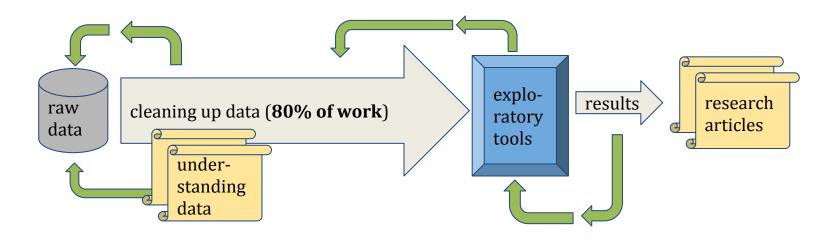
Exploring ECCO: Key moments in 18th-century philosophical literature

Comhis-collective, Helsinki

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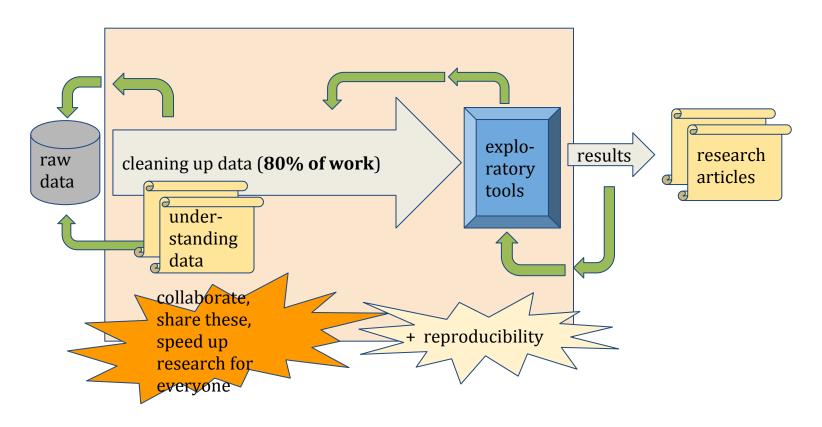
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Digital humanities research process



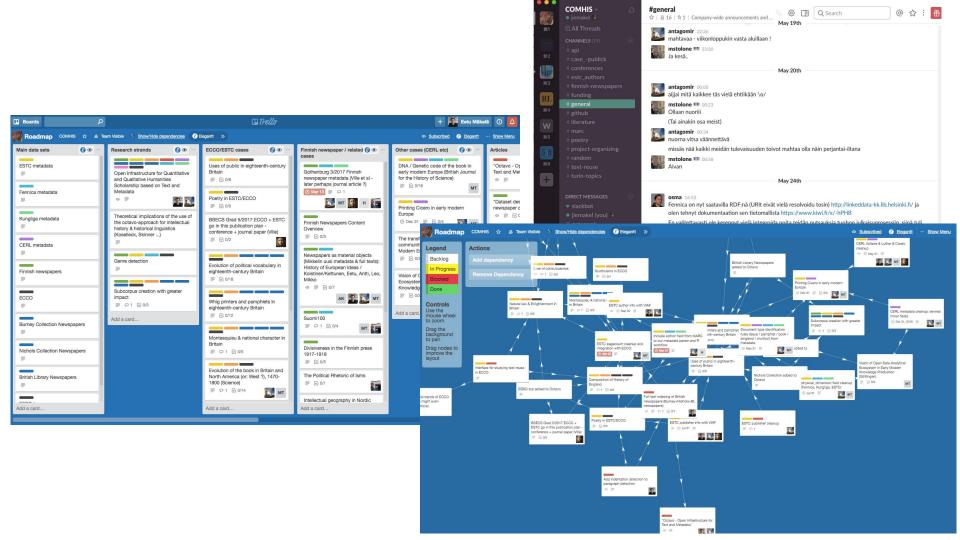
80% of your time for data cleanup, another 80% for algorithms, ...

