

Natural Language Processing  
SoSe 2015



## Introduction to Language Technology

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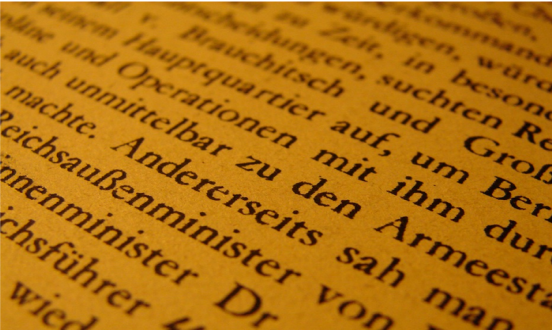
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# Types of Language

- Natural languages



(<http://expertenough.com/2392/german-language-hacks>)

日本語で  
 冬は世界各地でさまざまなお祝いが行われる時期です。ほんのいくつか例を挙げるだけでも、ハナカ、クリスマス、クワンザ、新年などさまざまなお祝があります。各文化によってその祝い方はさまざまですが、ほとんどのお祝いにはごちそうが欠かせません。

([http://www.transparent.com/learn-japanese/articles/dec\\_99.html](http://www.transparent.com/learn-japanese/articles/dec_99.html))

- Programming languages

```
try {
    cMessage = messageQueue.take();
    for (AsyncContext ac : queue) {
        try {
            PrintWriter acWriter = ac.getWriter();
            acWriter.println(cMessage);
            acWriter.flush();
        } catch (IOException e) {
            // append(CharSequence)
            // append(char c)
            // append(CharSequence)
            // format(String format, Object... args)
            // format(Locale l, String format, Object... args)
        }
    }
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
    // printf(String format, Object... args)
}
```

(<https://netbeans.org/features/java/>)

```
def add5(x):
    return x+5

def dotwrite(ast):
    nodename = getNodename()
    label=symbol.sym_name.get(int(ast[0]),ast[0])
    print ' %s [%s]' % (nodename,label),
    if isinstance(ast[1], str):
        if ast[1].strip():
            print '= %s';' % ast[1]
        else:
            print ''
    else:
        print ''
        children = []
        for n, child in enumerate(ast[1:]):
            children.append(dotwrite(child))
        print ' %s -> (' % nodename,
        for name in children:
            print '%s' % name,
```

(<http://noobite.com/learn-programming-start-with-python/>)



# Examples of vocabulary

## German

- **People** roles, occupations, characteristics
- **Preferences** likes/dislikes, wants, desires and dreams

1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>EINS</b></p> <p>Schwarze eingefasste Brillengläser Formelle Frisur Intelligentes Telefon</p> <p><b>Eine SMS senden</b></p> <p>Schuhe mit hohen Absätzen</p> <p><b>Die Buchhalterin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blasse Haut</li> <li>Zweieunddreißig Jahre alt</li> <li>Ruhig, lembegierig, schüchtern</li> <li>Mag keine ungelösten Probleme</li> <li>Im Geheimen möchte sie eine Tänzerin oder eine Sängerin sein</li> </ul>	<p><b>ZWEI</b></p> <p>Rote Krawatte Weißes Hemd Anzug</p> <p><b>Einen Punkt argumentieren</b></p> <p>Schwarze Lederschuhe</p> <p><b>Der Rechtsanwalt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sehr gross</li> <li>Dreißig Jahre alt</li> <li>Ernst ohne einen Sinn für Humor</li> <li>Mag keine faulen Leute</li> <li>Möchte in seinem Beruf Erfolg haben</li> </ul>	<p><b>DREI</b></p> <p><b>Fußball spielen</b></p> <p>Kurzes Haar Helbraune Shorts</p> <p>Er tritt den Ball mit seinem linken Fuß</p> <p>Ein Ball</p> <p><b>Der Junge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schneller Läufer</li> <li>Eil Jahre alt</li> <li>Er hat Energie aber Schwierigkeiten sich zu konzentrieren</li> <li>Mag die Schule nicht</li> <li>Möchte Fußball für die Nationalmannschaft spielen</li> </ul>	<p><b>VIER</b></p> <p><b>Musik hören</b></p> <p>Kopfhörer Gelbe Tasche Blaue Jeans</p> <p>Arbeitet hart</p> <p>Servierbrett mit warmen Essen Rosafarbenes Kleid (Uniform) Weiße Schürze</p> <p><b>Das Mädchen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoch gewachsen für ihr Alter</li> <li>Vierzehn Jahre alt</li> <li>Manchmal launisch aber normalerweise eine wichtige Person</li> <li>Mag keine ernste Jungen</li> <li>Möchte Geld sparen um eine neue Jacke zu kaufen</li> </ul>	<p><b>FÜNF</b></p> <p>Schuh ohne Absatz</p> <p><b>Die Kellnerin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schlank und klein aber stark</li> <li>Dreundzwanzig Jahre alt</li> <li>Immer beschäftigt und eine Plaudertasche</li> <li>Mag Kunden, die mit ihr ausgehen möchten, nicht.</li> <li>Möchte ihr Universitätsstudium beenden</li> </ul>

(<http://linguaposta.com/products/german-people-preferences/>)

## The Weather

### English Vocabulary



<p><b>RAIN</b></p> <p>drizzle showers rain downpour flood</p>	<p><b>CLOUDS</b></p> <p>cloudy gloomy foggy overcast clear</p>
<p><b>COLD</b></p> <p>hail sleet snow snowflake blizzard</p>	<p><b>WIND</b></p> <p>breeze blustery windy gale hurricane</p>
<p><b>TEMPERATURE</b></p> <p>hot warm cool cold freezing</p>	<p><b>OTHER VOCAB</b></p> <p>forecast drought lightning thunder rainbow</p>

[www.grammar.cl](http://www.grammar.cl) [www.woodwardenglish.com](http://www.woodwardenglish.com) [www.vocabulary.cl](http://www.vocabulary.cl)

(<http://www.vocabulary.cl/english/weather.htm>)

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# Spell and Grammar Checking

- Checking spelling and grammar of a text
- Suggesting alternatives for the errors

The image shows a Google search interface for the query "natural language processing". The search bar contains the text "natural language processing" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for "Web", "Images", "Books", "Videos", "News", "More", and "Search tools". The search results show "About 15,100,000 results (0.26 seconds)".

The search results include:

- An advertisement for "Natural Language Processing - smartlogic.com" with the URL "www.smartlogic.com/text-analytics".
- A section titled "Scholarly articles for natural language processing" listing several articles with their authors and citation counts.
- A Wikipedia entry for "Natural language processing" with a brief description and a link to the full article.
- A Coursera entry for "Natural Language Processing" with the URL "https://www.coursera.org/course/nlp".

On the right side of the search results, there is a knowledge panel for "Natural language processing". The panel includes:


- The title "Natural language processing".
- The category "Field Of Study".
- A description: "Natural language processing is a field of computer science, artificial intelligence, and linguistics concerned with the interactions between computers and human languages. As such, NLP is related to the area of human-computer interaction. Wikipedia".
- A section titled "Related topics" listing "information retrieval" and "machine learning".
- A section titled "Explore" with links to "Information retrieval", "Text corpus", and "Machine learning".
- A section titled "Information extraction" with a description and a link to "Information extraction".

At the bottom right of the knowledge panel, there is a "Feedback" link.



# Text Categorization

- Assigning one (or more) pre-defined category to a text



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[Nature](#), 2014 Mar 20;507(7492):323-8. doi: 10.1038/nature13145. Epub 2014 Mar 12.

## Coupling of angiogenesis and osteogenesis by a specific vessel subtype in bone.

[Kusumbe AP](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Ramasamy SK](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Adams RH](#)<sup>2</sup>.

### Author information

#### Abstract

The mammalian skeletal system harbours a hierarchical system of mesenchymal stem cells, osteoprogenitors and osteoblasts sustaining lifelong bone formation. Osteogenesis is indispensable for the homeostatic renewal of bone as well as regenerative fracture healing, but these processes frequently decline in ageing organisms, leading to loss of bone mass and increased fracture incidence. Evidence indicates that the growth of blood vessels in bone and osteogenesis are coupled, but relatively little is known about the underlying cellular and molecular mechanisms. Here we identify a new capillary subtype in the murine skeletal system with distinct morphological, molecular and functional properties. These vessels are found in specific locations, mediate growth of the bone vasculature, generate distinct metabolic and molecular microenvironments, maintain perivascular osteoprogenitors and couple angiogenesis to osteogenesis. The abundance of these vessels and associated osteoprogenitors was strongly reduced in bone from aged animals, and pharmacological reversal of this decline allowed the restoration of bone mass.

