

# Text preprocessing

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## Text mining

- In text mining feature space is usually high dimensional and sparse.
- To handle sparsity design matrix  $X$  may be stored in *sparse matrix format*.
- Linear models work well in high dimensional spaces
  - models are already complex due to many features
  - non-linear models have much more parameters and overfit
- Examples of linear models:
  - regression: linear regression with different regularization
  - classification: logistic regression, SVM
- We may also use arbitrary models in diminished feature space with
  - feature extraction (using, for example, PCA)
  - feature selection (using correlation, mutual information, etc.)

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- 3 May add *bigram/trigram collocations*
- 4 May normalize words:
  - *stemming*
    - faster
  - *lemmatization*
    - more accurate

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# Collocations

- Collocations are words that too frequently co-appear in text.
- Examples: New York, fast food, vice president, stock exchange, real estate, deja vu...

## Collocations extraction: t-test

- t-test for checking co-occurrence of  $w_i w_j$ :

- define  $x = \mathbb{I}[w_i w_j]$
- $\bar{x} = \frac{\#[w_i w_j]}{N}$ , where  $N$  is text length
- test statistic:

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sqrt{s^2/N}} \rightarrow Student(N - 1) \rightarrow Normal(0, 1) \text{ for } N \rightarrow \infty$$

- where  $\mu = p(w_i)p(w_j) = \frac{\#[w_i]}{N} \frac{\#[w_j]}{N}$  - expected co-occurrence, given independence assumption.
- $s^2 = \bar{x}(1 - \bar{x})$  - sample variance.
- to be a collocation test statistic should be large.

## Collocations extraction: PMI

- Pointwise mutual information:

$$PMI(w_i w_j) = \frac{p(w_i w_j)}{p(w_i)p(w_j)}$$

Collocations extraction:  $\chi^2$  Person test

$\chi^2$  Pearson test for independence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 TS = & N \frac{[\rho(w_i w_j) - \rho(w_i)\rho(w_j)]^2}{\rho(w_i)\rho(w_j)} + N \frac{[\rho(w_i \bar{w}_j) - \rho(w_i)\rho(\bar{w}_j)]^2}{\rho(w_i)\rho(\bar{w}_j)} \\
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$$TS \approx N \frac{[\rho(w_i w_j) - \rho(w_i)\rho(w_j)]^2}{\rho(w_i)\rho(w_j)}$$

$$TS \sim \chi^2(1)$$

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## Term frequency

- Term-frequency model:  $TF(i) = \frac{n_i}{n}$ 
  - $n_i$  is the number of times  $t_i$  appeared in  $d$
  - $n$  total number of tokens in  $d$ .
- $TF(i)$  measures how common is token  $t_i$  in the document.
- To make  $TF(i)$  less skewed it is usually calculated as

$$TF(i) = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{n_i}{n} \right)$$

## Inverted document frequency

- Inverted document frequency:  $IDF(i) = \frac{N}{N_i}$ 
  - $N$  - total number of documents in the collection
  - $N_i$  - number of documents, containing token  $t_i$ .
- $IDF(i)$  measures how specific is token  $i$ .
- To avoid skewness IDF is more frequently used as

$$IDF(i) = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{N}{N_i} \right)$$

## Vector representation of documents

- Consider document  $d$  and its feature representation  $x$ .
- Indicator model:  $x^i = \mathbb{I}[t_i \in d]$ .
- TF model:  $x^i = TF(i)$
- TF-IDF model:  $x^i = TF(i) * IDF(i)$
- Several representations, indexed by  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_K$  can be united into single feature representation.

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- Optimization task with regularization:

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- Suppose we have  $K$  groups of features with indices:

$$I_1, I_2, \dots, I_K$$

- We may control the impact of each group on the model:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}_n, y_n | \mathbf{w}) + \lambda_1 R(\{\mathbf{w}_i | i \in I_1\}) + \dots + \lambda_K R(\{\mathbf{w}_i | i \in I_K\}) \rightarrow \min_{\mathbf{w}}$$

- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_K$  can be set using cross-validation.
- Scikit-learn allows to set only single  $\lambda$ . But we can control impact of each feature group by different feature scaling.

