



# CENG 3526 Natural Language Processing

## Lecture 2

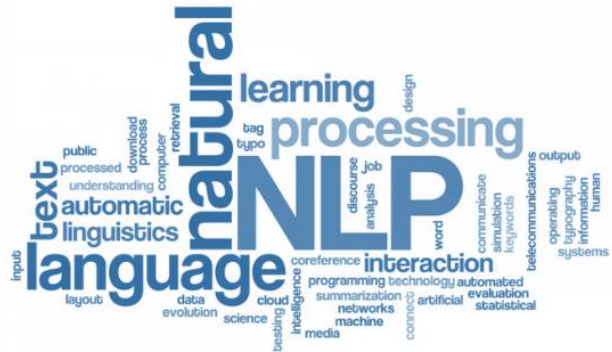
Text Preprocessing & Representation

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# Recap



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# Text Representation

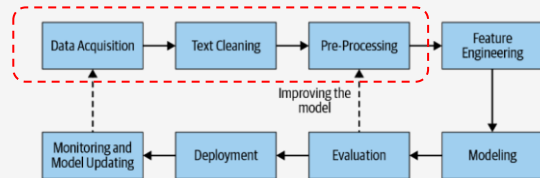
## Text Representation in (NLP)

- is the process of **converting textual data into a numerical format** that can be understood and processed by machine learning algorithms.

### Goal

- transform raw text** into a **structured representation** so that the **semantic** and **syntactic information** contained within the text **is captured**.

### Text Representation Process



### Common text representation techniques include:

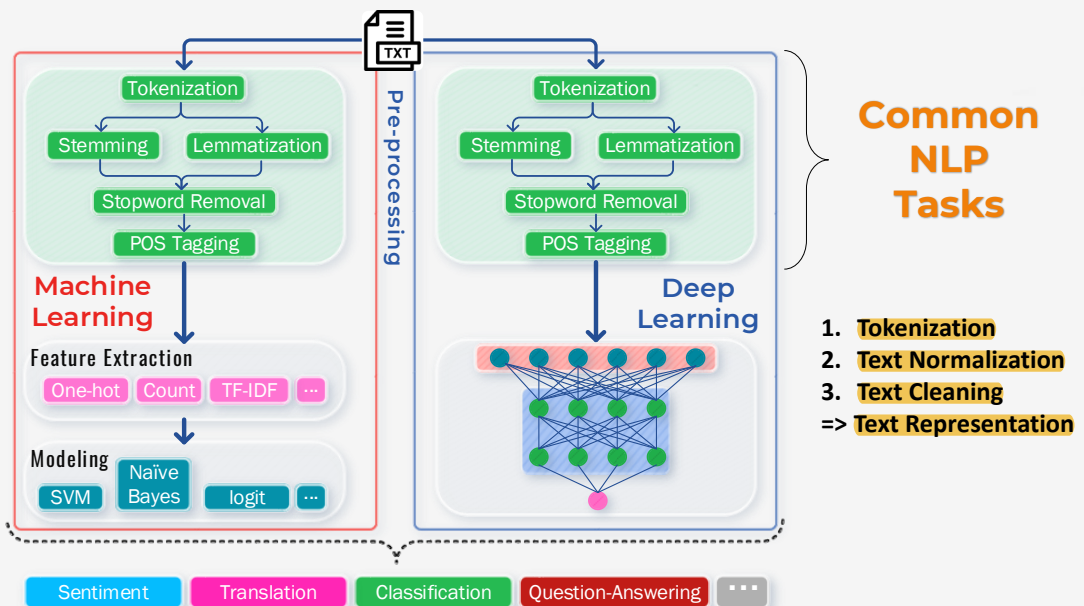
- Bag of Words (BoW)
- TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency):
- Word Embeddings (e.g., Word2Vec, GloVe)
- Character-level Embeddings
- n-gram language models
- Document Embeddings (Doc2Vec, or Deep Learning Models)



