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NLP Ciriculum
Part 1

⇒ Regular Expressions

- Letters inside square brackets.
  [hH]ardik → Hardik, hardik.
  [1234567890] → Any digit.

- Ranges [A-Z]

  [A-Z] → Any upper case letter
  [a-z] → Any lower case letter
  [0-9] → Any single digit,

- Negation

  ^ means negation only when first in []

  [^A-Z] → Not an upper case letter
  [^Ss] → Neither 'S' nor 's'
  [^e^] → Neither 'e' nor '^'

- OR |

[Ii]ndia | [Bb]harat

Before we can do any natural processing of a text, the text has to be normalized.

Normalization processes:

1. Tokenizing (segmenting) words
2. Normalizing word formats
3. Segmenting sentences.

2.4.1 Crude Tokenization and Normalization.

~~In this~~ Naive approach for word tokenization and normalization

- Every sequence of non-alphabetic characters are changed to be newly

2.4.2 Word Tokenization

- By removing all the non-alphabetic characters, we are loosing a lot of information.
- Instead of neglecting them, we would also want to tokenize these special characters.
- 'We're' should be converted to 2 tokens 'we' and 'are'

2.4.3 Byte Pair Encoding for Tokenization.

- In this we iteratively merge frequent pairs of characters.

2.4.4 Word Normalization, Lemmatization and Stemming.

- Case folding → Converting all words to lower case.

- lemmatization → Reduce inflections or variant forms to base form.
  - is, am, are → be

- **Morphemes**
  The small meaningful units that make up words.

  Word → Stem + affixes

- **Stemming** : Reduce terms to their stems.
  eg. Porter Stemmer