



# Natural Language Processing: Word Embeddings

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## Grade policy

60% (homework) + 10% (interim testing) + 30% (exam)

## Homework

- (20%) Week 2. Training embeddings using the fasttext library, implementation of a real search engine for embedding-response upon request in a vector database.
- (20%) Week 4. Fine-tuning BERT on your own data, training GPT from scratch
- (20%) Week 5: Fine tuning LLM using PEFT.



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## Course materials

- [Syllabus \(Notion\)](#)
- [Github](#)
- [HSE Wiki](#)

## Useful sources

- [NLP Course For You](#)
- [YSDA NLP Course](#)
- [CS224n](#)



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## Preprocessing pipeline

## Tokenization

## Word-Level Tokenization

"ChatGPT is a powerful AI tool." → ["ChatGPT", "is", "a", "powerful", "AI", "tool", "."]

## Character-Level Tokenization-Level Tokenization

"ChatGPT is a powerful AI tool." → ["C", "h", "a", "t", "G", "P", "T", " ", "i", "s", " ", "a", " ", "p", "o", "w", "e", "r", "f", "u", "l", " ", "A", "I", " ", "t", "o", "o", "l", "."]

## Byte-Pair Encoding (BPE) Tokenization

"ChatGPT is a powerful AI tool." → ["Chat", "GP", "T", "is", "a", "power", "ful", "AI", "tool", "."]

abacaba

dict: a  
      b  
      c  
      ab  
      a b a

ab - 2 / ab - 2  
ba - 2 / ...  
ac - 1 / ...

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## Preprocessing pipeline

Lowering, Punctuation, Stop  
Words, Filtration

"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog!"



✓ Lowering: "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog!"



✓ Punctuation removal: "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"



✓ Stop Words Removal: "quick brown fox jumps lazy dog"

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## Preprocessing pipeline

## Normalization

“Динозавры играют в большой парк около школы.”

Stemming

«Динозавр игра в больш парк около школ.»

( English )

Lemmatization

«Динозавр играть в большой парк около школа.»

( Русский )

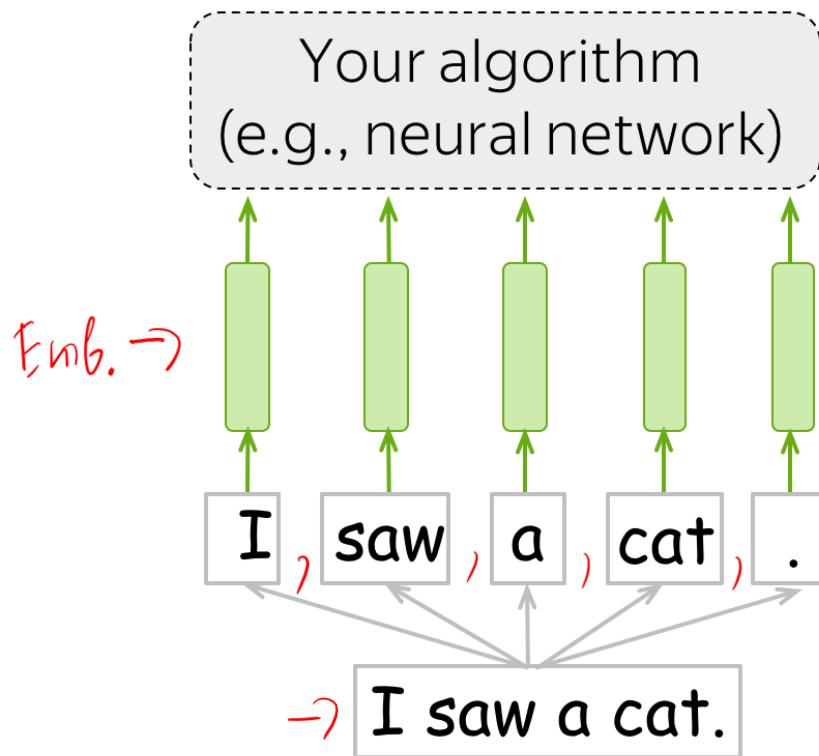
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## Tokenize an input text for further processing



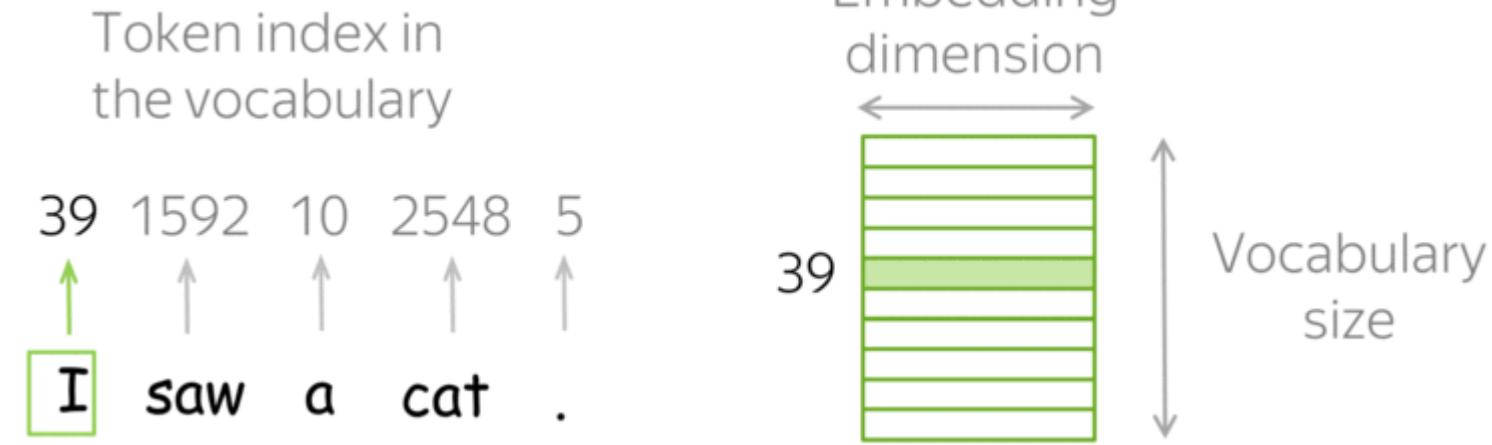
Any algorithm for solving a task

Word representation - vector  
(input for your model/algorithm)

