

# INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE

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**5:00pm – 6:15pm**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mini-Project #2 is due in a week!

- It is linked to from ELMS; also available at: <https://github.com/cmssc320/fall2020/tree/master/project2>
- Deliverable is a .ipynb file submitted to ELMS
- Due **Thursday, October 22nd**



# COMMON ISSUE WITH PROJECT 1

A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame

Often not a problem! But, sometimes a problem ...

Example:

- `df[df['intensity'] > 0.1]['color'] = 'red'`
- ????????????
- This will not set a value in df – assignment is **chained**
- Instead, use `df.loc[df['intensity'] > 0.1, 'color'] = 'red'`

# AND NOW:

## Words words words!

- Free text and natural language processing in data science
- Bag of words and TF-IDF
- N-Grams and language models
- Sentiment mining

Thanks to: Zico Kolter (CMU) & Marine Carpuat's 723 (UMD)



Bing

Baidu 百度



Google

DuckDuckGo

# PRECURSOR TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

For we can easily understand a machine's being constituted so that it can **utter words**, and even emit some responses to action on it of a corporeal kind, which brings about a change in its organs; for instance, if touched in a particular part it may **ask** what we wish **to say to it**; if in another part it may **exclaim** that it is being hurt, and so on.

(But it never happens that it arranges its speech in various ways, in order to reply appropriately to everything that may be said in its presence, as even the lowest type of man can do.)

# PRECURSOR TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

## Turing's Imitation Game [1950]:

- Person A and Person B go into separate rooms
- Guests send questions in, read questions that come out – but they are not told who sent the answers
- Person A (B) wants to convince group that she is Person B (A)

We now ask the question, "What will happen when a machine takes the part of [Person] A in this game?" Will the interrogator decide wrongly as often when the game is played like this as he does when the game is played between [two humans]? These questions replace our original, "Can machines think?"

# PRECURSOR TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

**Mechanical translation** started in the 1930s

- Largely based on dictionary lookups

**Georgetown-IBM Experiment:**

- Translated 60 Russian sentences to English
- Fairly basic system behind the scenes
- Highly publicized, system ended up spectacularly failing

**Funding dried up; not much research in “mechanical translation” until the 1980s ...**



# STATISTICAL NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

**Pre-1980s:** primarily based on sets of hand-tuned rules

**Post-1980s:** introduction of machine learning to NLP

- Initially, **decision trees** learned what-if rules automatically
- Then, hidden Markov models (HMMs) were used for part of speech (POS) tagging
- Explosion of statistical models for language
- Recent work focuses on purely **unsupervised** or **semi-supervised** learning of models

**We'll cover some of this in the machine learning lectures!**





# NLP IN DATA SCIENCE

In Mini-Project #1, you used `requests` and `BeautifulSoup` to scrape structured data from the web

Lots of data come as unstructured free text: ??????????????

- Facebook posts
- Amazon Reviews
- Wikileaks dump

Data science: want to get some **meaningful information** from unstructured text

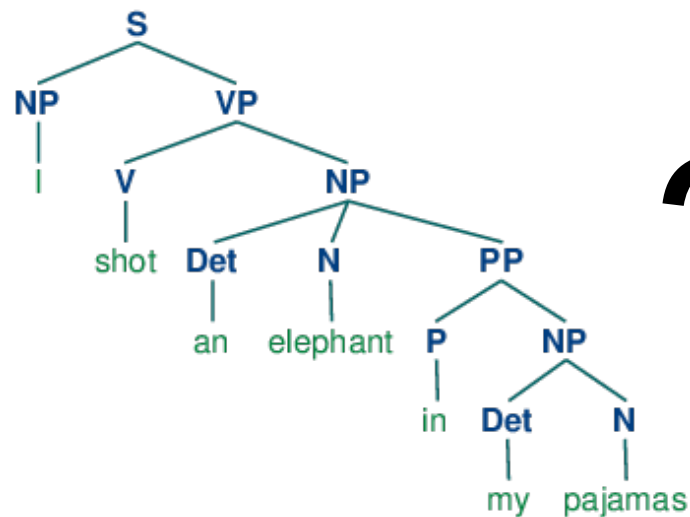
- Need to get **some level** of understanding what the text says

# UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE IS HARD

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

How he got into my pajamas, I'll never know.

Groucho Marx



# UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE IS HARD



## The Winograd Schema Challenge:

- Proposed by Levesque as a complement to the Turing Test

Formally, need to pick out the antecedent of an ambiguous pronoun:

The city **councilmen** refused the **demonstrators** a permit because **they** [**feared/advocated**] violence.

Terry Winograd

Levesque argues that understanding such sentences requires more than NLP, but also commonsense reasoning and deep contextual reasoning

# UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE IS HARD?



I haven't played it that much yet, but it's shaping to be one of the greatest games ever made! It exudes beauty in every single pixel of it. It's a masterpiece. 10/10

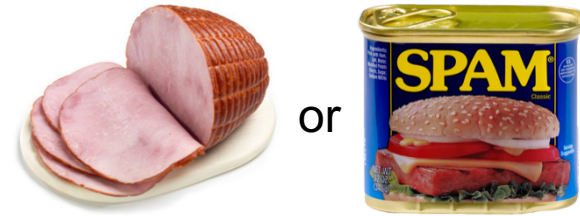
fabchan, March 3, 2017, Metacritic

a horrible stupid game, it's like 5 years ago game, 900p 20~30f, i don't play this \*\*\*\* anymore it's like someone give me a \*\*\*\* to play, no this time sorry, so Nintendo go f yourself pls

Nsucks7752, March 6, 2017, Metacritic

**Perhaps we can get some signal (in this case, sentiment) without truly understanding the text ...**

# “SOME SIGNAL”



Replication (Part 2 #1)



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## Possible signals ??????????

POLITICS

# Trump's New Travel Ban Blocks Migrants From Six Nations, Sparing Iraq

Leer en español

By GLENN THRUSH MARCH 6, 2017

Facebook, Twitter, Email, Print, Bookmark, Comment (561)



President Trump during a meeting in the Roosevelt Room of the White House last week. Al Drago/The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Trump signed an executive order on Monday blocking citizens of six predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States, the most significant hardening of immigration policy in generations, even with changes intended to blunt legal and political opposition.

The order was revised to avoid the tumult and protests that engulfed the nation's airports after Mr. Trump [signed his first immigration directive](#) on Jan. 27. That order [was ultimately blocked](#) by a federal appeals court.

The new order continued to impose a 90-day ban on travelers, but it removed Iraq, a redaction requested by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who feared it would hamper coordination to defeat the Islamic State, according to administration officials.

It also exempts permanent residents and current visa holders, and drops language offering preferential status to persecuted religious

# “SOME SIGNAL”

### What type of article is this?

- Sports
- Political
- Dark comedy

### What entities are covered?

- And are they covered with positive or negative sentiment?

### Possible signals ??????????

# ASIDE: TERMINOLOGY

**Documents:** groups of free text

- Actual documents (NYT article, journal paper)
- Entries in a table

**Corpus:** a collection of documents

**Terms:** individual words

- Separated by whitespace or punctuation

# NLP TASKS

**Syntax:** refers to the grammatical structure of language

- The rules via which one forms sentences/expressions

**Semantics:** the study of meaning of language

**John is rectangular and a rainbow.**

- Syntactically correct
- Semantically meaningless



# SYNTAX

## Tokenization

- Splitting sentences into tokens

## Lemmatization/Stemming

- Turning “organizing” and “organized” into “organiz”

## Morphological Segmentation

- How words are formed, and relationships of different parts
- Easy for English, but other languages are difficult

## Part-of-speech (POS) Tagging

- Determine whether a word is a noun/adverb/verb etc.

