathbf{A}_{k_r} \mathcal{R}_k^T + {\mathcal{X}'_k}^T \mathbf{A}_{k_l} \mathcal{R}_k \right] \left[\sum_k B_{k_r} + C_{k_l} + \lambda \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1}$$

where $B_{k_r} = \mathcal{R}_k \mathbf{A}_{k_r}^T \mathbf{A}_{k_r} \mathcal{R}_k^T$, $C_{k_l} = \mathcal{R}_k^T \mathbf{A}_{k_l}^T \mathbf{A}_{k_l} \mathcal{R}_k$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{vec}(\mathcal{R}_k) \\ & \leftarrow (\mathbf{A}_{k_r}^T \mathbf{A}_{k_r} \otimes \mathbf{A}_{k_l}^T \mathbf{A}_{k_l} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \times \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}_{k_l}^T \mathcal{X}'_k \mathbf{A}_{k_r}) \end{aligned}$$

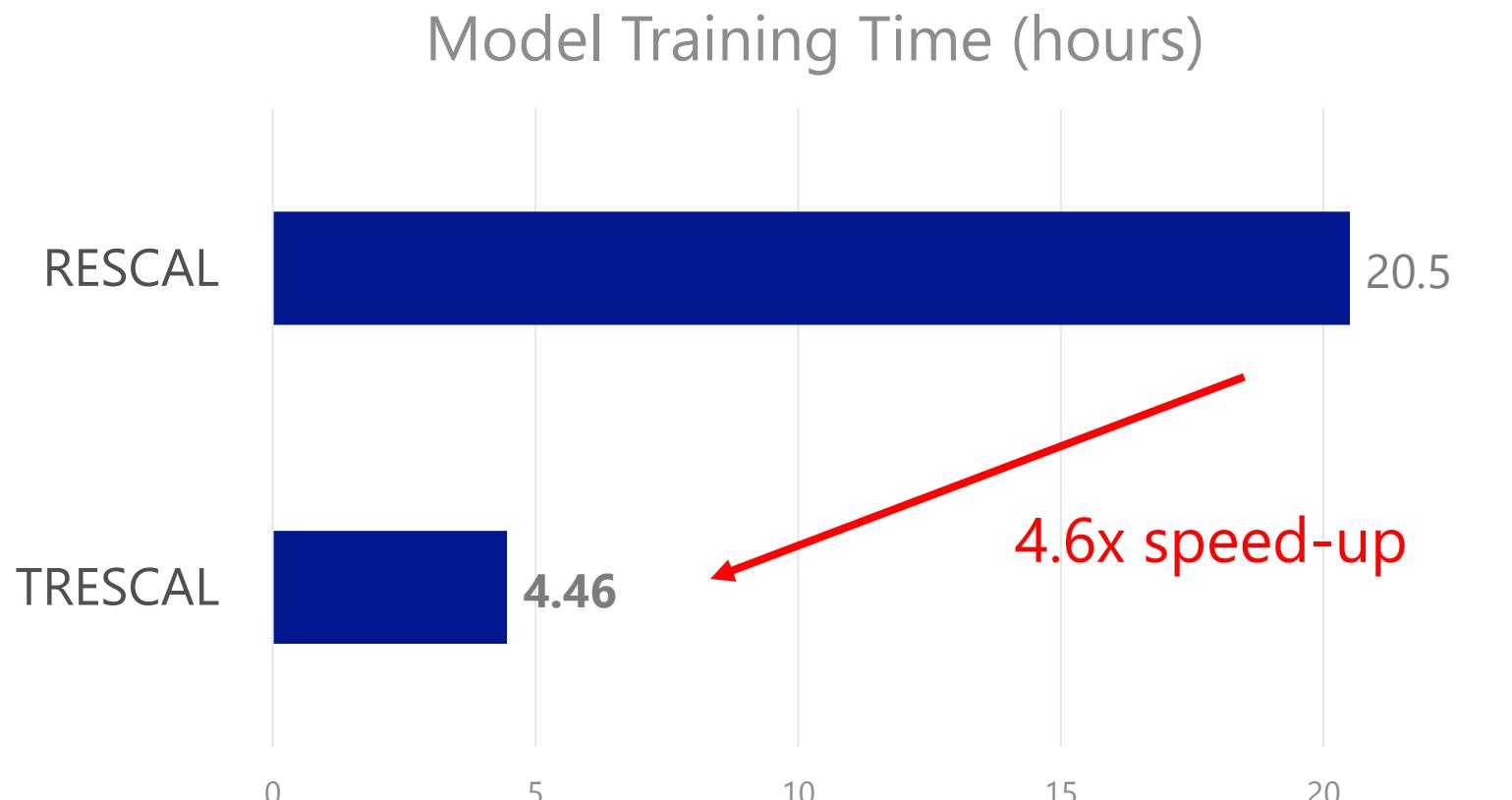
Experiments – KB Completion

- KB – Never Ending Language Learning (NELL)
 - Training: version 165
 - Developing: new facts between v.166 and v.533
 - Testing: new facts between v.534 and v.745
- Data statistics of the training set