Sequence of tokens

Text (your input)

## Match each token to a vector



## A word's meaning is defined by its context

Now look how this word is used in different contexts:

0. A bottle of **tezgüino** is on the table.
1. Everyone likes **tezgüino**.
2. **Tezgüino** makes you drunk.
3. We make **tezgüino** out of corn.

Can you understand what **tezgüino** means ?

## A word's meaning is defined by its context

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(3) \_\_\_\_\_ makes you drunk.

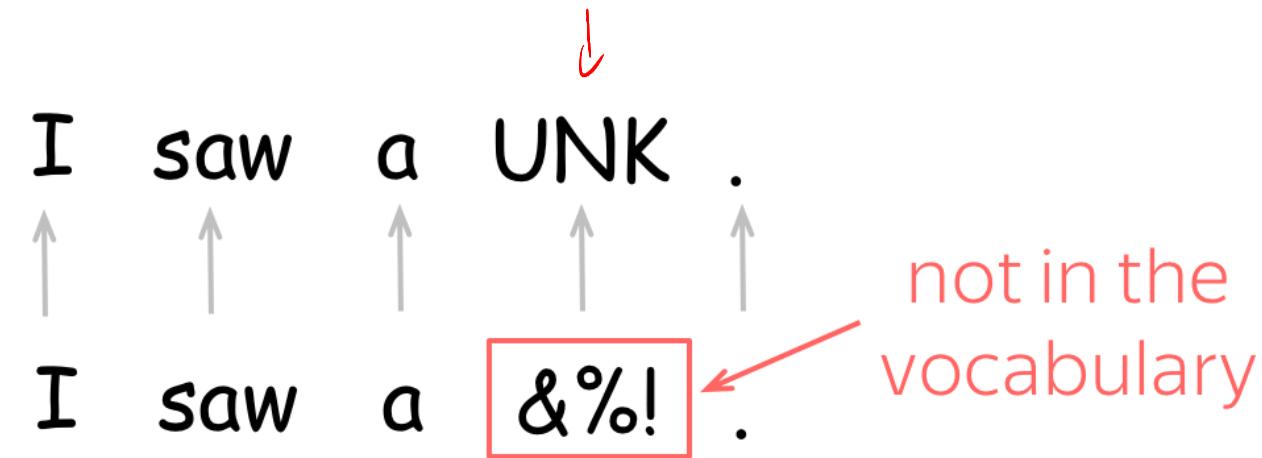
(4) We make \_\_\_\_\_ out of corn.

What other words fit  
into these contexts ?

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	...	← contexts
→ tezgüino	1	1	1	1		
→ loud	0	0	0	0		← rows show contextual
→ motor oil	1	0	0	1		properties: 1 if a word can
→ tortillas	0	1	0	1		appear in the context, 0 if not
→ wine	1	1	1	0		



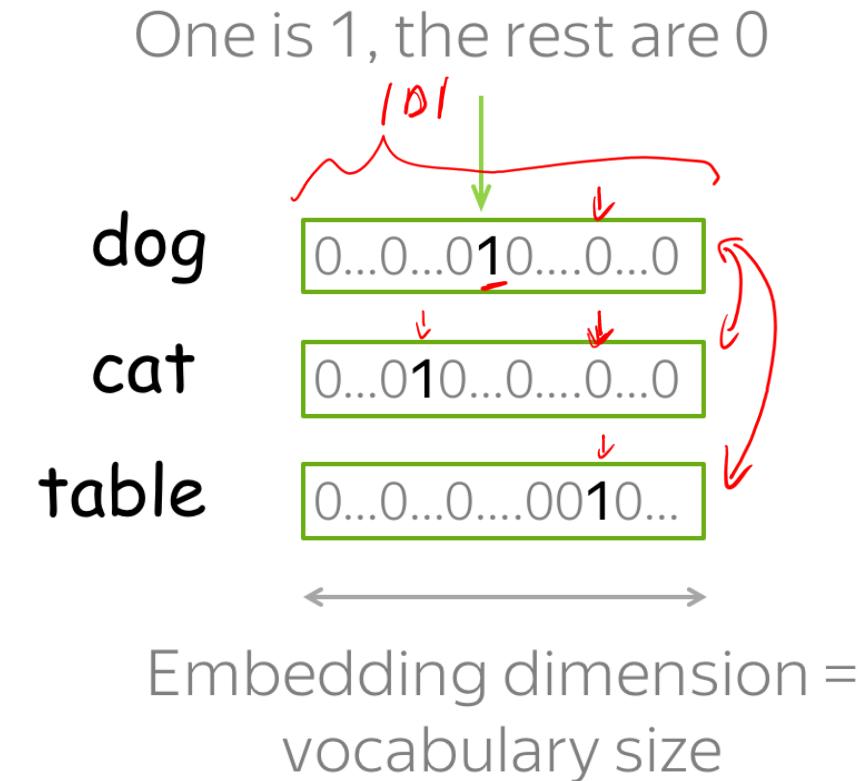
Reserve a token for special cases e.g. unknown words



