Machine Learning Natural Language

NLP System: IBM Watson

Question Answering System Quiz show Jeopardy!

• "The first person mentioned by name in 'The man in the Iron mask' is this hero of a previous book by the same author"

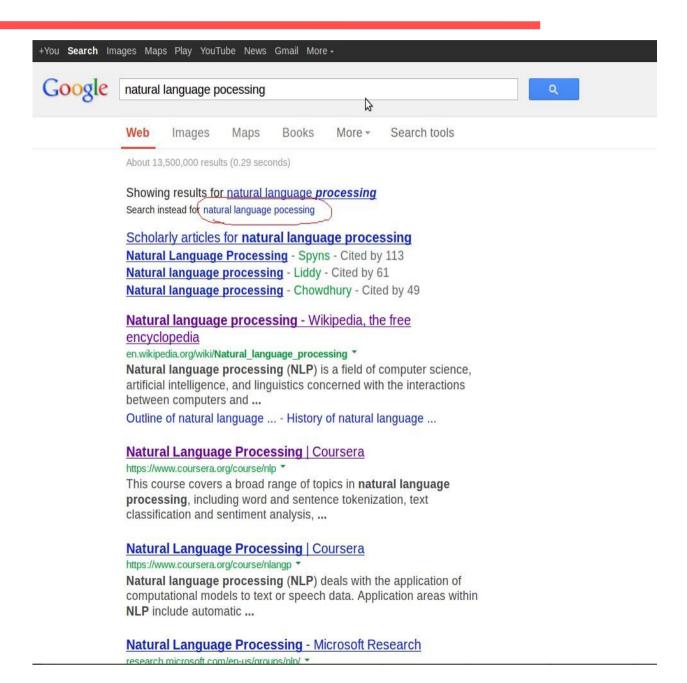


Natural Language Processing

- NLP focuses on developing systems that allow computers to perform useful tasks involving human language
 - Also called Computational Linguistics
- NLP applications
 - Information Retrieval
 - Question Answering
 - Machine Translation
 - Information Extraction

NLP application: Information Retrieval

- Stemming
- Spell checking
- Query expansion
- Word sense disambiguation



NLP application: Question Answering

- Determine type of question and answer
- Parse the question and identify relations

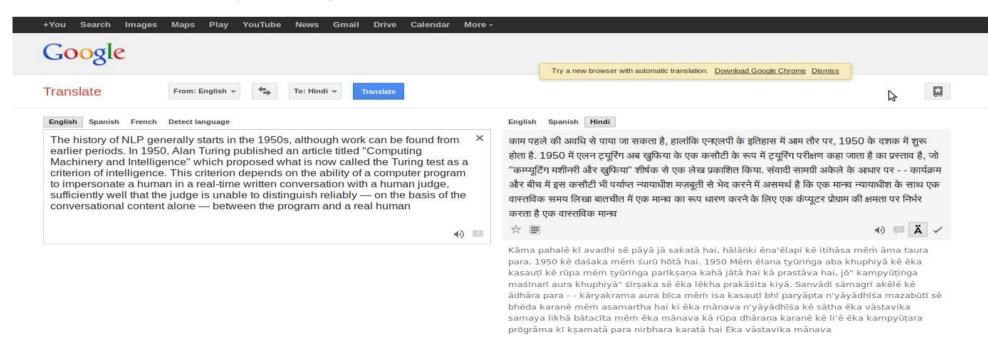
Prime Minister of India. GOVERNMENT OFFICE. Prime Minister ...

POS tagging, Parsing, named entity recognition

Who is the prime minitser of india? Type in your question! We only want to offer the best possible answers to you. Possible Answers More Resources from Wiki and Web Manmohan Singh (prime minister of India) -- Encyclopedia Britannica (www.brikannica.com/EBchecked/topic /936615/Manmohan-Sing...) Indian economist and politician, who became prime minister of India in 2004, A Sikh, he was the first non-Hindu to occupy the office. Singh attended Punjab ... PMs of India - Prime Minister's Office (pmindia.nic.in/pmsofindia.php) india.gov.in, Prime Ministers of India, Name, Tenure, Party, Indira Gandhi (prime minister of India) -- Encyclopedia Britannica (www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/225198 /Indira-Gandhi) Politician who served as prime minister of India for three consecutive terms (1966 -77) and a fourth term from 1980 until she was assassinated in 1984. She was ... 1947-2009: List of Prime Ministers of India - Oneindia News (news.oneindia.in/2009/05/22/1947-2009-list-of-primemin...) May 22, 2009 ... indian prime ministers, manmohan singh, indian prime minister, ab vajpayee, indira gandhi, lok sabha, jawaharlal nehru, gulzari lal nanda, ... Prime Minister of India - NNDB.com (www.nndb.com/gov/751/000047610/)

