## statistical dependence

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This sections tokenizes lowercased text with NLTK, computes unigram and bigram frequencies and computes the pmi for the whole dataset.

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[]: from nltk.tokenize import WordPunctTokenizer
     from collections import Counter
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import math
     def freq_corpus(corpus):
        with open(corpus, 'r') as f:
             data = WordPunctTokenizer().tokenize(f.read().lower())
             data = data[1:] # remove first unicode byte
        bigrams = zip(data[:(len(data)-1)], data[1:])
        return (len(data), Counter(data), Counter(bigrams))
     def corpus_pmi(corpus_name, threshold=10):
        data_len, counter_uni, counter_bi = freq_corpus(f'../data/{corpus_name}.
      →txt')
        def pmi(w1, w2):
             if counter_uni[w1] < threshold or counter_uni[w2] < threshold:</pre>
                 return None
             return math.log((counter_bi[(w1,w2)]*data_len)/
      pmis = [(x, pmi(x[0], x[1])) for x in counter_bi.keys()]
        pmis = [x for x in pmis if x[1] is not None]
        pmis.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
        def md_table(pmis):
            print('w1|w2|pmi\n-|-|-')
            print('\n'.join([f'\{x[0][0]\}|\{x[0][1]\}|\{x[1]:.2f\}' \text{ for } x \text{ in } pmis])+'\n')
        print('Highest PMIs')
        md_table(pmis[:20])
        print('Lowest PMIs')
        md_table(pmis[(len(pmis)-20):])
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corpus_pmi('King James Bible')
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The output is the following. Bigrams, which occur only with each other have positive and the highest pointwise mutual information, because the two words occuring together is more probable than just the two words occuring independently. Because of this, pairs such as "ill" "favoured", "committeth" "adultery" or "http" "://" in Junglebook have such a high PMI. Mathematically, p(w2|w1) > p(w1) or p(w1|w2) > p(w2). In contrast, words which occur in bigrams with lots of other words have negative PMI. It's negative, because the probability of these words occuring together is much lower than if it occured just by chance.

Since there are so many bigrams with especially so high PMIs, unigram models make a very strong and invalid assumption about the independence.

Highest PMIs

w2	pmi
favoured	14.68
iscariot	14.47
girdle	14.24
kidron	14.23
contempt	14.16
reed	14.11
ariseth	14.03
colours	14.01
magdalene	13.93
scourge	13.76
ward	13.74
chains	13.60
furnace	13.58
sickle	13.58
adultery	13.56
vessel	13.55
desolations	13.54
spoon	13.50
spot	13.48
deals	13.47
	favoured iscariot girdle kidron contempt reed ariseth colours magdalene scourge ward chains furnace sickle adultery vessel desolations spoon spot

## Lowest PMIs

w1	w2	pmi
of	will	-7.18
,	thee	-7.20
to	;	-7.23
into	,	-7.28
this	and	-7.29
,	me	-7.30

w1	w2	pmi
of	in	-7.32
of	,	-7.47
the	israel	-7.49
shall	of	-7.54
to	in	-7.55
will	and	-7.76
when	,	-7.77
with	,	-7.85
of	is	-8.04
the	said	-8.12
all	and	-8.31
of	he	-8.62
for	and	-8.98
of	to	-9.00