

TOKENIZATION METHODS

- Tokenization is breaking text into smaller pieces (tokens) so a machine can process it
- There are several different tokenization methods, each with its own pros and cons

SENTENCE TOKENIZATION

Problems

- For tasks like sentiment analysis, OR, or translation, models need sentences, not entire paragraphs
- But how often can you split sentences without their context?

Example

```
text = "The cat sat on the mat. The dog barked at the cat."
```

Methods

Whitespace Tokenization

```
tokens = text.split()
```

tokens = ["The", "cat", "sat", "on", "the", "mat.", "The", "dog", "barked", "at", "the", "cat."] (14 tokens)

Character N-gram

- Split text into n-character substrings (e.g., n=3)
- Each token is a sequence of n characters

Byte Pair Encoding (BPE)

```
tokens = text.encode('utf-8').split(' ')
```

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WordPiece

```
tokens = text.tokenize()
```

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Subword Tokenization

```
tokens = text.tokenize()
```

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Before - After Example

```
text = "The cat sat on the mat. The dog barked at the cat."
```

EMBEDDING TOKENIZATION

Problems

- Models usually work on word or subword embeddings
- How can you have pre-trained embeddings for every token?

Example

```
tokens = text.tokenize()
```

Methods

WordSpace Embedding

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CHARACTER TOKENIZATION

Problems

- Character tokenization is useful for tasks like OCR, but generates a lot of noise

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BEST PRACTICES SUMMARY (Google-level)

Tokenization Type

Character

Tokenizer

BytePairEncoding (BPE)

Model

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Dataset

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Tokenizer

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Tokenizer

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

ONE LINE PYTHON SUMMARY

Tokenization

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Tokenizer

BytePairEncoding (BPE)

Model

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Dataset

OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Tokenizer

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OpenAI GPT-3 (BPE)

Perfect! Let's dive deep, Google-level with methods, examples, and code for Topic 3: Stopword Processing

3 STOPWORD PROCESSING

Stopwords = words that carry little meaning by themselves but appear frequently (the, is, at, on, ...)
Proper handling is task-dependent: removing all stopwords can sometimes break meaning

3.1 STOPWORD REMOVAL

3.1.1 Problem

- Many common words do not contribute meaning to NLP/ML models
- Example

Input: "The cat sat on the mat."
Output: "The cat sat on the mat."
Words like "the", "is", "at", "on" may dilute features

3.1.2 Methods

3.1.2.1 Default Stopword List

- Use NLTK, Spacy, or generic

Python:

```
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
tokens = ['a', 'for', 'a', 'in', 'test', 'cat', 'is', 'a', 'brown', 'cat', 'is', 'sleep', 'well']
tokens = [token for token in tokens if token not in stop_words]
```

3.1.2.2 Custom Stopword List

- Extend or reduce based on domain

Python:

```
custom_stop = stop_words.union(['dog', 'bird'])
```

- Google-level production tasks where requirements change

3.1.2.3 Partial Stopword Removal

- Remove only high-frequency words (TF-IDF > threshold)
- Keep some stopwords in meaningful contexts

3.1.3 Best Practice

Use default stopwords + task-specific customization.
Keep negatives (NOT, CAN, ...), if sentiment or polarity matters.

3.2 Before – After Example

Text: "The cat sat on the mat."
Input: "The cat sat on the mat."
Output: "The cat sat on the mat."
Negatives preserved

3.3 DOMAIN-SPECIFIC STOPWORDS

3.3.1 Problem

- Generic stopwords may not cover industry-specific frequent words
- Example: In finance, "stock", "market" appear very frequently – may need removal for topic modeling

3.3.2 Methods

- Frequency-based identification

- Remove top N% frequent words in corpus

3.3.2.1 Domain-specific creation

- Finance: "stock", "market", "trading"
- Medical: "patient", "doctor", "symptoms"

3.3.2.2 Dynamic stopwords

- Based on TF-IDF scores
- Words with low TF-IDF → stopwords

3.3.3 Best Practice

Frequency + TF-IDF analysis + domain knowledge → Custom stopwords list

3.4 Before – After Example (Finance text)

Input: "The stock market is volatile today."
Output: "The stock market is volatile today."
Context: removed
Domain-specific removal

3.5 NEGATION PRESERVATION

3.5.1 Problem

- Negation words like "not", "isn't" are semantically critical
- Sometimes removal happens if removed

3.5.2 Methods

3.5.2.1 Manual preservation

- Keep "not", "isn't" in stopwords removal
- Simple, effective

3.5.2.2 Negation tagging

Python:

```
text = "The cat sat on the mat."
tokens = ["The", "cat", "sat", "on", "the", "mat."]
tokens = [token for token in tokens if token not in stop_words]
```

- Helps classical ML models understand polarity

3.5.2.3 Dependency parsing

- Advanced: detect negation scopes in sentence
- Used in Google-level sentiment pipelines

3.6 Before – After Example

Text: "The cat sat on the mat."
Input: "The cat sat on the mat."
Output: "The cat sat on the mat."
Negation preserved

