Problems with Cosine as a Measure of Embedding Similarity for High Frequency Words

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Abstract

Cosine similarity of contextual embeddings is used in many NLP tasks (e.g., QA, IR, MT) and metrics (e.g., BERTScore). Here, we uncover systematic ways in which word similarities estimated by cosine over BERT embeddings are understated and trace this effect to training data frequency. We find that relative to human judgements, cosine similarity underestimates the similarity of frequent words with other instances of the same word or other words across contexts, even after controlling for polysemy and other factors. We conjecture that this underestimation of similarity for high frequency words is due to differences in the representational geometry of high and low frequency words and provide a formal argument for the two-dimensional case.

1 Introduction

Measuring semantic similarity plays a critical role in numerous NLP tasks like QA, IR, and MT. Many such metrics are based on the cosine similarity between the contextual embeddings of two words (e.g., BERTScore, MoverScore, BERTR, SemDist; Kim et al., 2021; Zhao et al., 2019; Mathur et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2020). Here, we demonstrate that cosine similarity when used with BERT embeddings is highly sensitive to training data frequency.

The impact of frequency on accuracy and reliability has mostly been studied on *static* word embeddings like word2vec. Low frequency words have low reliability in neighbor judgements (Hellrich and Hahn, 2016), and yield smaller inner products (Mimno and Thompson, 2017) with higher variance (Ethayarajh et al., 2019a). Frequency also correlates with stability (overlap in nearest neighbors) (Wendlandt et al., 2018), and plays a role in word analogies and bias (Bolukbasi et al., 2016; Caliskan et al., 2017; Zhao et al., 2018; Ethayarajh et al., 2019b). Similar effects have been found in contextual embeddings, particularly for

low-frequency senses, which seem to cause difficulties in WSD performance for BERT and RoBERTa (Postma et al., 2016; Blevins and Zettlemoyer, 2020; Gessler and Schneider, 2021). Other works have examined how word frequency impacts the similarity of *sentence* embeddings (Li et al., 2020; Jiang et al., 2022).

While previous work has thus mainly focused on reliability or stability of low frequency words or senses, our work asks: how does frequency impact the semantic similarity of high frequency words?

We find that the cosine of BERT embeddings underestimates the similarity of high frequency words (to other tokens of the same word or to different words) as compared to human judgements. In a series of regression studies, we find that this underestimation persists even after controlling for confounders like polysemy, part-of-speech, and lemma. We conjecture that word frequency induces such distortions via differences in the representational geometry. We introduce new methods for characterizing geometric properties of a word's representation in contextual embedding space, and offer a formal argument for why differences in representational geometry affect cosine similarity measurement in the two-dimensional case.¹

2 Effect of Frequency on Cosine Similarity

To understand the effect of word frequency on cosine between BERT embeddings (Devlin et al., 2019), we first approximate the training data frequency of each word in the BERT pre-training corpus from a combination of the March 1, 2020 Wikimedia Download and counts from BookCorpus (Zhu et al., 2015; Hartmann and dos Santos, 2018).² We then consider two datasets that include

 $^{^{1}}Code$ for this paper can be found at $\label{eq:compare} $$ \text{com/katezhou/cosine_and_frequency} $$$

²Additional tools used: https://github.com/ IlyaSemenov/wikipedia-word-frequency;

pairs of words in context with associated human similarity judgements of words: Word-In-Context (WiC) (expert-judged pairs of sentences with a target lemma used in either the same or different WordNet, Wiktionary, or VerbNet senses) and Stanford Contextualized Word Similarity dataset (SCWS) (non-expert judged pairs of sentences annotated with human ratings of the similarity of two target terms). Using datasets with human similarity scores allows us to account for human perceived similarities when measuring the impact of frequency on cosine (Pilehvar and Camacho-Collados, 2019; Huang et al., 2012).

2.1 Study 1: WiC

Method and Dataset The authors of WiC used coarse sense divisions as proxies for words having the same or different meaning and created 5,428³ pairs of words in context, labeled as having the same or different meaning:

- same meaning: "I try to avoid the company of gamblers" and "We avoided the ball"
- different meaning: "You must carry your camping gear" and "Sound carries well over water".

To obtain BERT-based similarity measurements, we use BERT-base-cased⁴ to embed each example, average the representations of the target word over the last four hidden layers, and compute cosine similarity for the pair of representations.⁵

Relation between frequency and similarity in

WiC We want to use ordinary least squares regression to measure the effect of word frequency on the cosine similarity of BERT embeddings. First, we split the WiC dataset into examples that were labeled as having the "same" or "different" meanings. This allows us to control for perceived similarity of the two words in context — any frequency effects found within these subsets cannot be explained by variation in human judgements. Next, we control for a number of other confounding factors by including them as variables in our OLS regression. For each target lemma we considered:

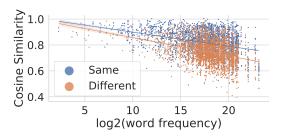


Figure 1: Ordinary Least Squares regression of cosine similarity against frequency, for examples with the same meaning (blue) and different meaning (orange). Both regressions show a significant negative association between cosine similarity and frequency.

frequency: \log_2 of the number of occurrences in BERT's training data

polysemy: \log_2 of number of senses in WordNet is_noun: binary indicator for nouns vs. verbs same_wordform: binary indicator of having the same wordform in both contexts (e.g., actlact vs. carrylcarries) (case insensitive)

An OLS regression predicting cosine similarity from a single independent factor of $log_2(freq)$ shows a significant negative association between cosine and frequency among "same meaning" examples (R^2 : 0.13, coeff's p < 0.001) and "different meaning" examples ($R^2: 0.14$, coeff's p < 0.001) (see Figure 1). The same negative frequency effect is found across various model specifications (Table 1 in Appendix), which also show significantly greater cosine similarity for those examples with the same wordform, a significant negative association with number of senses, and no difference between nouns and verbs. In summary, we find that using cosine to measure the semantic similarity of words via their BERT embeddings gives systematically smaller similarities the higher the frequency of the word.

Results: Comparing to human similarity To compare cosine similarities to WiC's binary human judgements (same/different meaning), we followed WiC authors by thresholding cosine values, tuning the threshold on the training set (resulting threshold: 0.8). As found in the original WiC paper, cosine similarity is somewhat predictive of the expert judgements (0.66 dev accuracy, comparable to 0.65 test accuracy from the WiC authors).

Examining the errors as a function of frequency reveals that cosine similarity is a less reliable predictor of human similarity judgements for common

https://github.com/attardi/wikiextractor

³We used a subset of 5,423 of these examples due to minor spelling differences and availability of frequency data.