# Entities	753k
# Relation Types	229
# Entity Types	300
# Entity-Relation Triples	1.8M



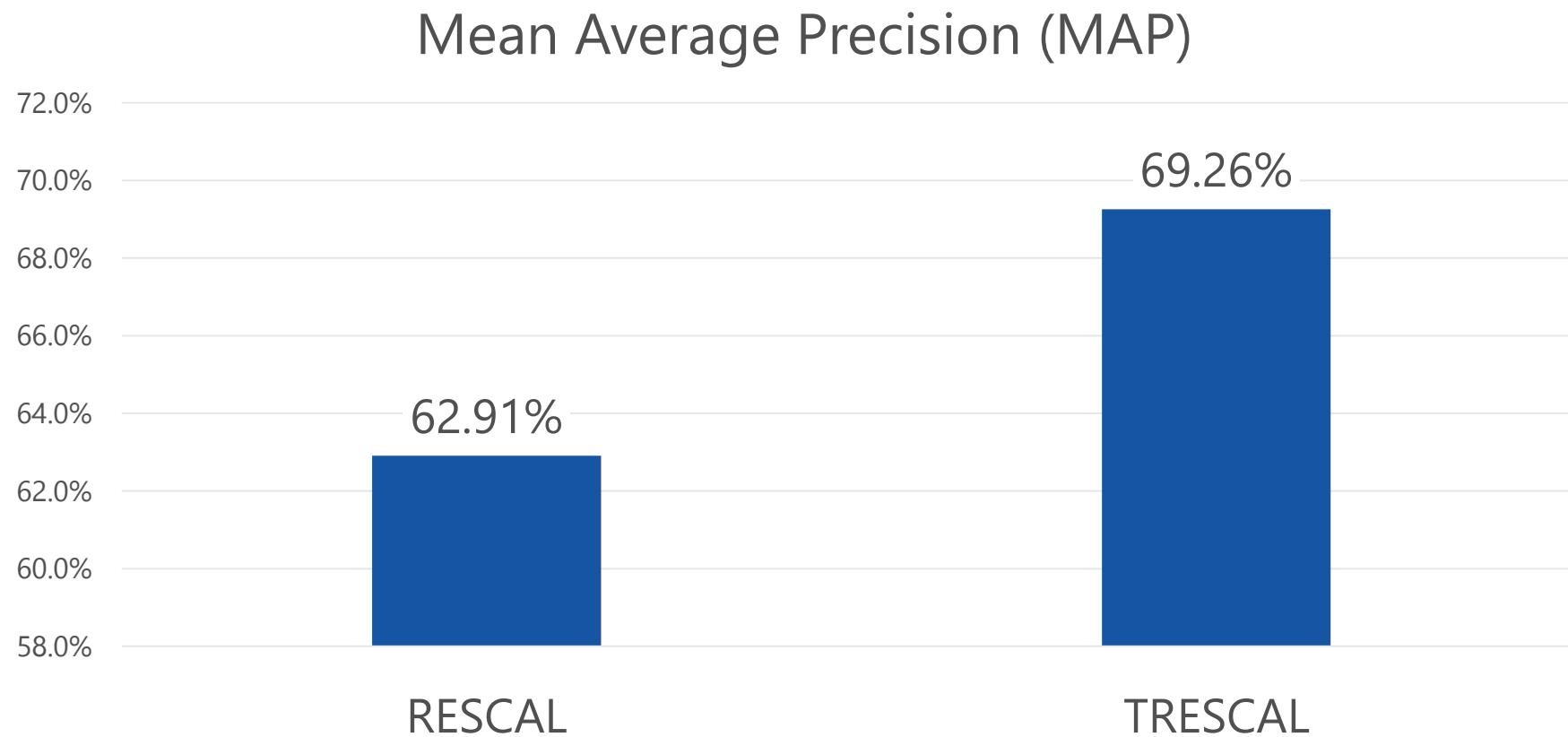
Training Time Reduction



- Both models finish training in 10 iterations.
- TRESCAL filters 96% entity triples with incompatible types.

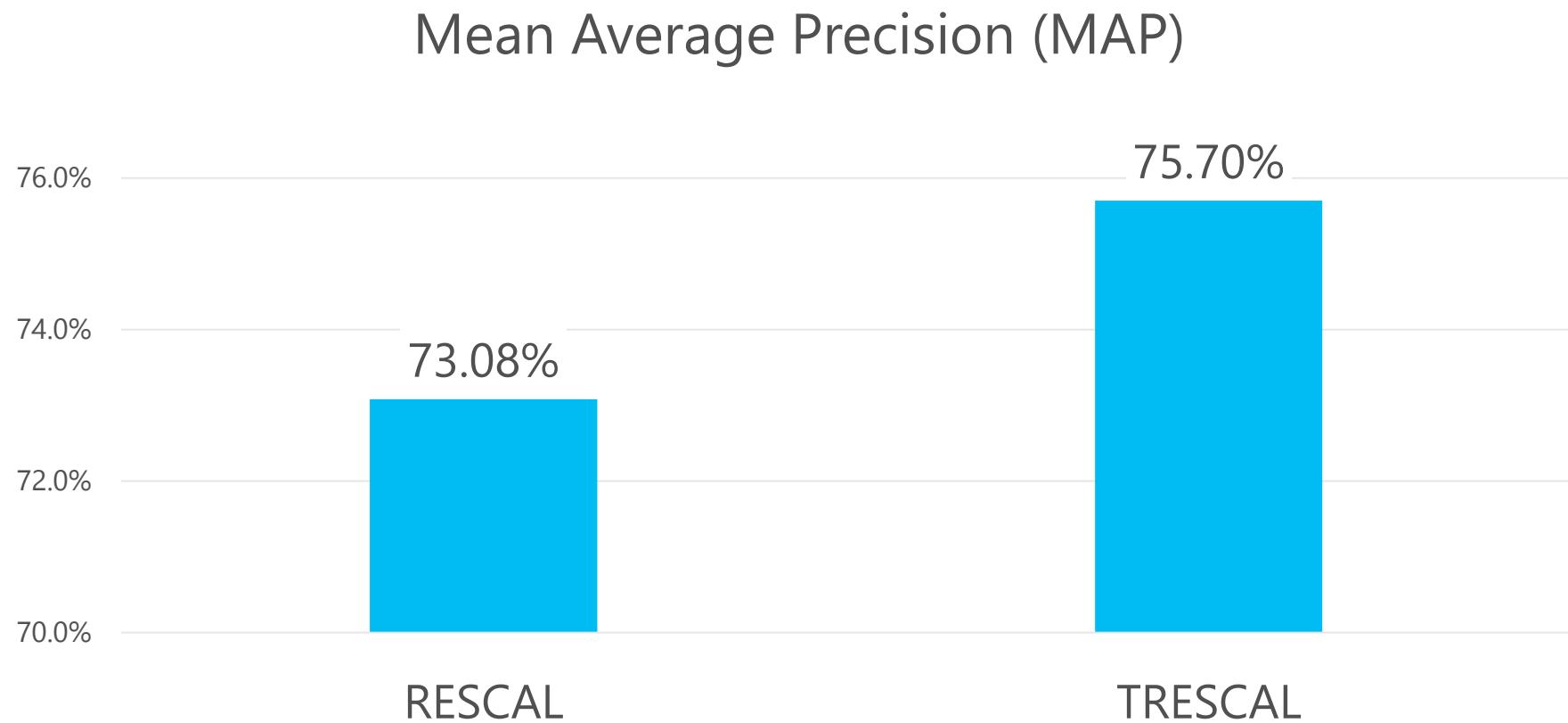
Entity Retrieval ($e_i, r_k, ?$)

