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关于中英文文本的爬取与概率和熵值计算

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I. Chapter 1 Introduction

本次作业内容如下：

(A). 利用网络爬虫工具从互联网上收集尽量多的英语和汉语文本，完成下面的工作：

- ① 对收集的样本进行处理，如清洗乱码等。
- ② 设计并编程实现算法，计算在收集样本上英语字母和单词或汉字的概率和熵（如果有汉语自动分词工具，可以统计计算汉语词汇的概率和熵）。
- ③ 利用收集的英文文本验证齐夫定律(Zipf's law)。
- ④ 不断增加样本规模，重新计算上面②③的结果，进行对比分析。
- ⑤ 完成一份技术报告，在报告中写明利用什么爬虫工具从哪些网站上收集的样本，如何进行的样本清洗，清洗后样本的规模，在不同样本规模下计算的结果等。实验分析有较大的伸缩空间。

II. Chapter 2 Data Collection and Cleaning

II.1. 爬虫类型和语料来源网站

本次实验中，我采取了定向（垂直）爬虫（Focused Web Crawler），从人民日报和 China Daily 两个网站上分别爬取了中文和英文文本数据。

II.2. 爬虫实现流程与细节

我编写了两个独立的爬虫脚本，分别命名为 rm.py（针对人民日报）和 cd.py（针对 China Daily）。

II.2.1. 爬虫实现流程

两份爬虫脚本都是面向具体电子报网站的定向采集工具，整体流程相近：通过日期驱生成索引页 URL，逐级解析出文章列表，再抓取正文并累积到单一语料文件；在此基础上又引入 CorpusMonitor，按 2MB/5MB/10MB 阈值自动截取快照，便于规模控制和阶段分析。rm.py 依赖较固定的人民网上版面结构，层层定位到文章正文；cd.py 则针对 China Daily 的 HTML 差异做了更复杂的选择器和清洗逻辑（如多套候选节点、元信息剔除、重复段落去除），以适应版式变化。两者都使用 requests + BeautifulSoup 组合处理静态页面，并在请求层面设置通用的 UA/超时、在抓取循环中加延时，以降低被封风险，属于典型的模板化垂直爬虫实现。

II.2.2. 爬虫实现细节

细节处理方面，爬虫脚本均实现了断点续爬功能，利用本地文件记录已抓取日期，避免重复下载。文本清洗主要包括 HTML 标签剥离、空白字符归一化、非正文内容过滤、乱码去除等，确保语料纯净度。最终的语料文件均采用 UTF-8 编码保存，便于后续处理。

II.3. 爬取结果

爬取结果方面，人民日报从 20241201 爬取到 20250301，China Daily 则从 20241201 爬取到 20250401。分别成功获得了三份不同大小的语料文件，大小为 2MB/5MB/10MB，均为纯文本格式，编码为 UTF-8。检查显示，文本内容较为干净，无乱码，符合后续处理要求。

III. Chapter 3 Probability and Entropy Calculation

在获得清洗后的文本语料后，下一步是计算字母/汉字的概率分布及熵值。具体步骤如下：

III.1. 中文字符的概率与熵值计算

符号筛选与计数：针对中文语料，使用 `compute_rmr.py` 中的 `iter_cjk_chars` 函数过滤 CJK 统一汉字范围，再用 `collections.Counter` 统计字符频次；针对英文语料，`compute_cd.py` 采用 `iter_english_letters` 过滤 ASCII 字母并按需小写化。

概率与熵计算：对每个字符取频次占比得到概率分布 `p_i`，随后使用香农熵公式 $H = -\sum p_i \log_2 p_i$ 计算信息熵，并记录字符总数、去重后字符数等指标。

结果展示：脚本支持通过 `--top` 参数输出高频符号明细，包含排名、字符、频次、概率、信息量 (bits) 与贡献度，便于直观对比。

III.1.1. 以 `data/rmr_snapshot_2MB.txt` 为例

运行 `python compute_rmr.py data\rmr_snapshot_2MB.txt --top 10` 得到如下输出：

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_entropy.py
data\rmr_snapshot_2MB.txt --top 10
Corpus: data\rmr_snapshot_2MB.txt
Total Chinese characters: 602680
Unique Chinese characters: 3571
Shannon entropy: 9.533166 bits
```

Top characters:

| rank | char | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 的 | 12996 | 0.021564 | 5.535253 | 0.119360 |
| 2 | 国 | 7551 | 0.012529 | 6.318581 | 0.079166 |
| 3 | 中 | 6743 | 0.011188 | 6.481858 | 0.072521 |
| 4 | 一 | 5608 | 0.009305 | 6.747762 | 0.062789 |
| 5 | 发 | 4736 | 0.007858 | 6.991579 | 0.054941 |
| 6 | 新 | 4110 | 0.006820 | 7.196110 | 0.049074 |
| 7 | 化 | 4006 | 0.006647 | 7.233086 | 0.048078 |
| 8 | 人 | 3977 | 0.006599 | 7.243568 | 0.047799 |
| 9 | 和 | 3966 | 0.006581 | 7.247564 | 0.047693 |
| 10 | 业 | 3916 | 0.006498 | 7.265868 | 0.047211 |

可以看到高频汉字集中在“的、国、中、一”等常用词，单个字符的信息量约 5.5~7.3 bits，整体熵值 9.53 bits 与课堂参考数据基本一致。

III.1.2. 当语料扩展到 5MB 与 10MB 快照时

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_entropy.py
data\rmr_snapshot_5MB.txt --top 10
Corpus: data\rmr_snapshot_5MB.txt
Total Chinese characters: 1503549
Unique Chinese characters: 4307
Shannon entropy: 9.639168 bits
```

Top characters:

| rank | char | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 的 | 33439 | 0.022240 | 5.490696 | 0.122113 |
| 2 | 国 | 16802 | 0.011175 | 6.483595 | 0.072453 |
| 3 | 中 | 15766 | 0.010486 | 6.575411 | 0.068949 |
| 4 | 一 | 13521 | 0.008993 | 6.797026 | 0.061124 |
| 5 | 发 | 11182 | 0.007437 | 7.071050 | 0.052588 |
| 6 | 人 | 10897 | 0.007248 | 7.108297 | 0.051518 |
| 7 | 业 | 9574 | 0.006368 | 7.295034 | 0.046452 |
| 8 | 和 | 9550 | 0.006352 | 7.298655 | 0.046358 |
| 9 | 在 | 9487 | 0.006310 | 7.308204 | 0.046113 |
| 10 | 年 | 9333 | 0.006207 | 7.331815 | 0.045511 |

