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Lab 1: Feature Selection

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1.1 Read Text Files and Split the Document Texts into Words

1.1.1 Read Text Files from 5 Subdirectories

In order to process the data, the first step is to read the data. The data in this task is stored in five folders. Therefore, you need to read the data in the five folders separately and write the file path to a list for easy access. To obtain the pathnames in bulk, you need to construct a function that concatenates the upper-layer path of the file with the filename obtained using the os.listdir() function in the os package. In the report is the write_path(top path,name) custom function. Each file path name is generated and written into a list to read at one time.

```
[1]: #Read Files
     import os
     ###os.os.listdir()
     files1= os.listdir('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/alt.
      →atheism/')
     files2= os.listdir('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/
     files3= os.listdir('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/rec.
     →motorcycles/')
     files4= os.listdir('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/soc.
     →religion.christian/')
     files5= os.listdir('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/
      →talk.politics.misc/')
     files=[]
     def write_path(top_path,name):
                                    ###Construct a function that gets the pathname
         path=[]
         for i in name:
            path.append(top_path+str(i))
         return path
     p1=write_path('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/alt.
      →atheism/',files1)
     p2=write_path('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/comp.

¬graphics/',files2)
     p3=write_path('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/rec.
      →motorcycles/',files3)
     p4=write_path('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/soc.
      →religion.christian/',files4)
     p5=write_path('E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/dataset/talk.
      →politics.misc/',files5)
     files_paths=p1+p2+p3+p4+p5 ##Write five paths to a list
     #Build Text Database
```

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```
textbase=[]
for i in files_paths:
    with open(i,'r',encoding='Latin1') as file:
        content=file.read()
        textbase.append(content)
print(textbase[0][0:500]) #See if the first 500 characters of the first article were
    →read successfully
```

```
From: mathew <mathew@mantis.co.uk>
Subject: Alt.Atheism FAQ: Atheist Resources
Summary: Books, addresses, music -- anything related to atheism
Keywords: FAQ, atheism, books, music, fiction, addresses, contacts
Expires: Thu, 29 Apr 1993 11:57:19 GMT
Distribution: world
Organization: Mantis Consultants, Cambridge. UK.
Supersedes: <19930301143317@mantis.co.uk>
Lines: 290

Archive-name: atheism/resources
Alt-atheism-archive-name: resources
Last-modified: 11 December 1992
Version: 1.0
```

```
[19]: len(files_paths) ### check the number of files
```

[19]: 2726

1.1.2 Split the Document Text into Words

In order to extract stem, calculate word frequency, and so on, we need to break down the whole text into individual words. Since the subsequent calculation of a_ik and n_k is different, it is easier to construct a list of all file terms and a list of file-specific terms here. It is recorded as a list of terms for each file using list nesting, i.e. $[[words_{doc1}], [words_{doc2}]...]$.

In order to better calculate word frequency, we need to remove all non-word characters in the text, including numbers, punctuation, and null values. This report uses the **re.sub()** function in the re package to eliminate all non-word characters using regular expressions. We use **str.lower()** to convert all uppercase letters to lowercase, and then we use the **split()** function to split words using Spaces as delimiters.

```
for k in wordsbase:
    c=list(filter(None, k))
    words_by_text.append(c)
print(words_by_text[0][0:10])
```

```
['from', 'mathew', 'mathew', 'mantis', 'co', 'uk', 'subject', 'alt', 'atheism',
'faq', 'atheist', 'resources', 'summary', 'books', 'addresses', 'music',
'anything', 'related', 'to', 'atheism', 'keywords', 'faq', 'atheism', 'books',
'music', 'fiction', 'addresses', 'contacts', 'expires', 'thu', 'apr', 'gmt',
'distribution', 'world', 'organization', 'mantis', 'consultants', 'cambridge',
'uk', 'supersedes', 'mantis', 'co', 'uk', 'lines', 'archive', 'name', 'atheism',
'resources', 'alt', 'atheism']
['from', 'mathew', 'mathew', 'mantis', 'co', 'uk', 'subject', 'alt', 'atheism',
'faq']
```

1.2 Remove the stopwords

1.2.1 Read stopwords

In order to get rid of the words that we don't need for research, we need to load the stop vocabulary to remove the words that we don't need, which are frequent words that carry no informatio,n from the list and prevent them from affecting the subsequent research of other words.

