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Text Analytics
Lab 2 - Word2Vec

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Some slides of this document is built based on the content provided on https://github.com/tmikolov/word2vec.

What is Word2Vec?

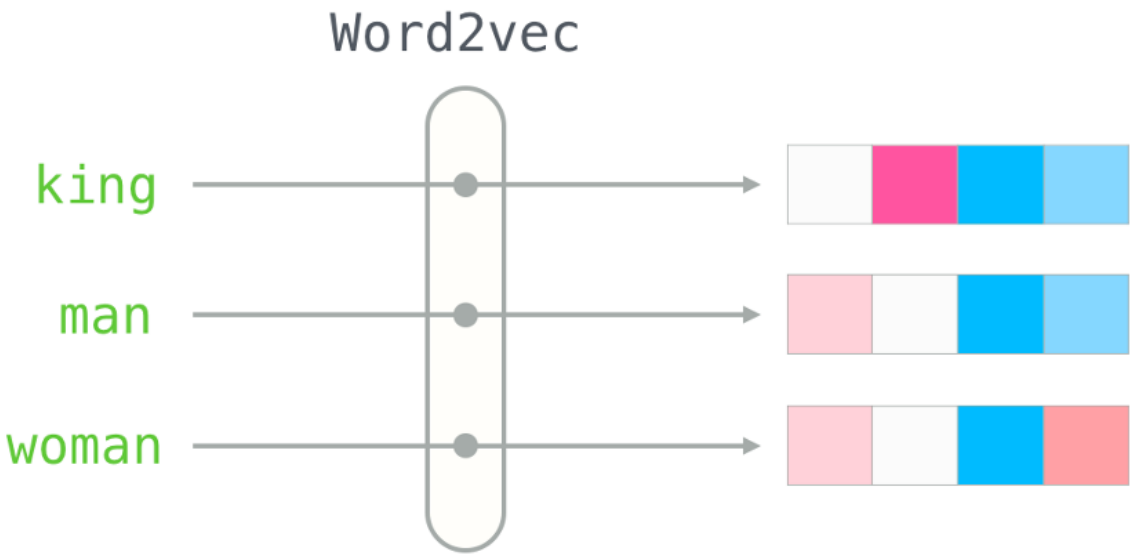
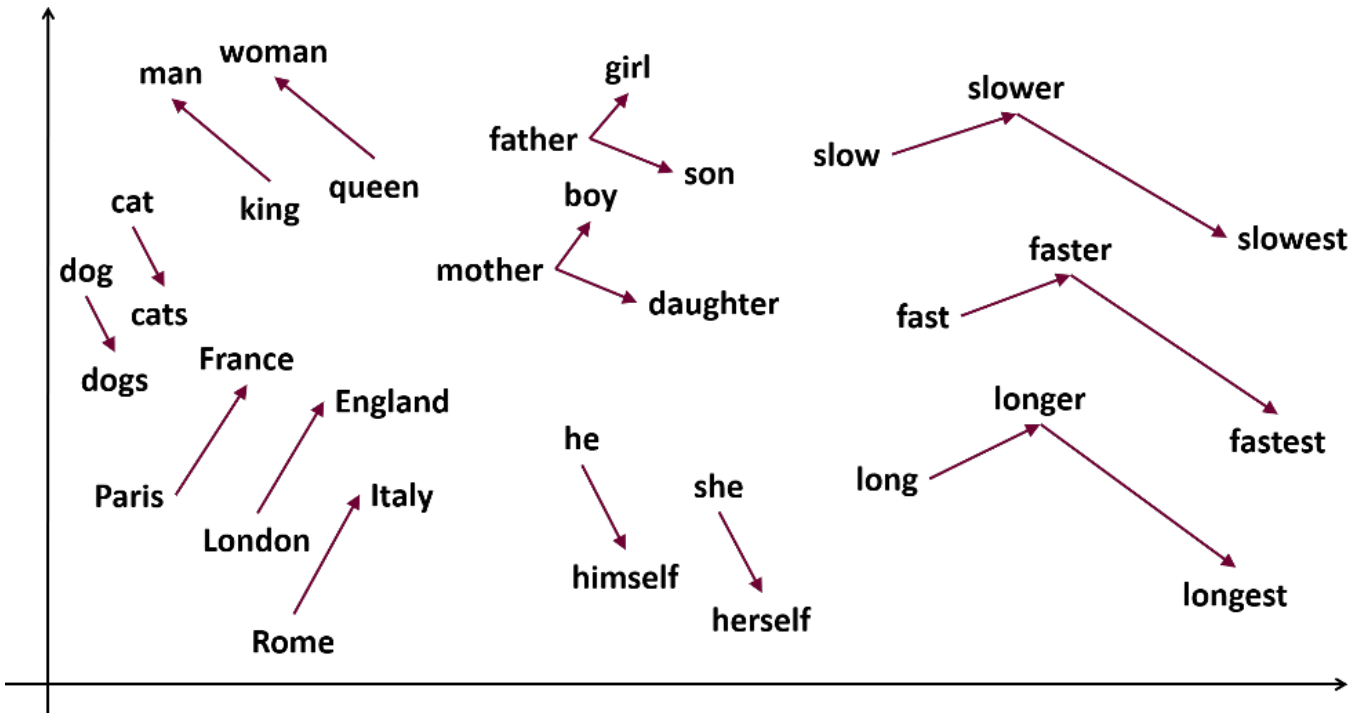


