

ONE CONCEPT to rule them all: Neural network embeddings use cases beyond NLP

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01 Embeddings

What they are?

Embeddings: what are they?

- 1. In general embedding is a mapping from a discrete variable to a vector of continuous numbers.
- More importantly the dimensionality of these vectors is much lower than e.g. traditional one-hot encoding.
- 3. Weights used to build such a vector are then used to train the network.
- 4. Following one of the definitions from the literature, we can say that:

each core feature is embedded into a d dimensional space, and represented as a vector in that space. The dimension d is usually much smaller than the number of features, i.e., each item in a vocabulary (...). the embeddings (the vector representation of each core feature) are treated as parameters of the network, and are trained like the other parameters of the function f.

Goldberg, Y., 2017. Neural network methods for natural language processing. *Synthesis lectures on human language technologies*, *10*(1), p. 90

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Embeddings: what are they?

- 5. Additionally, an important property of embeddings is the fact, that each of the newly created dimensions can carry and emphasize different aspect of the original feature.
- 6. Therefore visualizations can potentially capture such a meaning and allow **easier interpretation** of embeddings.
- 7. From the computational perspective embeddings reduce the dimensionality, which is good for almost any machine learning model.



Embeddings: what they are?

One-hot encoding

- Dimensionality is the same as original features
- Features are independent from each other
- No way to judge which features appear in a similar context
- No easy way to visualize features

Embeddings

- Dimensionality of each feature representation is *d* where *d* ≪ dim(*feature*)
- Features sharing similar properties will be represented in a similar way
- Maintains the distance and the notion of context between features
- Can be visualized as points in low-dimensional space

02 NLP

A typical use cases



NLP: a typical use cases

- 1. Typical NLP use cases include low-dimensionality representation of word vocabulary.
- 2. The procedure when working with a text (classification/topic recognition/etc.) usually looks as follows:
 - a) Limit allowed words (vocabulary) to some number
 - b) Filter stop-words (specific for a given language) and keep the remaining ones
 - c) Perform stemming/lemmatization
 - d) Reduce the size of vocabulary by performing embeddings in the context
- 3. Depending on the specific task resulting embeddings might help to **find words sharing similar properties**:
 - a) For classification words belonging to the same class will be close together
 - b) For entity recognition words describing entity will be close together





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Algorithms

for training embeddings

Algorithms for embeddings

- 1. There are several approaches on how to train embedding weights most of the algorithms are designed primarily to **train embeddings on their own.**
- 2. There are different conceptual approaches to embedding training, e.g.:
 - a) Based on classification words appearing in the same context are treated as "positive" class, other words as "negative" class
 - b) Based on the frequency of word co-occurence
- 3. In each case, an important issue is to define a "context", or in other words: "closeness".
- 4. Especially problematic is a sampling of "negative" (not-related) words

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Algorithms for embeddings

Word2Vec

- 1. Based on the **classification** approach.
- 2. **Predict** a given word, from its context.
- 3. Learned weights are embeddings.
- 4. First requires to one-hot encode (can be sparse) of all vocabulary
- 5. Two main prediction directions:
 - a) CBOW (continuous bag of words) predict "central" word from surrounding
 - a) Skip-gram model predict surrounding words from "central" word



Skip-gram

Mikolov, T., Chen, K., Corrado, G. and Dean, J., 2013. Efficient estimation of word representations in vector space. arXiv preprint arXiv:1301.3781.





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Algorithms for embeddings

GloVe

- 1. Glove is based on the frequency of co-occurrence matrix decomposition.
- 2. It requires first to build VxV matrix of vocabulary words cooccurrence, where each cell v_{ij} represents a number of cooccurrences of the word i and j in the defined context.
- 3. Then a co-occurrence matrix **should be transformed** to get a matrix of occurence probability ratio.
- 4. In reality this matrix is approximated by a neural network performing decomposition and reconstruction (like in autoencoders).

GloVe: Global Vectors for Word Representation

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Abstract

Recent methods for learning vector space representations of words have succeeded in capturing fine-grained semantic and syntactic regularities using vector arithmetic, but the origin of these regularities has remained opaque. We analyze and make explicit the model properties needed for such regularities to emerge in word vectors. The result is a new global logbilinear regression model that combines the advantages of the two major model families in the literature: global matrix factorization and local context window methods. Our model efficiently leverages the finer structure of the word vector space by examining not the scalar distance between word vectors, but rather their various dimensions of difference. For example, the analogy "king is to queen as man is to woman" should be encoded in the vector space by the vector equation king queen = man - woman. This evaluation scheme favors models that produce dimensions of meaning, thereby capturing the multi-clustering idea of distributed representations (Bengio, 2009).

