

# A Lexicographic Analysis of Similarities in the Pauline Epistles

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Disclaimer 1: This was mostly a personal project to practice my programming skills. I was surprised by the results, especially since I did not need to optimize anything to attain them. Real algorithms to analyze authorship are (probably) more complex and reliable, so this shouldn't be considered a substitute for real scholarship.

Disclaimer 2: Any information about current scholarly consensus should be taken with a grain of salt. First of all, most outside information in this paper came from Wikipedia. At the very best, it's a bad research practice and at the very worst, the information is wrong. Also, please note that both Wikipedia and modern critical analysis are skewed against conservative religious thought due to the general overrepresentation of progressive scholarship in universities. Modern scholars are extremely quick to reject claims to authorship on the basis of occasionally minute details.

Disclaimer 3: For the Christian, rejecting the teachings of certain books because they are pseudepigraphic is dangerous business. Many times, they are considered pseudepigraphic largely in part due to the presence of "inconvenient" doctrines (misogyny is the biggest culprit) or simply because it seems different.

With that said, let's dive right in.

# 1 Introduction

New Testament authorship is a tricky subject. Most books have claims to authorship (in other words, the author directly writes, "It is me, Jacob, who wrote this"), but other books have either no claims, or only indirect claims (like in John), to authorship. And even among the books with claims to authorship, many modern scholars now dispute these claims, suggesting that these books were actually written by a later person pretending to be the claimed author. (The scholarly term is "pseudepigraphical.")

Here's the general consensus among modern day scholars.

## 1.1 Modern Scholarship

We can split up the New Testament into five sections: the four Gospels (each giving an account of the ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ), the Book of Acts (a history of the early church following the resurrection), the Pauline Epistles (letters written by Paul to churches and specific people), the Catholic Epistles (letters written to the "catholic", or general, church not to be confused with the modern day Roman Catholic Church), and the Book of Revelation (a book containing end-time prophecies.)

The Gospels are ascribed to the authors named in the title. Among the four Gospels, we call the first three (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) the Synoptic Gospels. The fourth, John, reads somewhat differently from the first three.

The Book of Acts does not claim an author, but most scholars agree that it is written by the same person who wrote Luke (who we think is Luke but very well might not be).

The Epistles are a complex territory. Seven letters are considered genuine works by Paul: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, Philemon, 2 Corinthians, and

Romans. Scholars are split on the authenticity of two letters by Paul: Colossians and 2 Thessalonians. Most scholars believe four letters are “fakes” (pseudepigraphic): Ephesians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus. Hebrews is anonymous but is usually categorized with the Pauline Epistles, but very few people think it is written by Paul, even in the Church itself.

It is much more difficult to say something concrete about the Catholic Epistles for two reasons. One, much less is known about the lives of these authors, unlike Paul, of whom we have a detailed record of his entire Christian life in the book of Acts. Two, Paul’s body of scholarship is much larger and much easier to compare across. James is written by somebody named James, but there are a couple of James’s. The opinion is split. 1 Peter is very contested as well. (Peter was a fisherman, how could he write so well? But there is evidence for it still.) 2 Peter is generally considered to be written by somebody other than Peter. 1, 2, and 3 John are generally considered to be written by the same person who wrote the Gospel of John (but not necessarily John!). Finally, the authorship of Jude is disputed.

The Book of Revelation is attributed to John, and traditionally this John has been thought to be the same John that wrote the Gospel of John, but now this is disputed due to significant stylistic differences.

## 1.2 My analysis

For our analysis, we will only consider the Pauline epistles. Trying to form any claim about authorship in other books is impossible because there aren’t many books written by the same author that can be compared to. For example, it would be pointless to try to determine whether James wrote James from a purely stylistic analysis: we have no other writings by James to compare it to.

Why can’t we examine the Johannine literature? Because comparing the books of John and 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation is like comparing apples to oranges. The books have different purposes and different audiences—any difference in language would not speak much. Furthermore, the sizes of the Johannine books vary too widely. Nevertheless, you can try and form your own claims about the authorship of Johannine books by taking a look at the raw data in Appendix B.

So to summarize, the big question is: *Which Pauline Epistles were actually written by Paul?*

## 2 Method

Our method is conceptually simple and only involves looking at the word frequencies in the original Greek. (No examination of grammatical structures or word combinations.) Here is the general structure of our method.

## 2.1 Summary

First, we determine the frequencies of each Greek word as it appears in each book. (We use root words. For example, in English we would consider *run*, *ran*, *running*, and *runs* to be identical.)

Then, to compare two books, we will calculate the *degree of dissimilarity*. If one word has a high frequency in the first text but a low frequency in the second text, then this will add significantly to the degree of dissimilarity. If another word appears equally frequently or infrequently in both texts, then this will add zero to the degree of dissimilarity.

Note: we will limit ourselves to the most common words (the 10 most common in each book). Here is why. We are looking for stylistic differences and not topical differences. For example, Paul talks about circumcision often in Romans but never in 2 Corinthians. But that should not discredit the stylistic similarities between the two books! So we stick to the 10 most common words in each book, which happen to be mostly prepositions, conjunctions, and pronouns. (Refer to Appendix A for a table of the 20 most common words in each book, along with the frequencies.)

One might think, how could you possibly expect to glean any kind of results simply by looking at the frequencies of the most insignificant words like “is,” “but,” and “the”? The results can be surprising.

## 2.2 A bit more detail

Now I will explain the method in more detail.

