

Social Media & Text Analysis

lecture 3 - natural language processing (part 1):
overview and language identification



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Natural Language Processing 101

a.k.a.


- ▶ Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- ▶ Text Analysis
- ▶ Computational Linguistics

NLP Publications

- ▶ top NLP-specific venues:
 - ACL, NAACL, EACL, EMNLP, COLING (conference)
 - TACL (journal+conference model)
 - CL (journal)
- ▶ other venues:
 - NLP field: CoNLL, LREC, RANLP, ACL Workshops ...
 - related CS fields: WWW, KDD, AAAI, WSDM, NIPS, ICWSM ...
 - related non-CS fields: psychology, linguistics, ...

NLP Publications

- ACL Anthology (<http://aclweb.org/anthology/>)
all NLP conference and journal papers (free!)

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In Progress: Finite String

ACL'14 at A Glance

- ▶ The Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics
- ▶ Duration:
 - tutorials (1 day)
 - main conference (3 days)
 - workshops (2 days)
- ▶ Attendance of 1300+ people
- ▶ Papers:
 - 1,123 submissions
 - 146 long papers and 129 short papers accepted
 - + 19 TACL papers
 - 159 oral and 145 poster presentations

Popular Areas

- ▶ Machine Translation
- ▶ Tagging/Chunking/Syntax/Parsing
- ▶ Semantics
- ▶ Information Extraction / Text Mining
- ▶ Sentiment Analysis
- ▶ Others: Summarization, Generation, Q&A, Discourse Analysis, Spoken Language, ...

Domain/Genre

- NLP is often designed for one domain (in-domain), and may not work well for other domains (out-of-domain).
- Why?



News
Blogs
Wikipedia
Forums
Comments
Twitter
...

Domain/Genre

- How different?

Corpus	Word length	Sentence length
TWITTER-1	3.8 ± 2.4	9.2 ± 6.4
TWITTER-2	3.8 ± 2.4	9.0 ± 6.3
COMMENTS	3.9 ± 3.2	10.5 ± 10.1
FORUMS	3.8 ± 2.3	14.2 ± 12.7
BLOGS	4.1 ± 2.8	18.5 ± 24.8
WIKIPEDIA	4.5 ± 2.8	21.9 ± 16.2
BNC	4.3 ± 2.8	19.8 ± 14.5

Source: Baldwin et al.

Domain/Genre

- How different?

out-of-vocabulary



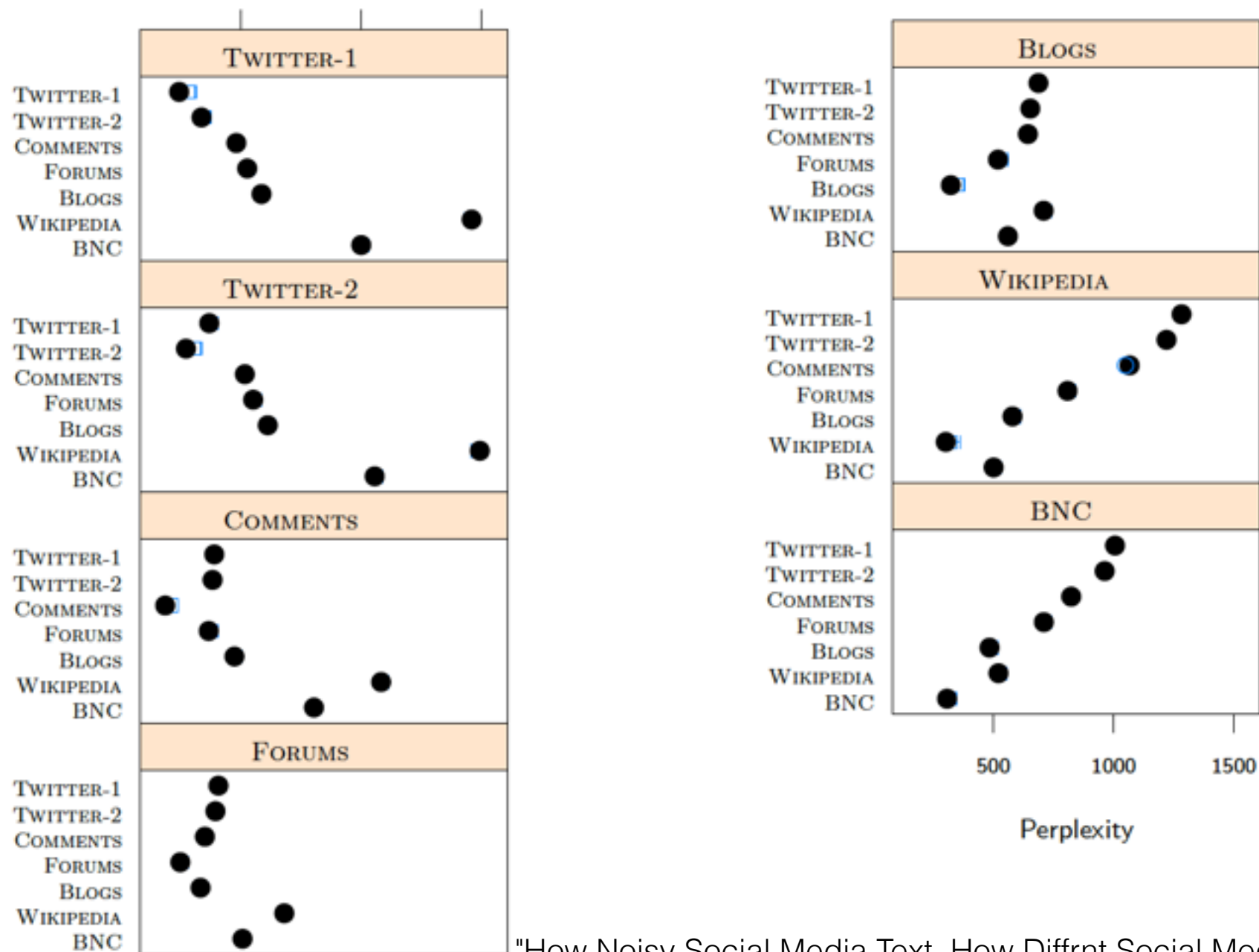
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Domain/Genre

- How similar?

Twitter \equiv Comments < Forums < Blogs < BNC < Wikipedia



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Domain/Genre

- What to do?
 - robust tools/models that works across domains
 - specific tools/models for Twitter data only — many techniques/algorithms are useful elsewhere

