

# NLP Complete Notes – Tauqueer Alam

## UNIT - 1

### Computing with Language: Texts and Words

This is one of the **first chapters** when learning NLP using Python (especially with NLTK).

It focuses on **how computers handle text**, and **how we can analyze language data computationally**.

Let's break it down

#### What It Means

“Computing with Language” means using **Python programs** to:

- Process large collections of text (called *corpora*),
- Count and search words,
- Analyze word patterns and frequencies,
- Understand structure and meaning in human language.

So the **goal** is to use Python to treat *language as data* and do useful computations on it.

#### Common NLP Tasks Here

| Task            | Description  | Example  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Tokenization    | Splitting text into words or sentences               | "Hello world!" → ["Hello", "world", "!"]         |
| Counting Words  | Finding frequency of each word                       | Count how many times “Python” appears            |
| Concordance     | Find occurrences of a word and its surrounding words | Find all places where “science” occurs in a text |
| Collocation     | Commonly occurring word pairs                        | “Machine learning”, “New York”                   |
| Dispersion Plot | Shows where words appear in the text                 | Plot “freedom” and “war” in a novel              |

# A Closer Look at Python: Texts as Lists of Words

Once you have text data, you need to **represent and manipulate it**.

In Python, text can be treated as:

- **Strings** (continuous sequences of characters), or
- **Lists of words** (tokens).

## Texts as Lists

If you split a text into words using `split()` or NLTK's tokenizer, you get a **list**:

```
sentence = "I love natural language processing"
words = sentence.split()
print(words)
# Output: ['I', 'love', 'natural', 'language', 'processing']
```

Now you can use **Python list operations**:

```
print(words[0])      # 'I'
print(words[-1])     # 'processing'
print(len(words))    # 5
print(sorted(set(words))) # alphabetically sorted unique words
```

## Why Treat Text as a List?

Because:

- You can **loop**, **count**, **slice**, and **search** words easily.
- It helps in **feature extraction**, **frequency distribution**, and **pattern matching**.

## Example: Word Frequency

```
from nltk import FreqDist

text = "Python is great and Python is popular for NLP"
words = text.split()

fdist = FreqDist(words)
print(fdist.most_common(3))
# [('Python', 2), ('is', 2), ('great', 1)]
```

This tells you which words appear most frequently — very useful in text analysis.

## Common Python List Operations for NLP

| Operation     | Example            | Result            |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Indexing      | words[1]           | 2nd word          |
| Slicing       | words[1:3]         | subset of words   |
| Membership    | 'Python' in words  | True              |
| Concatenation | words + ['rocks!'] | add new words     |
| Iteration     | for w in words:    | loop through text |

## Example Combined

```
import nltk
from nltk import FreqDist
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize

sentence = "NLTK makes natural language processing simple and powerful."
tokens = word_tokenize(sentence)

print("Tokens:", tokens)
print("First word:", tokens[0])
print("Word frequency:", FreqDist(tokens))
```

# Computing with Language: Simple Statistics

This topic introduces **basic statistical analysis on text data** — one of the most important foundations for NLP and Data Science.

## What It Means

You learn how to use **mathematics and statistics** to extract useful information from language — like **word frequency**, **richness of vocabulary**, or **word distributions**.

It's about quantifying **how language behaves**.

## Common Statistical Measures in NLP

| Concept   | Description                                 | Example                                   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Frequency Distribution</b><br>( <b>FDist</b> ) | How often each word appears                 | “Python” appears 50 times                 |
| <b>Lexical Diversity</b>                          | Ratio of unique words to total words        | <code>len(set(words)) / len(words)</code> |
| <b>Word Length Distribution</b>                   | Average or histogram of word lengths        | Mean word length = 5.2                    |
| <b>Conditional Frequency</b>                      | Frequency of words under certain conditions | How often "news" occurs after "fake"      |

## Example in Python (Using NLTK)

```
from nltk import FreqDist
from nltk.corpus import gutenberg

# Load a text
words = gutenberg.words('austen-emma.txt')

# Frequency distribution
fdist = FreqDist(words)

print("Most common words:", fdist.most_common(5))
print("Lexical diversity:", len(set(words)) / len(words))
```

# OUTPUT

```
Most common words: [('the', 5200), ('to', 4200), ('and', 4000), ...]  
Lexical diversity: 0.07
```

## Why Important?

Simple statistics give us:

- Insights about text structure (how repetitive or rich it is)
- Data for **feature engineering** in ML models
- Basis for **topic modeling** or **document comparison**

## Back to Python: Making Decisions and Taking Control

Now we switch back to **Python concepts** that help control program flow — essential for **building NLP pipelines** that make decisions automatically.

### What It Means

Here you learn how to use:

- **Conditional statements** (`if, elif, else`)
- **Loops** (`for, while`)
- **Functions** (`def`)
- **Comprehensions** (like `[w for w in words if len(w) > 5]`)

These let your program **make decisions**, **filter data**, and **react** to text patterns dynamically.

## Example 1 — Using Conditions

```
word = "Python"

if word.endswith("on"):
    print("Ends with 'on'")
else:
    print("Does not end with 'on'")
```

**Output:** Ends with 'on'

## Example 2 — Using Loops in Text Processing

```
sentence = "I love learning Natural Language Processing"
words = sentence.split()

for w in words:
    if len(w) > 5:
        print(w)
```

**OUTPUT:**

learning

Natural

Language

Processing

## Why Important?

Because NLP programs need to:

- **Filter** specific kinds of words (e.g., nouns, verbs, stopwords)
- **Handle multiple conditions** (e.g., if token is alphabetic, not numeric)
- **Control flow** (e.g., skip punctuation, lowercase all words, etc.)

So this part ensures you can *control text analysis intelligently*.

## Automatic Natural Language Understanding

This is where we shift from *counting and manipulating words* → to *understanding meaning*.

It introduces **the goal of NLP** — enabling computers to *understand* and *respond* to human language automatically.

## What It Means

Automatic Natural Language Understanding (NLU) is the ability of a computer to:

- **Interpret** human language (text or speech)
- **Extract meaning** (semantics, intent, entities)
- **Generate responses** intelligently

## Subfields Involved

| Area                                  | Description                        | Example                             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Tokenization</b>                   | Breaking text into words/sentences | “I love NLP” → [“I”, “love”, “NLP”] |
| <b>POS Tagging</b>                    | Identifying part of speech         | “love” → verb                       |
| <b>Named Entity Recognition (NER)</b> | Identifying names, places, dates   | “Elon Musk” → PERSON                |
| <b>Parsing</b>                        | Analyzing sentence structure       | Grammar trees                       |
| <b>Semantic Analysis</b>              | Understanding meaning of           | “bank” → riverbank or               |

| Area                          | Description                                    | Example        |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
|                               | text   | financial bank |
| <b>Sentiment Analysis</b>     | Detecting opinion or emotion “good” → positive |                |
| <b>Coreference Resolution</b> | Linking pronouns to nouns “He” → “John”        |                |
| <b>Machine Translation</b>    | Converting languages English → Hindi           |                |

## Example Using NLTK

```
import nltk
from nltk import pos_tag, word_tokenize, ne_chunk

sentence = "Elon Musk founded SpaceX in 2002."

tokens = word_tokenize(sentence)
tags = pos_tag(tokens)
entities = ne_chunk(tags)

print("Tokens:", tokens)
print("POS Tags:", tags)
print("Named Entities:", entities)
```

## OUTPUT

```
Tokens: ['Elon', 'Musk', 'founded', 'SpaceX', 'in', '2002', '.']  
POS Tags: [('Elon', 'NNP'), ('Musk', 'NNP'), ('founded', 'VBD'), ...]  
Named Entities:  
(s  
  (PERSON Elon/NNP)  
  (PERSON Musk/NNP)  
  founded/VBD  
  (ORGANIZATION SpaceX/NNP)  
  in/IN  
  2002/CD  
  ./.)
```

## Why Important?

Because NLU is what enables:

- Chatbots (like Siri, Alexa, ChatGPT □)
- Sentiment analysis
- Search engines
- Translation systems
- Question-answering bots
- Voice assistants

It's the “*intelligent*” side of NLP.

## Accessing Text Corpora

### What Is a Corpus?

A **corpus** (plural: *corpora*) is a **large collection of text** — like books, news articles, tweets, or speech transcripts — used for language research and NLP model training.

In NLP, corpora are used to:

- Analyze language structure
- Train models (for tagging, translation, sentiment, etc.)
- Study word usage and frequency

## Accessing Corpora in NLTK

NLTK provides many built-in corpora.

```
from nltk.corpus import gutenberg, brown, reuters

# List available files
print(gutenberg.fileids())
print(brown.categories())
print(reuters.categories())
```

## Example: Reading Text

```
from nltk.corpus import gutenberg

# Access Jane Austen's 'Emma'
words = gutenberg.words('austen-emma.txt')
print("Total words:", len(words))
print("First 20 words:", words[:20])
```

## OUTPUT

```
Total words: 192427
First 20 words: ['[', 'Emma', 'by', 'Jane', 'Austen', ...]
```

# Corpus Operations

| Operation | Description   | Example                            |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| .words()  | Returns list of all words                                 | gutenberg.words('austen-emma.txt') |
| .sents()  | Returns list of sentences (each sentence = list of words) | brown.sents(categories='news')     |
| .raw()    | Returns entire text as one string                         | gutenberg.raw('austen-emma.txt')   |

## Why Important?

Accessing corpora lets you:

- Work with *real-world text*
- Compute statistics (word count, frequency, diversity)
- Train and evaluate models on large text data

## What is a Conditional Frequency Distribution?

A **Conditional Frequency Distribution** (CFD) in NLP is used to find **how often something happens under certain conditions**.

Think of it like:

“How many times does a word appear in a specific category (condition)?”

## Example to Understand

Imagine you have two categories (conditions):

- News
- Romance

Each category has words (data).

| Category | Words  |
|----------|--|
| News     | "war", "president", "election",<br>"war", "budget" |
| Romance  | "love", "kiss", "love", "heart",<br>"beautiful"    |

Now you want to know:

- How many times the word “love” appears in romance?
- How many times the word “war” appears in news?

## Example in Python (Using NLTK)

```
from nltk import ConditionalFreqDist

# Create sample data (pairs of condition and word)
data = [
    ('news', 'war'),
    ('news', 'president'),
    ('news', 'war'),
    ('romance', 'love'),
    ('romance', 'kiss'),
    ('romance', 'love')
]

# Create Conditional Frequency Distribution
cfд = ConditionalFreqDist(data)

# Print how often each word appears in each condition
print(cfd['news'].items())      # Output: dict_items([('war', 2), ('president', 1)])
print(cfd['romance'].items())   # Output: dict_items([('love', 2), ('kiss', 1)])

# Find specific counts
print("war in news:", cfd['news']['war'])
print("love in romance:", cfd['romance']['love'])
```

## OUTPUT

```
'war' in news: 2
'love' in romance: 2
```

## Why Useful?

It helps analyze *word usage patterns*:

- Compare words across genres or time periods
- Understand context-based frequency
- Build features for text classification

## Lexical Resources

### What Are Lexical Resources?

These are **structured databases of words** — collections that tell you:

- Meanings
- Synonyms / antonyms
- Parts of speech
- Example usage

Examples include:

- **WordNet** (most popular in NLP)
- Stopwords lists
- Pronunciation dictionaries
- Sentiment lexicons

## Example: Stopwords

Stopwords are **common words** like *is, the, a, in* — usually removed before analysis.

```
from nltk.corpus import stopwords

print(stopwords.words('english')[:10])
```

## OUTPUT

```
['i', 'me', 'my', 'myself', 'we', 'our', 'ours', 'ourselves', 'you', "you're"]
```

## Why Important?

Lexical resources give **semantic and linguistic structure** — essential for:

- Lemmatization (getting word roots)
- Synonym/antonym detection
- Sentiment or tone detection
- Building knowledge-based systems

# WordNet

## What Is WordNet?

**WordNet** is a large lexical database of English.

It groups English words into **synsets** (sets of synonyms) and records relationships between them — like:

- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- Hyponyms (is-a)
- Hyponyms (sub-type)
- Meronyms (part-of)

## Why WordNet Is Important

WordNet is crucial in NLP for:

- **Semantic analysis** (understanding meaning)
- **Text classification** using word relations
- **Word sense disambiguation**
- **Question answering and summarization**
- **Knowledge graphs and ontology-based AI**

## UNIT – 2

# Processing Raw Text – Accessing Text from the Web and from Disk

This topic teaches how to **get raw text data** (like articles, books, or tweets) into Python for NLP tasks.

Before we analyze or clean text, we must **access (load)** it — either from the **internet (web)** or from our **computer (disk)**

## Accessing Text from the Web

In NLP, we often need text from online sources — like web pages, blogs, or Wikipedia articles.