#### Comment in

[Bone biology: Vessels of rejuvenation.](#) [Nature. 2014]

PMID: 24646994 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

#### MeSH Terms

[Aging/metabolism](#)  
[Aging/pathology](#)  
[Animals](#)  
[Blood Vessels/anatomy & histology](#)  
[Blood Vessels/cytology](#)  
[Blood Vessels/growth & development](#)  
[Blood Vessels/physiology\\*](#)  
[Bone and Bones/blood supply\\*](#)  
[Bone and Bones/cytology](#)  
[Endothelial Cells/metabolism](#)  
[Hypoxia-Inducible Factor 1, alpha Subunit/metabolism](#)  
[Male](#)  
[Mice](#)  
[Mice, Inbred C57BL](#)  
[Neovascularization, Physiologic/physiology\\*](#)  
[Osteoblasts/cytology](#)  
[Osteoblasts/metabolism](#)  
[Osteogenesis/physiology\\*](#)  
[Oxygen/metabolism](#)  
[Stem Cells/cytology](#)  
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## Classify

Classify method:  text  url

Enter url to download and classify with:

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1. Sports (92.8 %)
2. Entertainment (4.8 %)
3. Men (0.7 %)

[Show all classifications >>](#)



# Information Retrieval

- Finding relevant information to the user's query

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The first search result is titled "Information retrieval - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia" with the URL [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information\\_retrieval](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_retrieval). The snippet reads: "Information retrieval is the activity of obtaining information resources relevant to an information need from a collection of information resources. Searches can be ... Information retrieval applications - Category:Information retrieval - Relevance".

The second result is "Information Retrieval – Wikipedia" with the URL [de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information\\_Retrieval](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_Retrieval). The snippet reads: "Information Retrieval [ˌɪnfəˈmeɪʃən ɪˈtʃiːvəl] (IR) bzw. Informationsrückgewinnung, gelegentlich ungenau Informationsbeschaffung, ist ein Fachgebiet, ... Anwendungsbereich - Geschichte - Grundbegriffe - Relevanz und Pertinenz".

The third result is "Introduction to Information Retrieval - Stanford NLP Group" with the URL [nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/](http://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/). The snippet reads: "The book aims to provide a modern approach to information retrieval from a computer science perspective. It is based on a course we have been teaching in ...".

The fourth result is "Information Retrieval - School of Computing Science" with the URL [www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/Keith/Preface.html](http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/Keith/Preface.html). The snippet reads: "This chapter has been included because I think this is one of the most interesting and active areas of research in information retrieval. There are still many ...".

The fifth result is "Information Retrieval – incl. option to publish open access" with the URL [www.springer.com](http://www.springer.com). The snippet reads: "The journal provides an international forum for the publication of theory, algorithms, and experiments across the broad area of information retrieval. Topics of ...".

On the right side of the search results, there is a preview box for the top result, titled "Information retrieval". The preview text reads: "Information retrieval is the activity of obtaining information resources relevant to an information need from a collection of information resources. Searches can be based on metadata or on full-text indexing. Wikipedia". Below the preview text is a "Feedback" link.

Below the preview box, there is a section titled "See results about" with a link to "Introduction to information retrieval" and a small image of the book cover. The text reads: "Book by Prabhakar Raghavan, Christopher D. Mannin... Class-tested and coherent, this groundbreaking new textbook teaches web-era information retrieval, ...".

# Summarization

- Generating a short summary from one or more documents, sometimes based on a given query



This is a  sentence summary of <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/02/17/travel/...>

**What does the biggest human migration on earth look like on a map?**

A woman takes a selfie in front of an art installation set up for Lunar New Year celebrations in a Hong Kong shopping mall on February 18.

A boy picks a lucky amulet on February 14 at a traditional flower market in Taipei, Taiwan, where Taiwanese shop for their home decorations to welcome the upcoming Lunar New Year.

Millions of Chinese will be traveling to their hometowns to celebrate the Lunar New Year on February 19, marking the Year of the Sheep.

Shoppers in Beijing buy decorations for the Lunar New Year on Thursday, February 12.

Lanterns are displayed as part of Lunar New Year decorations in Singapore on February 12.

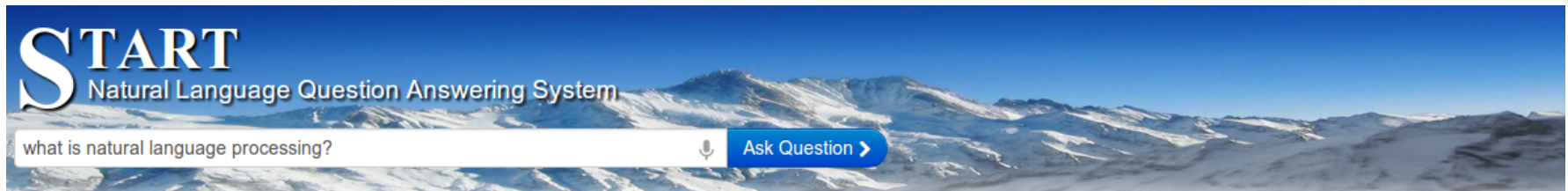
A woman sells "Buddha hand" fruits for Tet, or Vietnamese Lunar New Year, in downtown Hanoi, Vietnam, on February 12.

A calligrapher writes auspicious characters on red paper to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Hong Kong on Wednesday, February 4.

<http://smmry.com/> 

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==> what is natural language processing?

*Natural language processing*

**Natural language processing (NLP)** is a field of computer science, artificial intelligence, and linguistics concerned with the interactions between computers and human (natural) languages. As such, NLP is related to the area of **human-computer interaction**. Many challenges in NLP involve **natural language understanding**, that is, enabling computers to derive meaning from human or natural language input, and others involve natural language generation.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

<http://start.csail.mit.edu/index.php>

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## General annotation (Comments)


