How to evaluate word vectors?

- Related to general evaluation in NLP: Intrinsic vs extrinsic
- Intrinsic:
  - Evaluation on a specific/intermediate subtask
  - Fast to compute
  - Helps to understand that system
  - Not clear if really helpful unless correlation to real task is established
- Extrinsic:
  - Evaluation on a real task
  - Can take a long time to compute accuracy
  - Unclear if the subsystem is the problem or its interaction or other subsystems
  - If replacing exactly one subsystem with another improves accuracy → Winning!

Intrinsic word vector evaluation

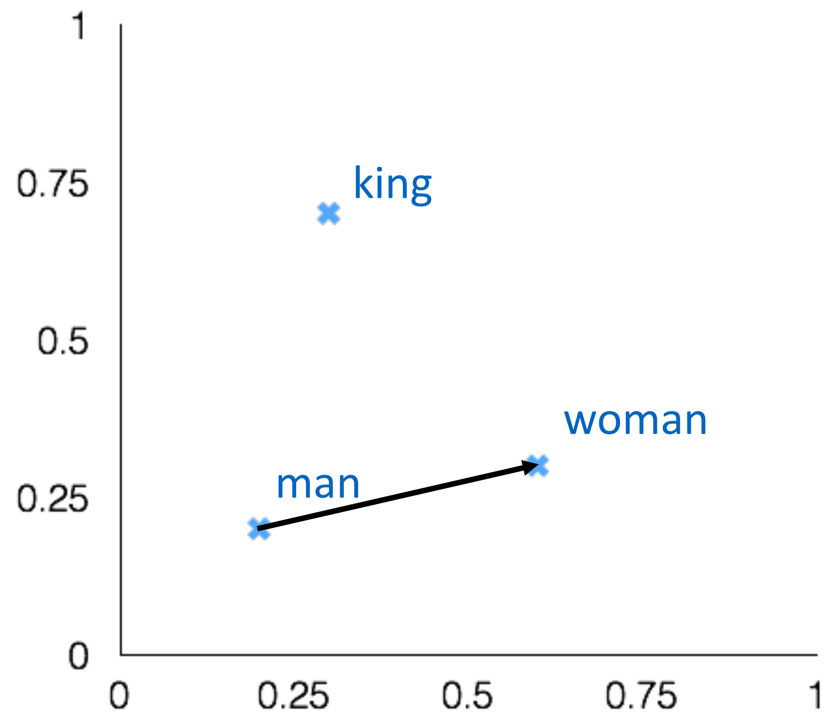
- Word Vector Analogies

a:b :: c:?