Figure: It encodes a word into a vector, in comparison to one-hot encoder, where each word is represented by an integer.

Why do we care?

Better capture of word meaning



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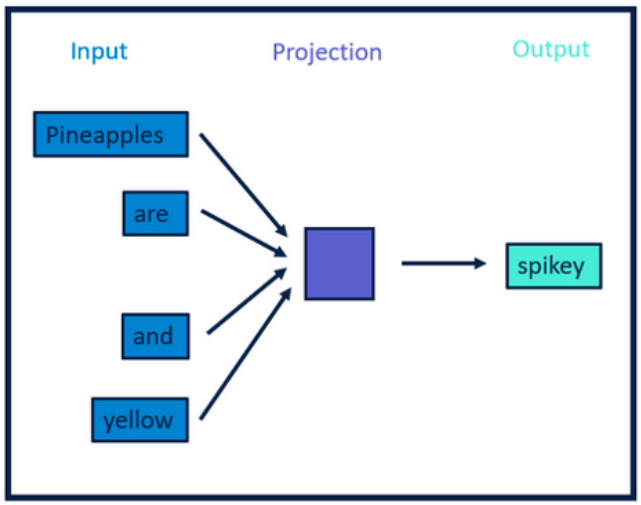

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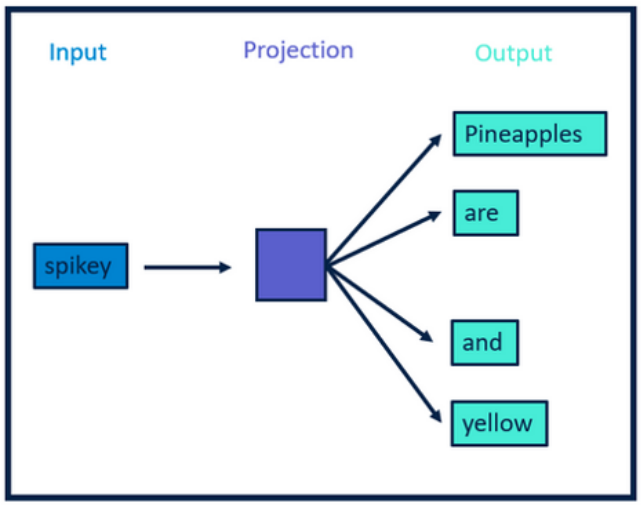
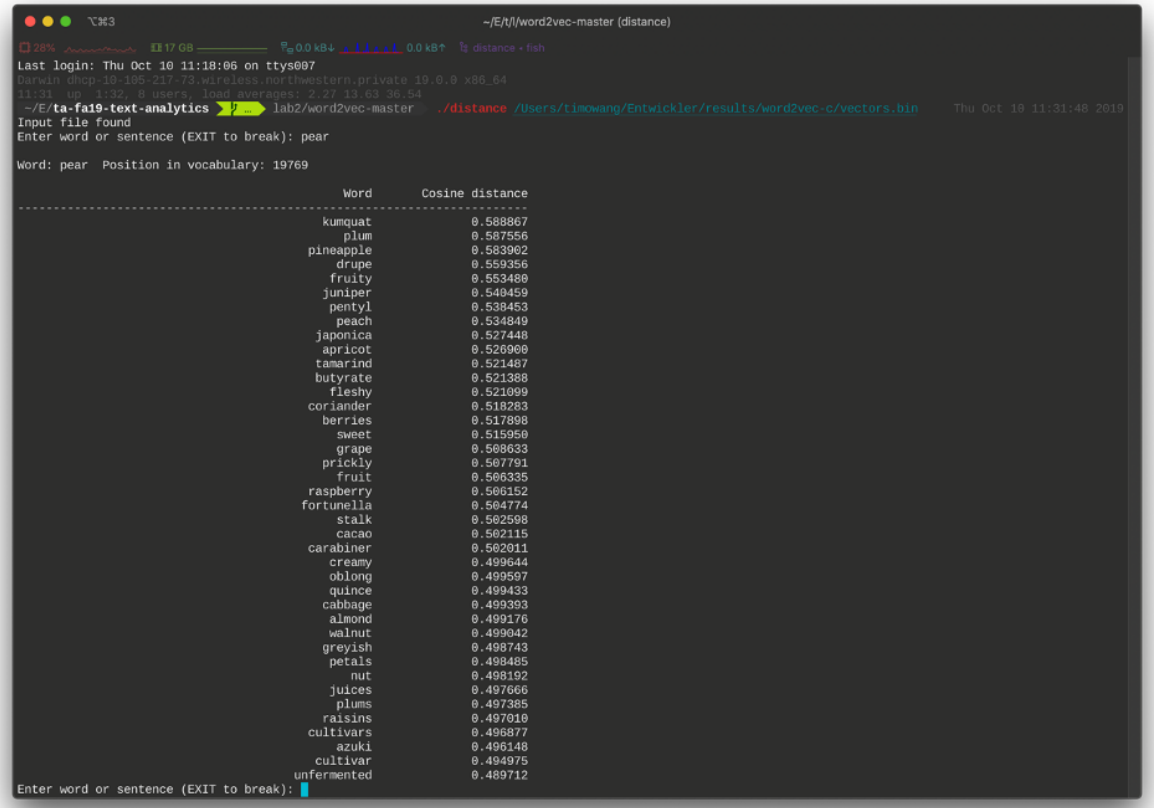


