

# Using Word Embedding for Cross-Language Plagiarism Detection



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# What is Cross-Language Plagiarism Detection?

Cross-Language Plagiarism is a plagiarism by translation, *i.e.* a text has been plagiarized while being translated (manually or automatically).

présentation d'un tel log qui soit à la fois concise et exploitable. L'idée de base est qu'une requête résume une autre requête et qu'un log, qui est une séquence de requêtes, résume un autre log. Nous proposons également plusieurs stratégies



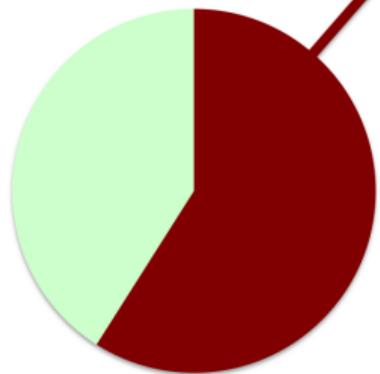
for summarizing and querying OLAP query logs. The basic idea is that a query summarizes another query and that a log, which is a sequence of queries, summarizes another log. Our formal framework includes a language to declaratively specify a



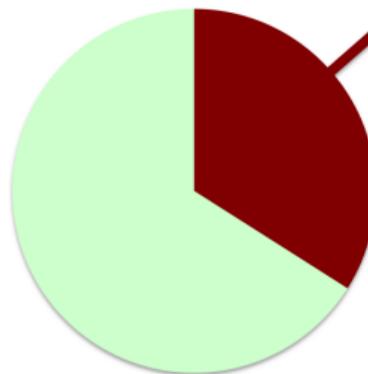
From a text in a language  $L$ , we must find similar passage(s) in other text(s) from among a set of candidate texts in language  $L'$  (cross-language textual similarity).

# Why is it so important?

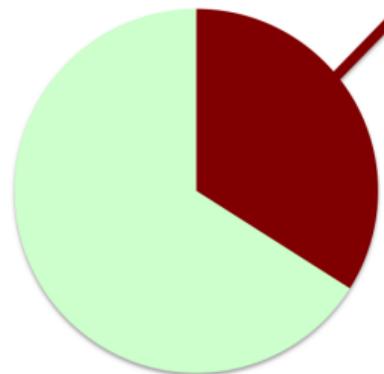
59% of high school students admitted cheating