⁴https://huggingface.co/bert-base-cased

⁵Out-of-vocabulary words are represented as the average of the subword pieces of the word, following Pilehvar and Camacho-Collados (2019) and Blevins and Zettlemoyer (2020); we found that representing OOV words by their first token produced nearly identical results.

⁶The test set is hidden due to an ongoing leaderboard.

terms. Figure 2 shows the average proportion of examples predicted to be the same meaning as a function of frequency, grouped into ten bins, each with the same number of examples. In the highest frequency bin, humans judged 54% of the examples as having the same meaning compared to only 25% as judged by cosine similarity. This suggests that in the WiC dataset, relative to humans, the model underestimates the sense similarity for high frequency words.

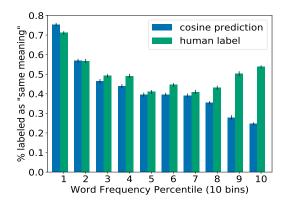


Figure 2: Percentage of examples labeled as having the "same meaning". In high frequency words, cosine similarity-based predictions (blue/left) on average **under**-estimate the similarity of words as compared to human judgements (green/right).

2.2 Study 2: SCWS

Our first study shows that after controlling for sense, cosine will tend to be lower for higher frequency terms. However, the WiC dataset only has binary labels of human judgements, and only indicates similarity between occurrences of the same word. We want to measure if these frequency effects persist across different words and control for more fine-grained human similarity judgements.

Method and Dataset SCWS contains crowd judgements of the similarity of two words in context (scale of 1 to 10). We split the dataset based on whether the target words are the same or different (break/break vs dance/sing); this both allows us to confirm our results from WiC and also determine whether frequency-based effects exist in similarity measurements across words. We use the same embedding method as described for WiC, and again use regression to predict cosine similarities from

the following features:

frequency: average of $log_2(freq)$ of both words **polysemy**: average of $log_2(sense)$ of both words **average rating**: average rating of semantic similarity as judged by humans on a scale of 1 to 10 (highest).

Results If we only use frequency, we find that it mildly explains the variance in cosine similarity both within ($R^2: 0.12$, coeff's p < 0.001) and across words ($R^2: 0.06$, coeff's p < 0.001). Adding in human average rating as a feature, frequency is still a significant feature with a negative coefficient. High frequency terms thus tend to have lower cosine similarity scores, even after accounting for human judgements. When using all features, the linear regression models explain 34% of the total variance in cosine similarity, with frequency still having a significant negative effect (Table 2 in Appendix). Finally, we verify that for a model with only human ratings, error (true - predicted cosine) is negatively correlated with frequency in held out data (Pearson's r = -0.18; p < 0.01), indicating an underestimation of cosine in high frequency words (see Figure 5 in Appendix).

This finding suggests that using frequency as a feature might help to better match human judgements of similarity. We test this hypothesis by training regression models to predict human ratings, we find that frequency does have a significant positive effect (Table 3 in Appendix) but the overall improvement over using cosine alone is relatively small ($R^2 = 44.6\%$ vs $R^2 = 44.3\%$ with or without frequency). We conclude that the problem of underestimation in cosine similarity cannot be resolved simply by using a linear correction for frequency.

3 Minimum Bounding Hyperspheres

In order to understand why frequency influences cosine similarity, we analyze the geometry of the contextual embeddings. Unlike static vectors – where each word type is represented by a single point – the variation in contextualized embeddings depends on a word's frequency in training data. We'll call embeddings of a single word type *sibling embeddings* or a *sibling cohort*. To measure variation, we'll use the radius of the smallest hypersphere that contains a set of sibling embeddings (the minimum bounding hypersphere). We tested many ways to measure the space created by high-dimensional vectors. Our results are robust to various other

⁷For consistency across word embeddings, we only use SCWS examples where the keyword appeared lower-cased in context. We reproduced our results with all SCWS examples and found our findings to be qualitatively the same.

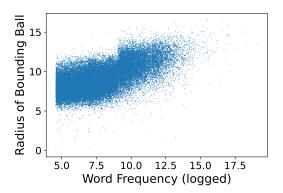


Figure 3: The radius of the minimal bounding ball of sibling embeddings of words is correlated with $\log(\text{word frequency})$. (Pearson's r = 0.62, p < .001)

measures of variation, including taking the average, max, or variance of pairwise distance between sibling embeddings, the average norm of sibling embeddings, and taking the PCA of these vectors and calculating the convex hull of sibling embeddings in lower dimensions (see Table 29 in the Appendix). Here we relate frequency to spatial variation, providing both empirical evidence and theoretical intuition.

For a sample of 39,621 words, for each word we took 10 instances of its sibling embeddings (example sentences queried from Wikipedia), created contexutalized word embeddings using Hugging Face's bert-base-cased model, and calculated the radius of the minimum bounding hypersphere encompassing them.⁸ As shown in Figure 3, there is a significant, strong positive correlation between frequency and size of bounding hypersphere (Pearson's r = 0.62, p < .001). Notably, since the radius was calculated in 768 dimensions, an increase in radius of 1% results in a hypersphere volume nearly 2084 times larger. ¹⁰

Since frequency and polysemy are highly correlated, we want to measure if frequency is a significant feature for explaining the variance of bound-

$$V_n(R) = \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + 1)} R^n$$

ing hyperspheres. Using the unique words of the WiC dataset, we run a series of regressions to predict the radius of bounding hyperspheres. On their own, frequency and polysemy explain for 48% and 45% of the radii's variance. Using both features, frequency and polysemy explains for 58% of the radii's variance and both features are significant – demonstrating that frequency is a significant feature in predicting radii of bounding hyperspheres (Tables 25, 26, 27 in Appendix).

Among the unique words of the WiC dataset, the radii of the target word correlates with training data frequency (Pearson's r: 0.69, p < 0.001). Across the WiC dataset, the radii explains for 17% of the variance in cosine similarity (Table 28 in Appendix).¹¹

3.1 **Theoretical Intuition**

Here, we offer some theoretical intuition in 2D for why using cosine similarity to estimate semantic similarity can lead to underestimation (relative to human judgements). Let $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ denote the target word vector, against which we're measuring cosine similarity. Say there were a bounding ball B_x with center $\vec{x_c}$ to which \vec{w} is tangent. If we normalize every point in the bounding ball, it will form an arc on the unit circle. The length of this arc is $2\theta=2\arcsin\frac{r}{\|x_c\|_2}$: • Let θ denote the angle made by x_c and the

- tangent vector \vec{w} .
- $\sin \theta = \frac{r}{\|x_c\|_2}$, so the arc length on the unit circle is $r\theta = \arcsin \frac{r}{\|x_c\|_2}$ (normalized points).
 Multiply by 2 to get the arclength between
- both (normalized) tangent vectors.

