

## Collocation Extraction

### Extracting Collocations from ngram

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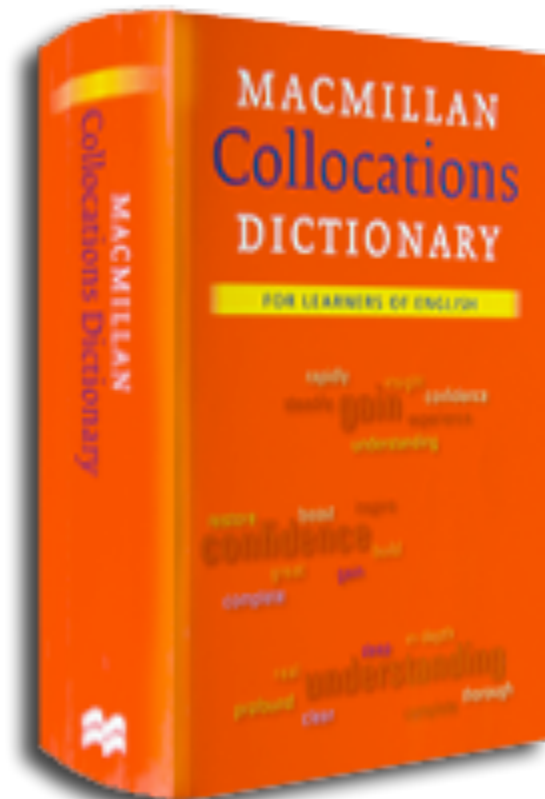
# What is Collocation Extraction?

- def = Identifying collocations automatically from a corpus using a computer
- Collocation = a pair / sequence of words co-occurring more often than chance, e.g.,
  - middle management (\*intermediate management )
  - nuclear family
  - six sigma ( $6\sigma$ )
  - plastic surgery
  - riding boots (\*horse boots)
  - motor cyclist



- Conveying more meaning than the surface words

- Why is collocation so important?
  - These prefabricated chunks are a key to **fluency**
  - Collocation as a key to **meaning**
- Methods and resources
  - Collocation tools
    - TANGO, WordSketch, Just-the-Word
  - Collocations Dictionaries
    - Oxford Collocations Dictionary
    - Macmillan Collocations Dictionary



<http://www.macmillandictionaries.com/features/how-dictionaries-are-written/macmillan-collocations-dictionary/>

# 傳統紙版詞典與電子詞典

**role** noun <sup>2</sup> position and importance

**ADJ.**

**central, crucial, decisive, dominant, essential, fundamental, important, key, leading, major, pivotal, primary, prominent, significant, vital**