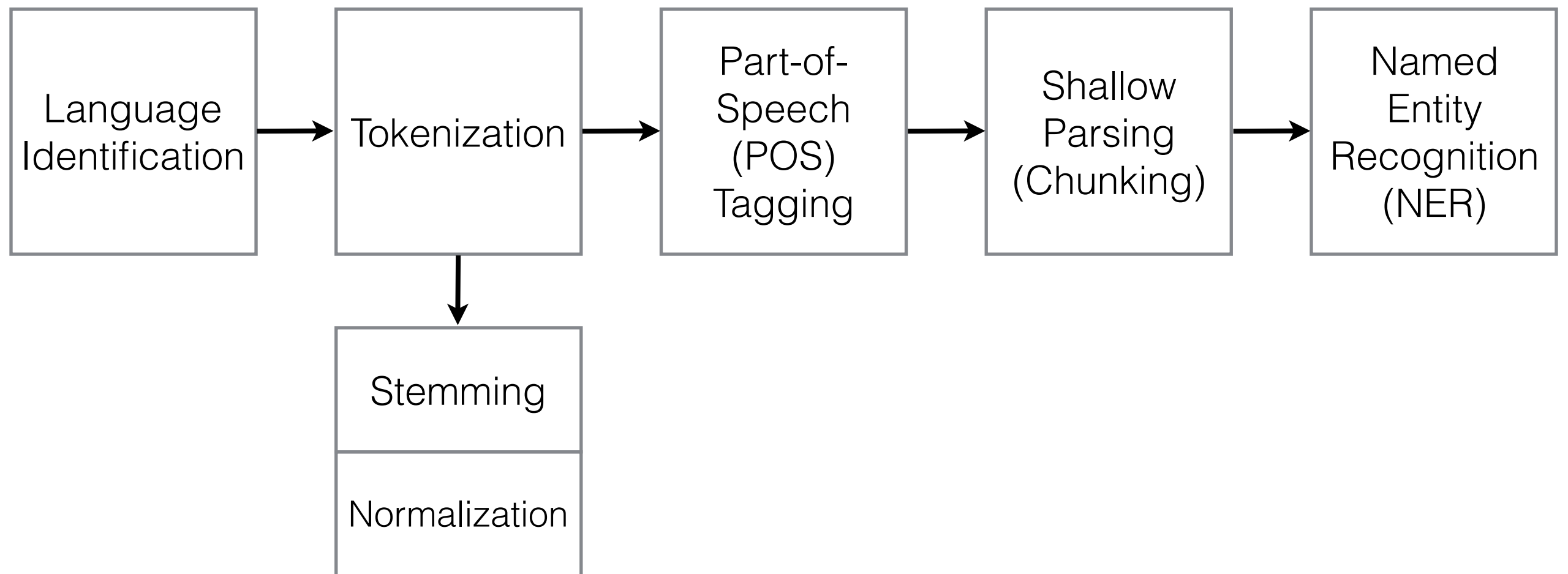
(we will see examples of both in the class)

Domain/Genre

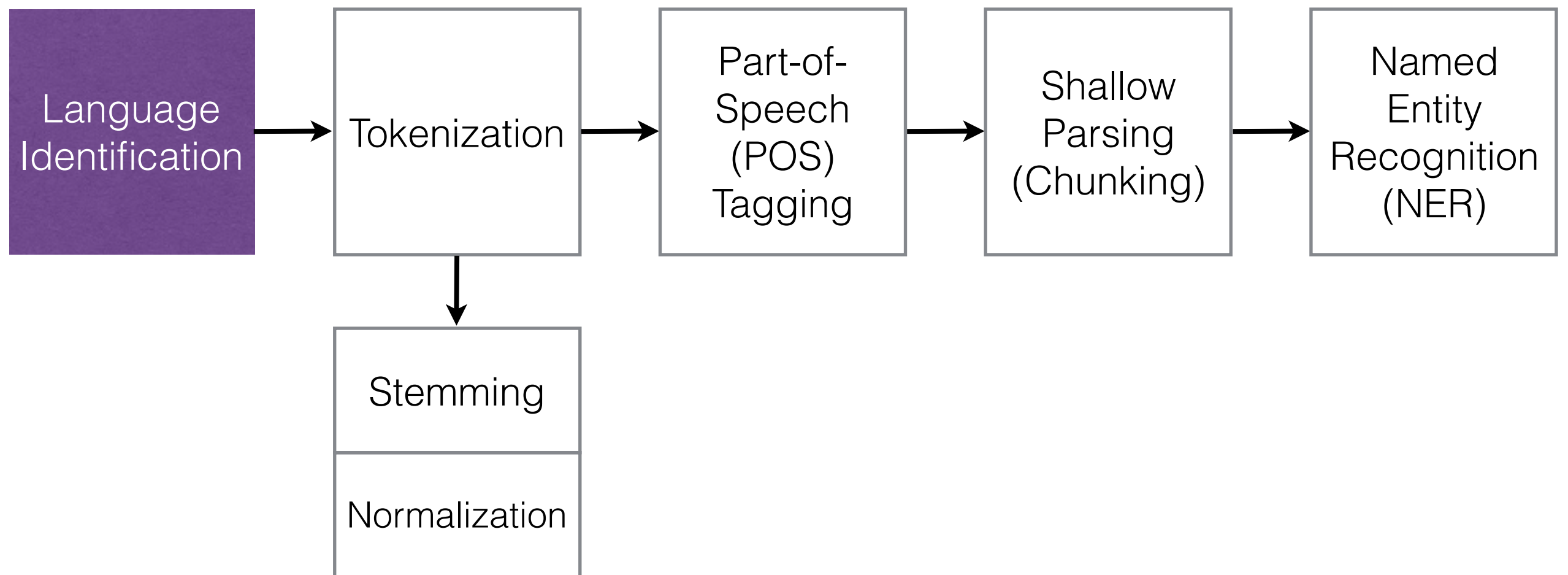
- Why so much Twitter?
 - publicly available (vs. SMS, emails)
 - large amount of data
 - large demand for research/commercial purpose
 - too different from well-edited text (which most NLP tools have been made for)

NLP Pipeline

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Language Identification

(a.k.a Language Detection)




 **Narendra Modi Hindi** @narendramodiH  

हर जगह छत्तीसगढ़ के लोगों से पूछा कि क्या कांग्रेस पर भरोसा किया जा सकता है और मुझे जवाब में एक शानदार नहीं मिला | nm4.in/1bsx4mV




 **Narendra Modi** @narendramodi  

Отдаем большое значение организациям БРИКС и ШОС.
Надеюсь, что встречи в рамках саммитов будут продуктивными. @BRICS2015