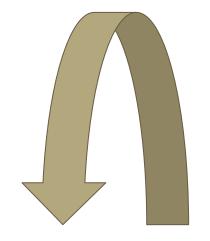
Leverage collaboration, open science workflows to reduce individual workload



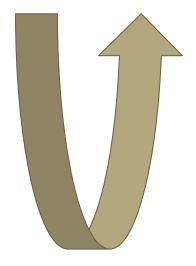
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- Computer scientists researching open workflows, algorithms and interfaces for humanities text and metadata
- Linguists exploring the relationship between words and concepts
- Historians interested in conceptual and actual historical processes





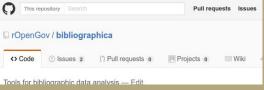
Research questions



Project goals



Public tools, APIs, code



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Evolving set of tools



APIs



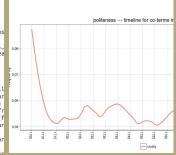
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Analysis libs/tools



Applications



Data sources

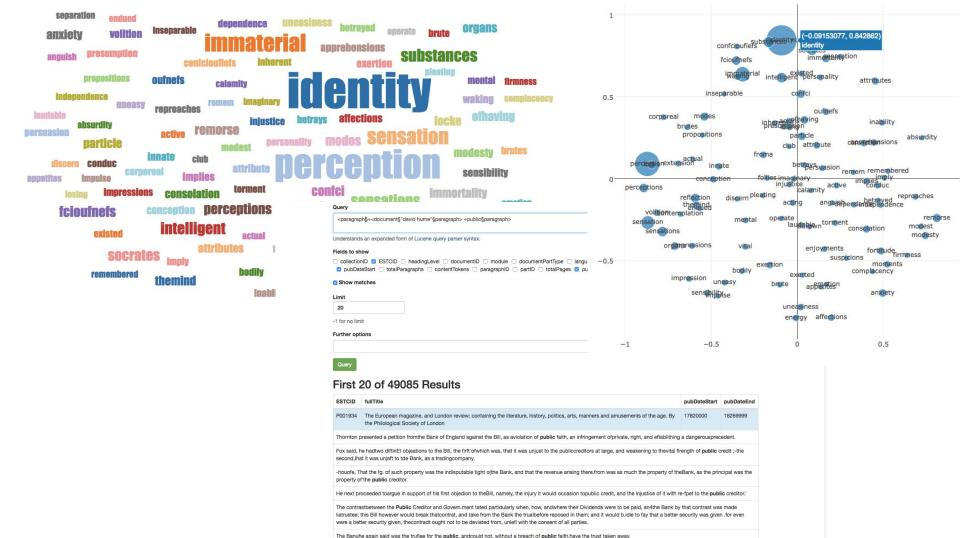
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Levels of processing

- Paragraph
 - "Uniform-size" chunk of highly related content
 - ECCO2 does not contain paragraph segmentation!
- Section
 - Non-uniform, but useful for constraining, e.g. PREFACE
- Document part
 - TITLEPAGE, FRONTMATTER, BODY, BACKMATTER, TOC, INDEX
- Complete Work
 - Not uniform size (unless so constrained)

Subcorpora formulation

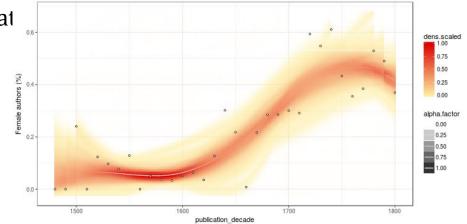
"Human nature" -> "Human nature" or "frailty" or "misanthropy" or "pravity" in 1) books between 100 and 200 pages long, that do not have the word "sermon" or "christ" in their PREFACE or TITLE and that also contain the word "philosophy", against 2) books that DO have the word christ or sermon in their PREFACE or TITLE



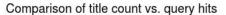
Research opportunities provided by metadata alone