```
[21]: with open("E:/mlhomework/dataset-temp/documents-export-2023-10-23/stopwords.txt", "r")

→as f: # open the stopwords file

stopwords = f.read().split('\n') #read the file

print(stopwords[1:10])
```

```
['about', 'above', 'abroad', 'according', 'accordingly', 'across', 'actually',
'adj', 'after']
```

1.2.2 Remove the stopwords from the text collections

Use the for loop statement to remove words from the stop words.

```
[22]: ###The total words list removes stopwords
filtered_total_doc_words = [i for i in total_doc_words if not i in stopwords]
filtered_words_by_text=[]
###The words by text list removes stopwords
for i in words_by_text:
    filtered_text = [w for w in i if not w in stopwords]
    filtered_words_by_text.append(filtered_text)
print(filtered_words_by_text[0][0:50])
print(filtered_total_doc_words[0:50])
```

```
['mathew', 'mathew', 'mantis', 'uk', 'subject', 'alt', 'atheism', 'faq',
'atheist', 'resources', 'summary', 'books', 'addresses', 'music', 'atheism',
'keywords', 'faq', 'atheism', 'books', 'music', 'fiction', 'addresses',
'contacts', 'expires', 'thu', 'apr', 'gmt', 'distribution', 'organization',
'mantis', 'consultants', 'cambridge', 'uk', 'supersedes', 'mantis', 'uk',
'lines', 'archive', 'atheism', 'resources', 'alt', 'atheism', 'archive',
'resources', 'modified', 'december', 'version', 'atheist', 'resources',
'addresses']
['mathew', 'mathew', 'mantis', 'uk', 'subject', 'alt', 'atheism', 'faq',
'atheist', 'resources', 'summary', 'books', 'addresses', 'music', 'atheism',
```

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```
'keywords', 'faq', 'atheism', 'books', 'music', 'fiction', 'addresses', 'contacts', 'expires', 'thu', 'apr', 'gmt', 'distribution', 'organization', 'mantis', 'consultants', 'cambridge', 'uk', 'supersedes', 'mantis', 'uk', 'lines', 'archive', 'atheism', 'resources', 'alt', 'atheism', 'archive', 'resources', 'modified', 'december', 'version', 'atheist', 'resources', 'addresses']
```

1.3 Perform word stemming to remove the word suffix

In English, one word is often a variant of another. Word has, plurality, temporal difference, lead to such as "cat, cats/watch, watching/happy, happiness" can be as different word word frequency calculation, so we will need stemming to better access to the actual frequency words. In information retrieval system, one thing we often do is to extract stemming, that is, to remove the end of English word segmentation transformation form, in the process of Term normalization. For exmaple,happy is called the stem of happiness. To extract the stem, we used the nLTk.stem.porter section of the nltk package to extract the stem. Using PorterStemmer(), a stem-extraction algorithm based on suffix stripping, the Porter stemmer algorithm, also known as the Porter stemmer. This method is moderately complex and widely used in stem extraction in natural language processing.

```
['mathew', 'mathew', 'manti', 'uk', 'subject', 'alt', 'atheism', 'faq',
'atheist', 'resourc', 'summari', 'book', 'address', 'music', 'atheism',
'keyword', 'faq', 'atheism', 'book', 'music', 'fiction', 'address', 'contact',
'expir', 'thu', 'apr', 'gmt', 'distribut', 'organ', 'manti', 'consult',
'cambridg', 'uk', 'supersed', 'manti', 'uk', 'line', 'archiv', 'atheism',
'resourc', 'alt', 'atheism', 'archiv', 'resourc', 'modifi', 'decemb', 'version',
'atheist', 'resourc', 'address']
['mathew', 'mathew', 'manti', 'uk', 'subject', 'alt', 'atheism', 'faq',
'atheist', 'resourc', 'summari', 'book', 'address', 'music', 'atheism',
'keyword', 'faq', 'atheism', 'book', 'music', 'fiction', 'address', 'contact',
'expir', 'thu', 'apr', 'gmt', 'distribut', 'organ', 'manti', 'consult',
'cambridg', 'uk', 'supersed', 'manti', 'uk', 'line', 'archiv', 'atheism',
'resourc', 'alt', 'atheism', 'archiv', 'resourc', 'modifi', 'decemb', 'version',
'atheist', 'resourc', 'address']
```

