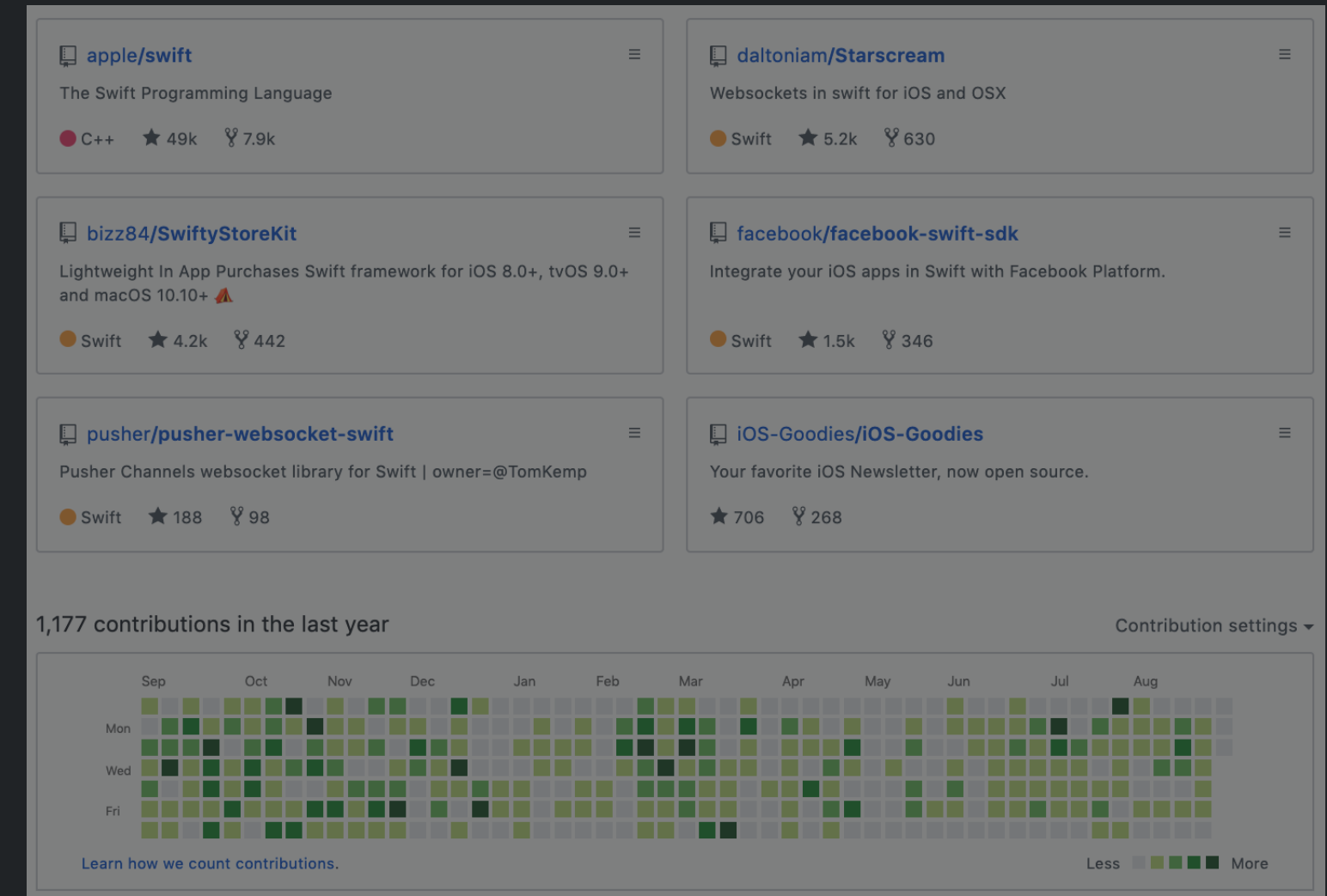


NLP in Swift

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Agenda

- NLP in a nutshell
- Why frontend?
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- 2019 Edition
- Deep stuff
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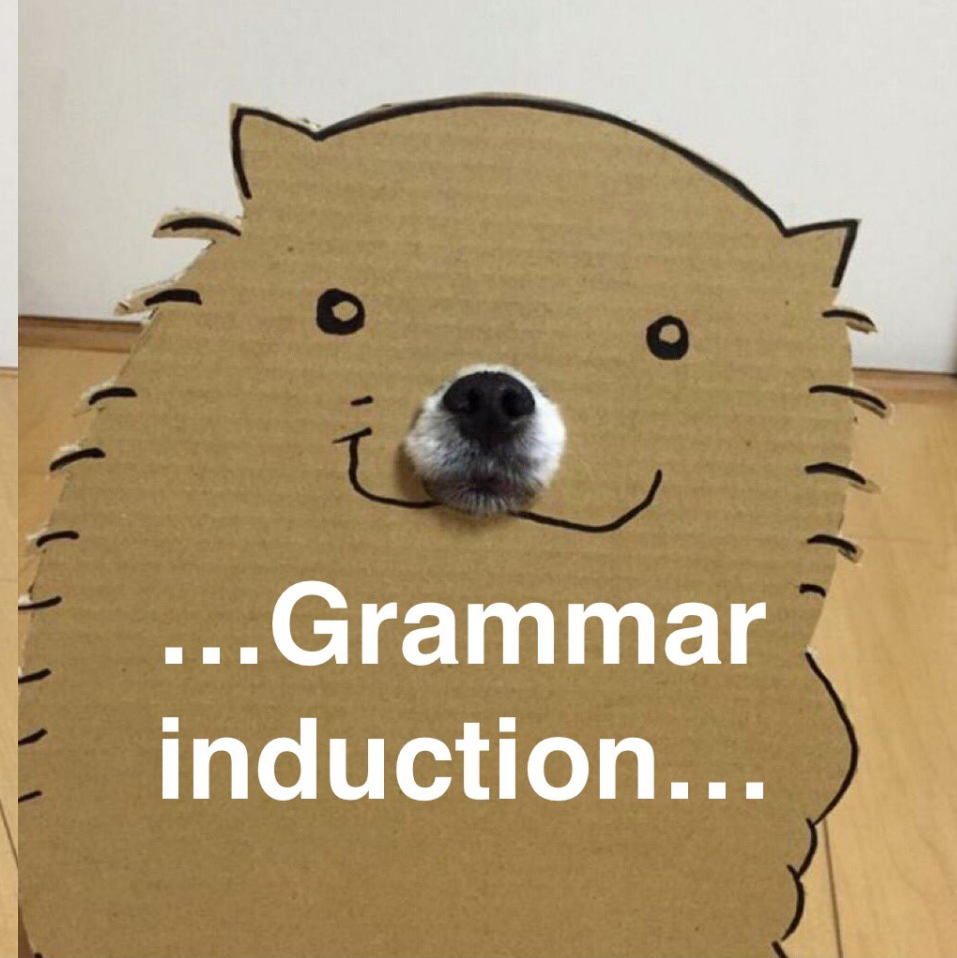
a nutshell

Natural Language Processing
(NLP)* explores interactions
between computers and human
languages.

* Not to be confused with Neuro-linguistic programming (also NLP), a **pseudoscientific** approach to communication, personal development, and psychotherapy.