## Parsing

- Create a “parse tree” for a sentence

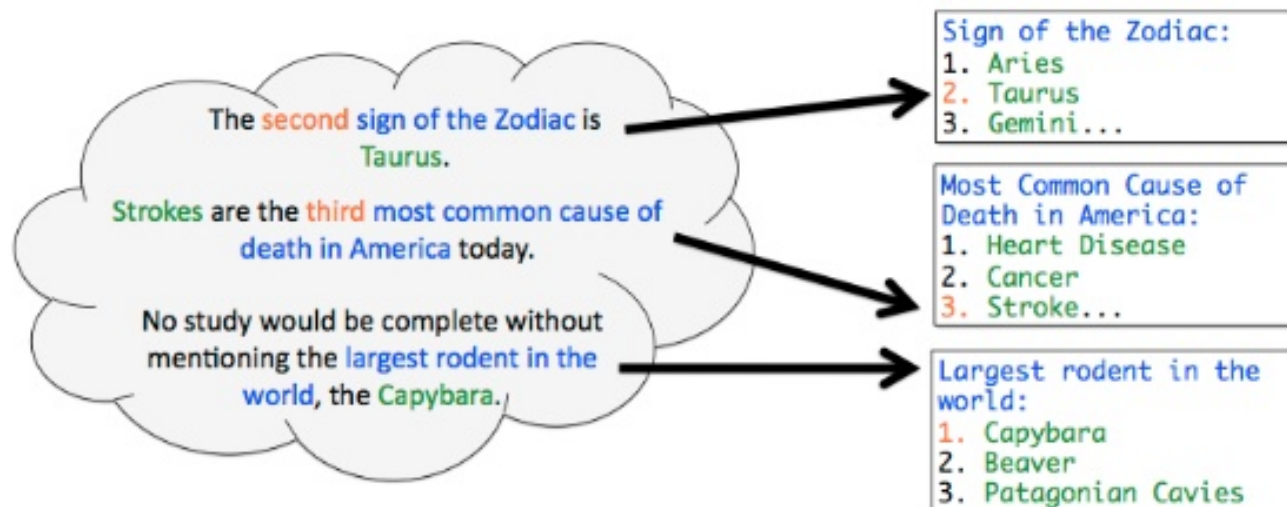
# SEMANTICS: INFORMATION EXTRACTION

## What is IE?

Unstructured  
Web Text



Structured  
Sequences



# SEMANTICS: NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION

## Identifying key entities in text

In 1917, Einstein applied the general theory of relativity to model the large-scale structure of the universe. He was visiting the United States when Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 and did not go back to Germany, where he had been a professor at the Berlin Academy of Sciences. He settled in the U.S., becoming an American citizen in 1940. On the eve of World War II, he endorsed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt alerting him to the potential development of "extremely powerful bombs of a new type" and recommending that the U.S. begin similar research. This eventually led to what would become the Manhattan Project. Einstein supported defending the Allied forces, but largely denounced using the new discovery of nuclear fission as a weapon. Later, with the British philosopher Bertrand Russell, Einstein signed the Russell-Einstein Manifesto, which highlighted the danger of nuclear weapons. Einstein was affiliated with the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, until his death in 1955.

Tag colours:

LOCATION TIME PERSON ORGANIZATION MONEY PERCENT DATE

# SEMANTICS: SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

Deciding if reviews/opinions are positive or negative

Heavily used by ad industry today

★★★★★ **An extremely versatile machine!**, November 22, 2006

By [Dr. Nickolas E. Jorgensen "njorgens3"](#)

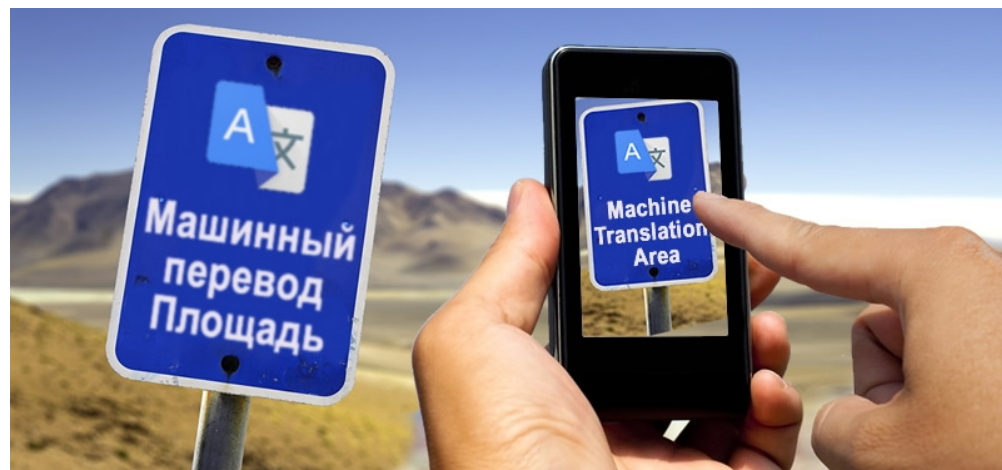
**This review is from: Cuisinart DGB-600BC Grind & Brew, Brushed Chrome (Kitchen)**

This coffee-maker does so much! It makes weak, watery coffee! It grinds beans if you want it to! It inexplicably floods the entire counter with half-brewed coffee when you aren't looking! Perhaps it could be used to irrigate crops... It is time-consuming to clean, but in fairness I should also point out that the stainless-steel thermal carafe is a durable item that has withstood being hurled onto the floor in rage several times. And if all these features weren't enough, it's pretty expensive too. If faced with the choice between having a car door repeatedly slamming into my genitalia and buying this coffee-maker, I'd unhesitatingly choose the Cuisinart! The coffee would be lousy, but at least I could still have children...

# SEMANTICS: MACHINE TRANSLATION

Translating from one language to another

Simple substitution of words doesn't work very well



(Image: Google)

<b><i>Input sentence:</i></b>	<b><i>Translation (PBMT):</i></b>	<b><i>Translation (GNMT):</i></b>	<b><i>Translation (human):</i></b>
李克強此行將啟動中加總理年度對話機制，與加拿大總理杜魯多舉行兩國總理首次年度對話。	Li Keqiang premier added this line to start the annual dialogue mechanism with the Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau two prime ministers held its first annual session.	Li Keqiang will start the annual dialogue mechanism with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada and hold the first annual dialogue between the two premiers.	Li Keqiang will initiate the annual dialogue mechanism between premiers of China and Canada during this visit, and hold the first annual dialogue with Premier Trudeau of Canada.

# SEMANTICS: MACHINE TRANSLATION

- 0> how long before the next flight to Alice Springs?
- 1> wie lang vor dem folgenden Flug zu Alice Springs?
- 2> how long before the following flight to Alice jump?
- 3> wie lang vor dem folgenden Flug zu Alice springen Sie?
- 4> how long before the following flight to Alice do you jump?
- 5> wie lang, bevor der folgende Flug zu Alice tun, Sie springen?
- 6> how long, before the following flight to Alice does, do you jump?
- 7> wie lang bevor der folgende Flug zu Alice tut, tun Sie springen?
- 8> how long before the following flight to Alice does, do you jump?
- 9> wie lang, bevor der folgende Flug zu Alice tut, tun Sie springen?
- 10> how long, before the following flight does to Alice, do do you jump?
- 11> wie lang bevor der folgende Flug zu Alice tut, Sie tun Sprung?
- 12> how long before the following flight does leap to Alice, does you?

