

Mini-Project -2

Text Similarity Checker

Nowadays by evolution of internet and search engines, the knowledge and data of all the world is easily available for us. During creation of a document, people used to refer or copy multiple documents present online. This copying is sometime legal and sometime illegal. There are many softwares in the market which tell us how much a document is similar to other sources.

In this project we will explore the idea behind this similarity checking.

You will be provided with 3 files containing some text. Perform the following steps on each file:

Suppose the text in a file is:

A do run run run, a do run run

- 1) Remove all the non-alphanumeric characters from the text. Output will look like this:

adorunrunrunadorunrun

- 2) Make substrings of 5 characters each :

adoru dorun orunr runru unrun nrunr runru unrun nruna runad unado nador adoru dorun
orunr runru unrun

- 3) Take each substring and using the chart given below, Add the values of each character to come up with a unique number for that substring. Remember to convert all the text to lower or upper case as you like.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 4) Suppose the output of step 3 is:

77 72 42 17 98 50 17 98 8 88 67 39 77 72 42 17 98

Each number is representing a substring from step 2. Save these numbers in a file.

- 5) Create 2x2 matrices from the above data using the same method which we used for creating substrings :

77	72
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42	17
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72	42
17	98

42	17
98	50

17	98
50	17

98	50
17	98

50	17
98	8

17	98
8	88

And so on. Create all possible matrix till end of data and save these to file.

- 6) Do the above steps to all text files to generate matrices. Matrices of each text file should be stored in separate files.

Comparison:

Suppose you want to compare file1 and file2.

- 1) Read one matrix of file1 and one matrix from file2.
- 2) Take the difference between two matrices of 1st step for example:

Matrix from file1 and file2:

77	72
42	17

18	88
47	70

Difference is:

59	16
5	53

- 3) Sum all the elements of this difference matrix.
- 4) If the sum is less than 60 it means we have a match otherwise ignore it.
- 5) Do the above 4 steps for 10 matrices.
- 6) Count how many matrix differences were less than 60.
- 7) Use that count to find the percentage of matches between files.

NOTE:

We have studied three main topics.

- 1) File Handling
- 2) Functions
- 3) 2D arrays

Use all the above topics as much as possible.