Since the arclength is monotonic increasing in r, if the bounding ball were larger—while still being tangent to \vec{w} —the arclength will be too.

The cosine similarity between a point in the bounding ball and \vec{w} is equal to the dot product between the projection of the former onto the unit circle (i.e., somewhere on the arc) and the normalized \vec{w} . This means that only a certain span of the arclength maps to sibling embeddings \vec{x}_i such that $\cos(\vec{x}_i, \vec{w}) \geq t$, where t is the threshold required to be judged as similar by humans (see Footnote 3 and Figure 4). If B_x were larger while still being tangent to w, the arclength would increase but the span of the arc containing siblings embeddings

⁸Words were binned by frequency and then sampled in order to sample a range of frequencies. As a result, there is a Zipfian effect causing there to be slightly more words in the lower ranges of each bin. We used https://pypi.org/ project/miniball/

⁹Given the sensitivity of minimum bounding hypersphere to outliers, we'd imagine that frequency-based distortions would be even more pronounced had we chosen to use more instances of sibling embeddings.

¹⁰the n-dimensional volume of a Euclidean ball of radius

¹¹We used 1,253 out of the original 1,265 unique WiC words and 5,412 out of the original 5,428 WiC examples due to availability of frequency data and contextual examples for target words.

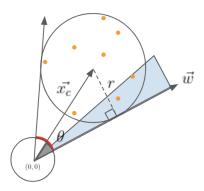


Figure 4: An illustration of how using cosine similarity can underestimate word similarity. The cosine similarity between a contextualized representation (orange) and \vec{w} is the dot product of the former's projection onto the red arc of the unit circle (with length 2θ) and \hat{w} . Only points in the blue region are close enough to \hat{w} to be deemed similar by humans. As the bounding ball grows (e.g., with higher frequency words), if it remains tangent to \vec{w} , the fraction of points in the blue region will shrink, leading to underestimation.

sufficiently similar to w would not. This means a greater proportion of the sibling embeddings will fail to meet this threshold, assuming that the distribution of sibling embeddings in B_x does not change. Because, in practice, more frequent words have larger bounding balls, depending on how the bounding ball of a word x grows relative to some \vec{w} , the similarity of x and y can be underestimated. This helps explain the findings in Figure 2, but it does not explain why more frequent words have lower similarity with themselves across different contexts, since that requires knowledge of the embedding distribution in the bounding ball. The latter is likely due to more frequent words having less anisotropic representations (Ethayarajh, 2019).

4 Discussion and Conclusion

Cosine distance underestimates compared to humans the semantic similarity of frequent words in a variety of settings (expert versus non-expert judged, and within word sense and across words). This finding has large implications for downstream tasks, given that single-point similarity metrics are used in a variety of methods and experiments (Reimers and Gurevych, 2019; Reif et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2020; Zhao et al., 2019; Mathur et al., 2019; Kim et al., 2021). Word frequency in pre-training data also affects the representational geometry of contextualized embeddings, low frequency words be-

ing more concentrated geometrically. One extension of this work might examine how variables such as sentiment and similarity/dissimilarity between sentence contexts could impact both human-judged and embedding-based similarity metrics.

Because training data frequency is something that researchers can control, understanding these distortions is critical to training large language models. Frequency-based interventions might even be able to correct for these systematic underestimations of similarity (e.g., by modifying training data), which could be important where certain words or subjects may be inaccurately represented. For example, Zhou et al. (2022) illustrates how training data frequencies can lead to discrepancies in the representation of countries, and—since frequency is highly correlated with a country's GDP—can perpetuate historic power and wealth inequalities. Future work could also examine how and if frequency effects could be mitigated by post-processing techniques which improve the correlation between human and semantic similarities (Timkey and van Schijndel, 2021).

The semantic similarity distortions caused by the over-and under-representation of topics is another reason why documentation for datasets is critical for increasing transparency and accountability in machine learning models (Gebru et al., 2021; Mitchell et al., 2019; Bender and Friedman, 2018; Ethayarajh and Jurafsky, 2020; Ma et al., 2021). As language models increase in size and training data becomes more challenging to replicate, we recommend that word frequencies and distortions be revealed to users, bringing awareness to the potential inequalities in datasets and the models that are trained on them. In the future, we hope to see research that more critically examines the downstream implications of these findings and various mitigation techniques for such distortions.

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A Appendix

For readability, we've summarized the key results from the regressions in 1 and 2. Table 1 contains results from our WiC experiments where we measure frequency's impact on cosine similarity. We control for human judgements of similarity by splitting the dataset by human labels of "same" and "different" meaning words. The same trends hold for the whole dataset as well.

Table 2 contains results from the SCWS experiments we measure frequency's impact on cosine similarity within and across word similarities. Similar to the WiC results, we see that frequency does impact cosine similarity, with higher words having lower similarities.

Table 3 contains results from the SCWS experiments where we measure frequency's impact on human ratings. We see that frequency does not explain human ratings but when used in a model with cosine similarity, frequency has a positive coefficient, indicating it is correcting for the underestimation of cosine similarity.

B Regression results from WiC experiments

Tables 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

C Regression results from SCWS experiments

Tables 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

D Regression results from SCWS experiments, explaining for the difference between cosine similarity and human judgements

Tables 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Cosine similarity is partially predictive of human similarity judgements. The full model shows a significant positive effect of frequency 24 indicating that for a given level of cosine similarity, more frequent terms will judged by humans to be more similar, again demonstrating that cosine under-estimates semantic similarity for frequent terms.

The effect is relatively small, however; for a word that is twice as frequent, the increase in human rating will be 0.0989 (See table 23). Removing frequency from the model reduces R^2 from 40.8% to 40.4%. Polysemy shows the opposite effect; those words with more senses are likely to be rated

as less similar. In a model with only cosine and polysemy factors, however, frequency has no relationship with human judgements, indicating that including frequency is correcting for the semantic distortion of cosine in the full model.

E Regression results from minimum bounding hyperspheres

Using frequency and polysemy to explain for the variability in bounding ball radii. Tables 25, 26, 27. Using radius of the bounding ball to explain for the variability of cosine similarity. Table 28.

F Other ways of measuring the space of sibling embeddings

Using a smaller sample of words (10,000 words out of the initial \sim 39,000 words), we calculate the space occupied by these sibling embeddings using a variety of other metrics. In each metric, we find strong correlations between (log) frequency and the metric in question (see table 29).

