

Report on Frequency Distributions of Unigrams and bigrams

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Abstract

This document contains the instructions for preparing a text data which undergoes the preprocessing and to analyze word distributions in two different corpora using Python and NLTK.

1 Introduction

The purpose of this project is to analyze word distributions in two different corpora using Python and Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK). The two corpora are stored in separate directories, and the word distributions for the respective corpora have been analyzed. We will then answer several questions regarding the top 30 most common words in each corpus and run the script with different values for the k most frequent words to document our findings.

2 Methodology

The source code has been written in Python programming language. Various inbuilt modules from the NLTK library such as word_tokenize, stopwords, PorterStemmer, FreqDist, and ngrams have been used to perform various preprocessing steps and infer the topic to which the corpus belongs to. The following stages are involved in the entire project pipeline:

- A. **Staging** : Navigate to the directory path and walk through all the existing text files and fetch the raw corpus. The python script has been optimized to speed up reading.

- B. **Pre-processing**: It involves various stages of cleaning and formatting of data such as:

- a. Removing the punctuation and special characters from the corpus.
- b. Converting the text into lower case.
- c. Tokenization of corpus.
- d. Collecting stop words.
- e. Stemming the respective tokens and removal of stop words

- C. **Experimentation** :

- a. Compute k frequency distribution for unigram of a corpus .
- b. Compute k frequency distribution bi-grams of a corpus.

Once the processed corpora is obtained, the aforementioned steps have been performed by varying the value of 'K', which denotes the count of frequent occurrence.

The frequency distributions of the unigrams and the bigrams have been assessed by considering various combinations of stemming and stop words removal. The stop words have been further classified based on their language of origin. The major portion of the work aims at removing the irrelevant words from the 'English' language. But, there might be a possibility of having tokens from multiple languages in the corpora. To handle this, we have even performed our analysis by removing the global stop words to check the impact. The stemming and stop word removal combinations have been tabulated below.

<i>Stemming</i>	<i>Stop word removal</i>
True	False
True	True
False	True
False	False

3 Experimental Results

Once the processed tokens are obtained, the frequency distributions of the unigrams and the bigrams have been computed. The results are as follows:

Corpus 1: Unigrams

a. *Stemming with no stop words removal.*

Top 30 words:

[[('the', 633529), ('and', 357113), ('to', 295245), ('of', 269229), ('a', 231626), ('i', 166049), ('in', 153709), ('he', 149938), ('wa', 141377), ('it', 133930), ('that', 129274), ('you', 110554), ('hi', 101848), ('as', 95162), ('had', 89905), ('for', 86708), ('with', 84394), ('at', 70806), ('be', 70470), ('but', 69777), ('on', 68141), ('not', 64546), ('they', 60766), ('said', 60590), ('have', 57117), ('is', 54796), ('her', 52130), ('were', 49514), ('him', 49481), ('we', 47192)]]

Top 50 words:

[[('the', 633529), ('and', 357113), ('to', 295245), ('of', 269229), ('a', 231626), ('i', 166049), ('in', 153709), ('he', 149938), ('wa', 141377), ('it', 133930), ('that', 129274), ('you', 110554), ('hi', 101848), ('as', 95162), ('had', 89905), ('for', 86708), ('with', 84394), ('at', 70806), ('be', 70470), ('but', 69777), ('on', 68141), ('not', 64546), ('they', 60766), ('said', 60590), ('have', 57117), ('is', 54796), ('her', 52130), ('were', 49514), ('him', 49481), ('we', 47192), ('she', 45367), ('do', 43432), ('all', 43343), ('by', 43312), ('my', 40931), ('so', 39461), ('there', 38559), ('which', 37556), ('from', 37348), ('up', 37097), ('no', 36654), ('one', 36632), ('me', 35835), ('would', 35707), ('thi', 35321), ('their', 34996), ('if', 33635), ('them', 33177), ('out', 31459), ('when', 31440)]]

Top 70 words:

[[('the', 633529), ('and', 357113), ('to', 295245), ('of', 269229), ('a', 231626), ('i', 166049), ('in', 153709), ('he', 149938), ('wa', 141377), ('it', 133930), ('that', 129274), ('you', 110554), ('hi', 101848), ('as', 95162), ('had', 89905), ('for', 86708), ('with', 84394), ('at', 70806), ('be', 70470), ('but', 69777), ('on', 68141), ('not', 64546), ('they', 60766), ('said', 60590), ('have', 57117), ('is', 54796), ('her', 52130), ('were', 49514), ('him', 49481), ('we', 47192), ('she', 45367), ('do', 43432), ('all', 43343), ('by', 43312), ('my', 40931), ('so', 39461), ('there', 38559), ('which', 37556), ('from', 37348), ('up', 37097), ('no', 36654), ('one', 36632), ('me', 35835), ('would', 35707), ('thi', 35321), ('their', 34996), ('if', 33635), ('them', 33177), ('out', 31459), ('when', 31440), ('been', 30561), ('will', 30522), ('what', 28826), ('or', 28789), ('an', 28539), ('are', 27500), ('who', 27099), ('go', 26227), ('then', 26139), ('could', 25451), ('now', 23880), ('time', 23002), ('down', 22834), ('come', 22063), ('littl', 21798), ('look', 21725), ('your', 21723), ('did', 21403), ('into', 20962), ('some', 20590)]]