34% doing it more than two times



1/3 admitted that they used the Internet to plagiarize



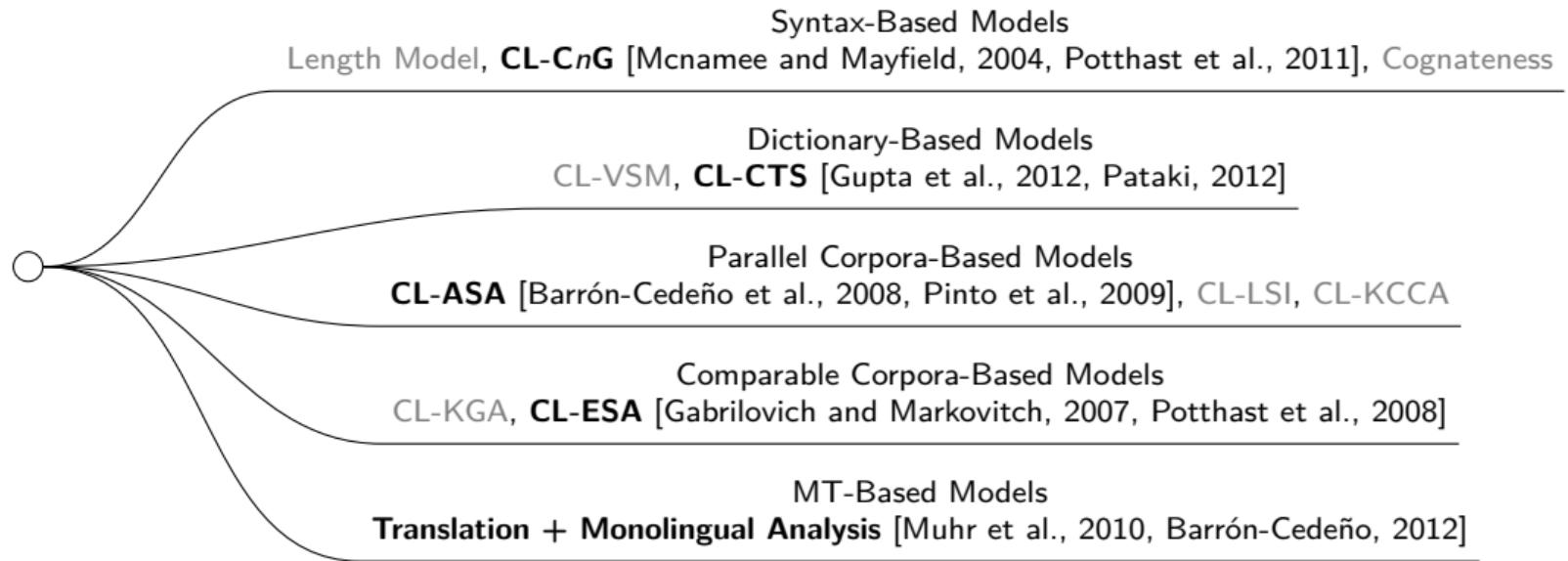
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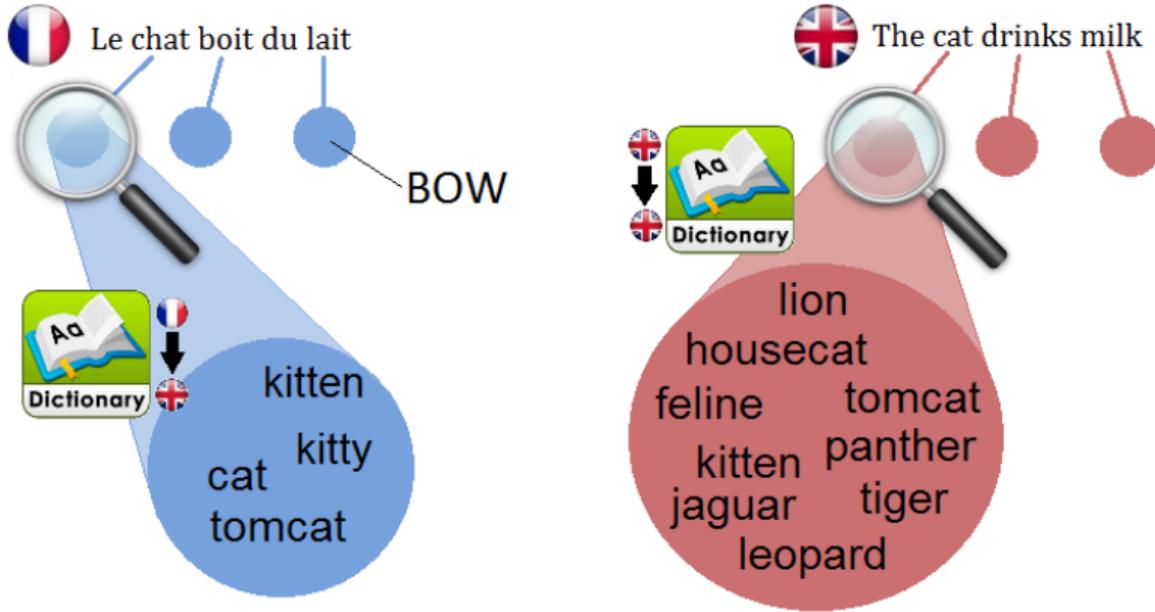
# Research Questions

- Are Word Embeddings useful for cross-language plagiarism detection?
- Is syntax weighting in distributed representations of sentences useful for the text entailment?
- Are cross-language plagiarism detection methods complementary?

