



## Distributional Semantics

Advanced Machine Learning for NLP

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- Distributional Hypothesis (Harris, 1954; Firth, 1957)
- Know the word by the company it keeps

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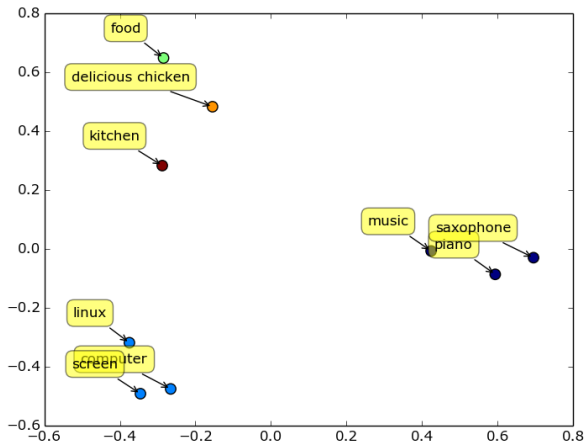
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## Usefulness

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- Multimodal
- Multilingual
- Useful downstream feature