Let  $\{m_i\}$  be the set of book M’s top 10 words. Let  $\{n_i\}$  be the set of book N’s top 10 words. Then let  $\{w_i\}$  be the union of  $\{m_i\}$  and  $\{n_i\}$ . (The size of  $\{w_i\}$  is anywhere between 10 and 20. This skews our final number, but in the right direction. You’ll see.)

Let  $f_m(w_i)$  be the frequency of word  $w_i$  in book M (occurrences divided by total words). Let  $f_n(w_i)$  be the frequency of word  $w_i$  in book N. Note that it is possible, but unlikely, that word  $w_i$  doesn’t appear in one of the books. In that case, we take note of  $\{w_i\}$  but omit it from the set. (We can’t do  $\ln 0$  as you will see.)

My formula for the degree of dissimilarity,  $a$ , is:

$$a = \sum s_i = \sum |\ln f_m(w_i) - \ln f_n(w_i)|.$$

A small  $a$  means the two books are similar, a large  $a$  means the two books are not similar. Unfortunately, we can’t look at a specific value of  $a$  and determine whether this means the books are similar or dissimilar. We can only look at two pairs of books and determine which pair is more similar.

Note: I use a logarithm to give proper weight to less common words. For example, if one word has  $f_m(w_i) = 0.15$  and  $f_n(w_i) = 0.13$  and another word has  $f_m(w_j) = 0.02$  and  $f_n(w_j) = 0.001$ , then the absence of a logarithm would make these two words contribute equally to  $a$ :  $|f_m(w_i) - f_n(w_i)| = |f_m(w_j) - f_n(w_j)|$ . However, it’s clear that  $w_j$  shows the largest, most significant stylistic difference. The logarithm solves that issue.

## 2.3 A clarifying example

I'll make this in English and not Greek so it's a bit more clear. And also, instead of the top ten words in each book, we'll take the top three words instead. And the two books we compare will be: *The Catcher in the Rye* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. (Data is fake, if that's not clear.)

<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	$f_1(w)$	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	$f_2(w)$
the	0.15	the	0.14
and	0.07	for	0.06
is	0.02	and	0.03
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
for	0.01	is	0.005

Using the same notation as we did above,  $\{m_i\} = \{\text{the, and, is}\}$ , and  $\{n_i\} = \{\text{the, for, and}\}$ . Then  $\{w_i\} = \{\text{the, and, is, for}\} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$ .

We calculate:

$$s_1 = |\ln 0.15 - \ln 0.14| = 0.069$$

$$s_2 = |\ln 0.07 - \ln 0.03| = 0.847$$

$$s_3 = |\ln 0.02 - \ln 0.005| = 1.386$$

$$s_4 = |\ln 0.01 - \ln 0.06| = 1.792$$

Hence, our degree of dissimilarity is  $a = 0.069 + 0.847 + 1.386 + 1.792 = 4.094$ . The word that contributes most, the word that has the largest discrepancy, is “for”.

## 2.4 Finding similar works in a group of works

(This section explains what the function **mostSimilarIn** (Section 3) does.)

Suppose we have five books, (A, B, C, D, and E). We've calculated the  $a$ -values for each pair of these five books, and we want to find the three out of the five books that are most similar to one another.

How do we do this? We test each possible size 3 subset of the five books (ABC, ABD, ABE, etc) and see which one has the lowest “total  $a$ -value.” In other words, which subset has the lowest sum of all the pairwise  $a$ -values. Then, this subset is the subset of books that is most similar to one another.

In the program I wrote, you would call:

```
mostSimilarIn([A, B, C, D, E], 3)
>>> ([A, C, D], 5.313151)
```

where the second number is the average pairwise  $a$  value. (As before, lower means more similar!)

### 3 Computer Work

I used Python 3. I downloaded a .csv file of the entire Greek New Testament (each line containing one word and its Strong’s Number along with morphological tags that I ignored) from [here](#).

Next, I split up the .csv file into books. Each book had a corresponding 1-D array of the words that it contained.

Following that, I wrote a function that would return, in array form, each unique word along with the frequency with which it occurred in the book, ordered from most common to least common. I also created a dictionary for each book that would allow me to quickly access the frequency of each word.

Then, I wrote a function (**compare1**) to return the  $a$  value for any two input books, along with the five words that contributed most significantly to  $a$  (i.e. the words for which  $s_i = |\ln f_m(w_i) - \ln f_n(w_i)|$  was the largest).

Next, I wrote a function (**mostSimilarTo**) that would take in an input book and return the  $a$  values for it vs. the 26 other books, then ranking which books were most similar and most dissimilar to the input book. (Results in Appendix B)

Finally, I wrote a function (**mostSimilarIn**) that would take a sublist of  $n$  books and return the  $k \leq n$  most similar books within that sublist. The returned subset would be the subset of size  $k$  that minimized the sum of all  $\binom{k}{2}$  degrees of dissimilarity between all pairs of books within that subset. Furthermore, the function also returns the average value of  $a$  (the degree of dissimilarity) within all book-pairs within the returned subset.

The complete Python code is found in Appendix C.

### 4 Results

Please see Appendix A and B for the raw results. Appendix A lists the top 20 most common words in each book, along with each word’s frequency. Appendix B lists, for each book, the  $a$  values for that book and all 26 other books.

Let’s try to see how our data answers our main question. Of course, we can’t expect a clear, definite answer using only the limited analysis provided, but we can get a sense of how consistent our method is with current scholarship.

#### **Which Pauline Epistles were actually written by Paul?**

To answer this question, we will use the function **mostSimilarIn**, which is the same method as explained in Section 2.4.

