

# Exemplar-based Word-Space Model for Compositionality Detection

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# Notation

We use DH to mean:

DH-based cooccurrence vector captures the **actual meaning** of the compound reflected in the corpus. e.g. the actual vector for **TrafficLight**

We use **Traffic $\oplus$ Light** to mean:

the *computed* **compositional meaning** of the compound

# Compositionality Detection - One key idea

## Relation between DH and $\oplus$

If the compound is **compositional**, DH- and  $\oplus$ -based vectors are *identical*.

## Main idea

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{Similarity}(\textit{DH-based meaning}, \oplus\text{-based meaning}) \\ & = \\ & \textit{Degree of compositionality} \end{aligned}$$

# Current methods

Existing work Schone and Jurafsky (2001); Baldwin et al. (2003); Katz and Giesbrecht (2006); Giesbrecht (2009)

- if  $\text{sim}(\mathbf{V}^{w_1 w_2}, \mathbf{V}^{w_1} \oplus \mathbf{V}^{w_2}) > \gamma$ , MWE is compositional
- Thus for compositional **RiverBank** :  
expect  $\text{sim}(\mathbf{RiverBank}, \mathbf{River} \oplus \mathbf{Bank})$  to be *high*
- Similarly for non-compositional **SmokingGun** :  
expect  $\text{sim}(\mathbf{SmokingGun}, \mathbf{Smoking} \oplus \mathbf{Gun})$  to be *low*

# Problems with current methods

- $\text{sim}(\mathbf{V}^{w_1 w_2}, \mathbf{V}^{w_1} \oplus \mathbf{V}^{w_2}) = \gamma$
- One common observation:  $\gamma$  **varies highly**
- Instead, with *noisy* vectors, we get:  
 $\text{sim}(\mathbf{RiverBank}, \mathbf{River} \oplus \mathbf{Bank}) < \text{sim}(\mathbf{SmokingGun}, \mathbf{Smoking} \oplus \mathbf{Gun})$

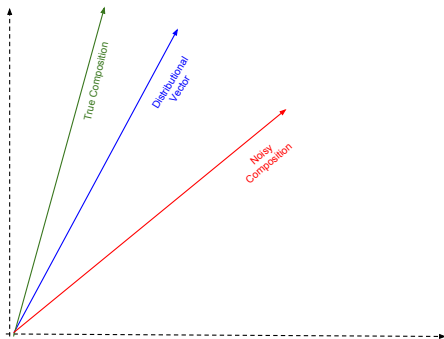
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- Why static prototype vectors do not work?
- Noise due to *polysemy*

### Reason: Polysemy

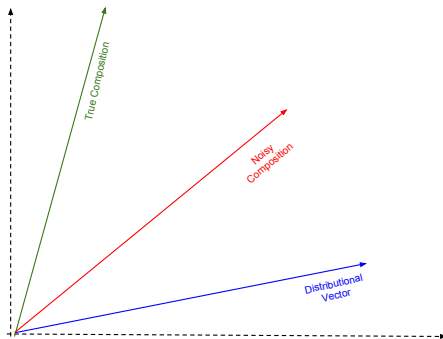
	police-n	photon-n	speed-n	car-n	soul-n
<b>Traffic</b>	142	0	293	347	1
<b>Light</b>	41	29	222	198	50
<b>TrafficLight</b>	5	0	13	48	0
<b>aTraffic + bLight</b>	5	0.8	14	15	1.4
<b>Traffic * Light</b>	5	0	56	59	0

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Non-compositional Multiword

## Problem: Polysemy

Due to polysemy of the constituent words, *compositionality functions* compose a *noisy vector* away from the *true compositional vector*.

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### Light occur in many contexts

- like quantum theory, optics, bulbs and traffic domain
- Not all contexts of *light* are relevant for *traffic light*
- **Light** is noisy  $\Rightarrow$  **Traffic**  $\oplus$  **Light** is noisy

# Concordance of *light*

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## Dynamic Prototypes

- $\mathbf{Light}_{\text{Traffic}}$  represents dynamic vector of *light* relative to *traffic*
- $\mathbf{Traffic}_{\text{Light}} \oplus \mathbf{Light}_{\text{Traffic}}$  is closer to true compositional meaning than  $\mathbf{Traffic} \oplus \mathbf{Light}$
- Others: Static Multi Prototypes (Reisinger and Mooney, 2010; Korkontzelos and Manandhar, 2009)

# Building **Light**<sub>Traffic</sub>

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for each  $e$  in  $E_{light}$ :  $score(e|traffic) = e \cdot c + e \cdot s$

- $E_{light}$  are the set of exemplars of *light*
- $e$  is the exemplar of *light*
- $c$  is the (static) co-occurrence vector of *traffic*
- $s$  is the distributional similar neighbours of *traffic*

