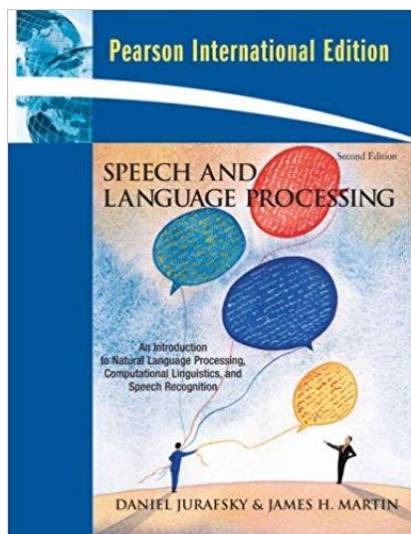


# NLP & IR



## Chapter 8

### Sequence Labeling for Parts of Speech and Named Entities

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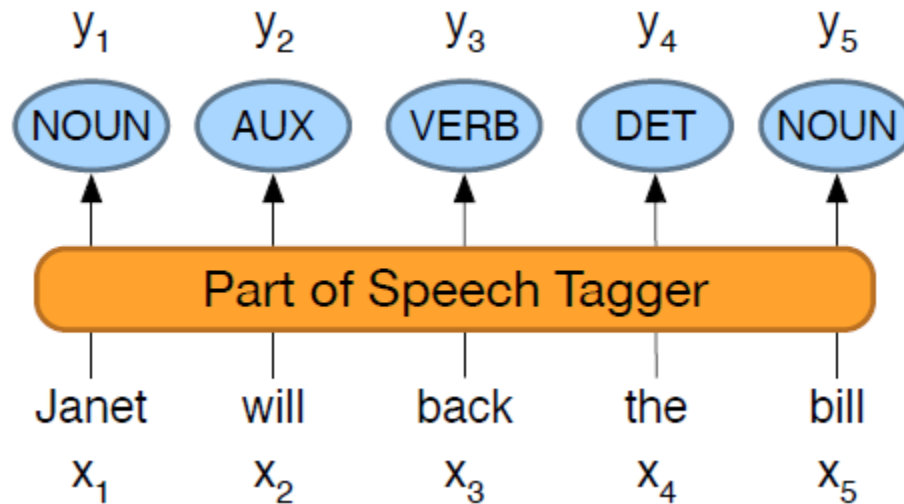
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# Sequence Labelling

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- Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging
  - *noun, verb, pronoun, preposition, adverb, conjunction, participle, and article, ...*
- Named Entity recognition (NER)
  - *person, location, or organization, ...*

# POS Tagging



**Figure 8.3** The task of part-of-speech tagging: mapping from input words  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  to output POS tags  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ .

- (8.1) There/**PRO/EX** are/**VERB/VBP** 70/**NUM/CD** children/**NOUN/NNS**  
there/**ADV/RB** ./**PUNC/**.
- (8.2) Preliminary/**ADJ/JJ** findings/**NOUN/NNS** were/**AUX/VBD** reported/**VERB/VBN**  
in/**ADP/IN** today/**NOUN/NN** 's/**PART/POS** New/**PROPN/NNP**  
England/**PROPN/NNP** Journal/**PROPN/NNP** of/**ADP/IN** Medicine/**PROPN/NNP**