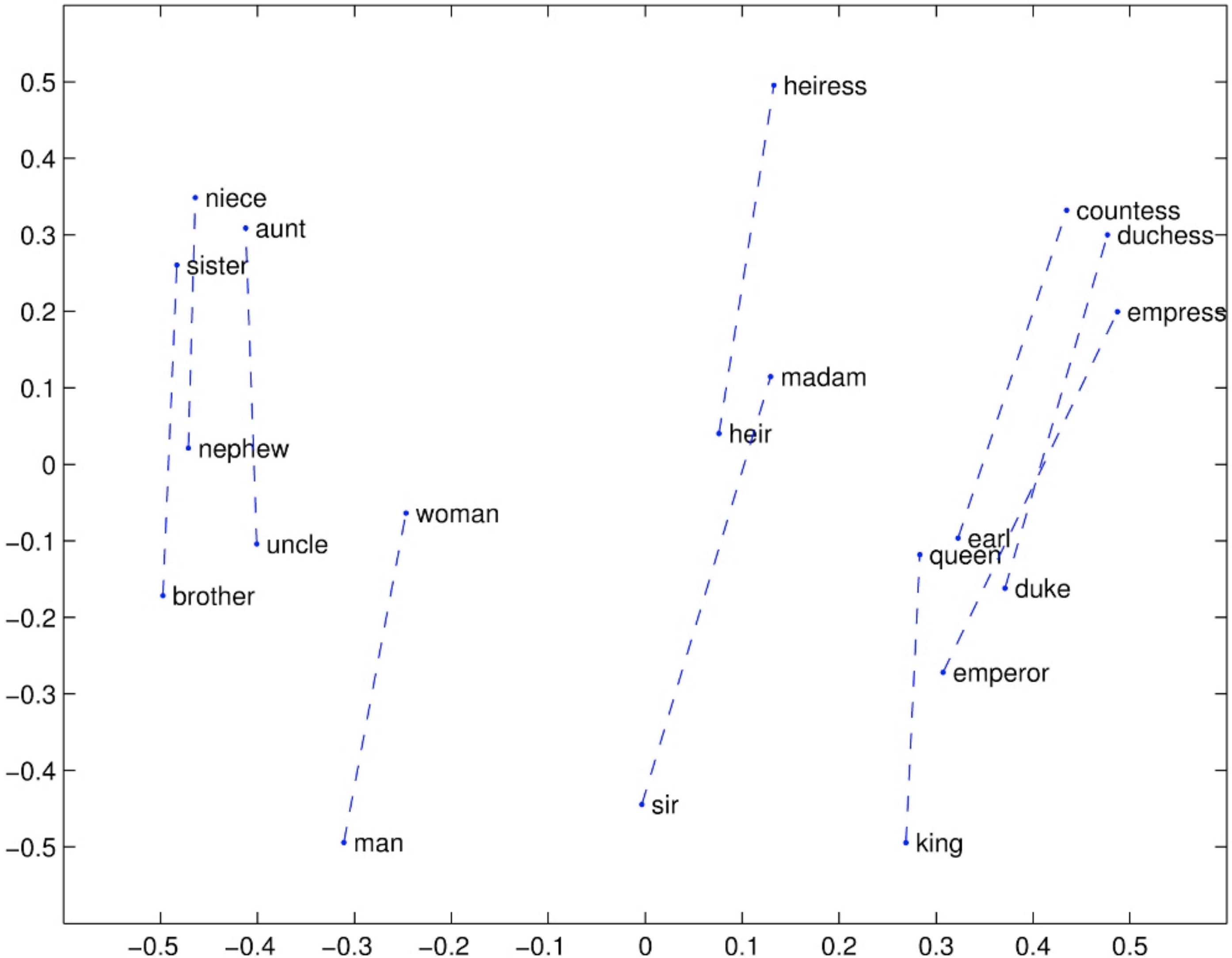
man:woman :: king:?