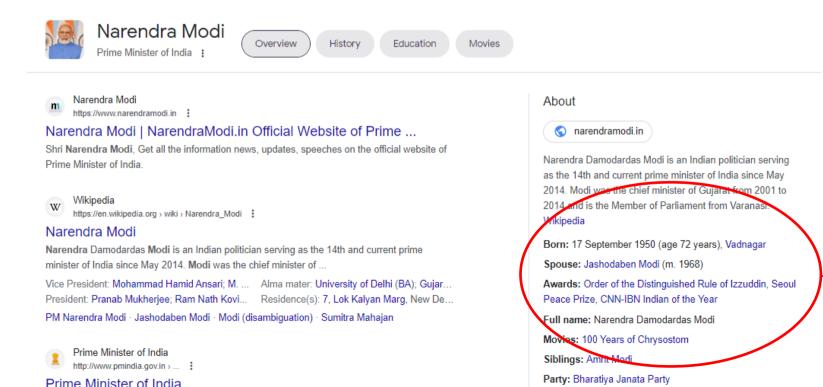
NLP application: Machine Translation

- Sentence alignment
- POS tagging
- Parsing
- Sentence generation grammars
- Named Entity Recognition ("New Delhi")



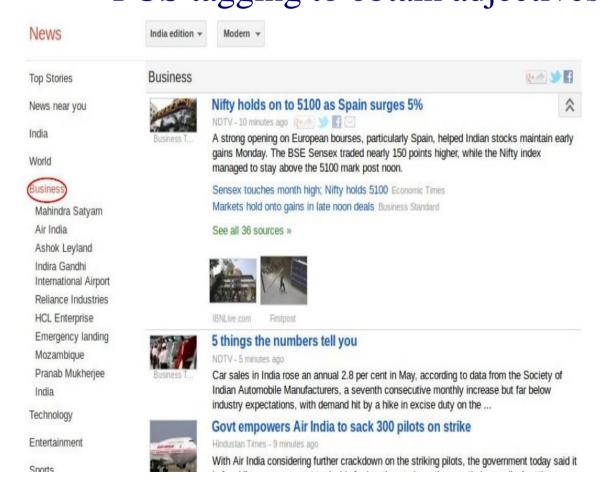
NLP application: Information Extraction

- Identifying/Extracting specific kinds of information
- Named entities (NEs): person, location, price, product
 - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born in Porbandar, Gujarath
- Coreference resolution: linking pronouns/abbreviations to entities
 - "Indian Institute of Science" <> "IISc."
- Relations: <DOB>, <spouse>, <attribute>



NLP application: Categorization

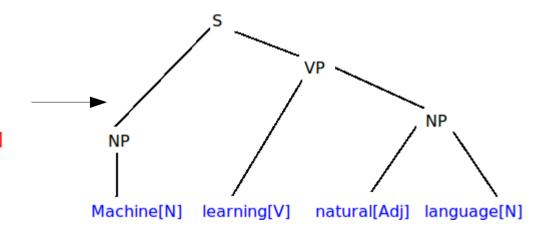
- Topical: politics, sports, business
- Sentiment: positive, negative, neutral
 POS tagging to obtain adjectives





NLP: Tasks

- Segmentation : words, sentences
- Morphology: plural "boy" "boys", "agree" ---> "agreement"
 Stemming "fishing", "fished", "fish", "fisher" ---> "fish"
- Syntactic Analysis: structural relationships between words
 - Part of Speech (POS) TaggingMachine[N] learning[V] natural[Adj] language[N]
 - Parsing



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NLP: Tasks

- Semantics
 - Word Sense Disambiguation : "I went to bank"
 - Semantic role labelling:

"Mary[Agent] sold the book[goods] to John[Recepient]"

- Pragmatics : how language is used to accomplish goals
 - I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that [Polite]
 - I can't do that [Rude]
- Discourse

Coreference Resolution: linking pronouns/abbreviations to entities

"I saw *Scott* yesterday. *He* was fishing by the lake."

"Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad is a public institution located in Hyderbad. IITH was established in 2007."

Named Entity recognition (NER): person, location, price, product Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born in Porbandar, Gujarath

NLP is hard

- Natural language is ambigious
- Sentence Segmentation: "I went out with Mr. Smith."
- Syntactic

"Flies[Noun/Verb] like flower[Noun/Verb]"



"I saw the man with the telescope" vs

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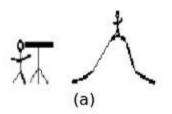


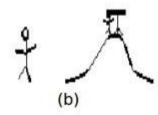
Semantic

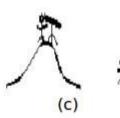
"I put the plant in the window" vs "Ford put the plant in Mexico"

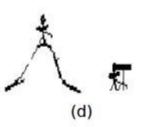
Ambiguity is Explosive

"I saw the man on the hill with the telescope.": 4 parses



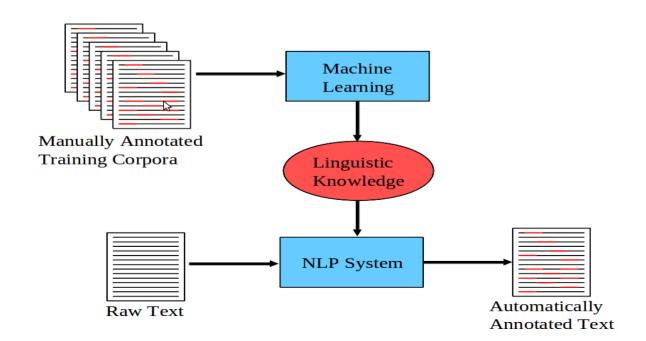






Machine Learning Natural Language

- "Rules" in language have numerous exceptions and irregularities
- Manual knowledge engineering, is difficult, time-consuming, and error prone.
- Use machine learning methods to automatically acquire the required knowledge from appropriately annotated text corpora.
- Annotating corpora is easier and requires less expertise than manual knowledge engineering.



Machine Learning POS Tagging

- Lowest level of syntactic analysis
- Useful for Parsing and word sense disambiguation
- Ambiguity in POS tagging

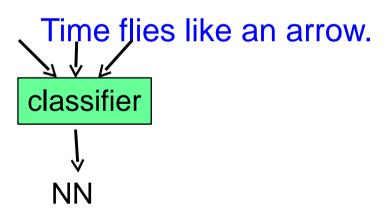
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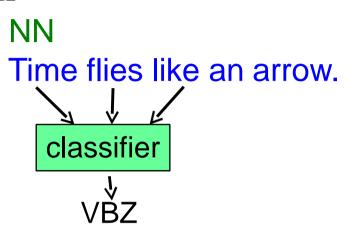
Learning: Train models on human annotated corpora like the Penn Treebank.

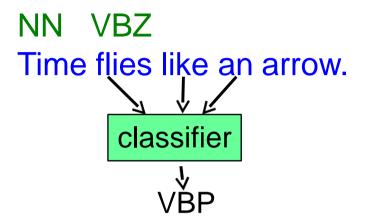
- 1 Pierre/NNP Vinken/NNP ,/, 61/CD years/NNS old/JJ ,/, will/MD join/VB the/DT board/NN as/IN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN Nov./NNP 29/CD ./.
- 2 Mr./NNP Vinken/NNP is/VBZ chairman/NN of/IN Elsevier/NNP N.V./NNP ,/, the/DT Dutch/NNP publishing/VBG group/NN ./.
- 3 Rudolph/NNP Agnew/NNP ,/, 55/CD years/NNS old/JJ and/CC chairman/NN of/IN Consolidated/NNP Gold/NNP Fields/NNP PLC/NNP ,/, was/VBD named/VBN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN of/IN this/DT British/JJ industrial/JJ conglomerate/NN ./.

