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### 前言

This is a book about Natural Language Processing. By "natural language" we mean a language that is used for everyday communication by humans; languages such as English, Hindi, or Portuguese. In contrast to artificial languages such as programming languages and mathematical notations, natural languages have evolved as they pass from generation to generation, and are hard to pin down with explicit rules. We will take Natural Language Processing—or NLP for short—in a wide sense to cover any kind of computer manipulation of natural language. At one extreme, it could be as simple as counting word frequencies to compare different writing styles. At the other extreme, NLP involves "understanding" complete human utterances, at least to the extent of being able to give useful responses to them. Technologies based on NLP are becoming increasingly widespread. For example, phones and handheld computers support predictive text and handwriting recognition; web search engines give access to information locked up in unstructured text; machine translation allows us to retrieve texts written in Chinese and read them in Spanish. By providing more natural human-machine interfaces, and more sophisticated access to stored information, language processing has come to play a central role in the multi-lingual information society. This book provides a highly accessible introduction to the field of NLP. It can be used for individual study or as the textbook for a course on natural language processing or computational linguistics, or as a supplement to courses in artificial intelligence, text mining, or corpus linguistics. The book is intensely practical, containing hundreds of fully worked examples and graded exercises.

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### 内容概要

《Python自然语言处理（影印版）》提供了非常易学的自然语言处理入门介绍，该领域涵盖从文本和电子邮件预测过滤，到自动总结和翻译等多种语言处理技术。

在《Python自然语言处理（影印版）》中，你将学会编写Python程序处理大量非结构化文本。你还将通过使用综合语言数据结构访问含有丰富注释的数据集，理解用于分析书面通信内容和结构的主要算法。

《Python自然语言处理》准备了充足的示例和练习，可以帮助你：从非结构化文本中抽取信息，甚至猜测主题或识别“命名实体”；分析文本语言结构，包括解析和语义分析；访问流行的语言学数据库，包括WordNet和树库（treebank）；从多种语言学 and 人工智能领域中提取的整合技巧。

《Python自然语言处理（影印版）》将帮助你学习运用Python编程语言和自然语言工具包（NLTK）获得实用的自然语言处理技能。

如果对于开发Web应用、分析多语言新闻源或记录濒危语言感兴趣——即便只是想从程序员视角观察人类语言如何运作，你将发现《Python自然语言处理》是一本令人着迷且极为有用的好书。

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## 章节摘录

Back in elementary school you learned the difference between nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. These "word classes" are not just the idle invention of grammarians, but are useful categories for many language processing tasks. As we will see, they arise from simple analysis of the distribution of words in text. The goal of this chapter is to answer the following questions :

1. What are lexical categories, and how are they used in natural language processing ?
2. What is a good Python data structure for storing words and their categories ?
3. How can we automatically tag each word of a text with its word class ?

Along the way, we'll cover some fundamental techniques in NLP, including sequence labeling, n-gram models, backoff, and evaluation. These techniques are useful in many areas, and tagging gives us a simple context in which to present them. We will also see how tagging is the second step in the typical NLP pipeline, following tokenization. The process of classifying words into their parts-of-speech and labeling them accordingly is known as part-of-speech tagging, POS tagging, or simply tagging. Parts-of-speech are also known as word classes or lexical categories. The collection of tags used for a particular task is known as a tagset. Our emphasis in this chapter is on exploiting tags, and tagging text automatically.

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