Function	<p>Acts as a tumor suppressor in many tumor types; induces growth arrest or apoptosis depending on the physiological circumstances and cell type. Involved in cell cycle regulation as a trans-activator that acts to negatively regulate cell division by controlling a set of genes required for this process. One of the activated genes is an inhibitor of cyclin-dependent kinases. Apoptosis induction seems to be mediated either by stimulation of BAX and FAS antigen expression, or by repression of Bcl-2 expression. In cooperation with mitochondrial PPIF is involved in activating oxidative stress-induced necrosis; the function is largely independent of transcription. Induces the transcription of long intergenic non-coding RNA p21 (lincRNA-p21) and lincRNA-Mkn1. LincRNA-p21 participates in TP53-dependent transcriptional repression leading to apoptosis and seem to have to effect on cell-cycle regulation. Implicated in Notch signaling cross-over. Prevents CDK7 kinase activity when associated to CAK complex in response to DNA damage, thus stopping cell cycle progression. Isoform 2 enhances the transactivation activity of isoform 1 from some but not all TP53-inducible promoters. Isoform 4 suppresses transactivation activity and impairs growth suppression mediated by isoform 1. Isoform 7 inhibits isoform 1-mediated apoptosis. <a href="#">Ref.34</a> <a href="#">Ref.42</a> <a href="#">Ref.61</a> <a href="#">Ref.66</a> <a href="#">Ref.70</a> <a href="#">Ref.93</a> <a href="#">Ref.95</a> <a href="#">Ref.107</a> <a href="#">Ref.110</a> <a href="#">Ref.122</a> <a href="#">Ref.125</a></p>
Cofactor	Binds 1 zinc ion per subunit.
Subunit structure	<p>Interacts with AXIN1. Probably part of a complex consisting of TP53, HIPK2 and AXIN1 <a href="#">By similarity</a>. Binds DNA as a homotetramer. Interacts with histone acetyltransferases EP300 and methyltransferases HRMT1L2 and CARM1, and recruits them to promoters. In vitro, the interaction of TP53 with cancer-associated/HPV (E6) viral proteins leads to ubiquitination and degradation of TP53 giving a possible model for cell growth regulation. This complex formation requires an additional factor, E6-AP, which stably associates with TP53 in the presence of E6. Interacts (via C-terminus) with TAF1; when TAF1 is part of the TFIID complex. Interacts with ING4; this interaction may be indirect. Found in a complex with CABLES1 and TP73. Interacts with HIPK1, HIPK2, and TP53INP1. Interacts with WWOX. May interact with HCV core protein. Interacts with USP7 and SYVN1. Interacts with HSP90AB1. Interacts with CHD8; leading to recruit histone H1 and prevent transactivation activity <a href="#">By similarity</a>. Interacts with ARMC10, BANP, CDKN2AIP, NUAK1, STK11/LKB1, UHRF2 and E4F1. Interacts with YWHAZ; the interaction enhances TP53 transcriptional activity. Phosphorylation of YWHAZ on 'Ser-58' inhibits this interaction. Interacts (via DNA-binding domain) with MAML1 (via N-terminus). Interacts with MKNR1. Interacts with PML (via C-terminus). Interacts with MDM2; leading to ubiquitination and proteasomal degradation of TP53. Directly interacts with FBXO42; leading to ubiquitination and degradation of TP53. Interacts (phosphorylated at Ser-15 by ATM) with the phosphatase PP2A-PPP2R2A; regulates stress-induced TP53-dependent inhibition of cell proliferation. Interacts with PPP2R2A. Interacts with AURKA, DAXX, BRD7 and TRIM24. Interacts (when monomethylated at Lys-382) with L3MBTL1. Isoform 1 interacts with isoform 2 and with isoform 4. Interacts with GRK5. Binds to the CAK complex (CDK7, cyclin H and MAT1) in response to DNA damage. Interacts with CDK5 in neurons. Interacts with AURKB, SETD2, UHRF2 and NOC2L. Interacts (via N-terminus) with PTK2/FAK1; this promotes ubiquitination by MDM2. Interacts with PTK2B/PYK2; this promotes ubiquitination by MDM2. Interacts with PRKCG. Interacts with PPIF; the association implicates preferentially tetrameric TP53, is induced by oxidative stress and is impaired by cyclosporin A (CsA). Interacts with human cytomegalovirus/HHV-5 protein UL123. Interacts with SNAI1; the interaction induces SNAI1 degradation via MDM2-mediated ubiquitination and inhibits SNAI1-induced cell invasion. Interacts with KAT6A. Interacts with UBC9. Interacts with ZNF385B; the interaction is direct. Interacts (via DNA-binding domain) with ZNF385A; the interaction is direct and enhances p53/TP53 transactivation functions on cell-cycle arrest target genes, resulting in growth arrest. Interacts with ANKRD2. Interacts with RFFL (via RING-type zinc finger); involved in p53/TP53 ubiquitination. <a href="#">Ref.8</a> <a href="#">Ref.34</a> <a href="#">Ref.38</a> <a href="#">Ref.42</a> <a href="#">Ref.43</a> <a href="#">Ref.54</a> <a href="#">Ref.55</a> <a href="#">Ref.56</a> <a href="#">Ref.57</a> <a href="#">Ref.58</a> <a href="#">Ref.59</a> <a href="#">Ref.61</a> <a href="#">Ref.62</a> <a href="#">Ref.64</a> <a href="#">Ref.65</a> <a href="#">Ref.66</a> <a href="#">Ref.67</a> <a href="#">Ref.68</a> <a href="#">Ref.72</a> <a href="#">Ref.73</a> <a href="#">Ref.74</a> <a href="#">Ref.75</a> <a href="#">Ref.76</a> <a href="#">Ref.78</a> <a href="#">Ref.80</a> <a href="#">Ref.81</a> <a href="#">Ref.83</a> <a href="#">Ref.86</a> <a href="#">Ref.87</a> <a href="#">Ref.88</a> <a href="#">Ref.89</a> <a href="#">Ref.92</a> <a href="#">Ref.93</a> <a href="#">Ref.94</a> <a href="#">Ref.99</a> <a href="#">Ref.101</a> <a href="#">Ref.103</a> <a href="#">Ref.105</a> <a href="#">Ref.106</a> <a href="#">Ref.107</a> <a href="#">Ref.112</a> <a href="#">Ref.113</a> <a href="#">Ref.116</a> <a href="#">Ref.117</a> <a href="#">Ref.119</a> <a href="#">Ref.121</a> <a href="#">Ref.122</a> <a href="#">Ref.124</a> <a href="#">Ref.125</a> <a href="#">Ref.126</a> <a href="#">Ref.127</a> <a href="#">Ref.129</a> <a href="#">Ref.137</a> <a href="#">Ref.138</a> <a href="#">Ref.139</a> <a href="#">Ref.140</a> <a href="#">Ref.141</a> <a href="#">Ref.151</a></p>

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- Extracting the important items of a text and assigning them a slot in a certain structure



**Hasso Plattner Institute**  
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## Hasso Plattner Institut

IT Systems Engineering | Universität Potsdam

<b>Motto</b>	Design IT. Create Knowledge.
<b>Established</b>	1998 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Type</b>	Private university institute
<b>Director</b>	Prof. Dr. <a href="#">Christoph Meinel</a>
<b>Admin. staff</b>	60 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Students</b>	about 480 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Potsdam</a> , Germany
<b>Campus</b>	Griebnitzsee
<b>Colors</b>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><span style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #f4a460; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Orange</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><span style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #e67e22; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Vivid orange</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><span style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #c0392b; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Dark pink</div> </div>
<b>Affiliations</b>	<a href="#">University of Potsdam</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.hpi.uni-potsdam.de">www.hpi.uni-potsdam.de</a>

# Information Extraction

- Includes named-entity recognition

The Wikification system has identified the following entities with Wikipedia articles. Click on an entity to visit the corresponding Wikipedia page. Hover over links to view the categories associated with each entity.

Helicopters will patrol the temporary no-fly zone around [New Jersey's MetLife Stadium](#) Sunday, with [F-16s](#) based in [Atlantic City](#) **ready** to be scrambled if an unauthorized aircraft does enter the restricted airspace.

Down below, **bomb-sniffing** dogs will patrol the trains and buses that are expected to take approximately 30,000 of the **80,000-plus** spectators to Sunday's [Super Bowl](#) between [the Denver Broncos](#) and [Seattle Seahawks](#).

The [Transportation Security Administration](#) said it has added about two dozen dogs to monitor passengers coming in and out of the airport around the Super Bowl.

On Saturday, [TSA](#) agents demonstrated how the dogs can sniff out many different types of explosives. Once they do, they're trained to sit rather than attack, so as not to raise suspicion or create a panic.

[TSA](#) spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said the dogs undergo 12 weeks of training, which costs about \$200,000, factoring in food, vehicles and salaries for trainers.

Dogs have been used in cargo areas for some time, but have just been introduced recently in passenger areas at [Newark](#) and [JFK](#) airports. [JFK](#) has one dog and Newark has a handful, Farbstein said.

[http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo\\_view/Wikifier](http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo_view/Wikifier)



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### Project Information

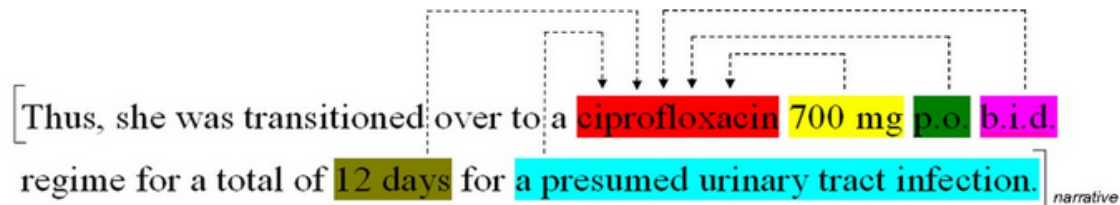
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**Members**  
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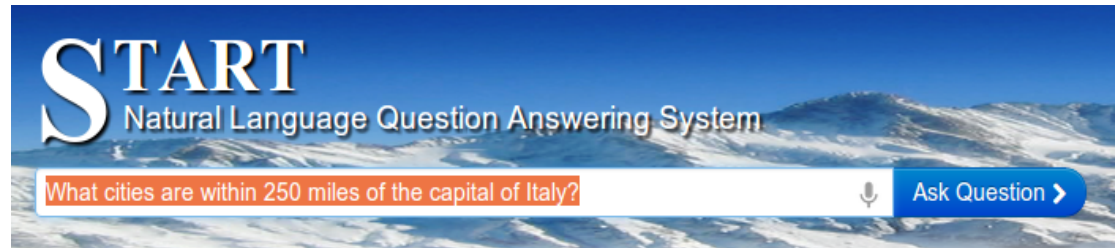
Lancet is a supervised machine-learning system that automatically extracts medication events consisting of medication names and information pertaining to their prescribed use (dosage, mode, frequency, duration and reason) from lists or narrative text in medical discharge summaries.



■ =medication ■ =dosage ■ =manner ■ =frequency ■ =duration ■ =reason

# Question answering

- Answering questions asked by the user with a short answer



==> What cities are within 250 miles of the capital of Italy?

*I know that the capital of Italy is Rome, Italy (source: START KB).*

*Using this information, I determined what cities are within 250 miles of the Rome, Italy:*

In Italy, the following cities are within 250 miles of Rome:

Naples, Italy is 118 miles (189.90298 kilometers) from Rome.

Florence, Italy is 143 miles (230.13666 kilometers) from Rome.

Pisa, Italy is 148 miles (238.18338 kilometers) from Rome.

Bologna, Italy is 178 miles (286.4638 kilometers) from Rome.