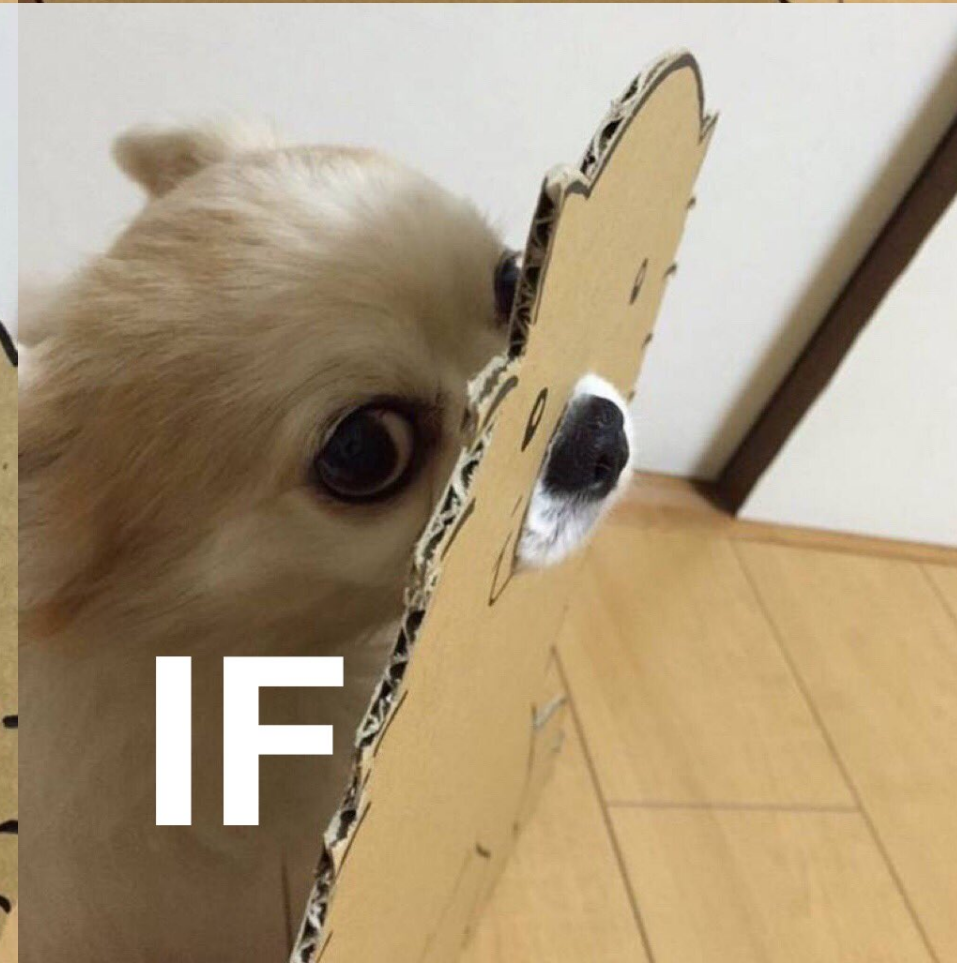
NLP



**...Grammar
induction...**



**...PoC-
tagging...**



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Major tasks

- Syntax
 - Grammar induction, Lemmatization, Morphological segmentation, Part-of-speech tagging, Parsing, Sentence breaking, Stemming, Word segmentation, Terminology extraction
- Semantics
 - Lexical semantics, Distributional semantics, Machine translation, Named entity recognition (NER), Natural language generation, Natural language understanding, Optical character recognition, Question answering, Recognizing Textual entailment, Relationship extraction, Sentiment analysis, Topic segmentation and recognition, Word sense disambiguation
- Discourse
 - Automatic summarization, Coreference resolution, Discourse analysis
- Speech
 - Speech recognition, Speech segmentation, Text-to-speech
- Dialogue

Major tasks

- Syntax
 - Lemmatization, Part-of-speech tagging, Sentence breaking, Word segmentation
- Semantics
 - Named entity recognition (NER), Question answering, Relationship extraction, Sentiment analysis

Data Detectors

- Phone Number
- Link Address
- Calendar Event
- Shipment Tracking Number
- Flight Number
- Lookup Suggestion

Why frontend?

- Cheap
- Fast
- No vendor dependencies¹
- Private

¹ Well, except Apple



Basics

NSLinguisticTagger

- iOS 5.0+
- Analyze natural language text to tag part of speech and lexical class, identify names, perform lemmatization, and determine the language and script.

NaturalLanguage.framework

- iOS 12.0+
- class **NLTokenizer**:
A tokenizer that segments natural language text into semantic units.
- class **NLTagger**:
A tagger that analyzes natural language text.

NLTagger.Options

- .omitWords
- .omitPunctuation
- .omitWhitespace
- .omitOther
- .joinNames
- .joinContractions

NLTagScheme

- .tokenType
- .lexicalClass
- .nameType
- .nameTypeOrLexicalClass
- .lemma
- .language
- .script



Still Basics

Set up

```
import NaturalLanguage

let schemes: [NLTagScheme] = [.language, .lemma, .lexicalClass]
let tagger = NLTagger(tagSchemes: schemes)
let options: NLTagger.Options = [.joinNames, .omitWhitespace]
```

1. Lemmatization

```
let quote = "Silver coins were minted at Aberystwyth Castle."  
lemmatize(for: quote)  
/*  
    Silver -> silver  
    coins -> coin  
    were -> be  
    minted -> mint  
    at -> at  
*/
```


1. Lemmatization

```
func lemmatize(for text: String) {  
    tagger.string = text  
    let range = text.startIndex..    tagger.enumerateTags(in: range, unit: .word, scheme: .lemma,  
                        options: options) { (tag, range) -> Bool in  
        if let lemma = tag?.rawValue {  
            print("\(text[range]) -> \(lemma)")  
        }  
        return true  
    }  
}
```