### Common Ways to Access Text from the Web

#### *(a) Using `urllib` (Built-in Python Library)*

`urllib` lets us open URLs and read the text (HTML content) of web pages.

```
from urllib import request

url = "https://www.gutenberg.org/files/2554/2554-0.txt" # Example: Crime and Punishment
response = request.urlopen(url)
raw = response.read().decode('utf8') # Decode bytes to text

print(type(raw))
print(len(raw))
print(raw[:500]) # print first 500 characters
```

#### Explanation:

- `urlopen()` → opens the web page
- `read()` → reads the content
- `decode('utf8')` → converts it into a readable string

**(b) Using `requests` library (simpler & modern)**

```
import requests

url = "https://www.gutenberg.org/files/84/84-0.txt" # Frankenstein
response = requests.get(url)
text = response.text

print(text[:300])
```

`requests` is easier and cleaner than `urllib`.

**(c) Removing HTML Tags (if web page has HTML)**

Web pages often contain tags like `<p>` or `<div>`.

We can remove them using **BeautifulSoup** (a web-scraping library).

```
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import requests

url = "https://www.gutenberg.org/files/11/11-h/11-h.htm" # Alice in Wonderland
html = requests.get(url).text
soup = BeautifulSoup(html, "html.parser")
text = soup.get_text() # extract only visible text
print(text[:500])
```

Now you have **pure text** (no HTML)

# Accessing Text from Disk (Local Files)

If the text is already stored on your computer (like `.txt`, `.csv`, `.docx`), you can read it easily in Python.

## (a) Reading a Text File

```
# Open and read text file
file = open("sample.txt", "r", encoding="utf8")
text = file.read()
file.close()

print(text[:200])
```

`r`" means read mode.

Always close the file after reading.

## (b) Using `with` (Recommended)

```
with open("sample.txt", "r", encoding="utf8") as f:
    text = f.read()
print(text[:200])
```

Automatically closes file — safer and cleaner.

## (c) Reading Multiple Files

If you have many text files in a folder:

```
import os

folder_path = "C:/Users/Tauqueer/Documents/NLP_Texts"

for file_name in os.listdir(folder_path):
    if file_name.endswith(".txt"):
        with open(os.path.join(folder_path, file_name), 'r', encoding='utf8') as f:
            text = f.read()
        print(f"File: {file_name}, Length: {len(text)}")
```

## Processing the Text

After loading text (from web or disk), you usually want to:

1. **Tokenize** → split text into words or sentences
2. **Normalize** → lowercase, remove punctuation, etc.

Example:

```
import nltk
from nltk import word_tokenize

tokens = word_tokenize(text)
print(tokens[:20])
```

## Strings — Text Processing at the Lowest Level

In NLP, everything starts with **text**, and in Python, **text = string**.

Before we use advanced tools (like NLTK tokenizers), we should understand **how strings work**, because they are the **lowest-level representation of text** in Python.

# What is a String?

A **string** is a sequence of characters — letters, numbers, symbols, or spaces — enclosed in quotes.

```
text = "Natural Language Processing with Python"  
print(text)
```

## Accessing Characters in a String

You can access any character by its **index number** (just like list indexing). Indexing starts from **0**.

```
text = "Python"  
print(text[0])    # P  
print(text[3])    # h  
print(text[-1])   # n (last character)
```

## String Slicing

You can extract parts of strings using **slice notation** [start:end].

```
text = "Language"  
print(text[0:4])    # Lang  
print(text[2:])     # nguage  
print(text[:5])     # Langu
```

# String Operations

Python provides many useful string operations for text processing:

| Operation | Description         | Example                            |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| +         | Concatenate strings | "Hello " + "World" → "Hello World" |
| *         | Repeat string       | "Hi!" * 3 → "Hi!Hi!Hi!"            |
| len()     | Find length         | len("Python") → 6                  |
| in        | Check substring     | "Lang" in "Language" → True        |

# String Methods for Text Cleaning

| Method    | Function                | Example                             | Output                   |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| lower()   | Convert to lowercase    | "PYTHON".lower()                    | python                   |
| upper()   | Convert to uppercase    | "python".upper()                    | PYTHON                   |
| title()   | Capitalize each word    | "hello world".title()               | Hello World              |
| strip()   | Remove spaces           | " text ".strip()                    | text                     |
| replace() | Replace substring       | "AI is cool".replace("cool", "fun") | AI is fun                |
| split()   | Split string into words | "AI with Python".split()            | ['AI', 'with', 'Python'] |
| join()    | Join list into string   | " ".join(['AI', 'with', 'Python'])  | AI with Python           |

# Checking String Content

| Function  | Purpose                              | Example           | Output |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| isalpha() | Checks if all characters are letters | "Hello".isalpha() | True   |
| isdigit() | Checks if all characters are digits  | "123".isdigit()   | True   |
| isalnum() | Checks if alphanumeric               | "AI123".isalnum() | True   |
| isspace() | Checks if only spaces                | " ".isspace()     | True   |

## Example: Basic Text Preprocessing Using Strings

```
sentence = "    Natural Language Processing, or NLP, is AMAZING!    "

# Clean text
clean = sentence.strip().lower().replace(",", "").replace("!", "")
words = clean.split()

print(words)
```

### OUTPUT

```
['natural', 'language', 'processing', 'or', 'nlp', 'is', 'amazing']
```

## Text Processing with Unicode

When working with Natural Language Processing (NLP), we often deal with **many languages, symbols, and special characters**.

To process all of them correctly, Python uses a system called **Unicode** — a universal way to represent text from *every* language.

## What is Unicode?

- **Unicode** is a standard that assigns a unique number (called a *code point*) to every character in every language.
- It solves the problem of earlier encodings (like ASCII) that could only handle English letters.

| Character | Unicode | Code Point | Description          |
|-----------|---------|------------|----------------------|
| A         | U+0041  |            | English Capital A    |
| a         | U+0061  |            | English Small a      |
| ଅ         | U+0905  |            | Hindi Letter A       |
| 中         | U+4E2D  |            | Chinese Character    |
| □         | U+1F600 |            | Emoji: Grinning Face |

Every symbol has its own unique code — making it possible to mix languages safely in the same file.

## Encoding and Decoding

**Encoding** = converting text → bytes

**Decoding** = converting bytes → text

This is important when reading/writing files or transferring text across the web.

```
text = "नमस्ते"
encoded = text.encode('utf-8')    # convert to bytes
print(encoded)

decoded = encoded.decode('utf-8')  # convert back to text
print(decoded)
```

## OUTPUT

```
b'\xe0\xa4\xa8\xe0\xae\xae\xb8\xe0\xa5\x8d\xe0\xa4\xae\xae\xae\x87'
नमस्ते
```

'utf-8' is the most common encoding — supports all languages.

## Regular Expressions for Detecting Word Patterns

### 1. Introduction

- Regular expressions (also called **regex**) are powerful tools used to **find, match, and manipulate text patterns** in strings.

- In NLP, they are often used for **tokenization, pattern matching, cleaning text, and information extraction** (like finding emails, phone numbers, dates, etc.).

Example:

If you want to find all words starting with a capital letter in a paragraph, you can do it easily using a regular expression

## Importing Regex Module in Python

Python provides the `re` module to work with regular expressions.

```
import re
```

## Basic Regex Functions

| Function                  | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <code>re.match()</code>   | Checks if the pattern matches at the beginning of the string |
| <code>re.search()</code>  | Searches for the first occurrence of the pattern             |
| <code>re.findall()</code> | Returns all occurrences of the pattern                       |
| <code>re.sub()</code>     | Replaces text that matches the pattern                       |
| <code>re.split()</code>   | Splits a string using the pattern as delimiter               |

## Common Regex Symbols

| Symbol | Meaning                               | Example | Matches                               |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| .      | Any character except newline          | h.t     | "hat", "hit", "hot"                   |
| ^      | Start of string                       | ^Hello  | Matches if string starts with "Hello" |
| \$     | End of string                         | world\$ | Matches if string ends with "world"   |
| \d     | Any digit (0–9)                       | \d+     | "123", "56"                           |
| \w     | Any word character (a–z, A–Z, 0–9, _) | \w+     | "hello", "Python3"                    |
| \s     | Any whitespace                        | \s+     | space, tab, newline                   |
| *      | 0 or more repetitions                 | ab*     | "a", "ab", "abb", "abbb"              |
| +      | 1 or more repetitions                 | ab+     | "ab", "abb"                           |
| ?      | 0 or 1 occurrence                     | colou?r | "color", "colour"                     |

| Symbol | Meaning                     | Example | Matches           |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| []     | Set of characters           | [aeiou] | matches vowels    |
| {m, n} | Between m and n repetitions | \d{2,4} | "12", "2024"      |
| \`     | \`                          |         | OR condition `cat |

## Example 1: Find All Words Starting with Capital Letter

```
import re

text = "My name is Tauqueer Alam and I study Computer Science."
words = re.findall(r'\b[A-Z][a-z]*\b', text)
print(words)
```

### OUTPUT

```
['My', 'Tauqueer', 'Alam', 'I', 'Computer', 'Science']
```

## Example 2: Extract All Email Addresses

```
text = "You can contact us at info@company.com or support@helpdesk.org"
emails = re.findall(r'\b[A-Za-z0-9._%+-]+@[A-Za-z0-9.-]+\.[A-Z|a-z]{2,}\b', text)
print(emails)
```

### OUTPUT

```
['info@company.com', 'support@helpdesk.org']
```

# Useful Applications of Regular Expressions

## *(a) Tokenization*

Splitting sentences or paragraphs into words or tokens.

## *(b) Removing Unwanted Characters*

Cleaning text by removing punctuation, special characters, or numbers.

## *(c) Extracting Email Addresses*

Finding and collecting all emails from a large text (useful for scraping or contact extraction).

## *(d) Extracting Phone Numbers*

Finding phone numbers in documents or web pages.

## *(e) Extracting Dates*

Detecting date formats like 12/10/2025 or 2025-10-12.

## *(f) Detecting Capitalized Words (e.g., Names, Locations)*

Useful in **Named Entity Recognition (NER)** or for extracting proper nouns.

## *(g) Removing Extra Spaces*

Cleaning messy text with multiple spaces or tabs.

## *(h) Extracting Hashtags or Mentions (for Social Media Data)*

Very useful in NLP when analyzing tweets or Instagram captions.

# Normalizing Text

## 1. Introduction

In Natural Language Processing (NLP), **text normalization** means converting text into a **standard or uniform format** so that it can be easily processed by algorithms.

Human language is very **inconsistent** — we write the same thing in different ways:

- “U” and “you” mean the same.
- “Running”, “runs”, and “ran” are forms of “run”.
- “I’m” and “I am” are equivalent.

To make text **consistent**, we perform **normalization** before feeding it to any NLP model.

## Why Normalization is Important

Because:

- It **reduces variations** in words that mean the same thing.
- It **improves accuracy** of NLP models.
- It makes text **clean, consistent, and comparable**.

Example:

Without normalization:

```
["Running", "runs", "Ran"]
```

After normalization:

```
["run", "run", "run"]
```

## Common Text Normalization Techniques

### (a) Lowercasing

Convert all characters to lowercase to avoid duplication.

```
text = "Natural Language Processing is FUN!"  
text = text.lower()  
print(text)
```

## OUTPUT

```
natural language processing is fun!
```

### *(b) Removing Punctuation and Special Characters*

Punctuation marks are usually not meaningful for NLP tasks.

```
import re
text = "Hello, World!!! It's Tauqueer :)"
clean_text = re.sub(r'[^w\s]', '', text)
print(clean_text)
```

## OUTPUT

```
Hello World Its Tauqueer
```

### *(c) Removing Stopwords*

Stopwords are common words like “is”, “the”, “a”, “an”, etc., which do not add meaning.

```
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
import nltk
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('stopwords')

text = "This is an example showing the removal of stopwords."
words = word_tokenize(text)
filtered = [word for word in words if word.lower() not in stopwords.words('english')]
print(filtered)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['example', 'showing', 'removal', 'stopwords']
```

#### *(d) Stemming*

Stemming reduces words to their **root form** (not necessarily a real word).

Example:

“Playing”, “played”, “plays” → “play”

#### *(e) Lemmatization*

Lemmatization also reduces words to their base form (**lemma**), but it uses **vocabulary and grammar** for more accuracy.

Example:

“Better” → “good” (correct lemma)

“Was” → “be”

#### *(f) Expanding Contractions*

Converting shortened words to their full form:

- “I’m” → “I am”
- “don’t” → “do not”

### **Combined Example**

Let's apply multiple normalization steps together

```
import re
from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
import nltk
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('stopwords')

text = "Running, Runs and RAN are forms of the word RUNNING!"
text = text.lower() # lowercasing
text = re.sub(r'[^w\s]', '', text) # remove punctuation
words = word_tokenize(text)
words = [w for w in words if w not in stopwords.words('english')] # remove stopwords
ps = PorterStemmer()
words = [ps.stem(w) for w in words] # stemming
print(words)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['run', 'run', 'ran', 'form', 'word', 'run']
```

# Regular Expressions for Tokenizing Text

## 1. Introduction

**Tokenization** is the process of **splitting text into smaller units** — usually words, sentences, or phrases.

Regular expressions (**regex**) help define **patterns** that tell the computer **where to split the text**.

In simple terms:

**Tokenization** = breaking text into **tokens** (words or sentences) using **rules or patterns**.

## Why Use Regular Expressions for Tokenization?

Regular expressions give **more control and flexibility** compared to simple splitting (like `split()` in Python).