The above output show the most frequently occurring words in Corpus 1 without the removal of stop words. These individual tokens will not contribute to the goal of annotating the topic the corpus1 belongs to. Therefore, it is impossible to arrive at the descriptor based on the obtained tokens.

b. *Stemming with stop words removal.*

Top 30 words:

[[('said', 60590), ('one', 36632), ('would', 35707), ('go', 26227), ('could', 25451), ('time', 23002), ('come', 22063), ('littl', 21798), ('look', 21725), ('see', 20202), ('like', 20109), ('say', 18207), ('know', 17738), ('well', 17264), ('man', 17044), ('two', 16864), ('boy', 15485), ('upon', 15412), ('get', 15193), ('day', 15165), ('hand', 14739), ('way', 14661), ('men', 14323), ('think', 14314), ('back', 14272), ('good', 14179), ('make', 14129), ('take', 14017), ('us', 13981), ('made', 13335)]]

Top 50 words:

[[('said', 60590), ('one', 36632), ('would', 35707), ('go', 26227), ('could', 25451), ('time', 23002), ('come', 22063), ('littl', 21798), ('look', 21725), ('see', 20202), ('like', 20109), ('say', 18207), ('know', 17738), ('well', 17264), ('man', 17044), ('two', 16864), ('boy', 15485), ('upon', 15412), ('get', 15193), ('day', 15165), ('hand', 14739), ('way', 14661), ('men', 14323), ('think', 14314), ('back', 14272), ('good', 14179), ('make', 14129), ('take', 14017), ('us', 13981), ('made', 13335), ('came', 13040), ('much', 12639), ('great', 12445), ('place', 12331), ('must', 12270), ('long', 12238), ('seem', 11966), ('old', 11943), ('away', 11719), ('went', 11624), ('work', 11429), ('ask', 10679), ('never', 10656), ('ye', 10563), ('even', 10443), ('cri', 10237), ('may', 10156), ('first', 10119), ('got', 10057), ('thought', 9994)]]

Top 70 words:

[[('said', 60590), ('one', 36632), ('would', 35707), ('go', 26227), ('could', 25451), ('time', 23002), ('come', 22063), ('littl', 21798), ('look', 21725), ('see', 20202), ('like', 20109), ('say', 18207), ('know', 17738), ('well', 17264), ('man', 17044), ('two', 16864), ('boy', 15485), ('upon', 15412), ('get', 15193), ('day', 15165), ('hand', 14739), ('way', 14661), ('men', 14323), ('think', 14314), ('back', 14272), ('good', 14179), ('make', 14129), ('take', 14017), ('us', 13981), ('made', 13335), ('came', 13040), ('much', 12639), ('great', 12445), ('place', 12331), ('must', 12270), ('long', 12238), ('seem', 11966), ('old', 11943), ('away', 11719), ('went', 11624), ('work', 11429), ('ask', 10679), ('never', 10656), ('ye', 10563), ('even', 10443), ('cri', 10237), ('may', 10156), ('first', 10119), ('got', 10057), ('thought', 9994), ('tell', 9893), ('turn', 9829), ('right', 9634), ('head', 9590), ('father', 9477), ('last', 9468), ('thing', 9450), ('might', 9319), ('shall', 9114), ('captain', 9075), ('want', 8992), ('give', 8803), ('let', 8698), ('sir', 8694), ('eye', 8614), ('put', 8453), ('young', 8421), ('face', 8354), ('water', 7896), ('de', 7864)]]

The above snippet shows the most frequently occurring words in Corpus 1 by removing stop words. It is evident that stop word removal has reduced the ambiguity to a greater extent. A quick glance at the tokens indicates that the words **“boy”, “water”, “father”, “captain”, “young”, “men”, “work”** etc., might speak of an anecdote of a young boy and the relation with his father who is a navy captain.

Note: When running the script with different combinations of stemming and stop word removal, it has been that *stemming has a little impact on the generated tokens whereas the stop words played a significant role in arriving at the corpus description.*

Corpus 2: Unigrams

a. *Stemming with no stop words removal.*

Top 30 words:

[[('the', 553282), ('and', 346435), ('to', 318079), ('of', 308939), ('a', 241644), ('in', 170173), ('i', 169126), ('he', 160986), ('wa', 151919), ('it', 142051), ('that', 141118), ('her', 133580), ('you', 128770), ('hi', 124640), ('she', 108947), ('had', 105154), ('with', 98676), ('as', 93591), ('not', 92031), ('for', 91467), ('is', 78812), ('be', 77662), ('but', 76177), ('at', 69427), ('have', 68626), ('him', 58743), ('on', 54738), ('by', 53079), ('which', 49013), ('said', 47618)]]

Top 50 words:

[[('the', 553282), ('and', 346435), ('to', 318079), ('of', 308939), ('a', 241644), ('in', 170173), ('i', 169126), ('he', 160986), ('wa', 151919), ('it', 142051), ('that', 141118), ('her', 133580), ('you', 128770), ('hi', 124640), ('she', 108947), ('had', 105154), ('with', 98676), ('as', 93591), ('not', 92031), ('for', 91467), ('is', 78812), ('be', 77662), ('but', 76177), ('at', 69427), ('have', 68626), ('him', 58743), ('on', 54738), ('by', 53079), ('which', 49013), ('said', 47618), ('all', 46834), ('so', 46653), ('my', 44692), ('thi', 44074), ('me', 42817), ('do', 42735), ('would', 41429), ('from', 40148), ('no', 39642), ('one', 36776), ('if', 36499), ('were', 36042), ('they', 36019), ('what', 35999), ('been', 35639), ('there', 35616), ('who', 32948), ('an', 31473), ('will', 30714), ('or', 30599)]]

Top 70 words:

[[('the', 553282), ('and', 346435), ('to', 318079), ('of', 308939), ('a', 241644), ('in', 170173), ('i', 169126), ('he', 160986), ('wa', 151919), ('it', 142051), ('that', 141118), ('her', 133580), ('you', 128770), ('hi', 124640), ('she', 108947), ('had', 105154), ('with', 98676), ('as', 93591), ('not', 92031), ('for', 91467), ('is', 78812), ('be', 77662), ('but', 76177), ('at', 69427), ('have', 68626), ('him', 58743), ('on', 54738), ('by', 53079), ('which', 49013), ('said', 47618), ('all', 46834), ('so', 46653), ('my', 44692), ('thi', 44074), ('me', 42817), ('do', 42735), ('would', 41429), ('from', 40148), ('no', 39642), ('one', 36776), ('if', 36499), ('were', 36042), ('they', 36019), ('what', 35999), ('been', 35639), ('there', 35616), ('who', 32948), ('an', 31473), ('will', 30714), ('or', 30599), ('when', 30594), ('are', 29296), ('could', 28368), ('your', 27394), ('more', 24931), ('veri', 24277), ('out', 23608), ('their', 23477), ('we', 23330), ('like', 23292), ('look', 23020), ('know', 23003), ('up', 22695), ('them', 22605), ('then', 22372), ('did', 22365), ('now', 22139), ('littl', 21916), ('man', 20879), ('time', 20673)]]

The above snippet show the most frequently occurring words in Corpus 2 without the removal of stop words. Based on these, it is a bit ambiguous as to what topic the corpus2 belongs to. Therefore, it is impossible to arrive at the descriptor based on the obtained tokens.

b. Stemming with stop words removal.

Top 30 words:

[[('said', 47618), ('would', 41429), ('one', 36776), ('could', 28368), ('like', 23292), ('look', 23020), ('know', 23003), ('littl', 21916), ('man', 20879), ('time', 20673), ('come', 19843), ('go', 19313), ('say', 19145), ('see', 18537), ('upon', 18437), ('think', 18373), ('never', 17598), ('old', 16478), ('must', 16308), ('well', 16133), ('much', 15887), ('hand', 15820), ('ladi', 15562), ('thought', 15427), ('good', 15149), ('even', 14636), ('day', 14518), ('make', 14187), ('made', 13819), ('love', 13532)]]

Top 50 words:

[[('said', 47618), ('would', 41429), ('one', 36776), ('could', 28368), ('like', 23292), ('look', 23020), ('know', 23003), ('littl', 21916), ('man', 20879), ('time', 20673), ('come', 19843), ('go', 19313), ('say', 19145), ('see', 18537), ('upon', 18437), ('think', 18373), ('never', 17598), ('old', 16478), ('must', 16308), ('well', 16133), ('much', 15887), ('hand', 15820), ('ladi', 15562), ('thought', 15427), ('good', 15149), ('even', 14636), ('day', 14518), ('make', 14187), ('made', 13819), ('love', 13532), ('eye', 13336), ('way', 13132), ('seem', 12979), ('might', 12550), ('take', 12540), ('young', 12437), ('miss', 12119), ('life', 12080), ('thing', 11962), ('ask', 11623), ('face', 11413), ('great', 11181), ('tell', 11042), ('long', 10969), ('noth', 10924), ('sir', 10911), ('two', 10828), ('first', 10592), ('word', 10514), ('back', 10441)]]

Top 70 words:

[[('said', 47618), ('would', 41429), ('one', 36776), ('could', 28368), ('like', 23292), ('look', 23020), ('know', 23003), ('littl', 21916), ('man', 20879), ('time', 20673), ('come', 19843), ('go', 19313), ('say', 19145), ('see', 18537), ('upon', 18437), ('think', 18373), ('never', 17598), ('old', 16478), ('must', 16308), ('well', 16133), ('much', 15887), ('hand', 15820), ('ladi', 15562), ('thought', 15427), ('good', 15149), ('even', 14636), ('day', 14518), ('make', 14187), ('made', 13819), ('love', 13532), ('eye', 13336), ('way', 13132), ('seem', 12979), ('might', 12550), ('take', 12540), ('young', 12437), ('miss', 12119), ('life', 12080), ('thing', 11962), ('ask', 11623), ('face', 11413), ('great', 11181), ('tell', 11042), ('long', 10969), ('noth', 10924), ('sir', 10911), ('two', 10828), ('first', 10592), ('word', 10514), ('back', 10441), ('father', 10347), ('may', 10264), ('came', 10161), ('shall', 10151), ('though', 10061), ('turn', 10042), ('last', 9898), ('away', 9840), ('place', 9782), ('still', 9571), ('friend', 9409), ('hous', 9385), ('heart', 9288), ('us', 9198), ('without', 9158), ('yet', 9022), ('ye', 9012), ('dear', 9010), ('want', 9001), ('mother', 8967)]]

The above snippet shows the most frequently occurring words in Corpus 2 by removing stop words. From the output tokens, it can be seen that stemming and stop word removal reduced the ambiguity to a greater extent. A quick glance at the tokens indicates that the words ***“father”, “mother”, “love”, “heart”, “life”,*** etc., might speak of an of family relationships and emotions.