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_entropy.py
data\rmb_snapshot_10MB.txt --top 10
Corpus: data\rmb_snapshot_10MB.txt
Total Chinese characters: 3006557
Unique Chinese characters: 4735
Shannon entropy: 9.631801 bits
```

Top characters:

| rank | char | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 的 | 66909 | 0.022254 | 5.489768 | 0.122171 |
| 2 | 国 | 32913 | 0.010947 | 6.513311 | 0.071302 |
| 3 | 中 | 30465 | 0.010133 | 6.624816 | 0.067128 |
| 4 | 一 | 26290 | 0.008744 | 6.837454 | 0.059788 |
| 5 | 人 | 22374 | 0.007442 | 7.070145 | 0.052614 |
| 6 | 发 | 21741 | 0.007231 | 7.111550 | 0.051425 |
| 7 | 业 | 20417 | 0.006791 | 7.202198 | 0.048909 |
| 8 | 和 | 19202 | 0.006387 | 7.290712 | 0.046564 |
| 9 | 在 | 18814 | 0.006258 | 7.320162 | 0.045807 |
| 10 | 年 | 18745 | 0.006235 | 7.325463 | 0.045672 |

`compute_rmb.py` 输出的熵值分别为 9.639 bits 与 9.632 bits，去重字符数增至 4307 与 4735，但高频字仍围绕“的、国、中、一、人、发”等词汇，所占概率与贡献度变化不大。这说明在人民日报的报道语域中，单字符层面的分布在几兆规模下迅速收敛，捕捉到的多为功能词与核心名词。

III.2. 英文字母的概率与熵值计算

III.2.1. 纵观所有结果

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_cd.py data\cd_snapshot_2MB.txt --
top 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_2MB.txt
Total letters: 1706620
Unique letters: 26
Shannon entropy: 4.162821 bits
```

Top letters:

| rank | char | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | e | 200370 | 0.117408 | 3.090403 | 0.362837 |
| 2 | t | 149595 | 0.087656 | 3.512008 | 0.307848 |

| | | | | | |
|----|---|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| 3 | i | 144565 | 0.084708 | 3.561352 | 0.301676 |
| 4 | a | 143569 | 0.084125 | 3.571326 | 0.300437 |
| 5 | n | 141317 | 0.082805 | 3.594135 | 0.297613 |
| 6 | o | 125017 | 0.073254 | 3.770946 | 0.276237 |
| 7 | s | 111119 | 0.065111 | 3.940964 | 0.256598 |
| 8 | r | 107151 | 0.062786 | 3.993425 | 0.250729 |
| 9 | h | 73296 | 0.042948 | 4.541264 | 0.195038 |
| 10 | l | 68587 | 0.040189 | 4.637063 | 0.186358 |

(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_cd.py data\cd_snapshot_5MB.txt --top 10

Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_5MB.txt

Total letters: 4264958

Unique letters: 26

Shannon entropy: 4.162419 bits

Top letters:

| rank | char | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | e | 500480 | 0.117347 | 3.091147 | 0.362737 |
| 2 | t | 373307 | 0.087529 | 3.514097 | 0.307585 |
| 3 | i | 361563 | 0.084775 | 3.560213 | 0.301818 |
| 4 | a | 360869 | 0.084613 | 3.562984 | 0.301473 |
| 5 | n | 352718 | 0.082701 | 3.595944 | 0.297390 |
| 6 | o | 311461 | 0.073028 | 3.775408 | 0.275710 |
| 7 | s | 279295 | 0.065486 | 3.932670 | 0.257535 |
| 8 | r | 268068 | 0.062854 | 3.991861 | 0.250903 |
| 9 | h | 182403 | 0.042768 | 4.547330 | 0.194479 |
| 10 | l | 170040 | 0.039869 | 4.648585 | 0.185335 |

(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_cd.py data\cd_snapshot_10MB.txt --top 10

Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_10MB.txt

Total letters: 8532582

Unique letters: 26

Shannon entropy: 4.162832 bits

Top letters:

| rank | char | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|------|---------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | e | 1000965 | 0.117311 | 3.091591 | 0.362677 |
| 2 | t | 746638 | 0.087504 | 3.514502 | 0.307534 |
| 3 | i | 723501 | 0.084793 | 3.559915 | 0.301855 |
| 4 | a | 721101 | 0.084511 | 3.564709 | 0.301259 |
| 5 | n | 704407 | 0.082555 | 3.598501 | 0.297074 |
| 6 | o | 619315 | 0.072582 | 3.784237 | 0.274669 |
| 7 | s | 562327 | 0.065903 | 3.923501 | 0.258572 |
| 8 | r | 537203 | 0.062959 | 3.989443 | 0.251171 |
| 9 | h | 362041 | 0.042430 | 4.558757 | 0.193430 |
| 10 | l | 341302 | 0.040000 | 4.643862 | 0.185754 |

III.2.2. 结果分析

对于英文语料, `compute_cd.py` 在不同快照下统计到的 26 个字母概率基本一致, 熵值始终落在 4.162 4.163 bits 区间。由于脚本默认将大小写折叠为小写字母, 分布主要反映了标准英文的基础字母频率, 高频顺序呈现出 `e > t > i/a > n > o` 的经典“ETAOIN”形态。

在 2MB 样本中, 总字母数约 170 万, `e` 单字母的概率达到 0.117, 单独贡献 0.36 bits; 中段的 `o`、`s`、`r` 探测到的概率持续落在 0.06 0.07 范围内, 对整体熵的贡献维持在 0.25 0.28 bits; 而尾部如 `h`、`l` 的概率则在 0.04 左右, 信息量上升到 4.5 bits 以上, 但贡献度显著低于主频字母。随着规模扩大到 5MB 与 10MB, 总字母数依次增至 4.26M 与 8.53M, 各字母的概率、信息量与贡献度几乎未发生肉眼可察的变化, 说明英语单字母分布在百万级样本中已经充分体现, 后续数据更多是在降低统计噪声。

与中文语料相比, 英文熵值更低 (约 4.16 bits vs. 9.6 bits), 这反映出 26 个字母构成的符号集更紧凑、平均概率差异更大; 而中文汉字数量庞大且长尾效应明显, 使得熵值更高。两种语料在扩大规模后都显示出稳定的单字符分布, 但中文在扩展快照时去重字符仍持续增长, 表明长期仍有大量低频汉字被逐步纳入, 而英文字母集合在初始阶段就已完整覆盖。

