

# Regular Expression

Recap of the last lecture

## NLP layers

- Understanding the semantics is a non-trivial task.
- Needs to performs a series of incremental tasks to achieve this.
- NLP happens in layers

<b>Pragmatics &amp; Discourse</b>	<i>Study of semantics in context.</i>
<b>Semantics</b>	<i>Meaning of the sentence.</i>
<b>Parsing</b>	<i>Syntactic structure of the sentence.</i>
<b>Chunking</b>	<i>Grouping of meaningful phrases.</i>
<b>Part of speech tagging</b>	<i>Grammatical classes.</i>
<b>Morphology</b>	<i>Study of word structure.</i>



Increasing  
Complexity Of  
Processing

# Regular Expression

# Regular Expression (RE)

- A standard notation of characterizing a text sequence
- How can we search for any of the following:
  - woodchuck
  - woodchucks
  - Woodchuck
  - Woodchucks



- RE search requires a pattern and a **corpus** of texts to search through.

# Regular Expression (RE)

RE	Example patterns matched
<code>woodchunks</code>	"interesting links to <u>woodchanks</u> and..."
<code>a</code>	"M <u>a</u> ry Ann stopped by Mona's"

- RE is case-sensitive
- Letters inside square brackets []

Pattern	Matches
<code>[wW]oodchuck</code>	Woodchuck, woodchuck
<code>[1234567890]</code>	Any digit

- Ranges `[A-Z]`

Pattern	Matches	
<code>[A-Z]</code>	An upper case letter	<u>D</u> renched Blossoms
<code>[a-z]</code>	A lower case letter	<u>m</u> y beans were impatient
<code>[0-9]</code>	A single digit	Chapter <u>1</u> : Down the Rabbit Hole

# Negation

- Negations `[^Ss]`
  - Carat means negation only when it appears immediately after “[“

Pattern	Matches	Example patterns matched
<code>[^A-Z]</code>	Not an upper case letter	O <u>y</u> fn pripetchik
<code>[^Ss]</code>	Neither ‘S’ nor ‘s’	<u>I</u> have no exquisite reason”
<code>[e^]</code>	Either ‘e’ or ‘^’	Look h <u>e</u> re
<code>a^b</code>	The pattern ‘a’ carat ‘b’	Look up <u>a^b</u> now

It solves the problem of woodchuck vs. Woodchuck

But not woodchuck vs woodchucks

Not woodchuck vs groundhog

# Question mark ?

- ? Makes optimality of the pervious expression

Pattern	Matches
Woodchucks?	Woodchuck or Woodchucks
Colou?r	Color or Colour

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Not woodchuck vs groundhog



# pipe | for disjunction

Pattern	Matches
<code>groundhog woodchuck</code>	Woodchucks is another name for groundhog
<code>yours mine</code>	yours      mine
<code>??a b c</code>	= <code>[abc]</code>
<code>[gG]roundhog [Ww]oodchuck</code>	

It solves woodchuck vs groundhog

But not woodchuckssssssssss

# Kleene \*, Kleene +

- Kleene \* => zero or more occurrences of the immediately previous character or regular expression
- Kleene + => one or more of the previous character
- Period (.) matches any single character (except a carriage return)

Pattern	Matches	
oo*h!	0 or more of previous char	<u>oh!</u> <u>ooh!</u> <u>oooh!</u> <u>ooooh!</u>
[ab]*	Zero or more a's or b's	<u>aaa</u> <u>ababab</u> <u>bbbb</u>
o+h!	1 or more of previous char	<u>oh!</u> <u>ooh!</u> <u>oooh!</u> <u>ooooh!</u>
baa+		<u>baa</u> <u>baaa</u> <u>baaaa</u> <u>baaaaa</u>
beg.n		<u>begin</u> <u>begun</u> <u>begun</u> <u>beg3n</u>

# Anchors ^ \$

- Caret ^ matches the start of a line
  - Negations [^Ss] (careful!)
- \b matches a word boundary
- \B matches a non-boundary
- \$ matches the end of a line

Pattern	Matches
<code>^[A-Z]</code>	
<code>^[^A-Za-z]</code>	
<code>\bthe\b</code>	
<code>\. \$</code>	
<code>.\$</code>	

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Pattern	Matches
<code>^[A-Z]</code>	<u>P</u> alo Alto
<code>^[^A-Za-z]</code>	<u>1</u> <u>"Hello"</u>
<code>\bthe\b</code>	<u>the</u> , not "other"
<code>\. \$</code>	The end <u>.</u>
<code>. \$</code>	The end <u>?</u> The end <u>!</u>

# Quiz

- Find all instances of the word “the” in a text.

the

You may miss capitalized examples

[tT]he

Incorrectly returns other or theology

[^a-zA-Z][tT]he[^a-zA-Z]

It won't find the word the when it begins or ends a line

(^|[^a-zA-Z])[tT]he([^a-zA-Z]|\$) ⇒ Before the we require either the beginning-of-line or a non-alphabetic character, and the same at the end of the line.

