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NLP

Natural Language processing



The Graal of UX

<Most natural way to interact with computer ?/>

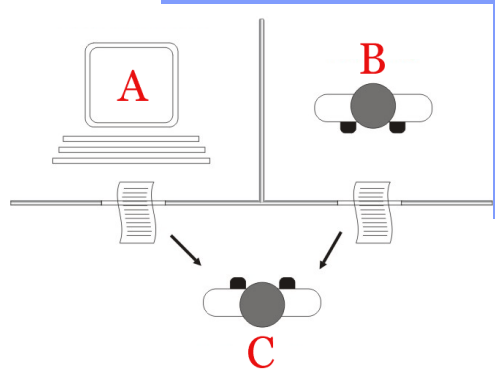
Talking to computer using natural language

1950 Turing test

1964 Eliza 1st chatbot

(very) common in sci-fi (2001 a space odyssey)

2023 ?? ChatGPT : in our perception, IA and NLP are nearly synonymous.



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Welcome to
EEEEEE LL      IIII ZZZZZZ AAAAA
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Eliza is a mock Rogerian psychotherapist.
The original program was described by Joseph Weizenbaum in 1966.
This implementation by Norbert Landsteiner 2005.

ELIZA: Is something troubling you ?
YOU:   Men are all alike.
ELIZA: What is the connection, do you suppose ?
YOU:   They're always bugging us about something or other.
ELIZA: Can you think of a specific example ?
YOU:   Well, my boyfriend made me come here.
ELIZA: Is it important to you that your boyfriend made you come here ?
YOU:   He says I'm depressed much of the time.
ELIZA: I am sorry to hear that you are depressed.
YOU:   It's true. I am unhappy.
ELIZA: Can you explain what made you unhappy ?
YOU:
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A winding road

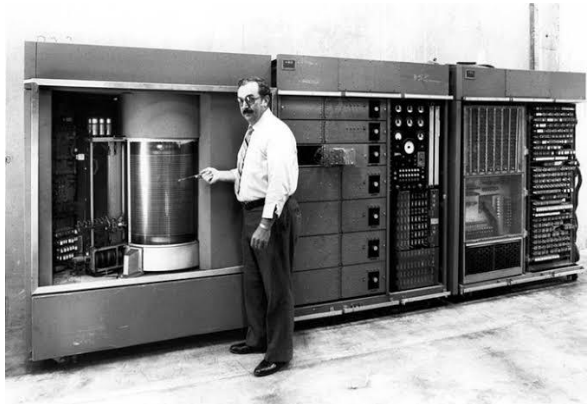
<the « we are nearly there » syndrome />

1954 IBM + Georgetown translation experiment

Huge federal investment

« *within three or five years, machine translation could well be a solved problem* »

1966 ALPAC senate report stops the funding



Very diverse categories of problems

< Not surprising as natural language structures our thought />

- Syntactic and grammatical analysis
- Sentiment analysis & Classification (e.g: spam/not spam, book categories...)
- Information extraction (entity linking, NER, etc...)
- Text generation (genAI, translation, answer to questions, résumé, reformulation...)
- Searching (document database query)
- Etc..

NER

< Named entity recognition />

Some items in sentences may be a date, a person, a location, an organization... and it is valuable to identify this.

How about "*Florence est née à Paris et habite Albert, alors qu'Albert est né à Florence et habite Paris*" ?

Je m'appelle jean-baptiste et j'habite à montréal depuis fevr 2012

Generate

Je m'appelle **jean-baptiste** **PER** et j'habite à **montréal** **LOC** depuis **fevr**
2012 **DATE**

SUCCESS STORY

While studying at Epitech and drawing inspiration from Noam CHOMSKY's work, Thomas SOLIGNAC developed a sovereign and energy-efficient NLP technology.

In 2016, a year after graduating alongside Killian VERMERSCH, they co-founded [Golem.ai](#), a company offering NLP solutions to automate repetitive and time-consuming tasks.



< [Thomas](#) & [Killian](#) Forbes interviews >

MORE SUCCESS STORIES

| Company | Known for | Foundation | 2025 valuation |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mistral AI | Large Language Models | 2023 | \$14 billions |
| Hugging Face | Transformers library | 2016 | \$4.5 billions |
| DeepL | Translation API | 2017 | \$2 billions |
| Deepset | Haystack | 2018 | \$60 millions |

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Processing words

When you only know how to process
« 0 » and « 1 »



Numerous techniques

< Plenty of methods, algorithms and libraries />

- Decades of research
- In mathematics, linguistic and of course computer science
- Many different problems addressed by NLP
- ... Leads to a great variety of tools
- In all cases, computer software can handle numerical value, but not really text values

