

Social Media & Text Analysis

lecture 3 - Language Identification
(supervised learning and Naive Bayes algorithm)



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In-class Presentation

- a 8-minute presentation plus 2-minute Q&A (20 points)
 - A Social Media Platform or a NLP Researcher
 - Pairing up (2 students collaboration)
- Sign up now!

Social Media & Text Analytics

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Twitter API Tutorial

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Social Media Map
for 2016

Survey a Social Media Platform or a NLP Researcher : In-class Presentation (20 points)

You will pair together (2 students) and give a 10-minute presentation (plus 2-minute Q&A) in class about a social media platform (an incomplete list [here](#)) and a NLP researcher of your choice (an incomplete list of NLP groups [here](#)). You are also encouraged to find other NLP researchers that are not on this list through CS department homepages or top NLP conferences/journals (e.g. ACL, NAACL, TACL, EMNLP).

Reading #1

What is Twitter, a Social Network or a News Media?

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ABSTRACT

Twitter, a microblogging service less than three years old, commands more than 41 million users as of July 2009 and is growing fast. Twitter users tweet about any topic within the 140-character limit and follow others to receive their tweets. The goal of this paper is to study the topological characteristics of Twitter and its power as a new medium of information sharing.

We have crawled the entire Twitter site and obtained 41.7 million user profiles, 1.47 billion social relations, 4,262 trending topics, and 106 million tweets. In its follower-following topology analysis we have found a non-power-law follower distribution, a short effective diameter, and low reciprocity, which all mark a deviation from known characteristics of human social networks [28]. In order to identify influentials on Twitter, we have ranked users by the number of followers and by PageRank and found two rankings to be similar. Ranking by retweets differs from the previous two rankings, indicating a gap in influence inferred from the number of followers and that from the popularity of one's tweets. We have analyzed the

1. INTRODUCTION

Twitter, a microblogging service, has emerged as a new medium in spotlight through recent happenings, such as an American student jailed in Egypt and the US Airways plane crash on the Hudson river. Twitter users follow others or are followed. Unlike on most online social networking sites, such as Facebook or MySpace, the relationship of following and being followed requires no reciprocity. A user can follow any other user, and the user being followed need not follow back. Being a follower on Twitter means that the user receives all the messages (called *tweets*) from those the user follows. Common practice of responding to a tweet has evolved into well-defined markup culture: RT stands for retweet, '@' followed by a user identifier address the user, and '#' followed by a word represents a hashtag. This well-defined markup vocabulary combined with a strict limit of 140 characters per posting conveniences users with brevity in expression. The *retweet* mechanism empowers users to spread information of their choice beyond the reach of the original tweet's followers.

Reading #1

[What is Twitter, a social network or a news media? - ACM Digital Library](#)
dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1772751 ▾

by H Kwak - 2010 - Cited by 5361 - Related articles

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Reading #2

Cross-domain Feature Selection for Language Identification

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Abstract

We show that transductive (cross-domain) learning is an important consideration in building a general-purpose language identification system, and develop a feature selection method that generalizes across domains. Our results demonstrate that our method provides improvements in transductive transfer learning for language identification. We provide an implementation of the method and show that our system is faster than popular standalone language identification systems, while maintaining competitive accuracy.

online without any additional configuration, optimized for maximal cross-domain accuracy. A number of such standalone LangID systems are available, notable among which is TextCat (van Noord, 1997). TextCat has been the LangID solution of choice in research, and is the basis of language identification/filtering in the ClueWeb09 Dataset (Callan and Hoy, 2009) and Corpus-Builder (Ghani et al., 2004). Elsewhere, Google provides LangID as a web service via its Google Language Detect API (GoogleAPI). While it has much higher accuracy than TextCat (as we show in Section 6.1), research applications contravene the service’s terms of use, and moreover the service is rate-limited.

Natural Language Processing

Dan Jurafsky



Language Technology

making good progress

mostly solved

Spam detection

Let's go to Agra!



Buy V1AGRA ...



Part-of-speech (POS) tagging

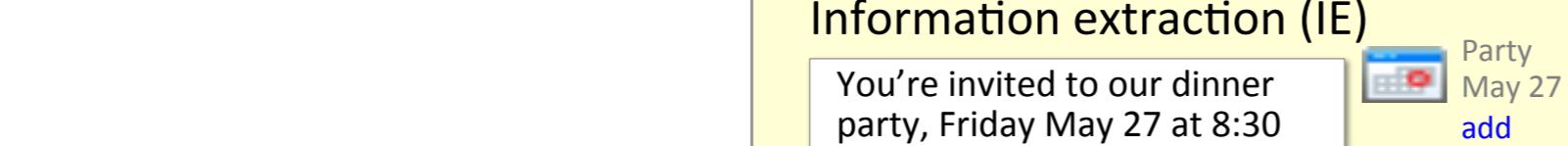
ADJ ADJ NOUN VERB ADV

Colorless green ideas sleep furiously.

Named entity recognition (NER)

PERSON ORG LOC

Einstein met with UN officials in Princeton



Sentiment analysis

Best roast chicken in San Francisco!



The waiter ignored us for 20 minutes.



Coreference resolution

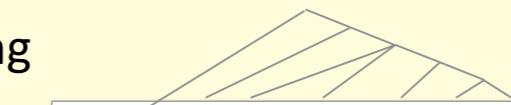
Carter told Mubarak he shouldn't run again.

Word sense disambiguation (WSD)

I need new batteries for my **mouse**.



Parsing



I can see Alcatraz from the window!

Machine translation (MT)

第13届上海国际电影节开幕...



The 13th Shanghai International Film Festival...

still really hard

Question answering (QA)

Q. How effective is ibuprofen in reducing fever in patients with acute febrile illness?

Paraphrase

XYZ acquired ABC yesterday

ABC has been taken over by XYZ

Summarization

The Dow Jones is up

The S&P500 jumped

Housing prices rose



Economy is good

Dialog

Where is Citizen Kane playing in SF?



Castro Theatre at 7:30. Do you want a ticket?



Domain/Genre

- NLP is often designed for one domain (in-domain), and may not work well for other domains (out-of-domain).
- Why?

**News
Blogs
Wikipedia
Forums
Comments
Twitter**

...

Domain/Genre

- How different?

| Corpus | Word length | Sentence length |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| TWITTER-1 | 3.8 ± 2.4 | 9.2 ± 6.4 |
| TWITTER-2 | 3.8 ± 2.4 | 9.0 ± 6.3 |
| COMMENTS | 3.9 ± 3.2 | 10.5 ± 10.1 |
| FORUMS | 3.8 ± 2.3 | 14.2 ± 12.7 |
| BLOGS | 4.1 ± 2.8 | 18.5 ± 24.8 |
| WIKIPEDIA | 4.5 ± 2.8 | 21.9 ± 16.2 |
| BNC | 4.3 ± 2.8 | 19.8 ± 14.5 |

Source: Baldwin et al.

"How Noisy Social Media Text, How Diffrent Social Media Sources?" IJCNLP 2013

Domain/Genre

- How different?

