Lexical Association Measures Collocation Extraction

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<i>H</i> ₀ : $\hat{p}(\text{iron curtain}) = p(\text{iron}) \cdot p(\text{curtain}) = 0.00000000020$	

AM: $PMI(iron \ curtain) = log \frac{p(xy)}{\hat{p}(xy)} = log \frac{0.000007}{0.00000000020} = 18.417$

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Český kapitálový trh dnes ovlivnil pokles cen všech cenných papírů a zejména akcií.

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- the more different the contexts of an expression to its components are, the higher the chance is that the expression is a collocation

AM: J-S divergence, K-L divergence, Skew divergence, Cosine similarity in vector space

Example: C_{xy} , C_x

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Inventory of lexical association measures

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	Mama	Formula
	ivame	Pomuu
2	Conditional probability	P(xy) P(w w)
3	Reverse conditional probability	P(y x) P(y y)
4	Pointwise mutual information	$\log \frac{P(sy)}{P(sy)}$
5	Mutual dependency (MD)	$\log \frac{P(x_0)^2}{P(x_0)^2}$
6	Log frequency biased MD	$\log \frac{P(xy)P(xy)}{P(xy)^2} \pm \log P(xy)$
7	Normalized expectation	2f(xy) = 2f(xy)
8	Mutual expectation	$\frac{f(x_*)+f(*y)}{2f(x_y)} = D(x_y)$
0.	Caliana.	$\frac{f(x_0) + f(x_0)}{P(x_0)^2} = \frac{f(x_0)}{1 - p(x_0)^2}$
	b (2	$\log \frac{P(x*)P(*y)}{P(x-f_{ij})^2} \cdot \log f(xy)$
10.	Pearson's χ test	$\sum_{i,j} \frac{f_{ij}}{f_{ij}}$
11.	Fisher's exact test	$\frac{N!f(xy)!f(xy)!f(xy)!f(xy)!f(xy)!}{N!f(xy)!f(xy)!}$
12.	t test	$\sqrt{f(ay)(1-(f(ay)/N))}$
13.	z score	f(xy) - f(xy)
	B.I. I. 10	$\sqrt{f(xy)(1-(f(xy)/N))}$ $f(xy)-f(xy)\log f(xy)+\log f(xy)!$
14.	Poison significance measure	log N
15.	Log likelihood ratio	$-2\sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \log J_{ij}/J_{ij}$
10.	Squared log likelihood ratio	$-2 \sum_{i,j} \log f_{ij}/f_{ij}$
18	Sokal-Michinar	a+b+c+a a+d
10	Roser-Tunimoto	a+b+c+d a+d
20	Hamann	a+2b+2c+d (a+d)-(b+c)
21	Third Sokal-Sneath	a+b+c+d b+c
22	laccard	<u>a+d</u>
23.	First Kulczynsky	AT A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
24.	Second Sokal-Sneath	
25.	Second Kulczynski	$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a}{a+b}+\frac{a}{a+c}\right)$
26.	Fourth Sokal-Sneath	$\frac{1}{4}(\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{a}{a+c} + \frac{d}{d+b} + \frac{d}{d+c})$
27.	Odds ratio	÷
28.	Yulle's ω	$\frac{\sqrt{aa} - \sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{ad} + \sqrt{bc}}$
29.	Yulle's Q	ad-be ad+be
30.	Driver-Kroeber	$\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)}$
31.	Fifth Sokal-Sneath	$\frac{ad}{\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)(d+b)(d+c)}}$
32.	Pearson	ad-be
33.	Baroni-Urbani	<u>a+√al</u>
34.	Braun-Blanquet	are to the second secon
35.	Simpson	min(a+b a+c)
36.	Michael	4(ad-bc)
37.	Mountford	2a 2a
38.	Fager	$\frac{\frac{2m+n+n+n}{n}}{\sqrt{(n+b)(n+c)}} = \frac{1}{2} \max(b, c)$
39.	Unigram subtuples	$\log \frac{1}{4d} - 3.29\sqrt{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}}$
40.	U cost	$log(1 + \frac{min(h,c)+a}{max(h,c)+a})$
41.	S cost	$log(1 + \frac{min(b,c)}{a+1})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
42.	R cost	$\log(1 + \frac{a}{1+a}) \cdot \log(1 + \frac{a}{1+a})$
43.	T combined cost	$\sqrt{U \times S \times R}$
44.	Phi	P(xy)-P(x*)P(*y)
45.	Kappa	$\sqrt{P(x+)P(+y)(1-P(x+))(1-P(y))}$ $\frac{P(xy)+P(\bar{x}\bar{y})-P(x+)P(+y)-P(\bar{x}+)P(+\bar{y})}{(1-P(x+)P(+y)-P(\bar{x}+)P(+\bar{y}))}$

