## LECTURE 2: BASIC TEXT PROCESSING

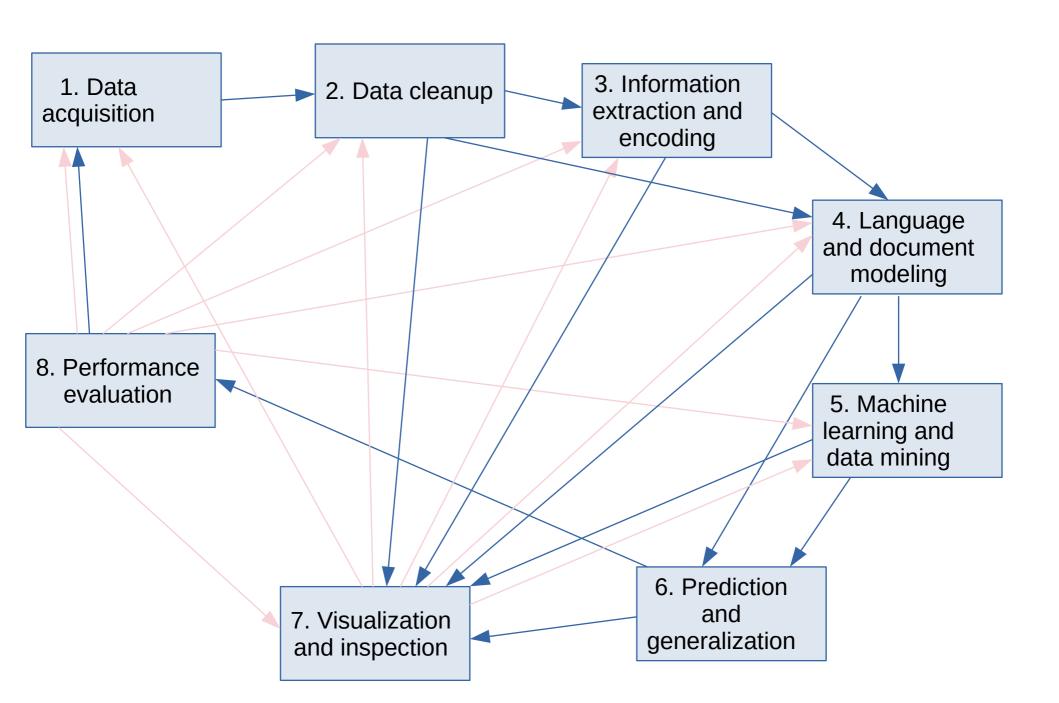


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Chapter 4:
Text Processing Stages

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## Text processing stages



- Data acquisition: gathering text data.
- Ready-made collections online:
  - 20 newsgroups, Wikipedia, Project Gutenberg, ...
  - Multiple lists of data sets online. For example https://www.kaggle.com/tags/text-data, https://lionbridge.ai/datasets/the-best-25-datasets-for-natural-language-processing/, https://github.com/niderhoff/nlp-datasets, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_datasets\_for\_machine-learning\_research
  - Formats vary a lot, will need conversion before reading in
- Accessing data via APIs
  - Twitter etc. services have APIs for access but limit rate of access
  - Typical data format: JSON
- Directly crawling data from the web
  - Based on a known source or information retrieval results
  - Website HTML/XML content has many parts that are about presentation rather than content, or about navigation, ads etc. undesirable content: requires cleanup
- Keep in mind when creating self-made data sets:
  - May contain personally identifiable data: gathering affected by research ethics, GDPR and other laws
  - Copyright law: depending on the situation might prevent collection and/or redistribution, or affect licensing obligations of resulting data

- Reading in a downloaded file collection in Python: os library
- Assume your data are already text files. If they are PDFs, DOCs, ODTs etc. there are graphical and command-line tools available on the web to convert them.
- Must first get a list of files and verify which ones are text files:

```
#%% Getting a list of directory contents
import os
def gettextlist(directory path):
    directory textfiles=[]
    directory nontextfiles=[]
    directory nonfiles=[]
    # Process each item in the directory
    directory contents=os.listdir(directory path)
    for contentitem in directory contents:
        temp fullpath=os.path.join(directory path, contentitem)
        # Non-files (e.g. subdirectories) are stored separately
        if os.path.isfile(temp fullpath) == 0:
            directory nonfiles.append(contentitem)
        else:
            # Is this a non-text file (not ending in .txt)?
            if temp fullpath.find('.txt')==-1:
                directory nontextfiles.append(contentitem)
            else:
                # This is a text file
                directory textfiles.append(contentitem)
    return(directory textfiles, directory nontextfiles, directory nonfiles)
mydirectory path='c:/jaakkos files/work/teaching/tampere text analytics 2023'
mydirectory contentlists=gettextlist(mydirectory path)
```

