Phase 2: Final Search Engine

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Module 8a - Bigram Language Model

Functionality

The class BigramModel.java has the functionality of Module 8a. It uses the corpus taken by the DictionaryBuilder.java which are already tokenized, normalized and has stopword removal, but no stemming. Then, using the built-in NGramGenerator from Apache OpenNLP, a list of bigrams was created.

Limitations (cases not handled)

This is dependent on the preprocessing (tokenization, etc) from the DictionaryBuilder. If this is poorly done, then the bigram list will contain words that aren't in pairs.

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

The bigram list originally included extra whitespace, single words and empty strings which was taken from corpus that was not properly tokenized. So, extra steps had to be taken to remove these from the list.

Module 8b - Query Completion Module

Functionality

The class BigramModel.java also has the functionality of Module 8b. We decided to combine these two modules together into a single class since the query completion is just a single function in BigramModel.

From the list of bigrams, we get the first and second terms individually and calculate the frequency of when the second term appears after the first term is given. We compare the first term with the query word and the second term becomes the suggested word. And then sort the list from highest frequency to lowest. The suggested words for query completion will take the top n from the list.

Limitations (cases not handled)

It only takes a single query word at a time to generate a list of suggested words.

Also, since the bigram list is generated from the Reuters' corpus, the next suggested word will most likely be the same word that appears in the text.

If the user types a word that does not have a following word, then there is nothing in the combo box. For Boolean model, the user must manually add AND, OR, AND_NOT in between the words since query completion won't have suggestions for AND, OR AND_NOT.

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module) N/A

Module 9a - Automatic Thesaurus Construction

Functionality

The class Thesaurus.java has the functionality of Module 9a. It uses the Jaccard coefficient similarity to compare documents as a unit of comparison. From the documents, the words (e.g. tokens) in the document are used as input for Jaccard. The thesaurus uses a HashMap, with the set of two words as the key, and a double as the similarity.

Limitations (cases not handled)

N/A

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

N/A

Module 9b - Global Query Expansion (in VSM)

Functionality

The class VSM.java has the functionality of Module 9b and Thesaurus.java provides a function to find the max similarity using the Jaccard coefficient. We chose to implement with implicit expansion with only a limit of 1, in which the word is only expanded once. In the case that the query has more than 1 word, we only look at the last word in the query and expand on that word for simplicity.

Limitations (cases not handled)

It doesn't expand on all words if there are more than one in a query.

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

N/A

Module 10a - Text categorization with kNN

Functionality

The class MachineLearning.java has the functionality of Module 10a. Since this is also part of preprocessing, we read the file outputted from PreprocessorReuters.java and do tokenization, stopword removal, and normalization on the Reuters' text. All the documents that didn't have a topic assigned are put into a test set and the remaining documents with topics are used as a training set.

Next, we used the Jaccard coefficient similarity measure with k = 1. So, from the training set, the document with the highest similarity is used to assign the topic to the document with no topic. For multiple topic assignment, if the chosen document had multiple topics, we assigned <u>all</u> topics to the test document.

Limitations (cases not handled)

Since we chose k = 1, the documents could easily be misclassified.

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

Originally, DictionaryBuilder tokenized and found all the documents that had no topics. However, it took a long time to process to pass the documents back and forth between DictionaryBuilder and this module. So we decided to process everything and give DictionaryBuilder a final text file that had topics assigned to all documents.

Module 10b - Topic Restriction

Functionality

The class MainPage.java has the functionality of Module 10b. It reads an external text file *all-topics-strings.lc.txt* to populate a list of possible topics in the UI. From that, the documents will be filtered based on the topics a user selects by using an inverted index except for topics (e.g. topic \rightarrow [list of docIDs]) that is created by DictionaryBuilder.

If the document collection U of O courses are selected, a user can pick a topic and the option is not disabled, but no topics will be shown in the results since it is not applicable.

