# Feedforward Neural Networks and Word Embeddings

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#### Outline

- Linear models
- 2 Limitations of linear models
- Neural networks
- A neural language model
- Word embeddings

# LINEAR MODELS

### Binary Classification with Linear Models

**Example:** the seminar at < stime > 4 pm will

**Classification task:** Do we have an < stime > tag in the current position?

Word	Lemma	LexCat	Case	SemCat	Tag
the	the	Art	low		
seminar	seminar	Noun	low		
at	at	Prep	low		stime
4	4	Digit	low		
pm	pm	Other	low	timeid	
will	will	Verb	low		

#### Feature Vector

#### Encode context into feature vector:

1 2 3	bias term -3_lemma_the -3_lemma_giraffe	1 1 0
102 103	2_lemma_seminar -2_lemma_giraffe	 1 0
202 203	 -1_lemma_at -1_lemma_giraffe	 1 0
302 303	$+1_{ m lemma}4$ $+1_{ m lemma}$ giraffe	 1 0

### Dot product with weight vector

$$h(X) = X \cdot \Theta^{T} \qquad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0} = 1 \\ x_{1} = 1 \\ x_{2} = 0 \\ \dots \\ x_{101} = 1 \\ x_{102} = 0 \\ \dots \\ x_{201} = 1 \\ x_{202} = 0 \\ \dots \\ x_{301} = 1 \\ x_{302} = 0 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \qquad \Theta = \begin{bmatrix} w_{0} = 1.00 \\ w_{1} = 0.01 \\ w_{2} = 0.01 \\ \dots \\ x_{101} = 0.01 \\ x_{102} = 0.01 \\ \dots \\ x_{201} = 0.01 \\ x_{202} = 0.01 \\ \dots \\ x_{301} = 0.01 \\ x_{302} = 0.01 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

### Prediction with dot product

$$h(X) = X \cdot \Theta^{T}$$

$$= x_{0}w_{0} + x_{1}w_{1} + \dots + x_{n}w_{n}$$

$$= 1 * 1 + 1 * 0.01 + 0 * 0.01 + \dots + 0 * 0.01 + 1 * 0.01$$

#### Predictions with linear models

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**Classification task:** Do we have an < stime > tag in the current position?

**Linear Model:**  $h(X) = X \cdot \Theta^T$ 

**Prediction:** If h(X) > 0, yes. Otherwise, no.

### Getting the right weights

Training: Find weight vector  $\Theta$  such that h(X) is the correct answer as many times as possible.

- $\rightarrow$  Given a set T of training examples  $t_1, \dots t_n$  with correct labels  $y_i$ , find  $\Theta$  such that  $h(X(t_i)) = y_i$  for as many  $t_i$  as possible.
- $\rightarrow X(t_i)$  is the feature vector for the i-th training example  $t_i$

### Dot product with trained weight vector

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E.g. measure semantic similarity:

Word	sim(time)
the	0.0014
seminar	0.0014
at	0.1
4	2.01
pm	3.02
will	0.5

$$h(X) = X \cdot \Theta^{T} \qquad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0} = 1.0 \\ x_{1} = 50.5 \\ x_{2} = 52.2 \\ \dots \\ x_{101} = 45.6 \\ x_{102} = 60.9 \\ \dots \\ x_{201} = 40.4 \\ x_{202} = 51.9 \\ \dots \\ x_{301} = 40.5 \\ x_{302} = 35.8 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \qquad \Theta = \begin{bmatrix} w_{0} = 1.00 \\ w_{1} = 0.001 \\ w_{2} = 0.001 \\ \dots \\ x_{101} = 0.012 \\ x_{102} = 0.0015 \\ \dots \\ x_{201} = 0.4 \\ x_{202} = 0.005 \\ \dots \\ x_{301} = 0.1 \\ x_{302} = 0.04 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h(X) = X \cdot \Theta^{T}$$

$$= x_{0}w_{0} + x_{1}w_{1} + \dots + x_{n}w_{n}$$

$$= 1.0 * 1 + 50.5 * 0.001 + \dots + 40.5 * 0.1 + 35.8 * 0.04$$

$$= 540.5$$

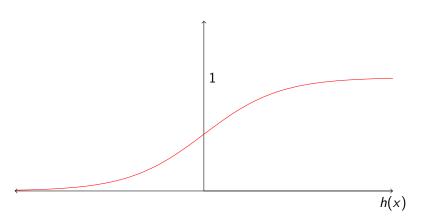
Classification task: Do we have an < stime > tag in the current position?

