Lexical Association Measures

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Talk outline

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3.	**Reverse conditional probability**	$P(x \mid y)$
4.	**Pointwise mutual information**	$\log \frac{P(xy)}{P(x*)P(*y)}$
5.	**Mutual dependency (*MD*)**	$\log \frac{P(xy)^2}{P(x*)P(*y)}$
6.	**Log frequency biased *MD***	$\log \frac{P(xy)^2}{P(x*)P(*y)} + \log P(xy)$
7.	**Normalized expectation**	$\frac{2f(xy)}{f(x*)+f(*y)}$
8.	**Mutual expectation**	$\frac{2f(xy)}{f(x*)+f(*y)} \cdot P(xy)$
9.	**Salience**	$\log \frac{P(xy)^2}{P(x*)P(*y)} \cdot \log f(xy)$
10.	**Pearson's χ^2 test**	$\sum_{i,j} \frac{(f_{ij}-\hat{f}_{ij})^2}{\hat{f}_{ij}}$
11.	**Fisher's exact test**	$\frac{f(x*)!f(\bar{x}*)!f(*y)!f(*\bar{y})!}{N!f(xy)!f(x\bar{y})!f(\bar{x}y)!f(\bar{x}\bar{y})!}$
12.	**t test**	$\frac{f(xy)-\hat{f}(xy)}{\sqrt{f(xy)(1-(f(xy)/N))}}$
13.	**z score**	$\frac{f(xy)-\hat{f}(xy)}{\sqrt{\hat{f}(xy)(1-(\hat{f}(xy)/N))}}$
14.	**Poison significance measure**	$\frac{\hat{f}(xy)-f(xy)\log \hat{f}(xy)+\log f(xy)!}{\log N}$
15.	**Log likelihood ratio**	$-2\sum_{i,j} f_{ij} \log f_{ij}/\hat{f}_{ij}$
16.	**Squared log likelihood ratio**	$-2\sum_{i,j} \log f_{ij}^2/\hat{f}_{ij}$
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18.	**Sokal-Michiner**	$\frac{a+d}{a+b+c+d}$
19.	**Rogers-Tanimoto**	$\frac{a+d}{a+2b+2c+d}$
20.	**Hamann**	$\frac{(a+d)-(b+c)}{a+b+c+d}$
21.	**Third Sokal-Sneath**	$\frac{b+c}{a+d}$
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24.	**Second Sokal-Sneath**	$\frac{a}{a+2(b+c)}$
25.	**Second Kulczynski**	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{a}{a+c})$
26.	**Fourth Sokal-Sneath**	$\frac{1}{4}(\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{a}{a+c} + \frac{d}{d+b} + \frac{d}{d+c})$
27.	**Odds ratio**	$\frac{ad}{bc}$
28.	**Yulle's ω**	$\frac{\sqrt{ad}-\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{ad}+\sqrt{bc}}$
29.	**Yulle's *Q***	$\frac{ad-bc}{ad+bc}$
30.	**Driver-Kroeber**	$\frac{a}{\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)}}$
31.	**Fifth Sokal-Sneath**	$\frac{ad}{\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)(d+b)(d+c)}}$
32.	**Pearson**	$\frac{ad-bc}{\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)(d+b)(d+c)}}$
33.	**Baroni-Urbani**	$\frac{a+\sqrt{ad}}{a+b+c+\sqrt{ad}}$