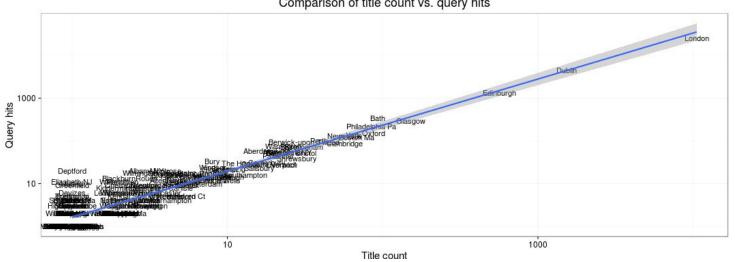
- Quantitative frame for qualitative research
- Understanding knowledge production
- Beyond counting titles (facts about volume)
- Analysis of "history", "philosophy", "religion" etc.
- Publishers and their networks, visualizat
- Publication places, cultural transfer
- Individual authors and comparisons
- Histoire Croisée

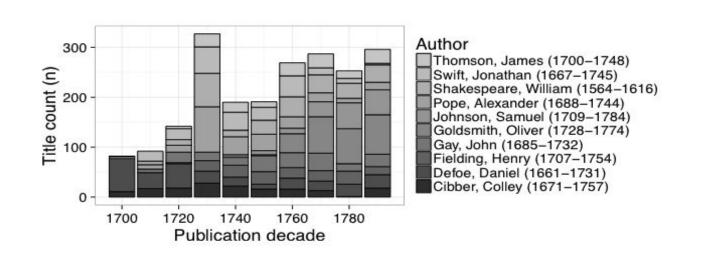
Example: proportion of female authors over time



https://github.com/rOpenGov/estc/blob/master/inst/examples/gender.md







Cleaning up data

• 80 % of statistical analysis is tidying up of the data. Often neglected yet implicitly assumed by many tools.



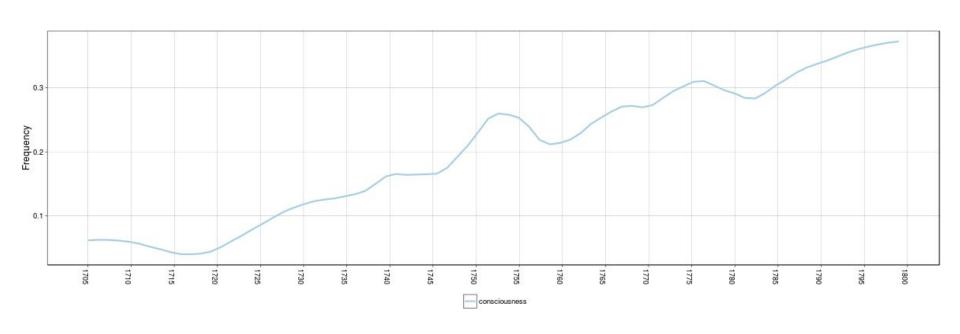
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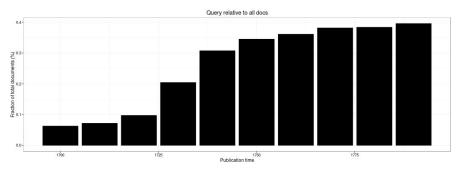
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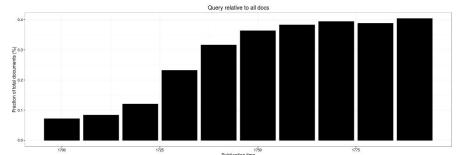
"Consciousness"



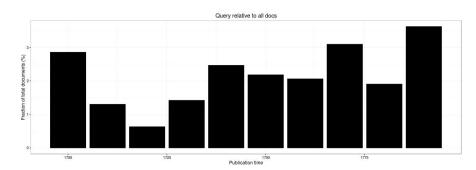
Frequency growth of "consciousness" (Locke's works excluded)