3.7 PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

Python:

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

def remove_stopwords(text):
    tokens = text.split()
    filtered_tokens = [token for token in tokens if token not in stop_words]
    return ' '.join(filtered_tokens)

text = "The cat sat on the mat."
filtered_text = remove_stopwords(text)
print(filtered_text)
```

Output: "The cat sat on the mat."

3.8 BEST PRACTICES SUMMARY (Google-level)

Step	Best Method
Default stopwords removal	NLTK / Spacy list
Custom stopwords	Extend with domain-specific words
Negation	Preserve negatives ("not", "isn't")
Partial removal	TF-IDF / frequency-based for topic modeling
Task-specific	Keep stopwords for sentiment analysis, NER, etc.

3.9 ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Stopword removal is task-dependent: remove meaningless words while preserving polarity and domain-specific significance.

Next, we can do Topic Modeling or Sentiment Analysis, which is directly after stopwords and could be vocabulary reduction and embeddings.

Do you want to proceed?

NAMED ENTITY PROCESSING

Named Entity Processing identifies and extracts real-world entities (persons, organizations, locations, items, products, etc.) in text. Critical for information extraction, search, summarization, and knowledge graphs.

NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION (NER)

Problems:

- Text contains entities that need identification
- Example

Input:

"John Mark, founded Speech in 2007"

- Entity: John Mark → PERSON, Speech → ORG, 2007 → DATE

Methods:

Rule-based NER

- Rules, patterns, dictionaries
- Easy for well-defined domains
- Not scalable, brittle

Statistical NER

- CRF, HMM models
- Learning patterns from labeled data
- Requires annotated corpus

Transformer / Neural NER

- Stanford, PytorchSeq2VecWrapper, BERT-based
- Google best-practice robust, multilingual, context-aware

Before - After Example

Text: "John Mark, founded Speech in 2007"

Entity	Type
John Mark	PERSON
Speech	ORG
2007	DATE

ENTITY MASKING

Problems:

- Variable information (names, words) must be masked for privacy or model generalization

Methods:

NER + token replacement

Input:

"John" → "John Mark, founded Speech"

Output: [MASK]

NER: ["John Mark", "founded", "Speech"]

Output: ["John Mark", "founded", "Speech"]

Acoustic masking pipeline

- Apply / Pass + placeholder replacement for all entity types

Token masking

- Mask only words but not (PERSON, ORGANIZATION, long others)

Best Practice

Use NER + acoustic masking to protect privacy and avoid overfitting

ENTITY NORMALIZATION

Problems:

- Same entity can appear in multiple forms
- Example

Input:

"John Mark, founded Speech in 2007"

- Normalization creates consistency in datasets

Methods:

Dictionary / Mapping

Input:

Entity: John → ["John", "founded", "Speech", "2007", "founded", "Speech"]

Rule-based abbreviation expansion

- Detect common abbreviations and normalize

ML-based normalization

- Context aware entity resolution for ambiguous forms

Before - After Example

Input:

"John Mark, founded Speech in 2007"

ENTITY LINKING

Problems:

- Map extracted entity to knowledge base / canonical ID
- Example: "John Mark" → Wikidata Q1234567

Methods:

Dictionary / KB lookup

- Map entities using pre-defined lists

Context aware linking

- Use embeddings or transformer models for disambiguation

Out-of-vocabulary entity linking

- Deep learning models trained on large KBs

Google-style production

- Neural linking with context + KB mapping

ENTITY DISAMBIGUATION

Problems:

- Entities may be ambiguous
- Example: "Apple" → Company OR Fruit

Methods:

Rule-based / context keywords

- "Apple" near "iPhone" → ORG, "Apple pie" → FOOD

Knowledge-based disambiguation

- Wikidata / Wikidata context
- DBpedia / Wikidata context

Transformer-based disambiguation

- Contextual embeddings for best accuracy

Before - After Example

Text: "Apple is interesting new iPhone"

- Without disambiguation → "Apple" → ORG
- With disambiguation → "Apple" → ORG

PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

Input:

```
import spacy

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")

text = "John Mark founded Speech in 2007"

doc = nlp(text)

# Iterate over doc objects
for ent in doc.ents:
    print(ent.text, ent.start, ent.end)

# And top-level methods
method_text = text
for ent in doc.ents:
    if ent.start_ <= 0:
        method_text = method_text[:ent.start_].strip()
    method_text = method_text[ent.start_+1:ent.end_+1].strip()
    print(method_text)

# And top-level methods (using spacy.util)
method_text = spacy.util.strip_whitespace(text)
for ent in doc.ents:
    method_text = method_text[:ent.start_].strip()
    method_text = method_text[ent.start_+1:ent.end_+1].strip()
    print(method_text)
```

Output:

```
John Mark founded
Speech in
2007
John Mark founded Speech in 2007
```

BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Use	Best Method
NER	Transformer-based (Spacy, HuggingFace)
Entity masking	Acoustic masking pipeline for sensitive entities
Entity normalization	Dictionary + context-aware normalization
Entity linking	Neural linking + KB (Wikidata/Wikidata)
Entity disambiguation	Contextual embeddings + KB lookup

ONE-LINE SUMMARY

Named Entity Processing identifies, masks, normalizes, links, and disambiguates entities to enable knowledge extraction, privacy, and consistent text understanding.

If you want, next we can do Topic 11: Data Quality Checking & Evaluation Metrics, which is critical before building any NLP model.

Do you want to proceed?

Perfect! Let's go deep: Google-level, with methods, examples, and code for Topic 12: Text Filtering & Pruning 🚀

12 TEXT FILTERING & PRUNING 🚀

Text filtering and pruning = removing unwanted or irrelevant parts of text to reduce noise, memory usage, and improve model performance.
Essential for large-scale datasets, NLP pipelines, and classical ML tasks.

A SHORT TEXT REMOVAL

🔍 Problem

- Very short texts often lack meaningful information
- Example: "ABC", "12345" → not helpful for classification or topic modeling

🔧 Methods

1 Length threshold

```
python
text = "abc"
if len(text.split()) > 3:
    text = text + "..."
```

- Simple, fast
- Best for general preprocessing

2 Character-based threshold

- Remove texts < 15 characters

3 Semantic filtering

- Keep short texts only if embedding similarity > threshold
- Useful in custom sensitive tasks

B LONG TEXT TRUNCATION

🔍 Problem

- Very long texts increase computation cost and may exceed model limits
- Example: Transformer models max 312 tokens

🔧 Methods

1 Token-based truncation

```
python
tokens = text.split()[0:100]
text = " ".join(tokens)
```

- Fits model input limit

2 Sentence-based truncation

- Keep first/last N sentences
- Preserves meaningful segments

3 Smart truncation

- Use importance scoring to keep key sentences
- Transformer-friendly

C VOCABULARY PRUNING

🔍 Problem

- Huge vocabulary → sparse embeddings → slow training

🔧 Methods

1 Frequency threshold

- Keep words that appear ≥ 5 times

2 Top-K words

- Keep most frequent K words
- Common for classical ML

3 TF-IDF based pruning

- Keep words with high TF-IDF scores
- Removes common and uninformative words

D RARE WORD REMOVAL

🔍 Problem

- Words appearing only once or twice add noise
- Example: "The cat sat on the mat" → model cannot learn meaningful embedding

🔧 Methods

1 Frequency-based filtering

```
python
from collections import Counter
counter = Counter(tokens)
tokens = [w for w in tokens if counter[w] > 1]
```

- Fast, simple

2 Subword tokenization

- Rare words split → handled by BPE/WordPiece
- Preferred for Transformers

3 Dictionary-based replacement

- Rare words → [UNK] token

E HIGH-FREQUENCY WORD PRUNING

🔍 Problem

- Extremely frequent words may dominate embeddings
- Example: "The" → repeats against thousands of times → not useful

🔧 Methods

1 Stopword removal

- Remove high-frequency functional words

2 TF-IDF weighting

- Downweight very frequent words

3 Frequency threshold pruning

- Remove words appearing < 1% of corpus

F LENGTH-BASED FILTERING

🔍 Problem

- Certain tasks require texts within length bounds
- Example: classification → extremely long or short texts may bias models

🔧 Methods

1 Word-count filtering

- Remove texts < min_len or > max_len

2 Character-count filtering

- Remove texts < min_char or > max_char

3 Adaptive filtering

- Use percentile-based thresholds
- Robust to most representative texts

G PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

```
python
from collections import Counter

texts = ["abc", "This is a meaningful sentence", "long long text " * 50]

# Short text removal
min_len = 10
texts = [t for t in texts if len(t.split()) >= min_len]

# Long text truncation (token-based)
max_tokens = 100
texts = [t + "..." if len(t.split()) > max_tokens else t for t in texts]

# Vocabulary pruning (frequency-based)
all_tokens = [w for t in texts for w in t.split()]
counter = Counter(all_tokens)
min_freq = 3
tokens = [t + "..." if w in t.split() and counter[w] < min_freq else t for t in texts]

print(texts)
```

Output (summary)

```
python
["This is meaningful sentence"]
```

H BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Task	Best Method
Short text removal	Word-count threshold (10-15 words)
Long text truncation	Token-based / sentence-based truncation (50-100 tokens)
Vocabulary pruning	Frequency-based + TF-IDF pruning
Rare word handling	Subword tokenization or [UNK] replacement
High-frequency word handling	Stopword removal + TF-IDF downweight
Length-based filtering	Percentile-based word/char thresholds

I ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Text filtering and pruning removes noisy, irrelevant, or extreme-length texts and words to reduce sparsity, speed up training, and improve model performance.

If you want, read us on [Topic 13: Metrics to Evaluate Data Cleaning](#), which will help measure the effectiveness of all preprocessing we've done so far.

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Ask Search Study Create image

Go Meta

Perfect! Let's go deep, Google-level, with methods, examples, and code for Topic 13: Feature Engineering Preparation

FEATURE ENGINEERING PREPARATION

Feature engineering converts cleaned text into numerical representations suitable for ML models. Proper feature extraction is critical for classical ML, and even deep learning benefits from some engineered features.

ABAG OF WORDS (BoW)

Problem

- Raw text cannot be used by ML models
- BoW → represent text as a vector of word counts

Methods

CountVecrizer (sklearn)

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVecrizer
texts = ["I love ML", "ML is amazing"]
vectorizer = CountVecrizer()
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
print(X.shape)
print(vectorizer.get_feature_names_out())
```