34.	**Braun-Blanquet**	$\frac{a}{\max(a+b,a+c)}$
35.	**Simpson**	$\frac{a}{\min(a+b,a+c)}$
36.	**Michael**	$\frac{4(ad-bc)}{(a+d)^2+(b+c)^2}$
37.	**Mountford**	$\frac{2a}{2bc+ab+ac}$
38.	**Fager**	$\frac{a}{\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)}} - \frac{1}{2}\max(b,c)$
39.	**Unigram subtuples**	$\log \frac{ad}{bc} - 3.29\sqrt{\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}+\frac{1}{d}}$
40.	***U* cost**	$\log(1+\frac{\min(b,c)+a}{\max(b,c)+a})$
41.	***S* cost**	$\log(1+\frac{\min(b,c)}{a+1})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
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47.	**Gini index**	$\max[P(x*)(P(y \mid x)^2 + P(\bar{y} \mid x)^2) - P(*y)^2$ $+P(\bar{x}*)(P(y \mid \bar{x})^2 + P(\bar{y} \mid \bar{x})^2) - P(*\bar{y})^2,$ $P(*y)(P(x \mid y)^2 + P(\bar{x} \mid y)^2) - P(x*)^2$ $+P(*\bar{y})(P(x \mid \bar{y})^2 + P(\bar{x} \mid \bar{y})^2) - P(\bar{x}*)^2]$
48.	**Confidence**	$\max[P(y \mid x), P(x \mid y)]$
49.	**Laplace**	$\max[\frac{NP(xy)+1}{NP(x*)+2}, \frac{NP(xy)+1}{NP(*y)+2}]$
50.	**Conviction**	$\max[\frac{P(x*)P(*y)}{P(x\bar{y})}, \frac{P(\bar{x}*)P(*y)}{P(\bar{x}y)}]$
51.	**Piatersky-Shapiro**	$P(xy) - P(x*)P(*y)$
52.	**Certainity factor**	$\max[\frac{P(y \mid x)-P(*y)}{1-P(*y)}, \frac{P(x \mid y)-P(x*)}{1-P(x*)}]$
53.	**Added value (*AV*)**	$\max[P(y \mid x) - P(*y), P(x \mid y) - P(x*)]$
54.	**Collective strength**	$\frac{P(xy)+P(\bar{x}\bar{y})}{P(x*)P(y)+P(\bar{x}*)P(*y)} \cdot \frac{1-P(x*)P(*y)-P(\bar{x}*)P(*y)}{1-P(xy)-P(\bar{x}\bar{y})}$
55.	**Klosgen**	$\sqrt{P(xy)} \cdot AV$
56.	**Context entropy**	$-\sum_w P(w \mid C_{xy}) \log P(w \mid C_{xy})$
57.	**Left context entropy**	$-\sum_w P(w \mid C^l_{xy}) \log P(w \mid C^l_{xy})$
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61.	**Cross entropy**	$-\sum_w P(w \mid C_x) \log P(w \mid C_y)$
62.	**Reverse cross entropy**	$-\sum_w P(w \mid C_y) \log P(w \mid C_x)$
63.	**Intersection measure**	$\frac{2\lvert C_x \cap C_y \rvert}{\lvert C_x \rvert + \lvert C_y \rvert}$
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75.	**Phrase word coocurrence**	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{f(x \mid C_{xy})}{f(xy)} + \frac{f(y \mid C_{xy})}{f(xy)})$
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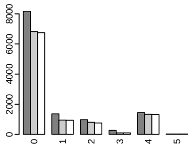