Note: When running the script with different combinations of stemming and stop word removal, we witnessed that stemming has a little impact on the generated tokens whereas the stop words played a significant role in arriving at the corpus description.

Corpus 1 - Bigrams

a. Stemming with no stop words removal.

Top 30 bi-grams:

[[('of', 'the', 78767), (('in', 'the', 43328), ('to', 'the', 36874), ('and', 'the', 25528), ('on', 'the', 22783), ('it', 'wa', 22611), ('at', 'the', 19210), ('to', 'be', 19114), ('for', 'the', 16099), ('he', 'wa', 15348), ('he', 'had', 15004), ('in', 'a', 14776), ('with', 'a', 14086), ('had', 'been', 13878), ('with', 'the', 13666), ('from', 'the', 13431), ('by', 'the', 13310), ('and', 'i', 13029), ('that', 'the', 12646), ('wa', 'a', 11851), ('of', 'a', 11683), ('it', 'is', 11538), ('of', 'hi', 11386), ('as', 'he', 11257), ('that', 'he', 10591), ('there', 'wa', 10008), ('and', 'then', 9616), ('into', 'the', 9397), ('i', 'do', 9244), ('for', 'a', 9199)]]

Top 50 bi-grams:

[[('of', 'the', 78767), (('in', 'the', 43328), ('to', 'the', 36874), ('and', 'the', 25528), ('on', 'the', 22783), ('it', 'wa', 22611), ('at', 'the', 19210), ('to', 'be', 19114), ('for', 'the', 16099), ('he', 'wa', 15348), ('he', 'had', 15004), ('in', 'a', 14776), ('with', 'a', 14086), ('had', 'been', 13878), ('with', 'the', 13666), ('from', 'the', 13431), ('by', 'the', 13310), ('and', 'i', 13029), ('that', 'the', 12646), ('wa', 'a', 11851), ('of', 'a', 11683), ('it', 'is', 11538), ('of', 'hi', 11386), ('as', 'he', 11257), ('that', 'he', 10591), ('there', 'wa', 10008), ('and', 'then', 9616), ('into', 'the', 9397), ('i', 'do', 9244), ('for', 'a', 9199), ('i', 'have', 9120), ('one', 'of', 8936), ('he', 'said', 8616), ('and', 'he', 8553), ('i', 'am', 8466), ('they', 'were', 8179), ('have', 'been', 8043), ('i', 'wa', 7784), ('the', 'other', 7710), ('did', 'not', 7699), ('as', 'the', 7694), ('and', 'a', 7619), ('said', 'the', 7486), ('in', 'hi', 7366), ('would', 'be', 7354), ('out', 'of', 7299), ('but', 'i', 7195), ('all', 'the', 7030), ('that', 'i', 6756), ('seem', 'to', 6738)]]

Top 70 bi-grams:

[[('of', 'the', 78767), (('in', 'the', 43328), ('to', 'the', 36874), ('and', 'the', 25528), ('on', 'the', 22783), ('it', 'wa', 22611), ('at', 'the', 19210), ('to', 'be', 19114), ('for', 'the', 16099), ('he', 'wa', 15348), ('he', 'had', 15004), ('in', 'a', 14776), ('with', 'a', 14086), ('had', 'been', 13878), ('with', 'the', 13666), ('from', 'the', 13431), ('by', 'the', 13310), ('and', 'i', 13029), ('that', 'the', 12646), ('wa', 'a', 11851), ('of', 'a', 11683), ('it', 'is', 11538), ('of', 'hi', 11386), ('as', 'he', 11257), ('that', 'he', 10591), ('there', 'wa', 10008), ('and', 'then', 9616), ('into', 'the', 9397), ('i', 'do', 9244), ('for', 'a', 9199), ('i', 'have', 9120), ('one', 'of', 8936), ('he', 'said', 8616), ('and', 'he', 8553), ('i', 'am', 8466), ('they', 'were', 8179), ('have', 'been', 8043), ('i', 'wa', 7784), ('the', 'other', 7710), ('did', 'not', 7699), ('as', 'the', 7694), ('and', 'a', 7619), ('said', 'the', 7486), ('in', 'hi', 7366), ('would', 'be', 7354), ('out', 'of', 7299), ('but', 'i', 7195), ('all', 'the', 7030), ('that', 'i', 6756), ('seem', 'to', 6738), ('go', 'to', 6483), ('to', 'hi', 6424), ('a', 'few', 6386), ('a', 'littl', 6296), ('they', 'had', 6202), ('do', 'you', 6165), ('you', 'are', 6153), ('to', 'do', 6049), ('if', 'you', 6043), ('wa', 'the', 6040), ('wa', 'not', 5968), ('i', 'had', 5924), ('the', 'boy', 5888), ('and', 'that', 5828), ('would', 'have', 5791), ('at', 'onc', 5769), ('to', 'see', 5673), ('but', 'the', 5579), ('as', 'i', 5454), ('will', 'be', 5325)]]

These individual tokens will not contribute to the goal of annotating the topic the corpus2 belongs to. Therefore, it is impossible to arrive at the descriptor based on the obtained tokens.