- One positive entity with 100 negative entities

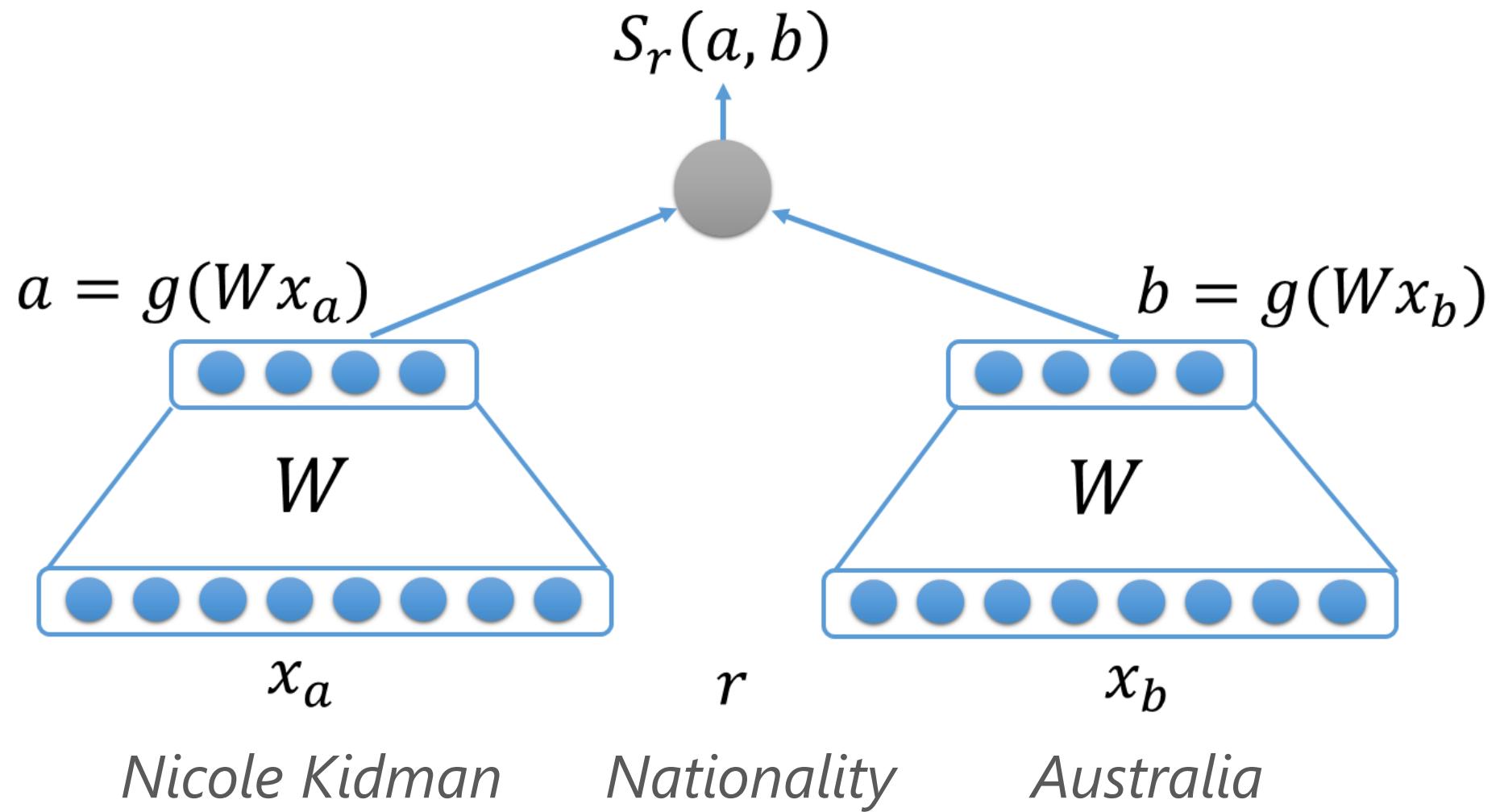


Relation Retrieval $(e_i, ?, e_j)$

- Positive entity pairs with equal number of negative pairs



Neural Knowledge Base Embedding



Relation Operators

Relation representation	Scoring Function $S_r(a, b)$	# Parameters
Vector (TransE) (Bordes+ 2013)	$\ a - b + V_r\ _{1,2}$	$O(n_r \times k)$
Matrix (Bilinear) (Bordes+ 2012, Collobert & Weston 2008)	$a^T M_r b$ $u^T f(M_{r1}a + M_{r2}b)$	$O(n_r \times k^2)$
Tensor (NTN) (Socher+ 2013)	$u^T f(a^T T_r b + M_{r1}a + M_{r2}b)$	$O(n_r \times k^2 \times d)$
Diagonal Matrix (RelDot) (Yang+ 2015)	$a^T \text{diag}(M_r)b$	$O(n_r \times k)$

n_r : #predicates, k : #dimensions of entity vectors, d : #layers

Empirical Comparisons of NN-based KB Embedding Methods [Yang+ ICLR-2015]

- Models with fewer parameters tend to perform better (for the datasets FB-15k and WN).
- The bilinear operator ($a^T M_r b$) plays an important role in capturing entity interactions.
- With the same model complexity, multiplicative operations are superior to additive operations in modeling relations.
- Initializing entity vectors with pre-trained phrase embedding vectors can significantly boost performance.