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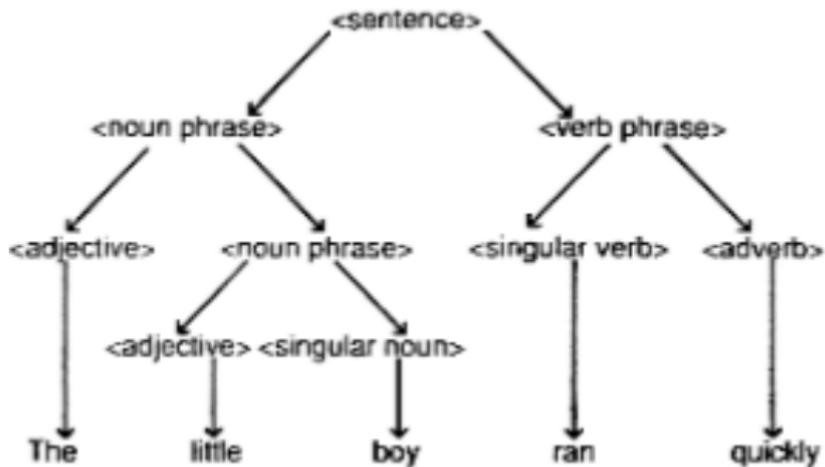
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# Common problems in NLP

## Syntax problems:

- POS-tagging
- Sentence syntax parsing
- Coreference resolution
- Named entity resolution

# Sentence syntax parsing



# Common problems in NLP

## Semantic problems:

- Question answering
- Paraphrase detection
- Chatbots & dialog systems
- Named entity resolution
- Text summarization
- Machine translation
- Topic modeling

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# Word embeddings

- Distributional hypothesis: similar context leads to similar meaning.
- Form co-occurrence matrix  $M = \{m_{wc}\}_{w \in W, c \in 2W}$ 
  - rows: words  $w$
  - columns: counts of words co-occurring with  $w$  in the context
    - left context
    - right context
- We can get reduced word representation with reduced SVD:

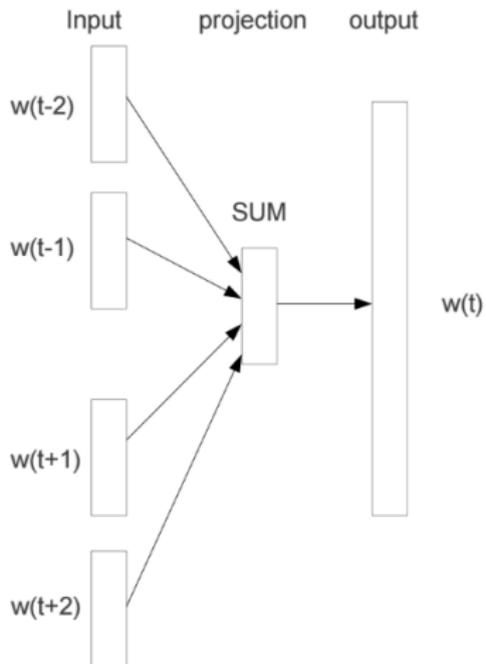
$$M = U_K \Sigma_K V_K^T$$

- Rows of  $U_K$  give compact word representations.

## Software tools

- `gensim.models.word2vec`
- Word2vec tool & precomputed representations

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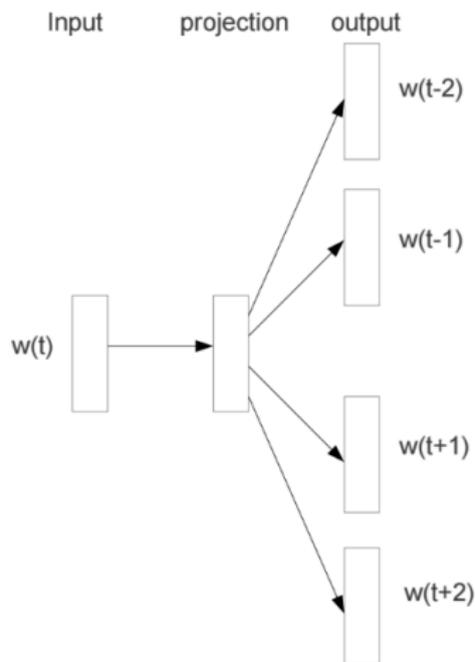
Task: predict current word given context.

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln p(\mathbf{w}_t | \mathbf{w}_{t-c}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{t-1}, \mathbf{w}_{t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{t+c}, \theta) \rightarrow \max_{\theta}$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{context} = \sum_{t-c \leq \tau \leq t+c, \tau \neq t} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{w_{\tau}}$  and

$$p(\mathbf{w}_0 | \mathbf{w}_{t-c}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{t-1}, \mathbf{w}_{t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{t+c}, \theta) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{v}_{w_0}^T \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{context})}{\sum_{w=1}^W \exp(\mathbf{v}_{w_0}^T \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{context})}$$

# Skip-gram model<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup>Mikolov, T., Chen, K., Corrado, G., & Dean, J. (2013). Distributed Representations of Words and Phrases and their Compositionality. NIPS, 1–9.

