

NLP Preprocessing Techniques

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Text is Unstructured and Noisy!

United Airlines shares plummet after passenger dragged from plane

Shares plummeted Tuesday, wiping close to \$1bn off the holding company's value, after a man was violently removed from a flight by aviation police

Shares in United Airlines' parent company plummeted on Tuesday, wiping close to \$1bn off of the company's value, a day after a viral video showing police forcibly dragging a passenger off one of its plane [became a global news sensation](#).

The value of the carrier's holding company, United Continental Holdings, had fallen over 4% before noon, close to \$1bn less than the \$22.5bn as of Monday's close, according to FactSet data.

AUSTEN'S NOVELS EMMA

LONDON: PBINTED BY S~~r~~OTTISWOODE AND CO., NEW-ST~~it~~EEI SQUASH AND PA~~fl~~IAJONT STRELT

CHAPTER I.

MMA AVOODHOUSE, handsome, clever, and rich, with a comfortable home and happy dis position, seemed to unite some of the best blessings of existence; and had lived nearly twenty-one years in the world with very little to distress or vex her. She was the youngest of the two daughters of a most affec tionate, indulgent father; and had, in consequence of her sister's marriage, been mistress of his house from a very early period. Her mother had died too long ago for her to have more than an indistinct remembrance of her caresses, and her place had been supplied by an excellent woman as gover ness, who had fallen little short of a mother in affection. Sixteen years had Miss Taylor been in Mr. AVoodhouse's family, less as a governess than a friend, very fond of both daughters.

Ai woz lyin on teh stairz n @vorvolak steppd on meh! She sez she noes seez meh buh ai woz dere! 🙏😞

Translated from Indonesian by  bing

[Wrong translation?](#)

Could not translate Tweet

Great seeing you!

Lol, wuz gr8 2 c u 2
but omg gtg ttyl!

Software / Libraries



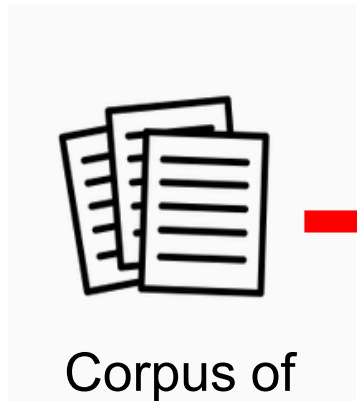
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See <https://medium.com/activewizards-machine-learning-company/comparison-of-top-6-python-nlp-libraries-c4ce160237eb>

Text Preprocessing Activities

Goal: Converting unstructured text to a meaningful format for analysis



Corpus of
raw
documents



Tokenization



Case conversion

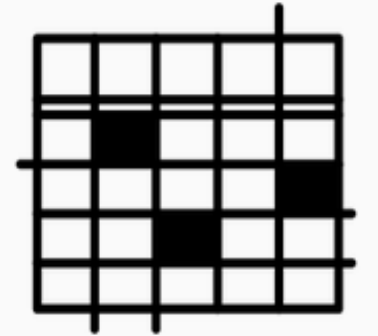
Remove punctuations

Normalize text

Remove stop words

Extract compound
terms

Strip special
characters and noises



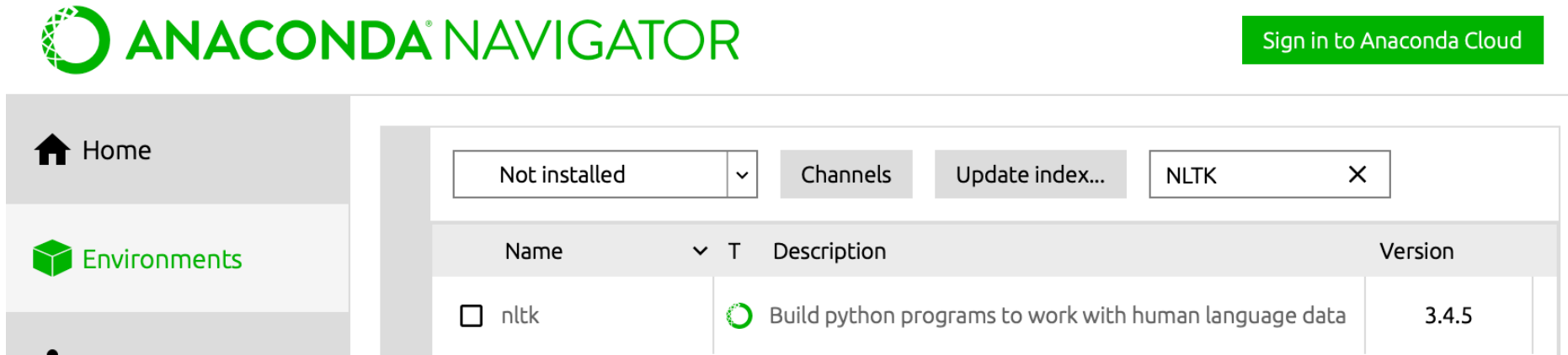
Data structure
(features)
representing
text

Introducing NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit)