G Residual of Predicted Cosine

For the SCWS dataset, use 1,000 samples as the train set and use the rest as the development set. We train a linear regression model to predict cosine similarity using only human ratings. Taking the difference between cosine similarity and the predicted similarity, we plot this error relative to frequency. We see a negative correlation between this error and frequency r=-0.18, p<0.001, indicating that there is an underestimation of cosine similarity among the high frequency words. Results are shown in Figure 5.

-		OI	LS predictin	g cosine sin	nilarity			
WiC]	Different Se	nse Meanin	g		Same Sens	se Meaning	
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
$log_2(freq)$	-0.014	-0.012	-0.013	-0.013	-0.011	-0.009	-0.009	-0.010
$log_2(sense)$	-	-0.012	-0.008	-0.009	-	-0.006	-0.004	-0.002
same_wordform	-	-	0.045	0.047	-	-	0.059	0.056
is_noun	-	-	-	-0.006	-	-	-	0.008
R^2	0.127	0.144	0.203	0.204	0.136	0.142	0.241	0.242
Table Number	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Table 1: Coefficients for each of the variables when used in a OLS regression. Bolded numbers are significant. The WiC dataset is split across examples that were rated to have the same or different meaning by experts. Other confounders (polysemy, part-of-speech, word form) were accounted for as features. In model 1, for a word that is twice as frequent, the decrease in cosine similarity will be 0.011.

SCWS		Within Wor	d Examples	S	Across Words Examples				
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	
$log_2(freq))$	-0.020	-	-0.018	-0.016	-0.011	-	-0.008	-0.008	
average rating	-	0.022	0.021	0.02	-	0.02	0.02	0.02	
$log_2(sense)$	-	-	-	-0.019	-	-	-	-0.001	
R^2	0.120	0.225	0.320	0.343	0.059	0.305	0.336	0.337	
Table Number	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	

Table 2: Coefficients for each of the variables when used in a OLS regression. Bolded numbers are significant. The SCWS dataset is split across examples that use the same (within word) or different (across word) target words. Other con-founders (polysemy and average rating) were accounted for as features. In model 1, for a word that is twice as frequent, the decrease in cosine similarity will be 0.02.

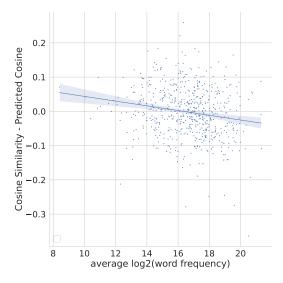


Figure 5: Error in cosine similarity and predicted cosine similarity using human ratings. A negative correlation exists, r=-0.18, p<0.001, indicating an underestimation of cosine similarity among the high frequency words.

OLS Predicting Average Human Rating (Scale of 1 - 10)									
Feature	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5				
$avg log_2(freq)$	-0.057	-	0.099	-	0.076				
$avg\ log_2(sense)$	-	-	-0.0440	-0.134	-0.189				
cosine	-	16.345	16.665	13.513	13.809				
same_word	-	-	-	1.7228	1.687				
R^2	0.002	0.404	0.408	0.443	0.446				
Table Number	20	21	22	23	24				

Table 3: Coefficients for each of the variables when used in a OLS regression. Bolded numbers are significant. Other con-founders (polysemy, same word) were accounted for as features. In model 5, for a word that is twice as frequent, the increase in human rating will be 0.076. Notice that frequency only becomes a significant as a feature when used with cosine, indicating that it is correcting for an underestimation.

Dep. Variable:	Cosine Simi	larity R	-squared	:	0.127
Model:	OLS	A	dj. R-squ	iared:	0.127
Method:	Least Squa	ares F	-statistic:		395.1
Date:	Thu, 14 Oct 2021		rob (F-sta	atistic):	3.55e-82
Time:	22:12:38	8 L	og-Likeli	hood:	2947.0
No. Observations:	2713	A	IC:		-5890.
Df Residuals:	2711	В	IC:		-5878.
Df Model:	1				
coe	f std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
constant 0.99	76 0.013	77.728	0.000	0.972	1.023
log2(freq) -0.01	41 0.001	-19.876	0.000	-0.015	-0.013
Omnibus:	1.261	Durbin	-Watson:	1.9	52
Prob(Omni)	bus): 0.532	Jarque	-Bera (JI	3): 1.1	89
Skew:	0.044	Prob(JB): 0.5			52
Kurtosis:	3.053	Cond.	No.	14	9

Table 4: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable:	Cos	sine Simil	arity R	-squared:		0.144		
Model:		OLS	•	dj. R-squ		0.144		
Method:	L	east Squa	res F	• •		228.2		
Date:	Thu	Thu, 14 Oct 20		rob (F-sta	tistic):	2.48e-92		
Time:		22:12:38		og-Likelih	ood:	2973.7		
No. Observation	ons:	2713	A	IC:		-5941.		
Df Residuals:		2710	В	IC:		-5924.		
Df Model:		2						
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]		
constant	0.9997	0.013	78.627	0.000	0.975	1.025		
log2(freq)	-0.0115	0.001	-14.624	0.000	-0.013	-0.010		
log2(senses)	-0.0118	0.002	-7.330	0.000	-0.015	-0.009		
Omnibu	s:	8.024	Durbin-	Watson:	1.95	1.954		
Prob(Or	nnibus):	0.018	Jarque-l	Bera (JB):	9.22	9.222		
Skew:		0.060	Prob(JB) :	0.009	0.00994		
Kurtosis	::	3.259	Cond. N	0.	153	3.		

Table 5: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable:	Cosine	Similarit	y R-squ	ared:		0.203
Model:		OLS	Adj.	R-square	ed:	0.202
Method:	Leas	Least Squares		tistic:		230.2
Date:	Thu, 1	4 Oct 202	1 Prob	(F-statist	tic): 5.1	14e-133
Time:	22	2:12:38	Log-I	ikelihoo	d: 3	3070.5
No. Observations:		2713	AIC:		-	6133.
Df Residuals:	,	2709	BIC:		_	6109.
Df Model:		3				
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
constant	0.9367	0.013	71.757	0.000	0.911	0.962
log2(freq)	-0.0130	0.001	-16.984	0.000	-0.015	-0.012
log2(senses)	-0.0076	0.002	-4.833	0.000	-0.011	-0.005
same_wordform	0.0447	0.003	14.158	0.000	0.039	0.051
Omnibus:	13	.328 D	urbin-Wa	tson:	1.917	
Prob(Omnik	ous): 0.	001 J a	Jarque-Bera (JB):		14.587	
Skew:	-0	.123 P 1	rob(JB):		0.00068	30
Kurtosis:	3.	261 C	ond. No.		163.	