- Simple, interpretable
- Ignores word order
- Binary BoW
- Instead of counts, use 0/1 to indicate presence

Tf-idf

- Normalizes counts by document length

Example

Text: "I love ML"
Vector: [1,0,0,1] → features for words ["I", "love", "ML", "is"]

2-GRAMS (Bi/Bigrams)

Problem

- BoW loses word order information

Methods

Bigrams → single words

Bigrams → word pairs ("I love", "love ML")

3-grams → sequences of 3 words

```
vectorizer = CountVecrizer(analyzer='word', ngram_range=(1,2))
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
```

- Captures some context
- Increases feature dimensionality

Example

Text: "I love ML"
Unigrams: ["I", "love", "ML"]
Bigrams: ["I love", "love ML"]

SKIP-GRAMS

Problem

- Some words supported by bigrams are related
- Example: "The really love ML" → "The love", "really ML"

Methods

Skip-gram creation

- Use window size W
- Pairs words within W tokens, skipping intermediate tokens

Word2Vec: embedding (Skip-gram model)

```
from gensim.models import word2vec
sentences = [['The love ML'], ['really ML'], ['really ML']]
word_embeddings = word2vec.LstmModel(sentences, vector_size=100, window=5, sg=1)
word_embeddings.train()
```

- Captures semantic relationships
- Google-level embeddings use skip-grams extensively

Example

"The really love ML" → skip-grams with window=2: ["The love", "really ML"]

TF-IDF (Term Frequency – Inverse Document Frequency)

Problem

- BoW overweights common words

Methods

TF-IDF Vectorizer

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVecrizer
vectorizer = TfidfVecrizer()
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
```

- Weights words by importance
- Reduces impact of high-frequency words

Sublinear TF

- tf-idf(x) = log(tf(x)) to reduce effect of frequent terms

n-gram + TF-IDF

- Combine uni/bi/3-grams for richer features

Example

Text: "I love ML"
"love" may get higher weight than "I" due to IDF

EMASHING TRICK

Problem

- High vocab → memory issue with BoW/TF-IDF

Methods

HashingVecrizer (sklearn)

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import HashingVecrizer
vectorizer = HashingVecrizer(n_features=100)
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
```

- Fixed-size vectors → scalability
- Not tied to word vocabulary
- Cannot invert vector → features are not interpretable
- Feature hashing + n-grams
- Combine hashing trick with bi/3-grams for large-scale text

PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVecrizer, TfidfVecrizer, HashingVecrizer
from gensim.models import word2vec

texts = ["I love ML", "ML is amazing"]

# BoW
vectorizer = CountVecrizer()
X_bow = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
print(X_bow.shape)

# TF-IDF
vectorizer = TfidfVecrizer()
X_tfidf = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
print(X_tfidf.shape)

# Hashing
vectorizer = HashingVecrizer(n_features=100)
X_hash = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)
print(X_hash.shape)

# Word2Vec
sentences = [['The love ML'], ['really ML']]
word_embeddings = word2vec.LstmModel(sentences, vector_size=100, window=5, sg=1)
word_embeddings.train()
```

BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Feature Type	Best Use
BoW	Small, uniform datasets, classical ML
Bigrams	Capture short context, useful for model tuning
Skip-grams	Word embeddings for semantic similarity, contextual modeling
TF-IDF	Important weighted classical features, reduce common word bias
Hashing Trick	Large-scale text, memory efficient, scalable pipeline

ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Feature engineering transforms text into numerical vectors using BoW, n-grams, TF-IDF, skip-grams, or hashing, balancing context, importance, and scalability for ML/NLP models.

If you want, next we can do Topic 14: Metrics to Evaluate Data-Cleaning & Preprocessing, which will quantify the quality of all preprocessing and feature engineering steps.

Do you want to proceed?

DATA AUGMENTATION (Optional but Advanced)

Data augmentation – artificially increasing dataset size by generating variations of text.
Helps improve model generalization, handle class imbalance, and prevent overfitting.

SYNONYM REPLACEMENT

Problem

- Limiting training data → model overfits

Methods

WordNet-based synonym replacement