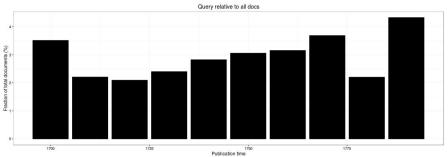
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"Consciousness" among philosophers, no Locke

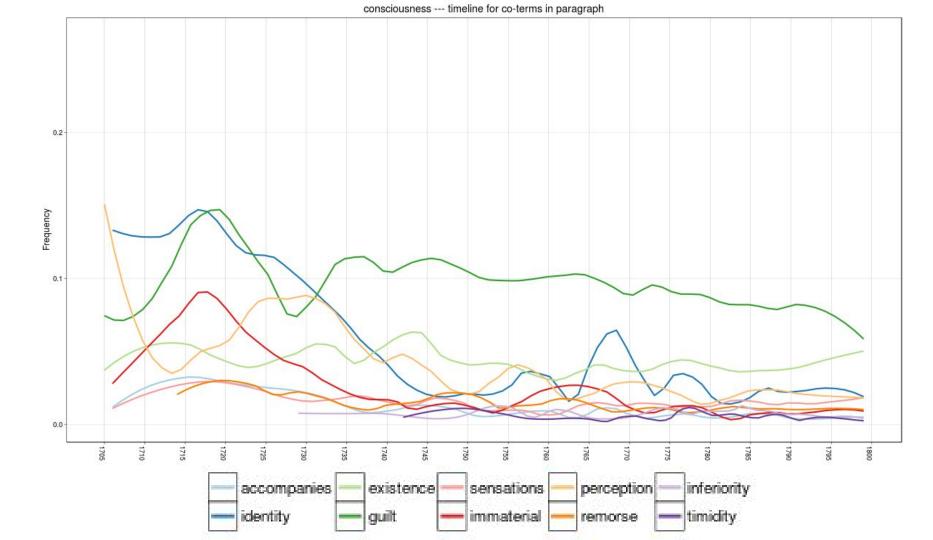


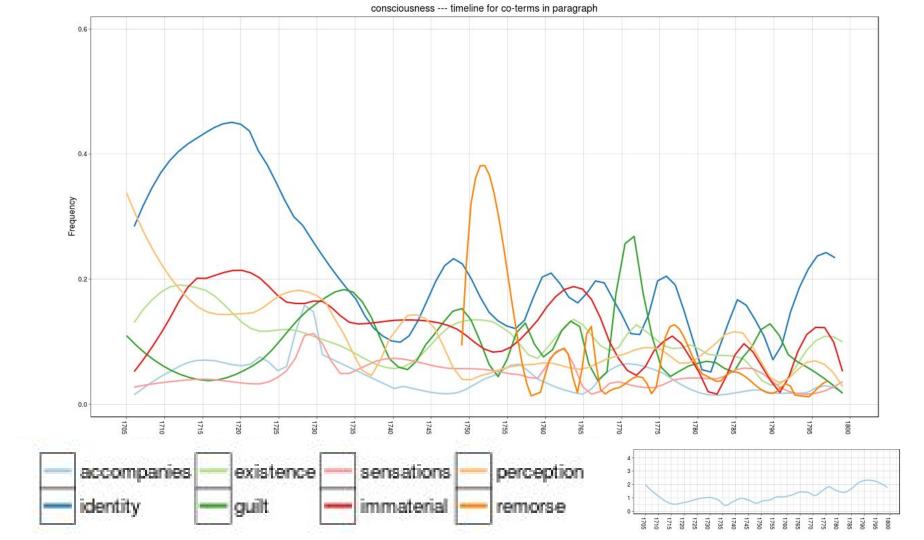
"Consciousness" among philosophers, with Locke