out-of-vocabulary
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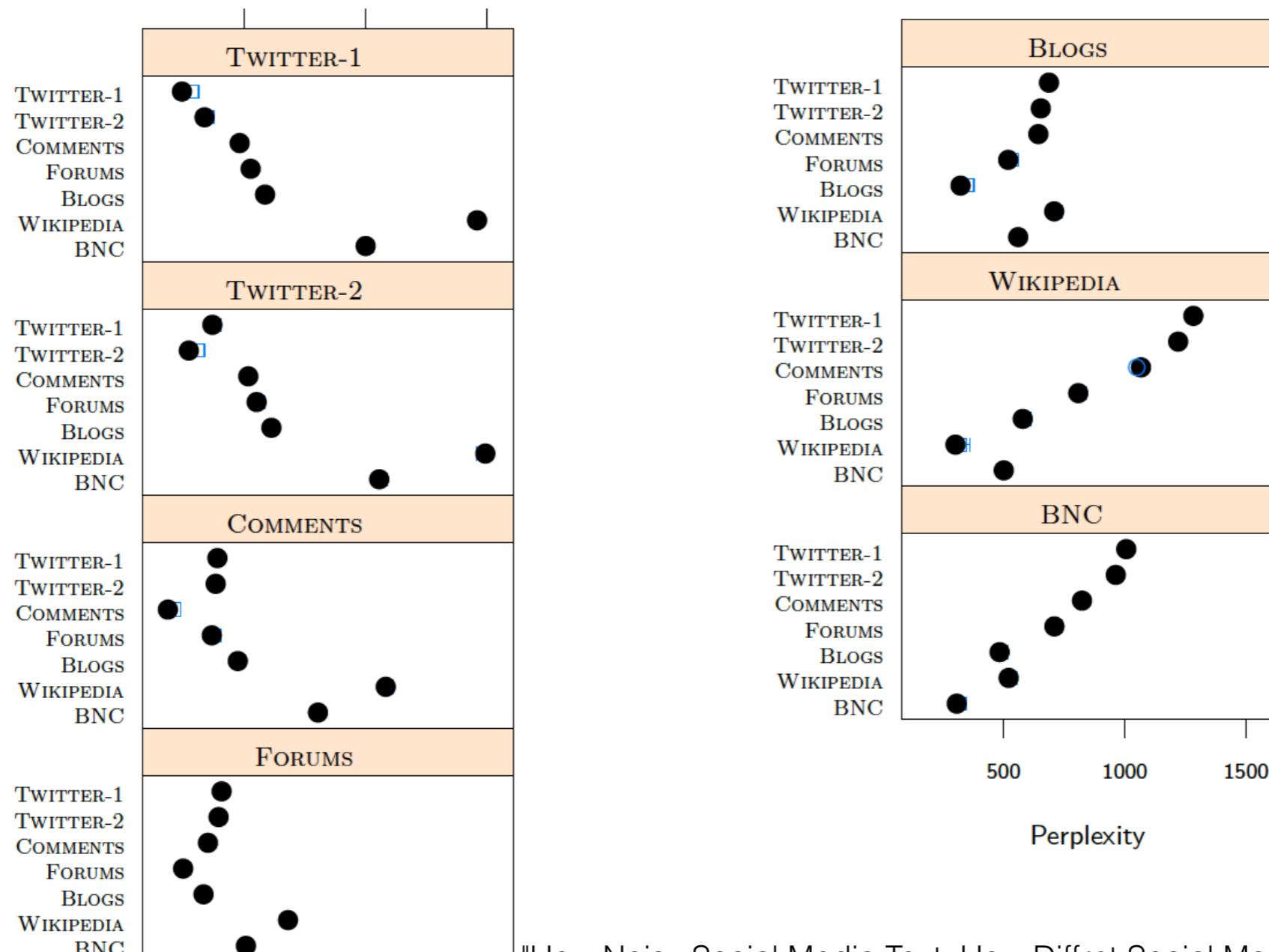
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Domain/Genre

- How similar?
Twitter ≡ Comments < Forums < Blogs < BNC < Wikipedia



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Domain/Genre

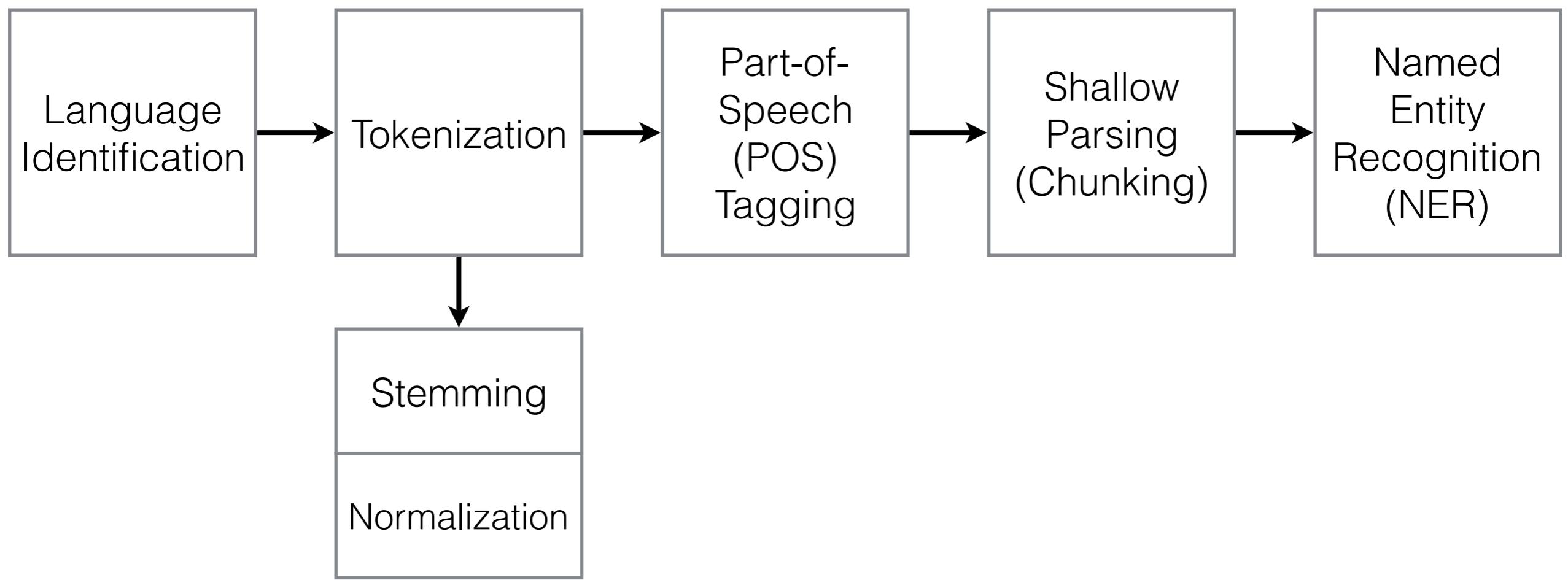
- What to do?
 - robust tools/models that works across domains
 - specific tools/models for Twitter data only — many techniques/algorithms are useful elsewhere
- (we will see examples of both in the class)

Domain/Genre

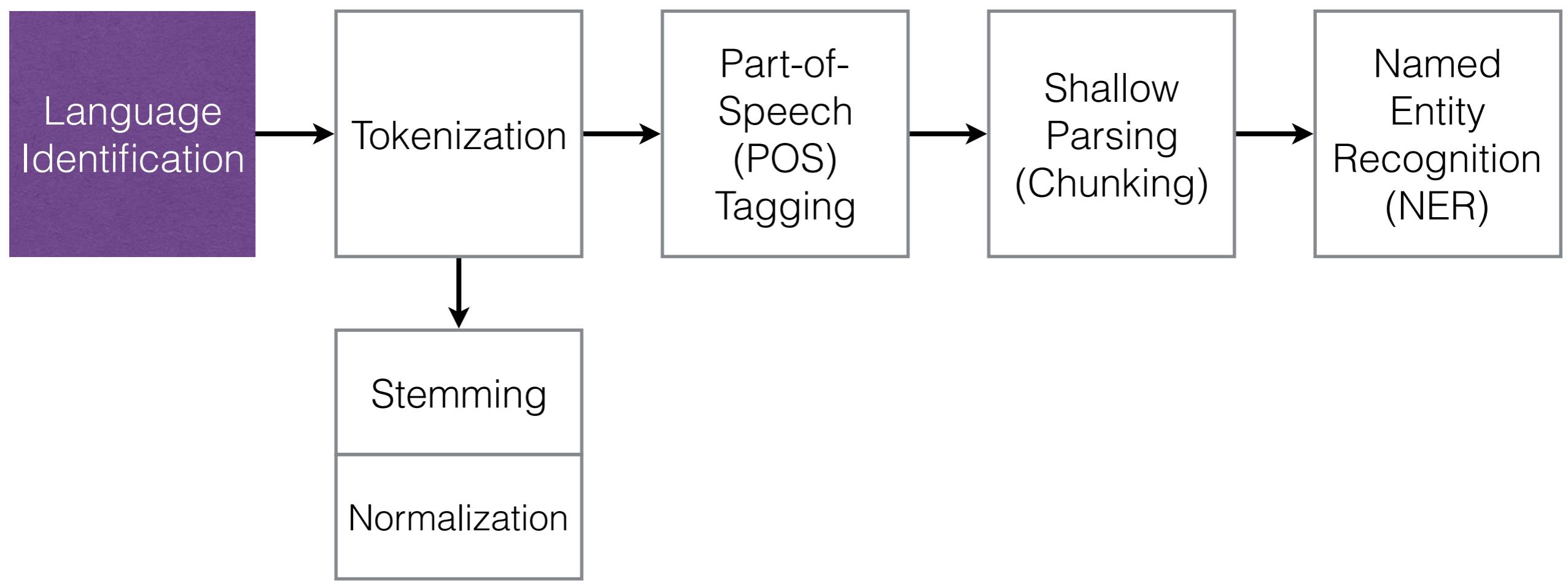
- Why so much Twitter?
 - publicly available (vs. SMS, emails)
 - large amount of data
 - large demand for research/commercial purpose
 - too different from well-edited text (which most NLP tools have been made for)

