

# Detection of Plagiarism and Text Reuse

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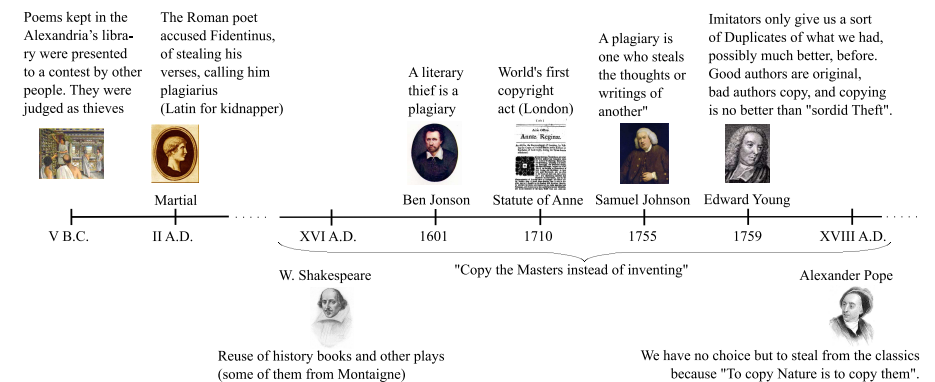
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## Introduction: Commercial Plagiarism Detection



## Introduction: A “History” of Plagiarism



[Iribarne and Retondo, 1981, Lynch, 2006]

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## Introduction: In the news

Daily Mail

JK Rowling sued for £500m in plagiarism lawsuit by family of late Willy The Wizard author

16th June, 2009



George Harrison controversy vs The Chiffons for “My Sweet Lord”

1971

Levante

A Murcian professor is charged for plagiarising his student thesis

January 29th, 2009

VANGUARDIA

The magistrate opens trial against Planeta for alleged plagiarism by Camilo José Cela

October 17th, 2010

## Introduction: Plagiarism of Ideas

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“Adrian Jacobs [...] allegedly sent the manuscript to C. Little, the literary agent at Bloomsbury Publishing who went on to represent Miss Rowling, but it was rejected”

The magistrate opens trial against Planeta for alleged plagiarism by Camilo José Cela

...“given the coincidences in both books, La Cruz de San Andrés could be a partial plagiarism from ‘Carmen, Carmela, Carmiña’, written by María del Carmen Formoso Lapido, ”

- The narrative and events occurred in the books resemble each other. However, if plagiarism exists, it is of ideas (no words dependency)
- Plagiarism of ideas is nowadays (practically) impossible to be detected automatically

## Introduction: Cut and Paste

A Murcian professor is charged for plagiarising his student’s thesis

A Valencian publisher edited the copied book

January 29th, 2009

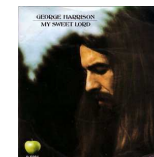
- It can be considered cut-and-paste plagiarism
- It is the easiest to detect

## Introduction: Cryptomnesia

George Harrison vs The Chiffons

Music experts determined that “My Sweet Lord” was very similar to “He’s So Fine”, by Ronald Mack, played by The Chiffons (1962)

1971



- Plagiarism may occur in music, photography, painting and any other human made artifact (not only in text)

Cryptomnesia can give rise to unintended plagiarism, especially when logical memories are no longer recognised as memories, but are experienced as newly created ideas [Taylor, 1965]

## Introduction: Plagiarism Definitions

- to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own
- the reuse of someone else's prior ideas, processes, results, or words without explicitly acknowledging the original author and source
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- to take the thought or style of another writer whom one has never, never read

(from www.plagiarism.org, Merriam-Webster, IEEE and Devil's Dictionary)

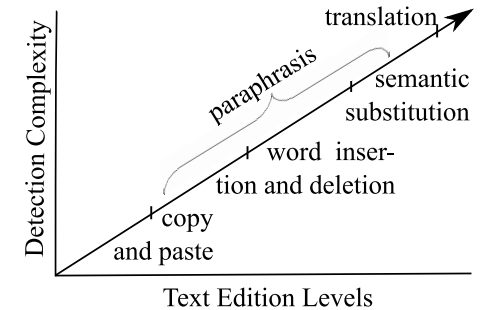
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## Introduction: Plagiarism Commitment

- copy-paste
- paraphrasing
- idea plagiarism
- code plagiarism
- translated plagiarism

[Maurer et al., 2006]



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$\mathcal{A}'_1$  is plagiarised.  $\mathcal{A}'_2$  is not.  $\mathcal{A}'_3$  is cross-language plagiarism



## Introduction: The METER Project

PA version	The Telegraph version
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### Activity 1: Detecting text reuse over the METER corpus

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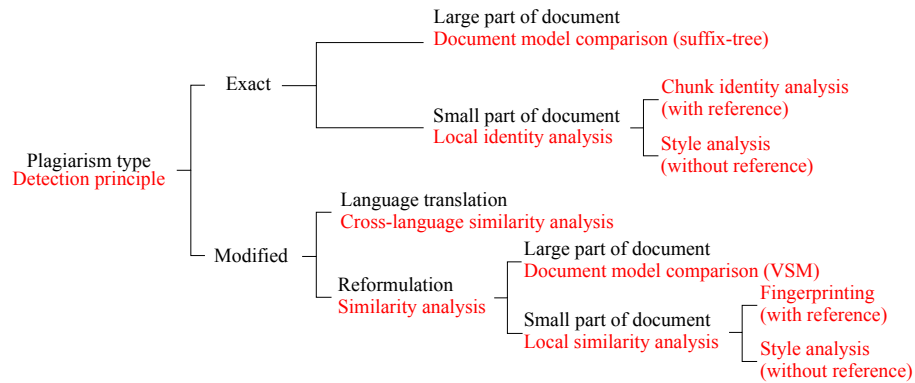
Feature	Value
Reference corpus size (kb)	1,311
Number of PA notes	771
Tokens / Types	226k / 25k
Suspicious corpus size (kb)	828
Number of newspapers notes	444
Tokens / Types	139k / 19k
Entire corpus tokens	366k
Entire corpus types	33k

## Introduction: Plagiarism Detection Task

Given a (set of) suspicious document(s) and a set of source documents, find all plagiarised sections in the suspicious document(s) and, if available, the corresponding source sections.

Afterwards, a person can take the final decision: whether a text has been reused or not and if it is plagiarised.

# Introduction: Plagiarism Analysis Taxonomy

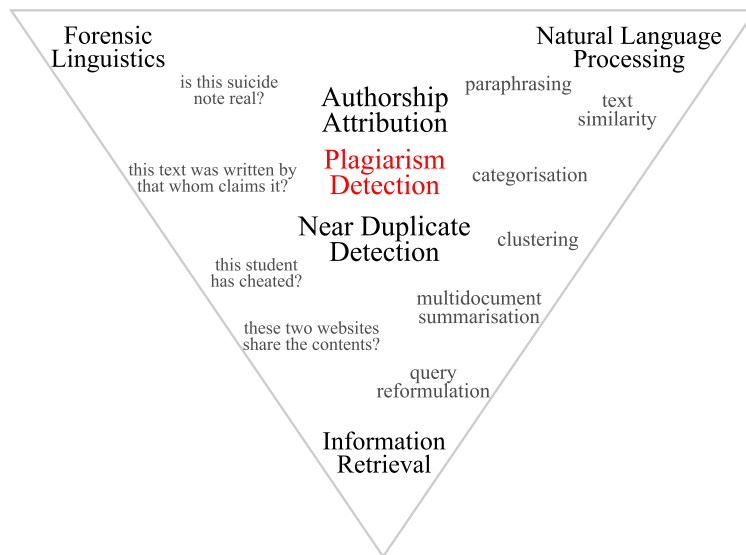


[Meyer zu Eißén and Stein, 2006]

# Introduction: Drawbacks

- ❶ plagiarism implies an infringement and, due to ethical aspects, no standard collection of real plagiarism cases is available;
- ❷ the source of a plagiarism may be hosted on large collections of documents (sometimes forgotten by researchers);
- ❸ plagiarism often implies modifications such as words substitution, paraphrasing, and even translation.

# Introduction: Location of the Problem



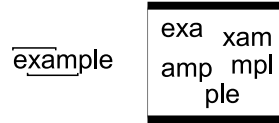
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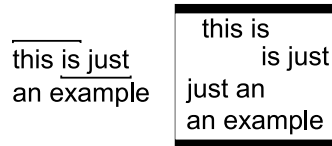
## Basics: $n$ -grams

An  $n$ -gram is a sequence of overlapping units of length  $n$  over a given sample (characters, words, sounds, etc).

- character 3-grams



- word 2-grams



## Basics: Hash Function

“any well-defined procedure or mathematical function that converts a large, possibly variable-sized amount of data into a small datum, [...] that may serve as an index to an array. The values returned by a hash function are called hash values, hash codes, hash sums, checksums or simply hashes.”

[Wikipedia, 2010a]

For instance:

- $md5sum(\text{this is a test}) = e19c1283c925b3206685ff522acfe3e6$
- $RabinKarp(\text{starwarsisanepicspaceoperafranchiseinitiallyconcei}) = 4742204955$

The probability of **collision** is extremely low.

## Basics: Text complexity

Gunning fog index

$$I_G = 0.4 \left( \frac{|words|}{|sentences|} + 100 * \frac{|complex words|}{|words|} \right)$$

(complex words are those with three or more syllables)

$$\begin{aligned} I_G(\text{comic}) &= 6 \\ I_G(\text{Newsweek}) &= 10 \\ I_G(T_1) &= 15.2 \\ I_G(T_2) &= 14.1 \end{aligned}$$

(also Flesch–Kincaid readability test, among others)

## Basics: Word Frequency Class

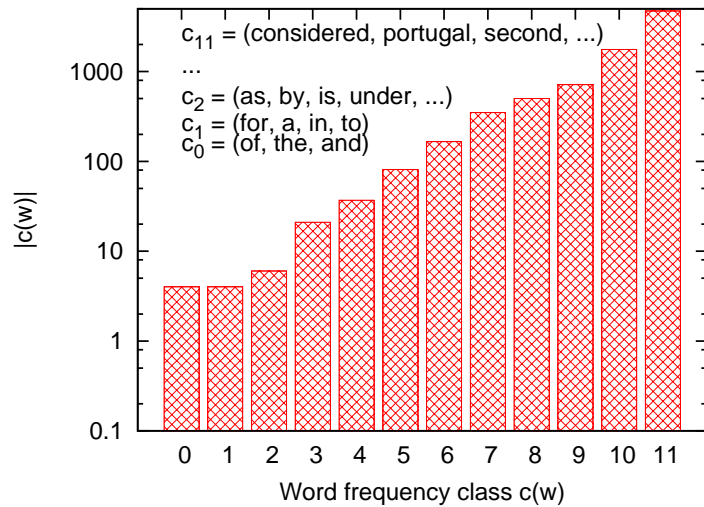
Given the corpus  $\mathcal{D}$ , the word frequency class is defined as:

$$c(w) = \lfloor \log_2(f(w^*)/f(w)) \rfloor$$

where  $w^*$  is the most frequently used word in  $\mathcal{D}$

$w$	$f(w)$	$c(w)$
$w^*$ the	6,047,424	0
of	2,887,888	1
and	2,615,135	1
house	49,295	6
undertaken	2,699	11
corpus	723	13

## Basics: Word Frequency Class



## Basics: Text similarity

### Relevance of Text Similarity Estimation

- Information flow tracking [Metzler et al., 2005]
- Clustering and categorisation [Bigi, 2003]
- Multi-document summarisation [Goldstein et al., 2000]
- Version control [Hoad and Zobel, 2003]
- Text re-use analysis [Clough et al., 2002]
- Plagiarism detection [Maurer et al., 2006]

## Basics: Similarity Measures

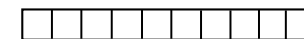
$$\text{sim}(d, d_q) \in [0, 1]$$

- $\text{sim}(d, d_q) = 0 \rightarrow d$  and  $d_q$  are not similar at all
- $\text{sim}(d, d_q) = 1 \rightarrow d$  and  $d_q$  are highly similar

However, note that such optimal measures are not always at hand.