Prediction: h(X) = 540.5

• Can we transform this into a probability?

### Sigmoid function

We can push h(X) between 0 and 1 using a **non-linear** activation function The **sigmoid function**  $\sigma(Z)$  is often used



### Logistic Regression

Classification task: Do we have an < stime > tag in the current position?

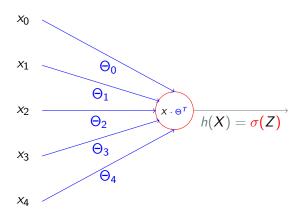
Linear Model:  $Z = X \cdot \Theta^T$ 

Prediction: If  $\sigma(Z) > 0.5$ , yes. Otherwise, no.

#### Logistic regression:

- Use a **linear model** and squash values between 0 and 1.
  - Convert real values to probabilities
- Put threshold to 0.5.
- Positive class above threshold, negative class below.

# Logistic Regression

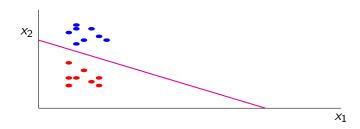


# LINEAR MODELS: LIMITATIONS

### **Decision Boundary**

#### What do linear models do?

- $\sigma(Z) > 0.5$  when  $Z(=X \cdot \Theta^T) \ge 0$
- Model defines a decision boundary given by  $X \cdot \Theta^T = 0$  positive examples (have stime tag) negative examples (no stime tag)



#### Exercise

When we model a task with linear models, what assumption do we make about positive/negative examples?

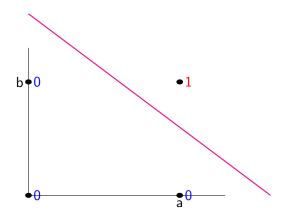
### Modeling 1: Learning a predictor for $\land$

a	b	a ∧ b	<b>b • 0</b>	• 1
0	0	0		
0	1	0		
1	0	0		
1	1	1	<del>• 0</del>	<b>0</b>

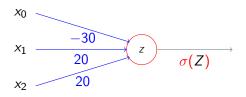
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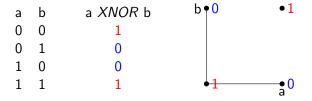


### Modeling 1: Logistic Regression



<i>x</i> <sub>0</sub>	$x_1$	<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub>	$x_1 \wedge x_2$
1	0	0	$\sigma(1*-30+0*20+0*20) = \sigma(-30) \approx 0$
1	0	1	$\sigma(1*-30+0*20+1*20)=\sigma(-10)\approx 0$
1	1	0	$\sigma(1*-30+1*20+1*20) = \sigma(-10) \approx 0$
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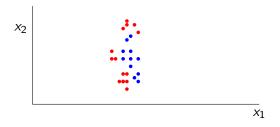
### Modeling 2: Learning a predictor for XNOR



Features: a, b Feature values: binary

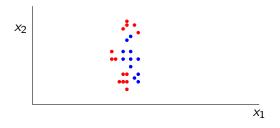
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### Non-linear decision boundaries



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#### Non-linear decision boundaries



Can we learn a linear model to solve this problem?

No! Decision boundary is **non-linear**.

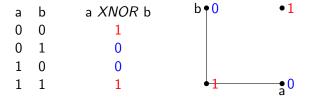
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Linear models not suited to learn non-linear decision boundaries.

Neural networks can do that.

# NEURAL NETWORKS

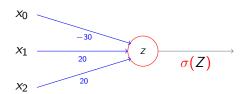
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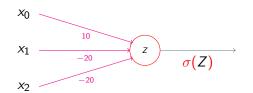
Features: a, b Feature values: binary

Can we learn a **non-linear model** to solve this problem? Yes! E.g. through function composition.