# State-of-the-Art Methods

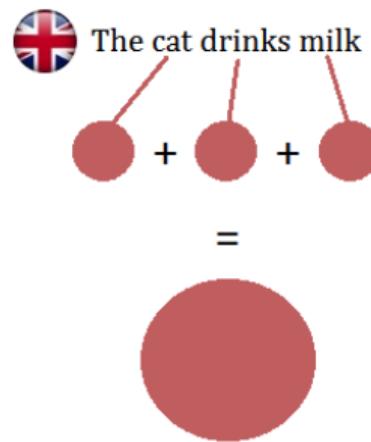
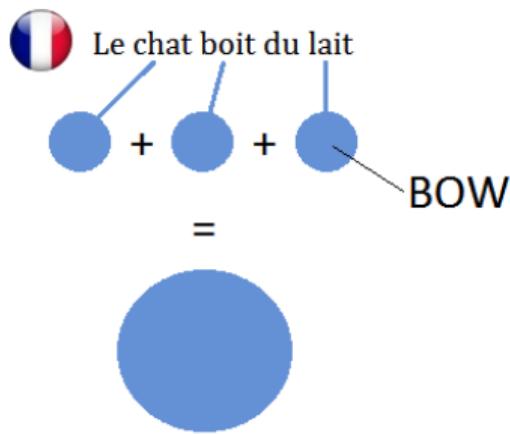


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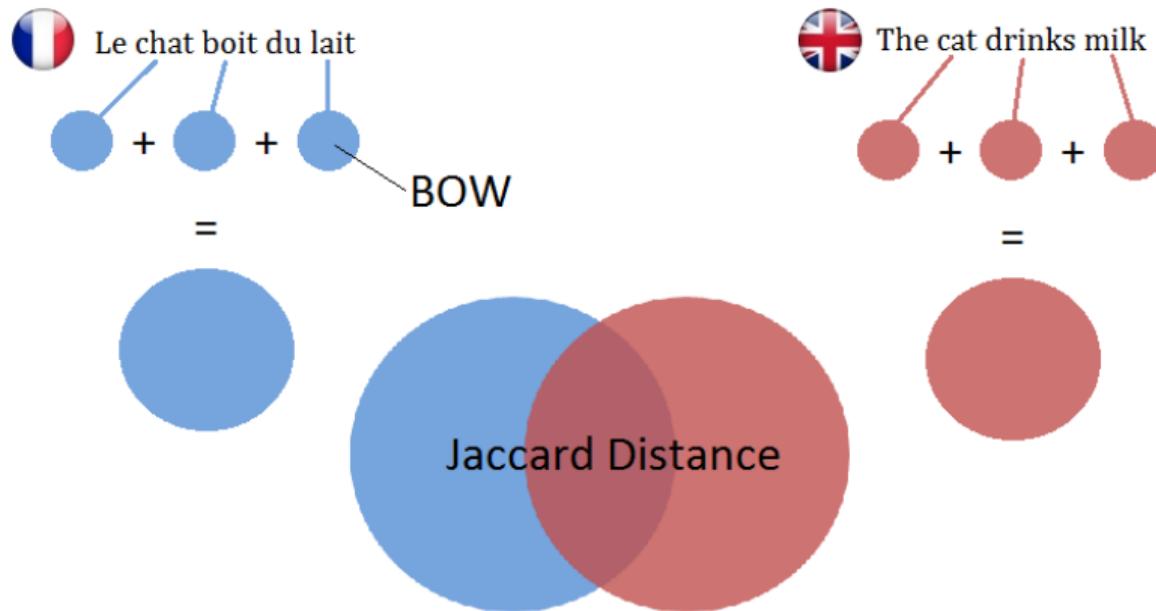


We use DBNary [Sérasset, 2015] as linked lexical resource.

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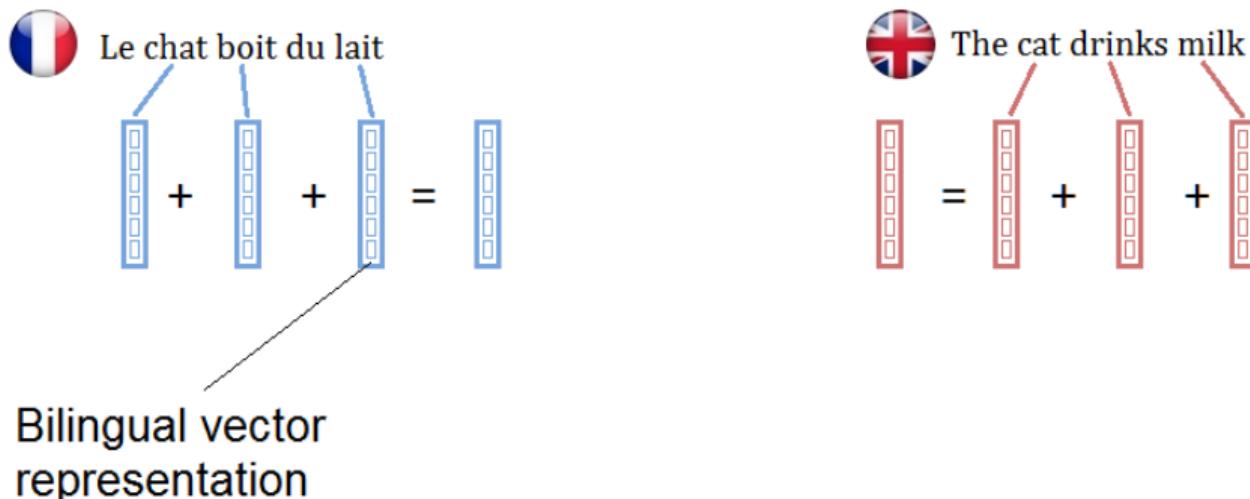