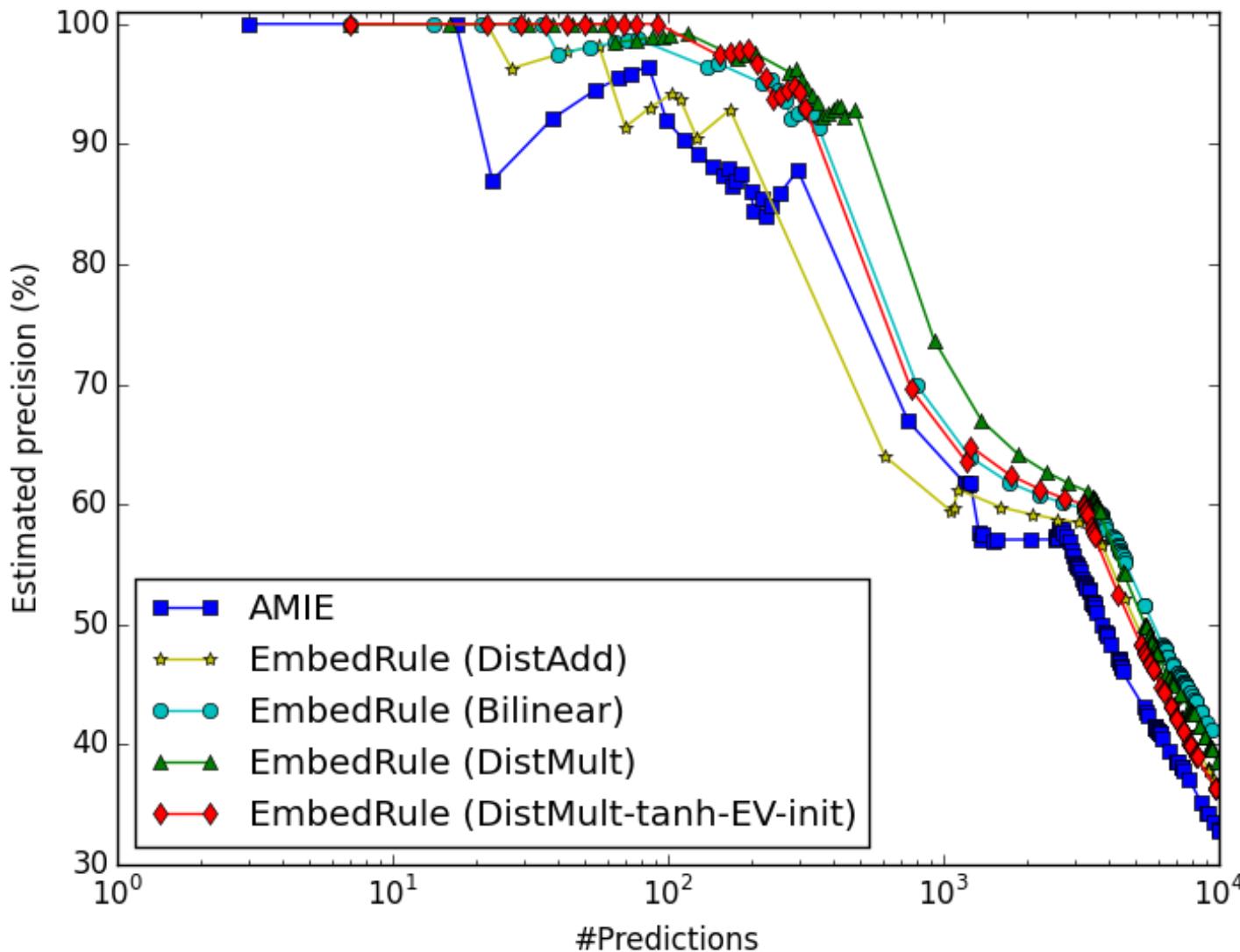


Mining Horn-clause Rules

- Can relation embedding capture relation composition?
 $BornInCity(a, b) \wedge CityInCountry(b, c) \Rightarrow Nationality(a, c)$
- Embedding-based Horn-clause rule extraction
 - For each relation r , find a chain of relations $r_1 \dots r_n$, such that:
 $dist(M_r, M_1 \circ M_2 \circ \dots \circ M_n) < \theta$
 - $r_1(e_1, e_2) \wedge r_2(e_2, e_3) \dots \wedge r_n(e_n, e_{n+1}) \rightarrow r(e_1, e_{n+1})$
- Advantages vs. Inductive Logic Programming
 - Search the relation space instead of instance space



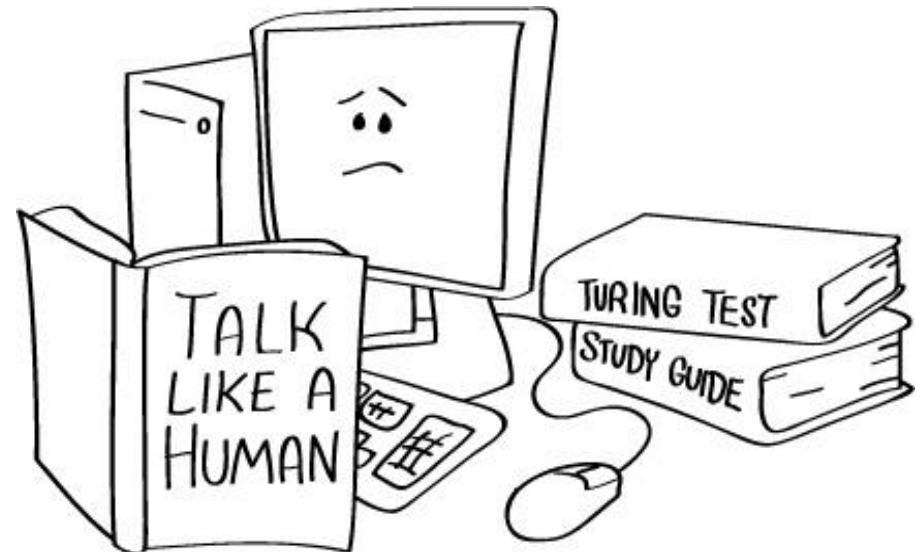
Aggregated Precision of Top Length-2 Rules



- AMIE [Galárraga+, WWW-2013] is an association rule-mining approach for large-scale KBs.
- Data: FB15k-401
- Execution time:
 - AMIE: 9 min.
 - EmbedRule: 2 min.

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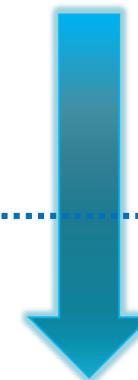
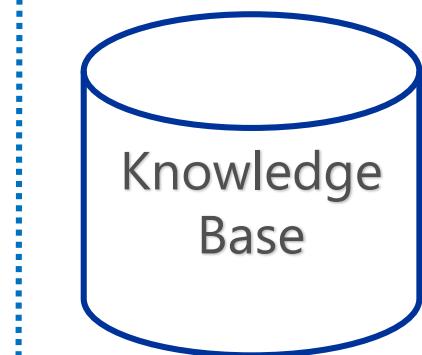
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Who is Justin Bieber's sister?