# SEMANTICS: QUESTION ANSWERING

Answer questions posed a user with specific answers



WILLIAM WILKINSON'S  
“AN ACCOUNT OF THE PRINCIPALITIES OF  
WALLACHIA AND MOLDOVA”  
INSPIRED THIS AUTHOR'S  
MOST FAMOUS NOVEL

→ Bram Stoker



# SEMANTICS: QUESTION ANSWERING

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## **Factoid questions**

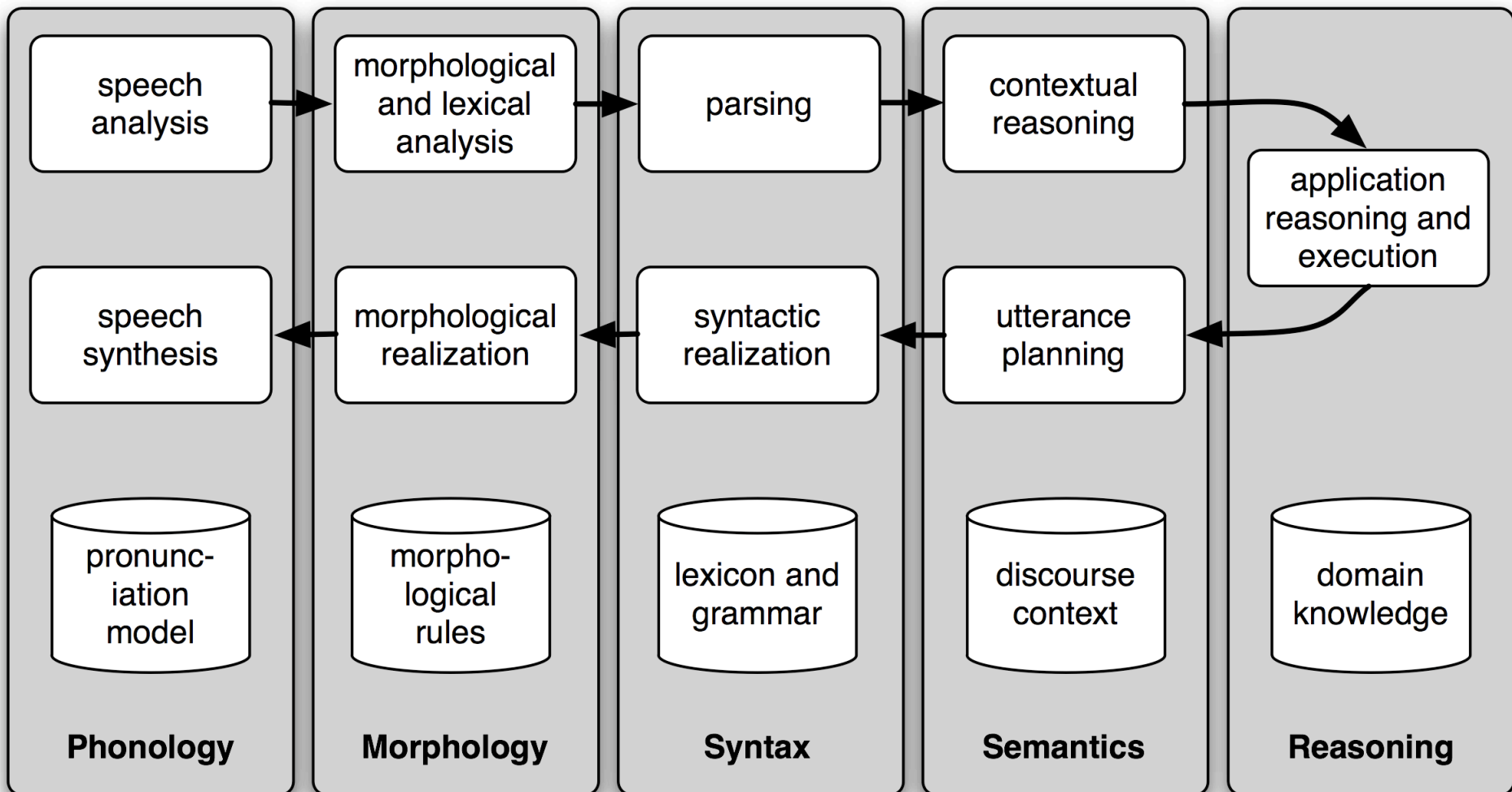
- Who wrote “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights”?
- How many calories are there in two slices of apple pie?
- What is the average age of the onset of autism?
- Where is Apple Computer based?

## **Complex (narrative) questions:**

- In children with an acute febrile illness, what is the efficacy of acetaminophen in reducing fever?
- What do scholars think about Jefferson’s position on dealing with pirates?



# SEMANTICS: SPOKEN DIALOGUE SYSTEMS



# SEMANTICS: TEXTUAL ENTAILMENT

Given two text fragments, determine if one being true entails the other, entails the other's negation, or allows the other to be either true or false

TEXT	HYPOTHESIS	ENTAILMENT
<i>Eyeing the huge market potential, currently led by Google, Yahoo took over search company Overture Services Inc last year.</i>	• <i>Yahoo bought Overture.</i>	• <b>TRUE</b>
<i>Microsoft's rival Sun Microsystems Inc. bought Star Office last month and plans to boost its development as a Web-based device running over the Net on personal computers and Internet appliances.</i>	• <i>Microsoft bought Star Office.</i>	• <b>FALSE</b>
<i>The National Institute for Psychobiology in Israel was established in May 1971 as the Israel Center for Psychobiology by Prof. Joel.</i>	• <i>Israel was established in May 1971.</i>	• <b>FALSE</b>

# SEMANTICS: DOCUMENT SUMMARIZATION

Quite a few tools out there today... e.g., SMMRY

autotldr commented on a post in r/SkydTech



After Supreme Court detour, Apple v. Samsung goes to a fourth jury trial (arstechnica.com)

submitted 6 hours ago by cryoskyd to r/SkydTech

autotldr • 1 point • submitted 36 minutes ago

This is the best tldr I could make, [original](#) reduced by 86%. (I'm a bot)

The Apple v. Samsung lawsuit is getting a big "Reset," thanks to last year's Supreme Court ruling on design patents. The US Supreme Court said that it was wrong to give Apple damages on the entire phone because of a few design patents. Apple and Samsung made their arguments over what the test should be, but Judge Koh ended up going with the test suggested by the US solicitor general, which has four factors to determine the right "Article of manufacture." It's closer to Apple's suggestion-Samsung had suggested basically taking only the part of the product that had the patented design physically applied to it, a test that Koh said wouldn't even pass the basics of what the Supreme Court had asked for.

[Extended Summary](#) | [FAQ](#) | [Feedback](#) | *Top keywords:* **design**<sup>#1</sup> **patent**<sup>#2</sup> **Apple**<sup>#3</sup> **Court**<sup>#4</sup> **product**<sup>#5</sup>

# OTHER TASKS

Speech Recognition

Caption Generation

Natural Language Generation

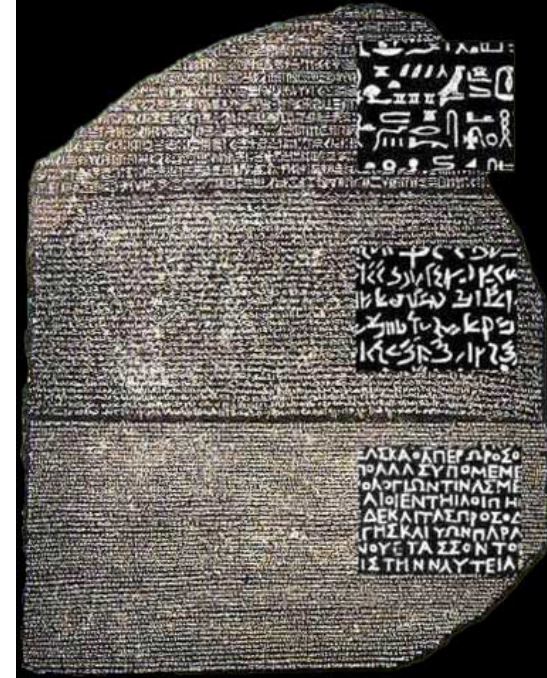
Optical Character Recognition

Word Sense Disambiguation

- serve: help with food or drink; hold an office; put ball into play

...

Doing all of these for many different languages



# SEMANTICS: TEXT CLASSIFICATION

Is it spam?