## Basics: Similarity Measures

Jaccard coefficient  
 Cosine similarity  
 Word chunking overlap  
**Vector Space**



**Fingerprinting**  
 Winnowing  
 SPEX



**Probabilistic**  
 Machine Translation  
 Kullback-Leibler  
 Okapi BM25



## Basics: Similarity Measures Illustration

Wikipedia article “Star Wars”

$d$  star wars is an epic space opera franchise initially conceived by george lucas during the 1970s and significantly expanded since that time . the first film in the franchise was simply titled star wars , but later had the subtitle a new hope added to distinguish it from its sequels and prequels .

$d'$  star wars is an epic space opera franchise initially conceived by george lucas . the first film in the franchise was simply titled star wars , but later had the subtitle episodeiv : a new hope added to distinguish it from its sequels and prequels .

## Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

Jaccard Coefficient

$$\omega_t = \{0, 1\}$$

$$sim(d, d_q) = J(d, d_q) = \frac{|v_d \cap v_{d_q}|}{|v_d \cup v_{d_q}|}$$

[Jaccard, 1901]

## Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

Jaccard Coefficient

$d$				$d'$			
,	epic	it	star	,	distinguish	in	sequels
.	expanded	its	subtitle	:	epic	initially	simply
1970s	film	later	that	.	episodeiv	is	space
a	first	lucas	the	a	film	it	star
added	franchise	new	time	added	first	its	subtitle
an	from	opera	titled	an	franchise	later	the
and	george	prequels	to	and	from	lucas	titled
but	had	sequels	wars	but	george	new	to
by	hope	significantly	was	by	had	opera	wars
conceived	in	simply		conceived	hope	prequels	was
distinguish	initially	since					
during	is	space					

$$sim(d, d_q) = J(d, d_q) = \frac{|v_d \cap v_{d_q}|}{|v_d \cup v_{d_q}|} = 0.7916$$

## Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

Cosine Similarity

$$\omega_t \in [0, 1]$$

$\omega_t$  is estimated by the well known  $tf$

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{\sum_{t \in d \cap d_q} (\omega_{t,d} \cdot \omega_{t,d_q})}{\sqrt{\sum_{t \in d} (\omega_{t,d})^2 \cdot \sum_{t_q \in d_q} (\omega_{t,d_q})^2}}$$

# Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

## Cosine Similarity

<i>d</i>				<i>d'</i>							
,	1	first	1	prequels	1	,	1	film	1	lucas	1
.	3	franchise	2	sequels	1	:	1	first	1	new	1
1970s	1	from	1	significantly	1	.	2	franchise	2	opera	1
a	1	george	1	simply	1	a	1	from	1	prequels	1
added	1	had	1	since	1	added	1	george	1	sequels	1
an	1	hope	1	space	1	an	1	had	1	simply	1
and	2	in	1	star	1	and	1	hope	1	space	1
but	1	initially	1	subtitle	1	but	1	in	1	star	2
by	1	is	1	that	1	by	1	initially	1	subtitle	1
conceived	1	it	1	the	4	conceived	1	is	1	the	3
distinguish	1	its	1	time	1	distinguish	1	it	1	titled	1
during	1	later	1	titled	1	epic	1	its	1	to	1
epic	1	lucas	1	to	1	episodeiv	1	later	1	wars	2
expanded	1	new	1	wars	2			was		was	1
film	1	opera	1	was	1						

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{\sum_{t \in d \cap d_q} (\omega_{t,d} \cdot \omega_{t,d_q})}{\sqrt{\sum_{t \in d} (\omega_{t,d})^2 \cdot \sum_{t_q \in d_q} (\omega_{t,d_q})^2}} = 0.9242$$

# Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

## Word Chunking Overlap

$$\omega_t \in [0, 1]$$

- Based on the so called asymmetric subset measure:

$$subset(d, d') = \frac{\sum_{t_i \in c(d, d')} tf_{t,d} \cdot tf_{t,d'}}{\sum_{t_i \in d} tf_{t_i,d}^2}$$

- $c(d, d_q)$  is a closeness set containing those terms  $t \in d \cap d_q$  matching the condition  $tf_{t,d} \sim tf_{t,d_q}$ .  $t$  belongs to  $c(d, d_q)$  if:

$$\varepsilon - \left( \frac{tf_{t,d}}{tf_{t,d'}} + \frac{tf_{t,d'}}{tf_{t,d}} \right) > 0$$

[Shivakumar and García-Molina, 1995]

# Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

## Word Chunking Overlap

- $\varepsilon$  defines how close the frequency of  $t$  in both documents must be in order to be included in the closeness set (for instance,  $\varepsilon = 2.5$ )

$$sim'(d, d_q) = \max \{ subset(d, d_q), subset(d_q, d) \}$$

As  $sim'(d, d_q)$  may be higher than 1, it can be normalised to fit the range  $[0, 1]$ :

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{sim'(d, d_q)}{\max_{d' \in D} sim'(d', d_q)}$$

[Shivakumar and García-Molina, 1995]

# Basics: Similarity Measures - VSM

## Word Chunking Overlap

- By considering  $\varepsilon = 2.5$

<i>d</i>				<i>d'</i>							
,	1	franchise	2	opera	1	,	1	franchise	2	opera	1
.	3	from	1	prequels	1	.	2	from	1	prequels	1
a	1	george	1	sequels	1	a	1	george	1	sequels	1
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distinguish	1	its	1	to	1	distinguish	1	its	1	to	1
epic	1	later	1	wars	2	epic	1	later	1	wars	2
film	1	lucas	1	was	1	film	1	lucas	1	was	1
first	1	new	1			first	1	new	1		

$$sim'(d, d_q) = \max \{ 0.8857, 1.0689 \}$$

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{1.0689}{\max_{d' \in D} sim'(d', d_q)}$$

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

- A family of models designed to efficiently compare texts
- Documents are sub-sampled
- Samples are codified as hashes:  $d \rightarrow H_d^*$
- The hashes compose the fingerprint

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

## Winnowing

- It considers character-level  $q$ -grams
- Based on the selection of chunks obtained by a sliding window passing over the text
- Parameters:
  - ①  $q = 50$  (noise threshold). It defines the level of the  $q$ -grams
  - ②  $t = 100$  (guarantee threshold). It defines the length of the sliding window.
- The lowest hash values of each window compose the fingerprint

[Schleimer et al., 2003]

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

## Winnowing

$d$	$d'$
starwarsisanepicspaceoperafr nchiseinitiallyconceivedbygeorg elucasduringthe1970	starwarsisanepicspaceope rafranchiseinitiallyconceive dbygeorgelucas
[4742204955 4690954177 51549901 624610790 -2470793273 [-1315199375 3953400264 -78415511 [664863318 3374288481] 4230663014 -3213422081 -2056259009 7513105677 -6553730326] 5257922027 4828416784 -8476824670] 9011767372 1240867252]	[4742204955 4690954177 51549901 624610790 -2470793273 -1315199375 3953400264]

By considering  $t = 20$

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

By considering  $t = 10$

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{1}{3}$$

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

## SPEX

- word-level chunks
- “if any sub-chunk of any chunk can be shown to be unique, then the chunk in its entirety must be unique”
- Hashes occurring in only one document are not relevant.
- Given  $D$ , the task is to identify those chunks appearing in more than one document  $d \in D$ . The main steps are:
  - ① To generate a list  $h_1$  of 1-grams over  $D$  and to count in how many documents each of them occur.
  - ② In the next steps  $h_n$  is built by selecting only those  $n$ -grams  $g$  fulfilling the condition that  $h_{n-1}$  contains  $g_{[0, n-1]}$  and  $g_{[1, n]}$  and both are counted two times ( $\max(n) = 8$ ).

[Bernstein and Zobel, 2004]

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

SPEX

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{1}{mean(|d|, |d_q|)} \sum_{c \in d \wedge c \in d_q} 1$$

where  $mean(|d|, |d_q|)$  is the mean length of the documents  $d$  and  $d_q$ .

[Bernstein and Zobel, 2004]

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

SPEX

$n = 1$	$d$		$d'$
star	significantly	later	star first subtitle
wars	expanded	had	wars film episodeiv
is	since	the	is in a
an	that	subtitle	an the new
epic	time	a	epic franchise hope
space	the	new	space was
opera	first	hope	opera simply
franchise	film		franchise titled
initially	in		initially star
conceived	the		conceived wars
by	franchise		by but
george	was		george later
lucas	simply		lucas had
during	titled		the the
the	star		
1970s	wars		
and	but		

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

SPEX

$n = 2$	$d$	$d'$
star wars	in the	star wars in the
wars is	the franchise	wars is the franchise
is an	franchise was	is an franchise was
an epic	was simply	an epic was simply
epic space	simply titled	epic space simply titled
space opera	titled star	space opera titled star
opera franchise	star wars	opera franchise star wars
franchise initially	wars but	franchise initially wars but
initially conceived	but later	initially conceived but later
conceived by	later had	conceived by later had
by george	had the	by george had the
george lucas	the subtitle	george lucas the subtitle
the first	subtitle a	lucas the subtitle a
first film	a new	the first a new
film in	new hope	first film new hope
		film in

# Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

SPEX

$n = 3$	$d$	$d'$
star wars is	in the franchise	star wars is in the franchise
wars is an	the franchise was	wars is an the franchise was
is an epic	franchise was s...	is an epic franchise was s...
an epic space	was simply titled	an epic space was simply titled
epic space opera	simply titled star	epic space opera simply titled star
space opera fran...	titled star wars	space opera fra... titled star wars
opera franchise in...	star wars but	opera franchise in... star wars but
franchise initially ...	wars but later	franchise initially ... wars but later
initially conceived ...	but later had	initially conceived ... but later had
conceived by g...	later had the	conceived by g... later had the
by george lucas	had the subtitle	by george lucas had the subtitle
the first film	the subtitle a	the first film the subtitle a
first film in	subtitle a new	first film in subtitle a new
film in the	a new hope	film in the a new hope

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Fingerprinting

### SPEX

- By considering  $l = 3$  (higher could be better)

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{1}{mean(|d|, |d_q|)} \sum_{c \in d \wedge c \in d_q} 1$$
$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{1}{49.5} \cdot 28 = 0.56$$

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

- $d$  is characterised by the probability associated to its tokens
- $sim(d, d_q)$  can be approached by calculating the probability of their relation.
- The output of these models is not ranged in  $[0, 1]$

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Machine Translation

- Given a text  $e$  written in a language  $L$ , to find the most likely translation  $f$ , in a language  $L'$
- Adaptation of the IBM Model 1 [Brown et al., 1993]. by considering  $L = L'$  [Berger and Lafferty, 1999, Metzler et al., 2005]

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Machine Translation. IBM Model Adaptation

$$sim(d, d_q) = \varrho(d) w(d_q | d)$$

- $\varrho(d)$  is a length model probability (as  $L = L'$ ,  $\varrho(d) = 1$ )
- $w(d_q | d)$  is a tailored version of the translation model probability:

$$w(d_q | d) = \prod_{x \in d_q} \sum_{y \in d} p(x, y)$$

- $p(x, y)$  is a dictionary containing the probability that word  $x$  is a translation of word  $y$ :  $p(x, y) = 1$  if  $x = y$  and 0 otherwise.

