# In-Class Assignment: NLP Pipeline

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In this in-class assignment we're going to run through the entire NLP pipeline and apply some common cleaning and text normalizing steps. We'll start with a text that needs extensive processing to run through the battery of processing steps, then we'll do the same on a much more simple text that requires less effort.

What steps you ned to do will depend on the text and the task at hand!

## Basic Outline of Steps:

- 1. Import text
- 2. Remove HTML (if applicable)
- 3. Case conversion
- 4. Contractions
- 5. Stemming/Lemmatization
- 6. Removing Stopwords
- 7. Tokenize text
- 8. Text Output

It's important to note that this list is NOT exhaustive, does NOT need to be done in this order, and which steps you choose WILL depend on the task at hand. The point of this exercise is to show you one procedure for cleaning/processing a text and show two options of output. This will vary based on a given text and what you want to do with it after!

Here, we're going to be using lots of familiar libraries and packages, but we'll also introduce some new ones including the popular and useful spacy library! We'll also need nltk, re, pprint, BeautifulSoup, contractions, pandas, and numpy.

```
import nltk, re, pprint
from urllib import request
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
!pip install contractions
import contractions
from string import punctuation
import spacy
!python -m spacy download en core web sm
                                                          # OR in Jupyter download in terminal
from nltk.tokenize.toktok import ToktokTokenizer
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
tokenizer = ToktokTokenizer()
from nltk import word tokenize
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
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Requirement already satisfied: MarkupSafe>=2.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-package
✓ Download and installation successful
You can now load the package via spacy.load('en core web sm')
```

## ✓ 1) Import Text - UTF-8 Encoded

For this example we'll run a Helpful Hints for Halloween text through the NLP pipeline. Why this text? Well it's pretty messy and provides a good opportunity to demonstrate different processing functions, plus I love Halloween.

```
url = "https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/68984/pg68984-images.html"
response = request.urlopen(url)
raw = response.read().decode('utf-8-sig')
raw
```

'<!DOCTYPE html>\r\n<html lang="en">\r\n<head>\r\n<meta charset="utf-8"><style>\r\n#pgheader div, #pg-footer div {\r\n all: initial;\r\n display: block;\r\n margin-bottom: 1em;\r\n margin-left: 2em;\r\n}\r\n#pg-footer div.ag top: 1em;\r\n ate {\r\n font-size: 90%;\r\n margin-top: 0;\r\n margin-bottom: 0;\r\n text -align: center;\r\n}\r\n#pg-footer li {\r\n all: initial;\r\n display: block;\r\n text-indent: -0.6em;\r\n}\r\n#pg-foo margin-top: 1em;\r\n margin-bottom: 1em;\r\n ter div.secthead {\r\n font-size: 110%;\r\n font-weight: bold;\r\n}\r\n#pg-footer #project-gutenberg-license {\r\n font-size: 110%;\r\n margin-top: 0;\r\n margi n-bottom: 0;\r\n text-align: center;\r\n}\r\n#pg-header-heading {\r\n all: inheri text-align: center;\r\n font-size: 120%;\r\n font-weight:bold;\r\n}\r\n t;\r\n #pg-footer-heading {\r\n text-align: center;\r\n font-size: all: inherit;\r\n font-weight: normal;\r\n ...' 120%;\r\n

It's clear that we want to remove the HTML tags, and we can use html.parser to do that. But that's not going to get rid of all unwanted characters. Let's remove the html and then figure out what else needs to be removed...

#### → 2) Remove HTML Tags + Unwanted Characters & Trim Text

Let's start by defining a function to remove unwanted html tags, and then we'll build it out based on other characters we want to remove:

```
def text_cleaner(text):
    soup = BeautifulSoup(text, 'html.parser')
    [s.extract() for s in soup(['iframe', 'script'])]
    stripped_text = soup.get_text()
    stripped_text = re.sub('[\r|\n|\r\n]+', '\n', stripped_text)
    stripped_text = re.sub(''', "'", stripped_text)
    stripped_text = re.sub(r"[^'\w\s\.]+", '', stripped_text)
    stripped_text = re.sub(r'\d+\.|\d+', '', stripped_text)
    stripped_text = re.sub(r"HALLOWE'EN|[hH]allowe'en", 'halloween', stripped_text)
    # iteratively add cleaning steps here
    return stripped_text

clean_text = text_cleaner(raw)
```

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#### Now let's find the beginning and end of the text and trim it:

### 3) Lowercase

#### Next in the pipeline is setting all characters to lowercase. Why do we care about doing this?

To standardize the text and reduce the amount of tokens that we are working with.

```
def lowercase(text):
    sents_lower = text.lower() # fill in
    return sents_lower

lower_text = lowercase(clean_text) # apply to clean_text
lower text
```