# Skip-gram model

- Task: predict context, given current word:

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{-c \leq j \leq c, j \neq 0} \ln p(w_{t+j} | w_t, \theta) \rightarrow \max_{\theta}$$

where  $W$  - number of words in the vocabulary and

$$p(w_o | w_l) = \frac{\exp(v_{w_o}^T v_{w_l})}{\sum_{w=1}^W \exp(v_{w_o}^T v_l)}$$

# Optimizations

$$p(w_O|w_I) = \frac{\exp(v_{w_O}^T v_{w_I})}{\sum_{w=1}^W \exp(v_w^T v_{w_I})}$$

- Summation over all words in vocabulary is impractical.
- Two optimization approaches:
  - hierarchical soft-max
    - calculates probabilities in  $O(\log_2 W)$
  - negative sampling
    - uses different optimization criteria



# Hierarchical softmax

- Consider word  $w$ :
  - let  $n(w, j)$  be the  $j$ -th node on the path
  - let  $L(w)$  the length of the path to leaf  $w$ :

$$n(w, L(w)) = w$$

- define  $[x] = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } x \text{ is satisfied} \\ -1 & \text{if } x \text{ is not satisfied} \end{cases}$

$$p(w|w_I) = \prod_{j=1}^{L(w)-1} \sigma([n(w, j+1) = \text{left child } n(w, j)] \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n(w, j)}^T \mathbf{v}_{w_I})$$

# Hierarchical softmax

- Comments:
  - for balanced tree height is  $\log_2 W$
  - each node  $n$  is associated internal parameter  $\tilde{v}_n$
  - there are  $W - 1$  internal parameters in total.
  - Huffman tree assigns short codes for frequent words
    - faster

## Negative sampling

- $P_n(w)$  - noise distribution
- Task: differentiate true (word/context) pairs from noisy ones.
- Formalization:

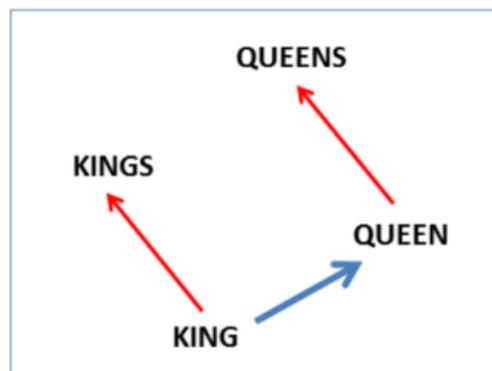
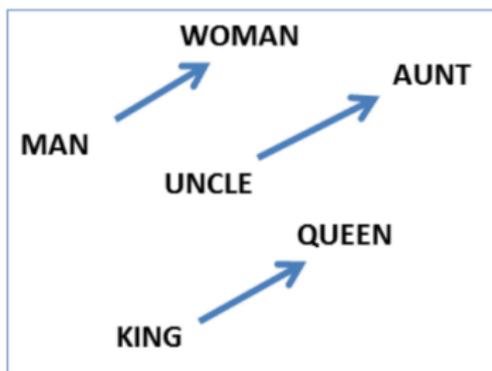
$$\sum_{w_I} \left\{ \ln \sigma(\tilde{v}_{w_O} v_{w_I}) + \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}_{w_k \sim P_n(w)} \left[ \ln \sigma(-\tilde{v}_{w_k}^T w_{w_I}) \right] \right\} \rightarrow \max_{v, \tilde{v}}$$