综上, 英语语料的单字符熵稳定性与经典语言学结论高度一致, 也验证了脚本的处理逻辑。若想进一步探究版面、主题或时间段的差异, 需要引入双字母或更高阶的 n 元模型, 或结合词级统计与停用词过滤, 才能捕捉到语义层面对分布的微妙变化。

III.3. 英文单词的概率与熵值计算

在英文单词层面, 我对 `compute_cd.py` 进行了调整, 命名新的脚本为 `compute_cd2.py`, 新增了对单词的提取与统计功能。具体做法是利用正则表达式匹配 ASCII 字母序列作为单词, 并在统计时将所有撇号形式的所有格结尾 (如 `China's`、`people's`) 视为整词处理, 避免孤立的 `s` 影响频率分布。

III.3.1. 纵观所有结果

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_cd2.py data\cd_snapshot_2MB.txt
--top 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_2MB.txt
Total words: 321481
Unique words: 17145
Shannon entropy: 10.287671 bits
```

Top words:

| rank | word | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | the | 20490 | 0.063736 | 3.971742 | 0.253144 |
| 2 | and | 11410 | 0.035492 | 4.816363 | 0.170942 |
| 3 | of | 9785 | 0.030437 | 5.038018 | 0.153343 |
| 4 | to | 8979 | 0.027930 | 5.162035 | 0.144176 |
| 5 | in | 7703 | 0.023961 | 5.383169 | 0.128986 |
| 6 | a | 6249 | 0.019438 | 5.684964 | 0.110505 |
| 7 | china | 3419 | 0.010635 | 6.555015 | 0.069714 |
| 8 | for | 3364 | 0.010464 | 6.578412 | 0.068837 |
| 9 | is | 2755 | 0.008570 | 6.866537 | 0.058844 |
| 10 | that | 2582 | 0.008032 | 6.960101 | 0.055901 |


```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_cd2.py data\cd_snapshot_5MB.txt
--top 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_5MB.txt
Total words: 803795
Unique words: 26020
Shannon entropy: 10.380079 bits
```

Top words:

| rank | word | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | the | 51976 | 0.064663 | 3.950910 | 0.255479 |
| 2 | and | 28260 | 0.035158 | 4.829994 | 0.169814 |
| 3 | of | 25020 | 0.031127 | 5.005674 | 0.155813 |
| 4 | to | 22073 | 0.027461 | 5.186473 | 0.142426 |
| 5 | in | 19488 | 0.024245 | 5.366170 | 0.130103 |
| 6 | a | 15591 | 0.019397 | 5.688042 | 0.110329 |
| 7 | for | 8270 | 0.010289 | 6.602796 | 0.067934 |
| 8 | china | 8029 | 0.009989 | 6.645463 | 0.066381 |
| 9 | is | 6809 | 0.008471 | 6.883241 | 0.058308 |
| 10 | that | 6341 | 0.007889 | 6.985973 | 0.055111 |

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python compute_cd2.py data\cd_snapshot_10MB.txt
--top 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_10MB.txt
Total words: 1606038
Unique words: 34717
Shannon entropy: 10.425898 bits
```

Top words:

| rank | word | count | prob | information(bits) | contribution |
|------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | the | 101812 | 0.063393 | 3.979527 | 0.252275 |
| 2 | and | 55965 | 0.034847 | 4.842837 | 0.168757 |
| 3 | of | 48236 | 0.030034 | 5.057252 | 0.151890 |
| 4 | to | 44129 | 0.027477 | 5.185635 | 0.142485 |
| 5 | in | 37712 | 0.023481 | 5.412339 | 0.127089 |
| 6 | a | 31622 | 0.019689 | 5.666434 | 0.111569 |
| 7 | for | 16283 | 0.010139 | 6.623996 | 0.067158 |
| 8 | china | 15567 | 0.009693 | 6.688871 | 0.064834 |
| 9 | is | 13617 | 0.008479 | 6.881953 | 0.058350 |
| 10 | on | 12975 | 0.008079 | 6.951628 | 0.056161 |

III.3.2. 结果分析

在英文单词统计中，将所有撇号形式的所有格结尾（如 `China's`、`people's`）视为整词处理后，孤立的 `s` 不再计入词频，因此 top-10 高频词更贴近常见功能词分布，整体熵值也随语料规模上升略有增加（约 10.29→10.43 bits），表明词级别的多样性与语料扩展保持正相关。

III.3.3. 齐夫定律验证

为了检验齐夫定律，我分别对 2MB、5MB、10MB 英文语料中排名前 200 的词频做了 $\log_{10}(\text{rank})$ 与 $\log_{10}(\text{freq})$ 的线性回归，得到的斜率接近理想值 -1，说明词频随排名呈现出近似的幂律衰减。

回归之外，直接检查头部词频也能看到齐夫定律的特征：以 10MB 样本为例， $\text{rank} \times \text{freq}$ 对于前十个词大致稳定在 0.07 0.12 区间；不同规模语料中 `the`、`and`、`of` 等功能词的概率几乎保持在 0.063、0.035、0.030 左右，随着语料容量扩大，绝对频次按比例增长而相对频率基本不变。这些现象共同表明，英文单词分布在大规模新闻语料上符合齐夫定律，且统计特性在几兆字节的样本量下已经充分收敛。

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python verify_zipf.py data\cd_snapshot_2MB.txt
--top 200 --show 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_2MB.txt
Total words: 321481
Unique words: 17145
Top ranks used: 1-200
Linear fit (log10 rank vs log10 freq): slope=-0.934, intercept=-1.137,
mse=0.00066
```

| rank | freq | rank*freq | log10(rank) | log10(freq) |
|------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 0.063736 | 0.063736 | 0.000000 | -1.195613 |
| 2 | 0.035492 | 0.070984 | 0.301030 | -1.449870 |
| 3 | 0.030437 | 0.091312 | 0.477121 | -1.516594 |
| 4 | 0.027930 | 0.111720 | 0.602060 | -1.553927 |
| 5 | 0.023961 | 0.119805 | 0.698970 | -1.620495 |
| 6 | 0.019438 | 0.116629 | 0.778151 | -1.711345 |
| 7 | 0.010635 | 0.074446 | 0.845098 | -1.973256 |
| 8 | 0.010464 | 0.083713 | 0.903090 | -1.980299 |
| 9 | 0.008570 | 0.077127 | 0.954243 | -2.067034 |
| 10 | 0.008032 | 0.080316 | 1.000000 | -2.095199 |

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python verify_zipf.py data\cd_snapshot_5MB.txt
--top 200 --show 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_5MB.txt
Total words: 803795
Unique words: 26020
Top ranks used: 1-200
Linear fit (log10 rank vs log10 freq): slope=-0.935, intercept=-1.142,
mse=0.00071
```

