Word Embeddings (more)

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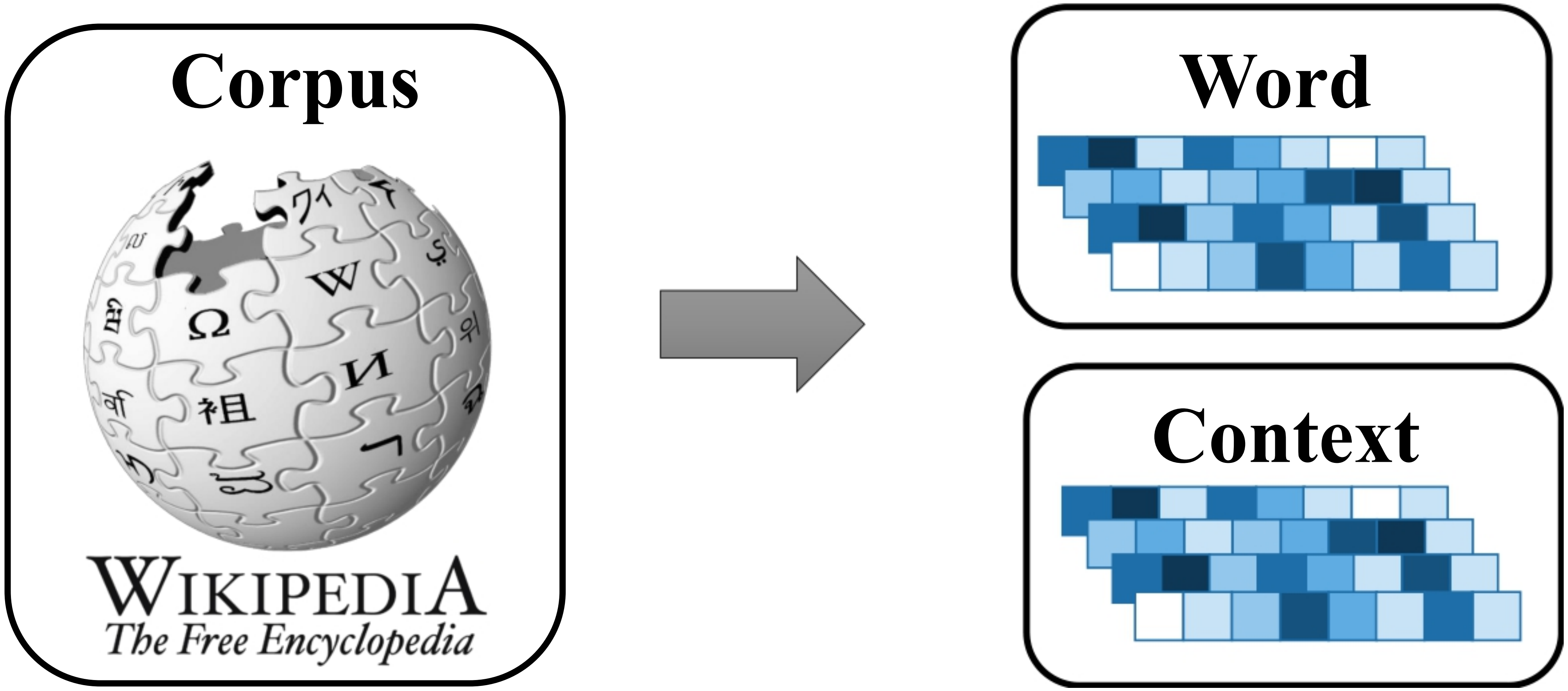
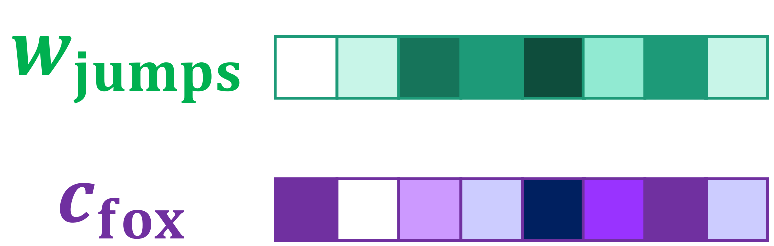
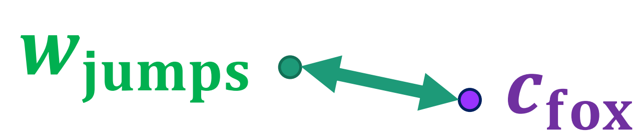
In SGNS (word2vec), why are word and context vectors separate?