- $P_n(w)$  - random unigram word sampling

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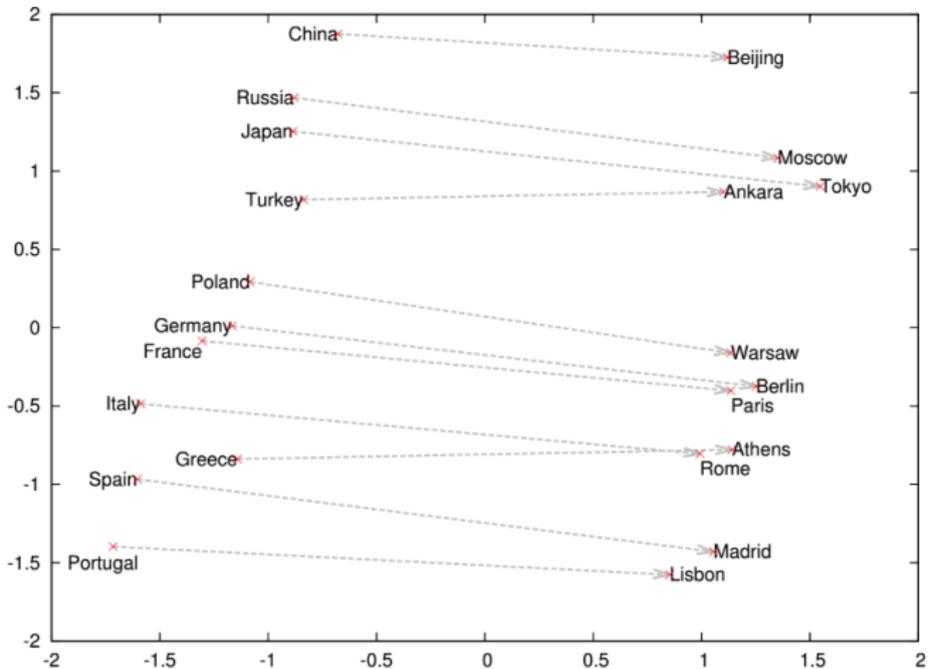
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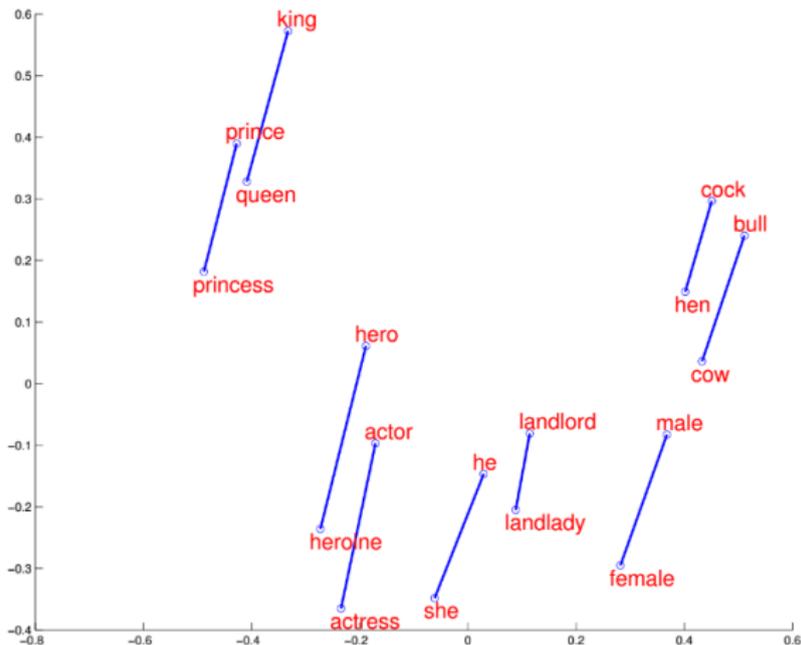


<sup>2</sup>From NIPS presentation of Tomas Mikolov

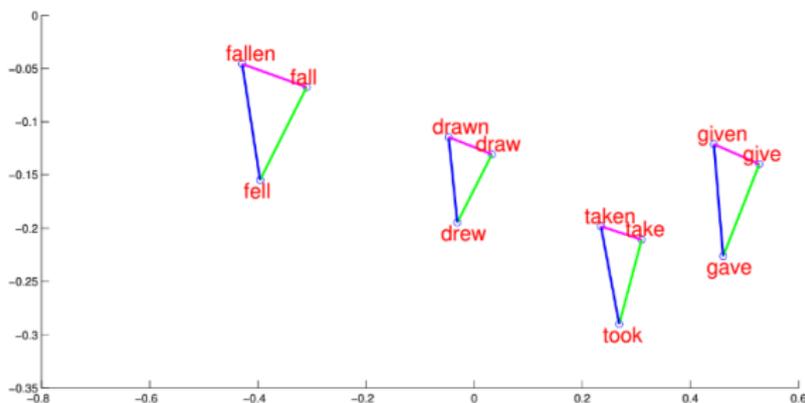
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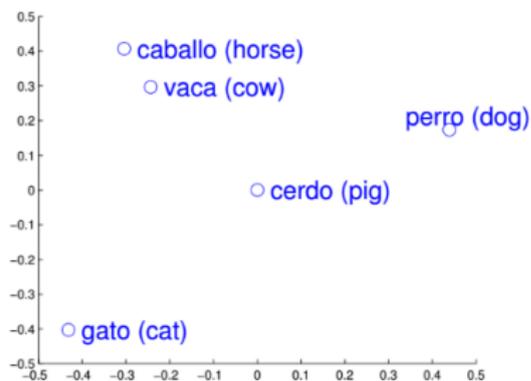
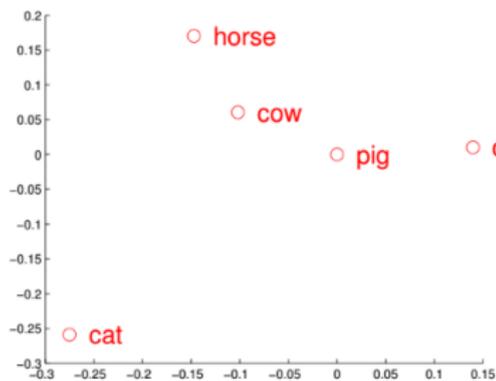
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<sup>3</sup>Images were manually rotated and scaled.