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## The easiest way to go is One-Hot Encoding



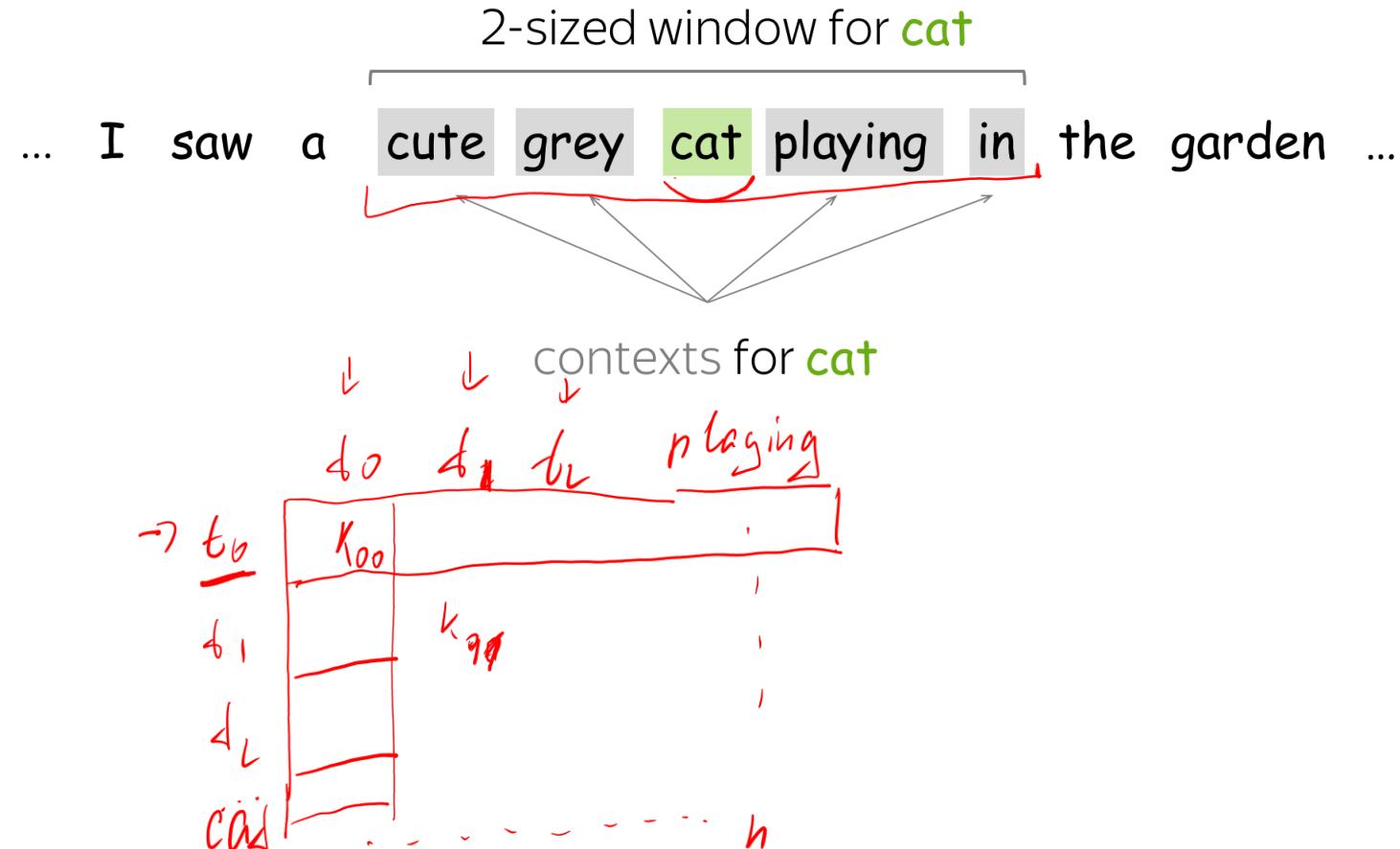
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## Define context via a window in a text



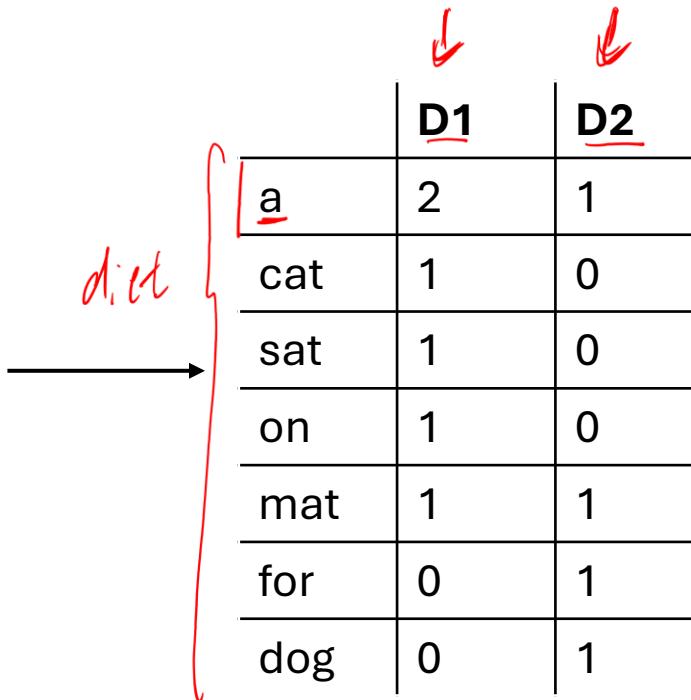
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We can also treat the whole document as a context

