



Introduction to Text Mining

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Why Text?

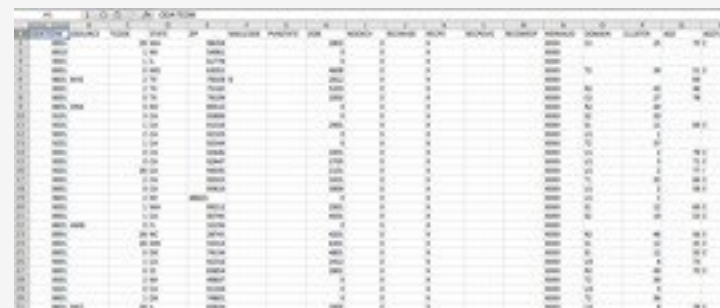
- How much data? 1.8 zettabytes (1.8 trillion GB)
- Most of the World's Data is Unstructured
 - 2009 HP survey: 70%
 - Gartner: 80%
 - Jerry Hill (Teradata), Anant Jhingran (IBM): 85%
- Structured (stored) data often misses elements critical to predictive modeling
 - Un-transcribed fields, notes, comments
 - Ex: examiner/adjuster notes, surveys with free-text fields, medical charts

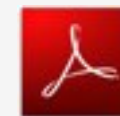
Why Text Mining?

- Leveraging text *should* improve decisions and predictions
- Text mining is gaining momentum
 - Sentiment Analysis (twitter, facebook)
 - Predicting stock market
 - Predicting churn
 - Customer influence
 - Customer Service and Help Desk
- Not to mention Watson!

Structured vs. Unstructured Data

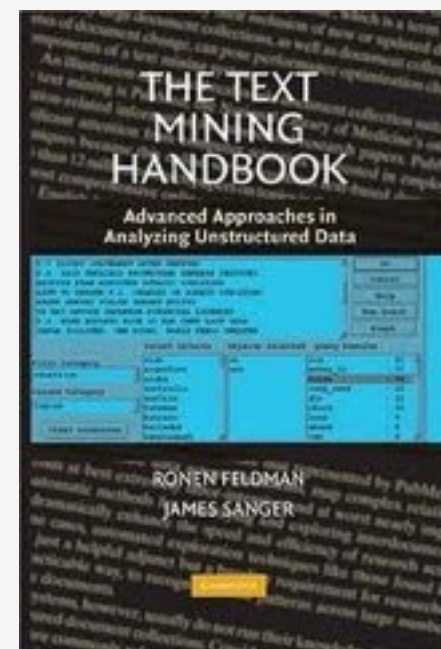
- Structured data
 - “Loadable into a spreadsheet”
 - Rows and columns
 - Each cell filled, or could be filled
 - Data is consistent, uniform
 - Data mining friendly
- Unstructured data
 - Microsoft Word, HTML, Adobe PDF documents, ...
 - This PPT document is unstructured text
 - Unstructured data often converted to XML -> semi-structured
 - Not structured into “cells”
 - Variable record length; notes, free-form survey answers
 - Text is relatively sparse, inconsistent, and not uniform
 - Also...images, video, music, etc.





How Unstructured is “Unstructured”?

- Feldman and Sanger
 - “Weakly Structured” data: few structural cues to text based on layout or markups
 - Research papers
 - Legal memoranda
 - News Stories
 - “Semistructured” data: extensive format elements, metadata, field labels
 - Email
 - HTML web pages
 - PDF files



Why is Text Mining Hard

- Language is ambiguous
 - Context is needed to clarify
 - The same words can mean different things (homographs)
 - Bear (verb) - to support or carry
 - Bear (noun) - a large animal
 - Different words can mean the same thing (synonyms)
- Language is subtle
- Concept / Word extraction usually results in huge number of “dimensions”
 - Thousands of new fields
 - Each field typically has low information content (sparse)
- Misspellings, abbreviations, spelling variants
 - Renders search engines, SQL queries, Regex, ... ineffective

Four Text Mining Ambiguities

- **Homonymy:** same word, different meaning by accident of history

- Bank

- a. Mary walked along the bank of the river.
- b. HarborBank is the richest bank in the city.

- **Synonymy:** synonyms, different words, similar or same meaning; can substitute one word for the other without changing the meaning of the sentence substantively.

Synonyms can have differing connotations...

- a. Miss Nelson became a kind of big sister to Benjamin.
- b. Miss Nelson became a kind of large sister to Benjamin.

- **Polysemy:** same word or form, but different, albeit related meaning

- Bank

- a. The bank raised its interest rates yesterday.
- b. The store is next to the newly constructed bank.
- c. The bank appeared first in Italy in the Renaissance.

- **Hyponymy:** concept hierarchy or subclass (subordinates)

