Homework 4: Comprehensions, Text as Vectors, Tests

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In this exercise you will:

- Practice list and dictionary comprehensions in Python
- Review how to represent documents as vectors, and compare similarities
- Get some hands-on experience using the python doctest and unittest frameworks

Exercise 1: List, Set and Dictionary Comprehensions in Python [2.5 points]

In this exercise you will solve 5 Tasks to practice a powerful feature of Python: comprehensions¹. With these, multiple-line for-loop constructions can be expressed in expressive one-liners.

Solve the following tasks given in comprehensions.py using list or dictionary comprehensions. You can test the functionality of your code calling (from your ./src directory): python3 -m unittest -v hw04_text_search/test_comprehensions.py

- 1. Complete the function multiply_by(x, list1) that multiplies each value in a list by x and returns it as a new list. [0.5 points]
- 2. Complete the function check_division(x, list1) that takes a list and returns a list indicating whether or not each element in the original list can be divided by x (e.g check_division(3, [1,2,3]) -> [False, False, True]) [0.5 points]
- 3. Complete the function div_less(set1). It should return a new set containing only those numbers from set1 that can't be divided by any other number from set1 (except one and itself) [0.5 points]

¹https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/comprehensions-in-python/

- 4. Implement the function map_zip(list1, list2). It should return a dictionary mapping the *nth* element in list1 to the *nth* element in list2. Make use of the zip() function in your dictionary comprehension, that can handle lists of different sizes automatically.
- 5. Complete the function word_to_length(list1). It returns a dictionary mapping all words with at least 3 characters to their number of characters. [0.5 points]

Exercise 2: Search Engine: Running the code

In the source folder for this exercise (src/hw04_text_search), you will find the classes to represent documents, and a simple search engine, which were discussed in the lecture (text_vectors.py). There is also a script to interactively search all *.txt files in a directory (interactive_search.py). Try to understand what each of the classes are doing.

On the course homepage, you can find a dataset of corporate emails², containing several folders of spam or normal (ham) emails. Download and unpack it into the src/data/folder of your project. Run the interactive search on a email folder (always call scripts from the src/folder):

python3 -m hw04_text_search.interactive_search --dir data/enron/enron1/ham/

Exercise 3: Doctest and documentation

Exercise 3.1: Doctest [2 points]

Use the doctest module to write tests for the functions dot and normalized_tokens in the module hw04_text_search.text_vectors.

- Run your tests with: python3 -m doctest -v hw04_text_search/text_vectors.py
- You can also run specific tests on the command line:
 python3 -m doctest -v hw04_text_search/text_vectors.py testDot
- Or you can use PyCharm's green run buttons to run individual tests.

Exercise 3.2: Docstrings [5.5 points]

Provide docstring documentation (in German or English) for all member functions (including constructors) of the classes TextDocument, DocumentCollection and SearchEngine in the same module. In the documentation try to describe what the function does in as few as possible sentences (but no less).

²See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enron Corpus for the history of this dataset

Exercise 4: Extending the program using test-driven development [9 points]

Improve the program by adding additional functionality. Use the unittest framework, and extend the module hw04_text_search.test_text_search. You should add tests that initially fail, and only pass once you successfully added the missing functionality.

Have a look at the example for a test given with:

DocumentCollectionTest.test_unknown_word_cosine
This test fails, as you can verify by running:
python3 -m unittest -v hw04_text_search/test_text_search.py

- 1. Make the existing test pass by changing the functionality of DocumentCollection.cosine_similarity accordingly. [1 point]
- 2. Write 4 additional tests that initially fail, and then pass after some functionality of (any part of) the initial code has been changed/extended (try really to follow the test-driven development paradigma in this exercise: 1. Implement the failing tests, 2. Implement the functionality to make the tests pass). [8 points]

You can come up with your own improvements to the code, or you can choose from the following list (in each case also write the appropriate test):

- The search engine displays text snippets including line break. Change the functionality such that lines are displayed without line breaks.
- Remove the indentation markers of reply emails (e.g. ">>>>") (either when reading or when displaying).
- If several search terms occur in a document, the search engine displays several text snippets (one for each). Change the code such that only one text snippet is displayed, if it contains the entire search string.
- Query syntax: if tokens are quoted ("New York"), require that full string occurs in the document (hint: additionally filter result of docs_with_tokens)
- Snippets should show exact matches of query tokens, not substring matches.
- Files to index should recursively be read from subdirectories.
- When the file path is shown for search result, normalize it so that the full absolute path is shown.
- If there is no result containing all tokens, search for documents containing at least one of the tokens.
- If a query contains the same token multiple times, only show one text snippet for it.