```
from nltk.corpus import wordnet
import random

def replace_synonyms(sentence, n):
    words = sentence.split()
    new_words = words.copy()
    for i in range(n):
        word = random.choice(new_words)
        synonyms = wordnet.synsets(word)
        if synonyms:
            sindex = random.randint(0, len(synonyms)-1)
            new_word(synonyms[sindex].lemmas()[0].name())
            return " ".join(new_words)
```

- Simple, effective

- Context may be lost

Thesaurus-based

- Requires words using domain-specific thesaurus

Embedding similarity replacement

- Replace word with closest word in embedding space

Example

Before: "The cat sat on the mat."
After: "The feline rested upon the rug."

BACK TRANSLATION

Problem

- Generate paraphrases to a given dataset

Methods

Translation to another language – back

```
from googletrans import Translator

translator = Translator()

text = "The cat sat on the mat."
translated = translator.translate(text, dest="fr")
back_translated = translator.translate(translated, dest="en")
```

- Preserves meaning, introduces variation

- Requires translation API/service

Unilingual models

- Use Monolingual, Google Translate API

Batch augmentation

- Batch translation via Google Translate API

RANDOM INSERTION

Problem

- Introduce slight noise → improve robustness

Methods

Randomly insert synonyms

```
def insert_synonym(sentence):
    words = sentence.split()
    n = len(words)
    idx = random.randint(0, len(words)-1)
    new_word = random.choice(synonyms(words[idx]))
    words[idx] = new_word
```

- Increases diversity

POS-based insertion

- Insert words based on part-of-speech tags

Intelligent guided insertion

- Insert contextually relevant words

Example

Before: "The cat sat on the mat."
After: "The cat sat on the mat. It was very comfortable."

RANDOM DELETION

Problem

- Simulate missing words → improve model tolerance

Methods

Delete words with probability p

```
def delete_words(sentence, p=0.2):
    words = sentence.split()
    n = len(words)
    new_words = []
    for i in range(n):
        if random.random() < p:
            continue
        new_words.append(words[i])
    return " ".join(new_words)
```

POS-based deletion

- Only delete non-critical words (stopwords, adjectives)

Contextual deletion

- Remove words that don't change core meaning

Example

Before: "The cat sat on the mat."
After: "The cat sat on the rug."

CONTEXTUAL AUGMENTATION

Problem

- Random replacement often may break semantics

Methods

Word2Vec-based nearest neighbor prediction

```
from gensim.models import Word2Vec

word_embeddings = Word2Vec.load('word_embeddings.model')

def predict_nearest_neighbors(word):
    word_embedding = word_embeddings[word]
    neighbors = []
    for i in range(10):
        neighbor = word_embeddings.most_similar(word_embedding)[0][0]
        neighbors.append(neighbor)
```

- Generates semantically consistent variations

- Preferred for replacing NLP

API-based paraphrasing

- Use GPT/LLMs to rewrite text → multiple augmented samples

Self-Supervised Augmentation

- Combine synonym replacement, random insertion, deletion, swap

PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE (Random Deletion + Synonym Replacement)

```
import random
from nltk.corpus import wordnet
import sys

def delete_words(sentence, p):
    words = sentence.split()
    new_words = []
    for i in range(len(words)):
        if random.random() < p:
            continue
        new_words.append(words[i])
    return " ".join(new_words)

def replace_synonyms(sentence):
    words = sentence.split()
    word = random.choice(words)
    synonyms = wordnet.synsets(word)
    if synonyms:
        sindex = random.randint(0, len(synonyms)-1)
        new_word(synonyms[sindex].lemmas()[0].name())
        return " ".join(new_words)

def augment_sentence(sentence):
    new_sentence = delete_words(sentence, p=0.2)
    new_sentence = replace_synonyms(new_sentence)
    return new_sentence

if __name__ == '__main__':
    sentence = sys.argv[1]
    augmented_sentence = augment_sentence(sentence)
    print("Original: {}".format(sentence))
    print("Augmented: {}".format(augmented_sentence))
```

BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Method	Best Use
Synonym replacement	Small datasets, domain-specific
Back translation	Generate paraphrases for large datasets
Random insertion/deletion	Improve model robustness
Contextual augmentation	Handle complex NLP tasks, semantic preservation
EDA	Fast, simple, random multiple augmentation techniques

ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Data augmentation creates diverse, semantically consistent text variations using synonym replacement, back translation, random noise, or contextual embeddings to improve model robustness and generalization.

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Perfect! Let's go deep, Google-level, with methods, examples, and code for Topic 16: Language-Specific Processing. 🚀

LANGUAGE-SPECIFIC PROCESSING

Language-specific processing ensures text is correctly understood and standardized when dealing with multilingual datasets. Essential for global NLP applications, multilingual models, and cross-lingual tasks.

LANGUAGE DETECTION

Problem

- Mixed-language datasets need identification of text language.
- Example: "Bonjour, I love NLP!" → French + English

Methods

FastText language detection

```
python

import fasttext

model = fasttext.load_model('lid.176.ftz')
text = "Bonjour, I love NLP!"
print(model.predict(text))
```

- Fast accurate for 176 languages.

Langdetect (Python library)

