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Natural Language Processing with Python Chapter 2. Accessing Text Corpora and Lexical Resources

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1. Accessing Text Corpora

Corpora

- Large bodies of linguistic data
 - 1. What are some useful text corpora and lexical resources, and how can we access them with Python?
 - 2. Which Python constructs are most helpful for this work?
 - 3. How do we avoid repeating ourselves when writing Python code?

Corpora in NLTK

- Gutenberg Corpus
- Web and Chat Text
- Brown Corpus
- Reuters Corpus
- Inaugural Address Corpus
- Annotated Text Corpora
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Conditional Frequency Distributions

- A collection of frequency distributions, each for a specific "condition"
 - ConditionalFreqDist()

Example	Description
<pre>cfdist = ConditionalFreqDist(pairs)</pre>	Create a conditional frequency distribution from a list of pairs
<pre>cfdist.conditions()</pre>	Alphabetically sorted list of conditions
cfdist[condition]	The frequency distribution for this condition
<pre>cfdist[condition][sample]</pre>	Frequency for the given sample for this condition
<pre>cfdist.tabulate()</pre>	Tabulate the conditional frequency distribution
<pre>cfdist.tabulate(samples, conditions)</pre>	Tabulation limited to the specified samples and conditions
<pre>cfdist.plot()</pre>	Graphical plot of the conditional frequency distribution
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cfdist1 < cfdist2	Test if samples in cfdist1 occur less frequently than in cfdist2

Let's Not Repeat Code

- Text Editors
- Libraries Packages Modules Functions

Some Important Vocabularies

• Lexical Entry: Headword (Lemma) + Additional Information

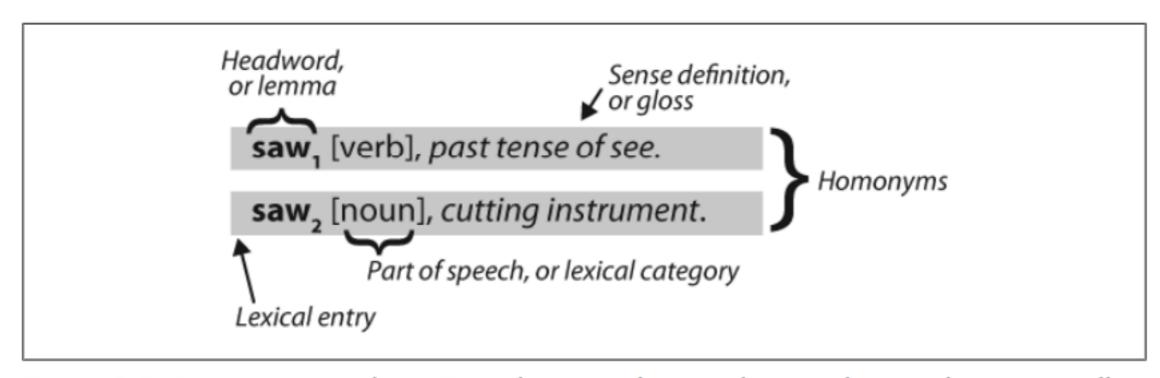
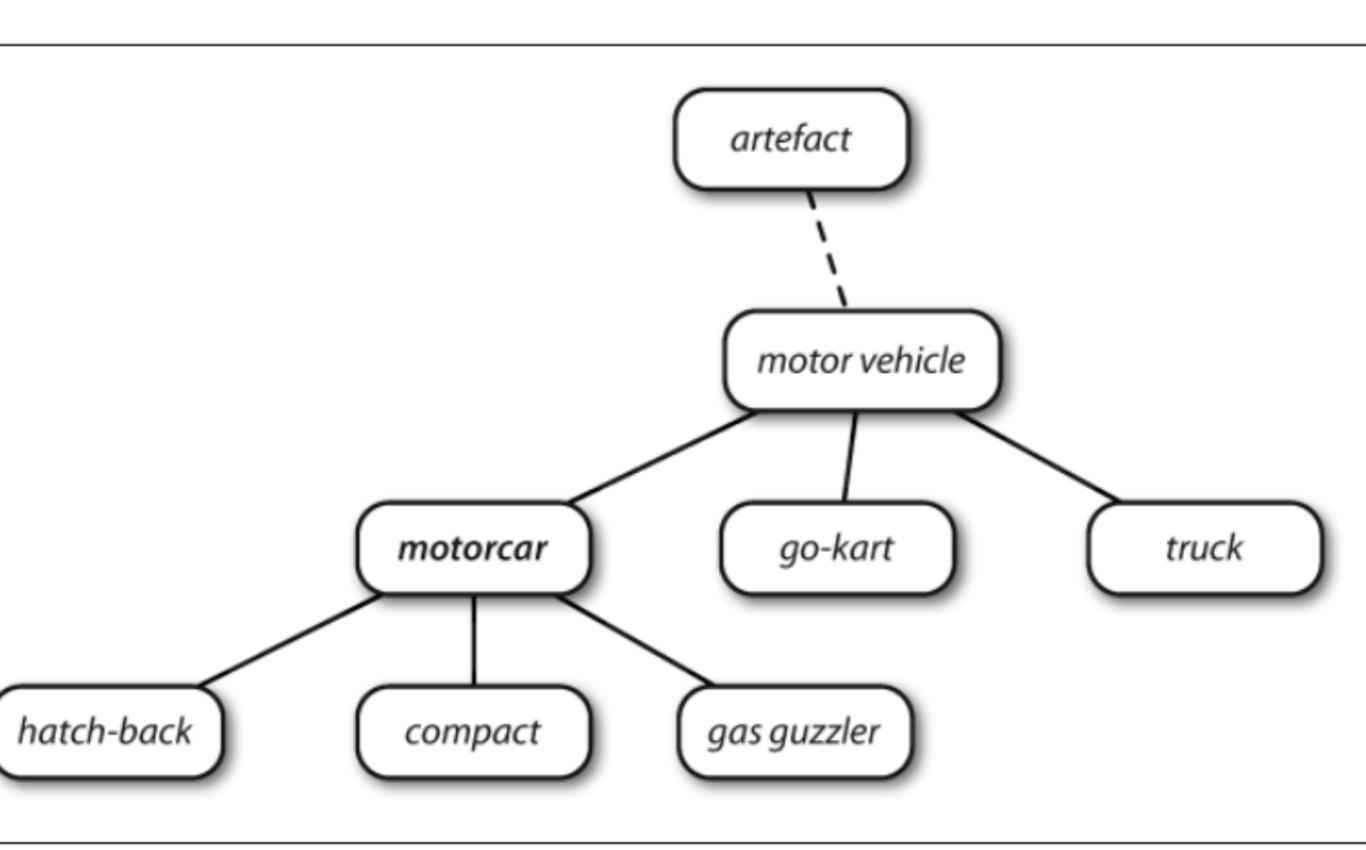


Figure 2-5. Lexicon terminology: Lexical entries for two lemmas having the same spelling (homonyms), providing part-of-speech and gloss information.

Some Corpora

- Wordlist Corpora
 - Stopwords: High-frequency words that we want to filter out before processing
- Pronouncing Dictionary
- Comparative Wordlists
- Shoebox and Toolbox Lexicons
 - Toolbox: A collection of entries, of which entries consist of one or more fields
 - e.g. P-O-S, gloss information, other languages, etc.



2-8. Fragment of WordNet concept hierarchy: Nodes correspond to synsets; edges indicate sym/hyponym relation, i.e., the relation between superordinate and subordinate concepts.

More WordNet

- Meronyms: Items and their components
- Holonyms: Items and the things they are contained in
- Antonyms: Items that other items that are semantically opposite
- Semantic Similarity:
 - path_similarity()



Chapter 2 Summary

- A text corpus is a large, structured collection of texts. NLTK comes with many corpora, e.g., the Brown Corpus, nltk.corpus.brown.
- Some text corpora are categorized, e.g., by genre or topic; sometimes the categories
 of a corpus overlap each other.
- A conditional frequency distribution is a collection of frequency distributions, each
 one for a different condition. They can be used for counting word frequencies,
 given a context or a genre.
- Python programs more than a few lines long should be entered using a text editor, saved to a file with a .py extension, and accessed using an import statement.
- Python functions permit you to associate a name with a particular block of code, and reuse that code as often as necessary.
- Some functions, known as "methods," are associated with an object, and we give
 the object name followed by a period followed by the method name, like this:
 x.funct(y), e.g., word.isalpha().
- To find out about some variable v, type help(v) in the Python interactive interpreter
 to read the help entry for this kind of object.
- WordNet is a semantically oriented dictionary of English, consisting of synonym sets—or synsets—and organized into a network.
- Some functions are not available by default, but must be accessed using Python's import statement.



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