Chapter 1 Exercises

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Get Started

- Create a Jupyter notebook with the following items. You can upload a compiled version of the notebook and the ipython or a script file.
 - Remember, use Markdown cells to answer text questions. Paste the questions into the cells so it's clear what you are answering.
- Import the nltk and the pre-loaded texts as shown in the lecture.

Basic Statistics

- How many total words are there in the document contained in the variable text3?
- How many distinct words are there?

Dispersion Plots

- Produce a dispersion plot of the four main protagonists in Sense and Sensibility: Elinor, Marianne, Edward, and Willoughby.
- What can you observe about the different roles played by the males and females in this novel?
- Can you identify the couples?

Collocations

• Find the collocations in the text contained in the variable text5.

Searching Text

- Find all the four-letter words in the Chat Corpus (text5).
 - With the help of a frequency distribution (FreqDist), show these words in decreasing order of frequency.

Understanding Python

Functions

- Consider the following Python expression: len(set(text4)).
 - State the purpose of this expression.
 - Describe the two steps involved in performing this computation.
- Define a function called vocab_size(text) that has a single parameter for the text, and which returns the vocabulary size of the text.

Working with Strings

- Define two variables containing lists of words, e.g., phrase1, phrase2.
 - Join them together using the plus operator to form whole sentences.
 - What is the relationship between len(phrase1 + phrase2) and len(phrase1) + len(phrase2)?

Indexing

- The first sentence of text3 is provided to you in the variable sent3. The index of the in sent3 is 1, because sent3[1] gives us 'the'.
 - What are the indexes of the two other occurrences of this word in sent3?
- Use text9.index() to find the index of the word sunset.
 - You'll need to insert this word as an argument between the parentheses.
 - By a process of trial and error, find the slice for the complete sentence that contains this word.