Word Embeddings

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(many slides from Greg Durrett)
Homework 2 due next Tuesday

Reading: Eisenstein 3.3.4, 14.5, 14.6, J+M 6
Recall: Feedforward NNs

\[ P(y|x) = \text{softmax}(Wg(Vf(x))) \]

- \( n \) features
- \( d \times n \) matrix
- nonlinearity (tanh, relu, ...)
- \( d \) hidden units
- \( num\_classes \times d \) matrix
- \( num\_classes \)
- probs
Recall: Backpropagation

\[ P(y|x) = \text{softmax}(Wg(Vf(x))) \]
This Lecture

- Training
- Word representations
- word2vec/GloVe
- Evaluating word embeddings
Training Tips
Batching data gives speedups due to more efficient matrix operations

Need to make the computation graph process a batch at the same time

```python
# input is [batch_size, num_feats]
# gold_label is [batch_size, num_classes]
def make_update(input, gold_label):
    ...  
    probs = ffnn.forward(input)  # [batch_size, num_classes]
    loss = torch.sum(torch.neg(torch.log(probs)).dot(gold_label))
    ...
```

Batch sizes from 1-100 often work well
Training Basics

- Basic formula: compute gradients on batch, use first-order optimization method (SGD, Adagrad, etc.)

- How to initialize? How to regularize? What optimizer to use?

- This lecture: some practical tricks. Take deep learning or optimization courses to understand this further
How does initialization affect learning?

\[ P(y|x) = \text{softmax}(Wg(Vf(x))) \]

- How do we initialize V and W? What consequences does this have?
- \textit{Nonconvex} problem, so initialization matters!
Nonlinear model...how does this affect things?

- **Tanh**: If cell activations are too large in absolute value, gradients are small.

- **ReLU**: larger dynamic range (all positive numbers), but can produce big values, and can break down if everything is too negative (“dead” ReLU)

Krizhevsky et al. (2012)
Initialization

1) Can’t use zeroes for parameters to produce hidden layers: all values in that hidden layer are always 0 and have gradients of 0, never change

2) Initialize too large and cells are saturated

- Can do random uniform / normal initialization with appropriate scale

- Xavier initializer: \( U \left[ -\sqrt{\frac{6}{\text{fan-in + fan-out}}} , +\sqrt{\frac{6}{\text{fan-in + fan-out}}} \right] \)

- Want variance of inputs and gradients for each layer to be the same

Batch normalization (Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015): periodically shift+rescale each layer to have mean 0 and variance 1 over a batch (useful if net is deep)

https://medium.com/@shiyan/xavier-initialization-and-batch-normalization-my-understanding-b5b91268c25c
Dropout

- Probabilistically zero out parts of the network during training to prevent overfitting, use whole network at test time
- Form of stochastic regularization
- Similar to benefits of ensembling: network needs to be robust to missing signals, so it has redundancy
- One line in Pytorch/Tensorflow

Srivastava et al. (2014)
Adam (Kingma and Ba, ICLR 2015) is very widely used

- Adaptive step size like Adagrad, incorporates momentum
Wilson et al. NIPS 2017: adaptive methods can actually perform badly at test time (Adam is in pink, SGD in black)

Check dev set periodically, decrease learning rate if not making progress
Four Elements of NNs

- **Model**: feedforward, RNNs, CNNs can be defined in a uniform framework.
- **Objective**: many loss functions look similar, just changes the last layer of the neural network.
- **Inference**: define the network, your library of choice takes care of it (mostly...)
- **Training**: lots of choices for optimization/hyperparameters.
Word Representations
Word Representations

- Neural networks work very well at continuous data, but words are discrete.
- Continuous model <-> expects continuous semantics from input.
- “You shall know a word by the company it keeps” Firth (1957)

[Finch and Chater 92, Shuetze 93, many others]

slide credit: Dan Klein
Discrete Word Representations

- Brown clusters: hierarchical agglomerative *hard* clustering (each word has one cluster, not some posterior distribution like in mixture models)

- Maximize

\[ P(w_i | w_{i-1}) = P(c_i | c_{i-1})P(w_i | c_i) \]

- Useful features for tasks like NER, not suitable for NNs

Brown et al. (1992)
Word Embeddings

- Part-of-speech tagging with FFNNs
- Word embeddings for each word form input
- What properties should these vectors have?