# Cooccurrences of *traffic*

<b>object of</b> 18950 1.4	<b>and/or</b> 10005 0.8	<b>pp_along-i</b> 95 5.2	<b>n_modifier</b> 23201 2.5
divert <a href="#">198</a> 7.78	pedestrian <a href="#">157</a> 7.56	road <a href="#">25</a> 0.92	freight <a href="#">512</a> 8.63
slow <a href="#">212</a> 7.58	congestion <a href="#">134</a> 6.92	route <a href="#">14</a> 0.83	road <a href="#">5520</a> 8.63
block <a href="#">319</a> 7.5	pollution <a href="#">168</a> 6.42	street <a href="#">9</a> 0.62	air <a href="#">2248</a> 8.09
generate <a href="#">711</a> 7.34	noise <a href="#">188</a> 5.8		passenger <a href="#">708</a> 7.54
speed <a href="#">149</a> 7.25	parking <a href="#">173</a> 5.57	<b>pp_onto-i</b> 64 4.6	rush <a href="#">211</a> 7.45
motorise <a href="#">93</a> 7.17	freight <a href="#">39</a> 5.45	road <a href="#">25</a> 0.92	commuter <a href="#">134</a> 7.09
encrypt <a href="#">83</a> 6.79	roadwork <a href="#">14</a> 5.26	route <a href="#">9</a> 0.2	motor <a href="#">360</a> 6.94
rout <a href="#">78</a> 6.76	traffic <a href="#">190</a> 5.17		rail <a href="#">240</a> 6.27
direct <a href="#">218</a> 6.65	transportation <a href="#">32</a> 5.09	<b>pp_off-i</b> 54 4.4	network <a href="#">874</a> 6.0
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congest <a href="#">55</a> 6.43	passenger <a href="#">99</a> 4.87		good <a href="#">350</a> 5.85
wheel <a href="#">55</a> 6.28	fume <a href="#">14</a> 4.73	<b>pp_through-i</b> 305 2.8	lorry <a href="#">73</a> 5.85
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monitor <a href="#">260</a> 6.21	lorry <a href="#">20</a> 4.53	village <a href="#">46</a> 2.74	coal <a href="#">117</a> 5.75
increase <a href="#">985</a> 6.18	commuter <a href="#">13</a> 4.49	port <a href="#">18</a> 2.7	multicast <a href="#">37</a> 5.63
drive <a href="#">407</a> 6.12	motorway <a href="#">20</a> 4.38	tunnel <a href="#">8</a> 2.69	tourist <a href="#">106</a> 5.48
stop <a href="#">330</a> 6.1	transport <a href="#">130</a> 4.33		barge <a href="#">40</a> 5.27
reduce <a href="#">698</a> 6.08	TCP <a href="#">11</a> 4.33		data <a href="#">143</a> 5.25
induce <a href="#">83</a> 6.01	road <a href="#">240</a> 4.15		container <a href="#">72</a> 5.23

- cooccurrence vector of *traffic* is computed using logDice Curran (2003)
- can substitute your favourite method

## Distributionally similar words to *traffic*

Lemma	Score	Freq
<a href="#">transport</a>	0.362	134717
<a href="#">road</a>	0.339	324641
<a href="#">train</a>	0.336	114514
<a href="#">vehicle</a>	0.331	160671
<a href="#">bus</a>	0.322	131884
<a href="#">route</a>	0.312	168121
<a href="#">network</a>	0.311	262162
<a href="#">trade</a>	0.308	165216
<a href="#">market</a>	0.307	379176
<a href="#">travel</a>	0.306	115459
<a href="#">communication</a>	0.3	171501
<a href="#">flow</a>	0.299	77846
<a href="#">station</a>	0.295	175788
<a href="#">operation</a>	0.295	198053
<a href="#">car</a>	0.293	419404
<a href="#">access</a>	0.289	376109
<a href="#">business</a>	0.287	700710
<a href="#">speed</a>	0.286	146544
<a href="#">sale</a>	0.285	239489

- Not only context words of *traffic* but also words distributionally similar to *traffic* are useful
- Computed using method described in Rychlý and Kilgarriff (2007)
- Can use another method

# Constructing Dynamic Prototype Vector for **Light**<sub>Traffic</sub>

## Ranked exemplars of *light*

'speed-n': 4.0, 'create-v': 1.0, 'mass-n': 1.0

'road-n': 2.0, 'good-j': 1.0, 'white-j': 3.0

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# DisCo 2011 Shared Task (Biemann and Giesbrecht, 2011)

- Phrases consist of two lemmas and come in three grammatical relations:
  - ADJ\_NN: adjective modifying a noun
  - V\_SUBJ: noun as a subject of a verb
  - V\_OBJ: noun as an object of a verb
- For each phrase, 4 Amazon Mechanical Turkers annotate the data
  - Each score in the range 0-10 for compositionality
  - 4-5 random sentences are presented to the annotator
- Final compositionality score is averaged over all the workers
- 0-25 as non-compositional, 38-62 as medium and >75 as compositional
- 40% training, 10% validation and 50% test