Terms occurring in paragraphs that contain "consciousness"

| 1700-1749 | identity | 17,09% | 1750-1799 | identity | 7,46% |
|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| | perception | 5,62% | | perceptions | 2,39% |
| | immaterial | 5,60% | | perception | 2,35% |
| | perceptions | 5,16% | | inferiority | 2,02% |
| | conscious | 4,28% | | immaterial | 1,84% |
| | waking | 2,58% | | conscious | 1,82% |
| | subflance | 2,34% | | sensations | 1,19% |
| | sensitive | 2,16% | | rectitude | 1,08% |
| | forgetfulness | 2,01% | | sensation | 1,06% |
| | knowledg | 1,94% | | existence | 1,03% |
| | atom | 1,79% | | betrays | 0,96% |
| | dreaming | 1,78% | | guilt | 0,94% |
| | substances | 1,71% | | accompanies | 0,93% |
| | suppositions | 1,69% | | exult | 0,90% |
| | innate | 1,63% | | affectation | 0,89% |
| | atheist | 1,62% | | unworthiness | 0,88% |
| | thinking | 1,60% | | implanted | 0,87% |
| | remembred | 1,53% | | complacency | 0,87% |
| | intelligent | 1,51% | | oufnefs | 0,86% |
| | atheists | 1,46% | | inability | 0,82% |
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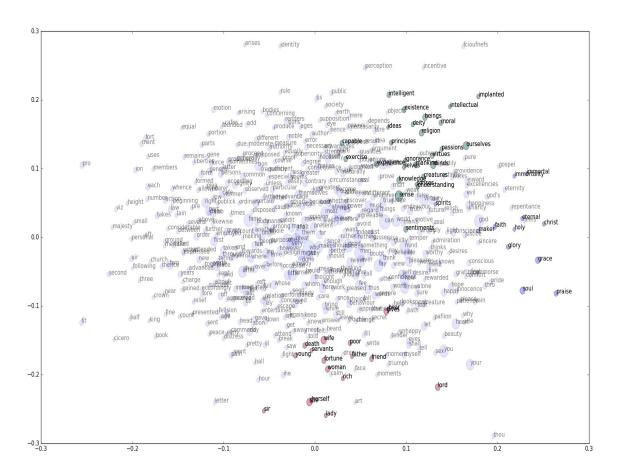




Every dot corresponds to a word occurring in the subcorpus: 'paragraphs containing "consciousness" in 1750'.

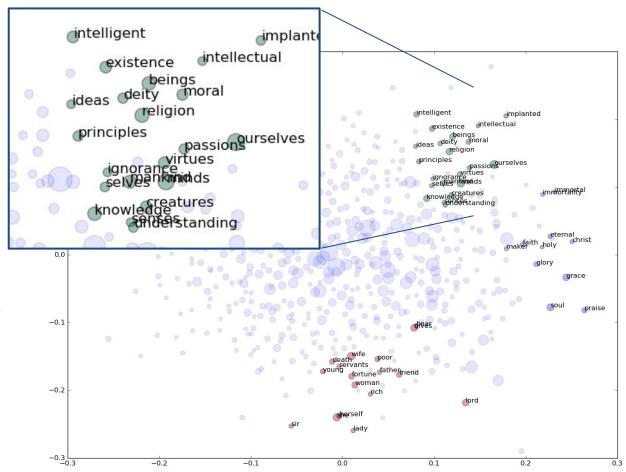
Distance between two dots is an approximation of the similarities between the contexts in which these words occur.

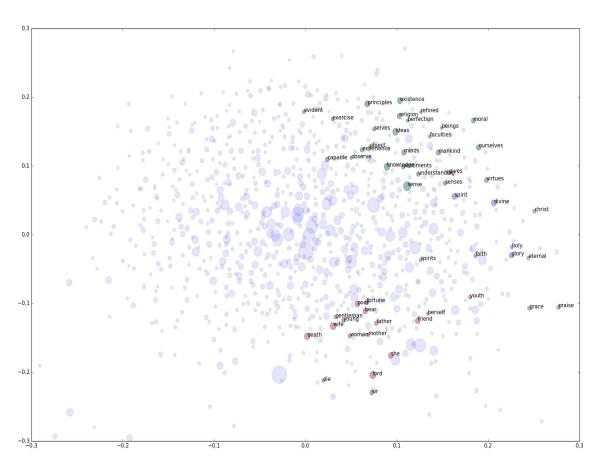
Sizes of the dots indicate relative frequencies of the words in the subcorpus.



