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ShowMeTunes: A Musical Recommender

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PROBLEM

01

Who's interested?

Why?

QUESTION

What's your go-to
song?



QUESTION

What's your go-to song?

...when you're:
happy?
sad?
frustrated?
stressed?



UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM



MOOD

People like to listen to different music depending on their moods.



NEW MUSIC

Some older musicals need some love. Some newer, more popular musicals get old.



CHOICES

People don't always want endless choices. Sometimes, we just want direction.

SOLUTION

Collect a list of
popular musical
titles and their
synopses

POPULAR MUSICALS

Use NLP to find
musicals with
similar synopses &
sentiments to the
user's input

**MATCH USER INPUT TO
SYNOPSIS**

Output the names
of three new
musicals for the
user to listen to!

**RECOMMEND 3
MUSICALS**

PROCESS

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DATA COLLECTION



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Wikipedia

186

synopses

- Wikipedia API
- BeautifulSoup

Ranker.com

Musicals to recommend

196 musical names

>100,000 votes

36 Rerankers

- Selenium
- BeautifulSoup



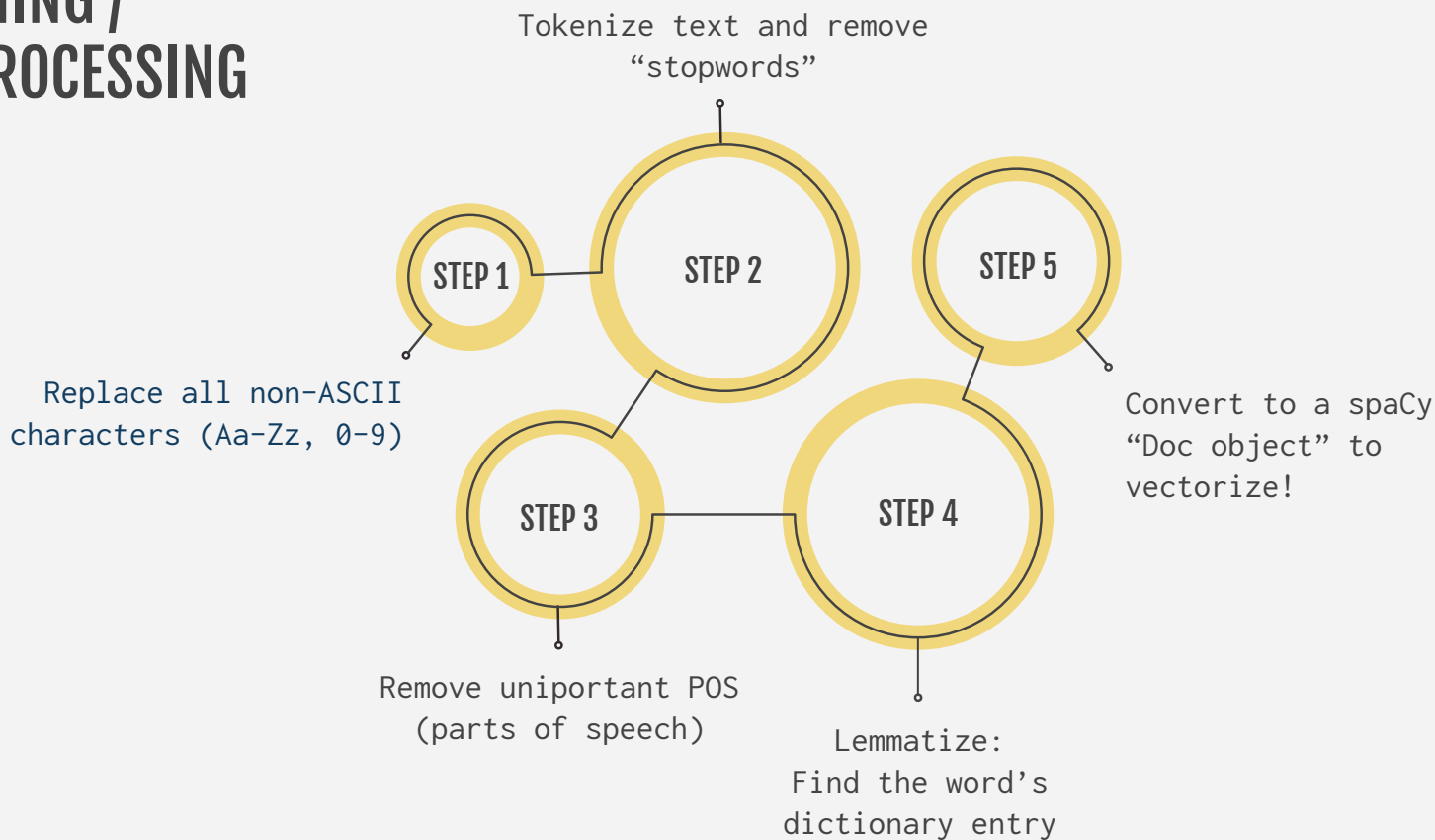