*Every member of staff must have a clear role.*

**VERB + ROLE**

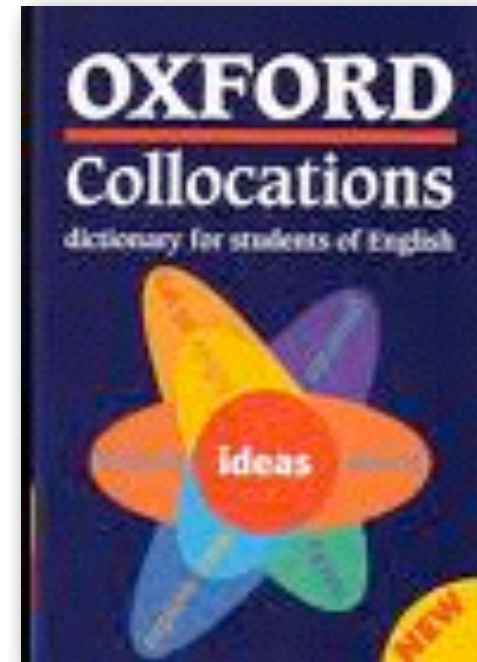
**occupy, perform, play, serve**

*Regional managers occupy a crucial role in developing a strategic framework.*

**PREP.**

**~ in**

*Pressure groups played a major role in bringing about the reforms.*



- 適合翻譯、寫作
- 搭配數量受限
- 例句數量受限
- 自動產生搭配
- 可產生更多的搭配、例句
- 可產生特定的搭配
  - 學術英文
  - 商業英文

# Academic Collocation List - Pearson

	Pre-collocate	AW		AW	Post-collocate
adj	considerable	research	n	research	efforts
adj	initial		n		effort
adj	earlier		n		purposes
adj	past		n		methodology
adj	original		n		evidence
adj	primary		vpp/adj		published
adj	extensive		vpp/adj		undertaken
adj	little		vpp/adj		conducted
adj	major				
adj	basic				
adj	current				
adj	empirical				
adj	previous				
adj	future				
adj	scientific				
adj	further				
adj	recent				
p/adj	existing				
p/adj	published				
n	field				
v	undertake				
v	conducting				

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# Properties of Collocations

## 1. Syntactic (government) relations

- Lexical collocations
  - N-Adj
  - SV, VO
  - V-Adv
  - V+V
- Grammatical collocations
  - V-Part
  - N-Prep
  - Adj+to+DO
  - Adj-Prep-n

type	example
N-Adj	"heavy/light [] trading/smoker/traffic"
N-Adj	"high/low [] fertility/pressure/bounce"
N-Adj	"large/small [] crowd/retailer/client"
SV	"index [] rose"
SV	"stock [] [rose, fell, jumped, continued, declined, crashed, ...]"
SV	"advancers [] [outnumbered, outpaced, overwhelmed, outstripped]"
V-Adv	"trade ⇔ actively," "mix ⇔ narrowly,"
V-Adv	"use ⇔ widely," "watch ⇔ closely"
VO	"posted [] gain"
VO	"momentum [] [pick up, build, carry over, gather, loose, gain]"
V-Part	"take [] from," "raise [] by," "mix [] with"
VV	"offer to [acquire, buy]"
VV	"agree to [acquire, buy]"



# Properties of Collocations

## 2. Statistical associativity

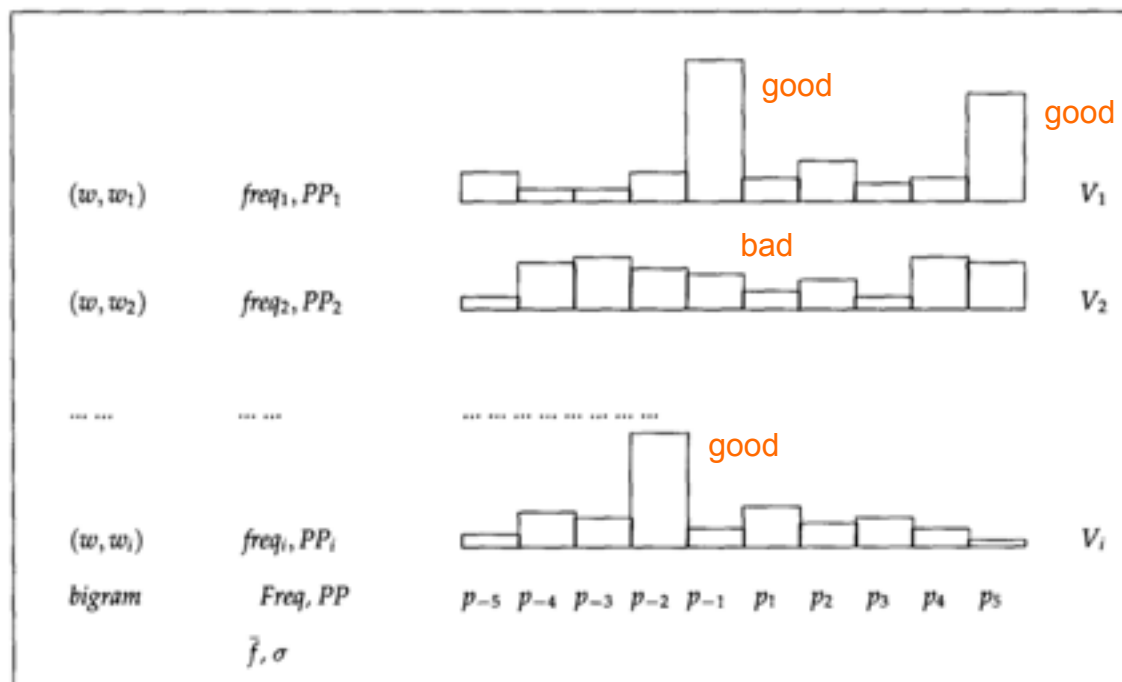
- **Mutual information**, log likelihood ratio (**LLR**)
- t-test, chi-square test
- Reference range (see [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reference\\_range](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reference_range) or [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six\\_Sigma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Sigma))

