

NLP Project 1

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The Assignment

Team 5:

Analyze the plot of Agatha Christie novels computationally using word embeddings.


Our focus:




Attempt to predict plots by analyzing patterns in keyword proximity in Christie's works.















Data Extraction

- Used Project Gutenberg to get the Agatha Christie books
- We analyzed 3 books that seemed similar (same protagonist, same kind of plot, etc)
- After that, we manually grabbed key points (protagonist, victim, antagonist, murder weapon)

 **Books by Christie, Agatha (sorted by popularity)**

 [Sort Alphabetically by Title](#)
 [Sort by Release Date](#)
 [See also: en.wikipedia](#)

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 The murder of Roger Ackroyd Agatha Christie 7935 downloads	 The Mysterious Affair at Styles Agatha Christie 3889 downloads	 The mystery of the Blue Train Agatha Christie 1812 downloads	 The Secret Adversary Agatha Christie 1336 downloads	 The Plymouth Express Affair Agatha Christie 856 downloads
	 Poirot Investigates Agatha Christie 2766 downloads	 The Man in the Brown Suit Agatha Christie 1734 downloads	 The Secret of Chimneys Agatha Christie 1209 downloads	 The Hunter's Lodge Case Agatha Christie 786 downloads
	 The Murder on the Links Agatha Christie 2295 downloads	 The Big Four Agatha Christie 1437 downloads	 The Missing Will Agatha Christie 947 downloads	Displaying results 1–12

Preprocessing

- Turns raw txt file with book into tokens we can use for the model
- We normalize, tokenize, and clean – as per usual in NLP
- Some manual MWE tokens
- We use lemmatization as an independent variable, so we test models with and without it

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#Open file
with open(file_path, encoding='utf-8') as f:
    text = f.read().lower() # Lowercase
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# Mutli-word expression to combine character names into one to
mwe_tokenizer = tokenizer
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# Tokenization
sentences = sent_tokenize(text)
tokens = [word_tokenize(sentence) for sentence in sentences]
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# Remove stop words
stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
clean_tokens = [[word for word in sentence if word.isalnum() and word not in stop_words] for sentence in sub_tokens]

#Lemmatize
if lem:
    lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
    lem_tokens = [[lemmatizer.lemmatize(word, pos='v') for word in sentence] for sentence in clean_tokens]
    return lem_tokens
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Methods, Code, and Libraries

- Our Model that we chose was Word2Vec
- From there, we created separate W2V models with CBOW and Skip-gram
- NLTK for preprocessing (lemmatization, tokenization, and cleaning)!
- Requests library for data extraction from Project Gutenberg!

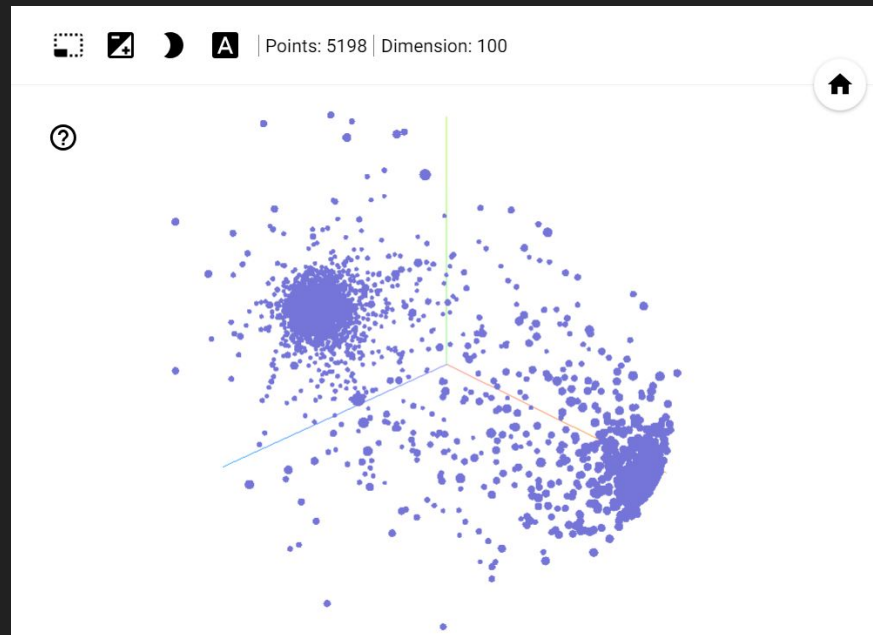


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import nltk
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.tokenize import sent_tokenize, word_tokenize, MWETokenizer
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
import numpy as np
from gensim.models import Word2Vec
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TensorBoard