Limitations (cases not handled)

N/A

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

N/A

Optional Module - Visualization of automatic thesaurus

Functionality

The classes Thesaurus.java and VisualizeThesaurus.java have the functionality of an Optional Module.

<u>Note:</u> After asking the professor, we had the option to visualize the thesaurus as a table by sorting the similarity and taking the top n results. We chose this option instead of visualizing the thesaurus as a semantic map/graph.

From the thesaurus, we decided to return the top 15 highest similarities to a given word. If the similarity was 0.0, we removed it from our list or found the next smallest value to substitute. Then the similarities were sorted.

Limitations (cases not handled)

N/A

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

A pair of similar words (<chosen word, similar word> \rightarrow similarity) returned a Set, but we needed it as a String to be usable in the UI. We removed the chosen word and kept the similar word and then converted it to a String.

Optional Module - Text categorization with Naive Bayes

Functionality

The class MachineLearning.java has the functionality of an Optional Module. Similar to KNN, the documents are split into a training and testing set respectively. The prior and posterior probabilities are calculated and the topic assigned to the test document is chosen by the max probability.

Limitations (cases not handled)

The training and test set are small, so the topics assigned are sensitive to the biased prior probabilities found.

Problems encountered (if any, as you developed the module)

N/A

Describe how you dealt with the Reuters collection

NOTE: The reuters text files can be found in Sample Reuters Text File Outputs folder

1. Were you able to process all the files?

Yes, we were able to process and extract the title, topic and text/body of all the Reuters outputted by PreprocessorReuters.java (see *reuters_output.txt*) into a single text file.

2. If not, why? What caused problems?

But, due to time constraint and testing purposes of our modules, the large collection made it difficult to confirm whether our implementations of the modules were working as intended.

So, we decided to test on 1 Reuters file reut2-000.sgm (see *single_reuters_output.txt*). Unfortunately, one problem we had was building the automatic thesaurus which was too time-consuming with even a single sgm file.

3. How many documents did you end up with?

Therefore, we reduced the number of documents used even more in order to test our implementations (see *test_reuters_output.txt*). This text file contains the first 40 documents from reut2-000.sgm/single_reuters_output.txt.

4. Did you have any execution time issues? (searches being too long for example). If yes, what did you do?

As explained in Questions 2-3 on reducing our document collection, yes, we had execution time issues. When it came to testing our modules like the thesaurus or assigning topics to unassigned documents, the time to execute took at least more than 10 minutes of waiting. Since we couldn't afford to wait, we had to reduce the collection in order to obtain immediate results.

5. How long does it take to generate the dictionary? Did you set up some constraints to make the dictionary generation faster?

As explained in Questions 2-3, since our collection was limited, the generation of the dictionary did not take a long time to process. However, we wrote all our frequently used modules to an external text file (e.g. dictionary, inverted index, list of tokens) that are read only once in the constructor. We added a parameter to determine the type of document collection used as well as whether KNN or Naive Bayes was chosen to preprocess the documents. These external files are used as input for our other modules.

6. In general, describe how more challenging it is to work with the Reuters collection than with the CSI collection that was used for the vanilla system.

The Reuters collection was a lot more challenging to work with. The preprocessing took time due to inconsistency in the appearance of some tags in the sgm files that had to be handled. The body of the Reuters also increased considerably which would increase the time for building the dictionary and inverted index as well as the thesaurus as it compares the similarity of every pair of words.

Additional Info

How did we split the work?

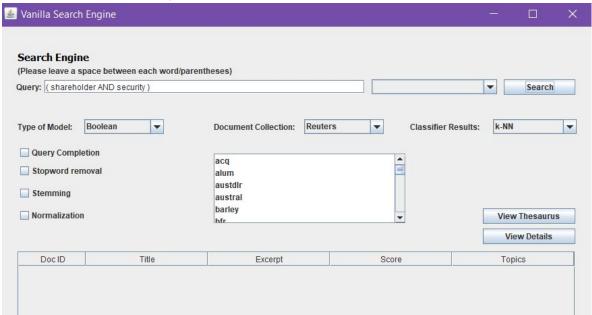
We met each day to work on the project. All members have contributed to each module equally.

