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Topic: Lecture 1 Source: Lecture 1

How would you quickly identify the words in a sentence? (1)

Topic: Lecture 4 Source: Lecture 4

In French, negation is often indicated by "ne ... pas" (ie, "je ne parle pas" - "I am not speaking"; "tu ne conduis pas" - "You are not driving", etc.). However, in speech, one of the two is often dropped: "je ne parle." or "tu conduis pas.". Using this information, how would you determine whether a corpus was composed of written or spoken French? You don't need to write the code, but explain the logic that you would use to come to this conclusion. (2)

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Vowels are often used as a proxy for syllables in words (it's not a perfect correspondence, but it's not bad). Write a function that counts the vowels in a word, without using a loop, using only the tools we went over in Lecture 1 (list comprehension counts as a loop). (2)

Topic: Lecture 3 Source: Lecture 3

What properties of dictionaries make them an efficient choice for nesting complex lexicons.

(1)

Topic: Lecture 4 Source: Lecture 4

In class, we removed stopwords by using a lexicon. Can you think of another way that we could remove all closed class words? (1)

Topic: Lecture 3 Source: Lecture 3

Describe the concept of the "Minimum viable product", and how it relates to using lexicons.

(1)

Topic: Lecture 2 Source: Lecture 2

If we have a new corpus, how might we automatically determine (without ML): A. The language it's written in. B. Whether it is annotated C. If it is multilingual D. genre? Briefly explain your reasoning. (2)

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How does Zipf's law relate to Hapax Legomena? (1)

Topic: Coding Source: Coding

Grimm's law is a linguistic phenomenon that describes how sounds in language (mostly related to the Germanic languages like English, Dutch, German, Norwegian, Icelandic, etc.) changed over time (specifically from some progenitor thousands of years old - Germanic languages observed the change, while Romance languages did not). For example, the /p/ sound in Latin evolved into the /f/ sound in English across many words - compare "piscus" with "fish"; "pater" with "father"; "pedus" with "foot" (there are a couple other changes in there, too - see if you can spot them!). If you had a time machine, and could bring a computational toolkit to help Jacob Grimm formulate his law, what would you need, in terms of lexicons, keeping in mind that the /p/->/f/ change is only one of a handful of sound changes, and that the changes occured over dozens of languages? Explain (with pseudocode, if necessary), how you would start to identify trends in the data (assuming that your computer still works in the 19th century)? (3)

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