# Introduction to POS Tagging

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- > Problem Introduction
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- > Code Implementation



Part of Speech (POS) tagging: assign each word in a sentence with an appropriate POS

- Input: a string of words + a tagset
- Output: a best tag for each word

Words often have more than one POS:

- The back door (adjective)
- On my back (noun)
- Win the voters back (particle)
- Promised to back the bill (verb)
- ➤ Due to ambiguity (and unknown words), we cannot rely on a dictionary to look up the correct POS tags.



## **Why POS tagging?**

- POS tagging is one of the first steps in the NLP pipeline (right after tokenization, segmentation).
- POS tagging is traditionally viewed as a prerequisite for further analysis:
  - Syntactic Parsing: What words are in the sentence?
  - Information extraction: Finding names, dates, relations, ...

Application Area	Description
Sentiment Analysis	POS tags help identify crucial sentiment indicators like adjectives.
Named Entity Recognition (NER)	Improves NER by providing context, such as identifying proper nouns as potential named entities.
Automatic Summarization	Identifies key verbs and nouns to extract main ideas for summaries.
Text Generation and Chatbots	Ensures grammatical correctness and enhances the naturalness of generated text.
Grammar Checking and Proofreading	Utilized to identify grammatical errors and suggest corrections.



## **English word classes**

#### 01 Adjectives

THAT DESCRIBE: age: young, old colour: red, blue condition: new, used size: large, medium speed: fast, slow

COMPARATIVE: smaller, better... SUPERLATIVE: the smallest, the worst. the best...



#### 08 Verbs

to run, to organise, to read, to think... > Transitive > Intransitive

LINKING: to be, to look, to appear, to seem, to smell...

HELPING (= AUXILIARY): can, may, will, must, should, to be, to have...

#### 07 Pronouns

**PERSONAL** (subject): I, you, he, she, it, you, they

PERSONAL (reflexive): myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves yourselves, themselves

**DEMONSTRATIVE: INTERROGATIVE:** this, these, that, those

**PERSONAL** (object): me, you, him, her, it, us, you, them

POSSESSIVE: mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, yours, theirs

how, where, when, which ...?

> INDEFINITE: somebody, anyone...

> RELATIVE: that, which, whose, whom.

# Word Classes

#### 02 Adverbs

ago, before, since, yet, for, still, afterwards... outside, everywhere, upstairs, nowhere,

FREQUENCY: often, never, sometimes, always

MANNER: just, quite, quickly, hardly well, carefully barely, almost scarcely, beautifully.

#### 03 Conjunctions

COORDINATING: and, or, but, yet, nor, for, so

PLACE:

here, there,

somewhere...

CORRELATIVE: both... and..., either... or..., just as... so.... whether... or.... neither... nor..., not only... but also..

04 Determiners

SUBORDINATING: after, since, if, while, although before, because, unless

#### 06 Prepositions

PLACE / DIRECTION: under, above, between

ver, until, abou during, before, after, while,

, with, on, ove to, up, within beyond, for..

#### 05 Nouns

TELLS US WHICH: each, every, some, none,

**TELLS US WHOSE:** our, your, their (= possessive adjectives or determiners)

#### COMMON NOUNS: house, dog, laptop...

PROPER NOUNS: (Capitalised) London, Paris. James, William, Julia, Jennifer...

> VERBAL: > COLLECTIVE: swimming.. choir, jury...

> COMPOUND: mother-in-law...

COUNTABLE: > UNCOUNTABLE: book, day... traffic, calm...

> ABSTRACT V. CONCRETE: wit vs. road...



## **English word classes**

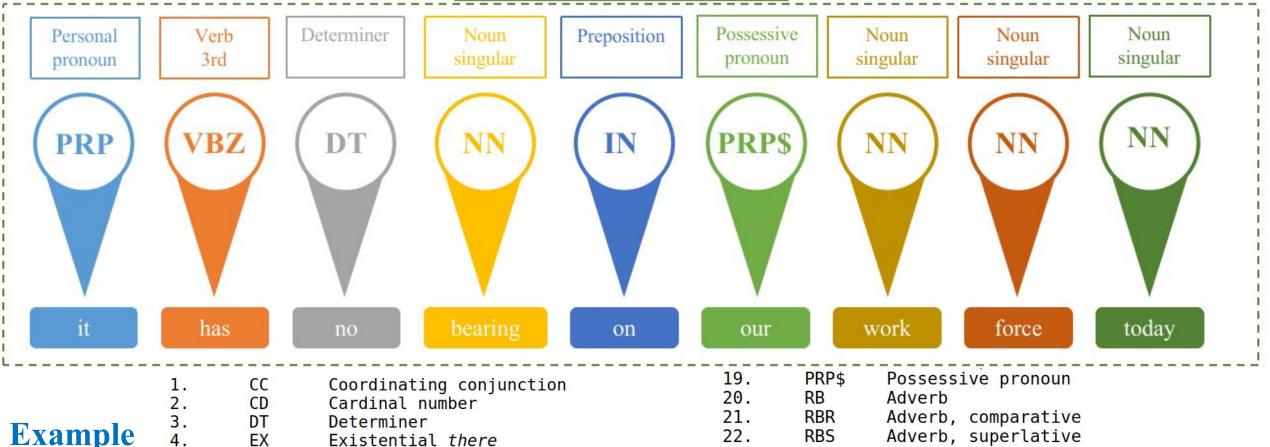
# Open classes

- Words that belong to open classes are content words.
- Also called big classes.
- Consists of
  - Nouns child, toy
  - Lexical verbs write, sing
  - Adjectives clever, neat
  - Adverbs softly, rudely