We will examine the 13 Pauline Epistles, not including Hebrews. First, we will look for the two most similar works. Then, we will look for the three most similar works. (In other words, out of these 13 books we try every possible combination of three books and see which combination is the most similar to one another.) Hopefully, by the time we get to the five and six most similar works, a clear “in-group” of similar books will begin to take shape.

Towards the end, when we start looking for the 11 and 12 most similar books, the books that only just begin to appear are going to be the clear odd ones out.

If our developing “in-group” of similar books is consistent with what scholarship believes to be authentic Pauline literature, then we can estimate an approximate ranking of which books are “most Pauline” and “least Pauline.”

The results are listed in the table below. (For your convenience, I have bolded the books that “have just appeared”, i.e. the books that are not in the row directly above it.)

$k$	Most Similar $k$ books	Average $a$ (Average Degree of Dissimilarity)
2	Eph, Col	2.361
3	<b>Rom, 1Cor, Gal</b>	3.358
4	Rom, 1Cor, <b>2Cor</b> , Gal	3.639
5	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, <b>2Tim</b>	4.429
6	Rom, 2Cor, <b>Phil, 1Thess, 2Thess</b> , 2Tim	4.826
7	Rom, <b>1Cor</b> , 2Cor, Phil, 1Thess, 2Thess, 2Tim	5.204
8	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, <b>Gal</b> , Phil, 1Thess, 2Thess, 2Tim	5.464
9	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, <b>Eph</b> , Phil, 1Thess, 2Thess, 2Tim	5.804
10	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, <b>Col</b> , 1Thess, 2Thess, 2Tim	6.253
11	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1Thess, 2Thess, 2Tim, <b>Phlm</b>	6.67
12	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1Thess, 2Thess, 2Tim, <b>Titus</b> , Phlm	7.101
13	Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1Thess, 2Thess, <b>1Tim</b> , 2Tim, Titus, Phlm	7.410

From this, we can order (approximately) the 13 books from most Pauline to least Pauline: Romans, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, 2 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Titus, and 1 Timothy.

(Despite Ephesians and Colossians appearing first, I have chosen not to consider them most Pauline because they appear to only be similarly dissimilar. We can pretty safely do this because a very clear in-group began to develop in  $k = 3, 4, 5$ .)

## 4.1 Comparison to results of modern scholarship

As stated above, modern scholarship believes that Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, and Philemon are authentic. Colossians and 2 Thessalonians are disputed, and Ephesians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus are believed to be pseudepigraphic.

The agreement with modern scholarship is very remarkable, especially considering that these determinations come from only the frequencies of the top 10-15 most common words in the books (words that, in English, would be words like the, he, is, and, but, for, etc).

The notable outliers in our analysis are: 2 Timothy and Philemon.

### 4.1.1 2 Timothy

Our analysis shows that **2 Timothy is much much more Pauline than modern scholarship thinks it is**. Indeed, modern scholarship is much more divided on 2 Timothy than 1 Timothy and Titus, the two other pastoral epistles. **Our analysis may be very revealing.**

Often, modern scholarship discounts the Pauline authorship of 2 Timothy by grouping 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus into one collection and discounting all three of them at the same time. However, our analysis shows significant differences between 2 Timothy and the other two books. (As you can see in Appendix B, 1 Timothy and Titus are similar to each other but very different from the Pauline epistles, whereas 2 Timothy is far closer to the "authentic" Pauline epistles than it is to 1 Timothy.)

These differences can be seen in the content of 2 Timothy, which aligns much better with more "traditional" Pauline concepts, compared to the overtly misogynistic non-sola fide in 1 Timothy (2:15).

Our analysis maintains the claim that 1 Timothy and Titus are not Pauline works but provides significant evidence against grouping 2 Timothy with the two other Pastoral Epistles.

### 4.1.2 Philemon

Our analysis shows that **Philemon is much less Pauline than modern scholarship thinks it is**. Modern scholarship rarely questions the authorship of Philemon, so it appears that **our analysis may have erred in this case**. One possible reason is the book's shortness. Almost all Pauline epistles have a greeting, introduction, thanksgiving, and conclusion, which contains a different style than the main body of the epistle. Since Philemon is so short, the greeting, introduction, thanksgiving, and conclusion take up almost half of the entire epistle. This can significantly skew the frequency counts, thereby causing a possible erroneous result.

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## 5 Sources

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I made use of [this website](#) to translate Strong’s numbers to English (done in Appendix A).

Most of the information about New Testament scholarship was taken from these Wikipedia pages: [New Testament](#), [Authorship of the Pauline Epistles](#), [Authorship of the Petrine Epistles](#), [Second Epistle to Timothy](#), [Epistle to Philemon](#), [Authorship of the Johannine works](#).

In writing the section on 2 Timothy, I used these two articles from the New World Encyclopedia: [Second Epistle to Timothy](#) and [First Epistle to Timothy](#).