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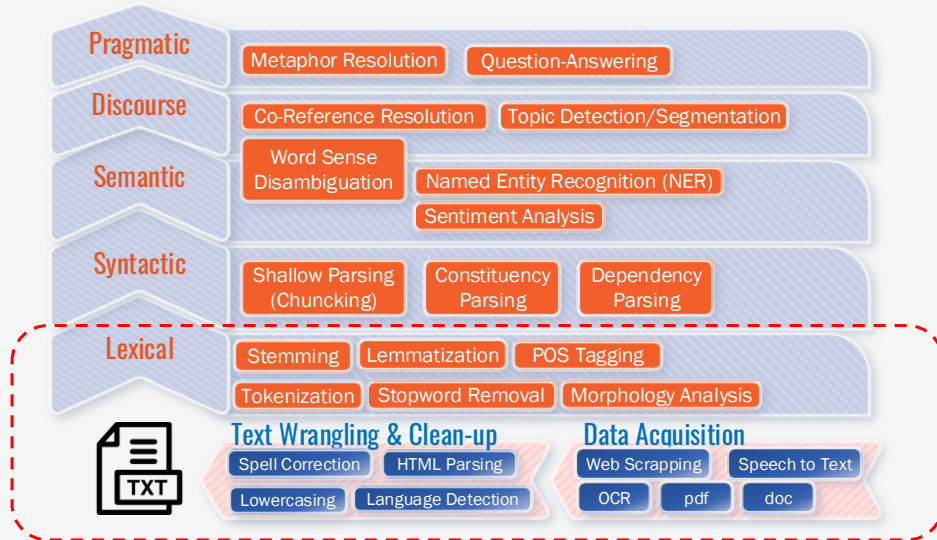


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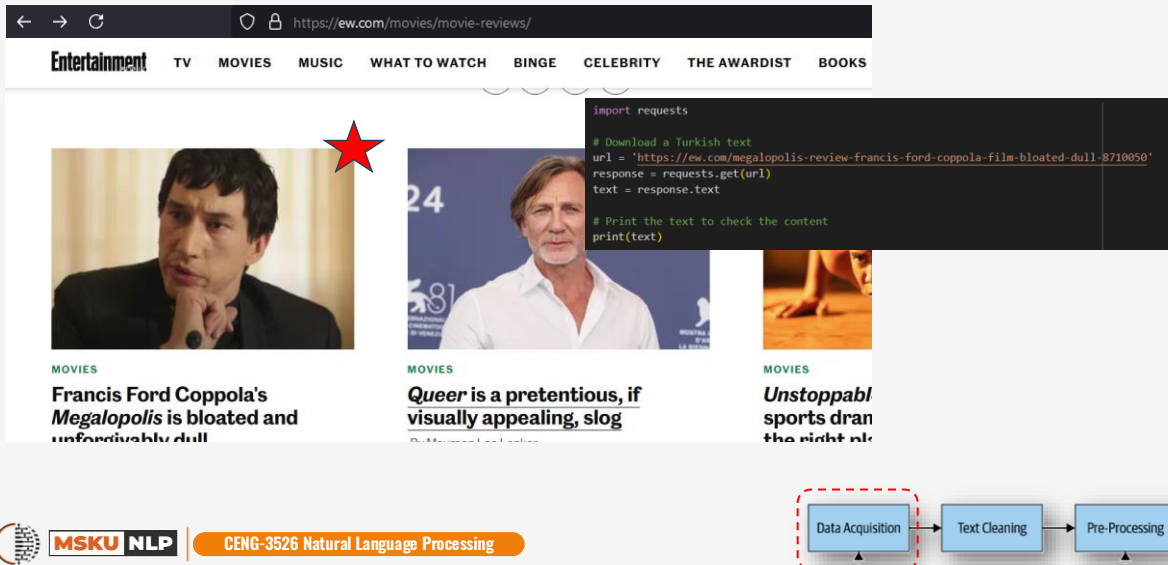
## Levels of Analysis

## NLP Tasks



# Text Representation

# Data Acquisition: a Movie Review from the Internet



Entertainment TV MOVIES MUSIC WHAT TO WATCH BINGE CELEBRITY THE AWARDIST BOOKS

MOVIES Francis Ford Coppola's *Megalopolis* is bloated and unforgivably dull

MOVIES *Queer* is a pretentious, if visually appealing, slog

MOVIES *Unstoppable* sports drama on the right side

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import requests

# Download a Turkish text
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response = requests.get(url)
text = response.text

