# CS 6501 Natural Language Processing

Word Embeddings

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#### Examples

- ▶ to have a splendid time in Rome
- to have a wonderful time in Rome

[Jurafsky and Martin, 2019, Chap 06]

### **Another Example**

Consider the following examples, although we do not know what exactly words are missing, to some extent we can still guess the meanings of those missing words

- is delicious sauteed with garlic.
- ▶ \_\_\_\_ is superb over rice.
- ▶ ... \_\_\_\_ leaves with salty sauces ...

[Jurafsky and Martin, 2019]

#### Latent Semantic Analysis

For a corpus of d documents over a vocabulary V, the cooccurence matrix is defined as C,

$$C = [c_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{v \times d}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,1} & \dots & c_{1,d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{v,1} & \dots & c_{v,d} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(1)$$

#### where

- $\mathbf{v} = |\mathcal{V}|$  is the size of vocab
- d is the number of the documents
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$$cos-sim(w_k, w_{k'}) = \frac{w_k^{\mathsf{T}} w_{k'}}{\|w_k\|_2 \cdot \|w_{k'}\|_2}$$
(2)

where

- $w_k^{\mathsf{T}} w_{k'} = \sum_{i=1} w_{k,i} w_{k',i}$   $||w_k||_2 = \sqrt{\langle w_k, w_k \rangle}$

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- ► This motivates us to find a way of compressing these sparse *raw* vectors

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Matrix decomposition on **C** will help us to identify low-dimensional representations

### Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Using SVD, the word-document matrix *C* can be decomposed into a multiplication of three matrices

$$C = U_0 \cdot \Sigma_0 \cdot V_0^{\mathsf{T}}. \tag{3}$$

- ▶  $U_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{v \times v}$  is an orthonormal matrix
- ▶  $V_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is an orthonormal matrix
- ▶  $\Sigma_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{v \times d}$  is a diagonal matrix each component on the diagonal is called a singular value

## SVD: Example

Given a matrix *C* as

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 2.0 \\ 3.0 & 4.0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (4)

The decomposition is

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(5)

To obtain a low-dimensional approximation of C, we can remove one of the singular values. But what matters is which one we are going to remove?

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Therefore,  $\|C - C_1\|_F > \|C - C_2\|_F$ . In other words, removing the smaller singular value creates a better low-dimensional approximation.

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The decomposition is

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0.23 & -0.88 & 0.41 \\ 0.52 & -0.24 & -0.82 \\ 0.82 & 0.40 & 0.41 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (7)

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 9.53 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.51 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (8)

$$V^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.62 & 0.78 \\ 0.78 & -0.62 \end{bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

The maximum number of non-zero singular values is min(v, d), where v and d are the numbers of rows and columns respectively.

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$$C = \begin{bmatrix} & & & & & & \\ & u_1 & \dots & u_v & \\ & & & & & \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} & \sigma_1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & & v_d & & \end{bmatrix}$$

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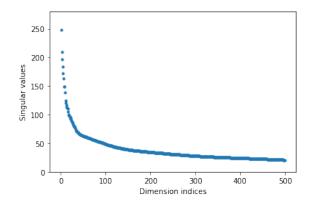
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For a large-scale sparse matrix, the singular values in  $\Sigma_0$  often have big differences.

### Singular Values

A real example: *C* with about 9K words and 71.8K sentences is constructed from a dataset used in the demo code. The following plot shows the first/top 500 singular values in the decreasing order.



With the index  $\rightarrow$  9K, the singular values are close to 0.

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For the previous case, we can pick  $k \in [200, 400]$  without worrying about losing too much information.

### Lower-dimensional Word Representations

Given

$$C \approx \boldsymbol{U} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{V}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{12}$$

to construct low-dimensional word representation, we can multiply  ${\it V}$  on both side of equation 12 and then have

$$W = U \cdot \Sigma \approx C \cdot V \in \Re^{v \times k}$$
 (13)

#### **Dataset**

We collected the dataset from the abstracts of NLP papers from the arXiv website. Some example sentences from the dataset

- ► The author uses the entropy of the ideal Bose-Einstein gas to minimize losses in computer-oriented languages.
- In this paper, current dependency based treebanks are introduced and analyzed.
- ▶ The model of semantic concept lattice for data mining of microblogs has been proposed in this work.

This dataset includes about 1.6M tokens.

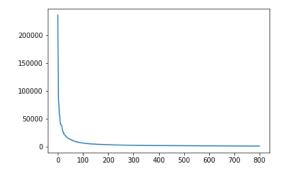
#### Results

- ► The size of the matrix *C*: 8909 words, 71K sentences
- ▶ Word embedding dimension: 50
- Word similarity is calculated by the cosine value between two word vectors

natural	embeddings				
processing	word				
language	contextualized				
understanding	glove				
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vision	disambiguation				
sign	analogy				

## Re-weighting: Motivation

Word frequency in the descreasing order



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Are  $w_i$  and  $w_j$  similar to each other, when they appear in the same documents but far away from each other?

