Problem 1

- a) Discounted counts under GoodTuring discounting for the three bigrams are:
- 1. beer drinker:

$$N^*(w,h) = [N(w,h)+1] \frac{n_{N(w,h)+1}}{n_{N(w,h)}}$$
$$= [1+1] \frac{1600}{5000}$$
$$= 0.64$$

2. beer lover:

$$N^*(w,h) = [N(w,h)+1] \frac{n_{N(w,h)+1}}{n_{N(w,h)}}$$
$$= [2+1] \frac{800}{1600}$$
$$= 1.5$$

3. beer glass:

$$N^*(w,h) = [N(w,h)+1] \frac{n_{N(w,h)+1}}{n_{N(w,h)}}$$
$$= [3+1] \frac{500}{800}$$
$$= 2.5$$

- b) By using a backing off model, the probabilities of the bigrams are:
- 1. p(drinker|beer):

$$P(w|h) = \frac{N^*(w,h)}{N(h)} + \lambda(h)\beta(w|h)$$

$$\lambda(h) = 1 - \frac{N^*(h)}{N(h)}$$

$$N(h) = 6$$

$$therefore, N^*(h) = N(h)$$

$$\lambda(h) = 0$$

$$p(drinker|beer) = \frac{0.64}{6}$$

$$= 0.1067$$

2. p(glass|beer):

$$P(w|h) = \frac{N^*(w,h)}{N(h)} + \lambda(h)\beta(w|h)$$
$$\lambda(h) = 0$$
$$p(glass|beer) = \frac{2.5}{6}$$
$$= 0.4167$$

3. p(mug|beer):

$$P(w|h) = \frac{N^*(w,h)}{N(h)} + \lambda(h)\beta(w|h)$$

$$\lambda(h) = 0$$

$$N^*(mug|mug\ beer) = [N(w,h)+1] \frac{n_{N(w,h)+1}}{n_{N(w,h)}}$$

$$= [0+1] \frac{N_1}{N_0 N}$$

$$N_1 = 5000$$

$$N_0 = 1$$

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^5 N_i(w,h)n_{N_i(w,h)}$$

$$N = 14100$$

$$N^*(mug|mug\ beer) = [0+1] \frac{5000}{14100}$$

$$= 0.355$$

$$p(mug|beer) = [0+1] \frac{0.355}{6}$$

$$= 0.059$$

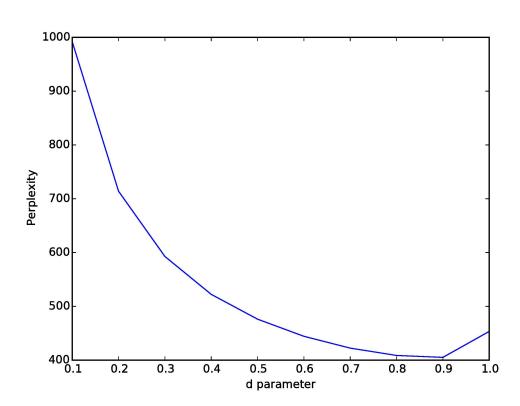
Problem 2

Instruction to run the the code (for Linux):

\$ python ex5.py

We got the following result:

Figure 1:



Bonus

1) We have:

$$\begin{split} \frac{N(w,h)+\epsilon}{N(h)+\epsilon V} &= \frac{N(w,h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V} + \frac{\epsilon}{N(h)+\epsilon V} \\ &= \frac{N(w,h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V} * \frac{N(h)}{N(h)} + \frac{\epsilon V}{(N(h)+\epsilon V)V} \\ &= \frac{N(h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V} * \frac{N(w,h)}{N(h)} + \frac{N(h)-N(h)+\epsilon V}{N(h)+\epsilon V} * \frac{1}{V} \\ &= \frac{N(h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V} * \frac{N(w,h)}{N(h)} + \left(\frac{N(h)+\epsilon V}{N(h)+\epsilon V} - \frac{N(h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V}\right) * \frac{1}{V} \\ &= \frac{N(h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V} * \frac{N(w,h)}{N(h)} + \left(1 - \frac{N(h)}{N(h)+\epsilon V}\right) * \frac{1}{V} \end{split}$$

With
$$\mu = \frac{N(h)}{N(h) + \epsilon V}$$
, then we have:

$$\frac{N(w,h)+\epsilon}{N(h)+\epsilon V} = \mu*\frac{N(w,h)}{N(h)} + (1-\mu)*\frac{1}{V}$$

2) In case if the probability of a word estimated by a unigram model is 0, means that the word is an OOV word. Instead of using a zerogram model probability value, we could improve it by adding the average probability value of the words similar to the current word. Hence metric will be:

$$P(w) = \frac{N(w)}{N}, if N(w) > 0$$
$$= (1 - \lambda) \left(\sum_{v \in Syn(w)} \frac{N(v)}{N} \right) + \lambda c; N(w) = 0$$

Syn(w) is a set of terms similar to w and c is the probability value obtained from zero gram model.