

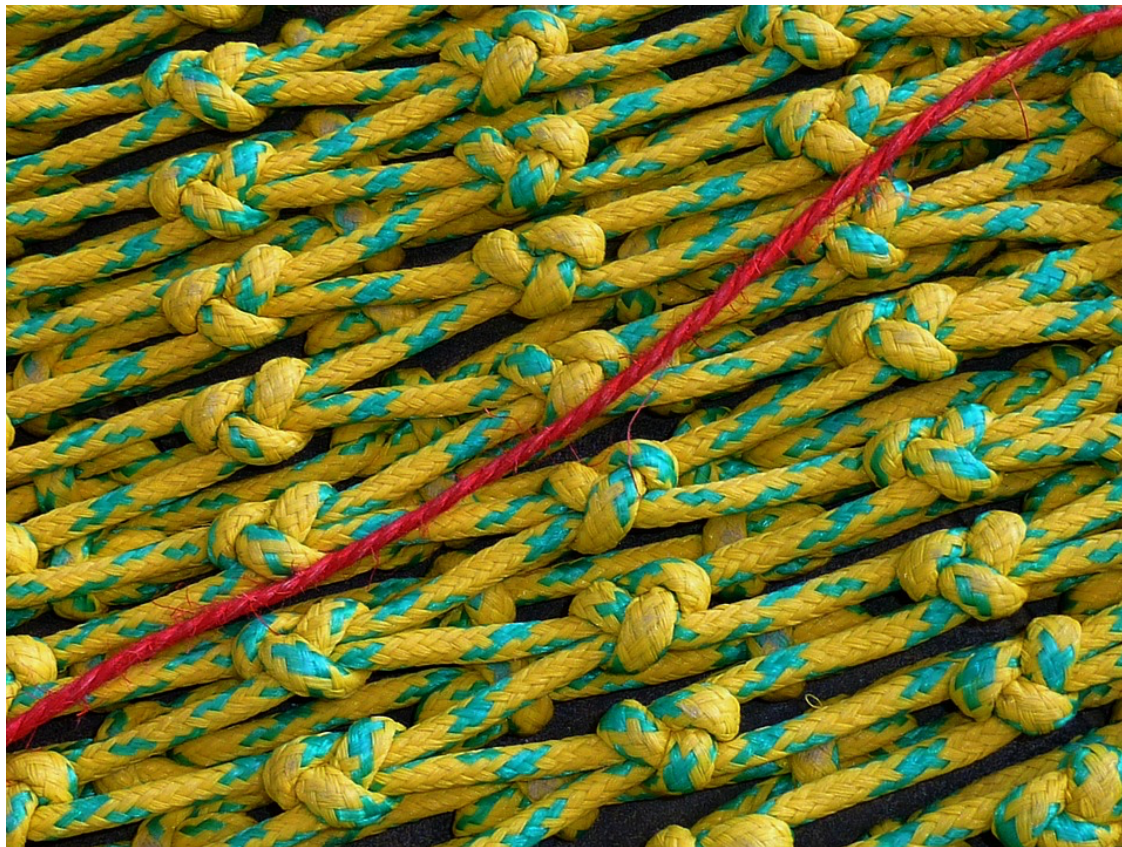
Measuring Semantic Coherence of a Conversation



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Semantic coherence

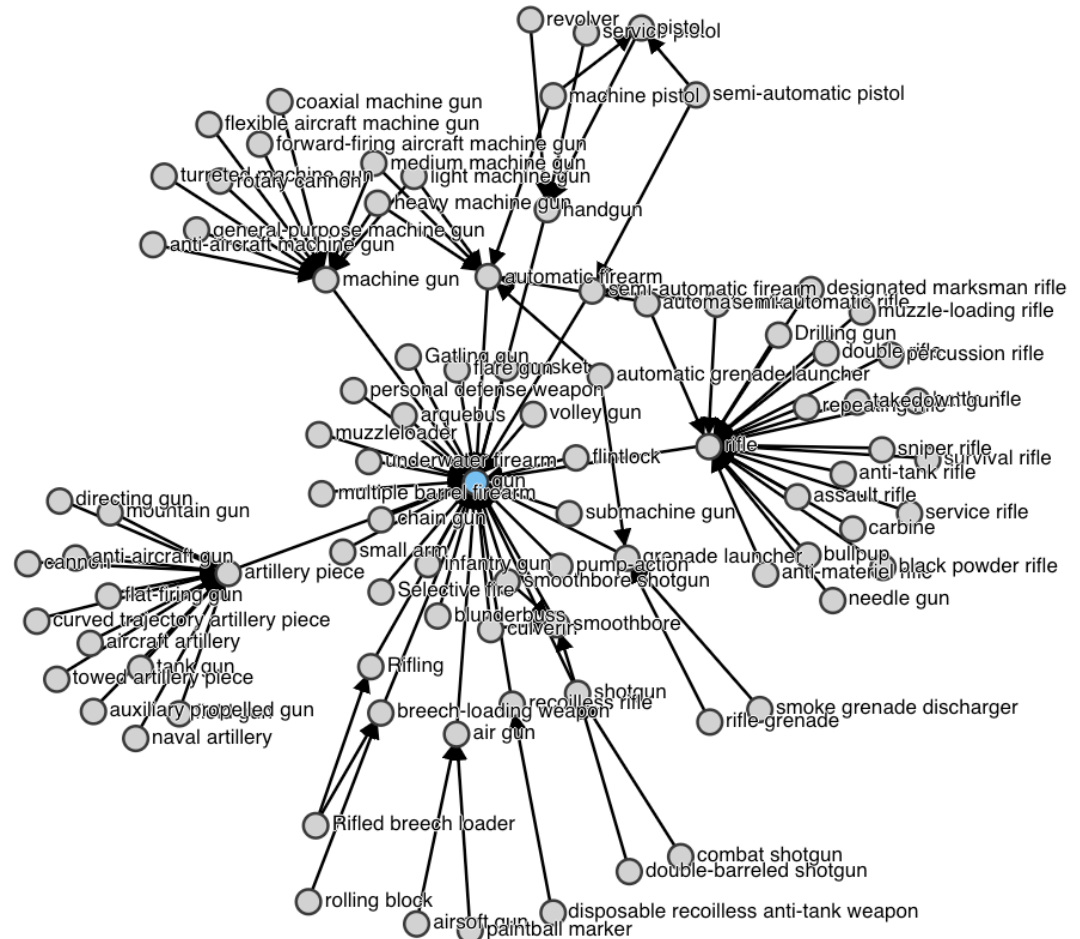
- An essential property of a conversation, “**continuity** of senses”