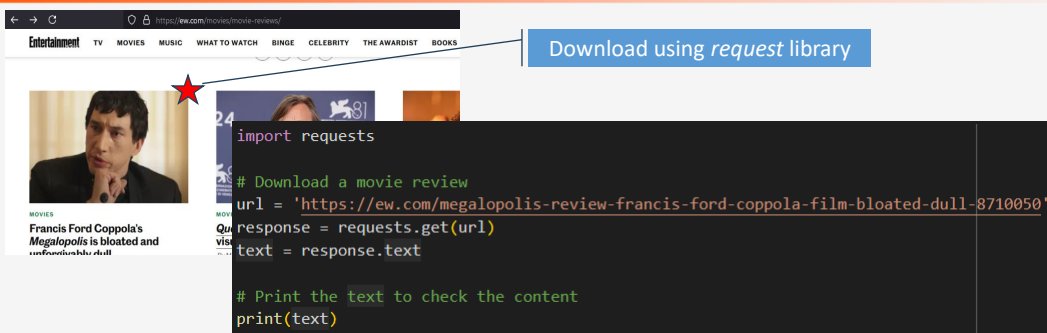
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Data Acquisition → Text Cleaning → Pre-Processing

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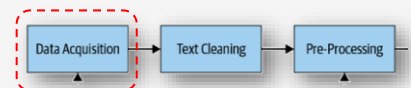
Download using *request* library

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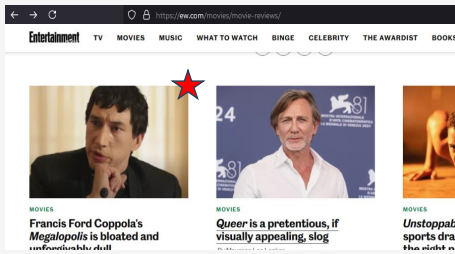
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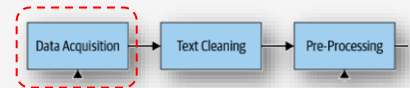


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# Extract the Text from the HTML



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from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

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# Assuming you have the downloaded HTML content in the 'text' variable
soup = BeautifulSoup(text, 'html.parser')

# Find the elements containing the reviews (you might need to adjust the selector)
reviews = soup.find_all('div', class_='loc article-content')

# Extract the text from first review element
review_text = [review.get_text(strip=True) for review in reviews][0]

# Now you have a list containing the extracted review texts.
print(review_text)
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Use browsers' developer tools to identify



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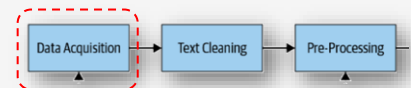
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## The text so far



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## Normalization



Converting text to a consistent format: lowercase, removing diacritics, handling contractions, typos, and other inconsistencies

**Before**



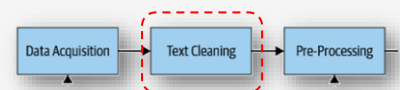
**After**

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# Most Frequent Words



The most frequent terms are mostly the terms that are used due to grammatical necessity

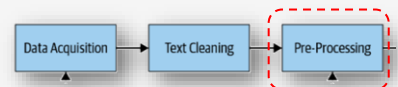
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or  
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but not more than those  
**non-content bearing terms**



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# Stopwords



Stop words are common words in a language that are often removed from text data before processing.

- These words, such as "the", "and", "a", "in" and "it" typically do not carry significant semantic meaning and can add noise to text analysis tasks.

Noisy Visualization



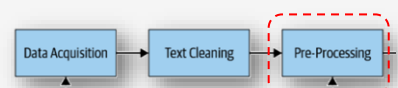
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# Stopword Removal



## Why remove stop words?

- **Reduce dimensionality:** Removing stop words can significantly reduce the dimensionality of the feature space, making it easier to process and analyze text data.
- **Improve accuracy:** Stop words can often introduce noise into models, leading to reduced accuracy. Removing them can help improve the performance of NLP tasks like text classification, sentiment analysis, and information retrieval.
- **Focus on meaningful words:** By removing stop words, you can focus on the more informative words in the text, which can provide better insights.

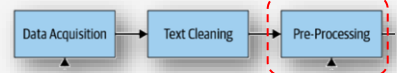
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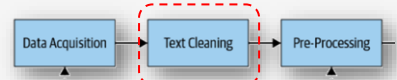
## After

lowercased & punct removal & stopwords removal



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## Stopword Removal: Important Note



While removing stop words can be beneficial in many cases, it's important to consider the specific requirements of your NLP task.