$$d = \arg\max_i \frac{(x_b - x_a + x_c)^T x_i}{||x_b - x_a + x_c||}$$

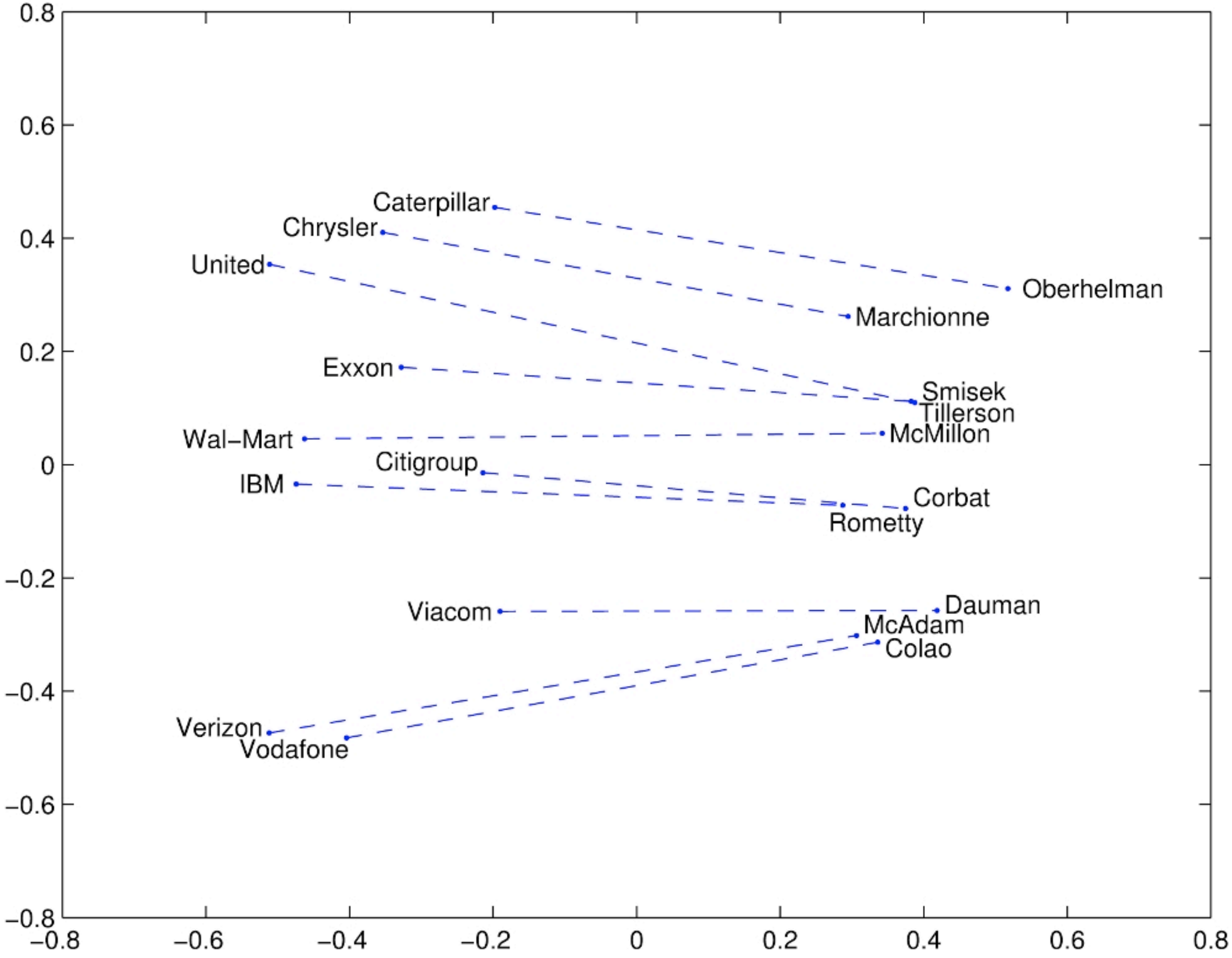
- Evaluate word vectors by how well their cosine distance after addition captures intuitive semantic and syntactic analogy questions
- Discarding the input words from the search!
- Problem: What if the information is there but not linear?