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Machine Translation. IBM Model Adaptation

- In order to handle entire documents.

$$w(d_q | d) = \sum_{x \in d_q} \sum_{y \in d} p(x, y)$$

For each word  $x \in d_q \setminus d$ , a penalisation  $\varepsilon = -0.1$  may be applied

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{sim'(d, d_q)}{\max_{d' \in D} sim'(d', d_q)}$$

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Kullback-Leibler distance

- $KL_\delta$  is a symmetric version of the Kullback-Leibler Divergence [Kullback and Leibler, 1951].
- It measures how close two probability distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  are

$$KL_\delta(P_{d_q} || Q_d) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} (P(x) - Q(x)) \log \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

- $P_{d_q}$  and  $Q_d$  are distributions of tokens
- $P_{d_q}$  is composed of the top 20 % of the terms in  $d_q$  ranked by tf-idf
- $Q_d$  is composed of the same terms of  $P_{d_q}$  after a smoothing process

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Machine Translation

$n = 1$	$d$		$d'$		
star	during	franchise	star	george	star
wars	the	was	wars	lucas	wars
is	1970s	simply	is	the	but
an	and	titled	an	first	later
epic	significantly	star	epic	film	had
space	expanded	wars	space	in	the
opera	since	but	opera	the	subtitle
franchise	that	later	franchise	franchise	episodeiv
initially	time	had	initially	was	a
conceived	the	the	conceived	simply	new
by	first	subtitle	by	titled	hope
george	film	a			
lucas	in	new			
	the	hope			

$$w(d_q | d) = 33 - 0.8 = 32.2$$

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{32.2}{\max_{d' \in D} sim'(d', d_q)}$$

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Kullback-Leibler distance

- $KL$  measures the distance instead of the similarity
- $KL_\delta(P_{d_q} || Q_d) = 0 \rightarrow P_{d_q} = Q_d$  and the documents are quite similar.

$$sim(d, d_q) = - \left( \frac{KL_\delta(P_{d_q} || Q_d)}{\max_{d'} KL(P_{d_q} || Q_d)} - 1 \right)$$

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Kullback-Leibler

keywords in $d$ ranked by $tf-idf$			$P_{d_q}$	
1970s	expanded	new	1970s	0.01886
lucas	titled	but	lucas	0.01886
george	conceived	was	george	0.01886
star	initially	had	star	0.03773
wars	film	is	wars	0.03773
epic	simply	that	epic	0.01886
franchise	during	an	franchise	0.03773
subtitle	since	and	$Q_d$	
hope	later	by	1970s	0.0002
opera	time	a	lucas	0.0216
subtitle	space	in	george	0.0216
hope	first	the	star	0.0433
			wars	0.0433
			epic	0.0213
			franchise	0.0433

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## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Okapi BM25

- It extends the approach of  $idf$  by additionally considering  $tf$  and document length [Spärck Jones et al., 2000]

$$BM25(d, d_q) = \sum_{t \in d_q} idf_t \cdot \alpha_{t,d} \cdot \beta_{t,d_q}$$

where

$$\alpha_{t,d} = \frac{(k_1 + 1) tf_{t,d}}{k_1 \left( (1 - b) + b \cdot \frac{|d|}{L_{avg}} \right) + tf_{t,d}}$$

- $k_1 = 0$  corresponds to a binary model (not considering  $tf$ )
- $b = 0$  corresponds to no length normalisation;  $b = 1$  corresponds to a full scaling of the term weight to the document length.
- For instance,  $k_1 = 1.2$  and  $b = 0.75$
- $L_{avg}$  is the average document length in the collection

## Basics: Similarity Measures - Probabilistic

### Okapi BM25

- $\beta_{t,d_q}$  normalises the  $tf$  of the terms in  $d_q$ :

$$\beta_{t,d_q} = \frac{(k_3 + 1) tf_{t,d_q}}{k_3 + tf_{t,d_q}}$$

- $k_3 = 2$ .  $k_1$  of  $\alpha$  and  $k_3$  of  $\beta$  are calibrators of the  $tf$ .

$$sim(d, d_q) = \frac{sim'(d, d_q)}{\max_{d' \in D} sim'(d', d_q)}$$

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Me parece que los resultados son buenos. [...]

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# Intrinsic Plagiarism Detection



An expert is often able to detect plagiarism by reading a document

Insertion of text from a different author into  $d_q$  causes style and complexity irregularities

Quantification can be made by measuring ...

Text readability	Gunning Fog, Flesch–Kincaid
Vocabulary richness	types/tokens ratio
Basic statistics	avg. sentence length, avg. word length
$n$ -grams profiles	character level statistics

[Meyer zu Eißel and Stein, 2006, Stamatatos, 2009]

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# Intrinsic Plagiarism Detection

- Word average frequency class
- Average sentence length
- Average word length
- Stop-words average
- Complexity measures

[Meyer zu Eißel and Stein, 2006]

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# Intrinsic Plagiarism Detection

Measure	Global	■	■
tokens	135	63	72
types	78	44	46
W. avg. freq. class			
avg. sentence length	19.28	21.00	18.00
avg. word length	4.93	5.38	4.54
Complex. measures	16.72	17.07	13.82



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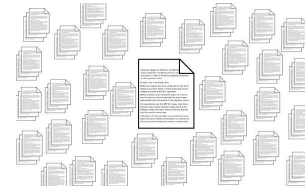
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# External Plagiarism Detection



- Better evidence than style and complexity irregularities is if the source of plagiarism case can be provided
- It is closer to Information Retrieval

$d_q$  and a collection of potential source documents  $D$  are given. The task is to identify the plagiarised sections in  $d_q$  (if there are any), and their respective source sections in  $D$

[Potthast et al., 2009]

# External Plagiarism Detection

Issues that render this task difficult

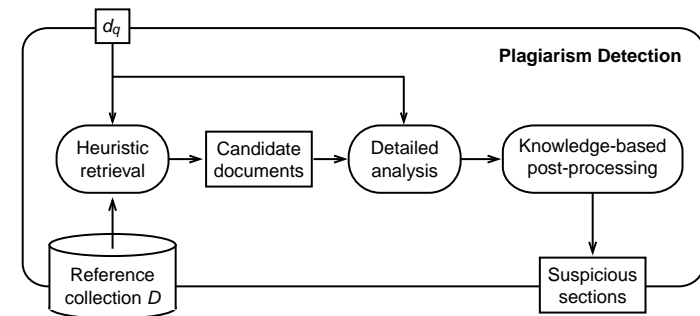
- Number of potential source documents,  $|D|$ ;
- Plagiarising a text often includes paraphrasing, summarising, and even translation.

Models

Vector Space Models [Broder, 1997], [Maurer et al., 2006]  
Fingerprinting techniques SPEX [Bernstein and Zobel, 2004]  
Winnowing [Schleimer et al., 2003]

[Potthast et al., 2009]

# External: Prototypical Process

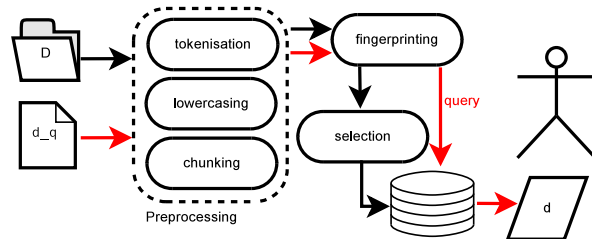


Adapted from [Stein et al., 2007]

## External: Countermeasures

source Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit.

cut-and-paste Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit.



[Brin et al., 1995, Schleimer et al., 2003]

## External: Fingerprinting (+ Winnowing)

COPS: COpy Protection System

- $\mathcal{A}$  creates a new work  $d$  and she registers it to a server
- $d$  is broken into small units; sentences
- each sentence is hashed and a pointer to it is stored in a large hash table

[Brin et al., 1995]

## External: Fingerprinting

COPS: COpy Protection System

given  $d'$ :

break  $d'$  into chunks

for each chunk  $d'_i$  in  $d'$ :

Calculate  $\mathcal{H}(d'_i)$

Search for  $\mathcal{H}(d'_i)$  into the data base

The amount of common words/sentences between  $d$  and  $d'$  is considered in order to decide whether they are related.

## External: Fingerprinting

COPS: COpy Protection System

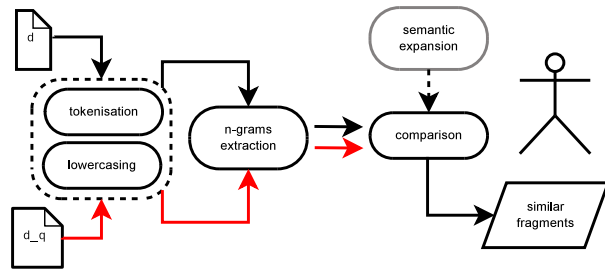
- “The electronic medium makes it much easier to illegally copy and distribute information”
- “one would like to have an infrastructure that gives users access to a wide variety of [...] information sources, but that at the same time gives information providers good economic incentives for offering their information”
- “users can be allowed to browse through low-resolution copies of documents, or through documents that have key components missing”

1995: a “classic model”

## External: Countermeasures

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modified copy Copying the words and ideas from someone else's text without giving credit.