- `split()` just divides on spaces.
- But regex can handle punctuation, numbers, contractions, etc.
- It's especially useful for **complex text** like social media data, reviews, or web content.

## Simple Word Tokenization Using Regex

Let's split a sentence into words using a simple regex pattern.

```
import re

text = "Hello! My name is Tauqueer Alam. I study NLP."
tokens = re.findall(r'\b\w+\b', text)
print(tokens)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['Hello', 'My', 'name', 'is', 'Tauqueer', 'Alam', 'I', 'study', 'NLP']
```

`\b\w+\b` means:

- `\b` → word boundary
- `\w+` → one or more word characters (letters, digits, underscore)

# Segmentation in NLP

## 1. Introduction

In Natural Language Processing (NLP), **segmentation** refers to the process of **dividing text into meaningful units**, like:

- **Sentences** → Sentence Segmentation (or Sentence Boundary Detection)
- **Words** → Word Segmentation

Segmentation is an important **preprocessing step** because many NLP tasks (like tokenization, parsing, and machine translation) require text to be in smaller, meaningful units.

## Types of Segmentation

### *(a) Sentence Segmentation*

Dividing text into sentences.

#### Challenges:

- Punctuation ambiguity (e.g., Dr. Smith is here. → Dr. is not the end of a sentence)
- Abbreviations, decimal points, URLs

#### Example using regex:

```
import re

text = "Hello! I am Tauqueer Alam. How are you today? I hope you're fine."
sentences = re.split(r'(?<=[.!?])\s+', text)
print(sentences)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['Hello!', 'I am Tauqueer Alam.', 'How are you today?', "I hope you're fine."]
```

### Explanation:

- `(?=<[ . ! ?] ) \s+` → split at spaces **after** a period, exclamation, or question mark.

## Example using NLTK:

```
from nltk.tokenize import sent_tokenize
import nltk
nltk.download('punkt')

text = "Dr. Alam is a professor. He teaches NLP."
sentences = sent_tokenize(text)
print(sentences)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['Dr. Alam is a professor.', 'He teaches NLP. ']
```

### *(b) Word Segmentation*

Dividing a sentence into **words** (or tokens).

### Example using regex:

```
import re
sentence = "Natural Language Processing is amazing!"
words = re.findall(r'\b\w+\b', sentence)
print(words)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['Natural', 'Language', 'Processing', 'is', 'amazing']
```

## Example using NLTK:

```
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
words = word_tokenize(sentence)
print(words)
```

## OUTPUT

```
['Natural', 'Language', 'Processing', 'is', 'amazing', '!']
```

Notice that `word_tokenize` **keeps punctuation** as separate tokens.

## Special Cases in Segmentation

1. **Languages without spaces**
  - Example: Chinese, Japanese
  - Words are not separated by spaces, so word segmentation requires **dictionary-based or statistical methods**.
2. **URLs, Emails, Hashtags, Emojis**
  - These require **custom tokenization rules** to avoid splitting in the middle.
3. **Abbreviations**
  - Example: U.S.A. → shouldn't split at every period.

## Why Segmentation is Important

- It allows **accurate tokenization**
- It's crucial for **POS tagging, parsing, and translation**
- Helps in **information retrieval and text analytics**

# Formatting: From Lists to Strings in NLP

## 1. Introduction

In NLP, after tokenizing text, we often have **lists of words or tokens**.

Sometimes, we need to **convert these lists back into readable text** for output, display, or further processing. This process is called **formatting lists into strings**.

## Why It's Useful

- Joining tokenized words back into **sentences**.
- Preparing text for **storage, display, or machine learning models**.
- Combining outputs from **preprocessing steps** like tokenization, stemming, or lemmatization.

## Converting Lists to Strings Using `join()`

The most common way in Python is using the `join()` method.

```
words = ['Natural', 'Language', 'Processing', 'is', 'fun']
sentence = ' '.join(words)
print(sentence)
```

## OUTPUT

```
Natural Language Processing is fun
```

' '.join(words) joins the words with a **space** between them.

## Joining with Other Separators

You can use **commas**, **hyphens**, or **other characters** instead of spaces.

```
words = ['Python', 'Java', 'C++']
print(','.join(words))    # Comma separated
print('-'.join(words))    # Hyphen separated
```

## OUTPUT

```
Python, Java, C++
Python-Java-C++
```

## Handling Punctuation Properly

Sometimes tokenization separates punctuation from words.  
We may want to join them **without extra spaces**.

```
tokens = ['Hello', ',', 'world', '!']
# Combine words but avoid space before punctuation
sentence = ''.join([tokens[0]] + [t if t.isalnum() else ' ' for t in tokens[1:]])
print(sentence)
```

## OUTPUT

Hello, world!

## From Nested Lists to Strings

Sometimes, text may be in **nested lists**, like paragraphs of tokenized sentences.

```
paragraph = [['Natural', 'Language', 'Processing'], ['is', 'fun']]  
# Convert each sentence  
sentences = [' '.join(sentence) for sentence in paragraph]  
# Join sentences to form paragraph  
text = '. '.join(sentences) + '.'  
print(text)
```

OUTPUT

```
Natural Language Processing. is fun.
```

## Categorizing and Tagging Words

In **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, **categorizing and tagging words** means **assigning a grammatical or semantic label** to each word in a sentence.

This helps the computer understand the **role** each word plays — whether it's a **noun**, **verb**, **adjective**, etc.

This process is called **Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging**.

### Why Is Tagging Important?

Tagging is used in many NLP applications such as:

- **Text classification**
- **Named Entity Recognition (NER)**
- **Machine translation**
- **Speech recognition**
- **Question answering**

It allows the computer to “understand” how words are functioning in a sentence.

Example:

Sentence: “*The cat sat on the mat.*”

Tags:

- The → Determiner (DT)
- cat → Noun (NN)
- sat → Verb (VBD)
- on → Preposition (IN)
- the → Determiner (DT)
- mat → Noun (NN)

## What Is a Tagger?

- A **Tagger** is an NLP tool or algorithm that automatically assigns tags to words based on their **context and grammar**.
- It takes a sentence as **input** and returns a list of **(word, tag)** pairs as **output**.

## Types of Taggers

### (a) Rule-Based Taggers

- Use **handwritten grammatical rules** to assign tags.
- Example: If a word ends with “-ed,” it is likely a **past tense verb (VBD)**.
- Example tool: **ENGCG (English Constraint Grammar)**

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### (b) Stochastic Taggers (Statistical Taggers)

- Use **probability and statistics** based on a **trained corpus**.
- Example methods:
  - **Hidden Markov Model (HMM) Tagger**
  - **N-gram Tagger**

These taggers predict the most likely tag based on the previous tags and word frequencies.

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### *(c) Transformation-Based Taggers*

- Also known as **Brill Tagger**.
- Starts with simple tagging (e.g., most frequent tag) and **learns transformation rules** to improve accuracy based on errors.

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### *(d) Neural Network Taggers*

- Use **Deep Learning models** (e.g., BiLSTM, CRF, Transformers).
- These capture **contextual meaning** of words more accurately.
- Example: **BERT**, **spaCy**, or **NLTK's neural taggers**.

## Example Using NLTK (Python)

Here's how tagging works programmatically

```
import nltk
from nltk import word_tokenize
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('averaged_perceptron_tagger')

text = "The cat sat on the mat"
tokens = word_tokenize(text)
tags = nltk.pos_tag(tokens)

print(tags)
```

## OUTPUT

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('cat', 'NN'), ('sat', 'VBD'), ('on', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('mat', 'NN')]
```

Each pair (word, tag) shows the **category** assigned by the tagger.

## Common POS Tags (Penn Treebank Tagset)

| Tag | Meaning           | Example   |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|
| NN  | Noun (singular)   | book      |
| NNS | Noun (plural)     | books     |
| VB  | Verb (base form)  | eat       |
| VBD | Verb (past tense) | ate       |
| JJ  | Adjective         | beautiful |
| RB  | Adverb            | quickly   |
| PRP | Pronoun           | he, she   |
| IN  | Preposition       | on, at    |
| DT  | Determiner        | the, a    |

## Tagged Corpora (Definition)

A **Tagged Corpus** (plural: *Corpora*) is a **collection of text** where **each word is annotated (tagged)** with its **part of speech (POS)** or other linguistic information.

In simple words:

A tagged corpus = **Text + Tags**

### Example

#### Word Tag

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| The | DT  |
| cat | NN  |
| sat | VBD |
| on  | IN  |
| the | DT  |
| mat | NN  |

# Purpose of Tagged Corpora

Tagged corpora are used to:

1. **Train POS Taggers** — taggers learn patterns of how words and tags co-occur.
2. **Evaluate NLP models** — used as a benchmark to check tagging accuracy.
3. **Linguistic analysis** — to study grammar, syntax, and word usage in real language.

# Types of Tagged Corpora

## 1. Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagged Corpora

Each word is tagged with its grammatical category.

Example (NLTK Brown Corpus):

"The/DT cat/NN sat/VBD on/IN the/DT mat/NN ./."

## 2. Morphologically Tagged Corpora

Each word is tagged with **morphological features**, such as:

- Tense (past/present)
- Number (singular/plural)
- Gender (masculine/feminine)

Example:

“sat” → Verb, Past Tense

“cats” → Noun, Plural

### 3. Syntactically Tagged Corpora (Parsed Corpora)

- Contain **phrase structure** or **dependency structure** information.
- Used for **parsing** and **grammar learning**.

Example (Parse tree):

```
(S
  (NP (DT The) (NN cat))
  (VP (VBD sat)
    (PP (IN on)
      (NP (DT the) (NN mat))))
```

### 4. Semantically Tagged Corpora

- Words are tagged with **semantic roles** or **meanings** (like “Agent”, “Action”, “Object”).
- Used in **Semantic Role Labeling (SRL)** and **information extraction**.

Example:

“Ram ate an apple.”  
→ Ram (Agent), ate (Action), apple (Object)

## Examples of Famous Tagged Corpora

| Corpus Name                             | Description                                       | Language |
|---|---|----------|
| <b>Brown Corpus</b>                     | First large-scale tagged corpus (1 million words) | English  |
| <b>Penn Treebank</b>                    | POS + syntactic annotations, widely used          | English  |
| <b>Wall Street Journal (WSJ) Corpus</b> | Subset of Penn Treebank                           | English  |
| <b>TIMIT</b>                            | Tagged with phonetic and speech data              | English  |

| Corpus Name                                       | Description  | Language         |
|---|--|------------------|
| <b>Indian Languages Corpora Initiative (ILCI)</b> | Multilingual corpus (Hindi, Tamil, etc.)                 | Indian Languages |
| <b>Universal Dependencies (UD)</b>                | Cross-linguistic tagged corpus with syntactic & POS info | Multiple         |

## Tagged Corpora in NLTK

NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) provides many tagged corpora you can use for training or testing taggers.

**Example:**

```
import nltk
nltk.download('brown')
from nltk.corpus import brown

# Get tagged sentences
tagged_sentences = brown.tagged_sents()
print(tagged_sentences[0])
```

## OUTPUT

[('The', 'AT'), ('Fulton', 'NP-TL'), ('County', 'NN-TL'), ('Grand', 'JJ-TL'), ('Jury', 'NN-TL'), ('said', 'VBD'), ...]

## How Tagged Corpora Are Used

| Step                  | Purpose   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Collect text data  | Large samples of written/spoken language          |
| 2. Annotate words     | Linguists or algorithms add tags                  |
| 3. Train taggers      | Machine Learning models learn from these patterns |
| 4. Test accuracy      | Compare predicted tags with tagged corpus         |
| 5. Apply to real data | Use taggers on untagged sentences                 |

# Mapping Words to Properties Using Python Dictionaries

This concept connects **linguistic data (words)** with their **associated features or properties** — and Python **dictionaries** are the perfect structure for this.

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## 1. What Does “Mapping Words to Properties” Mean?

In **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, we often need to store **information about words** — such as:

- Their **Part of Speech (POS)**
- **Lemma** (base form)
- **Meaning or Synonym**
- **Frequency**
- **Word Category** (noun, verb, adjective)
- **Semantic information** (like sentiment, domain, etc.)

To do this efficiently, we **map each word** to its **properties** using a **dictionary**, where:

**Key = Word**

**Value = Property/Properties**

### Example:

```
word_properties = {
    "run": {"POS": "verb", "tense": "base", "meaning": "move swiftly"},
    "beautiful": {"POS": "adjective", "degree": "positive", "meaning": "pleasing"},
    "dogs": {"POS": "noun", "number": "plural", "base": "dog"}
}

print(word_properties["run"]["POS"])
```

Output:

Verb

# Why Use Dictionaries in NLP?

Python dictionaries provide:

- **Fast lookups** →  $O(1)$  access time
- **Structured storage** for linguistic attributes
- **Flexibility** → can store multiple features per word

# Real-World Uses of Word-to-Property Mapping

| Application                           | Description   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>POS Tagging</b>                    | Store which tag each word gets (NN, VB, etc.)                                 |
| <b>Lemmatization</b>                  | Map inflected forms → base form (e.g., “ran” → “run”)                         |
| <b>Word Sense Disambiguation</b>      | Store different meanings (e.g., “bank” = river side or financial institution) |
| <b>Sentiment Analysis</b>             | Map words to polarity (positive/negative)                                     |
| <b>Named Entity Recognition (NER)</b> | Map words to entity type (Person, Location, Organization)                     |

## Example: Lemmatization Mapping

```
lemmatization_dict = {
    "running": "run",
    "ate": "eat",
    "children": "child",
    "better": "good"
}

word = "children"
print("Base form:", lemmatization_dict[word])
```

## Output

```
Base form: child
```

## Automatic Tagging

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### What Is Automatic Tagging?

In **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, **Automatic Tagging** means **assigning tags** (like **parts of speech**, **named entities**, **etc.**) **to words automatically using algorithms or trained models** — without manual human labeling.

It's the process of letting the **computer** decide the **grammatical or semantic role** of each word based on **rules, statistics, or machine learning**.

### Example

Input Sentence:

“The cat sat on the mat.”

Automatic Tagger Output:

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('cat', 'NN'), ('sat', 'VBD'), ('on', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('mat', 'NN')]
```

Here, the **tagger automatically** labeled each word with its **Part of Speech (POS)** tag.

