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#step1: Open Google Colab Open Colab and create a new notebook. We will use Colab because it already supports Python and makes installation easy.
medical_text = """
Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects how the body processes blood sugar.
If untreated, diabetes may cause heart disease, kidney failure, nerve damage and vision problems.
Early diagnosis and proper treatment help improve patient outcomes.
"""
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#Step 2 – Install and import libraries We install NLTK and spaCy, then import required modules. These libraries help us tokenize, stem, and lemmatize medical text.  
!pip install nltk spacy  
!python -m spacy download en\_core\_web\_sm

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✓ Download and installation successful

You can now load the package via `spacy.load('en_core_web_sm')`

⚠ Restart to reload dependencies

If you are in a Jupyter or Colab notebook, you may need to restart Python in order to load all the package's dependencies. You can do this by selecting the 'Restart kernel' or 'Restart runtime' option.

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#Step 3 – Load medical/health text We paste a small medical paragraph (not real patient data). This becomes our input corpus for preprocessing.  
#Load Medical Text Corpus  
medical_text = """  
Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects how the body processes blood sugar.  
Patients experiencing symptoms such as excessive thirst and frequent urination  
should seek medical attention. Treatment options include insulin therapy and lifestyle changes.  
"""
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# STEP 4: Sentence Tokenization using NLTK

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import nltk  
from nltk.tokenize import sent_tokenize  
  
# Download tokenizer model  
nltk.download('punkt')  
  
# Medical text corpus  
medical_text = """  
The patient was diagnosed with diabetes and hypertension.  
She is taking medications including metformin and insulin.  
The doctor recommended monitoring blood glucose levels regularly.  
Patients suffering from cardiac diseases require continuous care.  
"""
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# Perform sentence tokenization  
sentences = sent_tokenize(medical_text)  
  
# Display sentences  
for i, sentence in enumerate(sentences, 1):  
    print(f"Sentence {i}: {sentence}")
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Sentence 1:

The patient was diagnosed with diabetes and hypertension.

Sentence 2: She is taking medications including metformin and insulin.

Sentence 3: The doctor recommended monitoring blood glucose levels regularly.

Sentence 4: Patients suffering from cardiac diseases require continuous care.

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[nltk\_data] Package punkt is already up-to-date!

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#Step 5 – Word Tokenization (NLTK & spaCy) We break sentences into individual words (tokens). spaCy also recognizes punctuation and special terms better than basic tokens.  
words = word_tokenize(medical_text)  
print(words)
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['Diabetes', 'is', 'a', 'chronic', 'disease', 'that', 'affects', 'how', 'the', 'body', 'processes', 'blood', 'sugar', '.', 'Patients', 'experiencing', 'symptoms', 'suc
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#Step 6 – Apply Stemming (Porter Stemmer) Stemming cuts words to rough root forms. It is fast – but it may produce non-meaningful words (e.g., “diagnosis → diagnosi”)
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
doc = nlp(medical_text)

spacy_tokens = [token.text for token in doc]
print(spacy_tokens)

['\n', 'The', 'patient', 'was', 'diagnosed', 'with', 'diabetes', 'and', 'hypertension', '.', '\n', 'She', 'is', 'taking', 'medications', 'including', 'metformin', 'and
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#Step 7 – Apply Lemmatization (NLTK & spaCy) Lemmatization converts words to meaningful dictionary base forms. Example: “treated → treat”, “patients → patient”. This
lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
lemmatized_words = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word.lower()) for word in words if word.isalpha()]
print(lemmatized_words)
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['diabetes', 'is', 'a', 'chronic', 'disease', 'that', 'affect', 'how', 'the', 'body', 'process', 'blood', 'sugar', 'patient', 'experiencing', 'symptom', 'such', 'a', '
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# STEP 8: Comparison of Original, Stemmed, and Lemmatized Words
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from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
import nltk

nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('wordnet')
nltk.download('omw-1.4')

medical_text = """
The patient was diagnosed with diabetes and hypertension.
She is taking medications including metformin and insulin.
"""

# Tokenize words
words = word_tokenize(medical_text)

# Initialize stemmer and lemmatizer
stemmer = PorterStemmer()
lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()

# Process only alphabetic words
original_words = [word.lower() for word in words if word.isalpha()]
stemmed_words = [stemmer.stem(word) for word in original_words]
lemmatized_words = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for word in original_words]

# Display comparison
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# display comparison
print("Original Word | Stemmed Word | Lemmatized Word")
print("-" * 45)

for o, s, l in zip(original_words, stemmed_words, lemmatized_words):
    print(f"{o:<13} {s:<14} {l}")
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Original Word | Stemmed Word | Lemmatized Word
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the      the      the  
patient  patient  patient  
was      wa      wa  
diagnosed  diagnos  diagnosed  
with      with      with  
diabetes  diabet  diabetes  
and      and      and  
hypertension  hypertens  hypertension  
she      she      she  
is      is      is  
taking  take  taking  
medications  medic  medication  
including  includ  including  
metformin  metformin  metformin  
and      and      and  
insulin  insulin  insulin
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[nltk_data] Downloading package wordnet to /root/nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package wordnet is already up-to-date!
[nltk_data] Downloading package omw-1.4 to /root/nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package omw-1.4 is already up-to-date!
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