

Python 3.11.4 (tags/v3.11.4:d2340ef, Jun 7 2023, 05:45:37) [MSC v.1934 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32  
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import nltk
>>> br_tw = nltk.corpus.brown.tagged_words(categories='mystery')
>>> len(br_tw)
57169
>>> br_tw[:5]
[('There', 'EX'), ('were', 'BED'), ('thirty-eight', 'CD'), ('patients', 'NNS'), ('on', 'IN')]
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# ----- Lowercasing tokens

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>>> br_tw_lower = [(w.lower(),t) for (w,t) in br_tw]
>>> br_tw_lower[:5]
[('there', 'EX'), ('were', 'BED'), ('thirty-eight', 'CD'), ('patients', 'NNS'), ('on', 'IN')]
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# ----- POS frequencies of word types

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>>> br_cfd = nltk.ConditionalFreqDist(br_tw_lower)
>>> br_cfd['so']
FreqDist({'RB': 48, 'QL': 44, 'CS': 34})
>>> br_cfd['question']
FreqDist({'NN': 5, 'VB': 3})
>>> br_cfd['question'].freq('NN')
0.625
>>> br_cfd['question'].freq('VB')
0.375
>>> br_cfd['like']
FreqDist({'CS': 103, 'VB': 19, 'IN': 14, 'JJ': 3})
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('CS')
CS: conjunction, subordinating
that as after whether before while like because if since for than altho
until so unless though providing once lest s'posin' till whereas
whereupon supposing tho' albeit then so's 'fore
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('IN')
IN: preposition
of in for by considering to on among at through with under into
regarding than since despite according per before toward against as
after during including between without except upon out over ...
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('VB')
VB: verb, base: uninflected present, imperative or infinitive
investigate find act follow inure achieve reduce take remedy re-set
distribute realize disable feel receive continue place protect
eliminate elaborate work permit run enter force ...
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('V.*')
VB: verb, base: uninflected present, imperative or infinitive
investigate find act follow inure achieve reduce take remedy re-set
distribute realize disable feel receive continue place protect
eliminate elaborate work permit run enter force ...
VB+AT: verb, base: uninflected present or infinitive + article
wanna
VB+IN: verb, base: uninflected present, imperative or infinitive + preposition
lookit
VB+JJ: verb, base: uninflected present, imperative or infinitive + adjective
die-dead
VB+PP0: verb, uninflected present tense + pronoun, personal, accusative
let's lemme gimme
VB+RP: verb, imperative + adverbial particle
g'ahn c'mon
VB+TO: verb, base: uninflected present, imperative or infinitive + infinitival to
wanta wanna
VB+VB: verb, base: uninflected present, imperative or infinitive; hyphenated pair
say-speak
VBD: verb, past tense
said produced took recommended commented urged found added praised
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charged listed became announced brought attended wanted voted defeated  
received got stood shot scheduled feared promised made ...

VBG: verb, present participle or gerund  
modernizing improving purchasing Purchasing lacking enabling pricing  
keeping getting picking entering voting warning making strengthening  
setting neighboring attending participating moving ...

VBG+TO: verb, present participle + infinitival to  
gonna

VBN: verb, past participle  
conducted charged won received studied revised operated accepted  
combined experienced recommended effected granted seen protected  
adopted retarded notarized selected composed gotten printed ...

VBN+TO: verb, past participle + infinitival to  
gotta

VBZ: verb, present tense, 3rd person singular  
deserves believes receives takes goes expires says opposes starts  
permits expects thinks faces votes teaches holds calls fears spends  
collects backs eliminates sets flies gives seeks reads ...