## Close classes



- Words that belong to close classes are structural words.
- Grammatical meaning
- Also called small classes.
- Consists of
  - Auxiliary verbs have, will
  - Pronouns we, he
  - Prepositions on, under
  - Conjunctions although and
- Determiners the, some
- Enumerators two, third
- Interjections alas, oh



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	۷.	CD	Cardinal number	21.	RBR	Adverb, comparative
Ewamala	3.	DT	Determiner			
Example	4.	EX	Existential <i>there</i>	22.	RBS	Adverb, superlative
_	5.	FW	Foreign word	23.	RP	Particle
from	6.	IN	Preposition or subordinating conjunct	io:24.	SYM	Symbol
	7.	JJ	Adjective	25.	T0	to
Penn	8.	JJR	Adjective, comparative	26.	UH	Interjection
	9.	JJS	Adjective, superlative	27.	VB	Verb, base form
<b>Treebank</b>	10.	LS	List item marker	28.	VBD	Verb, past tense
HCCDank	11.	MD	Modal	29.	VBG	Verb, gerund or present participle
	12.	NN	Noun, singular or mass	30.	VBN	Verb, past participle
	13.	NNS	Noun, plural	31.	VBP	Verb, non-3rd person singular present
	14.	NNP	Proper noun, singular	32.	VBZ	Verb, 3rd person singular present
	15.	NNPS	Proper noun, plural	33.	WDT	Wh-determiner
	16.	PDT	Predeterminer	34.	WP	Wh-pronoun
	17.	POS	Possessive ending	35.	WP\$	Possessive wh-pronoun
	18.	PRP	Personal pronoun	36.	WRB	Wh-adverb

Creating a POS Tagger

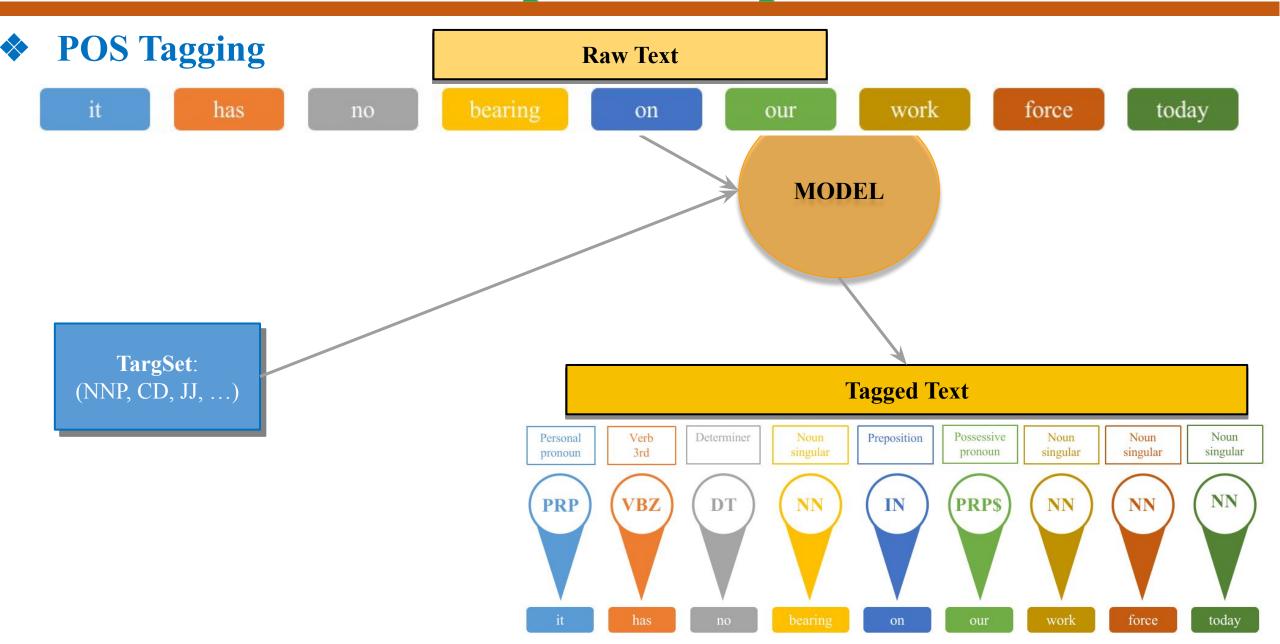
Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4

