

Natural Language Processing Course

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The following code reads tab file from NKJP and calculates frequencies counts, plots them and tries to estimate Zipf coefficient for the given text data.

I used the builtin numpy optimization algorithms for minimization to find optimal zipf coefficient. From zipf law:

$$\begin{aligned} -\log(x) * a + b &= \log(y) \\ e^{\log(x)*(-a)+b} &= y \\ x^{-a} + e^b &= y \\ x^{-a} + c &= y \end{aligned}$$

Hence zipf distribution for $x = 1, 2, \dots, n$ states that the probability of occurrence of x is proportional to x^{-a} . Let's suppose we've got arbitrary fixed factor a and frequencies of occurrence for each x_i that comes from the experiment result $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$. Then logarithm from probability of getting x is equal to:

$$\log(P(x)) = \log\left(\frac{x^{-a}}{k}\right)$$

Note that k is a constant equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n x^{-a}$ so that $\sum_{i=1}^n P(x) = 1$, so that is a valid probability distribution (we perform normalization).

Probability of getting f_1 times number 1, f_2 times number 2, \dots f_n times number n is equal to:

$$Q(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = P(1)_1^{f_1} + P(2)_2^{f_2} + \dots + P(n)_n^{f_n}$$

Logarithm from Q is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(Q) &= \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^n P(i) * f_i\right) \\ \log(Q) &= \sum_{i=1}^n f_i * \log(P(i)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence: } \log(Q) = f_i * \log(x^{-a} / (\sum_{j=1}^n x^{-a}))$$

So we've got function $F(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i * \log\left(\frac{x^{-a}}{\sum_{j=1}^n x^{-a}}\right)$. And we want to minimize it over F .

Property	Value
Case	Zipf curve for forms
Best coeffs from log likelihood	$11.64 + x^{-2.01}$
Curve slope	63.5

Property	Value
Case	Zipf curve for lemmas
Best coeffs from log likelihood	$10.12 + x^{-1.62}$
Curve slope	58.33

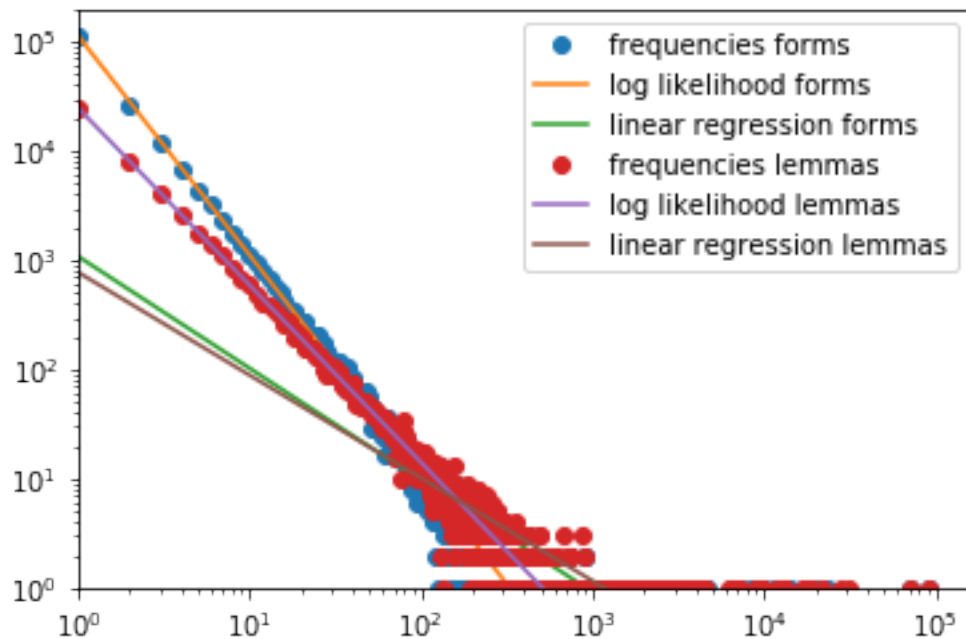
(i.e calculate $\text{argmax}_a(F(a))$) That way we've got most probable zipf coefficient.

We use scipy builtin engine for finding optimums in linear sets of constrained equations. The logarithm is monotonic so it does not affect local optimums locations and eliminates exponentiation We can simplify the formula to find a minimum of:

$$F(a) = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i * -a * \log(x) - \log(H_a(n))$$

Where $H_k(n) = \frac{1}{1^k} + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{3^k} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^k}$ (harmonic sum of rank k)

But this not simplify computation a lot. This approach is referred to as minimization of log likelihood



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In [ ]: import csv
import sys
import collections
import math
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.optimize import minimize
from scipy.stats import linregress
import scipy

from format_utils import ListTable
from IPython.core.display import display

# Some fields overflow default CSV buffer so we set incredibly huge default
csv.field_size_limit(sys.maxsize)

for [case_no, case_name] in [[0, 'forms'], [1, 'lemmas']]:
    # Open input file
    freqs = dict()
    with open('1_NKJP1M-frequency.tab', newline = '') as file:
        reader = csv.reader(file, delimiter='\t', quoting=csv.QUOTE_NONE)
        counts = []
        if case_no == 0:
            counts = np.array([int(r[-1]) for r in reader])
        else:
            lem_freq = dict()
            for r in reader:
                if r[1] in lem_freq:
                    lem_freq[r[1]] += int(r[-1])
                else:
                    lem_freq[r[1]] = int(r[-1])
            counts = list(lem_freq.values())
        freqs = collections.Counter(counts)

    # Get x and y axis samples for plotting
    # this changes dict(key: count) into two lists [keys..] [counts..]
    # and creates numpy arrays from them
    [x, y] = map(np.array, map(list, zip(*sorted(freqs.items()))))

    # Function used for minimization
    def opt(alpha):
        p_i = x*(-alpha)
        return -(np.log(p_i / p_i.sum()) * y).sum()

    # We find optimal linear function by minimizing distance (see opt function)

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# This uses BFGS underneath and it's fine for this usage
coeff = (-minimize(opt, [2])).x[0]

# Plot results
plt.plot(x, y, 'o', label=f"frequencies {case_name}")
plt.xscale("log")
plt.yscale("log")

# Trim axes of graph
cc = y[0] * (x ** [coeff])
plt.ylim(1)
plt.xlim(1)
plt.plot(x, cc, label=f"log likelihood {case_name}")

# Plot also linear regression for comparison
lr_a, lr_b, _, _, _ = scipy.stats.linregress(np.log(x), np.log(y))
plt.ylim(1)
plt.xlim(1)
plt.plot(x, (np.e ** lr_b) * (x ** [lr_a]),
label=f"linear regression {case_name}")
plt.legend()

# Helper to format float to string
rf = lambda v: str(round(v, 2))
# Helper function to convert radians to string with degrees
coeff2angle = lambda coeff: rf(abs(np.arctan(coeff)/(2*np.pi)*360))

# Find the linear function slope in degrees and print coeff
l = ListTable()
l.append(["property", "value"])
l.append(["case", f"Zipf curve for {case_name}"])
#l.append(["LR slope", coeff2angle(lr_a)])
l.append(["Best coeffs from log likelihood ",
f"{rf(math.log(y[0]))} + x*{rf(coeff)}"])
l.append(["Curve slope", coeff2angle(coeff)])
print("\n")
display(l)

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