This allows to identify semantic fields.

Tracking the contents and densities of these fields over time can be used to make observations of the contextual changes within the subcorpus.



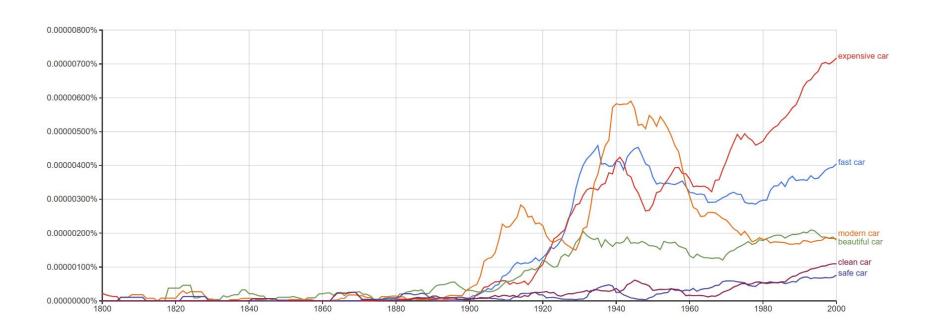


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perceiving a sufficientground of complaint on which her resent-ment can be founded. But you are not tolearn that
jealousy is one of the strongest and:blindest of the human <br/>b>passions</b>; and I believeyou will be convinced that
the facts hintedat in my Letter, viewed through the mist ofjealousy that had constantly surrounded theleaders in the
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obtain them. ... The immoderate perfuit of themmust be a toil and fatigue, instead of a pleasure; and, if we arenot
sparing in the use of them, they must very soon becomefamiliar, unanimated, and insipid. Nor can we long receive any
considerable fatisfa&ion from the most exquisite entertainments of a refined and elegant taute.if we devote
<b>ourselves</b> to them merely as matter of amusement, and without a view to some superior and more substantial
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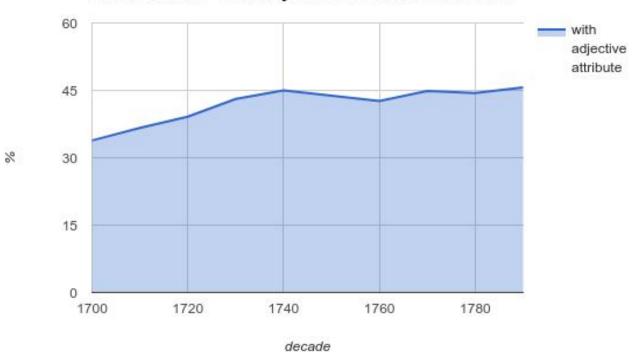
By choosing a set of terms in one of the groups, one gets directly to the actual texts, i.e paragraphs containing "consciousness" and at least one of the chosen co-terms.

Semantic features in evaluation of *philosophy*

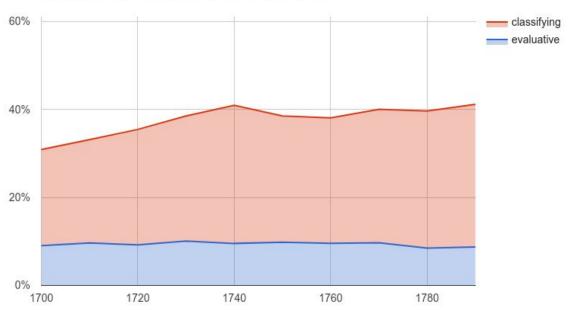
- Fluctuations in meaning of the *philosophy* are studied by looking at semantic features of evaluative adjectives used in its immediate syntactic context.
- List of adjectives attributing *philosophy* are extracted from the corpus.
- These are then grouped by their shared semantic features



