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Sequence Modeling
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Applied Deep Learning

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How to Frame the Learning Problem?

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$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

Input domain: word, word sequence, audio signal, click logs

Output domain: single label, sequence tags, tree structure, probability distribution

Output Domain – Classification

Sentiment Analysis

“這規格有誠意!” → +

“太爛了吧~” → -

Speech Phoneme Recognition



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Handwritten Recognition



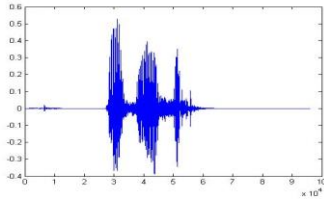
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Output Domain – Sequence Prediction

POS Tagging

“推薦我台大後門的餐廳” → 推薦/VV 我/PN 台大/NR 後門/NN
的/DEG 餐廳/NN

Speech Recognition



→ “大家好”

Machine Translation

“How are you doing today?” → “你好嗎?”

Learning tasks are decided by the output domains

Input Domain – How to Aggregate Information

Input: word sequence, image pixels, audio signal, click logs

Property: continuity, temporal, importance distribution

Example

- CNN (convolutional neural network): local connections, shared weights, pooling
 - AlexNet, VGGNet, etc.
- RNN (recurrent neural network): temporal information
- RvNN (recursive neural network): compositionality

Network architectures should consider the input domain properties

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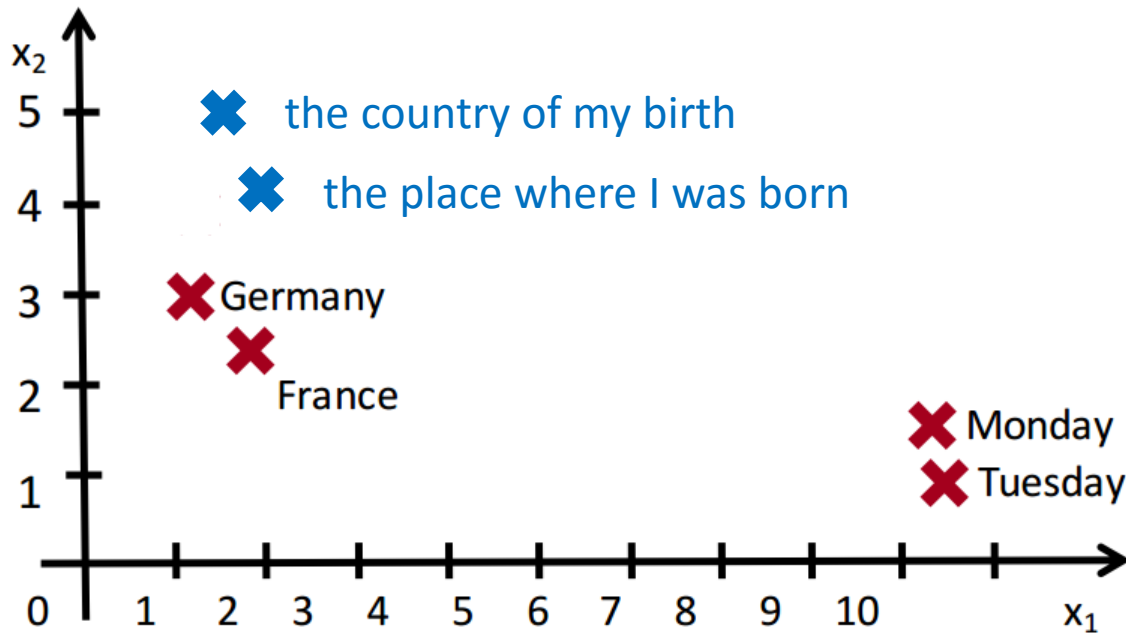
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Network design should leverage input and output domain properties

Review

Word Vector Space

The words can be represented as vectors in the high-dim space



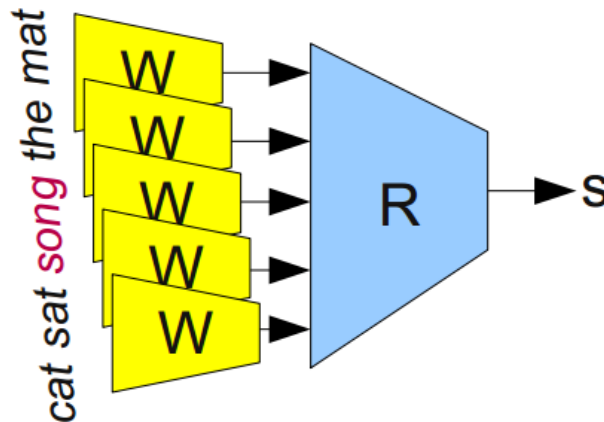
How can we represent the meaning of longer phrases?

Mapping them into same vector space!!