Case 2: Stemming with stop words removal.

Top 30 2-grams:

[[('brer', 'rabbit', 1599), ('could', 'see', 1595), ('old', 'man', 1506), ('come', 'back', 1210), ('two', 'three', 1186), ('sir', 'said', 1100), ('let', 'us', 1079), ('said', 'mr', 1046), ('good', 'deal', 1041), ('ye', 'said', 1027), ('project', 'gutenberg', 1018), ('brer', 'fox', 980), ('next', 'day', 977), ('said', 'captain', 975), ('next', 'morn', 958), ('let', 'go', 957), ('one', 'day', 953), ('everi', 'one', 934), ('electron', 'work', 918), ('young', 'man', 905), ('said', 'doctor', 884), ('littl', 'girl', 864), ('go', 'back', 854), ('uncl', 'remu', 846), ('said', 'uncl', 829), ('could', 'get', 816), ('half', 'hour', 807), ('great', 'deal', 806), ('look', 'like', 788), ('would', 'like', 787)]]

Top 50 2-grams:

[[('brer', 'rabbit', 1599), (('could', 'see', 1595), (('old', 'man', 1506), (('come', 'back', 1210), (('two', 'three', 1186), (('sir', 'said', 1100), (('let', 'us', 1079), (('said', 'mr', 1046), (('good', 'deal', 1041), (('ye', 'said', 1027), (('project', 'guttenberg', 1018), (('brer', 'fox', 980), (('next', 'day', 977), (('said', 'captain', 975), (('next', 'morn', 958), (('let', 'go', 957), (('one', 'day', 953), (('everi', 'one', 934), (('electron', 'work', 918), (('young', 'man', 905), (('said', 'doctor', 884), (('littl', 'girl', 864), (('go', 'back', 854), (('uncl', 'remu', 846), (('said', 'uncl', 829), (('could', 'get', 816), (('half', 'hour', 807), (('great', 'deal', 806), (('look', 'like', 788), (('would', 'like', 787), (('littl', 'boy', 769), (('look', 'round', 769), (('said', 'dick', 757), (('one', 'side', 738), (('long', 'time', 732), (('well', 'said', 728), (('said', 'would', 720), (('one', 'two', 705), (('could', 'help', 698), (('come', 'along', 685), (('took', 'place', 669), (('must', 'go', 666), (('ye', 'sir', 657), (('made', 'way', 648), (('never', 'mind', 644), (('oh', 'ye', 637), (('boy', 'said', 629), (('take', 'place', 627), (('would', 'go', 621), (('project', 'electron', 612))]

Top 70 2-grams:

[[('brer', 'rabbit', 1599), (('could', 'see', 1595), (('old', 'man', 1506), (('come', 'back', 1210), (('two', 'three', 1186), (('sir', 'said', 1100), (('let', 'us', 1079), (('said', 'mr', 1046), (('good', 'deal', 1041), (('ye', 'said', 1027), (('project', 'guttenberg', 1018), (('brer', 'fox', 980), (('next', 'day', 977), (('said', 'captain', 975), (('next', 'morn', 958), (('let', 'go', 957), (('one', 'day', 953), (('everi', 'one', 934), (('electron', 'work', 918), (('young', 'man', 905), (('said', 'doctor', 884), (('littl', 'girl', 864), (('go', 'back', 854), (('uncl', 'remu', 846), (('said', 'uncl', 829), (('could', 'get', 816), (('half', 'hour', 807), (('great', 'deal', 806), (('look', 'like', 788), (('would', 'like', 787), (('littl', 'boy', 769), (('look', 'round', 769), (('said', 'dick', 757), (('one', 'side', 738), (('long', 'time', 732), (('well', 'said', 728), (('said', 'would', 720), (('one', 'two', 705), (('could', 'help', 698), (('come', 'along', 685), (('took', 'place', 669), (('must', 'go', 666), (('ye', 'sir', 657), (('made', 'way', 648), (('never', 'mind', 644), (('oh', 'ye', 637), (('boy', 'said', 629), (('take', 'place', 627), (('would', 'go', 621), (('project', 'electron', 612), (('know', 'said', 608), (('two', 'day', 606), (('take', 'care', 605), (('would', 'take', 605), (('would', 'come', 601), (('first', 'time', 601), (('two', 'men', 595), (('shook', 'head', 588), (('hundr', 'yard', 573), (('said', 'bob', 572), (('last', 'night', 569), (('make', 'way', 567), (('short', 'time', 565), (('fer', 'ter', 557), (('one', 'anoth', 550), (('said', 'tom', 546), (('could', 'make', 542), (('open', 'door', 535), (('wait', 'till', 534), (('go', 'away', 533))]

The above snippet shows the most frequently occurring words in Corpus 2 by removing stop words. It is evident that stemming and stop word removal reduced the ambiguity to a greater extent. A quick glance at the tokens indicates that the words **“boy”**, **“man”**, **“cloth”**, **“deal”**, **“old”**, etc., might speak of an anecdote of a Conversation that centers around a young boy trying to negotiate a cloth purchase deal with an old man.

