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The Program

This document is a literate Python program inset within a LaTeX document, woven and executed using Pweave and typeset using pdfTeX This code is written in/for Python 3, and is intended for and tested under only version 3.5.1. It uses nltk to analyze corpora built using Scrapy (≥1.1.0rc1).¹

Resolving the dependencies for this code is non-trivial. Ideally, should be able to handle the dependencies:

There are some issues with using pip, however. If you are using an operating system with a package manager, you may wish to allow that package manager to handle the packages which constitute your Python environment. If this is your preference, this code presents an unusual complication. It relies on both bleeding-edge versions of several Python packages (likely to be ahead of the stable versions packaged for your OS) and on some Python modules that are not packaged for most² operating systems. As a result, you may not want to attempt to alter your Python installation to accomodate this program. Additionally, if you are running OS X, pip will likely fail building lxml (a dependency of Scrapy), since OS X does not ship libxml by default. This can usually be solved by (re)installing the Xcode command line tools:

xcode-select install. However, this is not always successful.

¹ Scrapy's stable release (1.0.5) does not support Python 3, so this program currently runs against only development versions after 1.1.0rc1. All code is tested to run against 1.1.0rc1 but is primarily run against 1.2.0dev2, the current development branch on github.

² Arch Linux is likely the only exception, as I have personally published packages to satisfy all dependencies the distribution lacked.

In either case, the best solution is probably virtualization. The following Dockerfiles are minimally sufficient to create suitable environments in Ubuntu 16.04 Xerial Xerus (which must still rely on pip) and Arch Linux (which is altogether more intensive to set up), respectively.³

Ubuntu:

```
FROM ubuntu:xenial
ENV LC ALL C.UTF-8
RUN apt-get update &&
        apt-get install -y
                python3
                python3-pip
                python3-boto
                python3-cookies
                python3-cssselect
                python3-bs4
                python3-future
                python3-fuzzywuzzy
                python3-levenshtein
                python3-lxml
                python3-nltk
                python3-responses
                python3-requests-oauthlib \
                python3-pydispatch
                python3-pymongo
                python3-queuelib
                python3-twisted
                python3-w3lib
RUN pip3 install
        chatterbot
```

³ Virtualenv is another good solution to avoid altering your Python installation, but cannot be used to satisfy the dependence on libxml, since it manages only Python-internal dependencies.

```
scrapy==1.1.0rc1 \
        vaderSentiment
    Arch Linux:
FROM greyltc/archlinux:latest
RUN pacman -q --noconfirm -Syyuu
RUN pacman -q --noconfirm -S \
               base-devel \
                curl
                expac
                git
                openssl
                yajl
RUN sed -i '/NOPASSWD/s/\#//' /etc/sudoers
RUN useradd -r -g wheel build
WORKDIR /build
RUN chown -R build /build
WORKDIR /home/build
RUN chown -R build /home/build
USER build
RUN gpg --recv-keys --keyserver hkp://pgp.mit.edu 1EB2638FF56C0C53
WORKDIR /build
RUN git clone https://aur.archlinux.org/cower.git
WORKDIR /build/cower
RUN makepkg --noconfirm -i
```

```
WORKDIR /build
RUN git clone https://aur.archlinux.org/pacaur.git
WORKDIR /build/pacaur
RUN makepkg --noconfirm -i
USER root
RUN sed -i '/silent/s/true/false/; /silent/s/#//' /etc/xdg/pacaur/config
ENV AURDEST /build
ENV PACMAN pacaur
RUN pacaur --noconfirm -S
                python-beautifulsoup4 \
                python-lxml
# Expand once things are pushed..
WORKDIR /
RUN paccache -r -k0
RUN pacaur -Scc
RUN rm -rf /usr/share/man/*
RUN rm -rf /tmp/*
RUN rm -rf /var/tmp/*
                       Building Corpora with Scrapy
    Import stuff:
from chatterbot import ChatBot
from datetime import datetime
```

from glob import glob

from json import loads

```
from nltk import ConditionalFreqDist
from nltk import FreqDist
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.data import load
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
from scrapy import Field
from scrapy import Item
from scrapy import Request
from scrapy import Spider
from scrapy import signals
from scrapy.crawler import Crawler
from scrapy.exporters import JsonLinesItemExporter
from scrapy.loader import ItemLoader
from scrapy.loader.processors import Join
from scrapy.loader.processors import MapCompose
from scrapy.loader.processors import TakeFirst
from scrapy.settings import Settings
from scrapy.utils import log
from twisted.internet import reactor
from w3lib.html import remove_tags
import json
import re
```