Who wrote this paper? (Author identification)

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Federalist\\_Papers#Authorship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Federalist_Papers#Authorship)
- <https://www.uwgb.edu/dutchs/pseudosc/hidncode.htm>

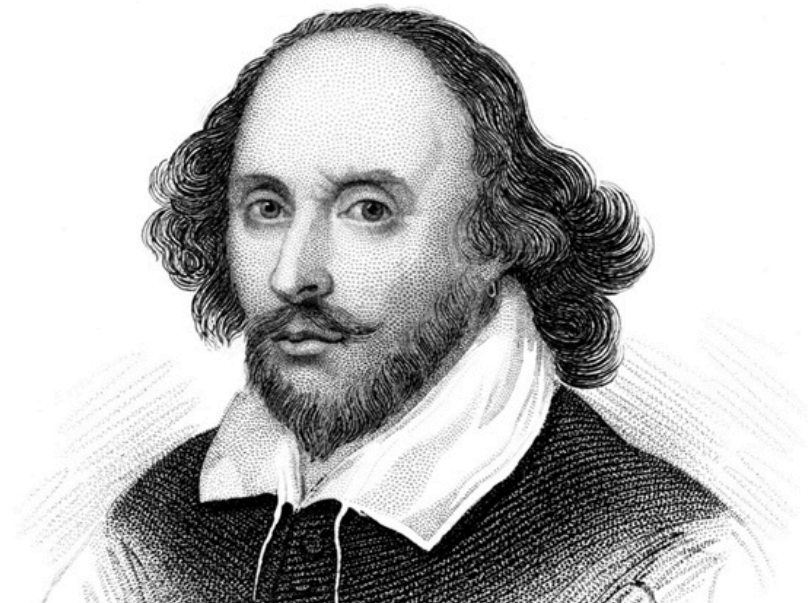
¡Identificación del idioma!

Sentiment analysis

What type of document is this?

When was this document written?

Readability assessment



# TEXT CLASSIFICATION

## Input:

- A document  $w$
- A set of classes  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_J\}$

## Output:

- A predicted class  $y \in Y$

(You will spend much more time on **classification** problems throughout the program, this is just a light intro!)

# TEXT CLASSIFICATION

Hand-coded rules based on combinations of terms (and possibly other context)

If email  $w$ :

- Sent from a DNSBL (DNS blacklist) OR
- Contains “Nigerian prince” OR
- Contains URL with Unicode OR ...

Then:  $y_w = \text{spam}$

Pros: ??????????

- Domain expertise, human-understandable

Cons: ??????????

- Brittle, expensive to maintain, overly conservative

# TEXT CLASSIFICATION

## Input:

- A document  $w$
- A set of classes  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_J\}$
- A training set of  $m$  hand-labeled documents  
 $\{(w_1, y_1), (w_2, y_2), \dots, (w_m, y_m)\}$

## Output:

- A learned classifier  $w \rightarrow y$

This is an example of **supervised learning**





# BAG OF WORDS EXAMPLE

the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

I am he as you are he as you are me

he said the CMSC320 is 189 more CMSCs than the CMSC131

	the	CMSC320	you	he	I	quick	dog	me	CMSCs	:	than
Document 1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		0
Document 2	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	...	0
Document 3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1

# TERM FREQUENCY

**Term frequency:** the number of times a term appears in a specific document

- $tf_{ij}$ : frequency of word  $j$  in document  $i$

**This can be the raw count (like in the BOW in the last slide):**

- $tf_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$  if word  $j$  appears or doesn't appear in doc  $i$
- $\log(1 + tf_{ij})$  – reduce the effect of outliers
- $tf_{ij} / \max_j tf_{ij}$  – normalize by document  $i$ 's most frequent word

**What can we do with this?**

- Use as features to learn a classifier  $w \rightarrow y \dots!$

# DEFINING FEATURES FROM TERM FREQUENCY

Suppose we are classifying if a document was written by The Beatles or not (i.e., **binary** classification):

- Two classes  $y \in Y = \{0, 1\} = \{\text{not\_beatles}, \text{beatles}\}$

Let's use  $tf_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$ , which gives:

	the	CMSC320	you	he	_	quick	dog	me	CMSCs	..	than
$x_1^T =$	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		0
$x_2^T =$	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	...	0
$x_3^T =$	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1



$$y_1 = 0$$

$$y_2 = 1$$

$$y_3 = 0$$

Then represent documents with a **feature function**:

$$f(x, y = \text{not\_beatles} = 0) = [\mathbf{x}^T, \mathbf{0}^T, 1]^T$$

$$f(x, y = \text{beatles} = 1) = [\mathbf{0}^T, \mathbf{x}^T, 1]^T$$

# LINEAR CLASSIFICATION

We can then define **weights**  $\theta$  for each feature

$$\theta = \{ \langle \text{CMSC320, not\_beatles} \rangle = +1, \\ \langle \text{CMSC320, beatles} \rangle = -1, \\ \langle \text{walrus, not\_beatles} \rangle = -0.3, \\ \langle \text{walrus, beatles} \rangle = +1, \\ \langle \text{the, not\_beatles} \rangle = 0, \\ \langle \text{the, beatles} \rangle, 0, \dots \}$$

Write weights as vector that aligns with feature mapping

Score  $\psi$  of an instance  $\mathbf{x}$  and class  $y$  is the sum of the weights for the features in that class:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{xy} &= \sum \theta_n f_n(\mathbf{x}, y) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y) \end{aligned}$$

# LINEAR CLASSIFICATION

We have a feature function  $f(\mathbf{x}, y)$  and a score  $\psi_{xy} = \theta^\top f(\mathbf{x}, y)$

And return the class with highest score!

Compute the score of the document for that class

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_y \theta^\top f(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

For each class  $y \in \{ \text{not\_beatles}, \text{beatles} \}$

(... and also this whole “linear classifier” thing.)

Where did these weights come from? We’ll talk about this in the ML lectures ...

# EXPLICIT EXAMPLE

We are interested in classifying documents into one of two classes  $y \in Y = \{ 0, 1 \} = \{ \text{hates\_cats}, \text{likes\_cats} \}$

Document 1: I like cats

Document 2: I hate cats

	-	like	hate	cats
$x_1^T =$	1	1	0	1
$x_2^T =$	1	0	1	1



$y_1 = ?$

$y_2 = ?$

Now, represent documents with a feature function:

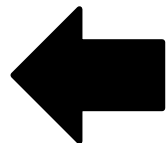
$$f(\mathbf{x}, y = \text{hates\_cats} = 0) = [\mathbf{x}^T, \mathbf{0}^T, 1]^T$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, y = \text{likes\_cats} = 1) = [\mathbf{0}^T, \mathbf{x}^T, 1]^T$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_1^T =$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2^T =$$

	like	hate	cats
$\mathbf{x}_1^T$	1	0	1
$\mathbf{x}_2^T$	0	1	1



$y_1 = ?$

$y_2 = ?$



$y=0: \text{hates\_cats}$

$y=1: \text{likes\_cats}$

(1)

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1, y = \text{hates\_cats} = 0) =$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1, y = \text{likes\_cats} = 1) =$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2, y = \text{hates\_cats} = 0) =$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2, y = \text{likes\_cats} = 1) =$$

	like	hate	cats		like	hate	cats	:
$y=0: \text{hates\_cats}$	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
$y=1: \text{likes\_cats}$	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
$y=0: \text{hates\_cats}$	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
$y=1: \text{likes\_cats}$	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1



# EXPLICIT EXAMPLE

Now, assume we have **weights**  $\theta$  for each feature

$$\theta = \{ \begin{array}{l} \langle I, \text{hates\_cats} \rangle = 0, \langle I, \text{likes\_cats} \rangle = 0, \\ \langle \text{like}, \text{hates\_cats} \rangle = -1, \langle \text{like}, \text{likes\_cats} \rangle = +1, \\ \langle \text{hate}, \text{hates\_cats} \rangle = +1, \langle \text{hate}, \text{likes\_cats} \rangle = -1, \\ \langle \text{cats}, \text{hates\_cats} \rangle = -0.1, \langle \text{cats}, \text{likes\_cats} \rangle = +0.5 \end{array} \}$$

Write weights as vector that aligns with feature mapping:

	$y=0: \text{hates\_cats}$				$y=1: \text{likes\_cats}$				(1)
Parameter vector $\theta^T$	0	-1	1	-0.1	0	1	-1	0.5	1
	I	like	hate	cats	I	like	hate	cats	:
$f(\mathbf{x}_1, y = \text{hates\_cats} = 0) =$	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
$f(\mathbf{x}_1, y = \text{likes\_cats} = 1) =$	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
$f(\mathbf{x}_2, y = \text{hates\_cats} = 0) =$	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
$f(\mathbf{x}_2, y = \text{likes\_cats} = 1) =$	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1

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Let's compute  $\psi_{\mathbf{x}_1, y=\text{hates\_cats}}$  ...

