English Word Suggestion Based on Part of Speech Ngram

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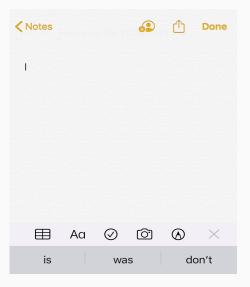
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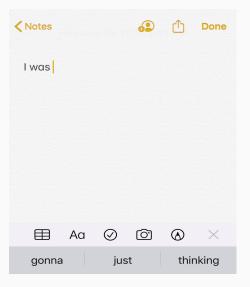
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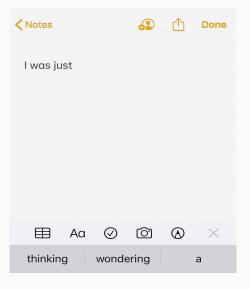
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POS-Ngram is an improved model using part of speech as a class indicator.

How To Compute Probability of a Sentence?

How can we compute the joint probability of words in a sentence? **Ex:** "an apple is on the table"

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Examples

• $P(an \ apple \ is) = P(an) \times P(apple \ | \ an) \times P(is \ | \ an \ apple)$

Let's Apply Chain Rule

By applying chain rule to the phrase "an apple is on the":

$$P("an apple is on the") = P(an) \times P(apple \mid an) \times P(is \mid an apple) \times P(on \mid an apple is) \times P(the \mid an apple is on)$$

In practice chain rule does not help

• We don't know the way to compute the exact probability of a word given a long sequence of preceding words, $P(w_n \mid w_1^{n-1})$.

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(on x) means (on the), (on board), (on time), (on that), ...

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OOV & Smoothing

OOV stands for Out Of Vocabulary

- Words appear only in a test set but not in the training set.
- OOV problem occurs even when we work on big data.

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where we choose λ_i such that $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$

How are the λ values set?

- They can be learned from a held-out corpus
- Can be found by EM algorithm.
- For the purpose of this project, we assume without loss of generality that $\lambda_i > \lambda_j (\forall i < j)$

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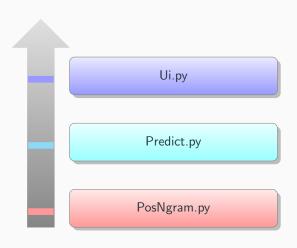
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- Programming Language : Python
- Ui : Tkinter
- NLTK (Natural Language ToolKit)

Programming Structure



DEMO

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