- NLTK is a popular platform for building Python programs to work with human language data
- It provides easy-to-use interfaces to over 50 corpora, lexical resources and trained models.
http://www.nltk.org/nltk_data/
- Has a suite of text processing libraries for tokenization, stemming, tagging, parsing, and semantic reasoning, classifications wrappers for other NLP libraries

How to Install NLTK

1. Install package from Anaconda



2. Download all data and models from Python shell

```
>>> import nltk
>>> nltk.download()
```

The screenshot shows the 'NLTK Downloader' window. It has tabs for 'Collections', 'Corpora', 'Models', and 'All Packages'. The 'All Packages' tab is selected, showing a table of available data and models.

| Identifier | Name | Size | Status |
|-------------|---|------|-----------|
| all | All packages | n/a | installed |
| all-corpora | All the corpora | n/a | installed |
| all-nltk | All packages available on nltk_data gh-pages branch | n/a | installed |
| book | Everything used in the NLTK Book | n/a | installed |
| popular | Popular packages | n/a | installed |
| tests | Packages for running tests | n/a | installed |
| third-party | Third-party data packages | n/a | installed |

Exercise: What are some things you should do to prepare for text analysis?

Hi Mr. Smith! I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers) from the store. Should i pick up some black-eyed peas as well?

Preprocessing Techniques

1. Turn text into a meaningful format for analysis

- Tokenization

2. Clean the data

- Remove - capital letters, punctuation, stop words
- Normalization - stemming, lemmatization
- Chunking - compound terms, multi-words phrases

Tokenization

Tokenization = splitting raw text into small, indivisible units for processing

These units can be:

- Sentences
- Words
- N-grams

Tokenization: Sentences / words

Hi Mr. Smith! I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers) from the store. Should i pick up some black-eyed peas as well?

Tokens can be sentences or words.

- How would you split this into sentences?
- What rules would you put in place?

It's a difficult task. This is where NLTK tokenizers in Python can help.

Code: Sentence Tokenization (Text → Sentences)

```
1 my_text = """Hi Mr. Smith! I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers)
2 from the store. Should I pick up some black-eyed peas as well?"""
```

```
1 sentences = sent_tokenize(my_text)
```

```
1 print (sentences)
```

```
['Hi Mr. Smith!', 'I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers)\nfrom the stor
e.', 'Should I pick up some black-eyed peas as well?']
```

Refer to `nltk-example-1-tokenization-sentence.ipynb`

Code: Word Tokenization (Text → Words)

```
1 my_text = """Hi Mr. Smith! I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers)
2 from the store. Should I pick up some black-eyed peas as well?"""
```

```
1 words = word_tokenize(my_text)
```

```
1 print (words)
```

```
['Hi', 'Mr.', 'Smith', '!', 'I', "'", 'm', 'going', 'to', 'buy', 'some', 'vegetables', '(', 'tomatoes', 'and', 'cucumbers', ')', 'from', 'the', 'store', '.', 'Should', 'I', 'pick', 'up', 'some', 'black-eyed', 'peas', 'as', 'well', '?']
```

Ref to : [nltk-example-2-tokenization-word.ipynb](#)

Code: Word Tokenization

(Text → Sentences → Words)

```
1 my_text = """Hi Mr. Smith! I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers)
2 from the store. Should I pick up some black-eyed peas as well?"""
```

```
1 sentences = sent_tokenize(my_text)
```

```
1 sentences_words = []
2
3 for s in sentences:
4     sentences_words.append(word_tokenize(s))
```

```
1 print (sentences_words)
```

```
[['Hi', 'Mr.', 'Smith', '!'], ['I', '', 'm', 'going', 'to', 'buy', 'some', 'vegetables',
'(', 'tomatoes', 'and', 'cucumbers', ')', 'from', 'the', 'store', '.'], ['Should', 'I', 'pick
', 'up', 'some', 'black-eyed', 'peas', 'as', 'well', '?']]
```

Refer to `nlTK-example-3-tokenization-sentence_word.ipynb`

Tokenization: Regular Expressions

The results of word tokenization is not very satisfying.

```
['Hi', 'Mr.', 'Smith', '!', 'I', "'", 'm', 'going', 'to', 'buy', 'some', 'vegetables', '(', 'tomatoes', 'and', 'cucumbers', ')', 'from', 'the', 'store', '.', 'Should', 'I', 'pick', 'up', 'some', 'black-eyed', 'peas', 'as', 'well', '?']
```

Let's say you want to tokenize by some other type of grouping or pattern based on the written characteristic of the language.

For English, some characteristics are:

- White spaces (`\s+`) between words
- Sentences starts with capital letters: `[A-Z][\w]+`
- Sentences ends with punctuation (`!?.`)

Code: Tokenization (Regular Expressions)

```
1 my_text = """Hi Mr. Smith! I'm going to buy some vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers)
2 from the store. Should I pick up some black-eyed peas as well?"""
```

```
1 sentences = sent_tokenize(my_text)
```

```
1 whitespace_tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer("\s+", gaps=True)
2
3 sentences_words = []
4 for s in sentences:
5     sentences_words.append(whitespace_tokenizer.tokenize(s))
```

```
1 print (sentences_words)
```

```
[['Hi', 'Mr.', 'Smith!'], ['I'm', 'going', 'to', 'buy', 'some', 'vegetables', '(tomatoes', 'a
nd', 'cucumbers)', 'from', 'the', 'store.'], ['Should', 'I', 'pick', 'up', 'some', 'black-eye
d', 'peas', 'as', 'well?']]
```