Skip-gram

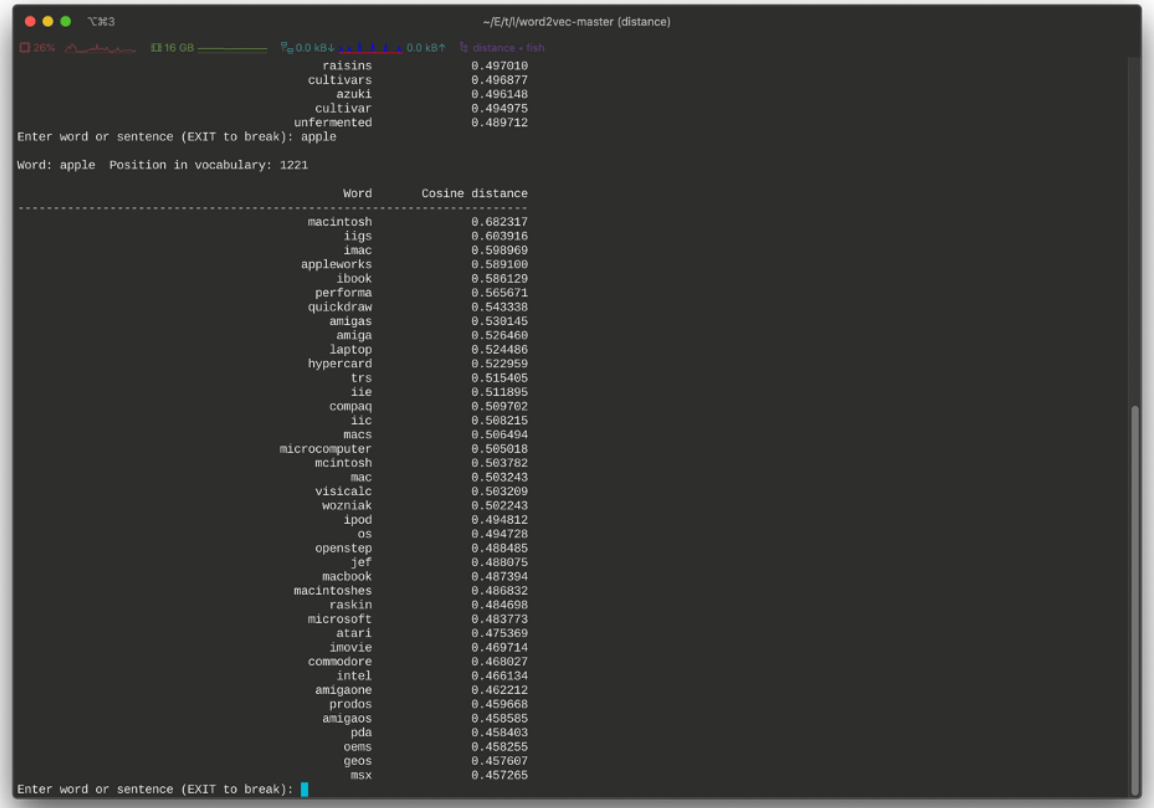
How well does it perform?

Strength



How well does it perform?

Weakness



Tools & libraries

Demo

Shell

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# Download and decompress a sample text corpus.
wget http://mattmahoney.net/dc/text8.zip -O text8.gz
tar xvf text8.gz

# Train a model named vectors.bin with the downloaded
    corpus text8
./word2vec -train text8 -output vectors.bin -cbow 1 -
    size 200 -window 8 -negative 25 -hs 0 -sample 1e-4 -
    threads 20 -binary 1 -iter 15
# Examine the embedding
./distance vectors.bin
```

Tools & libraries

The original library

Step 1 Download the project from https://github.com/tmikolov/word2vec.

Step 2 Read `demo-word.sh`.

Step 3 Use `demo-word.sh` as a guideline and train the model with your own corpus.

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Gensim wrapper for Python

Step 1 Install Gensim with `pip install gensim`.

Step 2 Depending on the content of your corpus, you may need to process the text corpus into this format: `List[List[str]]`.

Step 3 Train and save the model.

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Troubleshooting tips for the original library (macOS)

1. `./distance` results in a segmentation fault
   - remove `-march=native` from `makefile`
2. `Undefined symbols for architecture x86_64: "_fgetc_unlocked", referenced from:`
   - replace `fgetc_unlocked` with `getc_unlocked` and `fputc_unlocked` with `putc_unlocked`

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More resources on the Gensim library

- https://radimrehurek.com/gensim/models/word2vec.html
- https://towardsdatascience.com/a-beginners-guide-toword-embedding-with-gensim-word2vec-model5970fa56cc92

Thoughts & feedbacks