Fed raises interest rates in order to ...

Botha et al. (2017)
Deep Averaging Networks: feedforward neural network on average of word embeddings from input

\[ h_1 = f(W_1 \cdot av + b_1) \]
\[ h_2 = f(W_2 \cdot h_1 + b_2) \]
\[ av = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{c_i}{4} \]
Word Embeddings

- Want a vector space where similar words have similar embeddings.

\[ \text{the movie was great} \]
\[ \simeq \]
\[ \text{the movie was good} \]

- Goal: come up with a way to produce these embeddings.

- For each word, want “medium” dimensional vector (50-300 dims) representing it.
word2vec/GloVe
Neural Probabilistic Language Model

Figure 1: Neural architecture: \( f(i, w_{t-1}, \ldots, w_{t-n+1}) = g(i, C(w_{t-1}), \ldots, C(w_{t-n+1})) \) where \( g \) is the neural network and \( C(i) \) is the \( i \)-th word feature vector.

Bengio et al. (2003)
word2vec: Continuous Bag-of-Words

- Predict word from context

\[ P(w|w_{-1}, w_{+1}) = \text{softmax} \left( W(c(w_{-1}) + c(w_{+1})) \right) \]

- Parameters: \( d \times |V| \) (one \( d \)-length context vector per voc word), \(|V| \times d\) output parameters (W)

Mikolov et al. (2013)
word2vec: Skip-Gram

- Predict one word of context from word

**d-dimensional word embeddings**

```
bit -| W | softmax
\[ \text{size}\ |V| \times d \]
```

- Another training example: *bit -> the*

- Parameters: \( d \times |V| \) vectors, \(|V| \times d\) output parameters \((W)\) (also usable as vectors!)

\[
P(w' \mid w) = \text{softmax}(We(w))
\]

Mikolov et al. (2013)
Hierarchical Softmax

\[ P(w|w_{-1}, w_{+1}) = \text{softmax} \left( W(c(w_{-1}) + c(w_{+1})) \right) \quad P(w'|w) = \text{softmax}(W e(w)) \]

- Matmul + softmax over \(|V|\) is very slow to compute for CBOW and SG

- Standard softmax:
  \[ O(|V|) \text{ dot products of size } d \]
  - per training instance per context word

- Hierarchical softmax:
  \[ O(\log(|V|)) \text{ dot products of size } d, \]
  \[ |V| \times d \text{ parameters} \]

- Huffman encode vocabulary, use binary classifiers to decide which branch to take
  \[ \log(|V|) \text{ binary decisions} \]

Mikolov et al. (2013)
Skip-Gram with Negative Sampling

- Take (word, context) pairs and classify them as “real” or not. Create random negative examples by sampling from unigram distribution

  \[(bit, the) \Rightarrow +1\]
  \[(bit, cat) \Rightarrow -1\]
  \[(bit, a) \Rightarrow -1\]
  \[(bit, fish) \Rightarrow -1\]

- \(d \times |V|\) vectors, \(d \times |V|\) context vectors (same # of params as before)

- Objective = \(\log P(y = 1|w, c) - \sum_{i=1}^{k} \log P(y = 0|w_i, c)\)

\[P(y = 1|w, c) = \frac{e^{w \cdot c}}{e^{w \cdot c} + 1}\]

Mikolov et al. (2013)
Connections with Matrix Factorization

- Skip-gram model looks at word-word co-occurrences and produces two types of vectors

- Looks almost like a matrix factorization...can we interpret it this way?