D1: a cat sat on a mat  
D2: a mat for a dog

dict

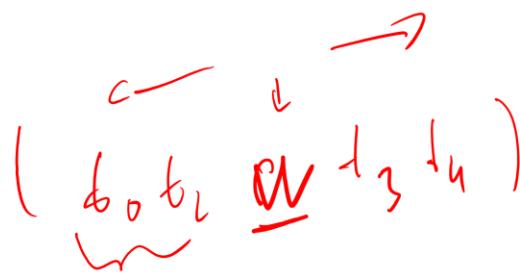


	<u>D1</u>	<u>D2</u>
a	2	1
cat	1	0
sat	1	0
on	1	0
mat	1	1
for	0	1
dog	0	1

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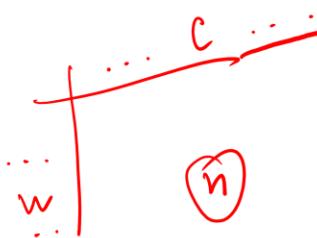
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# Positive Pointwise Mutual Information



## Context:

- surrounding words  
in a L-sized window



## Matrix element:

- $\text{PPMI}(w, c) = \max(0, \text{PMI}(w, c))$ ,

where

$$\rightarrow \text{PMI}(w, c) = \log \frac{P(w, c)}{P(w)P(c)} = \log \frac{N(w, c) |(w, c)|}{N(w)N(c)}$$

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We can also account for a term being widespread

### Context:

- document  $d$  (from a collection  $D$ )

### Matrix element:

- $\text{tf-idf}(w, d, D) = \text{tf}(w, d) \cdot \text{idf}(w, D)$

$$\text{tf}(w, d) \rightarrow N(w, d)$$

*term frequency*

$$\text{idf}(w, D) = \log \frac{|D|}{|\{d \in D : w \in d\}|}$$

*inverse document frequency*

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## BM25 (best matching 25)

$$\text{score}(D, Q) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{IDF}(q_i) \cdot \frac{f(q_i, D) \cdot (k_1 + 1)}{f(q_i, D) + k_1 \cdot \left(1 - b + b \cdot \frac{|D|}{\text{avgdl}}\right)}$$

$$TF(q_i, D)$$

$\downarrow$

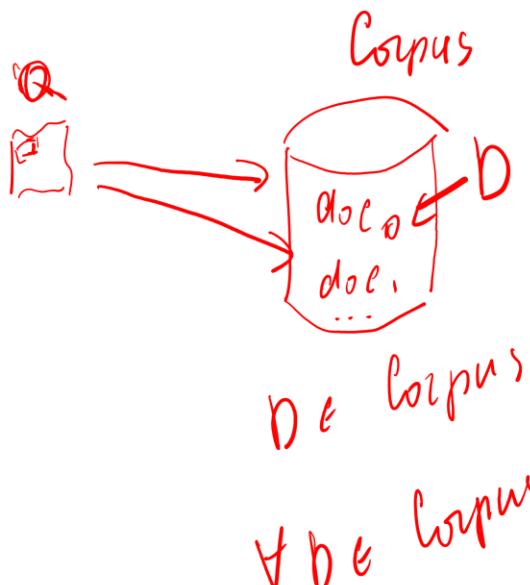
$$f(q_i, D) \cdot (k_1 + 1)$$

$f(q_i, D) + k_1 \cdot \left(1 - b + b \cdot \frac{|D|}{\text{avgdl}}\right)$

$D$

$$\forall q_i \in Q : \text{score}(q_i, D)$$

$$\text{IDF}(q_i) = \ln \left( \frac{(N - n(q_i)) + 0.5}{n(q_i) + 0.5} + 1 \right)$$



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Matrix factorization is a way to get dense embeddings

$$M = \cup_{E \in V} \Delta$$

$$M \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \vdots \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} = U \underbrace{\Sigma}_{\geq 0} V^T \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \vdots \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

words {

rows  
represent  
words

A

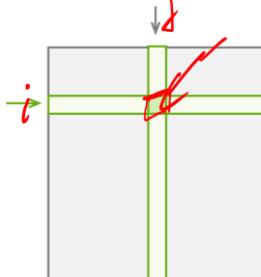
each element says about the association between a **word** and a **context**

$$A = \cup_{n \times d}^{d \times m}$$

document 9

100

columns represent potential contexts



word  
vectors

2

A diagram illustrating memory organization. It shows a vertical stack of four light-green rectangular blocks, each representing a memory page. To the left of the stack, a red curved arrow points upwards from the bottom, indicating the direction of memory addresses or the flow of data.

A green line segment forming the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle.