# Advanced Operators

RE	Expansion	Match	Example Patterns
\d	[0-9]	any digit	Party_of_5
\D	[^0-9]	any non-digit	Blue_moon
\w	[a-zA-Z0-9_]	any alphanumeric or space	Daiyu
\W	[^\w]	a non-alphanumeric	!!!!
\s	[_\r\t\n\f]	whitespace (space, tab)	
\S	[^\s]	Non-whitespace	in_Concord

# Error

- We want to fix two kinds of errors
  - False positives (Type I)
    - Matching strings that we should not have matched (there, then, other)
  - False negatives (Type II)
    - Not matching things that we should have matched (The)
- Reducing error may require a trade-off between
  - Accuracy or Precision: minimizing false positives
  - Coverage or Recall: minimizing false negative

# Morphology



# Challenges...

- How do we know that
  - Both *woorchunk* and woodchuncks have same original/root word?
    - May be easy: the plural just tacks as s on to end
  - But what about goose vs geese or fox vs foxes?
- **Two kinds of knowledge:**
  - **Orthographic rules**: can solve *woorchunk* vs. woodchuncks
  - **Morphological rules**: can distinguish goose vs geese

# Orthographic/Spelling Rules

- General rules used when breaking a word into its stem and modifiers.
- Example:
  - Singular English words ending with –y, when pluralized, end with –ies.
  - Peccary vs. Peccaries

# Morphology: Definition

The study of words, how they are formed, and their relationship to other words in the same language.

# Morphological Rules

- Morphological rules are exceptions to the orthographic rules used when breaking a word into its stem and modifiers.
- Example:
  - Goose vs Geese is due to vowel change

# Morphological Parsing

- **Parsing:** Take an input and produce some sort of linguistic structure
- Morphological parsing the process of determining the **morphemes** from which a given word is constructed.

A morpheme is the smallest meaningful constituent of a linguistic expression

# Terminologies

	Tokens = N	Types =  V
Switchboard phone conversations	2.4 million	20 thousand
Shakespeare	884,000	31 thousand
Google N-grams	1 trillion	13 million

Church and Gale (1990):  $|V| > O(N^{1/2})$

- **Surface form:** Raw text present in a corpus
  - Example: going
- **Token:** a word present in running text (may be duplicated)
- **Type:** Unique word present in the running text
- **Vocabulary:** Set of types

they lay back on the San Francisco grass and looked at the stars and their

- 15 tokens (or 14)
- 13 types (or 12) (or 11?)

- **Stem**
- **Affix : prefix/suffix/infix/circumfix**

## Infix

Tagalog: hingi (borrow) => humingi

## Circumfix

German: Sagen (to say) => gesagt (said)

# Terminologies

- A word can have more than one affix
  - Example: rewrites (*re-*, *write*, *-s*), unbelievably (*un-*, *believe*, *-able*, *-ly*)
- English doesn't tend to stack more than 4 or 5 affixes
- Languages that tend to string affixes together like Turkish does are called **agglutinative** languages
  - Turkish can have words with 9 or 10 affixes

# Terminologies

- **Inflection:** A word stem with a grammatical morpheme, usually resulting in a word of the same class as the original stem.
  - **Example:** Plural (-s) or past (-ed)
- **Derivation:** the combination of a word stem with a grammatical morpheme, usually resulting in a word of a different class
  - **Example:** computerize (verb) vs. computerization (noun)

**Compounding:** combination of two stems: e.g., *doghouse*

**Cliticization:** Combination of a word stem with a clitic: e.g., *I've*



# Inflectional Morphology

- **Two kinds of inflection:** an affix that marks **plural** and an affix that marks **possessive**

	Regular Nouns		Irregular Nouns	
Singular	cat	thrush	mouse	ox
Plural	cats	thrushes	mice	oxen

- Possessive suffix is realized by
  - apostrophe + -s for regular singular nouns (*llama's*)
  - plural nouns not ending in -s (*children's*)
  - often by a lone apostrophe after regular plural nouns (*llamas'*)

# Derivational Morphology

- **Recall:** derivation is the combination of a word stem with a grammatical morpheme, usually resulting in a word of a *different class*.
- **Nominalization:** Forming a new noun from verb/adjective

Suffix	Base Verb/Adjective	Derived Noun
-ation	computerize (V)	computerization
-ee	appoint (V)	appointee
-er	kill (V)	killer
-ness	fuzzy (A)	fuzziness

- Adjectives can also be derived from nouns and verbs

Suffix	Base Noun/Verb	Derived Adjective
-al	computation (N)	computational

# Concatenative morphology is Easy!

- **Non-concatenative morphology**

- Philipian language (Tagalog)
- Um + hingi (request) = humingi (ask for)

- **Templatic morphology/root-and-pattern morphology**

- In Hebrew, a verb is constructed from two components: a root (CCC) and a template (ordering of C and V to specify more semantic info)
- *lmd* (learn/study) can be combined with active voice *CaCaC* template to produce *lamad* (he studied)
- *CiCeC* => *limed* (he taught)
- *CuCaC* => *lumad* (he was taught)

# Finite-State Morphological Parsing

- Parsing English morphology

Input	Morphological parsed output
cats	cat +N +PL
cat	cat +N +SG
cities	city +N +PL
geese	goose +N +PL
goose	(goose +N +SG) or (goose +V)
gooses	goose +V +3SG
merging	merge +V +PRES-PART
caught	(caught +V +PAST-PART) or (catch +V +PAST)

*Stems and morphological features*

# Finite-State Morphological Parsing

finite states can be used for parsing

1. **Lexicon:** the list of stems and affixes, together with basic information about them (Noun stem or Verb stem, etc.)
2. **Morphotactics:** the model of morpheme ordering that explains which classes of morphemes can follow other classes of morphemes inside a word. E.g., the rule that English plural morpheme follows the noun rather than preceding it.
3. **Orthographic rules:** these **spelling rules** are used to model the changes that occur in a word, usually when two morphemes combine (e.g., the  $y \rightarrow ie$  spelling rule changes *city* + *-s* to *cities*).