Basic file crawler: read all files in a single directory

```
#%% Basic file crawler
def basicfilecrawler(directory path):
    # Store filenames read and their text content
    num files read=0
    crawled filenames=[]
    crawled texts=[]
    directory contentlists=gettextlist(directory path)
    # In this basic crawled we just process text files
    # and do not handle subdirectories
    directory textfiles=directory contentlists[0]
    for contentitem in directory textfiles:
        print('Reading file:')
        print(contentitem)
        # Open the file and read its contents
        temp fullpath=os.path.join(directory path, contentitem)
        temp file=open(temp fullpath,'r',encoding='utf-8',errors='ignore')
        temp text=temp file.read()
        temp file.close()
        # Store the read filename and content
        crawled filenames.append(contentitem)
        crawled texts.append(temp text)
        num files read=num files read+1
    return(crawled filenames, crawled texts)
mycrawled filenames and texts=basicfilecrawler('c:/jaakkos files/work/teaching/
tampere text analytics 2023')
mycrawled filenames=mycrawled filenames and texts[0]
mycrawled texts=mycrawled filenames and texts[1]
```

- Web page crawling in Python: scrapy, beautifulsoup libraries
- Example:

print(mywebpage text)

```
#%% Get the content of a page using the requests library
import requests
mywebpage url='https://www.sis.uta.fi/~tojape/'
#mywebpage url='https://www.tuni.fi/en/'
mywebpage html=requests.get(mywebpage url)
#%% Parse the HTML content using beautifulsoup
import bs4
mywebpage parsed=bs4.BeautifulSoup(mywebpage html.content,'html.parser')
#%% Get the text content of the page
def getpagetext(parsedpage):
    # Remove HTML elements that are scripts
    scriptelements=parsedpage.find all('script')
    # Concatenate the text content from all table cells
    for scriptelement in scriptelements:
        # Extract this script element from the page.
        # This changes the page given to this function!
        scriptelement.extract()
    pagetext=parsedpage.get text()
    return (pagetext)
mywebpage text=getpagetext(mywebpage parsed)
```

 If necessary, beautifulsoup allows to search for individual cells. Be careful to avoid duplicating text: contents of nested cells are also listed in their parents!

#### Example:

```
# Find HTML elements that are table cells or 'div' cells
tablecells=parsedpage.find_all(['td','div'])
# Concatenate the text content from all table or div
cells
pagetext=''
for tablecell in tablecells:
    pagetext=pagetext+'\n'+tablecell.text.strip()
```

- To crawl further pages, we analyze links on the page we already crawled:
- Example:

```
#%% Find linked pages in Finnish sites, but not PDF or PS files
def getpageurls(webpage parsed):
    # Find elements that are hyperlinks
    pagelinkelements=webpage parsed.find all('a')
    pageurls=[];
    for pagelink in pagelinkelements:
        pageurl isok=1
        try:
            pageurl=pagelink['href']
        except:
            pageurl isok=0
        if pageurl isok==1:
            # Check that the url does NOT contain these strings
            if (pageurl.find('.pdf')!=-1)|(pageurl.find('.ps')!=-1):
                pageurl isok=0
            # Check that the url DOES contain these strings
            if (pageurl.find('http')==-1) | (pageurl.find('.fi')==-1):
                pageurl isok=0
        if pageurl isok==1:
            pageurls.append(pageurl)
    return (pageurls)
mywebpage urls=getpageurls(mywebpage parsed)
print(mywebpage urls)
```

Basic crawling procedure: start from a seed page, crawl until there are enough

```
#%% Basic web crawler
def basicwebcrawler(seedpage url,maxpages):
    # Store URLs crawled and their text content
    num pages crawled=0
    crawled urls=[]
    crawled texts=[]
    # Remaining pages to crawl: start from a seed page URL
    pagestocrawl=[seedpage url]
    # Process remaining pages until a desired number
    # of pages have been found
    while (num pages crawled<maxpages) & (len (pagestocrawl) > 0) :
        # Retrieve the topmost remaining page and parse it
        pagetocrawl url=pagestocrawl[0]
        print('Getting page:')
        print(pagetocrawl url)
        pagetocrawl html=requests.get(pagetocrawl url)
        pagetocrawl parsed=bs4.BeautifulSoup(pagetocrawl html.content,'html.parser')
        # Get the text and URLs of the page
        pagetocrawl text=getpagetext(pagetocrawl parsed)
        pagetocrawl urls=getpageurls(pagetocrawl parsed)
        # Store the URL and content of the processed page
        num pages crawled=num pages crawled+1
        crawled urls.append(pagetocrawl url)
        crawled texts.append(pagetocrawl text)
        # Remove the processed page from remaining pages,
        # but add the new URLs
        pagestocrawl=pagestocrawl[1:len(pagestocrawl)]
        pagestocrawl.extend(pagetocrawl urls)
    return(crawled urls,crawled texts)
mycrawled urls and texts=basiccrawler('https://www.sis.uta.fi/~tojape/',10)
mycrawled urls=mycrawled urls and texts[0]
mycrawled texts=mycrawled urls and texts[1]
```

