


Cross-Domain Authorship Attribution Combining Instance-Based and Profile-Based Features



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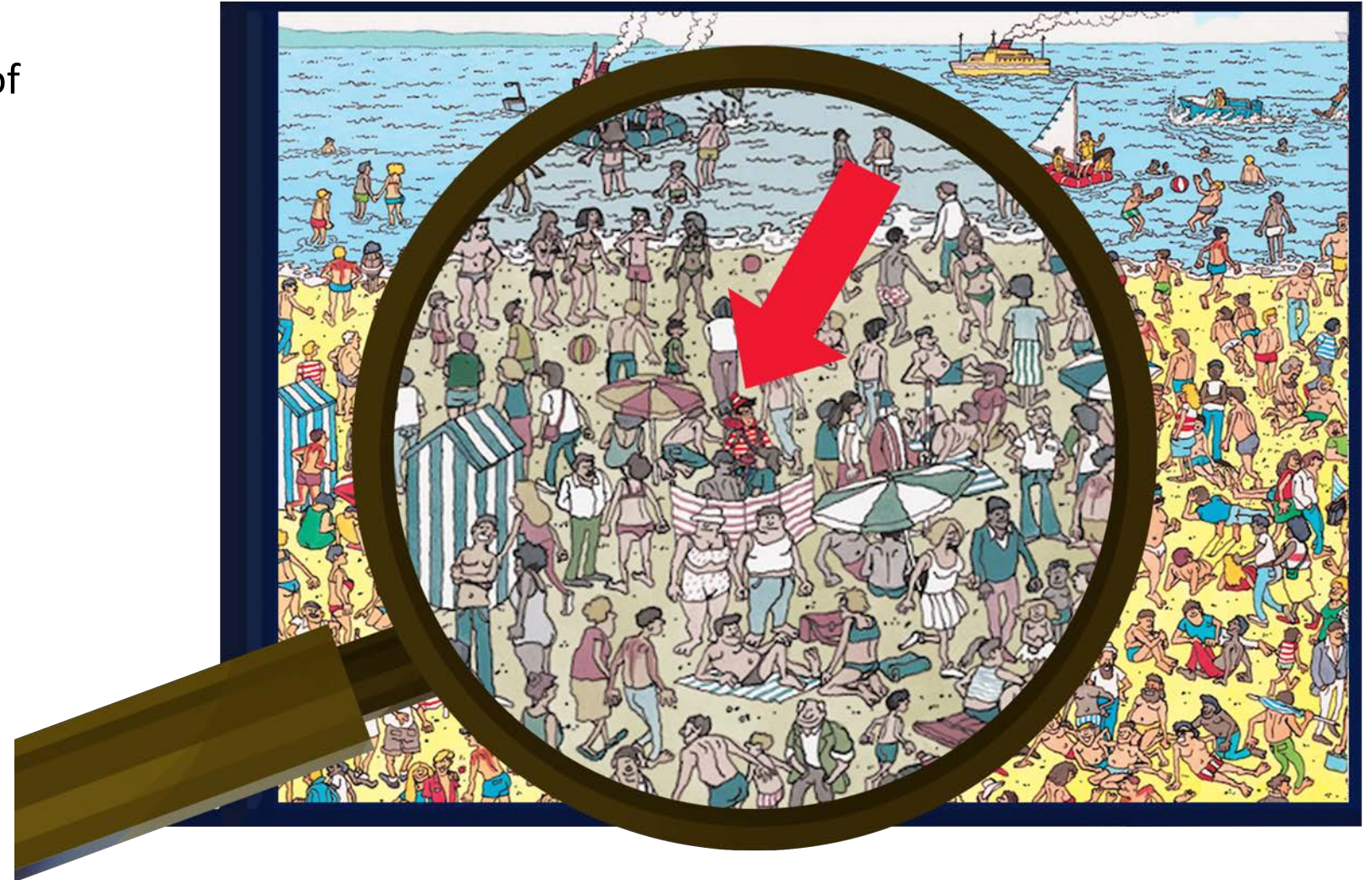
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PAN 2019 Authorship Attribution Task

- **Authorship attribution** is the task of identifying the **author** of a given text.



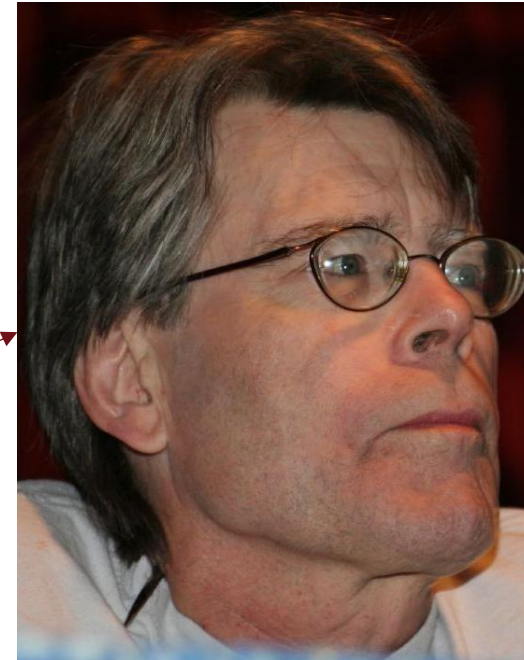
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Motivation

Detect real author of a novel



Stephen King



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Motivation

Detect author of paper in double blind review submission

Who wrote this paper?