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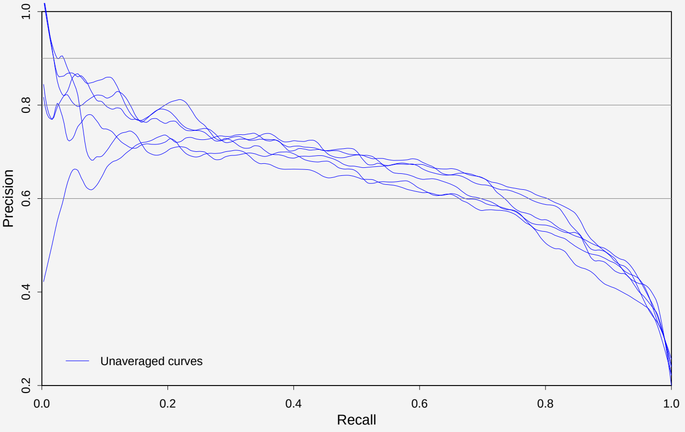

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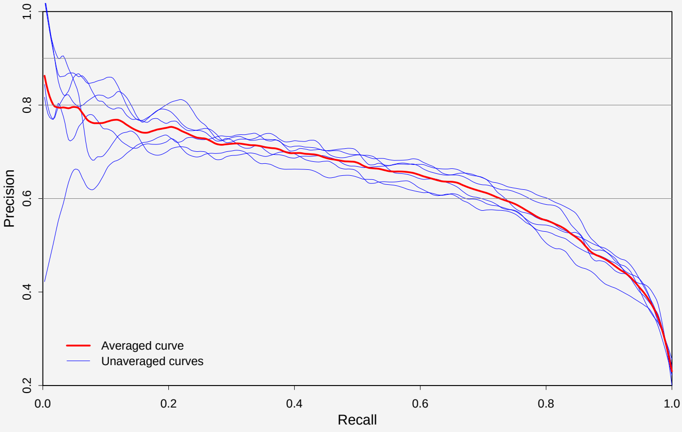

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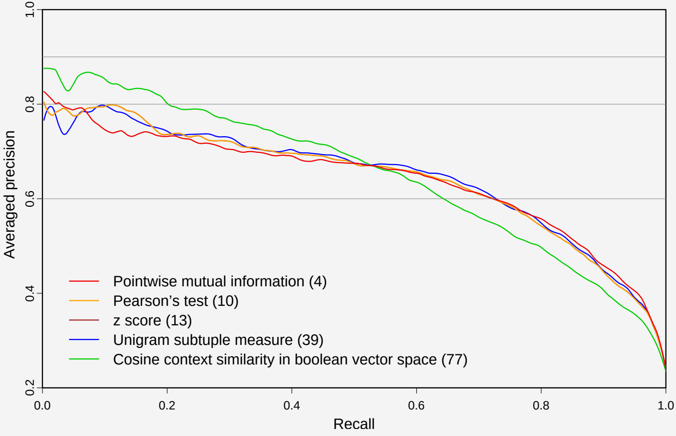

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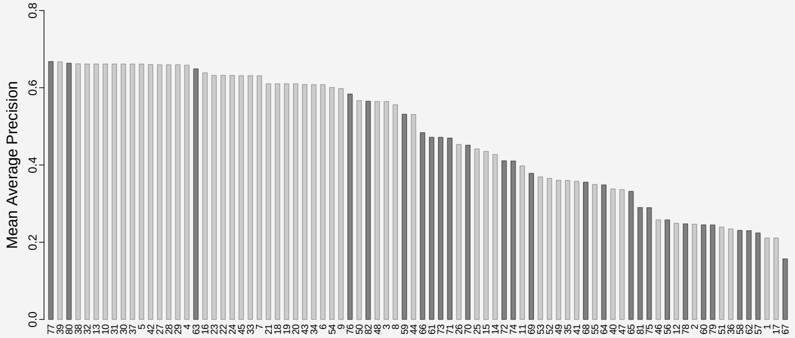

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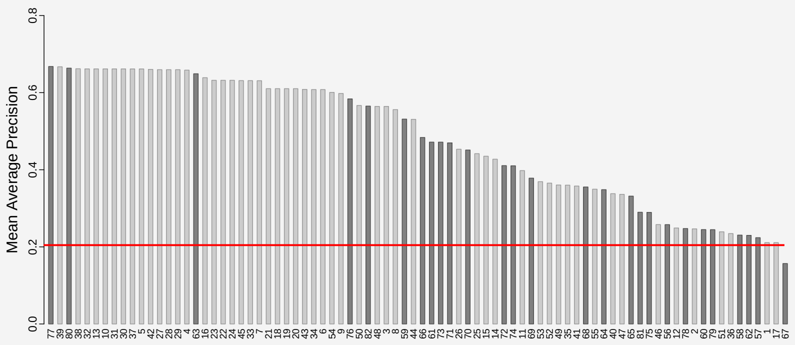

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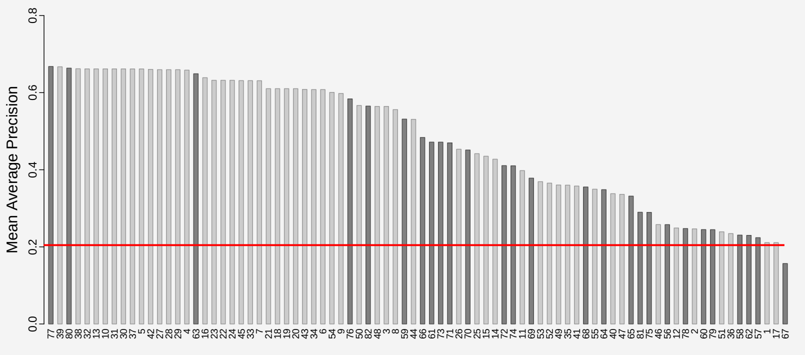