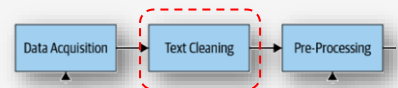
Sometimes,  
stop words may contain important information  
and removing them could lead to a loss of valuable context.

**“to be or not to be that’s the question”**



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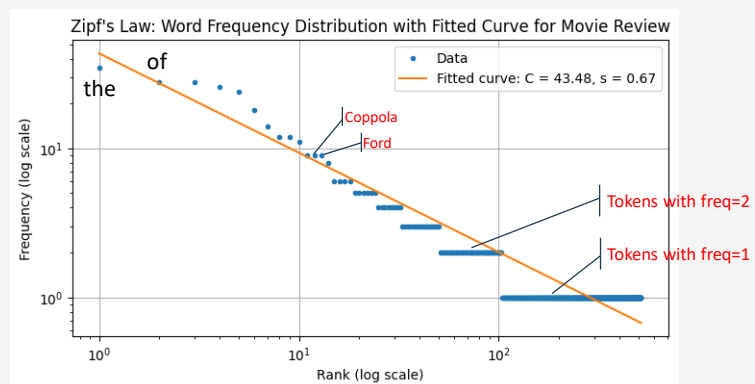
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## Low Frequency Tokens

Rank	Word	Frequency
...	...	...
85	somehow	2
86	just	2
87	performances	2
88	hes	2
89	while	2
90	plays	2
91	tries	2
...	...	...
132	chaotic	1
133	unspeakably	1
134	boringcoppola	1
135	melds	1
136	modernday	1
137	stab	1
138	commentary	1
139	america's	1
140	own	1
141	declining	1
142	empire	1
143	look	1
144	"make	1
145	great	1
146	again":	1
147	pointed	1
148	line	1

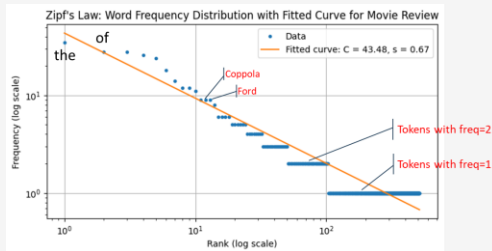


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# Hapax Legomena and Dis Legomena



**Hapax legomenon:**

A word that appears only once in a given text corpus.

**Dis legomenon:**

A word that appears twice in a given text corpus.

Significance of Hapax Legomena and Dis Legomena

## Vocabulary richness

The number of hapax legomena can provide insights into the vocabulary richness of a text or author.

A high number of hapax legomena may indicate a diverse and specialized vocabulary.



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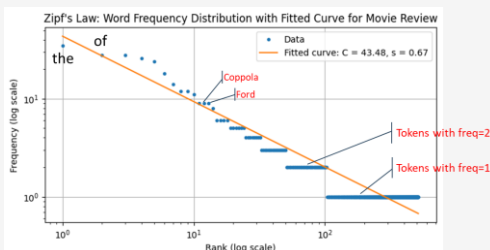
# High Frequency vs Low Frequency Terms

Zipf's power law suggest that

The most frequent term appears approximately twice as frequent as (when  $s=1.0$ ) the second most frequent term

$$\text{freq}(\text{"the"}) \sim 2 \times \text{freq}(\text{"of"})$$

$$35 \sim 2 \times 28$$



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What if, in general for a language,

# of tokens with  $\text{freq}=1 > \#$  of tokens with  $\text{freq}=2$   
(412) (53)



Growth Rate  
412/53



Open Vocabulary  
(Unlimited Lexicon)



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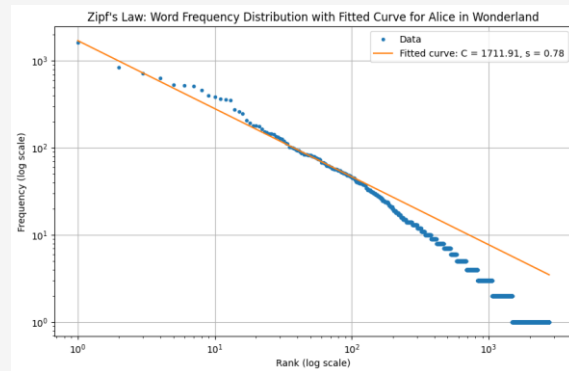
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## Example: Alice in Wonderland