2. Part-of-speech tagging

```
let quote = "Pressure on me: You are Welsh, they said;"
```

```
extractPoS(text: quote)  
// 'Pressure' -> Noun, 'on' -> Preposition,  
// 'me' -> Pronoun, ':' -> Punctuation, etc
```

2. Part-of-speech tagging

```
func extractPoS(text: String) {  
    tagger.string = text  
    tagger.enumerateTags(in: text.startIndex..                        scheme: .lexicalClass, options: options) {  
        (tag, range) -> Bool in  
        if let tag = tag?.rawValue {  
            print("\(text[range]) -> \(tag)")  
        }  
        return true  
    }  
}
```

3. Dominant Language

```
let quote = """
```

```
Добро пожаловать в Абериштуит.  
"""
```

```
dominantLanguage(for: quote) // -> "ru"
```

3. Dominant Language

```
func dominantLanguage(for text: String) {  
    tagger.string = text  
    let rawString = tagger.dominantLanguage?.rawValue  
    if let languageName = rawString {  
        print(languageName)  
    }  
}
```


4. Sentence breaking

- What about splitting by dots and capital letters?
- ["J", "Bond will complain to M", "I", "6"]

4. Sentence breaking

```
let quote = """
In Mr. Douglas Adams' dictionary of toponymic
neologisms, an Aberystwyth (or A.B.E.R.Y.S.T.W.Y.T.H)
is "A nostalgic yearning which is in itself more
pleasant than the thing being yearned for".
"""

tokenize(text: quote, for: .sentence) // -> 1
```

4. Sentence breaking

```
func tokenize(text: String, for unit: NLTokenUnit) {  
    let tokenizer = NLTokenizer(unit: unit)  
    tokenizer.string = text  
    let range = quote.startIndex..  
quote endIndex  
    let tokens = tokenizer.tokens(for: range)  
    print(tokens.count)  
}
```

5. Word segmentation

- Just `split()` by not letters, eh?
- `["Don", "t", "do", "that"]`
- `tokenize(text: "アベリステウイスが好き",
for: .word) // -> 3, [アベリステウイ, スが, 大好き]`

6. Named entity recognition

```
let quote = """
```

```
The relatively obscure children's novel, Mr. Bass's Planetoid,  
by Eleanor Cameron, has a character who claims  
to be from Aberystwyth.  
"""
```

```
extractNER(text: quote)
```

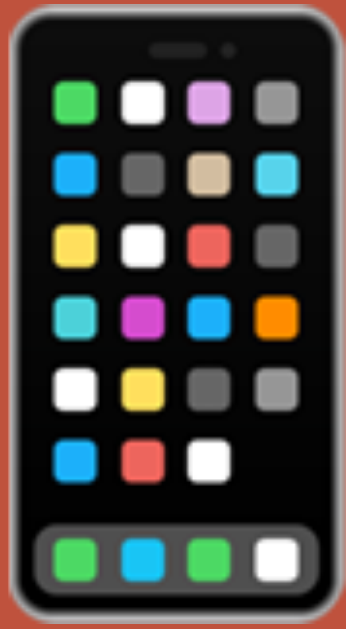
```
// -> Mr. Bass: PersonalName
```

```
// -> Eleanor Cameron: PersonalName
```

```
// -> Aberystwyth: PlaceName
```


6. Named entity recognition

```
func extractNER(text: String) {  
    tagger.string = text  
    let tags: [NLTag] = [.personalName, .placeName, .organizationName]  
    let range = text.startIndex..    tagger.enumerateTags(in: range, unit: .word, scheme: .nameType,  
                        options: options) { (tag, range) -> Bool in  
        if let tag = tag, tags.contains(tag) {  
            print("\(text[range]) -> \(tag.rawValue)")  
        }  
        return true  
    }  
}
```



ios 13+

Sentiment analysis

```
let tagger = NLTagger(tagSchemes: [.sentimentScore])

func sentiment(for quote: String) {
    tagger.string = quote
    let (sentiment, _) = tagger.tag(at: quote.startIndex, unit: .sentence,
                                    scheme: .sentimentScore)
    if let sentimentScore = sentiment?.rawValue {
        if sentimentScore > 0 { print("😊") }
        else if sentimentScore == 0 { print("😐") }
        else { print("😭") }
    }
}
```