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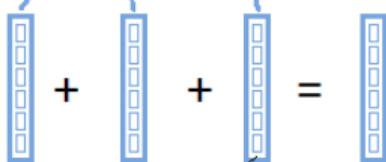


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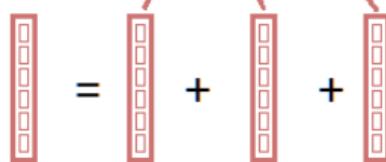
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Bilingual vector  
representation



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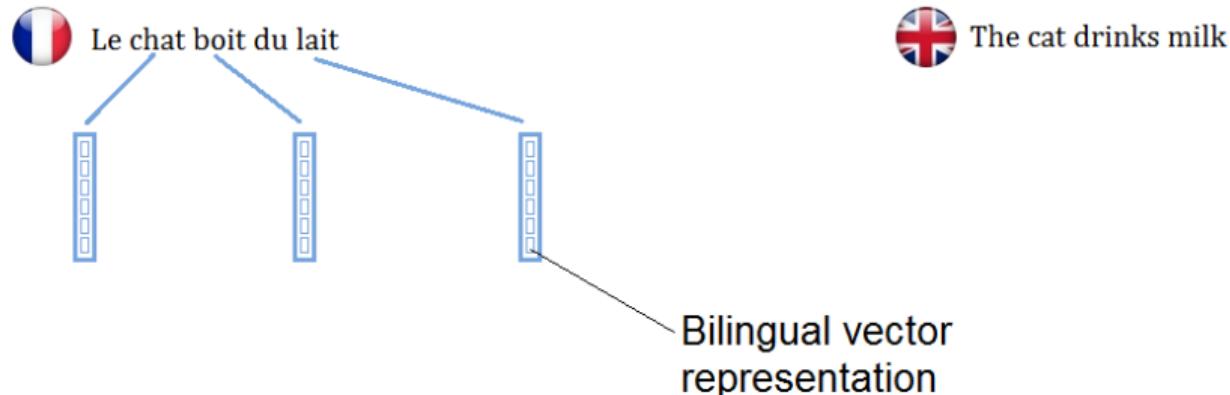