The two main model families for learning word vectors are: 1) global matrix factorization methods, such as latent semantic analysis (LSA) (Deerwester et al., 1990) and 2) local context window methods, such as the skip-gram model of Mikolov

Pennington, J., Socher, R. and Manning, C.D., 2014, October. Glove: Global vectors for word representation. In *Proceedings of the 2014 conference on empirical methods in natural language processing (EMNLP)* (pp. 1532-1543).



Algorithms for embeddings

GloVe

Sent. 1.: water changes into gas or steam Sent. 2: ice changes into steam

	water	changes	into	gas	or	steam
water	1	1	1	1	1	1
changes	1	2	2	1	1	2
into	1	2	2	1	1	2
gas	1	1	1	1	1	1
or	1	1	1	1	1	1
steam	1	2	2	1	1	2

Probability and Ratio	k = solid	k = gas	k = water	k = fashion
P(k ice)	1.9×10^{-4}	6.6×10^{-5}	3.0×10^{-3}	1.7×10^{-5}
P(k steam)	2.2×10^{-5}	7.8×10^{-4}	2.2×10^{-3}	1.8×10^{-5}
P(k ice)/P(k steam)	8.9	8.5×10^{-2}	1.36	0.96

Matrix of raw co-occurence X

 $J = \sum_{i,j=1}^{v} f(X_{ij}) (w_i^T \cdot w_j + b_i + b_j - \log X_{ij})^2$

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Tabular data

Embeddings use in tabular classification

Tabular data

1. Embeddings can be used instead of one-hot encoding as a part of the classification process.

- 2. They should be included right after the input layer.
- 3. After full classification training loop embeddings will be a supervised discrete data representation.
- 4. Embedding **dimensionality** can be much lower than one-hot, with a possibility to visualize it.
- 5. Such embeddings can be interpreter directly, unlike the One-hot-encoding.

Weight	Breed	 Class		Weight	Breed feature 1	Breed feature 2	Class	0.20 -	label • rr • cat • dog
3 kg	Persian	Cat	dr Fi	3 kg	0.1	0.12	Cat	0.18 -	
2 kg	Sphinx	Cat	ombodding	2 kg	0.09	0.1	Cat	2 0.16 - 2 0.14 -	
8 kg	French bulldog	Dog	embedding	8 kg	0.19	0.19	Dog	0.12 -	e persian
50 kg	Mastiff	Dog	of E	50 kg	0.18	0.21	Dog	0.10 -	• sphinx 0.10 0.12 0.14 0.16 0.18

Tabular data: example

RESULTS DATA MODEL

Adult census dataset – binary classification (earnings: >50K\$, <=50K\$) with demographic features

age	workclass	fnlwgt	education	education.num	marital.status	occupation	relationship	race	sex	capital.gain	capital.loss	hours.per.week	native.cou
90	?	77053	HS-grad	9	Widowed	?	Not-in-family	White	Female	0	4356	40	United-S
82	Private	132870	HS-grad	9	Widowed	Exec- managerial	Not-in-family	White	Female	0	4356	18	United-S
66	?	186061	Some- college	10	Widowed	?	Unmarried	Black	Female	0	4356	40	United-S
54	Private	140359	7th-8th	4	Divorced	Machine- op-inspct	Unmarried	White	Female	0	3900	40	United-S
41	Private	264663	Some- college	10	Separated	Prof- specialty	Own-child	White	Female	0	3900	40	United-S

relationship capital.gain education hours.per.week capital.loss age fnlwat marital.status native.country sex race occupation Class 0 workclass

0.05

0.10

0.15

0.20

0.25

0.30



Using "classic ML" models we might suspect, that some attributes help in predicting classes.

- How exactly are feature values related to classes ٠
- Can we group certain feture values together? ٠
- Can we visualize it? ٠







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Recommendations

Embeddings in a collaborative filtering



Recommendations

- Embeddings can be used in recommendation engines they can replace the Collaborative Filtering algorithm.
- 2. Given **user id**, **item id** it can be used to perform matrix decomposition:
 - a) User to latent features mapping describe users' "taste"
 - b) Item to latent features mapping describe items features
- 3. The neural network performs a rating matrix reconstruction.
- 4. Then each embedding can be interpreted as a **mapping from a discrete space** of users & items to a common space of **latent features**.
- 5. Example algorithms:
 - a) AutoRec based on autoencoders as recommendation engines
 - b) DeepAutoRec guess what ©
 - c) Extreme Deep Factorization Machines variation of the above with additional feature interactions





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Classic ratings matrix decomposition approach



Rajaraman, A. and Ullman, J.D., 2011. Mining of massive datasets. Cambridge University Press.