All Musicals

177

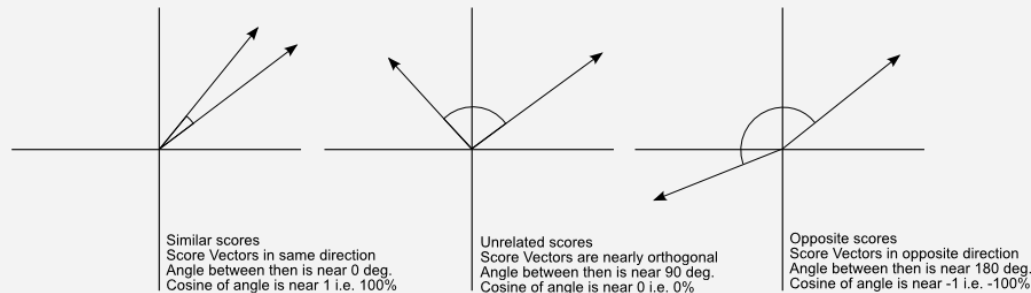
synopses

- Requests
- BeautifulSoup

CLEANING / PREPROCESSING



How does a “vector” represent a word?



- **300 dimensions** (list of 300 numbers)
- Each dimension **represents** some aspect of that word
- Communicates its **meaning/relationship** to other words
- Vectors are **unique** to each word, as it's used in **different contexts**
- Produced using Word2Vec algorithms (shallow, two-layer neural networks)
- AKA “**word embeddings**”

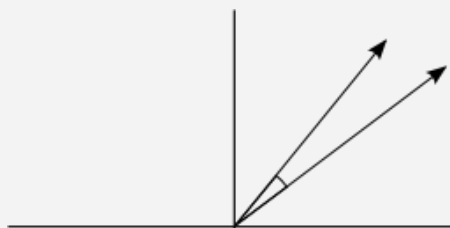
Example:

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Les Misérables = [-2.55308696e-03  1.25066981e-01  
                  -3.78664001e-03  ...  3.62479091e-02  
                  1.23177804e-02 -4.90440764e-02]
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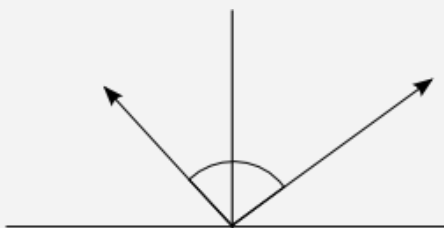
DOCUMENT SIMILARITY

- “cosine similarity” $[0,1]$
- Doc vector = Average of all Token vectors

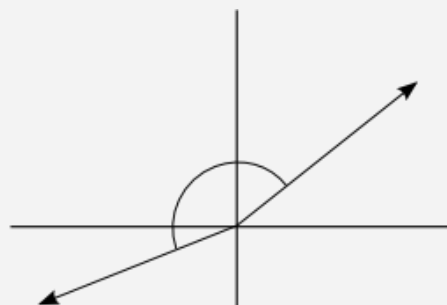
2-D Vectors



Similar scores
Score Vectors in same direction
Angle between them is near 0 deg.
Cosine of angle is near 1 i.e. 100%



Unrelated scores
Score Vectors are nearly orthogonal
Angle between them is near 90 deg.
Cosine of angle is near 0 i.e. 0%



