Homework 10: Web Crawling. POS Tagging

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In this exercise you will:

- process any text from the given URL
- test different stemming and lemmatizing approaches
- find homographs within a text

Exercise 1: Raw Text Processing [7 points]

This homework will be graded using unit tests by running: python3 -m unittest -v hw10_crawling/test_raw.py

Implement following methods that can process any text from the given URL:

- get_text(url) returns a list of clean paragraphs (no HTML markup) from the given URL. Find all paragraphs in the article, extract the text of each paragraph and save it in a list. Hint: Use urllib and BeautifulSoup.
- make_text(raw) should tokenize the text and return an NLTK text object (nltk.Text).
- lower(text) takes as input an NLTK text object "text" and returns list of lower case tokens
- content(tokens) filters list of tokens by removing stopwords
- stem_porter(tokens) takes as input list of tokens and returns list of stemmed tokens (use PorterStemmer)
- stem_lancasters(tokens) takes as input list of tokens and returns list of stemmed tokens (use Lancaster Stemmer)
- lemmatize(tokens) takes as input list of tokens and returns list of lemmas (use WordNetLemmatizer)

Exercise 2: Homographs [4 points]

This homework will be graded using unit tests by running: python3 -m unittest -v hw10_crawling/test_homographs.py

Use NLTK to find all homographs within a given text. We use the following definition: Distinct words that have the same written form are called homographs. In other words, homographs are words with the same spelling and different POS.

• Implement a function fill_dict.py that stores mapping between words and all the possible POS of this word. Hint: use defaultdict, a subclass of the built-in dict class. Setting defaultdict to set makes the defaultdict useful for building a dictionary of sets:

- Complete a function filter_dict.py that deletes an entry from the dictionary, if this entry is not a homograph.
- Complete a function filter_dict_nominalization.py that deletes an entry from the dictionary, if this entry is not a homograph of nominalization or denominalization, restricted to the cases where a verb is used as a noun or the other way round (e.g. "to conflict" vs. "conflict")
- Implement a function find_homographs.py that returns a dictionary to a given tagged text, which holds homographs. Use already implemented methods.