Methodology

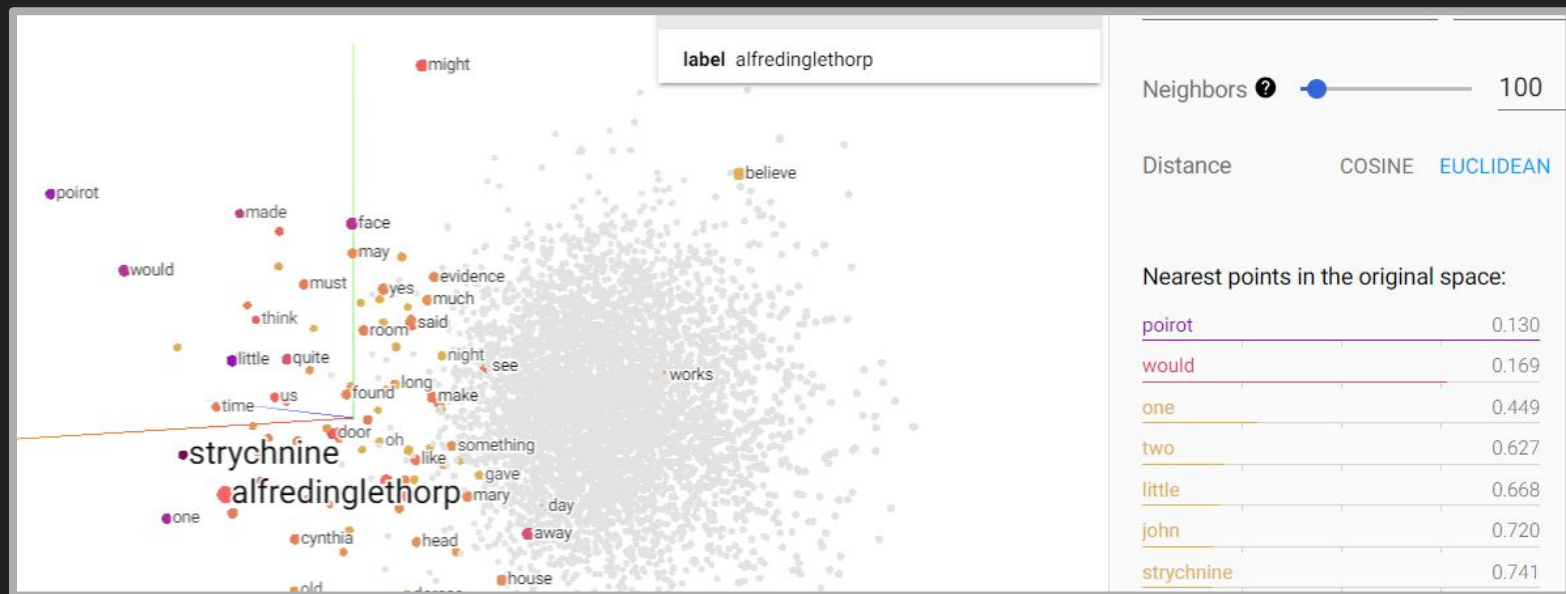
- Our Process:
Get the book -> find important
key points in book (manually)
-> preprocess book -> run the
model (CBOW or Skip-gram) ->
write to tensor and display
specific Euclidean distances



Results

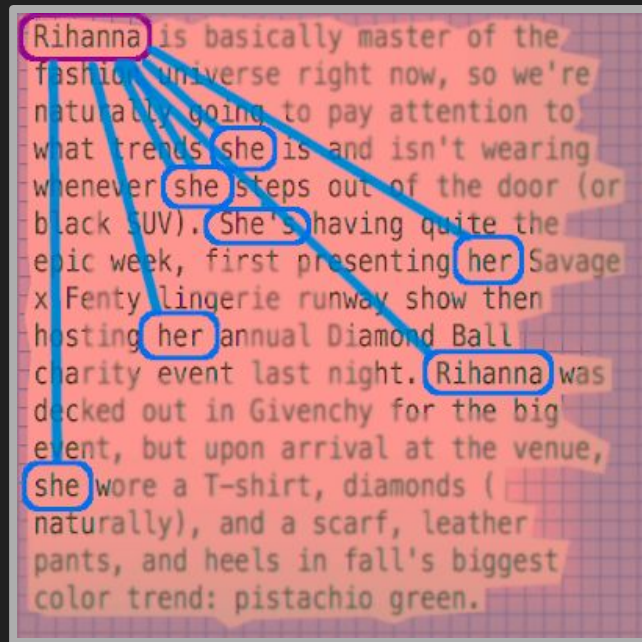
Mixed Results:

- Success with *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* - CBOW without lemmatization
- Not as clear with *The Murder on the Links* and *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*
- Potential applications to some of Christie's other novels



Future Prospects

- Implement Coreference Resolution using spaCy's NeuralCoref library
 - Ex: Poirot went home. Then he went to bed. == Poirot went home. Then Poirot went to bed.
- Implement Named Entity Recognition (NER)
 - Ex:
 - Albert - Character,
 - Styles - Place
 - Use of NER will allow us to make conclusion by comparing the euclidean distance of all of the characters
- Perform a chapter by chapter analysis to incorporate a temporal aspect



<https://lvngd.com/blog/coreference-resolution-python-spacy-neuralcoref/>

Questions? (And Demonstration)