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#### 4) Contractions

Contractions are kind of an interesting thing to deal with; we often treat them as one entity but for NLP purposes we often want to separate them out into their two constituents. The contractions library contains a list of predefined contractions and their expansions. We will implement that here in the context of a expand contractions function we will define.

contractions.contractions\_dict # view dictionary of contractions

```
werarve: we would have,
'weren't': 'were not',
'what're': 'what are',
'what'd': 'what did',
'what've': 'what have',
'what's': 'what is',
'what'll': 'what will',
'what'll've': 'what will have',
'when've': 'when have',
'when's': 'when is',
'where're': 'where are',
'where'd': 'where did',
'where've': 'where have',
'where's': 'where is',
'which's': 'which is',
'who're': 'who are',
'who've': 'who have',
'who's': 'who is',
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'who'll've': 'who will have',
'who'd': 'who would',
'who'd've': 'who would have',
'why're': 'why are',
'why'd': 'why did',
'why've': 'why have',
'why's': 'why is',
'will've': 'will have',
'won't': 'will not',
'won't've': 'will not have',
'would've': 'would have',
'wouldn't': 'would not',
'wouldn't've': 'would not have',
'y'all': 'you all',
'y'all're': 'you all are',
'y'all've': 'you all have',
'y'all'd': 'you all would',
'y'all'd've': 'you all would have',
'you're': 'you are',
'you've': 'you have',
'you'll've': 'you shall have',
'you'll': 'you will',
'you'd': 'you would',
'you'd've': 'you would have'}
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```
text_1 = "I didn't even know it's a big deal."

# Add in comments
def expand_contractions(text):
    expanded_words = [] # create empty list
    for word in text.split(): # split text into individual words
        expanded_words.append(contractions.fix(word)) # identify contractions and replace wi
        expanded_text = ' '.join(expanded_words) # rejoin text
    return expanded_text

expand_contractions(text_1)

    'I did not even know it is a big deal.'

expanded_text = expand_contractions(lower_text) # apply to lower_text
expanded_text
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## y 5) Removing Stopwords

Next, we'll define a function to filter out stop words based on a stopwords list from nltk. This process involves firs tokenizing the text, removing extra whitespace, removing tokens in the stopword list, and then finally rejoining all the remaining words back into a continuous string of text.

Removal of stopwords isn't required, but it is common. Why do you think this is the case?

They are not content words, it will only distract from the meaningful words in the text.

## ✓ Let's add some comments to see what we're doing here...

```
nltk.download('stopwords')
tokenizer = ToktokTokenizer()
stopword_list = set(stopwords.words('english'))

def remove_stopwords(text):
    tokens = [token.strip().lower() for token in tokenizer.tokenize(text)] # tokenize words,
    filtered_tokens = [token for token in tokens if token not in stopword_list] # fill in
    return ' '.join(filtered_tokens) # finish statement

    [nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to /root/nltk_data...
    [nltk_data] Unzipping corpora/stopwords.zip.

stopword_list
Show hidden output

stopped_text = remove_stopwords(expanded_text) # apply to expanded_text
stopped_text
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## 6) Lemmatization

Lemmatization is another processing step that isn't required, but often implementd. Remember that lemmatization is different from stemming in that it attempts to reduce words to their roots (or lemmas), where as stemming simply cuts off suffixes and affixes.

Here we will implement a pretrained lemmatizer from Spacy.

#### Why might we be interested in applying lemmatization?

To reduce the amount of tokens and reduce the complexity of the text. This makes analyzing the text easier because there are less tokens.

```
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
lemmatizer = nlp.get_pipe("lemmatizer") # bring in spacy lemmatizer

def lemmatize_text(text):
    text = nlp(text)
    text = ' '.join([word.lemma_ if word.lemma_ != '-PRON-' else word.text for word in text])
    return text

lemmas = lemmatize_text(stopped_text) # apply to stopped_text
lemmas
```

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#### → 7) Sentence Tokenize Text

Though we've applied word tokenization at other steps in the NLP pipeline and then rejoined our text, we are now ready to tokenize the text into sentences, so that we can put it into a structured format like a dataframe or list.