## Text preprocessing stages 2: cleanup

- Data cleanup 1: Removing leading/trailing whitespace. Usually noninformative, but might indicate whether a paragraph is indented or not.
- In Python:

```
mytext=' Look, here are some words!\n Great! '
mytext.strip()
Out: 'Look, here are some words!\n Great!'
```

• Removing multiple consecutive whitespace. Sometimes noninformative but might indicate emphasis or paragraph/section/chapter breaks.

```
' '.join(mytext.split())
Out: 'Look, here are some words! Great!'
```

## Text preprocessing stages 2: cleanup

- Data cleanup 2: Tokenization. Break apart a string of text into individual sentences and words. Sometimes also into paragraphs or lines. It's not just detecting spaces and periods, for example because periods in abbreviations (J. Smith, e.g., N.Y.C., et al.) do not end sentences.
- In NLTK: the Punkt sentence tokenizer is a pretrained unsupervised model that includes models for abbreviation words, collocations and sentence-starting words.

```
sentenceSplitter=nltk.data.load('tokenizers/punkt/english.pickle')
sentenceSplitter("E.g., J. Smith knows... and I know. But do you?")
Out: ['E.g., J. Smith knows... and I know.', 'But do you?']

nltk.word_tokenize("Hey, what's going on? Who's that?")
Out: ['Hey', ',', 'what', "'s", 'going', 'on', '?', 'Who', "'s", 'that', '?']
```

 NLTK has its own internal text representation format of tokenized texts, we'll need it for further steps:

```
mytokenizedtext=nltk.word_tokenize("Hey, what's going on?
Who's that?")
mynltktext=nltk.Text(mytokenizedtext)
```

For a list of texts:

```
#%% Tokenize loaded texts and change them to NLTK
format
import nltk
mycrawled_nltktexts=[]
for k in range(len(mycrawled_texts)):

temp_tokenizedtext=nltk.word_tokenize(mycrawled_texts
[k])
    temp_nltktext=nltk.Text(temp_tokenizedtext)
    mycrawled_nltktexts.append(temp_nltktext)
```

- Information extraction and encoding 1: case removal
- To avoid counting different capitalizations as several words, it's useful to turn words into lowercase. This loses information: name vs common word, title vs main text, acronym vs common word.

```
'Text Processing Stages'.lower()
Out: 'text processing stages'
```

For all texts:

```
#%% Make all crawled texts lowercase
mycrawled_lowercasetexts=[]
for k in range(len(mycrawled_nltktexts)):
    temp_lowercasetext=[]
    for l in range(len(mycrawled_nltktexts[k])):
        lowercaseword=mycrawled_nltktexts[k][l].lower()
        temp_lowercasetext.append(lowercaseword)
    temp_lowercasetest=nltk.Text(temp_lowercasetext)
    mycrawled_lowercasetexts.append(temp_lowercasetext)
```

- Information extraction and encoding 1: stemming and lemmatization
- Stemming turns each word into the stem of the word (stems need not be valid words)

```
stemmer=nltk.stem.porter.PorterStemmer()
stemmer.stem('modelling')
Out: 'model'
stemmer.stem('incredible')
Out: 'incred'
```

Stem all crawled documents:

```
#%% Stem the loaded texts
stemmer=nltk.stem.porter.PorterStemmer()
def stemtext(nltktexttostem):
    stemmedtext=[]
    for l in range(len(nltktexttostem)):
         # Stem the word
         wordtostem=nltktexttostem[1]
         stemmedword=stemmer.stem(wordtostem)
         # Store the stemmed word
         stemmedtext.append(stemmedword)
    return (stemmedtext)
mycrawled stemmedtexts=[]
for k in range(len(mycrawled lowercasetexts)):
   temp stemmedtext=stemtext(mycrawled lowercasetexts[k])
   temp stemmedtext=nltk.Text(temp stemmedtext)
   mycrawled stemmedtexts.append(temp stemmedtext)
```