Venice, Italy is 237 miles (381.4153 kilometers) from Rome.

Trieste, Italy is 241 miles (387.85266 kilometers) from Rome.

Verona, Italy is 244 miles (392.68073 kilometers) from Rome.

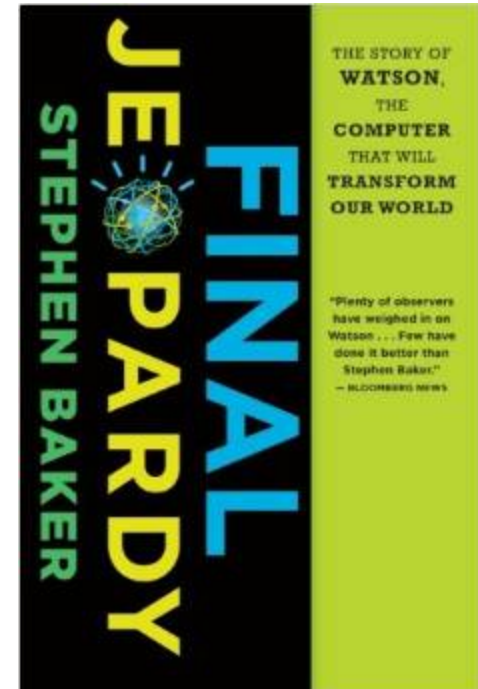
Genoa, Italy is 249 miles (400.72745 kilometers) from Rome.

Source: START KB



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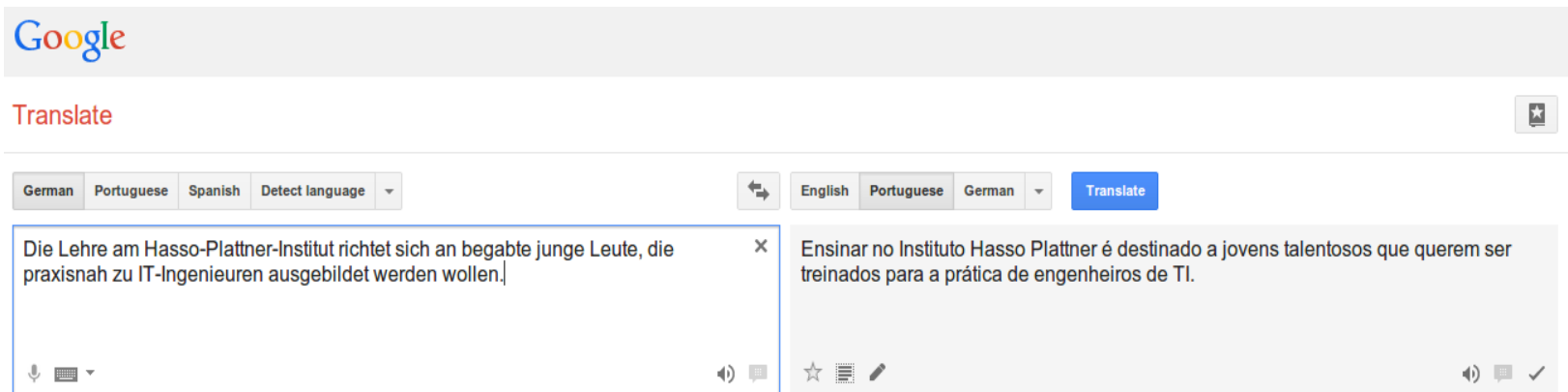


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFR3IOm\\_xhE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFR3IOm_xhE)



# Machine Translation

- Translating a text from one language to another



The screenshot shows the Google Translate web interface. At the top left is the Google logo. Below it, the word "Translate" is written in red. On the right side of the header is a star icon. The main interface has two language selection menus. The left menu shows "German", "Portuguese", "Spanish", and "Detect language" with a dropdown arrow. The right menu shows "English", "Portuguese", and "German" with a dropdown arrow. A blue "Translate" button is positioned between the two menus. Below the menus, there are two text boxes. The left box contains the German text: "Die Lehre am Hasso-Plattner-Institut richtet sich an begabte junge Leute, die praxisnah zu IT-Ingenieuren ausgebildet werden wollen." Below this text are icons for voice input and keyboard input. The right box contains the English translation: "Ensinar no Instituto Hasso Plattner é destinado a jovens talentosos que querem ser treinados para a prática de engenheiros de TI." Below this text are icons for star, list, edit, voice output, chat, and checkmark.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper. At the top, there is a navigation bar with categories like Opinion, Policy, World, Economy, Daily, Sport, Culture, F5, Tec, Classifieds, and Blogs. The main headline is "Dilma advertising spending totaled R \$ 2.3 billion in 2013 and hit record". Other articles include "Group suggests that the anti-crisis Sabesp still use less water Cantareira" and "After protest, four people remain detained in Sao Paulo". On the right side, there is a "reader panel" with a "TELEVISION" section titled "Reader laments end of the display TV program on Leaf Culture" and a "columnists" section with articles by Deffm Net, Penny, Marcelo Coelho, and Shuttle. There are also advertisements for TAM Airlines and a real estate launch in São Paulo.

# Sentiment Analysis

- Identifying sentiments and opinions stated in a text

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## SemEval-2014 Task 9

### Task Description: Sentiment Analysis in Twitter

Authorities are <i>only too aware</i> that Kashgar is 4,000 kilometres (2,500 miles) from Beijing but <i>only</i> a tenth of the distance from the Pakistani border, and are <i>desperate to ensure instability or militancy</i> does not leak over the frontiers.
Taiwan-made products <i>stood a good chance</i> of becoming <i>even more competitive thanks to</i> wider access to overseas markets and lower costs for material imports, he said.
"March <i>appears</i> to be a <i>more reasonable</i> estimate while earlier admission <i>cannot be entirely ruled out</i> ," according to Chen, also Taiwan's chief WTO negotiator.
friday evening plans were great, but saturday's plans <i>didn't go as expected</i> – i went dancing & it was an <i>ok</i> club, but <i>terribly crowded</i> :-/
WHY THE <i>HELL</i> DO YOU GUYS ALL HAVE MRS. KENNEDY! SHES A FUCKING DOUCHE
AT&T was <i>okay</i> but whenever they do something <i>nice</i> in the name of customer service it seems like a favor, while T-Mobile makes that a <i>normal everyday thin</i>
obama should be <i>impeached</i> on <i>TREASON</i> charges. Our Nuclear arsenal was TOP Secret. Till HE told our enemies what we had. <i>#Coward#Traitor</i>
My graduation speech: "I'd like to <i>thanks</i> Google, Wikipedia and my computer! <i>:D</i> #iThingteens

# Sentiment Analysis

- Identifying sentiments and opinions stated in a text

**Sentiment Analysis** | Information | **Live Demo** | Sentiment Treebank | Help the Model | Source Code

**Sentiment Trees**

You can double-click on each tree figure to see its expanded version with greater details. There are 5 classes of sentiment classification: **very negative**, **negative**, **neutral**, **positive**, and **very positive**.