Note: When running the script with different combinations of stemming and stop word removal, we witnessed that stemming has a little impact on the generated tokens whereas the stop words played a significant role in arriving at the corpus description.

Corpus 2 - Bigrams

a. Stemming with No stop words removal.

Top 30 2-grams:

[[('of', 'the', 66040), (('in', 'the', 42953), (('to', 'the', 29798), (('it', 'wa', 23761), (('to', 'be', 22462), (('and', 'the', 20606), (('he', 'had', 20178), (('it', 'is', 17756), (('he', 'wa', 17368), (('on', 'the', 17332), (('with', 'a', 16695), (('at', 'the', 16593), (('of', 'hi', 16009), (('had', 'been', 15232), (('for', 'the', 14823), (('of', 'a', 14636), (('i', 'am', 14313), (('in', 'a', 14233), (('she', 'had', 13438), (('i', 'have', 12923), (('with', 'the', 12586), (('that', 'he', 12096), (('of', 'her', 11989), (('by', 'the', 11821), (('wa', 'a', 11632), (('she', 'wa', 11544), (('from', 'the', 11154), (('in', 'hi', 10836), (('to', 'her', 10725), (('and', 'i', 10265))]

Top 50 2-grams:

[[('of', 'the', 66040), (('in', 'the', 42953), (('to', 'the', 29798), (('it', 'wa', 23761), (('to', 'be', 22462), (('and', 'the', 20606), (('he', 'had', 20178), (('it', 'is', 17756), (('he', 'wa', 17368), (('on', 'the', 17332), (('with', 'a', 16695), (('at', 'the', 16593), (('of', 'hi', 16009), (('had', 'been', 15232), (('for', 'the', 14823), (('of', 'a', 14636), (('i', 'am', 14313), (('in', 'a', 14233), (('she', 'had', 13438), (('i', 'have', 12923), (('with', 'the', 12586), (('that', 'he', 12096), (('of', 'her', 11989), (('by', 'the', 11821), (('wa', 'a', 11632), (('she', 'wa', 11544), (('from', 'the', 11154), (('in', 'hi',

10836), (('to', 'her', 10725), (('and', 'i', 10265), (('did', 'not', 9991), (('have', 'been', 9632), (('i', 'do', 9438), (('there', 'wa', 9358), (('that', 'the', 9265), (('as', 'he', 9002), (('wa', 'not', 8592), (('for', 'a', 8294), (('you', 'are', 8225), (('in', 'her', 8149), (('a', 'littl', 8141), (('that', 'she', 7716), (('that', 'i', 7667), (('all', 'the', 7551), (('to', 'hi', 7520), (('and', 'he', 7475), (('out', 'of', 7458), (('he', 'said', 7304), (('would', 'have', 7269), (('and', 'then', 7259)]

Top 70 2-grams:

[[('of', 'the', 66040), (('in', 'the', 42953), (('to', 'the', 29798), (('it', 'wa', 23761), (('to', 'be', 22462), (('and', 'the', 20606), (('he', 'had', 20178), (('it', 'is', 17756), (('he', 'wa', 17368), (('on', 'the', 17332), (('with', 'a', 16695), (('at', 'the', 16593), (('of', 'hi', 16009), (('had', 'been', 15232), (('for', 'the', 14823), (('of', 'a', 14636), (('i', 'am', 14313), (('in', 'a', 14233), (('she', 'had', 13438), (('i', 'have', 12923), (('with', 'the', 12586), (('that', 'he', 12096), (('of', 'her', 11989), (('by', 'the', 11821), (('wa', 'a', 11632), (('she', 'wa', 11544), (('from', 'the', 11154), (('in', 'hi', 10836), (('to', 'her', 10725), (('and', 'i', 10265), (('did', 'not', 9991), (('have', 'been', 9632), (('i', 'do', 9438), (('there', 'wa', 9358), (('that', 'the', 9265), (('as', 'he', 9002), (('wa', 'not', 8592), (('for', 'a', 8294), (('you', 'are', 8225), (('in', 'her', 8149), (('a', 'littl', 8141), (('that', 'she', 7716), (('that', 'i', 7667), (('all', 'the', 7551), (('to', 'hi', 7520), (('and', 'he', 7475), (('out', 'of', 7458), (('he', 'said', 7304), (('would', 'have', 7269), (('and', 'then', 7259), (('could', 'not', 7059), (('one', 'of', 6974), (('would', 'be', 6952), (('into', 'the', 6872), (('do', 'you', 6854), (('wa', 'the', 6781), (('and', 'a', 6764), (('seem', 'to', 6688), (('but', 'i', 6529), (('is', 'a', 6508), (('to', 'him', 6429), (('if', 'you', 6422), (('of', 'it', 6332), (('you', 'have', 6271), (('to', 'have', 6270), (('as', 'she', 6214), (('as', 'a', 6107), (('to', 'see', 6075), (('as', 'the', 5995), (('as', 'if', 5984)]

The above snippet show the most frequently occurring bigram words in Corpus 2 without the removal of stop words. These individual tokens will not contribute to the goal of annotating the topic the corpus2 belongs to. Therefore, it is impossible to arrive at the descriptor based on the obtained tokens.

b. Stemming with stop words removal.

