

Goodreads Introduces Netflix-Style
Book Recommendations

What Book Should You Read Next? Putting Librarians And Algorithms To The Test

Amazon: Jeff Bezos' juggernaut began
with a recommender system that
launched a thousand algorithms

HOW RECOMMENDATION ALGORITHMS RUN THE WORLD

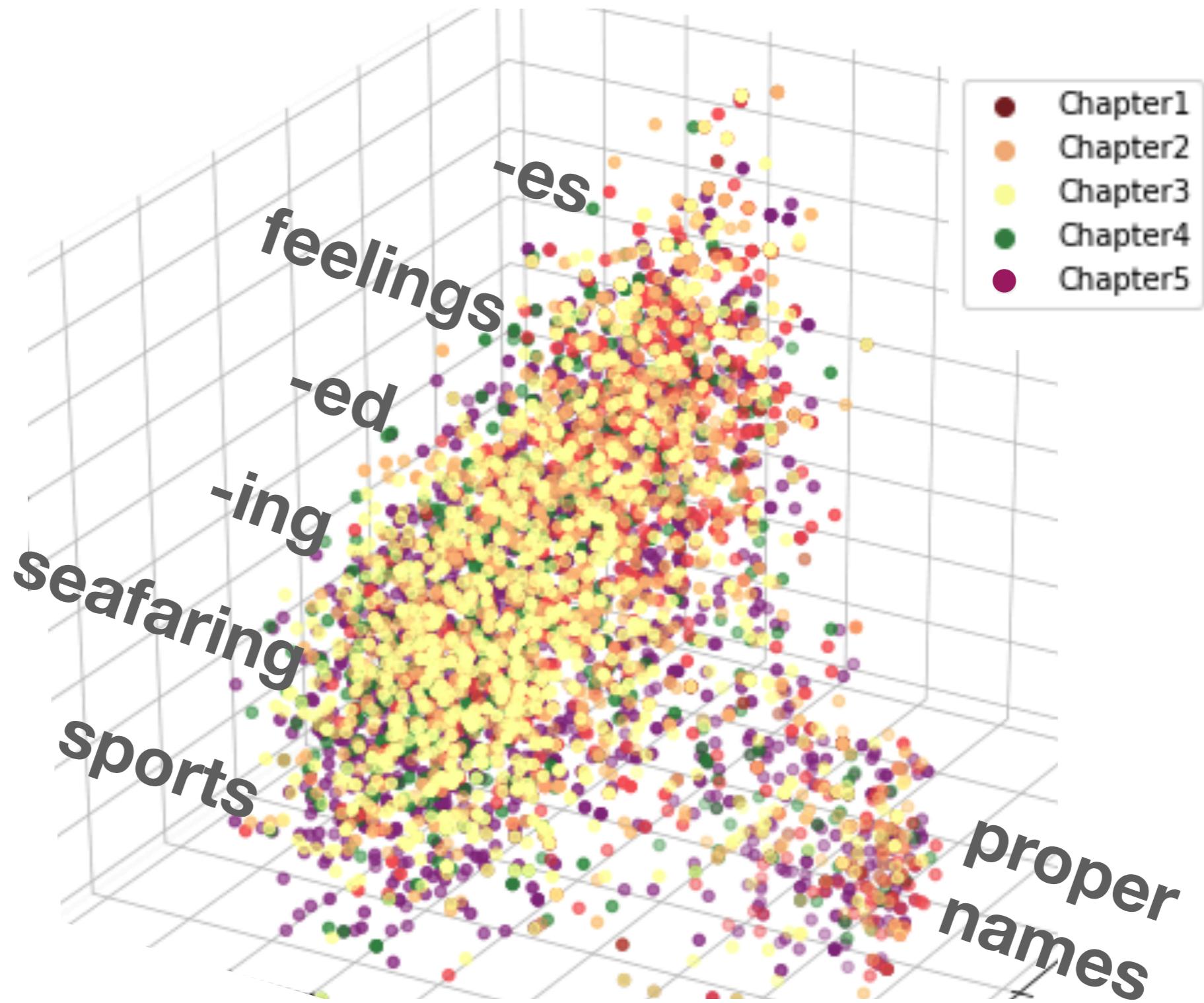
...but can an algorithm *read* a book?