## 3. Syntactic relation by **distanced ngram analysis** (Smadja 1993)

- Calculate count for two words (e.g., **play** and **role**) at distance  $d$
- play\_role (in Google Web 1T 5gram)
  - -4(81230) -3(161358) -2(920270) -1(255149)
  - 4(325548) **3(3452577)** 2(1428845) 1(27584)
- Counts **peak** at **distance of 3**, indicating V. + Det. + Adj. + N. relation

# Word pairs, bigram freq, avg f, deviation

- Collocations = word + collocate
- Collocations are relatively high frequency
- Collocations has skew distance distribution
- Peaks at some distance imply grammatical construction: AN, VN, VN (passive)



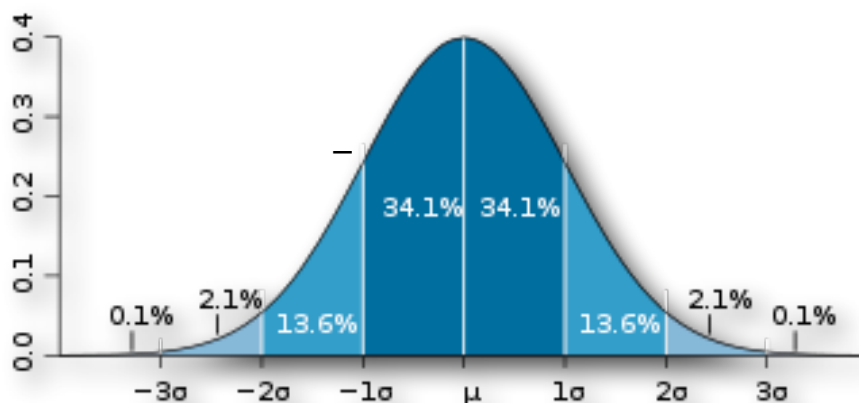


# Bigram examples (relatively high-freq)

$w$	$w_i$	Freq	$p_{-5}$	$p_{-4}$	$p_{-3}$	$p_{-2}$	$p_{-1}$	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	$p_4$	$p_5$	
takeover	possible	178	0	13	4	23	138	0	0	0	0	0	Good AN collocation
takeover	corporate	93	2	2	2	1	63	3	2	9	4	5	Good AN collocation
takeover	unsolicited	83	5	30	5	0	42	0	0	1	0	0	
takeover	several	81	2	6	6	6	45	0	0	12	0	4	
takeover	recent	76	5	4	6	5	17	0	0	36	2	1	
takeover	new	75	4	3	6	28	27	0	1	4	2	0	
takeover	unwanted	53	5	0	0	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	
takeover	expensive	52	1	0	0	0	2	0	23	23	3	0	
takeover	potential	50	1	0	1	3	42	0	0	0	2	1	
takeover	big	47	0	0	0	4	15	0	0	5	21	2	
takeover	friendly	41	0	3	3	1	25	0	0	2	3	4	Good AN collocation
takeover	unsuccessful	40	0	1	5	6	27	0	0	0	0	1	
takeover	biggest	35	1	2	1	4	20	0	0	0	5	2	
takeover	largest	32	0	1	3	20	3	0	0	0	0	5	
takeover	old	28	0	8	6	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	
takeover	unfriendly	26	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	8	
takeover	rival	26	0	1	3	0	3	0	8	5	5	1	Not good
takeover	inadequate	26	5	10	2	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	Not good
takeover	initial	25	0	6	0	0	13	0	0	4	0	2	
takeover	unwelcome	24	4	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	
takeover	previous	24	0	2	0	4	18	0	0	0	0	0	
takeover	federal	22	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	8	2	Not good
takeover	bitter	22	0	0	0	7	14	0	0	0	1	0	
takeover	strong	19	0	4	3	5	4	0	0	1	0	2	
takeover	hostile	16	0	6	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	Good AN collocation