Scrapy provides an Item class which is used to collect scraped data. The following code defines an StoryItem class to hold information about stories. Each chapter of each story in the corpus will be stored as a separate text (body) with a title, an author, a description or summary (desc), the topic or theme of the story, its page or chapter number within a larger work, the site it was scraped from, and the url from which it was scraped.

```
class StoryItem(Item):
    title = Field()
    author = Field()
    desc = Field()
```

```
body
          = Field()
          = Field()
   url
   site = Field()
   chapter = Field()
   category = Field()
class FFItem(StoryItem):
   id = Field()
   rating = Field()
   language = Field()
   words = Field()
   chapters = Field()
   complete = Field()
   comments = Field()
   likes = Field()
   marks = Field()
   published = Field()
   updated = Field()
class AOItem (FFItem) :
   fandom = Field()
   characters = Field()
   ships = Field()
   tags = Field()
   warnings = Field()
   hits = Field()
```

Scrapy provides an API by which data can be loaded into an Item via an ItemLoader. The code below specifies a StoryItemLoader (which inherits the ItemLoader class defined by Scrapy) to load story data generally and two classes which inherit it, to load particular data from specific websites.

In cases where both the StoryItemLoader and one of the child classes specify a field (e.g. body_out), the child class supersedes the parent.

These loaders cannot be written before the Spiders defined below, as they operate on the output of those Spiders (and thus depend necessarily for their design on the design of those Spiders). They are defined here only because they must exist to be called by the Spiders.

```
class StoryItemLoader(ItemLoader):
   default_input_processor = MapCompose(str.strip)
    default_output_processor = TakeFirst()
   body_in = MapCompose(remove_tags)
   body_out = Join()
class FFItemLoader(StoryItemLoader):
    # desc_out = Join()
    desc_in = MapCompose(remove_tags)
    desc_out = Join()
class AOItemLoader(StoryItemLoader):
   body_out = Join()
   category_out = Join(', ')
   warnings_out = Join(', ')
   fandom_out = Join(', ')
   characters_out = Join(', ')
   ships_out = Join(', ')
   tags_out = Join(', ')
```

Pipe the scraped text into Json items on the lines of a file (one file per spider).

```
class JsonLinesExportPipeline(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.files = {}

    @classmethod
    def from crawler(cls, crawler):
```

```
pipeline = cls()
        crawler.signals.connect(
            pipeline.spider_opened,
            signals.spider_opened
        )
        crawler.signals.connect(
            pipeline.spider_closed,
            signals.spider_closed
        )
        return pipeline
    def spider_opened(self, spider):
        file = open('%s_stories.jl' % spider.name, 'w+b')
        self.files[spider] = file
        self.exporter = JsonLinesItemExporter(file)
        self.exporter.start_exporting()
    def spider_closed(self, spider):
        self.exporter.finish_exporting()
        file = self.files.pop(spider)
        file.close()
    def process_item(self, item, spider):
        self.exporter.export_item(item)
        return item
   A spider to scrape fanfiction.net:
class FFSpider(Spider):
    name = "ff"
    allowed_domains = ["fanfiction.net"]
    start urls = [
        "https://www.fanfiction.net/%s/" % c for c in
```

```
(
        'anime',
        'book',
        'cartoon',
        'comic',
        'game',
        'misc',
        'movie',
        'play',
        'tv'
    )
]
def parse(self, response):
   tags = response.xpath(
        '//td[@valign="TOP"]/div/a/@href'
    )
    for href in tags:
        url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
        yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_tag)
def parse_tag(self, response):
    next = response.xpath(
        '//center[1]/a[contains(text(), "Next")]/@href'
    )
    for href in next:
        url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
        yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_tag)
    stories = response.xpath(
        '//div[contains(@class,"z-list")]/a[1]/@href'
    )
```

```
for href in stories:
       long_url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
              = '/'.join(long_url.split('/')[0:-1])
       yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_story)
def parse_story(self, response):
   header = response.xpath(
       '//span[@class="xgray xcontrast_txt"]/text()'
   )
   head = header.extract()
   chapter = int(response.url.split('/')[-1])
   more = re.search('Chapters: [0-9]*', head[1])
   if more and chapter == 1:
       chapters = int(more.group(0).split()[1])
       base_url = '/'.join(response.url.split('/')[0:-1])
       urls = [
           base_url + '/' + str(x) for x in range(2, chapters+1)
        1
       for url in urls:
           yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_story)
   time_xpath = response.xpath(
       '//span[@data-xutime]/@data-xutime'
   )
   times
              = time_xpath.extract()
   u_published = float(times[0])
   d_published = datetime.fromtimestamp(u_published)
   published = d_published.strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
   u_updated = float(next(reversed(times)))
   d_updated = datetime.fromtimestamp(u_updated)
   updated = d_updated.strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
```

```
# info = head[1].split(' - ')
# language = info[1]
# category = info[2]
# characters = info[3]
# words = ''.join([s for s in info[5] if s.isdigit()])
complete = str(bool('Complete' in ' '.join(head)))
loader = FFItemLoader(FFItem(), response=response)
loader.add_xpath(
   'title', '//*[@id="profile_top"]/b/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'author', '//*[@id="profile_top"]/a[1]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'desc', '//*[@id="profile_top"]/div'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'body', '//*[@id="storytext"]'
)
loader.add_value(
    'url', response.url
)
loader.add_value(
   'site', 'fanfiction.net'
)
loader.add_value(
    'chapter', str(chapter)
)
loader.add_xpath(
```