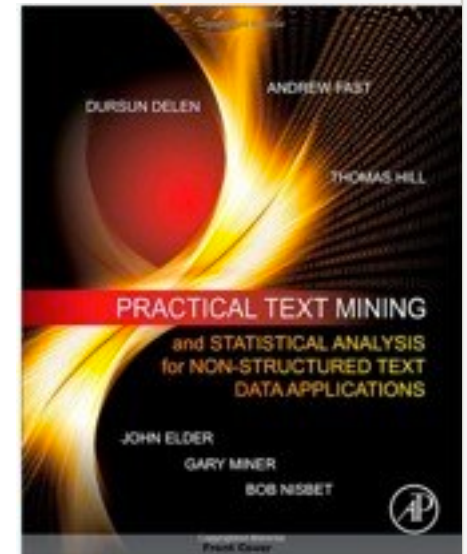
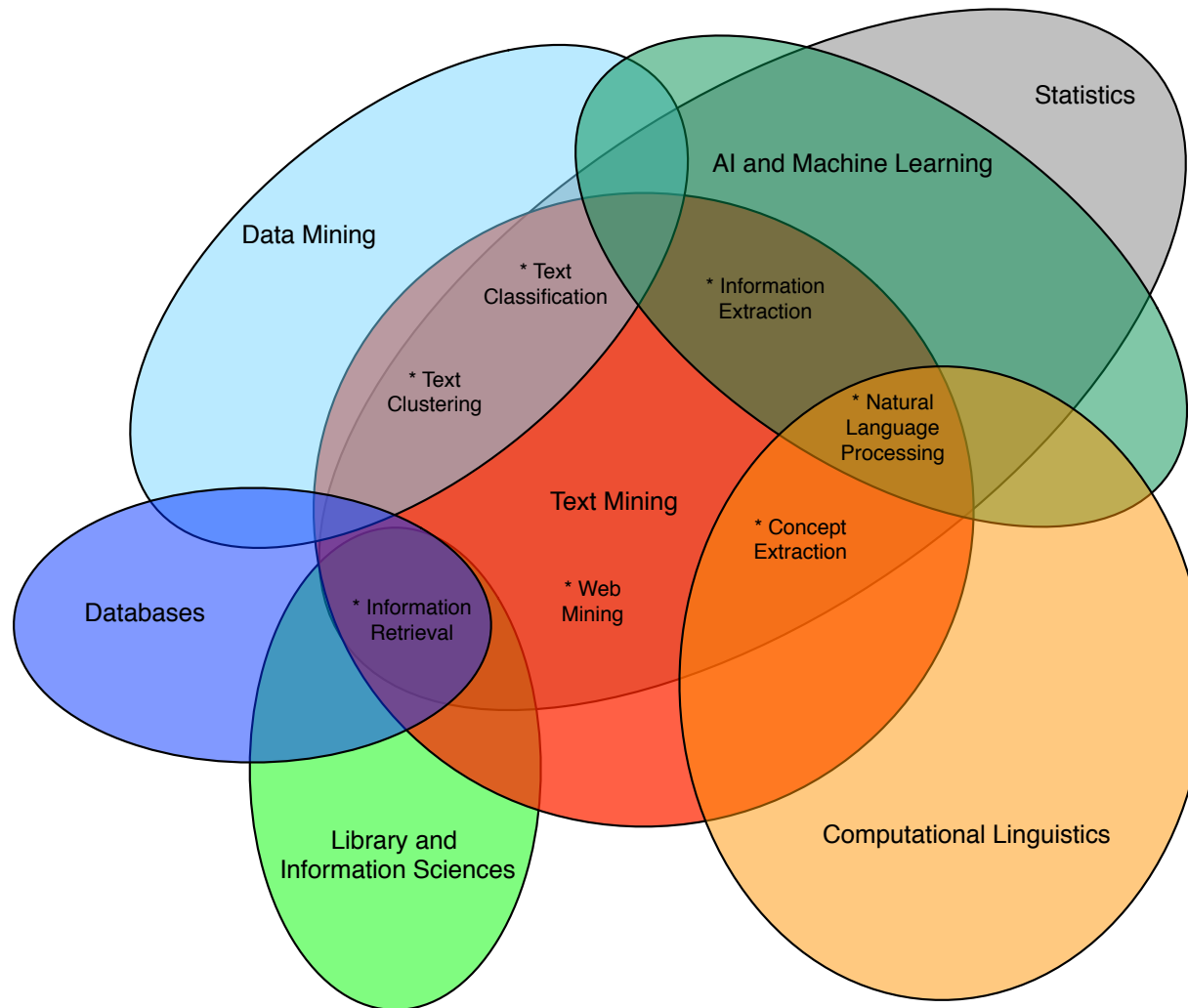
- Animal (noun)

- a. dog
- b. cat

- Injury

- a. Broken leg, contusion...

From Practical Text Mining (Delen, Fast, Hill, Miner, Elder, Nisbet)



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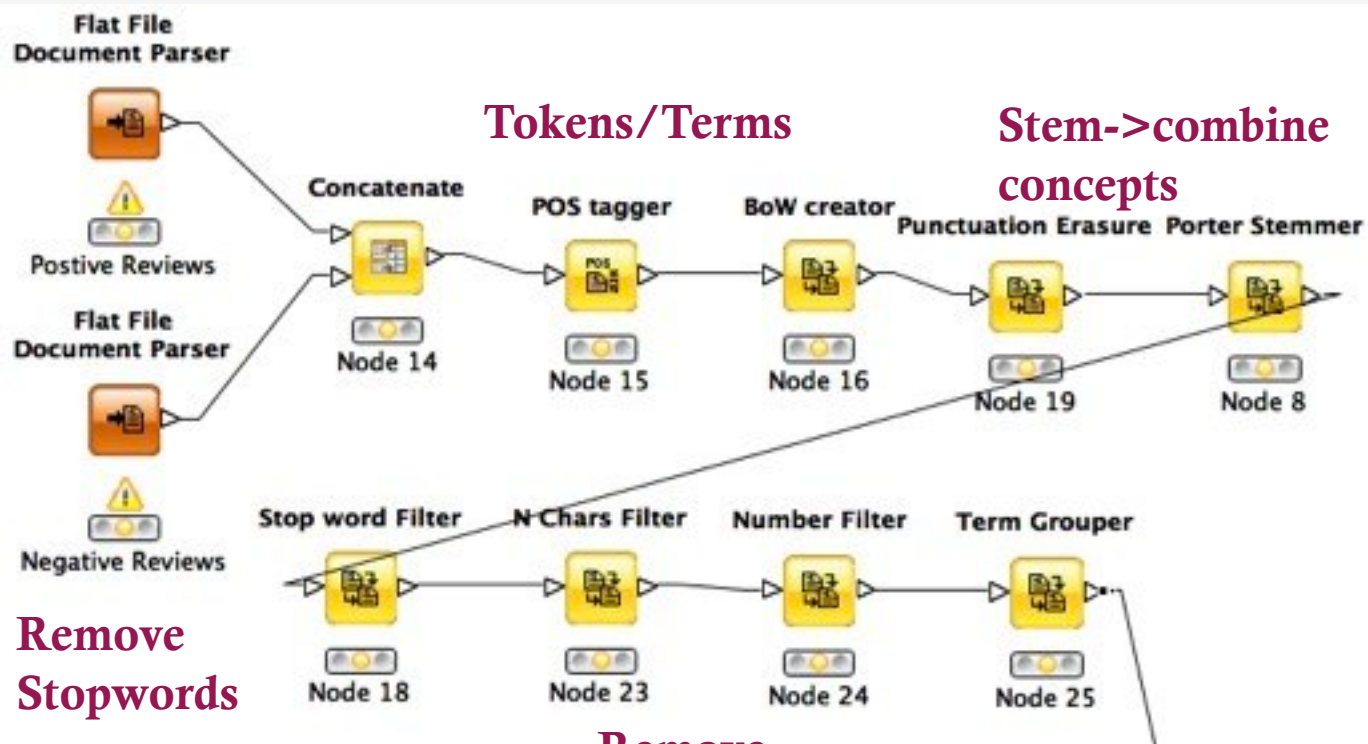
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7. **Concept Extraction:** Grouping of words and phrases into semantically similar groups