Anonymous Author(s)

ABSTRACT

Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the unfashionable end of the western spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun. Orbiting this at a distance of roughly ninety-two million miles is an utterly insignificant little blue green planet whose ape-descended life forms are so amazingly primitive that they still think digital watches are a pretty neat idea. This planet has - or rather had - a problem, which was this: most of the people on it were unhappy for pretty much of the time. Many solutions were suggested for this problem, but most of these were largely concerned with

1 INTRODUCTION

Sadly, however, before she could get to a phone to tell anyone about it, a terribly stupid catastrophe occurred, and the idea was lost forever. This is not her story. But it is the story of that terrible stupid catastrophe and some of its consequences. It is also the story of a book, a book called The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy - not an Earth book, never published on Earth, and until the terrible catastrophe occurred, never seen or heard of by any Earthman. Nevertheless, a wholly remarkable book. in fact it was probably the most remarkable book ever to come out of the great publishing houses of Ursa



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Deanonymize Pseudonyms

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Unknown Text

Fifotofotofoto donono dodod
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Wooooooooa!

Noot noot!



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AA Scenarios

Closed-set

Finite set of candidates authors among which there is the real author.



Open-set

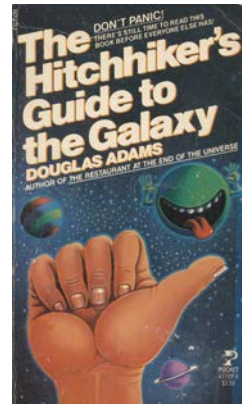
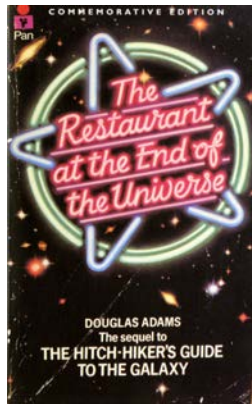
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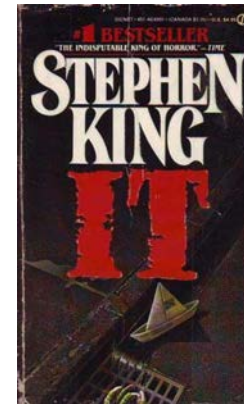
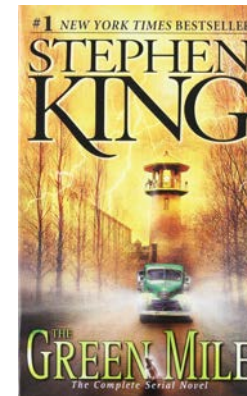
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Single-Domain vs Cross-Domain

Single-Domain



Cross-Domain



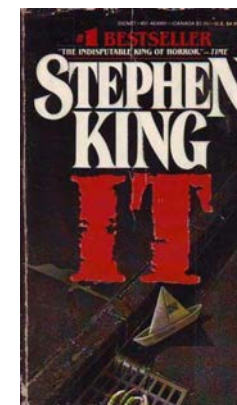
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Open-set



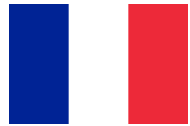
Cross-Domain



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PAN Dataset

Languages



Problems



Authors



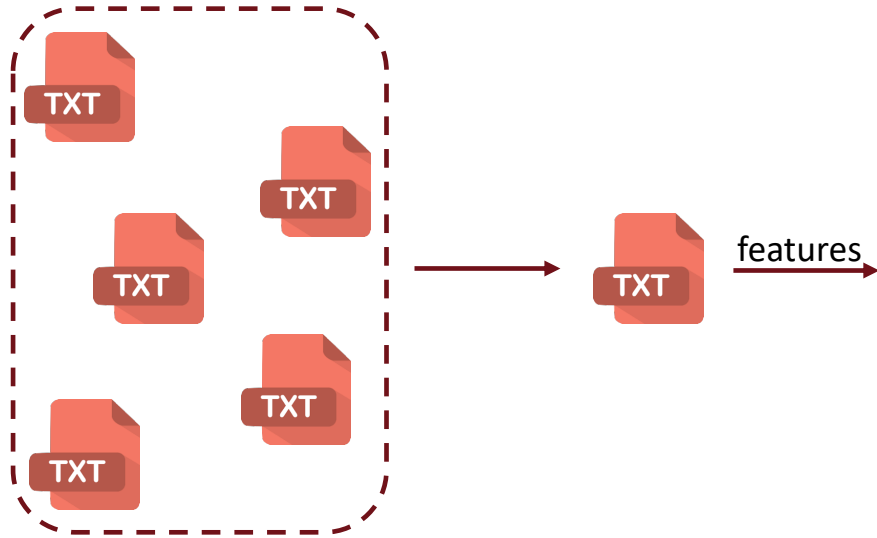
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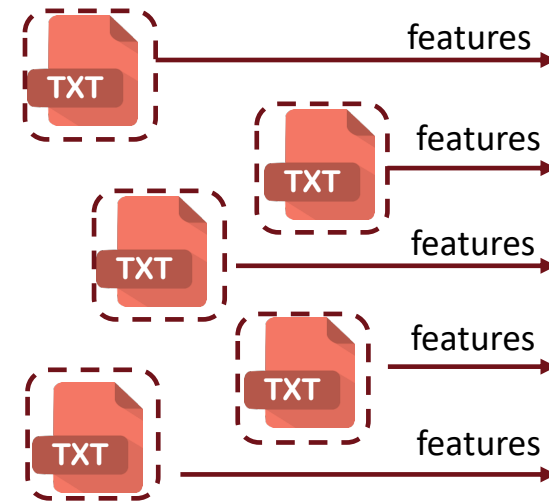
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Main approaches to AA problems

