Recap

- Types and tokens
- Zipf distribution
- ► Type-Token-Ratio
- Encoding
- Unicode
- Concordances

$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Collocations} \\ \mbox{Sprachverarbeitung (VL + \ddot{U})} \end{array}$

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Unicode Not a solved problem



Much wow, DHL. Versandmarken bei einem weltweiten Logistiker kaufen, der seine IT voll unter Kontrolle hat.



Section 1

Basic Probability Theory

Example: Cards



- ▶ 32 cards Ω (sample space)
- 4 >colors(: $C = \{\clubsuit, \diamondsuit, \diamondsuit, \heartsuit\}$
- ▶ 8 values: $V = \{7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A\}$
- ▶ Individual cards ()outcomes() are denoted with value and color: $8\heartsuit$

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- If all outcomes are equally likely: $p(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|}$
- ► $p(\{8\heartsuit\}) = \frac{1}{32}$
- ▶ $p({9\clubsuit,9\diamondsuit,9\diamondsuit,9\heartsuit}) = \frac{4}{32}$
- $p(\Omega) = 1$ (must happen, certain event)

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- ▶ In practice, we will often use determine probabilities by counting relative frequencies
 - Assumption: Frequency is measured on representative and large data set

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- These events are independent
 - because we return and re-shuffle the cards all the time
 - \blacktriangleright Drawing $8\heartsuit$ the first time has no influence on the second drawing
 - Default case with dice



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- ▶ Assumption: B / R and L / E are mutually exclusive
 - I.e., a single person cannot have red and brown hair
- ► A single person can be encoded with two symbols (e.g., »BL«)
 - ▲ But this combination is not unique in contrast to the cards example
- All following numbers are made up

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- »Das ist mein zweites Frühstück« (adjective noun)
- »Da müssen wir Abhilfe schaffen« (noun verb)
- »Es regnet in Strömen« (verb preposition noun)

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 - Idiomatic expressions, metaphors, figure of speech ...

Why are Collocations Interesting?

- Generation: Produce natural sounding expressions
 E.g., »Da müssen wir Abhilfe schaffen« instead of »Da müssen wir Abhilfe erzeugen«
- ▶ Parsing: Collocations are more likely to also be syntactic phrases
- Lexicography: Collocations should be included in dictionaries
- Social justice: Collocations may be important in reinforcing cultural stereotypes

How to Detect Collocations Quantitatively?

Multiple methods

- Frequency
- (Pointwise) Mutual Information

Subsection 1

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ahre später	45
f Fame	44
lall of	43
lew York	41
ls Nachfolger	41
Iympischen Spielen	35
Professor für	32
rsten Mal	32
r Mitglied	29
ame aufgenommen	28
elben Jahr	28
weiten Weltkrieg	26
um Mitglied	25
um Professor	24
ahr später	23
wei Jahre	22
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Betrieb genommen	18
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finanziellen Gründen	2
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Gründen den	1
Gründen die	1
Gründen gab	1
Gründen ihre	1
Gründen interessierte	1
Gründen nach	1
Gründen um	1
Gründen zurück	1
disziplinarischen Gründen	1
gesundheitlichen Problemen	1
nationalpolitischen Gründen	1
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Section 3

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Probability theory

- Probability: Ratio of events of interest to all possible events (within event space)
- Joint probability: Two events take place simultaneously
- Conditional probability: One event takes place under the assumption that another event took place
- Dependent and independent events

Collocations

- Multiple words that have a meaning beyond their parts (non-compositionality)
- Counting n-grams: Function word combinations are most frequent
- ▶ Pointwise Mutual information: Metric how much information one word yields about another



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