Text Mining Process Flow (from Miner, Elder, *et al*)

1. Phase 1. Determine the purpose of the study
2. Phase 2. Explore the availability and the nature of the data
3. Phase 3. Prepare the Data.
(details in next slide)
4. Phase 4. Develop and Assess the Models
5. Phase 5. Evaluate the results
6. Phase 6. Deploy the results

Note the similarity between this process flow and CRISP-DM

Text Mining Pre-Processing Steps in KNIME



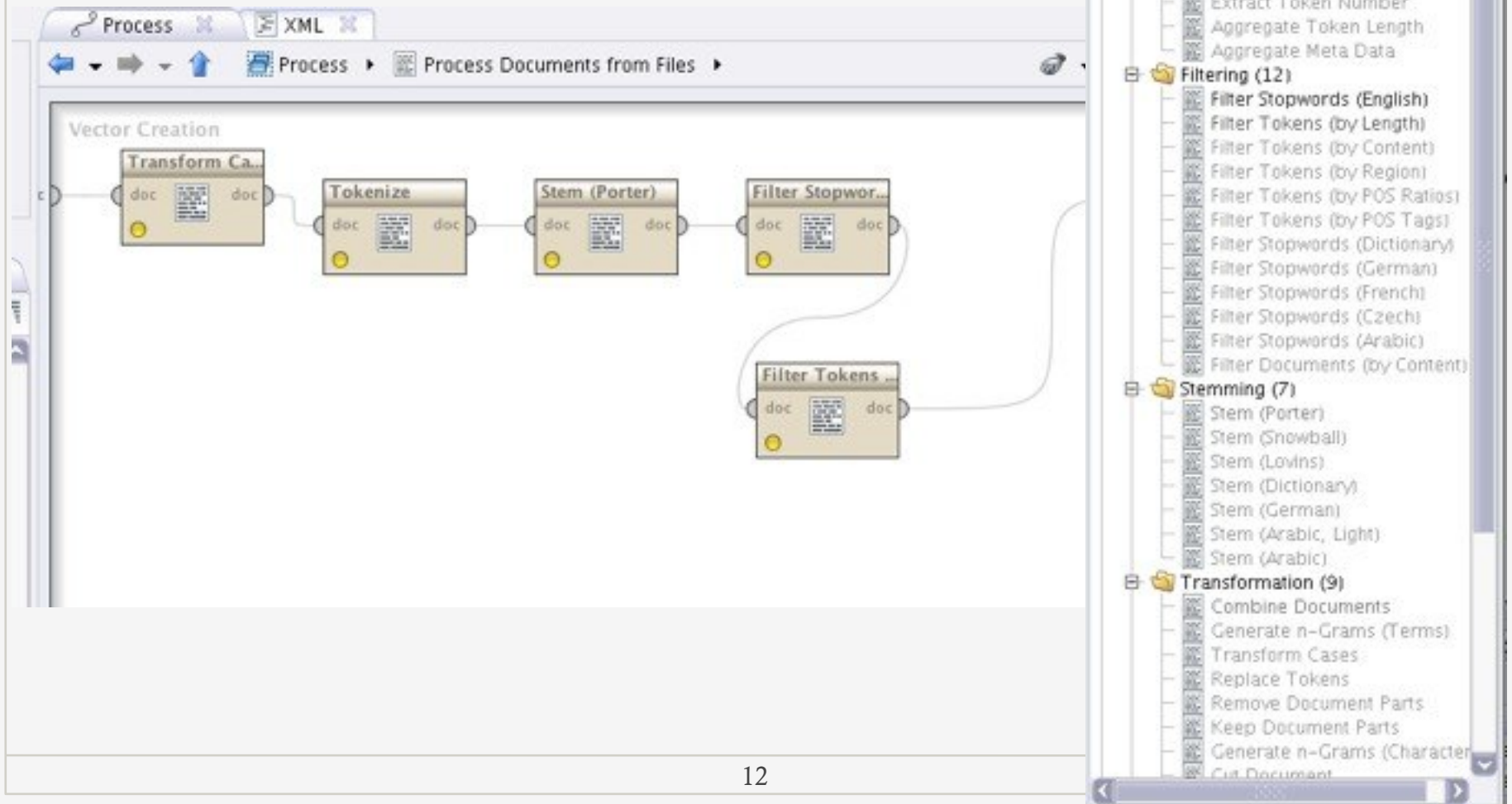
Tokens/Terms

Stem->combine
concepts

Remove
Stopwords

Remove
“uninteresting”
words

Text Mining Pre-Processing Steps in RapidMiner



Select Data Source

- Most tools support
 - Single Text File
 - Each record contains a different “comment”
 - Folders containing multiple text files of a particular type->load multiple folders
 - RSS Feeds and URLs (spider a site)
 - Documents (.doc, .pdf, .xml)

Text Normalization

- Case
 - Make all lower case (if don't care about proper nouns, titles, etc.)
- Clean up transcription and typing errors
 - do n't, movei, ...
- Correct misspelled words
 - Phonetically
 - Use fuzzy matching algorithms such Soundex, Metaphone, or string-edit distance
 - Dictionaries
 - Use POS and context to make good guess