Rank	Word	Frequency
1	the	1640
2	and	846
3	to	721
4	a	632
5	she	537
6	it	526
7	of	511
8	said	462
9	i	401
10	alice	385
11	in	369
12	you	360
13	was	357
14	that	276
15	as	262
16	her	248
17	at	209
18	on	193
19	with	181
20	all	179

$\text{freq}(\text{the}) > 2 \times \text{freq}(\text{and})$

$1640 > 2 \times 846$



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## Text Classification



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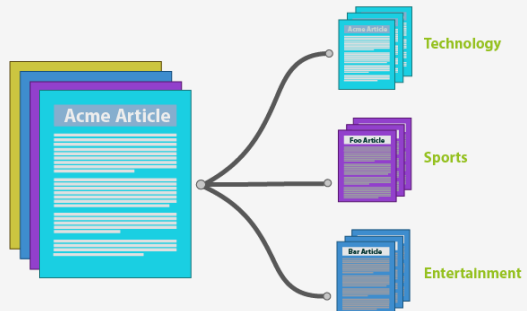
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# Text Classification

**Classification tasks**  
involve **categorizing** text data  
into **predefined classes or categories**.

These tasks **aim**  
to **assign labels or tags to text documents**  
based on their content,  
such as sentiment analysis, topic classification, or  
intent detection.



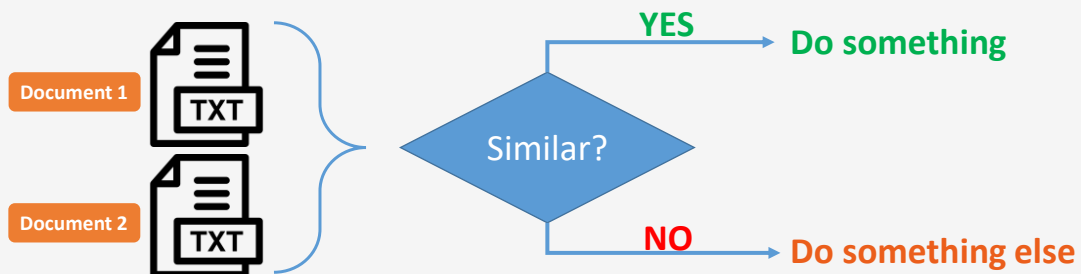
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## Problem Definition: Similarity of Two Documents

Given two or more **documents**,  
**determine**  
whether the they are **similar** to each other **in content**



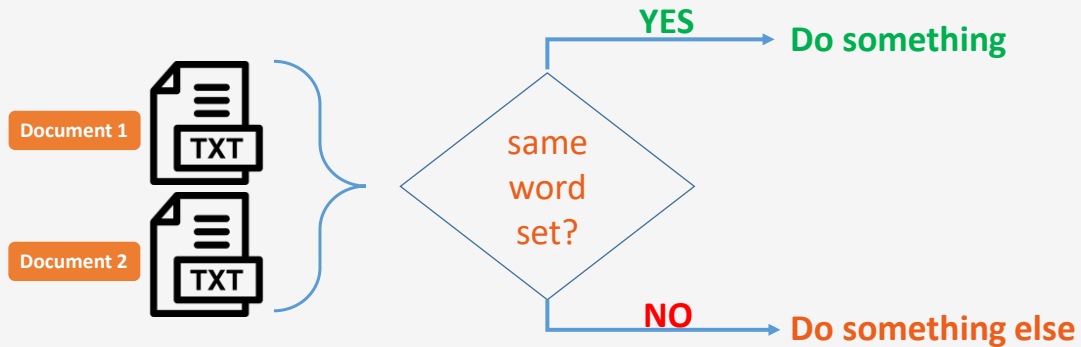
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## Trivial Approach to the Document Similarity Problem

if **two documents are similar** to each other,  
they need to be composed of **the same set of words**