Screenshots of the results

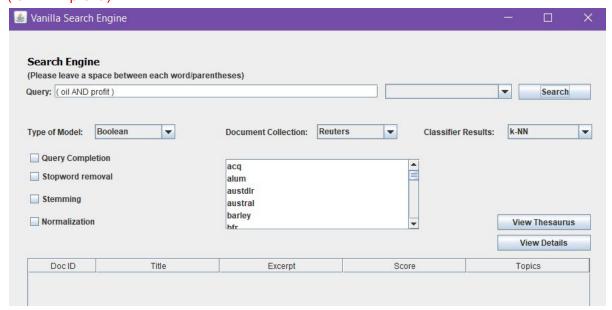
NOTE: Due to our chosen subset of the Reuters document collection, we will first present the screenshots of the required queries (red). Then, include our own queries (blue) to showcase the Boolean and VSM models if the required queries didn't return any results.

Boolean Model

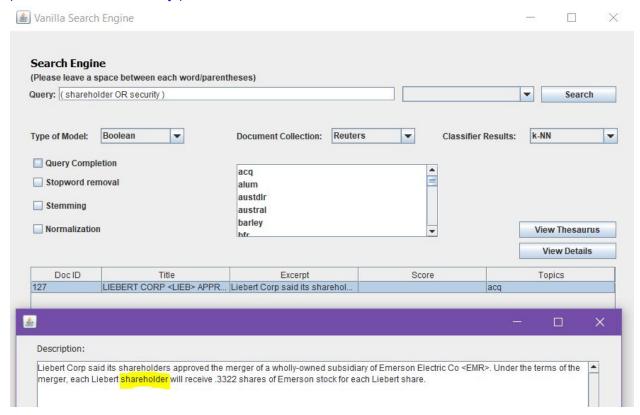
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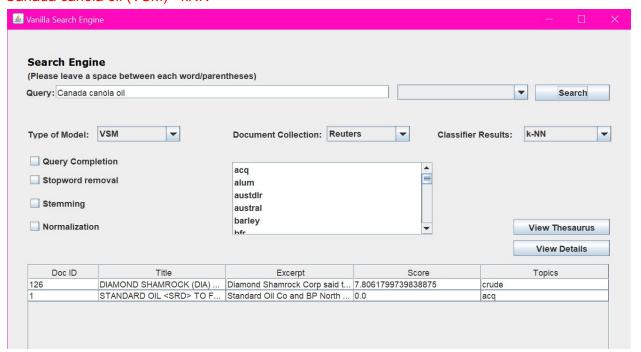
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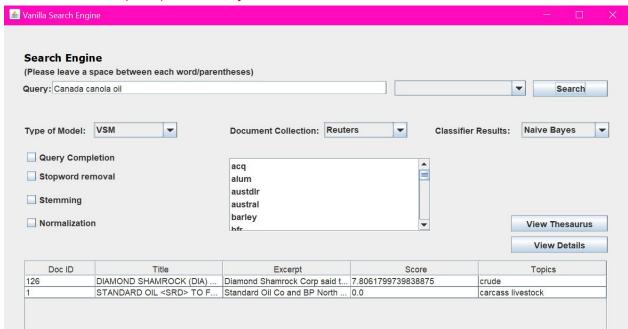
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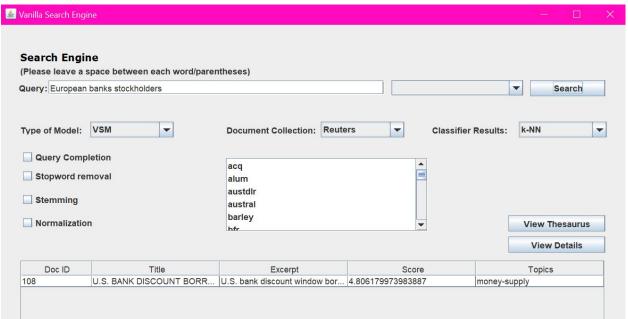
Canada canola oil (VSM) - kNN