# **Function Composition**

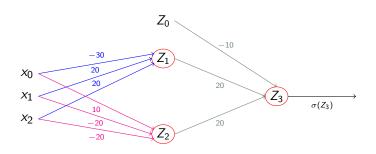


<i>x</i> <sub>0</sub>	$x_1$	<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub>	$x_1 \wedge x_2$
1	0	0	≈ 0
1	0	1	$\approx 0$
1	1	0	$\approx 0$
1	1	1	pprox 1



$x_0$	$x_1$	<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub>	$\neg x_1 \wedge \neg x_2$
1	0	0	$\approx 1$
1	0	1	$\approx 0$
1	1	0	$\approx 0$
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# **Function Composition**



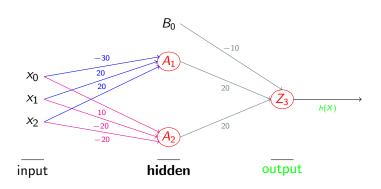
<i>x</i> <sub>0</sub>	$x_1$	<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub>	$\sigma(Z_1)$	$\sigma(Z_2)$	$\sigma(Z_3)$
1	0	0	$\approx 0$	$\approx 1$	$\sigma(1*-10+0*20+1*20) = \sigma(10) \approx 1$
1	0	1	$\approx 0$	$\approx 0$	$\sigma(1*-10+0*20+0*20) = \sigma(-10) \approx 0$
1	1	0	$\approx 0$	$\approx 0$	$\sigma(1*-10+0*20+0*20) = \sigma(-10) \approx 0$
1	1	1			$\sigma(1*-10+1*20+1*20) = \sigma(30) \approx 1$

#### Feedforward Neural Network

#### We just created a **feedforward neural network** with:

- 1 input layer X (feature vector)
- 2 weight matrices  $U = (\Theta_1, \Theta_2)$  and  $V = \Theta_3$
- 1 hidden layer **H** composed of:
  - ▶ 2 activations  $A_1 = \sigma(Z_1)$  and  $A_2 = \sigma(Z_2)$  where:
    - $\star Z_1 = X \cdot \Theta_1$
    - ★  $Z_2 = X \cdot \Theta_2$
- 1 output unit  $h(X) = \sigma(Z_3)$  where:
  - $ightharpoonup Z_3 = \mathbf{H} \cdot \Theta_3$

#### Feedforward Neural Network



#### Computation of hidden layer H:

• 
$$A_1 = \sigma(X \cdot \Theta_1)$$

$$\bullet \ A_2 = \sigma(X \cdot \Theta_2)$$

• 
$$B_0 = 1$$
 (bias term)

Computation of output unit h(X):

• 
$$h(X) = \sigma(\mathbf{H} \cdot \Theta_3)$$

#### Feedforward Neural Network

Classification task: Do we have an < stime > tag in the current position?

**Neural network**:  $h(X) = \sigma(\mathbf{H} \cdot \Theta_n)$ , with:

$$\mathbf{H} = egin{bmatrix} B_0 = 1 \ A_1 = \sigma(X \cdot \Theta_1) \ A_2 = \sigma(X \cdot \Theta_2) \ & \cdots \ A_j = \sigma(X \cdot \Theta_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

Prediction: If h(X) > 0.5, yes. Otherwise, no.

# Getting the right weights

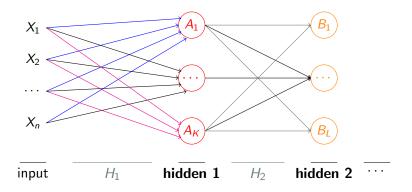
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  - $\rightarrow$  Computation of h(X) called forward propagation
  - $\rightarrow$  Modify  $U = (\Theta_1, \Theta_2)$  and  $V = \Theta_3$  with error back propagation

The intuition behind back propagation is the same as the perceptron update!

