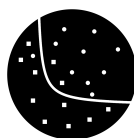


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Introduction

The Zipf law is an empirical law that refers to the fact that in nature, many data can be approximated by a Zipfian distribution, for example texts, some images¹, even sounds in spoken languages². It is therefore of interest to identify ways to exploit this relatively simple way to convert documents into representative vectors in problems such as classifications.

¹<https://www.dcs.warwick.ac.uk/bmvc2007/proceedings/CD-ROM/papers/paper-288.pdf>

²<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0033993>

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The Zipf

The zipf function z converts any document $d \subseteq \mathbb{D}^m$ comprised of elements into a representative vector $\underline{v} \subseteq [0, 1]^n$, $n \leq m$ based on the frequency of said elements in the given document. Taken in consideration the set of elements $d \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ that comprise the document and $d_{\neq} \subseteq d$ the set of distinct elements of the set d , for any given element $d_{\neq_i} \in d_{\neq}$, the value assigned by the zipf function is:

$$z(d_{\neq_i}) : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} = \frac{\#\{d_i \in d : d_{\neq_i} = d_i\}}{\#d}$$

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The classifier

3.1 Training the classifier

Given a set of training class-labeled elements T , we proceed as follows:

1. Convert every document $d \in T$ into its representative vector \underline{v} .
2. Execute, for each class C_j of vectors, a **PCA reduction** from the initial vector size (sometimes up to thousands) to a few decades.
3. Using the reduced classes, iterate for each class C_{r_j} the **KMeans** algorithm incrementing the number of the clusters Q_i k until the value of the mean density of points $\bar{\rho}$ increases, with $\bar{\rho}$ being defined as:

$$\bar{\rho}_{jk} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \rho_{jk_i} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{\#\{\underline{v} \in C_{r_j} : \underline{v} \in Q_i\}}{\#C_{r_j}} \right)^k \cdot \frac{1}{r_{Q_i}^2} \quad r_{Q_i}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{h=1}^n (\underline{c}_i - \underline{p}_h)^2$$

Where r_{Q_i} is the approximated radius of the cluster Q_i , using the farthest n frontier points p_f . This gives an approximate number k of centroids that describe the given class.

4. For every class C_j , given a percentage of points p , we choose a number $r = p \cdot \#C_j$ of representative vectors, distributed in weighted fashion thorough the class clusters determined at the point 3. To this set of points, we add also the clusters centroids.
5. We move every point \underline{p} of every class C_j towards their centroid \underline{c}_i of a constant percentage α along the segment $\overline{PC_i}$.

3.2 Classifying a document

To classify a given a document d we proceed as follows:

1. Convert the document d to a zipf representative vector: $\underline{v} = z(d)$.
2. The document is classified as the closest representative point in the classifier model.