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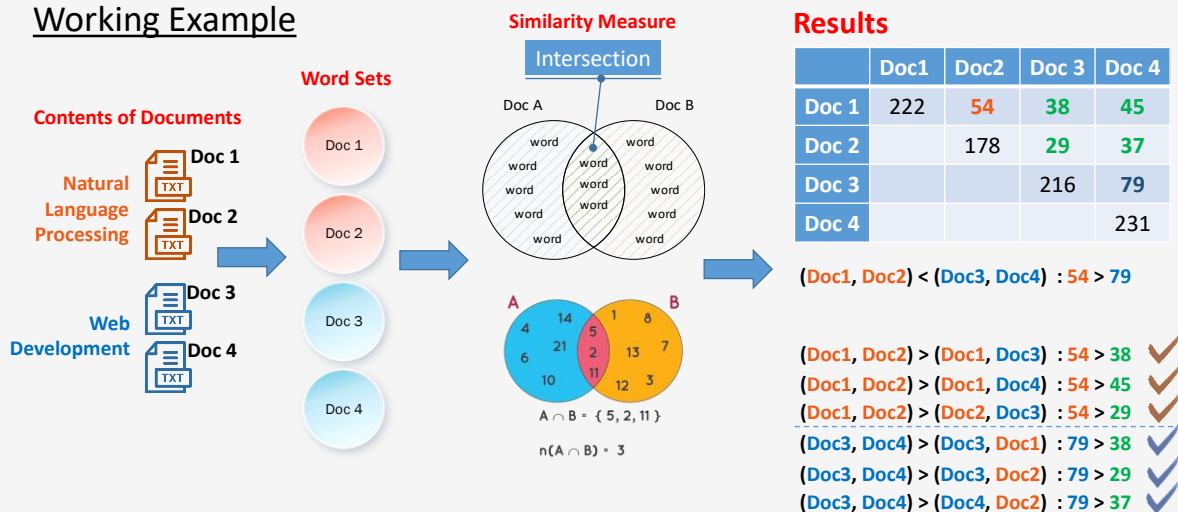
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## Trivial Approach: Results



### Working Example



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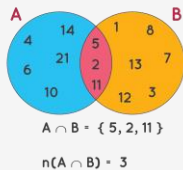
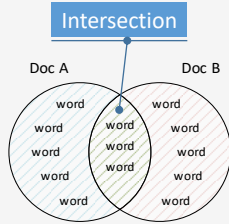
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## Similarity Measure: Pros & Cons



### Similarity Measure



### Results

	Doc1	Doc2	Doc 3	Doc 4
Doc 1	222	54	38	45
Doc 2		178	29	37
Doc 3			216	79
Doc 4				231

### Weakness:

Longer documents are favored!

### Solution:

Document length normalization.



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## Improved Similarity Measure



$$\text{similarity}(\text{doc}_1, \text{doc}_2) = \frac{\text{intersection}}{\text{union}} = \frac{\text{doc}_1 \cap \text{doc}_2}{\text{doc}_1 \cup \text{doc}_2}$$

### Pros:

- Magnitudes are comparable.
- $0 \leq \text{similarity} \leq 1$

### Previous Results

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### New Results

	Doc1	Doc2	Doc 3	Doc 4
Doc 1	1	0.16	0.10	0.11
Doc 2		1	0.08	0.10
Doc 3			1	0.21
Doc 4				1



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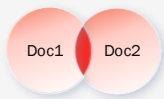
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## Analysis of the Results: Within Theme

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'human', 'this', 'while', 'is', 'several', 'may', 'as', 'in', 'also', 'development', 'to', 'other', 'used', 'computer', 'for', 'are', 'science', 'subfield', 'a', 'processing', 'how', 'Natural', 'be', 'issue', 'with', 'over', 'and', 'computers', 'As', 'people', 'even', 'that', 'English', 'more', 'linguistics', 'NLP', 'intelligence', 'interactions', 'language', '(NLP)', 'linguistics', 'the', 'between', 'at', 'artificial', 'has', 'understanding', 'not', 'language', 'concerned', '(e.g., 'process', 'of', 'own'

### Web Development

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'complex', 'where', 'services', 'user', 'to', 'other', 'used', 'range', 'In', 'involved', 'network', 'page', 'example', 'which', 'goal', 'often', 'an', 'way', 'specific', 'it', 'Web', 'this', 'is', 'make', 'then', 'in', 'businesses', 'if', 'website', 'plain', 'text', 'be', 'products', 'simple', 'some', 'these', 'the', 'private', 'also', 'work', 'for', 'hosting', 'a', 'by', 'one', 'Internet', 'can', 'they', 'Web', 'not', 'become', 'developing', 'or', 'most', 'static', 'addition', 'social', 'as', 'development', 'are', 'network', 'with', 'electronic', 'and', 'familiar', 'intranet', 'from', 'developers', 'that', 'such', 'web', 'a', 'applications', 'Wide', 'part', '(World', 'single', 'of', 'very'