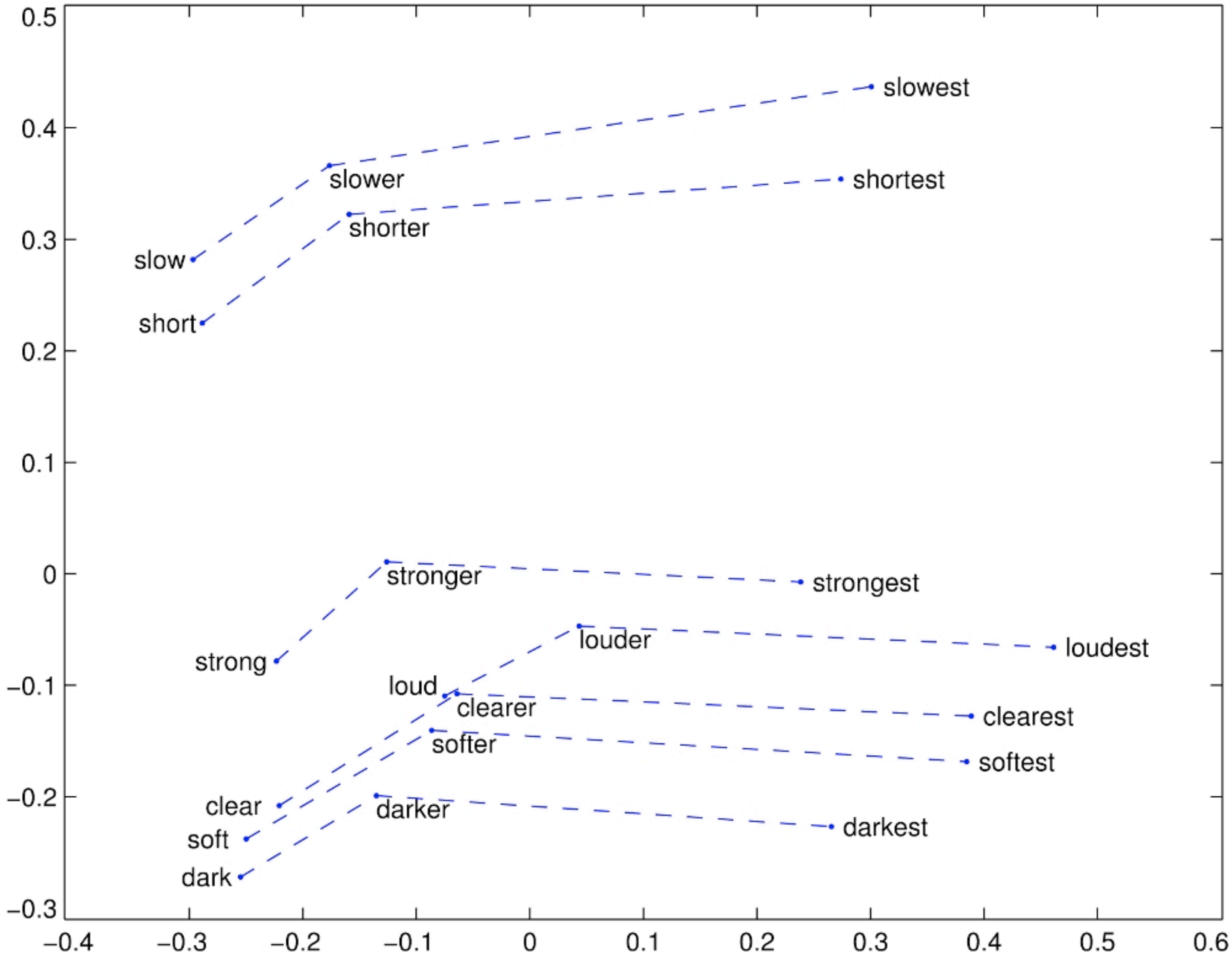
Glove Visualizations



Glove Visualizations: Company - CEO



Glove Visualizations: Superlatives



Other fun word2vec analogies

Expression	*Nearest token*
Paris - France + Italy	Rome
bigger - big + cold	colder
sushi - Japan + Germany	bratwurst
Cu - copper + gold	Au
Windows - Microsoft + Google	Android
Montreal Canadiens - Montreal + Toronto	Toronto Maple Leafs

Details of intrinsic word vector evaluation

- Word Vector Analogies: Syntactic and **Semantic** examples from http://code.google.com/p/word2vec/source/browse/trunk/questions-words.txt

: city-in-state
Chicago Illinois Houston Texas
Chicago Illinois Philadelphia Pennsylvania
Chicago Illinois Phoenix Arizona
Chicago Illinois Dallas Texas
Chicago Illinois Jacksonville Florida
Chicago Illinois Indianapolis Indiana
Chicago Illinois Austin Texas
Chicago Illinois Detroit Michigan
Chicago Illinois Memphis Tennessee
Chicago Illinois Boston Massachusetts

problem: different cities may have same name

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- Word Vector Analogies: Syntactic and **Semantic** examples from

: capital-world

problem: can change

Abuja Nigeria Accra Ghana
Abuja Nigeria Algiers Algeria
Abuja Nigeria Amman Jordan
Abuja Nigeria Ankara Turkey
Abuja Nigeria Antananarivo Madagascar
Abuja Nigeria Apia Samoa
Abuja Nigeria Ashgabat Turkmenistan
Abuja Nigeria Asmara Eritrea
Abuja Nigeria Astana Kazakhstan