Jazmyn Bieber



semantic parsing

$\lambda x. \text{sister_of}(\text{justin_bieber}, x)$

query



matching

$\text{sibling_of}(\text{justin_bieber}, x) \wedge \text{gender}(x, \text{female})$



WebQuestions Dataset [Berant+ EMNLP-2013]

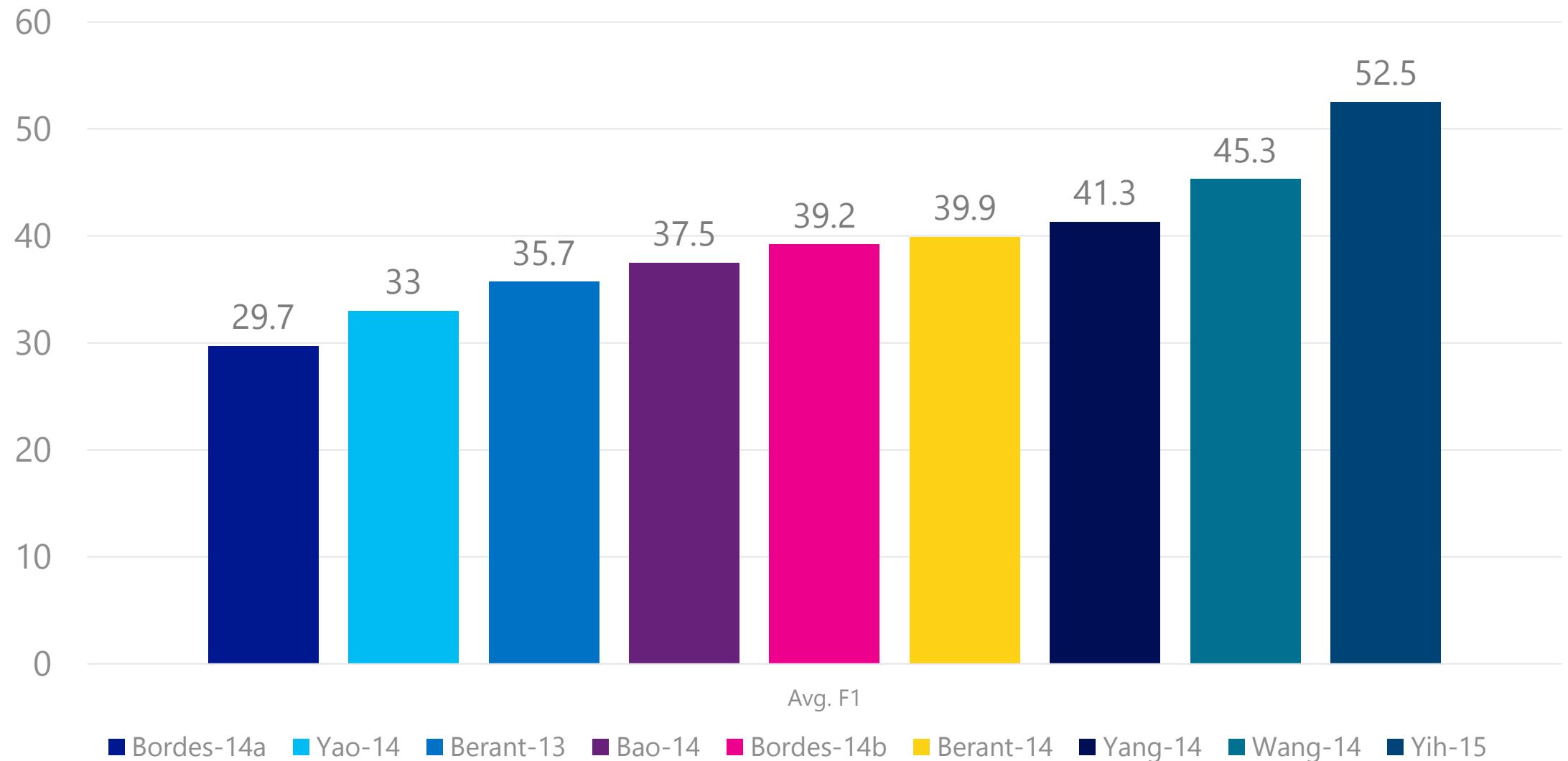
- *What character did Natalie Portman play in Star Wars?* ⇒ Padme Amidala
- *What kind of money to take to Bahamas?* ⇒ Bahamian dollar
- *What currency do you use in Costa Rica?* ⇒ Costa Rican colon
- *What did Obama study in school?* ⇒ political science
- *What do Michelle Obama do for a living?* ⇒ writer, lawyer
- *What killed Sammy Davis Jr?* ⇒ throat cancer

[Examples from [Berant](#)]

- 5,810 questions crawled from Google Suggest API and answered using Amazon MTurk
 - 3,778 training, 2,032 testing
 - A question may have multiple answers → using Avg. F1 (~accuracy)



Avg. F1 (Accuracy) on WebQuestions Test Set



■ Bordes-14a ■ Yao-14 ■ Berant-13 ■ Bao-14 ■ Bordes-14b ■ Berant-14 ■ Yang-14 ■ Wang-14 ■ Yih-15

Key Challenge – Language Mismatch

- Lots of ways to ask the same question
 - “*What was the date that Minnesota became a state?*”
 - “*Minnesota became a state on?*”
 - “*When was the state Minnesota created?*”
 - “*Minnesota's date it entered the union?*”
 - “*When was Minnesota established as a state?*”
 - “*What day did Minnesota officially become a state?*”
- Need to map them to the predicate defined in KB
 - `location.dated_location.date_founded`