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## Analysis of the Results: Between Themes

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'understand', 'this', 'social', 'is', 'may', 'as', 'in', 'also', 'development', 'them', 'to', 'other', 'used', 'computer', 'In', 'range', 'for', 'The', 'are', 'such', 'a', 'be', 'with', 'thought', 'and', 'As', 'systems', 'can', 'providing', 'which', 'goal', 'an', 'that', 'tools', 'such', 'through', 'way', 'technologies', 'the', 'using', 'learning', 'not', 'it', 'of', 'own'

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'this', 'is', 'may', 'as', 'in', 'also', 'development', 'to', 'other', 'used', 'computer', 'for', 'are', 'a', 'be', 'with', 'and', 'As', 'that', 'the', 'not', 'of', 'own'

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 $(Doc1 \cap Doc2) \cap Doc3$ 

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 $Doc1 \cap Doc2 \cap Doc3 \cap Doc4$ 

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## Analysis of the Results: Observations

1. Stop-word elimination may help in robustness of decision making.

It is apparent that we made decisions, mainly, based on a set of words that are common for all of the 4 documents: **29%** of  $Doc1 \cap Doc2$ , **27%** of  $Doc3 \cap Doc4$ .

$Doc1 \cap Doc2 \cap Doc3 \cap Doc4$  { 'to', 'are', 'also', 'this', 'other', 'a', 'of', 'that', 'for', 'be', 'with', 'and', 'used', 'development', 'not', 'the', 'in', 'is', 'as' }

In the context of NLP, such words that appear on every document are called “**stop-words**” or rather “**function words**”.

It is assumed that function words are used in languages because of **grammatical necessity** rather than **serving in part of knowledge**.

On the other hand,

The words that are not considered as function words are **key words**.

**Key words** are those **content bearing words** that **serve in part of knowledge**.



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## Analysis of the Results: Observations

2. The `str.split()` as a tokenizer did not perform well for the current job: there are several mistakes that should be fixed for better measurement of similarity:

'science', 'language.', '(NLP)', 'linguistics', '(e.g.', 'Web)', 'network).', '(World', ...

3. Text normalization (i.e. case-folding for the example) is necessary.
4. Stemming or Lemmatization may be applied to merge different surface forms of the same words having the same meaning, e.g.  
'developing', 'development', 'developers', ...



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## Model Improvement



1. Fine-tune tokenizer (w.r.t. Punctuations)
2. Apply normalization (case folding, contractions, abbreviations, etc.)
3. Stop-word elimination (**not always help be cautious**).
4. Apply either Stemming (Porter) or Lemmatization but not both. (Both method should not (cannot) be applied to the same text.)
5. Calculate similarity scores at each of the above steps progressively, i.e., after applying 1<sup>st</sup> improvement, after applying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> improvement, after 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, so on.
6. Analyze the results as we did above at every progressive similarity score calculation cycle in 4.
7. Based on your observations, make suggestion of new improvements and if any, apply them and “repeat” starting from 4 until there left no room for improvement!?


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## Stemming & Lemmatization


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# Stemming

**Stemming** is a process that reduces words to their root form, removing suffixes or prefixes.

This is done to normalize words and group related words together, which can be helpful for tasks like text classification, information retrieval, and search.

## Examples of stemming:

*Running* -> stemmed to "run"  
*Jumping* -> stemmed to "jump"  
*Happily* -> stemmed to "happy"  
*Countries* -> stemmed to "country"  
*Unhappiness* -> stemmed to "unhappy"

## Grouping related words to gether

"jumping", "jumped", and "jumps"  
 all stemmed to  
 "jump"



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# Lemmatization

**Lemmatization** is a process of reducing words to their dictionary form or lemma.

**Unlike stemming**, lemmatization takes into account the grammatical context of a word to determine its root form.

This can result in more accurate results, especially for irregular verbs and nouns.

## Examples of lemmatization:

*Playing* becomes "play"  
*Played* becomes "play"  
*Plays* becomes "play"

*Happiness* becomes "happy"  
*Unhappy* becomes "happy"

*Am* becomes "be"  
*Is* becomes "be"  
*Are* becomes "be"



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# Document/Text Representation



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## Common Document Representation Models

### **Bag-of-Words (BoW):**

Represents documents as a collection of words without considering order.

### **TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency):**

Combines word frequency with its importance across the corpus.