Obtain a
POS-tagged
corpus

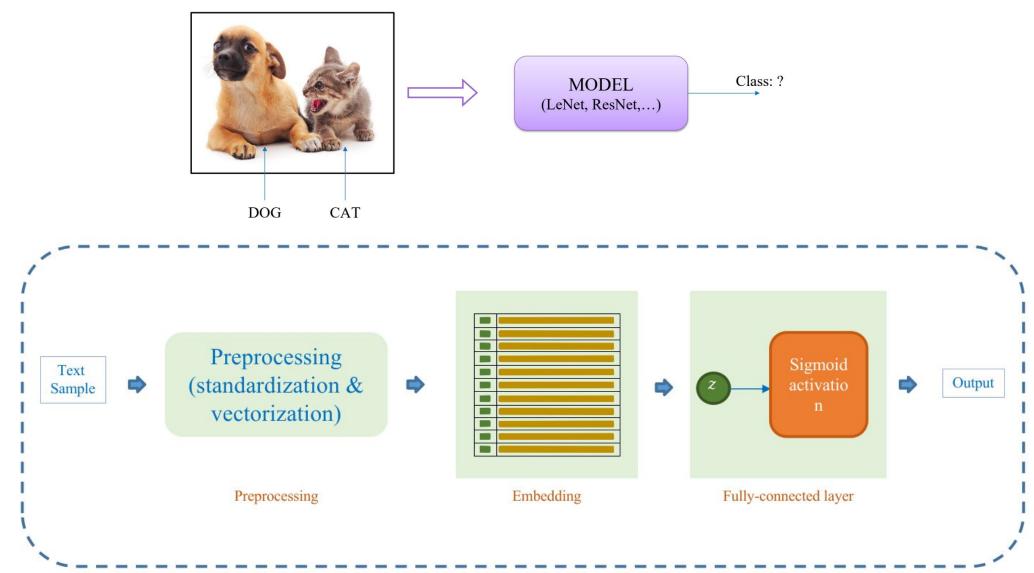
Choose a POS tagging model

Train your model on your training corpus

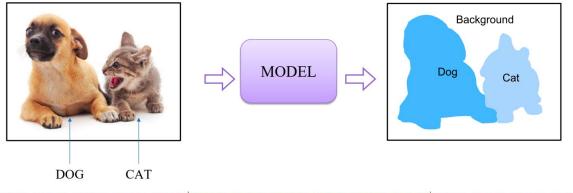
Evaluate your model on your test corpus

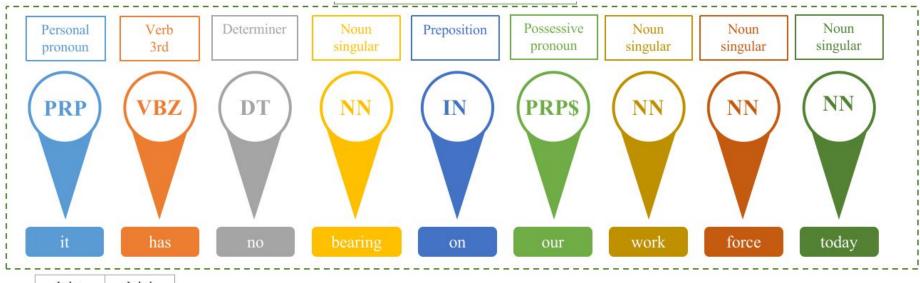


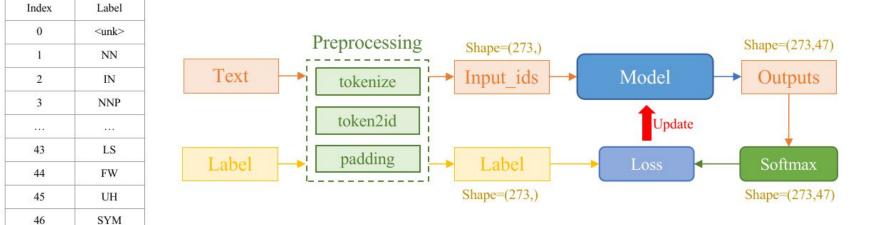
### Text Classification



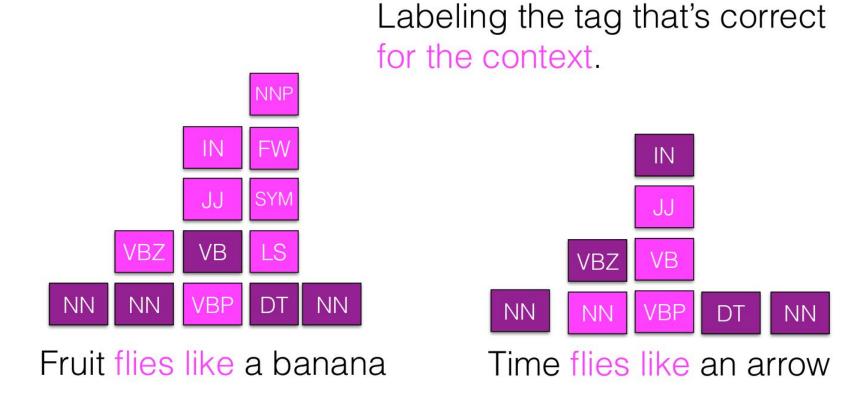
# POS Part-of-speed Tagging





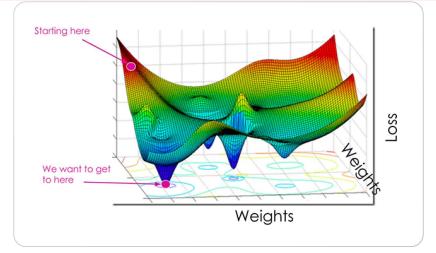


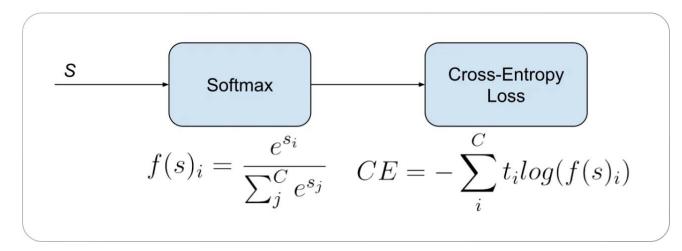
- **POS Part-of-speed Tagging** 
  - Neural sequence models (RNNs or Transformers)
  - Large Language Models (like BERT), finetuned