# How Automatic Tagging Works

Automatic tagging systems use different methods depending on complexity:

## Step-by-step process:

1. **Input Sentence** → “She is playing football.”
2. **Tokenization** → ["She", "is", "playing", "football", "."]
3. **Model checks each word:**
  - o Looks up word in a dictionary or corpus.
  - o Checks surrounding words (context).
  - o Predicts the most likely tag.
4. **Output** → [('She', 'PRP'), ('is', 'VBZ'), ('playing', 'VBG'), ('football', 'NN'), ('.', '.'), ('.', '.')]

# Approaches to Automatic Tagging

There are **three major approaches** to automatic tagging:

## A. Rule-Based Tagging

- Uses **handcrafted grammatical rules** and **lexicons**.
- Example rules:
  - o If a word ends with “-ed”, tag it as **past tense verb (VBD)**.
  - o If a word comes after a **determiner (DT)**, tag it as **noun (NN)**.

### Example:

```
If (word.endswith('ed')):  
    tag = 'VBD'  
elif (previous_tag == 'DT'):  
    tag = 'NN'
```

**Pros:** Accurate for small, grammatically clean datasets.

**Cons:** Hard to scale; requires expert rules.

## B. Statistical Tagging (Probabilistic Tagging)

Uses **statistics and probabilities** learned from a **tagged corpus** (like Brown or Penn Treebank).

- Most common: **Hidden Markov Model (HMM)** or **N-Gram Taggers**.
- Each word is tagged based on the **probability** of a tag given the word and its context.

**Formula (simplified):**

$$P(tag|word) = \frac{P(word|tag) \times P(tag)}{P(word)}$$

**Example:**

If in training data:

- “sat” appears as a **verb (VBD)** 95% of the time, then the tagger will likely assign “sat → VBD”.

Pros: Learns from real data.

Cons: Needs a large tagged corpus.

## C. Machine Learning / Neural Network Tagging

Modern NLP uses **deep learning models** like:

- **BiLSTM (Bidirectional LSTM)**
- **CRF (Conditional Random Fields)**
- **Transformer models (BERT, RoBERTa, etc.)**

These models learn **contextual patterns** from millions of examples — so they can understand that:

“book” in “I will book a ticket” → **verb**

“book” in “I read a book” → **noun**

Pros: Very accurate, handles ambiguity

Cons: Needs computational resources and training data.

## Example Using NLTK (Python)

```
import nltk
from nltk import word_tokenize
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('averaged_perceptron_tagger')

sentence = "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"
tokens = word_tokenize(sentence)
tags = nltk.pos_tag(tokens)

print(tags)
```

## Output

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('quick', 'JJ'), ('brown', 'JJ'),
 ('fox', 'NN'), ('jumps', 'VBZ'), ('over', 'IN'),
 ('the', 'DT'), ('lazy', 'JJ'), ('dog', 'NN')]
```

This is Automatic Tagging in action — done using NLTK’s pre-trained tagger (Averaged Perceptron Tagger).

## Automatic Tagger Types in NLTK

| Tagger                      | Description  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>DefaultTagger</b>        | Assigns a single default tag to all words (e.g., NN)           |
| <b>RegexTagger</b>          | Uses regular expressions for rule-based tagging                |
| <b>UnigramTagger</b>        | Assigns tag based on most common tag of the word (from corpus) |
| <b>Bigram/TrigramTagger</b> | Considers previous one/two tags for context                    |
| <b>BrillTagger</b>          | Transformation-based learner (hybrid of rule & statistics)     |

## Advantages of Automatic Tagging

- Saves time (vs manual tagging)
- Scalable to millions of words
- Improves consistency
- Can adapt to new languages with training
- Used in most realworld NLP systems

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## Challenges / Limitations

- Ambiguity— words like “*bank*” (river bank or financial bank)
- Unknown words— words not seen in training data
- Context sensitivity— “light rain” (adjective) vs “light the lamp” (verb)

## N-Gram Tagging

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### What Is N-Gram Tagging?

**N-Gram Tagging** is a **statistical approach** to **automatic tagging** in NLP. It assigns **Part-of-Speech (POS) tags** to words based on **the tag(s) of the previous (N-1) word(s)** in a sentence.

## In simple terms:

An **N-Gram Tagger** uses **context** — the tags of nearby words — to predict the correct tag for the current word.

It's based on the idea that the tag of a word depends not only on the word itself but also on the tags of surrounding words.

## What Is an N-Gram?

An **N-Gram** is a **sequence of N items (words or tags)** that appear together.

| N | Example         | Called As      |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | “cat”           | <b>Unigram</b> |
| 2 | “the cat”       | <b>Bigram</b>  |
| 3 | “the black cat” | <b>Trigram</b> |

In tagging, we use **tag sequences** instead of word sequences:

- Unigram Tagger → Uses only the **current word**
- Bigram Tagger → Uses **previous word's tag**
- Trigram Tagger → Uses **previous two tags**

## How N-Gram Tagging Works

### Step-by-step process:

Let's take a simple sentence:

“The cat sat on the mat”

#### 1. Training Phase

- The tagger is trained on a **tagged corpus** (e.g., Brown or Penn Treebank).
- It learns how likely a certain **tag sequence** occurs.
- For example:

- $P(NN \mid DT)$  = Probability of a Noun (NN) coming after a Determiner (DT).
- $P(VBD \mid NN)$  = Probability of a Past Tense Verb after a Noun.

## 2. Tagging Phase

- For each new word, the model selects the tag with the **highest probability**, given the previous (N-1) tags.

## Example of Bigram Tagging:

| Word | Possible Tags | Previous Tag | Selected Tag                   |
|------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| The  | DT            | —            | DT                             |
| cat  | NN, VB        | DT           | NN (since NN follows DT often) |
| sat  | NN, VBD       | NN           | VBD (verb likely after noun)   |
| on   | IN            | VBD          | IN                             |
| the  | DT            | IN           | DT                             |
| mat  | NN            | DT           | NN                             |

## Final Output:

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('cat', 'NN'), ('sat', 'VBD'), ('on', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('mat', 'NN')]
```

## N-Gram Tagging in NLTK

NLTK provides built-in taggers for unigram, bigram, and trigram tagging.

## Example Code:

```
import nltk
from nltk.corpus import brown
nltk.download('brown')
nltk.download('universal_tagset')

# Get tagged sentences from the Brown corpus
train_data = brown.tagged_sents(tagset='universal')[:5000]
test_data = brown.tagged_sents(tagset='universal')[5000:5500]

# Train taggers
unigram_tagger = nltk.UnigramTagger(train_data)
bigram_tagger = nltk.BigramTagger(train_data, backoff=unigram_tagger)

# Test the tagger
print(bigram_tagger.tag(['The', 'cat', 'sat', 'on', 'the', 'mat']))
```

## OUTPUT

```
[('The', 'DET'), ('cat', 'NOUN'), ('sat', 'VERB'), ('on', 'ADP'), ('the', 'DET'), ('mat', 'NOUN')]
```

## Comparison of N-Gram Taggers

| Type                  | Uses                        | Pros          | Cons                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Unigram Tagger</b> | Only current word           | Fast, simple  | Ignores context         |
| <b>Bigram Tagger</b>  | Current + previous tag      | Context-aware | Fails with unseen pairs |
| <b>Trigram Tagger</b> | Current + previous two tags | More context  | Needs lots of data      |

## Example Comparison

Sentence: “Time flies like an arrow”

### Word Unigram Bigram Trigram

| Word  | Unigram | Bigram | Trigram |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Time  | NN      | NN     | NN      |
| flies | NNS     | VBZ    | VBZ     |
| like  | IN      | IN     | IN      |
| an    | DT      | DT     | DT      |
| arrow | NN      | NN     | NN      |

Here, the **Bigram/Trigram taggers** help correctly identify “flies” as a **verb (VBZ)**, not a **noun (NNS)**, because of context.

## Applications of N-Gram Tagging

- **Part-of-Speech Tagging**
- **Named Entity Recognition (NER)**
- **Speech Recognition**
- **Spell Correction**
- **Text Prediction and Autocomplete**

## Transformation-Based Tagging (TBL) — also known as Brill Tagging

Transformation-Based Tagging is a **rule-based approach** to **Part-of-Speech (POS) tagging** in **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**.

It was introduced by **Eric Brill (1995)** and is one of the most famous hybrid methods because it combines both **statistical** and **rule-based** approaches.

## Idea Behind TBL

- Instead of directly assigning the best possible tag using probabilities (like HMMs or n-grams),  
TBL starts with an initial (baseline) tagging and gradually improves it by learning a sequence of transformation rules.
- These rules correct errors in the initial tagging step-by-step.

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## How Transformation-Based Tagging Works

### 1. Initialization (Baseline Tagging)

- Start by giving each word its **most likely tag** (for example, using unigram statistics — the most frequent tag for each word in the training corpus).
- Unknown words may get a default tag like ‘NN’ (**noun**).

Example:

**Input sentence:** The cat sat on the mat.

**Initial tags:** DT NN VBD IN DT NN

### 2. Learning Transformation Rules

- The system compares the **current tags** with the **correct tags** (from a tagged corpus).
- It identifies **errors** and learns **rules** that can correct them.
- Each rule has the form:  
“**Change tag A to tag B when condition C is true.**”

Example Rules:

- Change **NN** → **VB** if the word is preceded by ‘to’
- Change **VBD** → **VBN** if the word ends with ‘-ed’

### 3. Applying the Rules

- The learned transformation rules are applied **sequentially** to improve tagging accuracy.

- Each rule is applied only if it **reduces the total number of errors**.

#### 4. Final Output

- After applying all rules, the output tags are much more accurate than the initial ones.

### Example

Suppose we have:

Sentence: He can fish.

Initial tagging (unigram tagger might produce):

swift

He/PRP can/MD fish/NN

But “fish” here is a **verb**, not a noun.

TBL might learn a rule:

arduino

Change NN → VB if the previous word is MD (modal verb)

After applying this rule:

swift

He/PRP can/MD fish/VB

## Advantages

- Combines **accuracy of statistical models** and **interpretability of rule-based systems**.
- Rules are **human-readable**, making debugging and analysis easier.
- Performs well even with **moderate-sized corpora**.

## Disadvantages

- **Training is slow** (many rule evaluations).
- **Sequential dependency** — later rules depend on earlier ones.
- May not perform as well as deep learning models on very large datasets.

### In NLTK (Python Example)

```
import nltk
from nltk.tbl import demo as brill_demo

# Run the demo Brill Tagger on a sample corpus
brill_demo.demo()
```

This runs a demonstration showing how transformation rules are learned and applied in NLTK.

## How to Determine the Category of a Word (Part-of-Speech Tagging in NLP)

In **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, determining the **category of a word** means identifying its **part of speech (POS)** — for example, whether a word is a *noun*, *verb*, *adjective*, *adverb*, etc.

This process is known as **POS tagging** or **word categorization**.

# What is Word Category?

Each word in a sentence belongs to a **syntactic category** (also called a *grammatical category* or *part of speech*).

Examples include:

- **Noun (NN)** → person, place, thing — *dog, book, India*
- **Verb (VB)** → action or state — *run, eat, is*
- **Adjective (JJ)** → describes a noun — *happy, blue, tall*
- **Adverb (RB)** → modifies verbs or adjectives — *quickly, very*
- **Preposition (IN)** → shows relationship — *in, on, under*
- **Determiner (DT)** → specifies a noun — *the, a, some*
- **Pronoun (PRP)** → replaces a noun — *he, she, it*

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## Methods to Determine the Category of a Word

There are **four main methods** used in NLP to determine a word's category:

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### 1. Lexical Lookup (Dictionary-Based Tagging)

Each word is looked up in a **lexicon** (dictionary) that lists words and their possible categories.

**Example:**

#### Word Possible Categories

book NN (noun), VB (verb)

play VB (verb), NN (noun)

#### Limitation:

Many words are **ambiguous** — they can belong to multiple categories depending on context (e.g., “book a ticket” vs “read a book”).

### 2. Rule-Based Tagging

This method applies **grammatical rules** and **context** to assign the correct tag.

