

## Vybrané aktuální projekty Centra ZPJ

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Obsah:

- ▶ Stylometric analysis of texts using machine learning techniques
- ▶ TextPerience: Experience the Text

# Stylometry

Stylometry is the application of the study of linguistic style.

## Study of linguistic style:

- ▶ Find out text features.
- ▶ Define author's writeprint.

## Applications:

- ▶ Define the author (person, nationality, age group, ...).
- ▶ Filter out text features not usable by selected application.

## Examples of application:

### ▶ **Authorship recognition**

- Legal documents (verify the author of last will)
- False reviews (cluster accounts by real authors)
- Public security (find authors of anonymous illegal documents and threats)
- School essays authorship verification (co-authorship)
- Supportive authentication, biometrics (e-learning)

▶ **Age** detection (pedophile recognition on children web sites).

▶ author **mother language** prediction (public security).

▶ **Mental disease** symptoms detection (health prevention)

▶ **HR** applications (find out personal traits from text)

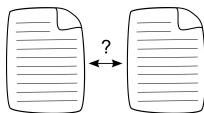
▶ **Automatic translation** recognition.

## Stylometry analysis techniques

1. **ideological and thematic analysis**  
historical documents, literature
2. **documentary and factual evidence**  
inquisition in the Middle Ages, libraries
3. **language and stylistic analysis** –
  1. manual (legal, public security and literary applications)
  2. semi-automatic (same as above)
  3. **automatic** (false reviews and generally all online stylometry applications)

# Stylometry Verification

## Definition



- ▶ decide if two documents were written by the same **author category** (1v1)
- ▶ decide if a document was written by the signed **author category** (1vN)

## Examples

- ▶ The Shakespeare authorship question
- ▶ The verification of wills

# Authorship Verification

## The Shakespeare authorship question

*Mendenhall, T. C. 1887.*

*The Characteristic Curves of Composition. Science  
Vol 9: 237–49.*

- ▶ The first algorithmic analysis
- ▶ Calculating and comparing histograms of word lengths

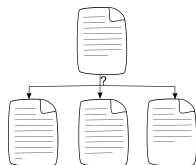


Oxford, Bacon  
Derby, Marlowe

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:ShakespeareCandidates1.jpg>

# Stylometry Attribution

## Definition



- ▶ find out an **author category** of a document
- ▶ candidate **authors' categories** can be known (e.g. age groups, healthy/unhealthy person)
- ▶ problems solving unknown candidate **authors's categories** are hard (e.g. online authorship, all clustering tasks)

## Examples

- ▶ Anonymous e-mails

# Authorship Attribution

## Judiciary

- ▶ The police falsify testimonies  
*Morton, A. Q. Word Detective Proves the Bard wasn't Bacon. Observer, 1976.*
- ▶ Evidence in courts of law in Britain, U.S., Australia
- ▶ Expert analysis of courtroom discourse, e.g. testing “patterns of deceit” hypotheses



# NLP Centre stylometry research

## Authorship Recognition Tool

- ▶ Ministry of the Interior of CR within the project VF20102014003
- ▶ Best security research award by Minister of the Interior

## Small projects (bachelor and diploma theses, papers)

- ▶ detection of automatic translation, gender detection, ...

## TextMiner

- ▶ multilingual stylometry tool + many other features not related to stylometry
- ▶ authorship, mother language, age, gender, social group detection

# Obsah

## Stylometric analysis of texts using machine learning techniques

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## TextPerience: Experience the Text

Extract Texts

Detect Language(s)

Keyword Search

Named Entity Recognition

Wikipedia Search

Evaluation

# Computational stylometry

## Updated definition

techniques that allow us to find out information about the authors of texts on the basis of an automatic linguistic analysis

## Stylometry process steps

1. **data acquisition** – obtain and preprocess data
2. **feature extraction methods** – get features from texts
3. **machine learning** – train and tune classifiers
4. **interpretation of results** – make machine learning reasoning readable by human