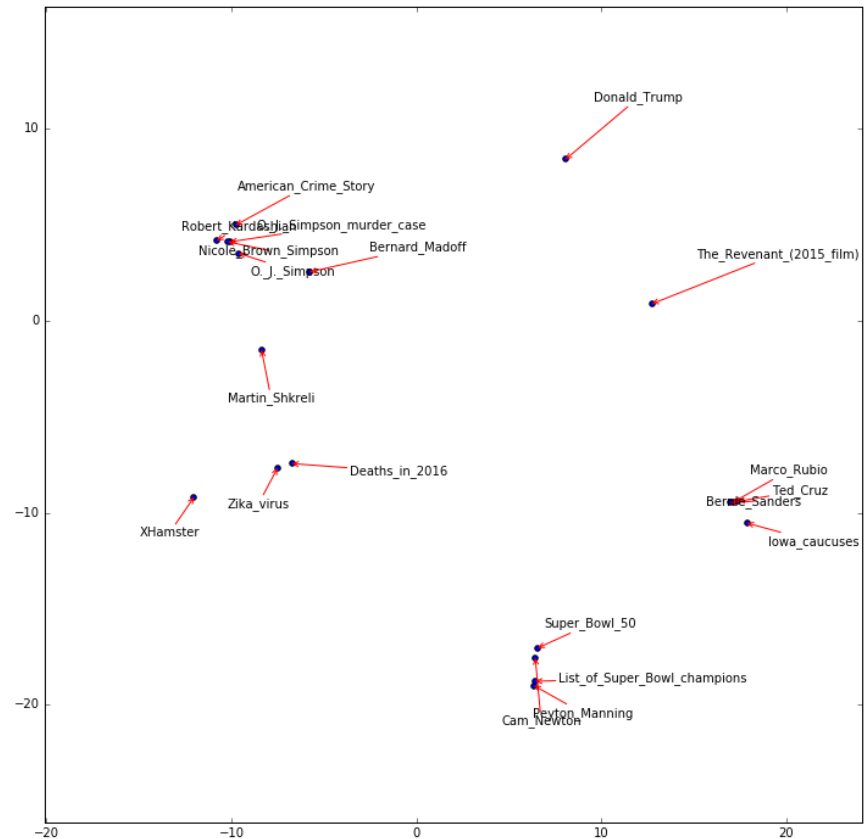
Research goal

- See if we can **detect** holes in conversations
- Evaluate existing **knowledge** models
- Propose an approach to **measure** these holes (incoherence)
- **Why**: dialogue system design, knowledge engineering

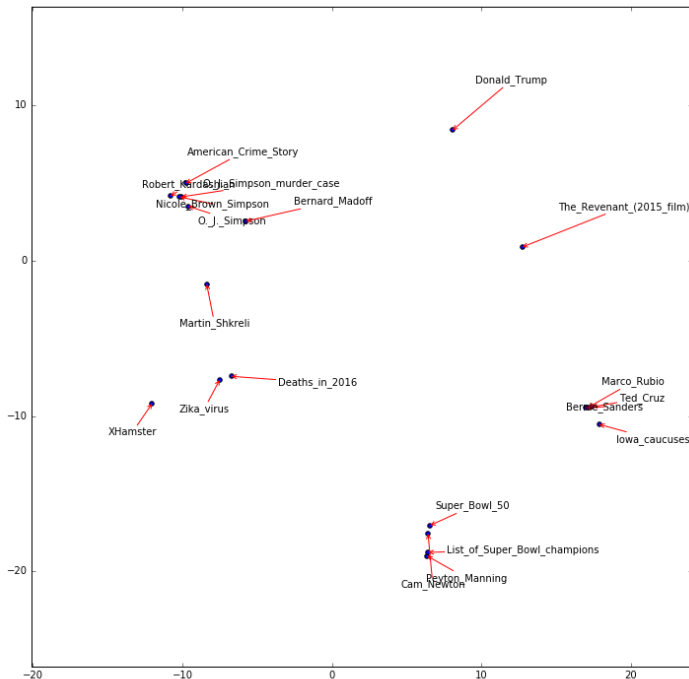
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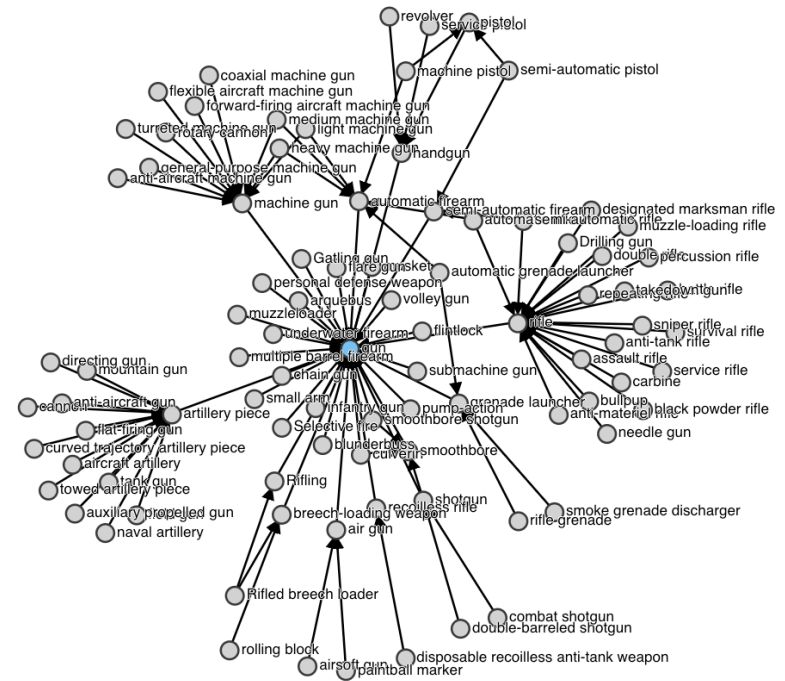
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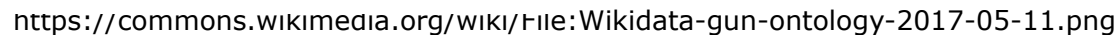
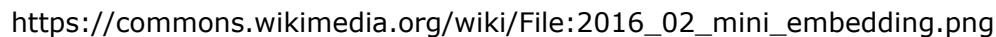