NLP Pipeline

NLP Pipeline



NLP Pipeline



Language Identification (a.k.a Language Detection)

 **Narendra Modi Hindi**
@narendramodiH

हर जगह छत्तीसगढ़ के लोगों से पूछा कि क्या कांग्रेस पर भरोसा किया जा सकता है और मुझे जवाब में एक शानदार नहीं मिला | nm4.in/1bsx4mV

 **Narendra Modi** 
@narendramodi

Отдаем большое значение организациям БРИКС и ШОС.
Надеюсь, что встречи в рамках саммитов будут продуктивными. @BRICS2015



 **Narendra Modi** 
@narendramodi

非常高兴再次与习近平主席会见。我们进行了全面的讨论，讨论了很多议题。@BRICS2015

 **Narendra Modi** 
@narendramodi

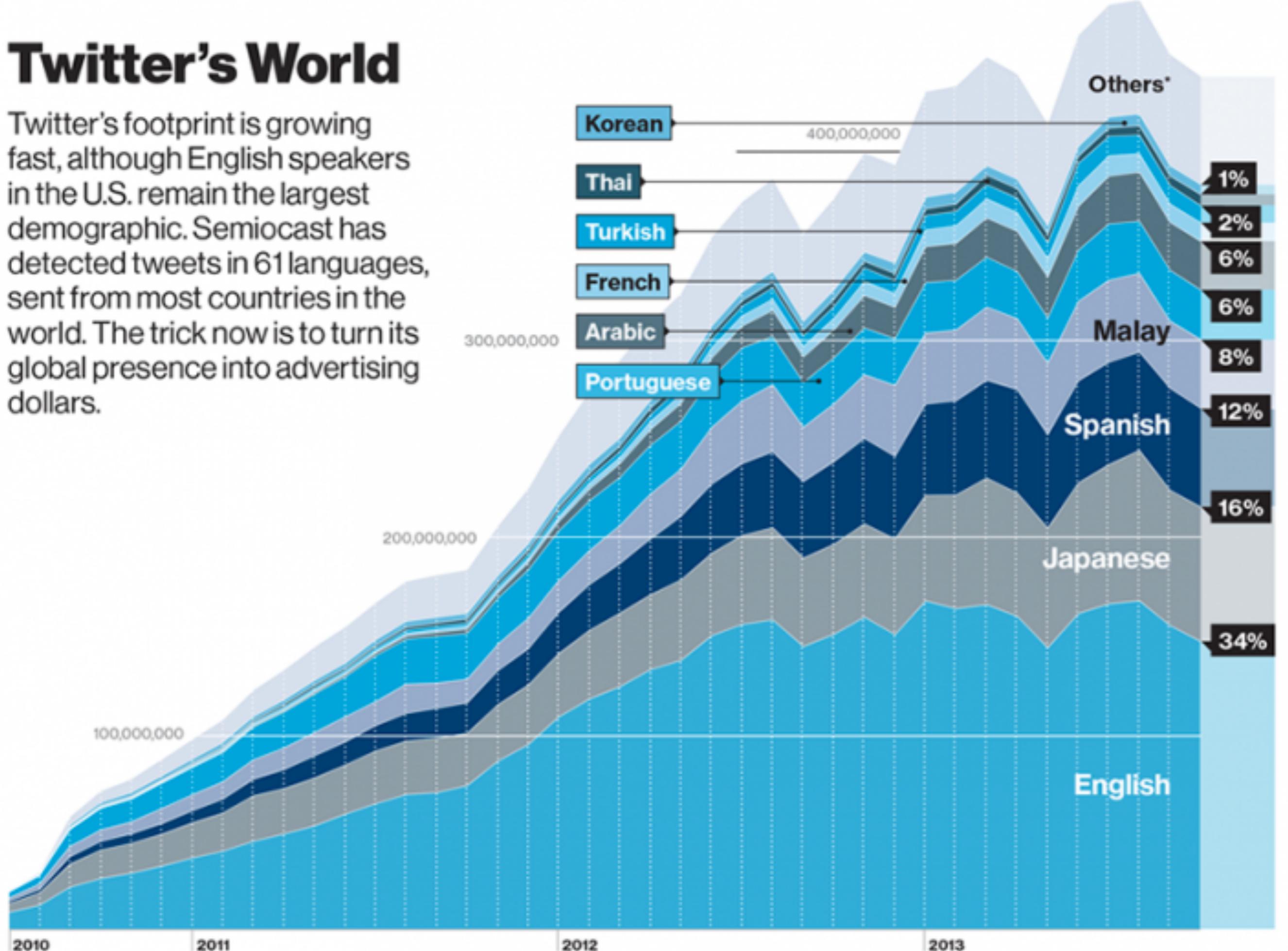
私は8月30日から日本を訪問する。印日関係を強化するこの訪問を、とても楽しみにしている。@AbeShinzo

LangID: why needed?