 **Narendra Modi** @narendramodi  

非常高兴再次与习近平主席会见。我们进行了全面的讨论，讨论了很多议题。@BRICS2015

 **Narendra Modi** @narendramodi  

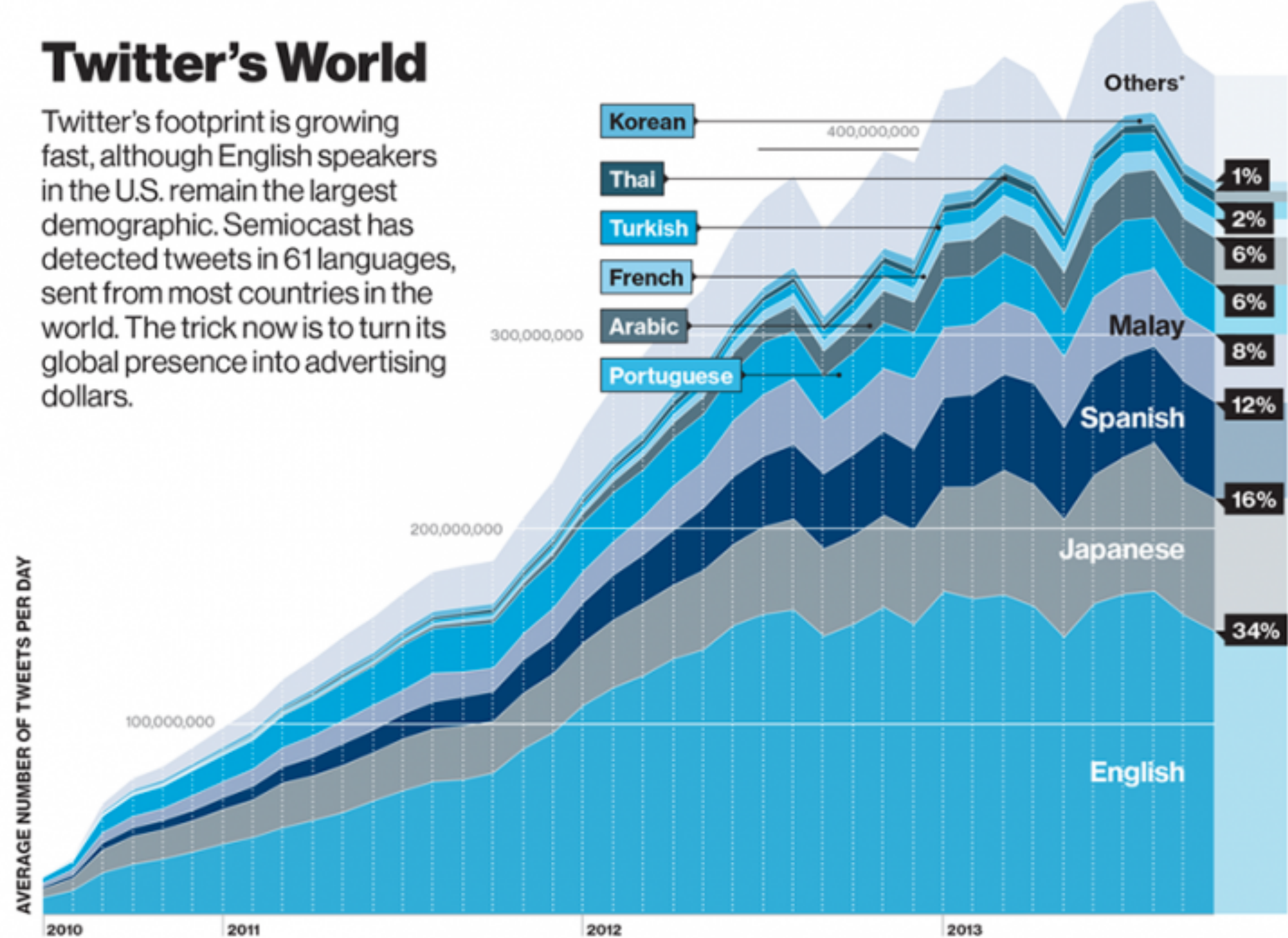
私は8月30日から日本を訪問する。印日関係を強化するこの訪問を、とても楽しみにしている。@AbeShinzo

LangID: why needed?

- Twitter is highly multilingual
- But NLP is often monolingual

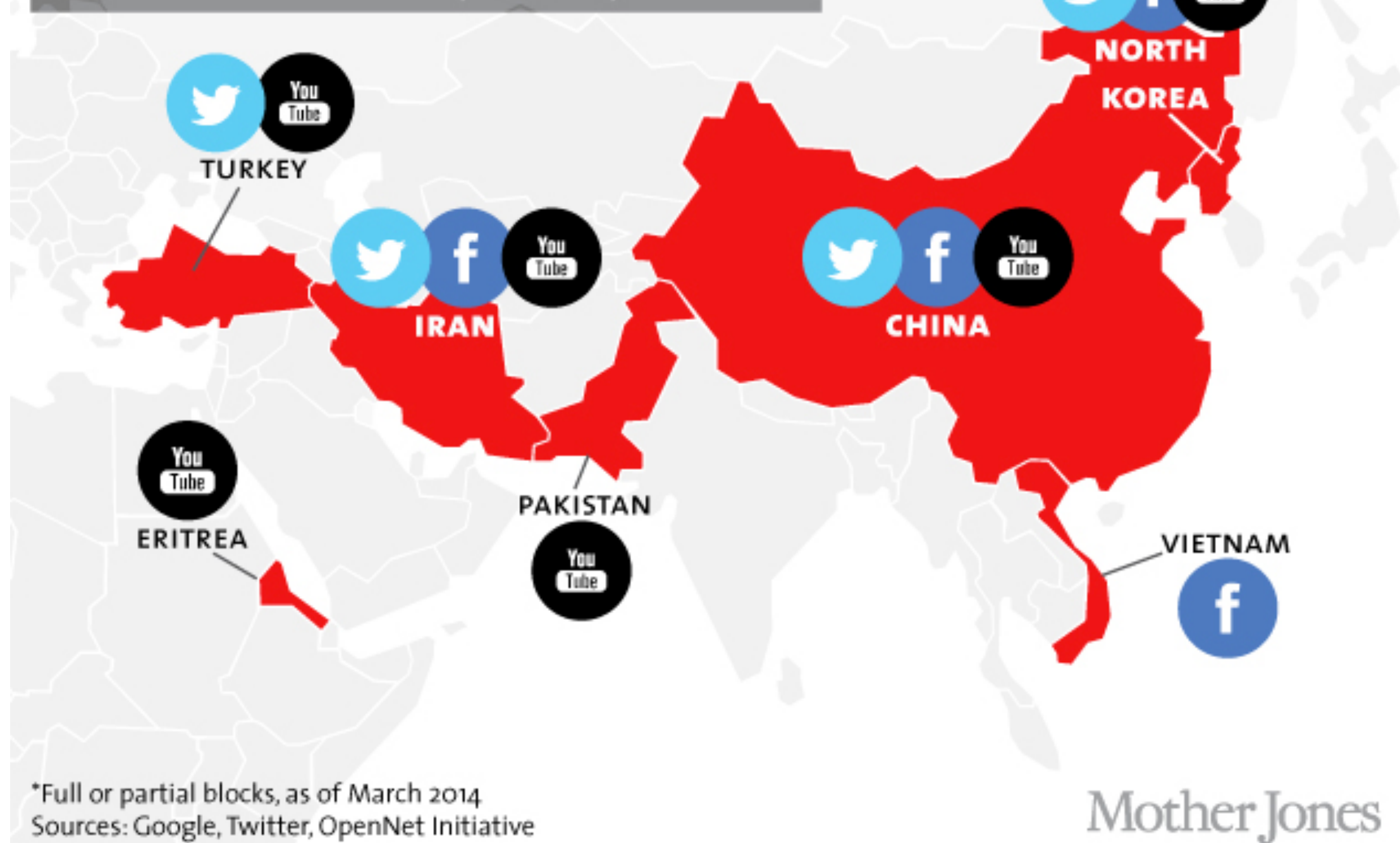
Twitter's World

Twitter's footprint is growing fast, although English speakers in the U.S. remain the largest demographic. Semiocast has detected tweets in 61 languages, sent from most countries in the world. The trick now is to turn its global presence into advertising dollars.