- Lemmatization means turning words into basic forms called lemmas.
  - Needs knowledge of the part-of-speech: e.g. 'lighter' can be either a noun or an adjective, and 'automated' can be a verb or an adjective, with different lemmas.

```
# Download wordnet resource if you do not have it already
nltk.download('wordnet')
lemmatizer=nltk.stem.WordNetLemmatizer()
lemmatizer.lemmatize('better','a')
Out[309]: 'good'
lemmatizer.lemmatize('lighter','n')
Out[309]: 'lighter'
lemmatizer.lemmatize('lighter','a')
Out[310]: 'light'
lemmatizer.lemmatize('automated','v')
Out[311]: 'automate'
lemmatizer.lemmatize('automated','a')
Out[312]: 'automated'
```

 The WordNet lemmatizer assumes 'noun' by default, but in practice you would need to perform part-of-speech tagging (POS-tagging) for the text to categorize the part-of-speech of each word based on the sentences they are in.

• Part-of-speech tagging: it is a nontrivial task based on machine learning models. For the moment we will just show how to use a ready-made tagger.

```
# Download tagger resource if you do not have it already
nltk.download('averaged perceptron tagger')
text1=nltk.Text(nltk.word tokenize('it is lighter than before'))
nltk.pos tag(text1)
Out:
[('it', 'PRP'),
('is', 'VBZ'),
('lighter', 'JJR'),
                                 Here 'lighter' is tagged as
 ('than', 'IN'),
                                  a comparative adjective (JJR)
('before', 'IN')]
text2=nltk.Text(nltk.word tokenize('it is lighter than before'))
nltk.pos tag(text2)
nltk.pos tag(nltk.Text(nltk.word tokenize('it is a lighter that I
bought')))
Out:
[('it', 'PRP'),
('is', 'VBZ'),
 ('a', 'DT'),
 ('lighter', 'NN'),
                                 Here 'lighter' is tagged as a noun (NN).
 ('that', 'WDT'),
                                  The tagger uses Penn Treebank tags,
 ('I', 'PRP'),
                                 use this to see descriptions:
 ('bought', 'VBD')]
                                 nltk.download('tagsets')
                                  nltk.help.upenn tagset()
```

 NLTK's part of speech tags cannot be used directly with the WordNet lemmatizer, they must be converted. The starting letter of the POS tags is useful: N is for nouns, V for verbs, J for adjectives, R for adverbs, others such as pronouns cannot be lemmatized by WordNet.

```
#%% Convert a POS tag for WordNet
def tagtowordnet(postag):
    wordnettag=-1
    if postag[0] == 'N':
        wordnettag='n'
    elif postag[0] == 'V':
        wordnettag='v'
    elif postag[0]=='J':
        wordnettag='a'
    elif postag[0]=='R':
        wordnettag='r'
    return (wordnettag)
```

Lemmatize all crawled texts:

```
#%% POS tag and lemmatize the loaded texts
# Download tagger and wordnet resources if you do not have them already
nltk.download('averaged perceptron tagger')
nltk.download('wordnet')
lemmatizer=nltk.stem.WordNetLemmatizer()
def lemmatizetext(nltktexttolemmatize):
    # Tag the text with POS tags
    taggedtext=nltk.pos tag(nltktexttolemmatize)
    # Lemmatize each word text
    lemmatizedtext=[]
    for 1 in range(len(taggedtext)):
        # Lemmatize a word using the WordNet converted POS tag
        wordtolemmatize=taggedtext[1][0]
        wordnettag=tagtowordnet(taggedtext[1][1])
        if wordnettag!=-1:
            lemmatizedword=lemmatizer.lemmatize(wordtolemmatize, wordnettag)
        else:
            lemmatizedword=wordtolemmatize
        # Store the lemmatized word
        lemmatizedtext.append(lemmatizedword)
    return(lemmatizedtext)
mycrawled lemmatizedtexts=[]
for k in range(len(mycrawled lowercasetexts)):
    lemmatizedtext=lemmatizetext(mycrawled lowercasetexts[k])
    lemmatizedtext=nltk.Text(lemmatizedtext)
    mycrawled lemmatizedtexts.append(lemmatizedtext)
```