## context vectors

Reduce dimensionality:  
Truncated Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$A = U V^T ; \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} ; \quad V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times \text{columns}}$$

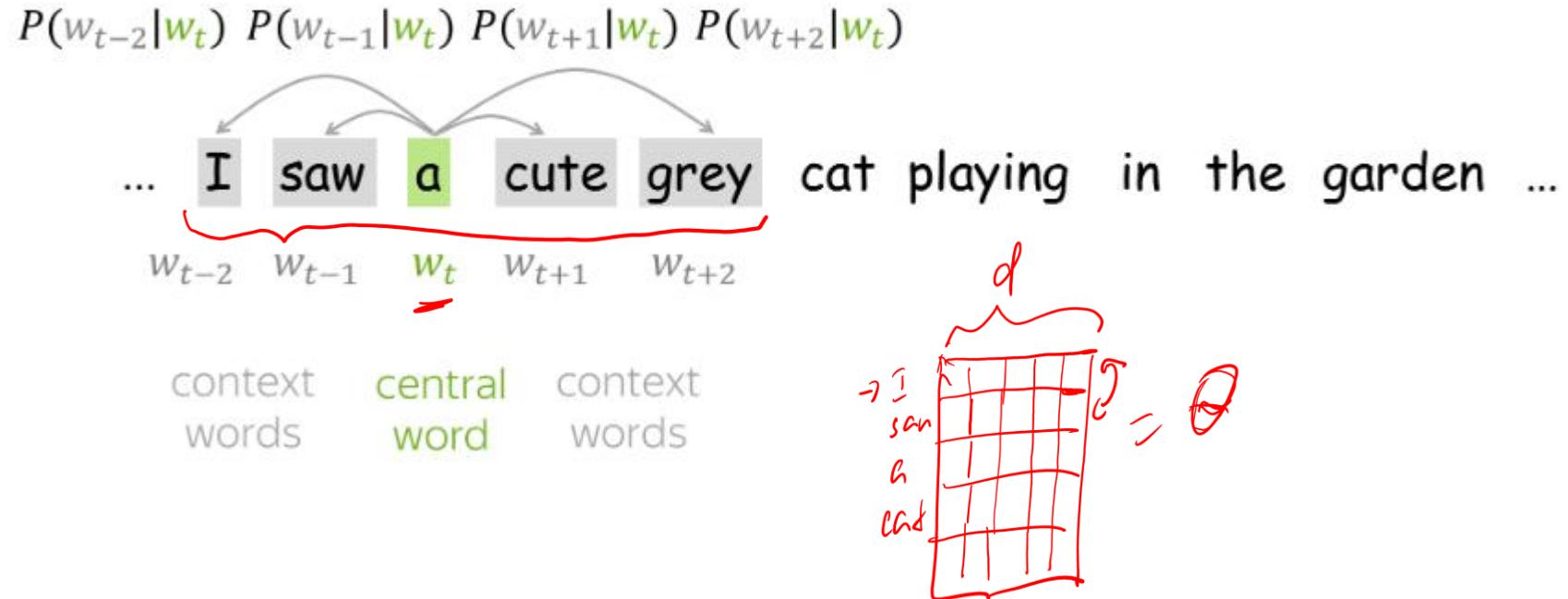
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## Slide one word at a time



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## Maximize the probability of encountering a target word given context

For each position  $t = 1, \dots, T$  in a text corpus, Word2Vec predicts context words within a m-sized window given the central word  $w_t$ :

$$\text{Likelihood} = L(\theta) = \prod_{t=1}^T \prod_{-m \leq j \leq m, j \neq 0} P(w_{t+j} | w_t, \theta),$$

where  $\theta$  are all variables to be optimized. The objective function (aka loss function or cost function)  $J(\theta)$  is the average negative log-likelihood:

## Loglikelihood for computational efficiency

$$\text{Loss} = J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{T} \log L(\theta) = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{\substack{-m \leq j \leq m, \\ j \neq 0}} \log P(w_{t+j} | \underline{w_t}, \theta)$$

agrees with our plan above

→ go over text

with a sliding window

compute probability of the context word given the central

## Loglikelihood for computational efficiency

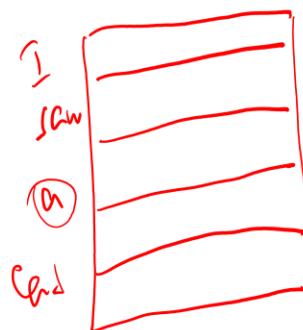
$$P(o|c) = \frac{\exp(u_o^T v_c)}{\sum_{w \in V} \exp(u_w^T v_c)}$$

→ max

$\langle \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ a \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \rangle = g_1 b_1 + g_2 b_2 + a b_3 = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$

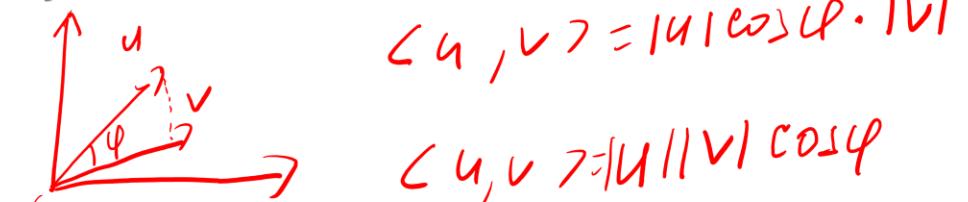
Dot product: measures similarity of  $o$  and  $c$   
 Larger dot product = larger probability