Sentiment analysis

```
sentiment(for: "Such an awesome breeze you have here!") // -> 😊  
sentiment(for: "What a day, isn't it?") // -> 😄  
sentiment(for: "I hate that stormy wind!") // -> 😭  
sentiment(for: "The weather is ok.") // -> 😐
```

Text Suggestions

```
func findSimilar(for word: String) {  
    let embedding = NLEmbedding.wordEmbedding(for: .english)  
    embedding?.enumerateNeighbors(for: word.lowercased(),  
                                  maximumCount: 5) {  
        (string, distance) -> Bool in  
        print(string)  
        return true  
    }  
}
```

```
findSimilar(for: "rarebit") // -> sauce, cheese, toast, bread, mustard  
findSimilar(for: "swift") // -> fast, fleet, speedy, quick, rapid
```

Still iOS 13+

- Custom Word Embeddings
- Text Catalog



Deep stuff

Information Extraction

- TF-IDF (Term frequency - Inverse Document Frequency)
- Let's count the importance of each word and offset it by how common it is
- Let's use the most important words to build topic clusters

Term Frequency

$$tf(t, d) = \frac{\text{number of occurrences of term in document}}{\text{total number of all words in document}}$$

Term Frequency

Hello, my name is Vadim. Vadim Vadim. The city stands on the hill.

Term Frequency

$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$
Hello , my name is Vadim. Vadim Vadim. The city stands on the hill.

0.125 0.375 0.125 0.125 0.125

Term Frequency

$\frac{0.125+0.125+0.375}{3}=0.208$ $\frac{0.375+0.375}{2}=0.375$ $\frac{0.125+0.125+0.0125}{3}=0.125$

0.125 0.125 0.375 0.375 0.375 0.125 0.125 0.125

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Hello, my name is Vadim. Vadim Vadim. The city stands on the hill.



Inverse Document Frequency

$$idf(t, d) = \log_{10} \left(\frac{\text{number of documents containing the term, } t}{\text{how many times the term, } t, \text{ appears}} \right)$$

Inverse Document Frequency

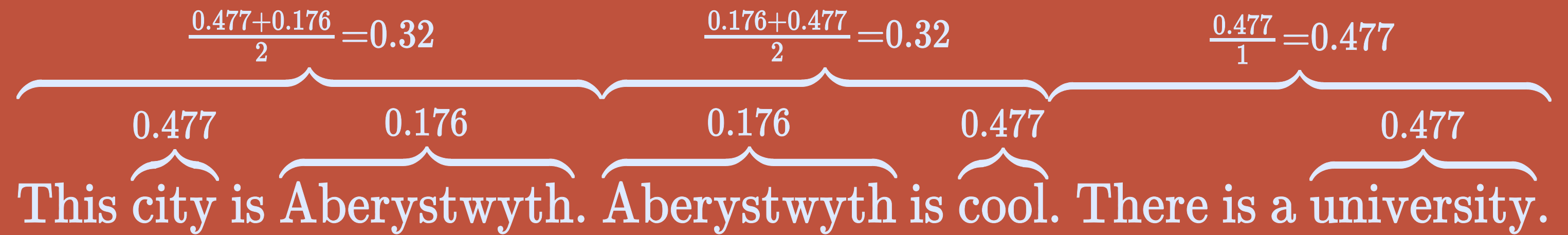
This is Aberystwyth. Aberystwyth is cool. There is a university.

Inverse Document Frequency

This $\log_{10} \frac{3}{1} = \log_{10} 3 = 0.477$ city is Aberystwyth. Aberystwyth is cool. There is a university.

0.176 0.176 0.477 0.477

Inverse Document Frequency



TF-IDF

$$tf(\text{This is Aberystwyth}) = 0.5$$

$$idf(\text{This is Aberystwyth}) = 0.32$$

$$tfidf(\text{This is Aberystwyth}) = 0.5 * 0.32 = 0.16$$

TF-IDF

```
func uniqueWords(words: [String]) -> [String] {  
    return Array(Set(words))  
}
```

```
func prettify(article: String) -> [String] {  
    return tokenize(text: article, for: .word).filter { str -> Bool in  
        !stopwords.contains(str) && str.count > 2  
    }  
}
```

