Specifics of applying topic segmentation algorithms to scientific texts

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Исследование специфики применения алгоритмов тематической сегментации для научных текстов

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Peculiarities of scientific texts

- •Limited text size: statistical methods are hardly suitable for them
- •Specific terminology and notation: frequency distribution of terms does not match the one of general vocabulary
- Vocabulary of low contrast: repeated terms throughout the text
- •Thematic unity of the text with gradient junctions to another subtopic:
- the boundaries of subtopic shift can conflict with author text segmentation

TextTiling: basic method of segmentation

Pre-processing: text → sequence of N tokens

TextTiling

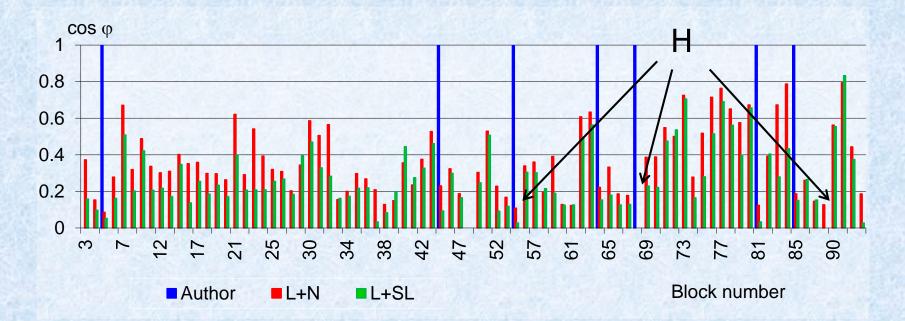
Grouping tokens into:

- 1. blocks of fixed size W
- 2. paragraph-sized blocks

Comparing lexical similarity of adjoining blocks using cosine measure: boundaries of segments as local function minima

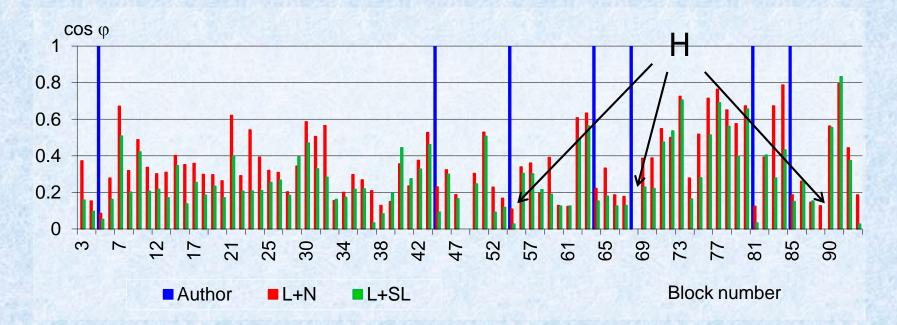
Estimating segmantation quality using F-score:
its maximum as optimal text division into subtopic segments

Author and automatic segmentation



$$\cos \varphi_i = \frac{\sum w_{i-1} w_i}{\sqrt{\sum w_{i-1}^2} \sqrt{\sum w_i^2}}$$

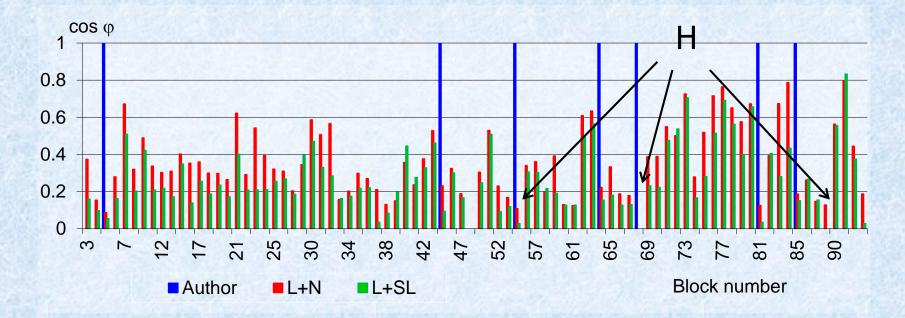
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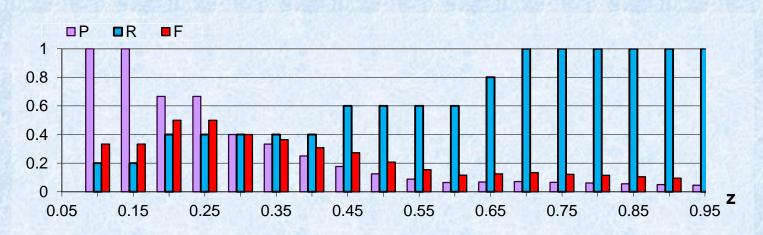