- Twitter is highly multilingual
- But NLP is often monolingual

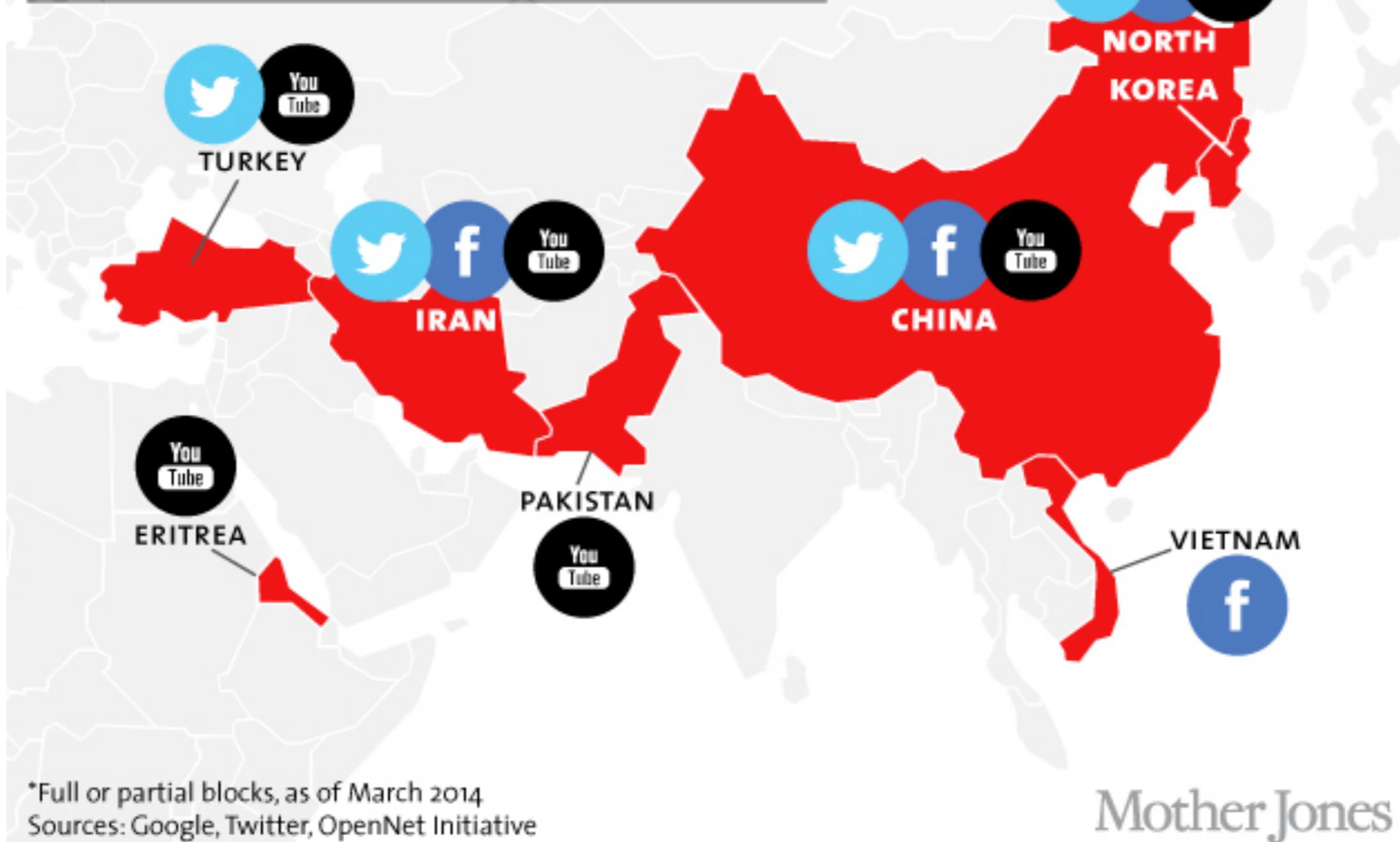
Twitter's World

Twitter's footprint is growing fast, although English speakers in the U.S. remain the largest demographic. Semiocast has detected tweets in 61 languages, sent from most countries in the world. The trick now is to turn its global presence into advertising dollars.



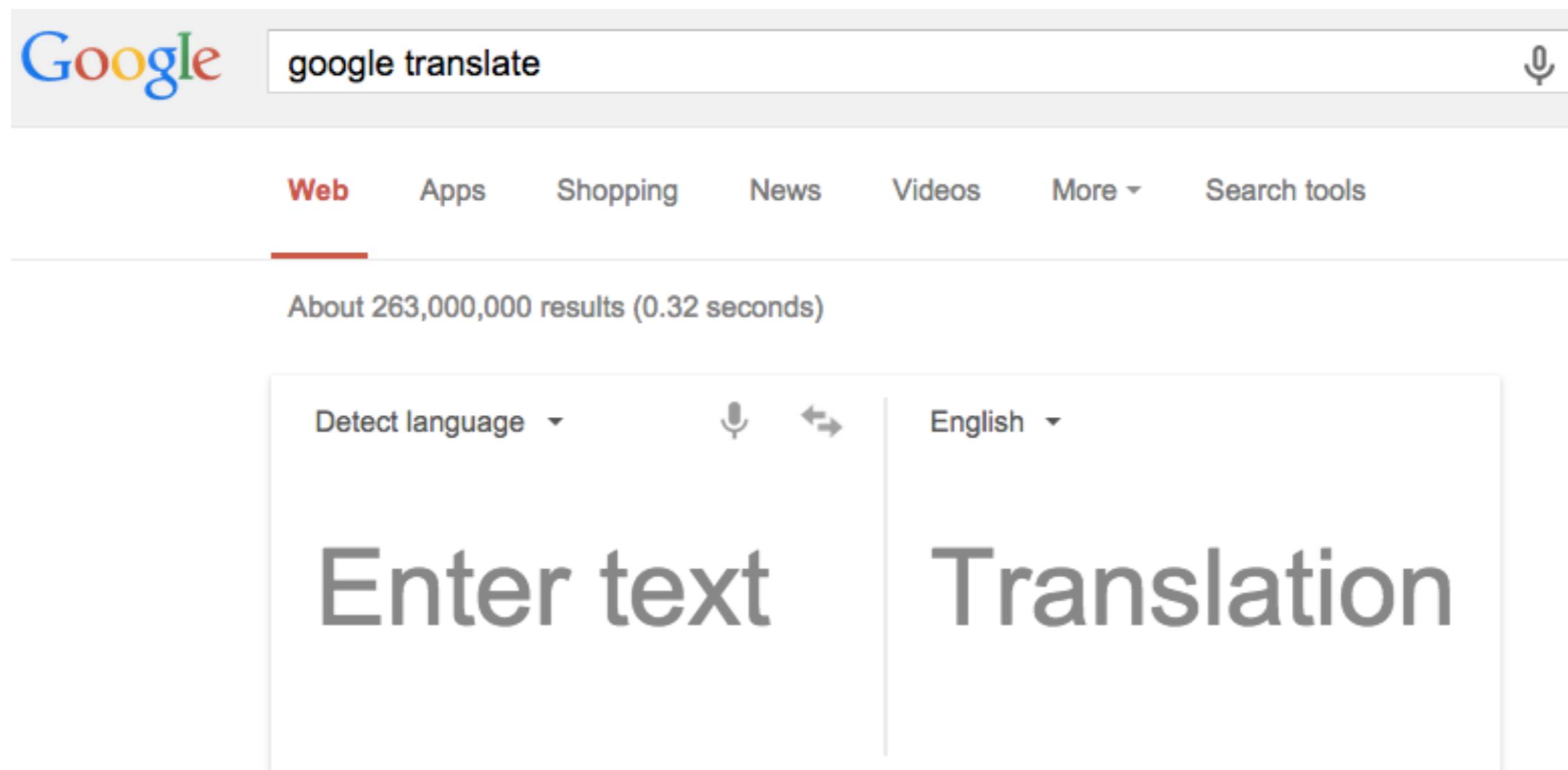
Social Media Under Fire

Countries that block Twitter, Facebook, or YouTube*



known as the “Chinese Twitter”
120 Million Posts / Day

LangID: Google Translate



LangID: Twitter API

- introduced in March 2013
- uses two-letter ISO 639-1 code

```
"status": {  
    "created_at": "Tue Oct 30 21:12:37 +0000 2012",  
    "id": 263387958047027200,  
    "id_str": "263387958047027200",  
    "text": "Better late than never, statuses/retweets_of_me is joining the API v1.1  
method roster: https://t.co/jYz3MJnb ^TS",  
    "geo": null,  
    "coordinates": null,  
    "place": null,  
    "filter_level": "medium",  
    "lang": "en", ← language detection  
    ...  
}
```

LangID Tool: langid.py

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'langid.py' by 'saffsd'. The page includes the repository URL, navigation tabs (This repository, Search, Pull requests, Issues, Gist), and repository statistics (225 commits, 5 branches, 0 releases, 3 contributors). A pull request list is displayed, showing recent changes like fixing ImportError on Python 3 and restructured langid.py as a python egg.

<https://github.com/saffsd/langid.py>

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Stand-alone language identification system

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branch: master langid.py / +

| Merge pull request #32 from martinth/master | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| | saffsd authored on May 3 | latest commit 36e9b93de1 |
| | langid Fixes ImportError on Python 3. | 2 months ago |
| | FEATURES added a list of the 7480-feature model that is built into langid.py | a year ago |
| | LICENSE made license clearer | 3 years ago |
| | README.rst made langid.py cross-compatible with Python2 and Python3 | 4 months ago |
| | setup.cfg restructure langid.py as python egg | 3 years ago |
| | setup.py fixed issue #10 (and properly fixed #8) | 2 years ago |

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('en', 0.99176190378750373)
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LangID: A Classification Problem

- Input:
 - a document \mathbf{d}
 - a fixed set of classes $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_j\}$
- Output:
 - a predicted class $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$

Classification Method: Hand-crafted Rules

- Keyword-based approaches do not work well for language identification:
 - poor recall
 - expensive to build large dictionaries for all different languages
 - cognate words