# Data acquisition – collecting

## Free data

- ▶ For big languages only
- ▶ Enron e-mail corpus
- ▶ Blog corpus (*Koppel, M, Effects of Age and Gender on Blogging*)

## Manually annotated corpora

1. ÚČNK school essays
2. FI MUNI error corpus

## Web crawling

# Data acquisition – preprocessing

## Tokenization, morphology annotation and desambiguation

### ► morphological analysis

```
je      byt      k5eAaImIp3nS
spor    spor     k1gInSc1
mezi    mezi     k7c7
Severem sever  k1gInSc7
a       a        k8xC
Jihem   jih      k1gInSc7
<g/>
.       .        kIx.
</s>
<s desamb="1">
Jde     jit     k5eAaImIp3nS
```

# Selection of feature extraction methods

## Categories

- ▶ Morphological
- ▶ Syntactic
- ▶ Vocabulary
- ▶ Other

Analyse problem and select only suitable features. Combine with automatic feature selection techniques (entropy).

# Tuning of feature extraction methods

## Tuning process

Divide data into three independent sets:

- ▶ Tuning set (generate stopwords, part-of-speech n-grams, . . .)
- ▶ Training set (train a classifier)
- ▶ Test set (evaluate a classifier)

# Features examples

## Word length statistics

- ▶ Count and normalize frequencies of selected word lengths (eg. 1–15 characters)
- ▶ Modification: word-length frequencies are influenced by adjacent frequencies in histogram, e.g.: 1: 30%, 2: 70%, 3: 0% is more similar to 1: 70%, 2: 30%, 3: 0% than 1: 0%, 2: 60%, 3: 40%

## Sentence length statistics

- ▶ Count and normalize frequencies of
  - word per sentence length
  - character per sentence length



## Features examples

### Stopwords

- ▶ Count normalized frequency for each word from stopwords list
- ▶ Stopword  $\sim$  general word, semantic meaning is not important, e.g. prepositions, conjunctions, . . .
- ▶ *stopwords **ten, by, člověk, že** are the most frequent in selected five texts of Karel Čapek*

### Wordclass (bigrams) statistics

- ▶ Count and normalize frequencies of wordclasses (wordclass bigrams)
- ▶ *verb is followed by noun with the same frequency in selected five texts of Karel Čapek*

# Features examples

## Morphological tags statistics

- ▶ Count and normalize frequencies of selected morphological tags
- ▶ *the most consistent frequency has the genus for family and archaic freq in selected five texts of Karel Čapek*

## Word repetition

- ▶ Analyse which words or wordclasses are frequently repeated through the sentence
- ▶ *nouns, verbs and pronouns are the most repetitive in selected five texts of Karel Čapek*



# Features examples

## Other stylometric features

- ▶ typography (number of dots, spaces, emoticons, . . .)
- ▶ errors
- ▶ vocabulary richness

# Features examples

## Implementation

```
features = (u'kA', u'kY', u'kI', u'k?', u'k0',
           u'k1', u'k2', u'k3', u'k4', u'k5', u'k6',
           u'k7', u'k8', u'k9')
```

```
def document_to_features(self, document):
    """Transform document to tuple of float features.
    @return: tuple of n float feature values, n=|get_features|"""
    """
    features = np.zeros(self.features_count)
    sentences = self.get_structure(document, mode=u'tag')
    for sentence in sentences:
        for tag in sentence:
            if tag and tag[0] == u'k':
                key = self.tag_to_index.get(tag[:2])
                if key: features[key] += 1.
    total = np.sum(features)
    if total > 0: return features / total
    else: return features
```

# Machine learning

## Tools

- ▶ use **frameworks** over your own implementation (ML is HW consuming and needs to be optimal)
- ▶ programming language doesn't matter, but high-level languages can be better (**readability** is important and performance is not affected – ML frameworks use usually C libraries)
- ▶ for Python, good choice is **Scikit-learn** (<http://scikit-learn.org>)