Table 6: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable:	Cosine	Similarit	y R-sq u	ared:		0.204	
Model:		OLS	Adj.	R-square	ed:	0.203	
Method:	Leas	t Squares	F-stat	tistic:		173.4	
Date:	Thu, 1	Thu, 14 Oct 2021		(F-statist	tic): 2.2	26e-132	
Time:	22	2:12:38	Log-I	Likelihoo	d: 3	3071.8	
No. Observations:	;	2713	AIC:		-	6134.	
Df Residuals:		2708			-	6104.	
Df Model:		4					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	0.9355	0.013	71.569	0.000	0.910	0.961	
log2(freq)	-0.0126	0.001	-15.858	0.000	-0.014	-0.011	
log2(senses)	-0.0090	0.002	-5.030	0.000	-0.013	-0.005	
same_wordform	0.0467	0.003	13.760	0.000	0.040	0.053	
is_noun	-0.0061	0.004	-1.629	0.103	-0.013	0.001	
Omnibus:	14	.009 D	urbin-Wa	tson:	1.915		
Prob(Omnik	ous): 0.	s): 0.001 Jar o		que-Bera (JB):		15.019	
Skew:	-0	.135 P ı	rob(JB):		0.00054	18	
Kurtosis:	3.	.244 C	ond. No.		164.		

Table 7: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable:	Co	osine Simi	larity l	R-squared	:	0.136
Model:		OLS	1	Adj. R-squ	ıared:	0.136
Method:]	Least Squa	ares l	F-statistic:		427.3
Date:	Tł	Thu, 14 Oct 2021		Prob (F-sta	atistic):	2.94e-88
Time:		22:12:38		Log-Likeli	hood:	2926.4
No. Observations	s:	2710	AIC:			-5849.
Df Residuals:		2708 BIC:			-5837.	
Df Model:		1				
c	oef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
constant 1.0	0077	0.009	109.007	0.000	0.990	1.026
log2(freq) -0.	0109	0.001	-20.670	0.000	-0.012	-0.010
Omnibus:		45.476	Durbin	-Watson:	1.9	977
Prob(Omni	bus):	0.000	Jarque	-Bera (JB)): 45.	736
Skew:		-0.298	Prob(JB): 1.17e-10			e-10
Kurtosis:		2.778	Cond.	No.	10)3.

Table 8: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same meaning" senses.

Dan Variables	Ca	aina Cinail	anita. D	~~~~~.		0.142		
Dep. Variable:	Co	sine Simil	•	squared:	_	0.142		
Model:		OLS	Adj. R-squa		ared:	0.141		
Method:	L	east Squa	res F-	statistic:		224.2		
Date:	Th	u, 14 Oct 2	2021 Pr	ob (F-stat	tistic):	8.17e-91		
Time:		22:12:38 Log-Likelihoo		ood:	2935.6			
No. Observatio	ns:	2710	\mathbf{A}	C:		-5865.		
Df Residuals:		2707	Bl	C :		-5847.		
Df Model:		2						
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]		
constant	0.9974	0.010	104.755	0.000	0.979	1.016		
log2(freq)	-0.0090	0.001	-13.270	0.000	-0.010	-0.008		
log2(senses)	-0.0063	0.001	-4.283	0.000	-0.009	-0.003		
Omnibus	:	38.934	Durbin-	Watson:	1.9	1.973		
Prob(Om	nibus):	0.000	Jarque-H	Bera (JB):	39.6	39.612		
Skew:		-0.283	Prob(JB)) :	2.50	2.50e-09		
Kurtosis:		2.823	Cond. N	0.	10	9.		

Table 9: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable:	Cosine	e Similari	ity R-squ	arad.		0.241
Model:		OLS		rareu. R-square	d.	0.241
			•	_	·u.	
Method:		t Squares		istic:		285.7
Date:	Thu, 1	4 Oct 202	21 Prob	(F-statist	tic): 4.	36e-161
Time:	22	2:12:38	Log-I	Likelihoo	d: :	3100.7
No. Observations:	:	2710	AIC:			-6193.
Df Residuals:		2706	BIC:			-6170.
Df Model:		3				
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
constant	0.8928	0.011	84.562	0.000	0.872	0.914
log2(freq)	-0.0092	0.001	-14.435	0.000	-0.010	-0.008
log2(senses)	-0.0035	0.001	-2.513	0.012	-0.006	-0.001
$same_wordform$	0.0588	0.003	18.728	0.000	0.053	0.065
Omnibus:	80).675 I	Durbin-Wa	tson:	1.981	
Prob(Omnil	ous): 0	.000	Jarque-Ber	a (JB):	87.234	4
Skew:	-0).434 I	Prob(JB):		1.14e-1	9
Kurtosis:	3	.139	Cond. No.		130.	

Table 10: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable:	Cosine	e Similari	ty R-sq u	ared:	(0.242	
Model:		OLS	Adj.	R-square	ed:	0.241	
Method:	Leas	t Squares	F-stat	tistic:		215.8	
Date:	Thu, 1	4 Oct 202	21 Prob	(F-statist	tic): 6.7	75e-161	
Time:	22	2:12:38	Log-I	Likelihoo	d: 3	3103.2	
No. Observations:		2710	AIC:		-	6196.	
Df Residuals:		2705	BIC:		-	6167.	
Df Model:		4					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	0.8952	0.011	84.424	0.000	0.874	0.916	
log2(freq)	-0.0096	0.001	-14.547	0.000	-0.011	-0.008	
log2(senses)	-0.0022	0.002	-1.457	0.145	-0.005	0.001	
same_wordform	0.0560	0.003	16.512	0.000	0.049	0.063	
is_noun	0.0078	0.003	2.228	0.026	0.001	0.015	
Omnibus:	76	5.318 I	Ourbin-Wa	bin-Watson:		1.983	
Prob(Omnik	ous): 0	.000 J	arque-Ber	a (JB):	82.141		
Skew:	-0).421 P	Prob(JB):		1.46e-1	8	
Kurtosis:	3	.139	Cond. No.		132.		

Table 11: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same meaning" senses.