1.4 TFIDF Representation

1.4.1 Compute f_{ik} : the Frequency of Word k in Document i

In order to calculate the word frequency, we need to define a word frequency count function count(input-text), calculate the word frequency, the word in each list and the word corresponding word frequency input into the dict to save. In this way, with the word as the key, its corresponding value is the word frequency. The function count(input-text) will enter the dict word for the first time as the key, and update its value count each time after the loop, and finally stored in dict form. In the case of $words_freq_by_text$, because we need to annotate the text file from which the text comes, this report uses nested dict to store the data. For example,

```
{doc1: {word1 : 32, word2 : 41... },doc2:{word1 :12,word3 : 16.. },doc3:{... }... }}
```

```
[24]: ###Customize a word frequency counting function
      def count(input_text): #Count word frequency
          word_dict = {}
          for i in input_text:
              if i in word_dict.keys():
                  word_dict[i] += 1
              else:
                  word_dict.update({i:1})
          new_word_dict = word_dict.copy()
          return new_word_dict
      text_name=files1+files2+files3+files4+files5
      def words_freq(text_name,text): ## Record word frequency in dict format
          words_freq={}
          for i in range(len(text)):
              words_freq.update({text_name[i]:count(text[i])})
          return words_freq
      words_freq_by_text=words_freq(text_name,stem_words_by_text)
      ### check this dict
      print(list(words_freq_by_text.items())[0])
```

```
('49960', {'mathew': 3, 'manti': 5, 'uk': 5, 'subject': 2, 'alt': 3, 'atheism':
13, 'faq': 2, 'atheist': 11, 'resourc': 5, 'summari': 1, 'book': 17, 'address':
5, 'music': 3, 'keyword': 1, 'fiction': 3, 'contact': 1, 'expir': 1, 'thu': 1,
'apr': 1, 'gmt': 1, 'distribut': 1, 'organ': 3, 'consult': 1, 'cambridg': 1,
'supersed': 1, 'line': 2, 'archiv': 5, 'modifi': 1, 'decemb': 1, 'version': 4,
'usa': 4, 'freedom': 2, 'religion': 6, 'foundat': 2, 'darwin': 4, 'fish': 6,
'bumper': 1, 'sticker': 1, 'assort': 3, 'paraphernalia': 1, 'write': 8, 'ffrf':
1, 'box': 3, 'madison': 1, 'wi': 1, 'telephon': 4, 'evolut': 3, 'design': 3,
'sell': 2, 'symbol': 1, 'christian': 10, 'stick': 1, 'car': 1, 'feet': 1,
'word': 1, 'written': 2, 'delux': 1, 'mould': 1, 'plastic': 1, 'postpaid': 1,
'laurel': 1, 'canyon': 1, 'north': 1, 'hollywood': 1, 'peopl': 6, 'san': 1,
'francisco': 1, 'bay': 1, 'area': 2, 'lynn': 2, 'gold': 1, 'mail': 4, 'figmo':
1, 'netcom': 1, 'net': 2, 'price': 1, 'american': 8, 'press': 8, 'aap': 2,
'publish': 4, 'critiqu': 2, 'bibl': 8, 'list': 2, 'biblic': 1, 'contradict': 3,
'handbook': 1, 'ball': 2, 'foot': 2, 'isbn': 5, 'edit': 3, 'absurd': 1, 'atroc':
1, 'repli': 1})
```

As you can see from the above results, for example, the stem 'mathew' in the file '49960' appears 3 times in the whole text, and the word 'subject' appears twice.

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1.4.2 Compute N: the number of documents in the dataset

N is the total number of texts, and you just use the len() function.

```
[25]: len(text_name)
```

[25]: 2726

So there are 2726 files in the entire database.

1.4.3 Coumpute n_k : the total number of documents that word k occurs in the dataset called the document frequency

 n_k is the total number of documents that word k occurs in the dataset called the document frequency. The method of calculating n_k and the previous calculation The method of f_{ik} is the same, and can be calculated using the previously written word frequency counting function **count(input_text)**. The difference is that the storage of n_k does not require nested dict, only one layer of dict.