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'rating', '//span[@class="xgray xcontrast_txt"]/a/text()'
        )
        loader.add_value(
            'published', published
        )
        loader.add_value(
            'updated', updated
        )
        yield loader.load_item()
   Spider for Literotica:
class LESpider(Spider):
    name = "le"
    allowed_domains = ["literotica.com"]
    start_urls = [
        "https://www.literotica.com/c/%s/1-page" % c for c in
        (
            'adult-how-to',
            'adult-humor',
            'adult-romance',
            'anal-sex-stories',
            'bdsm-stories',
            'bdsm-stories',
            'celebrity-stories',
            'chain-stories',
            'erotic-couplings',
            'erotic-horror',
            'erotic-letters',
            'erotic-novels',
            'erotic-poetry',
            'exhibitionist-voyeur',
            'fetish-stories',
```

```
'first-time-sex-stories',
        'gay-sex-stories',
        'group-sex-stories',
        'illustrated-erotic-fiction',
        'interracial-erotic-fiction',
        'lesbian-sex-stories',
        'loving-wives',
        'masturbation-stories',
        'mature-sex',
        'mind-control',
        'non-consent-stories',
        'non-erotic-poetry',
        'non-erotic-stories',
        'non-human-stories',
        'reviews-and-essays',
        'science-fiction-fantasy',
        'taboo-sex-stories',
        'transsexuals-crossdressers'
    )
]
def parse(self, response):
    next = response.xpath(
        '//*[@class="b-pager-next"]/@href'
    )
    for href in next:
        url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
        yield Request(url, callback = self.parse)
    stories = response.xpath(
        '//*[@id="content"]/div/div/h3/a/@href'
    )
```

```
for href in stories:
        url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
        yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_story)
def parse_story(self, response):
    next = response.xpath(
        '//*[@class="b-pager-next"]/@href'
    )
    for href in next:
        url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
        yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_story)
    loader = LEItemLoader(LEItem(), response = response)
    loader.add_xpath(
        'title', '//h1/text()'
    )
    loader.add_xpath(
        'author', '//*[@id="content"]/div[2]/span[1]/a/text()'
    )
    loader.add_value(
       'desc', ''
    )
    loader.add_xpath(
        'category', ('//*[@id="content"]/div[1]/a/text()')
    )
    loader.add_xpath(
        'body', '//*[@id="content"]/div[3]/div'
    )
    loader.add_value(
        'url', response.url
    )
    loader.add_value(
```

```
'site', 'literotica.com'
        )
        loader.add_xpath(
            'page', '//*[@class="b-pager-active"]/text()'
        )
        yield loader.load_item()
   Spider for AO3:
class AOSpider(Spider):
    name = "ao"
    allowed_domains = ["archiveofourown.org"]
    start_urls = [
        "https://archiveofourown.org/media"
    ]
    def parse(self, response):
        genres = response.xpath(
            '//h3/a/@href'
        for href in genres:
            url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
            yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_genre)
    def parse_genre(self, response):
        tags = response.xpath(
            '//li/ul/li/a/@href'
        )
        for href in tags:
            url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
            yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_tag)
```

