Natural Language Processing

Lecture #1

Outline

- Course Introduction
- Brief Introduction of NLP

Course Introduction

- Course Name: Natural Language Processing
 - Language Modelling
 - POSTagging
 - Parsing
- Course Code: IFP31963
- Credits: 3
- 14 weeks of each:
 - 3 x 50' class
 - 3 x 50' structured tasks
 - 3 x 50' self study

Rules

- Attendance -> please be aware and follow institution rules
- Cheating and plagiarism -> E
- No additional assignments or exams to improve final grade
- 15' late tolerance

Prerequisite

- Probabilistic and Statistic
- Artificial Intelligence
- Automata and Language Theory

Course Objectives

- Student is able to build and evaluate a Language Modelling and POSTagging based system
- Student is able to build and evaluate a syntactic parsing based system
- Student is able to build and evaluate a semantic based system (semantic vector and word sense disambiguation)
- Student is able to design, build and evaluate an NLP based system for a real world problem

Syllabus

- NLP Introduction
- Language Modelling
- Part of Speech (POS) Tagging, HMM
- Syntactic Parsing: Context Free Grammar, Syntactic Parsing, PCFG
- Semantic similarity: Semantic Vector, Word Sense Disambiguation
- Text Classification: Naïve Bayes, Logistic Regression

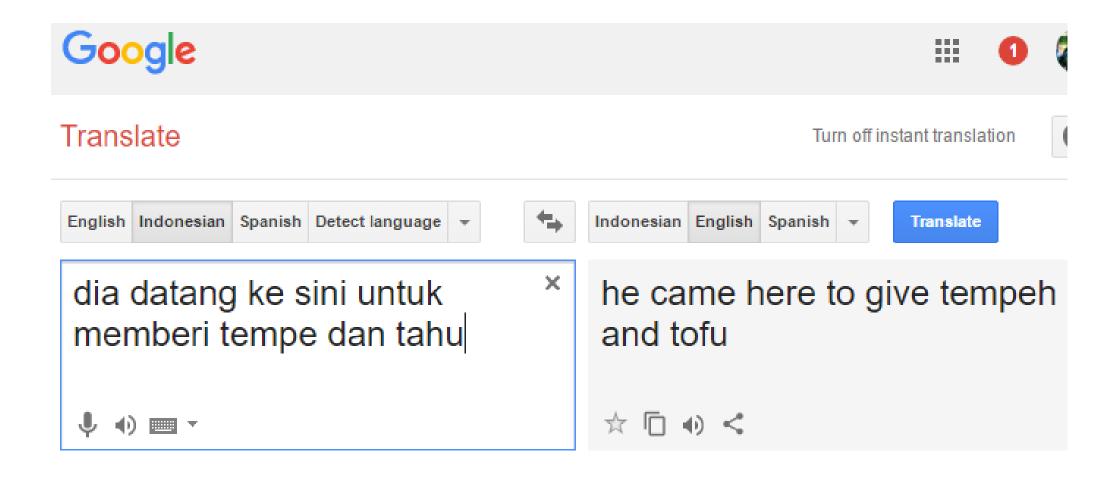
Weekly Assignments

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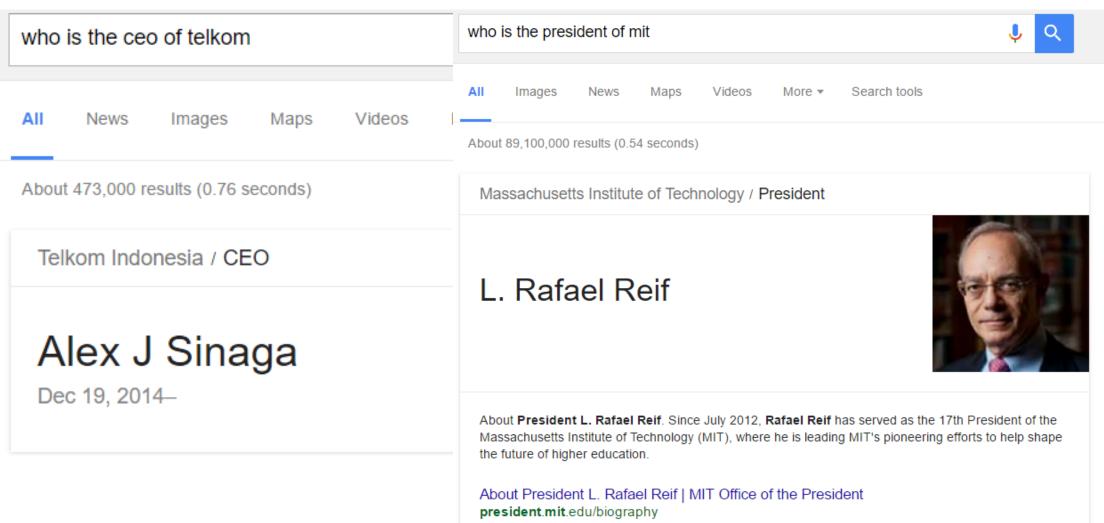
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 - Second Edition: http://www.deepsky.com/~merovech/voynich/voynich_manchu_reference_materials/PDFs/jurafsky_martin.pdf
 - Third Edition (draft): https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/
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Introduction to NLP