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: gram4-superlative
bad worst big biggest
bad worst bright brightest
bad worst cold coldest
bad worst cool coolest
bad worst dark darkest
bad worst easy easiest
bad worst fast fastest
bad worst good best
bad worst great greatest

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: gram7-past-tense
dancing danced decreasing decreased
dancing danced describing described
dancing danced enhancing enhanced
dancing danced falling fell
dancing danced feeding fed
dancing danced flying flew
dancing danced generating generated
dancing danced going went
dancing danced hiding hid
dancing danced hitting hit

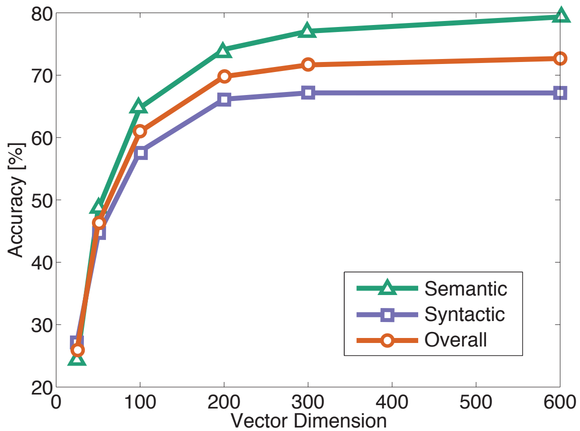
Analogy evaluation and hyperparameters

- Very careful analysis: Glove word vectors

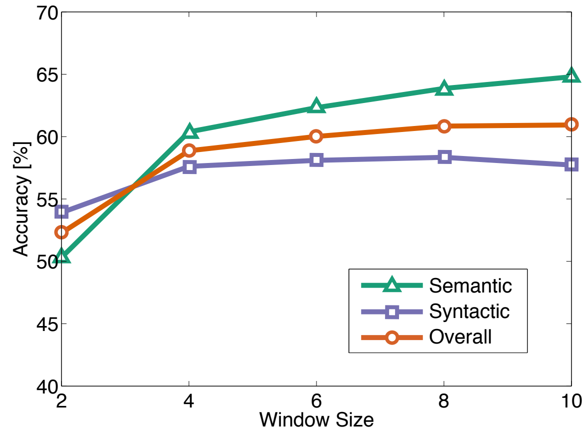
Model	Dim.	Size	Sem.	Syn.	Tot.
ivLBL	100	1.5B	55.9	50.1	53.2
HPCA	100	1.6B	4.2	16.4	10.8
GloVe	100	1.6B	67.5	54.3	60.3
SG	300	1B	61	61	61
CBOW	300	1.6B	16.1	52.6	36.1
vLBL	300	1.5B	54.2	64.8	60.0
ivLBL	300	1.5B	65.2	63.0	64.0
GloVe	300	1.6B	80.8	61.5	70.3
SVD	300	6B	6.3	8.1	7.3
SVD-S	300	6B	36.7	46.6	42.1
SVD-L	300	6B	56.6	63.0	60.1
CBOW†	300	6B	63.6	67.4	65.7
SG†	300	6B	73.0	66.0	69.1
GloVe	300	6B	77.4	67.0	71.7
CBOW	1000	6B	57.3	68.9	63.7
SG	1000	6B	66.1	65.1	65.6
SVD-L	300	42B	38.4	58.2	49.2
GloVe	300	42B	**81.9**	**69.3**	**75.0**

Analogy evaluation and hyperparameters

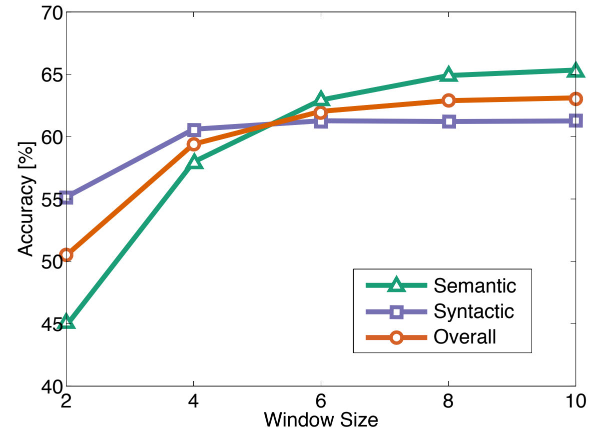
- Asymmetric context (only words to the left) are not as good



