Social Media & Text Analysis

part 2 - Intro to NLP

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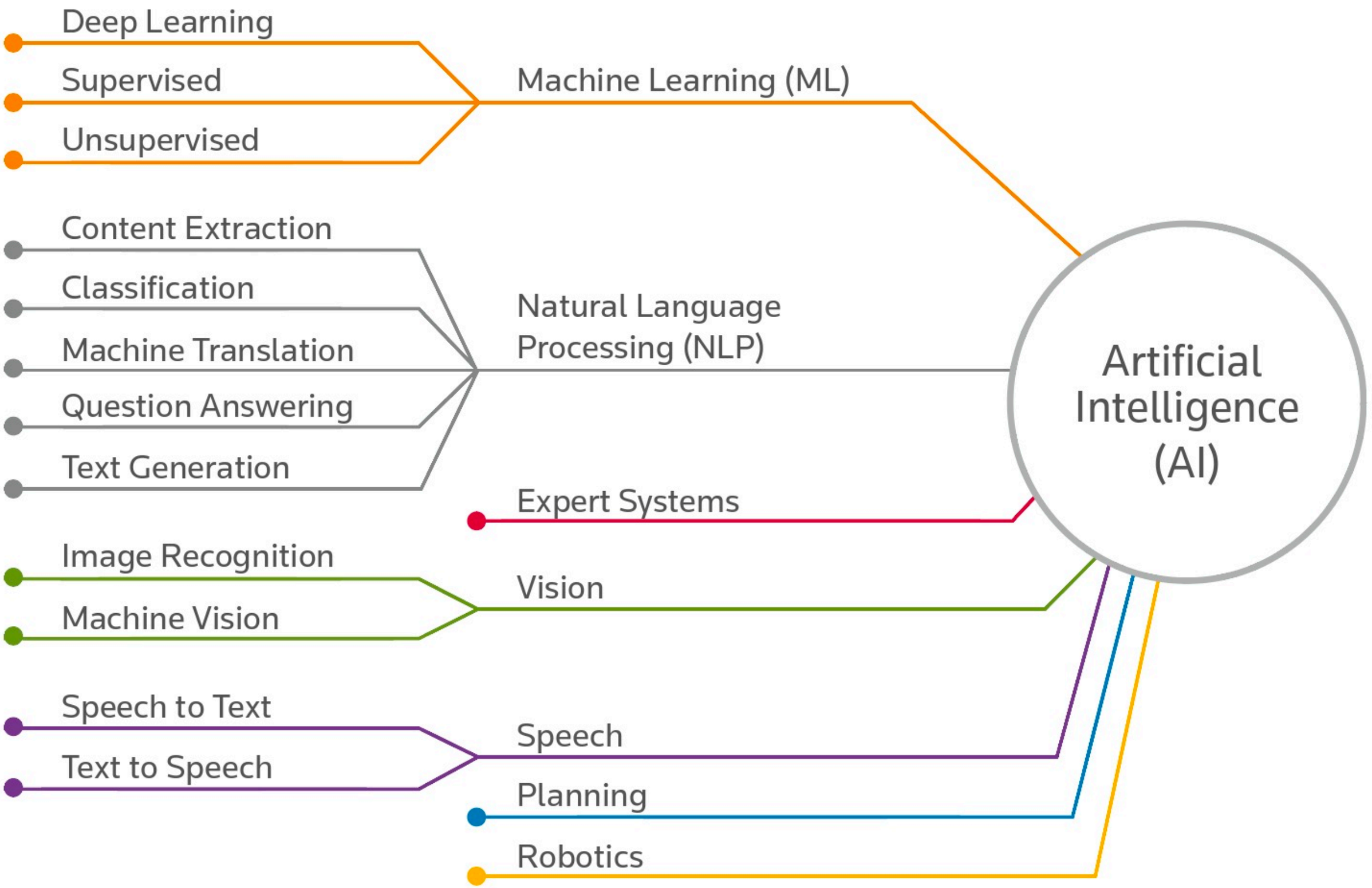

Source: http://www.fullai.org/short-history-artificial-intelligence/

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breaking text up into words, phrases, symbols, or other meaningful elements called tokens.