	Tag	Description	Example
Open Class	<b>ADJ</b>	Adjective: noun modifiers describing properties	<i>red, young, awesome</i>
	<b>ADV</b>	Adverb: verb modifiers of time, place, manner	<i>very, slowly, home, yesterday</i>
	<b>NOUN</b>	words for persons, places, things, etc.	<i>algorithm, cat, mango, beauty</i>
	<b>VERB</b>	words for actions and processes	<i>draw, provide, go</i>
	<b>PROPN</b>	Proper noun: name of a person, organization, place, etc..	<i>Regina, IBM, Colorado</i>
	<b>INTJ</b>	Interjection: exclamation, greeting, yes/no response, etc.	<i>oh, um, yes, hello</i>
Closed Class Words	<b>ADP</b>	Adposition (Preposition/Postposition): marks a noun's spacial, temporal, or other relation	<i>in, on, by under</i>
	<b>AUX</b>	Auxiliary: helping verb marking tense, aspect, mood, etc.,	<i>can, may, should, are</i>
	<b>CCONJ</b>	Coordinating Conjunction: joins two phrases/clauses	<i>and, or, but</i>
	<b>DET</b>	Determiner: marks noun phrase properties	<i>a, an, the, this</i>
	<b>NUM</b>	Numeral	<i>one, two, first, second</i>
	<b>PART</b>	Particle: a preposition-like form used together with a verb	<i>up, down, on, off, in, out, at, by</i>
	<b>PRON</b>	Pronoun: a shorthand for referring to an entity or event	<i>she, who, I, others</i>
	<b>SCONJ</b>	Subordinating Conjunction: joins a main clause with a subordinate clause such as a sentential complement	<i>that, which</i>
Other	<b>PUNCT</b>	Punctuation	<i>; , ()</i>
	<b>SYM</b>	Symbols like \$ or emoji	<i>%,</i>
	<b>X</b>	Other	<i>asdf, qwfg</i>

**Figure 8.1** The 17 parts of speech in the Universal Dependencies tagset (Nivre et al., 2016a). Features can be added to make finer-grained distinctions (with properties like number, case, definiteness, and so on).

Tag	Description	Example	Tag	Description	Example	Tag	Description	Example
CC	coord. conj.	<i>and, but, or</i>	NNP	proper noun, sing.	<i>IBM</i>	TO	“to”	<i>to</i>
CD	cardinal number	<i>one, two</i>	NNPS	proper noun, plu.	<i>Carolinas</i>	UH	interjection	<i>ah, oops</i>
DT	determiner	<i>a, the</i>	NNS	noun, plural	<i>llamas</i>	VB	verb base	<i>eat</i>
EX	existential ‘there’	<i>there</i>	PDT	predeterminer	<i>all, both</i>	VBD	verb past tense	<i>ate</i>
FW	foreign word	<i>mea culpa</i>	POS	possessive ending	<i>'s</i>	VBG	verb gerund	<i>eating</i>
IN	preposition/ subordin-conj	<i>of, in, by</i>	PRP	personal pronoun	<i>I, you, he</i>	VBN	verb past partici- ple	<i>eaten</i>
JJ	adjective	<i>yellow</i>	PRP\$	possess. pronoun	<i>your, one's</i>	VBP	verb non-3sg-pr	<i>eat</i>
JJR	comparative adj	<i>bigger</i>	RB	adverb	<i>quickly</i>	VBZ	verb 3sg pres	<i>eats</i>
JJS	superlative adj	<i>wildest</i>	RBR	comparative adv	<i>faster</i>	WDT	wh-determ.	<i>which, that</i>
LS	list item marker	<i>1, 2, One</i>	RBS	superlatv. adv	<i>fastest</i>	WP	wh-pronoun	<i>what, who</i>
MD	modal	<i>can, should</i>	RP	particle	<i>up, off</i>	WP\$	wh-possess.	<i>whose</i>
NN	sing or mass noun	<i>llama</i>	SYM	symbol	<i>+, %, &amp;</i>	WRB	wh-adverb	<i>how, where</i>

**Figure 8.2** Penn Treebank part-of-speech tags.

# POS Tagging

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- Closed Class vs Open Class
  - nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and interjections
  - function words (like *of*, *it*, *and*, or *you*)
- Common Nouns vs Proper Nouns
  - concrete terms (like *cat* and *mango*)
  - abstract terms (like *algorithm* and *beauty*)
  - verb-like terms (like *pacing*)
  - **named entities** (like *Regina*, *Colorado*, and *IBM*)

# POS Tagging

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- Disambiguation

- For example

- *book* can be

- a verb (*book* *that flight*) or
      - a noun (*hand me that* *book*).