(a) Symmetric context



(b) Symmetric context



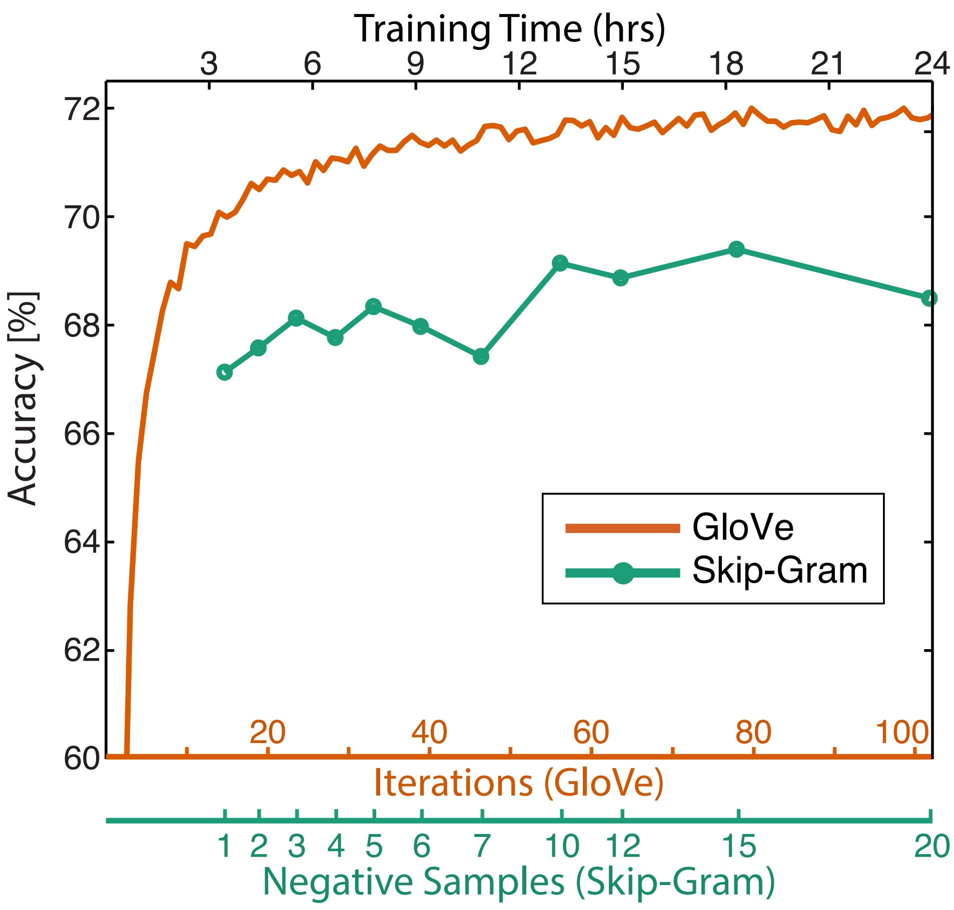
(c) Asymmetric context

- Best dimensions ~300, slight drop-off afterwards
- But this might be different for downstream tasks!

