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# Abbreviations

Social Network Analysis 🡪 SNA

# Abstract

In this project, I use social network analysis to analyze one of the biggest fantasy novels Harry Potter. For this analysis, I used python libraries for analysis, and take characters from books to find their relationships.

# Keywords

Python, SNA, Networkx, Harry Potter characters, books, Nodes, Edges

# Introduction

Social network analysis (SNA), also known as network science, is a field of data analytics that uses networks and graph theory to understand social structures. In order to build SNA graphs, two key components are required: actors and relationships.  Actors are one primary link that contains many relationships to create one network. In fact actions and relationships in network science, it reference nodes which are actors, and edges which are relationships.  
In my case nodes are characters from the novel, and relationships are where in the book they meet.

# Methods

For this project I used python to analyze and create graphs, using libraries such as pandas, numpy, spacy, network, and matplotliob. For data, I found books in form of .txt which I found from the GitHub repo. And as characters I found the most common characters in every book and in that way, I found relationships.

The characters from the book are found online and sorted in a CSV file, which contains two columns, which are book and character. For books, there are seven and to get data from them I used spacy to read from those books and to find relationships of characters.

# Results

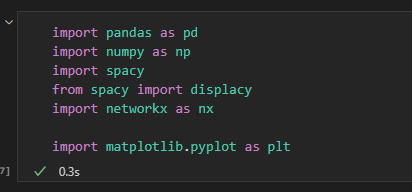


Figure 1Imports

First I import all necessary libraries which I show in Figure 1.

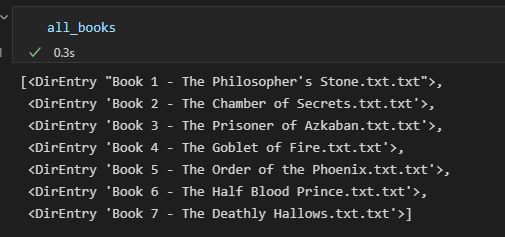


Figure 2List of books

In figure 2 we can see all books and their names imported and ready to analyze.

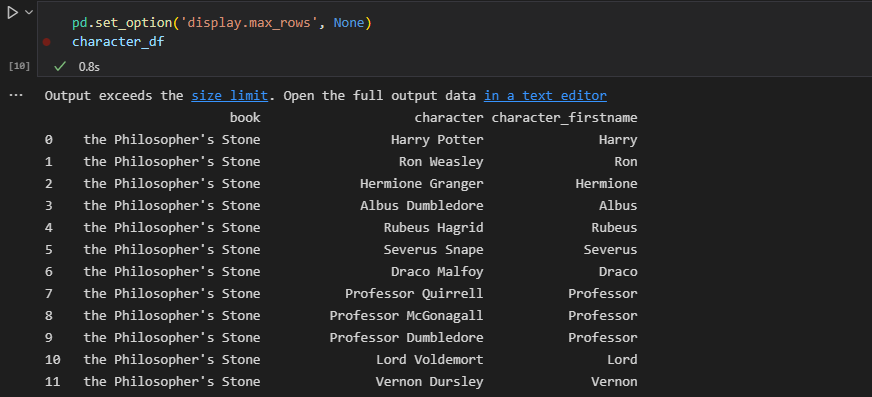


Figure 3 Get the first name of a character

Here from my CSV file, I separate the first name from the characters to get better results and to get a better understanding of the data.