- $\psi_{\mathbf{x}_1, y=\text{hates\_cats}} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, y = \text{hates\_cats} = 0)$
- $= 0*1 + -1*1 + 1*0 + -0.1*1 + 0*0 + 1*0 + -1*0 + 0.5*0 + 1*1$
- $= -1 - 0.1 + 1 = \mathbf{-0.1}$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & -0.1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1	I	hates_cats
1	like	
0	hate	
1	cats	
0	I	likes_cats
0	like	
0	hate	
0	cats	
1	-	(1)

$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, y = 0)$

# EXPLICIT EXAMPLE

Saving the boring stuff:

- $\psi_{\mathbf{x}_1, y=\text{hates\_cats}} = -0.1$ ;  $\psi_{\mathbf{x}_1, y=\text{likes\_cats}} = +2.5$
- $\psi_{\mathbf{x}_2, y=\text{hates\_cats}} = +1.9$ ;  $\psi_{\mathbf{x}_2, y=\text{likes\_cats}} = +0.5$

Document 1: I like cats

Document 2: I hate cats

We want to predict the class of each document:

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_y \theta^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

Document 1:  $\operatorname{argmax}\{ \psi_{\mathbf{x}_1, y=\text{hates\_cats}}, \psi_{\mathbf{x}_1, y=\text{likes\_cats}} \}$  ??????????

Document 2:  $\operatorname{argmax}\{ \psi_{\mathbf{x}_2, y=\text{hates\_cats}}, \psi_{\mathbf{x}_2, y=\text{likes\_cats}} \}$  ??????????



# INVERSE DOCUMENT FREQUENCY

Recall:

- $tf_{ij}$ : frequency of word  $j$  in document  $i$

**Any issues with this ????????????**

- Term frequency gets **overloaded** by common words

**Inverse Document Frequency (IDF):** weight individual words negatively by how frequently they appear in the corpus:

$$\text{idf}_j = \log \left( \frac{\# \text{documents}}{\# \text{documents with word } j} \right)$$

**IDF is just defined for a word  $j$ , not word/document pair  $j, i$**

# INVERSE DOCUMENT FREQUENCY

	the	CMSC320	you	he	I	quick	dog	me	CMSCs	..	than
Document 1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		0
Document 2	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	...	0
Document 3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1

$$\text{idf}_{\text{the}} = \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) = 0.405$$

$$\text{idf}_{\text{you}} = \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) = 1.098$$

$$\text{idf}_{\text{CMSC320}} = \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) = 1.098$$

$$\text{idf}_{\text{he}} = \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) = 0.405$$

# TF-IDF

How do we use the IDF weights?

**Term frequency inverse document frequency (TF-IDF):**

- TF-IDF score:  $tf_{ij} \times idf_j$

	the	CMSC320	you	he	I	quick	dog	me	CMSCs	::	than
Document 1	0.8	0	0	0	0	1.1	1.1	0	0		0
Document 2	0	0	2.2	0.8	1.1	0	0	1.1	0	...	0
Document 3	0.8	1.1	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	1.1		1.1

**This ends up working better than raw scores for classification and for computing similarity between documents.**

# TOKENIZATION

**First step towards text processing**

**For English, just split on non-alphanumeric characters**

- Need to deal with cases like: I'm, or France's, or Hewlett-Packard
- Should "San Francisco" be one token or two?

**Other languages introduce additional issues**

- L'ensemble → one token or two?
- German noun compounds are not segmented
  - Lebensversicherungsgesellschaftsangestellter
- Chinese/Japanese more complicated because of white spaces

# OTHER BASIC TERMS

## Lemmatization

- Reduce inflections or variant forms to base form
  - am, are, is → be
  - car, cars, car's, cars' → car
- the boy's cars are different colors → the boy car be different color

## Morphology/Morphemes

- The small meaningful units that make up words
- Stems: The core meaning-bearing units
- Affixes: Bits and pieces that adhere to stems
  - Often with grammatical functions



# STEMMING

Reduce terms to their stems in information retrieval

**Stemming** is crude chopping of affixes

- language dependent
- e.g., **automate(s), automatic, automation** all reduced to **automat**.

*for example compressed  
and compression are both  
accepted as equivalent to  
compress.*



for exampl compress and  
compress ar both accept  
as equal to compress



Natural Language  
Analyses with NLTK

spaCy

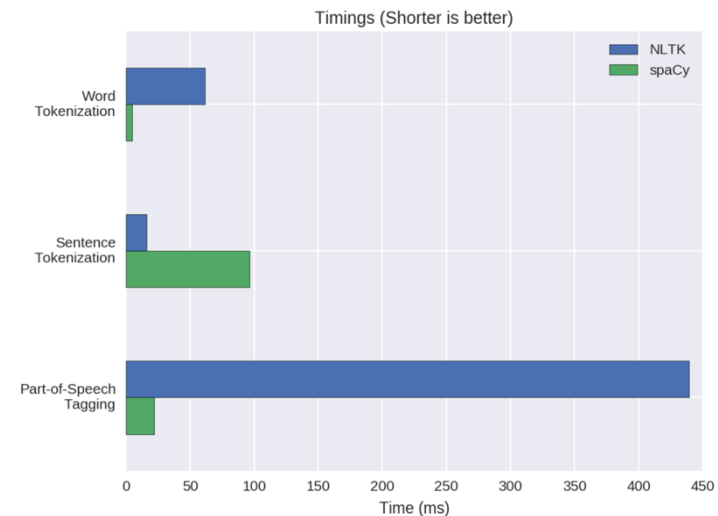
# NLP IN PYTHON

## Two majors libraries for performing basic NLP in Python:

- Natural Language Toolkit (**NLTK**): started as research code, now widely used in industry and research
- **Spacy**: much newer implementation, more streamlined

## Pros and cons to both:

- NLTK has more “stuff” implemented, is more customizable
  - This is a blessing and a curse
- Spacy is younger and feature sparse, but can be **much** faster
- Both are Anaconda packages



# NLTK EXAMPLES

```
import nltk

# Tokenize, aka find the terms in, a sentence
sentence = "A wizard is never late, nor is he early.
He arrives precisely when he means to."
tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(sentence)
```

```
LookupError:
*****
Resource 'tokenizers/punkt/PY3/english.pickle' not found.
Please use the NLTK Downloader to obtain the resource: >>>
nltk.download()
Searched in:
- '/Users/spook/nltk_data'
- '/usr/share/nltk_data'
- '/usr/local/share/nltk_data'
- '/usr/lib/nltk_data'
- '/usr/local/lib/nltk_data'
- ''
*****
```