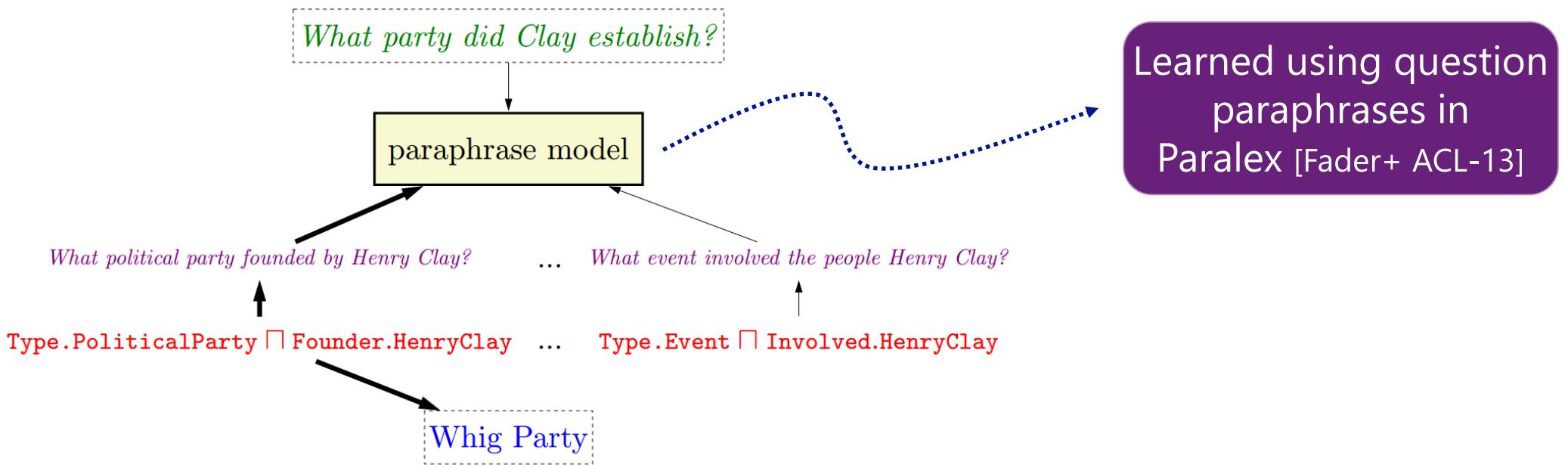
Matching Question and Relation

- Similar text can map to very different relations
 - $Q = \text{Who is the father of King George VI?}$
 - $R = \text{people.person.parents}$
 - $Q = \text{Who is the father of the Periodic Table?}$
 - $R = \text{law.invention.inventor}$
- Estimate $P(R|Q)$ using naïve Bayes [Yao&VanDurme ACL-14]
 - $P(R|Q) \propto P(Q|R)P(R) \approx \prod_w P(w|R)P(R)$
 - Use ClueWeb09 dataset with Freebase entity annotations to create a “relation – sentence” parallel corpus
 - Derive $P(w|R)$ and $P(R)$ from the word alignment model (IBM Model 1)
 - Top words for **film.film.directed_by**: won, start, among, show.



Matching Questions

- Semantic Parsing via Paraphrasing [Berant&Liang ACL-14]



- Create phrase matching features using phrase table derived from word alignment results
- Represent questions as vectors (avg. of word vectors)

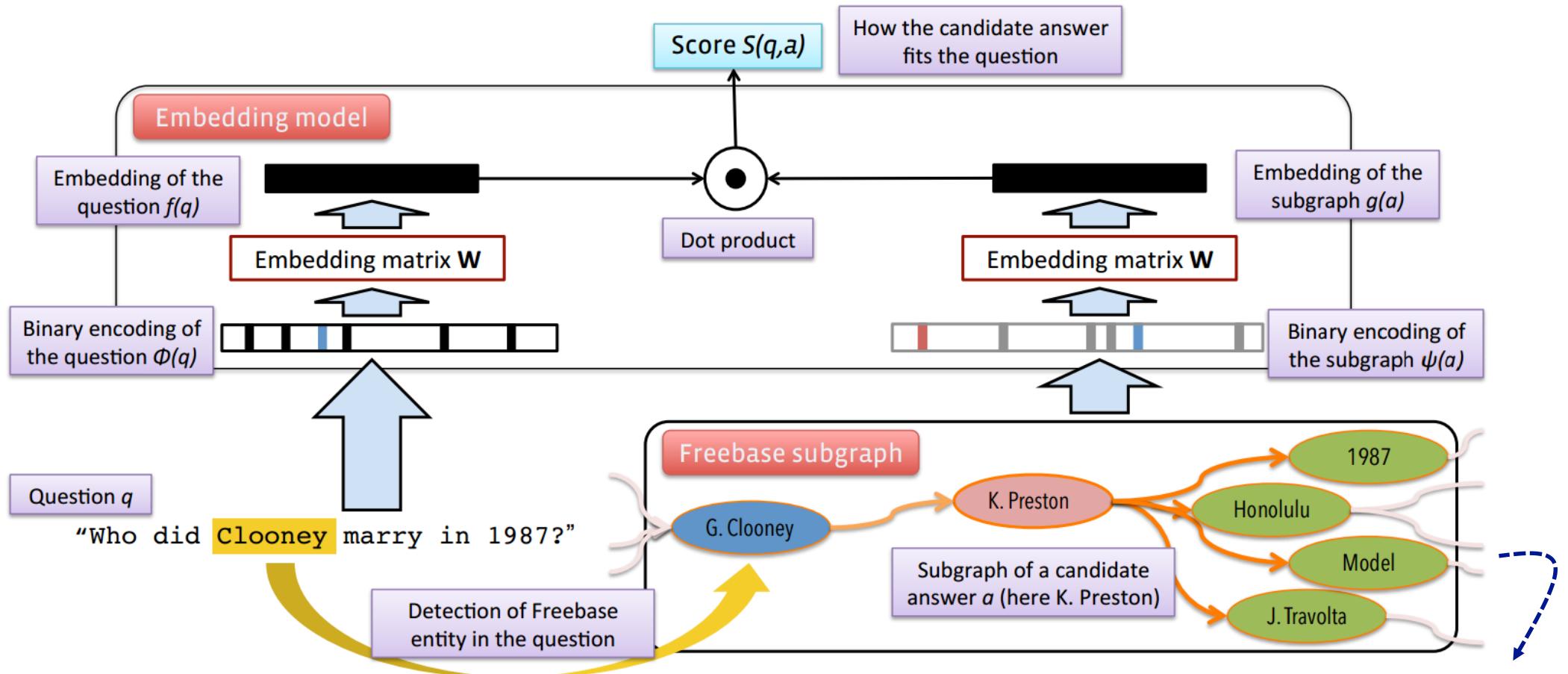


Subgraph Embedding [Bordes+ EMNLP-2014]

- Basic idea: map question and answer to vectors
 - q : question (Who did Clooney marry in 1987?)
 - a : answer candidate (K. Preston)
 - $S(q, a) = f(q)^T g(a)$, where $f(q) = \mathbf{W}\phi(q)$, $g(a) = \mathbf{W}\psi(a)$
- Answer candidate generation
 - Assume the topic entity (Clooney → G. Clooney) in q is given
 - All neighboring entities 1 or 2 edges away from topic entity
- Input encoding
 - $\phi(q)$: bag-of-word binary vectors
 - $\psi(a)$: binary encoding of the answer entity



