# Assignment 5 Report: Minwise Hashing for Document Similarity

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## Approach

For this assignment, we again took a python approach to build our Jaccard and Minwise hashing functions. Instead of using the word frequency feature vector that we have been using up to this point, we decided to use our bigram feature vector, as it works much more easily with our assignment and will end up taking less space. There are 10 bigrams per document, and with duplicate bigrams among documents, the matrix to store the data will be significantly smaller than that of individual words versus documents. This change in feature vector required changing the format of the input file we used for the rest of our functions. We adjusted our code from Assignment 2 to produce a file of the format:

<Document ID> <Class Label> <Bigrams>

Using this format, we could more easily extract the bigrams from each document for use in comparisons.

We began by writing code to calculate the Jaccard similarity for each document compared with every other document. Since Jaccard(Document1, Document2) is the same as Jaccard(Document2, Document1), we only needed to calculate values for half of the matrix, those above the main diagonal. The main diagonal having Jaccard values of 1.

Next, we created a matrix of (bigrams x Document) which we could use in our Minhash function.

We chose to run min-hashing on a feature vector of bigrams because the algorithm yields better results for n-grams or shingles.

## Results

## Issues

## Assumptions

## Work Distribution