| rank | freq | rank*freq | log10(rank) | log10(freq) |
|------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 0.064663 | 0.064663 | 0.000000 | -1.189342 |
| 2 | 0.035158 | 0.070316 | 0.301030 | -1.453973 |
| 3 | 0.031127 | 0.093382 | 0.477121 | -1.506858 |
| 4 | 0.027461 | 0.109844 | 0.602060 | -1.561284 |
| 5 | 0.024245 | 0.121225 | 0.698970 | -1.615378 |
| 6 | 0.019397 | 0.116380 | 0.778151 | -1.712271 |
| 7 | 0.010289 | 0.072021 | 0.845098 | -1.987640 |
| 8 | 0.009989 | 0.079911 | 0.903090 | -2.000484 |
| 9 | 0.008471 | 0.076240 | 0.954243 | -2.072062 |
| 10 | 0.007889 | 0.078888 | 1.000000 | -2.102988 |

```
(nlp) PS E:\homework\nlp\hw1> python verify_zipf.py data\cd_snapshot_10MB.txt
--top 200 --show 10
Corpus: data\cd_snapshot_10MB.txt
Total words: 1606038
```

Unique words: 34717

Top ranks used: 1-200

Linear fit (log10 rank vs log10 freq): slope=-0.925, intercept=-1.155, mse=0.00082

| rank | freq | rank*freq | log10(rank) | log10(freq) |
|------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 0.063393 | 0.063393 | 0.000000 | -1.197957 |
| 2 | 0.034847 | 0.069693 | 0.301030 | -1.457839 |
| 3 | 0.030034 | 0.090102 | 0.477121 | -1.522385 |
| 4 | 0.027477 | 0.109908 | 0.602060 | -1.561032 |
| 5 | 0.023481 | 0.117407 | 0.698970 | -1.629276 |
| 6 | 0.019689 | 0.118137 | 0.778151 | -1.705766 |
| 7 | 0.010139 | 0.070970 | 0.845098 | -1.994021 |
| 8 | 0.009693 | 0.077542 | 0.903090 | -2.013551 |
| 9 | 0.008479 | 0.076308 | 0.954243 | -2.071674 |
| 10 | 0.008079 | 0.080789 | 1.000000 | -2.092648 |

IV. Chapter 4 Conclusion

通过本次实验，我构建了从数据采集到统计分析的完整流程：先针对人民日报与 China Daily 制作定向爬虫，结合 `CorpusMonitor` 在关键体积截取快照，再以 `compute_rmb.py` 与 `compute_cd.py` 以及 `compute_cd2.py` 对语料进行单字符层面和单词层面的概率与熵值计算。整个实践强化了“高质量数据 + 精确统计”这一基本功：爬虫阶段的结构化解析、正文抽取与编码清洗直接决定了后续统计的可信度，而脚本化的熵计算则提供了量化语言冗余度与信息密度的手段。

实验结果显示，中文汉字的熵值稳定在约 9.6 bits，英文字母约 4.16 bits，英文单词约 10.38 bits，两者在 2MB/5MB/10MB 的规模扩展后仍保持高度一致的高频符号分布。这一现象印证了语言统计的“早期收敛”特性：即便语料继续累积，单字符概率的主干结构不会发生突变，新增数据更多是在补充长尾符号并降低采样噪声。另一方面，中文熵值显著高于英文字母，而英文单词熵值则更高，反映出不同语言在符号集大小与使用频率分布上的差异。

本次作业通过对英文单词层面的扩展，进一步验证了齐夫定律在大规模新闻语料中的适用性。无论是线性回归的斜率接近 -1，还是头部词频的 `rank × freq` 稳定性，都表明英文单词分布符合经典的幂律规律。这不仅加深了我对语言统计学基本原理的理解，也为后续更复杂的语言模型构建（如 n 元模型、主题模型）奠定了基础。

本次作业还暴露了一些值得深入的方向。例如，快照机制固然方便观察总体趋势，但若比较不同板块（如财经、文化）或不同时间段的用字差异，还需在爬虫阶段记录更细粒度的元数据，并在统计脚本中支持分组或增量分析。此外，单字符熵只能捕捉零阶语言特征，要理解句法与语义层面，必须引入二元、三元乃至子词/词级模型，配合停用词处理和语言模型评估，才能揭示更深层的语言组织规律。

综上所述，这次实践不仅完成了作业要求，也为后续的深入研究奠定了基础：一方面掌握了构建垂直爬虫与清洗语料的工程方法，另一方面通过熵值分析认识到语言统计的稳定性与差异性。未来可以在此框架上继续扩展，如引入自动化监控、可视化仪表板或与云端数据管道结合，以支持更大规模、更细粒度的文本分析任务。

V. Appendix: Code Listings

代码仓库地址: https://github.com/CarterYin/NLP_UCAS_2025

为完整性起见, 以下列出所有代码文件内容。

V.1. rm.py

```
'''
```

代码名称: 爬取人民日报数据为txt文件

编写日期: 2025年1月1日

作者: github (caspiankexin) (CarterYin)