Top 30 2-grams:

[[('young', 'man', 2361), (('cloth', 'extra', 2075), (('old', 'man', 1821), (('young', 'ladi', 1496), (('crown', 'svo', 1355), (('vol', 'ii', 1270), (('let', 'us', 1243), (('great', 'deal', 1106), (('svo', 'cloth', 1024), (('look', 'upon', 1001), (('would', 'like', 992), (('come', 'back', 957), (('crown', 'cloth', 952), (('first', 'time', 925), (('good', 'deal', 914), (('would', 'never', 870), (('could', 'help', 853), (('vol', 'iii', 843), (('could', 'see', 829), (('one', 'day', 811), (('go', 'away', 782), (('must', 'go', 780), (('one', 'anoth', 762), (('two', 'three', 757), (('one', 'thing', 733), (('old', 'friend', 712), (('would', 'come', 704), (('oh', 'ye', 698), (('sir', 'harri', 683), (('young', 'men', 669), (('everi', 'one', 648), (('take', 'care', 647), (('year', 'ago', 644), (('shook', 'head', 642), (('ye', 'said', 637), (('last', 'night', 629), (('go', 'back', 626), (('would', 'say', 618), (('thought', 'would', 611), (('open', 'door', 607), (('would', 'make', 596), (('sir', 'franci', 580), (('young', 'fellow', 578), (('look', 'like', 575), (('long', 'time', 562), (('would', 'take', 558), (('sir', 'john', 556), (('would', 'go', 553), (('well', 'said', 551), (('old', 'ladi', 548)]

Top 50 2-grams:

[[('young', 'man', 2361), (('cloth', 'extra', 2075), (('old', 'man', 1821), (('young', 'ladi', 1496), (('crown', 'svo', 1355), (('vol', 'ii', 1270), (('let', 'us', 1243), (('great', 'deal', 1106), (('svo', 'cloth', 1024), (('look', 'upon', 1001), (('would', 'like', 992), (('come', 'back', 957), (('crown', 'cloth', 952), (('first', 'time', 925), (('good', 'deal', 914), (('would', 'never', 870), (('could', 'help', 853), (('vol', 'iii', 843), (('could', 'see', 829), (('one', 'day', 811), (('go', 'away', 782), (('must', 'go', 780), (('one', 'anoth', 762), (('two', 'three', 757), (('one', 'thing', 733), (('old', 'friend', 712), (('would', 'come', 704), (('oh', 'ye', 698), (('sir', 'harri', 683), (('young', 'men', 669), (('everi', 'one', 648), (('take', 'care', 647), (('year', 'ago', 644), (('shook', 'head', 642), (('ye', 'said', 637), (('last', 'night', 629), (('go', 'back', 626), (('would', 'say', 618), (('thought', 'would', 611), (('open', 'door', 607), (('would', 'make', 596), (('sir', 'franci', 580), (('young', 'fellow', 578), (('look', 'like', 575), (('long', 'time', 562), (('would', 'take', 558), (('sir', 'john', 556), (('would', 'go', 553), (('well', 'said', 551), (('old', 'ladi', 548)]

Top 70 2-grams:

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The above snippet shows the most frequently occurring words in Corpus 2 by removing stop words. It is evident that stemming and stop word removal reduced the ambiguity to a greater extent. A quick glance at the tokens indicates that the words “*young*”, “*man*”, “*cloth*”, “*crown*”, “*deal*”, etc., might speak of an anecdote of a Conversation that centers around a young boy trying to negotiate a cloth purchase deal with an old man.

Removal of stop words belonging to multiple languages:

In all the above cases, it has been assumed that the raw corpus is unilingual. That is, the entire text has been presented in ‘*English*’ language. But, there might be a possibility that the text contains tokens from various languages or in other words, the raw corpus is multi-lingual.

In this case, it is essential to remove the unproductive words that find their etymology apart from ‘English’. To handle this situation, we have gathered close to **10,000** stop words from different languages. The following outputs from the corpus1 and corpus2 highlights the most frequently occurring tokens after removing the global stop words as mentioned above.

Corpus 1: Unigrams without stemming and global stop words removal.

Top 30 words:

[[('time', 20174), ('back', 13809), ('made', 13335), ('great', 12415), ('away', 11716), ('long', 11656), ('day', 10752), ('make', 10231), ('boy', 10147), ('father', 9290), ('captain', 8952), ('place', 8748), ('sir', 8674), ('hand', 8458), ('young', 8421), ('work', 8236), ('head', 8148), ('cried', 7770), ('found', 7754), ('asked', 7501), ('round', 7458), ('put', 7390), ('water', 7305), ('night', 7268), ('looked', 7078), ('left', 7012), ('give', 6971), ('eyes', 6965), ('heard', 6860), ('side', 6778)]]

Corpus 1: Bigrams without stemming and global stop words removal.