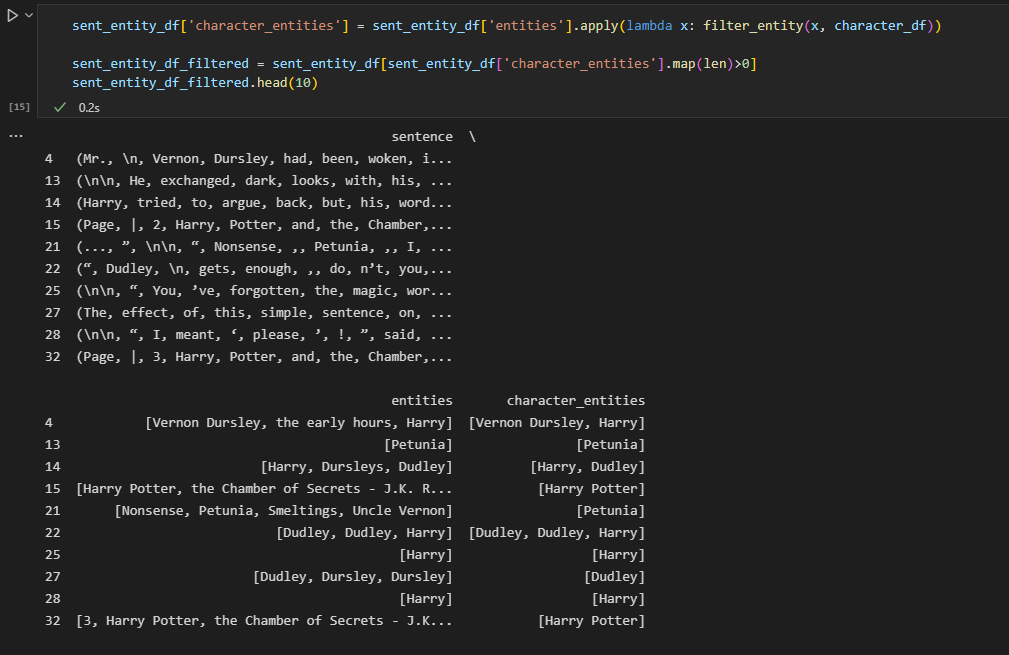


Figure 4 Find all names in the sentence

Here I go through all books, get every sentence, and try to find all the names from them. After that, I look at my CSV file and see if there is that name set in my file.

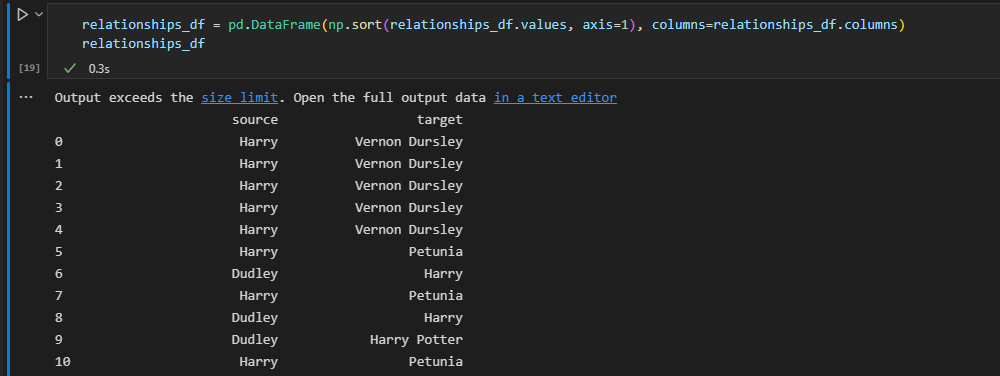


Figure 5 Get source and target

Here I get all names to find relationships from a source that has connections in any way in the book.

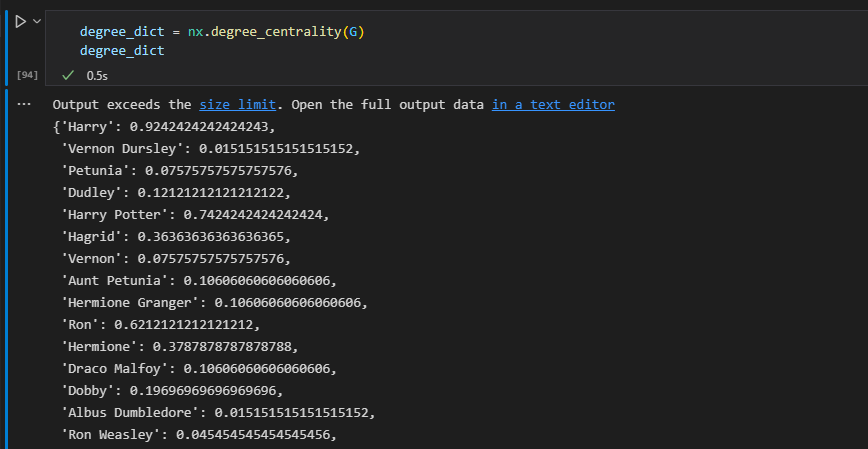


Figure 6 Degree of characters

As we can see here in Figure 6, the degree of characters is represented and it tells us how often is some names mentions in the book.