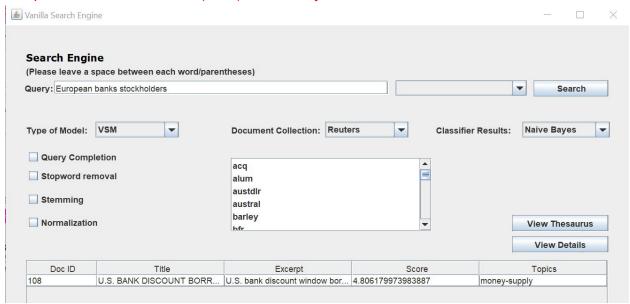
Canada canola oil (VSM) - Naive Bayes



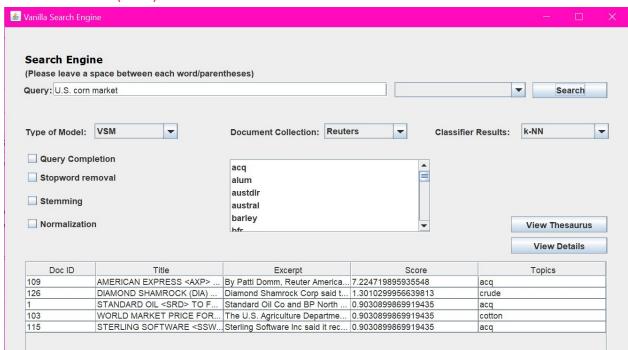
European banks stockholders (VSM) - kNN



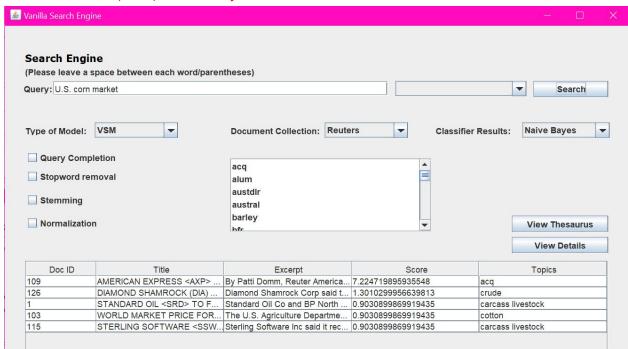
European banks stockholders (VSM) - Naive Bayes