版本: 第3版

可爬取的时间范围: 2024年12月起

注意: 此代码仅供交流学习, 不得作为其他用途。

```
'''
```

```
import requests
import bs4
import os
import datetime
import time
from typing import Optional, List
```

```
MB = 1024 * 1024
```

```
THRESHOLDS = [2 * MB, 5 * MB, 10 * MB]
```

```
SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
```

```
DATA_DIR = os.path.join(SCRIPT_DIR, 'data')
```

```
class CorpusMonitor:
```

```
    """ 监控累计抓取体积并按阈值写入快照。 """
```

```
    def __init__(self, thresholds: Optional[List[int]] = None) -> None:
        self._thresholds = list(thresholds or THRESHOLDS)
        self._buffer = bytearray()
        self._total_bytes = 0
```

```
    def update(self, payload: bytes) -> None:
        self._buffer.extend(payload)
        self._total_bytes += len(payload)
        print(f"当前累计大小: {self._total_bytes / MB:.2f} MB")
        while self._thresholds and self._total_bytes >= self._thresholds[0]:
            threshold = self._thresholds.pop(0)
            self._save_snapshot(threshold)
```

```
    def _save_snapshot(self, threshold: int) -> None:
        os.makedirs(DATA_DIR, exist_ok=True)
        size_mb = threshold // MB
        filename = f"rmb_snapshot_{size_mb}MB.txt"
        path = os.path.join(DATA_DIR, filename)
```

```
with open(path, 'wb') as f:
    f.write(self._buffer[:threshold])
    print(f"快照已保存: {filename}")

def fetchUrl(url):
    """
    功能: 访问 url 的网页, 获取网页内容并返回
    参数: 目标网页的 url
    返回: 目标网页的 html 内容
    """

    headers = {
        'accept': 'text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/
xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8',
        'user-agent': 'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36
(KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/68.0.3440.106 Safari/537.36',
    }

    r = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
    r.raise_for_status()
    r.encoding = r.apparent_encoding
    return r.text

def getPageList(year, month, day):
    """
    功能: 获取当天报纸的各版面的链接列表
    参数: 年, 月, 日
    """

    url = 'http://paper.people.com.cn/rmrb/pc/layout/' + year + month + '/' +
day + '/node_01.html'
    html = fetchUrl(url)
    bsobj = BeautifulSoup(html, 'html.parser')
    temp = bsobj.find('div', attrs = {'id': 'pageList'})
    if temp:
        pageList = temp.ul.find_all('div', attrs = {'class': 'right_title-
name'})
    else:
        pageList = bsobj.find('div', attrs = {'class': 'swiper-
container'}).find_all('div', attrs = {'class': 'swiper-slide'})
        linkList = []

        for page in pageList:
            link = page.a["href"]
            url = 'http://paper.people.com.cn/rmrb/pc/layout/' + year + month +
'/' + day + '/' + link
            linkList.append(url)

        return linkList

def getTitleList(year, month, day, pageUrl):
    """
```

```

功能：获取报纸某一版面的文章链接列表
参数：年，月，日，该版面的链接
'''

html = fetchUrl(pageUrl)
bsobj = bs4.BeautifulSoup(html, 'html.parser')
temp = bsobj.find('div', attrs = {'id': 'titleList'})
if temp:
    titleList = temp.ul.find_all('li')
else:
    titleList = bsobj.find('ul', attrs = {'class': 'news-
list'}).find_all('li')
linkList = []

for title in titleList:
    tempList = title.find_all('a')
    for temp in tempList:
        link = temp["href"]
        if 'content' in link:
            url = 'http://paper.people.com.cn/rmrb/pc/content/' + year +
month + '/' + day + '/' + link
            linkList.append(url)

return linkList

def getContent(html):
    '''
    功能：解析 HTML 网页，获取新闻的文章内容
    参数：html 网页内容
    '''

    bsobj = bs4.BeautifulSoup(html, 'html.parser')

    # 获取文章 标题
    title = bsobj.h3.text + '\n' + bsobj.h1.text + '\n' + bsobj.h2.text + '\n'
    #print(title)

    # 获取文章 内容
    pList = bsobj.find('div', attrs = {'id': 'ozoom'}).find_all('p')
    content = ''
    for p in pList:
        content += p.text + '\n'
    #print(content)

    # 返回结果 标题+内容
    resp = title + content
    return resp

def append_to_corpus(article_text, corpus_path, monitor:
Optional[CorpusMonitor] = None):
    '''
    功能：将文章内容追加到单一语料文件
    参数：文章内容字符串，语料文件路径

```

```

'''
corpus_dir = os.path.dirname(corpus_path)
if corpus_dir and not os.path.exists(corpus_dir):
    os.makedirs(corpus_dir)

with open(corpus_path, 'a', encoding='utf-8') as f:
    f.write(article_text)

if monitor is not None:
    monitor.update(article_text.encode('utf-8'))

def download_rmrh(year, month, day, corpus_path, monitor:
Optional[CorpusMonitor] = None):
    '''
    功能：爬取《人民日报》网站 某年 某月 某日 的新闻内容，并追加保存到指定语料文件
    参数：年，月，日，语料文件路径
    '''
    pageList = getPageList(year, month, day)
    pageNo = 0
    for page in pageList:
        try:
            pageNo = pageNo + 1
            titleList = getTitleList(year, month, day, page)
            titleNo = 0
            for url in titleList:
                titleNo = titleNo + 1

                # 获取新闻文章内容
                html = fetchUrl(url)
                content = getContent(html)

            #
            article_header = (
            #
                f"### 日期: {year}-{month}-{day} 版面:
{str(pageNo).zfill(2)} 文章: {str(titleNo).zfill(2)}\n"
            #
                )
            #
            article_meta = f"来源链接: {url}\n"
            article_body = content.strip() + "\n\n"
            append_to_corpus(article_body, corpus_path, monitor)
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"日期 {year}-{month}-{day} 下的版面 {page} 出现错误: {e}")
            continue

def gen_dates(b_date, days):
    day = datetime.timedelta(days = 1)
    for i in range(days):
        yield b_date + day * i

def get_date_list(beginDate, endDate):
    '''

```

```

    获取日期列表
    :param start: 开始日期
    :param end: 结束日期
    :return: 开始日期和结束日期之间的日期列表
    """

    start = datetime.datetime.strptime(beginDate, "%Y%m%d")
    end = datetime.datetime.strptime(endDate, "%Y%m%d")

    data = []
    for d in gen_dates(start, (end-start).days):
        data.append(d)

    return data

if __name__ == '__main__':
    """
    主函数：程序入口
    """

    # 输入起止日期，爬取之间的新闻
    print("欢迎使用人民日报爬虫，请输入以下信息：")
    beginDate = input('请输入开始日期:')
    endDate = input('请输入结束日期:')
    corpus_path = input("请输入语料文件的保存路径 (例如 D:/data/
rmrb_corpus.txt): ").strip()
    if not corpus_path:
        raise ValueError("语料文件路径不能为空")
    corpus_path = os.path.abspath(corpus_path)
    corpus_dir = os.path.dirname(corpus_path) or '.'
    if not os.path.exists(corpus_dir):
        os.makedirs(corpus_dir)
    with open(corpus_path, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
        f.write('')
    monitor = CorpusMonitor()
    data = get_date_list(beginDate, endDate)

    for d in data:
        year = str(d.year)
        month = str(d.month) if d.month >= 10 else '0' + str(d.month)
        day = str(d.day) if d.day >= 10 else '0' + str(d.day)
        download_rmrmb(year, month, day, corpus_path, monitor)
        print("爬取完成: " + year + month + day)
        time.sleep(5)  # 怕被封 IP 爬一爬缓一缓，爬的少的话可以注释掉

    lastend = input("本月数据爬取完成!可以关闭软件了")