Opposite scores
Score Vectors in opposite direction
Angle between them is near 180 deg.
Cosine of angle is near -1 i.e. -100%

SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

- Token sentiment: value representing its sentiment
 - Ex. “awesome”=1, “awful”=-1
- Doc sentiment: Average of all Token sentiments

-1

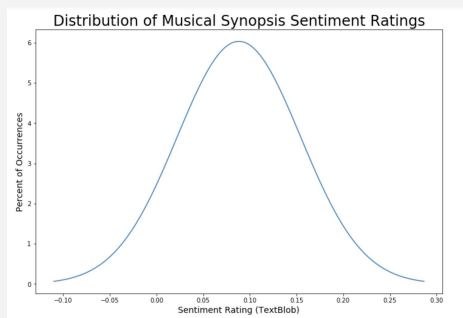
negative
sentiment

0

neutral
sentiment

+1

positive
sentiment



Mean = 0.088

Standard Deviation
= 0.066

RECOMMENDER SYSTEM



Rank similarity
scores between user
input and each
musical synopsis



Of the top ten,
sort by magnitude
of distance from
sentiment rating
of user input



Reveal the top
three musicals!

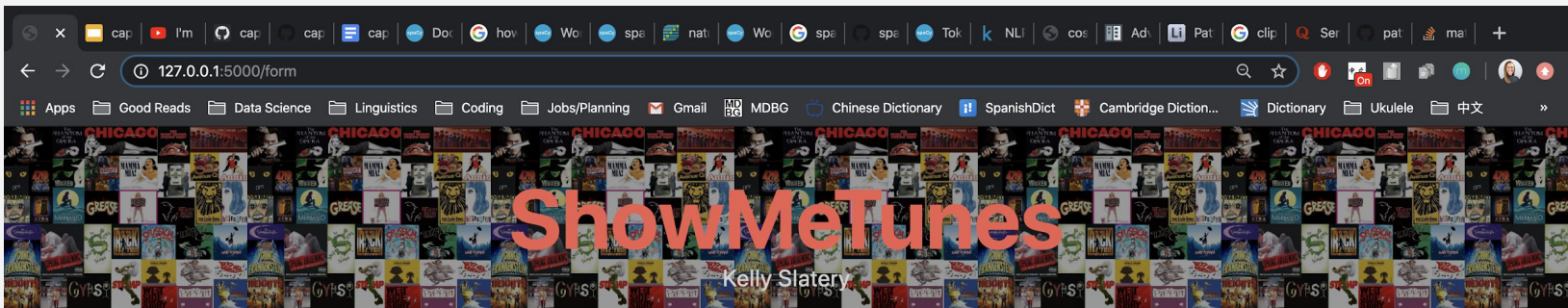
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Recommender System

Let's give it a try!

Switch to terminal /
Local Host



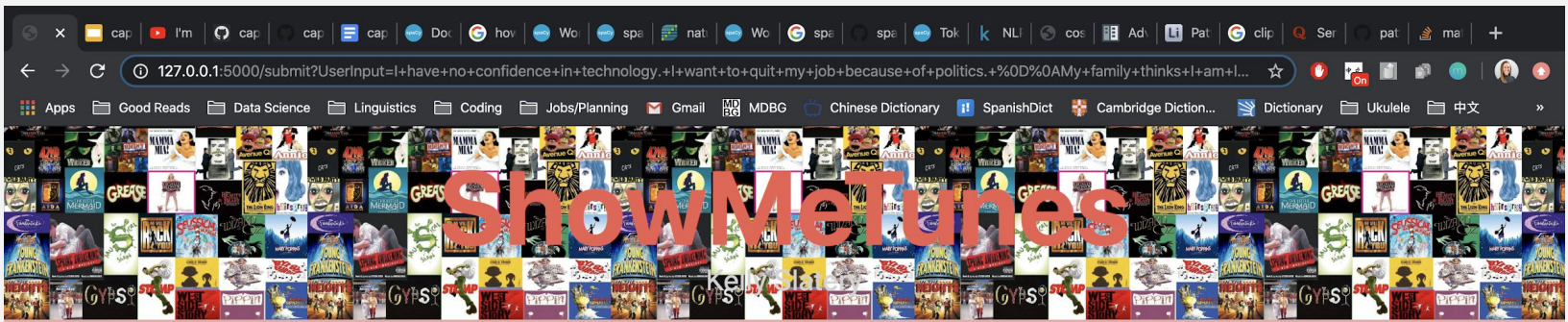
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**How are you feeling today?
What's going on with you?**

3-5 sentences

I have no confidence in technology. I want to quit my job because of politics. My family thinks I am lazy at computers. I am tired of being disappointed in the country. I have no idea what I will do in retirement. I am uncertain of the future and it makes me anxious.