#### Network architectures

Depending on task, a particular network architecture can be chosen:



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#### Multi-class classification

- More than two labels
- Instead of "yes" and "no", predict  $c_i \in C = \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$ , where k is the number of classes
- For instance, if we want to detect border tags for stime and etime, then we don't only have the <stime> label but also: </stime>, <etime>, </etime>, no tag
- Use 5 output units (5 is the number of classes)
  - Output layer instead of a single output unit
  - ▶ The class with the highest activation is chosen
  - ► Probabilities can be obtained by dividing the exponentiated activation for a class by the sum of the exponentiated activations ("softmax")

### Summary: Neural Networks

- We showed how to use neural networks to solve non-linear decision problems
- Neural networks are very powerful much more powerful than linear models, even more powerful than decision trees
- But we have been working with very simple features (binary features so far in our example).
- Neural networks can combine these simple features into very complex features (as was done previously with feature selection)
- But now we will show how neural language modeling led to the development of very powerful features, "word embeddings", which are associated with word types

# A NEURAL LANGUAGE MODEL

### Neural language model

- Early application of neural networks (Bengio et al. 2003)
- Task: Given k previous words, predict the current word Estimate:  $P(w_t|w_{t-k}, \dots, w_{t-2}, w_{t-1})$
- Previous (non-neural) approaches:

Problem: Joint distribution of consecutive words difficult to obtain

- $\rightarrow$  chose small history to reduce complexity (n=3)
- ightarrow predict for unseen history through back-off to smaller history

#### Drawbacks:

Takes into account small context

Does not model similarity between words

# Word similarity for language modeling

- The cat is walking in the bedroom
- The dog was running in a room
- A cat was running in a room
- A dog was walking in a bedroom
  - → Model similarity between (cat,dog), (room, bedroom)
  - $\rightarrow$  Generalize from 1 to 2 etc.

# Neural Language Model (LM)

#### Solution:

Use word embeddings to represent each word in history

- ightarrow Each word is represented in relation to the others
- → Distributed word feature vector

Feed to a neural network to learn parameters for the LM task

#### Feedforward Neural Network for LM

Training example: The cat is walking in the bedroom

### Neural network input:

Look at words preceeding bedroom

- $\rightarrow$  The cat is<sub>-4</sub> walking<sub>-3</sub> in<sub>-2</sub> the<sub>-1</sub> bedroom
- $\rightarrow$  Create word embedding ( $LT_i$ ) for window

Give LT<sub>i</sub> as input to Feedforward Neural Network

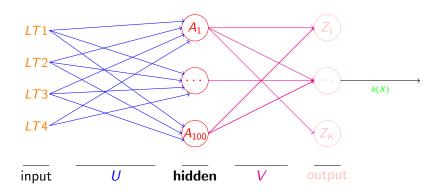
### Neural network training:

Predict current word (forward propagation)

→ should be bedroom

Train weights by backpropagating error

### Feedforward Neural Network for LM



Input: word embeddings LT;

Output: predicted label (current word)

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#### Feedforward Neural Network

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Input layer (X): Word features LT1, LT2, LT3, LT4

Weight matrices U, V

Hidden layer (H): \sigma(X \cdot U + d)

Output layer (0): H \cdot V + b

Prediction: h(X) = softmax(0)
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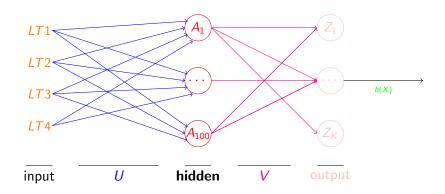
Predicted class is the one with highest probability (given by softmax)

# Weight training

Training: Find weight matrices U and V such that h(X) is the **correct** answer as many times as possible.

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  - $\rightarrow$  Computation of h(X) with forward propagation
  - $\rightarrow U$  and V with error back propagation

### Forward Propagation



#### Forward propagation:

 $\rightarrow$  Perform all operations to get h(X) from input LT.