Co-occurrence **jumps** , **fox**:

$$P(+ \mid w,c) = \sigma(\, w_{jumps}'\, c_{fox})$$





Suppose you see these sentences:

- Ong choi is delicious **sautéed with garlic**.
- Ong choi is superb **over rice**
- Ong choi **leaves** with salty sauces

And you've also seen these:

- …spinach **sautéed with garlic over rice**
- Chard stems and **leaves** are **delicious**
- Collard greens and other **salty** leafy greens

Conclusion:

- Ongchoi is a leafy green like spinach, chard, or collard greens
  - We could conclude this based on words like "leaves" and "delicious" and "sauteed"

embeddings may have larger-scale semantic structure?

- Hierarchical distributional word clusters, trained from tweets: http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~ark/TweetNLP/cluster_viewer.html
- What distinctions is it learning?

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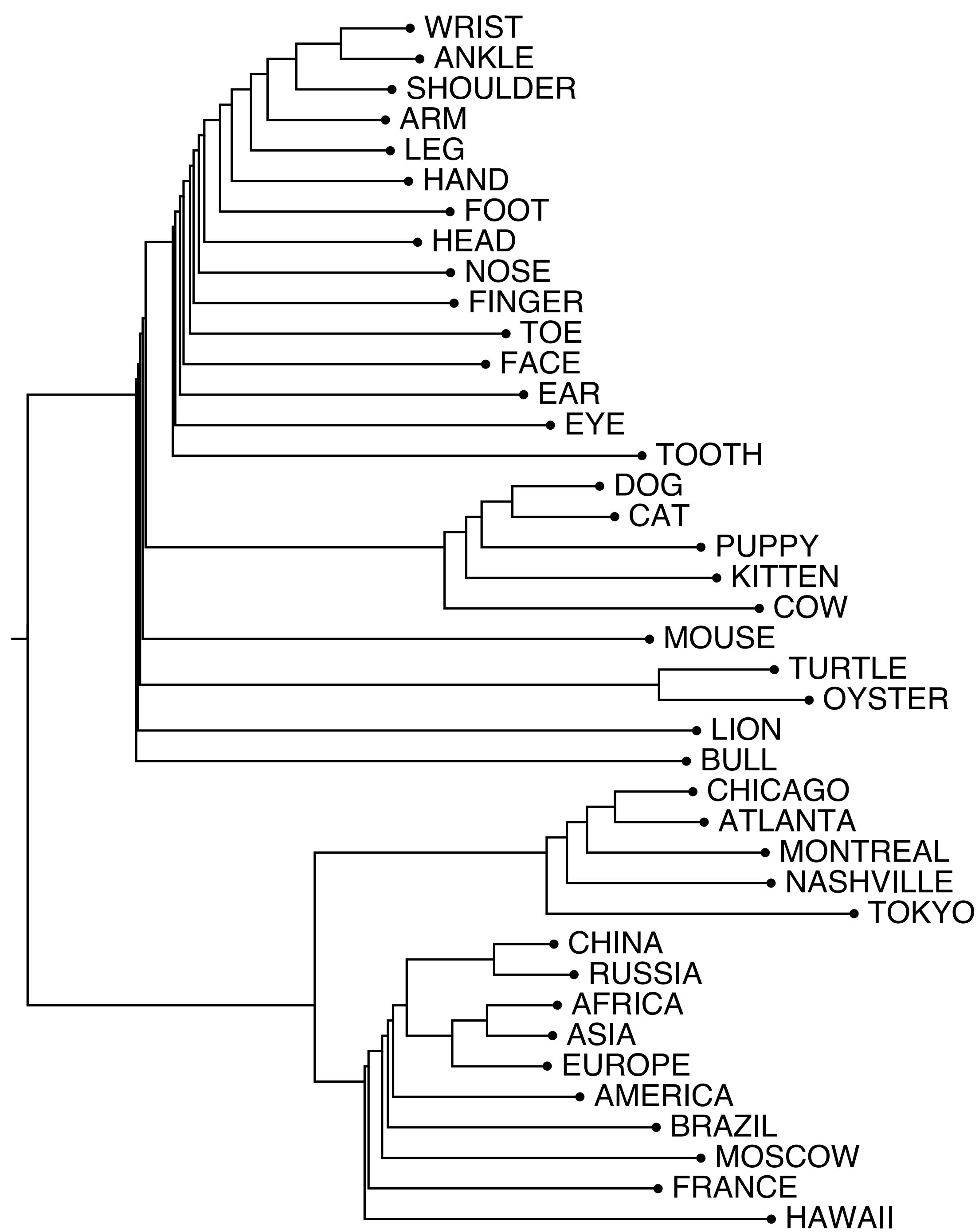