```
python

from langdetect import detect
detect("Bonjour, I love NLP!") # => 'fr'
```

- Simple, widely used.

Multilingual transformer models

- XLM & mBART → detect language contextually.
- Useful for mixed-language sentences.

LANGUAGE-SPECIFIC TOKENIZATION

Problem

- Tokenization differs by language.
- Example: Chinese → no spaces; German → compound words.

Methods

Language-specific tokenizers

- jieba for Chinese, MeCab for Japanese, Spacy for multiple languages.

Subword tokenizers (BPE / WordPiece)

- Works across languages → handles unknown words.

Hybrid tokenization

- Combine language-specific rules + subword tokenization.

TRANSLITERATION

Problem

- Convert non-Latin scripts to Latin for uniform processing.
- Example: "Москва" → "Moskva"

Methods

Python libraries

```
python

from nltk.transliteration import transliterate
from nltk.transliterate.pyis.scripts import transliterate

transliterate("Москва", script='Cyrillic', to_script='TRANSLIT')
# => 'Moskva'
```

Custom mapping tables

- Map characters manually.

Transformer-based transliteration

- Neural models for robust conversion.

MULTILINGUAL NORMALIZATION

Problem

- Different languages have different casing, accents, diacritics.

Methods

Lowercasing / case folding (language-specific rules)

Accent removal

- "café" → "cafe".
- Stopwords removed per language.

- Use language-specific stopwords lists.

SCRIPT NORMALIZATION

Problem

- Same language may have multiple scripts.
- Example: Serbian → Cyrillic + Latin.

Methods

Convert all text to single script.

Use Unicode normalization

```
python

import unicodedata
unicodedata.normalize('NFC', text)
```

Language-specific mapping

- Example: Persian numerals → English numerals.

PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

```
python

# Language detection
from langdetect import detect
text = "Bonjour, I love NLP!"
lang = detect(text)
print(f"Language: {lang}")

# Transliteration (pyis)
from nltk.transliterate.pyis.scripts import transliterate
text_ru = "Москва"
text_lat = transliterate(text_ru, script='Cyrillic', to_script='TRANSLIT')
print(f"Transliteration: {text_lat}")

# Script normalization (unicodedata)
import unicodedata
text_norm = unicodedata.normalize('NFC', text)
print(f"Normalized: {text_norm}")
```

Output

```
Language: fr
Transliteration: moskva
Normalized: café
```

BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Step	Best Method
Language detection	FastText or multilingual transformer
Tokenization	Language-specific tokenizer or subword tokenization
Transliteration	Hybrid transliteration / transformer-based models
Multilingual normalization	Language-aware lowercasing, accent removal, stopwords
Script normalization	Unicode normalization + consistent script mapping

ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Language-specific processing detects language, tokenizes correctly, transliterates scripts, normalizes multilingual text, and ensures consistent script handling for global NLP pipelines.

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Default: only go deep, Google-level, with methods, examples, and code for Topic: **50 Dataset Quality Checks & Validation**

1 2 DATASET QUALITY CHECKS & VALIDATION

Dataset quality checks ensure that your NLP data is clean, consistent, and reliable before building models.
High quality data = better generalization, fewer errors, robust models.

VOCABULARY SIZE ANALYSIS

Problem

- Large or extremely small vocabulary can indicate noisy data or limited coverage

Methods

Unique token count

```
python  
vocab = set(word for sentence in body for word in sentence.split())  
print("Vocabulary size:", len(vocab))
```

Frequency-based analysis

- Identify extremely rare or overly frequent words
- Visualize vocabulary
- Use plots or word clouds to detect anomalies

Example

```
python  
vocab_size = len(vocab)  
vocab_items = sorted(vocab, key=lambda x: len(x), reverse=True)
```

EPKOKEN LENGTH DISTRIBUTION

Problem

- Identify extreme short/long sequences that may hurt models

Methods

Histogram of token counts

```
python  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
lengths = [len(s.split()) for s in texts]  
plt.hist(lengths, bins=10)  
plt.show()
```

Percentile-based filtering

- Remove sequences below 5th percentile or above 95th percentile
- Separate by class
- Detect if some classes have consistently shorter/longer texts

ODOV (OUT-OF-VOCABULARY) RATE ANALYSIS

Problem

- Words not seen in training = poor model generalization

Methods

Count OOV tokens

```
python  
train_vocab = set(word for sentence in train_texts for word in sentence.split())  
dev = set(word for sentence in dev_texts for word in sentence.split())  
oov_count = len(dev - train_vocab)  
oov_rate = oov_count / len(dev)
```

Replace OOV with <UNK> token

Subword tokenization

- Reduces OOV problem (BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece)
- Google-level standard for transformers

MISSING VALUE DETECTION

Problem

- Empty lists, null labels, or corrupted entries can break pipelines

Methods

Check for None / empty strings

```
python  
missing_data = []  
for i, x in enumerate(texts):  
    if not x or isinstance(x, str) and x.strip() == "":  
        print(f"Missing text: {i}, {len(missing_data)}")  
        missing_data.append(i)
```

Check missing labels