# Finite-State Morphological Parsing

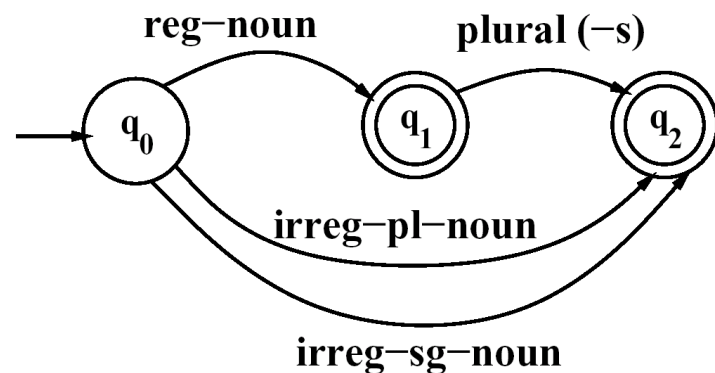
## Morphological Parsing with FST<sup>finite state transducer</sup>

- A formal definition of FST (based on the **Mealy machine** extension to a simple FSA):
  - $Q$ : a finite set of  $N$  states  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_N$
  - $\Sigma$ : a finite alphabet of complex symbols. Each complex symbol is composed of an input-output pair  $i : o$ ; one symbol  $i$  from an input alphabet  $I$ , and one symbol  $o$  from an output alphabet  $O$ , thus  $\Sigma \subseteq I \times O$ .  $I$  and  $O$  may each also include the epsilon symbol  $\epsilon$ .
  - $q_0$ : the start state
  - $F$ : the set of final states,  $F \subseteq Q$
  - $\delta(q, i:o)$ : the transition function or transition matrix between states. Given a state  $q \in Q$  and complex symbol  $i:o \in \Sigma$ ,  $\delta(q, i:o)$  returns a new state  $q' \in Q$ .  $\delta$  is thus a relation from  $Q \times \Sigma$  to  $Q$ .

# Finite-State Morphological Parsing

## The Lexicon and Morphotactics

- A lexicon is a repository for words.
  - The simplest one would consist of an explicit list of every word of the language.  
*Inconvenient or impossible!*
  - Computational lexicons are usually structured with
    - a list of each of the stems and
    - Affixes of the language together with a representation of morphotactics telling us how they can fit together.
  - The most common way of modeling morphotactics is the **finite-state automaton**.



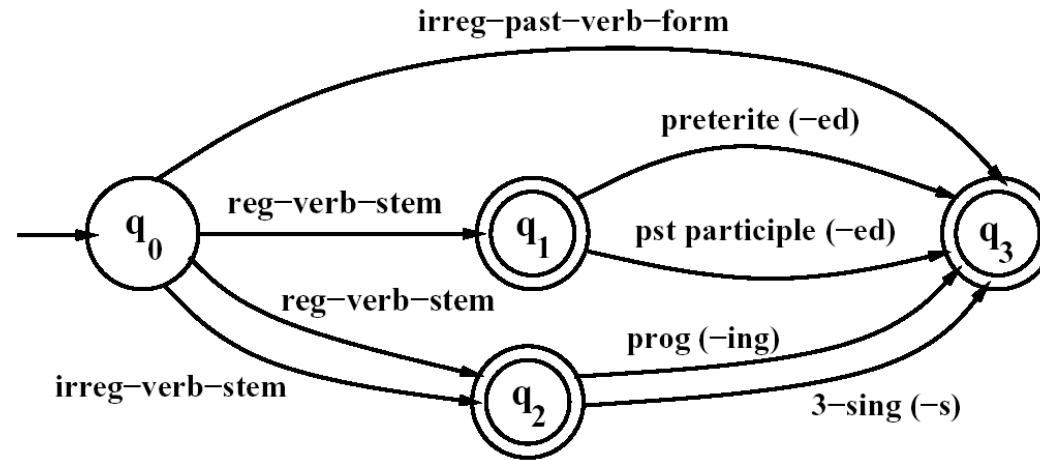
*An FSA for English nominal inflection*

Reg-noun	Irreg-pl-noun	Irreg-sg-noun	plural
fox	geese	goose	-s
fat	sheep	sheep	
fog	Mice	mouse	
fardvark			

# Finite-State Morphological Parsing

## The Lexicon and Morphotactics

word => stem (stemming) (removing affixes) stem might not be part of dictionary  
word => root (lemmitization) the root is a dictionary word



Preterite: Past  
Prog: present participle

*An FSA for English verbal inflection*

Reg-verb-stem	Irreg-verb-stem	Irreg-past-verb	past	Past-part	Pres-part	3sg
walk fry talk impeach	cut speak sing sang spoken	caught ate eaten	-ed	-ed	-ing	-s



# The Porter Stemmer (Porter, 1980)

- A simple rule-based algorithm for stemming
- An example of a HEURISTIC method
- Based on rules like:
  - ATIONAL -> ATE (e.g., *relational* -> *relate*)
- The algorithm consists of seven sets of rules, applied in order

# The Porter Stemmer: definitions

- Definitions:
  - **CONSONANT**: a letter other than A, E, I, O, U, and Y preceded by consonant (e.g. SYZYGY)
  - **VOWEL**: any other letter
- With this definition, all words are of the form:  
     $(C)(VC)^m(V)$   
    C=string of one or more consonants (con+)  
    V=string of one or more vowels  
     $m \geq 0$
- E.g.,
  - Tr ou bl e s
  - C V C V C