### Example Rules:

- If a word ends with **-ly**, tag it as an **adverb (RB)** → *quickly, slowly*
- If a word comes before a noun, tag it as an **adjective (JJ)** → *beautiful flower*
- If a word comes after a determiner (the, a), tag it as a **noun (NN)** → *the cat*

### Example:

```
The/DT old/JJ man/NN walks/VBZ slowly/RB
```

## 3. Statistical (Probabilistic) Tagging

Uses **probability models** trained on large, manually tagged corpora to predict the most likely tag for each word in context.

### Examples:

- **Unigram Tagger:** assigns the most frequent tag for a word.
- **Bigram / Trigram Tagger:** uses the tag(s) of the previous one or two words to predict the current tag.
- **Hidden Markov Model (HMM) Tagger:** uses both emission and transition probabilities.
- **Neural Taggers (e.g., BiLSTM, BERT):** use deep learning to capture complex word and sentence patterns.

### Example:

"I saw her duck."

- **Unigram tagger:** may tag *duck* as *NN* (noun)
- **Context-aware tagger:** may tag *duck* as *VB* (verb) depending on context ("her duck to avoid something").

## 4. Combined (Hybrid) Tagging

Modern NLP systems (like NLTK's `pos_tag()` or spaCy) combine:

- Lexical dictionaries,
- Statistical models,
- And sometimes neural networks to achieve high accuracy.

### Example in Python (Using NLTK)

```
import nltk
from nltk import pos_tag, word_tokenize

# Example sentence
sentence = "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"

# Tokenize the sentence
tokens = word_tokenize(sentence)

# POS tagging
tags = pos_tag(tokens)

print(tags)
```

### OUTPUT

```
[('The', 'DT'), ('quick', 'JJ'), ('brown', 'JJ'),
 ('fox', 'NN'), ('jumps', 'VBZ'), ('over', 'IN'),
 ('the', 'DT'), ('lazy', 'JJ'), ('dog', 'NN')]
```

# Summary Table

| Method                 | Description                  | Example                                 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Lexical Lookup</b>  | Dictionary lookup            | <i>book</i> → <i>NN/VB</i>              |
| <b>Rule-Based</b>      | Uses grammar rules           | <i>word ending with -ly</i> → <i>RB</i> |
| <b>Statistical</b>     | Uses probabilities from data | <i>HMM, n-gram models</i>               |
| <b>Neural / Hybrid</b> | Uses deep learning + context | <i>BERT, spaCy, etc.</i>                |

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## What is Text Classification?

Text classification is the process of assigning predefined **categories or labels** to text documents.

Examples:

- Spam detection → *spam / not spam*
- Sentiment analysis → *positive / negative / neutral*
- News categorization → *sports / politics / tech / business*

## Supervised Classification

### Concept:

In **supervised learning**, the model is trained using a **labeled dataset**, i.e., data where each text is already tagged with its correct category.

Example training data:

| Text                      | Label    |
|---------------------------|----------|
| “Great movie, I loved it” | Positive |
| “Worst film ever”         | Negative |

The algorithm learns patterns from these examples to classify **new unseen text**.

## Steps in Supervised Text Classification:

1. **Data Collection:** Gather text samples and their labels.
2. **Preprocessing:**
  - o Tokenization
  - o Lowercasing
  - o Removing stopwords
  - o Stemming/Lemmatization
3. **Feature Extraction:**

Convert text into numerical form (vectors) using techniques like:

  - o **Bag of Words (BoW)**
  - o **TF-IDF (Term Frequency–Inverse Document Frequency)**
  - o **Word Embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe)**
4. **Model Training:** Train a classifier (e.g., Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, SVM).
5. **Prediction:** Classify new, unseen texts.
6. **Evaluation:** Measure accuracy and performance.

## Evaluation of Classifiers

To test how well the model performs, we use **evaluation metrics** on test data (data not seen during training).

### Confusion Matrix

|                 | <b>Predicted Positive</b> | <b>Predicted Negative</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Actual Positive | True Positive (TP)        | False Negative (FN)       |
| Actual Negative | False Positive (FP)       | True Negative (TN)        |

## Metrics:

- **Accuracy** =  $(TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)$   
→ Overall correctness.
- **Precision** =  $TP / (TP + FP)$   
→ Out of predicted positives, how many were correct.
- **Recall** =  $TP / (TP + FN)$   
→ Out of actual positives, how many were identified correctly.
- **F1-Score** =  $2 \times (\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}) / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$   
→ Harmonic mean of precision and recall.

## Naive Bayes Classifiers

Naive Bayes is a **probabilistic classifier** based on **Bayes' Theorem**, assuming that all features (words) are independent of each other (hence “naive”).

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### Bayes' Theorem:

#### ◆ Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(C|X) = \frac{P(X|C) \times P(C)}{P(X)}$$

Where:

- $C$ : Class (e.g., Positive, Negative)
- $X$ : Document (text)
- $P(C|X)$ : Probability that document  $X$  belongs to class  $C$
- $P(X|C)$ : Probability of document given the class
- $P(C)$ : Prior probability of class
- $P(X)$ : Probability of document (same for all classes, ignored in comparison)

## Working Example:

Let's classify a new sentence — “**This movie is great.**”

We calculate:

$$P(\text{Positive}|\text{sentence}) \quad \text{and} \quad P(\text{Negative}|\text{sentence})$$

Whichever is **higher**, that label is assigned.

## Types of Naive Bayes:

1. **Multinomial NB:** Used for word counts (common for text classification).
2. **Bernoulli NB:** For binary features (word present/absent).
3. **Gaussian NB:** For continuous data (not common in NLP).

## Example (Python-like Logic):

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

texts = ["I love this movie", "This film is terrible", "Amazing acting", "Bad direction"]
labels = ["positive", "negative", "positive", "negative"]

# Convert text to numeric features
vectorizer = CountVectorizer()
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)

# Train-Test Split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, labels, test_size=0.5)

# Train Naive Bayes Classifier
model = MultinomialNB()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Predict
predictions = model.predict(X_test)
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, predictions))
```

## Advantages:

- Simple and fast to train.
- Works well with small datasets.
- Performs surprisingly well for text classification.

## Limitations:

- Assumes word independence (not true in real language).
- Cannot handle very complex relationships between words.

# Deep Learning for NLP – Introduction

## What is Deep Learning?

**Deep Learning (DL)** is a branch of **Machine Learning (ML)** that uses **artificial neural networks (ANNs)** with many hidden layers (hence “deep”) to automatically learn **representations (features)** from raw data.

In NLP, Deep Learning helps machines understand and generate **human language** — text, speech, and meaning — by learning from large text datasets.

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## Why Deep Learning for NLP?

Traditional NLP methods (like Bag-of-Words, TF-IDF, or Naive Bayes) rely on **handcrafted features**, which often:

- Ignore word order and context.
- Struggle with large, complex datasets.

**Deep Learning** solves these by:

- Learning features automatically from data.
- Capturing **semantic meaning** (context, relationships, grammar).
- Handling complex tasks like translation, summarization, and chatbots.

# Neural Networks: The Foundation

## Basic Structure:

A **neural network** consists of:

1. **Input Layer** – Takes data (e.g., word vectors).
2. **Hidden Layers** – Process features through weighted connections.
3. **Output Layer** – Gives final prediction (e.g., sentiment = positive/negative).

Each connection has a **weight (w)**, and neurons use an **activation function** to introduce non-linearity.

## Activation Functions:

They help the network learn complex relationships.

| Function | Formula              | Range          | Purpose                                    |
|----------|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Sigmoid  | $\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ | (0, 1)         | For probabilities                          |
| Tanh     | $\tanh(x)$           | (-1, 1)        | Zero-centered activation                   |
| ReLU     | $\max(0, x)$         | [0, $\infty$ ) | Faster training, avoids vanishing gradient |

## How a Neural Network Learns:

1. **Forward Propagation:** Compute output using weights.
2. **Loss Function:** Compare output with true label (error).
3. **Backward Propagation:** Adjust weights to reduce error (using gradient descent).

This iterative process continues until the model's performance improves.

# Deep Learning in NLP Tasks

Deep Learning models can handle various NLP tasks such as:

| Task                          | Example                                    | Model Type              |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sentiment Analysis            | Positive / Negative review                 | CNN / RNN               |
| Text Classification           | Spam / Not Spam                            | CNN / RNN               |
| Machine Translation           | English → French                           | Seq2Seq (RNN)           |
| Named Entity Recognition      | “John lives in Delhi” → (Person, Location) | Bi-LSTM                 |
| Chatbots / Question Answering | Conversational AI                          | Transformer (GPT, BERT) |

## Word Representation: Word Embeddings

Before feeding text into neural networks, we must **convert words into numbers**.

### Word Embedding:

A dense numerical vector that represents a word's **meaning** and **context**.

Example:

“king”, “queen”, “man”, “woman” → vectors close in space if meanings are related.

### Common Techniques:

- **Word2Vec** – Learns vector representations from text.
- **GloVe (Global Vectors)** – Uses co-occurrence statistics.
- **FastText** – Considers subword (character-level) information.

These embeddings are the **input features** for deep learning models.

## Advantages of Deep Learning in NLP

- Automatically learns features (no manual feature engineering).
- Handles large-scale data efficiently.

- Understands **context and sequence** of words.
- Provides **state-of-the-art accuracy** for NLP tasks.

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## Limitations

- Requires **large datasets** and **computational power**.
- Harder to interpret (black box nature).
- Training can be slow.
- Needs **GPU/TPU** for high performance.

## Simple Example Workflow:

```
# Example: Sentiment Classification using Deep Learning

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, LSTM, Dense

model = Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=5000, output_dim=128, input_length=100), # Word embeddings
    LSTM(64), # Recurrent layer for sequence learning
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid') # Output layer for binary classification
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.summary()
```

## Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

### Introduction:

A **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)** is a **deep learning model** originally designed for **image processing**, but it also works very well for **text classification** and **NLP tasks**.

CNNs can automatically extract **important local features** (like key phrases or n-grams) from text without requiring manual feature engineering.

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## Basic Idea

CNNs use a special operation called **convolution**, which slides small filters (kernels) across input data to detect important patterns.

In text, this means:

- Detecting key word patterns (e.g., “not good”, “very bad”)
- Capturing **local dependencies** between nearby words

## CNN Architecture for NLP

Let's go step-by-step

### Step 1 – Input Layer

The input is a **sequence of words**, usually converted into **word embeddings**.  
Example sentence:

“The movie was really good”

After embedding (say 5 words  $\times$  50-dim vector):  
→ A **5  $\times$  50** matrix (rows = words, columns = embedding dimensions)

### Step 2 – Convolution Layer

- Apply **filters (kernels)** that slide over the word embeddings.
- Each filter detects a specific pattern of nearby words (like a phrase).

Example:

- A filter size of 2 → detects 2-word patterns (“movie was”, “was really”)
- A filter size of 3 → detects 3-word patterns (“The movie was”)

Each filter produces a **feature map** — a numerical representation of detected patterns.

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### Step 3 – Activation Function

After convolution, an **activation function** (usually **ReLU**) is applied to add non-linearity.

$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \max(0, x)$$

This allows the model to learn complex relationships.

### Step 4 – Pooling Layer

Pooling reduces the feature map's size while keeping the most important information.

- **Max Pooling:** Takes the largest value (most important feature).
- **Average Pooling:** Takes the average of the region.

For NLP, **1D Max Pooling** is most common — it helps capture the strongest feature from each filter.

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### Step 5 – Fully Connected Layer

The pooled features are flattened into a vector and passed through one or more **fully connected (Dense) layers** for final prediction.

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### Step 6 – Output Layer

Uses **Softmax** (for multi-class) or **Sigmoid** (for binary classification).

Example:

- Sentiment → Positive / Negative
- News category → Sports / Politics / Tech

## Example CNN Architecture for Text Classification

```
Input Sentence → Word Embeddings → Convolution Layer
→ ReLU Activation → Max Pooling → Fully Connected Layer
→ Output (e.g., Positive / Negative)
```

## Simple Python Example

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, Conv1D, GlobalMaxPooling1D, Dense

model = Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=5000, output_dim=100, input_length=100),      # Word Embeddings
    Conv1D(filters=128, kernel_size=5, activation='relu'),           # Convolution layer
    GlobalMaxPooling1D(),                                              # Pooling layer
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')                                     # Output (binary classification)
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.summary()
```

## Advantages of CNN in NLP

- Captures **local patterns** (n-grams) efficiently.
- Fast training (parallel computation possible).
- Works well with **short and fixed-length texts**.
- Needs fewer parameters than RNNs.

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## Limitations

- Cannot easily capture **long-range dependencies** between distant words.
- Not ideal for **sequential context** understanding (for that, use RNNs or Transformers).

# Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

## Introduction:

A **Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)** is a **deep learning model** designed to handle **sequential data**, where the **order of input matters** — like text, speech, or time series.

Unlike normal neural networks (which treat each input independently), RNNs have a **memory** that captures information from previous inputs.

That makes RNNs ideal for **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** tasks such as:

- Sentence classification
- Machine translation
- Text generation
- Speech recognition

## The Need for RNNs in NLP

Text is **sequential** — the meaning of a word depends on previous words.

Example:

“He went to the bank to deposit money.”

“He sat on the bank of the river.”