Levy et al. (2014)
Skip-Gram as Matrix Factorization

\[ M_{ij} = \text{PMI}(w_i, c_j) - \log k \]

PMI\((w_i, c_j) = \frac{P(w_i, c_j)}{P(w_i)P(c_j)} = \frac{\text{count}(w_i, c_j)}{D} \frac{D}{\text{count}(w_i) \text{count}(c_j)} \]

Skip-gram objective *exactly* corresponds to factoring this matrix:

- *If* we sample negative examples from the uniform distribution over words
- ...and it’s a *weighted* factorization problem (weighted by word freq)

Levy et al. (2014)
GloVe (Global Vectors)

- Also operates on counts matrix, weighted regression on the log co-occurrence matrix

\[
\text{Loss} = \sum_{i,j} f(\text{count}(w_i, c_j)) \left( w_i^\top c_j + a_i + b_j - \log \text{count}(w_i, c_j) \right)^2
\]

- Constant in the dataset size (just need counts), quadratic in voc size

- By far the most common word vectors used today (10000+ citations)

Pennington et al. (2014)
How to handle different word senses? One vector for \textit{balls}.

Train a neural language model to predict the next word given previous words in the sentence, use its internal representations as word vectors.

\textit{Context-sensitive} word embeddings: depend on rest of the sentence.

\textit{Huge} improvements across nearly all NLP tasks over word2vec & GloVe.

Peters et al. (2018)
Evaluation
Evaluating Word Embeddings

- What properties of language should word embeddings capture?
- Similarity: similar words are close to each other
- Analogy:
  
  good is to best as smart is to ???
  Paris is to France as Tokyo is to ???
### Similarity

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<th>WordSim Similarity</th>
<th>WordSim Relatedness</th>
<th>Bruni et al. MEN</th>
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- SVD = singular value decomposition on PMI matrix
- GloVe does not appear to be the best when experiments are carefully controlled, but it depends on hyperparameters + these distinctions don’t matter in practice

Levy et al. (2015)
Hypernymy Detection

- Hypernyms: detective *is a* person, dog *is a* animal
- Do word vectors encode these relationships?

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- word2vec (SGNS) works barely better than random guessing here

Table 1: Comparison with other unsupervised embedding methods. The scores are AP@all (%) for the first 10 datasets and Spearman ρ (%) for HyperLex. Avg (10 datasets) shows the micro-average AP of all datasets except HyperLex. Word2Vec+C scores word pairs using cosine similarity on skip-grams. GE+C and GE+KL compute cosine similarity and negative KL divergence on Gaussian embedding, respectively.

Chang et al. (2017)
(king - man) + woman = queen

king + (woman - man) = queen

- Why would this be?
- woman - man captures the difference in the contexts that these occur in
- Dominant change: more “he” with man and “she” with woman — similar to difference between king and queen
Analogies

These methods can perform well on analogies on two different datasets using two different methods.

Maximizing for $b$: Add = $\cos(b, a_2 - a_1 + b_1)$  
Mul = \( \frac{\cos(b_2, a_2) \cos(b_2, b_1)}{\cos(b_2, a_1) + \epsilon} \)

Levy et al. (2015)
Using Semantic Knowledge

- Structure derived from a resource like WordNet
- Doesn’t help most problems

Faruqui et al. (2015)
Using Word Embeddings

- Approach 1: learn embeddings as parameters from your data
  - Often works pretty well
- Approach 2: initialize using GloVe/word2vec/ELMo, keep fixed
  - Faster because no need to update these parameters
- Approach 3: initialize using GloVe, fine-tune
  - Works best for some tasks, not used for ELMo, often used for BERT
Takeaways

‣ Lots to tune with neural networks
  ‣ Training: optimizer, initializer, regularization (dropout), ...
  ‣ Hyperparameters: dimensionality of word embeddings, layers, ...

‣ Word vectors: learning word -> context mappings has given way to matrix factorization approaches (constant in dataset size)

‣ Lots of pretrained embeddings work well in practice, they capture some desirable properties
  ‣ Even better: context-sensitive word embeddings (ELMo/BERT)

‣ Next time: RNNs and CNNs