# The Porter Stemmer: rule format

- The rules are of the form:

(condition) S1 -> S2

Where S1 and S2 are suffixes

- Conditions:

m	The measure of the stem
*S	The stem ends with S
*v*	The stem contains a vowel
*d	The stem ends with a double consonant
*o	The stem ends in CVC (second C not W, X, or Y)

# The Porter Stemmer: Step 1

- **SSES -> SS**
  - *caresses -> caress*
- **IES -> I**
  - *ponies -> poni*
  - *ties -> ti*
- **SS -> SS**
  - *caress -> caress*
- **S -> ε**
  - *cats -> cat*

# The Porter Stemmer: Step 2a (past tense, progressive)

- (m>0) EED -> EE
  - Condition verified: *agreed* -> *agree*
  - Condition not verified: *feed* -> *feed*
- (\*V\*) ED -> ε
  - Condition verified: *plastered* -> *plaster*
  - Condition not verified: *bled* -> *bled*
- (\*V\*) ING -> ε
  - Condition verified: *motoring* -> *motor*
  - Condition not verified: *sing* -> *sing*

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# The Porter Stemmer: Step 2b (cleanup)

- (These rules are ran if second or third rule in 2a apply)

- **AT -> ATE**
  - *conflat(ed) -> conflate*
- **BL -> BLE**
  - *Troubl(ing) -> trouble*
- **(\*d & ! (\*L or \*S or \*Z)) -> single letter**
  - Condition verified: *hopp(ing) -> hop, tann(ed) -> tan*
  - Condition not verified: *fall(ing) -> fall*
- **(m=1 & \*o) -> E**
  - Condition verified: *fil(ing) -> file*
  - Condition not verified: *fail -> fail*

Why?

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**(\*V\*) ED -> e**

Condition verified: *plastered -> plaster*

Condition not verified: *bled -> bled*

**(\*V\*) ING -> e**

Condition verified: *motoring -> motor*

Condition not verified: *sing -> sing*

# The Porter Stemmer: Steps 3 and 4

- Step 3: Y Elimination (*\*V\**) Y -> I
  - Condition verified: *happy* -> *happi*
  - Condition not verified: *sky* -> *sky*
- Step 4: Derivational Morphology, I
  - (*m>0*) *ATIONAL* -> *ATE*
    - *Relational* -> *relate*
  - (*m>0*) *IZATION* -> *IZE*
    - *generalization* -> *generalize*
  - (*m>0*) *BILITI* -> *BLE*
    - *sensibiliti* -> *sensible*

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# The Porter Stemmer: Steps 5 and 6

- Step 5: Derivational Morphology, II
  - (m>0) ICATE -> IC
    - *triplicate* -> *triplic*
  - (m>0) FUL ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *hopeful* -> *hope*
  - (m>0) NESS ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *goodness* -> *good*
- Step 6: Derivational Morphology, III
  - (m>0) ANCE ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *allowance* -> *allow*
  - (m>0) ENT ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *dependent* -> *depend*
  - (m>0) ANT ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *irritant* -> *irrit*
  - (m>0) IVE ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *effective* -> *effect*

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# The Porter Stemmer: Step 7 (cleanup)

- Step 7a
  - (m>1) E ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *probate* -> *probat*
  - (m=1 & !\*o) NESS ->  $\epsilon$ 
    - *goodness* -> *good*
- Step 7b
  - (m>1 & \*d & \*L) -> single letter
    - Condition verified: *control* -> *control*
    - Condition not verified: *roll* -> *roll*

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# Examples

- *computers*
  - Step 1, Rule 4: -> *computer*
  - Step 6, Rule 4: -> *compute*
- *singing*
  - Step 2a, Rule 3: -> *sing*
- *controlling*
  - Step 2a, Rule 3: -> *controll*
  - Step 7b : -> *control*
- *generalizations*
  - Step 1, Rule 4: -> *generalization*
  - Step 4, Rule 11: -> *generalize*
  - Step 6, last rule: -> *general*

