

CHIN370 Assignment 1 Essay

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The text I chose was the screenplay for the movie *Crazy Rich Asians*. The movie follows a wealthy family in China and explores the importance of national identity, love, and filial piety in 21st century China. I recently watched this movie again and resonated it, so I thought it would be interesting to analyze the movie.

I found the screenplay on *Script Slug*, an online repository of movie scripts. The original novel the movie is based on was written by Kevin Kwan, and the screenplay was written by Peter Chiarelli and Adele Lim.

According to my python script, the lexical diversity of the text is 0.127. This is low, and seems accurate to me due to the repetitive nature of a screenplay and the movie's simple dialogue. I find lexical diversity an interesting way to analyze text, but it is difficult to give it meaning since it is just a single number. Lexical diversity could be useful for comparing texts, or in tandem with other variables, but does little to explain a text on its own.

The most common words are almost all insignificant; words like "the" and "you". One interesting thing I found while looking at the list is that feminine pronouns show up more often than masculine pronouns. This makes sense, since the movie has a female protagonist. To further this analysis, I would find a set of common English words and remove them from the text in order to clean up the data further. I would also want to look at the book series that the movie is based on.

Reference

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