PHILOSOPHY with adjective attribute vs decade



PHILOSOPHY with classifying and evaluative adjectives

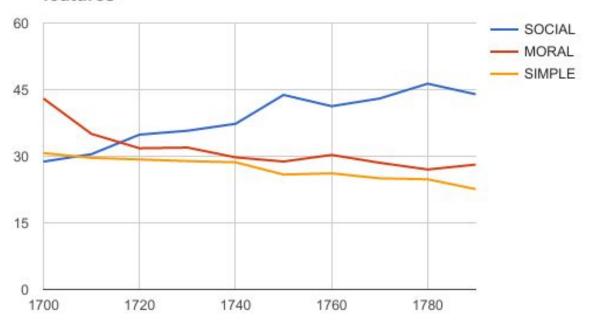


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| active | 0.72 | 0.66 | 0.45 | 0.62 | 0.53 | 1.00 | 0.81 | -0.41 | -0.02 | 0.16 | -0.26 | -0.13 |
| status | 0.82 | 0.33 | 0.62 | 0.44 | 0.66 | 0.81 | 1.00 | -0.04 | 0.27 | 0.53 | -0.01 | -0.04 |
| barren | 0.65 | 0.48 | 1.00 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.45 | 0.62 | -0.01 | -0.05 | 0.19 | -0.27 | -0.30 |
| controlled | 0.05 | -0.14 | 0.28 | -0.29 | 0.03 | -0.09 | 0.34 | 0.10 | -0.14 | 0.17 | 0.66 | 0.27 |
| friendly | 0.76 | 0.11 | 0.53 | 0.45 | 1.00 | 0.53 | 0.66 | 0.14 | 0.26 | 0.76 | -0.38 | -0.32 |
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| spiritual | -0.10 | -0.37 | -0.27 | -0.71 | -0.38 | -0.26 | -0.01 | 0.35 | 0.07 | -0.09 | 1.00 | 0.83 |
| true | 0.56 | -0.46 | 0.19 | -0.03 | 0.76 | 0.16 | 0.53 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 1.00 | -0.09 | -0.05 |
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| embodied | 0.34 | -0.33 | -0.05 | 0.03 | 0.26 | -0.02 | 0.27 | 0.55 | 1.00 | 0.52 | 0.07 | 0.19 |
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Adjectives with SOCIAL, MORAL and SIMPLE features



Text reuse in ECCO

Detecting 70 million clusters of text reuse in ECCO

- Method: NCBI BLAST
 - similarity search of text fragments
 - originally for comparing similarities in biological sequences
 - o adapted to historical text corpora by Turku NLP Group
- Type of reuse detected: Syntactic
 - Similar, quotation-like passages of text
 - Somewhat long: 200 characters and more
 - o character recognition errors accounted for
 - Some variation in phrasing accounted for
 - Complete rephrasing (semantic similarity) not detected
- Largest "clusters"
 - Fragments of legal text
 - Religious text
 - Quotations from classical authors
 - Lists of book titles (advertisements)

Example: Hume's History of England

Hume, David: The history of Great Britain (1754)

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Ashburton, Charles Alfred: A new and complete history of England (1795)

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Approaches

- Wide field of possibilities
 - General picture of text reuse in 18th century
 - More focused cases: *single author, work, genre, fragment*
- General research directions
 - Mapping reception, trends
 - Mapping out undocumented sources and influences
 - Mapping publisher networks
 - Well known cases of text reuse: *history, dictionaries*

Tracing impact & reception

- Quantifying "virality" of a publication
 - # of reuse cases with 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, ... years
 - o within single publication: reuse cases by chapter
- Test case Mandeville: Fable of Bees (1714)



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what the VitalSpirits and
Life it felf are to the Natural Bodies of Anima-

ted Creatures; and as those that study the Anatomy of Dead Carkasses may see, that the chief Organs and nicest Springs more immediately required to continue the Motion of our Machine, are not hard Bones, strong