Machine Translation







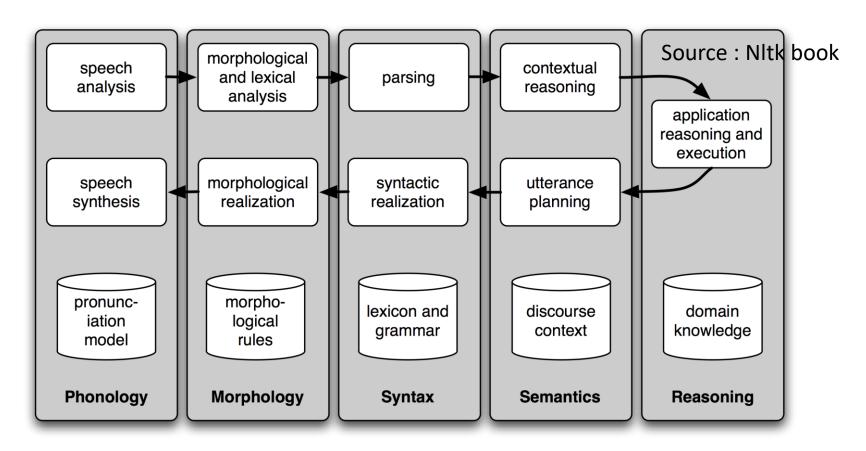
Sentiment Analysis



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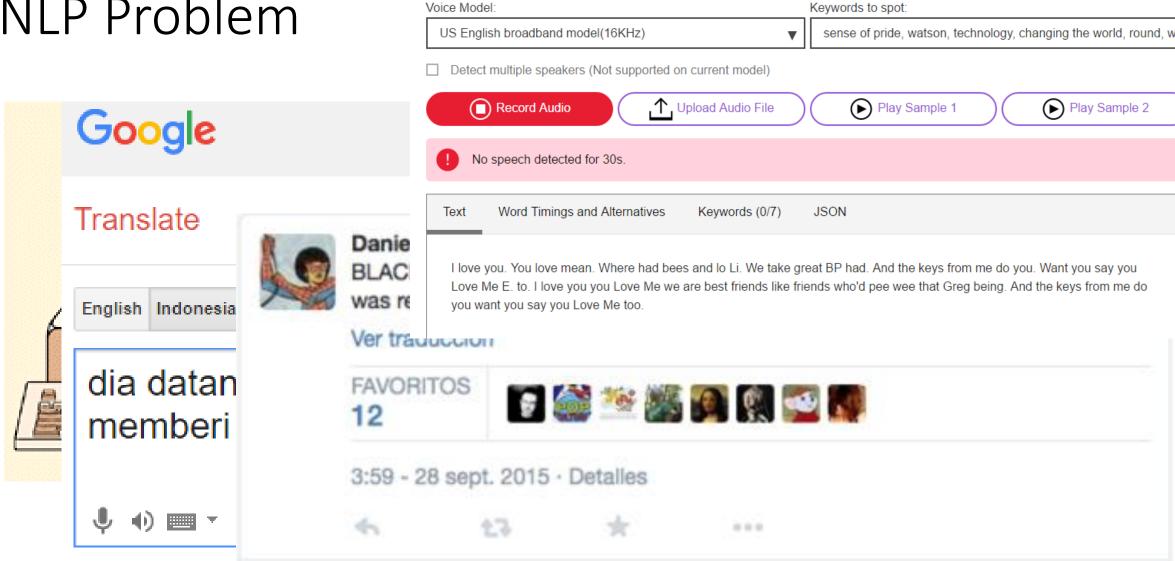