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Pretraining corpus is key

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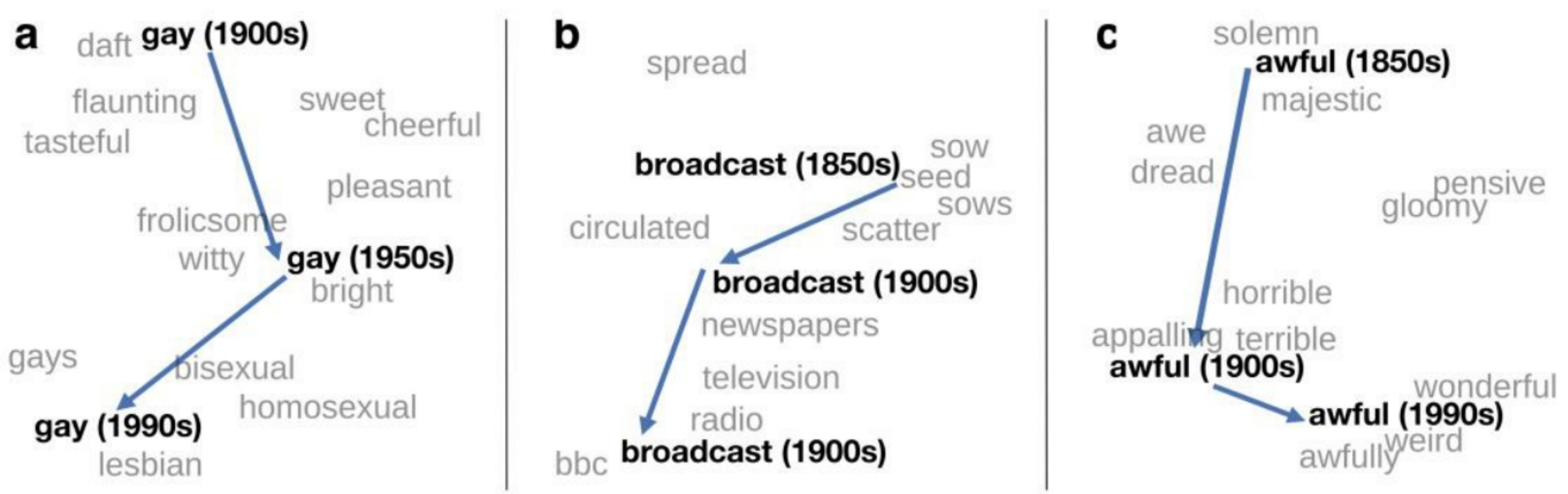
Word use over time
[Hamilton et al. 2016]



ok so what can we do with them?

- *Transfer learning* from large, unsup. corpus

- Document embeddings
  - 1. Supervised learning: Bag-of-Embeddings logreg
    - labeled train docs->labeled new docs
  - 2. Unsupervised learning / exploratory analysis
    - docs->[analysis]
- Wordlist-based inferences
  - 3. Semi-automatic dictionary expansion
    - (words->words)
  - 4. DDR: Distrib. Dict. Representations
    - (words->docs)

Unsup. learning with document embedding

- Example: tweets about mass shootings (Demszky et al. 2019)
    1. Average word embeddings => tweet embeddings
    2. Cluster tweets (k-means)
    3. Interpret clusters' words (closest to centroid)

Topic	**10 Nearest Stems**
news (19%)	break, custodi, #breakingnew, #updat, confirm, fatal, multipl, updat, unconfirm, sever
investigation (9%)	suspect, arrest, alleg, apprehend, custodi, charg, accus, prosecutor, #break, ap
shooter's identity & ideology (11%)	extremist, radic, racist, ideolog, label, rhetor, wing, blm, islamist, christian
victims & location (4%)	bar, thousand, california, calif, among, los, southern, veteran, angel, via
laws & policy (14%)	sensibl, regul, requir, access, abid, #gunreformnow, legisl, argument, allow, #guncontolnow
solidarity (13%)	affect, senseless, ach, heart, heartbroken, sadden, faculti, pray, #prayer, deepest
remembrance (6%)	honor, memori, tuesday, candlelight, flown, vigil, gather, observ, honour, capitol
other (23%)	dude, yeah, eat, huh, gonna, ain, shit, ass, damn, guess

Table 1: Our eight topics (with their average proportions across events) and nearest-neighbor stem embeddings to the cluster centroids. Topic names were manually assigned based on inspecting the tweets.

Sup. learning with document embedding

- Instead of bag-of-words, can we derive a latent embedding of a document/sentence?
  - "Bag of embeddings" or "averaged word embeddings" representation
  - You can use it just like a BOW logistic regression - it's just a different type of feature vector
  - Pros/cons?
- Especially for shorter texts, BoE LR typically outperforms BOW LR.