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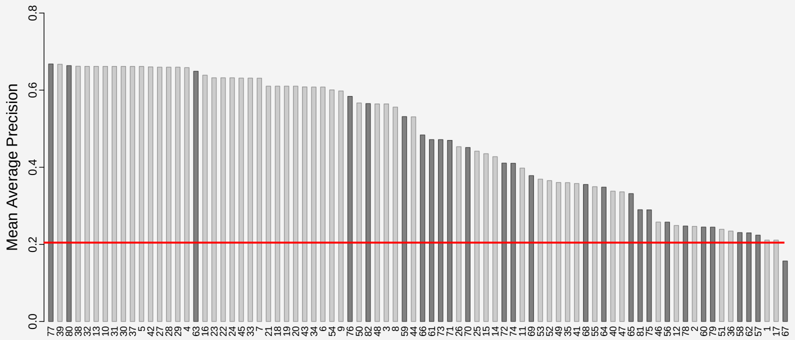

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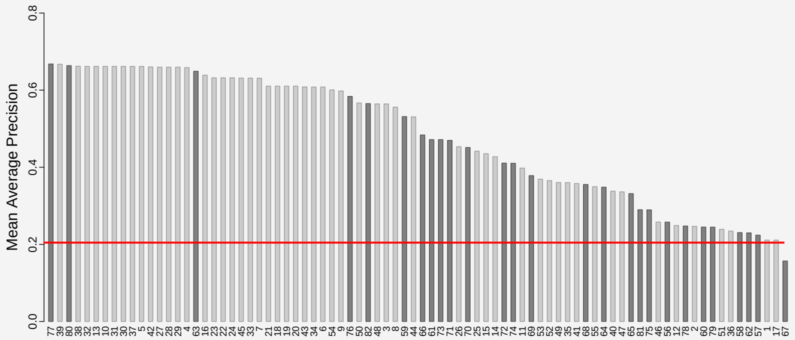

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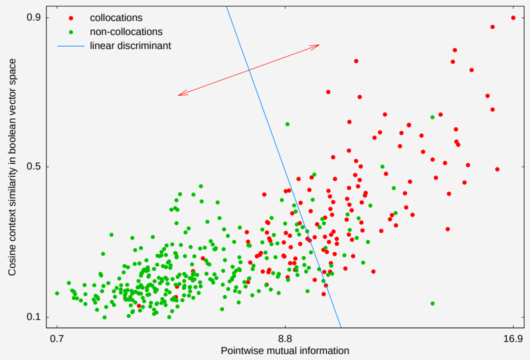

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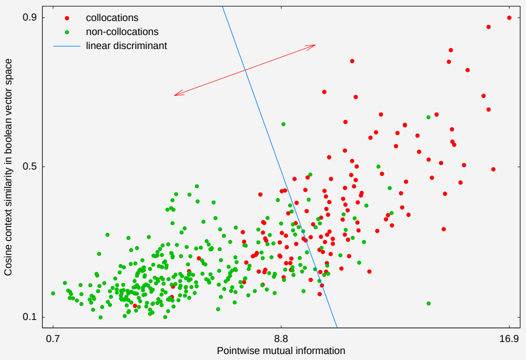

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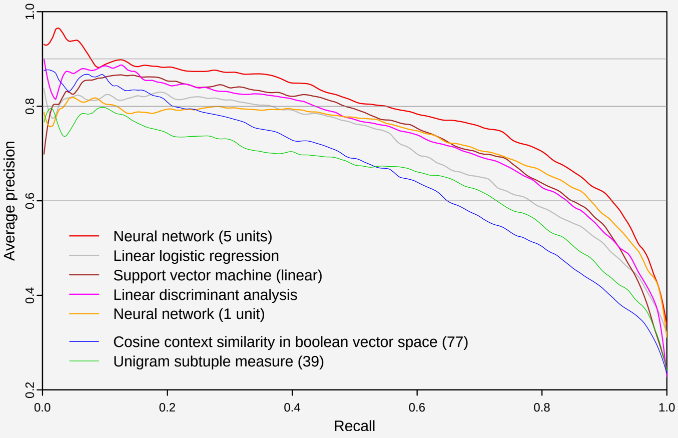