All labels are now correct

<http://nlp.stanford.edu:8080/sentiment/rntnDemo.html>





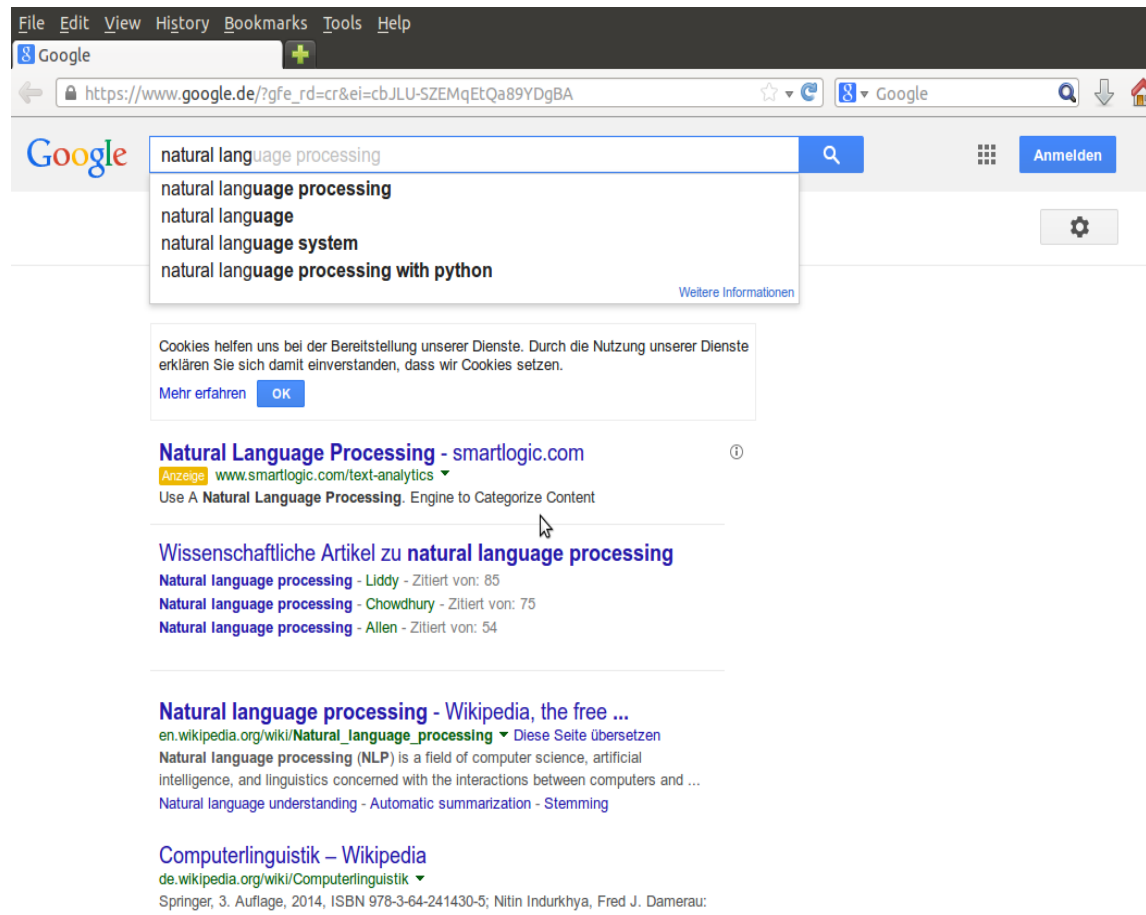
# Optical Character Recognition

- Recognizing printed or handwritten texts and converting them to computer-readable texts



# Word Prediction

- Predicting the next word that is highly probable to be typed by the user



# Speech recognition

- Recognizing a spoken language and transforming it into a text



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## Speech synthesis

- Producing a spoken language from a text



# Spoken dialog systems

- Running a dialog between the user and the system



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## Level of difficulties

- Easy (mostly solved)
  - Spell and grammar checking
  - Some text categorization tasks
  - Some named-entity recognition tasks
  
- Intermediate (good progress)
  - Information retrieval
  - Sentiment analysis
  - Machine translation
  - Information extraction

## Level of difficulties

- Difficult (still hard)
  - Question answering
  - Summarization
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### Correlation between three-dimensional ultrasound features and pathological prognostic factors in breast cancer

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**Abstract**  
Objectives To investigate the correlation of three-dimensional (3D) ultrasound features with prognostic factors in invasive ductal carcinoma.

Methods Surgical resection specimens of 85 invasive ductal carcinomas of 85 women who had undergone 3D ultrasound were included. Morphology features and vascularization perfusion on 3D ultrasound were evaluated. Pathologic prognostic factors, including tumour size, histological grade, lymph node status, oestrogen and progesterone receptor status (ER, PR), c-erbB-2 and p53 expression, and microvessel density (MVD) were determined. Correlations of 3D ultrasound features and prognostic factors were analysed.

Results The retraction pattern in the coronal plane had a significant value as an independent predictor of a small tumour size ( $P=0.014$ ), a lower histological grade ( $P=0.009$ ) and positive ER or PR expression status ( $P=0.001$ ,  $0.044$ ). The retraction pattern with a hypercholechoic ring only existed in low-grade and ER-positive tumours. The presence of the hypercholechoic ring strengthened the ability of the retraction pattern to predict a good prognosis of breast cancer. The increased intra-tumour vascularization index (VI), the mean

tumour vascularity) reflected a higher histological grade ( $P=0.025$ ) and had a positive correlation with MVD ( $r=0.530$ ,  $P=0.001$ ).

Conclusions The retraction pattern and histogram indices of VI provided by 3D ultrasound may be useful in predicting prognostic information about breast cancer.

**Key Points**

- Three-dimensional ultrasound can potentially provide prognostic evaluation of breast cancer.
- The retraction pattern and hypercholechoic ring in the coronal plane suggest good prognosis.
- The increased intra-tumour vascularization index reflects a higher histological grade.
- The intra-tumour vascularization index is positively correlated with microvessel density.

**Keywords** Breast · Neoplasms · Ultrasound · Three-dimensional · Prognostic factors

**Introduction**

The three strongest prognostic factors in invasive breast cancer are widely accepted to be the size of tumour, histological grade and lymph node stage. The larger tumour size (>2 cm), high nuclear grade, and lymph node-positive status usually predict the aggressive biological behaviour with a high recurrence rate and a low survival rate. In addition, the tumour size and lymph node status greatly influence the choice of operative procedure and the decision to administer neoadjuvant chemotherapy [1, 2].

Biological markers such as oestrogen receptors (ER), progesterone receptors (PR), human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (c-erbB-2) and the p53 index can also be used for prediction of medical treatment response and patient prognosis. The presence of ER and PR in breast cancer always

determines the application of antihormonal therapy and usually indicates a good prognosis. Expression of c-erbB-2 or the p53 index is a powerful and independent prognostic factor for lymph node metastasis and tumour infiltration [1, 3]. Microvessel density (MVD) is the current reference standard in the characterization of tumour angiogenesis and has been shown to be associated with tumour growth, invasion, metastasis and disease-specific survival [4].

Three-dimensional (3D) ultrasound can afford additional information such as morphology features on the coronal plane and a global appearance of the mass vascularity, which cannot be achieved with conventional ultrasound. Therefore, it has been increasingly considered as an important imaging modality for evaluating primary breast cancer. However, so far, 3D ultrasound has been used mainly to differentiate benign and malignant lesions; no reports address correlations between the 3D ultrasound features and prognostic factors [5–7]. We therefore investigated possible correlation between the 3D ultrasound characteristics of invasive ductal carcinoma with pathologic prognostic factors to determine whether 3D ultrasound could be useful in the non-invasive prognostic evaluation of breast cancer.

**Materials and methods**

**Patients**

This retrospective study was approved by the ethical standards of the institutional ethics committee, and informed consent was obtained from all patients.

From September 2011 to May 2013, 85 patients with 85 lesions, pathologically proven to be invasive ductal carcinoma, were included in this study. The inclusion criteria were pregnancy or lactation, administration of preoperative chemotherapies or adjuvant chemotherapies. Patients with a breast mass larger than 3.0 cm were also excluded because more than one 3D volume acquisition was necessary to include the whole lesion plus 3 mm surrounding the breast lesion. All patients were female and aged 26 to 90 years (mean age, 56.3 years).

**Ultrasound examination**

All ultrasound images were obtained with one type of system (GE Voluson E8 Expert, Zipf, Austria) by two radiologists with 7–12 years of experience in breast ultrasound. An 11 L-D linear transducer with a frequency of 5–12 MHz was used for 2D ultrasound, and an RSP-16-D dedicated volume transducer with a frequency of 6–12 MHz was used for 3D ultrasound.

Ultrasound examination was performed with patients in the supine position with elevated arms. Once the breast lesion was

detected and the region of interest had been identified, the volume box was superimposed and set to include the entire display screen so as to cover the lesion and maximum amount of normal surrounding tissue. The sweep angle was adjusted to 15–29° according to the size of the breast lesion. Then the ultrasound probe was held still with enough jelly to contact the skin gently. The volume mode was switched on and the 3D ultrasound volume was generated by the automatic rotation of the mechanical transducer. When the first ultrasound examination was finished, the power Doppler mode was added for the second examination and the fixed preinstalled power Doppler settings used were 0.3 kHz pulse repetition frequency, “low 1” wall motion filter, –2.0 gain and high frequency. The first examination for 3D greyscale imaging took 10–20 s and the second, for 3D power Doppler imaging, took 25–45 s, depending on the size of the tumour. Then the total acquisition time for 3D ultrasound was about 1–2 min. The entire examination was saved in DICOM format and stored on the hard disk for further analysis.

**Image analysis**

The 3D ultrasound images were reviewed for this analysis by another two radiologists with 8–10 years of experience in breast ultrasound and characterized by consensus. In addition, the radiologists had not performed the data acquisition and were blinded to the patients’ clinical and mammographic findings.

The ultrasound image was opened by using the 4D View software. Firstly, the tomographic ultrasound imaging (TUI) was used for a slice by slice documentation in the coronal plane. Then, the volume contrast imaging (VCI) and the surface render mode were added for better observation of the lesion and the surrounding tissue. All the slices were carefully observed to identify the presence of the retraction pattern in the surrounding tissue and the margin of the lesion. The retraction pattern was defined as the hypercholechoic straight lines that radiated perpendicularly from the surface of the solid nodule, producing a skeletal pattern [8, 9] (Fig. 1). The presence of the retraction pattern was further divided into with or without a hypercholechoic ring, which was displayed as an echogenic halo ring between the mass and the surrounding tissue in the coronal plane (Fig. 2a).