Top references for Fable of Bees

A short examination of the notions advanc'd in a (late)

book, intituled, The fable of the bees or private vices,

Remarks upon a late book, entituled, The fable of the

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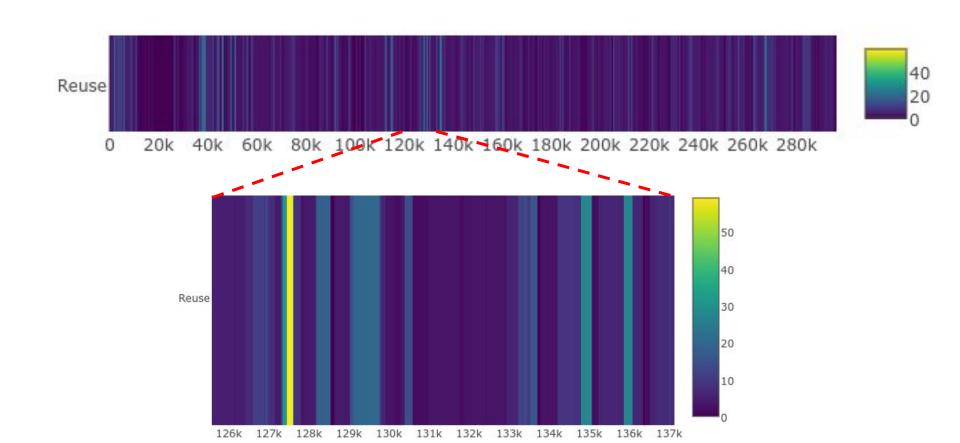
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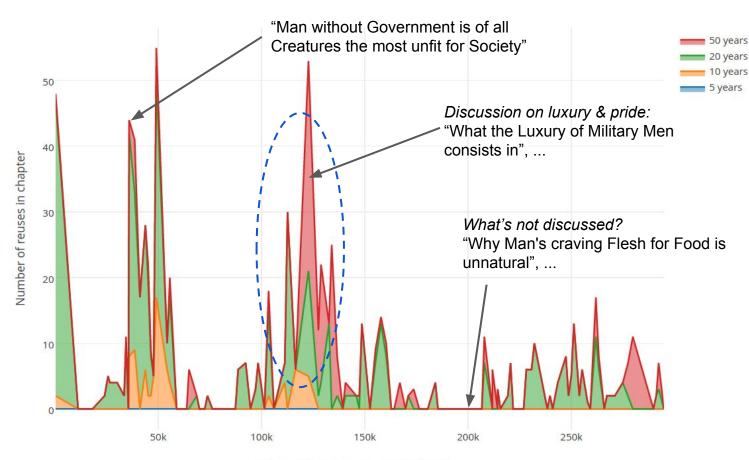
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David Hume's History of England

- Hume used long unmodified quotes from earlier works
 - Typical practice for historians in the period
 - Hypothesis: Hume considered these passages less important than his own original work
 - Hume's (some presumably previously unknown) sources can be identified
 - Hume's influences can be traced
- Analysis of structure of the work
 - Amount of reused vs. original text can be traced
 - Nature of reused and original text can be compared
 - can clarify Hume's intentions by highlighting his original work
- Applied to other works on history
 - Tracing influences
 - Tracing debates by analyzing text surrounding reused section

Conclusions

- Tools Octavo, a developing ecosystem for studying ECCO
 - o web tools, full text search tools, open code repositories, cleaned ESTC metadata ...
- **Organization** loose collective:
 - https://comhis.github.io/
 - Antti Kanner, Leo Lahti, Viivi Lähteenoja, Jani Marjanen, Eetu Mäkelä, Hege Roivainen, Laura Tarkka, Mikko Tolonen, Ville Vaara
 - o Partners: Filip Ginter, Hannu Salmi & al. in Turku, Vili Lähteenmäki
- **Research** Study of key moments of conceptual change in 18th century