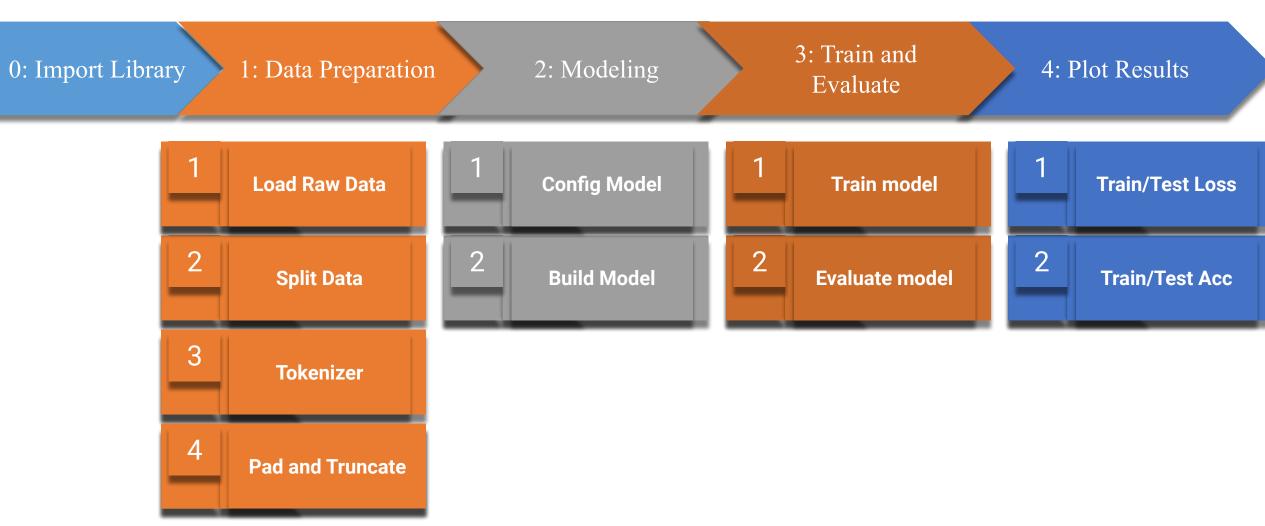
- **Evaluation Metric: Test Accuracy** 
  - How many words in the unseen test data can you tag correctly?
    - ⇒ How many sentences can you tag correctly?

Metric	Description	Importance
Accuracy	Proportion of words correctly tagged	Measures overall effectiveness
Precision	Correctly predicted tags for a specific POS out of all predicted for that POS	Important for understanding model's performance on each tag
Recall	Correctly predicted tags for a specific POS out of all actual instances of that POS	Helps identify if the model is missing any specific POS tags
F1 Score	Weighted average of Precision and Recall	Useful in cases of uneven distribution of POS tags





**POS Tagging Code Overview** 



Import Library

import torch: Imports PyTorch, a library for tensor computation and deep learning.

import torch.nn as nn: Brings in PyTorch's neural network module, aliased as nn, for building network layers.

import torch import torch.nn as nn import torch.nn.functional as F

import torch.nn.functional as F: Imports PyTorch's functional interface, providing access to activation and loss functions.

### Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL-2003) Dataset

id string · lengths	tokens sequence	pos_tags sequence	chunk_tags sequence	ner_tags sequence
1 5				
0	[ "EU", "rejects", "German", "call", "to", "boycott",	[ 22, 42, 16, 21, 35, 37, 16, 21, 7 ]	[ 11, 21, 11, 12, 21, 22, 11, 12, 0 ]	[ 3, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0]
1	[ "Peter", "Blackburn" ]	[ 22, 22 ]	[ 11, 12 ]	[ 1, 2 ]
2	[ "BRUSSELS", "1996-08-22" ]	[ 22, 11 ]	[ 11, 12 ]	[ 5, 0 ]
3	[ "The", "European", "Commission", "said", "on",	[ 12, 22, 22, 38, 15, 22, 28, 38, 15, 16, 21,	[ 11, 12, 12, 21, 13, 11, 11, 21, 13, 11, 12, 13,	
4	[ "Germany", "'s", "representative", "to", "the",		[ 11, 11, 12, 13, 11, 12, 12, 11, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12	
5	[ "\"", "We", "do", "n't", "support", "any", "such",		[ 0, 11, 21, 22, 22, 11, 12, 12, 17, 11, 21, 22,	[ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
,	[ "He", "said", "further",	[ 28, 38, 16, 16, 21,	[ 11, 21, 11, 12, 12, 21,	[ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,

```
"chunk_tags": [11, 12, 12, 21, 13, 11, 11, 21, 13, 11, 12, 13, 11, 21, 22, 11, 12, 17, 11, 21, 17, 11, 12, 12, 21, 22, 22, 13, 11, 0],

"id": "0",

"ner_tags": [0, 3, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],

"pos_tags": [12, 22, 22, 38, 15, 22, 28, 38, 15, 16, 21, 35, 24, 35, 37, 16, 21, 15, 24, 41, 15, 16, 21, 21, 20, 37, 40, 35, 21, 7],

"tokens": ["The", "European", "Commission", "said", "on", "Thursday", "it", "disagreed", "with", "German", "advice", "to", "consumers", "to", "shun",

"British", "lamb", "until", "scientists", "determine", "whether", "mad", "cow", "disease", "can", "be", "transmitted", "to", "sheep", "."]
```