Dep. Variable	e: Co	sine Simi	larity	R-square	d:	0.120	
Model:		OLS		Adj. R-sq	uared:	0.115	
Method:	I	Least Squa	ares	F-statistic	2:	28.77	
Date:	Sa	t, 12 Mar	2022	Prob (F-s	tatistic):	2.12e-0	7
Time:		12:16:53	3	Log-Like	lihood:	203.87	7
No. Observat	ions:	214		AIC:		-403.7	,
Df Residuals :	}	212		BIC:		-397.0)
Df Model:		1					
Covariance T	ype:	nonrobu	st				
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	1.0762	0.063	17.127	0.000	0.952	1.200	
avg_freq	-0.0196	0.004	-5.364	0.000	-0.027	-0.012	
Omnib	us:	7.823	Durb	in-Watsor	n: 2.0	040	
Prob(C	Omnibus):	0.020	Jarqı	ıe-Bera (J	B): 9.	129	
Skew:		-0.307	Prob	Prob(JB): 0.0			
Kurtos	Kurtosis:		Cond. No.		10	59.	

Table 12: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same" target words

Dep. Variable:	Cosi	ne Simila	rity R-s	quared:		0.225	
Model:		OLS	Adj	. R-squa	red:	0.221	
Method:	Lea	ast Squar	es F-s t	tatistic:		61.58	
Date:	Sat,	12 Mar 2	022 Pro	b (F-stat	istic):	2.07e-13	
Time:		12:20:20	Log	g-Likelih	ood:	217.54	
No. Observations	:	214	AIC	C:		-431.1	
Df Residuals:		212	BIC	C:		-424.3	
Df Model:		1					
Covariance Type:	: n	onrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	0.5856	0.021	28.308	0.000	0.545	0.626	
average_rating	0.0223	0.003	7.847	0.000	0.017	0.028	
Omnibus:	3	31.336	Durbin-W	atson:	2.13	83	
Prob(Omnil	ous):	0.000	Jarque-Be	era (JB):	64.374		
Skew:	-	0.711	Prob(JB):		1.05€	e-14	
Kurtosis:	:	5.279	Cond. No.		25.	.5	

Table 13: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same" target words

Dep. Variable:	Cosin	e Simila	rity R-s e	quared:		0.320		
Model:		OLS	Adj	. R-squa	red:	0.314		
Method:	Lea	st Square	es F-st	atistic:		49.70		
Date:	Sat, 1	2 Mar 20	022 Pro	b (F-stati	istic):	2.06e-18		
Time:	1	12:20:20 Log-Likelihood:				231.56		
No. Observations	:	214	AIC	:		-457.1		
Df Residuals:		211	BIC	:		-447.0		
Df Model:		2						
Covariance Type:	no							
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]		
constant	0.8939	0.060	14.907	0.000	0.776	1.012		
avg_freq	-0.0176	0.003	-5.434	0.000	-0.024	-0.011		
average_rating	0.0211	0.003	7.893	0.000	0.016	0.026		
Omnibus:	18	18.260 Durb		atson:	2.24	2.246		
Prob(Omnik	ous): 0	.000	Jarque-Be	ra (JB):	27.3	27.332		
Skew:	-(0.524 Prob(JB):			1.16e	-06		
Kurtosis:	4	.402	Cond. No.		197	,		

Table 14: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same" target words

Dan Variables	Casin	- Cincila				0.242	
Dep. Variable:	Cosin	e Simila	•	quared:		0.343 0.334	
Model:		OLS	Adj	Adj. R-squared:			
Method:	Lea	st Square	es F-st	atistic:		36.58	
Date:	Sat, 1	2 Mar 20	022 Pro	b (F-stat	istic):	4.63e-19	
Time:	1	2:20:20	Log	-Likeliho	ood:	235.24	
No. Observations	:	214	AIC	: :		-462.5	
Df Residuals:		210	BIC	: •		-449.0	
Df Model:		3					
Covariance Type:	no	onrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	0.9469	0.062	15.214	0.000	0.824	1.070	
avg_freq	-0.0161	0.003	-4.983	0.000	-0.022	-0.010	
average_rating	0.0198	0.003	7.417	0.000	0.015	0.025	
avg_sense	-0.0192	0.007	-2.711	0.007	-0.033	-0.005	
Omnibus:	13	3.882	Durbin-W	atson:	2.255		
Prob(Omnib	ous): 0	0.001 Jarque-Bera (ra (JB):	18.1	77	
Skew:	-0).458	Prob(JB):		0.000113		
Kurtosis:	4	.095	Cond. No.		212.		

Table 15: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "same" target words

Dep. Variable	e: C	osine Simi	larity	R-square	d:	0.059		
Model:		OLS		Adj. R-so	uared:	0.058		
Method:		Least Squa	ares	F-statistic	c:	87.37		
Date:	S	at, 12 Mar	2022	Prob (F-s	3.41e-2			
Time:		12:20:2	0	Log-Like	lihood:	1557.3		
No. Observat	ions:	1406		AIC:		-3111.		
Df Residuals:	:	1404		BIC:		-3100.		
Df Model:		1						
Covariance T	ype:	nonrobu	st					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]		
constant	0.7858	0.019	42.044	0.000	0.749	0.822		
avg_freq	-0.0106	0.001	-9.347	0.000	-0.013	-0.008		
Omnibu	ıs:	12.804	Durbi	n-Watson:	: 1.	683		
Prob(Or	mnibus):	0.002	Jarque	e-Bera (JI	B): 16	16.004		
Skew:		-0.130	Prob(,	JB):	0.00	000335		
Kurtosis	S:	3.453	Cond.	No.	1	45.		

Table 16: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different" target words

Dep. Variable:	Cos	ine Simila	rity R-sq	uared:		0.305	
Model:		OLS	Adj.	Adj. R-squared:			
Method:	Le	east Square	es F-st a	F-statistic:			
Date:	Sat,	12 Mar 20	022 Prob	22 Prob (F-statistic):			
Time:		12:20:20	Log-	Likeliho	od:	1770.2	
No. Observations:	;	1406	AIC			-3536.	
Df Residuals:		1404	BIC:			-3526.	
Df Model:		1					
Covariance Type:		nonrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	0.5366	0.004	150.800	0.000	0.530	0.544	
average_rating	0.0208	0.001	24.796	0.000	0.019	0.022	
Omnibus:		32.918	Durbin-Wa	atson:	1.86	51	
Prob(Omnil	bus):	0.000	Jarque-Be	ra (JB):	39.5	.508	
Skew:		-0.302	Prob (JB):		2.64e-09		
Kurtosis:		3.556	Cond. No.		8.5	8	

Table 17: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different" target words