[Broder, 1997, Kang et al., 2006]

## External: $n$ -grams

### $n$ -gram Based Detection

- $N(d)$  is the set of  $n$ -grams in  $d \in D$
- $s \in S$  is split into sentences  $s_{\{1...i...I\}}$
- $N(s_i)$  is the set of  $n$ -grams in  $s_i$
- The containment measure (cosine or Jaccard coefficient) can be calculated [Broder, 1997]

$$C(s_i | d) = \frac{|N(s_i) \cap N(d)|}{|N(s_i)|}$$

[Barrón-Cedeño and Rosso, 2009]

## External: $n$ -grams

### Why $n$ -grams work?

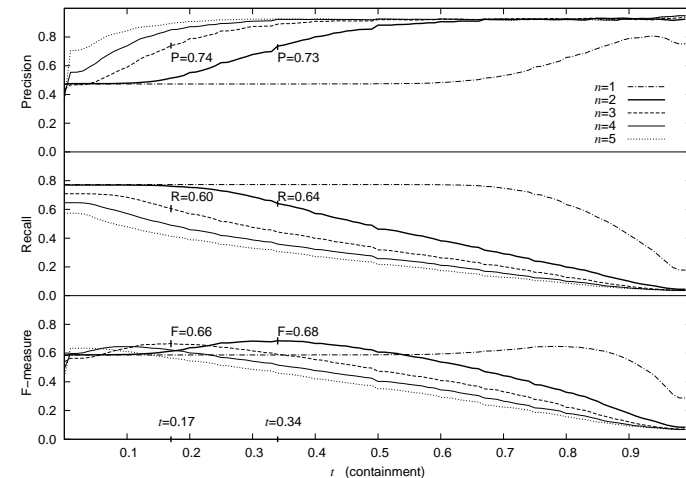
- 4 documents (3,728 words in average)
- One author  $\mathcal{A}$
- One topic

Documents	1-grams	2-grams	3-grams	4-grams
2	0.1692	0.1125	0.0574	0.0312
3	0.0720	0.0302	0.0093	0.0027
4	0.0739	0.0166	0.0031	0.0004

**Activity 2: Increase  $n$  until getting a hapax legomena on the Web**

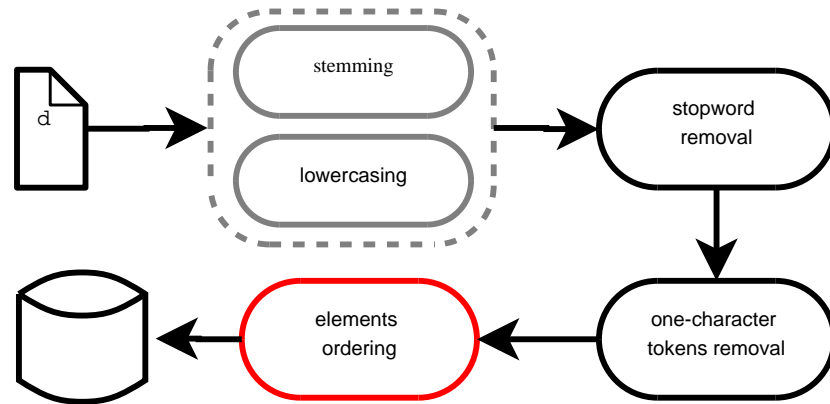
[Barrón Cedeño, 2008]

## External: Definition of $n$ (METER Corpus)



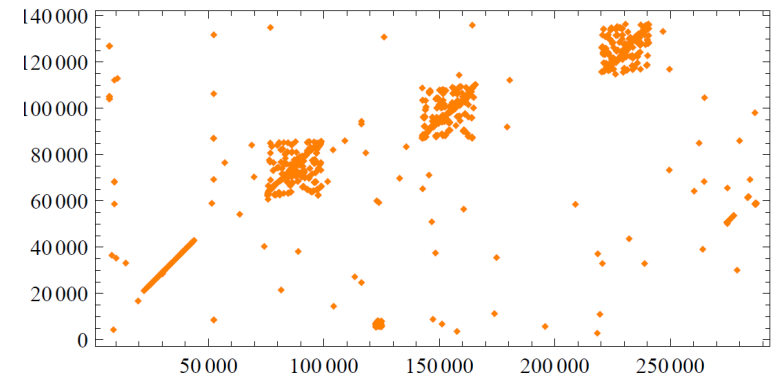
[Barrón-Cedeño and Rosso, 2009]

## External: Contextual $n$ -grams



[Rodríguez Torrejon and Martín Ramos, 2010a,  
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## External: Dotplot techniques



[Basile et al., 2009, Grozea et al., 2009]

## External: Vocabulary Expansion

- Based on word comparison at sentence level
- Vocabulary expansion with Wordnet (Wikipedia is useful as well)

(Mark Haddon, 2003)

The curious incident of the dog in the night time

The peculiar incident of the cat in the late day time

[Kang et al., 2006]

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The curious incident of the dog in the night time

synonym

antonym ~hypernym

The peculiar incident of the cat in the day time

[Kang et al., 2006]

## External: Fuzzy Fingerprinting

- Fingerprint as an indicator for a high similarity between the fingerprinted objects
- The similarity between  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is measured by a function  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2)$
- $\varphi(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2)$  maps onto  $[0, 1]$  (no and maximum similarity)

[Stein, 2005]

## External: Fuzzy Fingerprinting

- The fuzzy hash function to compute the fingerprint  $h_\varphi(d)$  is based on prefix frequency classes:  $c_a, c_b, c_c, \dots, c_z$
- A standard distribution of index term frequencies can be stated (BNC)
- From a pre-defined set of prefixes, the a priori probability of a term being member in a prefix class can be stated
- The deviation of a document's term distribution from the a priori probabilities forms its fingerprint

## External: Fuzzy Fingerprinting

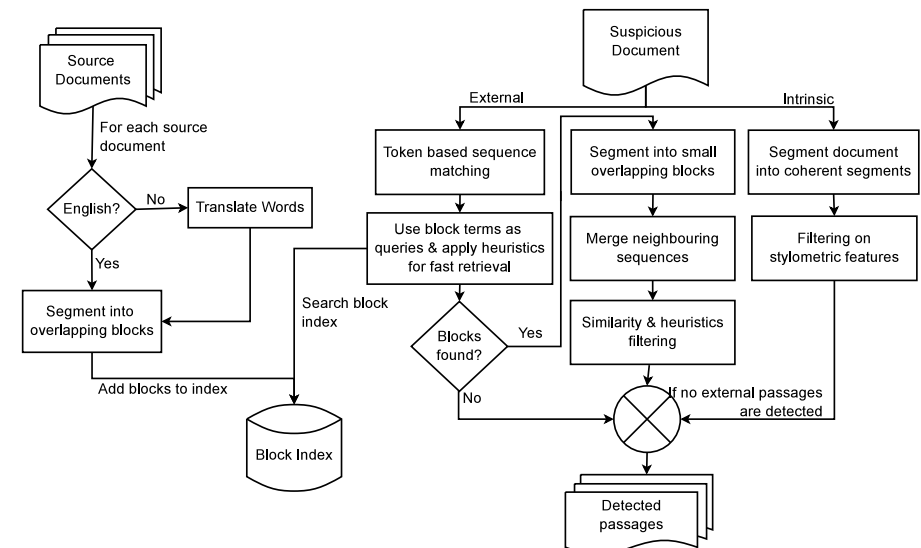
The fuzzy fingerprint  $h_\varphi(d)$  is constructed within the following steps:

- 1 Extraction of the set of index terms from  $d$
- 2 Computation of pf, the vector of relative frequencies of the prefix classes in  $d$
- 3 Computation of  $\Delta_{pf}$  (vector of deviations to the expected distribution)
- 4 Fuzzyfication of  $\Delta_{pf}$

Hash collision

$$h_\varphi(d) \cap h_\varphi(d') \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \varphi(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{d}') \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

## External: IR Approach



[Muhr et al., 2010]

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# CL Plagiarism Detection

- Researchers are still forging the state of art in CL plagiarism detection
- The most of the methods are based on previously proposed models for CLIR

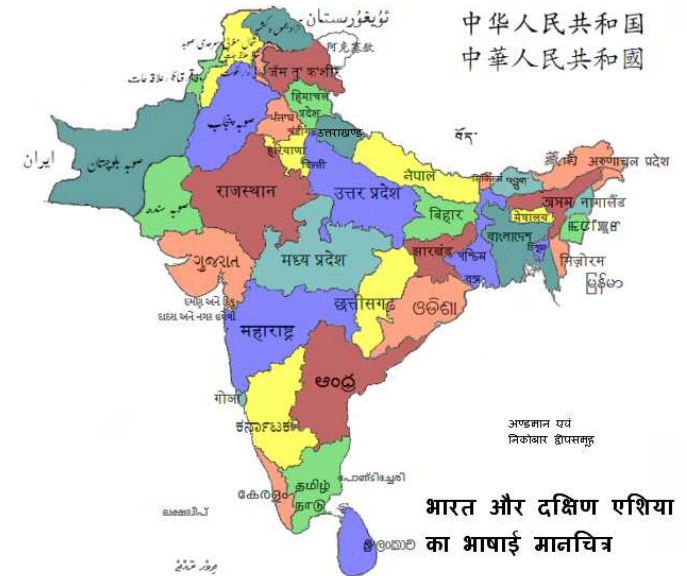
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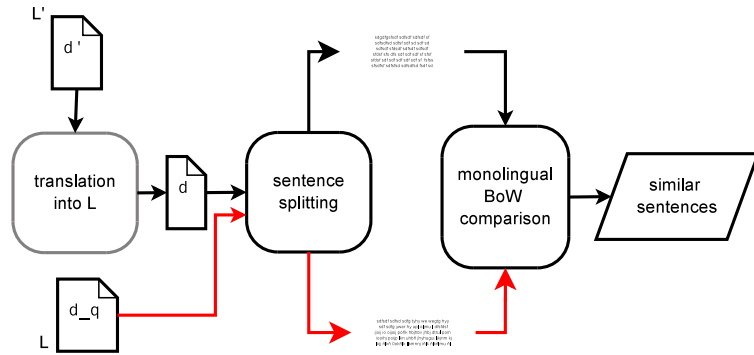
# CL: Multilingualism



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## CL: Translation + Monolingual Analysis



The translation can be carried out on the basis of:

- Commercial MT systems (such as Google and Babelfish)
- Giza++, Moses, SRILM  
[Och and Ney, 2003, Koehn et al., 2007, Stolcke, 2002]
- Considering multiple translations per word [Muhr et al., 2010]

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## CL: Thesaurus based

EUROVOC Thesaurus-based

- Thesaurus catalogued manually
- Available in the 18 EU languages

Example “transport of dangerous goods” lemmas

Lemma	Weight	Lemma	Weight
dangerous goods	33	radioactive material	19
by road	19	carriage	19
dangerous	18	plutonium	17
radioactive waste	15	nuclear fuel	15
shipment	15	adr	14
bind for	13	tank	13
receptacle	13	transport	13
pollute	12	nuclear waste	12

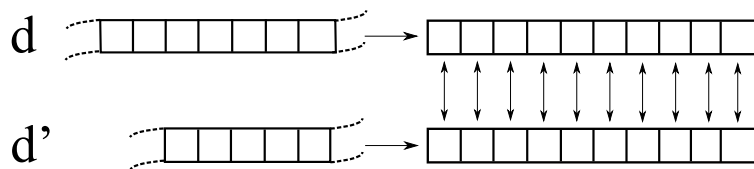
[Pouliquen et al., 2003]

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## CL: Thesaurus based

- $d \in L$  and  $d' \in L'$  are mapped into a vector of thesaurus descriptor terms



$$\text{sim}(d, d') = \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{d}'})$$

[Pouliquen et al., 2003]

## CL: Explicit Semantic Analysis

- A significant comparable corpus  $C$  is required
- $d \in L$  ( $d' \in L'$ ) is represented as a vector of relations to the index collection  $C_I$  ( $C'_I$ )
- The similarities are computed using a monolingual retrieval model such as the VSM
- Wikipedia is one of the biggest comparable corpora nowadays

[Potthast et al., 2008]