Precision
$$P = \frac{TP}{H}$$
 Recall $R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$

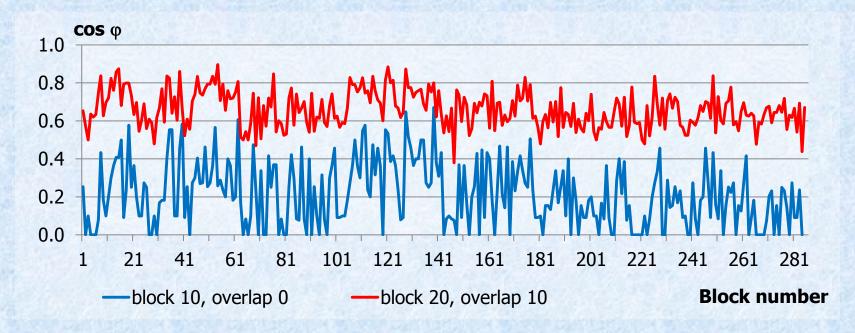
F-score
$$F = \frac{2 * P * R}{P + R}$$

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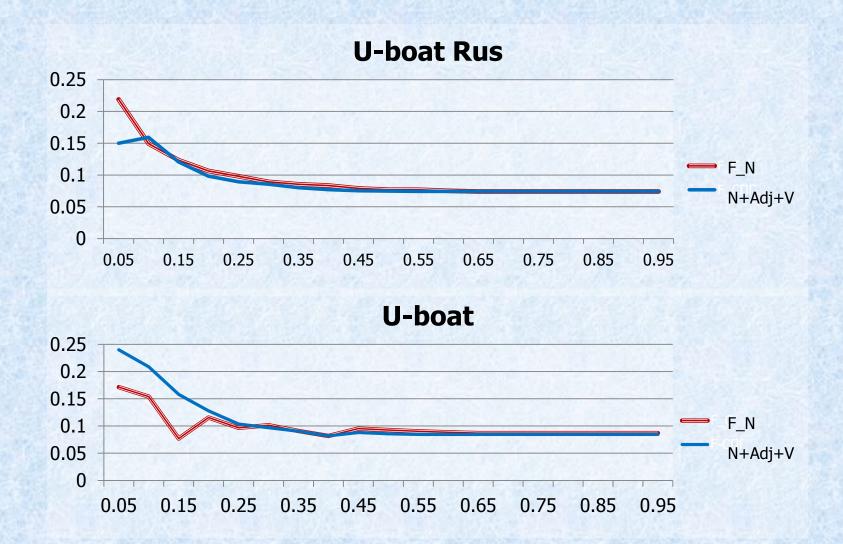


Ways to divide text into segments



Block size	10	25	40	paragraph
F-score	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.17

Lemmatization and vocabulary selection



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Title of the text	F-score		
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U-boat Rus (rus)	0.21	0.16	
U-boat (eng)	0.17	0.24	
Romme Rus (rus)	0.22	0.21	
Romme (fr)	0.44	0.46	
News (rus)	0.60		

Construction of vector-based semantic space

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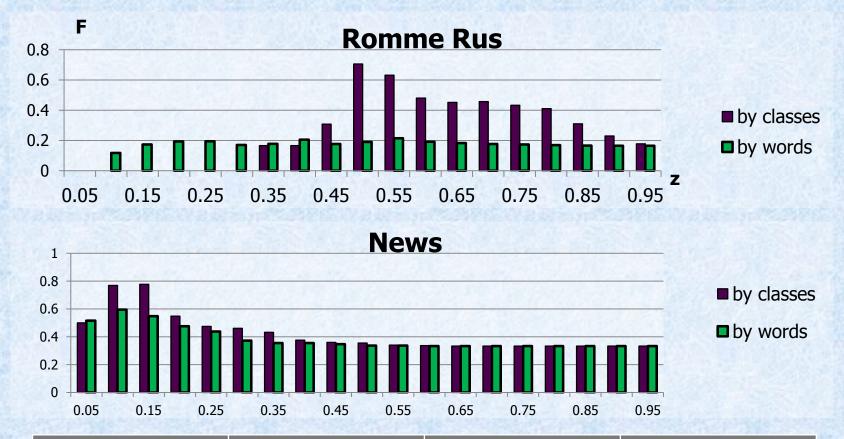
Semantic classifier: 190 000 lexemes => 1700 classes

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F-score values of the analysis "by words" and "by classes"



Text	U-boat Rus	Romme Rus	News
By words	0.21	0.22	0.60
By classes	0.50	0.70	0.78

Thank you for your attention!

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