## Machine learning tuning

- ▶ try different machine learning techniques (Support Vector Machines, Random Forests, Neural Networks)
- ▶ use grid search/random search/other heuristic searches to find optimal parameters (use **cross-validation** on train data)
- ▶ but **start with the fast and easy to configure** ones (Naive Bayes, Decision Trees)
- ▶ **feature selection** (more is not better)
- ▶ make experiments **replicable** (use random seed), repeat experiments with different seed to check their performance
- ▶ always implement a **baseline** algorithm (random answer, constant answer)

# Machine learning tricks

## Replace feature values by ranking of feature values

Book:

long coherent text



Blog:

medium-length text



E-mail:

short noisy text



- ▶ Different “document conditions” are considered
- ▶ Attribution: replace similarity by ranking of the author against other authors
- ▶ Verification: select random similar documents from corpus and replace similarity by ranking of the document against these selected documents



# Interpretation of results

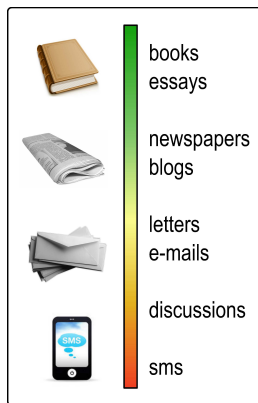
## Machine learning readable

Explanation of ML reasoning can be important. We can

1. not to interpret data at all (we can't enforce any consequences)
2. use one classifier per feature category and use feature categories results as a partially human readable solution
3. use ML techniques which can be interpreted:
  - Linear classifiers  
each feature  $f$  has weight  $w(f)$  and document value  $val(f)$ ,  
$$\sum_{f \in F} w(f) * val(f) \geq threshold$$
  - Extensions of black box classifiers, for random forests  
<https://github.com/janrygl/treeinterpreter>
4. use another statistical module not connected to ML at all

## Performance (Czech texts)

Balanced accuracy: Current (CS)  $\rightarrow$  Desired (EN)



Verification:

- ▶ books, essays: 95 %  $\rightarrow$  99 %
- ▶ blogs, articles: 70 %  $\rightarrow$  90 %

Attribution (depends on the number of candidates, comparison on blogs):

- ▶ up to 4 candidates: 80 %  $\rightarrow$  95 %
- ▶ up to 100 candidates: 40 %  $\rightarrow$  60 %

Clustering:

- ▶ the evaluation metric depends on the scenario (50–60 %)

# I want to try it myself

## How to start

- ▶ Select a problem
- ▶ Collect data (gender detection data are easy to find – crawler dating service)
- ▶ Preprocess texts (remove HTML, tokenize)
- ▶ Write a few feature extraction methods
- ▶ Use a ML framework to classify data

# I want to try it really quick

## Quick start

### **Style & Identity Recognizer**

<https://github.com/janrygl/sir>.

- ▶ In development, but functional.
- ▶ Contains data from dating services.
- ▶ Contains feature extractors.
- ▶ Uses free RFTagger for morphology tagging.

# Development at FI

## TextMiner

- ▶ more languages,
- ▶ more feature extractors,
- ▶ more machine learning experiments,
- ▶ better visualization,
- ▶ and much more

# Thank you for your attention

## *Savage Chickens*

by Doug Savage



# TextPerience: Experience the Text



Upload a document or  
enter an URL

File uploaded  
120932 bytes



HyperText Markup Language  
(HTML)



Extract text from the  
document

The text extraction quality  
depends on the data format and  
the way it was created.  
Extraction method Justext, the  
content is encoded in utf-8.  
language: English

[SEE THE TEXT](#)



See what we can  
recognize in the text

We use linguistic analysis,  
corpus tools, and mathematics.

order offer board  
easyJet  
policy food Scent  
range  
product  
Chris\_Ratcliffe  
42\_per\_cent  
April Bloomberg\_FinanceIn  
Ryanair Gatwick  
Greece

# TextPerience: Experience the Text

- ▶ a demo application
- ▶ complete processing pipeline from data to knowledge:
  1. convert an uploaded file to text
  2. detect language
  3. apply keyword search
  4. recognize named entities
  5. perform Wikipedia search of the keywords
  6. evaluate the results
- ▶ so far, keywords in 12 languages (cs, sk, en, de, fr, it, es, vi, pl, hu, da, ru)
- ▶ so far, named entities in 5 languages (cs, en, es, de, ru)



# Outline

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## TextPerience I: Extract Texts from Files

After a successful MIME type guessing ...