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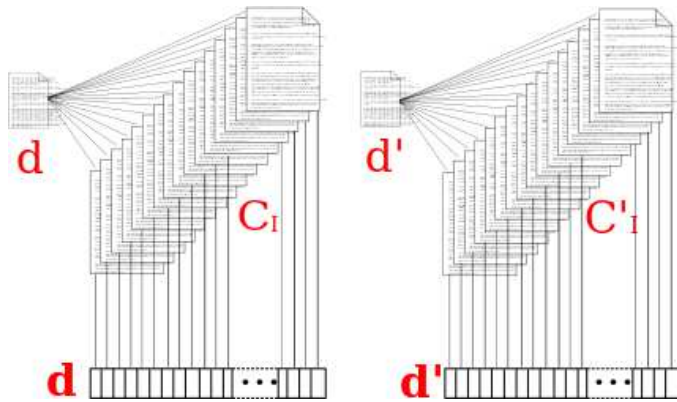
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## CL: Explicit Semantic Analysis



[Potthast et al., 2008]

## CL: Alignment-based Similarity Analysis

- How likely is that  $d$  is a valid translation of  $d'$ ?
- A two-step probabilistic translation and similarity analysis
- An adaptation of basic principles statistical MT

[Pinto et al., 2009]

## CL: Alignment-based Similarity Analysis

Baye's rule for statistical Machine Translation:

$$p(d' | d_q) = \frac{p(d') p(d_q | d')}{p(d_q)}$$

- $p(d_q)$  does not depend on  $d'$  and is therefore neglected
- $p(d_q | d')$  is a translation model probability (statistical bilingual dictionary)
- $p(d')$  is the language model probability

[Brown et al., 1993]

## CL: Alignment-based Similarity Analysis

$$p(d' | d_q) = p(d') p(d_q | d')$$

Two adaptations can be made:

- The adapted translation model is a non-probabilistic measure  $w(d_q | d')$
- The language model is replaced by a length model  $\varrho(d')$  that depends on document length

$$\varphi(d_q, d') = s(d' | d_q) = \varrho(d') w(d_q | d').$$

[Barrón-Cedeño et al., 2008, Pinto et al., 2009, Potthast et al., 2011]

## CL: Alignment-based Similarity Analysis

The translation model depends on a bilingual dictionary (estimated by the IBM M1)

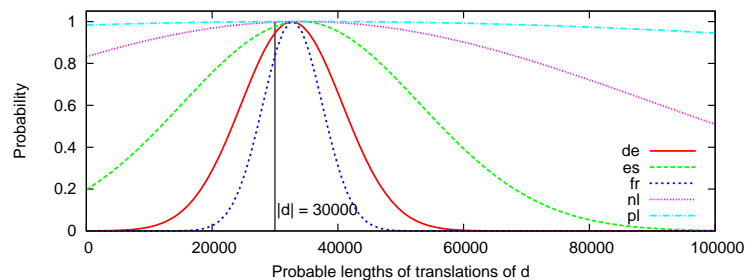
es	en	$p(es, en)$
certifica	certifies	0.420329
certifica	certify	0.164481
certifica	certified	0.109649
certifica	certifying	0.091375
certifica	hereby	0.054824
certifica	that	0.050577
certifica	has	0.035947
certifica	declare	0.018275
certifica	licence	0.018271

## CL: Alignment-based Similarity Analysis

### Length Model

- It is expected that the length of the translation documents  $d$  and  $d'$  is closely related [Pouliquen et al., 2003]

$$q(d') = e^{-0.5 \left( \frac{|d'| - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}$$



## CL: Alignment-based Similarity Analysis

### Translation model

$$p(d | d') = \prod_{x \in d} \sum_{y \in d'} p(x, y)$$

### Adapted translation model (document level)

$$w(d | d') = \sum_{x \in d} \sum_{y \in d'} p(x, y)$$

- $w(d | d')$  increases if valid translations  $(x, y)$  appear in the implied vocabularies.
- For a word  $x$ , with  $p(x, y) = 0$  for all  $y \in d'$ ,  $w(d | d')$  is decreased by  $\varepsilon$ , in our case  $\varepsilon = 0.1$ .

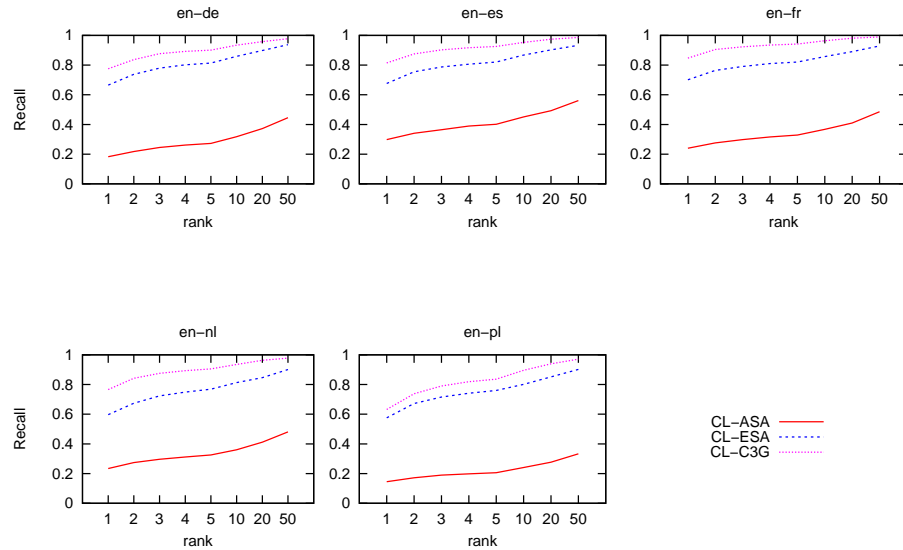
## CL: Character $n$ -grams

Character  $n$ -grams use to be common languages with syntactical similarities.

- $\Sigma = \{a, \dots, z, 0, \dots, 9\}$ ,
- $n = 3$
- tfidf*-weighting
- Cosine similarity

[Mcnamee and Mayfield, 2004]

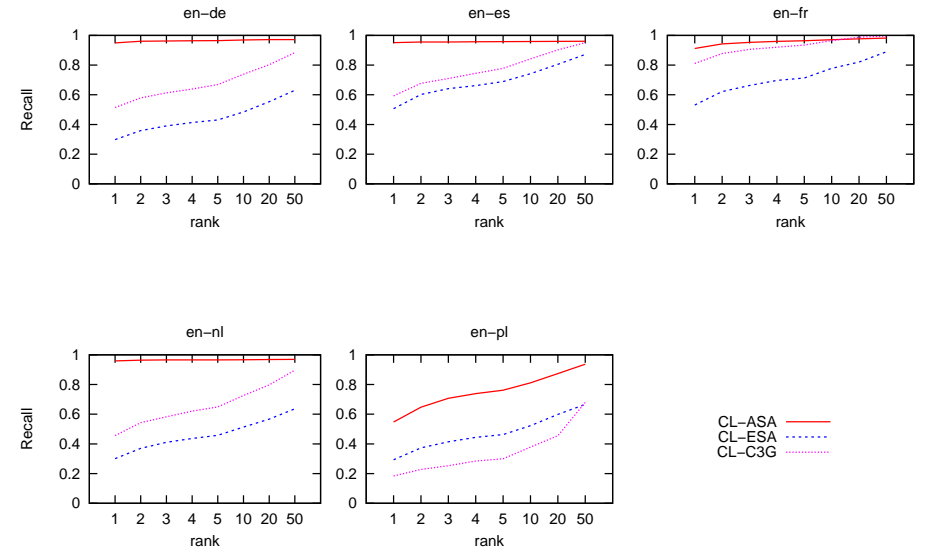
## CL: Cross-Language Ranking (Wikipedia)



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## CL: Cross-language ranking (JRC-Acquis)



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## CL: And for less related languages?

The Party of European Socialists (PES) is a European political party comprising thirty-two socialist, social democratic and labour parties from each European Union member state and Norway.

El Partido Socialista Europeo (PSE) es un partido político pan-europeo cuyos miembros son de partidos socialdemócratas, socialistas y laboristas de estados miembros de la Unión Europea, así como de Noruega.

Europako Alderdi Sozialista Europar Batasuneko herrialdeetako eta Norvegiako hogeita hamahiru alderdi sozialista, sozialdemokrata eta laborista biltzen dituen alderdia da.

The corresponding articles contain around 2,000, 1,300, and only 100 words! [Wikipedia, 2010b]

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## CL: Less Resourced Languages

### Framework

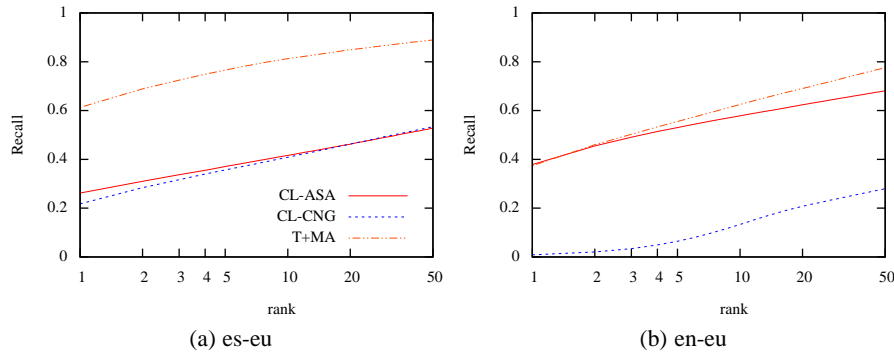
- Two parallel corpora:
  - software a translation memory (en-eu)
  - consumer extracts from a multilingual magazine (es-eu)
- The entire corpus is a “big” document
- We perform sentence level similarity estimation

(corpora provided by Elhuyar Fundazioa and Consumer)

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## CL: Less Resourced Languages



And these are not with Greek, Hindi, Chinese...!

[Barrón-Cedeño et al., 2010]

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## PAN-PC-09: Corpus of Synthetic Plagiarism



<http://pan.webis.de>

Potthast, et al. An Evaluation Framework for Plagiarism Detection. Coling 2010 (posters), pp. 997-1005.

[Potthast et al., 2009, Potthast et al., 2010a]

- Plagiarism implies an ethical issue
- Nobody would like to be included in a corpus containing plagiarism!
- Properly anonymising actual cases of plagiarism is a hard task
- Manual analysis should be necessary to define plagiarised-original text borders

# PAN-PC-09: Corpus of Synthetic Plagiarism

Base texts Texts from Project Gutenberg (<http://www.gutenberg.org>).

Restrictions As the base text is free of copyright, the resulting corpus does not have distribution restrictions.

Cases generation All the cases of text reuse are created automatically.

Proper citation No cases of proper citation are included.