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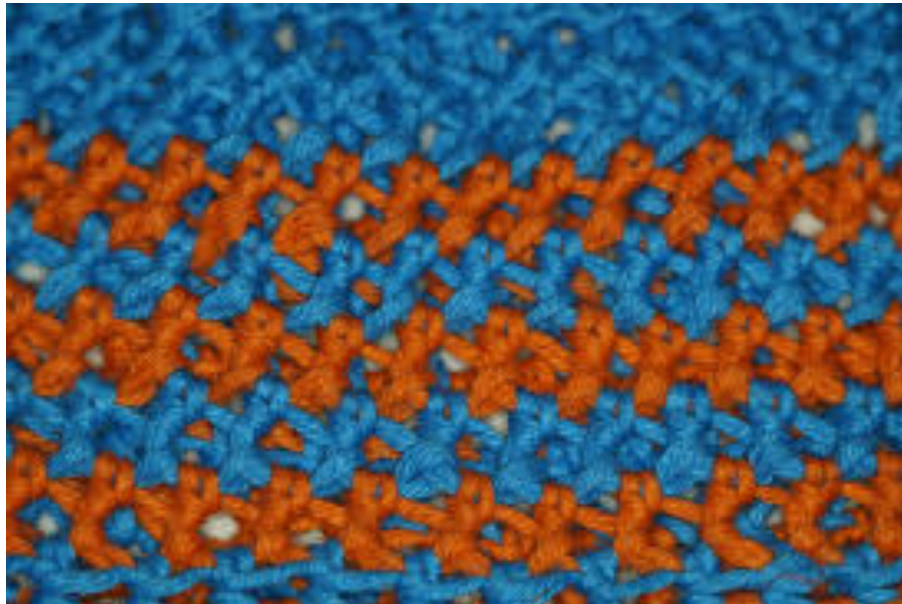


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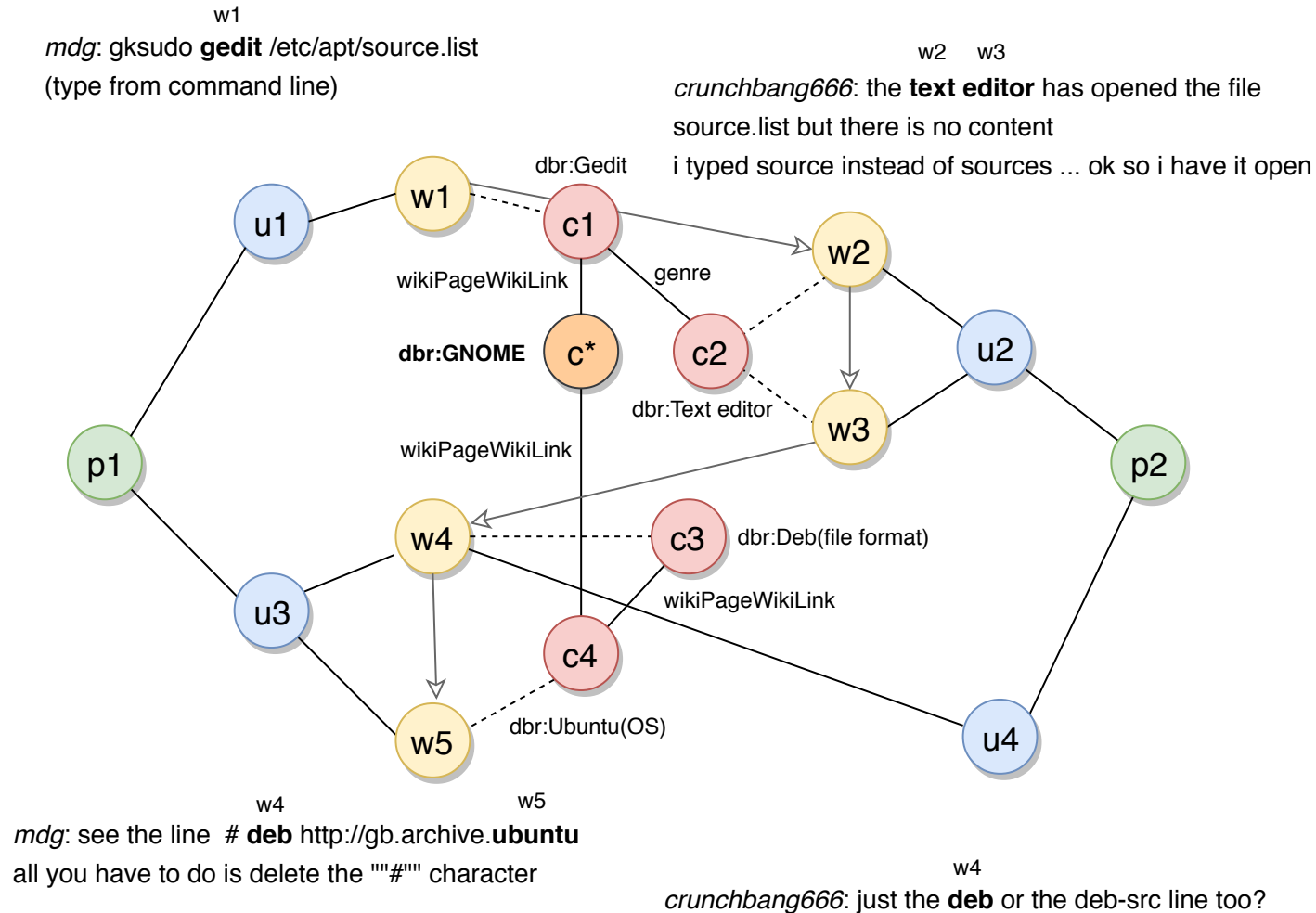
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- Take existing **knowledge** models
- See if we can **detect** holes in conversations through this models
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Dialog graph



Experiments

- Ubuntu Dialogue Corpus
- DBpedia Spotlight API
- Knowledge Graphs: DBpedia+Wikidata HDT
- Knowledge Graph embeddings: rdf2vec, KGlove
- Word embeddings: word2vec, Glove



<https://github.com/rkadlec/ubuntu-ranking-dataset-creator>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:DBpediaSpotlight.jpg>

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Subgraph induction



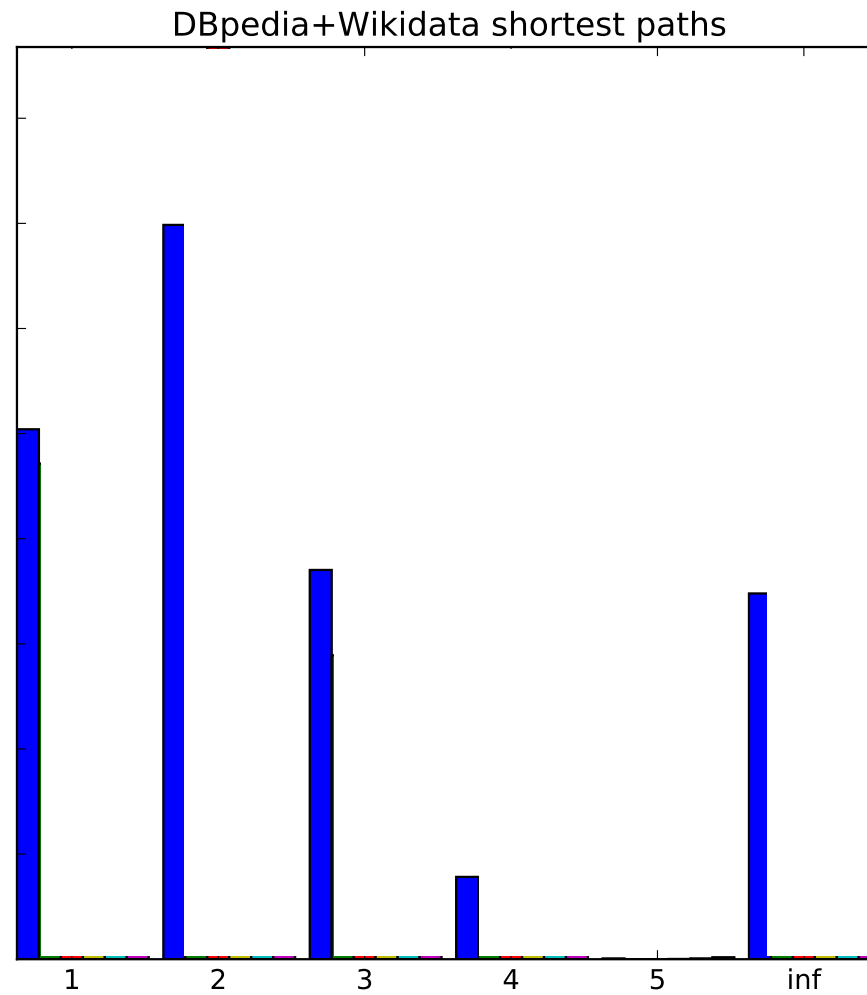
top-k shortest path

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PREFIX ppf: <java:at.ac.wu.arqext.path.>
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
SELECT * WHERE {
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              dbr:Gnome dbr:GNOME
              dbr:Desktop_environment
              "--target" dbr:Desktop_computer
              "--k" 5 "--maxlength" 9 "--timeout" 2000) }
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Table 1. The top 5 most common entities and relations in the Ubuntu dialogue dataset: mentioned entities – from linking dialogue utterances to DBpedia entities via Dbpedia Spotlight Web service; context entities and relations – from the shortest paths between the mentioned entities in DBpedia.

Top #	Mentioned entities		Context entities		Relations	
	Label	Count	Label	Count	Label	Count
1	Ubuntu(philosophy)	1605	Ubuntu(OS)	1058	wikiPageWikiLink	51014
2	Sudo	708	Linux	725	gold/hypernym	319
3	Booting	676	Microsoft_Windows	208	ontology/genre	178
4	APT(Debian)	405	FreeBSD	175	operatingSystem	140
5	Live_CD	314	Smartphone	171	rdf-schema#seeAlso	116

Shortest paths



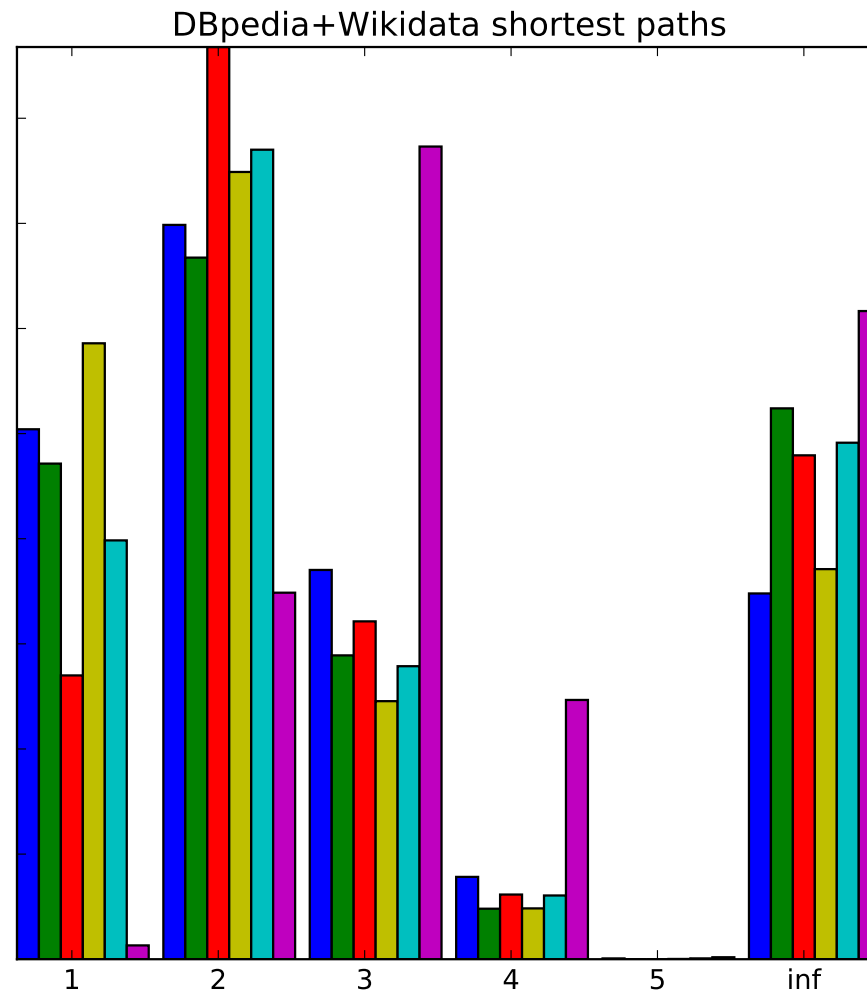
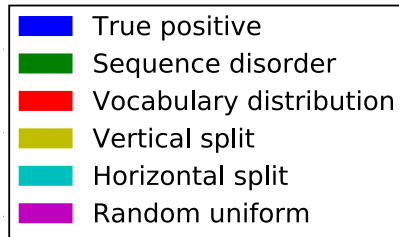
Negative sampling

- random uniform (RUf)
- vocabulary distribution (VoD)
- sequence disorder (SqD)
- horizontal split (HSp)
- vertical split (VSp)

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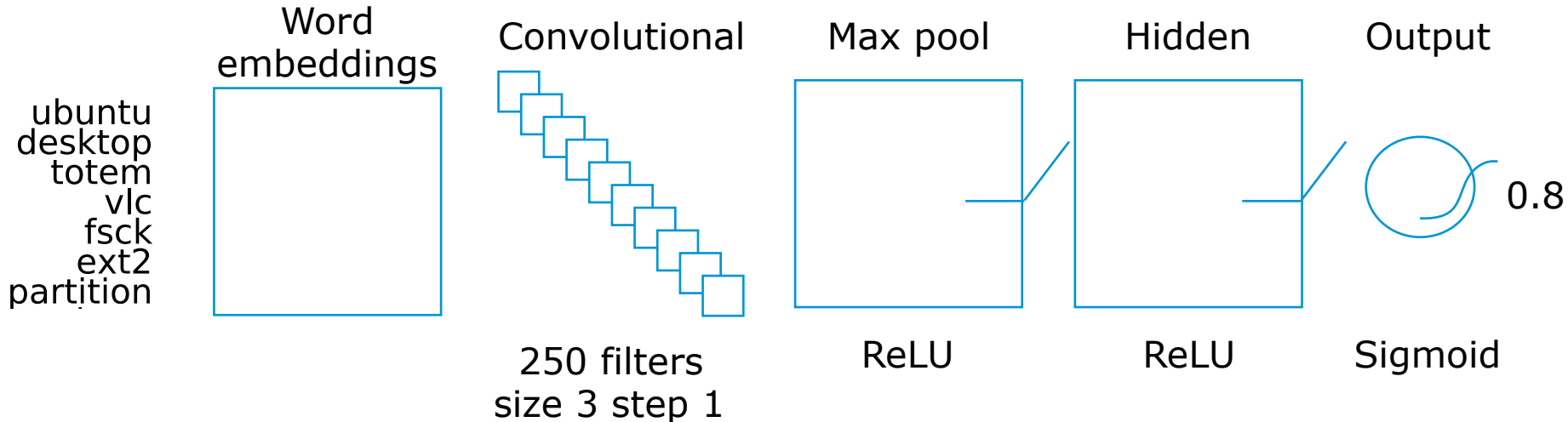
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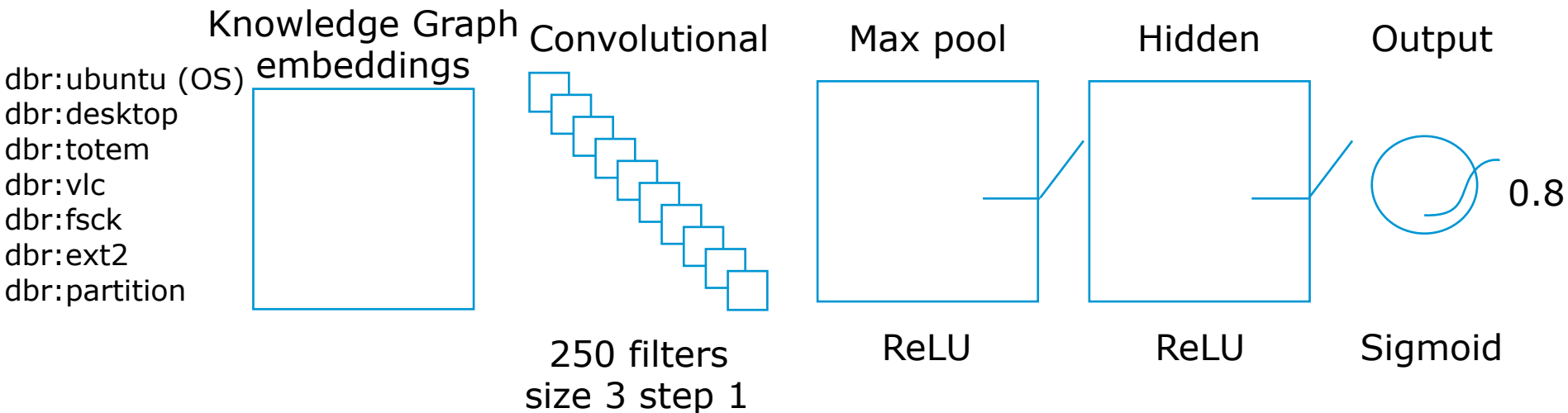
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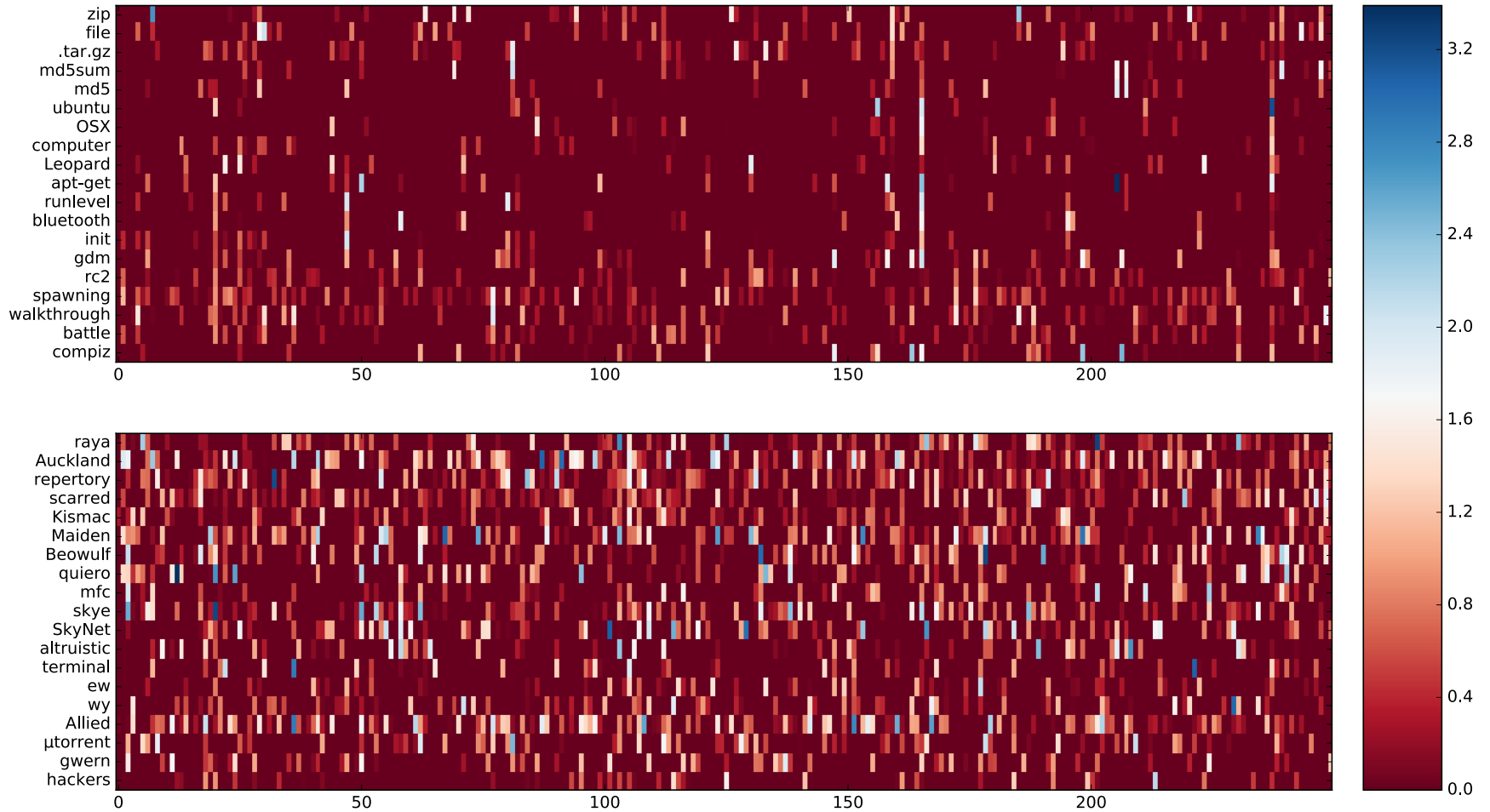
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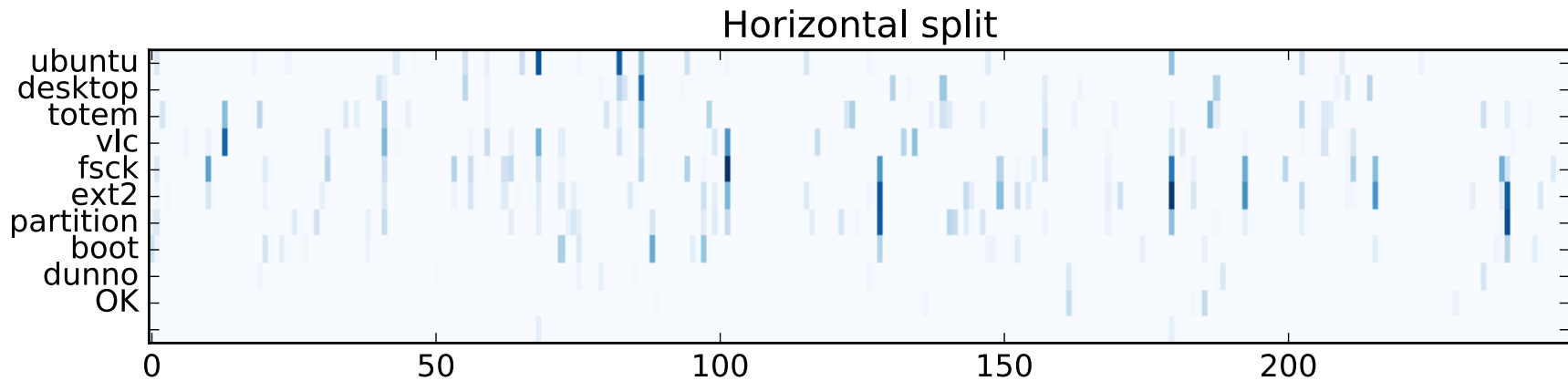
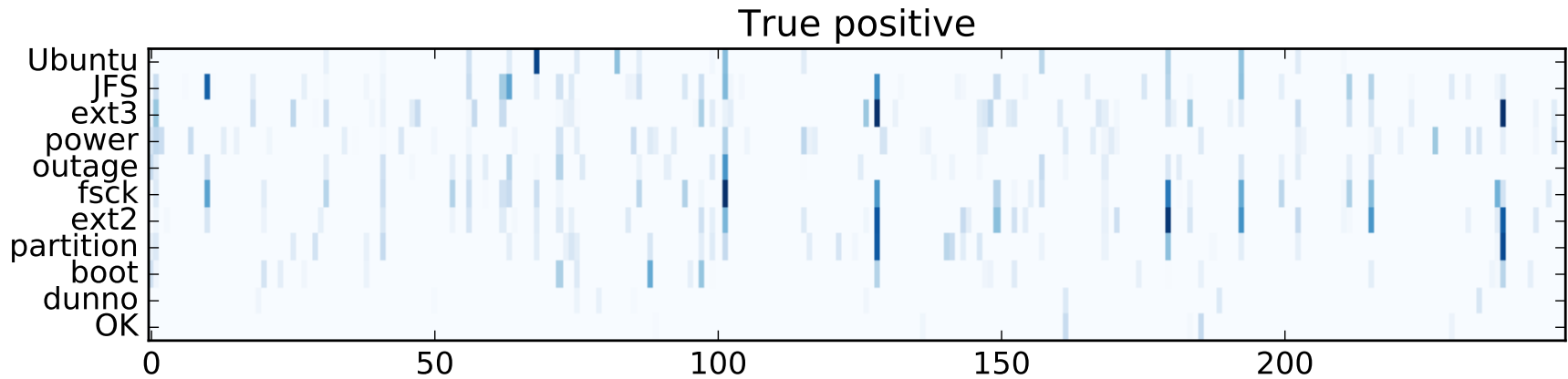
Results

Embeddings	Data split	Accuracy											
		TPos	TNeg										Avg
			RUf	Avg	VoD	Avg	SqD	Avg	VSp	Avg	HSp	Avg	
Word2Vec	RUf	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.02	0.50	0.02	0.50	0.01	0.50	0.01	0.50	0.60
	VoD	0.89	0.62	0.75	0.90	0.89	0.53	0.71	0.18	0.54	0.20	0.54	0.69
	SqD	0.75	0.65	0.70	0.88	0.81	0.81	0.78	0.27	0.51	0.29	0.52	0.66
	VSp	0.59	0.50	0.55	0.82	0.71	0.41	0.50	0.59	0.59	0.61	0.60	0.59
	HSp	0.62	0.39	0.50	0.71	0.66	0.38	0.50	0.55	0.58	0.63	0.63	0.58
GloVe	RUf	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.00	0.50	0.01	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.60
	VoD	0.93	0.38	0.66	0.93	0.93	0.39	0.66	0.19	0.56	0.08	0.51	0.66
	SqD	0.76	0.71	0.73	0.91	0.84	0.82	0.79	0.16	0.46	0.15	0.45	0.66
	VSp	0.60	0.25	0.42	0.92	0.76	0.43	0.51	0.65	0.62	0.66	0.63	0.59
	HSp	0.71	0.34	0.52	0.81	0.76	0.30	0.50	0.55	0.63	0.66	0.68	0.62
rdf2vec PRS	RUf	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.02	0.50	0.02	0.50	0.02	0.50	0.01	0.50	0.60
	VoD	0.79	0.68	0.73	0.83	0.81	0.34	0.57	0.36	0.57	0.35	0.57	0.65
	SqD	0.59	0.48	0.54	0.72	0.66	0.67	0.63	0.43	0.51	0.40	0.50	0.56
rdf2vec PR	HSp	0.57	0.59	0.58	0.72	0.64	0.43	0.50	0.59	0.58	0.67	0.62	0.58
KGloVe Uni	RUf	0.92	0.97	0.94	0.11	0.51	0.09	0.50	0.08	0.50	0.07	0.50	0.59
	VoD	0.54	0.88	0.71	0.73	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.51	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.60
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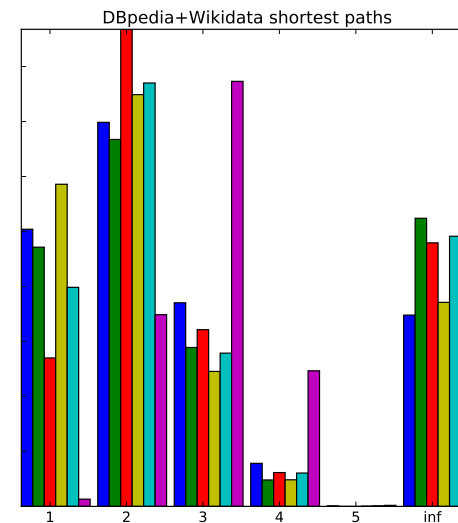
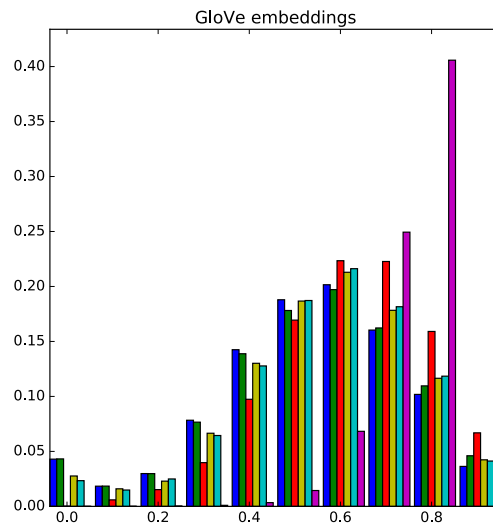
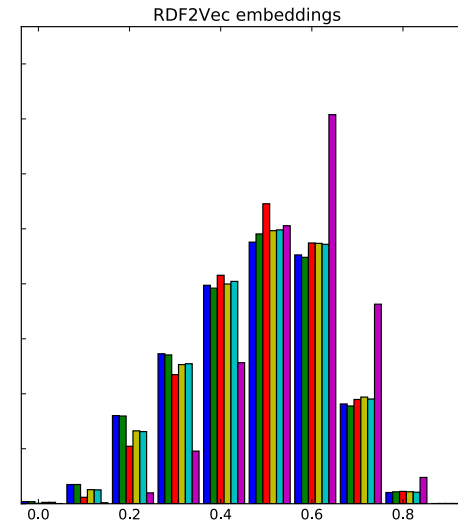
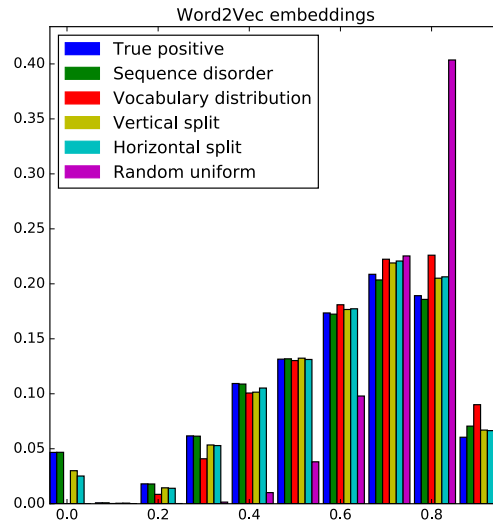
Random uniform



Horizontal split

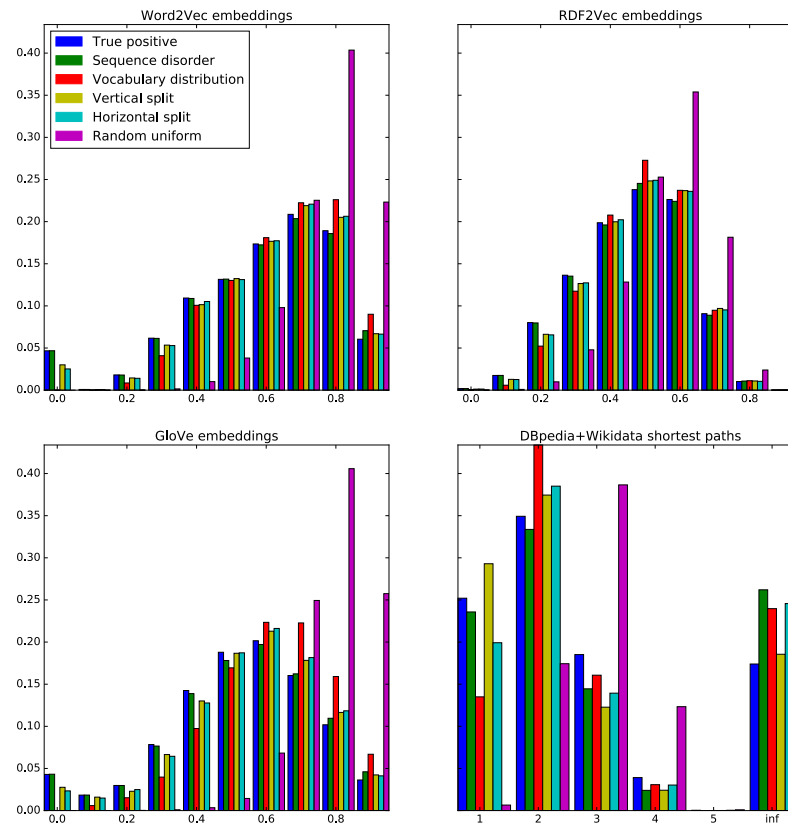


Semantic spaces



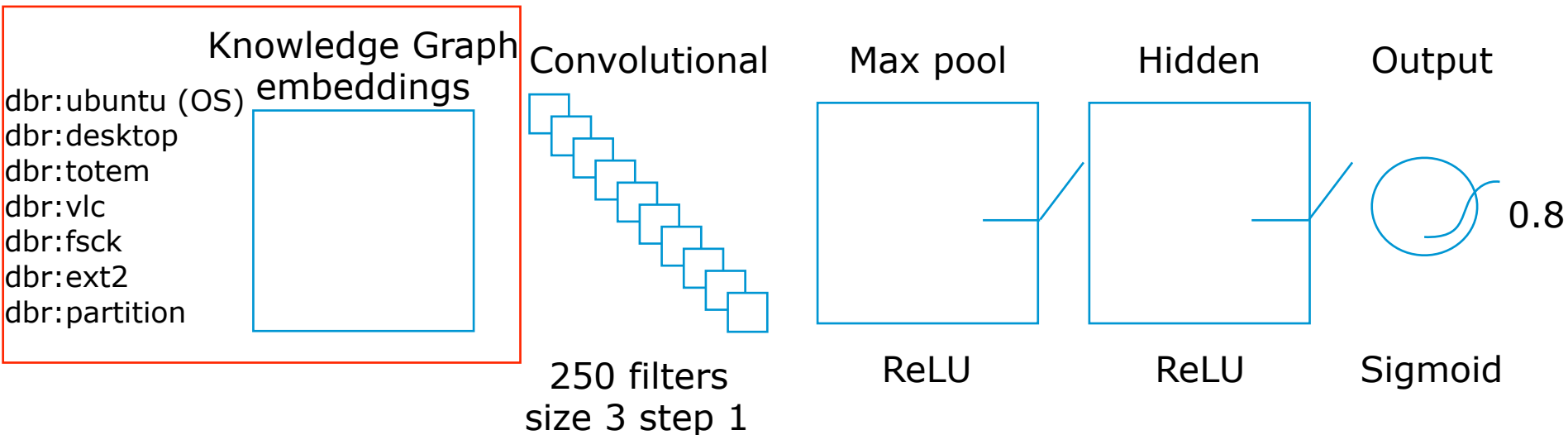
Conclusions and future work

- GloVe **word embeddings** show best performance
 - integrating **heterogenous** knowledge sources



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- **NEL** is a bottleneck for KG embeddings
 - **End-to-end** training (NEL NN-layer)



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■ Dialog graph embeddings