## **Data Preparation**

```
from datasets import load_dataset

dataset = load_dataset("conll2003")
```

dataset = dataset.remove\_columns(["id", "chunk\_tags", "ner\_tags"])

tokens: a list of string features.

pos\_tags: a list of classification labels (int). Full tagset with indices:

{"": 0, """: 1, '#': 2, '\$': 3, '(': 4, ')': 5, ',': 6, '.': 7, ':': 8, '``': 9, 'CC': 10, 'CD': 11, 'DT': 12, 'EX': 13, 'FW': 14, 'IN': 15, 'JJ': 16, 'JJR': 17, 'JJS': 18, 'LS': 19, 'MD': 20, 'NN': 21, 'NNP': 22, 'NNPS': 23, 'NNS': 24, 'NN|SYM': 25, 'PDT': 26, 'POS': 27, 'PRP': 28, 'PRP\$': 29, 'RB': 30, 'RBR': 31, 'RBS': 32, 'RP': 33, 'SYM': 34, 'TO': 35, 'UH': 36, 'VB': 37, 'VBD': 38, 'VBG': 39, 'VBN': 40, 'VBP': 41, 'VBZ': 42, 'WDT': 43, 'WP': 44, 'WP\$': 45, 'WRB': 46}

## Data Splits

```
dataset_train = dataset["train"]
dataset_val = dataset["validation"]
dataset_test = dataset["test"]
```

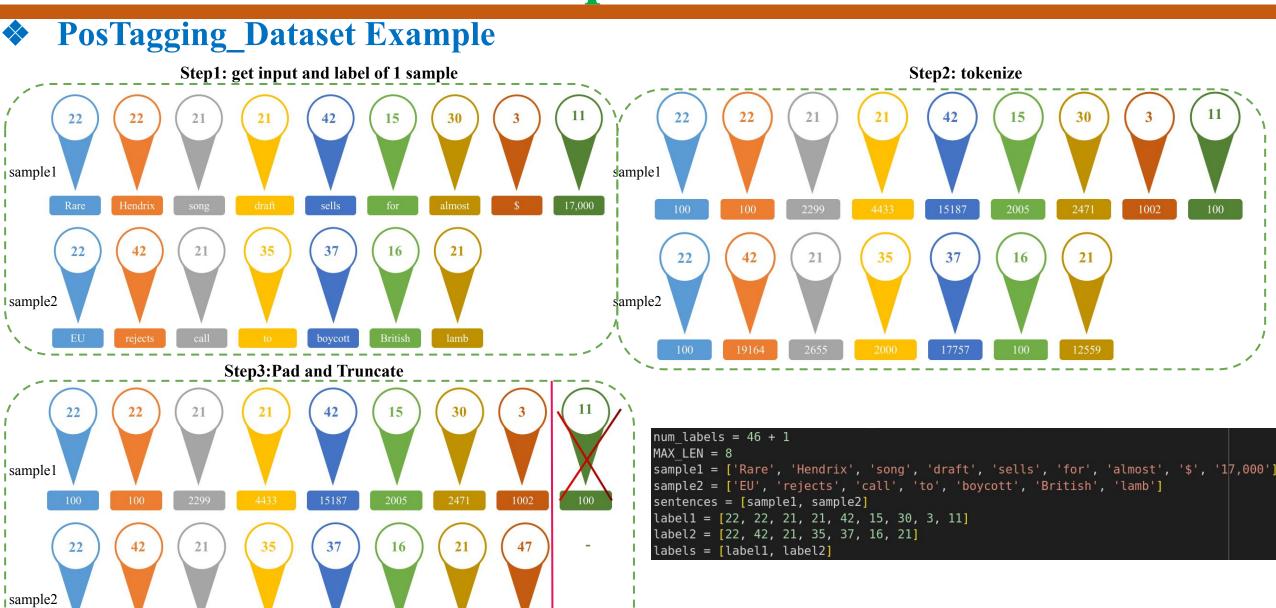
name	train	validation	test	
conll2003	14041	3250	3453	

#### **AutoTokenizer**



Automatic Tokenizer Loading: The AutoTokenizer class can automatically detect and load the appropriate tokenizer for a given pre-trained model. This is highly convenient because different models in the Transformers library (like BERT, GPT, T5, etc.) require different tokenizers due to their distinct architectures and training setups.

```
SET tokenizer TO AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
SET MAX_LEN TO 113
SET train_set TO PosTagging_Dataset(dataset_train, tokenizer)
SET val_set TO PosTagging_Dataset(dataset_val, tokenizer)
SET test_set TO PosTagging_Dataset(dataset_test, tokenizer)
```