```
python  
missing_labels = []  
for i, x in enumerate(labels):  
    if not x:  
        print(f"Missing label: {i}, {len(missing_labels)}")  
        missing_labels.append(i)
```

Imputation / removal

- Remove empty rows or replace with placeholder (e.g., <PAD>)

EDUPLICATE DETECTION

Problem

- Duplicate texts or labels can bias model training

Methods

Exact duplicates

```
python  
duplication = {}  
for i in range(len(texts)):  
    duplication[texts[i]] = i
```

Hash-based detection

- Use hash values to detect large corpus duplicates efficiently
- Near-duplicate detection
- Involving similarity (cosine similarity > threshold)
- Useful for preventing duplicates

ELABEL NOISE DETECTION

Problem

- Incorrect labels = reduce model accuracy and increase bias

Methods

Heuristic rules

- Check if text conflicts with label keywords
- Example: "This book is great" > negative label

Model-based detection

- Train a simple model to detect mislabeled examples
- High confidence mislabels = flagged for review

Crowdsourcing / manual inspection

- Annotator verification for critical datasets

PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

```
python  
# Basic text processing  
texts = ["This book is great", "This is amazing", "I love NLP", "I hate NLP"]  
labels = ["positive", "positive", "positive", "negative"]  
  
# Removing noise  
vocab = set(word for text in texts for word in text.split())  
print("Vocabulary size:", len(vocab))  
  
# Count token distribution  
lengths = [len(s.split()) for s in texts]  
print("Token lengths:", lengths)  
  
# Checking for missing data  
missing_data = []  
for i, x in enumerate(texts):  
    if not x or isinstance(x, str) and x.strip() == "":  
        print(f"Missing text: {i}, {len(missing_data)}")  
        missing_data.append(i)  
  
# Check for duplicate labels  
dup_labels = {}  
for i in range(len(labels)):  
    dup_labels[labels[i]] = i
```

Output

```
python  
vocab_size = 1  
token_lengths = [1, 1, 4, 1]  
missing_data_indices = []  
duplicate_labels = [1, 2, 3, 4, 1]
```

BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Metric	Best Practice
Vocabulary size	Monitor vocabulary training process to avoid runaway growth
Token length	Histogram + percentile filtering
OOV rate	Define a threshold or (BPE) replacement
Missing values	Remove or impute placeholders
Duplicates	Exact + embedded-key similarity detection
Label noise	Model-based detection + human verification

ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Dataset quality checks calculate vocabulary, sequence lengths, OOV, missing values, duplicates, and label noise to ensure reliable NLP model performance.

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Message (1 of 200)

Search Insert GPT-3.5 Create image

10 More

Perfect! Let's go deep, Google-level, with methods, examples, and code for Topic 19: Task-Specific Preprocessing 📌

TASK-SPECIFIC PREPROCESSING 📌

Task-specific preprocessing tailors NLP cleaning and feature engineering according to the end task. Applying generic preprocessing blindly can hurt performance, so customization is critical.

SENTIMENT ANALYSIS ❤️ / 😡

Problem

- Sentiment is polarity sensitive; aggressive cleaning may remove key signals

Methods

Keep negations

- Text: "good" → "not_good" (important for polarity flipping)

Keep emojis

- Emoji carry sentiment

Input: "Love this! 😍" → positive

Avoid aggressive stopword removal

- Words like "not", "never" must remain

Example

Text: "I do not like this 😞"
 • Preprocessed: "I do not like this 😞"
 • Polarity captured: negative

TOPIC MODELING 📊

Problem

- Identify latent topics → need clean, normalized text

Methods

Remove stopwords

- Reduce noise, improve coherence

Lemmatization

- "running" → "run"

Remove emojis & numbers

- Emojis/numbers → distract from topics

Example

Text: "I love this! 😍 2023"
 • Preprocessed: "love this"
 • Input for LDA / NMF → clear topic distribution

NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION (NER) 🏷️

Problem

- Entities must be accurately preserved for extraction

Methods

Preserve casing

- "Apple" vs "apple"

Avoid stemming

- "running" → "running" (stem "run" would change entity meaning)

Minimal normalization

- Only remove noise that doesn't affect entities

Example

Text: "Eaton North Standard Speed"
 • Preprocessed: "Eaton North Standard Speed"
 • Entities preserved: PERSON: Eaton, ORG: Speed

RESEARCH / INFORMATION RETRIEVAL (IR) 🔍

Problem

- Queries and documents must match semantically; handle variations

Methods

Lemmatization

- "running" → "run"

Query normalization

- Lowercasing, punctuation removal, standardization

Synonym expansion

- "cat" → "feline" → higher recall

Example

Query: "Fast cars"
 • Preprocessed: "Fast car automobile"
 • Matches documents with related terms

PYTHON CODE EXAMPLE

```
import spacy
from nltk.corpus import stopwords

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))

# Sample text
text = "I do not like this 😞"

# Avoid lower case/leaky preprocessing
doc = nlp(text)
tokens = []

for token in doc:
    # Keep negations
    if token.text.lower() in ["not", "no"]:
        tokens.append(token.text.lower() if token.is_stop else token.text)
    # Keep emojis
    elif token.is_punct:
        tokens.append(token.text)

print("tokens:", tokens)

