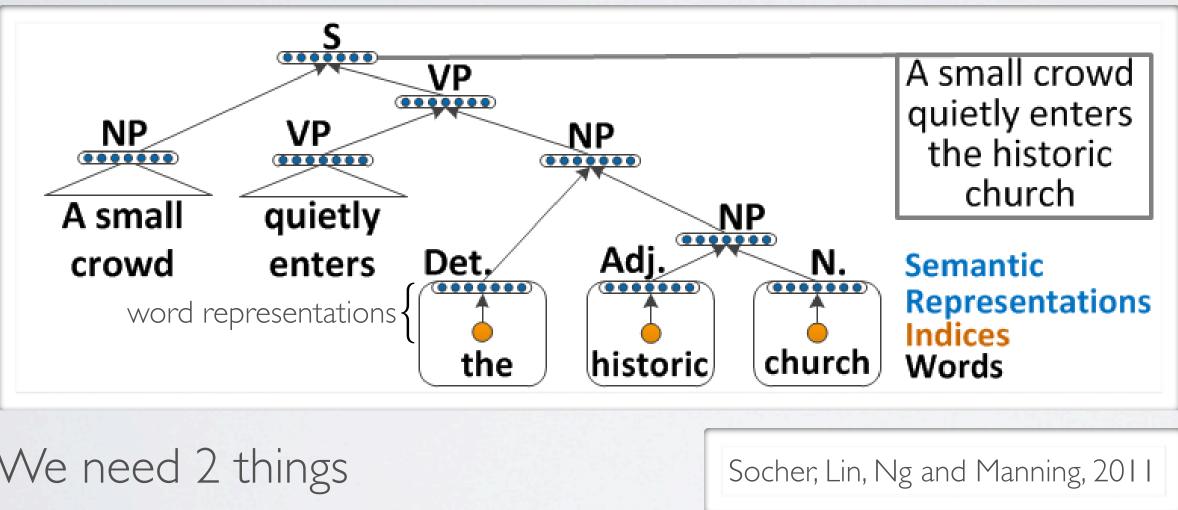
Neural networks

Natural language processing - recursive network training



Topics: recursive neural network (RNN)

Idea: recursively merge pairs of word/phrase representations



• We need 2 things

- a model that merges pairs of representations
- a model that determines the tree structure

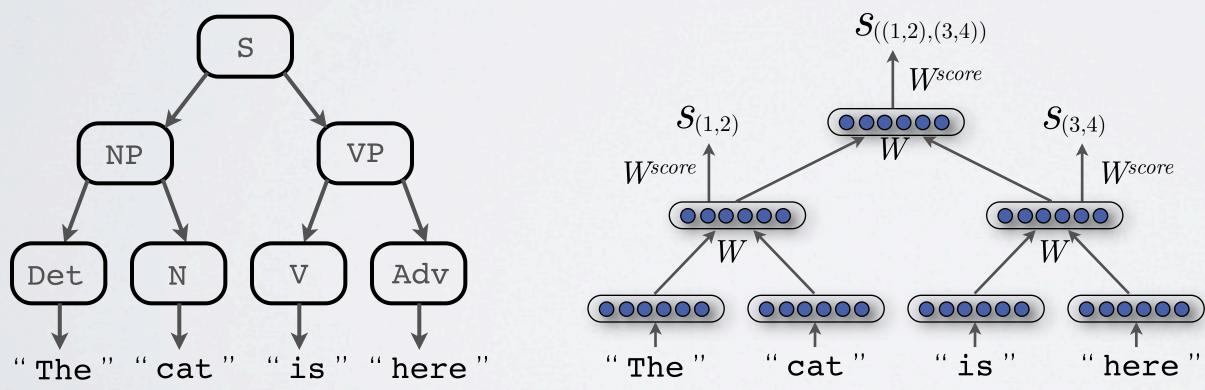
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- Let y be the true parse tree and \hat{y} be the predicted parse tree
 - we would like the score s(y) of y to be higher than the score $s(\hat{y})$ of \hat{y} (unless \hat{y} is actually y)
- To update the recursive network
 - infer the predicted parse tree \hat{y}
 - increase the score s(y) and decrease the score $s(\hat{y})$ by doing an update in the direction of the gradient $\nabla_{\theta} s(y) - \nabla_{\theta} s(\hat{y})$

- these gradient can be computed by backpropagating through the recursive network structured according to the parse trees y and \hat{y}

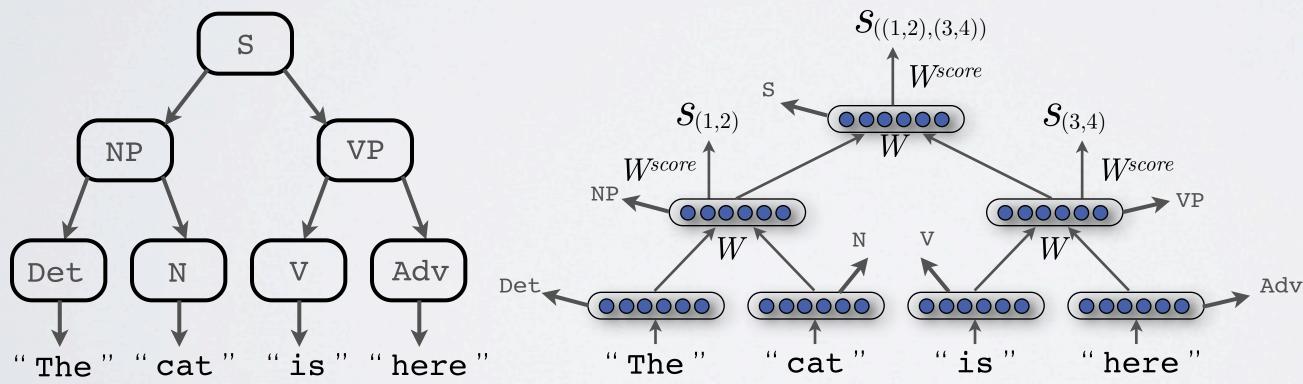
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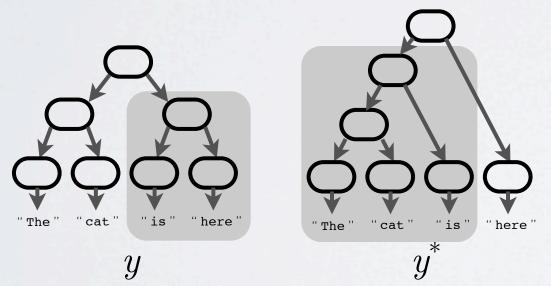
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- Other details
 - word representations are pre-trained using Collobert and Weston's approach and fine-tuned while training the recursive network
 - training is actually based on a margin criteria: $s(y) > s(y^*) + \Delta(y,y^*)$
 - score of the true parse tree y trained to be larger than score of any other tree y^* plus its number of incorrect spans $\Delta(y, y^*)$



number of incorrect = 1span $\Delta(y,y^*)$

- a simple modification to the beam search finding the best tree (see Socher et al. for details)



Topics: experimental comparison

- Parsing FI performance
 - recursive neural network: 90.29%
 - Berkeley parser: 91.63%
- Nearest neighbor phrases based on RNN representation

Fujisawa gained 50 to UNK1. Mead gained 1 to 37 UNK

- 1. Mead gamed 1 to 37 UNK
- 2. Ogden gained 1 UNK to 32
- 3. Kellogg surged 4 UNK to 7

The dollar dropped

- 1. The dollar retreated
- 2. The dollar gained
- 3. Bond prices rallied

Socher, Lin, Ng and Manning, 2011