```
def parse_tag(self, response):
       next = response.xpath(
            '(//ol[@role="navigation"])[1]/li[last()]/a/@href'
        )
        for href in next:
            url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
            yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_tag)
        stories = response.xpath('//h4/a[1]/@href')
        for href in stories:
            extension = '?view adult=true&style=disable'
            url = response.urljoin(href.extract()) + extension
            yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_story)
    def parse_story(self, response):
       next = response.xpath(
            'a[contains(text(), "Next Chapter âEŠ")]/@href'
        )
        for href in next:
            extension = '?view_adult=true&style=disable'
            url = response.urljoin(href.extract()) + extension
            yield Request(url, callback = self.parse_story)
        chapter_path
response.xpath('//dd[@class="chapters"]/text()')
        chapters = tuple(chapter_path.extract()[0].split('/'))
        current, total = chapters
        complete = str(bool(current == total))
        loader = AOItemLoader(AOItem(), response = response)
        loader.add_xpath(
            'title', '//h2/text()'
```

```
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'author', '//a[@rel="author"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'desc', '(//*[@class="summary module"])[1]//p/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'body', '//*[@id="chapters"]//div/p/text()'
)
loader.add_value(
   'url', response.url
)
loader.add_value(
    'site', 'archiveofourown.org'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'category', '//dd[@class="category tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'language', '//dd[@class="language"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'rating', '//dd[@class="rating tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'warnings', '//dd[@class="warning tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'fandom', '//dd[@class="fandom tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
```

```
'characters', '//dd[@class="character tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'ships', '//dd[@class="relationship tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'tags', '//dd[@class="freeform tags"]//a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'hits', '//dd[@class="hits"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'published', '//dd[@class="published"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'updated', '//dd[@class="status"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'words', '//dd[@class="words"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'comments', '//dd[@class="comments"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'likes', '//dd[@class="kudos"]/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'marks', '//dd[@class="bookmarks"]/a/text()'
)
loader.add_xpath(
    'hits', '//dd[@class="hits"]/text()'
)
```

```
loader.add_value(
    'chapter', current
)
loader.add_value(
    'complete', complete
)
yield loader.load_item()
```

I haven't yet figured out what signal the spiders should send to avoid shutting down the reactor (which cannot be restarted) before all three are finished (if they are all run together).

```
# callback fired when the spider is closed
def callback(spider, reason):
    stats = spider.crawler.stats.get_stats() # collect/log stats?
    # stop the reactor
    reactor.stop()
# instantiate settings and provide a custom configuration
settings = Settings()
settings.set(
    'ITEM_PIPELINES', {
       '__main__.JsonLinesExportPipeline': 100,
    }
settings.set(
    'USER_AGENT', 'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Win64; x64)'
)
# instantiate a spider
ff_spider = FFSpider()
le_spider = LESpider()
ao_spider = AOSpider()
```

```
# instantiate a crawler passing in settings
# crawler = Crawler(settings)
ff_crawler = Crawler(ff_spider, settings)
le_crawler = Crawler(le_spider, settings)
ao_crawler = Crawler(ao_spider, settings)
# configure signals
ff_crawler.signals.connect(
    callback,
    signal = signals.spider_closed
)
le_crawler.signals.connect(
    callback,
    signal = signals.spider_closed
)
ao_crawler.signals.connect(
    callback,
    signal = signals.spider_closed
)
# configure and start the crawler
# crawler.configure()
# crawler.crawl(spider)
# ff_crawler.crawl()
# le_crawler.crawl()
ao_crawler.crawl()
# start logging
# log.start()
log.configure_logging()
# start the reactor (blocks execution)
reactor.run()
```

Analysis with NLTK

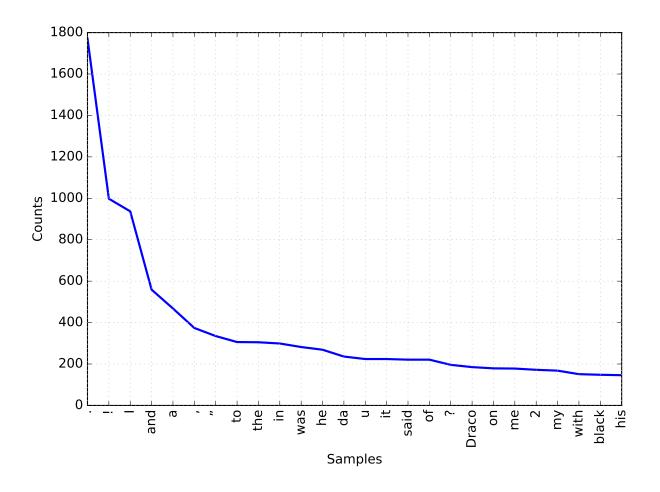
```
stop = stopwords.words('english')
tokenizer = load('tokenizers/punkt/english.pickle')
immortal_chapters = []
immortal_words = []