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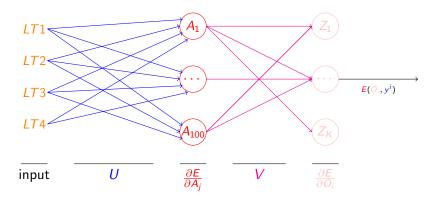
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Goal of training: adjust weights such that correct label is predicted

→ Error between correct label and prediction is minimal

#### Sketch:

- Convert difference between prediction and error into derivatives
- Compute derivatives in each hidden layer from layer above
  - Backpropagate the error derivative with respect to the output of a unit
- Use derivatives with respect to the activations to get error derivatives with respect to incoming weights



### Backpropagation:

- $\rightarrow$  Compute E
- $\rightarrow$  Compute  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial Q_i}$

### Compute error at output E:

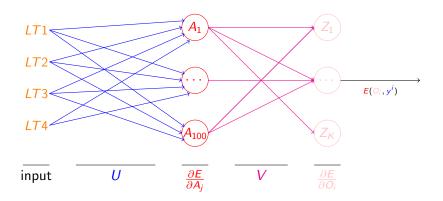
Compare output unit with  $y^i$ 

▶ y<sup>i</sup> vector with 1 in correct class, 0 otherwise

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - O_i)^2$$
 (mean squared)

Compute  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial O_i}$ :

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial O_i} = -(y_i - O_i)$$



### Backpropagation:

 $\rightarrow$  Compute  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial A_i}$ 

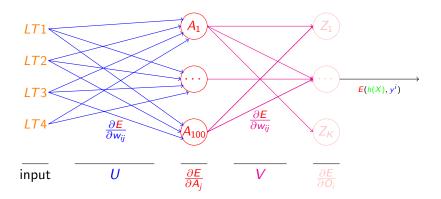
Compute **derivatives** in each hidden layer from layer above:

Compute derivative of error with respect to logit (output)

Compute derivative of error with respect to previous hidden unit

Compute derivative with respect to weights

 $\rightarrow$  Use **recursion** to do this for every layer



# Weight training

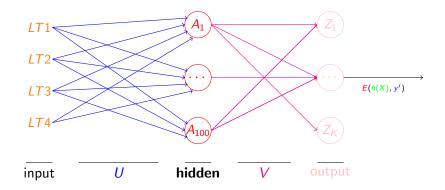
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For each batch of training examples

- Forward propagation to get predictions
- Backpropagation of error
  - Gives gradient of E given input
- Modify weights (gradient descent)
- Goto 1 until convergence

# Word Embedding Layer



# Word Embedding Layer

• Each word type encoded into index vector 
$$w_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- LT<sub>i</sub> is dot product of weight matrix C with index of w<sub>i</sub>  $\rightarrow$  C is **shared**. Each column in C is used for all words (tokens) of a particular word-type.

# Dot product with (trained) weight vector

 $W = \{ \mathsf{the}, \mathsf{cat}, \mathsf{on}, \mathsf{table}, \mathsf{chair} \}$ 

$$w_{table} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.02 & 0.1 & 0.05 & 0.03 & 0.01\\0.15 & 0.2 & 0.01 & 0.02 & 0.11\\0.03 & 0.1 & 0.04 & 0.04 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$LT_{table} = w_{table} \cdot C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.03\\ 0.02\\ 0.04 \end{bmatrix}$$

Words get mapped to lower dimension

 $\rightarrow$  Hyperparameter to be set

# Dot product with (initial) weight vector

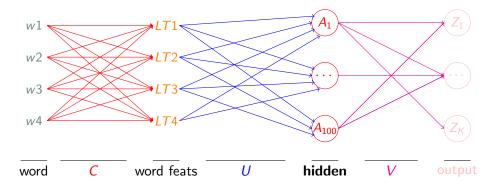
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$$LT_{table} = w_{table} \cdot C^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01\\ 0.01\\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

Feature vectors same for all words.

# Feedforward Neural Network with Lookup Table



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# Weight training

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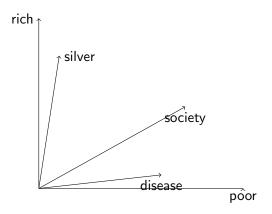
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Each word type gets a specific feature vector

# WORD EMBEDDINGS

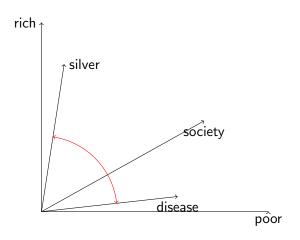
# Word Embeddings

• Representation of words in vector space



### Word Embeddings

- Similar words are close to each other
  - → Similarity is the cosine of the angle between two word vectors



# Underlying thoughts

- Assume the equivalence of:
  - ► Two words are semantically similar.
  - ► Two words occur in similar contexts (Miller & Charles, roughly).
  - ► Two words have similar word neighbors in the corpus.
- Elements of this are from Leibniz, Harris, Firth, and Miller.
- Strictly speaking, similarity of neighbors is neither necessary nor sufficient for semantic similarity.
- But perhaps this is good enough.