## **♦** PosTagging\_Dataset

```
DEFINE CLASS PosTagging_Dataset(Dataset):

DEFINE FUNCTION __init__(self, dataset, tokenizer):

super().__init__()

SET self.tokens TO dataset["tokens"]

SET self.labels TO dataset["pos_tags"]

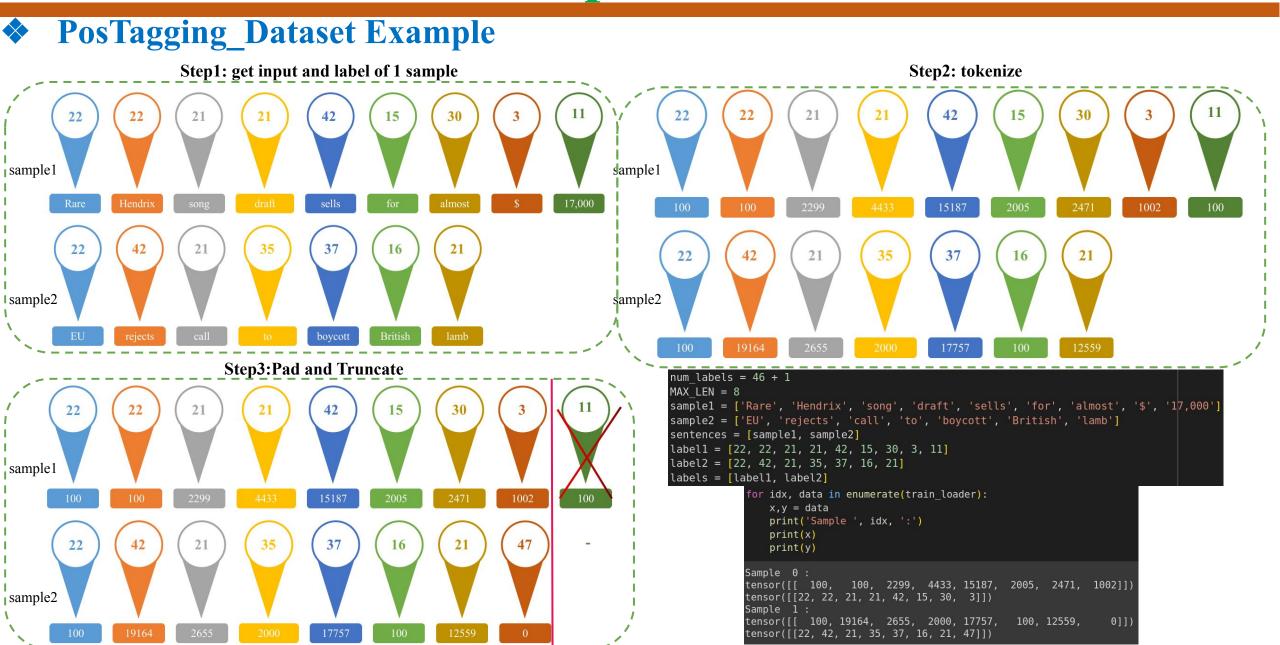
SET self.tokenizer TO tokenizer

SET self.max_len TO MAX_LEN

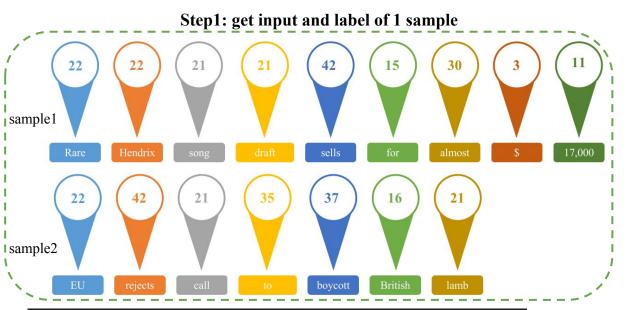
DEFINE FUNCTION __len__(self):

RETURN len(self.tokens)
```

```
DEFINE FUNCTION getitem (self, idx):
   SET INPUT token TO self.tokens[idx]
    SET label token TO self.labels[idx]
   SET INPUT token TO self.tokenizer.convert tokens to ids(INPUT token)
    SET INPUT ids, labels TO self.pad and truncate(INPUT token, label token)
   RETURN INPUT ids, labels
DEFINE FUNCTION pad and truncate(self, sequence token, sequence label):
   SET pad id TO self.tokenizer.pad token id
    IF len(sequence token) < self.max len:</pre>
       SET padded sequence token T0 sequence token T0 for T0 sequence token)
       SET padded sequence label TO sequence label + [47] * (self.max len - len(sequence label))
   ELSE:
       SET padded sequence token TO sequence token[:self.max len]
       SET padded sequence label TO sequence label[:self.max len]
   RETURN torch.tensor(padded sequence token), torch.tensor(padded sequence label)
```



## **PosTagging\_Dataset Example**



```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
from torch.utils.data import Dataset
from transformers import AutoTokenizer

tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
num_labels = 46 + 1
MAX_LEN = 8
sample1 = ['Rare', 'Hendrix', 'song', 'draft', 'sells', 'for', 'almost', '$', '17,000']
sample2 = ['EU', 'rejects', 'call', 'to', 'boycott', 'British', 'lamb']
sentences = [sample1, sample2]
label1 = [22, 22, 21, 21, 42, 15, 30, 3, 11]
label2 = [22, 42, 21, 35, 37, 16, 21]
labels = [label1, label2]
```

```
from torch.utils.data import Dataset

class MyDataset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, tokens, pos_tags, tokenizer):
        super().__init__()
        self.tokens = tokens
        self.labels = pos_tags
        self.tokenizer = tokenizer
        self.max_len = MAX_LEN

def __len__(self):
    return len(self.tokens)
```

```
def___getitem__(self,_idx):_____
    input_token = self.tokens[idx]
    label_token = self.labels[idx]
    input_token = self.tokenizer.convert_tokens_to_ids(input_token)
    input_ids, labels = self.pad_and_truncate(input_token, label_token)
    return input_ids, labels
```