A PORTRAIT OF
THE ARTIST AS A
YOUNG MAN

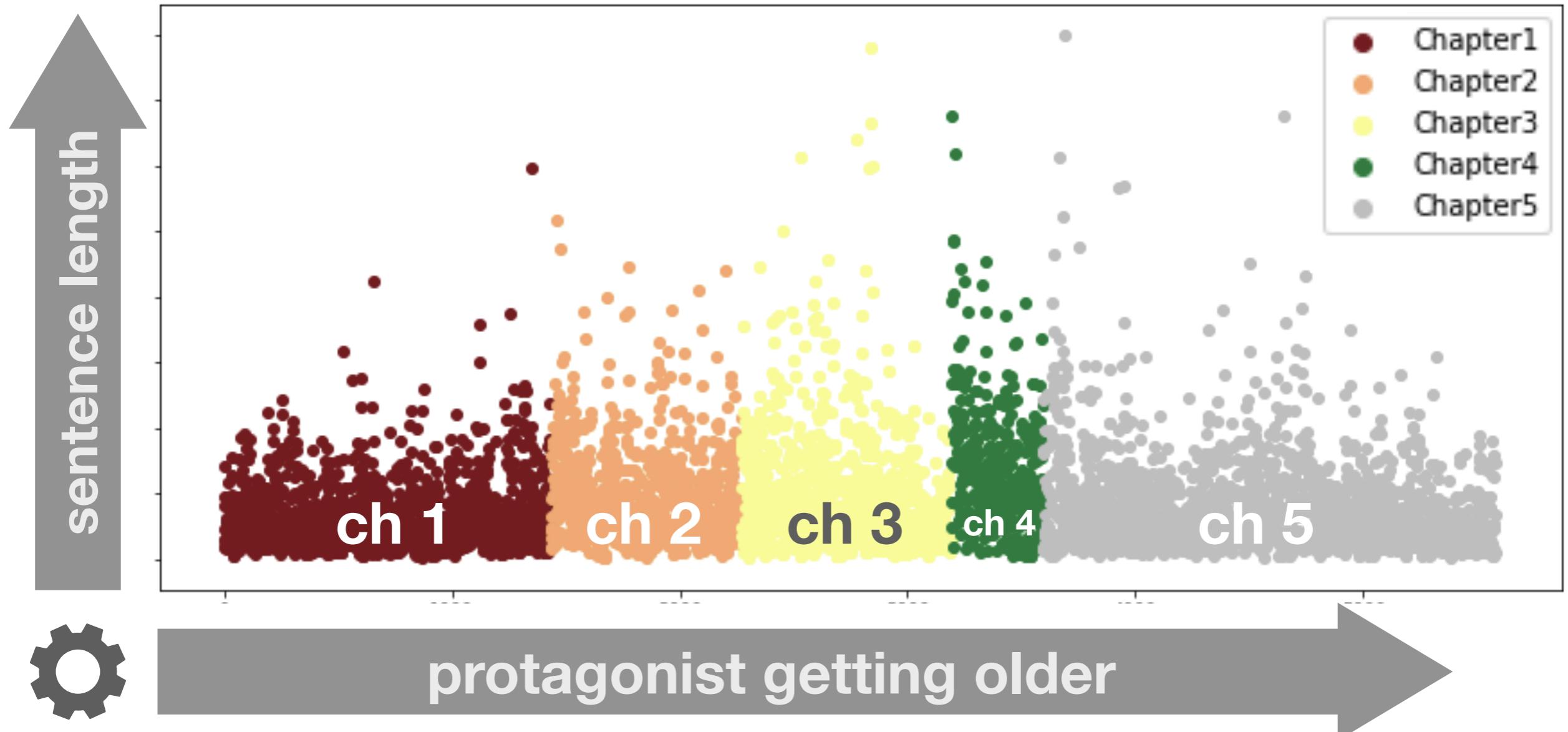


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Words as numbers across ‘space’



Words as numbers across ‘time’



Putting chapter to sentence

Chapter 1
(small child)



Chapter 2
(fluent older child)



Chapter 3
angsty teen



Chapter 4
very religious



Chapter 5
confident adult



(50% accuracy on average)

**Book recommendation
algorithms work well for
boosting sales.**



**Probably won't become
useful for detecting
subtleties in literature.**

Based on your
purchase of:

