

# Package ‘word2vec’

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**Description** Learn vector representations of words by continuous bag of words and skip-gram implementations of the 'word2vec' algorithm.  
The techniques are detailed in the paper "Distributed Representations of Words and Phrases and their Compositionality" by Mikolov et al. (2013), available at <[arXiv:1310.4546](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.4546)>.

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as.matrix.word2vec	<i>Get the word vectors of a word2vec model</i>
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## Description

Get the word vectors of a word2vec model as a dense matrix.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'word2vec'
as.matrix(x, encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
```

## Arguments

x	a word2vec model as returned by <a href="#">word2vec</a> or <a href="#">read.word2vec</a>
encoding	set the encoding of the row names to the specified encoding. Defaults to 'UTF-8'.
...	not used

## Value

a matrix with the word vectors where the rownames are the words from the model vocabulary

## See Also

[word2vec](#), [read.word2vec](#)

## Examples

```
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)

embedding <- as.matrix(model)
```

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doc2vec	<i>Get document vectors based on a word2vec model</i>
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## Description

Document vectors are the sum of the vectors of the words which are part of the document standardised by the scale of the vector space. This scale is the sqrt of the average inner product of the vector elements.

## Usage

```
doc2vec(object, newdata, split = " ", encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
```

## Arguments

object	a word2vec model as returned by <a href="#">word2vec</a> or <a href="#">read.word2vec</a>
newdata	either a list of tokens where each list element is a character vector of tokens which form the document and the list name is considered the document identifier; or a data.frame with columns doc_id and text; or a character vector with texts where the character vector names will be considered the document identifier
split	in case newdata is not a list of tokens, text will be splitted into tokens by splitting based on function <a href="#">strsplit</a> with the provided split argument
encoding	set the encoding of the text elements to the specified encoding. Defaults to 'UTF-8'.
...	not used

## Value

a matrix with 1 row per document containing the text document vectors, the rownames of this matrix are the document identifiers

## See Also

[word2vec](#), [predict.word2vec](#)

## Examples

```
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
x <- data.frame(doc_id = c("doc1", "doc2", "testmissingdata"),
               text = c("there is no toilet. on the bus", "no tokens from dictionary", NA),
               stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
emb <- doc2vec(model, x, type = "embedding")
emb

newdoc <- doc2vec(model, "i like busses with a toilet")
```

```

word2vec_similarity(emb, newdoc)

## similar way of extracting embeddings
x <- setNames(object = c("there is no toilet. on the bus", "no tokens from dictionary", NA),
              nm = c("a", "b", "c"))
emb <- doc2vec(model, x, type = "embedding")
emb

## similar way of extracting embeddings
x <- setNames(object = c("there is no toilet. on the bus", "no tokens from dictionary", NA),
              nm = c("a", "b", "c"))
x <- strsplit(x, "[.]")
emb <- doc2vec(model, x, type = "embedding")
emb

## show behaviour in case of NA or character data of no length
x <- list(a = character(), b = c("bus", "toilet"), c = NA)
emb <- doc2vec(model, x, type = "embedding")
emb

```

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predict.word2vec

*Predict functionalities for a word2vec model*


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## Description

Get either

- the embedding of words
- the nearest words which are similar to either a word or a word vector

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'word2vec'
predict(
  object,
  newdata,
  type = c("nearest", "embedding"),
  top_n = 10L,
  encoding = "UTF-8",
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

object	a word2vec model as returned by <a href="#">word2vec</a> or <a href="#">read.word2vec</a>
newdata	for type 'embedding', newdata should be a character vector of words for type 'nearest', newdata should be a character vector of words or a matrix in the embedding space

type	either 'embedding' or 'nearest'. Defaults to 'nearest'.
top_n	show only the top n nearest neighbours. Defaults to 10.
encoding	set the encoding of the text elements to the specified encoding. Defaults to 'UTF-8'.
...	not used

### Value

depending on the type, you get a different result back:

- for type nearest: a list of data.frames with columns term, similarity and rank indicating with words which are closest to the provided newdata words or word vectors. If newdata is just one vector instead of a matrix, it returns a data.frame
- for type embedding: a matrix of word vectors of the words provided in newdata

### See Also

[word2vec](#), [read.word2vec](#)

### Examples

```
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
emb <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet", "unknownword"), type = "embedding")
emb
nn <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet"), type = "nearest", top_n = 5)
nn

# Do some calculations with the vectors and find similar terms to these
emb <- as.matrix(model)
vector <- emb["buurt", ] - emb["rustige", ] + emb["restaurants", ]
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)

vector <- emb["gastvrouw", ] - emb["gastvrij", ]
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 5)

vectors <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw"), ]
vectors <- rbind(vectors, avg = colMeans(vectors))
predict(model, vectors, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)
```

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read.word2vec

*Read a binary word2vec model from disk*

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### Description

Read a binary word2vec model from disk

**Usage**

```
read.word2vec(file, normalize = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

file	the path to the model file
normalize	logical indicating to normalize the embeddings by dividing by the factor ( $\sqrt{\text{sum}(x \cdot x) / \text{length}(x)}$ ). Defaults to FALSE.

**Value**

an object of class w2v which is a list with elements

- model: a Rcpp pointer to the model
- model\_path: the path to the model on disk
- dim: the dimension of the embedding matrix
- n: the number of words in the vocabulary

**Examples**

```
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
vocab <- summary(model, type = "vocabulary")
emb <- predict(model, c("bus", "naar", "unknownword"), type = "embedding")
emb
nn <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet"), type = "nearest")
nn

# Do some calculations with the vectors and find similar terms to these
emb <- as.matrix(model)
vector <- emb["gastvrouw", ] - emb["gastvrij", ]
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 5)
vectors <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw"), ]
vectors <- rbind(vectors, avg = colMeans(vectors))
predict(model, vectors, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)
```

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read.wordvectors

*Read word vectors from a word2vec model from disk*

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**Description**

Read word vectors from a word2vec model from disk into a dense matrix

**Usage**

```
read.wordvectors(
  file,
  type = c("bin", "txt"),
  n = .Machine$integer.max,
  normalize = FALSE,
  encoding = "UTF-8"
)
```

**Arguments**

file	the path to the model file
type	either 'bin' or 'txt' indicating the file is a binary file or a text file
n	integer, indicating to limit the number of words to read in. Defaults to reading all words.
normalize	logical indicating to normalize the embeddings by dividing by the factor ( $\sqrt{\text{sum}(x \cdot x) / \text{length}(x)}$ ). Defaults to FALSE.
encoding	encoding to be assumed for the words. Defaults to 'UTF-8'

**Value**

A matrix with the embeddings of the words. The rownames of the matrix are the words which are by default set to UTF-8 encoding.

**Examples**

```
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "bin", n = 10)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "bin", n = 10, normalize = TRUE)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "bin")

path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.txt")
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "txt", n = 10)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "txt", n = 10, normalize = TRUE)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "txt")
```

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txt\_clean\_word2vec      *Text cleaning specific for input to word2vec*

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**Description**

Standardise text by

- Conversion of text from UTF-8 to ASCII
- Keeping only alphanumeric characters: letters and numbers
- Removing multiple spaces
- Removing leading/trailing spaces
- Performing lowercasing

**Usage**

```
txt_clean_word2vec(x, ascii = TRUE, alpha = TRUE, tolower = TRUE, trim = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character vector in UTF-8 encoding
ascii	logical indicating to use iconv to convert the input from UTF-8 to ASCII. Defaults to TRUE.
alpha	logical indicating to keep only alphanumeric characters. Defaults to TRUE.
tolower	logical indicating to lowercase x. Defaults to TRUE.
trim	logical indicating to trim leading/trailing white space. Defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

a character vector of the same length as x which is standardised by converting the encoding to ascii, lowercasing and keeping only alphanumeric elements

**Examples**

```
x <- c(" Just some.texts, ok?", "123.456 and\tsome MORE! ")
txt_clean_word2vec(x)
```

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word2vec

*Train a word2vec model on text*


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**Description**

Construct a word2vec model on text. The algorithm is explained at <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1310.4546.pdf>

**Usage**

```
word2vec(
  x,
  type = c("cbow", "skip-gram"),
  dim = 50,
  window = ifelse(type == "cbow", 5L, 10L),
  iter = 5L,
  lr = 0.05,
  hs = FALSE,
  negative = 5L,
  sample = 0.001,
  min_count = 5L,
  split = c(" \n,.-!?:;/\\"#$%&'()*+<=>@[\\]^_`{|}~\t\v\f\r", ".\n?!"),
  stopwords = character(),
  threads = 1L,
```



```

    encoding = "UTF-8",
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a character vector with text or the path to the file on disk containing training data
<code>type</code>	the type of algorithm to use, either 'cbow' or 'skip-gram'. Defaults to 'cbow'
<code>dim</code>	dimension of the word vectors. Defaults to 50.
<code>window</code>	skip length between words. Defaults to 5.
<code>iter</code>	number of training iterations. Defaults to 5.
<code>lr</code>	initial learning rate also known as alpha. Defaults to 0.05
<code>hs</code>	logical indicating to use hierarchical softmax instead of negative sampling. Defaults to FALSE indicating to do negative sampling.
<code>negative</code>	integer with the number of negative samples. Only used in case hs is set to FALSE
<code>sample</code>	threshold for occurrence of words. Defaults to 0.001
<code>min_count</code>	integer indicating the number of time a word should occur to be considered as part of the training vocabulary. Defaults to 5.
<code>split</code>	a character vector of length 2 where the first element indicates how to split words and the second element indicates how to split sentences in x
<code>stopwords</code>	a character vector of stopwords to exclude from training
<code>threads</code>	number of CPU threads to use. Defaults to 1.
<code>encoding</code>	the encoding of x and stopwords. Defaults to 'UTF-8'. Calculating the model always starts from files allowing to build a model on large corpora. The encoding argument is passed on to file when writing x to hard disk in case you provided it as a character vector.
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed on to the C++ function w2v_train - for expert use only

### Details

Some advice on the optimal set of parameters to use for training as defined by Mikolov et al.

- argument type: skip-gram (slower, better for infrequent words) vs cbow (fast)
- argument hs: the training algorithm: hierarchical softmax (better for infrequent words) vs negative sampling (better for frequent words, better with low dimensional vectors)
- argument dim: dimensionality of the word vectors: usually more is better, but not always
- argument window: for skip-gram usually around 10, for cbow around 5
- argument sample: sub-sampling of frequent words: can improve both accuracy and speed for large data sets (useful values are in range 0.001 to 0.00001)

**Value**

an object of class `w2v_trained` which is a list with elements

- `model`: a Rcpp pointer to the model
- `data`: a list with elements `file`: the training data used, `stopwords`: the character vector of stopwords, `n`
- `vocabulary`: the number of words in the vocabulary
- `success`: logical indicating if training succeeded
- `error_log`: the error log in case training failed
- `control`: as list of the training arguments used, namely `min_count`, `dim`, `window`, `iter`, `lr`, `skipgram`, `hs`, `negative`, `sample`, `split_words`, `split_sents`, `expTableSize` and `expValueMax`

**References**

<https://github.com/maxoodf/word2vec>, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1310.4546.pdf>

**See Also**

[predict.word2vec](#), [as.matrix.word2vec](#)

**Examples**

```
library(udpipe)
## Take data and standardise it a bit
data(brussels_reviews, package = "udpipe")
x <- subset(brussels_reviews, language == "nl")
x <- tolower(x$feedback)

## Build the model get word embeddings and nearest neighbours
model <- word2vec(x = x, dim = 15, iter = 20)
emb <- as.matrix(model)
head(emb)
emb <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet", "unknownword"), type = "embedding")
emb
nn <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet"), type = "nearest", top_n = 5)
nn

## Get vocabulary
vocab <- summary(model, type = "vocabulary")

# Do some calculations with the vectors and find similar terms to these
emb <- as.matrix(model)
vector <- emb["buurt", ] - emb["rustige", ] + emb["restaurants", ]
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)

vector <- emb["gastvrouw", ] - emb["gastvrij", ]
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 5)

vectors <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw"), ]
```

```

vectors <- rbind(vectors, avg = colMeans(vectors))
predict(model, vectors, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)

## Save the model to hard disk
path <- "mymodel.bin"

write.word2vec(model, file = path)
model <- read.word2vec(path)

##
## Example getting word embeddings
## which are different depending on the parts of speech tag
## Look to the help of the udpipe R package
## to get parts of speech tags on text
##
library(udpipe)
data(brussels_reviews_anno, package = "udpipe")
x <- subset(brussels_reviews_anno, language == "fr")
x <- subset(x, grepl(xpos, pattern = paste(LETTERS, collapse = "|")))
x$text <- sprintf("%s/%s", x$lemma, x$xpos)
x <- subset(x, !is.na(lemma))
x <- paste.data.frame(x, term = "text", group = "doc_id", collapse = " ")
x <- x$text

model <- word2vec(x = x, dim = 15, iter = 20, split = c(" ", ".\\n?!"))
emb <- as.matrix(model)
nn <- predict(model, c("cuisine/NN", "rencontrer/VB"), type = "nearest")
nn
nn <- predict(model, c("accueillir/VBN", "accueillir/VBG"), type = "nearest")
nn

```

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word2vec\_similarity      *Similarity between word vectors as used in word2vec*

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## Description

The similarity between word vectors is defined

- for type 'dot': as the square root of the average inner product of the vector elements ( $\sqrt{\text{sum}(x \cdot y) / \text{ncol}(x)}$ ) capped to zero
- for type 'cosine': as the cosine similarity, namely  $\text{sum}(x \cdot y) / (\text{sum}(x^2) * \text{sum}(y^2))$

## Usage

```
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = +Inf, type = c("dot", "cosine"))
```

**Arguments**

x	a matrix with embeddings where the rownames of the matrix provide the label of the term
y	a matrix with embeddings where the rownames of the matrix provide the label of the term
top_n	integer indicating to return only the top n most similar terms from y for each row of x. If top_n is supplied, a data.frame will be returned with only the highest similarities between x and y instead of all pairwise similarities
type	character string with the type of similarity. Either 'dot' or 'cosine'. Defaults to 'dot'.

**Value**

By default, the function returns a similarity matrix between the rows of x and the rows of y. The similarity between row i of x and row j of y is found in cell [i, j] of the returned similarity matrix. If top\_n is provided, the return value is a data.frame with columns term1, term2, similarity and rank indicating the similarity between the provided terms in x and y ordered from high to low similarity and keeping only the top\_n most similar records.

**See Also**

[word2vec](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(6), nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
rownames(x) <- c("word1", "word2")
y <- matrix(rnorm(15), nrow = 5, ncol = 3)
rownames(y) <- c("term1", "term2", "term3", "term4", "term5")

word2vec_similarity(x, y)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 1)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 2)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = +Inf)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, type = "cosine")
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 1, type = "cosine")
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 2, type = "cosine")
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = +Inf, type = "cosine")

## Example with a word2vec model
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
emb <- as.matrix(model)

x <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw", "kamer"), ]
y <- emb
word2vec_similarity(x, x)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 3)
predict(model, x, type = "nearest", top_n = 3)
```

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write.word2vec	<i>Save a word2vec model to disk</i>
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**Description**

Save a word2vec model as a binary file to disk or as a text file

**Usage**

```
write.word2vec(x, file, type = c("bin", "txt"), encoding = "UTF-8")
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class w2v or w2v_trained as returned by <a href="#">word2vec</a>
file	the path to the file where to store the model
type	either 'bin' or 'txt' to write respectively the file as binary or as a text file. Defaults to 'bin'.
encoding	encoding to use when writing a file with type 'txt' to disk. Defaults to 'UTF-8'

**Value**

a logical indicating if the save process succeeded

**See Also**

[word2vec](#)

**Examples**

```
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)

## Save the model to hard disk as a binary file
path <- "mymodel.bin"

write.word2vec(model, file = path)

## Save the model to hard disk as a text file (uses package udpipe)
library(udpipe)
path <- "mymodel.txt"

write.word2vec(model, file = path, type = "txt")
```

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