# What's the Word?

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# Learning Target Function

**Classification Task** 

$$f(x) = y \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^M$$

*x*: input object to be classified*y*: class/label

→ a *N*-dim vector → a *M*-dim vector

Assume both x and y can be represented as fixed-size vectors

How do we represent the meaning of the word?

# Meaning Representations

- Definition of "Meaning"
- the idea that is represented by a word, phrase, etc.
- the idea that a person wants to express by using words, signs, etc.
- the idea that is expressed in a work of wri4ng, art, etc.

Goal: word representations that capture the relationships between words

**Knowledge-based representation** 

**Corpus-based representation** 

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- ✓Neighbors
  - High-dimensional sparse word vector
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    - Method 1 dimension reduction
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### **Knowledge-based representation**

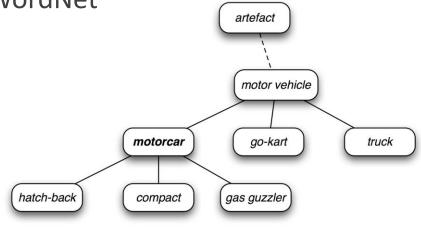
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### Hypernyms (is-a) relationships of WordNet

```
from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
panda = wn.synset('panda.n.01')
hyper = lambda s: s.hypernyms()
list(panda.closure(hyper))
```

```
[Synset('procyonid.n.01'),
Synset('carnivore.n.01'),
Synset('placental.n.01'),
Synset('mammal.n.01'),
Synset('vertebrate.n.01'),
Synset('chordate.n.01'),
Synset('chordate.n.01'),
Synset('animal.n.01'),
Synset('organism.n.01'),
Synset('living_thing.n.01'),
Synset('uhole.n.02'),
Synset('object.n.01'),
Synset('physical_entity.n.01'),
Synset('entity.n.01')]
```



### Issues:

- newly-invented words
- subjective
- annotation effort
- difficult to compute word similarity

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Atomic symbols: one-hot representation

car

Issues: difficult to compute the similarity (i.e. comparing "car" and "motorcycle")

 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{or}] \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{car} & \text{motorcycle} \end{bmatrix} = 0$ 

Idea: words with similar meanings often have similar neighbors

# Corpus-based representation

Co-occurrence matrix

• Neighbor definition: full document v.s. windows

### full document

word-document co-occurrence
matrix gives general topics
→ "Latent Semantic Analysis"

### windows

context window for each word
→ capture syntactic (e.g. POS)
and sematic information

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# Window-based Co-occurrence Matrix

### Example

- Window length=1
- Left or right context
- Corpus:

I love NTU. I love deep learning. I enjoy learning.

similarity > 0						
Counts	I	love	enjoy	NTU	deep	learning
I	0	2	1	0	0	0
love	2	0	0	1	1	0
enjoy	1	0	0	0	0	1
NTU	0	1	0	0	0	0
deep	0	1	0	0	0	1
learning	0	0	1	0	1	0

### Issues:

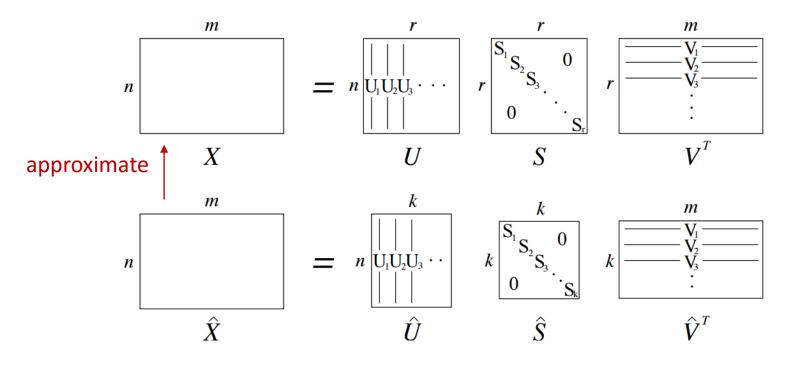
- matrix size increases with vocabulary
- high dimensional
- sparsity → poor robustness

Idea: low dimensional word vector

# Low-Dimensional Dense Word Vector

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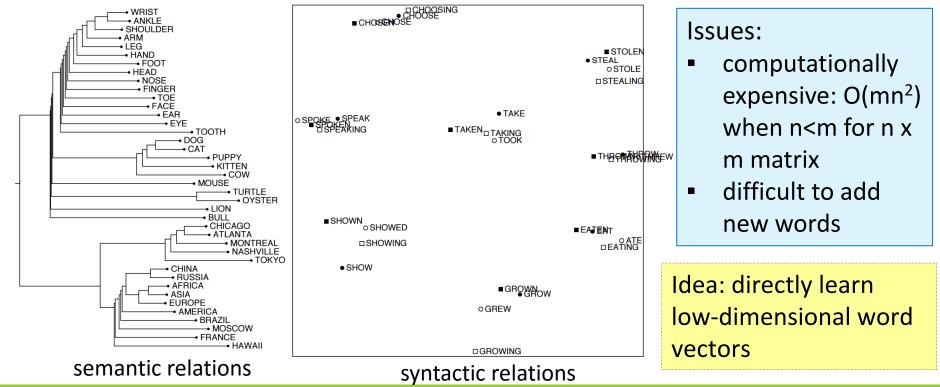
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Rohde et al., "An Improved Model of Semantic Similarity Based on Lexical Co-Occurrence," 2005.

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Method 2: directly learn low-dimensional word vectors

- Learning representations by back-propagation. (Rumelhart et al., 1986)
- A neural probabilis4c language model (Bengio et al., 2003)
- NLP (almost) from Scratch (Collobert & Weston, 2008)
- Recent and most popular models: word2vec (Mikolov et al. 2013) and Glove (Pennington et al., 2014)

# Word2Vec

Idea: predict surrounding words of each word

Benefit: faster, easily incorporate a new sentence/document or add a word to vocab

Goal: predict surrounding words within a window of each word

Objective function: maximize the log probability of any context word given the current center word

$$w_1, w_2, \cdots, w_{t-m}, \cdots, w_{t-1}, w_t w_{t+1}, \cdots, w_{t+m}, \cdots, w_{T-1}, w_T$$
  
$$context window (size=m)$$
  
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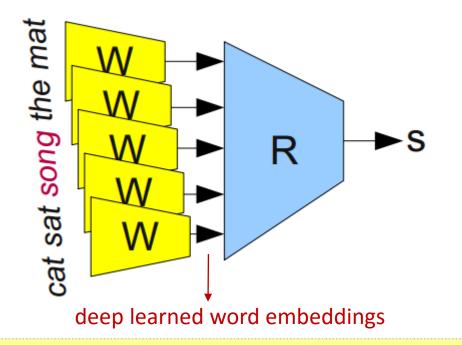
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$$p(o \mid c) = \frac{\exp(u_{o}^{T} v_{c})}{\sum_{w} \exp(u_{w}^{T} v_{c})} \xrightarrow{\text{target word vector}} w_{t}$$
outside center

representation learning via deep learning  $\rightarrow$  called "word embeddings"

# Major Advantages of Word Embeddings

Propagate *any* information into them via neural networks • form the basis for all language-related tasks



The networks, R and Ws, can be updated during model training

# **Concluding Remarks**

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