Refer to [nltk-example-4-tokenization-regular-expression.ipynb](#)

Problem with word tokenization

Open a **bank** account. The nearest one is beside the river **bank**. On your way there, you may wish to donate some blood at the nearby blood **bank**.



```
['Open', 'a', 'bank', 'account', '.', 'The', 'nearest', 'one', 'is', 'beside', 'the', 'river',  
, 'bank', '.', 'On', 'your', 'way', 'there', ',', 'you', 'may', 'wish', 'to', 'donate', 'som  
e', 'blood', 'at', 'the', 'nearby', 'blood', 'bank', '.']
```

The word bank has different meaning.

Tokenization by a single word will lose the multiple meaning of 'bank'

N-Gram

- N-gram is a contiguous sequence of **n items** from a given sample of text.
- The items can be phonemes, syllables, letters or words pairs according to the application.
- Sequence of one item – Unigram
- Sequence of two items – Bigrams
- Sequence of three items – Trigrams

More explanation at https://youtu.be/E_mN90TYnlg

Code: Tokenization (N-Grams)

```
1 my_text = """Open a bank account. The nearest one is beside the river bank.  
2 On your way there, you may wish to donate some blood at the nearby blood bank."""
```

```
1 words = word_tokenize(my_text)  
2 bigrams = list(ngrams(words,2))
```

```
1 print (bigrams)
```

```
[('Open', 'a'), ('a', 'bank'), ('bank', 'account'), ('account', '.'), ('.', 'The'), ('The', 'nearest'), ('nearest', 'one'), ('one', 'is'), ('is', 'beside'), ('beside', 'the'), ('the', 'river'), ('river', 'bank'), ('bank', '.'), ('.', 'On'), ('On', 'your'), ('your', 'way'), ('way', 'there'), ('there', ','), (',', 'you'), ('you', 'may'), ('may', 'wish'), ('wish', 'to'), ('to', 'donate'), ('donate', 'some'), ('some', 'blood'), ('blood', 'at'), ('at', 'the'), ('the', 'nearby'), ('nearby', 'blood'), ('blood', 'bank'), ('bank', '.')] ]
```

Tokenization by bi-grams retains some meaning the word "bank"
(blank, account), (river bank), (blood bank)

Refer to [nltk-example-5-tokenization-ngram.ipynb](#)

Tokenization is language dependent

Chinese: 如果您在新加坡只能前往一间夜间娱乐场所, Zouk必然是您的不二之选。

English: If you only have time for one club in Singapore, then it simply has to be Zouk.

1. Example from tSource: <https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/Y11-1038>
2. Tutorial for Chinese words tokenization can be found at <https://michelleful.github.io/code-blog/2015/09/10/parsing-chinese-with-stanford/>

Tokenization is domain specific

Mutants in Toll signaling pathway were obtained from Dr. S. Govind: cactE8, cactIII G, and cactD13 mutations in the cact gene on Chromosome II.

The maximal effect is observed at the IL-10 concentration of 20 U/ml.

Exercise

Tokenization

Refer to `nltk-exercise-1-tokenization.ipynb`

Preprocessing Checkpoint

1. Turn text into a meaningful format for analysis

- Tokenization

2. Clean the data

- Remove - capital letters, punctuation, stop words
- Normalization - Stemming, Lemmatization
- Chunking - compound terms, multi-words phrases

Preprocessing: Remove Punctuation and Upper case

Open a bank account. The nearest DBS Bank is besides the river bank. On your way there, you may wish to donate some blood at the nearby blood bank. Will you be willing to donate? It is open from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.



```
['Open', 'a', 'bank', 'account', '.', 'The', 'nearest', 'DBS', 'Bank', 'is', 'besides', 'the',  
, 'river', 'bank', '.', 'On', 'your', 'way', 'there', ',', 'you', 'may', 'wish', 'to', 'dona  
te', 'some', 'blood', 'at', 'the', 'nearby', 'blood', 'bank', '.', 'Will', 'you', 'be', 'will  
ing', 'to', 'donate', '?', 'It', 'is', 'open', 'from', '9:00', 'a.m', 'to', '4:00', 'p.m',  
'.']
```

The end of sentence punctuations (e.g. full stop , question mark) may be irrelevant.
The tokens (Open, open) and (The, the) are the same word, same meaning.

