My initial thought why I choose to explore more on Voyant for my final project is because of my curiousity. I ended my mini project on Voyant with a question of whether I could analyze Holmes character only. I thought it was almost impossible to do. But in fact, it is very possible, but it needs more energy and effort to separate his talk with other characters and narrative.

I ended up doing so. I removed all other text but Holmes’ speech. Of all the 7 novels and short stories collection, I chose this short story collection because on the preliminary sorting I did earlier to analyze the verb think in the text, this short story collection appears to be the one where ‘think’ most frequently appears.

I have data from the analysis that think is most frequently appears in this series. I analyzed this series specifically to know how many time this verb appears specifically.

(VOYANT), how many times does the verb appear? – Report

To follow up this finding, I generated a new analysis question, I want to find out whether the main protagonist in the story indeed uses this verb the most or not. In order to find out the answer, I first cut out the speech of other characters and the narration, leaving Holmes’ speech only.

Since the series consists of twelve short stories, I separated it first per story then analyze only Holmes speech.

To specify my result I also removed all the speech indicators (said, answered, remarked, told, etc)

As I was sorting and editing the raw material to be uploaded to Voyant, I noticed that there is this word that appears quite often. The word ‘pray’ appears a lot in conversation context. And to my surprise, it is not used as a verb pray but as an adverb having the same meaning as ‘please’.

Vocabulary density