lexical density & readability

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type-token ratio

$$TTR = \frac{\sum w_{lex}}{\sum Fr(w_i)} \times 100 \tag{1}$$





information theory

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \times \log_2(p_i)$$
 (2)

$$p_i = \frac{Fr(w_i)}{\sum_{i}^{n} Fr(w_i)} \tag{3}$$

 average amount of information in a text string in terms of its units (e.g., characters, words, n-grams) is closely related to other measures of lexical variety og density (readability)



läsbarhetsindex or LIX

$$O = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Fr(w_i) \tag{4}$$

$$P = Fr(\circ) \tag{5}$$

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Fr(w_i^{>6})$$
 (6)

$$LIX = \frac{O}{P} \times \frac{L \times 100}{O} \tag{7}$$

LIX	KEY
≥55	very difficult (academic literature)
45-54	difficult (popular science)
35-44	35-44 middle (newspapers)
25-34	25-34 easy (fiction)
≤24	<24 very easy (childrens literature)