### **Word Embeddings:**

Represents words as dense vectors in a continuous space, capturing semantic relationships.

### **Document Embeddings:**

Represents entire documents as dense vectors, capturing the overall semantic meaning.

### **Topic Modeling:**

Identifies latent topics within a collection of documents.

### **Neural Network-Based Models:**

Uses neural networks to learn complex representations of text data.



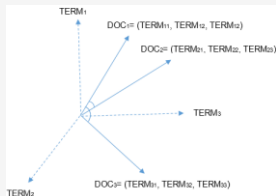
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# Bag-of-words (BOW) Model: Vector Space Model

## Vector Space Model (Bag of Words Model)



3D Term-Space (TERM1, TERM2, TERM3)

Each doc is a point in term-space  
(i.e. 3D Vector)

## Bag-of-Words (BoW)

**Concept:** Represents a document as a bag of words, where each word is assigned a numerical value based on its frequency in the document.

**Pros:** Simple to implement, computationally efficient.

**Cons:** Ignores word order and semantic relationships.



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# Bag-of-words (BOW) Model: Vector Space Model

## Example Corpus

**Doc 1:** "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"

**Doc 2:** "The lazy dog sleeps in the sun"

**Doc 3:** "The quick brown fox jumps over the dog"

**Doc 4:** "The dog is lazy"

Vocabulary

Term-by-Document matrix

freq("the", doc3)=2

Word	Doc 1	Doc 2	Doc 3	Doc 4
the	2	2	2	1
quick	1	0	1	0
brown	1	0	1	0
fox	1	0	1	0
jumps	1	0	1	0
over	1	0	1	0
lazy	1	2	0	1
dog	1	1	1	1
sleeps	0	1	0	0
in	0	1	0	0
sun	0	1	0	0
is	0	0	0	1

Doc1 vector

Doc2 vector



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## TF-IDF Model: Vector Space Model

**TF-IDF** (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency)

**Concept:** Combines term frequency (TF) with inverse document frequency (IDF) to assign weights to terms based on their importance within a document and across the corpus.

**Pros:** Addresses the shortcomings of BoW by considering term importance.

**Cons:** Can be sensitive to stop words and rare terms.

$$\text{score}(\text{term}_i, \text{doc}_j) = \text{TF}(\text{term}_i, \text{doc}_j) \times \text{IDF}(\text{term}_i)$$

where,

$$\text{TF}(\text{term}_i, \text{doc}_j) = \text{freq of term}_i \text{ in doc}_j$$

$$\text{IDF}(\text{term}_i) = \log_{10} \left( \frac{N}{\text{df}(\text{term}_i)} \right)$$

$$N = \# \text{ of docs in corpus}$$

$$\text{df}(\text{term}_i) = \# \text{ of docs that contain term}_i$$



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over	0.693	0	0.693	0
lazy	0.173	0.693	0	0.347
dog	0.173	0.347	0.173	0.347
sleeps	0	0.462	0	0
in	0	0.462	0	0
sun	0	0.462	0	0
is	0	0	0	0.347

N = Total number of documents = 4

$$\text{df}(\text{the}) = 4$$

$$\text{IDF}(\text{the}) = \log(4/4) = 0$$

$$\text{df}(\text{quick}) = 2$$

$$\text{IDF}(\text{quick}) = \log(4/2) \approx 0.693$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{score}(\text{the}, \text{doc}_1) &= \text{TF}(\text{the}, \text{doc}_1) \times \text{IDF}(\text{the}) \\ &= 2 \times 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{score}(\text{quick}, \text{doc}_1) = 1 \times 0.693$$

**TF-IDF values are higher**

for words that are common in a document but rare in the corpus.



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df(quick) = 2

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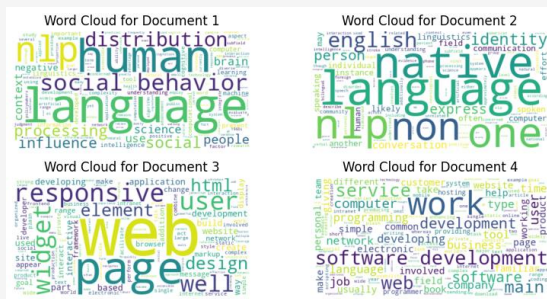
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# BoW Model vs TF-IDF Model

BoW Model



TF-IDF Model



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