## A Top Twenty Words in Each Book

Matt

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.15164763101808842
2532, and	0.0638832723099623
846, himself	0.04967484561997924
1161, but	0.026996010710967813
3004, say	0.025903054811738345
4771, you	0.02481009891250888
1772, in	0.016011803923711678
1510, to be	0.015738564948904313
1473, I	0.01420842668998306
1519, into	0.011858571506639708
3756, not	0.011093502377179081
2424, Jesus	0.008197169244220997
3778, this	0.007978578064375103
3754, that	0.007705339089567736
3708, see	0.007486747909721842
3361, not lest	0.007322804524837423
3956, all	0.006994917755068583
3739, who	0.006830974370184163
1063, for	0.00677632657522269
1909, upon	0.006667030985299743

Mark

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.1339895362241731
2532, and	0.09621353196772191
846, himself	0.0671277822115811
3004, say	0.025450031036623216
1510, to be	0.01711448080163164
1519, into	0.0148975791433892
4771, you	0.014542874878070409
1161, but	0.01445419881174071
1772, in	0.01223729715349827
1473, I	0.011439212556530992
3756, not	0.010641127959563713
3754, that	0.009133634831958854
3739, who	0.007714817770683693

2064, come	0.007626141704353995
2424, Jesus	0.007271437439035204
3778, this	0.007005409240046111
3361, not lest	0.006916733173716414
5101, what	0.006384676775738229
1909, upon	0.006384676775738229
2192, to have	0.006207324643078833

Luke

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.13563939144736842
2532, and	0.07529810855263158
846, himself	0.05556126644736842
1161, but	0.027857730263157895
3004, say	0.0263671875
4771, you	0.022872121710526317
1510, to be	0.0185546875
1772, in	0.01845189144736842
1473, I	0.014494243421052632
3778, this	0.01177014802631579
1519, into	0.01166735197368421
3739, who	0.009765625
3756, not	0.008891858552631578
3754, that	0.008891858552631578
4314, forward	0.008532072368421052
1909, upon	0.008275082236842105
3956, all	0.008120888157894737
3361, not lest	0.007401315789473684
3708, see	0.007092927631578948
1096, made	0.006630345394736842

John

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.13910375247714632
2532, and	0.05312280253148373
846, himself	0.04845617848238829
1473, I	0.032666368343668095
3004, say	0.03042894585437576
1510, to be	0.028383302435594195

4771, you	0.02614587994630186
3756, not	0.017963306271175605
3754, that	0.017260116345969443
2424, Jesus	0.015534104711372499
3778, this	0.015342325640861727
1772, in	0.014447356645144793
1161, but	0.013360608578917087
3767, then	0.012657418653710926
1519, into	0.012018155085341686
1537, out from	0.010483922521255514
3739, who	0.010292143450744742
2064, come	0.010036438023397046
2443, in order that	0.00926932174135396
3962, father	0.008630058172984722

Acts

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.14603381721307018
2532, and	0.06013157179361714
846, himself	0.03767737726308922
1161, but	0.030337628445604305
1473, I	0.016636763986299135
1519, into	0.016310552927744252
1510, to be	0.015005708693524711
1772, in	0.015005708693524711
4771, you	0.014135812537378351
3778, this	0.01283096830315881
3004, say	0.012287283205567335
3739, who	0.012232914695808188
3956, all	0.009405752188332518
1909, upon	0.00913390963953678
2316, God	0.008970804110259337
5037, and	0.007937802424835536
4314, forward	0.007285380307725765
3972, Paul	0.00695916924917088
1096, made	0.006796063719893438
3754, that	0.006687326700375143

Rom

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.15535211267605634
2532, and	0.038450704225352114
1772, in	0.02436619718309859
846, himself	0.02211267605633803
2316, God	0.02140845070422535
1473, I	0.020985915492957745
1161, but	0.020704225352112676
1063, for	0.02028169014084507
4771, you	0.018028169014084508
3756, not	0.017183098591549296
1519, into	0.01676056338028169
1510, to be	0.01591549295774648
1223, through	0.012816901408450704
3739, who	0.012816901408450704
3361, not lest	0.011126760563380281
3551, law	0.010422535211267606
3956, all	0.009859154929577466
235, but	0.009718309859154929
5547, Christ	0.009154929577464789
1537, out from	0.008450704225352112

1Cor

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.12683284457478006
2532, and	0.04090909090909091
1161, but	0.030791788856304986
1772, in	0.024780058651026393
1510, to be	0.023607038123167154
3756, not	0.02287390029325513
4771, you	0.02258064516129032
1473, I	0.0187683284457478
3956, all	0.016422287390029325
1063, for	0.015542521994134898
2316, God	0.015395894428152493
3361, not lest	0.01407624633431085
846, himself	0.012609970674486803
235, but	0.010557184750733138
3778, this	0.00997067448680352
2962, supreme	0.009824046920821115

5547, Christ	0.009237536656891495
1487, if	0.009237536656891495
3739, who	0.008944281524926686
3754, that	0.008797653958944282

2Cor

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.12329380174535691
2532, and	0.04408144998881181
1772, in	0.036025956589841125
1473, I	0.036025956589841125
4771, you	0.03490713806220631
3756, not	0.021705079436115462
2316, God	0.01767733273663012
1519, into	0.017453569031103153
1063, for	0.016782277914522265
1161, but	0.0165585142089953
235, but	0.01521593197583352
846, himself	0.013873349742671738
1510, to be	0.013873349742671738
3956, all	0.011635712687402103
3754, that	0.01141194898187514
3361, not lest	0.010964421570821213
5547, Christ	0.010516894159767285
1223, through	0.010069366748713358
2443, in order that	0.009845603043186395
3778, this	0.009621839337659432

Gal

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.12387791741472172
2532, and	0.03231597845601436
1473, I	0.026481149012567325
1161, but	0.026032315978456014
1510, to be	0.02378815080789946
4771, you	0.02333931777378815
1772, in	0.018402154398563735
5547, Christ	0.017055655296229804
3756, not	0.017055655296229804

1063, for	0.01615798922800718
1537, out from	0.01570915619389587
3551, law	0.01436265709156194
2316, God	0.013464991023339317
1519, into	0.013464991023339317
3754, that	0.013016157989228007
846, himself	0.011669658886894075
3361, not lest	0.010771992818671455
3739, who	0.010323159784560144
235, but	0.010323159784560144
4102, faith	0.009874326750448833