# Problems

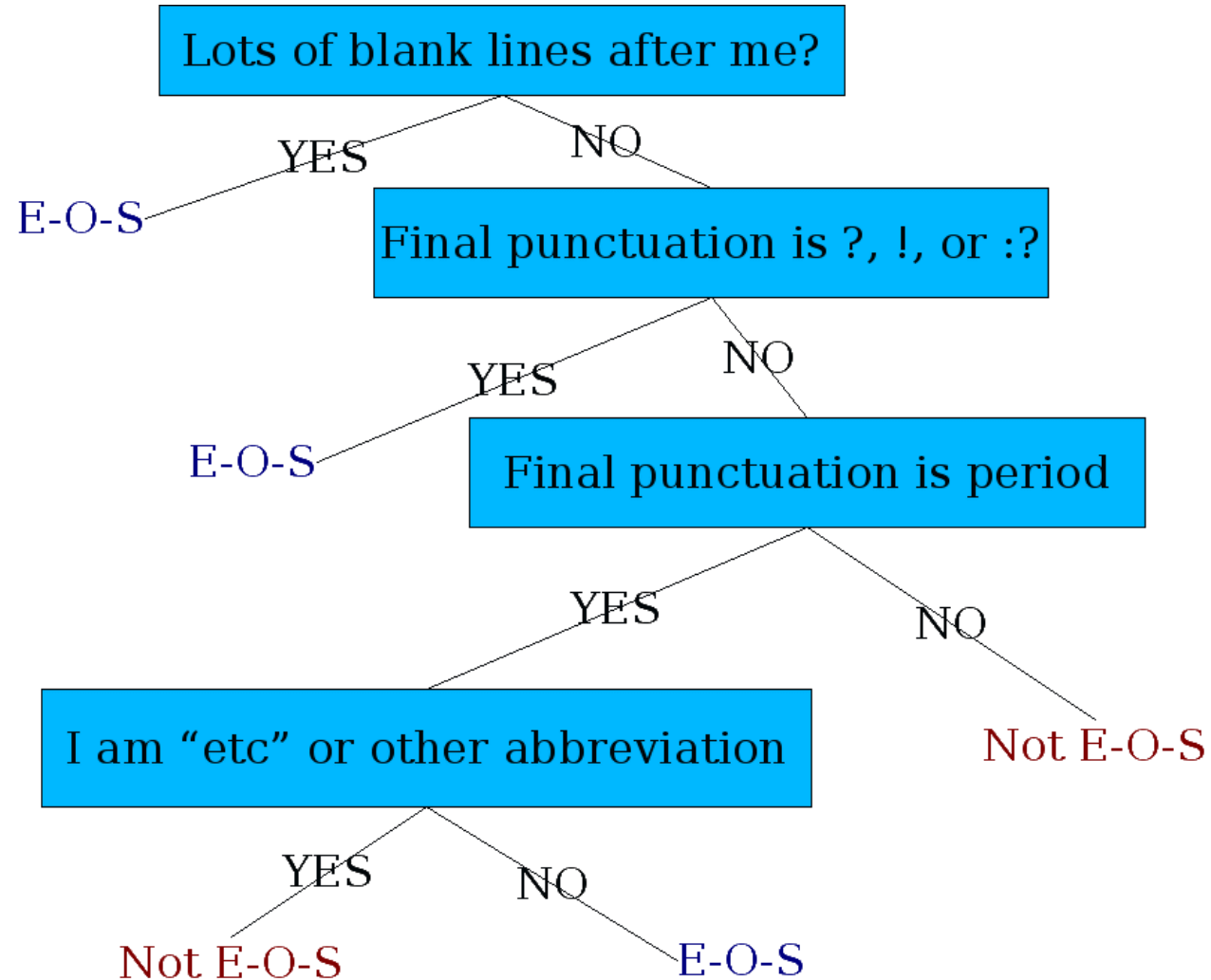
- *elephants -> eleph*
  - Step 1, Rule 4: -> *elephant*
  - Step 6, Rule 7: -> *eleph*
- *Etc.....*

# Sentence Segmentation

# Sentence Segmentation

- !, ? are relatively unambiguous
- Period “.” is quite ambiguous
  - Sentence boundary
  - Abbreviations like Inc. or Dr.
  - Numbers like .02% or 4.3
- Build a binary classifier
  - Looks at a “.”
  - Decides EndOfSentence/NotEndOfSentence
  - Classifiers: hand-written rules, regular expressions, or machine-learning

# Determining if a word is end-of-sentence: a Decision Tree



# More sophisticated decision tree features

- Case of word with “.”: Upper, Lower, Cap, Number
- Case of word after “.”: Upper, Lower, Cap, Number
- Numeric features
  - Length of word with “.”
  - Probability(word with “.” occurs at end-of-s)
  - Probability(word after “.” occurs at beginning-of-s)

# Decision Trees and other classifiers

- We can think of the questions in a decision tree
- As features that could be exploited by any kind of classifier
  - Logistic regression
  - SVM
  - Neural Nets
  - etc.



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# Spelling Error: Minimum Edit Distance



# How similar are two strings?

- Spell correction

- The user typed “Appl”

Which is closest?

- App
    - Appeal
    - Apple

- Computational Biology

- Align two sequences of nucleotides

```
AGGCTATCACCTGACCTCCAGGCCGATGCCC
TAGCTATCACGACCGCGGGTCGATTGCCCCGAC
```

- Resulting alignment:

```
-AGGCTATCACCTGACCTCCAGGCCGA--TGCCC--
TAG-CTATCAC--GACCGC--GGTCGATTGCCCCGAC
```

- Also for Machine Translation, Information Extraction, Speech Recognition

# Edit Distance

- The minimum edit distance between two strings
- Is the minimum number of editing operations
  - Insertion (**I**)
  - Deletion (**D**)
  - Substitution (**S**)
- Need to transform one into the other

# Minimum Edit Distance

- Two strings and their **alignment**: TRIAL vs ZEIL

T	R	I	A	L
Z	E	I	*	L
s	s		d	

I	N	T	E	*	N	T	I	O	N
*	E	X	E	C	U	T	I	O	N
d	s	s		i	s				

- If each operation has cost of 1
  - Distance between these is 3
- If substitutions cost 2 (Levenshtein)
  - Distance between them is 5

edit distance considers all the costs 1  
levenshtein cost only differs in considering the substitution cost as 2 instead of 1