The word “*bank*” has different meanings depending on the **previous words**.

So, we need a model that can remember **past context** — that’s what RNNs do.

## Basic Working

An RNN processes an input sequence **one element (word) at a time**, while maintaining a **hidden state** that stores information about previous steps.

At each time step  $t$ :

$$h_t = f(W_h \cdot h_{t-1} + W_x \cdot x_t + b)$$

$$y_t = W_y \cdot h_t + c$$

Where:

- $x_t$ : input at time  $t$  (e.g., word embedding)
- $h_t$ : hidden state (memory) at time  $t$
- $y_t$ : output at time  $t$
- $W_x, W_h, W_y$ : weight matrices
- $f$ : activation function (usually tanh or ReLU)

## Recurrent Connection

The key feature:

The hidden state  $h_t$  depends on **both** current input and **previous state**  $h_{t-1}$ .

That's why it's called "**recurrent**" — the network loops over time steps.

## Unfolded RNN Representation

```
x1 → [RNN Cell] → h1 → y1
x2 → [RNN Cell] → h2 → y2
x3 → [RNN Cell] → h3 → y3
...
```

**Each RNN cell passes its hidden state to the next — maintaining sequential memory.**

## Types of RNNs

| Type                | Description                      | Example Use                     |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>One-to-One</b>   | Standard NN                      | Image classification            |
| <b>One-to-Many</b>  | One input → Sequence output      | Image captioning                |
| <b>Many-to-One</b>  | Sequence input → One output      | Sentiment analysis              |
| <b>Many-to-Many</b> | Sequence input → Sequence output | Translation, Speech recognition |

## Problems with Basic RNNs

### Vanishing Gradient Problem:

When training long sequences, gradients (error signals) become very small — the model **forgets long-term dependencies**.

Hence, basic RNNs are not good at remembering context far back in the sequence.

## Solutions: LSTM and GRU

To fix memory loss, two advanced RNN variants were introduced:

### LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory):

- Uses **gates (input, forget, output)** to control information flow.
- Can remember information for **longer sequences**.

### GRU (Gated Recurrent Unit):

- A simplified LSTM with fewer gates (update and reset).
- Faster to train, performs similarly well.

## Applications

| Task                           | Example                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sentiment Analysis             | Predict positive/negative review |
| Text Generation                | Generate new sentences or poetry |
| Machine Translation            | English → French                 |
| Named Entity Recognition (NER) | Detect names, places, etc.       |
| Speech Recognition             | Convert audio → text             |

## Example RNN Architecture in Python

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, SimpleRNN, Dense

model = Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=5000, output_dim=128, input_length=100), # Word embeddings
    SimpleRNN(64, activation='tanh'), # RNN layer
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid') # Output (binary)
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=[ 'accuracy' ])
model.summary()
```

## Advantages of RNNs

- Can handle sequential data and context.
- Useful for variable-length inputs.
- Effective in NLP tasks like translation and speech.

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## Limitations

- Difficult to train on long sequences (vanishing gradient).
- Slow (can't be fully parallelized).
- Forget distant context.

(Solved by **LSTM** and **GRU**, and later by **Transformers**)

## Classifying Text with Deep Learning

### What Is Text Classification?

Text classification is the process of assigning a **label or category** to a given text using machine learning or deep learning techniques.

Examples:

- Spam Detection → *Spam / Not Spam*
- Sentiment Analysis → *Positive / Negative*
- News Categorization → *Sports / Politics / Tech*
- Intent Detection → *Booking / Inquiry / Complaint*

## Why Deep Learning for Text Classification?

Traditional ML models (Naive Bayes, SVM, Logistic Regression) rely on **hand-crafted features** such as Bag-of-Words or TF-IDF.

These fail to capture:

- **Context** between words
- **Word order**
- **Long-range dependencies**

Deep Learning models (CNNs, RNNs, LSTMs, Transformers) solve this by **automatically learning hierarchical and contextual features** from text.

# Deep Learning Workflow for Text Classification

Let's go step-by-step

## Step 1 – Data Preparation

- Collect labeled dataset (text + label).
- Example:

| Text                      | Label    |
|---------------------------|----------|
| “The movie was excellent” | Positive |
| “I hated the acting”      | Negative |

- Clean text (remove punctuation, lowercase, etc.).
- Split into **training** and **test** sets.

## Step 2 – Text Representation

Convert text into numerical form using:

- **Word Embeddings** (Word2Vec, GloVe, FastText)
- Or use **Embedding Layer** in deep learning frameworks like TensorFlow/Keras.

Each word becomes a dense vector (e.g., 100 dimensions) capturing its meaning.

## Step 3 – Model Selection

Depending on the nature of your data, choose a deep learning model:

| Model                           | Strength                             | Typical Use                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>CNN</b>                      | Captures local n-gram patterns       | Short text / phrase classification |
| <b>RNN / LSTM / GRU</b>         | Captures sequential context          | Long sentences / time-based data   |
| <b>Hybrid CNN + LSTM</b>        | Combines local + sequential features | Sentiment analysis, reviews        |
| <b>Transformers (BERT, GPT)</b> | Captures global attention & context  | State-of-the-art NLP tasks         |

## Step 4 – Training the Model

1. Feed word embeddings into the network.
2. Network learns to map patterns → labels.
3. Use **loss function** like Binary Cross-Entropy or Categorical Cross-Entropy.
4. Optimize weights via **backpropagation** using optimizers like Adam or SGD.

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## Step 5 – Evaluation

After training, evaluate performance on the test set using:

- **Accuracy**
- **Precision**
- **Recall**
- **F1-Score**

## Example: CNN-Based Text Classifier

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, Conv1D, GlobalMaxPooling1D, Dense

model = Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=5000, output_dim=128, input_length=100), # Word embeddings
    Conv1D(128, 5, activation='relu'), # Convolution layer
    GlobalMaxPooling1D(), # Pooling
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid') # Output layer
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.summary()
```

Used for **binary classification** (e.g., positive vs. negative).

## Example: LSTM-Based Text Classifier

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, LSTM, Dense

model = Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=5000, output_dim=100, input_length=100),
    LSTM(64),
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
```

Used for longer text or sequence-dependent tasks.

## Advanced Approach: Transformers

Modern models like **BERT**, **RoBERTa**, and **GPT** use **self-attention** to understand relationships between all words in a sentence simultaneously. They achieve **state-of-the-art accuracy** in most NLP classification tasks.

Example task:

BERT fine-tuned for sentiment analysis or spam detection.

## Advantages of Deep Learning for Text Classification

- Learns complex patterns automatically.
- Captures context and sequence of words.
- Performs better on large datasets.
- Can be fine-tuned for domain-specific tasks.

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## Limitations

- Requires large labeled datasets.
- High computational cost (needs GPU).
- Longer training time.
- Harder to interpret (“black box” models).

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### Information Extraction (IE): Overview

#### **Definition:**

Information Extraction (IE) is the process of **automatically identifying structured information** (facts, entities, relationships) from **unstructured text** data such as articles, blogs, reviews, or social media posts.

In simple words —

IE converts **raw text** into **structured data** that computers can understand and use.

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### Example

#### **Input (Unstructured Text):**

"Elon Musk founded SpaceX in 2002 and became the CEO of Tesla in 2008."

#### **Output (Structured Information):**

| <b>Entity 1</b> | <b>Relation</b> | <b>Entity 2</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Elon Musk       | founded         | SpaceX          | 2002        |
| Elon Musk       | became CEO of   | Tesla           | 2008        |

### Steps in Information Extraction

- 1. Text Preprocessing**
  - Tokenization (splitting into words/sentences)
  - Stopword removal
  - Lemmatization or Stemming
- 2. Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging**
  - Identifies the grammatical role of words (noun, verb, adjective, etc.)
- 3. Named Entity Recognition (NER)**
  - Finds names of **persons, organizations, locations, dates**, etc.
  - Example: "Apple" → Organization, "Tim Cook" → Person

#### 4. Chunking / Shallow Parsing

- Groups words into **phrases** (like Noun Phrases or Verb Phrases)
- Example: “the red car” → [NP the red car]

#### 5. Relation Extraction

- Determines **relationships between entities** (e.g., *works for*, *located in*, *founded by*).

#### 6. Template Filling

- Extracted entities and relations are placed into **predefined templates** or **structured formats**.

## Applications of Information Extraction

- **Search Engines** – Extract key facts for quick answers.
- **Question Answering Systems** – e.g., Chatbots using structured info.
- **Business Intelligence** – Extract company, product, and price data.
- **Social Media Monitoring** – Identify opinions, trends, or named entities.
- **Medical Text Mining** – Extract disease, drug, and symptom relationships.

## Techniques Used

| Method                      | Description  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Rule-Based Systems</b>   | Use hand-written patterns or regex (e.g., “founded by”)                  |
| <b>Statistical Models</b>   | Use machine learning with annotated data                                 |
| <b>Deep Learning Models</b> | Use neural networks (e.g., BiLSTM, BERT) for NER and relation extraction |

## What is Chunking?

### Definition:

Chunking (also called **shallow parsing**) is the process of **grouping words into meaningful phrases** (like noun phrases or verb phrases) based on their **Part-of-Speech (POS) tags**.

While POS tagging labels individual words, **chunking combines them into higher-level units**.

## Example

### Sentence:

“The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.”

### POS Tags:

The/DT quick/JJ brown/JJ fox/NN jumps/VBZ over/IN the/DT lazy/JJ dog/NN

### Noun Phrase (NP) Chunking Output:

[NP The quick brown fox] [VP jumps] [PP over] [NP the lazy dog]

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## Purpose of Chunking

Chunking helps extract **structured information** by:

- Identifying **phrases** (like subjects, objects, etc.)
- Simplifying **sentence structure** for further tasks
- Preparing text for **Named Entity Recognition (NER)** or **Relation Extraction**

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## Types of Chunks

| Type                      | Example                | Description                      |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NP (Noun Phrase)          | <i>The red car</i>     | A noun with its modifiers        |
| VP (Verb Phrase)          | <i>is running fast</i> | Verb with adverbs or auxiliaries |
| PP (Prepositional Phrase) | <i>in the park</i>     | Preposition with a noun phrase   |
| ADJP (Adjective Phrase)   | <i>very beautiful</i>  | Adjectives with modifiers        |

# Chunking Process

1. **Tokenization** → Break text into words
2. **POS Tagging** → Assign parts of speech
3. **Apply Chunking Rules** → Define patterns using regular expressions based on POS tags
4. **Chunk Extraction** → Identify and group phrases

## Example in Python (using NLTK)

```
import nltk
from nltk import word_tokenize, pos_tag, RegexpParser

# Input text
text = "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"

# Tokenize and tag
tokens = word_tokenize(text)
tagged = pos_tag(tokens)

# Define a chunk grammar (for noun phrases)
grammar = "NP: {<DT>?<JJ>*<NN>}"

# Create a chunk parser
parser = RegexpParser(grammar)

# Parse and visualize
chunked = parser.parse(tagged)
chunked.draw()
```

This will show a tree structure grouping the words into a noun phrase (NP).

## Evaluating Chunkers

When you train a chunker using annotated data, you can evaluate its performance using:

| Metric           | Description   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Precision</b> | % of correctly predicted chunks out of all predicted chunks |
| <b>Recall</b>    | % of correctly predicted chunks out of all actual chunks    |
| <b>F1 Score</b>  | Harmonic mean of precision and recall                       |

## Chunking vs Parsing

| Aspect         | Chunking                     | Full Parsing                      |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Depth</b>   | Shallow (phrases only)       | Deep (full grammatical structure) |
| <b>Speed</b>   | Fast                         | Slower                            |
| <b>Purpose</b> | Identify key groups (NP, VP) | Understand full syntax tree       |

## Applications

- **Information Extraction** (e.g., identifying “organization names”)
- **Named Entity Recognition (NER)**
- **Question Answering Systems**
- **Machine Translation**
- **Text Summarization**

## What is a Chunker?

A **chunker** is a model or a rule-based system that **automatically detects and groups phrases** (like noun phrases, verb phrases) in a sentence after **POS tagging**.

In short:

**Chunking = POS tagging + Pattern recognition for phrases**

You can **develop** a chunker using:

- **Rule-based (Grammar/Regex)** approach
- **Machine learning-based** approach (trained chunkers)

## Developing a Chunker

There are two main ways:

### A. Rule-Based Chunker (Using Regular Expressions)

We define patterns using **POS tags** to identify chunks.

**Example:**

```
import nltk
from nltk import word_tokenize, pos_tag, RegexpParser

# Sample text
sentence = "The beautiful red car was parked near the university"

# Tokenize and tag
tokens = word_tokenize(sentence)
tagged = pos_tag(tokens)

# Define grammar for Noun Phrase (NP)
grammar = "NP: {<DT>?<JJ>*<NN>}"

# Create a chunk parser
chunk_parser = RegexpParser(grammar)

# Apply the chunker
chunked = chunk_parser.parse(tagged)

# Display chunks
print(chunked)
chunked.draw()
```



## Explanation:

- $\langle \text{DT} \rangle ? \rightarrow$  Optional Determiner (like *the*, *a*, *an*)
- $\langle \text{JJ} \rangle ^* \rightarrow$  Zero or more adjectives
- $\langle \text{NN} \rangle \rightarrow$  Noun

So this rule captures noun phrases like “*The beautiful red car*”.

## B. Machine Learning-Based Chunker

Uses **supervised learning** — you train a model with:

- **Input:** POS-tagged sentences
- **Output:** Chunk labels (e.g., “B-NP”, “I-NP”, “O”)

*Example using NLTK's built-in dataset:*