Code: Remove Punctuation and Change to Lower Case

```
1 my_text = """Open a bank account. The nearest DBS Bank is besides
2 the river bank. On your way there, you may wish to donate some blood
3 at the nearby blood bank. Will you be willing to donate?
4 It is open from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m."""
```

```
1 tokens = word_tokenize(my_text)
```

```
1 tokens_no_punctuation = []
2 for t in tokens:
3     if not(t in string.punctuation):
4         tokens_no_punctuation.append(t.lower())
```

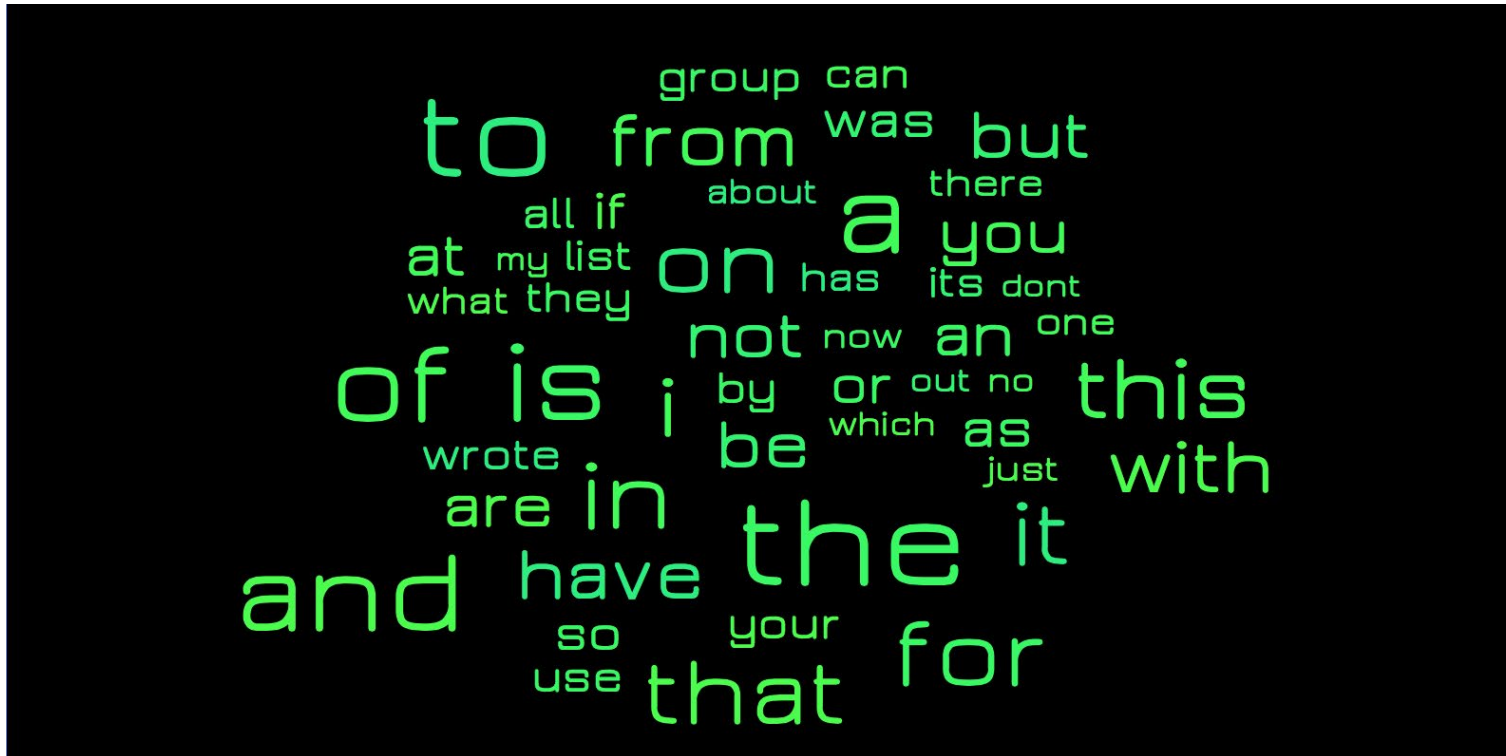
```
1 print (tokens_no_punctuation)
```

```
['open', 'a', 'bank', 'account', 'the', 'nearest', 'dbs', 'bank', 'is', 'besides', 'the', 'ri
ver', 'bank', 'on', 'your', 'way', 'there', 'you', 'may', 'wish', 'to', 'donate', 'some', 'bl
ood', 'at', 'the', 'nearby', 'blood', 'bank', 'will', 'you', 'be', 'willing', 'to', 'donate',
'it', 'is', 'open', 'from', '9:00', 'a.m', 'to', '4:00', 'p.m']
```

Refer to [nltk-example-6-punctuation-lowercase.ipynb](#)

Stop Words

Stop words are hi-frequency common words in languages that carry much less substantial information about the meaning of some text



| | |
|----|-----|
| 下面 | 那么 |
| 不一 | 那么些 |
| 不久 | 那么样 |
| 不仅 | 那些 |
| 不会 | 那会儿 |
| 不但 | 那儿 |
| 不光 | 那时 |
| 不单 | 那样 |
| 不变 | 那边 |
| 不只 | 那里 |
| 不可 | 那么 |

Example: Text Without Stop Words

The History of Humanity is part of UNESCO's General and Regional Histories Collection. The publication seeks to contribute to mutual understanding and dialogue between cultures and civilizations. This series seeks to illustrate the encounters between cultures across history and their respective contributions to the general progress of humankind. This is done through the promotion of a pluralist vision of history."

source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Humanity

Discussion:

Will we lose meaning and context if some words are removed?