Part of Speech (POS) Tagging

- Useful for recognizing names of people, places, organizations, titles
- English language
 - Minimum set includes noun, verb, adjective, adverb, prepositions, conjunctions
 - Penn Tree Bank contains 36 POS

POS Tags from Penn Tree Bank

Number	Tag	Description
1	CC	Coordinating conjunction
2	CD	Cardinal number
3	DT	Determiner
4	EX	Existential <i>there</i>
5	FW	Foreign word
6	IN	Preposition or subordinating conjunction
7	JJ	Adjective
8	JJR	Adjective, comparative
9	JJS	Adjective, superlative
10	LS	List item marker
11	MD	Modal
12	NN	Noun, singular or mass
13	NNS	Noun, plural
14	NNP	Proper noun, singular
15	NNPS	Proper noun, plural
16	PDT	Predeterminer
17	POS	Possessive ending
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19	PRP\$	Possessive pronoun
20	RB	Adverb
21	RBR	Adverb, comparative
22	RBS	Adverb, superlative
23	RP	Particle
24	SYM	Symbol
25	TO	<i>to</i>
26	UH	Interjection
27	VB	Verb, base form
28	VBD	Verb, past tense
29	VBG	Verb, gerund or present participle
30	VCN	Verb, past participle
31	VBP	Verb, non-3rd person singular present
32	VBZ	Verb, 3rd person singular present
33	WDT	Wh-determiner
34	WP	Wh-pronoun
35	WPS	Possessive wh-pronoun
36	WRB	Wh-adverb

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 preposition
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 noun
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 proper noun
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 3rd prsn
 /WRB
 Wh adverb

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POS Tagging: How Hard is it?

- ~89% of English words have only one part of speech (unambiguous)
 - However, many common words in English are ambiguous
 - But even these can largely be disambiguated by rules or probabilistically
- Taggers can be rule-based, stochastic (training on a labelled set of words using HMMs), or a combination (most popular combination is the “Brill” tagger)
- Example of stochastic tagging
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verb,
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/TO
to

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Tokenization

- Convert streams of characters into “words”
- Main clues (in English): white space.
- Words can contain special characters, such as these: . , ’ – etc.
 - Examples: Dr. O’Malley 555-1212
- No single algorithm “works” always
- Some languages do not have white space
 - Chinese, Japanese, Korean; German compound nouns

Tokenization Example (from KNIME)

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narration "zero effect gets its title from the main character , daryl zero (bill pullman) ,
 [RB although we do n't understand what it truly means until the very last line of
 (POS)] dialogue in the film ."

- Narration is split out as a token
- Part of Speech is listed as "adverb"
 - The (POS) means it was part of the corpus of documents I labelled as "positive reviews"
- Others: word--it, --quite, son+s

Stemming

- Normalizes / unifies variations of the same idea
 - “walking”, “walks”, “walked”, “walker” => “walk”.
- Inflectional Stemming
 - Remove plurals
 - Normalize verb tenses
 - Remove other affixes
- Stemming to root
 - Reduce word to most basic element
 - More aggressive than inflectional
 - Examples
 - “denormalization” -> “norm”
 - “apply”, “applications”, “reapplied” -> “apply”

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- narration becomes narrat
- title becomes titl
- character becomes charact

Common English Stop Words

- a, an, and, are, as, at, be, but, by, for, if, in, into, is, it, no, not, of, on, or, such, that, the, their, then, there, these, they, this, to, was, will, with
- Stop words are very common and rarely provide useful information for information extraction or concept extraction.
- Removing stop words also reduces dimensionality

Dictionaries and Lexicons

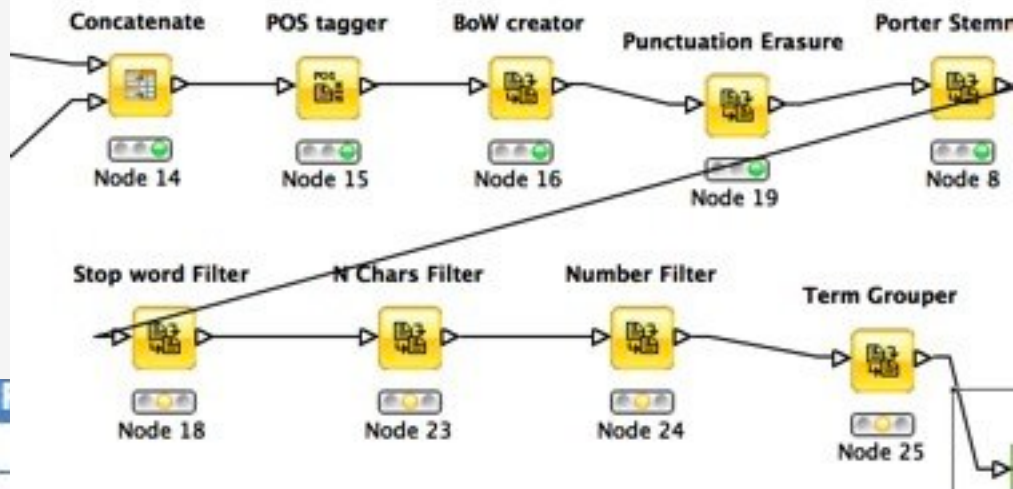
- Highly recommended!! Can be **very** time consuming...
- Reduces set of keywords to focus on
 - Words of interest
 - Dictionary words
- Increase set of keywords to focus on
 - Proper nouns, special names/phrases
 - Acronyms
 - Titles
 - Numbers
- Key ways to use dictionary
 - Local dictionary (specialized words)
 - Stopwords and “too frequent” words
 - Stemming: reduce stems to dictionary words
 - Synonyms: replace synonyms with root word in list
 - Resolve Abbreviations and Acronyms

What Counts Can Look Like:

Records == # Tokens (“Words”)

In KNIME:

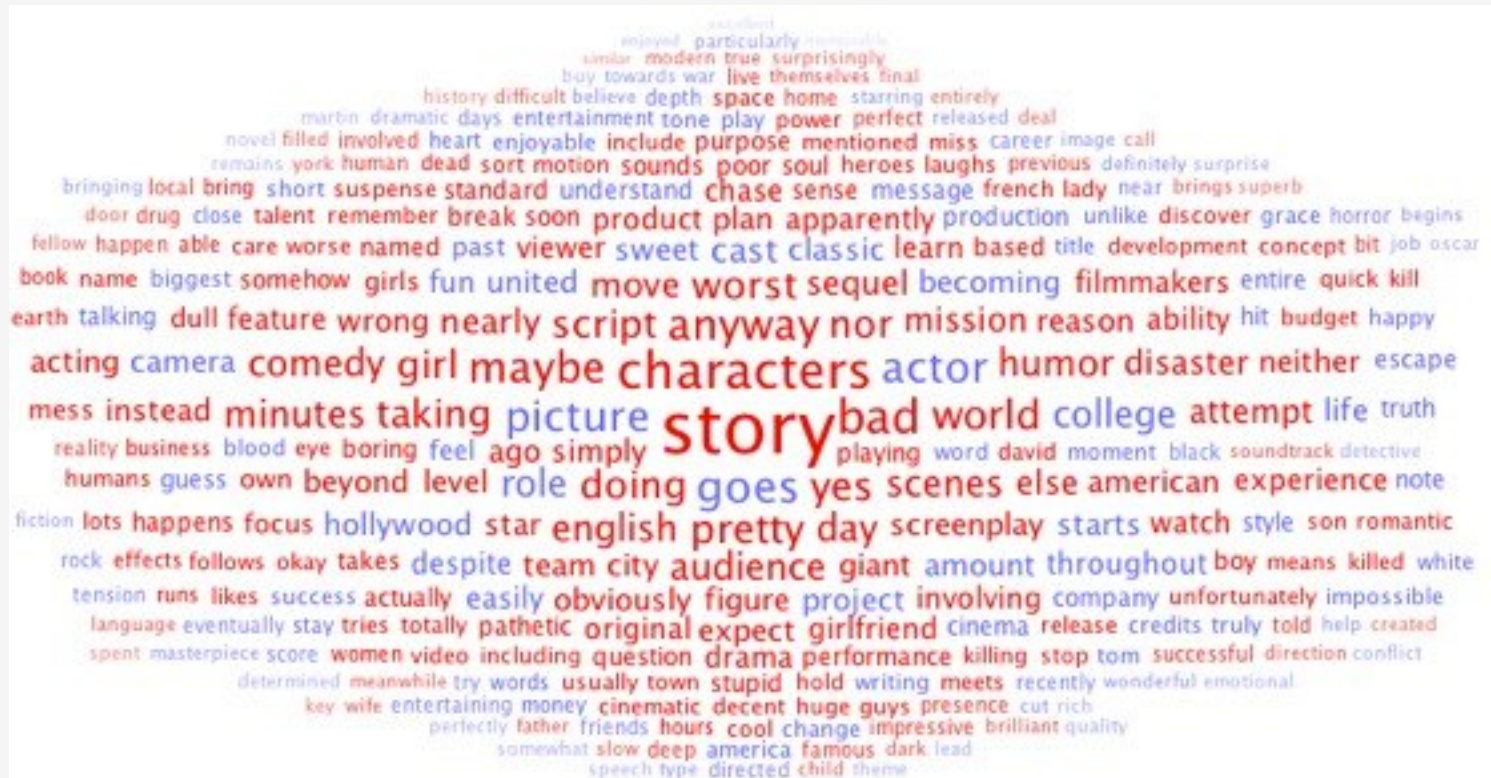
200+ documents turn into
more than 70K Term-
Document pairs
(average of >350 terms per
review)



Step	Num Records	
Load Files	203	
Bag of Words	72349	
Remove Punctuation	70801	2.1%
Porter Stemming	70652	0.2%
Stop Word Filtering	49212	30.3%
N char filter	47350	3.8%
Number Filter	47168	0.4%
Term Grouper	43123	8.6%
Document Vector	203	99.5%

We've Got the Terms... Now What?

Tag Cloud of Movie Review Terms



Text Mining Features

- Keywords
 - Keyword Flags: Bag of Words flags
 - TF: Counts of keywords in field
 - Binned counts (doesn't exist, exists once, exists more than once)
 - IDF
 - IDF: Inverse Document Frequency
$$= \log(1 + \text{NumDocs} / \text{NumDocs with Term})$$
 - TF*IDF
- Multiple-word phrases: n-grams
- Reduced dimensionality features: PCA

Keyword (“Bag of Words”) Representation as Binary Flag in KNIME

File

Table “default” – Rows: 203 Spec – Columns: 10488 Properties

Row ID	Docum...	D appar[]	D highlig...	D art[]	D action[]	D perfect[]	D filmma...	D site[]	D fight[]	D mere[]
1	""	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	""	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	"000-foot...	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
4	"accept os...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	"ado noth"	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	"african a...	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	"ago japa...	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
8	"ago john...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	"ahh teen...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	"america l...	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	"american...	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
12	"american...	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
13	"anniversa...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	"anoth for...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
15	"anoth thi...	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
16	"anticip sa...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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19	"beatl nob...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
20	"befor re...	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
21	"believ re...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	"blade mo...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Term Frequency: TF

- # Times the term occurs in a document, d
- Assumptions:
 - If term occurs more often, it measures something important
 - 2x as many occurrences is 2x as important
 - This can be mitigated if need be
 - Common “fix”: log transform, $\log_{10}(1+TF)$
 - Each occurrence is an independent event (not a replicate)
 - Is it true?
 - Information retrieval: probably “yes”
 - Fraud detection, notes, log files: maybe “no”

Document Frequency: DF

- # Documents the term occurs in
- Assumptions:
 - Terms that occur in fewer documents are more specified to a document and more descriptive of the content: rarity matters
 - Terms that occur in most documents are common words, not as descriptive
 - Is it true?
 - Sometimes “yes”
 - Sometimes just reflect textual variants (synonyms), regional differences, personal style