Recommendations

User / item embedding

Movie\ohe						Movie\latent feature	Science fiction	Horro
Matrix	1	0	0	0		Matrix	2.98	0.00
Blade Runner	0	1	0	0		Blade Runner	1.23	0.02
The Ring	0	0	1	0		The Ring	0.1	1.11
Dracula	0	0	0	1		Dracula	0.5	1.32
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User\Movie	Matrix	Blade Runner	The Ring	Dracula	
U1	5	5	3	2	
U2	4	5	1	1	
U3	1	2	4	4	
U4	2	2	5	5	

User\latent feature	Science fiction	Horror
U1	0.9	0.1
U2	0.85	0.0
U3	0.11	0.8
U4	0.2	1.0

Recommendations

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 $h(\mathbf{r}; \theta) = f(\mathbf{W} \cdot g(\mathbf{Vr} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) + \mathbf{b})$

AutoRec

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Deep Auto Rec

Kuchaiev, O., Ginsburg, B. (2017). Training deep autoencoders for collaborative filtering. ArXiv Preprint ArXiv:1708.01715.

Extreme Deep Factorization Machines

Lian, J., Zhou, X., Zhang, F., Chen, Z., Xie, X., Sun, G. (2018). xdeepfm: Combining explicit and implicit feature interactions for recommender systems. Proceedings of the 24th ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining, 1754–1763.

Recommendations: example

MODEL

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RESULTS

Movielens: 100'000 ratings, 9'000 movies, 6'000 users

userId	uid	movieId	mid	rating
1	0	1	0	4.0
1	0	3	2	4.0
1	0	6	5	4.0
1	0	47	43	5.0
1	0	50	46	5.0
1	0	70	62	3.0
1	0	101	89	5.0
1	0	110	97	4.0
1	0	151	124	5.0
1	0	157	130	5.0
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Ids need to be consecutive numbers



Recommendations: example

DATA MODEL RESULTS

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06 Frequent items

Embeddings as a tool for market basket problems.

Frequent items

- 1. Frequent items problems are the primary tool for market basket analysis[.]
 - a) Which goods do customers buy often?
 - b) Which goods are bought together in pairs/triplets/etc.?
 - c) Are there any rare connections between products?
- 2. Typically, this kind of problems was solved by algorithms like:
 - a) A priori historically the first algorithm
 - b) FpGrowth much more effective implementation
- 3. Embeddings can be used in a similar way as in recommendation engine
 - a) Items bought together will show up close to each other.
 - b) One can investigate a space to find its neighbors. surrounding a single item.
 - c) We can use algorithms used in language processing, like Word2Vec in gensim



Tan, P.N., Steinbach, M. and Kumar, V., 2016. *Introduction to data mining*. Pearson Education India.



DATA

Online retail Kaggle Dataset, 3921 items, 4338 users

MODEL

InvoiceNo	StockCode	Description	Quantity	InvoiceDate	UnitPrice	CustomerID
536365	85123A	WHITE HANGING HEART T-LIGHT HOLDER	6	2010-12-01 08:26:00	2.55	17850.0
536365	71053	WHITE METAL LANTERN	6	2010-12-01 08:26:00	3.39	17850.0
536365	84406B	CREAM CUPID HEARTS COAT HANGER	8	2010-12-01 08:26:00	2.75	17850.0

RESULTS

Express data as "transactions":

- a list of items that user **buys in one go**
- each transaction is like a "sentence" in NLP

Transaction 1	User 1	Item 1, Item2, Item 3
Transaction 2	User 1	Item 2, Item 3
Transaction 3	User 2	Item 1, Item 3, Item 4



RESULTS

- 1. Use **word2vec** from NLP world
- 2. "Vocabulary" are all items

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- 3. "Context" is a single transaction
- 4. Finding similar items nearest neigbors in an embeddings space

MODEL

Prepare "sentences" - transactions

Word2Vec == Item2Vec

```
1 transactions = []
2 for grp, data in valid_market_data.groupby("InvoiceNo"):
3     tran = data.iid.astype(str).to_list()
4     transactions.append(tran)
5
6 model = Word2Vec(transactions, min_count=1)
7 X = model[model.wv.vocab]
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Frequent items

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1 item = 'black baroque wall clock'
2 for item in find_most_similar(model, item):
3 print(item)
4
5 > 'acrylic geometric lamp'
6 > 'black baroque carriage clock'
7 > 'white baroque wall clock'
8 > 'eau de nil love bird candle'
9 > 'red hearts light chain'
10 > 'pink love bird candle'
11 > 'pink hearts light chain'
12 > 'set/6 eau de nil bird t-lights'
13 > 'set/6 black bird t-light candles'
14 > 'green bitty light chain'

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1 item = 'fancy font birthday card' 2 for item in find_most_similar(model, item): 3 print(item) 4 5 >'elephant birthday card' 6 >'gin & tonic diet greeting card' 7 >'vintage kid dolly card' 8 >'cowboys and indians birthday card' 9 >'skulls greeting card' 10 >'robot birthday card' 11 >'booze & women greeting card' 12 >'swallows greeting card' 13 >'penny farthing birthday card' 14 >'ring of roses birthday card'

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