Normalize over entire vocabulary  
 to get probability distribution

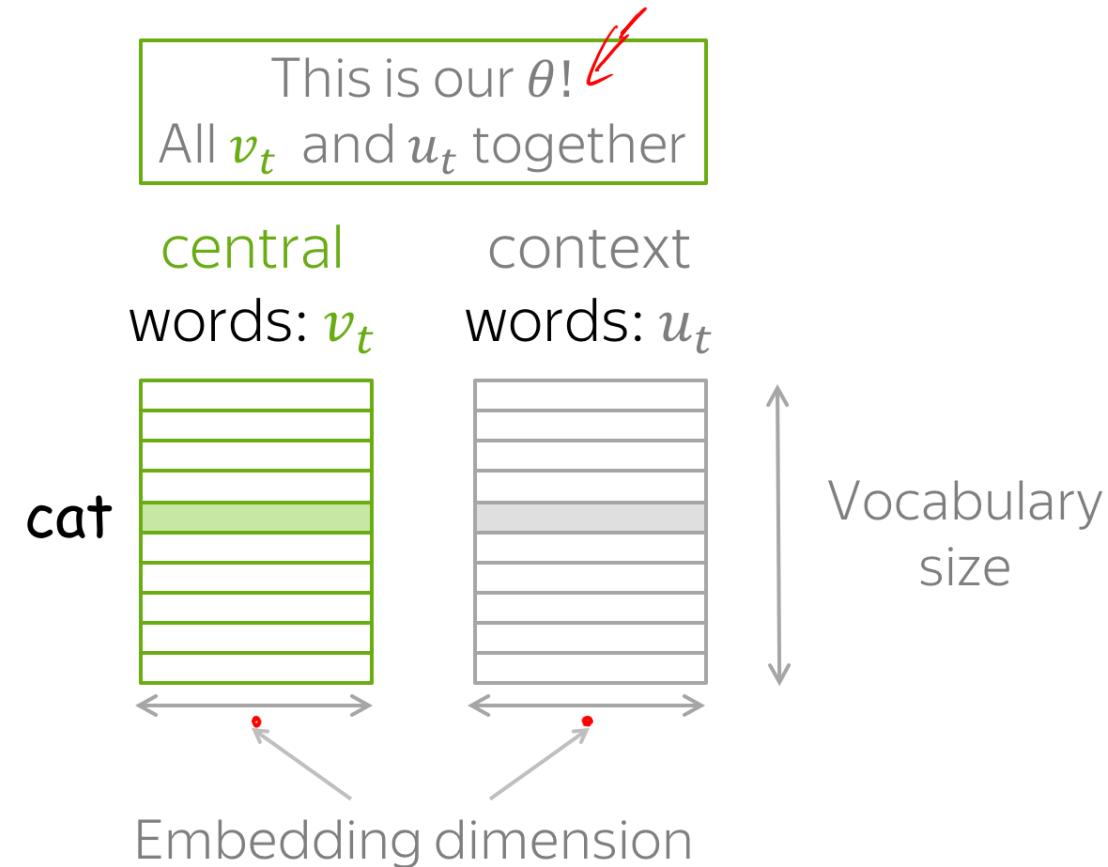


$$P(I|a) = \langle I, a \rangle$$

$$P(Scw|a) = \langle Scw, a \rangle$$



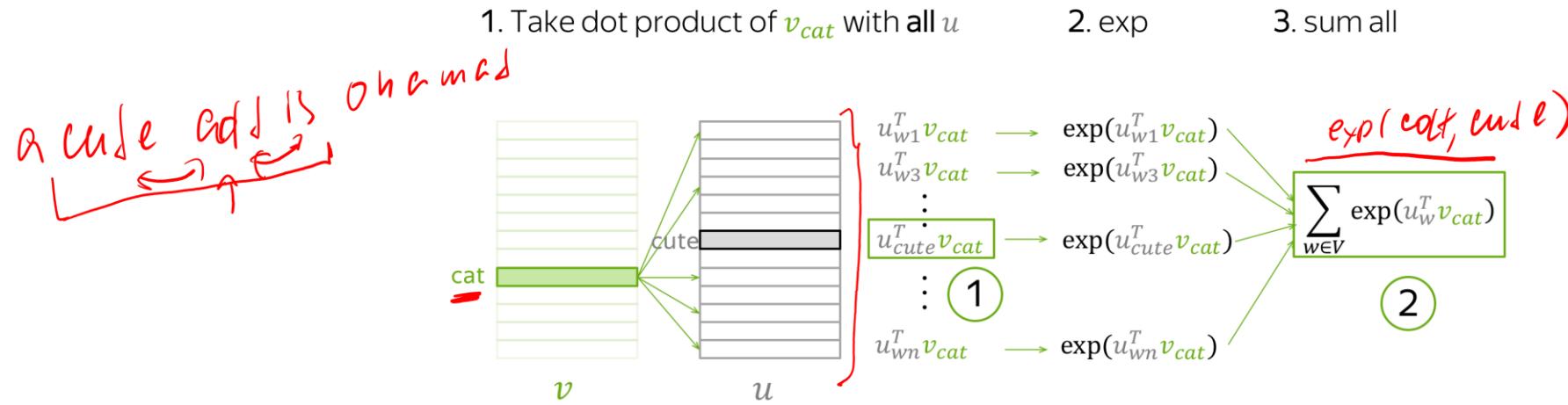
Note that we have distinct embeddings for context and target cases



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# A schematic overview on the training procedure



#### 4. get loss (for this one step)

5. evaluate the gradient,  
make an update

$$J_{t,j}(\theta) = -\underbrace{u_{cate}^T v_{cat}}_1 + \log \sum_{w \in V} \exp(u_w^T v_{cat})_2$$

$$v_{cat} := v_{cat} - \alpha \frac{\partial J_{t,j}(\theta)}{\partial v_{cat}}$$

$$u_w := u_w - \alpha \frac{\partial J_{t,j}(\theta)}{\partial u_w} \quad \forall w \in V$$