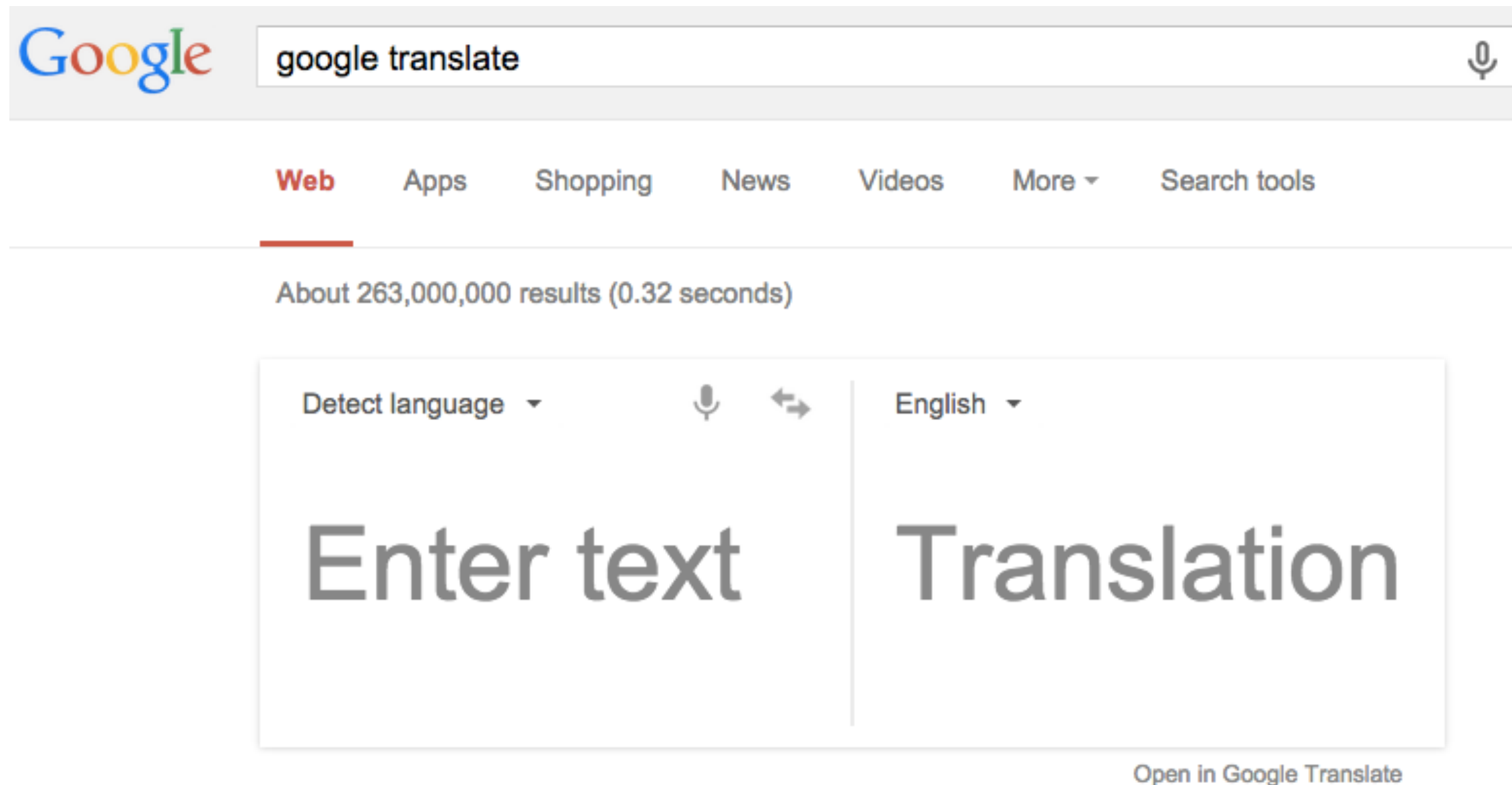
Social Media Under Fire

Countries that block Twitter, Facebook, or YouTube*



known as the “Chinese Twitter”
120 Million Posts / Day

LangID: Google Translate



The image shows a screenshot of the Google Translate web interface. At the top, the Google logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the text "google translate" with a microphone icon on the right. Below the search bar, there are links for "Web", "Apps", "Shopping", "News", "Videos", "More", and "Search tools". The "Web" link is highlighted with a red underline. Below these links, it says "About 263,000,000 results (0.32 seconds)". The main translation area is a large box with two columns. The left column has a dropdown menu set to "Detect language", a microphone icon, and a swap icon, followed by the large text "Enter text". The right column has a dropdown menu set to "English", followed by the large text "Translation". At the bottom right of the translation box, there is a link that says "Open in Google Translate".

Google google translate

Web Apps Shopping News Videos More Search tools

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Detect language English

Enter text Translation

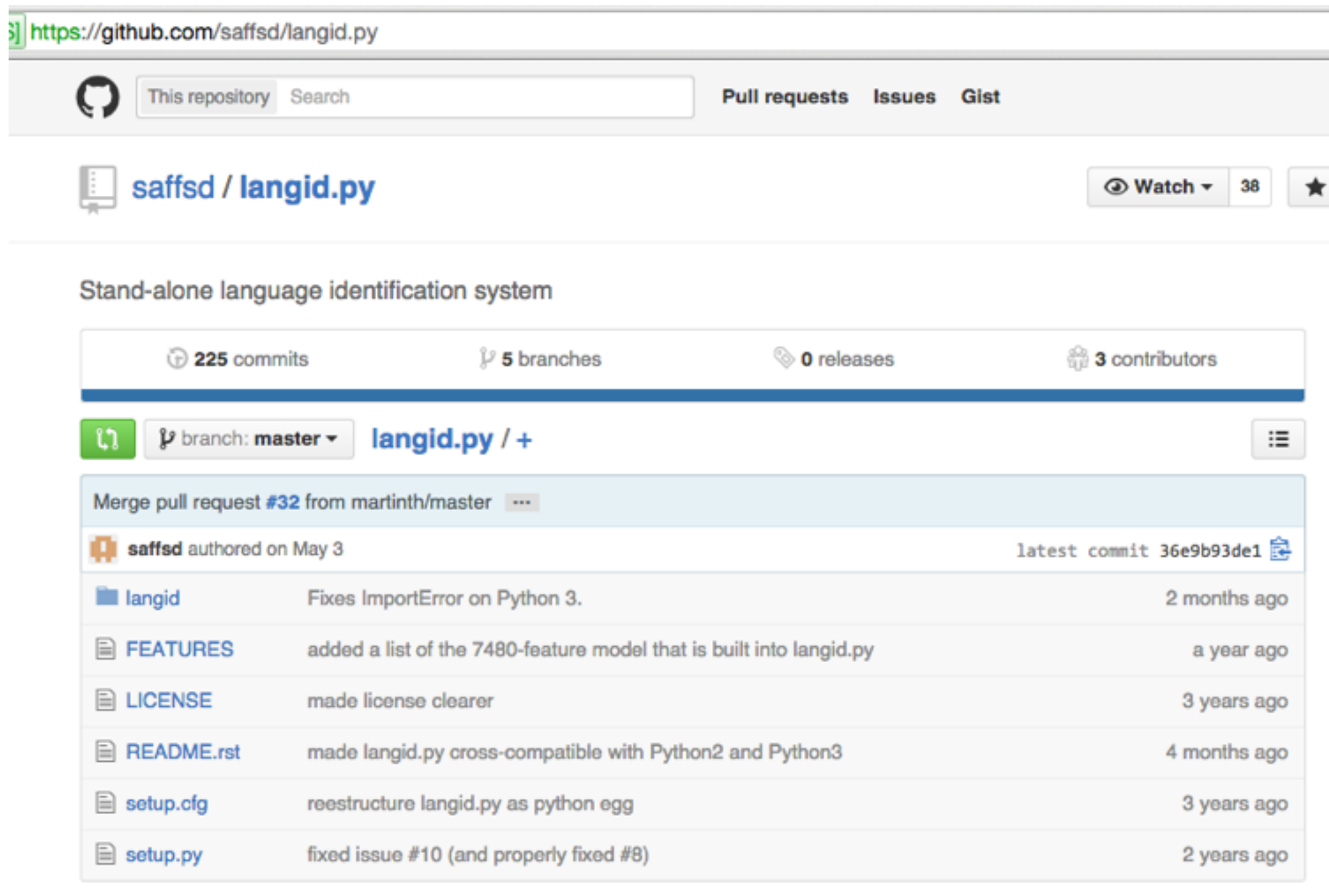
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LangID: Twitter API