U.S. corn market (VSM) - kNN

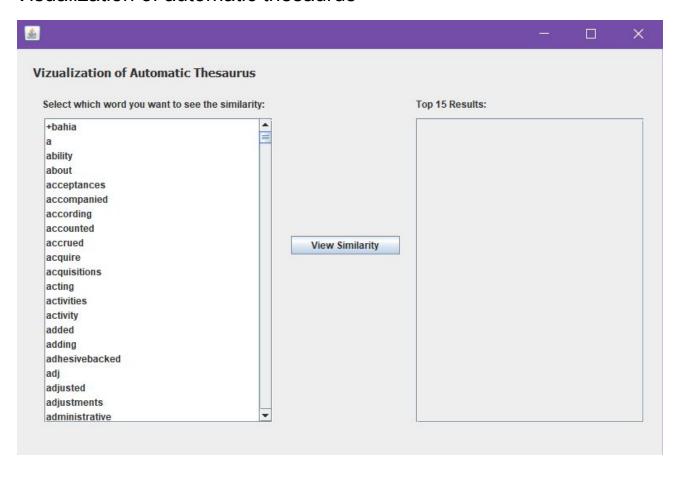


U.S. corn market (VSM) - Naive Bayes

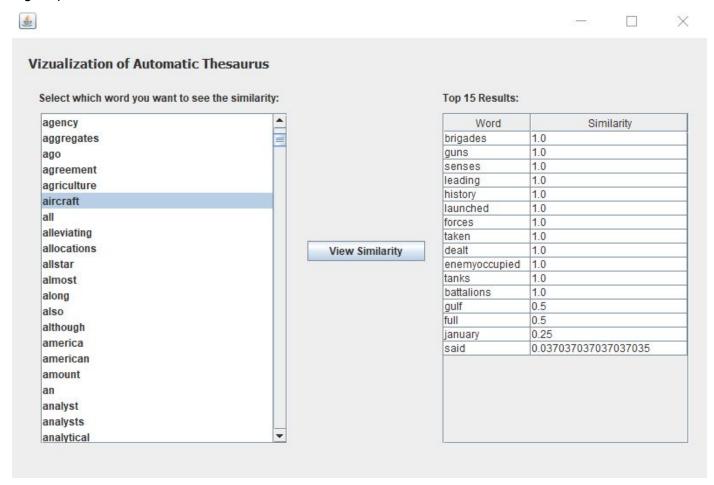


NOTE; We assume that the Probabilistic Relevance Retrieval model only works for U of O courses

Visualization of automatic thesaurus



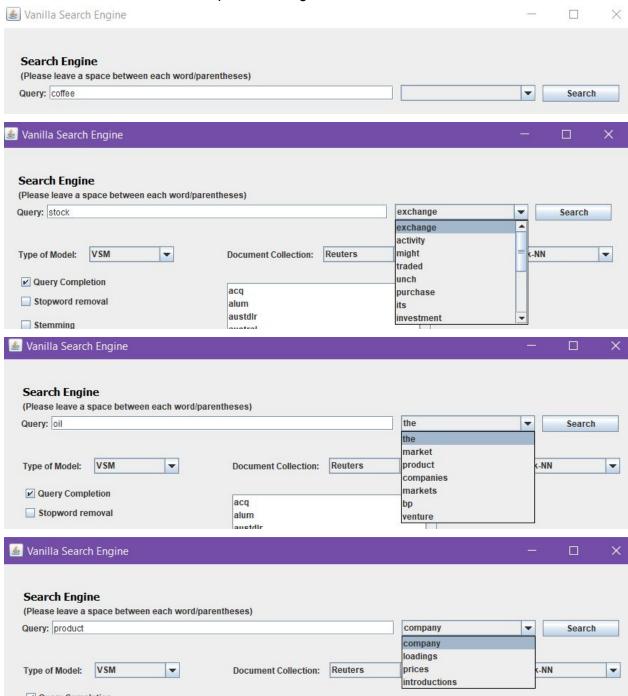
E.g. Top 15 similar words of aircraft based on Jaccard



Bigram Language Model

NOTE: Functionality will be shown in demo

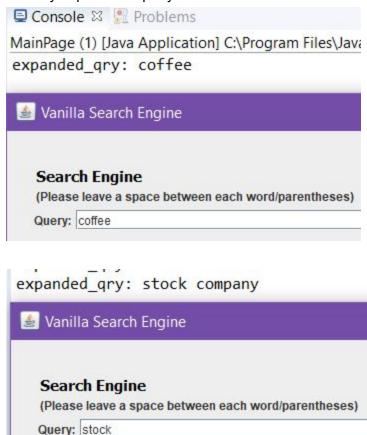
Five test words coffee, stock, oil, product and grain are shown below:





Global Query Expansion (in VSM)

We only expand the query with 1 word.



expanded_qry: oil companies

Vanilla Search Engine

Search Engine
(Please leave a space between each word/parentheses)
Query: oil

expanded_qry: product reported

Search Engine

Search Engine
(Please leave a space between each word/parentheses)
Query: product

expanded_qry: grain association

Search Engine

Search Engine

(Please leave a space between each word/parentheses)