We will use the PunktSentenceTokenizer from nltk to perform this step:

```
punkt st = nltk.tokenize.PunktSentenceTokenizer()
sents = punkt_st.tokenize(lemmas) # apply to lemmas
sents[3:15] # view some sentences
     ['lebanon ohio introduction hist still halloween fairy troop across green halloween
     elve witch abroad find custom world build bonfire keep evil spirit night night
     entertain friend stunt similar perform two hundred year ago .',
      'night fortunes tell game play happen birthday fall night may even able hold converse
     fairiesso go ancient superstition careful halloween whenever come careful halloween
     witch halloween origin old druid festival .',
      'druid keep fire burn year honor sungod .',
      'last night october meet altar fire burn put much pomp ceremony relighte they .',
      'take ember new fire return home kindle fire hearth .',
      'superstition home one fire burn constantly throughout year protect evil .',
      'later fire keep evil spirit away .',
      'country still witch fairy ghost agree night october st great time celebration .',
      'little book find useful school church home planning celebration halloween .',
```

```
'air full magic let we write invitation hearty halloween night nutcrack party .',
'party suggestion nutcrack night northern part england halloween still call nutcrack
night .',
```

### 8) Deciding clean text output

Finally, we need to decide how to structure our cleaned text. This is going to depend on what we want to do with it next (which we'll cover in Topic 4). For now, let's store our sentence tokens in a dataframe, and then we'll store our vocab in a list.

#### Output is a dataframe of sentences:

```
df = pd.DataFrame(sents, columns = ['Sentence'])
df
```

	Sentence
0	start project gutenberg ebook help hint hallow
1	lebanon ohio copyright march brother content p
2	march brothers publisher wright ave .
3	lebanon ohio introduction hist still halloween
4	night fortunes tell game play happen birthday
731	punch judy punch judy merry time year often se
732	call appear .
733	direction make puppet manipulation find puppet
734	cent.
735	order publisher book .
736 rd	ows × 1 columns

## Output is a list of unique words:

```
words = nltk.wordpunct_tokenize(stopped_text)
text = nltk.Text(words)
```

<sup>&</sup>quot;nutcrack night party write invitation pumpkinshape booklet cut double face jacko 'lantern paint outside inside write nutcrack night meet fate please come eight late mystery see know 'til halloween ."]

```
vocab = sorted(set(text))
len(vocab)

1897
```

# Basic NLP Pipeline

We can also take a more basic approach and throw everything into one function, which can be helpful for less complicated texts.

```
url = "https://gutenberg.org/files/68667/68667-h/68667-h.htm"
html = request.urlopen(url).read()
raw = BeautifulSoup(html).get_text()
print(raw)
```

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"Get up and pray now," she said. "We have forgotten God in our deep content—forgotten, in our bodies' loves, the blows and anguish which His flesh suffered to redeem them."

He rose, unquestioning, and knelt by the bedside. He prayed that she might not know, that his suspicions might be unfounded, that the burden of that knowledge might never be hers—not that he might find strength to ask her if it were. He prayed and prayed, until the chillness of the night air seized his frail body with a very ague of shivering. Then she, kneeling beside him, was smitten with remorse, and blamed her thoughtlessness, and got him into bed again with all speed, and watched beside him till he was once more warm and restful. Then, his comfort was so great, her beauty so pitiful, he held out rapturous arms to her, and wooed her to his heart. Shrinking, reluctant, she surrendered passively. Had he not wounded his soul to save hers? How could she deny him the fruits of that wild sacrifice. She was a murderer's wife.

There was even a thrill of ecstasy in the delirium of that thought—a spark of new life struck out of a dead delusion. He could answer to a provocation, after all—for her!

But later, when he had fallen into a deep sleep, she rose softly from beside him, and crept to her oratory, and, kneeling on the icy stones before the statue of the Holy Virgin, broke into prayer, and a passion of tears,—

"O, Mother! show me how to love, and yet be clean!"

```
nltk.download('punkt')
def basic_text_cleaner(text):
    # Remove characters that are not letters, whitespaces, or periods
    text = re.sub(r'[^a-zA-Z\s\.]', '', text)
    # Tokenize and perform stopword removal, and casefolding
    tokens = word_tokenize(text)
    tokens = [token.lower() for token in tokens if token.lower() not in stopword_list]

# Join tokens and trim extra whitespace
    cleaned_text = ' '.join(tokens).strip()

return cleaned_text

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    [nltk_data] Package punkt is already up-to-date!
```

```
cleaned_text = basic_text_cleaner(raw)
cleaned_text
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'lovers prologue matter eternal dressing imagination world unconscious selfdelusion spi rit . everything springs love love dreaming god . two figments endless sweet obsession stood alonehigh slope alp time . born dream flesh thought owed flesha sacred debt . tru th seemed plain pebbles brook lie round firm apparent shaking ripples . actual eyes whi te mountains hoary glaciers pine woods foamy freshets eighteenth century le prieur . actual ears whisper deathless confidence ever ever helps loves succession . loved therefore lived . man ten thousand ages pains prove love delusion still greets baby kitten nesting song birds hawthorn bush flower freshly latest expression newest product wisdom . love delusion save shadows builds habitation . dust thou art said older god unto dust respectively.