#### Context Window Size (II)

Just under a week ago, Apple released a supplemental update to macOS Catalina with various bug fixes and performance improvements. Now, Apple has made a revised version of that same supplemental update available to users.

On its developer website, Apple says that a new version of the macOS Catalina supplemental update has been released today. If you installed the original supplemental update released last week, you might not even receive today's revised version with Apple focusing on people who hadn't yet installed the initial supplemental update.

The release notes for today's update, build 19A603, are exactly the same as last week's:

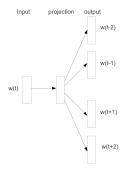
- Improves installation reliability of macOS Catalina on Macs with low disk space
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- Resolves an issue that prevents accepting iCloud Terms and Conditions when multiple iCloud accounts are logged in
- Improves the reliability of saving Game Center data when playing Apple Arcade games offline

The revised version of the macOS Catalina supplemental update likely includes very minor changes and fixes. Apple is also currently beta testing macOS Catalina 10.15.1, which may have provided our first look at the forthcoming 16-inch MacBook Pro.

# The Skip-gram Model

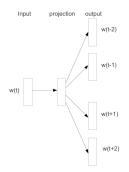
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$$P(w_{t+i} \mid w_t) = ? \tag{17}$$

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The definition in equation 19 requires two sets of parameters for the same vocabulary

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Essentially, this is learning a classifier over a huge number of classes. In practice, the vocab size could be 10K, 50K or even bigger, the normalization of prediction probability is the major bottleneck.

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with the following function as objective

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where k is the number of negative samples and  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is the Sigmoid function (the one used for binary classification in lecture 02)

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For a given word  $w_t$  and i

- 1. Treat its neighboring context word  $w_{t+i}$  as positive example
- 2. Randomly sample k other words from the vocab as negative examples
- 3. Optimize Equation 22 to update both v. and u.

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#### Results

- ► Context window size: 3
- ▶ Word embedding dimension: 50
- ► Epochs of training: 3

natural	embeddings		
processing	contextualized		
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fundamental	polyglot		

# Word Embeddings: GloVe

#### Glove

The motivation of GloVe [?] is to find a balance between the methods based on

- ▶ global matrix factorization (e.g., LSA) and
- local context windows (e.g., Skip-gram).

#### Word-to-word Co-occurrence Matrix

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Empirical probability estimation of w<sub>j</sub> given w<sub>i</sub>

$$Q(w_j \mid w_i) = \frac{X_{ij}}{X_i} \tag{25}$$

where  $X_i = \sum_j X_{i,j}$ 

# Probability Estimation via Word Embeddings

Another way to estimate the probability of  $w_i$  given  $w_i$  is

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(26)

with u. and v. are two sets of parameters (embeddings) associated with words, similar to the Skip-gram model.

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It can be further simplified as (Eq. 16 in [?])

$$\left\{\log(\mathbf{X}_{ij}) - \mathbf{u}_{w_j}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{v}_{w_i}\right\}^2 \tag{32}$$

if we only consider the unnormalized version of *P* and *Q*.

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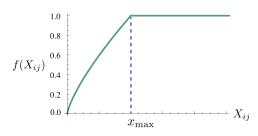
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 (34)

## Down-weighting

Weighting function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{x}{x_{\text{max}}}\right)^{a} & \text{if } x < x_{\text{max}} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (35)

where a = 3/4.



### Skip-gram as Implicit Matrix Factorization

[?] shows that skip-gram with negative sampling can be viewed as an implicit matrix factorization over a word-word co-occurrence matrix weighted by point-wise mutual information (PMI).

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{w_j}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{v}_{w_i} \approx \mathrm{PMI}(w_i, w_j) - \log k \tag{36}$$

where  $PMI(w_i, w_j)$  is the mutual information of  $P(w_i)$  and  $P(w_j)$  with a given window size and k is the number of negative samples.

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Combine 36 and 37, we have

$$u_{w_{j}}^{\mathsf{T}} v_{w_{i}} \approx \log \frac{P(w_{i}, w_{j})}{P(w_{i})P(w_{j})} - \log k$$

$$= \log P(w_{j} \mid w_{i}) - \log P(w_{j}) - \log k$$

$$= \log(X_{ij}) - \log(X_{i}) - \log(X_{j}) + \log D - \log k$$
(38)

Similar to Eq. 8 in [?].

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- ► Implicit/explicit optimization, or
- Other tricks (down-sampling, hyper-parameters, etc.)