Dep. Variable:	Cosine	e Similar	ity R-sq	uared:		0.336			
Model:		OLS	Adj.	R-squar	ed:	0.335			
Method:	Leas	st Square	s F-sta	tistic:		355.7			
Date:	Sat, 12	2 Mar 20	22 Prob	(F-statis	stic): 1	.12e-125			
Time:	12	2:20:20	Log-	Likeliho	od:	1803.2			
No. Observations:		1406	AIC	;		-3600.			
Df Residuals:		1403	BIC:			-3585.			
Df Model:		2							
Covariance Type:	no	nrobust							
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]			
constant	0.6684	0.016	40.691	0.000	0.636	0.701			
avg_freq	-0.0079	0.001	-8.210	0.000	-0.010	-0.006			
average_rating	0.0200	0.001	24.238	0.000	0.018	0.022			
Omnibus:	35	5.771	Durbin-Wa	atson:	1.83	2			
Prob(Omnik	ous): 0	.000.	Jarque-Be	ra (JB):	44.86	59			
Skew:	-(0.305	Prob(JB):		1.81e-	-10			
Kurtosis:	3	.628	Cond. No.		156				

Table 18: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different" target words

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Dep. Variable:	Cosin	e Similar		uared:		0.337
Model:		OLS	Adj.	R-squar	ed:	0.335
Method:	Leas	st Square	s F-sta	tistic:		237.1
Date:	Sat, 1	2 Mar 20	22 Prob	(F-statis	stic):	2.09e-124
Time:	12	2:20:20	Log-	Likeliho	od:	1803.4
No. Observations:	;	1406	AIC:	;		-3599.
Df Residuals:		1402	BIC:			-3578.
Df Model:		3				
Covariance Type:	no	nrobust				
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
constant	0.6670	0.017	40.027	0.000	0.634	0.700
avg_freq	-0.0076	0.001	-7.044	0.000	-0.010	-0.005
average_rating	0.0199	0.001	23.983	0.000	0.018	0.022
avg_sense	-0.0010	0.002	-0.516	0.606	-0.005	0.003
Omnibus:	30	6.276	Durbin-Wa	atson:	1.8	32
Prob(Omnil	ous): C	.000	Jarque-Be	que-Bera (JB):		56
Skew:	-(0.308	Prob(JB):		1.28€	e-10
Kurtosis:	3	3.632	Cond. No.		160	Э.

Table 19: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity among "different" target words

Dep. Variabl	e:	Human Ra	iting	R-square	ed:	0.002	
Model:		OLS		Adj. R-se	quared:	0.001	
Method:		Least Squ	ares	F-statisti	c:	3.074	
Date:	S	Sat, 12 Mar	2022	Prob (F-s	0.0797		
Time:		13:15:4	5	Log-Like	-3750.		
No. Observa	tions:	1620		AIC:	7506.		
Df Residuals	:	1618		BIC:		7517.	
Df Model:		1					
Covariance T	Гуре:	nonrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	5.0152	0.538	9.330	0.000	3.961	6.070	
avg_freq	-0.0568	0.032	-1.753	0.080	-0.120	0.007	
Omnibus	S:	229.333	Durb	in-Watsor	n: 1	.972	
Prob(On	nnibus):	0.000	Jarqu	e-Bera (J	B): 91	.858	
Skew:		0.385	Prob(JB):	1.1	3e-20	
Kurtosis	:	2.124	Cond	. No.	1	147.	

Table 20: OLS regression results predicting average human ratings.

Dep. Variable:	Hum	an Rating	g R-squ	ared:	C	0.404	
Model:		OLS	Adj. l	R-square	d: 0	0.403	
Method:	Leas	st Squares	F-stat	istic:	1	096.	
Date:	Sat, 12	2 Mar 202	22 Prob	(F-statist	ic): 6.4	5e-184	
Time:	13	3:15:45	Log-L	ikelihoo	d: -3	333.6	
No. Observations:		1620	AIC:		6	671.	
Df Residuals:		1618	BIC:		6	682.	
Df Model:		1					
Covariance Type:	no	nrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	-6.2058	0.314	-19.748	0.000	-6.822	-5.589	
cosine_similarity	16.3453	0.494	33.101	0.000	15.377	17.314	
Omnibus:	25	5.721 I	Ourbin-Wa	tson:	1.974		
Prob(Omnib	ous): 0	.000 J	larque-Ber	a (JB):	24.246		
Skew:	0	.260 I	Prob(JB):		5.43e-06	5	
Kurtosis:	2	.703	Cond. No.		14.7		

Table 21: OLS regression results predicting average human ratings.

Dep. Variable:	Hum	an Rating	R-squ	ared:	(0.408	
Model:		OLS	Adj. 1	R-square	d: (: 0.407	
Method:	Leas	t Squares	F-stat	istic:	3	371.8	
Date:	Sat, 12	2 Mar 202	2 Prob	(F-statist	ic): 1.3	1e-183	
Time:	13	13:15:45		Likelihoo	d: -3	3327.3	
No. Observations:	:	1620			6	6663.	
Df Residuals:		1616	BIC:		6	6684.	
Df Model:		3					
Covariance Type:	no	nrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	-7.9168	0.575	-13.778	0.000	-9.044	-6.790	
avg_freq	0.0989	0.028	3.473	0.001	0.043	0.155	
avg_sense	-0.0440	0.048	-0.911	0.362	-0.139	0.051	
cosine_similarity	16.6654	0.500	33.304	0.000	15.684	17.647	
Omnibus:	25	5.797 D	urbin-Wa	tson:	1.972		
Prob(Omnil	bus): 0): 0.000 Ja r		rque-Bera (JB):		22.821	
Skew:	0	.235 P	rob(JB):		1.11e-0	5	
Kurtosis:	2	.657 C	ond. No.		252.		

Table 22: OLS regression results predicting average human ratings.

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Dep. Variable:		an Ratir	ıg	-	ared:			443
Model:		OLS		Adj.	R-square	d:	0.442	
Method:	Leas	t Square	es	F-statistic:			42	28.7
Date:	Sat, 12	2 Mar 20)22	Prob (F-statistic):			7.28	Be-205
Time:	13	13:15:45		Log-Likelihood:			-32	278.2
No. Observations	:	1620		AIC:			65	564.
Df Residuals:		1616		BIC:			65	586.
Df Model:		3						
Covariance Type:	no	nrobust						
	coef	std er	r	t	P> t	[0.0]	25	0.975]
constant	-4.2809	0.379	-1	1.310	0.000	-5.0	23	-3.539
avg_sense	-0.1339	0.044	-:	3.012	0.003	-0.2	.21	-0.047
cosine_similarity	13.5126	0.547	2	4.707	0.000	12.4	40	14.585
same_word	1.7228	0.161	1	0.668	0.000	1.4	06	2.040
Omnibus:	24	1.052	Durl	oin-Wa	tson:	2.0	2.007	
Prob(Omni)	bus): 0	.000	Jarq	rque-Bera (JB):		20.099		
Skew:	0	.203	Prob	(JB):		4.32	e-05	
Kurtosis:	2	.635	Cond	d. No.		46	5.2	

Table 23: OLS regression results predicting average human ratings.