Subgraph Embedding [Bordes+ EMNLP-2014]

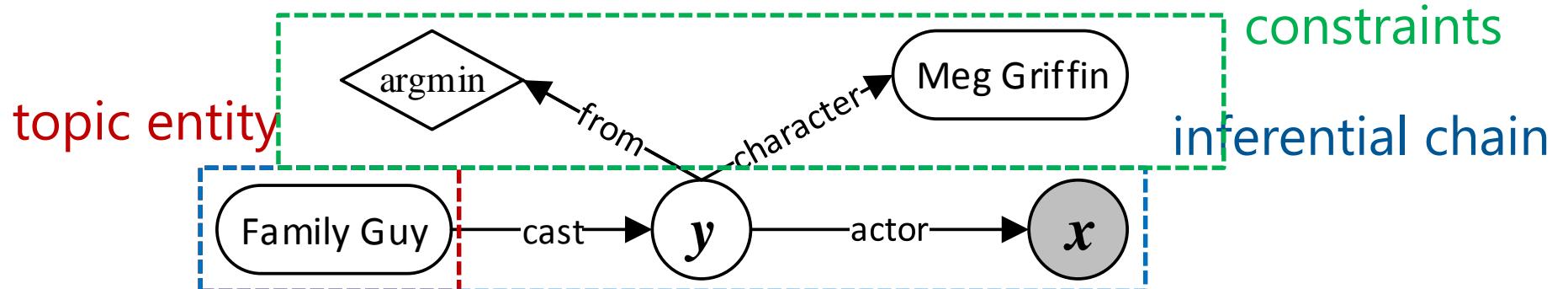


Other candidate answer encoding that includes the path, or other neighboring entities (subgraph)



Staged Query Graph Generation [Yih+ ACL-15]

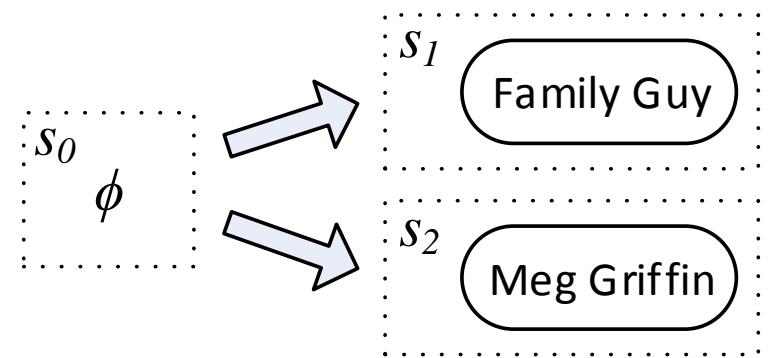
- Query graph
 - Resembles subgraphs of the knowledge base
 - Can be directly mapped to a logical form in λ -calculus
 - Semantic parsing: a search problem that *grows* the graph through actions
- Who first voiced Meg on Family Guy?
- $\lambda x. \exists y. \text{cast}(\text{FamilyGuy}, y) \wedge \text{actor}(y, x) \wedge \text{character}(y, \text{MegGriffin})$



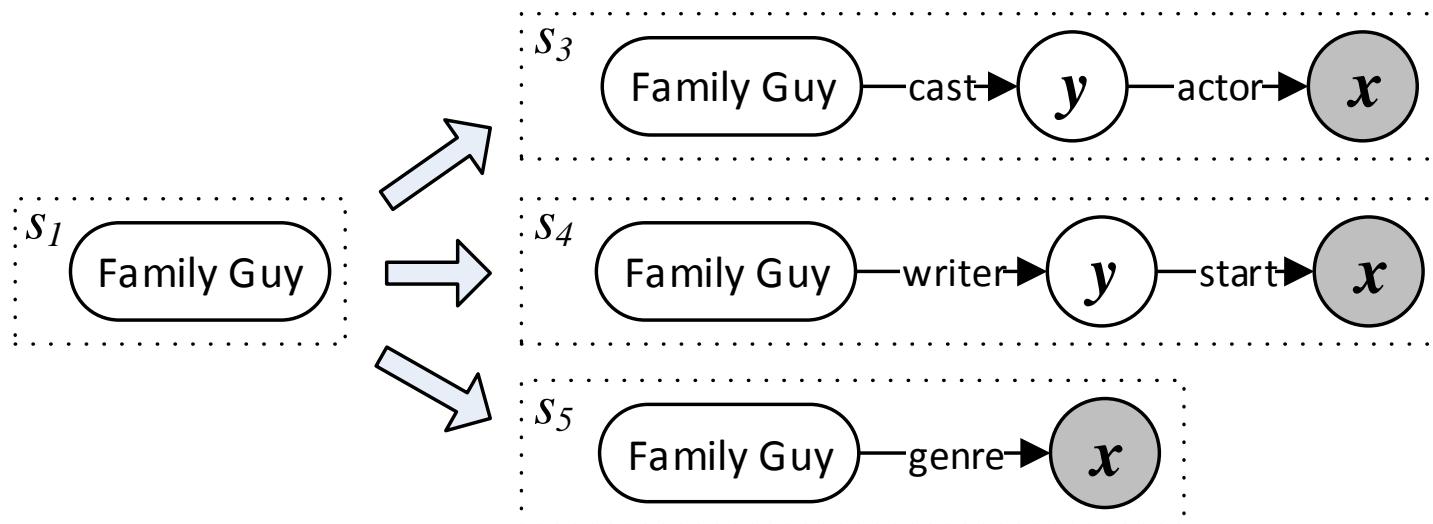
Graph Generation Stages

- Who first voiced Meg on Family Guy?