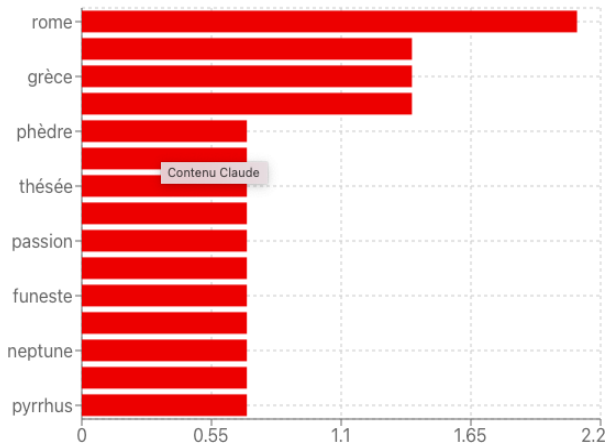
Statistical analysis

< for instance Bag of Words, TF-IDF />

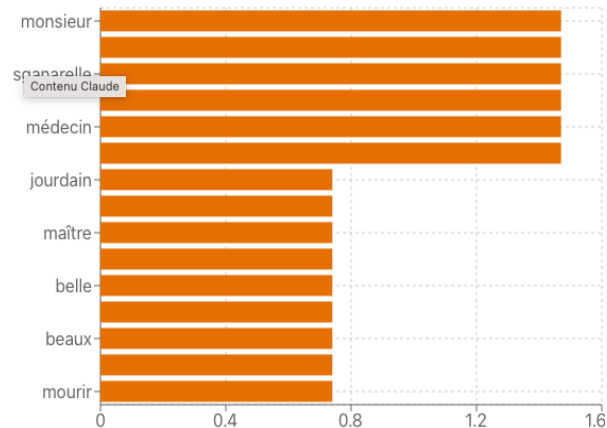
Sometime presence of some words are sufficient to classify text or extract information.
Obviously very frequent words (in fr : “et”, “ou”, “car”) have less impact (TF-IDF)
Structural information is lost

E.g. to classify between Racine and Molière

👑 Mots caractéristiques de Racine



👑 Mots caractéristiques de Molière



Semantic relationship

“être” et “sera” : two different words but obviously related : same lemme -> lemmatization

But obviously we are missing something :

- "manger" et "mangera" have same lemme and are closely related
- "diner", "se goinfrer", "boire" : not identical but yet related

Semantic relationship

< word embeddings />

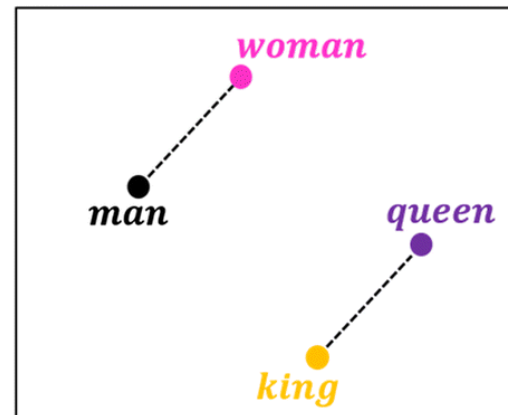
Words represented by vectors
Relatively low number of dimensions

Vectorial operation
"King – man + woman = queen"

Distance (angle) -> semantic similarity

Complex task !! (Neural networks, trained on large text corpus).
"Words are known by their context"

"You shall know a word by the company it keeps",
linguist John Rupert Firth 1957



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Transformers

State of the art NLP

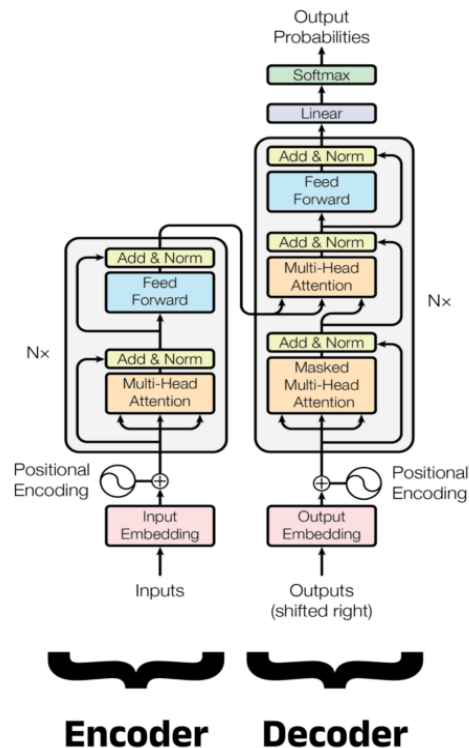


Transformers & BERT

< the 'T' of 'GPT' />

- Bidirectional Encoder Representation from Transformer
- 2018 (Google)
- Ubiquitous in NLP just a couple of years after
- Many variants (french : CamemBERT)
- Highly structured neural network (around 100M parameters)

Transformer



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NER on origin / destination town



Priority and delivery

< Secure your delivery />

Proposed steps :

- Dataset (create your sentences)
- Define metrics
- Simple implementation first (Spacy ?)
- Experiment transformer (Encoder model, like BERT or one of BERT variants)

- Don't forget evaluation of your model(s) : metrics
- Don't forget a synthetic report (PDF)

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Thank you