```

V.2. cd.py

```

"""
代码名称：爬取 China Daily 英文版数据为 txt 文件

```


编写日期: 2025年1月1日

作者: github (CarterYin)

版本: 第1版

可爬取的时间范围: 2021年起 (以站点可用为准)

注意: 此代码仅供交流学习, 不得作为其他用途。

'''

```
import datetime
import os
import re
import time
import urllib.parse
from collections import OrderedDict
from typing import List, Optional

import bs4
import requests

MB = 1024 * 1024
THRESHOLDS = [2 * MB, 5 * MB, 10 * MB]
SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
DATA_DIR = os.path.join(SCRIPT_DIR, 'data')
BASE_DOMAIN = 'https://epaper.chinadaily.com.cn'
DEFAULT_EDITION = os.environ.get('CHINADAILY_EDITION', 'global').strip() or 'global'
```

```
class CorpusMonitor:
```

```
    """ 监控累计抓取体积并按阈值写入快照。 """
```

```
    def __init__(self, thresholds: Optional[List[int]] = None) -> None:
        self._thresholds = list(thresholds or THRESHOLDS)
        self._buffer = bytearray()
        self._total_bytes = 0

    def update(self, payload: bytes) -> None:
        self._buffer.extend(payload)
        self._total_bytes += len(payload)
        print(f"当前累计大小: {self._total_bytes / MB:.2f} MB")
        while self._thresholds and self._total_bytes >= self._thresholds[0]:
            threshold = self._thresholds.pop(0)
            self._save_snapshot(threshold)

    def _save_snapshot(self, threshold: int) -> None:
        os.makedirs(DATA_DIR, exist_ok=True)
        size_mb = threshold // MB
        filename = f"cd_snapshot_{size_mb}MB.txt"
        path = os.path.join(DATA_DIR, filename)
        with open(path, 'wb') as f:
            f.write(self._buffer[:threshold])
        print(f"快照已保存: {filename}")
```

```

def fetch_url(url: str) -> str:
    """访问指定 URL 并返回 HTML 文本。"""
    headers = {
        'accept': 'text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/
xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8',
        'user-agent': 'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36
(KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/68.0.3440.106 Safari/537.36',
    }
    resp = requests.get(url, headers=headers, timeout=15)
    resp.raise_for_status()
    resp.encoding = resp.apparent_encoding or resp.encoding
    return resp.text

def build_index_url(year: str, month: str, day: str, edition: str) -> str:
    """构造某一天 China Daily 电子报索引页 URL。"""
    return f"{BASE_DOMAIN}/{edition}/{year}-{month}/{day}/index.html"

def extract_issue_links(index_html: str, year: str, month: str, day: str) ->
List[str]:
    """从索引页提取当日所有版块的文章链接。"""
    soup = bs4.BeautifulSoup(index_html, 'html.parser')
    issue_path = f"/a/{year}/{month}/{day}/"
    links = OrderedDict()

    for anchor in soup.find_all('a', href=True):
        href = anchor['href'].strip()
        if not href:
            continue
        if href.startswith('//'):
            href = 'https:' + href
        elif href.startswith('/'):
            href = urllib.parse.urljoin(BASE_DOMAIN, href)
        elif not href.startswith('http'):
            href = urllib.parse.urljoin(BASE_DOMAIN, href)
        if issue_path not in href:
            continue
        if not href.endswith('.html'):
            continue
        links[href] = None

    return list(links.keys())

def _first_non_empty_text(soup: bs4.BeautifulSoup, selectors: List[str]) ->
Optional[str]:
    """按顺序返回第一个匹配选择器并含非空文本的节点内容。"""
    for selector in selectors:

```

```

        node = soup.select_one(selector)
        if node:
            text = node.get_text(' ', strip=True)
            if text:
                return text
        return None

def extract_article_content(html: str) -> str:
    """解析正文页面并返回标题及正文拼接文本。"""
    soup = bs4.BeautifulSoup(html, 'html.parser')

    article_root = None
    for selector in ['article', '#Content', '.content', '.text', '.lft',
                    '.main_l', '.left', '.news', '.news_l']:
        article_root = soup.select_one(selector)
        if article_root:
            break
    if article_root is None:
        article_root = soup.body or soup

    headline = _first_non_empty_text(article_root, [
        'h1.headline',
        'h1.title',
        'div.lft h1',
        '#Content h1',
        'article h1',
        'h1',
    ])
    sub_head = _first_non_empty_text(article_root, [
        'h2.subhead',
        'h2.subtitle',
        'div.lft h2',
        '#Content h2',
        'article h2',
        'h2',
    ])

    meta_text = None
    meta_candidates = article_root.select('div.info, div.meta, p.meta, p.info,
div.editor, div.source, p.source')
    for candidate in meta_candidates:
        candidate_text = candidate.get_text(' ', strip=True)
        if not candidate_text:
            continue
        if 'Updated' in candidate_text or candidate_text.startswith('By '):
            meta_text = candidate_text
            candidate.extract()
            break

    paragraphs: List[str] = []
    for block in article_root.find_all(['p', 'div']):

```

```

    if block.name == 'div' and block.find(['p', 'div']):
        continue
    text = block.get_text(' ', strip=True)
    if not text:
        continue
    if re.search(r'Copyright\s+1995', text):
        continue
    if 'Additional Links' in text or 'Search' == text:
        continue
    if text.upper().startswith('HOME') and 'Newspaper' in text:
        continue
    paragraphs.append(text)

if not paragraphs:
    fallback_paragraphs = []
    for tag in soup.find_all('p'):
        text = tag.get_text(' ', strip=True)
        if len(text.split()) < 3:
            continue
        if re.search(r'Copyright\s+1995', text):
            continue
        fallback_paragraphs.append(text)
    paragraphs = fallback_paragraphs

unique_paragraphs = list(OrderedDict((para, None) for para in
paragraphs).keys())

header_parts = [part for part in [headline, sub_head, meta_text] if part]
body_text = '\n'.join(unique_paragraphs)
combined = '\n'.join(header_parts + ([body_text] if body_text else []))
return combined.strip()

def append_to_corpus(article_text: str, corpus_path: str, monitor:
Optional[CorpusMonitor] = None) -> None:
    """将文章内容追加到单一语料文件。"""
    corpus_dir = os.path.dirname(corpus_path)
    if corpus_dir and not os.path.exists(corpus_dir):
        os.makedirs(corpus_dir)

    with open(corpus_path, 'a', encoding='utf-8') as f:
        f.write(article_text)

    if monitor is not None:
        monitor.update(article_text.encode('utf-8'))

def download_chinadaily(year: str, month: str, day: str, corpus_path: str,
monitor: Optional[CorpusMonitor] = None, edition: str = DEFAULT_EDITION) ->
None:
    """爬取 China Daily 网站指定日期的新闻并写入语料。"""
    index_url = build_index_url(year, month, day, edition)