# PAN-PC-09: Corpus Parameters

- Document length
- Suspicious-to-source ratio
- Plagiarism percentage
- Cases length
- Plagiarism language
- Cases obfuscation

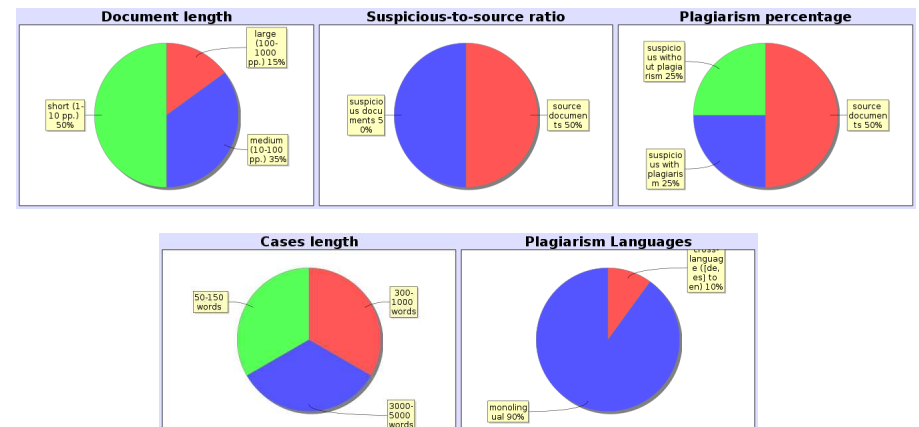
# PAN-PC-09: Corpus of Synthetic Plagiarism

“A newly developed large-scale corpus of artificial plagiarism”

- 41 223 documents
- 94 202 artificial plagiarism cases
- It includes cases for intrinsic and external detection methods

<http://www.webis.de/research/corpora>

# PAN-PC-09: Corpus Parameters



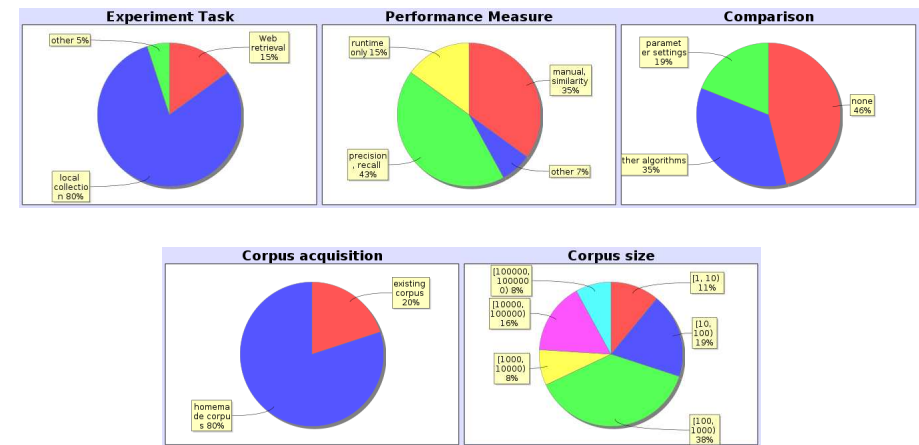
## PAN-PC-09: Simulating Obfuscation

### Cases Obfuscation

Paraphrasing, summarisation, etc. is simulated by...

- shuffling, removing, inserting short phrases
- replacing semantically related words
- POS preserving shuffling

## PAN: How Researchers Evaluate Plag. Detection



[Potthast et al., 2010b]

## PAN: How Researchers Evaluate Plag. Detection

- No standard evaluation measures have been previously defined
- Evaluations use to be incomparable and often not even reproducible
- **How can we determine what model performs best?**

## PAN: Evaluation Measures

We are interested in evaluating three main aspects:

- ❶ plagiarised and —if available— source fragments are retrieved;
- ❷ original text fragments are not reported as plagiarised; and
- ❸ plagiarised fragments are not detected over and over again.

# PAN: Evaluation Measures

## Precision and Recall

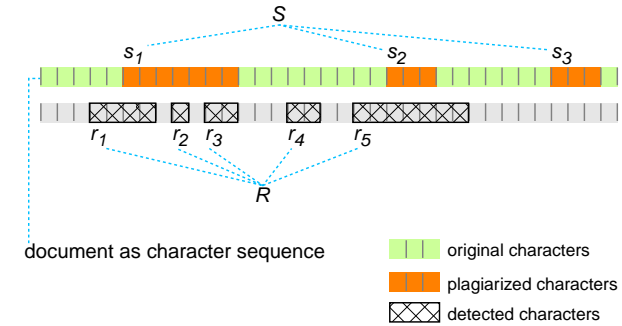
$$precision = \frac{|\{relevant\ documents\} \cap \{retrieved\ documents\}|}{|\{retrieved\ documents\}|}$$

$$recall = \frac{|\{relevant\ documents\} \cap \{retrieved\ documents\}|}{|\{relevant\ documents\}|}$$

### F-measure

$$F = 2 \cdot \frac{precision \cdot recall}{precision + recall}$$

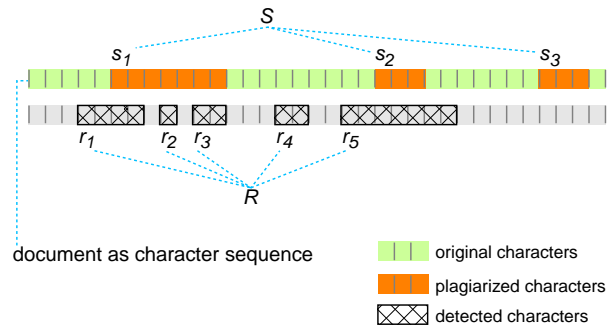
# PAN: Evaluation Measures - P and R



$$rec_{PDA}(S, R) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{s \in S} \frac{|s \cap \bigcup_{r \in R} r|}{|s|} \quad prec_{PDA}(S, R) = \frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{r \in R} \frac{|r \cap \bigcup_{s \in S} s|}{|r|}$$

( $\cap$  computes the positionally overlapping characters)

# PAN: Evaluation Measures - Granularity

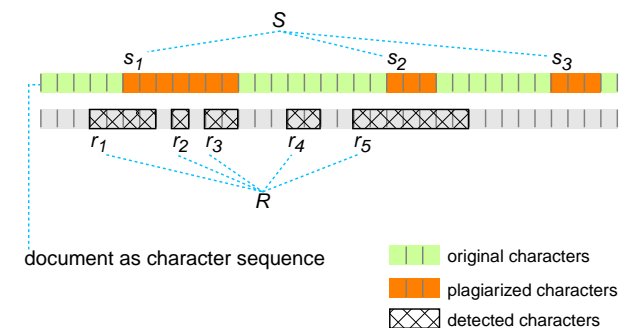


$$gran_{PDA}(S, R) = \frac{1}{|S_R|} \sum_{s \in S_R} |C_s| \in [1, |R|]$$

$$C_s = \{r \mid r \in R \wedge s \cap r \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$S_R = \{s \mid s \in S \wedge \exists r \in R: s \cap r \neq \emptyset\}$$

# PAN: Evaluation Measures - plagdet



$$plagdet_{PDA}(S, R) = \frac{F}{\log_2(1 + gran_{PDA})}$$

## PAN: 1st International Competition - Game Rules

**Eligibility** The contest was open to any party planning to attend the PAN competition. No feedback at the time of submission was provided.

**Integrity** The exploitation of potential flaws in the competition corpus to gain advantages was prohibited.

**Text resources** No other text than the one provided in the corpus could be used.

**Winner Selection** One winner of the “External Plagiarism Detection” task, one winner of the “Intrinsic Plagiarism Detection” task, and one overall winner were proclaimed.

**Award** The overall winner was awarded a prize, sponsored by Yahoo! Research.

## PAN: 1st International Competition - Chronology

**March 2009** Participants were provided with the developing section of the corpus (with annotated cases).

**May 2009** Test corpus provided (without any annotation).

**June 2009** Participants submitted their detections to be evaluated.



## PAN: 1st International Competition, Overview

### Intrinsic Approaches (4 teams)

Participant	Analysed features
Stamatatos	character <i>n</i> -grams
Zechner, Muhr, Kern, Granitzer	word freq. class + text frequencies
Seaward, Matwin	Kolmogorov complexity measures

### External Approaches (10 teams)

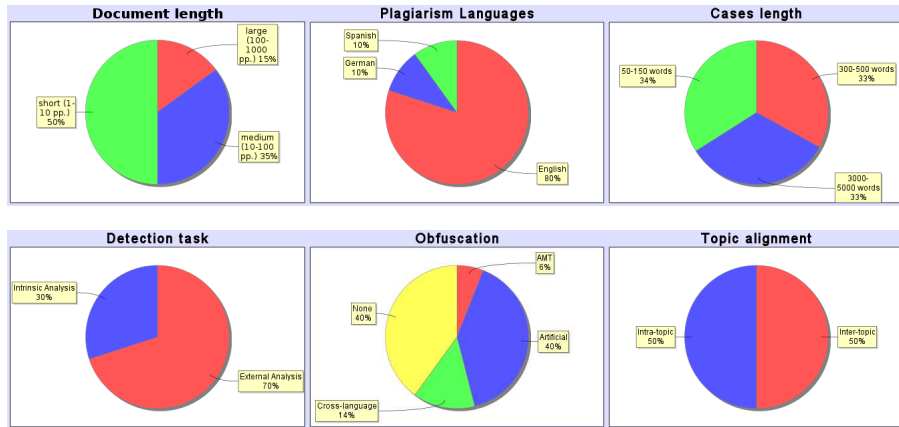
Participant	Comparison units
Grozea, Gehl, Popescu	character <i>n</i> -grams
Kasprzak, Brandejs, Kripac	word <i>n</i> -grams
Basile, Benedetto, Caglioti, Degli Esposti	length <i>n</i> -grams

## PAN-PC-10 Corpus

- 27,073 documents (obtained from 22 874 books from the Project Gutenberg2)
- 68,558 plagiarism cases (about 0-10 cases per document)



# PAN-PC-10 Corpus Parameters



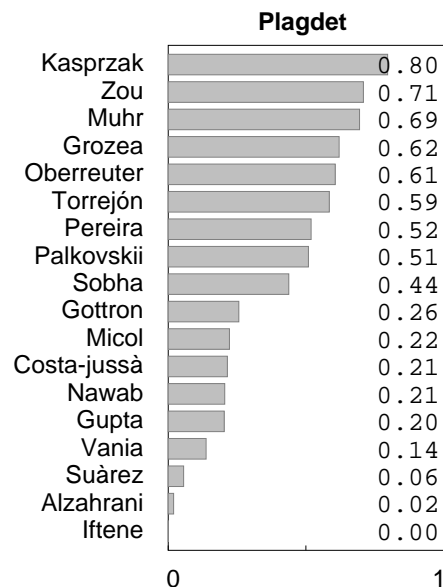
# PAN: 2nd International Competition

March 2010 Participants were provided with the developing section of the corpus (PAN-PC-09)

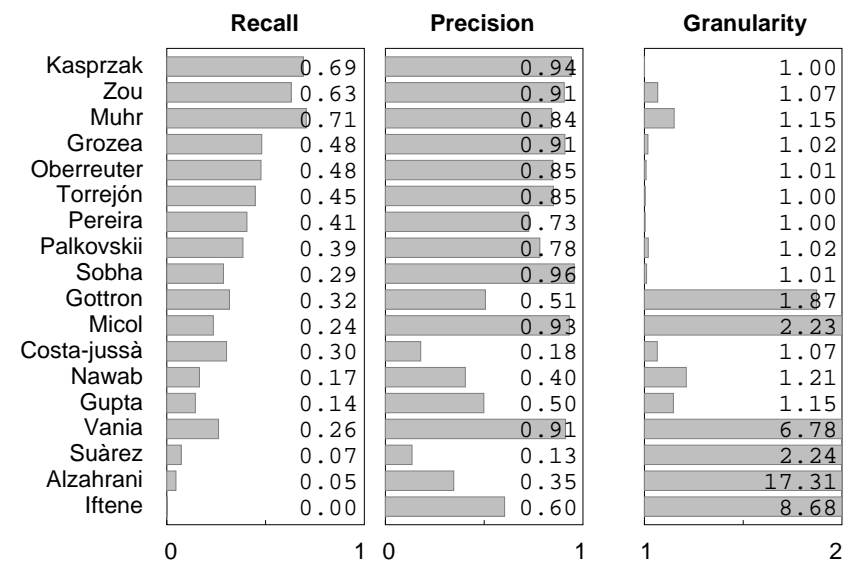
May 2010 Test corpus provided (brand new)

June 2010 Participants submitted their detections to be evaluated.

