

Absolute discounting

Idea:

- Let's compare the counts for bigrams in train and test sets

Experiment (Church and Gale, 1991):

- Subtract 0.75 and get a good estimate for the test count!

Train bigram count	Test bigram count
2	1.25
3	2.24
4	3.23
5	4.21
6	5.23
7	6.21
8	7.21