Read Chapter 1, subchapter 1.1 – 1.5 SLP Book

Terminologies

- Phonetics and Phonology The study of linguistic sounds.
- Morphology The study of the meaningful components of words.
- Syntax The study of the structural relationships between words.
- Semantics The study of meaning.
- Pragmatics The study of how language is used to accomplish goals.
- Discourse The study of linguistic units larger than a single utterance

NLP Problem



Voice Model:

Why is NLP Hard?

AMBIGUITY AT ALL LEVEL OF ANALYSYS!!!

Phonetics and Phonology

I Scream vs Ice cream

Morphology

Unionized = union + ized vs un+ionized

Syntax

• Squad helps [dog bite victim] vs [Squad helps dog] bite victim

Semantics

Jack invited Mary to the Halloween ball

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Discourse

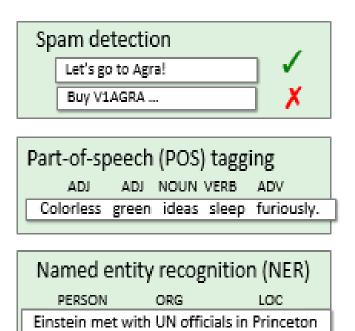
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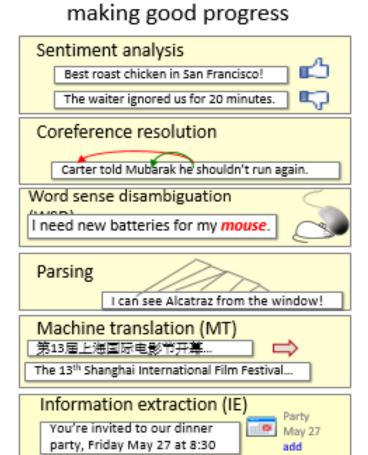
Pragmatics

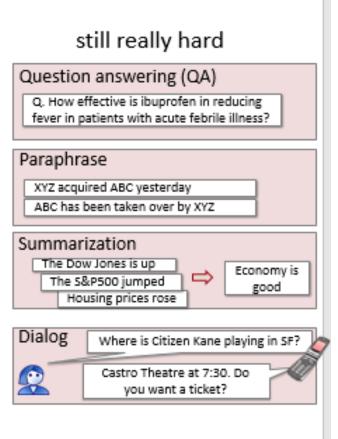
- Concerns how sentences are used in different situations and how use affects the interpretation of the sentence.
 - "I just came from New York"
 - ➤ Would you like to go to New York today?
 - ➤ Would you like to go to Boston today?
 - ➤ Why do you seem so out of it?
 - ➤ Boy, you look tired.

Language Technologies (from Jurafsky's slide)

mostly solved







Why else is natural language understanding difficult? (from Jurafsky's slide)

non-standard English

Great job @justinbieber! Were SOO PROUD of what youve accomplished! U taught us 2 #neversaynever & you yourself should never give up either♥

segmentation issues

the New York-New Haven Railroad the New York-New Haven Railroad

idioms

dark horse get cold feet lose face throw in the towel

neologisms

unfriend Retweet bromance

world knowledge

Mary and Sue are sisters. Mary and Sue are mothers.

tricky entity names

Where is A Bug's Life playing ...

Let It Be was recorded ...

... a mutation on the for gene ...

But that's what makes it fun!

Making progress on this problem...

- The task is difficult! What tools do we need?
 - Knowledge about language
 - Knowledge about the world
 - A way to combine knowledge sources
- How we generally do this:
 - probabilistic models built from language data
 - P("maison" → "house") high
 - P("L'avocat général" → "the general avocado") low
 - Luckily, rough text features can often do half the job.

This Course?

- General introduction to the filed of Natural Language Processing
- Learn techniques to overcome those ambiguities