Example (full text)

"The History of Humanity is part of UNESCO's General and Regional Histories Collection. The publication seeks to contribute to mutual understanding and dialogue between cultures and civilizations. This series seeks to illustrate the encounters between cultures across history and their respective contributions to the general progress of humankind. This is done through the promotion of a pluralist vision of history."

source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Humanity

Stop Words Corpus in NLTK

NLTK provides a corpus of stop words for the following languages:

*Arabic, Azerbaijani, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish
French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian
Kazakh, Nepali, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian
Russian, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish, Tajik*

English Stop Words

```
1 from nltk.corpus import stopwords
2 stopwords = set(stopwords.words('english'))
```

```
1 print (f"The stop words for English are: \n { stopwords }\n\n")
```

The stop words for English are:

```
{'those', 'that', 'at', 'am', 're', 'why', 'y', 'been', 'ma', 'shouldn', 'themselves', 'your
s', "you'll", 'my', "needn't", 'off', 'out', 'itself', 'ours', 'when', 'they', 'with', 'their
s', 't', 'wouldn', 'm', 'any', 'so', 'are', 'yourself', 'needn', 'all', 'don', 'below', 'the
', 'other', 'not', 'because', 'where', "shan't", 'while', 'more', 'can', 'hadn', 'doesn', 'he
rs', "should've", 'your', 'aren', 'into', 'until', 'some', 'their', "doesn't", 'him', 'too',
'myself', 'll', "she's", 'have', "mightn't", 'be', 'had', 'no', 'these', 'of', 'down', 'has',
"mustn't", "wouldn't", 'before', 'won', 'will', "isn't", "don't", "shouldn't", 'doing', "it'
s", 'in', "you'd", "couldn't", 'mustn', 'his', 'again', 'as', 'isn', "aren't", 'against', 'ha
ving', 'should', 'which', 'a', 'about', 'to', "wasn't", 'both', 'we', 'he', "hasn't", 'or', '
for', 'mightn', 'is', 'very', 'over', 'through', 'its', "haven't", "weren't", "that'll", 'suc
h', 'between', 'ain', 'few', 'couldn', 'then', 'after', 'than', 'do', 'nor', 'me', 'was', 'ab
ove', 'during', 'how', "didn't", 'what', 'being', 'yourselves', 'weren', 've', 'once', 'only
', 's', 'shan', 'whom', 'd', 'an', 'own', 'on', 'now', 'from', 'our', 'under', "hadn't", "you
're", 'himself', 'were', 'didn', 'who', 'same', "won't", 'further', 'it', 'most', 'each', 'ha
ven', 'this', 'ourselves', 'you', "you've", 'wasn', 'them', 'by', 'up', 'herself', 'hasn', 's
he', 'i', 'just', 'but', 'here', 'and', 'did', 'there', 'if', 'her', 'does', 'o'}
```

Refer to [nltk-example-7-stopwords-corpus.ipynb](#)

Code: Remove Stop Words from Text

```
1 my_text = """The History of Humanity is part of UNESCO General and Regional Histories
2 Collection. The publication seeks to contribute to mutual understanding and
3 dialogue between cultures and civilizations. This series seeks to illustrate
4 the encounters between cultures across history and their respective contributions
5 to the general progress of humankind. This is done through the promotion of a
6 pluralist vision of history."""
```

```
1 tokens = word_tokenize(my_text)
2 stopwords = set(stopwords.words('english'))
```

```
1 final_tokens = []
2 for t in tokens:
3     if (not (t in string.punctuation) and not (t.lower() in stopwords)):
4         final_tokens.append(t)
```

```
1 print (final_tokens)
```

```
['History', 'Humanity', 'part', 'UNESCO', 'General', 'Regional', 'Histories', 'Collection', '
publication', 'seeks', 'contribute', 'mutual', 'understanding', 'dialogue', 'cultures', 'civi
lizations', 'series', 'seeks', 'illustrate', 'encounters', 'cultures', 'across', 'history', '
respective', 'contributions', 'general', 'progress', 'humankind', 'done', 'promotion', 'plura
list', 'vision', 'history']
```

Refer to [nlTK-example-8-using-stopwords.ipynb](#)

Danger: removing stop words may affect meaning

Text and labels for sentiment analysis of product reviews – before stopword removal

1. *The product is really very good. — POSITIVE*

2. *The products seems to be good. — POSITIVE*

3. *Good product. I really liked it. — POSITIVE*

4. *I didn't like the product. — NEGATIVE*

5. *The product is not good. — NEGATIVE*

Text and labels for sentiment analysis of product reviews – after stopword removal

1. *product really good. — POSITIVE*

2. *products seems good. — POSITIVE*

3. *Good product. really liked. — POSITIVE*

4. *like product. — NEGATIVE*

5. *product good. — NEGATIVE*

Code: Remove "not" from the Stop Words

```
1 reviews = [{"POSITIVE", "The product is really good", [], [], []},
2             ["POSITIVE", "The products is good", [], [], []],
3             ["POSITIVE", "Good product I really liked it", [], [], []],
4             ["NEGATIVE", "I didn't like the product", [], [], []],
5             ["NEGATIVE", "The product is not good", [], [], []]]
6
7 df = pd.DataFrame(reviews, columns=['label', 'original_review', 'tokens_raw',
8                                     'tokens_default_stopwords', 'tokens_modified_stopwords'])
```

```
1 whitespace_tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer("\s+", gaps=True)
```

```
1 stopwords_default = set(stopwords.words('english'))
2 stopwords_modified = set(stopwords.words('english'))
3 stopwords_modified.remove('not')
```