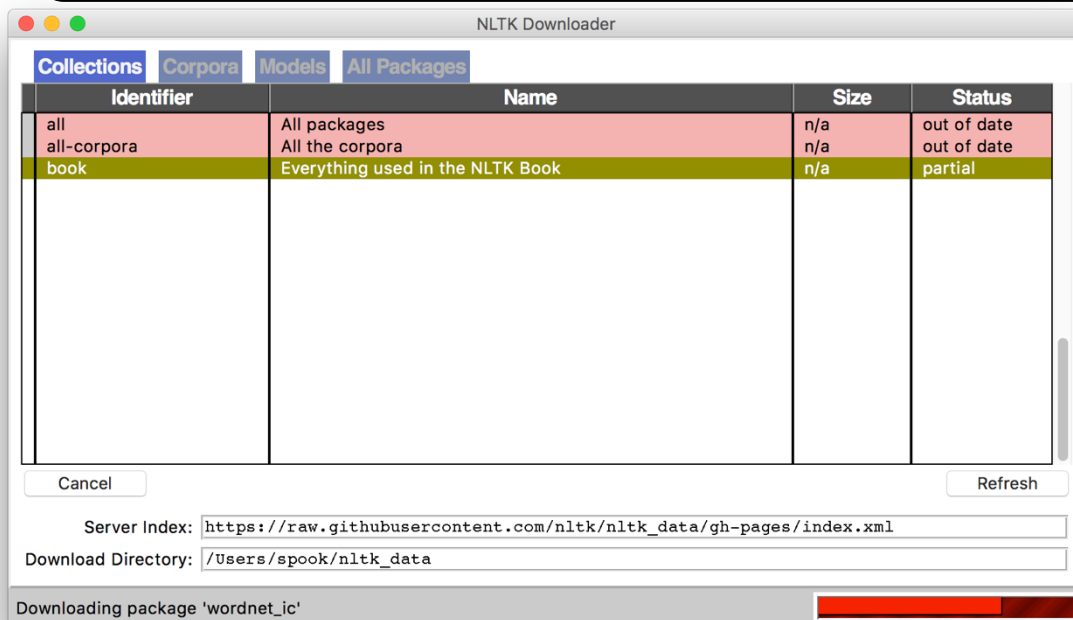
*Fool of a Took!*

# NLTK EXAMPLES

Corpora are, by definition, large bodies of text

- NLTK relies on a large corpus set to perform various functionalities; you can pick and choose:

```
# Launch a GUI browser of available corpora  
nltk.download()
```



```
# Or download  
everything at once!  
nltk.download("all")
```

# NLTK EXAMPLES



ptb	Penn Treebank	0.1 KB	not installed
punkt	Punkt Tokenizer Models	13.0 MB	installed
qa	Experimental Data for Question Classification	122.5 KB	not installed

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# Tokenize, aka find the terms in, a sentence
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tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(sentence)
```

```
['A', 'wizard', 'is', 'never', 'late', ',', 'nor',
'is', 'he', 'early', '.', 'He', 'arrives',
'precisely', 'when', 'he', 'means', 'to', '.']
```

(This will also tokenize words like “o’clock” into one term, and “didn’t” into two term, “did” and “n’t”).)

# NLTK EXAMPLES

```
# Determine parts of speech (POS) tags
tagged = nltk.pos_tag(tokens)
tagged[:10]
```

```
[('A', 'DT'), ('wizard', 'NN'), ('is', 'VBZ'),
('never', 'RB'), ('late', 'RB'), (',', ','), ('nor',
'CC'), ('is', 'VBZ'), ('he', 'PRP'), ('early', 'RB')]
```

Abbreviation	POS
DT	Determiner
NN	Noun
VBZ	Verb (3 <sup>rd</sup> person singular present)
RB	Adverb
CC	Conjunction
PRP	Personal Pronoun

Full list: <https://cs.nyu.edu/grishman/jet/guide/PennPOS.html>

# NLTK EXAMPLES

```
# Find named entities & visualize
```

```
entities = nltk.chunk.ne_chunk( nltk.pos_tag(  
nltk.word_tokenize("""
```

```
    The Shire was divided into four quarters, the Farthings already referred  
to. North, South, East, and West; and these again each into a number of  
folklands, which still bore the names of some of the old leading families,  
although by the time of this history these names were no longer found only in  
their proper folklands. Nearly all Took's still lived in the Tookland, but  
that was not true of many other families, such as the Bagginses or the  
Boffins. Outside the Farthings were the East and West Marches: the Buckland  
(see beginning of Chapter V, Book I); and the Westmarch added to the Shire in  
S.R. 1462.
```

