

Report

1. The approach / procedure I take

Step1: Separating lines and words, using unified lowercase, doing Lemmatization and deleting words whose length is smaller than 2. (Similar to the procedure in the first programming homework)

Step2: ① Use each word's existence as a part of feature, the length of each feature is 4379.

② Use three consecutive words' existence as a part of feature, the length of each feature is 24918 (3-word shingle)

Step3: Computing the exact Jaccard Similarity as the true similarity baseline.

Step4: Creating k-minhash signatures, computing the estimated Jaccard similarity and calculating the mean-squared errors. (k = 16, 32, 64, 128, 256) Here, $h_{a,b}(x) = (a * x + b) \bmod p$ (a, b are random integers, N = 3000, p is a prime number larger than N and I choose p = 3001)

2. Creating a baseline (The exact Jaccard similarity)

Jaccard Similarity (No shingle)						Jaccard Sim (3-word shingles)					
[1.	0.	0.10526316	...	0.15789474	0.	0.11111111]	[1.	0.	0.	...	0.
[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]	[0.	1.	0.	...	0.]
[0.10526316	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]	[0.	0.	1.	...	0.]
...							...				
[0.15789474	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.125]	[0.	0.	0.	...	1.]
[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]	[0.	0.	0.	...	0.]
[0.11111111	0.	0.	...	0.125	0.	1.]	[0.	0.	0.	...	0.]

3. Creating a k-minhash sketch (Estimated Jaccard similarity)

16-MinHash Similarity (No shingle)

[1.	0.	0.0625	...	0.1875	0.	0.125]	[1.	0.	0.15625	...	0.125	0.	0.03125]
[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]	[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]
[0.0625	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]	[0.15625	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]
...							...						
[0.1875	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.1875]	[0.125	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.0625]
[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]	[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]
[0.125	0.	0.	...	0.1875	0.	1.]	[0.03125	0.	0.	...	0.0625	0.	1.]

32-MinHash Similarity (No shingle)

64-MinHash Similarity (No shingle)

[1.	0.	0.046875	...	0.140625	0.	0.140625]	[1.	0.	0.15625	...	0.140625	0.	0.1171875]
[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]	[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]
[0.046875	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]	[0.15625	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]
...							...						
[0.140625	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.125]	[0.140625	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.125]
[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]	[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]
[0.140625	0.	0.	...	0.125	0.	1.]	[0.1171875	0.	0.	...	0.125	0.	1.]

128-MinHash Similarity (No shingle)

256-MinHash Similarity (No shingle)

[[1.	0.	0.109375	...	0.17578125	0.	0.12890625]
[[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]
[[0.109375	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]
...						
[[0.17578125	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.140625]
[[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]
[[0.12890625	0.	0.	...	0.140625	0.	1.]

16~256-MinHash Similarity (3-word shingles)

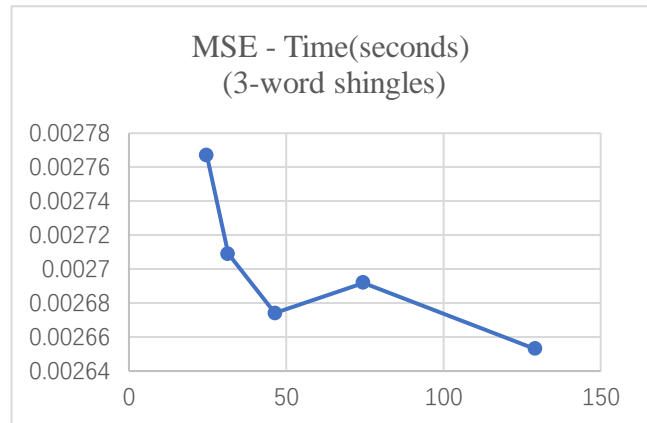
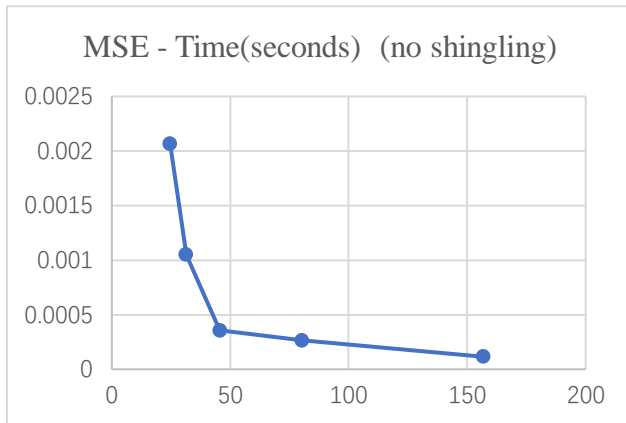
(Values being shown are happened to be the same, but the actual similarity matrix is different)

[[1.	0.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]
[[0.	1.	0.	...	0.	0.	0.]
[[0.	0.	1.	...	0.	0.	0.]
...						
[[0.	0.	0.	...	1.	0.	0.]
[[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	1.	0.]
[[0.	0.	0.	...	0.	0.	1.]

4. Results

No shingle	Base-line	16-minhash	32-minhash	64-minhash	128-minhash	256-minhash
Efficacy (Mean-squared error)	0	0.002064	0.001050	0.000357	0.000264	0.000115
Generating Signatures' Time (sec)	/	0.22	0.40	0.65	1.12	3.14
Comparing Time (seconds)	17.69	24.40	31.07	44.93	79.24	153.72
Efficiency (Total Time) (sec)	17.69	24.62	31.47	45.58	80.36	156.86

3-word shingles	Base-line	16-minhash	32-minhash	64-minhash	128-minhash	256-minhash
Efficacy (Mean-squared error)	0	0.002767	0.002709	0.002674	0.002692	0.002653
Generating Signatures' Time (sec)	/	0.21	0.34	0.58	0.97	1.69
Comparing Time (seconds)	10.41	24.56	31.18	45.84	73.56	127.45
Efficiency (Total Time) (sec)	10.41	24.77	31.52	46.42	74.53	129.14



(In the plot, the 5 points from left to right are $k = 16, 32, 64, 128, 256$)

5. Analysis

- ① Increasing k causes the higher cost time. Meanwhile, the mean-squared errors become smaller. (There is an exception point $k = 128$ in 3-word shingles. The MSE error between $k = 64$ and $k = 128$ is 0.000018, which may be caused by randomness).
- ② The time used by Minhash should be smaller than baseline's comparing time theoretically. In this homework, it's larger because I use for-loop to compute the Minhash methods' similarity, which is slower. However, when I calculate the baseline's Jaccard similarity matrix, I use existing function intersection and union without for-loop, which will be faster.
- ③ According to my experiment results, no shingling's mean-squared errors are smaller than 3-word shingles. May be these sentences are short, which can be handled by no shingling quite well. Instead, 3-word shingles decrease the opportunities for two sentences to have the same feature, since it is harder to have the same "3 consecutive words" than just one same word.