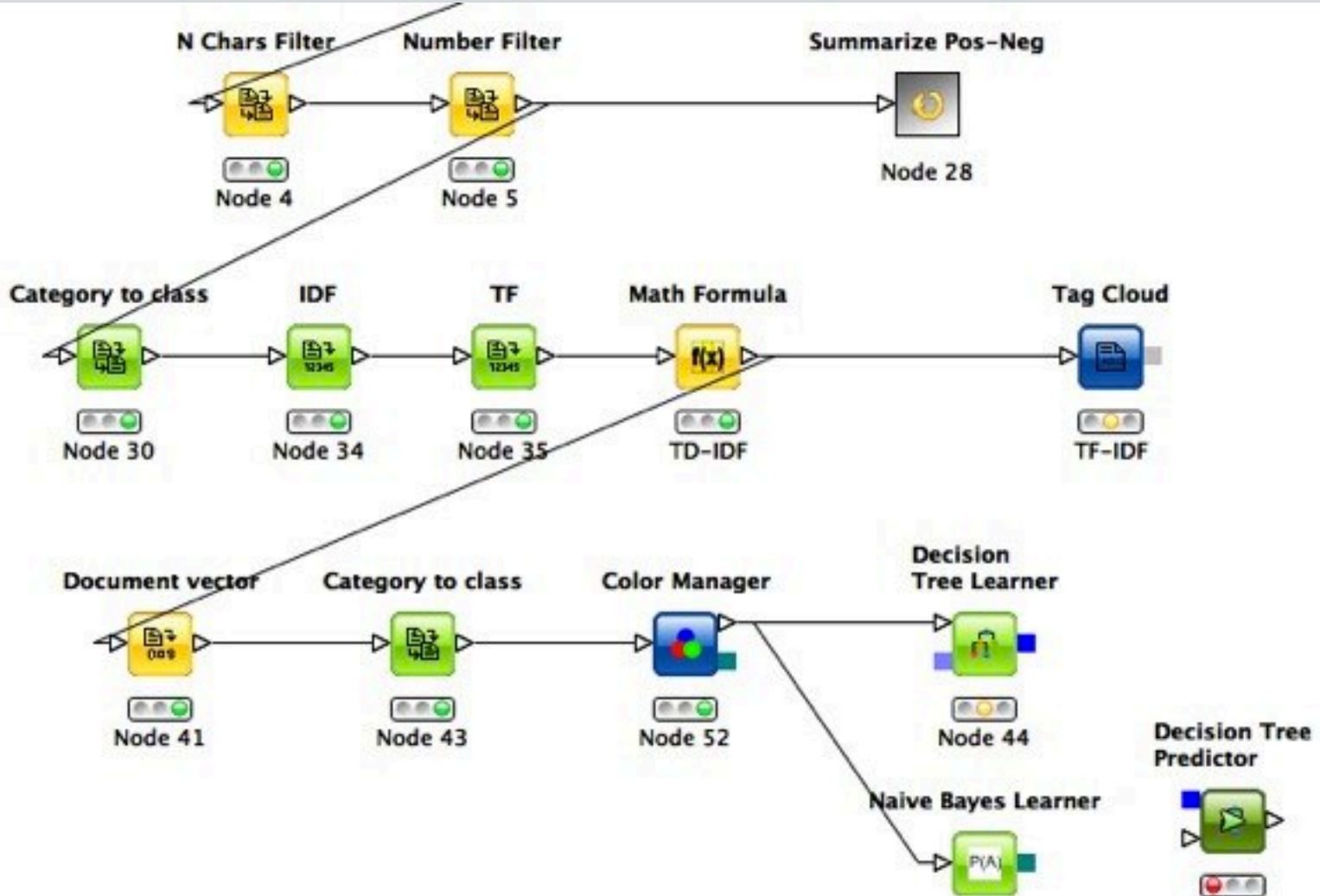
Inverse Document Frequency: IDF

- DF: smaller is better
 - We often want a larger number to be “better”
- Solution: IDF
 - Too severe if we define
$$\text{IDF} = \# \text{ docs} / \# \text{ docs with term}$$
 - Typical definition:
$$\text{IDF} = \log_{10}(1 + \# \text{ docs} / \# \text{ docs with term})$$
 - Why? Because it seems to work better

Tying Them Together: TF-IDF

- Separately, DF and IDF can be good features
- Together, they represent a good idea
 - $TF\text{-}IDF = TF * IDF$
 - Higher frequency of terms that are rare may indicate a very important concept
 - Why multiply? Are these “independent”?
 - No, but multiplying seems to work just fine

Building Document Classification Models in



What TF-IDF Looks Like:

>> By Term

Filtered table - 2:128 - Column Filter

File

Table "default" - Rows: 6842 Spec - Columns: 8 Properties Flow Variables

... T Term	I TotalHits	D PctPosi...	D PctNeg...	S Document class	D IDF	I ▼ TF a...	D ▼ TFIDF
...john[NN(POS)]	35	57.143	42.857	POSITIVE	0.831	15	12.46
...fight[NN(POS)]	21	42.857	57.143	NEGATIVE	1.026	12	12.313
...films[NNS(POS)]	87	54.023	45.977	POSITIVE	0.521	11	5.735
...star[NN(POS)]	36	61.111	38.889	POSITIVE	0.82	10	8.203
...little[RB(POS)]	44	47.727	52.273	NEGATIVE	0.747	10	7.475
...little[JJ(POS)]	59	59.322	40.678	NEGATIVE	0.646	10	6.458
...characters[NNS(POS)]	94	42.553	57.447	POSITIVE	0.498	10	4.982
...city[NN(POS)]	27	55.556	44.444	POSITIVE	0.928	9	8.356
...john[NN(POS)]	35	57.143	42.857	NEGATIVE	0.831	9	7.476
...home[NN(POS)]	38	55.263	44.737	POSITIVE	0.8	9	7.204
...characters[NNS(POS)]	94	42.553	57.447	POSITIVE	0.498	9	4.483
...hard[RB(POS)]	22	59.091	40.909	NEGATIVE	1.008	8	8.063
...sex[NN(POS)]	23	30.435	69.565	NEGATIVE	0.99	8	7.924
...city[NN(POS)]	27	55.556	44.444	NEGATIVE	0.928	8	7.428
...guy[NN(POS)]	45	46.667	53.333	POSITIVE	0.739	8	5.916
...comedy[NN(POS)]	48	43.75	56.25	POSITIVE	0.717	8	5.734
...films[NNS(POS)]	87	54.023	45.977	POSITIVE	0.521	8	4.171
...fight[NN(POS)]	21	42.857	57.143	NEGATIVE	1.026	7	7.183
...family[NN(POS)]	23	78.261	21.739	NEGATIVE	0.99	7	6.933
...comic[JJ(POS)]	26	53.846	46.154	POSITIVE	0.843	7	6.601