The 3D power Doppler imaging analyses were performed using a virtual organ computer-aided analysis (VOCAL)-imaging program (GE, Zipf, Austria), which could automatically calculate the histogram indices of vascularization index (VI), flow index (FI) and vascularization flow index (VFI). VI represents the vessels in the defined volume by measuring the number of colour voxels in the region of interest, i.e. the mean tumour vascularity; FI represents the average intensity of flow by measuring the mean colour value in the colour voxels, i.e. the mean blood flow volume; VFI represents both

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regression modelling techniques to identify the most significant and independent 3D image findings. A  $P$  value less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

**Results**

**Prognostic factors**

In the current study group, the surgical specimens revealed 75 lesions with pure invasive ductal carcinoma and the remaining 10 lesions with invasive ductal carcinoma with DCIS components. The mean percentage of the DCIS components in the lesion was  $8.10 \pm 4.93\%$  (range, 2–20 %).

The size of 85 lesions ranged from 5 to 30 mm, and the mean size was  $19.92$  mm ( $SD=7.56$  mm). Of the 85 tumours, 47 (55.3 %) were equal to or smaller than 2 cm and 38 (44.7 %) were larger than 2 cm. According to the Elston–Ellis grading system, there were 58 (68.2 %) grade II tumours and 27 (31.8 %) grade III. Lymph node metastasis was present in 30 (35.3 %) patients. There were 58 (68.2 %) ER-positive, 54 (63.5 %) PR-positive, 70 (82.4 %) c-erbB-2-positive and 42 (49.4 %) p53-positive tumours.

**Correlation between MVD and prognostic factors**

Significantly higher MVD was observed in the larger size group ( $P<0.01$ ) and higher grade group ( $P<0.05$ ). There were no significant associations between MVD and other pathologic factors ( $P>0.05$ ) (Table 1).

**Correlation between morphological features and prognostic factors**

Of the 85 breast lesions, 57 (67.1 %) showed the retraction pattern in the coronal plane of 3D ultrasound. Of these 57 lesions, 17 (29.8 %) showed the retraction pattern with a hypercholechoic ring and 40 (70.2 %) were without the hypercholechoic ring.

The tumour size, histological grade, ER and PR status all showed significant associations with the presence of the retraction pattern ( $P<0.01$ ) (Table 2). Tumours with the retraction pattern were significantly more likely to be small in size, low grade, ER-positive and PR-positive (Fig. 3). Moreover, the retraction pattern with a hypercholechoic ring, which presented as intricately mixed fibrous tissues and infiltrating carcinoma cells on pathological specimens, only existed in low-grade and ER-positive tumours (Fig. 2). The odds ratios of tumour size, tumour grade, and ER and PR status for patients with the retraction pattern and a hypercholechoic ring versus no retraction pattern were all higher than those with the retraction pattern without a hypercholechoic ring versus no retraction pattern (Table 3). The presence of the hypercholechoic ring strengthened

**Table 1** Association between MVD and prognostic factors

Prognostic factor	N	Mean	SD	P value
<b>Tumour size (cm)</b>				
≤2	47	19.30	5.25	
>2	38	25.60	7.60	0.007
<b>Tumour grade</b>				
II	58	19.83	5.55	
III	27	25.83	8.02	0.023
<b>Lymph node</b>				
Negative	55	21.31	6.70	
Positive	30	22.08	7.34	0.946
<b>ER</b>				
Negative	27	23.27	8.36	
Positive	58	20.93	5.14	0.931
<b>PR</b>				
Negative	31	25.00	8.59	
Positive	54	19.82	5.09	0.092
<b>c-erbB-2</b>				
Negative	15	21.50	9.57	
Positive	70	21.55	6.65	0.788
<b>p53</b>				
Negative	43	23.13	7.04	
Positive	42	19.63	6.20	0.083

the ability of the retraction pattern to predict these good prognoses. However, the lymph node status and the expression of c-erbB-2 and p53 showed no statistically significant correlation with the retraction pattern ( $P>0.05$ ).

As for MVD, however, no significant correlation was found between MVD and the presence of the retraction pattern on 3D ultrasound ( $P>0.05$ ).

**Correlation between vascularization perfusion and prognostic factors**

For intra-tumour regions, the mean VI, FI and VFI of 85 lesions were  $6.84$  (range,  $0.02$ – $21.61$ ),  $3.772$  (range,  $21.81$ – $53.32$ ) and  $2.64$  (range,  $0.04$ – $9.11$ ), respectively. For shells with a thickness of 3 mm surrounding the breast lesion, the VI, FI and VFI were  $7.31$  (range,  $0.14$ – $25.13$ ),  $38.72$  (range,  $23.27$ – $56.90$ ) and  $2.88$  (range,  $0.04$ – $11.08$ ), respectively.

Compared with the small tumours, the tumour foci with a diameter greater than 2 cm were more likely to show a higher inVI, inFI, inVFI, out3mmVI and out3mmVFI. The tumours with a high grade or lymph node metastasis had a higher inVI, inVFI, out6mmVI and out3mmVFI than the tumours with low grade or lymph node-negative status. ER-negative tumours had a higher inFI than ER-positive tumours and the tumours with negative expression of PR had a higher inVI, inVFI and out3mmVFI than PR-positive tumours (Table 4).

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# Sentence splitting

- Splitting a text into sentences

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**11 Sentences** (= "T-" or "Terminable" units *only* if independent clauses are punctuated as separate sentences, e.g. "I came and he went"-->"I came. And he went.")

**Average 23.55 words (SD=12.10)**

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# Part-of-speech tagging

- Assigning a syntactic tag to each word in a sentence

## Stanford Parser

Please enter a sentence to be parsed:

Surgical resection specimens of 85 invasive ductal carcinomas of 85 women who had undergone 3D ultrasound were included.

Language:  [Sample Sentence](#)

### Your query

*Surgical resection specimens of 85 invasive ductal carcinomas of 85 women who had undergone 3D ultrasound were included.*

### Tagging

Surgical/NNP resection/NN specimens/NNS of/IN 85/CD invasive/JJ ductal/JJ carcinomas/NNS of/IN 85/CD women/NNS who/WP had/VBD undergone/VBN 3D/CD ultrasound/NN were/VBD included/VBN ./.

<http://nlp.stanford.edu:8080/corenlp/>



# Parsing

- Building the syntactic tree of a sentence

## Parse

```
(ROOT
  (S
    (NP
      (NP (NNP Surgical) (NN resection) (NNS specimens))
      (PP (IN of)
        (NP
          (NP (CD 85) (JJ invasive) (JJ ductal) (NNS carcinomas))
          (PP (IN of)
            (NP
              (NP (CD 85) (NNS women))
              (SBAR
                (WHNP (WP who))
                (S
                  (VP (VBD had)
                    (VP (VBN undergone)
                      (NP (CD 3D) (NN ultrasound))))))))))
            (VP (VBD were)
              (VP (VBN included)))
            (. .)))
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# Parsing

- Building the syntactic tree of a sentence

## Typed dependencies

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nn(specimens-3, Surgical-1)
nn(specimens-3, resection-2)
nsubjpass(included-18, specimens-3)
prep(specimens-3, of-4)
num(carcinomas-8, 85-5)
amod(carcinomas-8, invasive-6)
amod(carcinomas-8, ductal-7)
pobj(of-4, carcinomas-8)
prep(carcinomas-8, of-9)
num(women-11, 85-10)
pobj(of-9, women-11)
nsubj(undergone-14, who-12)
aux(undergone-14, had-13)
rcmod(women-11, undergone-14)
num(ultrasound-16, 3D-15)
dobj(undergone-14, ultrasound-16)
auxpass(included-18, were-17)
root(ROOT-0, included-18)
```

# Named-entity recognition

- Identifying pre-defined entity types in a sentence

The screenshot displays the becas web interface for named-entity recognition. The top navigation bar includes 'becas', 'Annotate', 'Help', 'API', 'Widget', 'About', and 'Contact'. On the left, a 'HIGHLIGHT' sidebar allows filtering by categories: Anatomy, Disorders, Chemicals, Genes and Proteins, Cellular Components, Molecular Functions, Biological Processes, and Ambiguous. The main text area shows a paragraph about Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) with various terms highlighted in colored boxes corresponding to the categories. Below the text, there is a 'Load text' button and a status indicator 'Annotated 46 concept occurrences in 0.173s.' with an 'Export' button. At the bottom, a 'Concept Tree' panel shows a hierarchical view of the identified concepts, including 'Anatomy (12)', 'Disorders (4)' (with sub-items like DMD, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, infiltration, and inflammatory responses), 'Chemicals (2)', 'Genes and Proteins (11)', 'Cellular Components (3)', 'Molecular Functions (1)', and 'Biological Processes (9)'.