## **♦** PosTagging\_Dataset Example

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    input_ids, labels = self.pad_and_truncate(input_token, label_token)
    return input_ids, labels
```

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
from torch.utils.data import Dataset
from transformers import AutoTokenizer

tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
sequence_length = 5
num_labels = 46 + 1
MAX_LEN = 8
sample1 = ['Rare', 'Hendrix', 'song', 'draft', 'sells', 'for', 'almost', '$', '17,000']
sample2 = ['EU', 'rejects', 'call', 'to', 'boycott', 'British', 'lamb']
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```

Code Implem (from torch.utils.data import DataLoader train\_set = MyDataset(sentences, labels, tokenizer)

batch size = 1

getitem (self, idx):

input token = self.tokens[idx] label token = self.labels[idx]

### **PosTagging Dataset Example**

**Step3:Pad and Truncate** 

```
15
sample 1
                                                         16
sample2
```

```
train loader = DataLoader(train set, batch size)
for idx, data in enumerate(train loader):
    x,y = data
    print('Sample ', idx, ':')
    print(x)
    print(y)
Sample 0:
tensor([[ 100,
                100, 2299, 4433, 15187, 2005, 2471,
                                                       1002]])
tensor([[22, 22, 21, 21, 42, 15, 30, 3]])
Sample 1:
tensor([[ 100, 19164, 2655, 2000, 17757,
                                            100, 12559,
                                                           0]])
tensor([[22, 42, 21, 35, 37, 16, 21, 47]])
```

input token = self.tokenizer.convert tokens to ids(input token) input ids, labels = self.pad and truncate(input token, label token

```
pad and truncate(self, sequence token, sequence label):
                                                                         return input ids, labels
pad id = self.tokenizer.pad token id
if len(sequence token) < self.max len:</pre>
    padded sequence token = sequence token + [pad id] * (self.max len - len(sequence token))
    padded sequence label = sequence label + [47] * (self.max len - len(sequence label))
else:
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return torch.tensor(padded sequence token), torch.tensor(padded sequence label)
```

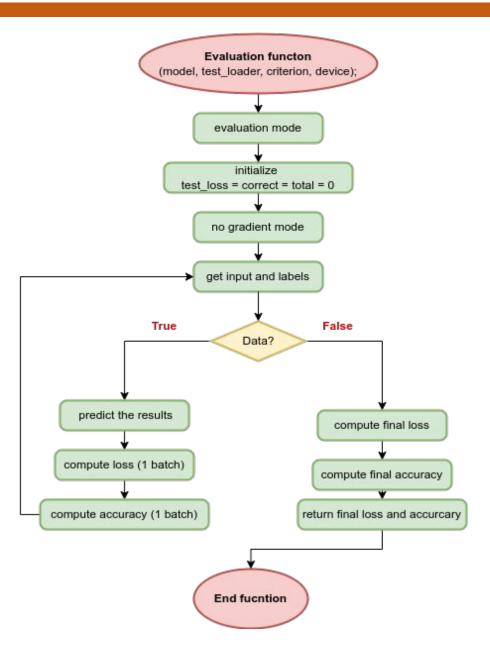
```
POS_Model
```

```
DEFINE CLASS POS Model(nn.Module):
        DEFINE FUNCTION init (self, vocab size, emb dim, hidden size, num classes): 7
            super(). init ()
            SET self.embedding TO nn.Embedding(vocab size, emb dim)
            SET self.fc1 TO nn.Linear(hidden size, 2*hidden size)
            SET self.fc2 TO nn.Linear(2*hidden size, hidden size)
            SET self.fc3 TO nn.Linear(hidden size, num classes)
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        DEFINE FUNCTION forward(self, x):
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            SET x TO self.embedding(x)
            SET x TO F.relu(self.fc1(x))
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            SET x TO F.relu(self.fc2(x))
            SET x T0 self.fc3(x)
            RETURN x.permute(0, 2, 1)
```

```
SET emb dim TO 512
SET hidden size TO 512
   vocab size TO len(tokenizer)
SET num classes TO 47+1
SET model TO POS Model(vocab size, emb dim,
                       hidden size, num classes)
                     Input (x)
Embedding
fc1
       fc2
```

#### **Evaluate**

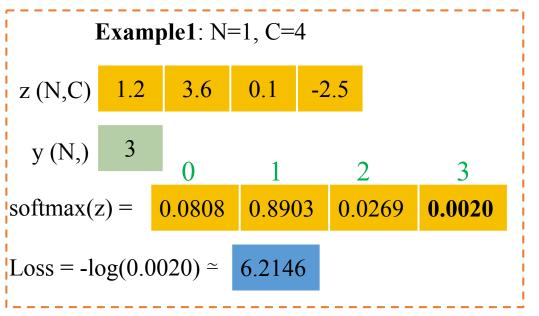
```
DEFINE FUNCTION evaluate(model, test loader, criterion, device):
   model.eval()
   SET test loss TO 0.0
   SET correct TO 0
   SET total TO 0
   with torch.no grad():
        FOR INPUTs, labels IN test loader:
           SET INPUTs, labels TO INPUTs.to(device), labels.to(device)
           SET outputs TO model(INPUTs)
           SET loss TO criterion(outputs, labels)
           SET _, predicted TO torch.max(outputs, 1)
            total += (labels!=47).sum().item()
           test loss += loss.item()
           correct += torch.multiply(predicted EQUALS labels, labels!=47).sum().item()
   SET test loss TO test loss / len(test loader)
   SET accuracy TO 100* correct / total
   RETURN test loss, accuracy
```

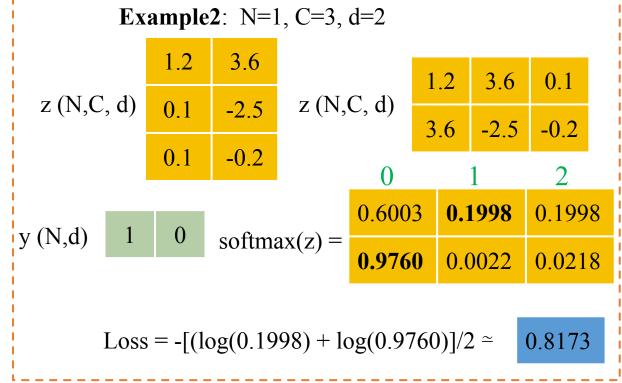


#### **Train**