Word Embedding Benefit

Given an unlabeled training corpus, produce a vector for each word that encodes its semantic information. These vectors are useful because:

- ① semantic similarity between two words can be calculated as the cosine similarity between their corresponding word vectors
- ② word vectors as powerful features for various supervised NLP tasks since the vectors contain semantic information
- ③ propagate any information into them via neural networks and update during training



Target Function

Classification Task

$$f(x) = y \quad \longrightarrow \quad f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$$

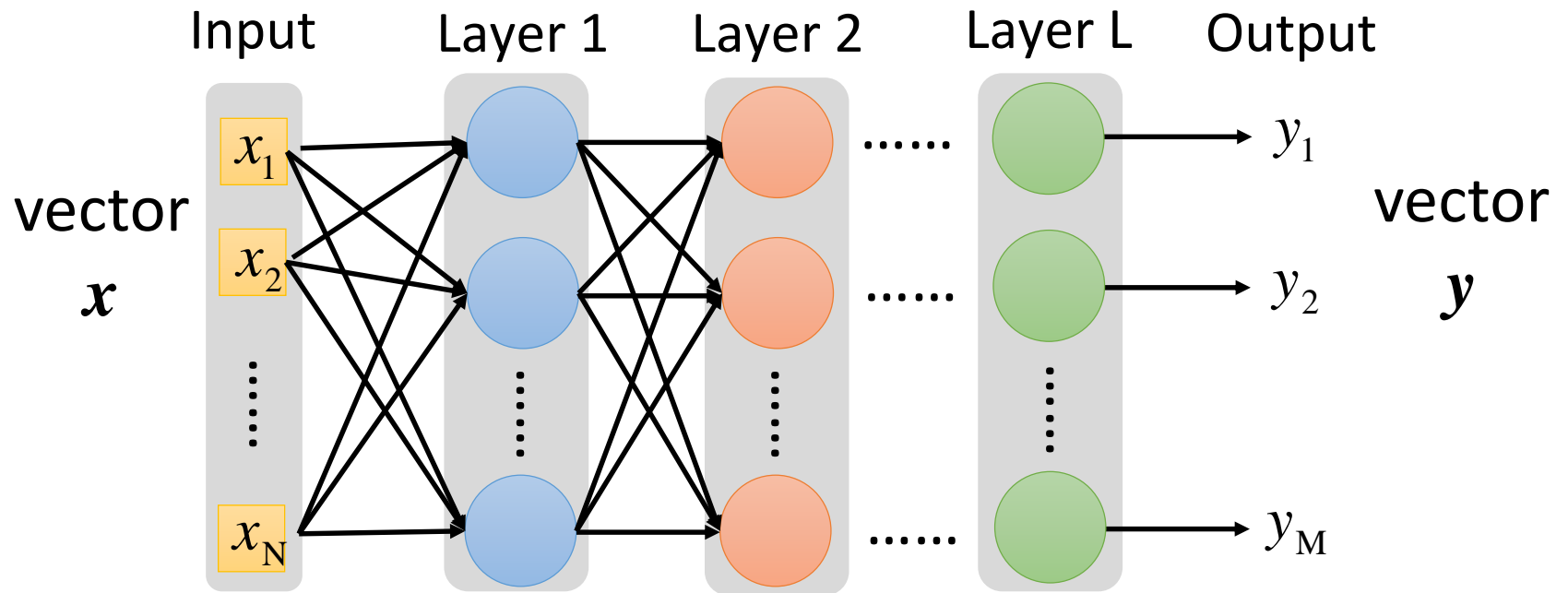
- x : input object to be classified \rightarrow a N -dim vector
- y : class/label \rightarrow a M -dim vector

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

How to use word embeddings for the subsequent tasks

Deep Neural Networks (DNN) $f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$

Fully connected feedforward network



From input vector x to output class vector y

Word Sequence as a Vector

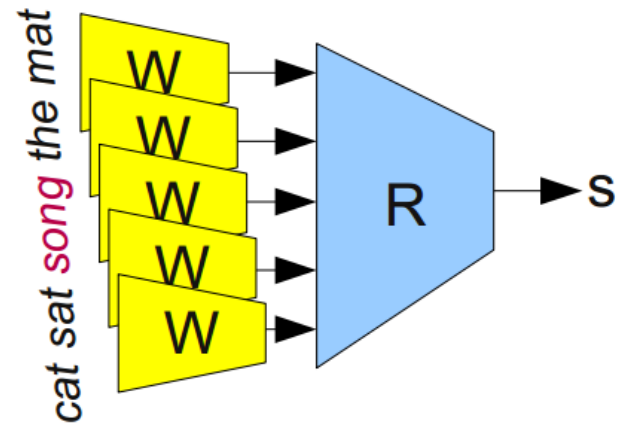
Combine word embeddings into a single input vector

“這規格有誠意!” \longrightarrow +

“太爛了吧~” \longrightarrow -

這 (this)	$[0.2 \ 0.6 \ 0.3 \ \dots \ 0.4]$
規格 (specification)	$[0.9 \ 0.8 \ 0.1 \ \dots \ 0.1]$
有 (have)	$[0.1 \ 0.3 \ 0.1 \ \dots \ 0.7]$
誠意 (sincerity)	$[0.5 \ 0.0 \ 0.6 \ \dots \ 0.4]$

$$\vec{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ \dots \ x_N]$$



How to compute x ?

Semantic Vector Space

single word vector

document vector



Single word vector

- Distributional representation
- Useful features inside models
- Cannot capture meaning of longer phrases

Document vector

- Bag of words models
- PCA/LSA/LDA
- Great for IR, document exploration
- Ignore word ordering, no detail understanding

Vectors representing *Phrases* and *Sentences* with word order and capture semantics for NLP tasks

Sequence Modeling

Idea: aggregate the meaning from all words into a vector

→ *Compositionality*

Method:

- Basic combination: average, sum
- Neural combination:
 - ✓ Recursive neural network (RvNN)
 - ✓ Recurrent neural network (RNN)
 - ✓ Convolutional neural network (CNN)

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N-dim

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How to compute $\vec{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ \cdots \ x_N]$