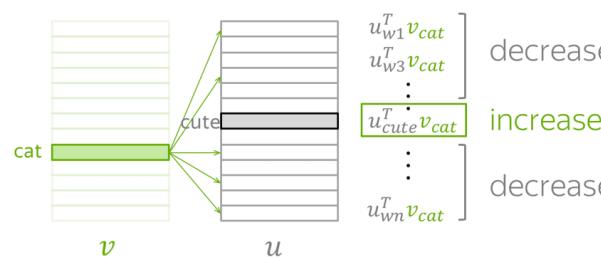
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## Negative sampling to speed up the computations

Dot product of  $v_{cat}$ :

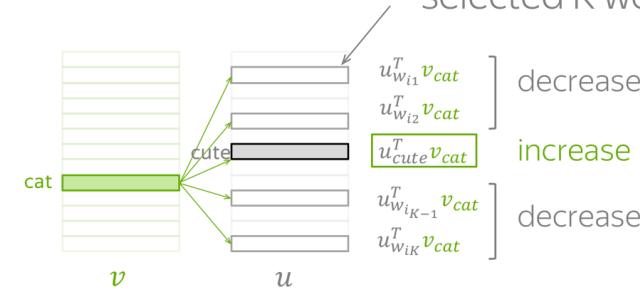
- with  $u_{cute}$  - increase,
- with all other  $u$  - decrease



Dot product of  $v_{cat}$ :

- with  $u_{cute}$  - increase,
- with a subset of other  $u$  - decrease

Negative samples: randomly selected K words



Parameters to be updated:

- $v_{cat}$
  - $u_w$  for all  $w$  in the vocabulary
- $|V| + 1$  vectors

Parameters to be updated:

- $v_{cat}$
  - $u_{cute}$  and  $u_w$  for  $w$  in  $K$  negative examples
- $K + 2$  vectors

## A loss function given negative sampling

$$J_{t,j}(\theta) = -\log \sigma(u_{cute}^T v_{cat}) - \sum_{w \in \{w_{i_1}, \dots, w_{i_K}\}} \log \sigma(-u_w^T v_{cat})$$

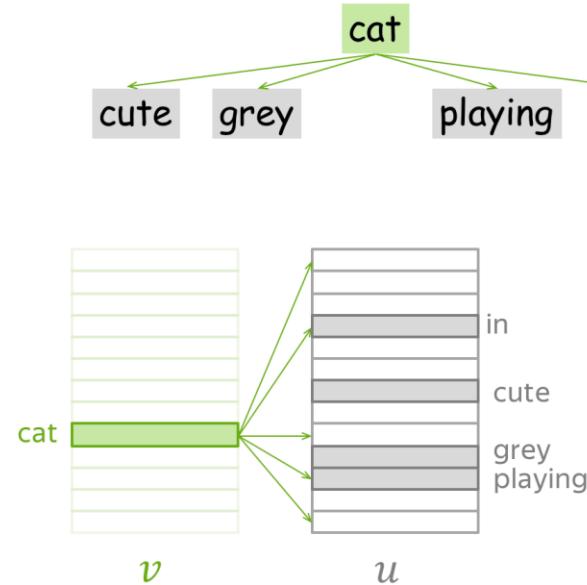
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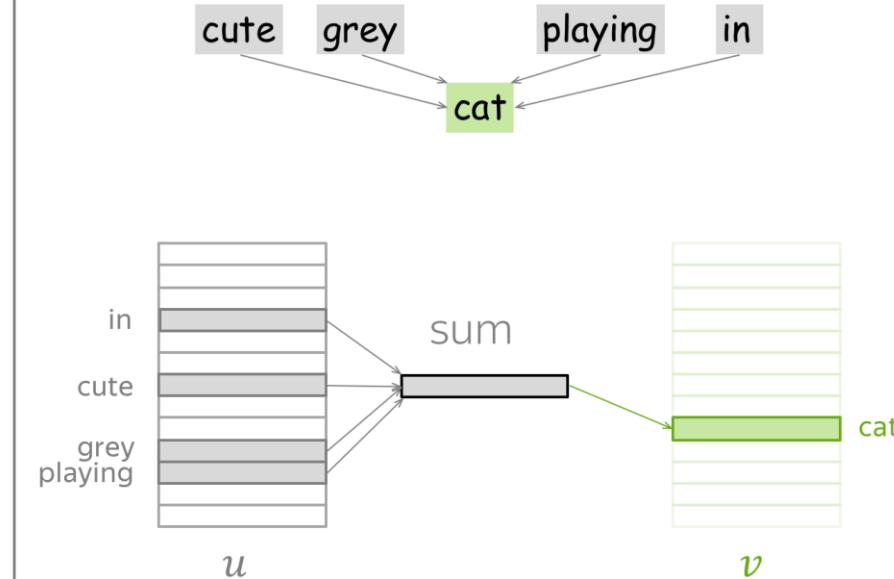
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There are two ways to train the model

... I saw a cute grey cat playing in the garden ...