#	Name	Formula
46.	I measure	$\max[P(xy) \log \frac{P(y x)}{x} + P(x\bar{y}) \log \frac{P(\bar{y} x)}{x}]$
	,	$P(xy) \log \frac{P(xy)}{P(xy)} + D(xy) \log \frac{P(xy)}{P(xy)}$
		$1 (xy) \log \frac{p(x*)}{p(x*)} + 1 (xy) \log \frac{p(x*)}{p(x*)}$
47.	Gini index	$\max[P(x*)(P(y x)^{2} + P(\bar{y} x)^{2}) - P(*y)^{2}]$
		$+P(x*)(P(y x)^{2} + P(y x)^{2}) - P(*y)^{2}$, $P(x)(P(y x)^{2} + P(y x)^{2}) - P(*y)^{2}$,
		$P(+y)(P(x y)^{-} + P(x y)^{-}) = P(x+)^{-}$
48	Confidence	+P(*y)[P(x y) + P(x y)] - P(x*)] max[$P(y x), P(x y)]$
-	connuence	MD(m) + 1 = MD(m) + 1
49.	Laplace	$\max\left[\frac{NP(xy)+2}{NP(xy)+2}, \frac{NP(xy)+2}{NP(xy)+2}\right]$
50.	Conviction	$\max\left[\frac{P(x+D'(xy))}{P(xy)}, \frac{P(x+D'(xy))}{P(xy)}\right]$
51.	Piatersky-Shapiro	P(xy) - P(x*)P(*y)
52.	Certainity factor	$\max\left[\frac{P(y x)-P(*y)}{1-P(*y)}, \frac{P(x y)-P(x*)}{1-P(x*)}\right]$
53.	Added value (AV)	$\max[P(y x) - P(*y), P(x y) - P(x*)]$
54.	Collective strength	$\frac{P(xy) + P(\bar{x}\bar{y})}{P(xy) + D(\bar{x}\bar{y}) + D(\bar{x}\bar{y})} + \frac{1 - P(\bar{x}\bar{x}) P(xy) - P(\bar{x}\bar{x}) P(xy)}{1 - P(xy) - P(\bar{x}\bar{x})}$
55.	Klosgen	$\sqrt{P(xy)} \cdot AV$
84	Content enterer	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} B(- C_i) = B(- C_i)$
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64	Fuclidean norm	$\sqrt{\sum_{i} (P(w C_i) = P(w C_i))^2}$
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Results: Precision-Recall curves

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Learning curve analysis

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- 100% of training data = 5 training folds (8737 annotated collocation candidates)
- 95% of the final MAP achieved with 15% of training data
- 99% of the final MAP achieved with 50% of training data

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Unigram subtuple measure Cosine similarity in vector space	66.72 66.79	0.00
NNet/5 (AM)	80.87	21.08
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the final model contains 13 variables/lexical association measures

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Additional data sets

PDT-Surf

- analogous to PDT-Dep (corpus, filtering, annotation)
- collocation candidates extracted as surface bigrams: pairs of adjacent words
- assumption: collocations cannot be modified by insertion of another word
- annotation consistent with PDT-Dep

CNC-Surf

- collocation candidates instances of PDT-Surf in the Czech National Corpus
- SYN 2000 and 2005, 240 mil. tokens, morphologicaly tagged and lemmatized
- annotation consistent with PDT-Surf

PAR-Dist

- source corpus: Swedish Parole, 22 mil. tokens
- automatic morphological tagging and lemmatization
- distance bigrams: word pairs occurring within a distance of 1–3 words
- annotation: non-exhaustive manual extraction of support verb constructions
- no frequency filter applied

Reference data summary

reference data set	PDT-Dep	PDT-Surf	CNC-Surf	PAR-Dist
source corpus	PDT	PDT	CNC	PAROLE
language	Czech	Czech	Czech	Swedish
morphology	manual	manual	auto	auto
syntax	manual	none	none	none
bigram types	dependency	surface	surface	distance
tokens	1 504 847	1 504 847	242 272 798	22 883 361
bigram types	635 952	638 030	30 608 916	13370375
after frequency filtering	26 450	29 0 35	2941414	13370375
after part-of-speech filtering	12232	10 021	1 503 072	898 324
collocation candidates	12 232	10 021	9868	17 027
data sample size	100 %	100 %	0.66%	1.90%
true collocations	2 5 5 7	2 293	2 263	1 292
baseline precision (%)	21.02	22.88	22.66	7.59

Context-based vs. statistical association measures



CNC-Surf



PDT-Surf



PAR-Dist



Results / Mean average precision: PDT-Dep vs. PDT-Surf

Dependency bigrams vs. surface bigrams



Results / Mean average precision: PDT-Surf vs. CNC-Surf

Small source corpus vs. large source corpus



Results / Mean average precision: PAR-Dist vs. PDT-Dep

Different corpus, different language, different task



Comparison of AM evaluation results on different data sets

