CS 6742 – Natural language processing and social interaction
Lecture handout, Aug 25, 2015

Announcements

First assignment (A1) has been posted: see
http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs6742

Today's outline
1. Why does this course exist?
    a. Scope
    b. Implications
    Intertwined:
        • Better understanding of people
        • Better systems
        • Better society
2. Two examples
    a. Rich data source: Wikipedia discussion
    b. Rich phenomenon: Style vs. content - politeness
3. Course philosophy: learn about NLP, but also about research
    a. Implications for course structure & coursework
    Paraphrasing Eugene Charniak: "The best way to do something is to do *something*"
    b. Assignment A1 and how it is informed by this philosophy
    c. Enrollment and course selection

Student-information submission – due Monday Aug 31ˢᵗ, 5pm (but earlier is better!) *Those interested in joining or auditing the course (this "assignment" also serves as an enrollment/attendance request)* as well as enrolled students should submit the following.
Do so as a single email with both the following addresses in the To: line:
cristian@cs.cornell.edu, llee@cs.cornell.edu , subject "CS6742 student info"

1. Name
2. Cornell NetID (has the format of your initials followed by a number, e.g., LJL2)
3. Preferred email address
4. Whether or not you are currently enrolled in CS6742 in Student Center
5. Student type (examples: senior undergrad majoring in CS and Sociology, IS MPS, CS Meng, 1ˢᵗ year Stats PhD, 2ⁿᵈ-year CS PhD)

6. What background you have, including but not limited to how you satisfy the prerequisites

7. What are your goals for participating in this course?