Top 30 2-grams:

[[('brer', 'rabbit'), 1599], [('project', 'gutenberg'), 1018], [('brer', 'fox'), 980], [('uncle', 'remus'), 846], [('half', 'hour'), 806], [('great', 'deal'), 806], [('long', 'time'), 740], [('project', 'electronic'), 612], [('short', 'time'), 566], [('hundred', 'yards'), 566], [('shook', 'head'), 553], [('electronic', 'works'), 544], [('made', 'mind'), 457], [('brer', 'wolf'), 456], [('short', 'distance'), 455], [('cried', 'dick'), 449], [('set', 'work'), 446], [('r', 'harry'), 445], [('gutenberg', 'literary'), 442], [('literary', 'archive'), 442], [('archive', 'foundation'), 442], [('united', 'states'), 423], [('uncle', 'jack'), 421], [('poor', 'fellow'), 411], [('time', 'time'), 391], [('run', 'away'), 386], [('fell', 'back'), 385], [('electronic', 'work'), 374], [('caught', 'sight'), 366], [('uncle', 'dick'), 366]]

A key observation can be made by looking at these tokens. Many of the most frequently occurring words have been modified from those of the ones in the corpus 1 (without stemming and with stop word removal in English).

Similarly, the corpus 2 tokens are as follows:

Corpus 2: Unigrams without stemming and global stop words removal.

Top 30 words:

[[('time', 17710), ('made', 13819), ('lady', 13266), ('young', 12437), ('life', 12080), ('miss', 11479), ('eyes', 11333), ('great', 10991), ('sir', 10847), ('long', 10113), ('father', 10087), ('back', 10052), ('make', 10019), ('day', 9999), ('away', 9840), ('hand', 9316), ('love', 9171), ('dear', 8930), ('mother', 8713), ('poor', 8609), ('house', 8594), ('looked', 8532), ('heart', 8440), ('mind', 8169), ('knew', 7703), ('moment', 7626), ('woman', 7569), ('place', 7417), ('felt', 7216), ('head', 7089)]]

Corpus 2: Bigrams without stemming and global stop words removal.

Top 30 2-grams:

[[('cloth', 'extra'), 2072], [('crown', 'svo'), 1355], [('young', 'lady'), 1142], [('great', 'deal'), 1108], [('svo', 'cloth'), 1021], [('crown', 'cloth'), 953], [('vol', 'iii'), 841], [('sir', 'harry'), 677], [('shook', 'head'), 610], [('sir', 'francis'), 580], [('years', 'ago'), 576], [('long', 'time'), 569], [('sir', 'john'), 560], [('post', 'svo'), 528], [('young', 'fellow'), 510], [('illustrated', 'boards'), 508], [('lady', 'muriel'), 504], [('made', 'mind'), 499], [('sir', 'tom'), 494], [('miss', 'heath'), 492], [('cloth', 'limp'), 472], [('long', 'ago'), 466], [('miss', 'dart'), 461], [('thousand', 'pounds'), 450], [('sir', 'geoffrey'), 433], [('turned', 'away'), 419], [('lord', 'erradeen'), 393], [('lady', 'ridgeway'), 380], [('short', 'time'), 378], [('beg', 'pardon'), 373]]

Conclusion:

In conclusion, based on the experimental results stemming seems to have almost no impact on the final output tokens. Furthermore, removal of stop words and repeating the analysis, we noticed that the most common unigrams and bigrams change significantly. This suggests that stop words can heavily influence the frequency distribution, and it is important consider whether to remove stop words or not depending on the specific task or goal.

An interesting observation is that when the stop words from multiple languages have been considered for removal, the output tokens seem to have lesser noise. This helps us in further refining of tokens enabling us to better describe the underlying topic.

Among the unigrams and bigrams, the words that commonly occur together provided a more meaningful insights. This project has familiarized us with various preprocessing techniques, modularization of code, and to analyze the word distributions in two different corpora using python and NLTK library.

LIST OF STOP WORDS – English

haven	won't	but	more
we	doesn't	have	being
wasn	which	where	before
d	were	himself	down
their	am	aren't	you'll
do	on	t	weren't
o	is	because	be
up	won	those	under
his	hers	shouldn	itself
a	y	ourselves	into
both	shan	until	who
s	haven't	mustn	your
mightn't	as	they	so
theirs	through	when	now
should	that'll	from	my
you	between	at	her
while	she	isn't	myself
isn	had	him	for
whom	not	all	me
no	same	what	how
hasn	didn't	shouldn't	ain
some	off	nor	in
then	further	was	too
yourselves	these	shan't	yourself
don	once	by	about
themselves	aren	wouldn't	ours
with	you've	such	than
against	that	mightn	during
wasn't	just	needn	our
doing	there	few	m
doesn	should've	the	very
this	to	it	wouldn
couldn	why	only	of
its	weren	don't	ll
over	here	most	she's
i	any	yours	and
re	ma	each	above
didn	hadn	can	them
are	it's	does	you're
again	needn't	been	after
having	if	has	did
you'd	or	out	mustn't
he	an	will	
ve	below	other	
herself own	would	hasn't	
hadn't	wouldn't	couldn't	