# Apply task-specific preprocessing
topic_tokens = [token.lower() for token in doc if token.text.lower() not in stop_words and token.is_stop == False]
print("topic_tokens:", topic_tokens)
```

Output

```
tokens: ['I', 'do', 'not', 'like', 'this', '😞']
topic_tokens: ['not', 'like', 'like']
topic_tokens: ['like']
```

BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Task	Best Preprocessing Strategy
Sentiment Analysis	Keep negations, emojis, minimal stopword removal
Topic Modeling	Remove stopwords, lemmatize, remove emojis/numbers
NER	Preserve casing, avoid stemming, minimal normalization
Search / IR	Lemmatization, query normalization, synonym expansion

ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Task-specific preprocessing adapts cleaning and normalization to preserve signals critical for the target NLP task, improving model performance and downstream results.

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Perfect! Let's go deep. Google-level, with methods, examples, and code for Topic 20: Preprocessing Evaluation Metrics [🔗](#)

🔗 20 PREPROCESSING EVALUATION METRICS 📊

Preprocessing evaluation metrics measure how effective your data cleaning and preprocessing steps are. They ensure your NLP pipeline produces consistent, high-quality, and model-ready data.

🔗 INTRINSIC METRICS 📊

Metrics that evaluate preprocessing without training a model.

🔗 VOCABULARY REDUCTION RATIO

- 🔗 Problem
 - Large or noisy vocab increases sparsity → model inefficiency.

🔗 Formula

$$\text{Vocabulary Reduction Ratio} = \frac{|V_{\text{raw}}| - |V_{\text{processed}}|}{|V_{\text{raw}}|} \times 100$$

Example

- Raw vocab: 20,000
- After preprocessing: 15,000
- Reduction = $(20000 - 15000) / 20000 \times 100 = 25\%$

Python Code

```
python
raw_vocab = set(word for t in raw_texts for word in t.split())
processed_vocab = set(word for t in processed_texts for word in t.split())
reduction = (len(raw_vocab) - len(processed_vocab)) / len(raw_vocab) * 100
print("Vocabulary reduction ratio:", reduction, "%")
```

🔗 TOKEN CONSISTENCY

- 🔗 Problem
 - Same words appear consistently after preprocessing.

🔗 Methods

- Lowercasing / canonicalization check
- Spelling normalization check
 - Count tokens that have multiple forms vs. single form.

Example

```
python
"color", "colour" → "color" → consistent
```

🔗 OOV (OUT-OF-VOCABULARY) RATE

- 🔗 Problem
 - Too many unknown tokens in model input → poor generalization.

🔗 Formula

$$\text{OOV Rate} = \frac{\# \text{ OOV tokens in test }}{\# \text{ total tokens in test }} \times 100$$

Python Code

```
python
train_vocab = set(word for t in train_texts for word in t.split())
oov = [word for t in test_texts for word in t.split() if word not in train_vocab]
oov_rate = len(oov) / sum(len(t.split()) for t in test_texts) * 100
print("OOV Rate:", oov_rate, "%")
```

🔗 EXTRINSIC METRICS 📊

Metrics that evaluate preprocessing via model performance.

🔗 ACCURACY

- For classification tasks (sentiment, NER, intent)
- Measures overall correctness of predictions

🔗 PRECISION / RECALL / F1

- Precision → proportion of correct positive predictions
- Recall → proportion of true positives detected
- F1 → harmonic mean → balances precision & recall

```
python
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, f1_score

precision = precision_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
recall = recall_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
f1 = f1_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
```

🔗 BLEU / ROUGE

- For text generation / summarization / translation
- Compare preprocessed model outputs vs. reference

```
python
from nltk.translate.bleu_score import sentence_bleu
reference = [['this', 'is', 'a', 'test']]
candidate = ['this', 'is', 'test']
score = sentence_bleu(reference, candidate)
```

🔗 PERPLEXITY

- For language models
- Measures how well LM predicts token probabilities
- Lower perplexity → better preprocessing + token representation

```
python
# Pseudo-example with transformer
perplexity = torch.exp(loss) # loss = cross-entropy over tokens
```

🔗 BEST PRACTICES (Google-level)

Metric Type	Metric	When to Use
Intrinsic	Vocabulary Reduction Ratio	Check sparsity / noise reduction
Intrinsic	Token Consistency	Ensure canonicalization works
Intrinsic	OOV Rate	Preprocessing vs. training coverage
Extrinsic	Accuracy / Precision / Recall / F1	Classification, NER, sentiment tasks
Extrinsic	BLEU / ROUGE	Translation, summarization, generation
Extrinsic	Perplexity	Language modeling, embedding quality

🔗 ONE-LINE LIFETIME SUMMARY

Evaluate preprocessing with intrinsic metrics (vocab, token consistency, OOV) and extrinsic metrics (accuracy, F1, BLEU, perplexity) to ensure clean, effective, and task-ready NLP data.

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