What TF-IDF Looks Like:

>> By Document

Documents output table - 2:41 - Document vector

File

Table "default" - Rows: 202 Spec - Columns: 648 Properties Flow Variables

RowID	D movie[...	D watchi...	D charac...	D worst[...	D acting[...	D superb...	D guy[N...	D reason...	D variou...	D fight[N...	D nor[C...	D story[...
318	10.467	0	1.307	0.928	0.756	0	0	0	0	6.157	0	0.881
319	2.617	0	1.742	0.928	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.44
320	1.495	0	0.436	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.052	0	0
321	1.121	1.188	0	0	0.756	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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- More sophisticated: allow gaps between words

1-Gram (Term) Relationship to Sentiment

For 100 Reviews, 25/27 with “worst” are negative

Filtered - 6:100:30 - Row Filter

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Table "default" - Rows: 647 Spec - Columns: 4 Properties Flow Variables

Row ID	T Term	▼ Total	NumN...	PctPositive
Row15412	supposed[VBN(POS)]	13	13	0
Row9829	mess[NN(POS)]	14	13	7.143
Row1750	worst[JJ(POS)]	27	25	7.407
Row4647	dull[JJ(POS)]	13	12	7.692
Row1703	boring[JJ(POS)]	11	10	9.091
Row6413	girls[NNS(POS)]	11	10	9.091
Row11778	poor[JJ(POS)]	16	14	12.5
Row1122	bad[RB(POS)]	14	12	14.286
Row1804	break[NN(POS)]	14	12	14.286
Row13095	ridiculous[JJ(POS)]	13	11	15.385
Row11743	pointless[JJ(POS)]	12	10	16.667
Row15244	stupid[JJ(POS)]	22	18	18.182
Row11327	pathetic[JJ(POS)]	11	9	18.182
Row12349	quick[JJ(POS)]	11	9	18.182
Row17121	waste[NN(POS)]	11	9	18.182
Row1701	boring[VBG(POS)]	15	12	20

Sample Bigrams in Movie Review Data

Table View - 2:15 - Interactive Table (44 x 6)

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Row2600	worse	than	52	1	15	28.846	
Row877	have	some	63	1	18	28.571	
Row650	figure	out	71	1	20	28.169	
Row31	action	scenes	80	1	22	27.5	
Row302	bad	guy	93	1	25	26.882	
Row600	even	worse	58	1	15	25.862	
Row1758	the	bad	138	1	35	25.362	
Row1554	should	have	191	1	46	24.084	
Row2402	van	damme	66	1	15	22.727	
Row1354	only	thing	81	1	16	19.753	
Row2210	the	worst	207	1	38	18.357	
Row304	bad	movie	62	0	0	0	
Row2360	too	bad	60	0	0	0	

- Negative Reviews: 169 documents with “the worst”
- Positive Reviews: 38 documents with “the worst”
 - Negative Rate for “worst”: $199/262 = 76.0\%$
 - Negative Rate for “the worst” = $169/207 = 81.6\%$

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other actors , not including shih kien who turns han into typical , although not very convincing bondian villain , are nothing more than fist fodder for bruce lee (among them is young jackie chan) .

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he found the film to be a 'sea of sugary bromides' and condemned mr . voight's character as 'hopelessly wooden ? adopts an accent even more indeterminate than the one he came up with for anaconda . '
in addition , 'entertainment weekly' slam-dunked the film , condemning it as 'the **worst** family film of the year . '
there have been so many other bad reviews like this , too .
my suggestion : disregard the critics .

What Regular Expressions Do

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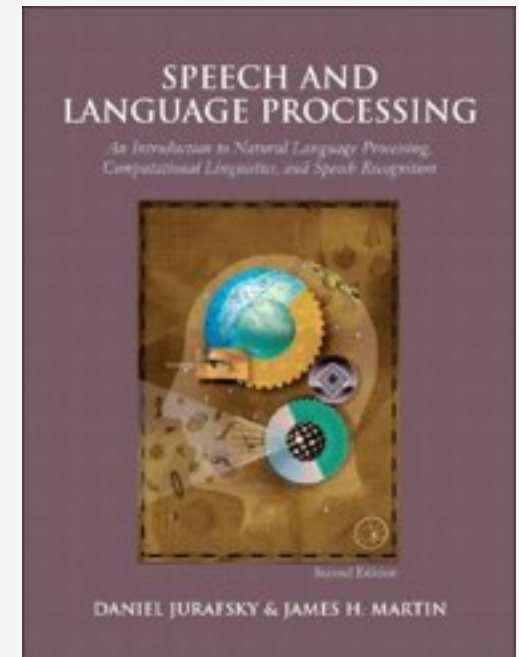
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- “One of the unsung successes in standardization in computer science has been the regular expression (RE), a language for specifying text search strings.”
- “the regular expression is an important theoretical tool [used] throughout computer science and linguistics.”



What to do with Features?

- Create new columns for each document (row)
 - Each column represents a measure for a keyword or concept (phrase)
 - Can include multiple representations for each concept (keyword flags *and* TF-IDF, for example)
- But...
 - Could be many (way too many) columns!