- Window size of 8 around each center word is good for Glove vectors

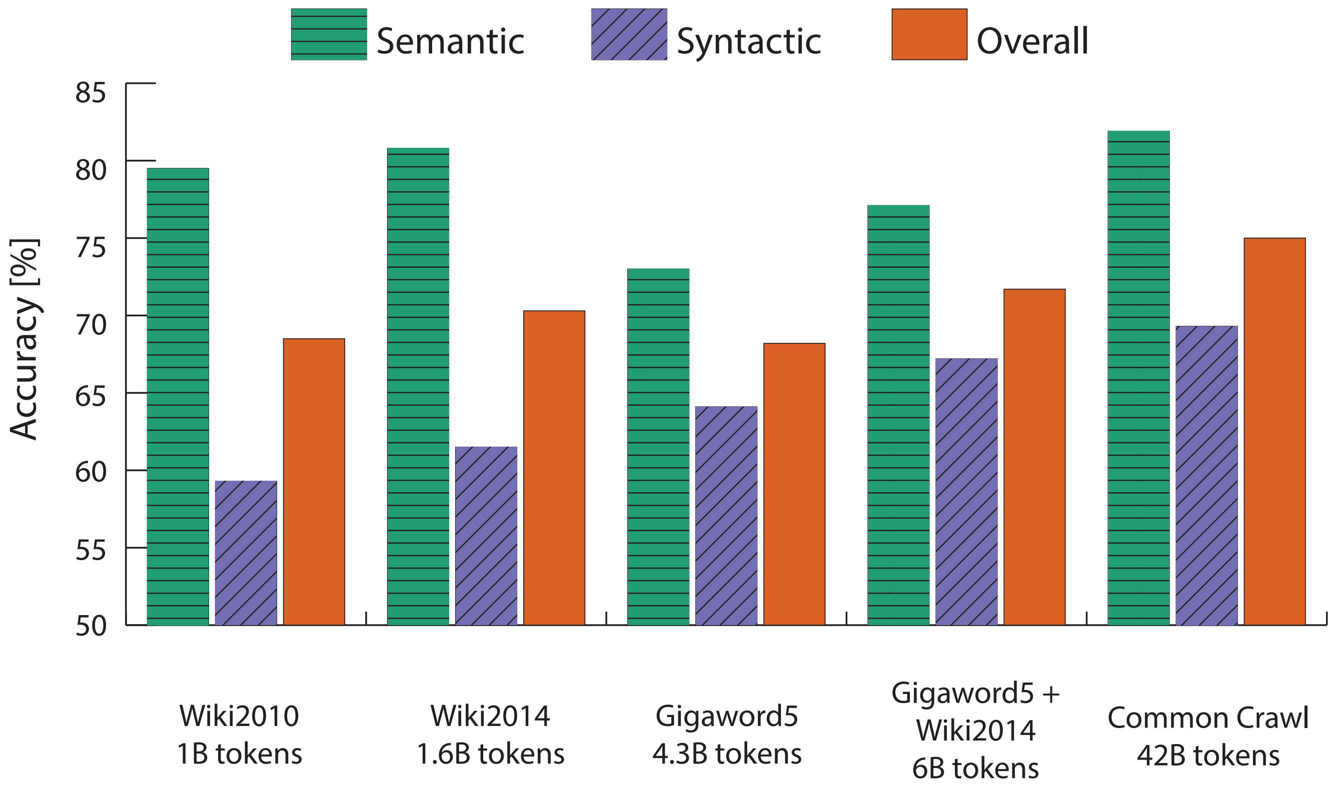
Analogy evaluation and hyperparameters

- More training time helps



Analogy evaluation and hyperparameters

- More data helps, Wikipedia is better than news text!



Extrinsic word vector evaluation

- Extrinsic evaluation of word vectors: All subsequent tasks in this class
- One example where good word vectors should help directly: named entity recognition: finding a person, organization or location

Model	Dev	Test	ACE	MUC7
Discrete	91.0	85.4	77.4	73.4
SVD	90.8	85.7	77.3	73.7
SVD-S	91.0	85.5	77.6	74.3
SVD-L	90.5	84.8	73.6	71.5
HPCA	92.6	**88.7**	81.7	80.7
HSMN	90.5	85.7	78.7	74.7
CW	92.2	87.4	81.7	80.2
CBOW	93.1	88.2	82.2	81.1
GloVe	**93.2**	88.3	**82.9**	**82.2**

- Next: How to use word vectors in neural net models!