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Punctuations

The Punctuations list is a predefined collection of common punctuation characters in English. This list includes symbols frequently encountered in text, such as quotation marks, exclamation points, parentheses, and other special characters. It can serve as a reference for NLP tasks that need to identify, exclude, or treat punctuation characters separately from regular text.

Purpose of the Punctuations List

This list is particularly useful for various NLP operations, including:

1. **Tokenization**:
   - When parsing text, each character in Punctuations can be treated as a separate token if specified.
   - For example, "Hello!" can be split into ["Hello", "!"] by isolating the exclamation mark.
2. **Text Cleaning**:
   - Removing or replacing punctuation characters from raw text is common in preprocessing steps for machine learning and NLP tasks.
   - This list allows for straightforward exclusion or replacement of punctuation marks, facilitating tasks such as sentiment analysis or topic modeling.
3. **Pattern Matching**:
   - Regular expressions can use this list to help locate or replace punctuation characters.
   - This is especially helpful when trying to identify sentence boundaries or for complex tokenization tasks where punctuation holds significance.
4. **Special Character Handling**:
   - Punctuation can sometimes represent special meanings, especially when dealing with URLs, email addresses, and hashtags.
   - This list can be referenced to decide which characters should remain in the text and which to exclude based on context.

Characters Included in Punctuations

The list includes a wide range of punctuation and special characters:

- **Quotation Marks**: '"', ```
- **Mathematical Symbols**: "*", "+", "=", "-", "%", "^"
- **Common Sentence Punctuation**: "!", "?", ",", ".", ":", ";"
- **Brackets and Parentheses**: "[", "]", "{", "}", "(", ")"
- **Other Symbols**: "@", "&", "~", "|"

This comprehensive coverage helps ensure that almost any character that may affect parsing or text processing is accounted for, supporting accurate and flexible text handling.

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