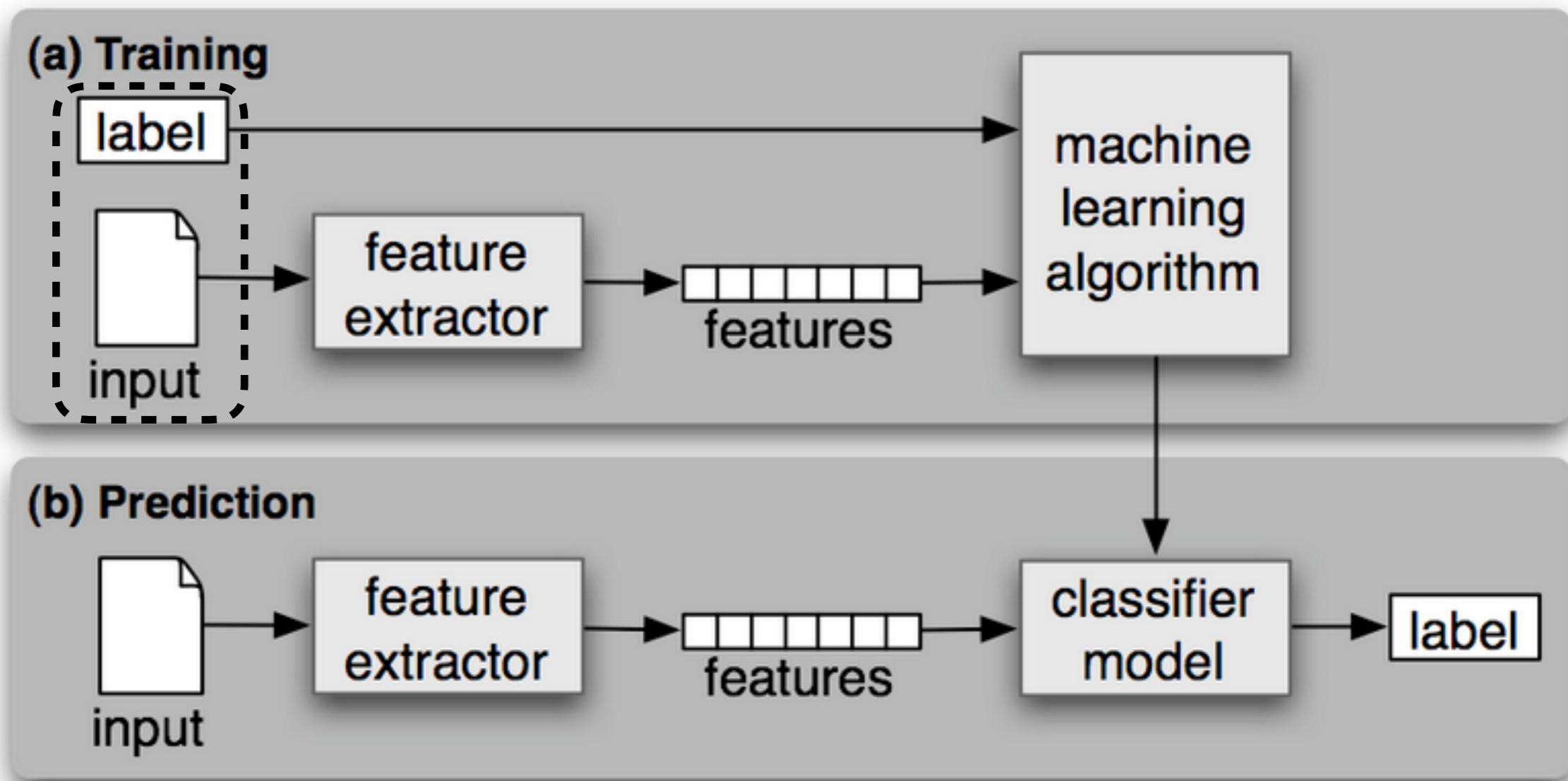
| | English | Spanish |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| B | | |
| banana | | banana |
| banjo | | banjo |
| bicycle | | bicicleta |
| biography | | biografía |
| blouse | | blusa |
| brilliant | | brillante |

Classification Method:

Supervised Machine Learning

- Input:
 - a document \mathbf{d}
 - a fixed set of classes $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_j\}$
 - a training set of m hand-labeled documents
 $(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{c}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{d}_m, \mathbf{c}_m)$
- Output:
 - a learned classifier $\gamma: \mathbf{d} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

Classification Method: Supervised Machine Learning



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- Naïve Bayes
- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- ...

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Naïve Bayes

- a family of simple probabilistic classifiers based on Bayes' theorem with strong (naive) independence assumptions between the features.
- Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(c|d) = \frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)}$$

Naïve Bayes

- For a document \mathbf{d} , find the most probable class \mathbf{c} :

$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(c \mid d)$$



maximum a posteriori

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← Bayes Rule

$$= \arg \max_{c \in C} P(d \mid c)P(c)$$

← drop the denominator

Naïve Bayes

- document d represented as features t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n :

$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(d | c)P(c)$$

$$= \arg \max_{c \in C} P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | c)P(c)$$

Naïve Bayes

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$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | c) \underbrace{P(c)}_{\text{prior}}$$

how often
does this
class occur?
— simple count

Naïve Bayes

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$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | c) P(c)$$



likelihood **prior**

$O(|T|^n \cdot |C|)$ parameters
 $n = \text{number of unique n-gram tokens}$

– need to make simplifying assumption

Naïve Bayes

- **Conditional Independence Assumption:**

features $P(t_i | c)$ are independent given the class c

$$P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | c)$$

$$= P(t_1 | c) \cdot P(t_2 | c) \cdot \dots \cdot P(t_n | c)$$

Naïve Bayes

- For a document \mathbf{d} , find the most probable class \mathbf{c} :

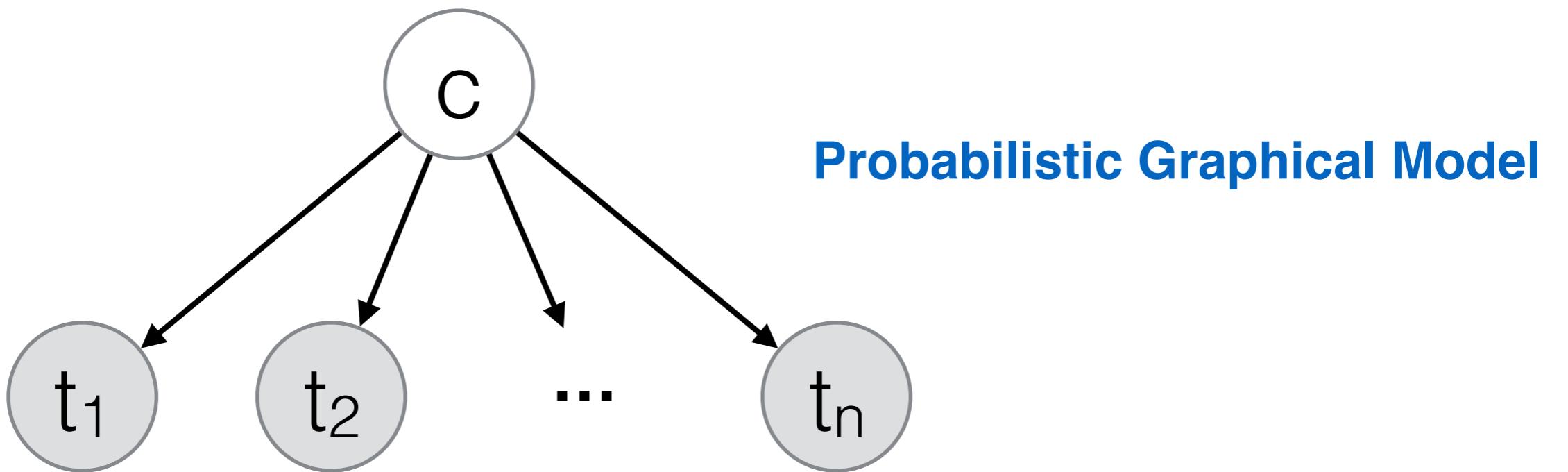
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$$c_{NB} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(c) \prod_{t_i \in d} P(t_i \mid c)$$

Naïve Bayes

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Variations of Naïve Bayes

$$c_{MAP} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(d | c)P(c)$$

- different assumptions on distributions of feature:
 - *Multinomial: discrete features*
 - *Bernoulli: binary features*
 - *Gaussian: continuous features*

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LangID features

English

- n-grams features:
 - 1-gram:
“the” “following” “Wikipedia”
“en” “español” ...
 - 2-gram:
“the following” “following is”
“Wikipedia en” “en español” ...
 - 3-gram:
....

The following is a list of words that occur in both Modern English and Modern Spanish, but which are pronounced differently and may have different meanings in each language.

...

Spanish

Wikipedia en español es la edición en idioma español de Wikipedia. Actualmente cuenta con 1 185 590 páginas válidas de contenido y ocupa el décimo puesto en esta estadística entre

...