```

```

try:
    index_html = fetch_url(index_url)
except Exception as exc: # pragma: no cover - 网络异常提醒
    print(f"无法获取 {year}-{month}-{day} 的索引页 {index_url}: {exc}")
    return

article_links = extract_issue_links(index_html, year, month, day)
if not article_links:
    print(f"未在 {index_url} 找到文章链接。")
    return

for seq, url in enumerate(article_links, 1):
    try:
        article_html = fetch_url(url)
        content = extract_article_content(article_html)
        if not content:
            print(f"跳过空白文章: {url}")
            continue
        article_body = content.strip() + "\n\n"
        append_to_corpus(article_body, corpus_path, monitor)
        print(f"成功抓取第 {seq:02d} 篇: {url}")
        time.sleep(1)
    except Exception as exc: # pragma: no cover - 逐篇抓取问题提示
        print(f"文章 {url} 抓取失败: {exc}")
        continue

def gen_dates(b_date: datetime.datetime, days: int):
    day = datetime.timedelta(days=1)
    for i in range(days):
        yield b_date + day * i

def get_date_list(begin_date: str, end_date: str):
    """获取日期列表。"""
    start = datetime.datetime.strptime(begin_date, "%Y%m%d")
    end = datetime.datetime.strptime(end_date, "%Y%m%d")

    data = []
    for d in gen_dates(start, (end - start).days):
        data.append(d)

    return data

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print("欢迎使用 China Daily 英文版爬虫, 请输入以下信息:")
    begin_date = input('请输入开始日期:')
    end_date = input('请输入结束日期:')
    corpus_path = input('请输入语料文件的保存路径 (例如 D:/data/
chinadaily_corpus.txt): ').strip()

```

```

if not corpus_path:
    raise ValueError('语料文件路径不能为空')
corpus_path = os.path.abspath(corpus_path)
corpus_dir = os.path.dirname(corpus_path) or '.'
if not os.path.exists(corpus_dir):
    os.makedirs(corpus_dir)
with open(corpus_path, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
    f.write('')
monitor = CorpusMonitor()
date_list = get_date_list(begin_date, end_date)

for current in date_list:
    year = str(current.year)
    month = str(current.month) if current.month >= 10 else '0' +
str(current.month)
    day = str(current.day) if current.day >= 10 else '0' +
str(current.day)
    download_chinadaily(year, month, day, corpus_path, monitor,
DEFAULT_EDITION)
    print("爬取完成: " + year + month + day)
    time.sleep(5)

input('本段数据抓取完成!可以关闭软件了')

```

V.3. compute_rmr.py

"""Compute single-character probabilities and entropy for Chinese text corpora."""

```

from __future__ import annotations

import argparse
import math
from collections import Counter
from pathlib import Path
from typing import Iterable

CJK_RANGE_START = 0x4E00
CJK_RANGE_END = 0x9FFF

def iter_cjk_chars(text: str) -> Iterable[str]:
    for char in text:
        code_point = ord(char)
        if CJK_RANGE_START <= code_point <= CJK_RANGE_END:
            yield char

def analyze_characters(text: str) -> tuple[Counter[str], int, float]:
    counts = Counter(iter_cjk_chars(text))
    total = sum(counts.values())
    if not total:

```

```
    raise ValueError("input corpus does not contain any CJK Unified
Ideographs")
    probabilities = (count / total for count in counts.values())
    entropy = -sum(p * math.log2(p) for p in probabilities)
    return counts, total, entropy

def format_top_characters(counts: Counter[str], total: int, top_k: int) ->
str:
    lines = []
    header = "rank char count prob information(bits) contribution"
    lines.append(header)
    for rank, (char, count) in enumerate(counts.most_common(top_k), 1):
        probability = count / total
        information_bits = -math.log2(probability)
        contribution = probability * information_bits
        lines.append(
            f"{rank:>4} {char} {count:>8} {probability:>0.6f}"
            f" {information_bits:>10.6f} {contribution:>10.6f}"
        )
    return "\n".join(lines)

def main() -> None:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description="Compute Chinese character probabilities and Shannon entropy."
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "corpus",
        type=Path,
        help="Path to the UTF-8 encoded corpus file to analyze.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--top",
        type=int,
        default=20,
        help="Show the top-K most frequent characters (default: 20).",
    )
    args = parser.parse_args()

    text = args.corpus.read_text(encoding="utf-8", errors="ignore")
    counts, total, entropy = analyze_characters(text)
    unique = len(counts)

    print(f"Corpus: {args.corpus}")
    print(f"Total Chinese characters: {total}")
    print(f"Unique Chinese characters: {unique}")
    print(f"Shannon entropy: {entropy:.6f} bits")

    if args.top > 0:
        print("\nTop characters:")
        print(format_top_characters(counts, total, args.top))
```



```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

V.4. compute_cd.py

```
"""Compute single-character probabilities and entropy for English text corpora."""
```

```
from __future__ import annotations
```

```
import argparse
import math
from collections import Counter
from pathlib import Path
from typing import Iterable
```

```
def iter_english_letters(text: str, case_sensitive: bool) -> Iterable[str]:
    """Yield ASCII alphabetic characters, normalizing case when requested."""
    for char in text:
        if char.isascii() and char.isalpha():
            yield char if case_sensitive else char.lower()
```

```
def analyze_characters(text: str, case_sensitive: bool) -> tuple[Counter[str],
int, float]:
    counts = Counter(iter_english_letters(text, case_sensitive))
    total = sum(counts.values())
    if not total:
        raise ValueError("input corpus does not contain any ASCII alphabetic
characters")
    probabilities = (count / total for count in counts.values())
    entropy = -sum(p * math.log2(p) for p in probabilities)
    return counts, total, entropy
```

```
def format_top_characters(counts: Counter[str], total: int, top_k: int) ->
str:
    lines = []
    header = "rank char count prob information(bits) contribution"
    lines.append(header)
    for rank, (char, count) in enumerate(counts.most_common(top_k), 1):
        probability = count / total
        information_bits = -math.log2(probability)
        contribution = probability * information_bits
        lines.append(
            f"{rank:>4} {char} {count:>8} {probability:>0.6f}"
            f" {information_bits:>10.6f} {contribution:>10.6f}"
        )
    return "\n".join(lines)
```