Reducing Keyword Features

- Remove “useless” words: stopwords, articles, etc.
 - Is “The” in “The Who” useless?
- Assess features one-at-a-time
 - Keep features with predictive power (via chi-square or other test)
- Reduce features through Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Singular Value Decomposition (SVD), or clustering
 - Determines which features “load” together (i.e. are correlated)
 - One approach: keep factors that explain enough variance in data
- Cosine transform
 - Monotonic (for angles between 0 deg to 180 deg)
 - Product of TF-IDF for document and TF-IDF for corpus
 - Normalize by TF-IDF for all documents (sqrt of sum of squares)



Text Mining Resources

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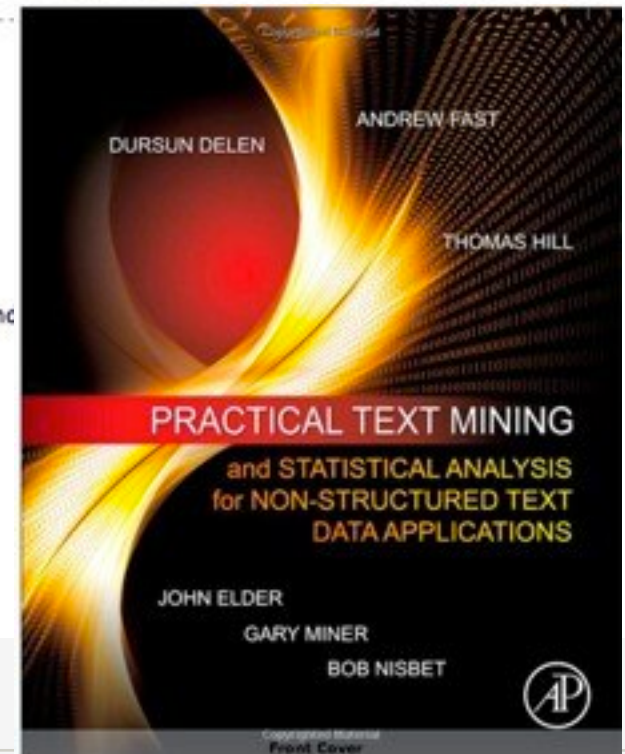
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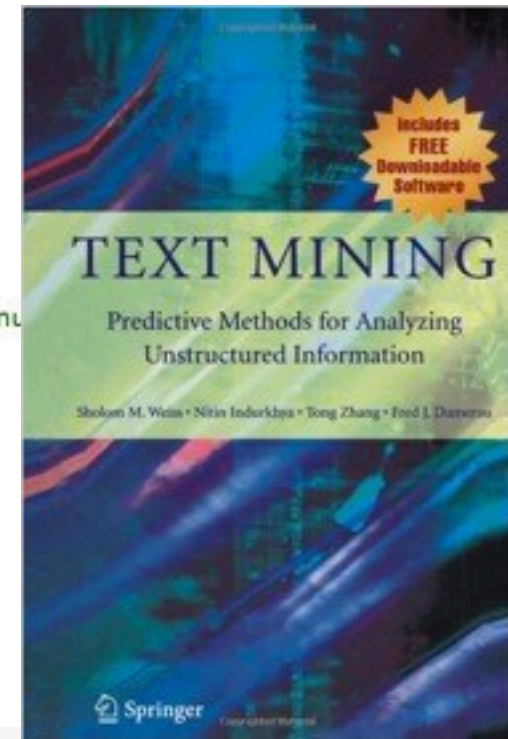
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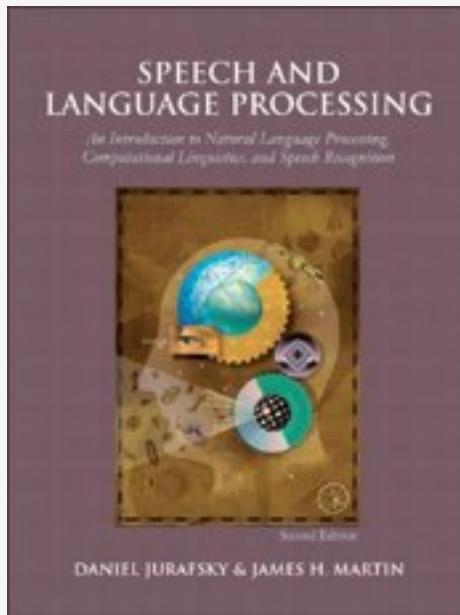
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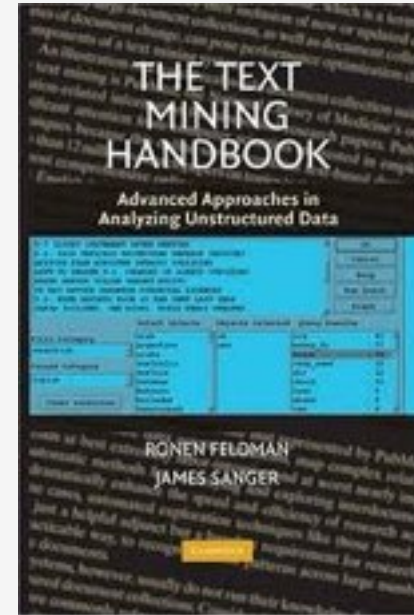
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Some Interesting URLs

- KNIME software: <http://knime.org/downloads/overview>
- CST's POS Tagger (Brill):
http://cst.dk/online/pos_tagger/uk/
- CRISP-DM: <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss/support/Modeler/Documentation/14/>
- Ngram software: <http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/lzhang10/ngram.html>
- Statistical Analysis of Corpus Data with R:
http://cogsci.uni-osnabrueck.de/~severt/SIGIL/sigil_R/

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- Good references:
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 - Regular Expressions Cookbook (O'Reilly) ISBN: 978-0596520687
 - Mastering Regular Expressions (O'Reilly) ISBN: 978-0596528126
 - Stanford Free Lectures
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