takeover	attractive	16	1	0	5	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	
takeover	unfair	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	

# Smadja's Algorithm

- Compute  $w$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$  (word, collocate, distance)



- Three conditions
  - (C1)  $Count(w, c) > f(\text{average}) + 1 * \sigma$  (standard deviation)
    - $w = \text{"takeover,"}$
    - C1 selects 167 collocates out of 3385
    - 95% rejected (84.2% if normal distribution).
  - (C2)  $Count(w, c, d)$  spread out non-uniformly (has 1-2 peaks)
  - (C3) Some distances where  $Count(\text{word}, \text{collocate}, d)$  peaks

# Three Conditions

$$(C) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{strength} = \frac{\text{freq} - \bar{f}}{\sigma} \geq k_0 \\ \text{spread} \geq U_0 \\ p_j^i \geq \bar{p}_i + (k_1 \times \sqrt{U_i}) \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} (C_1) \\ (C_2) \\ (C_3) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$U_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{10} (p_j^i - \bar{p}_i)^2}{10} \quad (k_0, k_1, U_0) = (1, 1, 10)$$

where

strength = normalized frequency

spread(  $U_i$  ) of  $w_i$  = mean squared difference of freq from avg for  $p$

peak = more frequent than avg by  $k_1 \times$  standard deviation

# Examples

## word, collocate, d, strength, spread

$w_i$	$w_j$	distance	strength	spread
hostile	takeovers	1	13	97
hostile	takeover	1	13	90
corporate	takeovers	1	8	90
possible	takeover	1	6	73
hostile	takeovers	2	2	70
corporate	takeover	1	3	63
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takeover	big	4	1	47
takeovers	other	2	1	43
big	takeover	1	1	46
takeovers	major	4	1	46
biggest	takeover	1	.93	53
largest	takeover	2	.82	60

Strength > 1: Good

Spread > 10: Good

# Datasets

## 1. *Citeseer*<sup>x</sup>

- lab3.iteseerx100000.tag.txt
- 100,000 sentences, 2,270,631 words
- As/IN such/JJ the/DT paper/NN aim/VBZ to/TO  
establish/VB a/DT steppingstone/NN from/IN which/  
WDT to/TO launch/VB actual/JJ digital/JJ design/NNS  
./.

## 2. Words in Academic Collocation List

- lab3.acl.words.txt
- 1307 words
- ability abstract ... year younger

# Steps

1. Generate ngrams for a given corpus ( $n = 2, 6$ )

e.g. play a role 122

play an important role 173 ...