```

def main() -> None:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description="Compute English letter probabilities and Shannon entropy."
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "corpus",
        type=Path,
        help="Path to the UTF-8 encoded corpus file to analyze.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--top",
        type=int,
        default=20,
        help="Show the top-K most frequent letters (default: 20).",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--case-sensitive",
        action="store_true",
        help="Treat uppercase and lowercase letters as distinct symbols.",
    )
    args = parser.parse_args()

    text = args.corpus.read_text(encoding="utf-8", errors="ignore")
    counts, total, entropy = analyze_characters(text, args.case_sensitive)
    unique = len(counts)

    print(f"Corpus: {args.corpus}")
    print(f"Total letters: {total}")
    print(f"Unique letters: {unique}")
    print(f"Shannon entropy: {entropy:.6f} bits")

    if args.top > 0:
        print("\nTop letters:")
        print(format_top_characters(counts, total, args.top))

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

V.5. compute_cd2.py

```

"""Compute English word probabilities and entropy for text corpora."""

```

```

from __future__ import annotations

import argparse
import math
import re
from collections import Counter
from pathlib import Path
from typing import Iterable

```

```
WORD_PATTERN = re.compile(r"[A-Za-z]+")
```

```
def iter_english_words(text: str, case_sensitive: bool) -> Iterable[str]:
    """Yield ASCII alphabetic word tokens, normalizing case unless requested."""
    for match in WORD_PATTERN.finditer(text):
        word = match.group(0)
        start = match.start()
        if start > 0 and text[start - 1] in {"'", '"'} and word.lower() == "s":
            continue
        yield word if case_sensitive else word.lower()
```

```
def analyze_words(text: str, case_sensitive: bool) -> tuple[Counter[str], int,
float]:
    counts = Counter(iter_english_words(text, case_sensitive))
    total = sum(counts.values())
    if not total:
        raise ValueError("input corpus does not contain any ASCII alphabetic
words")
    probabilities = (count / total for count in counts.values())
    entropy = -sum(p * math.log2(p) for p in probabilities)
    return counts, total, entropy
```

```
def format_top_words(counts: Counter[str], total: int, top_k: int) -> str:
    lines = []
    header = "rank word                count prob information(bits)
contribution"
    lines.append(header)
    for rank, (word, count) in enumerate(counts.most_common(top_k), 1):
        probability = count / total
        information_bits = -math.log2(probability)
        contribution = probability * information_bits
        lines.append(
            f"{rank:>4} {word:<18} {count:>8} {probability:>0.6f}"
            f"          {information_bits:>10.6f}          {contribution:>10.6f}"
        )
    return "\n".join(lines)
```

```
def main() -> None:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description="Compute English word probabilities and Shannon entropy."
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "corpus",
        type=Path,
        help="Path to the UTF-8 encoded corpus file to analyze.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--top",
```

```

        type=int,
        default=20,
        help="Show the top-K most frequent words (default: 20).",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--case-sensitive",
        action="store_true",
        help="Treat uppercase and lowercase words as distinct tokens.",
    )
    args = parser.parse_args()

    text = args.corpus.read_text(encoding="utf-8", errors="ignore")
    counts, total, entropy = analyze_words(text, args.case_sensitive)
    unique = len(counts)

    print(f"Corpus: {args.corpus}")
    print(f"Total words: {total}")
    print(f"Unique words: {unique}")
    print(f"Shannon entropy: {entropy:.6f} bits")

    if args.top > 0:
        print("\nTop words:")
        print(format_top_words(counts, total, args.top))

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

V.6. verify_zipf.py

"""Command-line tool to verify Zipf's law on English word frequencies."""

```

from __future__ import annotations

import argparse
import math
from pathlib import Path
from typing import Iterable

from compute_cd2 import analyze_words

def parse_args() -> argparse.Namespace:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description="Fit a Zipf regression on English word frequencies.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "corpus",
        type=Path,
        help="Path to the UTF-8 encoded corpus file to analyze.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--top",

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```

        type=int,
        default=200,
        help="Number of top-ranked words to include in the regression
(default: 200).",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--case-sensitive",
        action="store_true",
        help="Treat uppercase and lowercase words as distinct tokens.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--show",
        type=int,
        default=10,
        help="Show the first K rows of the rank-frequency summary (default:
10).",
    )
    return parser.parse_args()

def load_frequencies(path: Path, case_sensitive: bool, top_n: int) ->
tuple[list[tuple[int, float]], int, int]:
    text = path.read_text(encoding="utf-8", errors="ignore")
    counts, total, _ = analyze_words(text, case_sensitive)
    pairs = [
        (rank + 1, count / total)
        for rank, (_, count) in enumerate(counts.most_common(top_n))
    ]
    return pairs, total, len(counts)

def linear_regression(pairs: Iterable[tuple[int, float]]) -> tuple[float,
float, float]:
    log_ranks = [math.log10(rank) for rank, _ in pairs]
    log_freqs = [math.log10(freq) for _, freq in pairs]
    n = len(log_ranks)
    mean_x = sum(log_ranks) / n
    mean_y = sum(log_freqs) / n
    numerator = sum((x - mean_x) * (y - mean_y) for x, y in zip(log_ranks,
log_freqs))
    denominator = sum((x - mean_x) ** 2 for x in log_ranks)
    slope = numerator / denominator
    intercept = mean_y - slope * mean_x
    mse = sum(
        (y - (slope * x + intercept)) ** 2
        for x, y in zip(log_ranks, log_freqs)
    ) / n
    return slope, intercept, mse

def main() -> None:
    args = parse_args()

```

```
pairs, total, unique = load_frequencies(args.corpus, args.case_sensitive,
args.top)
if not pairs:
    raise ValueError("no words were found in the corpus")

slope, intercept, mse = linear_regression(pairs)

print(f"Corpus: {args.corpus}")
print(f"Total words: {total}")
print(f"Unique words: {unique}")
print(f"Top ranks used: 1-{len(pairs)}")
print(
    "Linear fit (log10 rank vs log10 freq): "
    f"slope={slope:.3f}, intercept={intercept:.3f}, mse={mse:.5f}"
)
print()
print("rank freq rank*freq log10(rank) log10(freq)")
sample_pairs = pairs[: max(args.show, 0)]
for rank, freq in sample_pairs:
    log_rank = math.log10(rank)
    log_freq = math.log10(freq)
    print(
        f"{rank:>4} {freq:>0.6f} {rank * freq:>0.6f} "
        f"{log_rank:>10.6f} {log_freq:>10.6f}"
    )

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```