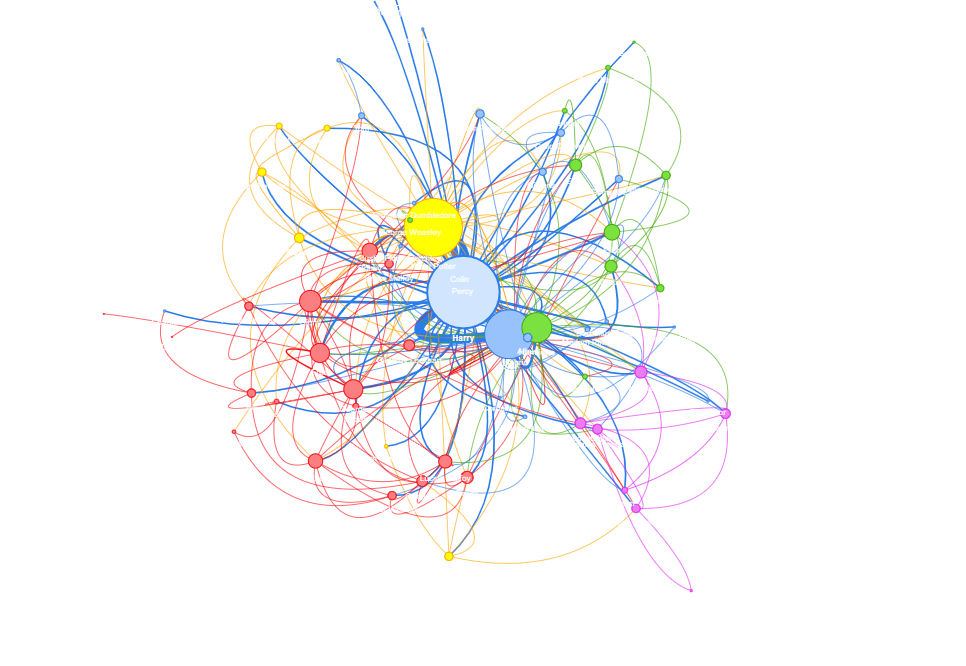


Figure 7 Graph of relationships

Here we can see a visual presentation of all the nodes and edges which are connected. Bigger nodes are more important and have more relationships in this book.

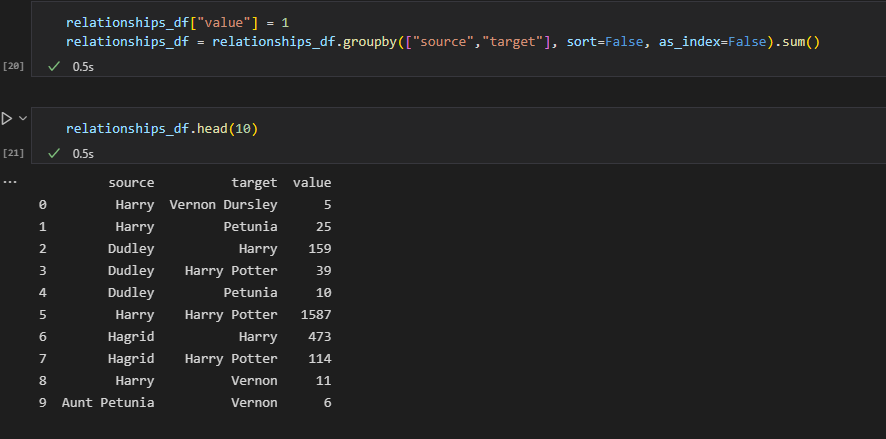


Figure 8 Relationships values

As we see in Figure 8 the values of relationships are presented, and here we can see who has the most concessions in books.

# Conclusion

This project was fun for me, and I enjoy working on it. SNA is a powerful tool and can be done in many ways to find a lot of pieces of information. In combination with python which I used to analyze, and graphs for the visual presentation we can see a lot of interesting relationships.

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