TF-IDF

```
func countWords(words: [String]) -> [String: Double] {  
    var results = [String: Double]()  
    let uniqueW = uniqueWords(words: words)  
    for word in words {  
        if uniqueW.contains(word) {  
            results[word] = (results[word] ?? 0) + 1  
        }  
    }  
    return results  
}
```

TF-IDF

```
let allWords = prettify(article: article.lowercased())  
let allSentences = tokenize(text: article, for: .sentence)  
let allUniqueWords = uniqueWords(words: allWords)  
var allUniqueWordsFrequency = countWords(words: allWords)
```

TF-IDF

```
func termFrequency() -> [String: Double] {  
    var currentFrequency = [String: Double]()  
    for word in allUniqueWordsFrequency.keys {  
        let wordF = allUniqueWordsFrequency[word] ?? 0.0  
        currentFrequency[word] = wordF / Double(allWords.count)  
    }  
    return countForSentences(sentences: allSentences,  
                             values: currentFrequency)  
}
```



TF-IDF

```
func inverseDocumentFrequency() -> [String: Double] {  
    var inverseFrequency = [String: Double]()  
    for word in allUniqueWordsFrequency.keys {  
        let wordF = allUniqueWordsFrequency[word] ?? 0.0  
        let inverseF = Double(allSentences.count) / wordF  
        inverseFrequency[word] = log10(inverseF)  
    }  
    return countForSentences(sentences: allSentences,  
                              values: inverseFrequency)  
}
```


TF-IDF

```
func countForSentences(sentences: [String],
                        values: [String: Double]) -> [String: Double] {
    var sentenceFrequencies = [String: Double]()
    for sentence in sentences {
        var sum = 0.0
        let sentenceWords = prettify(article: sentence.lowercased())
        for word in sentenceWords {
            sum += (values[word.lowercased()] ?? 0)
        }
        sentenceFrequencies[sentence] = sum / Double(sentenceWords.count)
    }
    return sentenceFrequencies
}
```

TF-IDF

```
func TFIDF() -> [String: Double] {  
    let tf = termFrequency()  
    let idf = inverseDocumentFrequency()  
    var tfidf = [String: Double]()  
    for word in tf.keys {  
        guard let tf = tf[word], let idf = idf[word] else { continue }  
        tfidf[word] = tf * idf  
    }  
    return tfidf  
}
```

TF-IDF

```
let sortedResults = TFIDF().sorted { (lhr, rhr) -> Bool in  
    return lhr.value > rhr.value  
}
```

```
print(sortedResults[0])  
print(sortedResults[1])  
print(sortedResults[2])
```

Aberystwyth is a university town and tourist destination, and forms a cultural link between North Wales and South Wales. Constitution Hill, scaled by the Aberystwyth Cliff Railway, gives access to panoramic views and to other attractions at the summit, including a camera obscura. Scenic Mid Wales landscape within easy reach of the town includes the wilderness of the Cambrian Mountains, whose valleys contain forests and meadows which have changed little in centuries. A convenient way to access the interior is by the preserved narrow-gauge Vale of Rheidol Railway. Although the town is relatively modern, there are a number of historic buildings, including the remains of the castle and the Old College of Aberystwyth University nearby. The Old College was originally built and opened in 1865 as a hotel, but after the owner's bankruptcy the shell of the building was sold to the university in 1867.[13]

The new university campus overlooks Aberystwyth from Penglais Hill to the east of the town centre. The station, a terminus of the main railway, was built in 1924 in the typical style of the period, mainly in a mix of Gothic, Classical Revival, and Victorian architecture. The town is the unofficial capital of Mid Wales, and several institutions have regional or national offices there. Public bodies located in the town include the National Library of Wales, which incorporates the National Screen and Sound Archive of Wales, one of six British regional film archives. The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales maintains and curates the National Monuments Record of Wales (NMRW), providing the public with information about the built heritage of Wales. Aberystwyth is also the home to the national offices of UCAC and Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg (Welsh Language Society), and the site of the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research. The Welsh Books Council and the offices of the standard historical dictionary of Welsh, Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru, are also located in the town.