2. Generate skip bigrams from ngrams ( $-5 \leq d \leq 5$ ) per 100 m. words

e.g. play\_role 669 67 102.4 -5(4) -4(8) -3(16) -2(92) -1(25)

1(2) 2(142) 3(345) 4(32) 5(3)

<bgram> <f> <avg over d> <root mean square> <d(cnt)>\*10

3. Generate average frequency and standard deviation of a word (e.g., play) with all its collocate (e.g., role, game)

E.g. play 169 200

4. Discard weak collocates

E.g., for play\_role: strength =  $(669 - 169) / 200 = 2.5 > 1$  (C1)

5. Generate collocations (spread not evenly + peak at distance d)

keep play\_role (good pair) because 102.4 > 10 (C2)

keep play\_role 3 (peak d) because 345 > 67 + 1x(102.4)<sup>0.5</sup> (C3)

keep play\_role 2 (second peak) because 142 > 67 + 1x(102.4)<sup>0.5</sup>

# 1. Generate skip bigrams

- Use dictionary to count ngram and skip bigram with d
- CASE 1 from sentences
  - $(w_1, w_n \text{ count})$ 
    - input =  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n,$
    - input =  $\langle w_1 w_2, 1 \rangle; \langle w_1 w_3, 2 \rangle, \dots, \langle w_1 w_{k+1}, k \rangle$  ( $k = 5$ )  
 $\langle w_2 w_3, 1 \rangle; \dots, \langle w_2 w_{k+2}, k \rangle$   
...  
 $\langle w_{k+1} w_1, -k \rangle; \langle w_k w_1, -k+1 \rangle, \dots, \langle w_2 w_1, -1 \rangle$   
 $\langle w_{k+2} w_2, -k \rangle; \langle w_{k+1} w_2, -k+1 \rangle, \dots, \langle w_3 w_2, -1 \rangle$   
...
- CASE2 from gram
  - input =  $(w_1, \dots, w_n \text{ count})$  (for  $n = 2, 5$ )
  - output =  $\langle w_1 w_n, n-1, \text{count} \rangle$  and  $\langle w_n, w_1, -n+1, \text{count} \rangle$
- See Hint #2 on page 23



# 1. Generate distance counts

- Generate a dictionary that store skip bigram and <stance, count> pairs
  - E.g. play\_role -5(4) -4(8) -3(16) -2(92) -1(25) 1(2) 2(142) 3(345) 4(32) 5(3)
- See Hint #3 on page 24
  - Use defaultdict to store word, collocate, distance, count
  - from collections import defaultdict;
  - dic = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: 0)))
- dic1 = defaultdict(0) #a dictionary mapping distance to count
  - store — dic1[3] += 1
  - (e.g., dic1 = {-4:11, -3:23, -2:23, -1:38, 1:35, 2:125, 3:524, 4:101})
- dic2 = defaultdict(defaultdict(0)) # dictionary mapping word to <distance, count>
  - store — dic2['role'][3] += 1 #(or count)
- dic = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: 0))) # a dictionary mapping word to a dictionary of word and <distance, count>
  - store — dic['play']['role'][3] += 1 #(count)
  - (e.g., dic = {'play': {'role': {-4:11, -3:23, -2:23, -1:38, 1:35, 2:125, 3:524, 4:101}}})

## Step 3 Compute statistics: strength, std

- Input = bigram file:  $w_{wi} \langle d, \text{count} \rangle, \dots \langle d, \text{count} \rangle$
- Compute
  - Total, avg, mean-sq-offset
  - Strength
- Example: **play\_role** 669 67 102.4

# Step 4 Check C1

- For each key group of  $w$ 
  - For each bigram
    - Calculate strength and discard weak bigram (C1)  
E.g., **play\_role** 669 67 102.4 -5(4) -4(8) ...  
strength =  $(669 - 169) / 200 = 2.5 > 1$
- Generate bigrams  $\langle w, c \rangle$  for good  $c$  candidates (e.g.,  $\langle \text{play}, \text{role} \rangle$ )

# Step 5 Check C2, C3

- input = good bigrams
- For each bigram
  - Check spread and peak conditions

E.g., play\_role is ok because spread 102.4 > 10 (C2)

play\_role 3 is ok because 345 > 67+1x(102.4)<sup>0.5</sup> (C3)