- *that* can be

- a determiner (*Does* *that* *flight serve dinner*) or
      - a complementizer (*I thought* *that* *your flight was earlier*).

earnings growth took a **back/JJ** seat

a small building in the **back/NN**

a clear majority of senators **back/VBP** the bill

Dave began to **back/VB** toward the door

enable the country to buy **back/RP** debt

I was twenty-one **back/RB** then

# POS Tagging

- Evaluation: *accuracy*
  - STOA  $\approx$  Human Performance: 97%
  - Most-Frequent-Class Baseline: 92%
    - Assigning each token to the class it occurred in most often in the training set.

Types:		WSJ	Brown
Unambiguous	(1 tag)	44,432 (86%)	45,799 (85%)
Ambiguous	(2+ tags)	7,025 (14%)	8,050 (15%)
Tokens:			
Unambiguous	(1 tag)	577,421 (45%)	384,349 (33%)
Ambiguous	(2+ tags)	711,780 (55%)	786,646 (67%)

**Figure 8.4** Tag ambiguity in the Brown and WSJ corpora (Treebank-3 45-tag tagset).



# NER

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- The task of named entity recognition (NER) is to
  - find *spans* of text that constitute proper names and
  - tag the *type* of the entity.

Citing high fuel prices, [ORG **United Airlines**] said [TIME **Friday**] it has increased fares by [MONEY **\$6**] per round trip on flights to some cities also served by lower-cost carriers. [ORG **American Airlines**], a unit of [ORG **AMR Corp.**], immediately matched the move, spokesman [PER **Tim Wagner**] said. [ORG **United**], a unit of [ORG **UAL Corp.**], said the increase took effect [TIME **Thursday**] and applies to most routes where it competes against discount carriers, such as [LOC **Chicago**] to [LOC **Dallas**] and [LOC **Denver**] to [LOC **San Francisco**].

# NER

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- Four entity tags are most common

Type	Tag	Sample Categories	Example sentences
People	PER	people, characters	<b>Turing</b> is a giant of computer science.
Organization	ORG	companies, sports teams	The <b>IPCC</b> warned about the cyclone.
Location	LOC	regions, mountains, seas	<b>Mt. Sanitas</b> is in <b>Sunshine Canyon</b> .
Geo-Political Entity	GPE	countries, states	<b>Palo Alto</b> is raising the fees for parking.

**Figure 8.5** A list of generic named entity types with the kinds of entities they refer to.

# NER

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- Disambiguation
  - For example,

[PER Washington] was born into slavery on the farm of James Burroughs.  
[ORG Washington] went up 2 games to 1 in the four-game series.  
Blair arrived in [LOC Washington] for what may well be his last state visit.  
In June, [GPE Washington] passed a primary seatbelt law.

**Figure 8.6** Examples of type ambiguities in the use of the name *Washington*.

# NER

- BIO Tagging
  - **B**egin, **I**nside, and **O**utside

[PER Jane Villanueva ] of [ORG United] , a unit of [ORG United Airlines Holding] , said the fare applies to the [LOC Chicago ] route.

Words	IO Label	BIO Label	BIOES Label
Jane	I-PER	B-PER	B-PER
Villanueva	I-PER	I-PER	E-PER
of	O	O	O
United	I-ORG	B-ORG	B-ORG
Airlines	I-ORG	I-ORG	I-ORG
Holding	I-ORG	I-ORG	E-ORG
discussed	O	O	O
the	O	O	O
Chicago	I-LOC	B-LOC	S-LOC
route	O	O	O
.	O	O	O

**Figure 8.7** NER as a sequence model, showing IO, BIO, and BIOES taggings.

# NER

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- Evaluation:  $F_1$  measure
  - STOA: 93.39%; Human: 96.95%, 97.60% (MUC-7 in 1998)
- A useful first step in many NLP tasks:
  - Sentiment Analysis
  - Question Answering
  - ...