```
"""))
```

```
entities.draw()
```



# BRIEF ASIDE: VECTOR SEMANTICS OF DOCS/TERMS

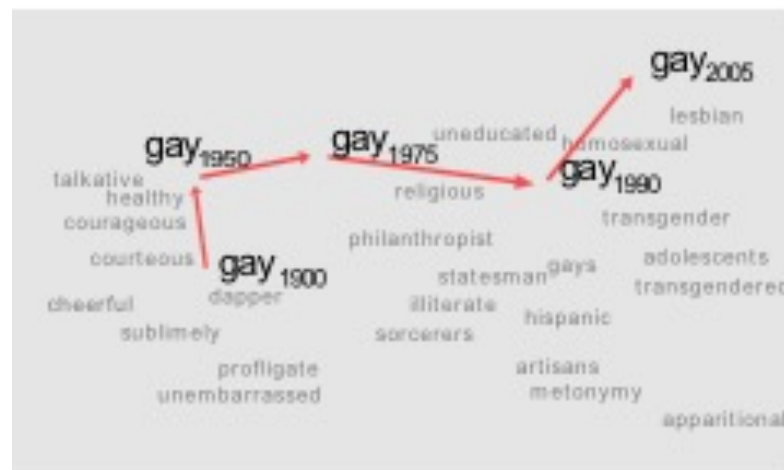
“fast” is similar to “rapid”

“tall” is similar to “height”

Question answering:

Q: “How *tall* is Mt. Everest?”

Candidate A: “The official *height* of Mount Everest is 29029 feet”



[Kulkarni, Al-Rfou, Perozzi, Skiena 2015]

Many thanks to Dan Jurafsky here!



# DISTRIBUTIONAL MODELS OF MEANING

**Distributional models of meaning**  
= vector-space models of meaning  
= vector semantics

**Intuitions: Zellig Harris (1954):**

- “oculist and eye-doctor ... occur in almost the same environments”
- “If A and B have almost identical environments we say that they are synonyms.”

**Firth (1957):**

- “You shall know a word by the company it keeps!”

# INTUITION OF DISTRIBUTIONAL WORD SIMILARITY

A bottle of **tesgüino** is on the table  
Everybody likes **tesgüino**  
**Tesgüino** makes you drunk  
We make **tesgüino** out of corn.

From context words humans can guess tesgüino means

- an alcoholic beverage like beer

Intuition for algorithm:

- Two words are similar if they have similar word contexts.

# FOUR KINDS OF VECTOR MODELS

## Sparse vector representations

- Mutual-information weighted word co-occurrence matrices

## Dense vector representations:

- Singular value decomposition (and Latent Semantic Analysis)
- Neural-network-inspired models (skip-grams, CBOW)
- Brown clusters
  - Won't go into these much – basically, classify terms into “word classes” using a particular clustering method
  - Hard clustering due to Brown et al. 1992, embed words in some space and cluster. Generally, better methods out there now ...

# SHARED INTUITION

Model the meaning of a word by **embedding** in a vector space.

The meaning of a word is a vector of numbers

- Vector models are also called “embeddings”.

**Contrast: word meaning is represented in many computational linguistic applications by a vocabulary index (“word number 545”)**

# REMINDER: TERM-DOCUMENT MATRIX

Each cell: count of term  $t$  in a document  $d$ :  $tf_{t,d}$ :

- Each document is a count vector in  $\mathbb{N}^V$ : a column below

	As You Like It	Twelfth Night	Julius Caesar	Henry V
battle	1	1	8	15
soldier	2	2	12	36
fool	37	58	1	5
clown	6	117	0	0

# REMINDER: TERM-DOCUMENT MATRIX

Two documents are similar if their vectors are similar

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# THE WORDS IN A TERM-DOCUMENT MATRIX

Each word is a **count vector** in  $\mathbb{N}^D$ : a row below

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# TERM-CONTEXT MATRIX FOR WORD SIMILARITY

Two words are similar in meaning if their context vectors are similar

	aardvark	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar	...
apricot	0	0	0	1	0	1	
pineapple	0	0	0	1	0	1	
digital	0	2	1	0	1	0	
information	0	1	6	0	4	0	

# THE WORD-WORD OR WORD-CONTEXT MATRIX

Instead of entire documents, use smaller contexts

- Paragraph
- Window of  $\pm 4$  words

A word is now **defined** by a vector over counts of context words

- Instead of each vector being of length  $D$
- Each vector is now of length  $|V|$

The word-word matrix is  $|V| \times |V|$ , not  $D \times D$

# WORD-WORD MATRIX

## SAMPLE CONTEXTS $\pm 7$ WORDS

sugar, a sliced lemon, a tablespoonful of their enjoyment. Cautiously she sampled her first well suited to programming on the digital for the purpose of gathering data and **apricot** **pineapple** **computer.** **information** preserve or jam, a pinch each of, and another fruit whose taste she likened In finding the optimal R-stage policy from necessary for the study authorized in the

	aardvark	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar	...
apricot	0	0	0	1	0	1	
pineapple	0	0	0	1	0	1	
digital	0	2	1	0	1	0	
information	0	1	6	0	4	0	
...	...						

# WORD-WORD MATRIX

**We showed only 4x6, but the real matrix is 50,000 x 50,000**

- So it's very **sparse**
  - Most values are 0.
- That's OK, since there are lots of efficient algorithms for sparse matrices.

**The size of windows depends on your goals**

- The shorter the windows , the more **syntactic** the representation
  - $\pm$  1-3 very syntacticity
- The longer the windows, the more **semantic** the representation
  - $\pm$  4-10 more semanticity

# MEASURING SIMILARITY

Given 2 target words  $v$  and  $w$

- Need a way to measure their similarity.

Most measure of vectors similarity are based on the:

- Dot product or inner product from linear algebra

$$\text{dot-product}(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i w_i = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \dots + v_N w_N$$

- High when two vectors have large values in same dimensions.
- Low (in fact 0) for orthogonal vectors with zeros in complementary distribution

# PROBLEM WITH DOT PRODUCT

$$\text{dot-product}(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i w_i = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \dots + v_N w_N$$

**Dot product is longer if the vector is longer. Vector length:**

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2}$$

**Vectors are longer if they have higher values in each dimension**

**That means more frequent words will have higher dot products**

**That's bad: we don't want a similarity metric to be sensitive to word frequency**

# SOLUTION: COSINE

Just divide the dot product by the length of the two vectors!

$$\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|}$$

This turns out to be the cosine of the angle between them!

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= |\vec{a}||\vec{b}| \cos \theta \\ \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|} &= \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

# SIMILARITY BETWEEN DOCUMENTS

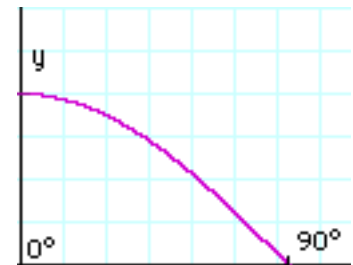
Given two documents  $x$  and  $y$ , represented by their TF-IDF vectors (or any vectors), the **cosine similarity** is:

$$\text{similarity}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}}{|\mathbf{x}| \times |\mathbf{y}|}$$

Formally, it measures the cosine of the angle between two vectors  $x$  and  $y$ :

- $\cos(0^\circ) = 1$ ,  $\cos(90^\circ) = 0$       ????????????

**Similar documents have high cosine similarity; dissimilar documents have low cosine similarity.**





# EXAMPLE

	large	data	computer
apricot	2	0	0
digital	0	1	2
information	1	6	1

$$\cos(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{v}| |\vec{w}|} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{v}| |\vec{w}|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i w_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i^2}}$$

Which pair of words is more similar?

$$\text{cosine}(\text{apricot}, \text{information}) = \frac{2 + 0 + 0}{\sqrt{2 + 0 + 0} \sqrt{1 + 36 + 1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{38}} = .23$$

$$\text{cosine}(\text{digital}, \text{information}) = \frac{0 + 6 + 2}{\sqrt{0 + 1 + 4} \sqrt{1 + 36 + 1}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{38} \sqrt{5}} = .58$$

$$\text{cosine}(\text{apricot}, \text{digital}) = \frac{0 + 0 + 0}{\sqrt{1 + 0 + 0} \sqrt{0 + 1 + 4}} = 0$$

# **(MINIMUM) EDIT DISTANCE**

**How similar are two strings?**

**Many different distance metrics (as we saw earlier when discussing entity resolution)**

- Typically based on the number of edit operations needed to transform from one to the other

**Useful in NLP context for spelling correction, information extraction, speech recognition, etc.**

# BRIEF ASIDE: N-GRAMS

**n-gram**: Contiguous sequence of n tokens/words etc.

- Unigram, bigram, trigram, “four-gram”, “five-gram”, ...

Figure 1 *n*-gram examples from various disciplines

Field	Unit	Sample sequence	1-gram sequence	2-gram sequence	3-gram sequence
Vernacular name			unigram	bigram	trigram
Order of resulting Markov model			0	1	2
Protein sequencing	amino acid	... Cys-Gly-Leu-Ser-Trp ...	..., Cys, Gly, Leu, Ser, Trp, ...	..., Cys-Gly, Gly-Leu, Leu-Ser, Ser-Trp, ...	..., Cys-Gly-Leu, Gly-Leu-Ser, Leu-Ser-Trp, ...
DNA sequencing	base pair	...AGCTTCGA...	..., A, G, C, T, T, C, G, A, ...	..., AG, GC, CT, TT, TC, CG, GA, ...	..., AGC, GCT, CTT, TTC, TCG, CGA, ...
Computational linguistics	character	...to_be_or_not_to_be...	..., t, o, _, b, e, _, o, r, _, n, o, t, _, t, o, _, b, e, ...	..., to, o_, _b, be, e_, _o, or, r_, _n, no, ot, t_, _t, to, o_, _b, be, ...	..., to_, o_b, _be, be_, e_o, _or, or_, r_n, _no, not, ot_, t_t, _to, to_, o_b, _be, ...
Computational linguistics	word	... to be or not to be ...	..., to, be, or, not, to, be, ...	..., to be, be or, or not, not to, to be, ...	..., to be or, be or not, or not to, not to be, ...