 Many future steps require knowledge of the vocabulary (list of unique words/stems/lemmas over the collection):

```
#%% Find the vocabulary, in a distributed fashion
import numpy
myvocabularies=[]
myindices in vocabularies=[]
# Find the vocabulary of each document
for k in range(len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)):
    # Get unique words and where they occur
    temptext=mycrawled lemmatizedtexts[k]
    uniqueresults=numpy.unique(temptext,return inverse=True)
    uniquewords=uniqueresults[0]
    wordindices=uniqueresults[1]
    # Store the vocabulary and indices of document words in it
    myvocabularies.append(uniquewords)
    myindices in vocabularies.append(wordindices)
myvocabularies[0]
Out: array(['!', '$', '&', ..., 'ziyuan', '@', 'âkerlund'],
dtype='<U25')
```

### Multiple vocabularies can be unified:

```
# Unify the vocabularies.
# First concatenate all vocabularies
tempvocabulary=[]
for k in range(len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)):
    tempvocabulary.extend(myvocabularies[k])
# Find the unique elements among all vocabularies
uniqueresults=numpy.unique(tempvocabulary,return inverse=True)
unifiedvocabulary=uniqueresults[0]
wordindices=uniqueresults[1]
# Translate previous indices to the unified vocabulary.
# Must keep track where each vocabulary started in
# the concatenated one.
vocabularystart=0
myindices in unifiedvocabulary=[]
for k in range(len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)):
    # In order to shift word indices, we must temporarily
    # change their data type to a Numpy array
    tempindices=numpy.array(myindices in vocabularies[k])
    tempindices=tempindices+vocabularystart
    tempindices=wordindices[tempindices]
    myindices in unifiedvocabulary.append(tempindices)
    vocabularystart=vocabularystart+len(myvocabularies[k])
```

 A piece or the unified vocabulary (words 1000-1050): unifiedvocabulary [1000:1050]

```
Out:
array(['college', 'color', 'columbia',
'combination', 'combinatorial', 'combine',
'combining', 'come', 'comet', 'command',
'commitment', 'committee', 'communicate',
'communication', 'community', 'comp', 'company',
'compare', 'competence', 'competitive',
'competitiveness', 'compile', 'complement',
'complementary', 'complete', 'complex', 'component',
'comprehension', 'comprises', 'compromise',
'computation', 'computational', 'computationally',
'compute', 'computer', 'computing', 'conceptual',
'conditionally', 'conference',
'conferences/workshops', 'congrats',
'congratulation', 'connect', 'connection',
'consider', 'consist', 'consists', 'constantly',
'constitute', 'constrained'], dtype='<U48')</pre>
```

• Documents can be represented as a vector of indices to the unified vocabulary. Words 600-650 words in document 1 (TUNI homepage):

#### Out:

```
array(['university', 'tampere', 'university', 'tampere',
'university','be', 'one', 'of', 'the', 'most', 'multidisciplinary',
'university', 'in', 'finland', '.', 'almost', 'all',
'internationally', 'recognise', 'field', 'of', 'study', 'be',
'represent', 'at', 'our', 'university', '.', 'read', 'more',
'tampere', 'university', 'of', 'applied', 'science', 'tampere',
'university', 'of', 'applied', 'science', '(', 'tamk', ')', 'be',
'one', 'of', 'the', 'large', 'and', 'most'], dtype='<U48')</pre>
```

## LECTURE 2: BASIC TEXT PROCESSING

Chapter 5:
Basic Word Statistics
and Vocabulary Pruning

## Counting prominent words

- Word counts can be inspected by several statistics:
  - total count of a word over all documents,
  - total number of documents where the word occurs,
  - mean count over documents,
  - variance over documents; and many others

#### In Python:

```
#%% Count the numbers of occurrences of each unique word
# Let's count also various statistics over the documents
unifiedvocabulary_totaloccurrencecounts=numpy.zeros((len(unifiedvocabulary),1))
unifiedvocabulary_documentcounts=numpy.zeros((len(unifiedvocabulary),1))
unifiedvocabulary_meancounts=numpy.zeros((len(unifiedvocabulary),1))
unifiedvocabulary_countvariances=numpy.zeros((len(unifiedvocabulary),1))
```