Refer to [nltk-example-9-using-stopwords-customisation.ipynb](#)
Continue next page →


```

1  for index, row in df.iterrows():
2      original_review = row['original_review'].lower()
3      row['tokens_raw'] = whitespace_tokenizer.tokenize(original_review)
4
5      for t in row['tokens_raw']:
6          if not(t in stopwords_default):
7              row['tokens_default_stopwords'].append(t)
8          if not(t in stopwords_modified):
9              row['tokens_modified_stopwords'].append(t)

```

```
1 df.head()
```

| | label | original_review | tokens_raw | tokens_default_stopwords | tokens_modified_stopwords |
|---|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | POSITIVE | The product is really good | [the, product, is, really, good] | [product, really, good] | [product, really, good] |
| 1 | POSITIVE | The products is good | [the, products, is, good] | [products, good] | [products, good] |
| 2 | POSITIVE | Good product I really liked it | [good, product, i, really, liked, it] | [good, product, really, liked] | [good, product, really, liked] |
| 3 | NEGATIVE | I didn't like the product | [i, didn't, like, the, product] | [didn't, like, product] | [didn't, like, product] |
| 4 | NEGATIVE | The product is not good | [the, product, is, not, good] | [product, good] | [product, not, good] |

Preprocessing Techniques

1. Turn text into a meaningful format for analysis

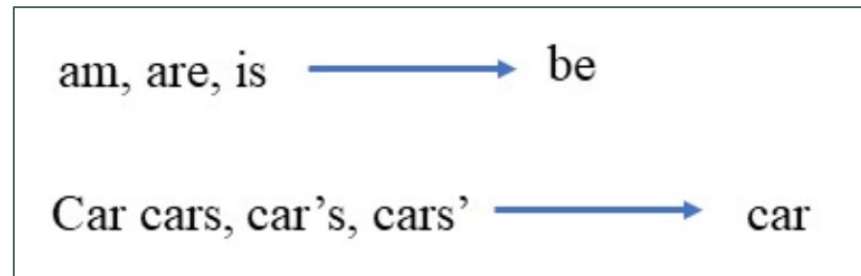
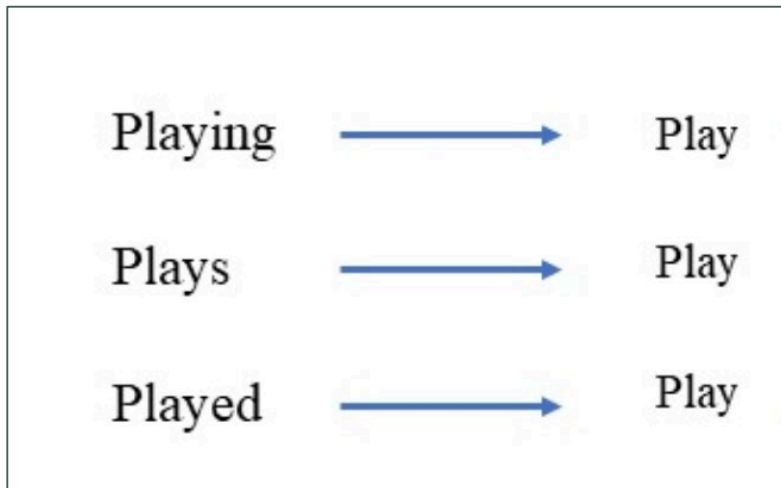
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Normalization – Key Idea

What we speak and write are made up of several words often derived from one another. Some words are derived from root words.



Normalized sentence



If we can cut down the number of unique words, we can reduce the size of the words in the text.

Stemming

Caring → Car (wrong meaning!)
Cars → Car
Drawer → Draw
Happily → Happi (misspelling!)

Stemming refers to a crude heuristic process that chops off the ends of words in the hope of achieving this goal correctly most of the time, and often includes the removal of derivational affixes.

Problem

- Stemmed word does not have similar meaning to the original
- Stemmed word may not be a proper word found in the dictionary

Lemmatization

Careful , Caring → Care
Cars , car → Car
runs, running, ran → run

Lemmatization uses vocabulary knowledge and morphological analysis of words, normally aiming to remove inflectional endings only and to return the base or dictionary form of a word, which is known as the lemma.

