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# NLP Basic and Selected Topics

A Practical and Easy Introduction to Selected Topics

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# Overview of the Unit Today

- 1) Applications of NLP / Introduction (30min)
- 2) Practical NLP (NLTK / pythainlp) (45min)
- 3) Modern NLP with ML/DL (45min)
- 4) Example: Word Similarity and WordNet (30min)**
- 5) Modern NLP with fastAI / flair (30min)

# Word Similarity

- ✓ What does it mean?
  - How similar two words are.
- ✓ Why is it important?
  - If somebody can understand how similar two words are, then own can understand some basics of a language
  - If I system understands how similar two words are, then it has some understanding of a language

# Word Similarity

- ✓ Applications of word similarity
  - For example in **search**
- ✓ Word embedding models can be evaluated by testing how good the similarity in the model corresponds to real similarity
- ✓ **How can we define real similarity**
  - **what would you do to test a system?**

# Word Similarity Datasets

- ✓ As real “gold standard” similarity we can create datasets
- ✓ The datasets contain 2 words, and a score (for example from 1-10) how similar they are
- ✓ **How would you set the score using human assessment?**

# Word Similarity Datasets

- ✓ **How would you set the score using human assessment?**
- ✓ For example 10 people can rate, and then we take the average

## WordSim-353 example

Word 1	Word 2	Human (mean)
tiger	cat	7.35
tiger	tiger	10.00
sugar	approach	0.88
book	paper	7.46
stock	egg	1.81
computer	keyboard	7.62
computer	internet	7.58
plane	car	5.77
train	car	6.31

# Word Similarity Datasets

- ✓ There are many datasets for English: WordSim-353, SimLex-999, SemEval-500 ...
- ✓ The datasets have slightly different characteristics, and different scales ..



# Thai language datasets

- ✓ This year we (Netiposakul, Wohlgemant) translated 3 English datasets to Thai
- ✓ After translation, new ratings of similarity
- ✓ The new datasets: TH-WordSim-353, TH-SimLex-999, TH-SemEval-500
- ✓ <https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.04307>

# Thai language datasets

✓ [https://github.com/gwohlgen/thai\\_word\\_similarity](https://github.com/gwohlgen/thai_word_similarity)

เก่า, ใหม่, 2.19

หลักแหลม, ฉลาด, 8.44

ยาก, ยาก, 10

สุข, ร่าเริง, 6.67

ยาก, ง่าย, 2.29

ด่วน, รวดเร็ว, 7.19

# Thai language datasets

- ✓ We evaluated different Thai word embedding models with this datasets
- ✓ Another option is to use structured sources like WordNet to compute similarity scores

# Question

- ✓ How can we measure the quality of the model (word embedding or WordNet) with regards to dataset??

# Correlation

- ✓ What is it?
- ✓ Give examples from different domains:
  - Sport
  - Medicine
- ✓ How to measure it?
- ✓ What scale (interval) used?

# Correlation

- ✓ Give examples from different domains:
  - Eg: IQ / income
  - Medicine: weight / diabetis
- ✓ How to measure it? Pearson / Spearman
- ✓ What scale (interval) used?  $[-1 \dots 1]$

# WordNet

- ✓ What is WordNet?
  - A lexical database that connect word and their meanings
- ✓ In WordNet, a word can have a number of meanings, the meanings are called **synsets**
- ✓ Then those synsets are connected by a number of relations, like hypernymy, antonymy, etc.

# WordNet

- ✓ WordNet is also integrated into Python
- ✓ <http://www.nltk.org/howto/wordnet.html>



# Exercise

รับ,ให้,3.02

แนะนำ,แนะนำ,10

เลียนแบบ,วาดภาพ,1.88

คิด,ตัดสินใจ,2.71

หักทลาย,พบ,2.29

- ✓ Start from this part of the dataset
- ✓ Compute path\_similarity in WordNet (use first synset for word)
- ✓ Save results
- ✓ Compute Pearson  
<https://kite.com/python/examples/656/scipy-compute-the-pearson-correlation-coefficient>