for path in glob("immortal/*.txt"):
    file = open(path)
    chapter = file.read()
    chapter_tuple = (chapter, 'real')

    words = word_tokenize(chapter)

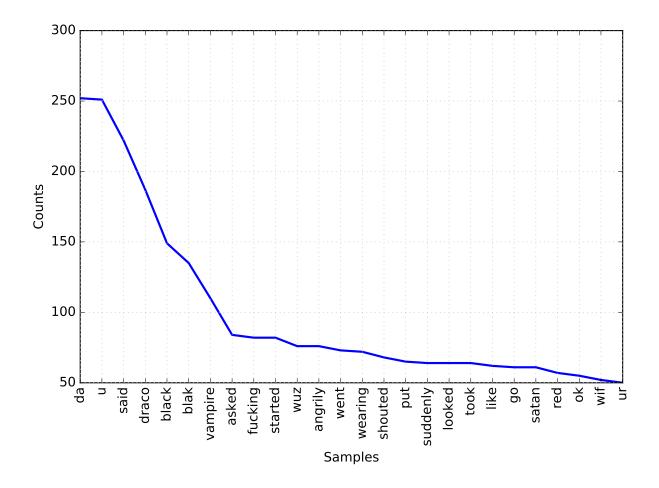
    immortal_chapters.append(chapter_tuple)
    immortal_words.extend(words)

fd = FreqDist(immortal_words)
fd.plot(26)
```



```
filtered_immortal_words = [ w.lower() for w in immortal_words if
w.isalpha() ]
filtered_immortal_words = [ w for w in filtered_immortal_words if w
not in stop ]
```

```
fd = FreqDist(filtered_immortal_words)
fd.plot(26)
```



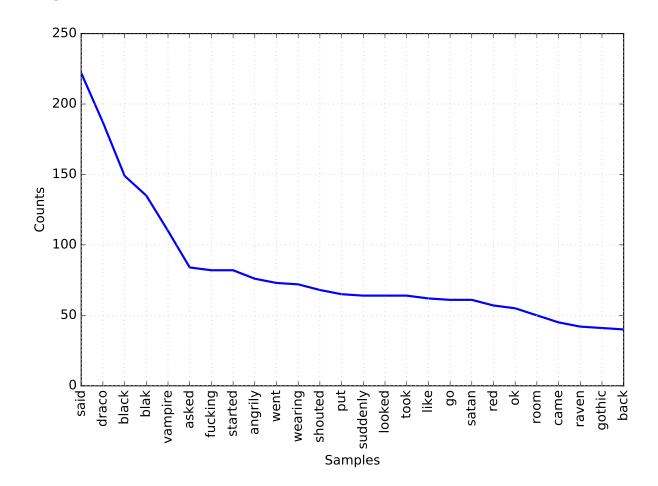
```
i_stop = [
    'da',
    'dat',
    'u',
    'ur',
    'wif',
    'wuz',
    'chapter'
]

filtered_immortal_words = [ w.lower() for w in immortal_words if
    w.isalpha() ]

filtered_immortal_words = [ w for w in filtered_immortal_words if w
not in stop and w not in i_stop ]
```