# LANGUAGE MODELING

## Assign a probability to a sentence

- Machine Translation:
  - $P(\text{high winds tonite}) > P(\text{large winds tonite})$
- Spell Correction
  - The office is about fifteen **minuets** from my house
    - $P(\text{about fifteen minutes from}) > P(\text{about fifteen minuets from})$
- Speech Recognition
  - $P(\text{I saw a van}) \gg P(\text{eyes awe of an})$
- + Summarization, question-answering, etc., etc.!!

# LANGUAGE MODELING

**Goal: compute the probability of a sentence or sequence of words:**

- $P(W) = P(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5 \dots w_n)$

**Related task: probability of an upcoming word:**

- $P(w_5 | w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4)$

**A model that computes either of these:**

- $P(W)$  or  $P(w_n | w_1, w_2 \dots w_{n-1})$  is called a language model.

**(We won't talk about this much further in this class.)**

# SIMPLEST CASE: UNIGRAM MODEL

$$P(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) \approx \prod_i P(w_i)$$

Some automatically generated sentences from a unigram model

fifth, an, of, futures, the, an, incorporated, a,  
a, the, inflation, most, dollars, quarter, in, is,  
mass

thrift, did, eighty, said, hard, 'm, july, bullish

that, or, limited, the

# BIGRAM MODEL

Condition on the previous word:

$$P(w_i | w_1 w_2 \dots w_{i-1}) \approx P(w_i | w_{i-1})$$

texaco, rose, one, in, this, issue, is, pursuing, growth, in,  
a, boiler, house, said, mr., gurria, mexico, 's, motion,  
control, proposal, without, permission, from, five, hundred,  
fifty, five, yen

outside, new, car, parking, lot, of, the, agreement, reached

this, would, be, a, record, november

# N-GRAM MODELS

**We can extend to trigrams, 4-grams, 5-grams**

**In general this is an insufficient model of language**

- **because language has long-distance dependencies:**
- **“The computer which I had just put into the machine room on the fifth floor crashed.”**

**But we can often get away with N-gram models**



# MOVING ON ...

## Words words words!

- Free text and natural language processing in data science
- Bag of words and TF-IDF
- N-Grams and language models
- Information extraction & sentiment mining

Thanks to Amol  
Deshpande (UMD)



Bing

Baidu 百度



Google

DuckDuckGo

# INFORMATION EXTRACTION (IE)

## Information extraction (IE) systems

- Find and understand limited relevant parts of texts
- Gather information from many pieces of text
- Produce a structured representation of relevant information:
  - relations (in the database sense), a.k.a.,
  - a knowledge base
- Goals:
  - Organize information so that it is useful to people
  - Put information in a semantically precise form that allows further inferences to be made by computer algorithms

# INFORMATION EXTRACTION (IE)

## IE systems extract clear, factual information

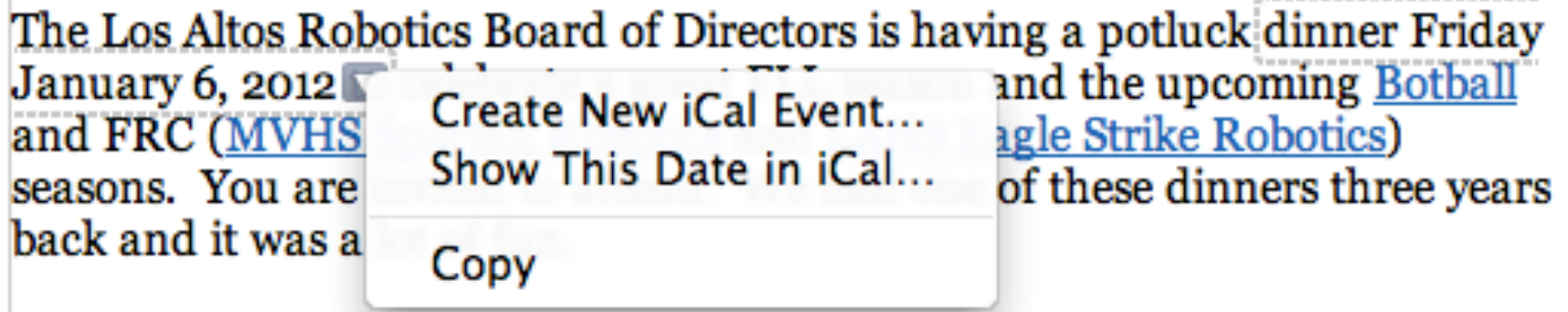
- Roughly: Who did what to whom when?

E.g.,

- Gathering earnings, profits, board members, headquarters, etc. from company reports
  - The headquarters of BHP Billiton Limited, and the global headquarters of the combined BHP Billiton Group, are located in Melbourne, Australia.
  - **headquarters("BHP Biliton Limited", "Melbourne, Australia")**
- Learn drug-gene product interactions from medical research literature

# LOW-LEVEL INFORMATION EXTRACTION

Is now available and popular in applications like Apple or Google mail, and web indexing



Often seems to be based on regular expressions and name lists

# LOW-LEVEL INFORMATION EXTRACTION

Google

Search

About 123,000 results (0.23 seconds)

Everything

Best guess for BHP Billiton Ltd. Headquarters is **Melbourne, London**

Images

Mentioned on at least 9 websites including [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org), [bhpbilliton.com](http://bhpbilliton.com) and [bhpbilliton.com](http://bhpbilliton.com) - [Feedback](#)

Maps

[BHP Billiton - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BHP_Billiton)

Videos

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BHP\\_Billiton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BHP_Billiton)

News

Merger of BHP & Billiton 2001 (creation of a DLC). **Headquarters, Melbourne, Australia (BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Group) London, United Kingdom ...**

Shopping

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# WHY IS IE HARD ON THE WEB?

A book,  
Not a toy

Title

Need this  
price

The screenshot shows a product page on NetStoreUSA.com. At the top left is the NetStoreUSA.com logo with an American flag and the text 'Established Phoenix 1994'. To the right of the logo is the product title 'Luckys Collectors Guide To 20th Century Yo-Yos: History And Values' and a link to 'EMAIL THIS PAGE TO A FRIEND'. Below the logo are three navigation menus: 'English Books', 'German Books', 'Spanish Books'; 'Sheet Music', 'Musical Supplies'; and 'US/World Maps', 'Sports Memorabilia', 'Videos/Posters'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'English Books > Antiques/Collectibles > Toys > Luckys Collectors Guide To 20th Century Yo-Yos: History And Values'. Below the breadcrumb are navigation links: '<< PREVIOUS TITLE | NEXT TITLE >>' and '<<NEW RELEASES >>'. The main product section displays the title 'Luckys Collectors Guide To 20th Century Yo-Yos: History And Values', author 'Meisenheimer, Lucky J.', editor 'T Brown & Associates', format 'Paperback', and publication date 'October 1999'. It also lists the publisher 'Lucky J's Swim & Surf' and ISBN '0966761200'. To the right of the product details is a warning icon and the text 'CHECK THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS PRODUCT'. Below this are two buttons: a red 'ADD TO CART' button and a blue 'VIEW CART CHECKOUT' button. The price information is listed as: 'PRODUCT CODE: 0966761200', 'USA/Canada: US\$ 43.40', 'Australia/NZ: A\$ 124.50', and 'Other Countries: US\$ 80.90'. A link 'convert to your currency' is provided. On the right side of the page is a search bar with a 'Search' button and a link to 'ADVANCED SEARCH >>'. Below the search bar is a vertical navigation menu with links: 'Home', 'To Order', 'Privacy', 'Affiliates Coop', 'Education', 'Government', 'About us', and 'Contact'. At the bottom right, there is a blue box with the text: 'Your processing was prompt and efficient. The book arrived in good shape in a reasonable time, given that it...'

# WHY DOESN'T TEXT SEARCH (IR) WORK?

**What you search for in real estate advertisements:**

**Town/suburb. You might think easy, but:**

- Real estate agents: Coldwell Banker, Mosman
- Phrases: Only 45 minutes from Parramatta
- Multiple property ads have different suburbs in one ad

**Money: want a range not a textual match**

- Multiple amounts: was \$155K, now \$145K
- Variations: offers in the high 700s [but not rents for \$270]

**Bedrooms: similar issues: br, bdr, beds, B/R**

# NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION (NER)

A very important sub-task: find and **classify** names in text

In 1917, Einstein applied the general theory of relativity to model the large-scale structure of the universe. He was visiting the United States when Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 and did not go back to Germany, where he had been a professor at the Berlin Academy of Sciences. He settled in the U.S., becoming an American citizen in 1940. On the eve of World War II, he endorsed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt alerting him to the potential development of "extremely powerful bombs of a new type" and recommending that the U.S. begin similar research. This eventually led to what would become the Manhattan Project. Einstein supported defending the Allied forces, but largely denounced using the new discovery of nuclear fission as a weapon. Later, with the British philosopher Bertrand Russell, Einstein signed the Russell-Einstein Manifesto, which highlighted the danger of nuclear weapons. Einstein was affiliated with the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, until his death in 1955.

Tag colours:

LOCATION

TIME

PERSON

ORGANIZATION

MONEY

PERCENT

DATE





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## The uses:

- Named entities can be indexed, linked off, etc.
- Sentiment can be attributed to companies or products
- A lot of IE relations are associations between named entities
- For question answering, answers are often named entities.

## Concretely:

- Many web pages tag various entities, with links to bio or topic pages, etc.
  - Reuters' OpenCalais, Evri, AlchemyAPI, Yahoo's Term Extraction, ...
- Apple/Google/Microsoft/... smart recognizers for document content