





Towards modelling text mining services for digital collections: the case of Latvian Prose Counter

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Text mining (TM):

- in a narrower sense: unsupervised machine learning
- in a broader sense: computer-assisted text analysis
- especially associated with the analysis of a large body of text (no official measure of what constitutes "large")
- especially associated with discovering patterns that are not visible with the naked eye
- going beyond reading, browsing, and searching
- can be considered in the context of distant reading, power reading, hybrid reading









Text-based collections

Strategies for the placement of text mining services

Books

Digitized periodicals

Academic papers

Research data

Web archive

Manuscripts

Ephemera

Archive records



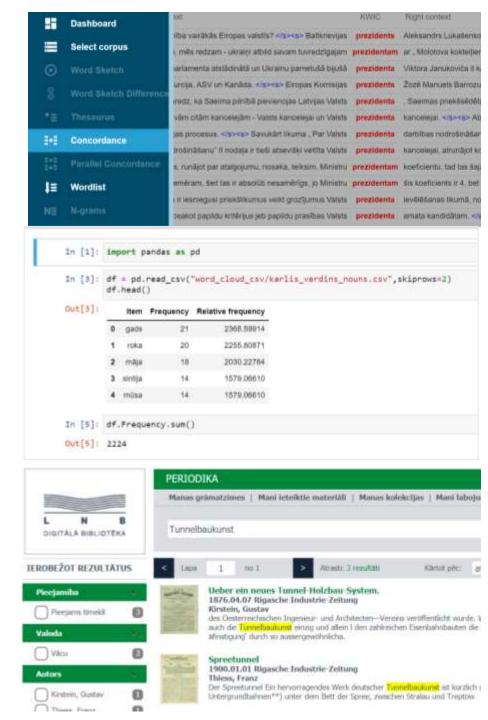
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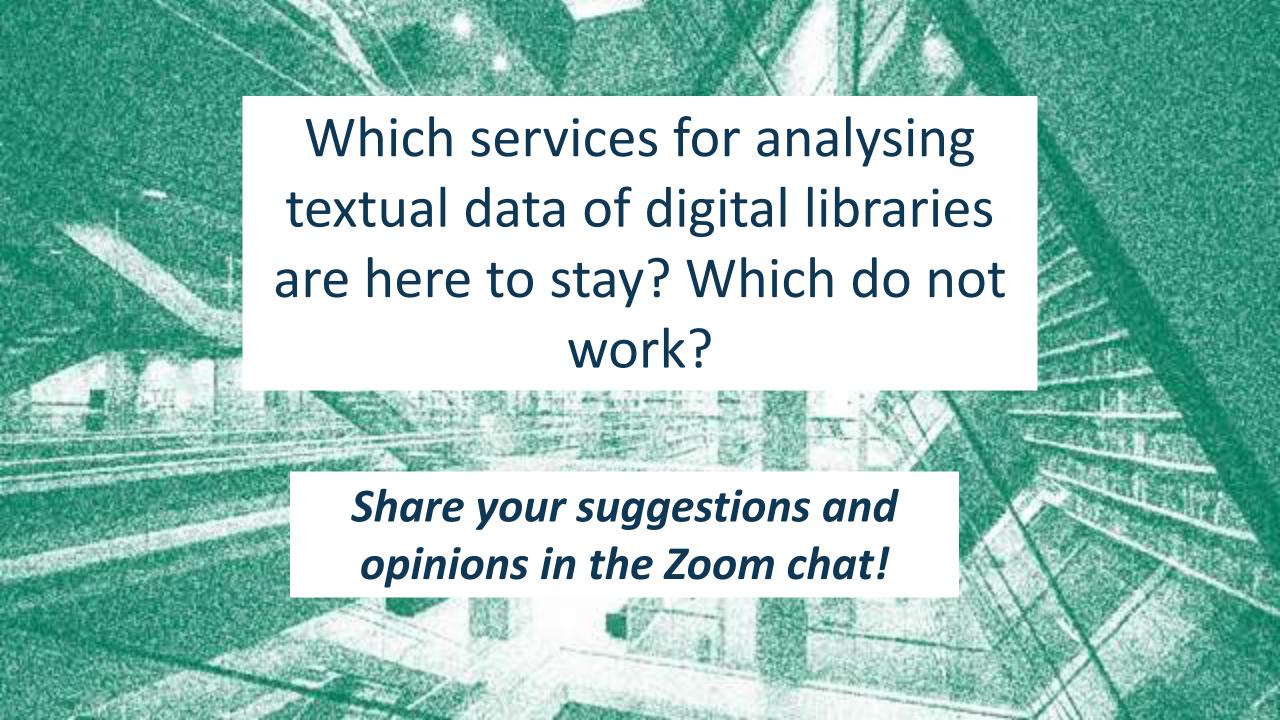
Part of library's infrastructure: programming environment without GUI