# Word sense disambiguation

- Figuring out the exact meaning of a word or entity

**Noun 1. tie** - neckwear consisting of a long narrow piece of material worn (mostly by men) under a collar and tied in knot at the front; "he stood in front of the mirror tightening his necktie"; "he wore a vest and tie"

- [necktie](#)
- [bola](#), [bola tie](#), [bolo](#), [bolo tie](#) - a cord fastened around the neck with an ornamental clasp and worn as a necktie
- [bow tie](#), [bow-tie](#), [bowtie](#) - a man's tie that ties in a bow
- [four-in-hand](#) - a long necktie that is tied in a slipknot with one end hanging in front of the other
- [neckwear](#) - articles of clothing worn about the neck
- [old school tie](#) - necktie indicating the school the wearer attended
- [string tie](#) - a very narrow necktie usually tied in a bow
- [Windsor tie](#) - a wide necktie worn in a loose bow



**2. tie** - a social or business relationship; "a valuable financial affiliation"; "he was sorry he had to sever his ties with other members of the team"; "many close associations with England"

- [affiliation](#), [tie-up](#), [association](#)
- [relationship](#) - a state involving mutual dealings between people or parties or countries



**3. tie** - equality of score in a contest

- [equivalence](#), [par](#), [equality](#), [equation](#) - a state of being essentially equal or equivalent; equally balanced; "on a par with the best"
- [deuce](#) - a tie in tennis or table tennis that requires winning two successive points to win the game

**4. tie** - a horizontal beam used to prevent two other structural members from spreading apart or separating; "he nailed the rafters together with a tie beam"

- [tie beam](#)
- [beam](#) - long thick piece of wood or metal or concrete, etc., used in construction



# Word sense disambiguation

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**HIGHLIGHT**

All None

- Anatomy
- Disorders
- Chemicals
- Genes and Proteins
- Cellular Components
- Molecular Functions
- Biological Processes
- Ambiguous

In **Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD)**, the **infiltration** of **skeletal muscle** by immune **cells** aggravates disease, yet the precise mechanisms behind these **inflammatory responses** remain poorly understood. Chemotactic cytokines, or chemokines, are considered essential recruiters of **inflammatory cells** to the **tissues**. We assayed chemokine and chemokine **receptor expression** in **DMD muscle** biopsies (n = 9, average age 7 years) using immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence, and in situ **hybridization**. **CXCL1**, **CXCL2**, **CXCL3**, **CXCL8**, and **CXCL11**, absent from normal **muscle fibers**, were induced in **DMD** myofibers. **CXCL11**, **CXCL12**, and the **ligand**-receptor couple **CCL2**-**CCR2** were upregulated on the **blood vessel endothelium** of **DMD** patients. **CD68** (+) **macrophages** expressed high levels of **CXCL8**, **CCL2**, and **CCL5**. Our data suggest a possible beneficial role for **CXCR1/2/4 ligands** in managing **muscle fiber** damage control and **tissue** regeneration. Upregulation of **endothelial chemokine receptors** and **CXCL8**, **CCL2**, and **CCL5** expression by cytotoxic **macrophages** may regulate myofiber **necrosis**.

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Concept Tree

- Anatomy ( 12 )
- Disorders ( 4 )
  - DMD ( 1 )
    - Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne ( 4 )
      - NCI:C75482
      - NCI:M:C0013264
      - SNOMEDCT:76670001
      - omim.org:302045



# Word sense disambiguation

- Figuring out the exact meaning of a word or entity

## Analysis with definitions(s)

*Bill Gates has developed an interest/[readiness to give attention] in language technology and yesterday acquired a 10 % interest/[a share (in a company, business, etc.)] in Torbjörn Lager 's sense disambiguation technology . Lager will retain a 90 % interest/[a share (in a company, business, etc.)] in the new company , which will be based in Göteborg , Sweden . Last year 's drop in interest/[money paid for the use of money] rates will probably be good for the company . Finally , although all this may sound like an arcane maneuver of little interest/[quality of causing attention to be given] outside Wall Street , it would set off an economical earthquake .*

**These are the six senses of the noun *interest* according to the LDOCE:**

Sense	Definition
1	readiness to give attention
2	quality of causing attention to be given
3	activity, subject, etc., which one gives time and attention to
4	advantage, advancement, or favour
5	a share (in a company, business, etc.)
6	money paid for the use of money

[http://www.ling.gu.se/~lager/Home/pwe\\_ui.html](http://www.ling.gu.se/~lager/Home/pwe_ui.html)



# Semantic role labeling

- Extracting subject-predicate-object triples from a sentence



## Semantic Role Labeling Demo

### Input Text:

They had brandy in the library .

[Click For General Explanation of Argument Labels](#)

### Output:

	<input type="checkbox"/> SRL	<input type="checkbox"/> Nom	<input type="checkbox"/> Preposition	<input type="checkbox"/>
They	owner [A0]			
had	V: have.03			
brandy	possession [A1]		Governor	
in			LocationIn:1(1)	
the	location [AM-LOC]			
library			Object	
.				

[http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo\\_view/srl](http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo_view/srl)



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# Phonetics and phonology

- The study of linguistic sounds and their relations to words

<http://german.about.com/library/blfunkabc.htm>

<b>Das Funkalphabet - German Phonetic Spelling Code</b> compared to the international ICAO/NATO code Listen to <b>AUDIO</b> for this chart! (below)		
Germany*	Phonetic Guide	ICAO/NATO**
<b>A</b> wie <b>Anton</b>	AHN-tone	<b>Alfa/Alpha</b>
<b>Ä</b> wie <b>Ärger</b>	AIR-gehr	(1)
<b>B</b> wie <b>Berta</b>	BARE-tuh	<b>Bravo</b>
<b>C</b> wie <b>Cäsar</b>	SAY-zar	<b>Charlie</b>
<b>Ch</b> wie <b>Charlotte</b>	shar-LOT-tuh	(1)
<b>D</b> wie <b>Dora</b>	DORE-uh	<b>Delta</b>
<b>E</b> wie <b>Emil</b>	ay-MEAL	<b>Echo</b>
<b>F</b> wie <b>Friedrich</b>	FREED-reech	<b>Foxtrot</b>
<b>G</b> wie <b>Gustav</b>	GOOS-tahf	<b>Golf</b>
<b>H</b> wie <b>Heinrich</b>	HINE-reech	<b>Hotel</b>
<b>I</b> wie <b>Ida</b>	EED-uh	<b>India/Indigo</b>
<b>J</b> wie <b>Julius</b>	YUL-ee-oos	<b>Juliet</b>
<b>K</b> wie <b>Kaufmann</b>	KOWF-mann	<b>Kilo</b>
<b>L</b> wie <b>Ludwig</b>	LOOD-vig	<b>Lima</b>
AUDIO 1 > <a href="#">Listen to mp3</a> for A-L		
<b>M</b> wie <b>Martha</b>	MAR-tuh	<b>Mike</b>
<b>N</b> wie <b>Nordpol</b>	NORT-pole	<b>November</b>
<b>O</b> wie <b>Otto</b>	AHT-toe	<b>Oscar</b>
<b>Ö</b> wie <b>Ökonom</b> (2)	UEH-ko-nome	(1)
<b>P</b> wie <b>Paula</b>	POW-luh	<b>Papa</b>
<b>Q</b> wie <b>Quelle</b>	KVEL-uh	<b>Quebec</b>
<b>R</b> wie <b>Richard</b>	REE-shart	<b>Romeo</b>
<b>S</b> wie <b>Siegfried</b> (3)	SEEG-freed	<b>Sierra</b>
<b>Sch</b> wie <b>Schule</b>	SHOO-luh	(1)
<b>ß</b> ( <b>Eszett</b> )	ES-TSET	(1)
<b>T</b> wie <b>Theodor</b>	TAY-oh-dore	<b>Tango</b>
<b>U</b> wie <b>Ulrich</b>	OOL-reech	<b>Uniform</b>
<b>Ü</b> wie <b>Übermut</b>	UEH-ber-moot	(1)
<b>V</b> wie <b>Viktor</b>	VICK-tor	<b>Victor</b>
<b>W</b> wie <b>Wilhelm</b>	VIL-helm	<b>Whiskey</b>
<b>X</b> wie <b>Xanthippe</b>	KSAN-tipp-uh	<b>X-Ray</b>
<b>Y</b> wie <b>Ypsilon</b>	IPP-see-lohn	<b>Yankee</b>
<b>Z</b> wie <b>Zeppelin</b>	TSEP-puh-leen	<b>Zulu</b>