Bag-of-Words Model

- **positional independence assumption:**
 - features are the words occurring in the document and their value is the number of occurrences
 - word probabilities are position independent

Naïve Bayes

$$c_{NB} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(c) \prod_{t_i \in d} P(t_i | c)$$

- Learning the Multinomial Naïve Bayes model simply uses the frequencies in the training data:

$$\hat{P}(c) = \frac{\text{count}(c)}{\sum_{c_j \in C} \text{count}(c_j)}$$

$$\hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c)}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c)}$$

Naïve Bayes

| | Doc | Words | Class |
|----------|-----|--------------------------|-------|
| Training | 1 | English Wikipedia editor | en |
| | 2 | free English Wikipedia | en |
| | 3 | Wikipedia editor | en |
| | 4 | español de Wikipedia | es |
| Test | 5 | Wikipedia español el | ? |

$$\hat{P}(c) = \frac{\text{count}(c)}{\sum_{c_j \in C} \text{count}(c_j)}$$

$$P(\text{en})=3/4 \quad P(\text{sp})=1/4$$

$$P(\text{"Wikipedia"} | \text{en}) = 3/8, P(\text{"Wikipedia"} | \text{es}) = 1/3$$

$$P(\text{"español"} | \text{en}) = 0/8, P(\text{"español"} | \text{es}) = 1/3$$

$$P(\text{"el"} | \text{en}) = 0/8, P(\text{"el"} | \text{es}) = 0/3$$

$$\hat{P}(t_i | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t_i, c)}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c)}$$

$$c_{NB} = \arg \max_{c \in C} P(c) \prod_{t_i \in d} P(t_i | c)$$

$$P(\text{en} | \text{doc5}) = 3/4 \times 3/8 \times 0/8 \times 0/8 = 0$$

$$P(\text{es} | \text{doc5}) = 1/4 \times 1/3 \times 1/3 \times 0/3 = 0$$

Naïve Bayes

- What if the word “el” doesn’t occur in the training documents that labeled as Spanish(es)?

$$\hat{P}("el" | es) = \frac{\text{count}("el", es)}{\sum_{t \in V} \text{count}(t, es)} = 0$$

- To deal with 0 counts, use add-one or Laplace smoothing:

$$\hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c)}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c)}$$

smooth
→

$$\hat{P}(t | c) = \frac{\text{count}(t, c) + 1}{\sum_{t_i \in V} \text{count}(t_i, c) + |V|}$$

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$$P(\text{sp} | \text{doc5}) = 1/4 \times 2/9 \times 2/9 \times 1/9 = 0.00137$$

Naïve Bayes

- **Pros: (works well for spam filtering, text classification, sentiment analysis, language identification)**
 - simple (no iterative learning)
 - fast and light-weighted
 - less parameters, so need less training data
 - even if the NB assumption doesn't hold, a NB classifier still often performs surprisingly well in practice
- **Cons**
 - assumes independence of features
 - can't model dependencies/structures

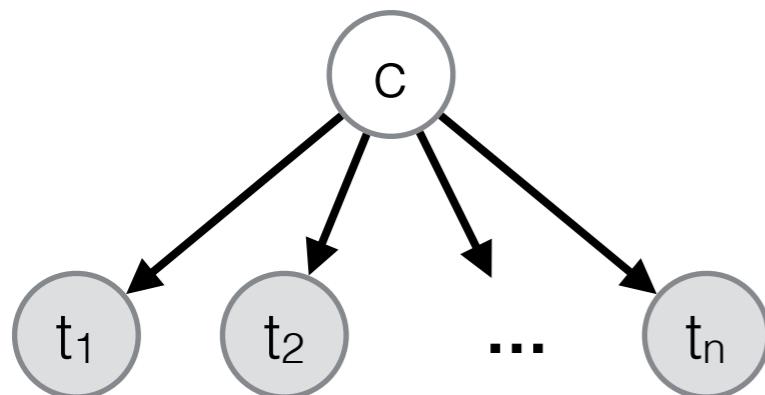
Correlated Features

- For example, for spam email classification, word “win” often occurs together with “free”, “prize”.
- Solution:
 - feature selection
 - or other models (**e.g. logistic/softmax regression**)

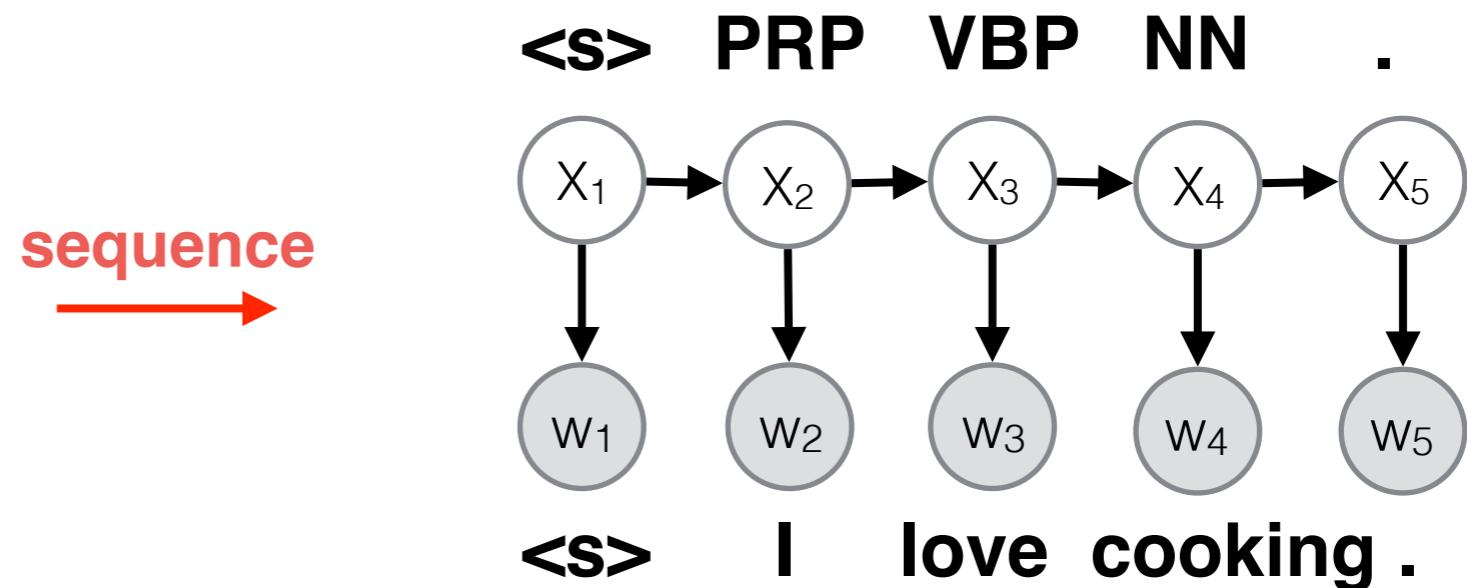
Model Structure

- For example, the word order matters in part-of-speech tagging:

Naive Bayes



Hidden Markov Model (HMM)



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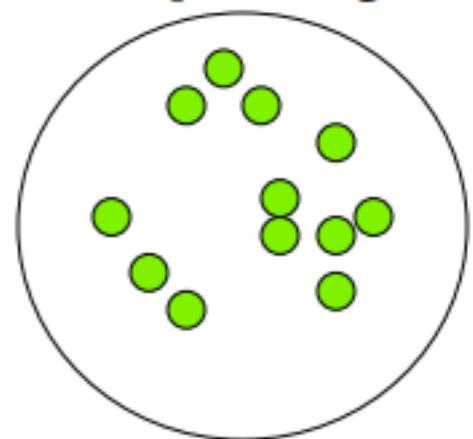
- main techniques:
 - **Multinomial Naïve Bayes**
 - diverse training data from multiple domains (Wikipedia, Reuters, Debian, etc.)
 - plus **feature selection** using **Information Gain (IG)** to choose features that are informative about language, but not informative about domain

