

# Master on Artificial Intelligence

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## Introduction to Human Language Technologies

### 9. Coreference

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## Example:

```
In [1]: 1 def show(d):
2         crs = d['corefs']
3         for k, num in zip(crs, range(1, len(crs) + 1)):
4             print('Chain', num, ':')
5             l = crs[k]
6             for e in l:
7                 print('\t', e['text'], e['gender'], e['number'], e['isRepresentativeMention'], e['type'])
```

```
In [2]: 1 from nltk.parse import CoreNLPParser
2         tagger = CoreNLPParser(url='http://localhost:9000')
3         tagger.parser_annotator='tokenize,ssplit,pos,lemma,ner,depparse,coref'
```

```
In [3]: 1 text = "Barack Obama was born in Hawaii. He is the president. Obama was elected in 2008."
2         res = tagger.api_call(text)
3         show(res)
```

```
Chain 1 :
Barack Obama MALE SINGULAR True PROPER
He MALE SINGULAR False PRONOMINAL
Obama MALE SINGULAR False PROPER
```

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## Example:

```
In [4]: 1 text = "He is the president. Barack Obama was born in Hawaii. He was elected in 2008."  
        2 res2 = tagger.api_call(text)  
        3 show(res2)
```

Chain 1 :

```
He MALE SINGULAR False PRONOMINAL  
Barack Obama MALE SINGULAR True PROPER  
He MALE SINGULAR False PRONOMINAL
```

```
In [5]: 1 text = "Barack Obama was born in Hawaii. Michelle is his wife. He was elected in 2008."  
        2 res3 = tagger.api_call(text)  
        3 show(res3)
```

Chain 1 :

```
Michelle FEMALE SINGULAR True PROPER  
his MALE SINGULAR False PRONOMINAL  
He MALE SINGULAR False PRONOMINAL
```

# Coreference in CoreNLP

## Output of coreNLP:

```
In [8]: 1 res.keys()
```

```
Out[8]: dict_keys(['sentences', 'corefs'])
```

```
In [10]: 1 res['corefs']
```

```
Out[10]: {'3': [{'animacy': 'ANIMATE',
                  'endIndex': 3,
                  'gender': 'MALE',
                  'headIndex': 2,
                  'id': 0,
                  'isRepresentativeMention': True,
                  'number': 'SINGULAR',
                  'position': [1, 1],
                  'sentNum': 1,
                  'startIndex': 1,
                  'text': 'Barack Obama',
                  'type': 'PROPER'},
                {'animacy': 'ANIMATE',
                  'endIndex': 2,
                  'gender': 'MALE',
                  'headIndex': 1,
                  'id': 3,
                  'isRepresentativeMention': False,
                  'number': 'SINGULAR',
                  'position': [2, 2],
```

# Mandatory Exercise

## Statement:

- Consider the first paragraph in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll:

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice 'without pictures or conversations?'

- It can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/11/11-0.txt>
- Apply the CoreNLP coreference solver to the previous paragraph
- Show the coreference chains. What do you think about them? Justify your answer.