# Morphology

- The study of internal structures of words and how they can be modified
- Parsing complex words into their components



W O R T S C H A T Z Wort:  Suche! ?  Beachte Groß-/Kleinschreibung  
UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG

**Wort:** un|glaub|lich

**Anzahl:** 7890

**Häufigkeitsklasse:** 10 (d.h. *der* ist ca.  $2^{10}$  mal häufiger als das gesuchte Wort)

**Morphologie:** un|glaub|lich

**Grammatikangaben:** Wortart: Adjektiv

**Relationen zu anderen Wörtern:**

- Synonyme: [beispiellos](#), [maßlos](#), [unaussprechlich](#), [unbeschreiblich](#), [unerhört](#), [unermeßlich](#), [unfaßbar](#), [unsagbar](#), [unvorstellbar](#)
- vergleiche: [skandalös](#)
- ist Synonym von: [allerhand](#), [ausgeschlossen](#), [empörend](#), [haarsträubend](#), [hanebüchen](#), [himmelschreiend](#), [märchenhaft](#), [namenlos](#),
- wird referenziert von: [phantastisch](#), [wunderbar](#)

# Syntax

- The study of the structural relationships between words in a sentence

## Parse

```

(ROOT
  (S
    (NP
      (NP (NNP Surgical) (NN resection) (NNS specimens))
      (PP (IN of)
        (NP
          (NP (CD 85) (JJ invasive) (JJ ductal) (NNS carcinomas))
          (PP (IN of)
            (NP
              (NP (CD 85) (NNS women))
              (SBAR
                (WHNP (WP who))
                (S
                  (VP (VBD had)
                    (VP (VBN undergone)
                      (NP (CD 3D) (NN ultrasound))))))))))
            (VP (VBD were)
              (VP (VBN included)))
            (. .)))
    )
  )

```

# Semantics

- The study of the meaning of words, and how these combine to form the meanings of sentences
  - Synonymy: fall & autumn
  - Hypernymy, hyponymy (is a): dog & animal
  - Meronymy (part of): finger & hand
  - Homonymy: fall (verb & season)
  - Antonymy: big & small

# Pragmatics

- Social language use
- The study of how language is used to accomplish goals, and the influence of context on meaning
- Understanding the aspects of a language which depends on situation and world knowledge

Give me the salt!

Could you please give me the salt?



## Discourse

- The study of linguistic units larger than a single statement

John reads a book. He borrowed it from his friend.

**Berlin** (/ˈbɛərˈlɪn/, German: [bɛʁˈliːn] (ⓘ listen)) is the capital of Germany, and one of the 16 states of Germany. With a population of 3.5 million people,<sup>[4]</sup> Berlin is Germany's largest city. It is the second most populous city proper and the seventh most populous urban area in the European Union.<sup>[5]</sup> Located in northeastern Germany on the banks of River Spree, it is the center of the Berlin-Brandenburg Metropolitan Region, which has about 6 million residents from over 180 nations.<sup>[6][7][8][9]</sup> Due to its location in the European Plain, Berlin is influenced by a temperate seasonal climate. Around one third of the city's area is composed of forests, parks, gardens, rivers and lakes.<sup>[10]</sup>

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin>)

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# Paraphrasing

- Different words/sentences express the same meaning
  - Season of the year
    - Fall
    - Autumn
  
  - Book delivery time
    - When will my book arrive?
    - When will I receive my book?

# Ambiguity

- One word/sentence can have different meanings
  - Fall
    - The third season of the year
    - Moving down towards the ground or towards a lower position
  - The door is open.
    - Expressing a fact
    - A request to close the door

# Phonetics and Phonology



**Communication tip:**

**Phonological ambiguities or Give peas a chance!**

One of my favourite ways to have fun with communication are phonological ambiguities.

Phonological ambiguities are two or more words which sound the same and have different meanings.



Language can contain ambiguities - and more than one way to compose a set of sounds into words.

So listen to yourself: It is always good to notice a spoken sentence often contains many words which are (sometimes not)

intended to be heard.

## English examples:

- there - their
- here - hear
- plane - plain
- Hamburger (Citizens of Hamburg) - hamburger (burger, food)
- sea - see
- Friday - fry day
- weekend - weak end
- ice cream - I scream.
- new direction - nude erection
- new day - nude, eh?
- I don't know! - I don't - no!
- but - butt
- Wait - Weight
- psychotherapist - psycho the rapist
- You're unconscious now... - Your unconscious now...
- Your students... - You're students...
- Two - too - to

## German examples:

- Du hast Gewehre. (You have got guns.) - Du hasst Gewehre. (You hate guns.)
- Lehrer (teacher) - leerer (emptier)

[http://worldsgreatestsmile.com/html/phonological\\_ambiguity.html](http://worldsgreatestsmile.com/html/phonological_ambiguity.html)

## Syntax and ambiguity

- I saw the man with a telescope.
  - Who had the telescope?



(<http://www.realtytrac.com/landing/2009-year-end-foreclosure-report.html>)

# Semantics

- The astronomer loves the **star**.
  - Star in the sky
  - Celebrity



(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star#/media/File:Starsinthesky.jpg>)



(<http://www.businessnewsdaily.com/2023-celebrity-hiring.html>)

## Discourse

- Alice understands that you like your mother, but **she** ...
  - Does **she** refer to Alice or your mother?



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## NLP Course

- Home page:
  - <http://hpi.de/plattner/teaching/summerterm2015/naturallanguageprocessing.html>
- Lecture
  - Monday 15:15-16:45
  - D-E.9/10
  - 3 credit points
- Assessment
  - Deliver of the exercises (not graded, but mandatory)
  - Final exam
- Contact
  - Mariana.Neves@hpi.uni-potsdam.de
  - Room 1.02 (Villa), Monday 11:00-12:00 or under request

# Topics

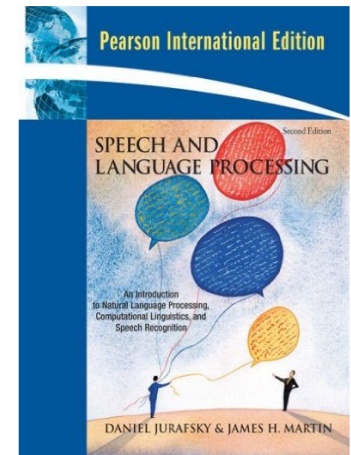
<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	April 13, 2015	Introduction to Language Technology
2	April 20, 2014	Language Modelling
3	April 27, 2015	(no lecture)
4	May 4, 2015	Machine Learning for NLP
5	May 11, 2015	Part Of Speech Tagging and Named Entity Recognition
6	May 18, 2015	Parsing
7	May 25, 2015	(Pfingstmontag - no lecture)
8	June 1, 2015	Lexical Semantics, Word Similarity, Word Sense Disambiguation
9	June 8, 2015	Text Categorization, Sentiment Analysis
10	June 15, 2015	Relation Extraction
11	June 22, 2015	Information Retrieval
12	June 29, 2015	Summarization
13	July 6, 2015	Question Answering
14	July 13, 2015	Machine Translation
15	July 20, 2015	Final exam

# Exercises

<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	May 11, 2015	Language Modelling
2	June 1, 2015	Part Of Speech Tagging
3	June 29, 2015	Text Categorization, Sentiment Analysis

## Course book

- Speech and Language Processing
  - Daniel Jurafsky and James H. Martin



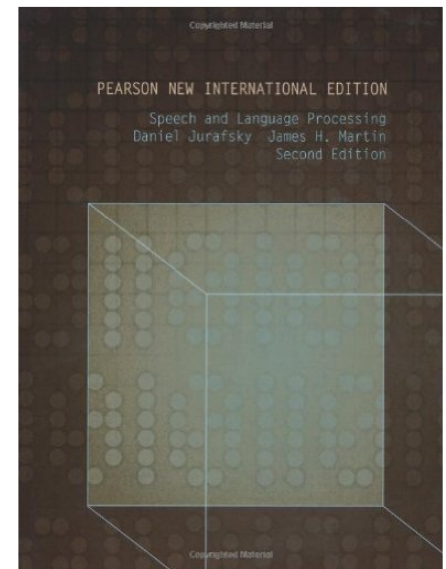
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von Daniel Jurafsky (Autor), James H. Martin (Autor)

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## Journal and conferences

- Journal
  - Computational Linguistics
- Conferences
  - ACL: Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL'16 in Berlin!**)
  - NAACL: North American Chapter
  - EACL: European Chapter
  - HLT: Human Language Technology
  - EMNLP: Empirical Methods on Natural Language Processing
  - CoLing: Computational Linguistics
  - LREC: Language Resources and Evaluation