Integrated as functionalities in regular collections









Candidates of text mining features integrated in digital collections of books and/or periodicals

Number of documents that contain a word or ngram – time series

Number of instances the word or n-gram is mentioned in a corpus – time series

Term frequency: all terms, parts of speech

Statistics of pages, lines, sentences

Concordances, collocations

Topic recognition:

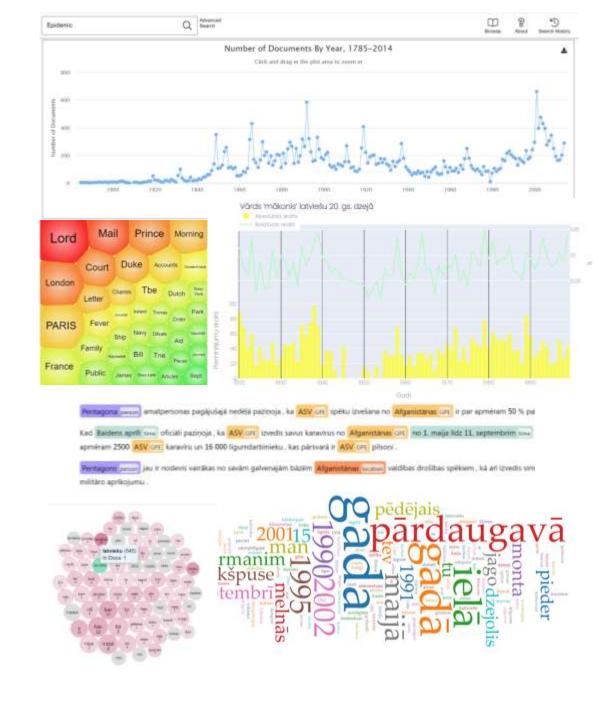
- tf-idf
- topic modelling (e.g. LDA algorithm)

Named entity recognition

Mapping

Comparing vocabularies, stylometry

Sentiment analysis



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Par skaitītāju Korpuss Vārdi Teikumi Leksika Temati















Latviešu prozas skaitītājs

Latvian Prose Counter

- A website for exploring quantitative parameters of 19th and 20th century Latvian prose fiction
- A demonstration tool that is aimed at informing users about the possibilities of textual analysis
- An environment that allows to test and cultivate various text analysis functionalities that are candidates for becoming new core digital services at the Latvian National Digital Library
- New literary works and new functionalities are regularly added to the platform
- The analysis is being conducted in the Jupyter Notebook programming environment

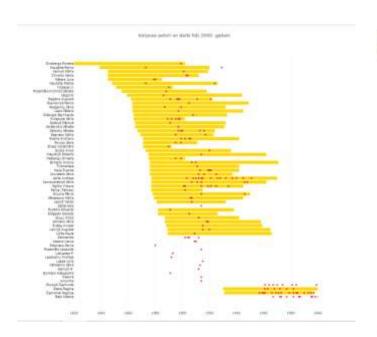
- Is not a substitute for the TM platform for researchers!
- Encourages to develop a TM platform based on the principles of modularity and flexibility: algorithms can be added and removed as needed