# Other uses of Edit Distance in NLP

- Evaluating Machine Translation and speech recognition

Spokesman confirms      senior government adviser was shot

Spokesman said      the senior      adviser was shot dead

S

I

D

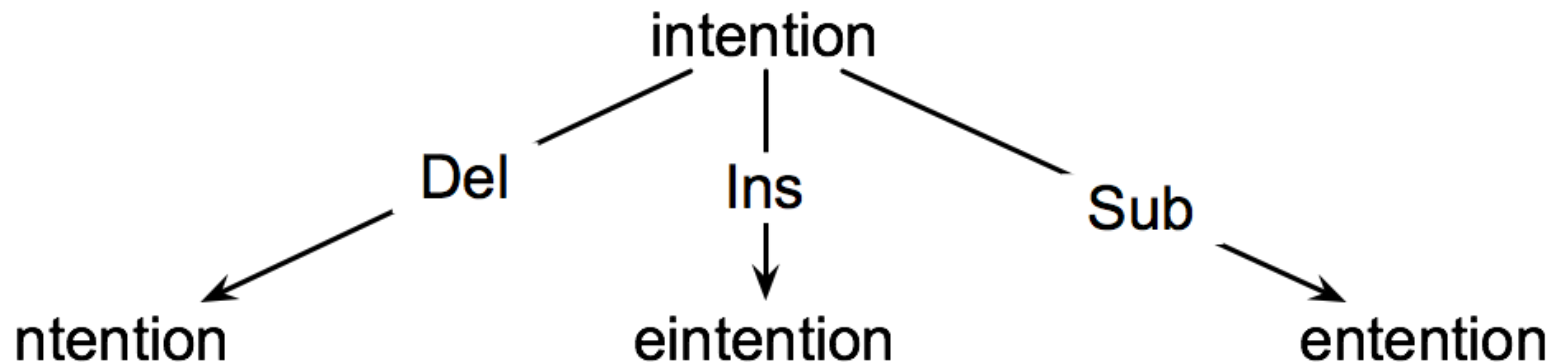
I

- **Named Entity Extraction and Entity Coreference**

- IBM Inc. announced today
- IBM profits
- US President Donald Trump announced yesterday
- for United States President Donald Trump

# How to find the Min Edit Distance?

- Searching for a path (sequence of edits) from the start string to the final string:
  - **Initial state:** the word we're transforming
  - **Operators:** insert, delete, substitute
  - **Goal state:** the word we're trying to get to
  - **Path cost:** what we want to minimize: the number of edits



# Minimum Edit as Search

- But the space of all edit sequences is huge!
  - We can't afford to navigate naïvely
  - Lots of distinct paths wind up at the same state.
    - We don't have to keep track of all of them



# Defining Min Edit Distance

- For two strings
  - X of length  $n$
  - Y of length  $m$
- We define  $D(i,j)$ 
  - the edit distance between  $X[1..i]$  and  $Y[1..j]$ 
    - i.e., the first  $i$  characters of X and the first  $j$  characters of Y
- The edit distance between X and Y is thus  $D(n,m)$

# Dynamic Programming for Minimum Edit Distance

- **Dynamic programming:** A tabular computation of  $D(n,m)$
- Solving problems by combining solutions to sub-problems.
- Bottom-up
  - We compute  $D(i,j)$  for small  $i,j$
  - And compute larger  $D(i,j)$  based on previously computed smaller values
  - i.e., compute  $D(i,j)$  for all  $i$  ( $0 < i < n$ ) and  $j$  ( $0 < j < m$ )

# Defining Min Edit Distance (Levenshtein)

- Initialization

$$D(i, 0) = i$$

$$D(0, j) = j$$

- Recurrence Relation:

For each  $i = 1 \dots M$

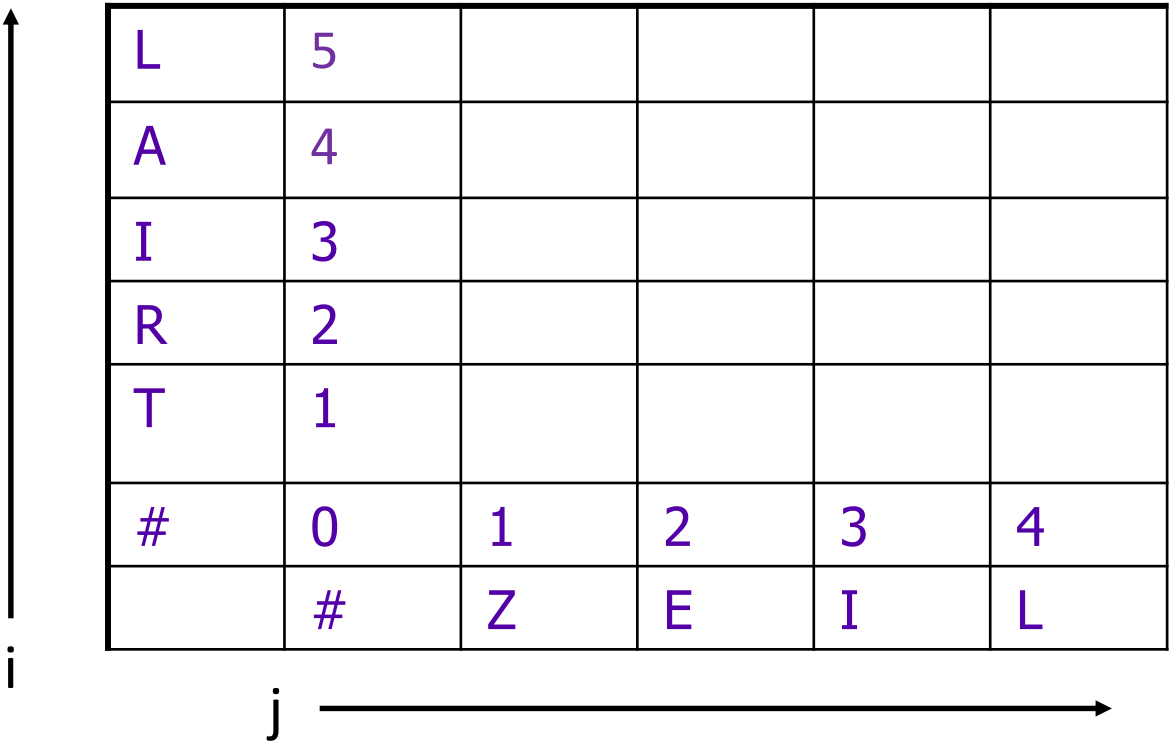
For each  $j = 1 \dots N$

$$D(i, j) = \min \begin{cases} D(i-1, j) + 1 \\ D(i, j-1) + 1 \\ D(i-1, j-1) + 2; \text{ if } X(i) \neq Y(j) \\ 0; \text{ if } X(i) = Y(j) \end{cases}$$

- Termination:

$D(N, M)$  is distance

# The Edit Distance Table



The diagram shows an edit distance table with a vertical arrow on the left labeled 'i' and a horizontal arrow at the bottom labeled 'j'. The table has 7 rows and 6 columns. The first row contains 'L', '5', and four empty cells. The next three rows contain 'A', 'I', 'R', and 'T' in the first column, and their respective edit distances (4, 3, 2, 1) in the second column, followed by four empty cells. The sixth row contains '#', '0', '1', '2', '3', and '4'. The seventh row contains '#', 'Z', 'E', 'I', and 'L'.

L	5				
A	4				
I	3				
R	2				
T	1				
#	0	1	2	3	4
	#	Z	E	I	L

# The Edit Distance Table

<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 10px; height: 100px; border-left: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">i</div> </div>	5	L	5	6	7	6	<b>5</b>
	4	A	4	5	6	5	6
	3	I	3	4	5	4	5
	2	R	2	3	4	5	6
	1	T	1	2	3	4	5
	0	#	0	1	2	3	4
			#	Z	E	I	L
			0	1	2	3	4
			j				

$$D(i,j) = \min \begin{cases} D(i-1,j) + 1 \\ D(i,j-1) + 1 \\ D(i-1,j-1) + \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } S_1(i) \neq S_2(j) \\ 0; & \text{if } S_1(i) = S_2(j) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

# The Edit Distance Table

(INTENSION vs EXECUTION)

N	9	8	9	10	11	12	11	10	9	8
O	8	7	8	9	10	11	10	9	8	9
I	7	6	7	8	9	10	9	8	9	10
T	6	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11
N	5	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10
E	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9
T	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	8
N	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	7
I	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	7	8
#	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	#	E	X	E	C	U	T	I	O	N

# Computing Alignments

- Edit distance isn't sufficient
  - We often need to **align** each character of the two strings to each other
- We do this by keeping a “backtrace”
- Every time we enter a cell, remember where we came from
- When we reach the end,
  - Trace back the path from the upper right corner to read off the alignment

# Edit Distance with Backtrace

T

R

I

A

L

|

|

|

|

|

Z

E

I

\*

L

s

s

d

L	5	6	7	6	5
A	4	5	6	5	6
I	3	4	5	4	5
R	2	3	4	5	6
T	1	2	3	4	5
#	0	1	2	3	4
	#	Z	E	I	L

- ←

Substitute
- ←

No Change
- ←





Delete

$D(i,j) = \min \begin{cases} D(i-1,j) + 1 \\ D(i,j-1) + 1 \\ D(i-1,j-1) + \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } S_1(i) \neq S_2(j) \\ 0; & \text{if } S_1(i) = S_2(j) \end{cases} \end{cases}$



# Edit Distance with Backtrace (Another Path)

L	5	6	7	6	<b>5</b>
A	4	5	6	5	6
I	3	4	5	4	5
R	2	3	4	5	6
T	1	2	3	4	5
#	0	1	2	3	4
	#	Z	E	I	L

-  Substitute
-  No Change
-  Delete
-  Insert

Cost is same, i.e., 5

$$D(i,j) = \min \begin{cases} D(i-1,j) + 1 \\ D(i,j-1) + 1 \\ D(i-1,j-1) + \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } S_1(i) \neq S_2(j) \\ 0; & \text{if } S_1(i) = S_2(j) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

# MinEdit with Backtrace

<b>n</b>	9	↓ 8	↙←↓ 9	↙←↓ 10	↙←↓ 11	↙←↓ 12	↓ 11	↓ 10	↓ 9	↙ <b>8</b>	
<b>o</b>	8	↓ 7	↙←↓ 8	↙←↓ 9	↙←↓ 10	↙←↓ 11	↓ 10	↓ 9	↙ <b>8</b>	← 9	
<b>i</b>	7	↓ 6	↙←↓ 7	↙←↓ 8	↙←↓ 9	↙←↓ 10	↓ 9	↙ <b>8</b>	← 9	← 10	
<b>t</b>	6	↓ 5	↙←↓ 6	↙←↓ 7	↙←↓ 8	↙←↓ 9	↙ <b>8</b>	← 9	← 10	←↓ 11	
<b>n</b>	5	↓ 4	↙←↓ 5	↙←↓ 6	↙←↓ 7	↙←↓ <b>8</b>	↙←↓ 9	↙←↓ 10	↙←↓ 11	↙↓ 10	
<b>e</b>	4	↙ 3	← 4	↙← <b>5</b>	← <b>6</b>	← 7	←↓ 8	↙←↓ 9	↙←↓ 10	↓ 9	
<b>t</b>	3	↙←↓ 4	↙←↓ <b>5</b>	↙←↓ 6	↙←↓ 7	↙←↓ 8	↙ 7	←↓ 8	↙←↓ 9	↓ 8	
<b>n</b>	2	↙←↓ <b>3</b>	↙←↓ 4	↙←↓ 5	↙←↓ 6	↙←↓ 7	↙←↓ 8	↓ 7	↙←↓ 8	↙ 7	
<b>i</b>	<b>1</b>	↙←↓ 2	↙←↓ 3	↙←↓ 4	↙←↓ 5	↙←↓ 6	↙←↓ 7	↙ 6	← 7	← 8	
<b>#</b>	<b>0</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	<b>#</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>u</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>i</b>	<b>o</b>	<b>n</b>	