Skip-Gram: from central predict context  
(one at a time)

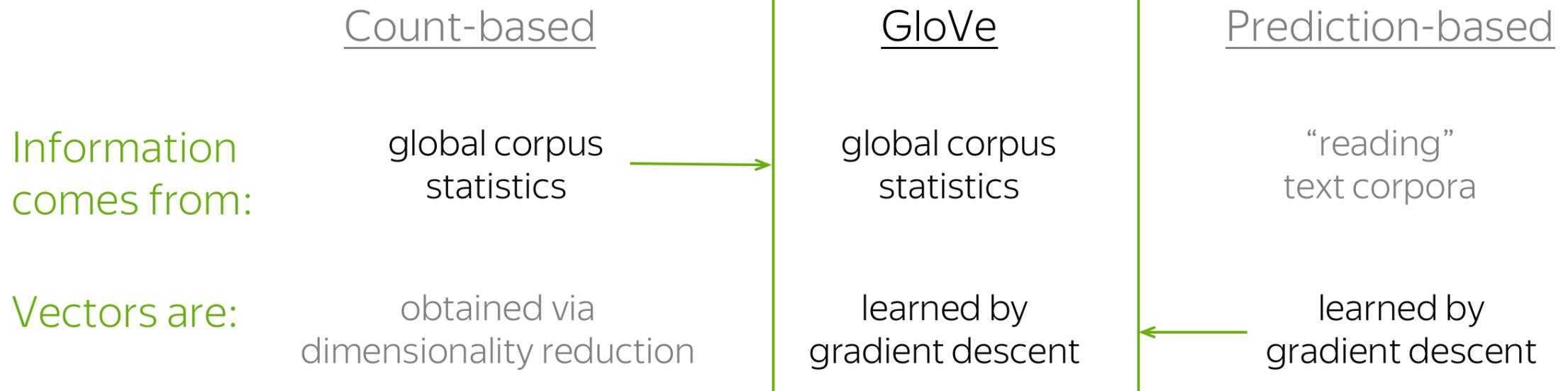


CBOW: from sum of context predict central

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We can merge the two world views



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- Normalize vectors due to cosine similarities nuances before moving embeddings to memory

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{|u| |v| \cos \varphi}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}$$

$$u := \frac{u}{|u|}$$

$$v := \frac{v}{|v|}$$

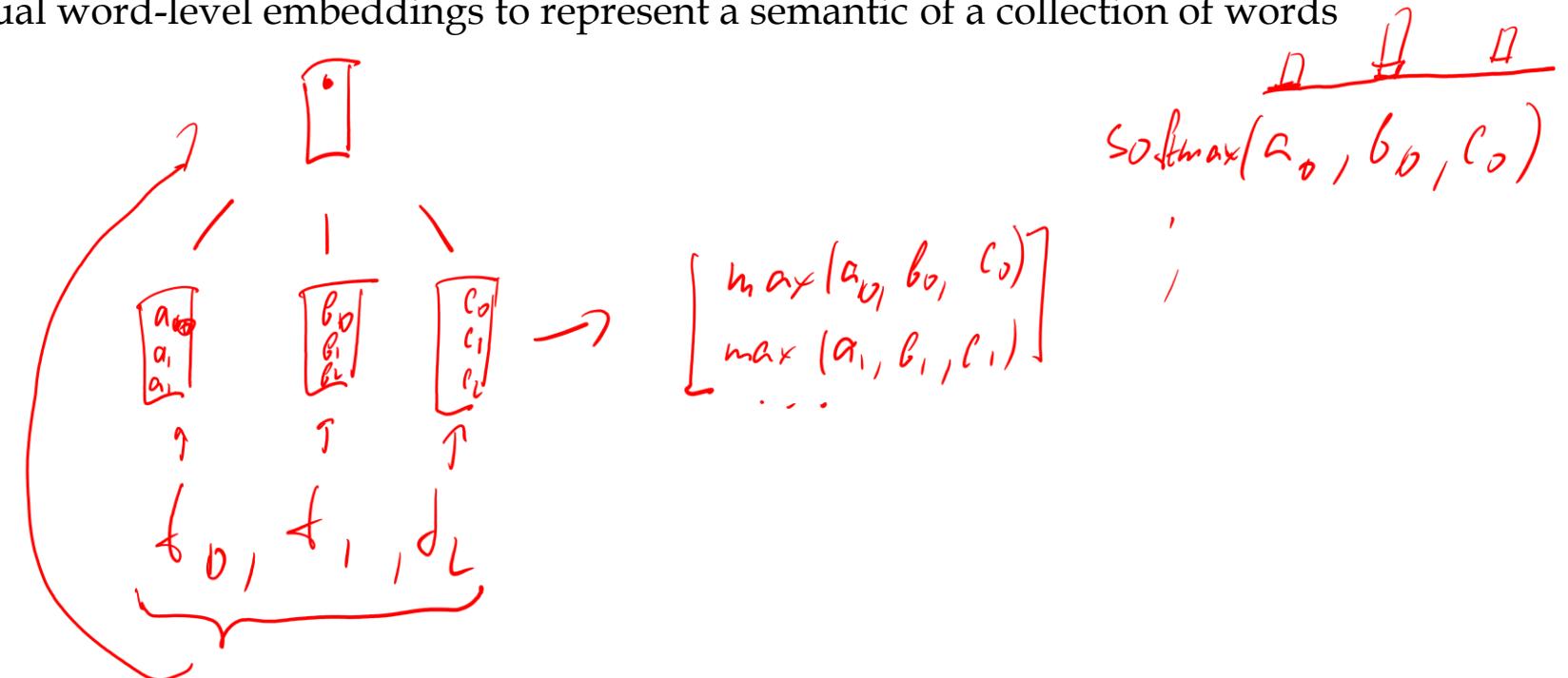


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- The context for antonyms is very similar, hence embeddings for them are close
- Window size of a context determines the kind of relations one captures
- We can aggregate individual word-level embeddings to represent a semantic of a collection of words



- Embeddings learned with word2vec lie in a linear well-explainable space
- Similar languages preserve the form of the space accurate to linear transformations

semantic:  $v(\text{king}) - v(\text{man}) + v(\text{woman}) \approx v(\text{queen})$

syntactic:  $v(\text{kings}) - v(\text{king}) + v(\text{queen}) \approx v(\text{queens})$