See: Arora et al. 2017

Application: doc sim to words

- Given a word list to represent a concept, can we score a document for how much it expresses that concept?
- DDR is a very simple embedding approach:
  - Average the word lists embeddings to create a concept vector
  - Average a doc's words to create a document vector
  - Apply cosine similarity!
- Supplying a set of keywords is *low-supervision*, or low-expertise, approach compared to labeling docs
  - Though you don't get a nice logreg probability (until you label some...)

[Garten et al. 2018]

LIWC "posemo" list

accept, accepta*, accepted, accepting, accepts, active*, admir*, ador*, advantag*, adventur*, affection*, agree, agreeab*, agreed, agreeing, agreement*, agrees, alright*, amaz*, amor*, amus*, aok, appreciat*, assur*, attachment*, attract*, award*, awesome, beaut*, beloved, benefic*, benefit, benefits, benefitt*, benevolen*, benign*, best, better, bless*, bold*, bonus*, brave*, bright*, brillian*, calm*, care, cared, carefree, careful*, cares, caring, casual, casually, certain*, challeng*, champ*, charit*, charm*, cheer*, cherish*, chuckl*, clever*, comed*, comfort*, commitment*, compassion*, compliment*, confidence, confident, confidently, considerate, contented*, contentment, convinc*, cool, courag*, create*, creati*, credit*, cute*, cutie*, daring, darlin*, dear*, definite, definitely, delectabl*, delicate*, delicious*, deligh*, determina*, determined, devot*, digni*, divin*, dynam*, eager*, ease*, easie*, easily, easiness, easing, easy*, ecsta*, efficien*, elegan*, encourag*, energ*, engag*, enjoy*, entertain*, enthus*, excel*, excit*, fab, fabulous*, faith*, fantastic*, favor*, favour*, fearless*, festiv*, fiesta*, fine, flatter*, flawless*, flexib*, flirt*, fond, fondly, fondness, forgave, forgiv*, free, freeb*, freed*, freeing, freely, freeness, freer, frees*, friend*, fun, funn*, genero*, gentle, gentler, gentlest, gently, giggl*, giver*, giving, glad, gladly, glamor*, glamour*, glori*, glory, good, goodness, gorgeous*, grace, graced, graceful*, graces, graci*, grand, grande*, gratef*, grati*, great, grin, grinn*, grins, ha, haha*, handsom*, happi*, happy, harmless*, harmon*, heartfelt, heartwarm*, heaven*, heh*, helper*, helpful*, helping, helps, hero*, hilarious, hoho*, honest*, honor*, honour*, hope, hoped, hopeful, hopefully, hopefulness, hopes, hoping, hug, hugg*, hugs, humor*, humour*, hurra*, ideal*, importan*, impress*, improve*, improving, incentive*, innocen*, inspir*, intell*, interest*, invigor*, joke*, joking, joll*, joy*, keen*, kidding, kind, kindly, kindn*, kiss*, laidback, laugh*, libert*, like, likeab*, liked, likes, liking, livel*, lmao, lol, love, loved, lovely, lover*, loves, loving*, loyal*, luck, lucked, lucki*, lucks, lucky, madly, magnific*, merit*, merr*, neat*, nice*, nurtur*, ok, okay, okays, oks, openminded*, openness, opport*, optimal*, optimi*, original, outgoing, painl*, palatabl*, paradise, partie*, party*, passion*, peace*, perfect*, play, played, playful*, playing, plays, pleasant*, please*, pleasing, pleasur*, popular*, positiv*, prais*, precious*, prettie*, pretty, pride, privileg*, prize*, profit*, promis*, proud*, radian*, readiness, ready, reassur*, relax*, relief, reliev*, resolv*, respect, revigor*, reward*, rich*, rofl, romanc*, romantic*, safe*, satisf*, save, scrumptious*, secur*, sentimental*, share, shared, shares, sharing, silli*, silly, sincer*, smart*, smil*, sociab*, soulmate*, special, splend*, strength*, strong*, succeed*, success*, sunnier, sunniest, sunny, sunshin*, super, superior*, support, supported, supporter*, supporting, supportive*, supports, suprem*, sure*, surpris*, sweet, sweetheart*, sweetie*, sweetly, sweetness*, sweets, talent*, tehe, tender*, terrific*, thank, thanked, thankf*, thanks, thoughtful*, thrill*, toleran*, tranquil*, treasur*, treat, triumph*, true, trueness, truer, truest, truly, trust*, truth*, useful*, valuabl*, value, valued, values, valuing, vigor*, vigour*, virtue*, virtuo*, vital*, warm*, wealth*, welcom*, well, win, winn*, wins, wisdom, wise*, won, wonderf*, worship*, worthwhile, wow*, yay, yays

Fig. 4 Nearest neighbors of the LIWC positive emotions dictionary

[Garten et al. 2018]

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  - The best word embedding releases document and explore the implications of how they chose their pretraining corpus.