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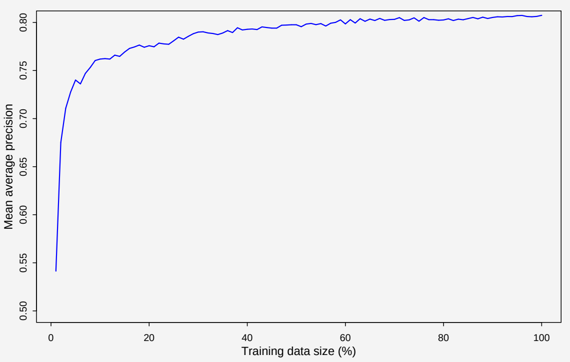

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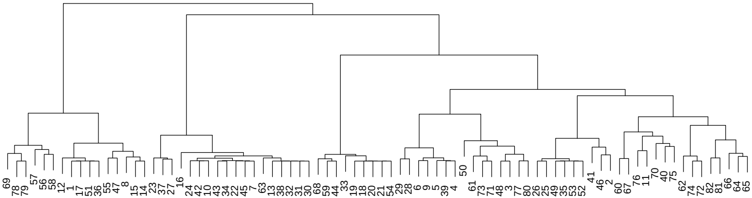

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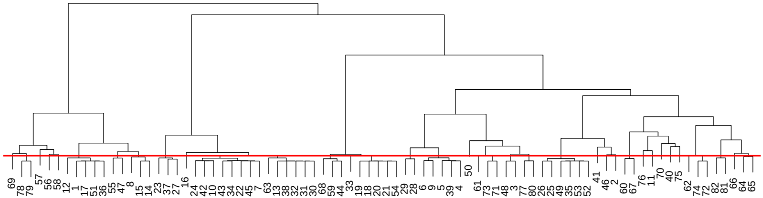

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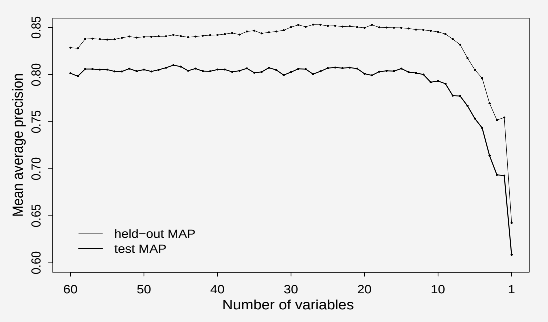

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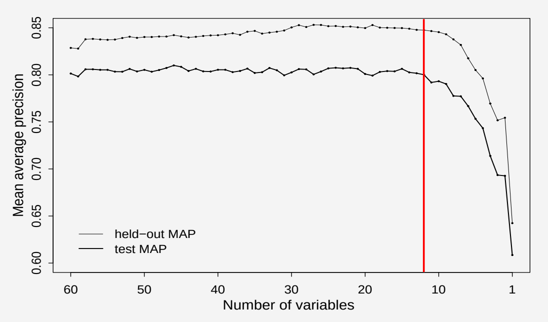

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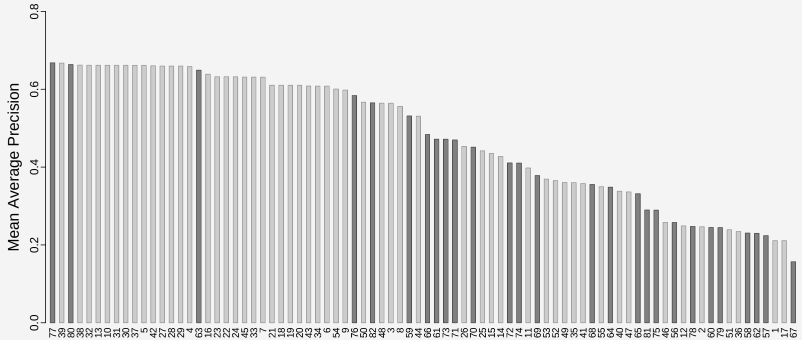