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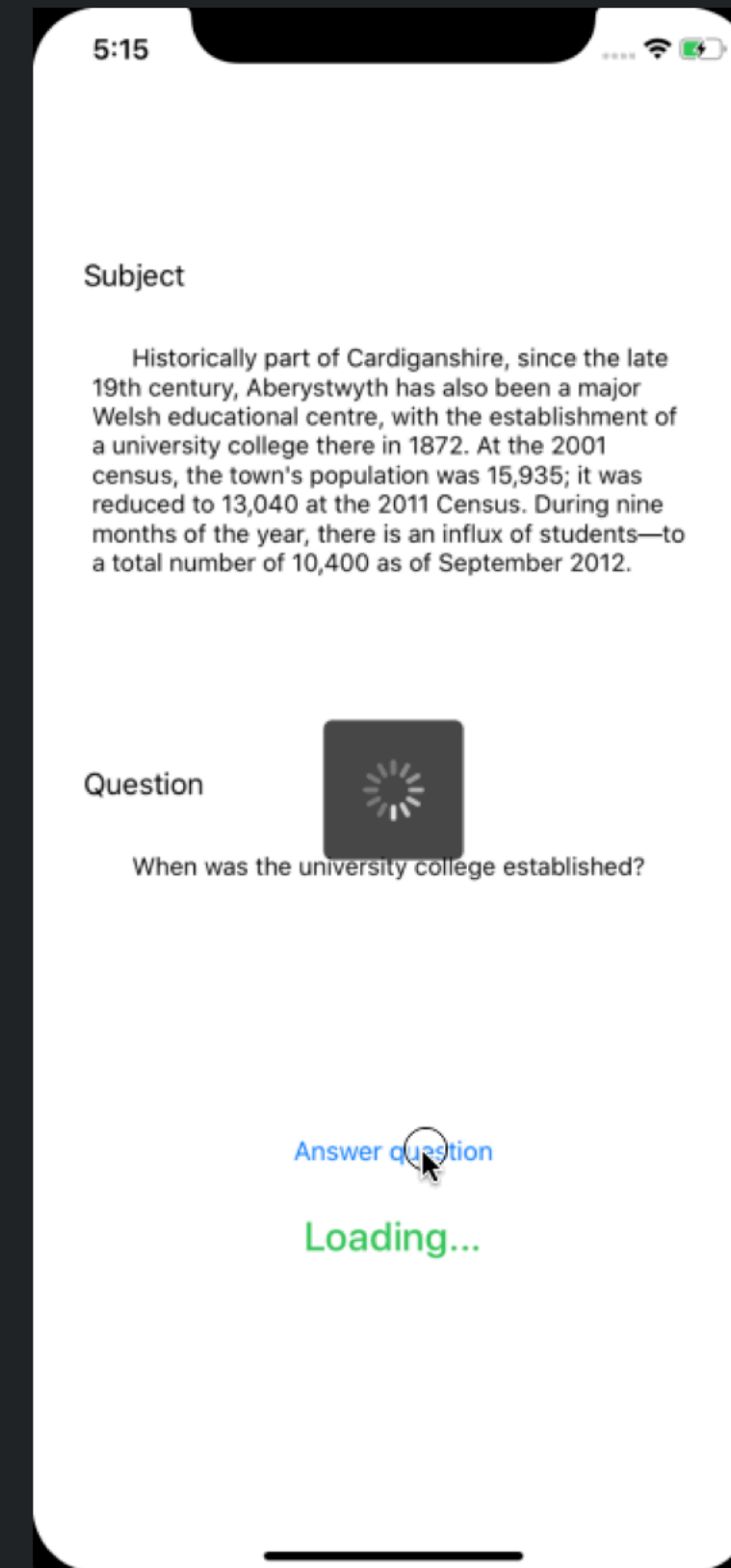
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Question answering

- BERT SQuAD (pre-trained by Apple)
- Tokenize everything
- Map tokens into the model's input format
- Call the BERT model's `prediction(from:)` method
- Locate and extract the answer by analyzing the BERT model's output



One more thing...

- NLP is simple if you know what you need
- You don't always need fancy APIs to work with NLP
- Playgrounds:
<https://github.com/valzevul/NLPinSwift>

Not enough?

- Custom PoS models
- CoreML and CreateML
- NLEmbedding and deep dive into NLP algorithms
- Text Classification
- Text Generation

Not enough?

- **Slides of this talk:**
<https://drobinin.com/talks/2019/nlp-in-swift/>
- [developer.apple.com: finding answers](#)
- [WWDC 2019 \(232\): Advances in Natural Language Framework](#)
- [WWDC 2019 \(704\): CoreML 3 framework](#)

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