- introduced in March 2013
- uses two-letter ISO 639-1 code

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  "created_at": "Tue Oct 30 21:12:37 +0000 2012",  
  "id": 263387958047027200,  
  "id_str": "263387958047027200",  
  "text": "Better late than never, statuses/retweets_of_me is joining the API v1.1  
method roster: https://t.co/jYz3MJnb ^TS",  
  "geo": null,  
  "coordinates": null,  
  "place": null,  
  "filter_level": "medium",  
  "lang": "en",  language detection  
  ...  
}
```

LangID Tool: langid.py



https://github.com/saffsd/langid.py

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Stand-alone language identification system

225 commits 5 branches 0 releases 3 contributors

branch: master langid.py / +

Merge pull request #32 from martinth/master

saffsd authored on May 3 latest commit 36e9b93de1

langid	Fixes ImportError on Python 3.	2 months ago
FEATURES	added a list of the 7480-feature model that is built into langid.py	a year ago
LICENSE	made license clearer	3 years ago
README.rst	made langid.py cross-compatible with Python2 and Python3	4 months ago
setup.cfg	restructure langid.py as python egg	3 years ago
setup.py	fixed issue #10 (and properly fixed #8)	2 years ago

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python
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('en', 0.99176190378750373)
```


LangID:

A Classification Problem

- Input:
 - a document d
 - a fixed set of classes $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_j\}$
- Output:
 - a predicted class $c \in C$

Classification Method: Hand-crafted Rules

- Keyword-based approaches do not work well for language identification:
 - poor recall
 - cognate words
 - expensive to build large dictionaries for all different languages

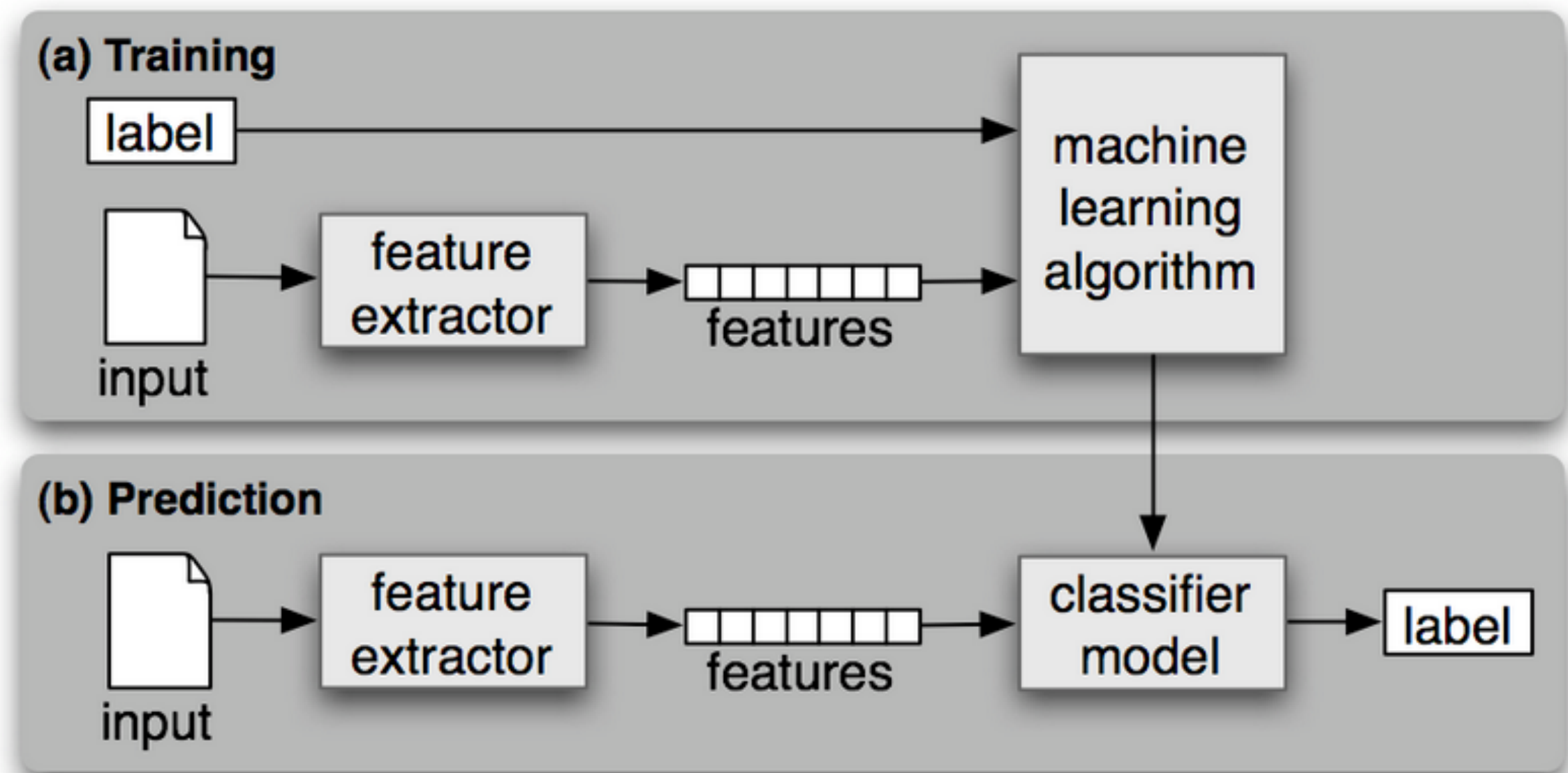
Classification Method:

Supervised Machine Learning

- Input:
 - a document d
 - a fixed set of classes $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_j\}$
 - a training set of m hand-labeled documents $(d_1, c_1), \dots, (d_m, c_m)$
- Output:
 - a learned classifier $\gamma: d \rightarrow c$

Classification Method:

Supervised Machine Learning



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- Naïve Bayes
- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- ...