- Generate collocation <play, role, 3>

# Lab Work

- Corpus: Citeseer X
- Step 1 has been done
- Start with Citeseer ngrams
- Generate collocation for the word 'difficulty'

## BONUS

- Write up an algorithm for generate collocations for 930 words in Academic Keyword List (AKL)
- AKL is available at [www.uclouvain.be/en-372126.html](http://www.uclouvain.be/en-372126.html)

# 搜尋 Stackoverflow 來寫簡單的步驟解決

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/16670658/python-variance-of-a-list-of-defined-numbers>

```
grades = [('john', 100), 100, 90, 40, 80, 100, 85, 70, 90, 65,  
90, 85, 50.5]
```

```
def grades_sum(my_list):  
    total = 0  
    for grade in my_list:  
        total += grade  
    return total
```

```
def grades_average(my_list):  
    sum_of_grades = grades_sum(my_list)  
    average = sum_of_grades / len(my_list)  
    return average
```

```
def grades_variance(my_list, average):  
    variance = 0  
    for i in my_list:  
        variance += (average - my_list[i]) ** 2  
    return variance / len(my_list)
```

# Pythonic Way (1) Generate skip bigrams

```
words = tokens('language plays an important role in learning')
```

```
>>> [ g for d in range(1, 6) for g in zip(words, words[d:], [d]*len(words)) ]
```

```
('language', 'plays', 1), ('plays', 'an', 1), ('an', 'important', 1), ('important',  
'role', 1), ('role', 'in', 1), ('in', 'learning', 1), ('language', 'an', 2), ('plays',  
'important', 2), ('an', 'role', 2), ('important', 'in', 2), ('role', 'learning', 2),  
('language', 'important', 3), ('plays', 'role', 3), ('an', 'in', 3), ('important',  
'learning', 3), ('language', 'role', 4), ('plays', 'in', 4), ('an', 'learning', 4),  
('language', 'in', 5), ('plays', 'learning', 5)]
```

```
>>> [ g for d in range(1, 6) for g in zip(words[d:], words, [-d]*len(words)) ]
```

```
(('plays', 'language', -1), ('an', 'plays', -1), ('important', 'an', -1), ('role',  
'important', -1), ('in', 'role', -1), ('learning', 'in', -1), ('an', 'language', -2),  
('important', 'plays', -2), ('role', 'an', -2), ('in', 'important', -2), ('learning', 'role',  
-2), ('important', 'language', -3), ('role', 'plays', -3), ('in', 'an', -3), ('learning',  
'important', -3), ('role', 'language', -4), ('in', 'plays', -4), ('learning', 'an', -4),  
('in', 'language', -5), ('learning', 'plays', -5)]
```



# Pythonic Way (2) Sort/group skipgrams

```
from itertools import groupby
def gen_high_counts( counter ):

    _____

def sum_skips(skip):

    _____

skips.sort(key=lambda x: x)
for head, skips1 in groupby(skips, key=lambda x: x[0]):
    collCounts, collSkips = [], {}
    for collocate, skips2 in groupby(skips1, key=lambda x: x[1]):
        total_count = _____
        collCounts += [ (collocate, total_count) ]
        collSkips[ collocate ] = sum_skips(skip2)

    goodColls = gen_high_counts( dict(collCount) )

    _____
    goodSkips = gen_high_counts( _____ )
```

test.defaultdict.py

```
from collections import defaultdict
dic = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: 0)))
for d in [x-5 for x in range(10) if x != 5]:
    dic['play']['role'][d] += 100+d
print dic['play']['role']print dic['play']['role']
```

\$ python test.defaultdict.py

```
defaultdict(<function <lambda> at 0x1004cc6e0>,
{1: 101, 2: 102, 3: 103, 4: 104, -2: 98, -5: 95, -4: 96, -3: 97, -1: 99})
```