 n_k is the total number of documents that word k occurs in the dataset called the document frequency.

```
[26]: n_k=count(singles) #Use the previous custom function count to compute n_k. Singles⊔

→ is the total file after summary

print(list(n_k.items())[0:50])
```

```
[('mathew', 102), ('manti', 85), ('uk', 567), ('subject', 3005), ('alt', 149), ('atheism', 327), ('faq', 216), ('atheist', 611), ('resourc', 104), ('summari', 133), ('book', 547), ('address', 231), ('music', 37), ('keyword', 203), ('fiction', 29), ('contact', 176), ('expir', 24), ('thu', 25), ('apr', 1073), ('gmt', 109), ('distribut', 491), ('organ', 2807), ('consult', 59), ('cambridg', 43), ('supersed', 11), ('line', 2854), ('archiv', 115), ('modifi', 30), ('decemb', 29), ('version', 415), ('usa', 296), ('freedom', 124), ('religion', 522), ('foundat', 80), ('darwin', 7), ('fish', 28), ('bumper', 9), ('sticker', 27), ('assort', 7), ('paraphernalia', 2), ('write', 2608), ('ffrf', 1), ('box', 116), ('madison', 19), ('wi', 8), ('telephon', 26), ('evolut', 46), ('design', 170), ('sell', 125), ('symbol', 24)]
```

As you can see from the above results, the root word 'mathew' appears 102 times in the entire database, that is, 2726 files. (To view the top 50 key-value pairs in the dict, use item() to take the key-value pairs from the dictionary, place them in a list, and then print them.)

1.4.4 Generating a Dict Containing f_{ik} and a_{ik}

In order to calculate a_{ik} more easily and intuitively, this report writes the corresponding fik and nk into the same dict for easy calculation. First, construct a custom function $\mathbf{get_value(nk,fik)}$ to fetch the values of f_{ik} and n_k from two dictionaries (words_freq_by_text: f_{ik} and nk : n_k) and write them to a double-layer dict store. Loop through fik first, then nk, combining f_{ik} and n_k for each word into a list, then building dict with the word as key and the list as value. Its format

```
\{\{doc1: \{word_1: [32, 2], word_2: [41, 7]...\}, doc2: \{word_1: [12, 1], word_3: [16, 2]...\}, doc3: \{...\}...\}\}
```

Note: Because the resulting dict will not contain words other than those in this text, no f_{ik} value will equal 0, so no 0 will appear when a_{ik} is computed later.

```
[28]: ###Write the corresponding fik and nk into the same dict for easy calculation and storage
###words_freq_by_text --> fik {'409960':{'a':1,'b':2,'c':3},'409961':{'d':5,'e':2}}
### nk {'a':10,'b':11,'c':12,'d':10,'e':15}
```

Since the actual data is too large to show, use the following example to view the dict after it has been collated by the **get value()** function.

```
[29]: ### example
    f_ik1={'409960':{'a':1,'b':2,'c':3},'409961':{'d':5,'e':2}}
    n_k1={'a':10,'b':11,'c':12,'d':10,'e':15}
    example=get_value(n_k1,f_ik1)
    print(example)

{'409960': {'a': [10, 1], 'b': [11, 2], 'c': [12, 3]}, '409961': {'d': [10, 5],
```

The above results show that for this hypothetical example, word 'a' in the '40990' doc corresponds to a nik value of 10 and a fik value of 1 .

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'e': [15, 2]}}

After generating a dict containing f_{ik} and n_k , we can calculate a_{ik} much more easily. We only need to define a function to compute the value of a_{ik} , store a_{ik} in the same format in the file-separated dict, and then proceed to the next step. The formula for calculating a_{ik} is as follows:

```
a_{ik} = log(f_{ik} + 1.0)log(N/n_k)
```

After the calculation is written to the dict in the following format:

```
\{\{doc1: \{word_1: a_{11}, word_2: a_{12}...\}, doc2: \{word_1: a_{21}, word_3: a_{22}...\}, doc3: \{...\}...\}\}
```

This format is very convenient for us to query the a_{ik} value of a word in a document.