# ----- building trigrams

```
>>> br_tw_3grams = list(nltk.ngrams(br_tw_lower, 3))
>>> br_tw_3grams[0]
(('there', 'EX'), ('were', 'BED'), ('thirty-eight', 'CD'))
>>> br_tw_3grams[1]
(('were', 'BED'), ('thirty-eight', 'CD'), ('patients', 'NNS'))
>>> br_tw_3grams[2]
(('thirty-eight', 'CD'), ('patients', 'NNS'), ('on', 'IN'))
>>> br_tw_3grams[-1]
(('me', 'PPO'), ('"', '"'), ('.', '.'))
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# ----- conditional frequency of preceding POS

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>>> br_pre = [(w2+"/"+t2, t1) for ((w1,t1), (w2,t2), (w3,t3)) in br_tw_3grams]
>>> br_pre[0]
('were/BED', 'EX')
>>> br_pre[:5]
[('were/BED', 'EX'), ('thirty-eight/CD', 'BED'), ('patients/NNS', 'CD'), ('on/IN', 'NNS'), ('the/AT', 'IN')]
>>> br_pre_cfd = nltk.ConditionalFreqDist(br_pre)
>>> br_pre_cfd['so/CS']
FreqDist({'.' : 7, ',' : 6, 'NN' : 5, 'NNS' : 3, 'QLP' : 2, 'PPO' : 2, 'VBD' : 2, '--' : 2, 'RB' : 1, 'CC' : 1, ...})
>>> br_pre_cfd['so/QL']
FreqDist({'IN' : 5, 'BEDZ' : 5, ',' : 4, 'RB' : 3, 'NN' : 3, 'QL' : 3, 'VBN' : 2, 'VB' : 2, 'PPO' : 2, 'BEN' : 1, ...})
>>> br_pre_cfd['so/QL'].most_common(5)
[('IN', 5), ('BEDZ', 5), (',', 4), ('RB', 3), ('NN', 3)]
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('BEDZ')
BEDZ: verb 'to be', past tense, 1st and 3rd person singular
was
>>> br_pre_cfd['question/VB']
FreqDist({'TO' : 2, 'DO*' : 1})
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('DO*')
DO*: verb 'to do', uninflected present tense or imperative, negated
don't
>>> br_pre_cfd['question/NN']
FreqDist({'JJ' : 2, 'CD' : 1, 'AT' : 1, 'OD' : 1})
>>> br_pre_cfd['like/VB']
FreqDist({'PPSS' : 8, 'PPSS+MD' : 5, 'NNS' : 2, 'DOD*' : 1, 'DO*' : 1, 'TO' : 1, 'MD*' : 1})
>>> nltk.help.brown_tagset('PPSS')
PPSS: pronoun, personal, nominative, not 3rd person singular
they we I you ye thou you'uns
>>> br_pre_cfd['like/CS']
FreqDist({'NN' : 18, ',' : 14, 'RB' : 11, 'VB' : 8, 'VBD' : 7, 'BEDZ' : 5, 'NNS' : 5, 'VBN' : 4, 'RBR' : 4,
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# ----- Penn Treebank POS distribution

>>> treebank.tagged_words()[:10]
[('Pierre', 'NNP'), ('Vinken', 'NNP'), (',', ','), ('61', 'CD'), ('years', 'NNS'), ('old', 'JJ'),
(',', ','), ('will', 'MD'), ('join', 'VB'), ('the', 'DT')]
>>> treebank_tw_lower = [(w.lower(),t) for (w,t) in treebank.tagged_words()]
>>> treebank.tagged_words()[:10]
[('Pierre', 'NNP'), ('Vinken', 'NNP'), (',', ','), ('61', 'CD'), ('years', 'NNS'), ('old', 'JJ'),
(',', ','), ('will', 'MD'), ('join', 'VB'), ('the', 'DT')]
>>> treebank_tw_lower[:10]
[('pierre', 'NNP'), ('vinken', 'NNP'), (',', ','), ('61', 'CD'), ('years', 'NNS'), ('old', 'JJ'),
(',', ','), ('will', 'MD'), ('join', 'VB'), ('the', 'DT')]

>>> treebank_cfd = nltk.ConditionalFreqDist(treebank_tw_lower)
>>> treebank_cfd['question']
FreqDist({'NN': 12, 'VBP': 1, 'VB': 1})
>>> treebank_cfd['so']
FreqDist({'RB': 66, 'IN': 27})          # only RB and IN?
>>> nltk.help.upenn_tagset('RB')
RB: adverb
    occasionally unabatingly maddeningly adventurously professedly
    stirringly prominently technologically magisterially predominately
    swiftly fiscally pitilessly ...
>>> nltk.help.upenn_tagset('IN')
IN: preposition or conjunction, subordinating
    astride among uppon whether out inside pro despite on by throughout
    below within for towards near behind atop around if like until below
    next into if beside ...

# ----- Treebank treats CS usage of 'so' as part of its preposition (IN) use
        and its QL (qualifier) use as RB (adverb) broadly

>>> treebank_cfd['share']
FreqDist({'NN': 117, 'VB': 3})

# ----- 'share' is overwhelmingly a noun?? Digging deeper...

>>> dir(treebank)
['_class_', '_delattr_', '_dict_', '_dir_', '_doc_', '_eq_', '_format_', '_ge_',
'_getattr_', '_getstate_', '_gt_', '_hash_', '_init_', '_init_subclass_', '_le_',
'_lt_', '_module_', '_ne_', '_new_', '_reduce_', '_reduce_ex_', '_repr_',
'_setattr_', '_sizeof_', '_str_', '_subclasshook_', '_weakref_', '_citation_',
'_comment_char_', '_detect_blocks_', '_encoding_', '_fileids_', '_get_root_', '_license_', '_normalize_',
'_parse_', '_read_block_', '_read_parsed_sent_block_', '_read_sent_block_', '_read_tagged_sent_block_',
'_read_tagged_word_block_', '_read_word_block_', '_readme_', '_root_', '_tag_', '_tagset_', '_unload_',
'_word_', '_abspath_', '_abspaths_', '_citation_', '_encoding_', '_ensure_loaded_', '_fileids_', '_license_',
'_open_', '_parsed_sents_', '_raw_', '_readme_', '_root_', '_sents_', '_tagged_sents_', '_tagged_words_', '_words_']

>>> treebank.readme()[:500]
'[ PENN TREEBANK SAMPLE ]\r\nhttp://www.cis.upenn.edu/~treebank/home.html\r\n\r\nThis is a ~5%
fragment of Penn Treebank, (C) LDC 1995. It is made\r\navailable under fair use for the purposes of
illustrating NLTK tools\r\nfor tokenizing, tagging, chunking and parsing. This data is for\r\nnon-
commercial use only.\r\n\r\nContents: raw, tagged, parsed and combined data from Wall
Street\r\nJournal for 1650 sentences (99 treebank files wsj_0001 .. wsj_0099).\r\nFor details about
each of the four types, please see the o'
>>> print(treebank.readme()[:500])
[ PENN TREEBANK SAMPLE ]
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# ----- More tag ambiguity

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>>> treebank_cfd['will']
FreqDist({'MD': 280, 'NN': 1})
>>> treebank_cfd['fly']
FreqDist({'VB': 1, 'VBP': 1})
>>> treebank_cfd['like']
FreqDist({'IN': 49, 'VB': 8, 'VBP': 4, 'JJ': 1})
```