1. Topic Entity Linking [Yang&Chang ACL-15]



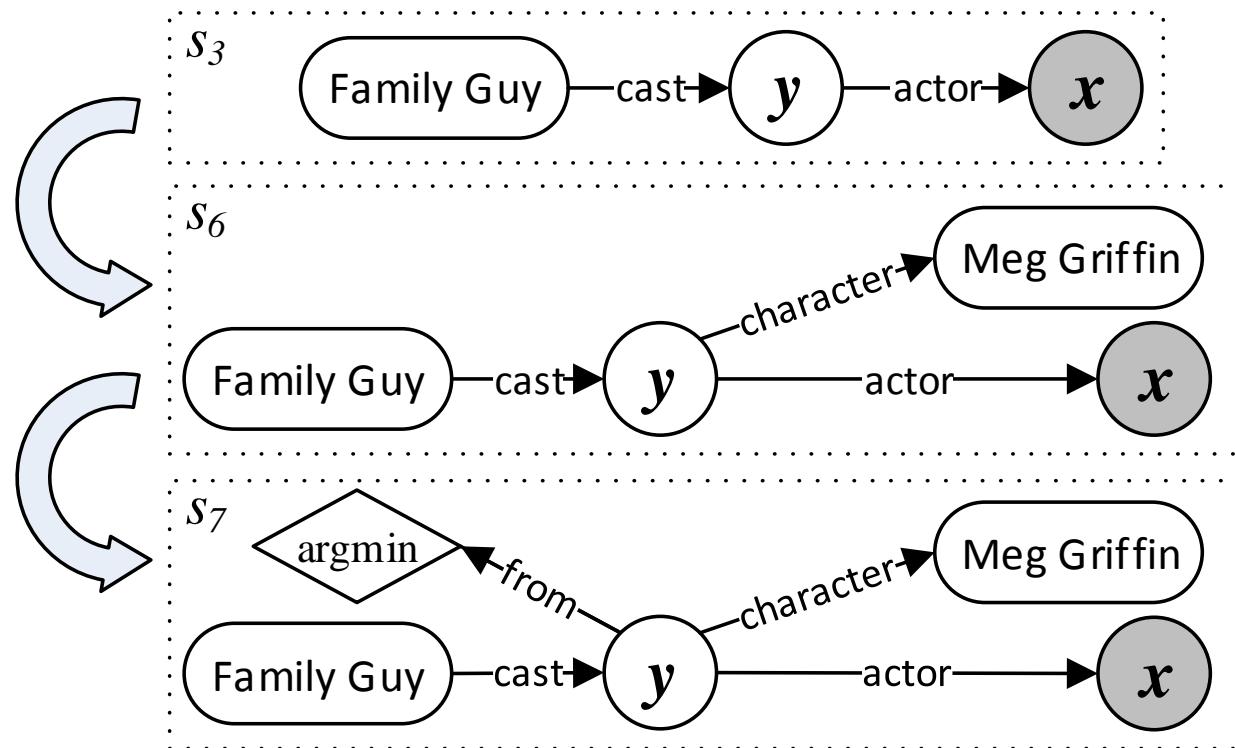
2. Identify the core inferential chain



Graph Generation Stages (cont'd)

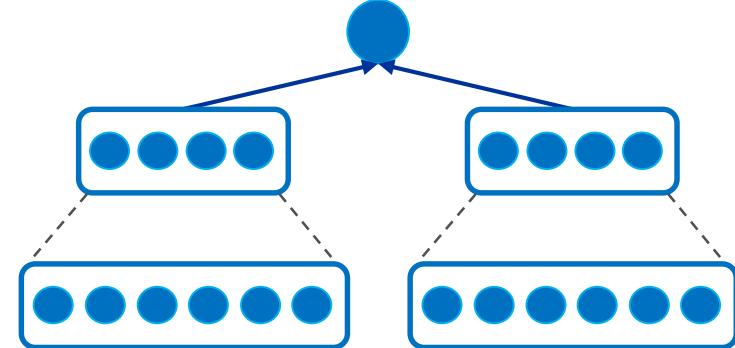
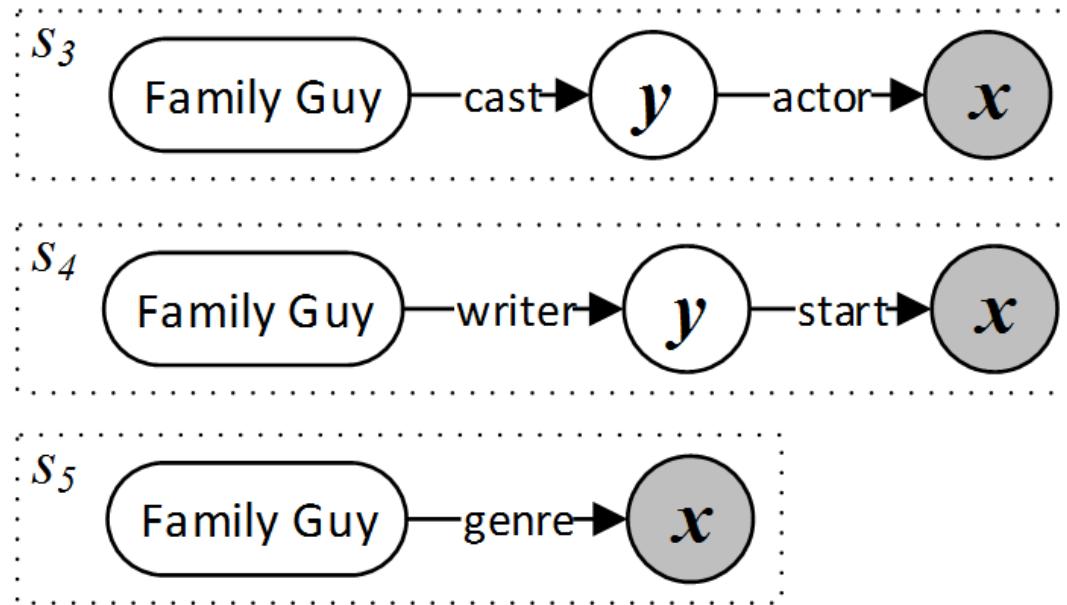
- Who first voiced Meg on Family Guy?

3. Augment constraints



Identify Inferential Chain using DSSM

- Who first voiced Meg on **Family Guy**?



- Semantic match (“Who first voiced Meg on $\langle e \rangle$ ”, “cast-actor”)
- Single pattern/relation matching model: 49.6% F_1 (vs. 52.5% F_1 Full)

Interim summary

Continuous-space representations are effective for several natural language semantic tasks

- Continuous Word Representations & Lexical Semantics
- Knowledge Base Embedding
- Semantic Parsing & Question Answering

Data & tools (partial list)

- Word2Vec <https://code.google.com/p/word2vec/>
- GloVe <http://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>
- MSR Continuous Space Text Representation <http://aka.ms/msrcstr>
- Knowledge base embedding, Semantic Parsing QA (to be released)



Conclusions

- Exciting advances in NN and continuous representations
 - Text processing & Knowledge reasoning
- Looking forward
 - Building an universal intelligence space
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