```
My_Immortal = filtered_immortal_words

fd = FreqDist(filtered_immortal_words)
fd.plot(26)
```

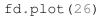


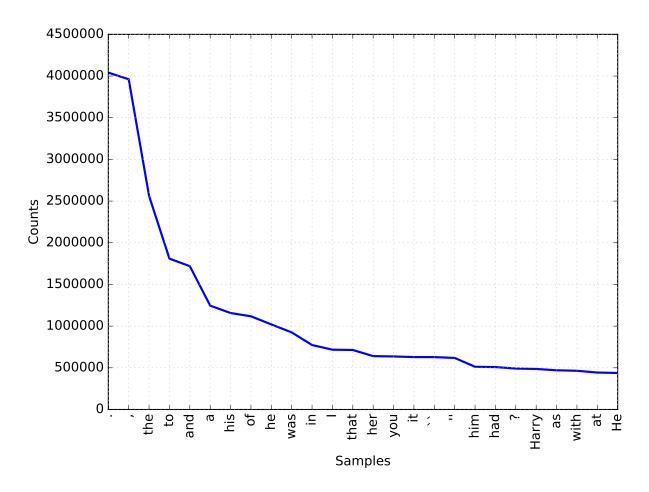
fake

i = 1100

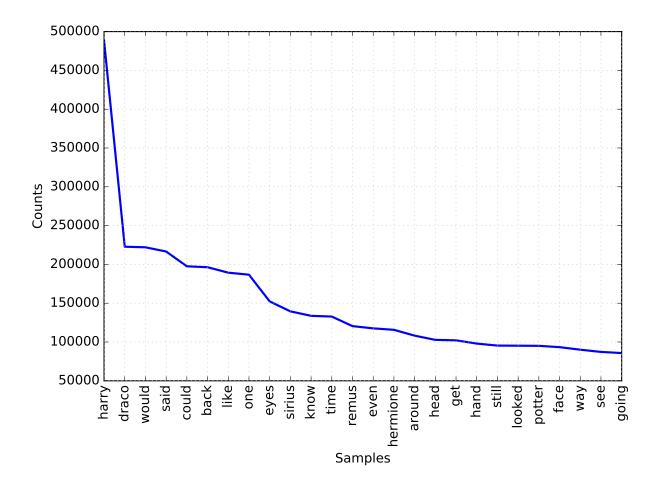
```
file = open('ao_hp_stories.jl')
ao_chapters = []
ao_words = []
AO3 = []
```

```
for line in file.readlines():
    chapter_obj = loads(line)
    if chapter_obj['language'] == 'English':
        try:
            chapter = chapter_obj['body']
            chapter_tuple = (chapter, 'fake')
            words = word_tokenize(chapter)
            ao_words.extend(words)
            ao_chapters.append(chapter_tuple)
            if i > 0:
                A03.extend(words)
                i -= 1
        except:
            pass
\# i = 1100
# for line in file.readlines():
      if i > 0:
          chapter_obj = loads(line)
          if chapter_obj['language'] == 'English':
              try:
                  chapter = chapter_obj['body']
                  chapter_tuple = (chapter, 'fake')
                  words = word_tokenize(chapter)
                  ao_words.extend(words)
                  ao_chapters.append(chapter_tuple)
                  A03.extend(words)
              except:
                  pass
      i += 1
fd = FreqDist(ao_words)
```





```
filtered_ao_words = [ w.lower() for w in ao_words if w.isalpha() ]
filtered_ao_words = [ w for w in filtered_ao_words if w not in stop ]
fd = FreqDist(filtered_ao_words)
fd.plot(26)
```



fake

```
file = open('ff_hp_stories.jl')

ff_chapters = []

ff_words = []

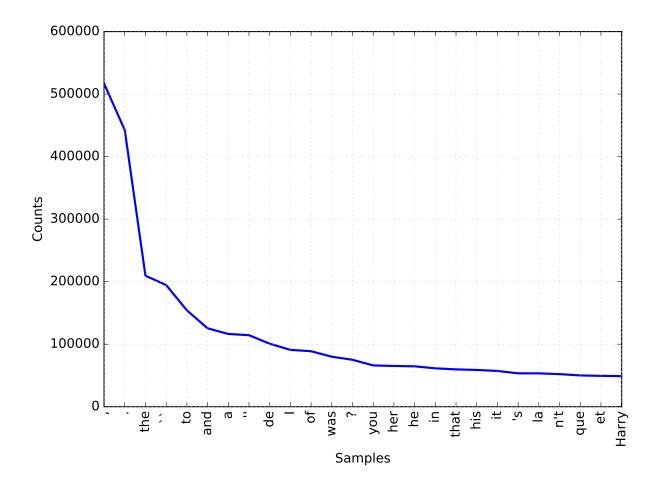
fanfiction = []

i = 950

for line in file.readlines():
    chapter_obj = loads(line)

    try:
        chapter = chapter_obj['body']
        chapter_tuple = (chapter, 'fake')
```