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To start using Python NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) library.

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Load in a pre-trained tokenizer for English named “Punkt”.

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Calling the **word_tokenize()** function in the **nltk** module.

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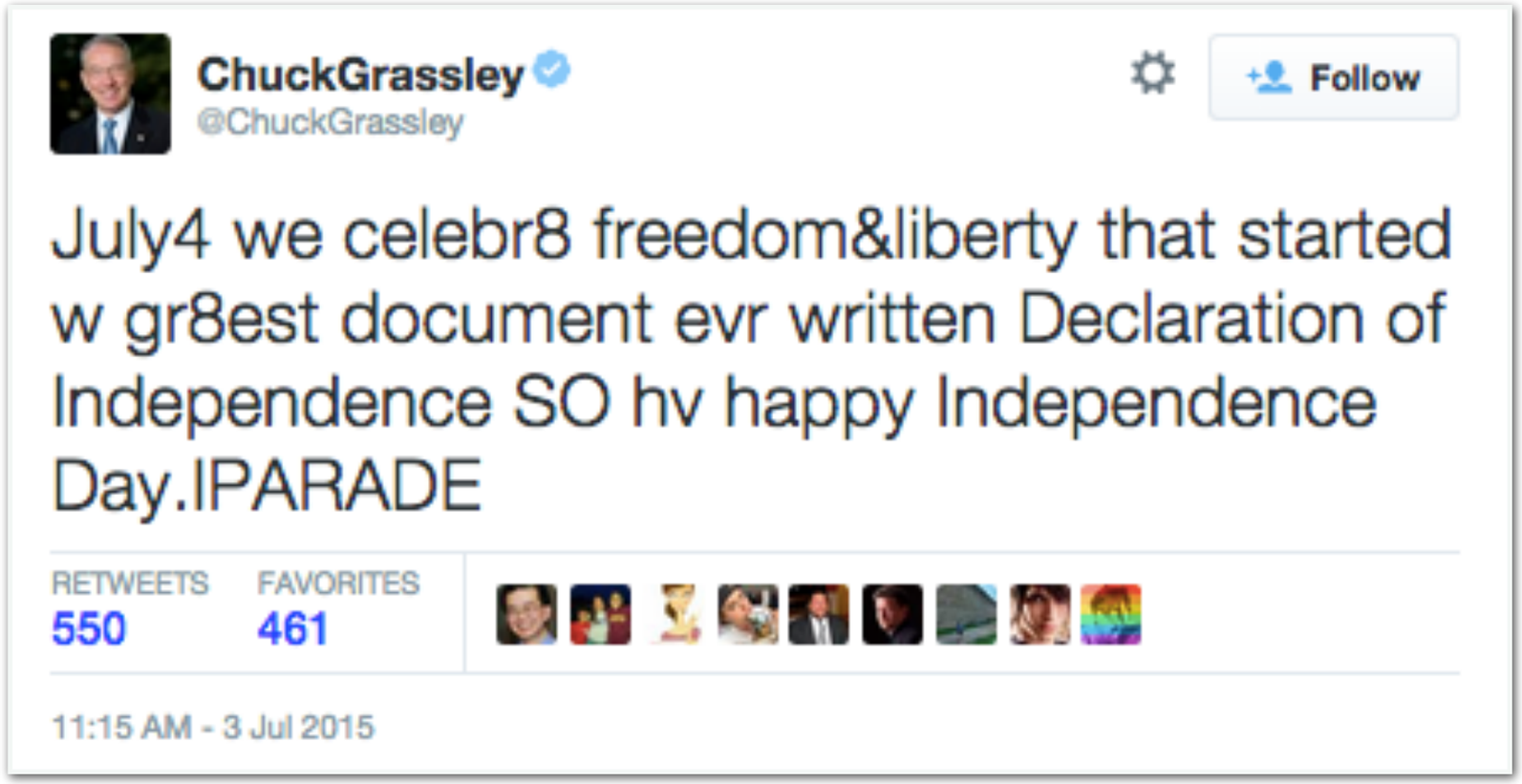