Dep. Variable:	н	Human Rating R-squared:						0./	146
Model:	11		ni Kaui DLS	ıg	-	rareu. R-square	.d.		144
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Method:			Squar		_ ~~~	F-statistic:			4.7
Date:	Sat	Sat, 12 Mar 2022		Prob	Prob (F-statistic):			e-205	
Time:		13:15:45		Log-I	Likelihoo	d:	-32	74.5	
No. Observations:		1620		AIC:			65	59.	
Df Residuals:	1615			BIC:			65	86.	
Df Model:			4						
Covariance Type:		nonrobust							
	coe	f	std ei	r	t	P> t	[0.02	25	0.975]
constant	-5.55	90	0.60	0	-9.258	0.000	-6.73	37 -	-4.381
avg_freq	0.075	57	0.02	8	2.738	0.006	0.02	1	0.130
avg_sense	-0.189	92	0.049	9	-3.881	0.000	-0.28	35 .	-0.094
cosine_similarity	13.80	92	0.55	6	24.816	0.000	12.7	18	14.901
same_word	1.687	72	0.16	2	10.435	0.000	1.37	0	2.004
Omnibus:		24	.612	Du	rbin-Wa	tson:	2.005		
Prob(Omnib	us):	0.000 Jar		rque-Bera (JB):		19.555			
Skew:		0.	187	Pro	ob(JB): 5.6			e-05	
Kurtosis:		2.612 Cond. N					28	35.	

Table 24: OLS regression results predicting average human ratings.

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Dep. Variable:		Radius of Bounding Ball			R-squa		177	
Model:		OLS			Adj. R	l: 0.4	177	
Method:		Least Squares			F-statis	11	41.	
Date:	Date:		t, 12 Mar 2	2022	Prob (1	c): 2.96	e-178	
Time	Time:		15:46:57	•	Log-Li	-20	-2045.0	
No. Observations:		1253			AIC:	40	4094.	
Df Re	esiduals:		1251		BIC:		41	04.
Df Model:			1					
Covariance Type:			nonrobus	t				
		coef std err		t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
	constant	5.5878	0.187	29.926	0.000	5.221	5.954	
	log2(freq)	log2(freq) 0.3927 Omnibus:		33.774	0.000	0.370	0.416	
	Omnibus			Durbin-Watson		: 2.053		
	Prob(Om	nibus):	0.000			Bera (JB): 15.928		
	Skew:		-0.275			0.00	00348	
	Kurtosis:		3.052	Cond. N	No.	8	6.0	

Table 25: OLS regression results predicting radius of bounding ball using frequency

Dep. Variable:	Radius	of Bounding Ball		R-squared:		0.448	
Model:	OLS			Adj. R-	0.448		
Method:	L	Least Squares			F-statistic:		
Date:	Sat	Sat, 12 Mar 2022			Prob (F-statistic):		
Time:				Log-Likelihood:		-2078.7	
No. Observations:		1253		AIC:		4161.	
Df Residuals:		1251			BIC:		
Df Model:		1					
Covariance Type:	nonrobust						
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	9.0630	0.093	97.878	0.000	8.881	9.245	
log2(senses)	0.9765	0.031	31.866	0.000	0.916	1.037	
Omnibus:		12.796	0.002 Jarque-Bera (2.1	01	
Prob(Om	nibus):	0.002			13.9	940	
Skew:		-0.193			0.000	0940	
Kurtosis:		3.344 Cond. N		No. 8.5		2	

Table 26: OLS regression results predicting radius of bounding ball using senses

Dep. Variable:	of Bounding Ball R-squ			red:	0.58	3	
Model:		OLS		Adj. R-squared:		0.582	
Method:		east Squares		F-statistic:		872.	2
		, 12 Mar 2022		Prob (F-statistic)		2): 7.47e-2	238
Time:	Гime:			Log-Likelihood:		-1903	.7
No. Observations:		1253		AIC:	3813	3813.	
Df Residuals:		1250		BIC:		3829).
Df Model:		2					
Covariance Type:		nonrobust	t				
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
constant	6.0781	0.169	35.937	0.000	5.746	6.410	
log2(freq)	0.2581	0.013	20.071	0.000	0.233	0.283	
log2(senses)	0.5867	0.033	17.784	0.000	0.522	0.651	
Omnibu	Omnibus: Prob(Omnibus): Skew: Kurtosis:		21.564 Durbin-Watson: 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB) -0.272 Prob(JB):		Watson: 2.097		
Prob(Or): 23.	741	
Skew:					6.99	e-06	
Kurtosis			3.398 Cond. No.			3.6	

Table 27: OLS regression results predicting radius of bounding ball using frequency and senses

Dep. Variable:	Cosine S	imilari	tv	R-squared	:	0.169	
Model:	OLS		Adj. R-squared:		0.169		
Method:	Least S	Least Squares		F-statistic:		1103	
Date:	Sat, 12 Mar 2022		Prob (F-statistic):		2.51e-220		
Time:	15:5	15:54:04		Log-Likelihood:		5534.8	
No. Observations:	54	5412		AIC:		-1.107e+04	
Df Residuals:	54	5410		BIC:		-1.105e+04	
Df Model:	1						
Covariance Type:	nonro	bust					
	coef	std	l err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
Constant	1.1090	<u> </u>	010	111.569	0.000	1.090	1.129
Radius of Bounding Ball	-0.025	5 0.	001	-33.215	0.000	-0.027	-0.024
Omnibus: 1.512 Durbin-Watson: 1.					.721		
Prob(Omnik	ous): 0.	ıs): 0.470 J ar		rque-Bera (JB): 1		.543	
Skew:	Skew: -0.			b (JB):	0.462		
Kurtosis:	2.	938	Cor	ıd. No.	1	09.	

Table 28: OLS regression results predicting cosine similarity using radius of the bounding ball.

	Pearson's R	p
Average Pairwise Euclidean Distance	0.601	< 0.001
Max Pairwise Euclidean Distance	0.584	< 0.001
Variance of Pairwise Euclidean Distance	0.292	< 0.001
Average Norm of Embeddings	0.678	< 0.001
Area of convex hull*	0.603	< 0.001

Table 29: Pearson's correlations for numerous other ways of measuring the space occupied by a sibling cohort of ten instances. *To measure the area of a convex hull, we used PCA to projected the embeddings into 2D space and calculated the area. Measuring the convex hull in 768-dimensional space would have required a lot more data (at least 769 samples).