

Assignment :- 5

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Q1] Compare different stemming techniques - Porter stemmer, Lancaster, Regex stemmer

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① Porter stemmer:

- Widely used, rule based algorithm focuses on English morphology.
- It is simple, fast, effective for English
- It can over-stem (creating wrong roots) or under stem (missing variation). Not ideal for agglutinative languages
- Example: Playing → play
agrees → agree

② Snowball Stemmer

- It is Rule based, language specific implementation more flexible than Porter
- It can handle various languages, customizable
- Can be complex to implement, potentially less effective for some languages
- Ex Playing → play, felix → feliz.

③ Lancaster stemmer

- It is rule based algorithm with focus on preserving morphology
- Good for preserving meaning, handles some irregular verbs
- less aggressive than Porter, potentially misses some variations.

④ Regexp stemmer

- Uses regular expression to remove suffixes / prefixes
- simple to implement, fast
- can be inaccurate, prone to over-stemming, not ideal for complex morphology.

Choosing the right stemmer:

Language: Porter and Lancaster are best for English, Snowball can be adapted for various languages

Accuracy vs speed: Porter and Regexp are faster, but snowball might be more accurate for specific needs.

Preserving meaning: Lancaster is better for maintaining semantic closeness

Q2] Identify the unique challenges in sentiment analysis when applied to customer reviews in Bengali, compared to other languages

⇒ Sentiment analysis in Bengali presents unique challenges compared to other languages.

Agglutinative Language:

Bengali builds words by adding suffix, making stemming complex. Stemming by general method might remove crucial information for sentiments.

Lack of Resources:

Compared to English, there are fewer sentiment lexicons and annotated datasets for Bengali. This can affect the training and accuracy of sentiment analysis models.

Sarcasm and Irony:

Bengali uses sarcasm and irony frequently, which might be misinterpreted by models trained on literal language.

Negation Handling:

Bengali negation is complex, requiring specific rules to identify negated sentiments.