```
words = word_tokenize(chapter)
        ff_words.extend(words)
        ff_chapters.append(chapter_tuple)
        if i > 0:
            fanfiction.extend(words)
            i -= 1
    except:
        pass
\# i = 950
# for line in file.readlines():
     if i > 0:
          chapter_obj = loads(line)
          try:
              chapter = chapter_obj['body']
              chapter_tuple = (chapter, 'fake')
              words = word_tokenize(chapter)
             ff_words.extend(words)
              ff_chapters.append(chapter_tuple)
              fanfiction.extend(words)
         except:
              pass
          i −= 1
fd = FreqDist(ff_words)
fd.plot(26)
```



```
ff_stop = stop

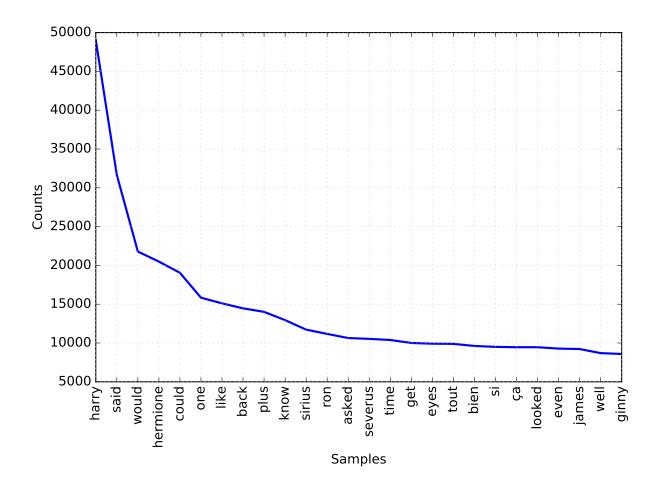
for language in ('spanish', 'portuguese', 'french'):
    ff_stop.extend(
        stopwords.words(language)
    )

filtered_ff_words = [ w.lower() for w in ff_words if w.isalpha() ]

filtered_ff_words = [ w for w in filtered_ff_words if w not in ff_stop]

fd = FreqDist(filtered_ff_words)

fd.plot(26)
```



```
real_chapters = []
real_words = []
dir = 'hp'

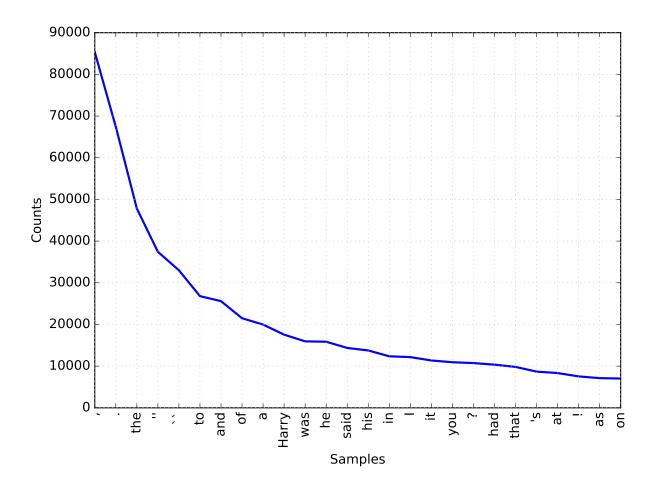
for path in glob("hp/*.txt"):
    # soup = BeautifulSoup(open(path))
    # chapter = soup.findAll(text=True)[0]
    file = open(path)
    chapter = file.read()
    chapter_tuple = (chapter, 'real')

words = word_tokenize(chapter)
```

real

```
real_chapters.append(chapter_tuple)
real_words.extend(words)
```

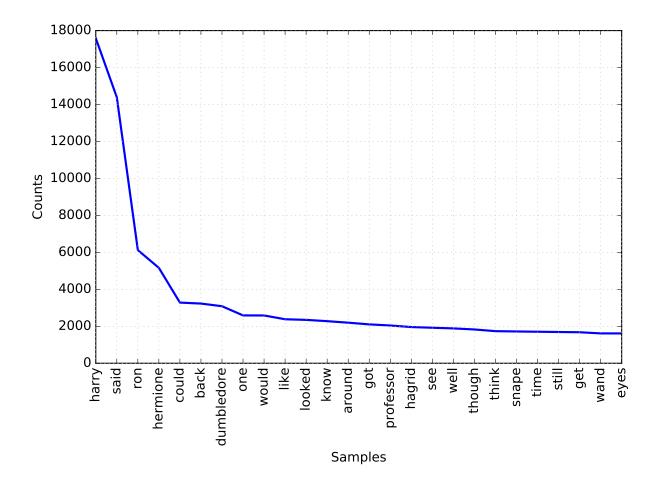
```
fd = FreqDist(real_words)
fd.plot(26)
```



```
filtered_real_words = [ w.lower() for w in real_words if w.isalpha() ]
filtered_real_words = [ w for w in filtered_real_words if w not in
stop ]

Rowling = filtered_real_words

fd = FreqDist(filtered_real_words)
fd.plot(26)
```

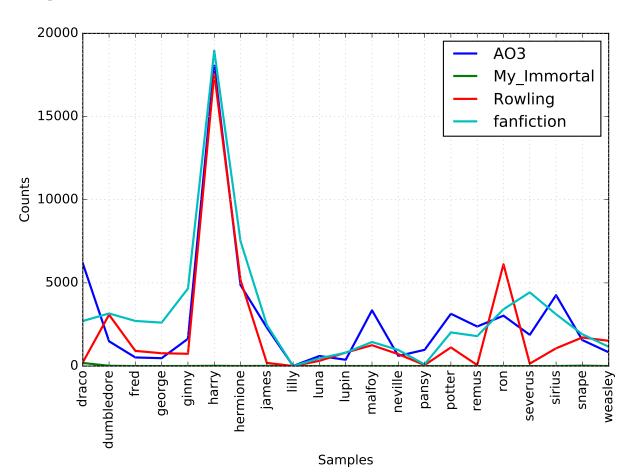


```
names = (
    'neville',
    'draco',
    'dumbledore',
    'fred',
    'george',
    'ginny',
    'harry',
    'hermione',
    'james',
    'lilly',
    'luna',
    'lupin',
    'malfoy',
```

```
'pansy',
    'potter',
    'remus',
    'ron',
    'severus',
    'sirius',
    'snape',
    'weasley'
)
AO3 = [ w.lower() for w in AO3 if w.isalpha() ]
AO3 = [ w for w in AO3 if w not in stop ]
fanfiction = [ w.lower() for w in fanfiction if w.isalpha() ]
fanfiction = [ w for w in fanfiction if w not in stop ]
My_Immortal = [ w.lower() for w in My_Immortal if w.isalpha() ]
My_Immortal = [ w for w in My_Immortal if w not in stop and w not in
i_stop]
unified_words = (
    (source, word)
    for source in (
        'Rowling',
        'AO3',
        'fanfiction',
        'My_Immortal'
    )
    for word in eval(source)
    if word in names
)
```

```
cfd = ConditionalFreqDist(unified_words)
```

```
cfd.plot()
```



```
unified_words = (
    (source, word)

for source in (
         'Rowling',
          'A03',
          'fanfiction',
          'My_Immortal'
    )

for word in eval(source)
)

cfd = ConditionalFreqDist(unified_words)
```

Training a ChatterBot

```
chatbot = ChatBot(
    "Mary Sue",
    io_adapter = "chatterbot.adapters.io.NoOutputAdapter"
)
# chatbot.train("chatterbot.corpus.english")
file = open('le_products.jl')
for line in file.readlines():
    conversation = []
    story = json.loads(line)
    body = story['body']
    graphs = body.split(' \ n')
    for graph in graphs:
        speech = graph.split('"')[1::2]
        utterance = ' '.join(speech)
        if utterance:
            conversation.append(utterance)
    if conversation:
        chatbot.train(conversation)
print(
    chatbot.get_response("Hello")
)
```

Unfortunately, once the chatbot has been trained on a decent amount of data, it becomes unusably slow. This is almost certainly a result of its storage method (a flat database stored to disk) and the nature of its implementation (in Python).