# PAN: 2nd International Competition Results



# PAN: 2nd International Competition Results



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# Not Only...: Software Plagiarism

A program that has been produced from another with a small number of routine transformations.

Student plagiarism reasons:

- 1990's
  - large undergraduate classes,
  - introduction of personal computers,
  - computer networks,
  - easy-to-use screen editors
- Today
  - Internet

[Parker and Hamblen, 1989]

# Not Only...: Software Plagiarism

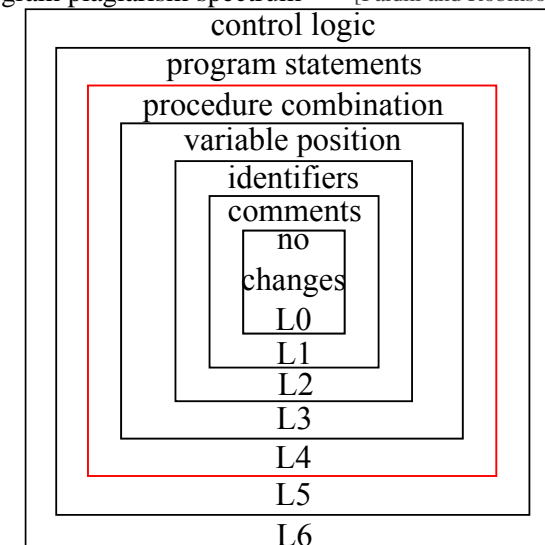
Techniques to disguise plagiarism

Operation	Example
changing comments	// → /* */
changing formatting	Indentation
changing identifiers	int x; → int y;
changing operands order	x<y → y≥x
changing data types	float x; → double x;
replacing expressions	printf... → echo...
adding redundant statements	
changing the order of statements	x=5; y=2*x; → y=10; x=y/2
changing the structure of iterations	for if → if for
changing the structure of selections	if...elif...else → switch
replacing function calls for functions	
combining original/copied sections	

[Whale, 1986]

# Not Only...: Software Plagiarism

Program plagiarism spectrum [Faidhi and Robinson, 1987]



## Not Only...: Plagiarism

Some (statistical) features		
Feature	dependent	independent
characters per line		■
comment lines		■
indented lines	■	
blank lines		■
avg. function length		■
reserved words	■	
avg. identifier length		■
avg. space per line (%)		■
total operands		■
total operators		■
conditional statement (%)	■	
repetitive statement (%)	■	
multiple statement lines		■

[Parker and Hamblen, 1989]

## Not Only...: Software Plagiarism

YAP

- Comments and string-constants are removed.
- Upper-case letters are translated to lower-case
- If possible, the functions/procedures are expanded in calling order.
- Tokens not in the lexicon for the language are removed.
- Greedy string comparison

<http://luggage.bcs.uwa.edu.au/~michaelw/YAP.html>

[Parker and Hamblen, 1989]

## Not Only...: Source Code Analysis Tools

MOSS ✓

- Based on fingerprinting
- <http://theory.stanford.edu/~aiken/moss/>

JPLAG ✓

- Based on Greedy String Tiling
- [www.ipd.uni-karlsruhe.de/jplag](http://www.ipd.uni-karlsruhe.de/jplag)

Cogger ·

- Case based reasoning (the problem of finding similarity in programs is made analogous to the problem of case retrieval)




## Not Only...: CL Source Code Analysis

Cross-language plagiarism makes sense in programming languages?

- A person could “copy” a program from a language into another one
- Can we detect if a program is the implementation of some algorithm pseudo-code? (consider that often “pseudo-code” is in fact Python or some simplified programming language)
- Maybe a programmer is fired and we want to check if he already coded the algorithm we asked...

However, most methods simply apply tokenisation and string matching comparison

# Not Only...: CL Source Code Analysis

 <pre> if (score &lt; 60) {   comment = "This is terrible"; } else {   comment = "Not so bad"; }  if score &lt; 60:   comment = "This is terrible" elif score == 60:   comment = "This is bad" else:   comment = "Not so bad"  if (\$score &lt; 60) {   \$comment = "This is terrible"; } elseif (\$score == 60) {   \$comment = "This is bad"; } else {   \$comment = "Not so bad"; } End If         </pre>	 <pre> if (score &lt; 60) {   comment = "This is terrible"; } else {   comment = "Not so bad"; }  if (\$score &lt; 60) {   \$comment = "This is terrible"; } elseif (\$score == 60) {   \$comment = "This is bad"; } else {   \$comment = "Not so bad"; } End If         </pre>	 <pre> if score &lt; 60   comment = "This is terrible" elsif score == 60   comment = "This is bad" else   comment = "Not so bad" end  if [\$score &lt; 60]; then   \$comment = "This is terrible" else   \$comment = "Not so bad" fi         </pre>
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# Not Only...: CL Source Code Analysis

## X-plag

The only method for CL programming plagiarism detection (we are aware of)

- Instead of comparing the source codes, it compares “intermediate code”

.NET Visual{C#, Basic.NET, J#, C++.NET}

GCC C, C++, Java, Fortran, Objective C

RTL: Register Transfer Language, a common intermediate code (GCC)







[Arwin and TahaGhoghi, 2006]

# Not Only...: X-plag

## Detection Process

- Intermediate code generation
- Filtering process (just a set of keywords is considered relevant)
- Comparison based on *n*-grams!

# Not Only...: Actual CL Analysis in Source Code?

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## Not Only...: Actual CL Analysis in Source Code?

- ❶ Is there a length factor between programming languages?
  - C and Java lengths are closed...
  - Python is shorter...
- ❷ Is it possible to learn a bilingual dictionary of programming languages?
  - `print printf 0.9; print echo 0.05...`
- ❸ Could we use a method such as CL-ESA?
- ❹ BTW: What about plagiarised methods/functions? (not entire programs)

## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions

- Different Wikipedias have different behaviour
- Not plagiarism, but collaborative authorship

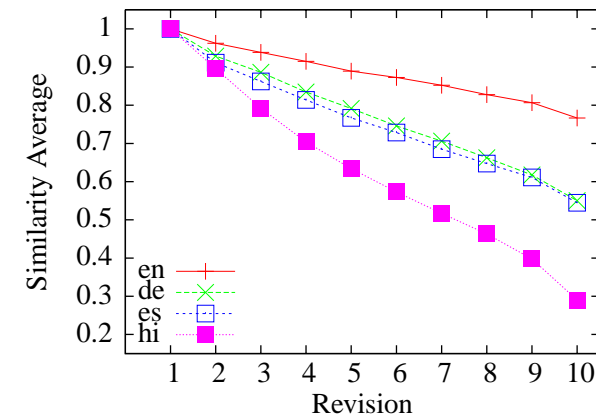
Corpus

- Wikipedia articles in: English, German, Spanish, and **Hindi**
- The 500 most “popular” articles were considered
- 10 revisions considered per article

## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions Corpus

Lan	$ D_q $	$ D $	$ d_{avg} _t$	$ d_{avg} $	$ D _t$
Before stopwords elimination					
de	500	5,000	1,812	5,229	261,370
en	500	5,000	2,243	8,552	183,414
hi	500	5,000	302	672	78,673
es	500	5,000	1,216	4,116	133,595
After stopwords elimination					
de	500	5,000	1,707	3,474	261,146
en	500	5,000	2,149	6,008	183,288
hi	500	5,000	270	495	78,577
es	500	5,000	1,142	2,415	133,339

## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions Evolution



## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions - Experiments

### ① Document level

- For each document  $d_q \in D_q$  the documents in  $D$  are ranked with respect to  $sim(d, d_q)$ , generating  $r_q$
- We expect that  $d_q$  is co-derived from the documents on top of  $r_q$ .

### ② Section level

- The sections in the top-50 of  $r_q$  compose the set  $D'$  of co-derivative candidate sections.
- $D'_q$  is composed of the sections in  $d_q \in D_q$ .
- For each section  $d'_q \in D'_q$  the sections in  $D'$  are ranked with respect to their similarity  $sim(d', d'_q)$ .
- It is expected that those sections in the top of  $r'_q$  are actual co-derivatives of  $d'_q$ .

## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions - Metrics

- $P@10$  and  $R@m$  by considering  $m = \{10, 20, 50\}$
- $P@10 = R@10$

### Highest False Match and Separation

- Estimate the distance of the correctly and incorrectly retrieved documents in  $r_q$
- The calculation is possible only if  $R@50 = 1.0$

[Hoad and Zobel, 2003]

## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions - Metrics

### Highest False Match and Separation

$$HFM = \frac{100 \cdot sim(d^-, d_q)}{s^*}$$

- $s^*$  is the maximum similarity value
- $d^-$  is the highest ranked document which is not relevant concerning  $d_q$



$$sep = \frac{100 \cdot (sim(d^+, d_q) - sim(d^-, d_q))}{s^*}$$

- $d^+$  is the lowest ranked document which is relevant concerning  $d_q$
- $LTM = 100 \cdot sim(d^+, d_q)/s^*$  is the Lowest True Match
- $sep > 0 \Rightarrow$  the highest rated documents in  $r_q$  are all relevant
- $sep < 0 \Rightarrow$  other documents were ranked before those relevant

[Hoad and Zobel, 2003]

## Not Only...: Wikipedia Revisions - Results

J - Jaccard  
 C - Cosine  
 K - Kullback Leibler  
 M - M. Translation  
 O - Okapi BM25  
 P - W. chunk. overlap  
 W - Windexing  
 S - Spex

R@50   
 R@20   
 R@10 

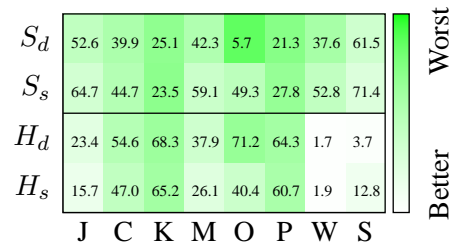
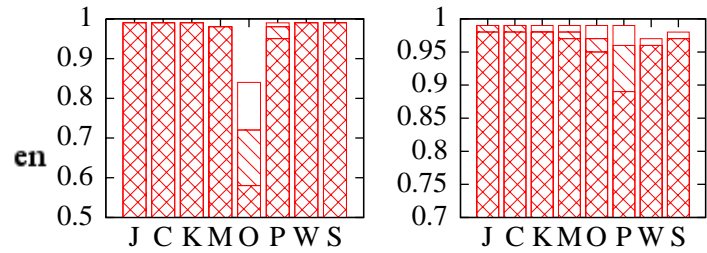
$s_d$  sep. for documents  
 $s_s$  sep. for sections  
 $H_d$  HFM for documents  
 $H_s$  HFM for sections