Code: Lemmatization

```
1 lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
2
3 text = """The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of
4 saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs
5 or sneezes, so it is important that you also practice respiratory etiquette"""
6
7 tokens_word = word_tokenize(text)
```

```
1 tokens_word_lem = []
2
3 for t in tokens_words:
4     tokens_word_lem.append(lemmatizer.lemmatize(t, pos='v'))
```

Treats word as verb

```
1 for i in range(len(tokens_words)):
2     if tokens_words[i] != tokens_word_lem[i]:
3         print (f" {tokens_words[i]} ==> {tokens_word_lem[i]}")
```

```
spreads ==> spread
infected ==> infect
coughs ==> cough
sneezes ==> sneeze
```

refer to [nltk-example-10-lemmatization.ipynb](#)

Code: Lemmatization

```
1 lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
2
3 text = """The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of
4 saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs
5 or sneezes, so it is important that you also practice respiratory etiquette.
6 """
7
8 tokens_word = word_tokenize(text)
```

```
1 tokens_word_lem = []
2
3 for t in tokens_words:
4     tokens_word_lem.append(lemmatizer.lemmatize(t, pos='n'))
```

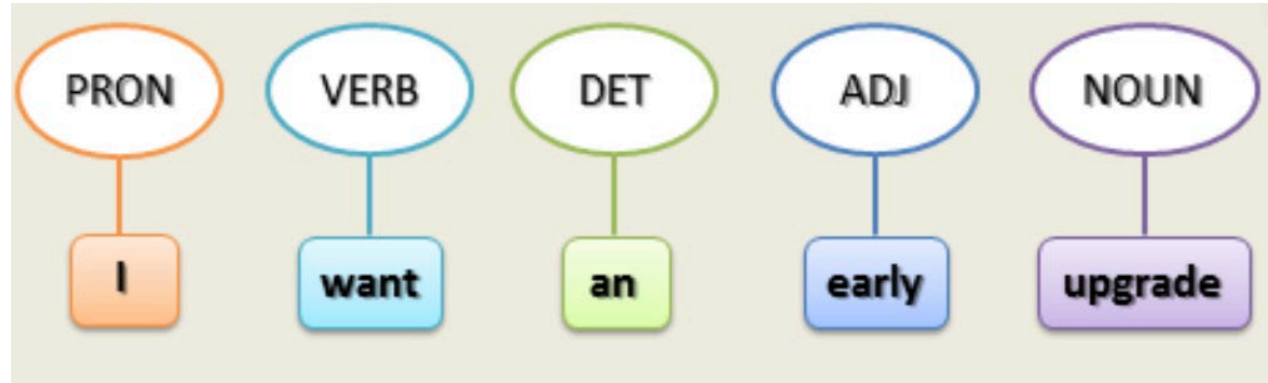
Treats word as noun

```
1 for i in range(len(tokens_words)):
2     if tokens_words[i] != tokens_word_lem[i]:
3         print (f" {tokens_words[i]} ==> {tokens_word_lem[i]}")
```

```
spreads ==> spread
droplets ==> droplet
coughs ==> cough
sneezes ==> sneeze
```

Preprocessing: Parts of Speech (POS) Tagging

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| Adjectives | Adverbs |
| Conjunctions | Interjections |
| Nouns | Prepositions |
| Pronouns | Verbs |



- Sentences contain nouns, verbs, adjectives, ...
- Parts of speech tagging generates labels (grammar information) for each word
- Having tags on nouns can reveal names, entities, places etc that are mentioned in the text
- For lemmatization to work well, we need to pass the POS tags information

Code: POS Tags from Treebank tags

```
1 text = """The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of
2 saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs
3 or sneezes, so it is important that you also practice respiratory etiquette.
4 """
```

```
1 from nltk.tag import pos_tag
2 tokens_word_pos = pos_tag(word_tokenize(text))
```

```
1 print (tokens_word_pos)
```

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('COVID-19', 'NNP'), ('virus', 'NN'), ('spreads', 'NNS'), ('primarily', 'RB'), ('through', 'IN'), ('droplets', 'NNS'), ('of', 'IN'), ('saliva', 'NN'), ('or', 'CC'), ('discharge', 'NN'), ('from', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('nose', 'NN'), ('when', 'WRB'), ('an', 'DT'), ('infected', 'JJ'), ('person', 'NN'), ('coughs', 'NNS'), ('or', 'CC'), ('sneezes', 'NNS'), (',', ','), ('so', 'IN'), ('it', 'PRP'), ('is', 'VBZ'), ('important', 'JJ'), ('that', 'IN'), ('you', 'PRP'), ('also', 'RB'), ('practice', 'NN'), ('respiratory', 'NN'), ('etiquette', 'NN'), (',', ',')]
```

NLTK uses the set of tags from the Penn Treebank Project

(https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall_2003/ling001/penn_treebank_pos.html)

Refer to nltk-example-11-POSTagger.ipynb

Convert between Wordnet and Treebank POS Tags

Lemmatizer uses tags follows WordNet convention - v – verb, n – noun, r – adverb, a - adjective

```
1 def get_wordnet_pos(treebank_tag):
2     if treebank_tag.startswith('J'):
3         return "a"
4     elif treebank_tag.startswith('V'):
5         return "v"
6     elif treebank_tag.startswith('N'):
7         return "n"
8     elif treebank_tag.startswith('R'):
9         return "r"
10    else:
11        return "n"
```

Refer to nltk-example-12-POSTagger-Lemmatizer.pynb
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Code: Lemmatization with POS

```
1 text = """The virus spreads primarily through tiny droplets of
2 air-borne fluid from the nose when an infected person coughs
3 or sneezes, so it is important that you also practice respiratory etiquette.
4 Please be caring for people around you when that happens."""
```

```
1 from nltk.tag import pos_tag
2 tokens_word_postag = pos_tag(word_tokenize(text))
```