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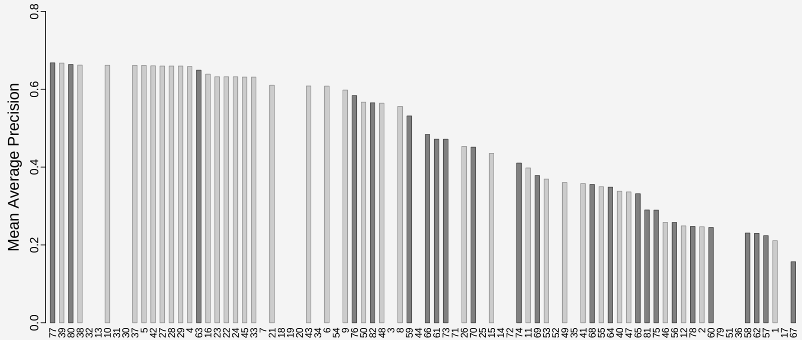

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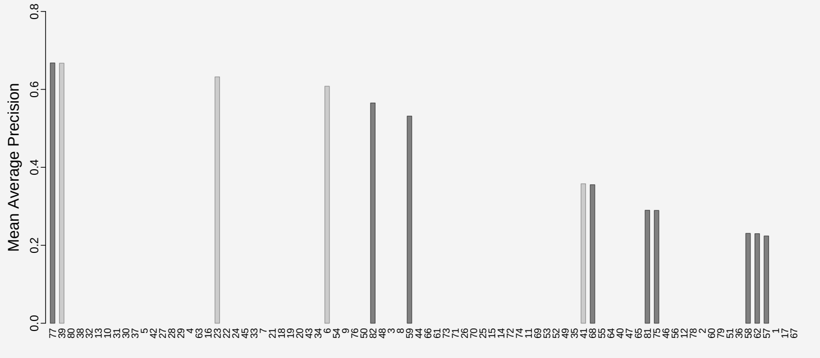

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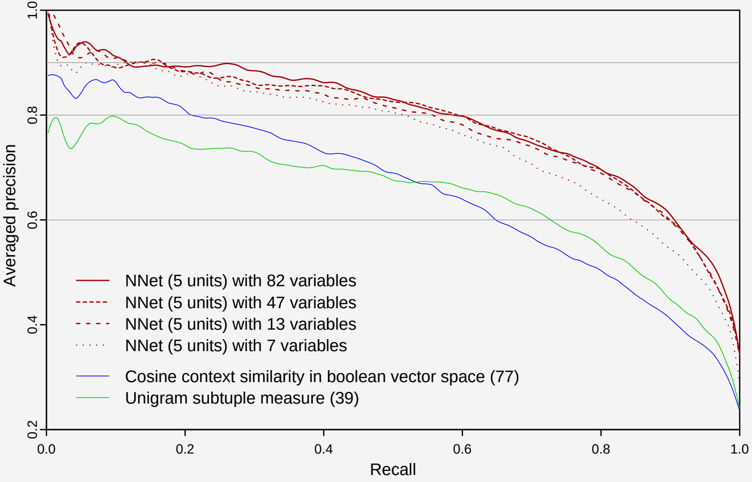

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Additional data sets

PDT-Surf

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- source corpus: Swedish Parole, 22 mil. tokens
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after frequency filtering	26 450	29 035	2 941 414	13 370 375
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collocation candidates	12 232	10 021	9 868	17 027
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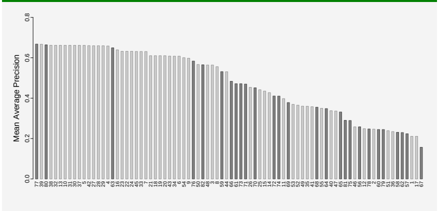

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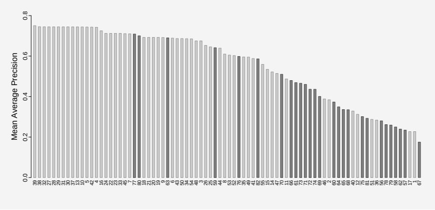