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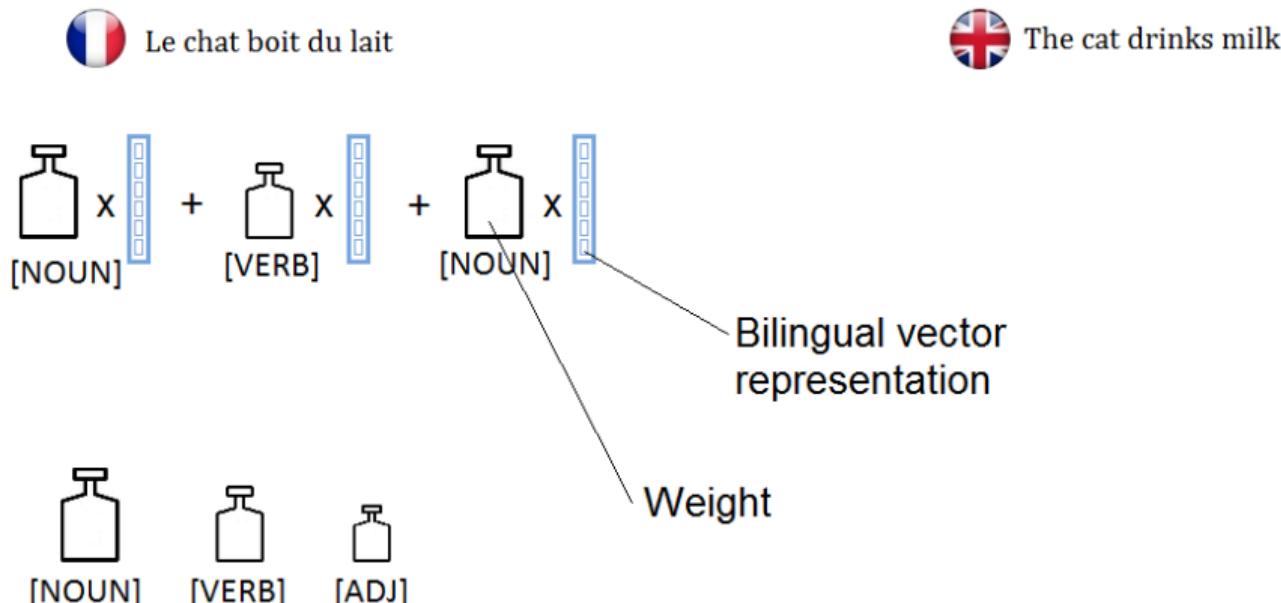
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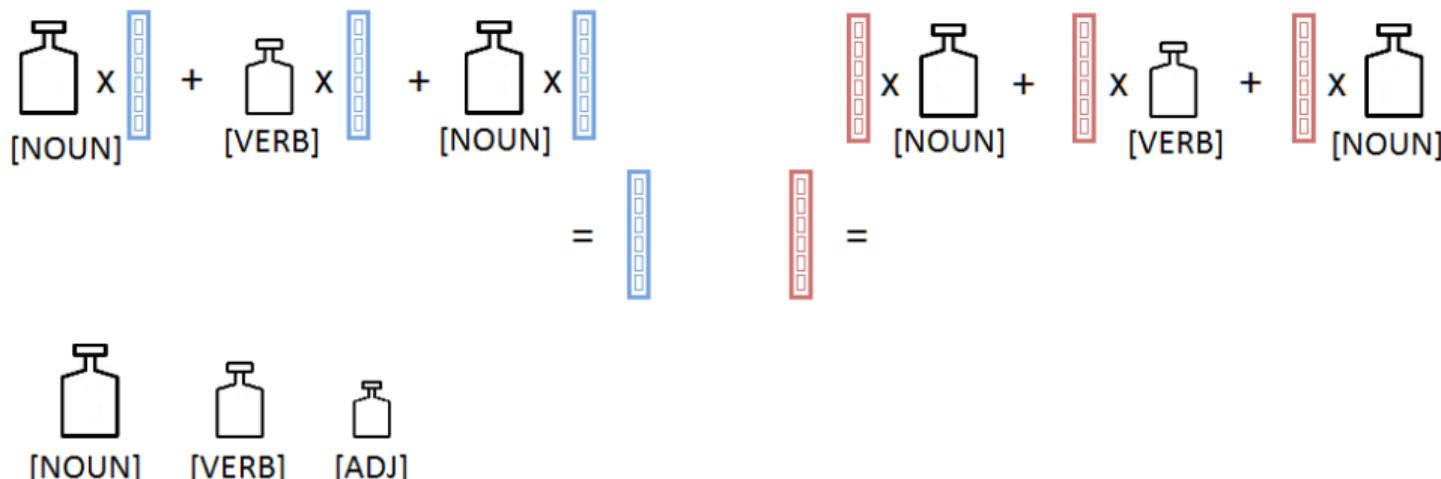
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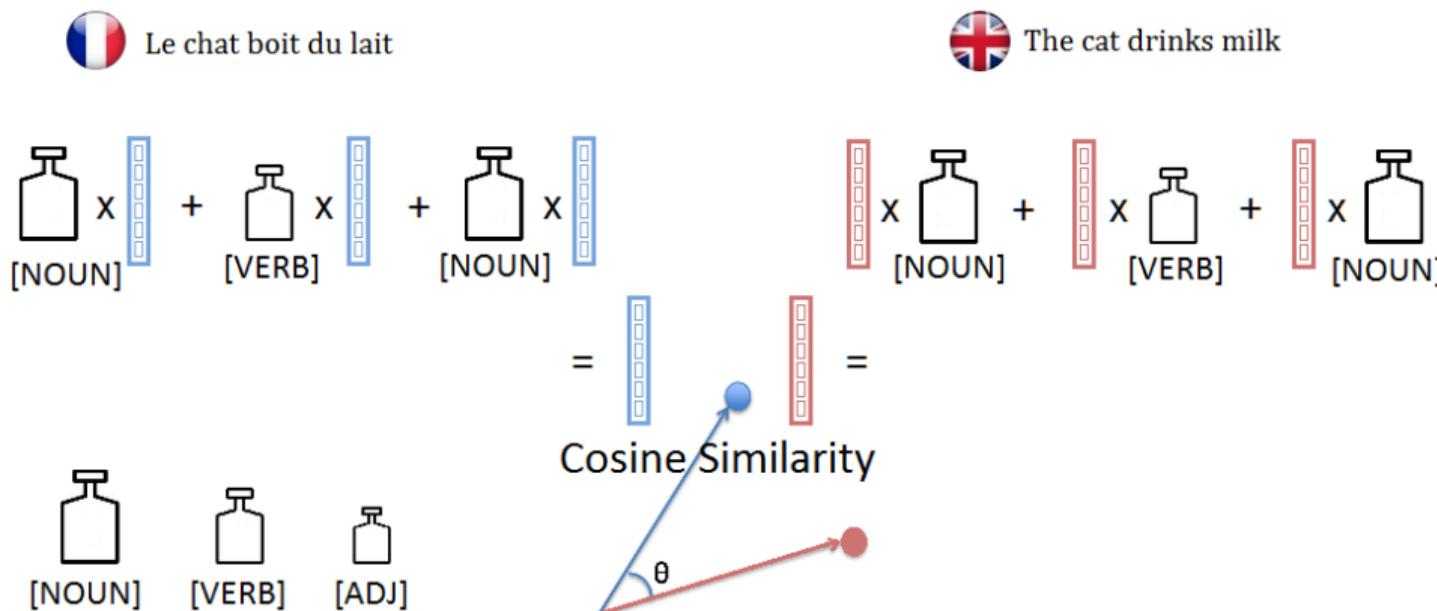