```
1 print(tokens_word_postag)
```

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('virus', 'NN'), ('spreads', 'VBZ'), ('primarily', 'RB'), ('through', 'IN'),
('tiny', 'JJ'), ('droplets', 'NNS'), ('of', 'IN'), ('air-borne', 'JJ'), ('fluid', 'NN'), ('fr
om', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('nose', 'NN'), ('when', 'WRB'), ('an', 'DT'), ('infected', 'JJ'),
('person', 'NN'), ('coughs', 'NNS'), ('or', 'CC'), ('sneezes', 'NNS'), (',', ','), ('so', 'IN
'), ('it', 'PRP'), ('is', 'VBZ'), ('important', 'JJ'), ('that', 'IN'), ('you', 'PRP'), ('also
', 'RB'), ('practice', 'NN'), ('respiratory', 'NN'), ('etiquette', 'NN'), ('.', '.'), ('Pleas
e', 'NNP'), ('be', 'VB'), ('caring', 'VBG'), ('for', 'IN'), ('people', 'NNS'), ('around', 'IN
'), ('you', 'PRP'), ('when', 'WRB'), ('that', 'DT'), ('happens', 'VBZ'), ('.', '.')]
```

Refer to nltk-example-12-POSTagger-Lemmatizer.pynb

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Code: Lemmatization with POS

```
1 lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
2 tokens_word_lem = []
3 for t in tokens_word_postag:
4     tokens_word_lem.append(lemmatizer.lemmatize(t[0], get_wordnet_pos(t[1])))
```

```
1 for i in range(len(tokens_word_postag)):
2     if tokens_word_postag[i][0] != tokens_word_lem[i]:
3         print (f" {tokens_word_postag[i]} ==> {tokens_word_lem[i]}")
```

```
('spreads', 'VBZ') ==> spread
('droplets', 'NNS') ==> droplet
('coughs', 'NNS') ==> cough
('sneezes', 'NNS') ==> sneeze
('is', 'VBZ') ==> be
('caring', 'VBG') ==> care
('happens', 'VBZ') ==> happen
```

Refer to `nltk-example-12-POSTagger-Lemmatizer.pynb`

Preprocessing Techniques

1. Turn text into a meaningful format for analysis

- Tokenization

2. Clean the data

- Remove - capital letters, punctuation, numbers, stop words
- Normalization - stemming, lemmatization
- Chunking - compound words, multi-words phrases

Preprocessing: Chunking

What is the right way to tokenize **open compound words**?

We need to invest in **data science** and **artificial intelligence** capabilities.

"data", "science" **or** "data science"

"artificial" , "intelligence" **or** "artificial intelligence"

Mr **Heng Swee Keat** will deliver a Ministerial Statement on additional support measures for COVID-19 pandemic.

"heng", "swee" , "keat"

or "heng swee keat"

or "heng_swee_keat"

Code: Chunking using MWE Tokenizer

```
1 compound_words = [("artificial", "intelligence"), ("data", "science")]
2 mwe_tokenizer = MWETokenizer(compound_words, separator='_')
```

```
1 text1 = 'We need to invest in data science and artificial intelligence capabilities'
```

```
1 tokens_words_mwe = mwe_tokenizer.tokenize(word_tokenize(text1))
2 print(tokens_words_mwe)
```

```
['We', 'need', 'to', 'invest', 'in', 'data_science', 'and', 'artificial_intelligence', 'capabilities']
```

Refer to [nltk-example-13-Chunking-MWE.ipynb](#)

Other cleansing issues

Acronym normalization and tagging – acronyms can be specified as “I.B.M.” or “IBM” so these should be tagged and normalized.

Special characters in scraped text from web pages and PDF files

Identify and remove useless sections, such as common headers, footers, and sidebars as well as legal or commercial boilerplates

Spelling correction - misspelled errors are encountered especially if you are processing text from crowd-sourced or informal sources

Knowledge Check

Given the text below, what are some preprocessing techniques you could apply?

Having purchased both this jacket (India Ink/Boulder) and the Green/Charcoal Heather version, I can tell you that this one is slightly tighter at the butt than the green one, which matches my old jacket. I know this because my butt is slightly bigger than it was five years ago. The green jacket is pretty much exactly the same size all over as my original jacket, but this one is maybe 1/8" tighter at the butt. It's not much of a difference, but does make me question those extra biscuits I've been consuming during this holiday season. I think these new jackets will be seeing more time on the bike this year than my old jacket did last year. I must thank Columbia for their brutal honesty regarding the circumference of my posterior. Whether the lessened draft of this jacket is a one-off deal, or if all of the India Ink/Boulder jackets got shorted is unknown to me. You'll just have to ask yourself, "Does that 1/8" really matter to me, or anything this guy is saying?"

Source: Amazon product review

Optional Learning Video

NLP - Text Preprocessing and Text Classification (using Python)

- <https://youtu.be/nxhCyeRR75Q>

Exercise

Refer to `nltk-exercise-2-text-preprocessing.ipynb`

References

- Natural Language Toolkit, <https://www.nltk.org/>
- Text Wrangling & Pre-processing: A Practitioner's Guide to NLP, <https://www.kdnuggets.com/2018/08/practitioners-guide-processing-understanding-text-2.html>