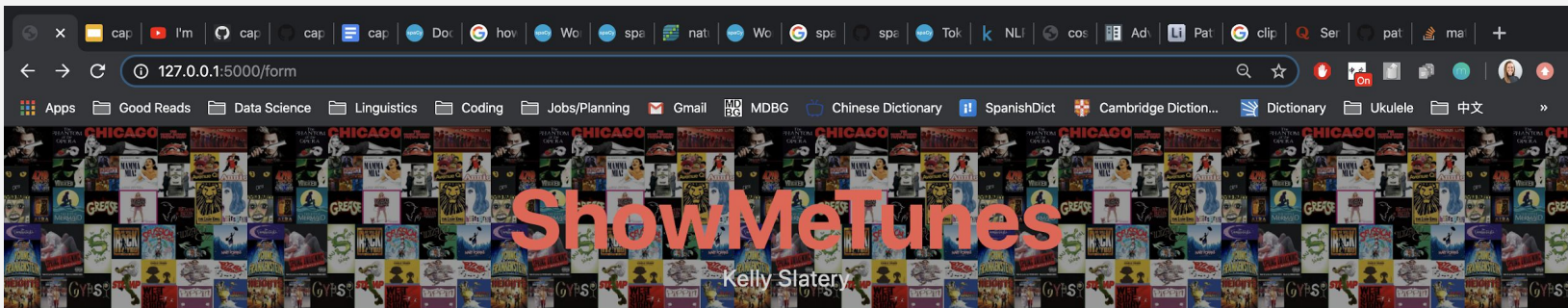
Give me my musicals!



YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO:

- 1. Urinetown**
- 2. Next to Normal**
- 3. The 25th
Annual Putnam
County Spelling
Bee**

Happy listening! :-)



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3-5 sentences

I'm okay

Give me my musicals!

MOST COMMON 25 WORDS



act, asks,
away, day,
family,
father, *find,*
girl,



home, *leave,*
life, love,
man, **mother,**
new, old,
people,



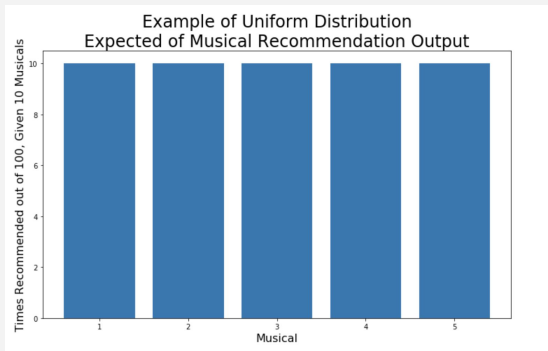
reprise, song,
soon, tells,
time, **wife,**
woman, **young**

FUTURE

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Next Steps

EVALUATION



Musicals Recommended Equally

Future Development:
Write a Python script to
collect site data - count
how many times each musical
is recommended!



0,1,2

3,4,5

6,7,8,9

10 Clusters

Expectation:
2/3 or 3/3 musicals
recommended are from the
same cluster

NEXT STEPS

- Rank musicals by popularity myself:
- Wikipedia API: get lists of musicals by category
 - Spotify API: get track popularities

Ranking Algorithm

Define algorithm to detect different features, such as:

- intensity/chill level
- nostalgic/modern
- happy/sad

Data Collection

Collect as many synopses/plot summaries as possible to add specific training to spaCy model

Sentiment Analysis

Deployment

- Create evaluation tools
- Create export playlist feature
- Modernize Flask style
- Debug & Optimize
- Ensure copyrights
- Create App

THANK YOU

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