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# Evaluation Dataset

[Ferrero et al., 2016]<sup>1</sup>

- **French, English and Spanish;**
- **Parallel and comparable** (mix of Wikipedia, conference papers, product reviews, Europarl and JRC);
- Different granularities: **document** level, **sentence** level and **chunk** level;
- **Human** and **machine translated** texts;
- **Obfuscated** (to make the similarity detection more complicated) and **without added noise**;
- Written and translated by **multiple types of authors**;
- Cover various fields.

<sup>1</sup>A Multilingual, Multi-style and Multi-granularity Dataset for Cross-language Textual Similarity Detection. In Proceedings of LREC 2016.

<https://github.com/FerreroJeremy/Cross-Language-Dataset>

# Evaluation Protocol

- We compared each English textual unit to its corresponding French unit and to 999 other units randomly selected;
- We threshold the obtained distance matrix to find the threshold giving the best  $F_1$  score;
- We repeat these two steps 10 times, leading to a 10 folds:
  - 2 folds for tuning (CL-WESS) and fusion (Decision Tree)
  - 8 folds for validation

# Results

	Overall (%)	
	Chunk-Level	Sentence-Level
<b>State-of-the-Art Methods</b>		
CL-C3G	50.76	49.34
<b>CL-CTS</b>	<b>42.84</b>	<b>47.50</b>
CL-ASA	47.32	35.81
CL-ESA	14.81	14.44
T+MA	37.12	37.42
<b>New Proposed Methods</b>		
<b>CL-CTS-WE</b>	<b>46.67</b>	<b>50.69</b>
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CL-CTS-WE: Cross-Language Conceptual Thesaurus-based Similarity with Word-Embedding

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CL-C3G: Cross-Language Character 3-Gram

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Decision Tree fusion: C4.5 [Quinlan, 1993]

# Conclusion

- **Augmentation of several baseline approaches** using word embeddings instead of lexical resources;
- **CL-WESS** beats in overall the precedent best state-of-the-art methods;
- **Methods are complementary** and their fusion significantly helps cross-language textual similarity detection performance;
- **Winning method at SemEval-2017 Task 1 track 4a**, i.e. the task on Spanish-English Cross-lingual Semantic Textual Similarity detection.