Entropy & Information Gain

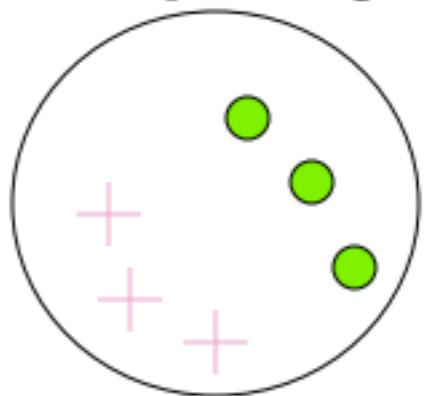
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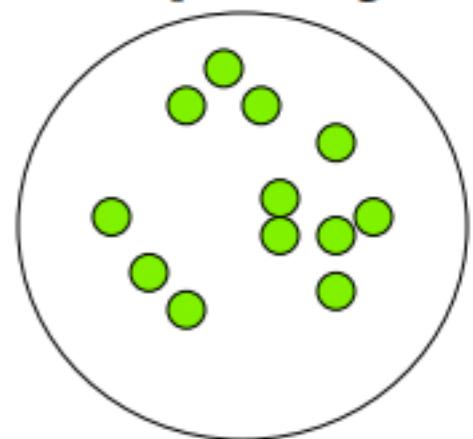


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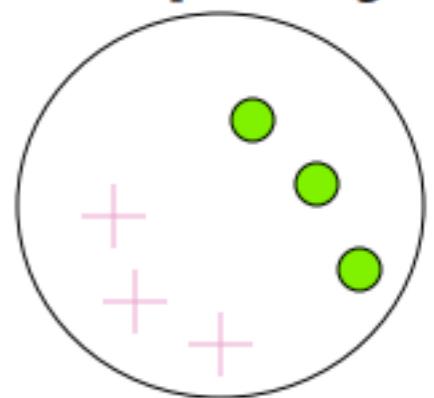
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- **Information Gain** is a measure of the decrease in disorder achieved by partitioning the original data set.

$$IG(Y | X) = H(Y) - H(Y | X)$$

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Information Gain

wealth values: poor rich

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|--------|--------|-------|------|--|---|
| gender | Female | 14423 | 1769 |  | $H(\text{wealth} \text{gender} = \text{Female}) = 0.497654$ |
| | Male | 22732 | 9918 |  | $H(\text{wealth} \text{gender} = \text{Male}) = 0.885847$ |

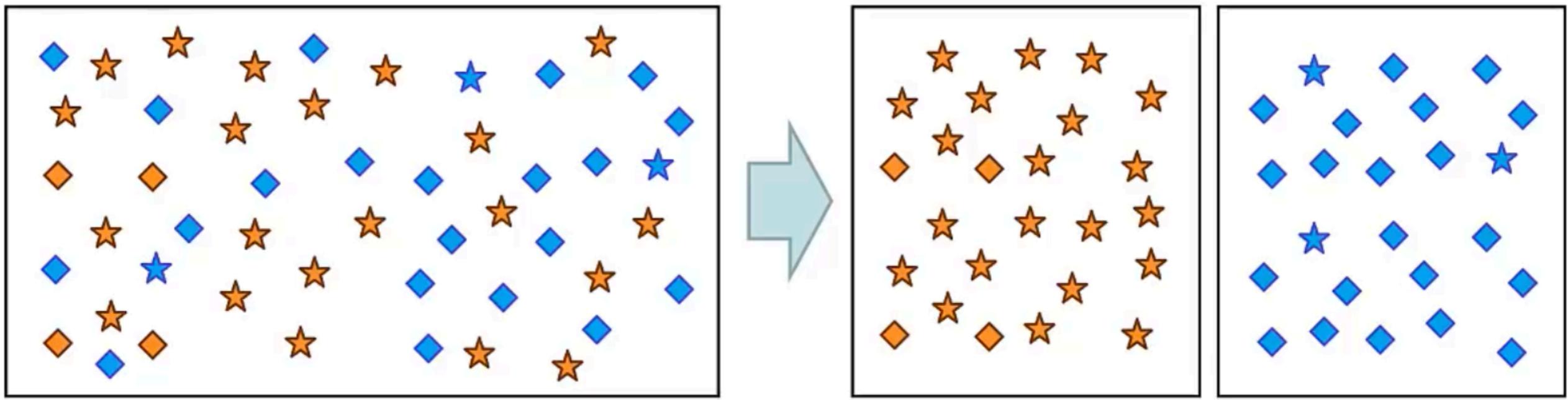
$$H(\text{wealth}) = 0.793844 \quad H(\text{wealth}|\text{gender}) = 0.757154$$

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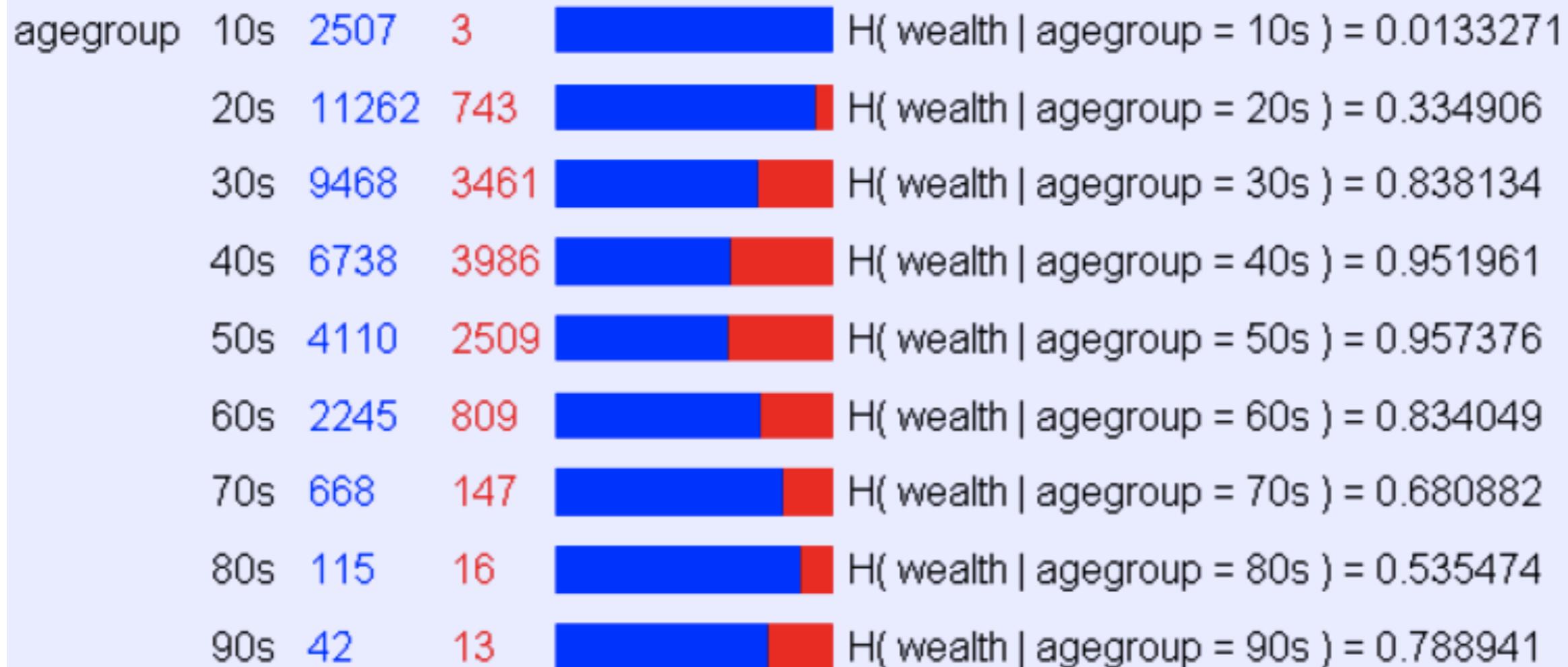
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$$\text{IG}(\text{wealth}|\text{agegroup}) = 0.0843813$$

Information Gain used for?

- choose features that are informative (most useful) for discriminating between the classes.