# DisCo 2011 Shared Task (Biemann and Giesbrecht, 2011)

## Distribution within Coarse grained evaluation

- Training set (107 total)
  - low: 10
  - medium: 47
  - high: 76
- Test set (118 total)
  - low: 7
  - medium: 42
  - high: 69
- 58.5% (69/118) were “highly compositional”
- Always choosing 'high' will give you 58.5% score
- Only one system was able to achieve this baseline

# Computing coarse-grained values

**0-25 : non-compositional, 38-62 : medium, >75 : compositional**

- ADJ\_NN:
  - blue chip: 11, non
  - great deal: 40, medium
  - stainless steel: 92, high
- V\_SUBJ:
  - interest lie: 40, medium
  - women want: 81, high
- V\_OBJ:
  - reinvent wheel: 5, non
  - put pressure: 44, medium
  - give advice: 86, high

# Compositionality Score

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Score } \alpha(V^{w_1}, V^{w_2}) = & a_0 + a_1 \cdot \text{sim}(V^{w_1 w_2}, V^{w_1}) \\ & + a_2 \cdot \text{sim}(V^{w_1 w_2}, V^{w_2}) \\ & + a_3 \cdot \text{sim}(V^{w_1 w_2}, V^{w_1} + V^{w_2}) \\ & + a_4 \cdot \text{sim}(V^{w_1 w_2}, V^{w_1} * V^{w_2}) \end{aligned}$$

- Use linear regression to estimate all  $a_i$
- Estimate  $a_i$ 's separately for each of ADJ\_NN, V\_SUBJ, V\_OBJ
- Only  $a_3$  and  $a_4$  involve compositionality operators

# Our Shared Task System: Exm-Best

## V\_OBJ

- $\alpha(V_{OBJ}, OBJ_V)$
- Both the constituent words help each other in disambiguation

## V\_SUBJ

- $\alpha(V_{SUBJ}, SUBJ_V)$
- It is found  $a_3=0, a_4=0$  i.e. using  $\oplus$  doesn't help.

## ADJ\_NN

- $\alpha(ADJ_{NN}, NN)$
- Adjective fails in disambiguating the noun
- Hence switch to using static prototype for *NN*

# Our Other Systems

## Exm

- We use Dynamic prototypes for both the words
- None of the  $a_i$ 's is taken to be 0
- V\_OBJ:  $\alpha(V_{OBJ}, OBJ_V)$
- V\_SUBJ:  $\alpha(V_{SUBJ}, SUBJ_V)$
- NN\_ADJ:  $\alpha(ADJ_{NN}, NN_{ADJ})$

## Pro-Best

- We just use the prototypes (i.e. no exemplar selection)
- V\_OBJ:  $\alpha(V, OBJ)$
- V\_SUBJ:  $\alpha(V, SUBJ)$
- NN\_ADJ:  $\alpha(ADJ, NN)$

## Dynamic weights in additive model

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- $\text{sim}(\text{Student}, \text{StudentNurse}_{\text{Dist}}) = 0.238$
- $\text{sim}(\text{Nurse}, \text{StudentNurse}_{\text{Dist}}) = 0.893$

# Average Point Difference Scores

	en-all	en-ADJ-NN	en-SUBJ	en-OBJ
Rand-Base	32.82	34.57	29.83	32.34
Zero-Base	23.42	24.67	17.03	25.47
Exm-Best	16.51	15.19	<b>15.72</b>	18.6
Pro-Best	16.79	<b>14.62</b>	18.89	18.31
Exm	17.28	15.82	18.18	18.6
SharedTaskBest	<b>16.19</b>	14.93	21.64	<b>14.66</b>

Table: Average Point Difference Scores

# Correlation Scores

	TotPrd	Spearman $\rho$	Kendalls $\tau$
Rand-Base	174	0.02	0.02
Exm-Best	169	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.24</b>
Pro-Best	169	0.33	0.23
Exm	169	0.26	0.18
SharedTaskNextBest	174	0.33	0.23

Table: Correlation Scores

# Coarse Grained Accuracy

	en-all	en-ADJ-NN	en-SUBJ	en-OBJ
Rand-Base	0.297	0.288	0.308	0.30
Zero-Base	0.356	0.288	0.654	0.25
Most-Freq-Base	<b>0.585</b>	0.654	0.346	<b>0.65</b>
Exm-Best	0.576	0.692	<b>0.5</b>	0.475
Pro-Best	0.567	<b>0.731</b>	0.346	0.5
Exm	0.542	0.692	0.346	0.475
SharedTaskBest	<b>0.585</b>	0.654	0.385	0.625

Table: Coarse Grained Accuracy

# Final Words

- Biemann and Giesbrecht (2011) referred to our system Exm-Best as the *most robust system* among all the participating systems
- Polysemy is a problem for semantic composition
- Dynamic prototypes provide a mechanism to address polysemy
- However for this task:
  - Results are mixed and incomplete
  - Comparison with static multi-prototypes Korkontzelos and Manandhar (2009)
  - Unsupervised evaluation
  - Evaluation on noun-noun compounds

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