**Thank you for your attention.  
Do you have any questions?**

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# Augmented CL-CTS

- *CL-CTS-WE* uses the top 10 closest words in the embeddings model to build the BOW of a word;
- A BOW of a sentence is a merge of the BOW of its words;
- Jaccard distance between the two BOW.

# CL-WES: Cross-Language Word Embedding-based Similarity

The similarity between two sentences  $S$  and  $S'$  is calculated by Cosine Distance between the two vectors  $V$  and  $V'$ , built such as:

$$V(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} (\text{vector}(u_i)) \quad (1)$$

- $u_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  word of  $S$ ;
- $\text{vector}$  is the function which gives the word embedding vector of a word.

This feature is available in *MultiVec*<sup>2</sup> [Berard et al., 2016].

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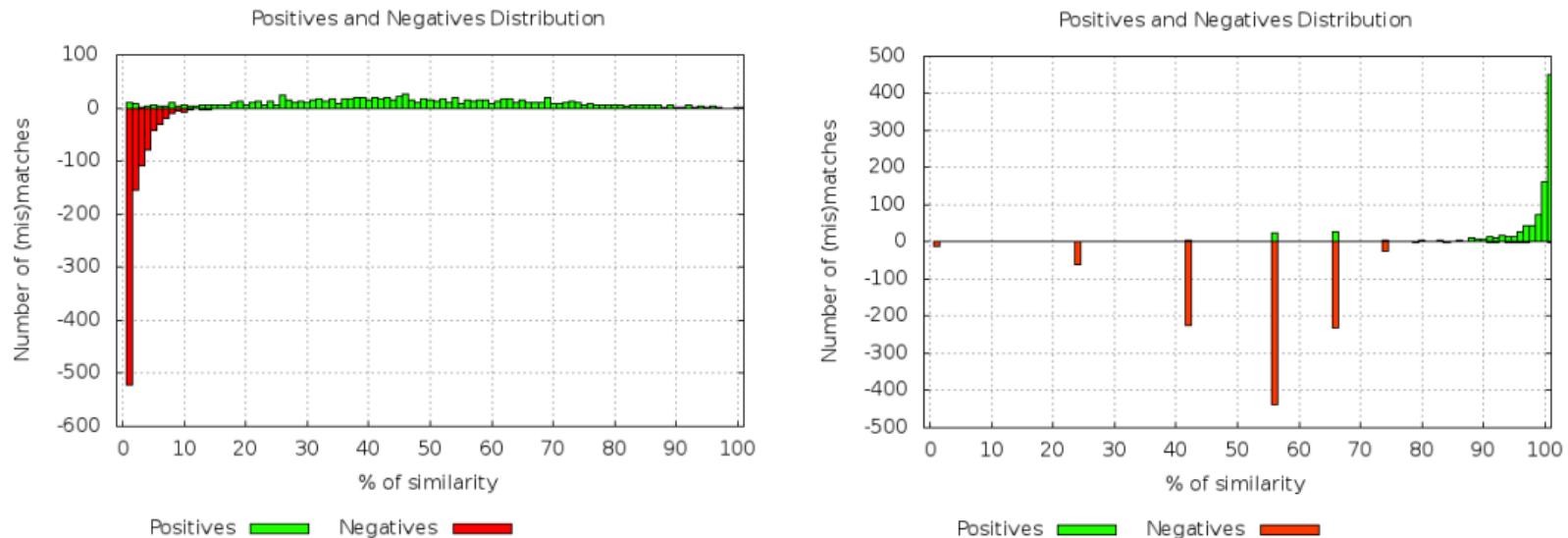
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$$V(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} (\text{weight}(\text{pos}(u_i)).\text{vector}(u_i)) \quad (2)$$

- $u_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  word of  $S$ ;
- $\text{pos}$  is the function which gives the universal part-of-speech tag of a word;
- $\text{weight}$  is the function which gives the weight of a part-of-speech;
- $\text{vector}$  is the function which gives the word embedding vector of a word;
- . is the scalar product.