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     print (nltk.word_tokenize(tweet1))
```

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['@', 'someone', 'did', 'you', 'check', 'out', 'this', '#', 'superawesome', '!', '!', '<', '3']
```

Twitter-specific Tokenizer

Twokenize is another tokenizer specifically designed for processing Twitter data. Google Colab doesn't have it built-in, so we will first use `pip` installer to install the `Twokenize` package.

```
[16]  !pip install -q twokenize
```

For the same example tweet as well, Twokenize appears to work even better:

```
[25]  import twokenize
      tweet = "my heart.. broken T____T</3"
      print (twokenize.tokenizeRawTweetText(tweet))
```

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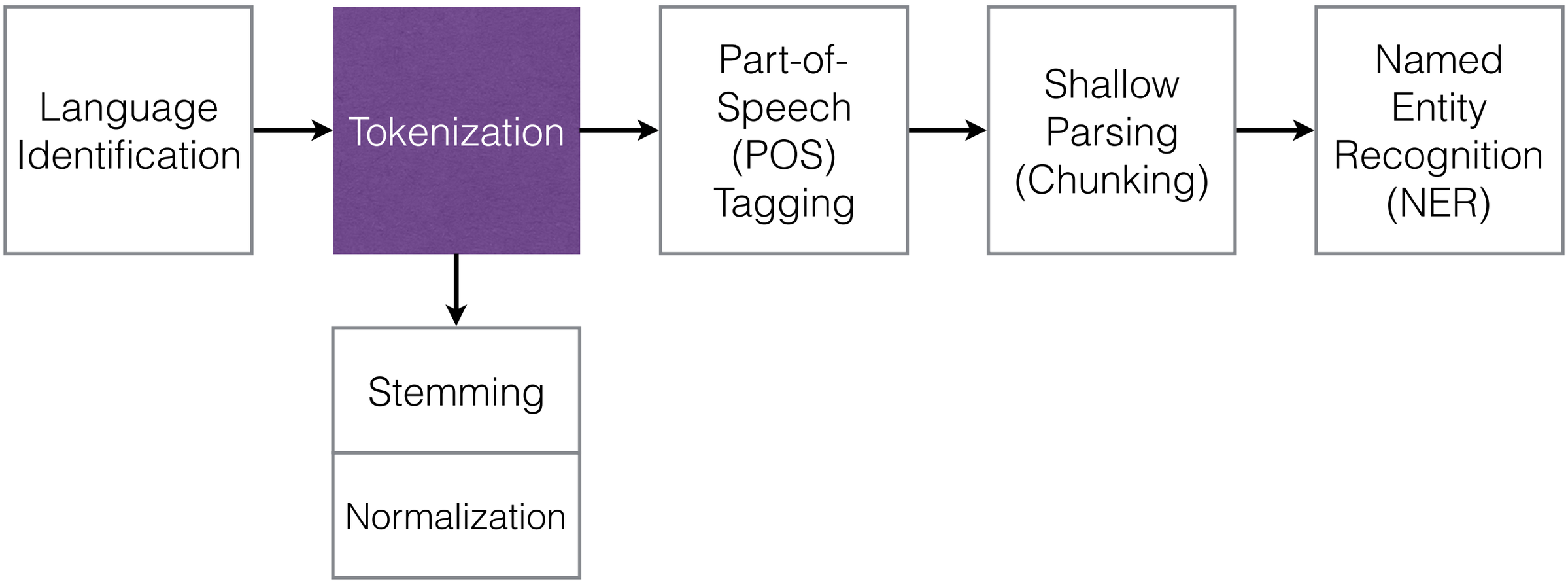
NLP Pipeline



More Resources

- NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit):
  - NLTK Book: http://www.nltk.org/book — free online!