Eph

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.17858619264158743
2532, and	0.05663497312939231
1772, in	0.05002066969822241
846, himself	0.02728400165357586
3956, all	0.02108309218685407
4771, you	0.020256304257957835
1510, to be	0.019842910293509715
5547, Christ	0.019016122364613478
1473, I	0.017775940471269118
1519, into	0.015295576684580404
3739, who	0.01364200082678793
2316, God	0.012815212897891691
2962, supreme	0.010748243075651096
2596, according	0.009921455146754857
2443, in order that	0.009508061182306739
1223, through	0.0086812732534105
1161, but	0.00826787928896238
2424, Jesus	0.00826787928896238
3778, this	0.007441091360066143
3361, not lest	0.006614303431169905

Phil

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.11779141104294479
2532, and	0.0656441717791411

1772, in	0.03987730061349693
1473, I	0.03558282208588957
4771, you	0.03190184049079755
5547, Christ	0.022699386503067485
3956, all	0.020245398773006136
846, himself	0.01901840490797546
1161, but	0.016564417177914112
2316, God	0.014723926380368098
1519, into	0.01411042944785276
2424, Jesus	0.013496932515337423
3754, that	0.012883435582822086
1510, to be	0.010429447852760737
3739, who	0.009202453987730062
2962, supreme	0.009202453987730062
3778, this	0.009202453987730062
235, but	0.009202453987730062
1223, through	0.008588957055214725
1487, if	0.007975460122699387

Col

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.16444444444444445
2532, and	0.06412698412698413
1772, in	0.05523809523809524
4771, you	0.035555555555555556
846, himself	0.02857142857142857
3956, all	0.024761904761904763
3739, who	0.02412698412698413
1510, to be	0.01650793650793651
5547, Christ	0.015873015873015872
1473, I	0.015873015873015872
2316, God	0.013333333333333334
1519, into	0.012063492063492064
2962, supreme	0.010158730158730159
1223, through	0.008888888888888889
2596, according	0.008888888888888889
2443, in order that	0.008253968253968255
1537, out from	0.006984126984126984
3361, not lest	0.006349206349206349
575, from	0.005714285714285714



4561, flesh	0.005714285714285714
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1Thess

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.1296673455532926
2532, and	0.06788866259334692
4771, you	0.05702647657841141
1772, in	0.03598099117447386
1473, I	0.03394433129667346
2316, God	0.024439918533604887
1519, into	0.017651052274270197
2962, supreme	0.016293279022403257
846, himself	0.016293279022403257
1063, for	0.015614392396469789
80, brother	0.012898845892735914
3756, not	0.012219959266802444
3956, all	0.012219959266802444
2424, Jesus	0.010862186014935505
1161, but	0.010183299389002037
3361, not lest	0.010183299389002037
2531, as	0.008825526137135099
3754, that	0.008825526137135099
235, but	0.008825526137135099
1492, know	0.008825526137135099

2Thess

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.1362530413625304
2532, and	0.06082725060827251
4771, you	0.04866180048661801
1772, in	0.031630170316301706
1473, I	0.029197080291970802
2962, supreme	0.0267639902676399
846, himself	0.021897810218978103
2316, God	0.021897810218978103
3956, all	0.019464720194647202
1519, into	0.0170316301703163
2424, Jesus	0.015815085158150853
3739, who	0.014598540145985401

3361, not lest	0.01338199513381995
3754, that	0.01338199513381995
1161, but	0.01338199513381995
5547, Christ	0.012165450121654502
1223, through	0.012165450121654502
575, from	0.010948905109489052
80, brother	0.010948905109489052
3756, not	0.009732360097323601

1Tim

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.09949622166246852
2532, and	0.05793450881612091
1772, in	0.02707808564231738
1161, but	0.018891687657430732
1510, to be	0.018261964735516372
3361, not lest	0.015113350125944584
3956, all	0.014483627204030227
3739, who	0.013853904282115869
2316, God	0.013853904282115869
4102, faith	0.011964735516372796
1519, into	0.011964735516372796
3778, this	0.011335012594458438
5100, some	0.011335012594458438
2570, good	0.010075566750629723
2443, in order that	0.009445843828715366
5547, Christ	0.009445843828715366
1473, I	0.009445843828715366
4771, you	0.008816120906801008
2192, to have	0.008816120906801008
2424, Jesus	0.008816120906801008

2Tim

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.12045270816491511
2532, and	0.0549717057396928
1473, I	0.03395311236863379
1772, in	0.029911075181891674
1161, but	0.019401778496362168

4771, you	0.016976556184316895
3739, who	0.016168148746968473
1519, into	0.014551333872271624
3956, all	0.014551333872271624
2962, supreme	0.012934518997574777
846, himself	0.012934518997574777
1510, to be	0.012934518997574777
1063, for	0.01131770412287793
5547, Christ	0.010509296685529508
2424, Jesus	0.010509296685529508
2316, God	0.010509296685529508
1223, through	0.009700889248181084
235, but	0.009700889248181084
3756, not	0.009700889248181084
3778, this	0.00889248181083266

Titus

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.09270516717325228
2532, and	0.0547112462006079
1473, I	0.028875379939209727
1510, to be	0.0243161094224924
3956, all	0.02127659574468085
3361, not lest	0.019756838905775075
2443, in order that	0.019756838905775075
1772, in	0.019756838905775075
2316, God	0.019756838905775075
3739, who	0.013677811550151976
4771, you	0.0121580547112462
2041, work	0.0121580547112462
1161, but	0.0121580547112462
846, himself	0.0121580547112462
2596, according	0.0121580547112462
4102, faith	0.00911854103343465
4990, savior	0.00911854103343465
1063, for	0.00911854103343465
3778, this	0.007598784194528876
3056, word	0.007598784194528876