# Evaluation Methods

#### Overview

- Intrinsic Evaluation¹
  - Word similarity
  - Word analogy
  - Word intrusion
- Extrinsic Evaluation
  - Evaluating based on a downstream task, such as text classification

¹http://bionlp-www.utu.fi/wv\_demo/

### Word Similarity

Let  $w_i$  and  $w_j$  be two words, and  $v_{w_i}$  and  $v_{w_j}$  be the corresponding word embeddings, word similarity can be obtained by computing their cosine similarity between  $v_{w_i}$  and  $v_{w_i}$  as

$$\cos(v_{w_i}, v_{w_j}) = \frac{\langle v_{w_i}, v_{w_j} \rangle}{\|v_{w_i}\|_2 \cdot \|v_{w_j}\|_2}$$
(40)

## Examples

$Word_1$	Word <sub>2</sub>	Similarity score [0,10]	
love	sex	6.77	
stock	jaguar cash	0.92	
money	cash	9.15	
development	issue	3.97	
lad	brother	4.46	

Figure: Sample word pairs along with their human similarity judgment from WS-353 [Faruqui et al., 2016].

#### **Datasets**

#### Available word similarity datasets

Dataset	Word pairs	Reference
RG	65	Rubenstein and Goodenough (1965)
MC	30	Miller and Charles (1991)
WS-353	353	Finkelstein et al. (2002)
YP-130	130	Yang and Powers (2006)
MTurk-287	287	Radinsky et al. (2011)
MTurk-771	771	Halawi et al. (2012)
MEN	3000	Bruni et al. (2012)
RW	2034	Luong et al. (2013)
Verb	144	Baker et al. (2014)
SimLex	999	Hill et al. (2014)

Figure: Word similarity datasets [Faruqui et al., 2016].

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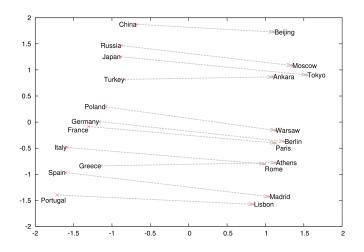


Figure: Word analogy examples.

#### **Word Intrusion**

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From [Faruqui et al., 2014]
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naval, industrial, technological, marine, identity
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- constructed from word embeddings
- evaluated by human annotators

#### **Extrinsic Evaluation**

- Implicit assumption: there is a consistent, global ranking of word embedding quality, and that higher quality embeddings will necessarily improve results on any downstream task.
- Unfortunately, this assumption does not hold in general [Schnabel et al., 2015].
- Examples
  - empirical results show that it may not be able give much help to syntactic parsing [Andreas and Klein, 2014]
  - adding surface-form features always help([Ji and Eisenstein, 2014a] and many other works)

#### Further Discussion

#### Gender Bias

$$v_{\text{man}} - v_{\text{woman}} \approx v_{\text{computer programmer}} - v_{\text{homemaker}}$$
 (41)  
 $v_{\text{father}} - v_{\text{mother}} \approx v_{\text{doctor}} - v_{\text{nurse}}$  (42)

[Bolukbasi et al., 2016]

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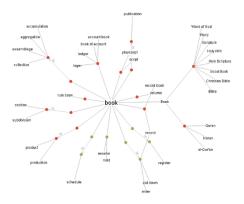
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  - learning from supervision information [Ji and Eisenstein, 2014b]

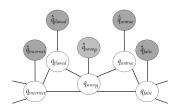
## Retrofitting

#### Retrofitting with WordNet [Miller, 1995]

 $\Omega = (V, E)$  be a semantic graph over words, where V is the node set with each element as a word, and E is the edge set with each edge representing a semantic relation between two words.



# Retrofitting (II)



- ▶ The goal is to learn word embeddings  $\{\tilde{v}\}$  such that  $\tilde{v}_i$  and  $\tilde{v}_j$  are close enough if  $(i, j) \in E$ .
- ▶ In addition,  $\{\tilde{v}\}$  should also satisfy the constraint from original word embeddings, such that  $\tilde{v}_i$  and  $\tilde{v}_i$  are close enough for every word in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

$$\Psi(\tilde{\mathbf{V}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{V}|} \left[ \alpha_i \| \boldsymbol{v}_i - \tilde{\boldsymbol{v}}_i \|^2 + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} \beta_{ij} \| \tilde{\boldsymbol{v}}_i - \tilde{\boldsymbol{v}}_j \|^2 \right]$$
(43)

## Counter-fitting

Inject antonymy and synonymy constraints into word embedding space to improve the embeddings' capability for judging semantic similarity

	east	expensive	British
Before	west	pricey	American
	north	cheaper	Australian
	south	costly	Britain
	southeast	overpriced	European
	northeast	inexpensive	England
After	eastward	costly	Brits
	eastern	pricy	London
	easterly	overpriced	BBC
	-	pricey	UK
	-	afford	Britain

Table 1: Nearest neighbours for target words using GloVe vectors before and after counter-fitting

## Learning from Supervision Signal

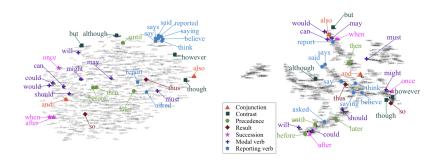


Figure: (Left) Word embeddings learned with supervision signal; (Right) Unsupervised word embeddings.

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