Wealth

$$IG(\text{wealth} | \text{gender}) = 0.0366896$$

$$IG(\text{wealth} | \text{agegroup}) = 0.0843813$$

Longevity

$$IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{HairColor}) = 0.01$$

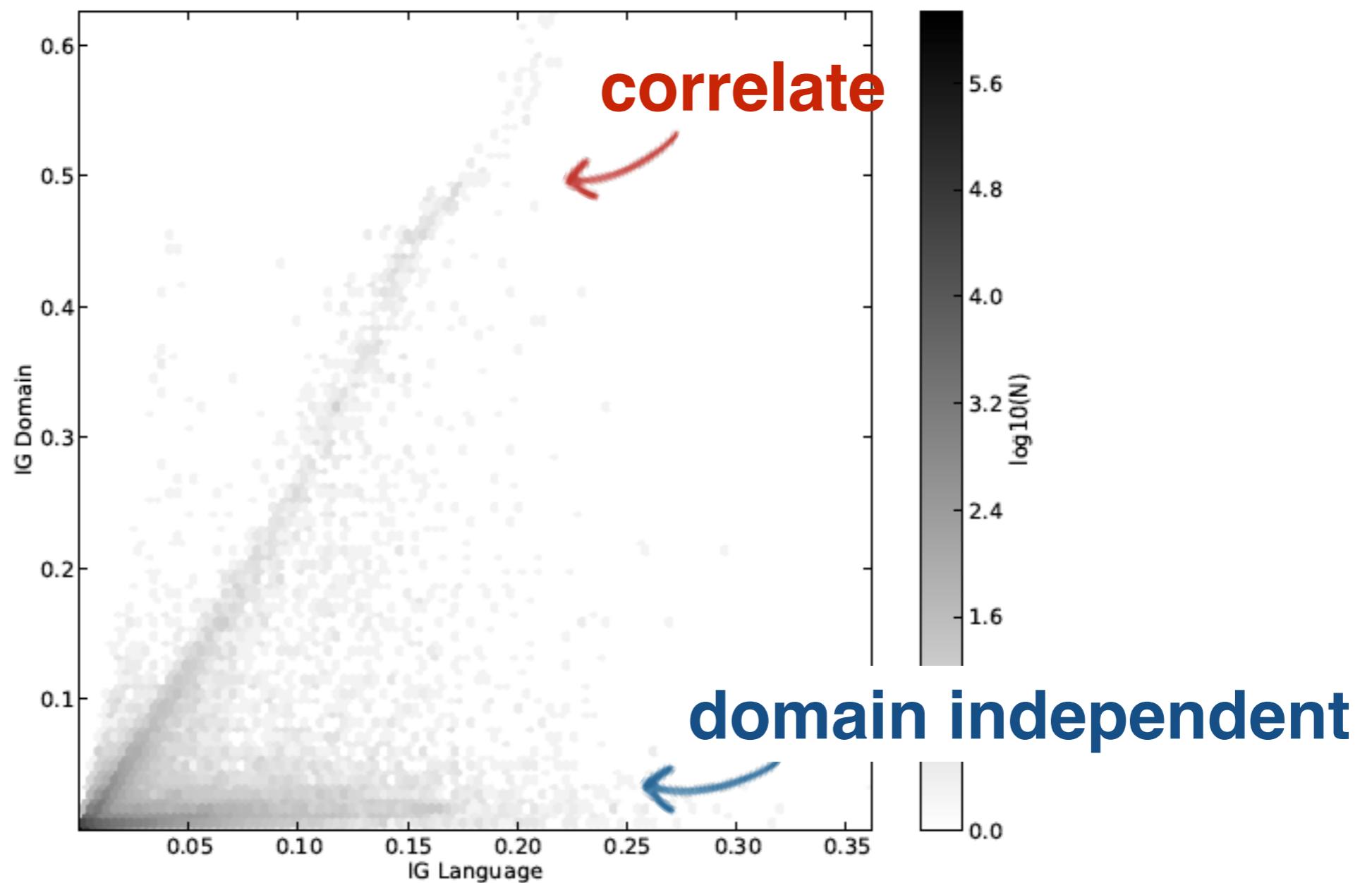
$$IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{Smoker}) = 0.2$$

$$IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{Gender}) = 0.25$$

$$IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{LastDigitOfSSN}) = 0.00001$$

LangID Tool: langid.py

- feature selection using Information Gain (IG)

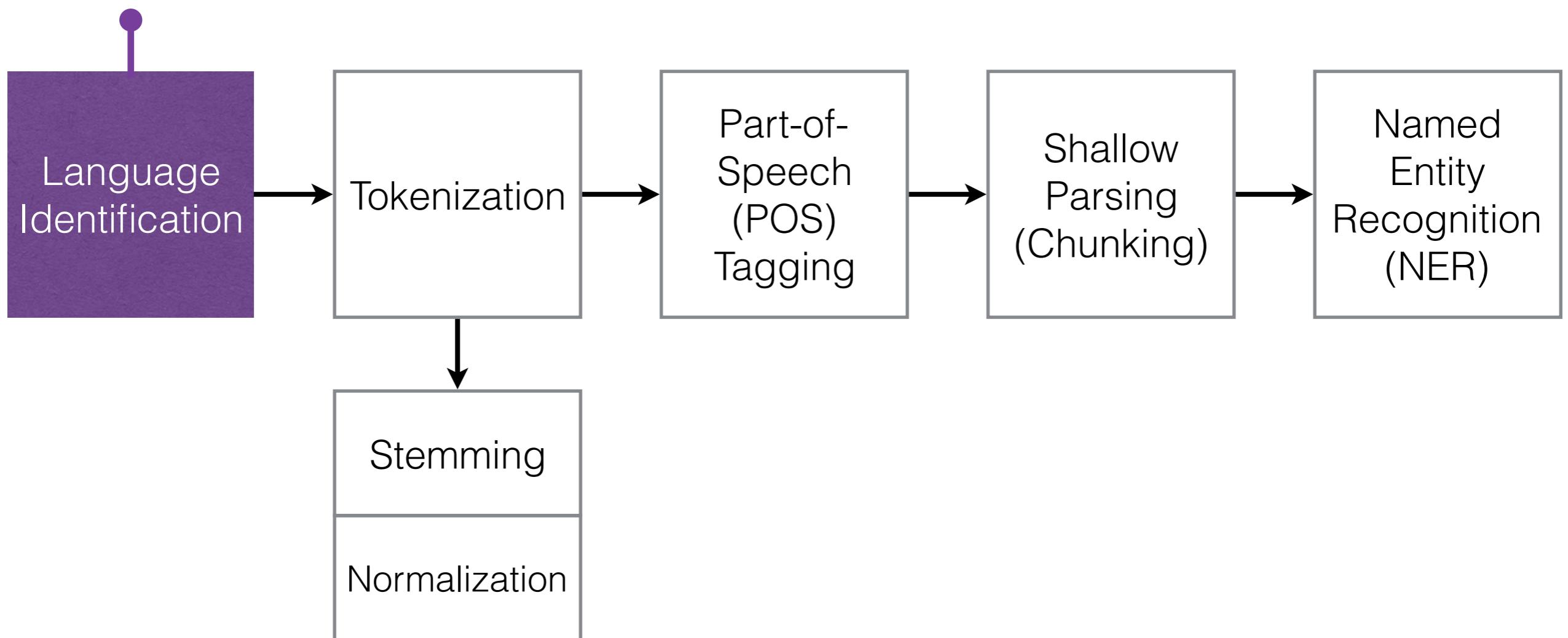


LangID Tool: langid.py

- main advantages:
 - cross-domain (works on all kinds of texts)
 - works for Twitter (accuracy = 0.89)
 - fast (300 tweets/second — 24G RAM)
 - currently supports 97 language
 - retrainable

Summary

classification (Naïve Bayes)



Guest Lecture next week

- **Alan Ritter (OSU)**
- Forecasting Contests from Users' Predictions on Twitter



"i have a feeling trump will win.....": Forecasting Winners and Losers from User Predictions on Twitter

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Abstract

Social media users often make explicit predictions about upcoming events. Such statements vary in the degree of certainty the author expresses toward the outcome: "Leonardo DiCaprio will win Best Actor" vs. "Leonardo DiCaprio may win" or "No way Leonardo wins!". Can popular beliefs on social media predict who will win? To answer this question, we build a cor-

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- (a) *Natalie Portman is gonna beat out Meryl Streep for best actress*
 - (b) *La La Land doesn't have lead actress and actor guaranteed. Natalie Portman will probably (and should) get best actress*
 - (c) *Adored #LALALAND but it's #NataliePortman who deserves the best actress #oscar #OscarNoms > superb acting*
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Table 1: Examples of tweets expressing varying degrees of veridicality toward Natalie Portman winning an Oscar.

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