Phlm

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.10746268656716418
4771, you	0.07164179104477612
1473, I	0.0626865671641791
2532, and	0.05373134328358209
1772, in	0.029850746268656716
5547, Christ	0.023880597014925373
1161, but	0.01791044776119403
2424, Jesus	0.01791044776119403
3739, who	0.014925373134328358
2962, supreme	0.014925373134328358
1223, through	0.011940298507462687
3754, that	0.011940298507462687
2443, in order that	0.011940298507462687
80, brother	0.011940298507462687
2192, to have	0.011940298507462687
5613, as	0.011940298507462687
3778, this	0.008955223880597015
4160, make	0.008955223880597015
4968, bowels	0.008955223880597015
3972, Paul	0.008955223880597015

Heb

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.1408678102926337
2532, and	0.05126135216952573
846, himself	0.028456104944500505
1063, for	0.018365287588294654
1519, into	0.014934409687184663
3739, who	0.014934409687184663
1161, but	0.013925327951564077
2316, God	0.013723511604439959
3756, not	0.013319878910191726
1473, I	0.013319878910191726
1772, in	0.013118062563067608
4771, you	0.011907164480322906
1223, through	0.011503531786074672
1510, to be	0.011099899091826439
3956, all	0.010696266397578204
3778, this	0.00887991927346115

3361, not lest	0.00887991927346115
2596, according	0.008274470232088799
2192, to have	0.007870837537840566
3004, say	0.007669021190716448

Jas

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.13225991949396204
2532, and	0.06325474410580793
4771, you	0.02702702702702703
846, himself	0.023001725129384705
1772, in	0.02185163887291547
1161, but	0.02127659574468085
1510, to be	0.018401380103507763
3756, not	0.015526164462334674
3361, not lest	0.013801035077630822
1473, I	0.012650948821161587
80, brother	0.010925819436457734
2316, God	0.009200690051753882
4102, faith	0.009200690051753882
3754, that	0.009200690051753882
1519, into	0.008625646923519264
2041, work	0.008625646923519264
5100, some	0.008625646923519264
1063, for	0.008625646923519264
2962, supreme	0.008050603795284647
1537, out from	0.007475560667050029

1Pet

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.11813842482100238
2532, and	0.042362768496420046
4771, you	0.031026252983293555
1772, in	0.029832935560859187
1519, into	0.025059665871121718
2316, God	0.023269689737470168
846, himself	0.02028639618138425
3739, who	0.018496420047732696
1161, but	0.016706443914081145

5613, as	0.016109785202863963
5547, Christ	0.013126491646778043
3956, all	0.010739856801909307
1223, through	0.010739856801909307
235, but	0.00954653937947494
1487, if	0.008949880668257757
3754, that	0.008949880668257757
3361, not lest	0.008353221957040573
2443, in order that	0.007756563245823389
3756, not	0.007756563245823389
3778, this	0.0065632458233890216

2Pet

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.11293260473588343
2532, and	0.05737704918032787
1772, in	0.039162112932604735
846, himself	0.026411657559198543
3778, this	0.020036429872495445
4771, you	0.01912568306010929
1161, but	0.01912568306010929
3739, who	0.017304189435336976
1473, I	0.017304189435336976
1063, for	0.01366120218579235
2962, supreme	0.012750455373406194
1510, to be	0.011839708561020037
3756, not	0.01092896174863388
2250, day	0.01092896174863388
1519, into	0.010018214936247723
5613, as	0.009107468123861567
2424, Jesus	0.00819672131147541
5547, Christ	0.007285974499089253
3956, all	0.006375227686703097
1223, through	0.006375227686703097

1John

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.16807116104868913
2532, and	0.060393258426966294

846, himself	0.047752808988764044
1510, to be	0.046348314606741575
1772, in	0.03698501872659176
3754, that	0.035580524344569285
2316, God	0.02902621722846442
1473, I	0.026217228464419477
3756, not	0.02247191011235955
3778, this	0.018258426966292134
4771, you	0.015917602996254682
1537, out from	0.015917602996254682
3739, who	0.014044943820224719
2192, to have	0.013108614232209739
25, to love	0.013108614232209739
3956, all	0.012640449438202247
1097, to know	0.011704119850187267
3306, to stay	0.011235955056179775
2889, world	0.010767790262172285
1437, if	0.010299625468164793

2John

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.1346938775510204
2532, and	0.0653061224489796
4771, you	0.0326530612244898
1772, in	0.0326530612244898
846, himself	0.02857142857142857
1473, I	0.024489795918367346
1510, to be	0.024489795918367346
3361, not lest	0.02040816326530612
3756, not	0.02040816326530612
225, truth	0.02040816326530612
3778, this	0.02040816326530612
2443, in order that	0.02040816326530612
1785, commandment	0.0163265306122449
3962, father	0.0163265306122449
2192, to have	0.0163265306122449
235, but	0.0163265306122449
5547, Christ	0.012244897959183673
3306, to stay	0.012244897959183673
4314, forward	0.012244897959183673

1519, into	0.012244897959183673
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### 3John