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# Learning word embeddings

#### Count-based methods:

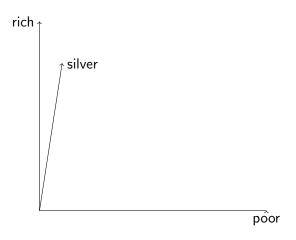
- Compute cooccurrence statistics
- Learn high-dimensional representation
- Map sparse high-dimensional vectors to small dense representation

# Word cooccurrence in Wikipedia

- corpus = English Wikipedia
- cooccurrence defined as occurrence within k = 10 words of each other
  - cooc.(rich,silver) = 186
  - cooc.(poor,silver) = 34
  - cooc.(rich,disease) = 17
  - cooc.(poor,disease) = 162
  - cooc.(rich,society) = 143
  - cooc.(poor,society) = 228

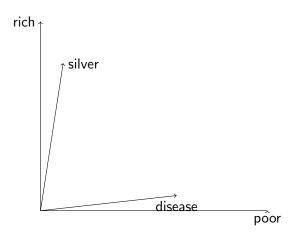
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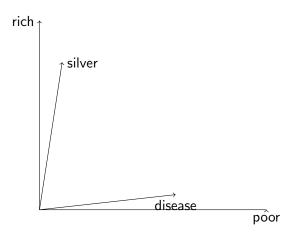
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# Coocurrence-based Word Space



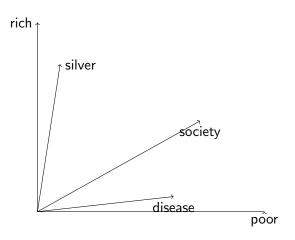
cooc.(poor,disease) = 162,cooc.(rich,disease) = 17.

### Exercise



ccooc.(poor,society)=228, cooc.(rich,society)=143 How is it represented?

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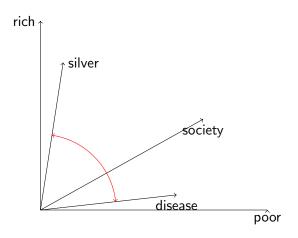
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## Dimensionality of word space

- Up to now we've only used two dimension words: rich and poor.
- ullet Do this for all possible words in a corpus o high-dimensional space
- Formally, there is no difference to a two-dimensional space with three vectors.
- Note: a word can have a dual role in word space.
  - ► Each word can, in principle, be a dimension word, an axis of the space.
  - But each word is also a vector in that space.

#### Adapted slide from Hinrich Schütze

## Semantic similarity



Similarity is the cosine of the angle between two word vectors

## Learning word embeddings

#### Count-based methods:

- Compute cooccurrence statistics
- Learn high-dimensional representation
- Map sparse high-dimensional vectors to small dense representation

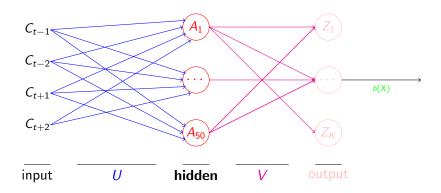
#### Neural networks:

- Predict a word from its neighbors
- Learn (small) embedding vectors

#### Word vectors with Neural Networks

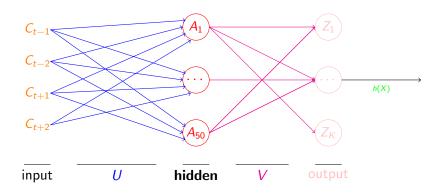
- LM Task: Given k previous words, predict the current word
  - $\rightarrow$  For each word w in V, model  $P(w_t|w_{t-1}, w_{t-2}, ..., w_{t-n})$
  - → Learn embeddings C of words
- Word embeddings learning task: Given k context words, predict the current word
  - → Learn embeddings C of words