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1.4.6 Compute A_{ik}

Calculating a_{ik} is much easier when we calculate A_{ik} separated by files. A_{ik} is calculated as follows:

'line': 2.2993160129513073, 'archiv': 9.504338471122017, 'repli': 2.572137731163589}

$$A_{ik} = \frac{a_{ik}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{D} a_{ij}^2}}$$

As you can see from the formula, A_{ik} is acturally the value that taking the length of different documents into account to normalize the representation of the documen. sA_{ik} is also computed using a custom function, **normalize_aik()**, which takes a_{ik} from the dict and puts it into the dict in the same format as a_{ik} . Finally, we have completed the task of this report by calculating the IDF value of each word in each text and saving it to A_{N*D} where D is the number of the unique words in the document collection.

```
[34]: def sq(i):
    return i**2

def normalize_aik(dic):
    dic1={}
    dic2={}
    for i in dic:
        dic1={}
        l=list(dic.get(i).values())  ##Get the aij of the full file and write it to au
        sigma=pow(sum(map(sq,l)),1/2)  ##Use map() to compute the square of eachu
        element in the list separately and to compute the root of the sum of squares of theu
        aij for the full word in the document
        for w in dic.get(i):
```

```
n_aik=dic.get(i).get(w)/sigma
             dic1.update({w:n_aik})
        dic2.update({i:dic1})
    return dic2
A_nd=normalize_aik(compute_aik)
print(A_nd['49960']) ###check the values in 49960 doc
{'mathew': 0.05244944657509002, 'manti': 0.0700684258224514, 'uk':
0.046352486938326984, 'subject': 0.015642196303917423, 'alt':
0.048785108747537644, 'atheism': 0.0784030537755677, 'faq':
0.035815917812221966, 'atheist': 0.06298874562173093, 'resourc':
0.06754725559156029, 'summari': 0.024941746393127694, 'book':
0.07549733054062305, 'address': 0.057574196187537646, 'music':
0.062254458808365803, 'keyword': 0.02289742088737945, 'fiction':
0.06461006844966596, 'contact': 0.023587418439893506, 'expir':
0.03321993543991225, 'thu': 0.03302257918464186, 'apr': 0.014847846115745186,
'gmt': 0.02590382924000468, 'distribut': 0.018627355801184253, 'organ':
0.020397313200918796, 'consult': 0.02887133072975383, 'cambridg':
0.030400681542517648, 'supersed': 0.03699165637723045, 'line':
0.016037249240763184, 'archiv': 0.06629077694036212, 'modifi':
\hbox{\tt 0.03214113524426631, 'decemb': 0.03230503422483298, 'version':}\\
0.04513912270150432, 'usa': 0.048932430976633044, 'freedom':
0.040068631837891944, 'religion': 0.05146265477857459, 'foundat':
0.04342680029991036, 'darwin': 0.09096572228373041, 'fish': 0.09116796735856016,
'bumper': 0.037961810272559224, 'bay': 0.03321993543991225, 'area': 0.03516990690383026,
'repli': 0.017940123777633675}
```

1.4.7 Export the Data

Finally, the dataset is save into .npz file, where A is a matrix represented with the numpy array.

```
[1]: import numpy as np ###Save data to a compressed file as .npz
np.savez('train-20ng.npz', X=A_nd)
data = np.load('train-20ng.npz', allow_pickle=True)
print(data['X']) ###Check whether the file is saved successfully
```

1.5 Results and interpretation

TF-IDF is a statistical method used to assess the importance of a word to a document in a corpus or a corpus. The importance of a word increases directly with the number of times it appears in a document, but decreases inversely with the frequency of its appearance in a corpus. The main idea of TF-IDF is that if a word has a high frequency of TF in one article and rarely appears in other articles, it is considered that this word or phrase has a good classification ability and is suitable for classification.

The Aik matrix calculated in this report is actually an TFIDF value matrix. Inverse file frequency (IDF): The IDF of a particular word can be obtained by dividing the total number of files by the number of files containing the word, and then taking the logarithm of the resulting quotient.

If the fewer documents containing the term t, the larger the IDF, then the term has good categorization ability.

So as mentioned above, we can look at the TF*IDF value to see which words in which article are most representative and best represent the article.

For example, if you look at 49960 doc in the dict running results, the TFIDF value of the word 'atheism' is 0.078, which is higher than the TFIDF value of the word 'subject' is 0.015, indicating that the word 'atheism'

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is a better representation of the article. It appears more frequently in this article but less frequently in other articles, which is easier to be used as a distinguishing mark different from other articles.

For subsequent analysis, because TF-IDF is proportional to the number of occurrences of a word in a document and inversely proportional to the number of occurrences of that word in the entire language. Therefore, the automatic keyword extraction algorithm is very clear, that is, calculate the TF-IDF value of each word in the document, and then arrange it in descending order, take the first few words, you can extract the most representative words of the article.