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- For a document ***d***, find the most probable class ***c***:

$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(c | d)$$

↑
maximum a posteriori

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$$= \arg \max_{c \in C} P(d \mid c)P(c) \quad \leftarrow \text{drop the denominator}$$

Naïve Bayes

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how often
does this
class occur?
— simple count

Naïve Bayes

- document ***d*** represented as features ***t*₁, *t*₂, ..., *t*_n**:

$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} \underbrace{P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | c)}_{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{P(c)}_{\text{prior}}$$

$O(|T|^n \cdot |C|)$ parameters

n = number of unique n -gram tokens

— need to make simplifying assumption

Naïve Bayes

- **Conditional Independence Assumption:**

features $P(t_i | c)$ are independent given the class c

$$\begin{aligned} &P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | c) \\ &= P(t_1 | c) \cdot P(t_2 | c) \cdot \dots \cdot P(t_n | c) \end{aligned}$$

Naïve Bayes

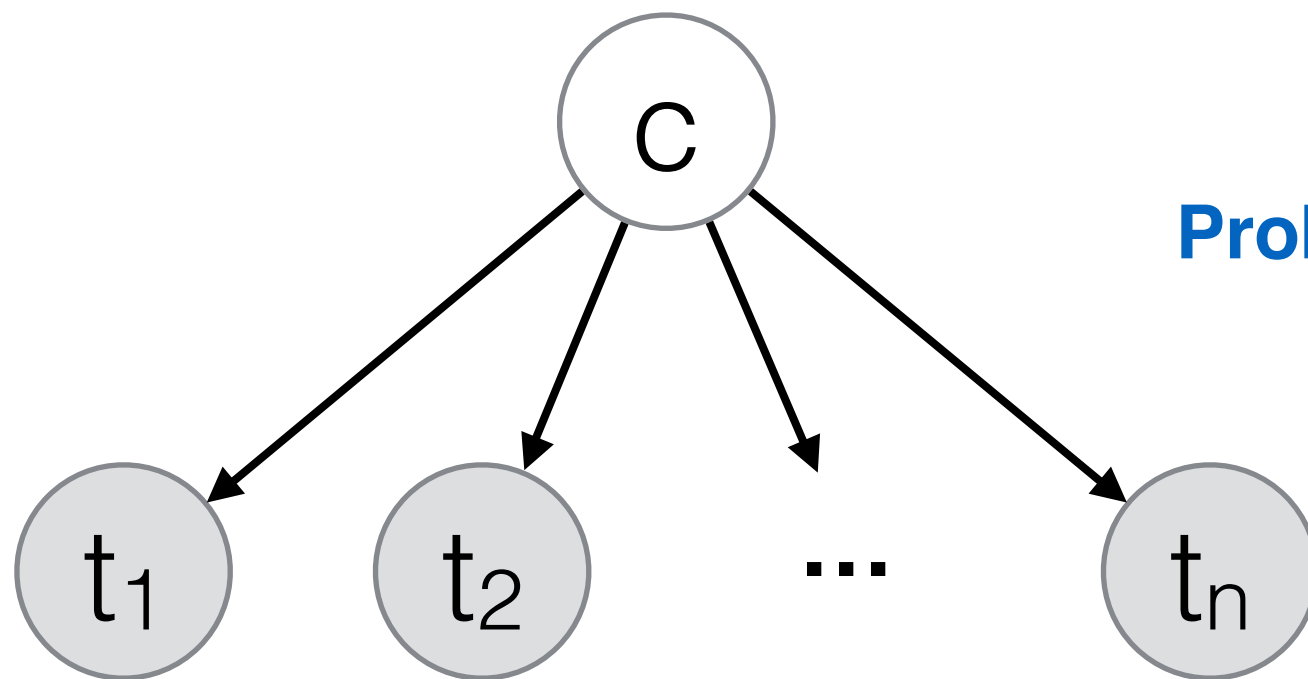
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Probabilistic Graphical Model

Variations of Naïve Bayes

$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(d | c) P(c)$$

- different assumptions on distributions of feature:
 - *Multinomial: discrete features*
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LangID features

English

- n-grams features:
 - 1-grams:
“the” “following” “Wikipedia”
“en” “español” ...
 - 2-grams:
“the following” “following is”
“Wikipedia en” “en español” ...
 - 3-grams:
....

The following is a list of words that occur in both Modern English and Modern Spanish, but which are pronounced differently and may have different meanings in each language.

...

Spanish

Wikipedia en español es la edición en idioma español de Wikipedia. Actualmente cuenta con 1 185 590 páginas válidas de contenido y ocupa el décimo puesto en esta estadística entre

...

Bag-of-Words Model

- **positional independence assumption:**
 - features are the words occurring in the document and their value is the number of occurrences
 - word probabilities are position independent

Naïve Bayes

$$c_{NB} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(c) \prod_{t_i \in d} P(t_i | c)$$

- Learning the Multinomial Naïve Bayes model simply uses the frequencies in the training data:

$$\hat{P}(c) = \frac{\text{count}(c)}{\sum_{c_j \in C} \text{count}(c_j)}$$

$$\hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c)}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c)}$$

Naïve Bayes

	Doc	Words	Class
Training	1	English Wikipedia editor	en
	2	free English Wikipedia	en
	3	Wikipedia editor	en
	4	español de Wikipedia	es
Test	5	Wikipedia español el	?

$$\hat{P}(c) = \frac{\text{count}(c)}{\sum_{c_j \in C} \text{count}(c_j)}$$

$$P(en)=3/4 \quad P(sp)=1/4$$

$$\hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c)}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c)}$$

$$P(\text{"Wikipedia"} | en) = 3/8, \quad P(\text{"Wikipedia"} | es) = 1/3$$

$$P(\text{"español"} | en) = 0/8, \quad P(\text{"español"} | es) = 1/3$$

$$P(\text{"el"} | en) = 0/8, \quad P(\text{"el"} | es) = 0/3$$

$$P(en | doc5) = 3/4 \times 3/8 \times 0/8 \times 0/8 = 0$$

$$P(es | doc5) = 1/4 \times 2/9 \times 1/3 \times 0/3 = 0$$

Naïve Bayes

- What if the word “el” doesn’t occur in the training documents that labeled as Spanish(es)?

$$\hat{P}("el" | es) = \frac{\text{count}("el", es)}{\sum_{t \in V} \text{count}(t, es)} = 0$$

- To deal with 0 counts, use add-one or Laplace smoothing:

$$\hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c)}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c)} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c) + 1}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c) + |V|}$$

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$$P(\text{"español"} | en) = 0+1/8+6, \quad P(\text{"español"} | sp) = 1+1/3+6$$

$$P(\text{"el"} | en) = 0+1/8+6, \quad P(\text{"el"} | sp) = 0+1/3+6$$

$$P(en | doc5) = 3/4 \times 4/14 \times 1/14 \times 1/14 = 0.00109$$

$$P(sp | doc5) = 1/4 \times 2/9 \times 2/9 \times 1/9 = 0.00137$$

Naïve Bayes

- Pros:
 - simple (no iterative learning)
 - fast and light-weighted
 - less parameter, so need less training data
 - even if the NB assumption doesn't hold, a NB classifier still often performs surprisingly well in practice (e.g. text classification)
- Cons
 - assumes independence of features
 - can't model dependencies/structures (e.g. correlated features)

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- main techniques:
 - **Multinomial Naïve Bayes**
 - diverse training data from multiple domains (Wikipedia, Reuters, Debian, etc.)
 - plus **feature selection** using **Information Gain (IG)** to choose features that are informative about language, but not informative about domain