```
from nltk.corpus import conll2000
from nltk.chunk import ChunkParserI
from nltk.chunk.util import tree2conlltags
from nltk.tag import UnigramTagger

# Load data
train_sents = conll2000.chunked_sents('train.txt', chunk_types=['NP'])
test_sents = conll2000.chunked_sents('test.txt', chunk_types=['NP'])

# Create training data
train_data = [[(t, c) for w, t, c in tree2conlltags(sent)] for sent in train_sents]

# Train a Unigram chunker
class UnigramChunker(ChunkParserI):
    def __init__(self, train_sents):
        train_data = [[(t, c) for w, t, c in tree2conlltags(sent)] for sent in train_sents]
        self.tagger = UnigramTagger(train_data)
    def parse(self, sentence):
        pos_tags = [pos for (word, pos) in sentence]
        tagged_pos = self.tagger.tag(pos_tags)
        chunks = [(word, pos, chunk) for ((word, pos), (pos2, chunk)) in zip(sentence, tagged_pos)]
        return nltk.chunk.conlltags2tree(chunks)  ↓
```

This type of model learns patterns automatically from annotated corpora like CONLL 2000.

## Evaluating Chunkers

Once a chunker is developed, its performance must be evaluated on a test set.

### Evaluation Metrics:

#### Evaluation Metrics:

| Metric    | Formula                | Meaning                                    |
|-----------|------------------------|--|
| Precision | $P = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$ | % of predicted chunks that are correct     |
| Recall    | $R = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$ | % of true chunks that were correctly found |
| F1-Score  | $F1 = \frac{2PR}{P+R}$ | Balance between precision and recall       |

Where:

- **TP (True Positive):** Correctly identified chunks
- **FP (False Positive):** Incorrectly predicted chunks
- **FN (False Negative):** Missed correct chunks

## Evaluating in NLTK

```
from nltk.corpus import conll2000
from nltk.chunk import UnigramChunker

train_sents = conll2000.chunked_sents('train.txt', chunk_types=['NP'])
test_sents = conll2000.chunked_sents('test.txt', chunk_types=['NP'])

chunker = UnigramChunker(train_sents)
print(chunker.evaluate(test_sents))
```

## OUTPUT

```
ChunkParse score:  
Precision: 86.7%  
Recall: 88.4%  
F-Measure: 87.5%
```

## Importance of Evaluation

- Helps measure **accuracy and reliability** of the chunker.
- Allows comparison between **different approaches** (rule-based vs ML).
- Ensures **robustness** for downstream tasks like NER or relation extraction

## Recursion in Linguistic Structure

### Definition:

In linguistics, **recursion** means a **phrase can contain another phrase of the same type** — this allows language to express **infinite ideas with finite rules**.

In simple words:

Recursion lets sentences **embed smaller sentences or phrases** inside themselves.

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### Example

#### 1. Basic sentence:

“The cat sat.”

#### 2. Add a phrase (recursion in noun phrase):

“The cat on the mat sat.”

#### 3. Add another phrase:

“The cat on the mat near the door sat.”

Here, each noun phrase (“cat”, “cat on the mat”, “cat on the mat near the door”) **contains another noun phrase** → recursion in structure.

## Why Recursion Happens

Language has **hierarchical structure** — a sentence (S) is made up of phrases (NP, VP, PP), and those phrases can contain **other phrases of the same kind**.

For example:

```
S → NP VP
NP → DT N | NP PP
PP → P NP
```

**Because NP → NP PP, it allows recursion —**

**A noun phrase (NP) can contain a prepositional phrase (PP), and that PP again can contain another NP.**

## Example Tree

For the sentence:

“The book on the table in the room is mine.”

```
(S
  (NP
    (NP (DT The) (NN book))
    (PP (IN on)
      (NP
        (NP (DT the) (NN table))
        (PP (IN in)
          (NP (DT the) (NN room))))))
    (VP (VBZ is) (PRP$ mine)))
```

Here you can see:

- NP contains a PP
- That PP contains another NP
- That NP again contains another PP  
→ **recursive pattern!**

## Importance of Recursion in NLP

| Task                          | Role of Recursion                               |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Parsing</b>                | Helps build hierarchical syntactic trees.       |
| <b>Information Extraction</b> | Allows extraction from nested phrases.          |
| <b>Machine Translation</b>    | Handles nested and dependent clauses correctly. |
| <b>Question Answering</b>     | Helps understand embedded questions.            |
| <b>Text Summarization</b>     | Recognizes main vs subordinate clauses.         |

## Recursion in Grammar Rules (CFG)

In **Context-Free Grammars (CFGs)** — used in NLP parsers — recursion appears naturally in rules:

Example:

```
NP → NP PP
PP → P NP
```

**If the grammar allows a non-terminal (like NP) to appear on both sides of a rule, it's recursive.**

# Recursion in Programming (Python + NLTK Example)

You can visualize recursive linguistic structure using **NLTK's parser**:

```
import nltk
from nltk import CFG

# Define a simple grammar with recursion
grammar = CFG.fromstring("""
S -> NP VP
NP -> DT NN | NP PP
PP -> IN NP
VP -> VB NP
DT -> 'the'
NN -> 'cat' | 'mat' | 'room'
IN -> 'on' | 'in'
VB -> 'saw'
""")

parser = nltk.ChartParser(grammar)
sentence = ['the', 'cat', 'on', 'the', 'mat', 'in', 'the', 'room', 'saw', 'the', 'cat']

for tree in parser.parse(sentence):
    print(tree)
    tree.draw()
```



This creates a recursive parse tree — showing nested NP and PP structures.

## What is Named Entity Recognition (NER)?

### Definition:

Named Entity Recognition (NER) is the process of **identifying and classifying named entities** in a text into predefined categories such as **person names, organizations, locations, dates, monetary values**, etc.

In simple words —

NER finds **real-world objects** in text and labels them with their **type**.

## **Example:**

### **Sentence:**

“Elon Musk founded SpaceX in 2002 and lives in Texas.”

### **NER Output:**

| <b>Entity</b> | <b>Type</b>  |
|---------------|--------------|
| Elon Musk     | PERSON       |
| SpaceX        | ORGANIZATION |
| 2002          | DATE         |
| Texas         | LOCATION     |

## **Steps in Named Entity Recognition**

- 1. Text Preprocessing**
  - Tokenization
  - Stopword Removal
  - Lemmatization
- 2. Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging**
  - Identifies grammatical roles (noun, verb, etc.)
- 3. NER Tagging**
  - Detects entities and assigns category labels
  - e.g., *New York* → LOCATION, *Google* → ORGANIZATION
- 4. Post-Processing**
  - Merge or refine overlapping entities.

## **Common Named Entity Types**

| <b>Category</b>     | <b>Examples</b>             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>PERSON</b>       | Elon Musk, Narendra Modi    |
| <b>ORGANIZATION</b> | Google, Gurugram University |
| <b>LOCATION</b>     | Delhi, India, Ganga River   |
| <b>DATE/TIME</b>    | 12th February 2005, 5 PM    |
| <b>MONEY</b>        | ₹5000, \$10 million         |

| Category | Examples                    |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| PERCENT  | 25%, 80 percent             |
| PRODUCT  | iPhone, Tesla Model S       |
| EVENT    | Olympic Games, World War II |

## Approaches to NER

### A. Rule-Based (Pattern Matching)

- Uses **regular expressions** and **hand-written linguistic rules**.
- Example: Words ending with *Ltd.* → ORGANIZATION
- Works well for simple domains but fails on complex language.

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### B. Machine Learning-Based

- Train models using **labeled corpora** (supervised learning).
- Uses features like capitalization, word shape, POS tags, etc.
- Common algorithms:
  - Hidden Markov Model (HMM)
  - Conditional Random Fields (CRF)
  - Support Vector Machines (SVM)

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### C. Deep Learning-Based (Modern NER)

- Uses **neural networks** to automatically learn features from text.
- Common architectures:
  - **BiLSTM + CRF**
  - **CNN + LSTM**
  - **Transformers (BERT, RoBERTa, GPT, etc.)**
- Highly accurate and widely used today.

## Example in Python (using spaCy)

```
import spacy

# Load pre-trained model
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")

# Input text
text = "Elon Musk founded SpaceX in 2002 and lives in Texas."

# Process text
doc = nlp(text)

# Extract entities
for ent in doc.ents:
    print(ent.text, "→", ent.label_)
```

## Output

```
Elon Musk → PERSON
SpaceX → ORG
2002 → DATE
Texas → GPE
```

(GPE = Geopolitical Entity, i.e., country, city, or state)

# Applications of NER

| Application            | Example   |
|------------------------|---|
| Information Extraction | Extract company names, dates, and locations from news articles          |
| Question Answering     | Identify key entities in user queries                                   |
| Summarization          | Highlight people, places, and organizations in summaries                |
| Search Engines         | Improve relevance by recognizing entity names                           |
| Chatbots               | Understand entities like names, dates, and locations from user messages |

# What is Relation Extraction (RE)?

## Definition:

Relation Extraction (RE) is the process of **detecting and classifying semantic relationships** between **entities** identified in a text.

In simple words —

After NER finds *who* and *what*,

**Relation Extraction** finds *how they are related*.

## Example

### Sentence:

“Elon Musk founded SpaceX in 2002.”

### From NER:

- Elon Musk → PERSON
- SpaceX → ORGANIZATION
- 2002 → DATE

## Relation Extraction Output:

| Entity 1  | Relation | Entity 2 | Extra Info |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Elon Musk | founded  | SpaceX   | 2002       |

So, RE helps us capture (**Subject, Relation, Object**) triplets —  
→ (Elon Musk, founded, SpaceX)

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## Steps in Relation Extraction

1. **Preprocessing**
  - o Tokenization, POS tagging, and dependency parsing.
2. **Named Entity Recognition (NER)**
  - o Identify entities like PERSON, ORGANIZATION, LOCATION, etc.
3. **Relation Detection**
  - o Identify **whether a relationship exists** between two entities.
4. **Relation Classification**
  - o Classify the **type of relation** (e.g., *founded by*, *born in*, *located in*, etc.).

## Types of Relations

| Category       | Example                                      | Relation Type |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| Organizational | “Elon Musk founded SpaceX.”                  | founderOf     |
| Geographical   | “Taj Mahal is located in Agra.”              | locatedIn     |
| Personal       | “Barack Obama is married to Michelle Obama.” | spouseOf      |
| Professional   | “Sundar Pichai is CEO of Google.”            | worksFor      |
| Temporal       | “World War II ended in 1945.”                | endedIn       |

# Approaches to Relation Extraction

## A. Rule-Based (Pattern Matching)

- Uses manually defined **patterns** or **regular expressions**.
- Example rule:  
If pattern matches “X founded Y” → Relation = *founderOf*

### Example:

“Steve Jobs founded Apple.”  
→ (Steve Jobs, founderOf, Apple)

- Simple but □ fails for complex sentence structures.

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## B. Supervised Machine Learning

- Uses **annotated datasets** (text with labeled relations).
- Each entity pair becomes a training example.
- **Features used:** POS tags, dependency paths, word distance, etc.
- Common algorithms:
  - Support Vector Machines (SVM)
  - Decision Trees
  - Naive Bayes
  - Logistic Regression

- More flexible than rules, but □ needs large labeled data.

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## C. Deep Learning / Neural Models

- Automatically learn features from raw text.
- Common architectures:
  - **CNN** (captures local word patterns)
  - **RNN / LSTM** (captures long dependencies)
  - **Transformer-based models** like **BERT**, **RoBERTa**

Example:

Sentence: “Bill Gates founded Microsoft.”

→ Model output: (Bill Gates, founder\_of, Microsoft)

- Very accurate
- Requires high computation and large data.

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## Relation Extraction Example (using spaCy)

```
import spacy
from spacy.matcher import Matcher

# Load NLP model
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")

# Input text
text = "Elon Musk founded SpaceX in 2002."

# Process text
doc = nlp(text)

# Print named entities
for ent in doc.ents:
    print(ent.text, ent.label_)

# Simple pattern-based relation detection
matcher = Matcher(nlp.vocab)
pattern = [{ENT_TYPE: 'PERSON'}, {'LEMMA': 'found'}, {ENT_TYPE: 'ORG'}]
matcher.add("FOUNDER_RELATION", [pattern])
```

```
matches = matcher(doc)
for match_id, start, end in matches:
    span = doc[start:end]
    print("Relation:", span.text)
```

## OUTPUT