- ▶ use Apache Tika for Office-like texts and PDFs
- ▶ use JuxText for extracting text from web pages, Pomikálek (2011)
- ▶ take plain texts as they are

many other file types:

- ▶ tables (Excel, TSV, CSV)
- ▶ presentations
- ▶ images (OCR)
- ▶ source codes (plain text with a particular extension)
- ▶ videos (subtitles)
- ▶ ...

# TextPerience I: Extract Texts from Files

“repair” extracted texts:

- ▶ distorted diacritics in PDFs
- ▶ headers, footers, page numbers
- ▶ hyphenation

# TextPerience I: Extract Texts from Files

selecting the right content from web pages:

JusText parameters vs. customization

final class	good
cotext-free class	short
heading	True
length (in characters)	38
number of characters within links	0
link density	0.000
number of words	5
number of stopwords	3
stopword density	0.600
html.body.div.div.div.div.article.div.h1	

## TextPerience II: Detect Language(s)

the `langid` module, Lui and Baldwin (2012)

- ▶ trained for  $\approx 90$  languages, excl. cestina
- ▶ Naive-Bayes classifier on letter n-grams
- ▶ good for longer texts
- ▶ noise reduction needed (HTML tags and entities, URLs, non-words etc.)
- ▶ how about multi-lingual documents?

## TextPerience III: Keyword Search

“language independent” way: TF-IDF, Wikipedia (2016)

- ▶ tokenize the text
- ▶ detect POS
- ▶ assume keywords to be only nouns
- ▶ lemmatize nouns
- ▶ compute TF-IDF on lemmata
- ▶ what about [keyphrases](#)?

## TextPerience III: Keyword Search

Tagging and Lemmatization: a very simplistic approach

- ▶ find a word form in corpus (limit to 10 occurrences)
- ▶ save the most frequent lemma and tag
- ▶ works for all POS-annotated corpora with lemmatization
- ▶ fast and “independent” but not very precise

## TextPerience III: Keyword Search

### TF-IDF on noun lemmata

- ▶ corpora of different sizes for different languages
- ▶ precomputed  $d_f$ s in our corpora
- ▶ what about words not present in our corpora?



## TextPerience IV: Named Entity Recognition

Stanford NER with different models, Finkel et al. (2005)



- ▶ ready to use models for es, en, de
- ▶ training data for cs and ru (see IA161) → new models
- ▶ very different model parameters for e.g. English and German
- ▶ apply models for a language on close languages (e.g. es model on fr)
- ▶ for training models, we need NE annotated corpus

# TextPerience V: Wikipedia Search

use of API MediaWiki (2015)

- ▶ for each keyword/NE try to get the most relevant Wikipedia article
- ▶ no keyword scoring employed
- ▶ no graph-based scoring employed
- ▶ no generalization methods
- ▶ different sizes of Wikipedias in different languages

## TextPerience VI: Evaluation

users can click on the evaluation icons  

- ▶ 355 files
- ▶ 1451 evaluations: 1045 entities/keywords correct, 406 incorrect
- ▶ no learning from evaluations

## Conclusion and Further Work

1. convert an uploaded file to text  
repair texts from PDFs
2. detect language  
detect multi-lingual documents, noise reduction
3. apply keyword search  
better ways to fast lemmatization  
keyword search in multi-lingual documents  
keyphrase search (what is a phrase?)
4. recognize named entities  
evaluation of existing models  
evaluation of using existing models on close languages
5. perform Wikipedia search of the keywords  
keyword weighting  
graph algorithms for disambiguation  
generalization methods (Wikipedia categories)
6. evaluate the results  
learning methods

# Try It

Try TextPerience

<http://nlp.fi.muni.cz/projects/textperience>

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