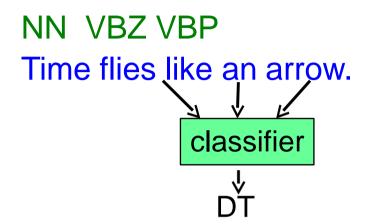
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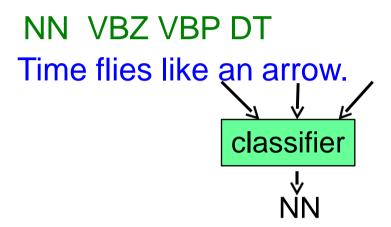
Classify each word independently but use as input features, information about the surrounding words.











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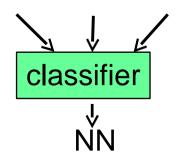
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Time flies like an arrow.

Sequence Labeling

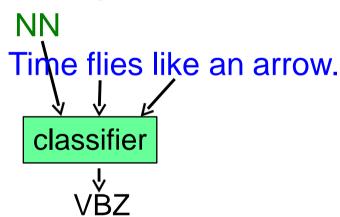
Tags of words are dependent on the tags of other words in the sentence, particularly their neighbors

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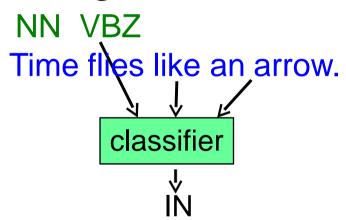
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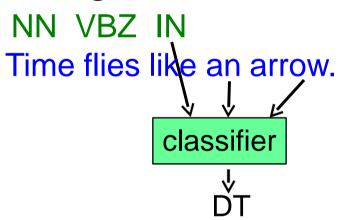
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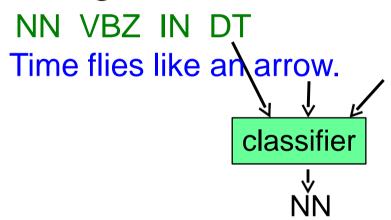
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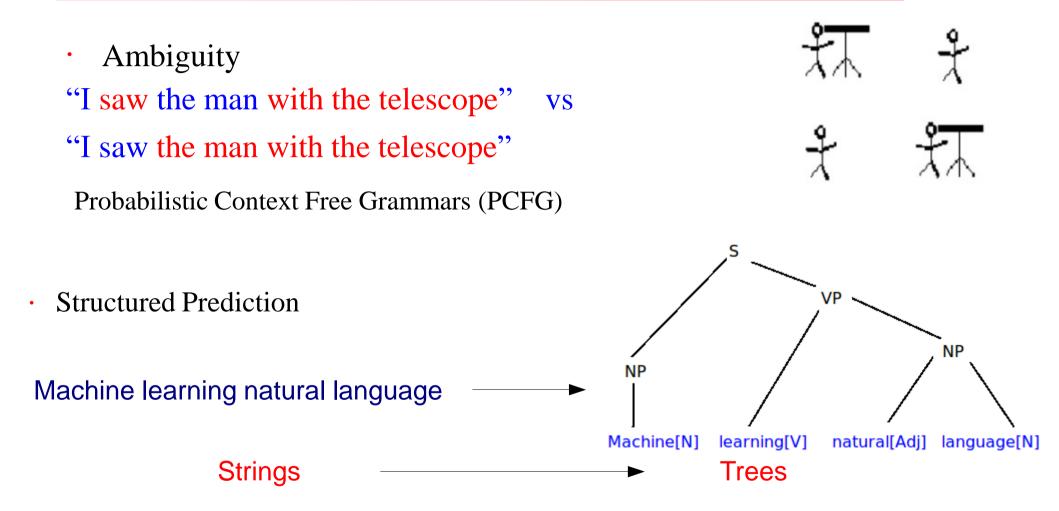
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POS Tagging is best modeled as a sequence learning problem than as a classification problem

- Information Extraction, Named Entity recognition

Statistical models: Hidden Markov Model (HMM), Maximum Entropy Markov Model (MEMM), Conditional Random Field (CRF)

Parsing



Statistical models: Conditional Random Field, Structured perceptrons, Structured support vector machines

Machine learning for NLP

- Transfer Learning, domain adaptation
 - Adapting a model learned on a resource rich language to resource scarce language
- Deep learning
 - Unsupervised learning of useful features
- Conferences: Association of Computational Linguistics(ACL), Computational Linguistics (COLING), Empirical Methods in NLP (EMNLP)
- Software tools
 Stanford CoreNLP, openNLP, NLTK, Lingpipe

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