## **Getting Started with NLTK**

NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) is a powerful Python library for working with human language data. It provides easy-to-use interfaces to multiple text corpora and lexical resources, along with a suite of text processing libraries for classification, tokenization, stemming, tagging, parsing, and more.

## **Task 1: Getting Ready**

Firstly, ensure you have NLTK installed. If you haven't installed it yet, use pip (Python's package installer) in your command line:

#### pip install nltk

Browse the available packages using

#### nltk.download()

Download the book collections for the moment. Load them up using

#### from nltk.book import \*

The corpus will be loaded as text1, text2, .... You can view these texts by giving text1 on the prompt to see their details. To search within a given text, use:

#### text1.concordance("monster")

The search above gives exact matching. To search for similar words, use:

#### text1.similar("monster")

Each time the queries are executed, it returns some additional text (left and right of the word) as context. We can search for words in terms of common context as:

#### text1.common contexts(["monster", "person"])

To see the occurrence of a word in a text appears, how many times and where in a text, you can use dispersion plots (will not work in shell but in jupyter)

#### text1.dispersion plot(["monster", "evil", "devil"])

To see all unique vocabulary in a given corpus, you can use:

#### set(text1)

Or to view the sorted list, just use:

#### sorted(set(text1))

Check the sizes of the vocabulary in the corpus using:

#### len(text3)

You can measure the lexical richness or lexical diversity of a corpus through as a ratio of unique words / total words, i.e. the higher, the better.

Using the above information, fill the following table:

Corpus	Text1	Text2	Text3	Text4	Text5	Text6	Text7	Text8	Text9
Corpus Name									

Corpus Length					
Unique Words					
Lexical Richness					

## **Task 2: Term Frequency**

Similar to lexical richness, if you want to determine the count or frequency of a particular word appearing in a corpus, you can use:

#### text1.count('monster') / len(text1) \* 100

Define a function **TF()** which can take the corpus and the token and return this value for you. In the case of log scales, you can use:

#### math.log(text1.count('monster')+1,10)

For this, use a function **LOGTF()** which can do the same.

For Inverse Document Frequency, you can use:

#### math.log(9 / text1.count('monster'), 10)

Prepare a function IDF() for the above.

Obtain the 10 most common words in a given corpus using the Frequency Distribution:

# fdist1 = FreqDist(text1) fdist1.most common(3)

You would naturally want to use remove some stop words from the corpus (See Task 3). To view the most common words as a plot, use:

#### fdist1.plot(50)

Now, fill the table below:

	Text1							
Tokens	TF()	LOGTF()	IDF()					
monster								
evil								
devil								
the								
Common word 1								
Common word 2								
Common word 3								

### **Task 3: Tokenization & POS**

To try it out, try a simple tokenization task using the NLTK Punkt tokenizer.

```
nltk.download('punkt')

text = "NLTK is a powerful library for natural language processing."

words = nltk.word_tokenize(text)

sentences = nltk.sent_tokenize(text)

print(words)
print(sentences)
```

To to the text, assign parts of speech tags to the sentencs:

```
nltk.download('averaged_perceptron_tagger')
tags = nltk.pos_tag(words)
print(tags)
```

Remove some of the stop words like is, a, etc. in the sentence:

```
nltk.download('stopwords')
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
filtered_words = [word for word in words if word.lower() not in
stopwords.words('english')]
print(filtered_words)
```