M01 Homework

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Using the notebook we reviewed in class (M01_03_first_foray.ipynb) as your guide, create a notebook to import the text contained the attached file (pg42324.txt Download pg42324.txt) as a data frame of lines (not chunks). Once you have done this, answer these questions or perform the task listed. In your notebook, create a section for each question.

- 1. How many tokens does the raw text have? By raw text, we mean the text as-is, without all of the Gutenberg boilerplate removed
- 2. What is the most frequent pronoun in the text?
- 3. Which subject pronoun is most frequent in the text we imported in class?
- 4. Provide a brief explanation for this difference, based on what you may know about the two novels.

1: How many tokens does the raw text have? By raw text, we mean the text as-is, without all of the Gutenberg boilerplate removed.

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In []: src_file = f"{data_home}/pg42324.txt"

In []: lines = open(src_file, 'r').readlines()
    t = pd.DataFrame(lines, columns=['line_str'])
    K = t.line_str.str.split(expand=True).stack().to_frame('token_str')
    K.index.names = ['line_num', 'token_num']
    K['token_str'] = K['token_str'].str.lower()
    K
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Out[]:	token_str
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	token_num	line_num
the	0	0
project	1	
gutenberg	2	
ebook	3	
of	4	
	•••	•••
to	5	8027
hear	6	
about	7	
new	8	
ebooks.	9	

2. What is the most frequent pronoun in the text?

Without even needing to do a specific search for pronouns, we can see that I is the most frequent pronoun in the text

3. Which subject pronoun is most frequent in the text we imported in class?

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In [ ]: src_file2 = f"{data_home}/pg105.txt"
In [ ]: chunk_pat = '\n\n'
        chunks2 = open(src_file2, 'r').read().split(chunk_pat)
        text2 = pd.DataFrame(chunks2, columns=['chunk_str'])
        text2.index.name = 'chunk_id'
        text2.chunk_str = text2.chunk_str.str.replace('\n+', ' ', regex=True).str.strip()
        K2 = text2.chunk_str.str.split(expand=True).stack().to_frame('term_str')
        K2.index.names = ['chunk_num', 'token_num']
        K2['term\_str'] = K2.term\_str.str.replace(r'\W+', '', regex=True).str.lower()
        V2 = K2.term_str.value_counts().to_frame('n')
        V2.query("index in ['I', 'you', 'he', 'she', 'it', 'we', 'they']")
Out[]:
         she 1143
          it 1051
          he 963
         you 695
              435
        they
              163
         we
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As we can see above, she is the most frequent subject pronoun

4. Provide a brief explanation for this difference, based on what you may know about the two novels.

In *Persuasion*, by Jane Austen, the author often writes in 3rd person. This provides an explanation for why **she** is the most common pronoun in the novel, where there are many female characters. However, in *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley, the author writes more in a first person narrative, which is a reasonable explanation as to why **I** is the most common pronoun in the novel.