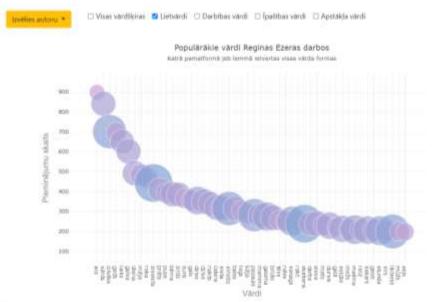
Current demonstrations in the Counter https://proza.lnb.lv/

- Corpus information
- Most frequent words with POS
- Length of sentences with examples
- Lexical diversity: MSTTR counts
- Topics: tf-idf (visualization Voyant Tools)

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About Corpus Words Sentences Lexicon Topics







Temati Regina Ezera: Zemdegas



Jupyter Notebooks

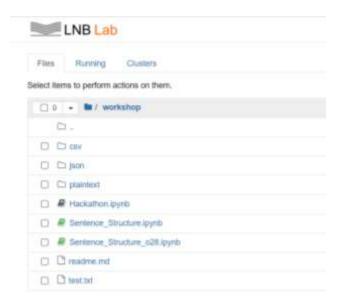
- Interactive coding and visualization tools open source
- Supports Python, Julia, R languages out of box
- Standard use case data munging, analysis, visualization
- Widely shared among researchers and academics
- Excellent teaching tool



Jupyter Notebooks at the National Library of Latvia (NLL)

- Local instances as a part of NLL infrastructure
- Notebooks are used collaboratively by employees for data cleaning and transformation tasks
- Possible to use collaboratively with researchers to complete data analysis tasks
- Littlest Jupyter Hub supporting up to 100 users
- Alternative to use cloud based servers (such as Google Colab) but what happens to our data?

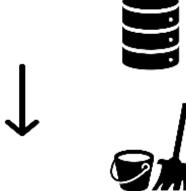




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Data preparation workflow

- Ingest data from our internal library data warehouse
- Cleanup, verification 80% of work
- Markup using tools tailored to Latvian language
- Aggregation
- Analysis Pandas, scikit-learn, Spacy, nltk
- Visualization using Plotly
- Export into various formats JSON, XML, CSV



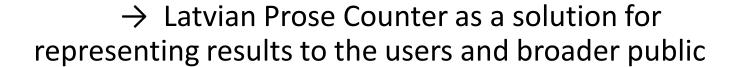






Technical Challenges

- Large number of Jupyter Notebooks -> accessible locally, global access is limited
- Version control systems such as Git are not well suited to Jupyter Notebooks format
- Sharing limited to one owner, many readers mode
- Non-programmer access is limited requires some coding, low-code knowledge









Migration from Notebooks to the Web platform

Considerations:

- Jupyter Notebook is already web based, clean migration not possible
- Plotly cross-platform usage Python Plotly is actually Javascript Plotly underneath
- JSON the most widely used data interchange format – easily generated by Python for use by Javascript
- Web based platform has the ability to embed external tools not yet provided by our internal services



Platform architecture

- Static front-end (HTML,CSS,Javascript)
- Serverless for easy hosting/transfer/maintanance
- Uses well known technologies as base (jQuery, Bootstrap)
- Add more advanced tools (Plotly and others) on top
- http://boringtechnology.club/



Prototype web service

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Hydration (data sources) -
   ○ local JSON primarily

    External REST API possible

   Format:

 closer to 2D – table like

   • Dictionary of arrays, also arrays of dictionaries
      "authors": [
        "Ezera Regina",
        "Bels Alberts",
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"Deglavs Augusts"]}



Further development

- Automate the data migration
- Add more external data sources
- Possibility of running Jupyter Notebooks in browser (serverless)
- Additional export options



Thank you!

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