## Network architecture



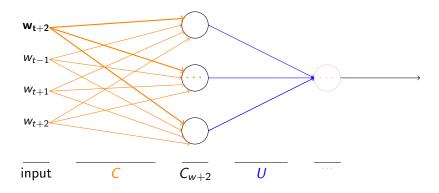
Given words  $w_{t-2}$ ,  $w_{t-1}$ ,  $w_{t+1}$  and  $w_{t+2}$ , predict  $w_t$  ("CBOW") Note: Bias terms omitted for simplicity

### Network architecture



We want the context vectors  $\rightarrow$  embed words in shared space Note: Bias terms omitted for simplicity

# Getting the Word Embeddings

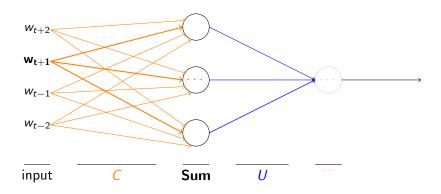


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# Simplifications

- Remove hidden layer
- Sum over all projections

## **Simplifications**



Remove hidden layer and sum over context Note: Bias terms omitted for simplicity

## Simplifications

- Single logistic unit instead of output layer
  - → No need for distribution over words (only vector representation)
  - → Task as binary classification problem:
    - Given input and weight matrix say if w<sub>t</sub> is current word
    - ▶ We know the correct  $w_t$ , how do we get the wrong ones?
      - → negative sampling

## Word2Vec

- BOW model (Mikolov. 2013)
- Skip-gram model:
  - ▶ Input is *w<sub>t</sub>*
  - ▶ Prediction is  $w_{t+2}$ ,  $w_{t+1}$ ,  $w_{t-1}$  and  $w_{t-2}$

## **Applications**

#### Semantic similarity:

- How similar are the words:
  - coast and shore; rich and money; happiness and disease; close and open
- WordSim-353 (Finkelstein et al. 2002)
  - Measure associations
- SimLex-999
  - Only measure semantic similarity

#### Other tasks:

 Use word embeddings as input features for other tasks (e.g. sentiment analysis, language modeling, named entity recognition)

## Recap

Cannot fit data with non-linear decision boundary with linear models

Solution: compose non-linear functions with neural networks

- $\rightarrow$  Successful in many NLP applications:
  - Language modeling
  - Learning word embeddings
- Feeding word embeddings into neural networks has proven successful in many NLP tasks, e.g.:
  - Sentiment Analysis
  - Named Entity Recognition

# Thank you!

## Backpropagation - Details

- The next slide shows the actual computation of backpropagation, showing the derivatives that are computed.
- The actual updates are also shown, these are more intuitive than the derivatives for many people.

## Backpropagation

### Compute derivatives in each hidden layer from layer above:

Compute derivative of error with respect to logit (output)

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial Z_i} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial O_i} \frac{\partial O_i}{\partial Z_i} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial O_i} O_i (1 - O_i) \text{ (Note: } O_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-Z_i}})$$

Compute derivative of error with respect to previous hidden unit

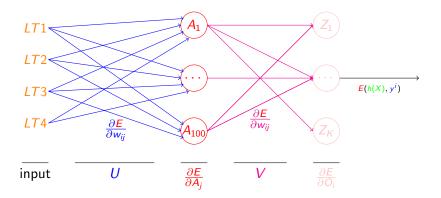
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial A_{j}} = \sum_{i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{Z}_{i}}{\partial A_{j}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_{i}} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{w}_{ji} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_{i}}$$

Compute derivative with respect to weights

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial w_{ji}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{Z}_i}{\partial w_{ji}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_i} = O_i \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_i}$$

→ Use **recursion** to do this for every layer

## Backpropagation



# Weight training

Training: Find weight matrices U and V such that h(X) is the **correct** answer as many times as possible.

- $\rightarrow$  Computation of h(X) with forward propagation
- $\rightarrow U$  and V with error back propagation

For each batch of training examples

- Forward propagation to get predictions
- Backpropagation of error
  - Gives gradient of E given input
- Modify weights (gradient descent)
- Goto 1 until convergence