

Applied NLP Session 2 — Professional Summary

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Overview

- N-gram analysis (bigrams & trigrams)
- PMI (collocation association)
- Phrase diversity (TTR)

Bigrams & Trigrams

What it does:

- Breaks the book into pairs of words (**bigrams**) and triplets of words (**trigrams**).
- Counts how often each pair or triplet appears.
- Shows which phrases the author uses most often.

Why it matters:

It helps you see the author's writing patterns, like repeated phrases or common expressions.

PMI Analysis

What it does:

- Looks at how strongly two words are connected.
- Not just *what appears most often*, but *which words appear together more than expected*.
- Example: “Mrs. Bennet” appears together a lot → high PMI.

Why it matters:

PMI finds meaningful word relationships—words that tend to appear side-by-side in the story.

Phrase Diversity

What it does:

- Measures **how diverse** the author's phrasing is.
- Compares the number of *unique* phrases to the *total* number of phrases.
- Does this for:
 - 1-grams (single words)
 - 2-grams
 - 3-grams
 - etc.

Why it matters:

A high diversity score = the author uses many different phrases

A low score = the author repeats phrases more often