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## Counting prominent words

```
# First pass: count occurrences
for k in range(len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)):
    print(k)
    occurrencecounts=numpy.zeros((len(unifiedvocabulary),1))
    for 1 in range(len(myindices in unifiedvocabulary[k])):
        occurrencecounts[myindices in unifiedvocabulary[k][l]]= \
            occurrencecounts[myindices in unifiedvocabulary[k][l]]+1
    unifiedvocabulary totaloccurrencecounts= \
        unifiedvocabulary totaloccurrencecounts+occurrencecounts
    unifiedvocabulary documentcounts= \
        unifiedvocabulary documentcounts+(occurrencecounts>0)
# Mean occurrence counts over documents
unifiedvocabulary_meancounts= \
    unifiedvocabulary totaloccurrencecounts/len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)
# Second pass to count variances
for k in range(len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)):
    print(k)
    occurrencecounts=numpy.zeros((len(unifiedvocabulary),1))
    for 1 in range(len(myindices in unifiedvocabulary[k])):
        occurrencecounts[myindices in unifiedvocabulary[k][l]]= \
            occurrencecounts[myindices in unifiedvocabulary[k][l]]+1
    unifiedvocabulary countvariances=unifiedvocabulary countvariances+ \
        (occurrencecounts-unifiedvocabulary meancounts) **2
unifiedvocabulary countvariances= \
    unifiedvocabulary countvariances/(len(mycrawled lemmatizedtexts)-1)
```

 Resulting words can be inspected: sort words by each statistic, print words with highest value of the statistic

```
#%% Inspect frequent words
# Sort words by largest total (or mean) occurrence count
highest_totaloccurrences_indices=numpy.argsort(\
        -1*unifiedvocabulary_totaloccurrencecounts,axis=0)
print(numpy.squeeze(unifiedvocabulary[\
        highest_totaloccurrences_indices[1:100]]))
print(numpy.squeeze(\
        unifiedvocabulary_totaloccurrencecounts[\
        highest_totaloccurrences_indices[1:100]]))
```

- The Twenty Newsgroups (20NG) data set is a famous old data set of emails sent to different topical USENET news groups (somewhat like subreddits of Reddit today). The data set has messages for twenty different newsgroups, 1000 messages from each.
- Let's process the 20NG data set according to the pipeline, and inspect the most frequent words!

20 newsgroups, words with highest total word count:

```
[':' ',' 'the' '.' '!' 'be' '--' '@' 'to' ')' 'of' '(' 'a' 'and' 'i' '<'
'in' 'that' "'ax" '?' 'it' 'have' "''" 'for' 'you' 'do' 'from' '``' 'on'
'this' 'not' '$' '|' 'with' '#' "'s" 'as' 'cantaloupe.srv.cs.cmu.edu' ';'
"n't" '-' '%' 'or' 'if' ']' 'but' 'they' 'line' '[' 'subject' 'date'
'newsgroups' 'path' 'message-id' 'organization' '...' "'" '&' 'apr' 'by'
'at' 'can' 'gmt' 'what' 'an' 'write' 'would' 'my' 'there' 'one' 'all'
'we' 'will' '1993' 'use' 'about' 're' '`' 'he' 'get' 'reference' 'so'
'your' 'article' 'say' 'no' 'any' 'who' 'me' 'some' 'know' 'news'
'sender' 'which' 'howland.reston.ans.net' '1' 'out' 'make' 'like']
[308665. 305640. 256006. 253425. 231060. 195516. 186472. 151243. 128253.
124342. 122058. 121734. 107680. 101532. 87092. 85864. 85541.
                                                                70471.
 61717. 58759. 58028. 56367. 53426. 49541. 47797. 46005.
                                                               39501.
 38817. 34748. 34600. 33742. 33257. 32981.
                                                30180. 29506.
                                                               29229.
 27682. 26047. 25974. 25580.
                                25510.
                                        25452.
                                                25370. 24095.
                                                               23297.
                                                       20361.
                                21720.
                                                                20082.
 23171. 23051. 22754. 22015.
                                        20874.
                                                20396.
 20040.
        20037.
                 19977. 19968.
                                19628.
                                        19362.
                                                19296.
                                                       18388.
                                                                17760.
 17652. 17337.
                                                16129.
                 17164. 17014.
                                16799.
                                        16747.
                                                       16029.
                                                                15882.
 15332.
         14874.
                 14852.
                        14591.
                                14552.
                                        14204.
                                                14118.
                                                       14113.
                                                                13796.
 13206.
        13072.
                 13035.
                        13008.
                                12881.
                                        12114.
                                                11923.
                                                        11742.
                                                                11486.
 11426.
         11398.
                 10983.
                        10940.
                                10905.
                                        10837.
                                                10654.
                                                        10561.
                                                                10405.]
```

 Most of the top frequent words are either due to the nature of the messages (email header information) or because they are **stop words** that are uninformative about the content (punctuation; a,the; but,for; etc.)