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.1324200913242009
2532, and	0.0502283105022831
4771, you	0.045662100456621
1473, I	0.0273972602739726
225, truth	0.0273972602739726
3739, who	0.0228310502283105
3140, to witness	0.0182648401826484
3778, this	0.0182648401826484
3756, not	0.0182648401826484
846, himself	0.0182648401826484
27, beloved	0.0182648401826484
1125, write	0.0136986301369863
80, brother	0.0136986301369863
1577, church	0.0136986301369863
235, but	0.0136986301369863
2316, God	0.0136986301369863
1772, in	0.0136986301369863
4160, make	0.0136986301369863
3686, name	0.0091324200913242
3708, see	0.0091324200913242

### Jude

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.12035010940919037
2532, and	0.045951859956236324
1161, but	0.0262582056892779
4771, you	0.024070021881838075
3778, this	0.019693654266958426
1772, in	0.0175054704595186
3956, all	0.0175054704595186
846, himself	0.0175054704595186
1473, I	0.015317286652078774
2962, supreme	0.015317286652078774
2424, Jesus	0.01312910284463895
1438, himself	0.01312910284463895



5547, Christ	0.01312910284463895
1519, into	0.01312910284463895
4012, about	0.010940919037199124
5083, guard	0.010940919037199124
3739, who	0.010940919037199124
40, sacred	0.0087527352297593
2316, God	0.0087527352297593
1510, to be	0.0087527352297593

Rev

Strong's No., English	Frequency
3588, this	0.19172091131000812
2532, and	0.1136086248982913
846, himself	0.04465012205044752
1772, in	0.016069975589910496
1909, upon	0.014646053702196907
1537, out from	0.013730675345809601
1510, to be	0.011187957689178194
2192, to have	0.01017087062652563
3004, say	0.01017087062652563
1473, I	0.00986574450772986
2316, God	0.009662327095199348
3708, see	0.009052074857607811
1093, land	0.008340113913751017
3173, great	0.008136696501220505
1519, into	0.008136696501220505
4771, you	0.008136696501220505
3739, who	0.007119609438567941
5613, as	0.007017900732302685
32, angel	0.006814483319772173
3756, not	0.006814483319772173

## B Book Similarities between all 27 books

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Luke

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Col	15.799653009352925
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Acts

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Jude	4.916097429993837
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The reader.py file reads the csv file and creates an array for each book (contained in a dictionary) that contains all the words (by Strong's number) in sequential order.

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1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3 """
4 Created on Sat Apr 25 15:06:02 2020
5
6 @author: jacob
7 """
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9 import pandas as pd
10 import numpy as np
11 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
12
13 fileName = 'nt.csv'
14
15 # Read .csv file into pandas dataframe
16 df = pd.read_csv(fileName, sep='\t', header=0, usecols=[0,4], \
17                 index_col=False, dtype='str')
18
19 # clean up strong's numbers: 1080&5656 -> 1080
20 def clean(string):
21     if '&' in string:
22         index = string.find('&')
23         new = string[0:index]
24         return new
25     else:
26         return string
27 df = df.applymap(clean)
28
29 # create one array per book and create a dictionary called
30 # bookDict that takes the key 'title' and returns an array
31 # containing all the words in that book.
32 def bcvToBook(string):
33     """ Convert 'Matt 1:1' to 'Matt' """
34     if ' ' in string:
35         spaceIndex = string.find(' ')
36         book = string[0:spaceIndex]
37         return book
38     else:
39         return string
40 df = df.applymap(bcvToBook)
41 array = df.to_numpy()
42 # find the index of the row where each book ends:
43 lastWordIndices = list()
44 for rowNum in range(len(array)):
45     if rowNum < len(array)-1:
46         currentBook = array[rowNum, 0]
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47         nextBook = array[rowNum + 1, 0]
48         if currentBook != nextBook:
49             lastWordIndices.append(rowNum)
50         else:
51             lastWordIndices.append(rowNum)
52     # split up the books
53     bookDict = dict()
54     for i in range(len(lastWordIndices)):
55         if i == 0:
56             lastWord = lastWordIndices[i]
57             book = array[0:lastWord + 1, 1]
58             bookTitle = array[lastWord, 0]
59             bookDict[bookTitle] = book
60         else:
61             lastWord = lastWordIndices[i]
62             prevlastWord = lastWordIndices[i-1]
63             book = array[prevlastWord + 1:lastWord + 1, 1]
64             bookTitle = array[lastWord, 0]
65             bookDict[bookTitle] = book

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The nt.py file uses the result of the reader.py file. There are a couple useful functions (descriptions in the code): freqCount, freqCountTwenty (used to create Appendix A), freqDict, compare1, mostSimilarTo, printToTextFile (used to create Appendix B), printToDict, and mostSimilarIn. The final output is the result of the table in the section 4.

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1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3 """
4 Created on Sat Apr 25 16:42:36 2020
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6 @author: jacob
7 """
8
9 import reader
10 import numpy as np
11 import itertools
12
13 bookDict = reader.bookDict
14
15 bookList = ['Matt', 'Mark', 'Luke', 'John', 'Acts', 'Rom', '1Cor',
16            '2Cor', 'Gal', 'Eph', 'Phil', 'Col', '1Thess', '2Thess',
17            '1Tim', '2Tim', 'Titus', 'Phlm', 'Heb', 'Jas', '1Pet',
18            '2Pet', '1John', '2John', '3John', 'Jude', 'Rev']
19
20 gospels = ['Matt', 'Mark', 'Luke', 'John']
21 pauline = ['Rom', '1Cor', '2Cor', 'Gal', 'Eph', 'Phil', 'Col',
22            '1Thess', '2Thess', '1Tim', '2Tim', 'Titus', 'Phlm']
23 paulineHeb = pauline.copy()
24 paulineHeb.append('Heb')
25 johannine = ['John', '1John', '2John', '3John', 'Rev']
26
27 def freqCount(title):
28     """ Returns the words (by Strong's number)
29     in the book with title "title", along with the frequency
30     as a decimal number (occurrences/total_words).
31     ndarray: [[word, freq], ... ]
32     word is a string containing a number, freq is a float """
33     book = bookDict[title]
34     word, count = np.unique(book, return_counts = True)
35     wordCount = np.column_stack((word, count))
36     ind = np.argsort(wordCount[:,1])[:-1]
37     wordCountSorted = wordCount[ind]
38     total_words = len(book)
39     word, count = wordCountSorted[:, 0], wordCountSorted[:, 1]
40     freq = count / total_words
41     freqCount = np.column_stack((word, freq))
42     return freqCount
43
44 def freqCountTwenty(title):
45     """ Returns the top ten most used words (by Strong's)
46     in the book with title "title", along with the frequency

