Overview of Tokenization Algorithms

Pattern Based	Word Piece	Unigram LM	BPE
1. Someone manually	1. Trained vocab.txt	1. vocab.txt is learned by	1. Starting from characters,
creates patterns for	with "pieces" and	training a Unigram	vocab.txt is learned by
tokens	patterns for tokens are	Language Model with	iterative merge of most
	combined. No scores.	expectation maximization	frequent pair of tokens into
		rule, scores are	one token, scores are
		probabilities.	frequency rank.
2. Moore Machine is used to find token		2. Mealy Machine maps a Token into ID and ID into Token,	
boundaries and piece boundaries for Word-		such that ids go from 0 to Number of Tokens – 1:	
Piece: 1. Char \rightarrow Eq class: 2. Min Moore DFA: 3. Action map: 0 -> 4 0 0 0 4 1 -> 3 0 0 1 4 -> 3 4247 -> 4 4857 -> 5 61 -> 6 65122 -> 7 4		1. Char \rightarrow Eq class: 2 -> 2 4 -> 3 42.47 -> 4 48.57 -> 5 61 -> 6 65122 -> 7 46 104 116 109 108 \rightarrow 5 5 \rightarrow 46 104 116 109 108 \rightarrow 5 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 6 6 \rightarrow 7 6 \rightarrow 7 7 6 \rightarrow 7 7 6 \rightarrow 7 7 6 \rightarrow 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	
3. Find all matches in the string using the Deterministic Finite State Machine			
(we also implemented several fast forward heuristics to speed up the matching process)			
4. N/A	4. Check that a token is	4. If a character is unknown i	it creates an unknown token, if
	covered completely by	before this unknown token there is another unknown token	
	pieces otherwise	then they are merged into one unknown token.	
	output UNK id for this		
	token.		
5. N/A		5. One globally optimal	5. A greedy approach is
		from start to end sequence	applied. Sort all matches by
		is found in the graph of all	the frequency rank and apply
		possible breaks:	one after another until no
			more can be applied.
6. Result: One sequence			