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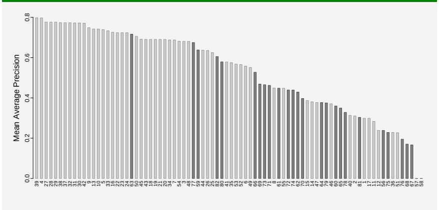

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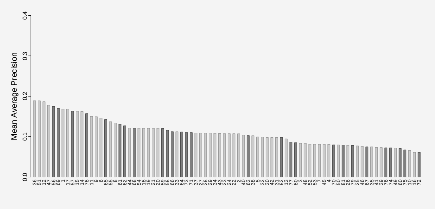
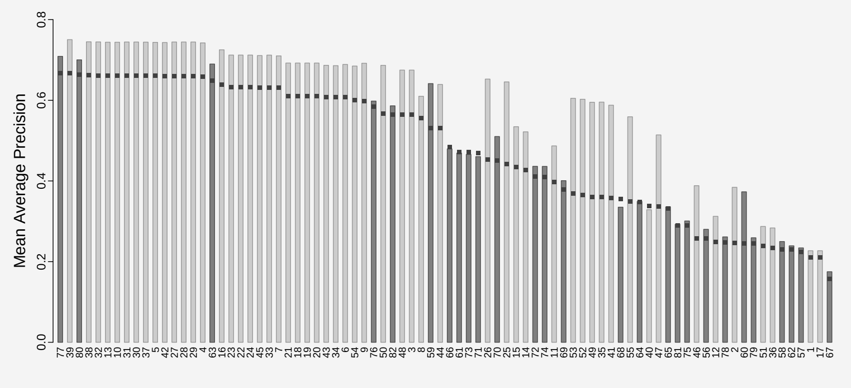


Results / Mean average precision: *PDT-Dep* vs. *PDT-Surf*

Dependency bigrams vs. surface bigrams



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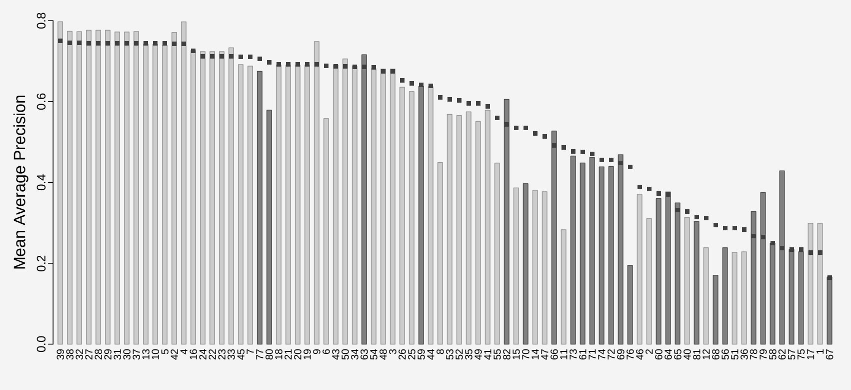
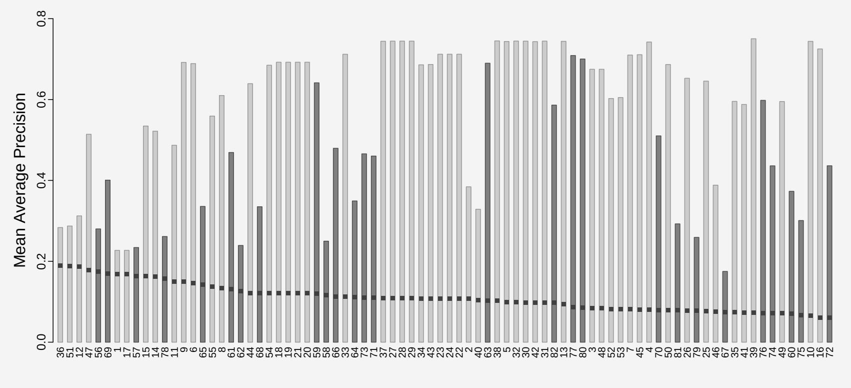
Small source corpus vs. large source corpus



Results / Mean average precision: *PAR-Dist* vs. *PDT-Dep*

Different corpus, different language, different task



Comparison of AM evaluation results on different data sets