# Adding Backtrace to Minimum Edit Distance

- Base conditions:

$$D(i, 0) = i$$

$$D(0, j) = j$$

Termination:

$D(N, M)$  is distance

- Recurrence Relation:

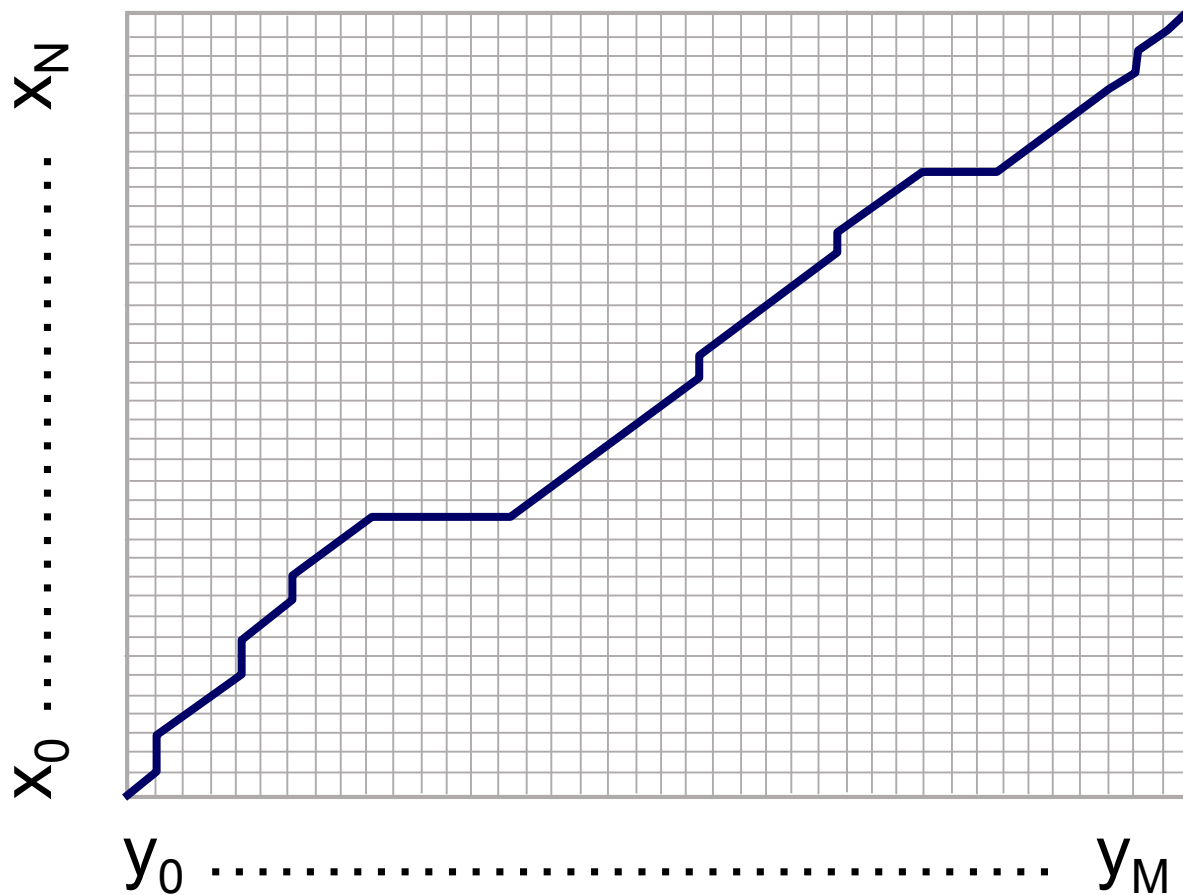
For each  $i = 1 \dots M$

For each  $j = 1 \dots N$

$$D(i, j) = \min \begin{cases} D(i-1, j) + 1 & \text{deletion} \\ D(i, j-1) + 1 & \text{insertion} \\ D(i-1, j-1) + \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } X(i) \neq Y(j) \\ 0; & \text{if } X(i) = Y(j) \end{cases} & \text{substitution} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{ptr}(i, j) = \begin{cases} \text{LEFT} & \text{insertion} \\ \text{DOWN} & \text{deletion} \\ \text{DIAG} & \text{substitution} \end{cases}$$

# The Distance Matrix



Every non-decreasing path  
from  $(0,0)$  to  $(M, N)$

corresponds to  
an alignment  
of the two sequences

An optimal alignment is composed of  
optimal subalignments

# Performance

- Time:  $O(nm)$
- Space:  $O(nm)$
- Backtrace:  $O(n+m)$