# Complementarity



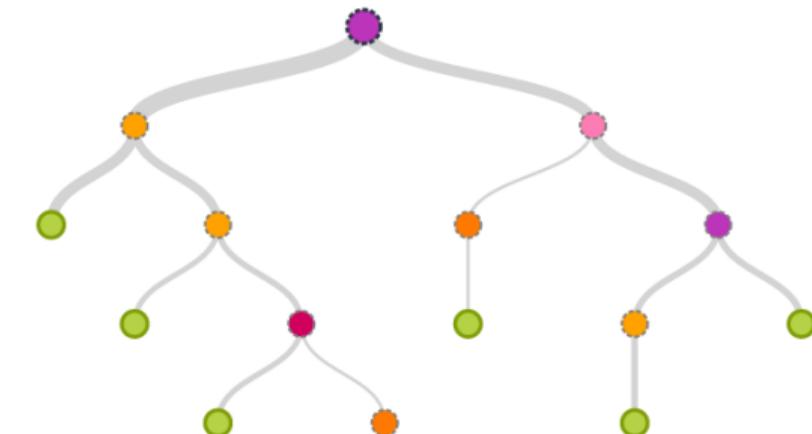
**Figure:** Distribution histograms of *CL-CNG* (left) and *CL-ASA* (right) for 1000 positives and 1000 negatives (mis)matches.

# Fusions

Weighted Average Fusion



Decision Tree Fusion C4.5 [Quinlan, 1993]



# Weighted Fusion

$$fus(M) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{|M|} (w_j * m_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{|M|} w_j} \quad (3)$$

- $M$  is the set of the scores of the methods for one match;
- $m_j$  and  $w_j$  are the score and the weight of the  $j^{th}$  method respectively.

# Results at Chunk-Level

Methods	Chunk level					
	Wikipedia (%)	TALN (%)	JRC (%)	APR (%)	Europarl (%)	Overall (%)
CL-C3G	63.04	<b>40.80</b>	<b>36.80</b>	<b>80.69</b>	53.26	<b>50.76</b>
CL-CTS	58.05	33.66	30.15	67.88	45.31	42.84
CL-ASA	23.70	23.24	33.06	26.34	<b>55.45</b>	47.32
CL-ESA	<b>64.86</b>	23.73	13.91	23.01	13.98	14.81
T+MA	58.26	38.90	28.81	73.25	36.60	37.12
CL-CTS-WE	<b>58.00</b>	<b>38.04</b>	31.73	<b>73.13</b>	49.91	46.67
CL-WES	37.53	21.70	32.96	39.14	46.01	41.95
CL-WESS	52.68	34.49	<b>45.00</b>	56.83	<b>57.06</b>	<b>53.73</b>
Average fusion	81.34	65.78	61.87	91.87	79.77	75.82
Weighed fusion	84.61	69.69	67.02	94.38	83.74	80.01
Decision Tree	<b>95.25</b>	<b>74.10</b>	<b>72.19</b>	<b>97.05</b>	<b>95.16</b>	<b>89.15</b>

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# Results at Sentence-Level

Methods	Sentence level					
	Wikipedia (%)	TALN (%)	JRC (%)	APR (%)	Europarl (%)	Overall (%)
CL-C3G	48.24	<b>48.19</b>	<b>36.85</b>	61.30	52.70	<b>49.34</b>
CL-CTS	46.71	38.93	28.38	51.43	<b>53.35</b>	47.50
CL-ASA	27.68	27.33	34.78	25.95	36.73	35.81
CL-ESA	<b>50.89</b>	14.41	14.45	14.18	14.09	14.44
T+MA	50.39	37.66	32.31	<b>61.95</b>	37.70	37.42
CL-CTS-WE	<b>47.26</b>	<b>43.93</b>	31.63	57.85	56.39	50.69
CL-WES	28.48	24.37	33.99	39.10	44.06	41.43
CL-WESS	45.65	40.45	<b>48.64</b>	<b>58.08</b>	<b>58.84</b>	<b>56.35</b>
Decision Tree	<b>80.45</b>	<b>80.89</b>	<b>72.70</b>	<b>78.91</b>	<b>94.04</b>	<b>88.50</b>

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