Query: grain

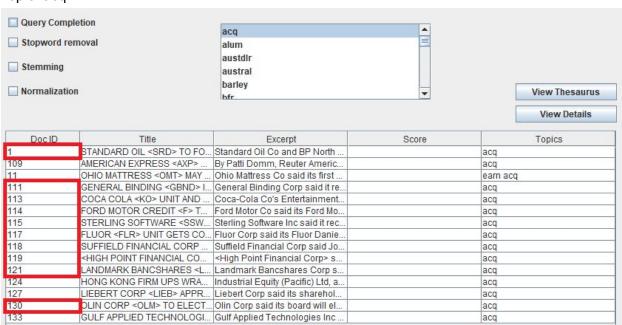
Topic Classification

NOTE: Due to our reduced document collection, 5 topics can't be shown for the documents that we classified. With this subset, the documents were classified into 3 different topics.

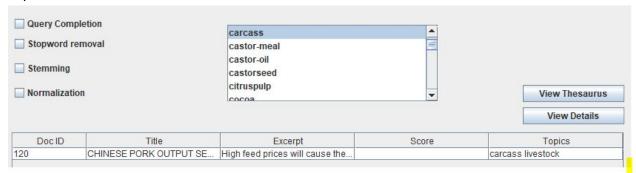
Our documents with NO topics (by docID):

DocID	Title	Excerpt
1	STANDARD OIL <srd> TO FO</srd>	Standard Oil Co and BP North
106	IRAN ANNOUNCES END OF M	Iran announced tonight that its
111	GENERAL BINDING <gbnd> I</gbnd>	General Binding Corp said it re
113	COCA COLA <ko> UNIT AND</ko>	Coca-Cola Co's Entertainment
114	FORD MOTOR CREDIT <f> T</f>	Ford Motor Co said its Ford Mo
115	STERLING SOFTWARE <ssw< td=""><td>Sterling Software Inc said it rec</td></ssw<>	Sterling Software Inc said it rec
116	<schult corp="" homes=""> MA</schult>	Schult Homes Corp announce
117	FLUOR <flr> UNIT GETS CO</flr>	Fluor Corp said its Fluor Danie
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120	CHINESE PORK OUTPUT SE	High feed prices will cause the
121	LANDMARK BANCSHARES < L	Landmark Bancshares Corp s
130	OLIN CORP < OLM > TO ELECT	Olin Corp said its board will el

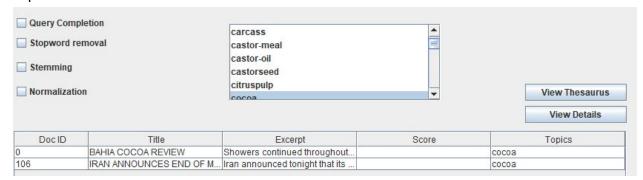
Topic: acq



Topics: carcass, livestock



Topic: cocoa



Since k=1, it can easily be misclassified (as in this case for docID = 106)

What k did you use for kNN?

We used k = 1.

We are not doing a formal evaluation, but does the classification seem to make sense on the 5 examples you chose?

In the previous screenshot, most results make sense except the last one.

Do you think the kNN is a good approach here?

Yes, it is good approach. However, it is hard to analyze the results as we only used a very small set of the reuters data.

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- **All references that we copied/modified for the following classes:

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- totalNumWord function:
 - http://www.java67.com/2016/09/3-ways-to-count-words-in-java-string.html
- getKeyFromValue function:
 - http://www.java2s.com/Code/Java/Collections-Data-Structure/GetakeyfromvaluewithanHashMap.htm
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 - http://interactivepython.org/runestone/static/pythonds/BasicDS/InfixPrefixandPostfixExpressions.html
- performBooleanOperation function:
 - http://interactivepython.org/runestone/static/pythonds/BasicDS/InfixPrefixandPostfixExpressions.html
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- readFile function: https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/different-ways-reading-text-file-java/
- writeToFile function:
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