```
1 SET device TO 'cuda' IF torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu'
2 SET EPOCHS TO 50
3 SET LR TO 1e-3
4 SET criterion TO nn.CrossEntropyLoss(ignore index=47);
```

$$s(x_i) = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} \quad \text{Loss} = -\sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \log \hat{y}_i$$





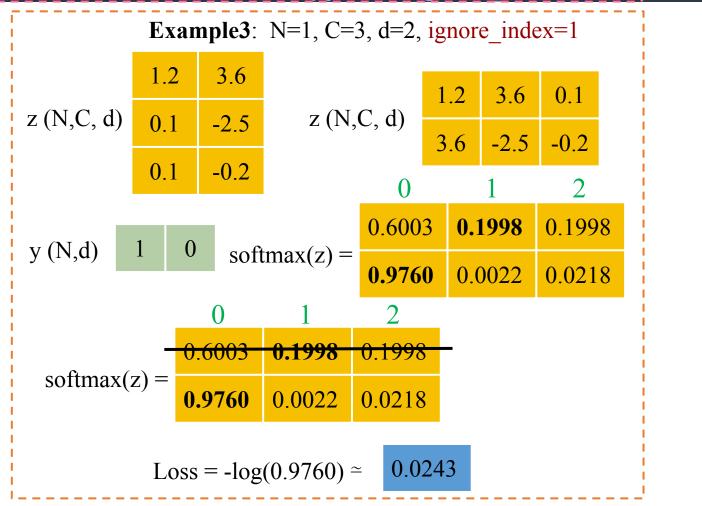
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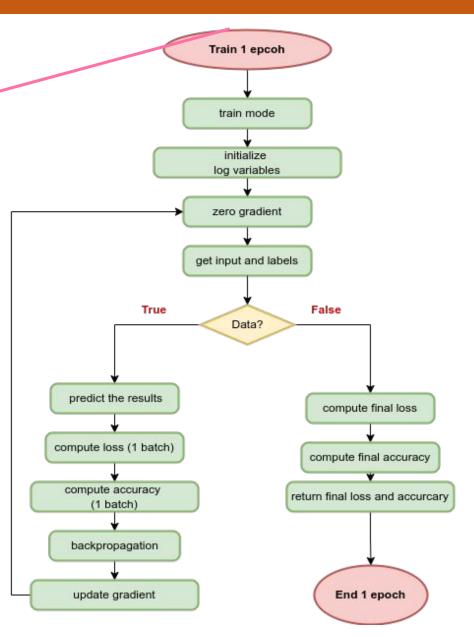
$$ext{Loss} = -\sum_{i=1}^{ ext{N}} y_i \cdot \log \, \hat{y}_i$$



```
DEFINE FUNCTION train model(model):
   SET hist TO {
        "train loss": [],
        "train accuracy": [],
        "val loss": [],
        "val accuracy": []
   SET optimizer TO torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=LR)
   model.to(device)
   FOR epoch IN range(EPOCHS):
        model.train()
        SET running loss TO 0.0
        SET running correct TO 0
        SET total TO 0
        FOR INPUTs, labels IN train loader:
            SET INPUTs, labels TO INPUTs.to(device), labels.to(device)
            optimizer.zero grad()
            SET outputs TO model(INPUTs)
            SET loss TO criterion(outputs, labels)
            running loss += loss.item()
            SET , predicted TO torch.max(outputs, 1)
            total += (labels!=47).sum().item()
            running correct += torch.multiply(predicted EQUALS labels, labels!=47).sum().item()
            loss.backward()
            optimizer.step()
        SET epoch loss TO running loss / len(train loader)
        SET epoch accuracy TO 100* running correct / total
        SET val loss, val accuracy TO evaluate(model, val loader, criterion, device)
        hist["train loss"].append(epoch loss)
        hist["train accuracy"].append(epoch accuracy)
        hist["val loss"].append(val loss)
       hist["val accuracy"].append(val accuracy)
    RETURN hist
```

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#### **Plot Results**

```
plot(hist['train loss'], label='Train')
plot(hist['val loss'], label='Val')
title('model loss')
ylabel('loss')
xlabel('epoch')
legend(['Train', 'Val'], loc='upper right')
```

— Train Val

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