```
Elon Musk PERSON
SpaceX ORG
Relation: Elon Musk founded SpaceX
```

## Applications of Relation Extraction

| Field                      | Example   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Knowledge Graphs           | Build (Entity, Relation, Entity) triples for Google Knowledge Graph |
| Question Answering Systems | “Who founded Tesla?” → extract (Elon Musk, founderOf, Tesla)        |
| Information Retrieval      | Enhance search by linking related entities                          |
| Biomedical NLP             | Extract relations like (Drug, treats, Disease)                      |
| News Analysis              | Identify relations between people, events, and organizations        |

## Analyzing Sentence Structure

Analyzing sentence structure in NLP means understanding **how words are organized and related** in a sentence.

It's about **syntax** — the rules and patterns governing how words combine to form **meaningful sentences**.

Before extracting meaning, we need to know **what role each word plays** (subject, verb, object, modifier, etc.) and how phrases are structured.

# Some Grammatical Dilemmas

In natural language, many **sentences can be ambiguous** or have structures that are **difficult for computers to parse**. These are called **grammatical dilemmas**.

## A. Syntactic Ambiguity

- A sentence can have **more than one valid parse**.
- **Example:**

“I saw the man with a telescope.”

**Two interpretations:**

1. I used a telescope to see the man.
2. The man I saw had a telescope.

- Computers must **decide which structure is intended**, which is tricky without context.

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## B. Part-of-Speech Ambiguity

- A word can have **multiple possible POS tags** depending on context.
- **Example:**

“Book the flight.” → *Book* = verb

“The book is on the table.” → *Book* = noun

- NLP systems must **disambiguate words** based on sentence structure.

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## C. Attachment Ambiguity

- Ambiguity about **which part of the sentence a phrase modifies**.
- **Example:**

“She saw the boy with the binoculars.”

- Did she have the binoculars?
- Or did the boy have them?

- This is common with **prepositional phrases (PPs)**.

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## D. Coordination Ambiguity

- Ambiguity in sentences with “**and**,” “**or**,” **or other conjunctions**.
- **Example:**

“He saw the man and the woman with a telescope.”

- Does *with a telescope* modify both *man* and *woman* or just *woman*?

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## E. Modifier Scope Ambiguity

- Ambiguity arises from **adjectives or adverbs**.
- **Example:**

“Old men and women were present.”

- Are both men and women old? Or only the men?

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## F. Ellipsis / Missing Elements

- Some sentences omit words but are still understandable to humans.
- **Example:**

“I ordered pizza, and John [ordered] pasta.”

- NLP must **infer the missing verb**.

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## Why These Dilemmas Matter in NLP

- Ambiguities cause **parsing errors**, which affect downstream tasks:
  - **Information Extraction** → Misidentified entities or relations
  - **Machine Translation** → Incorrect translations
  - **Question Answering** → Wrong answers due to misinterpreted structure

- Handling these dilemmas often requires:
  - **Contextual information** (e.g., surrounding sentences)
  - **Probabilistic models** (like probabilistic CFGs)
  - **Deep learning approaches** that learn likely structures

## Syntax in NLP

**Syntax** is the set of rules that governs **how words are combined to form grammatically correct sentences**.

In NLP, syntax helps **analyze the structure of a sentence**, rather than just its words, allowing systems to understand **relationships between words**.

Syntax = the *structure* of the sentence. Semantics = the *meaning* of the sentence.

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## Why Syntax is Important

Syntax is crucial in NLP because many tasks **cannot rely solely on individual words**. Understanding sentence structure helps in:

### 1. Disambiguating Meaning

- Example (Attachment ambiguity):

“I saw the man with a telescope.”

Syntax helps determine whether *with a telescope* refers to “I” or “the man”.

### 2. Information Extraction

- Helps extract structured knowledge like entities and relationships.
- Example:

“Elon Musk founded SpaceX.”

Knowing subject-verb-object structure → (Elon Musk, founded, SpaceX)

### 3. Machine Translation

- Accurate translation requires understanding **sentence structure**, not just word-by-word translation.

### 4. Question Answering & Chatbots

- Understanding syntax helps identify **who did what to whom**.
- Example: “Who founded SpaceX?”
  - Needs subject-verb-object parsing.

5. **Summarization**

- Syntax helps identify **main clauses** versus subordinate clauses to summarize key information.

6. **Grammar Checking**

- Detect errors in writing using syntactic rules.

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## Syntax vs Semantics

| Aspect      | Syntax                         | Semantics                                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Focus       | Structure of sentence          | Meaning of sentence                          |
| Example     | “The cat sat on the mat.”      | Understanding that a cat is sitting on a mat |
| Role in NLP | Parsing, POS tagging, chunking | NER, Relation Extraction, QA                 |

## How Syntax is Represented in NLP

1. **Parse Trees**
  - Trees represent **hierarchical structure** of sentences.
  - Example: Noun Phrases (NP), Verb Phrases (VP), Prepositional Phrases (PP).
2. **Context-Free Grammar (CFG)**
  - Defines **rules for generating valid sentences** (we'll study this in next topic).
3. **Dependency Parsing**
  - Represents **syntactic relationships** as dependencies between words.
  - Example: In “Elon Musk founded SpaceX”, *founded* → root, *Elon Musk* → subject, *SpaceX* → object.

# Context-Free Grammar (CFG)

## Definition:

A **Context-Free Grammar (CFG)** is a set of rules used to **generate all possible sentences in a language**.

It defines **how words and phrases combine hierarchically** to form valid sentences.

CFG is called “context-free” because **the rules apply regardless of surrounding words**.

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## Components of a CFG

A CFG consists of **four parts**:

1. **Terminals ( $\Sigma$ )**
  - o The actual words in the language.
  - o Example: “dog”, “barks”, “the”, “runs”
2. **Non-terminals (N)**
  - o Syntactic categories or placeholders for phrases.
  - o Example: S (sentence), NP (noun phrase), VP (verb phrase), PP (prepositional phrase)
3. **Start Symbol (S)**
  - o Represents a **complete sentence**. Parsing starts from this.
  - o Usually S is used.
4. **Production Rules (P)**
  - o Define **how non-terminals can be expanded** into other non-terminals or terminals.
  - o Example:

$S \rightarrow NP \ VP$

$NP \rightarrow DT \ NN$

$VP \rightarrow VB \ NP$

## How CFG Works (Example)

**Goal:** Generate the sentence → “The cat sleeps”

**Grammar Rules:**

```
S → NP VP
NP → DT NN
VP → VB
DT → 'The'
NN → 'cat'
VB → 'sleeps'
```

**Derivation:**

```
S
→ NP VP
→ DT NN VP
→ 'The' NN VP
→ 'The' 'cat' VP
→ 'The' 'cat' VB
→ 'The' 'cat' 'sleeps'
```

This shows how a CFG generates a valid sentence step by step.

## Why CFG is Useful in NLP

### 1. Parsing Sentences

- Helps build **parse trees** that represent the hierarchical structure of sentences.

### 2. Syntax Analysis

- Ensures sentences follow grammatical rules.

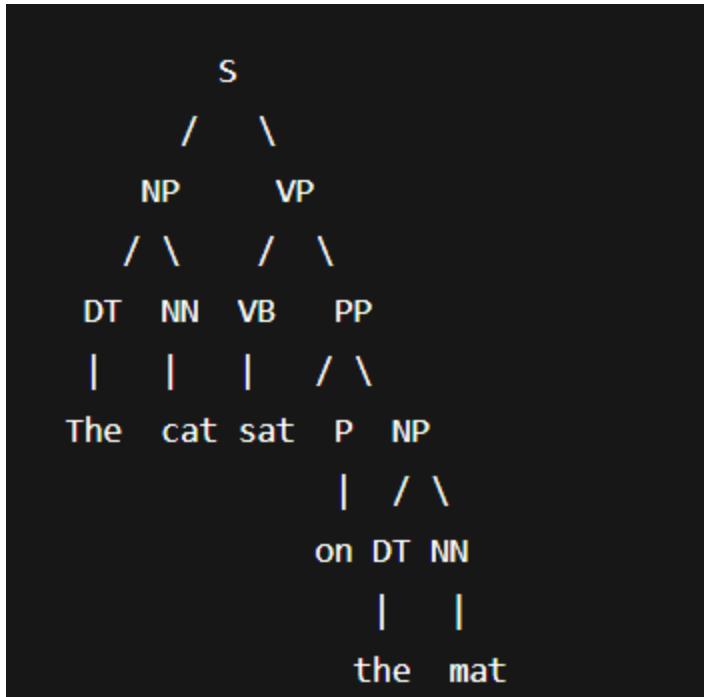
- Detects errors or ambiguity.

3. **Supports Downstream NLP Tasks**
  - **Information Extraction** – identify subjects, objects, relations
  - **Machine Translation** – map structure to target language
  - **Question Answering** – understand syntactic relations
4. **Recursive Structures**
  - CFG naturally handles **recursion**, e.g., nested noun phrases or prepositional phrases.

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## Example CFG Parse Tree

Sentence: “**The cat sat on the mat**”



Shows **sentence structure** with NP, VP, PP, DT, NN, VB.

## Key Notes

- **CFG is simpler than full natural language grammar** but powerful enough for many NLP tasks.

- Ambiguities still exist — multiple parse trees may be possible.
- Can be **extended with probabilities** → Probabilistic CFG (PCFG), which helps choose the most likely parse.

## What is Parsing?

### Definition:

Parsing is the process of **analyzing the syntactic structure of a sentence** according to a grammar (like CFG).

In NLP, parsing helps determine **how words in a sentence are related** and constructs a **parse tree** showing hierarchical structure.

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## Why Parsing is Important

1. **Understanding Sentence Structure**
  - Identifies subjects, verbs, objects, and modifiers.
2. **Disambiguation**
  - Resolves structural ambiguity in sentences.
  - Example: “I saw the man with a telescope” → different parse trees for different interpretations.
3. **Supports Downstream NLP Tasks**
  - **Information Extraction** → identifies entities and relationships
  - **Machine Translation** → maps structures between languages
  - **Question Answering** → identifies what action involves which entity

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## How Parsing Works with CFG

### Step 1: Start with the Start Symbol

- Typically  $s$  (sentence)

### Step 2: Apply Production Rules

- Expand non-terminals (like NP, VP, PP) using CFG rules

### Step 3: Match Terminals

- Continue expansions until all words in the sentence are matched

### Step 4: Build Parse Tree

- Each expansion forms a node in the tree
- Leaf nodes are the actual words (terminals)

## Example CFG

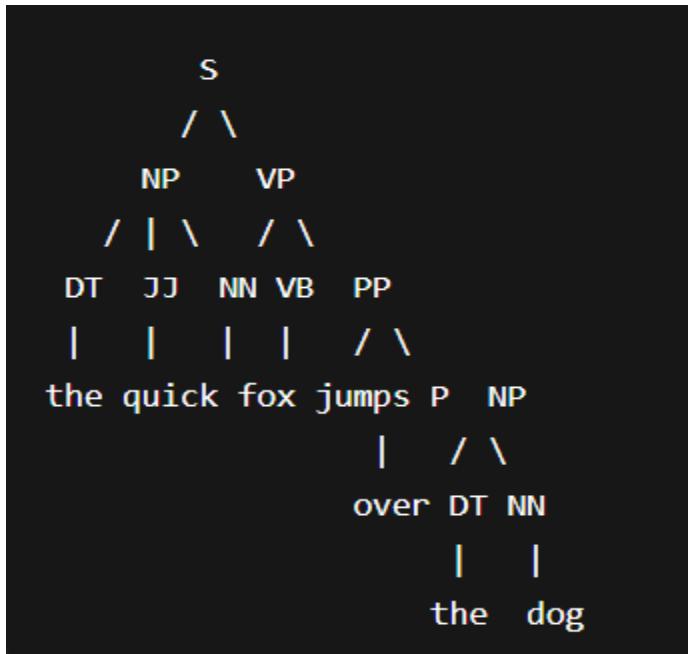
Grammar:

```
S → NP VP
NP → DT NN | DT JJ NN
VP → VB NP | VB PP
PP → P NP
DT → 'the'
JJ → 'quick'
NN → 'fox' | 'dog'
VB → 'jumps'
P → 'over'
```

Sentence:

“The quick fox jumps over the dog”

Parse Tree:



## Types of Parsers

### 1. Top-Down Parsing

- Start from **start symbol** and try to generate the sentence.
- Checks if CFG rules can produce the sentence.

### 2. Bottom-Up Parsing

- Start from **words in the sentence** and try to combine them to form higher-level phrases until reaching the start symbol.

### 3. Chart Parsing

- Efficient method storing partial parses in a **chart** to avoid redundant computations.

### 4. Probabilistic Parsing (PCFG)

- Assigns **probabilities to CFG rules**
- Chooses the **most likely parse tree** in case of ambiguity

## Parsing in NLP Tools (Example with NLTK)

```
import nltk
from nltk import CFG

# Define CFG
grammar = CFG.fromstring("""
S -> NP VP
NP -> DT JJ NN | DT NN
VP -> VB NP | VB PP
PP -> P NP
DT -> 'the'
JJ -> 'quick'
NN -> 'fox' | 'dog'
VB -> 'jumps'
P -> 'over'
""")
```

```
# Create parser
parser = nltk.ChartParser(grammar)

sentence = ['the', 'quick', 'fox', 'jumps', 'over', 'the', 'dog']

# Parse and visualize
for tree in parser.parse(sentence):
    print(tree)
    tree.draw()
```

This generates the **parse tree**, showing how the sentence is constructed from the CFG.