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Text Analytics
Lab 3 - Word2Vec and BERT

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Notes 1

- The training objective of the Skip-gram model is to maximize the average log probability of the context words.
- The training of BERT has two stages: pretraining and fine-tuning. The pretraining stage involves guessing the correct masked out word and predicting if the second sentence follows the first one.

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Notes 2

- Word2Vec vector provides a vector for each token/word that encodes the meaning of that token/word.
- BERT provides contextual word representations that encode different meanings under different context.

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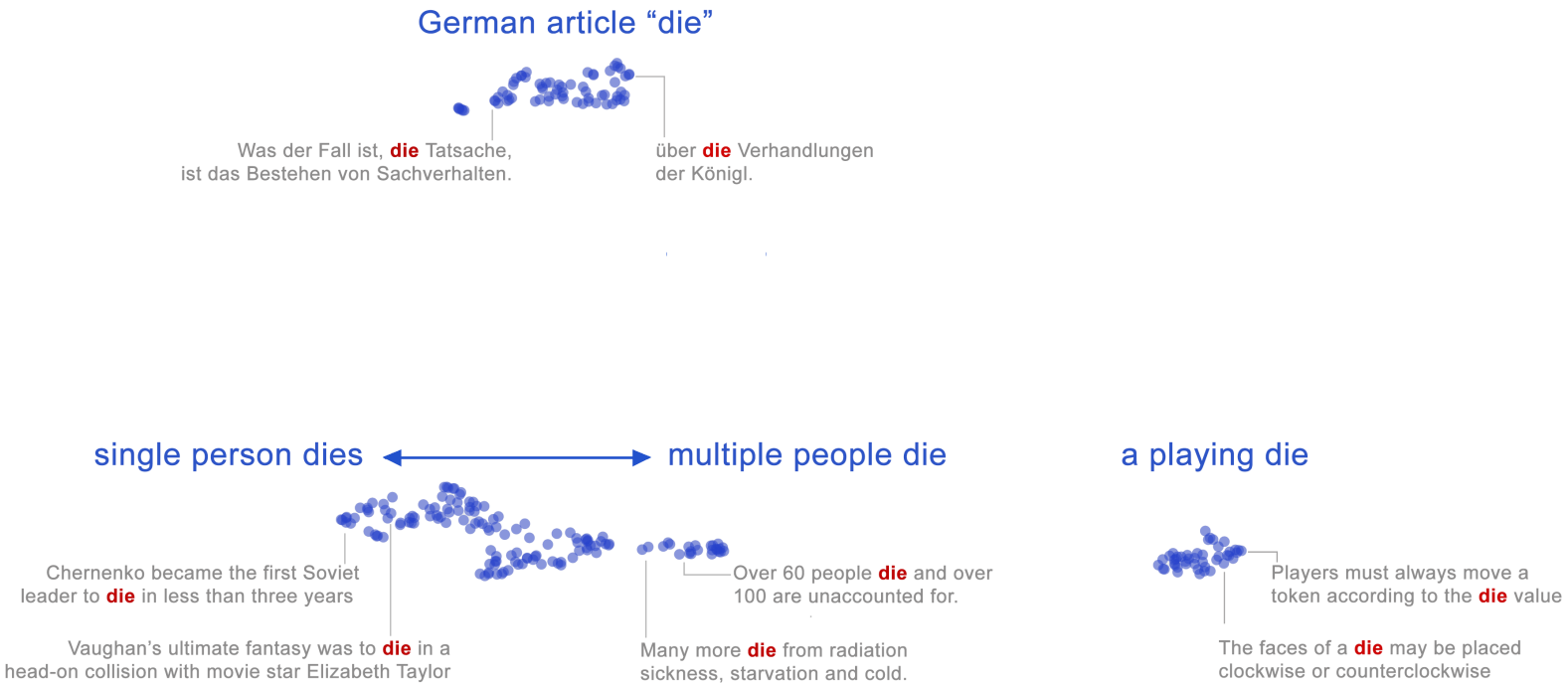

Figure: Embeddings for the word “die” in different contexts.[1]

[1] “Visualizing and Measuring the Geometry of BERT”. Coenen et al.

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Pretraining BERT provides us with a generalized **language model** that can be used later for a variety of natural language processing tasks. The amount of training data required for those down streaming tasks does not need to be huge as the pre-trained model contains significant information on the language itself.

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Notes

- Single-sentence classification tasks
- Single-sentence tagging tasks
- Question answering tasks

Using Bert

Hugging Face's Transformers

Install

pip install transformers

Example usage

```
> from transformers import BertTokenizer, BertModel

> tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-
    uncased")
> model = BertModel.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
> inputs = tokenizer("Hello world!", return_tensors="pt
    ")
> outputs = model(**inputs)
```

Using Bert

Other options/resources

- An alternative – bert-as-service: https://github.com/hanxiao/bert-as-service
- A potentially outdated but still good tutorial on Hugging Face's Transformers: https://mccormickml.com/2019/05/14/BERT-word-embeddings-tutorial/