Information Gain

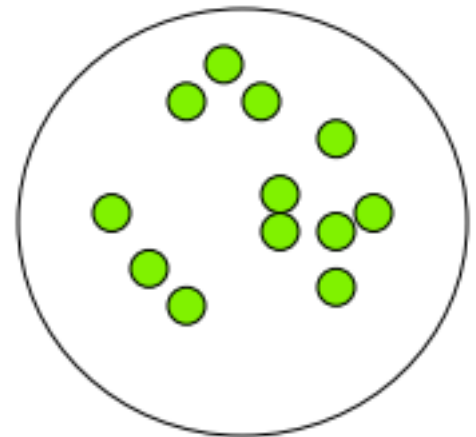
- Information Gain:

$$IG(Y | X) = H(Y) - H(Y | X)$$

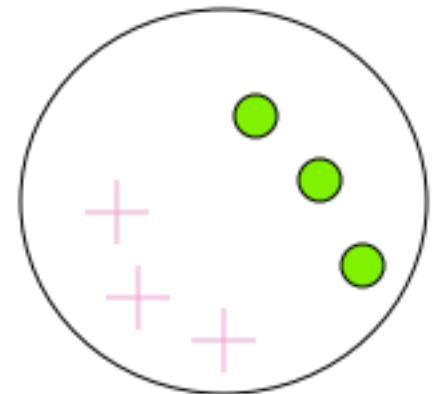
- Entropy:

$$H(X) = -\sum_i P(x_i) \log P(x_i)$$

$H(X) = 0$
**Minimum
impurity**



$H(X) = 1$
**Maximum
impurity**



Information Gain

wealth values: poor rich

gender Female 14423 1769  $H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{gender} = \text{Female}) = 0.497654$










Male 22732 9918  $H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{gender} = \text{Male}) = 0.885847$

$H(\text{wealth}) = 0.793844$ $H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{gender}) = 0.757154$

$IG(\text{wealth} \mid \text{gender}) = 0.0366896$

Information Gain

wealth values: poor rich

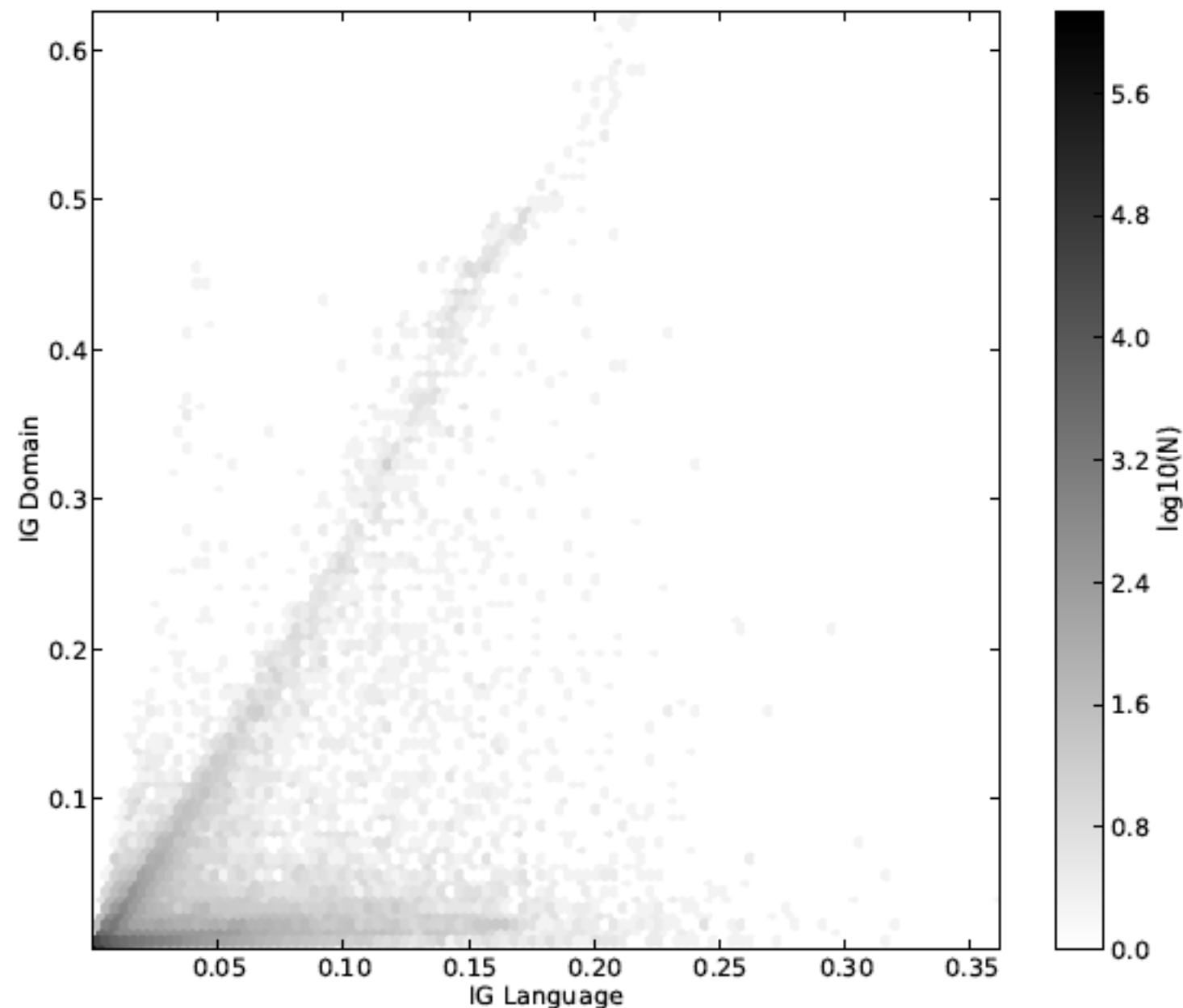
agegroup	10s	2507	3		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 10s) = 0.0133271$
	20s	11262	743		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 20s) = 0.334906$
	30s	9468	3461		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 30s) = 0.838134$
	40s	6738	3986		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 40s) = 0.951961$
	50s	4110	2509		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 50s) = 0.957376$
	60s	2245	809		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 60s) = 0.834049$
	70s	668	147		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 70s) = 0.680882$
	80s	115	16		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 80s) = 0.535474$
	90s	42	13		$H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup} = 90s) = 0.788941$

$H(\text{wealth}) = 0.793844$ $H(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup}) = 0.709463$

$IG(\text{wealth} \mid \text{agegroup}) = 0.0843813$

LangID Tool: langid.py

- feature selection using Information Gain (IG)

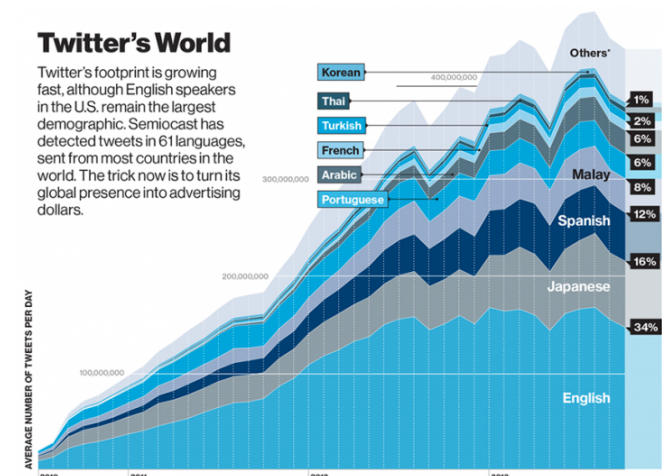


LangID Tool: `langid.py`

- main advantages:
 - cross-domain (works on all kinds of texts)
 - works for Twitter (accuracy = 0.89)
 - fast (300 tweets/second — 24G RAM)
 - currently supports 97 language
 - retrainable