 Resulting words can be inspected: sort words by each statistic, print words with highest value of the statistic

```
# Sort words by largest total document count
highest_documentoccurrences_indices=numpy.argsort(\
    -1*unifiedvocabulary_documentcounts,axis=0)
print(numpy.squeeze(unifiedvocabulary[\
    highest_documentoccurrences_indices[1:100]]))
print(numpy.squeeze(\
    unifiedvocabulary_documentcounts[\
    highest documentoccurrences indices[1:100]]))
```

20 newsgroups, words with highest total document count:

```
[':' 'subject' '>' 'from' '@' 'cantaloupe.srv.cs.cmu.edu' 'path' '<'
 'newsgroups' 'message-id' '!' 'line' ',' ')' '(' '.' 'organization' 'the'
 'be' 'apr' 'of' 'to' 'a' 'gmt' 'in' 'and' 'i' 'have' 'for' 'that' 'it'
 '?' 'do' 're' '1993' 'reference' 'on' 'this' 'you' '--' 'write' 'with'
 'not' 'sender' 'howland.reston.ans.net' "'s" 'if' 'but' 'or' "''" "n't"
 'article' 'as' '``' 'at' 'nntp-posting-host' 'can' 'an'
 'zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu' 'what' 'there' 'would' 'they' '-'
 'university' 'one' 'my' 'all' '...' 'by' '93' 'news' 'about' 'get' 'so'
 'any' 'me' 'know' 'no' 'use' 'like' 'will' 'crabapple.srv.cs.cmu.edu'
 'some' 'just' 'out' 'noc.near.net' 'news.sei.cmu.edu' 'xref' 'say' '$'
 'das-news.harvard.edu' 'make' 'your' 'who' 'think' 'more' 'which' 'when']
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 8075. 8022. 7942. 7924. 7857. 7829. 7792. 7783. 7741. 7703.
 7686. 7599. 7518. 7452. 7295. 7167. 6898. 6755. 6627. 6577.
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 5846. 5834. 5795. 5788. 5690. 5675. 5602. 5568.
                                                        5509.]
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Most of the top frequent words are again either due to the nature of the messages
(email header information) or because they are stop words that are uninformative about
the content (punctuation; a,the; but,for; etc.)

 Resulting words can be inspected: sort words by each statistic, print words with highest value of the statistic

```
# Sort by largest variance of count over documents
highest_countvariances_indices=numpy.argsort(\
    -1*unifiedvocabulary_countvariances,axis=0)
print(numpy.squeeze(unifiedvocabulary[\
    highest_countvariances_indices[1:100]]))
print(numpy.squeeze(\
    unifiedvocabulary_countvariances[\
    highest countvariances indices[1:100]]))
```

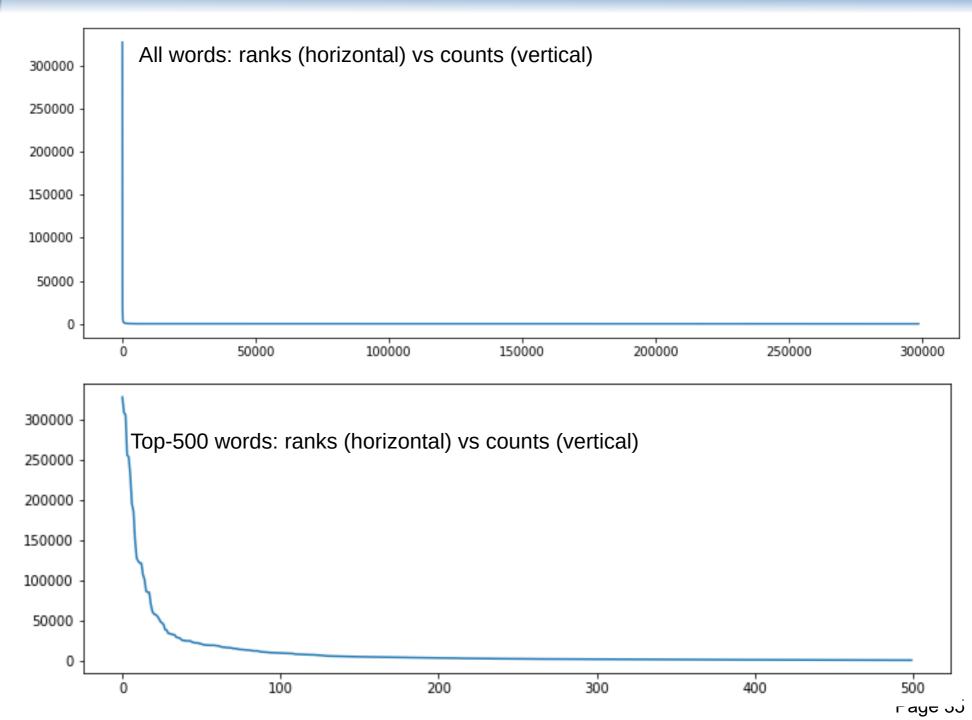
20 newsgroups, words with highest variance of count over documents:

```
["'ax" '--' '(' '@' ',' '`' '%' ')' '<' '$' '#' '!' '``' 'the' "''" '&'
   '.' '?' ';' ']' ':' '[' "'" 'be' 'x' 'of' 'to' 'and' 'max' 'm' 'a' 'in'
   'i' '0' 'that' '-' '1' 'you' '|' 'it' 'r' 'q' 'g' 'for' 'have' '2' 'do'
   'p' '*' 'they' 'on' '7' 'q,3' '...' 'db' 'this' "'s" 'not' 'we' '=' 'he'
   'with' 'or' 'file' "n't" 'as' 'n' '3' 'b8f' ' ' 'by' 'a86' '4' '0d'
   'from' 'image' '+' 'b' '/' 'if' '145' 'o' '*/ 'w' 'jpeg' 'c' 'say' '5'
   'use' 'f' 'can' 'h' 'at' '\\' 'd' 'will' 'but' 'what' '9'l
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 1.03339025e+03 8.64996964e+02 8.48719707e+02 8.02762520e+02 7.87145615e+02 7.76200379e+02 7.53716629e+02 7.48663881e+02
 7.10752636e+02 6.67528311e+02 6.65297985e+02 6.38842139e+02 6.28565224e+02 6.13663050e+02 3.83489097e+02 3.76795656e+02
 2.42628173e+02 1.82667657e+02 1.72595120e+02 1.61295525e+02 1.20326961e+02 1.19953447e+02 1.10472990e+02 7.08945278e+01
 6.81021345e+01 6.80772730e+01 6.45329894e+01 5.08903337e+01 3.81987443e+01 3.56819465e+01 3.54732708e+01 3.26273406e+01
 3.22408478e+01 3.22023424e+01 3.20089523e+01 3.08456219e+01 2.99705557e+01 2.72867862e+01 2.34713004e+01 1.89942342e+01
 1.89535414e+01 1.86998192e+01 1.77483381e+01 1.74992230e+01 1.53589340e+01 1.52892539e+01 1.51227133e+01 1.42914093e+01
 1.32011337e+01 1.28224311e+01 1.25278161e+01 1.21016164e+01 1.20880480e+01 1.17876349e+01 1.15605785e+01 1.13689877e+01
 1.08437823e+01 1.07597317e+01 1.07031238e+01 9.80075522e+00 9.56500781e+00 8.87841384e+00 8.77659711e+00 8.42420120e+00
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 5.63243702e+00 5.61282294e+00 5.60039341e+001
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- Most of the top varying words are either stop words or perhaps part of some code fragments used in some newsgroups
- In order to analyze the content of the newsgroups, we should prune the vocabulary of uninformative words

Let's plot the most frequent words against their ranks. In Python:

```
#%% Make a frequency plot of the words
# Import the plotting library
import matplotlib.pyplot
# Tell the library we want each plot in its own window
%matplotlib auto
# Create a figure and an axis
myfigure, myaxes = matplotlib.pyplot.subplots();
# Plot the sorted occurrence counts of the words against their ranks
horizontalpositions=range(len(unifiedvocabulary))
verticalpositions=numpy.squeeze(unifiedvocabulary totaloccurrencecounts[\]
    highest totaloccurrences indices])
myaxes.plot(horizontalpositions, verticalpositions);
# Plot the top-500 occurrence counts of the words against their ranks
myfigure, myaxes = matplotlib.pyplot.subplots();
horizontalpositions=range(500)
verticalpositions=numpy.squeeze(unifiedvocabulary totaloccurrencecounts[\
    highest totaloccurrences indices[0:500]])
myaxes.plot(horizontalpositions, verticalpositions);
```



## Zipf's law

- Named after American linguist George Kingsley Zipf
- Specific case of a rank-frequency distribution
- Given a corpus of natural-language utterances, the frequency of a word w is inversely proportional to its rank in the frequency table

p(w) is the proportion of word w in the corpus (probability to get w in  $p(w) = \frac{1/rank(w)^a}{v}$ a random draw from the corpus)

$$p(w) = \frac{1/rank(w)^a}{\sum_{k=1}^{V} 1/k^a}$$

a is an exponent characterizing the distribution

- The few top most common words account for most of all word occurrences
- Occurs also in many other domains than text

## Zipf's law

• 20 newsgroups, top 200 word counts compared to Zipf's law:

