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## **Lab 14: Word Sense Disambiguation with Improved Lesk Algorithm**

### **Exercise-1**

**Lesk algorithms syntax:**

**lesk(context\_sentence,ambiguous\_word,pos=None,synsets=None)**

```
In [1]: import nltk
from nltk.wsd import lesk
from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
nltk.download('wordnet')
```

```
[nltk_data] Downloading package wordnet to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package wordnet is already up-to-date!
```

**Out[1]: True**

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In [2]: for ss in wn.synsets('bass'):
        print(ss,ss.definition())
```

```
Synset('bass.n.01') the lowest part of the musical range
Synset('bass.n.02') the lowest part in polyphonic music
Synset('bass.n.03') an adult male singer with the lowest voice
Synset('sea_bass.n.01') the lean flesh of a saltwater fish of the family Serranidae
Synset('freshwater_bass.n.01') any of various North American freshwater fish with lean flesh (especially of the genus Micropterus)
Synset('bass.n.06') the lowest adult male singing voice
Synset('bass.n.07') the member with the lowest range of a family of musical instruments
Synset('bass.n.08') nontechnical name for any of numerous edible marine and freshwater spiny-finned fishes
Synset('bass.s.01') having or denoting a low vocal or instrumental range
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```
In [3]: print(lesk('I went fishing for some sea bass'.split(),'bass','n'))
```

Synset('bass.n.08')

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In [4]: print(lesk('The bass line of the song is too weak'.split(),'bass','s'))
```

Synset('bass.s.01')

```
In [5]: print(lesk('Avishai Cohen is an Israeli jazz musician. He plays double bass and  
                'bass',pos='n'))
```

Synset('sea\_bass.n.01')

## Exercise-2

```
In [6]: for ss in wn.synsets('chair'):  
        print(ss,ss.definition())
```

Synset('chair.n.01') a seat for one person, with a support for the back

Synset('professorship.n.01') the position of professor

Synset('president.n.04') the officer who presides at the meetings of an organization

Synset('electric\_chair.n.01') an instrument of execution by electrocution; resembles an ordinary seat for one person

Synset('chair.n.05') a particular seat in an orchestra

Synset('chair.v.01') act or preside as chair, as of an academic department in a university

Synset('moderate.v.01') preside over

```
In [7]: syn = wn.synsets('chair')[0]  
        print(syn)
```

Synset('chair.n.01')

```
In [8]: print ("Synset name :", syn.name())  
  
        print ("Synset hypernym :", syn.hypernyms())
```

Synset name : chair.n.01

Synset hypernym : [Synset('seat.n.03')]

```
In [9]: print ("Synset hyper-hypernym :", syn.root_hypernyms)
```

Synset hyper-hypernym : <bound method Synset.root\_hypernyms of Synset('chair.n.01')>

### Exercise-3

```
In [10]: from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
         from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
         from itertools import chain
```

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In [11]: bank_sents=['I went to the bank to deposit my money','The river bank was full of
         plant_sents = ['The workers at the industrial plant were overworked','The plant
         ps = PorterStemmer()
```

```
In [12]: def my_lesk(context_sentence, ambiguous_word,pos=None,
                    stem=True, hyperhypo=True):
    max_overlaps = 0
    lesk_sense = None
    context_sentence = context_sentence.split()
    for ss in wn.synsets(ambiguous_word):
        # If POS is specified.
        if pos and ss.pos is not pos:
            continue
        lesk_dictionary = []

        # Includes definition.
        defns = ss.definition().split()
        lesk_dictionary += defns

        # Includes Lemma_names.
        lesk_dictionary += ss.lemma_names()

        # Optional: includes Lemma_names of hypernyms and hyponyms.
        if hyperhypo == True:
            hhwords = ss.hypernyms() + ss.hyponyms()
            lesk_dictionary += list(chain(*[w.lemma_names() for w in hhwords]))

        # Matching exact words causes sparsity, so Lets match stems.
        if stem == True:
            lesk_dictionary = [ps.stem(w) for w in lesk_dictionary]
            context_sentence = [ps.stem(w) for w in context_sentence]
            overlaps = set(lesk_dictionary).intersection(context_sentence)

            if len(overlaps) > max_overlaps:
                lesk_sense = ss
                max_overlaps = len(overlaps)
    return lesk_sense
```

In [13]: *# evaluate senses*

```
print("Context:", bank_sents[0])
answer = my_lesk(bank_sents[0], 'bank')
print("Sense:", answer)
print("Definition:", answer.definition)
```

Context: I went to the bank to deposit my money  
Sense: Synset('depository\_financial\_institution.n.01')  
Definition: <bound method Synset.definition of Synset('depository\_financial\_institution.n.01')>

In [14]: 

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print("Context:", bank_sents[1])
answer = my_lesk(bank_sents[1], 'bank')
print("Sense:", answer)
print("Definition:", answer.definition)
```

Context: The river bank was full of dead fishes  
Sense: Synset('bank.n.01')  
Definition: <bound method Synset.definition of Synset('bank.n.01')>

In [15]: 

```
print("Context:", plant_sents[0])
answer = my_lesk(plant_sents[0], 'bank')
print("Sense:", answer)
print("Definition:", answer.definition)
```

Context: The workers at the industrial plant were overworked  
Sense: Synset('savings\_bank.n.02')  
Definition: <bound method Synset.definition of Synset('savings\_bank.n.02')>

## Exercise-4

Learn further examples for synsets at

<https://www.programcreek.com/python/example/91604/nltk.corpus.wordnet.synsets>  
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