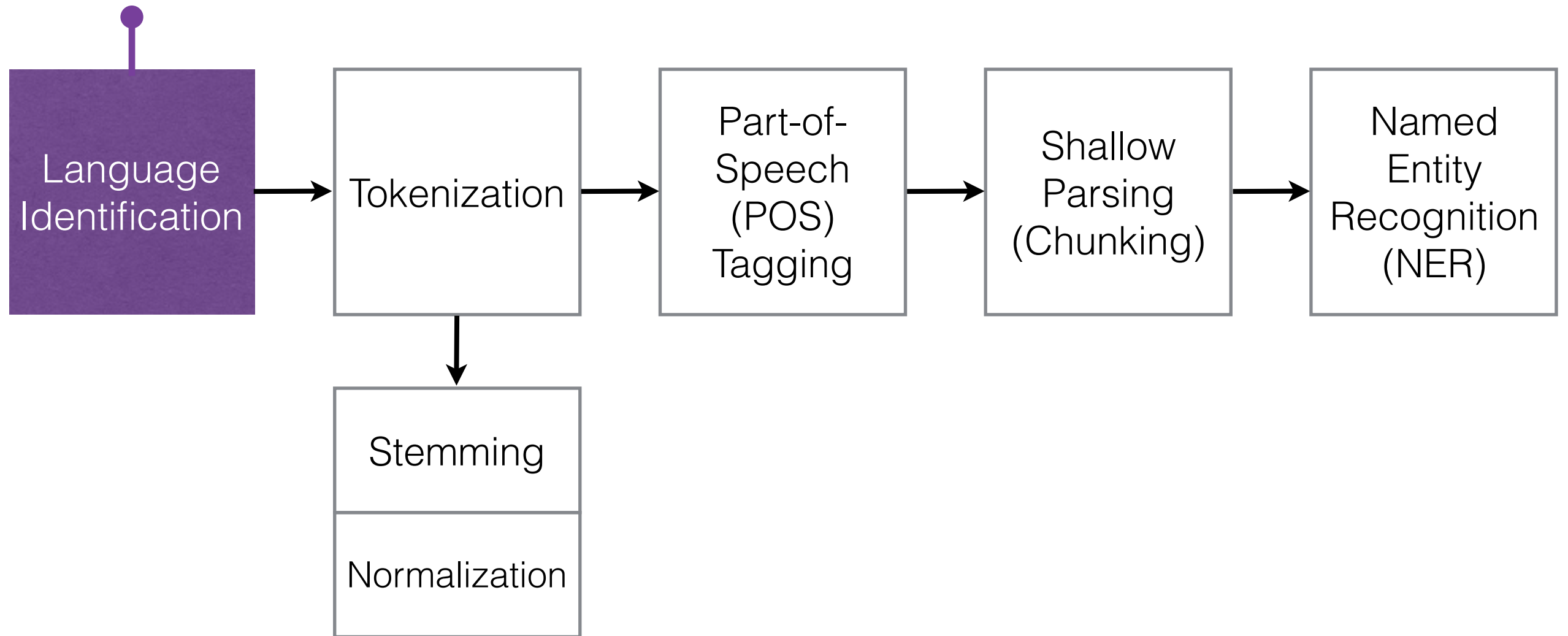
Homework #2

- Get $\geq 10k$ tweets from Twitter Streaming API
- and check:
 - are all tweets LangID tagged (what %)?
 - how many different language tags?
- then run langid.py and check:
 - how many different language tagged?
 - what % langid.py and Twitter's API agree/disagree?
 - what kind of tweets/languages do they disagree?
- what about tweets in US?
- draw some fancy plots (e.g. language by #tweets)

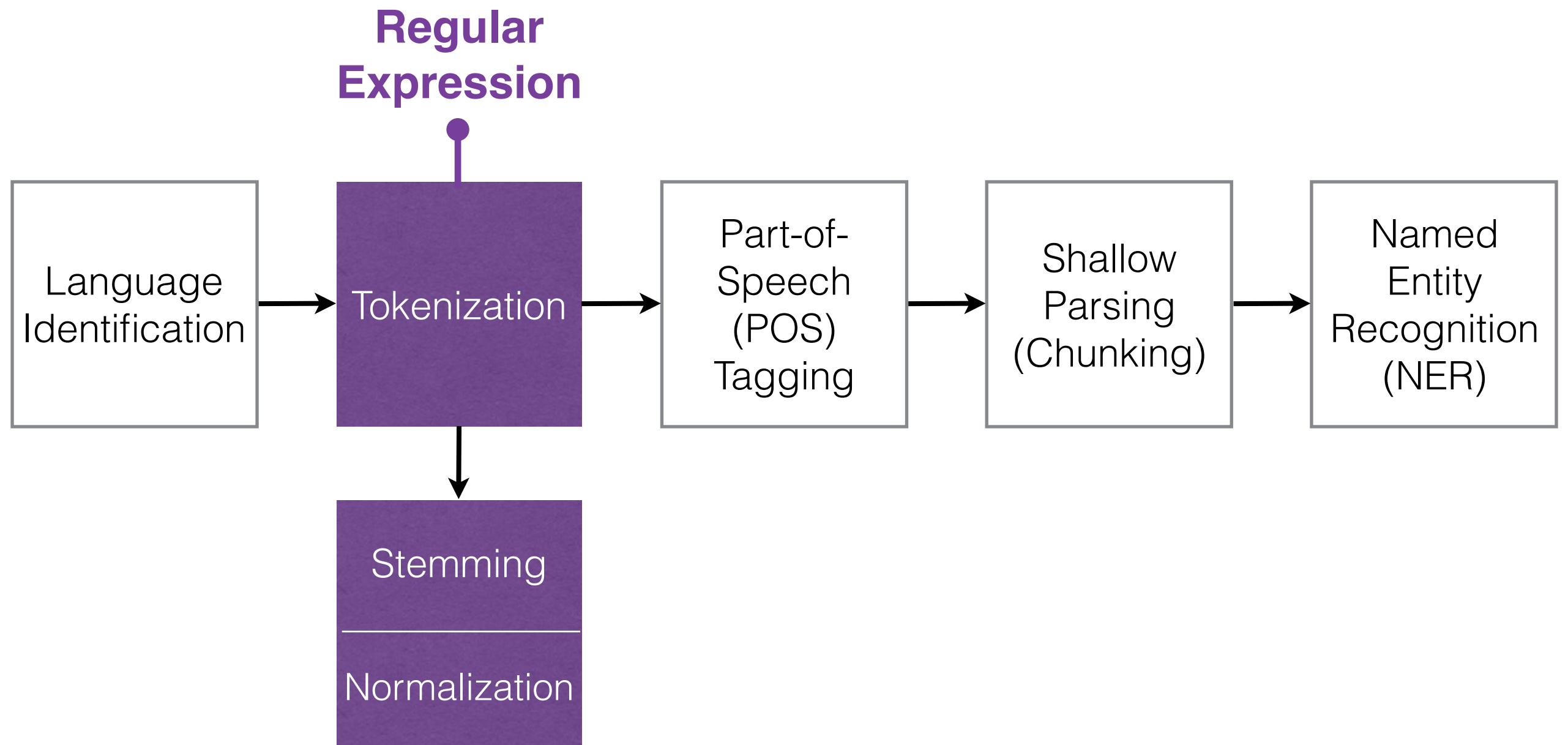


Summary

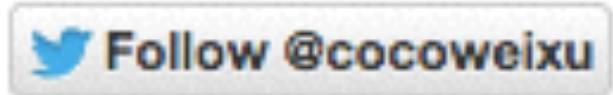
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(Naïve Bayes)**



Next Lecture



Thank You!



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