Document

Section

HFM, sep

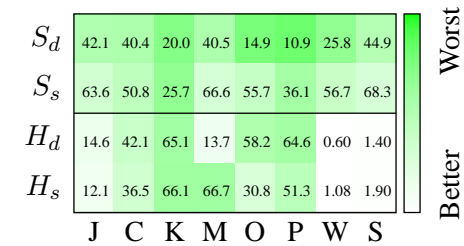
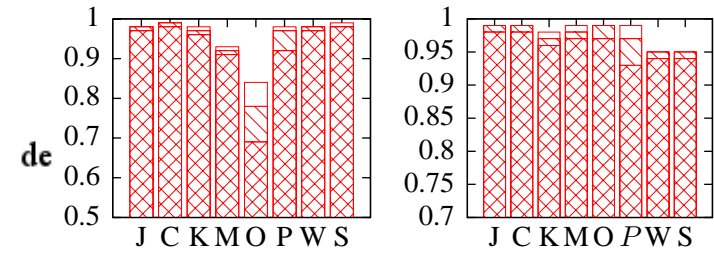
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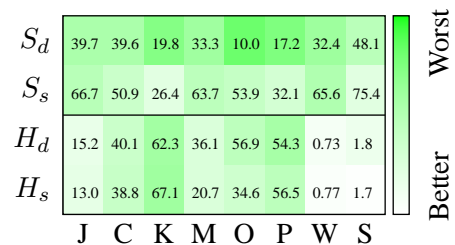
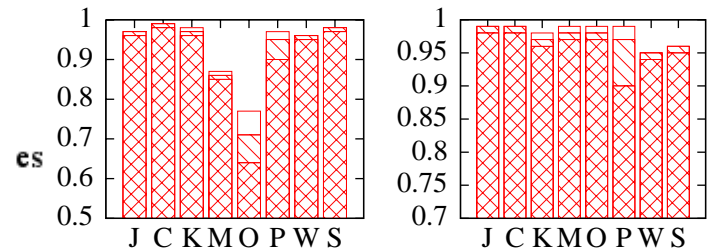
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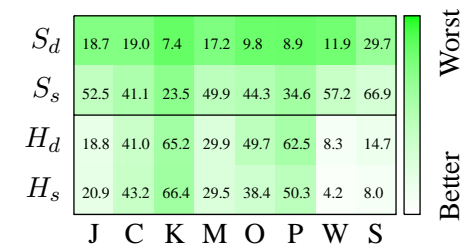
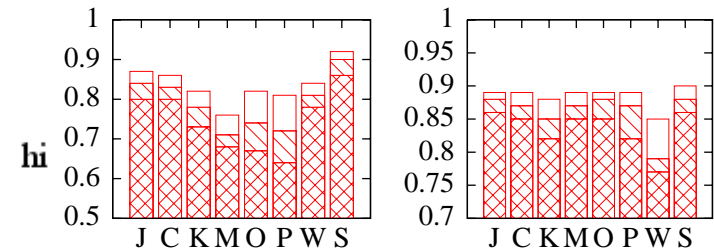
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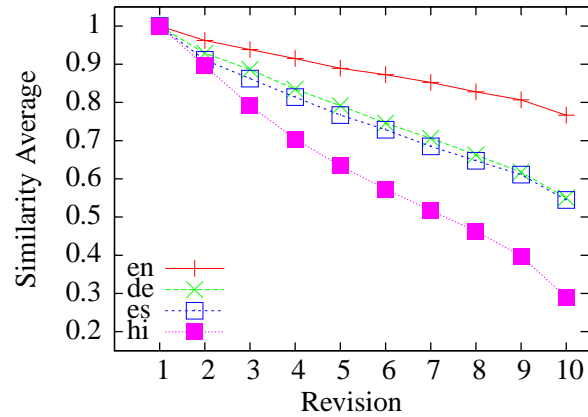
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Is Hindi a more difficult language to work with?



- | Document Level                                                                  | Section Level                                                                       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best: Fingerprinting models</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best: Jaccard, Cosine, ~IBM1</li> </ul>    |
| <p>If all the relevant documents are in the top-50</p>                          |                                                                                     |
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## Start Point: Try with “Small” Corpora

- ① **METER** <http://www.dcs.shef.ac.uk/nlp/meter/>

Advantages

  - Small amount of documents
  - verbatim/modified copy and new fragments identified
  - Real cases of journalistic text reuse manually analysed

Disadvantage

  - No low level annotation (fragments)
- ② **Co-derivatives** <http://www.dsic.upv.es/grupos/nle/>

Advantages

  - Small amount of documents
  - Documents relations identified
  - Includes different languages (even Hindi)

Disadvantages

  - No low level annotation (fragments)
  - Wikipedia revisions are far from realistic text reuse
- ③ **CLiPA** <http://www.dsic.upv.es/grupos/nle/>

Advantages

  - Contains cross-language text reuse cases
  - Created with humans and MT systems

Disadvantage

  - Extremely small (toy corpus)



## Start Point: PAN trends

- Study the proceedings of the first two competitions:

<http://pan.webis.de>

- Prove your own models over the PAN-PC-09 and PAN-PC-10
- Focus on developing good models instead of winning a competition!

## Start Point: Video



Et Plagieringseventyr. Universitetet i Bergen, <http://sokogskriv.no/english/>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mwbw9KF-ACY>

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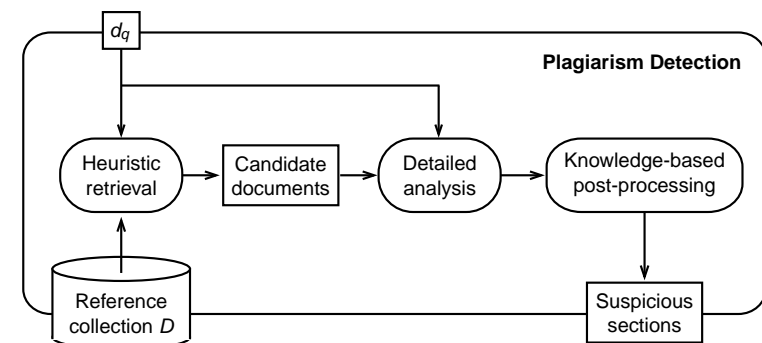
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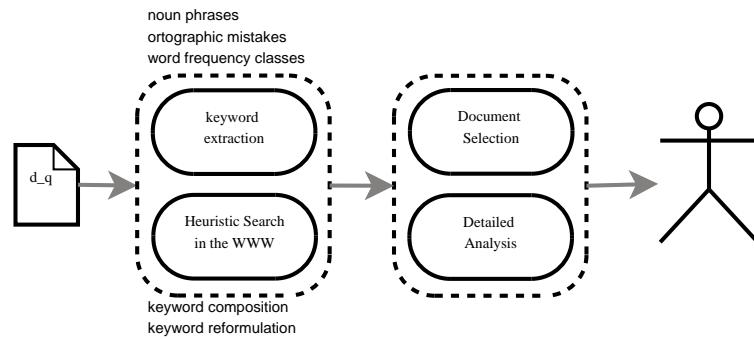
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## Edge: Plagiarism Detection Process



[Stein et al., 2007]

## Edge: Plagiarism Detection Process (revisited)



(adapted from Stein's keynote speech at SEPLN 2010)

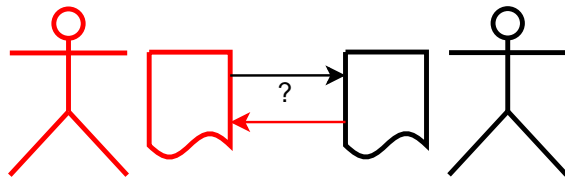
## Edge: Improving Models

- Improve document access
- Improve processing time

(adapted from Stein's keynote speech at SEPLN 2010)

- Improve Cross-Language models  
[Barrón-Cedeño et al., 2008, Barrón-Cedeño et al., 2010, Ceska et al., 2008, Lee et al., 2008]
- Create better intrinsic analysis models  
[Meyer zu Eißén and Stein, 2006, Stamatatos, 2009]

## Edge: Who's the Thief?



- Perform intrinsic analysis over the two documents. That document with variations between the alleged reused fragment is the thief
- Use an adaptation of Encoplot

[Grozea and Popescu, 2010]

## Edge: Identifying Proper Citation

- People reuse text from others (this is a fact!)
- However, sometimes they include proper citation

“All of the books in the world contain no more information than is broadcast as video in a single large American city in a single year. Not all bits have equal value.” Carl Sagan

As Groucho Marx said in his book Groucho and Me (1959), “no one is completely unhappy at the failure of his best friend”.

Post processing Divide cases of reuse with proper citation from actual plagiarism

## Edge: Wikipedia Multilingual Reuse

- In Wikipedia articles in different topics are available in hundreds of languages.
- English Wikipedia is the most developed: ~3.4M articles (only comparable to the sum of German, French, Polish, and Italian Wikipedias altogether)
- It has been referred as one of the hugest comparable corpus at hand [Mohammadi and GhasemAghaee, 2010, Potthast et al., 2008].

## Edge: Wikipedia Multilingual Reuse

### Comparable Corpora

- it contains the same proportions of texts of the same genres, same domains and in a range of different languages; and
- such texts are sampled on the same period.

Parallel → Comparable → Non Parallel

- parallel corpus: sentence aligned corpus containing bilingual translations of the same document;
- noisy parallel corpus: includes aligned and non-aligned sentences;
- comparable corpus: collection which does not contain aligned sentences, but which is about the same topic;
- non parallel corpus: collection containing disparate bilingual documents, which may or may not be on the same topic.

[McEnery and Xiao, 2007, Fung and Cheung, 2004]

## Edge: Wikipedia Multilingual Reuse

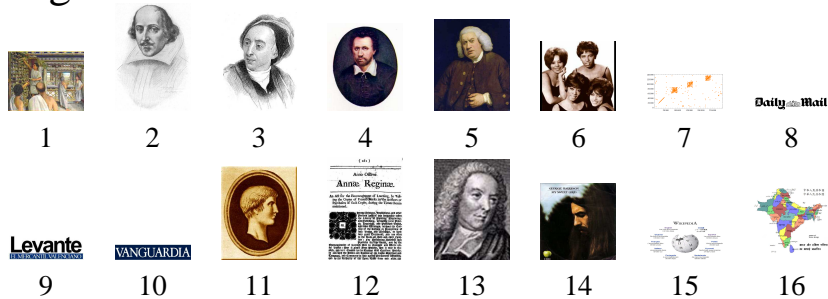
- Reuse of text across related articles
- Reuse of text outside of Wikipedia (related to [Bendersky and Croft, 2009])
- Cross-language text reuse

## Edge: Creating More Resources

- Create more and better corpora
- Increase the amount of cross-language cases
- Create (simulated) human made cases

[Activity 3: Creating Cases of Cross-Language Plagiarism Detection](#)

## Images Sources



- 1 <http://www.baltimoreegypt.org>
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