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47     as a decimal number (occurrences/total_words).
48     ndarray: [[word, freq], ...]
49     word is a string containing a number, freq is a float """
50     return freqCount(title)[0:20,:]
51
52 def freqDict(title):
53     """ Returns a dictionary of the frequencies of each word (by
54     Strong's) in the book (given by title). """
55     freqDict = dict()
56     array = freqCount(title)
57     for i in array:
58         word = i[0]
59         frequency = i[1]
60         freqDict[word] = frequency
61     return freqDict
62
63 def compare1(book1, book2, n):
64     """ Returns the tuple (a, array([[word1, freq1, freq2, s_1], ... [
65     word5,
66     freq1, freq2, s_5]])
67     a = the similarity coefficient (float) between the two books
68     (Closer to zero means more similar)
69     word1 through word5 are the words that give the largest
70     (freq1 - freq2)^2
71
72     How similarity coefficient is calculated:
73     Let {w_i} be the union of book1's top n words and book2's
74     top n words.
75     a = sum of s_i = abs(log(freq1_i) - log(freq2_i))
76
77     dict1, dict2 = freqDict(book1), freqDict(book2)
78     top_n_1, top_n_2 = freqCount(book1)[0:n,0], freqCount(book2)[0:n,0]
79     word_array = np.union1d(top_n_1, top_n_2)
80     word_freq1_freq2_s = list()
81     for i in word_array:
82         try:
83             freq1 = float(dict1[i])
84             freq2 = float(dict2[i])
85             sumContribution = abs(np.log(freq1) - np.log(freq2))
86         except KeyError:
87             sumContribution, freq1, freq2 = 0, 0, 0
88             # if i in dict1:
89             #     print(i, 'is only in', book1)
90             # else:
91             #     print(i, 'is only in', book2)
92         w_f1_f2_s = [i, freq1, freq2, sumContribution]
93         word_freq1_freq2_s.append(w_f1_f2_s)
94     wffs = np.array(word_freq1_freq2_s)
95     a = np.sum(wffs[:,3].astype(np.float))
96     ind = np.argsort(wffs[:,3].astype(np.float))[:-1]
97     wffs = wffs[ind]

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97     return (a, wffs[0:5,:])
98
99 def mostSimilarTo(book):
100     """ Returns array of books and similarity coefficient ranked
101     from most similar to least similar
102     [[book1, a1],
103      ...
104      [book26, a26]]
105     """
106     unrankedList = list()
107     for book2 in bookList:
108         if book2 == book:
109             continue
110         a = compare1(book, book2, 10)[0]
111         unrankedList.append([book2, a])
112     unrankedArray = np.array(unrankedList)
113     ind = np.argsort(unrankedArray[:,1].astype(np.float))
114     rankedArray = unrankedArray[ind]
115     return rankedArray
116
117 def printToTextFile(fileName):
118     """Prints the full results of mostSimilarTo for each book
119     in fileName"""
120     file = open(fileName,"a")
121     for book in bookList:
122         file.write(book + '\n')
123         similarityArray = mostSimilarTo(book)
124         file.write(np.array2string(similarityArray))
125         file.write('\n')
126     file.close()
127
128 def printToDict():
129     """Returns a dictionary with keys (book1, book2) -> a, for all
130     combinations of books"""
131     compareDict = dict()
132     for i in range(len(bookList)):
133         for j in range(i+1,len(bookList)):
134             book1, book2 = bookList[i], bookList[j]
135             a = compare1(book1, book2, 10)[0]
136             compareDict[(book1, book2)] = a
137             compareDict[(book2, book1)] = a
138     return compareDict
139
140
141 def mostSimilarIn(subList, k):
142     """ Given a list of n books, subList, this returns the set of
143     k < n books that are most similar to each other, along with
144     the average value of a between all pairs within the subset.
145
146     Takes (list, int) -> tuple(list, float)
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148 Sublist has nCk subsets of size k, and the returned subset mini-
149 mizes the sum of each degree of dissimilarity between all pairs
150 of books within the subset."""
151
152 compareDict = printToDict()
153 mina = 1e30
154 (minSubset, avga) = (list(), 0)
155 for subset in itertools.combinations(subList, k):
156     a = 0
157     for pair in itertools.combinations(subset, 2):
158         pairTup = tuple(pair)
159         s = compareDict[pairTup]
160         a = a + s
161     if a < mina:
162         mina = a
163         (minSubset, avga) = (subset, a*2/(k*(k-1)))
164 return (minSubset, avga)
165
166
167 """
168 # Comment out if you want to find the most similar books
169 for i in range(2,14):
170     print(mostSimilarIn(pauline, i))
171 """

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