# ----- Penn Treebank tagset definitions

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>>> nltk.help.upenn_tagset('VB')
VB: verb, base form
ask assemble assess assign assume atone attention avoid bake balkanize
bank begin behold believe bend benefit bevel beware bless boil bomb
boost brace break bring broil brush build ...
>>> nltk.help.upenn_tagset('V.*')
VB: verb, base form
ask assemble assess assign assume atone attention avoid bake balkanize
bank begin behold believe bend benefit bevel beware bless boil bomb
boost brace break bring broil brush build ...
VBD: verb, past tense
dipped pleaded swiped regummed soaked tidied convened halted registered
cushioned exacted snubbed strode aimed adopted belied figgered
speculated wore appreciated contemplated ...
VBG: verb, present participle or gerund
telegraphing stirring focusing angering judging stalling lactating
hankerin' alleging veering capping approaching traveling besieging
encrypting interrupting erasing wincing ...
VBN: verb, past participle
multihulled dilapidated aerosolized chaired languished panelized used
experimented flourished imitated reunified factored condensed sheared
unsettled primed dubbed desired ...
VBP: verb, present tense, not 3rd person singular
predominate wrap resort sue twist spill cure lengthen brush terminate
appear tend stray glisten obtain comprise detest tease attract
emphasize mold postpone sever return wag ...
VBZ: verb, present tense, 3rd person singular
bases reconstructs marks mixes displeases seals carps weaves snatches
slumps stretches authorizes smolders pictures emerges stockpiles
seduces fizzes uses bolsters slaps speaks pleads ...
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