Profile-Based Features

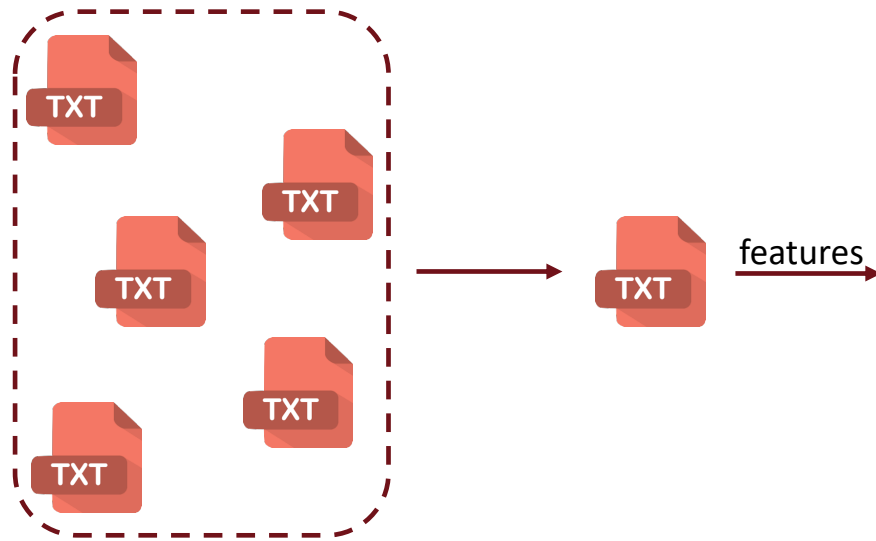


Instance-Based Features



Profile-Base features

Profile-Based Features

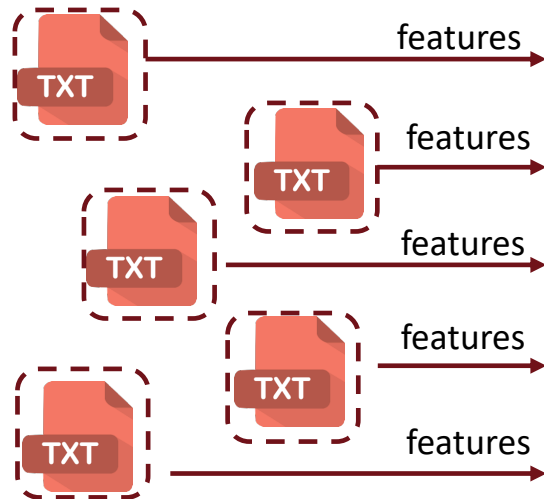


- Concatenate together texts of the same author.
- Collecting as more information of the user as possible.
- Differences between the training texts by the same author are disregarded.
- Stylometric measures extracted from the concatenated file may be quite different in comparison to each of the original training texts.



Instance-Based Features

Instance-Based Features



- Analyze the texts associated with an author separately.
- Classification algorithms require multiple training instances per class for extracting a reliable model.
- The text samples should be long enough so that the text representation features can represent adequately their style.



Text Pre-Processing

- Pre-processing is a crucial step to prepare the data in almost every NLP problems.
- Text pre-processing usually consists in normalize, sanitize or alter the text to remove noise, error, or completely change the data format.
- We used:

WordPunctTokenizer

SnowballStemmer

spaCy POS Tagger



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Text Distortion

Stamatatos, E.: Authorship attribution using text distortion. In: Proceedings of the 15° Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Volume 1, Long Papers. pp. 1138–1149 (2017)

| Original Text | Text converted with Text Distortion |
|---|---|
| marqué sur la couverture, avant d’avoir un temps d’arrêt. Le dossier se nommait en effet sobrement « Enterrement de vie de garçon ». Plusieurs souvenirs remontèrent. John sourit doucement en se remém | *****é *** ** *****, ***** *’***** ** ***** *’***ê*. ** ***** ** ***** ** ***** ***** « ***** ** ** ** ***ζ** ». ***** ***** *****è*****. ***** ***** ** ** ***é** |



Features

Profile

Char3-5

Stem1-3

Dist3-5

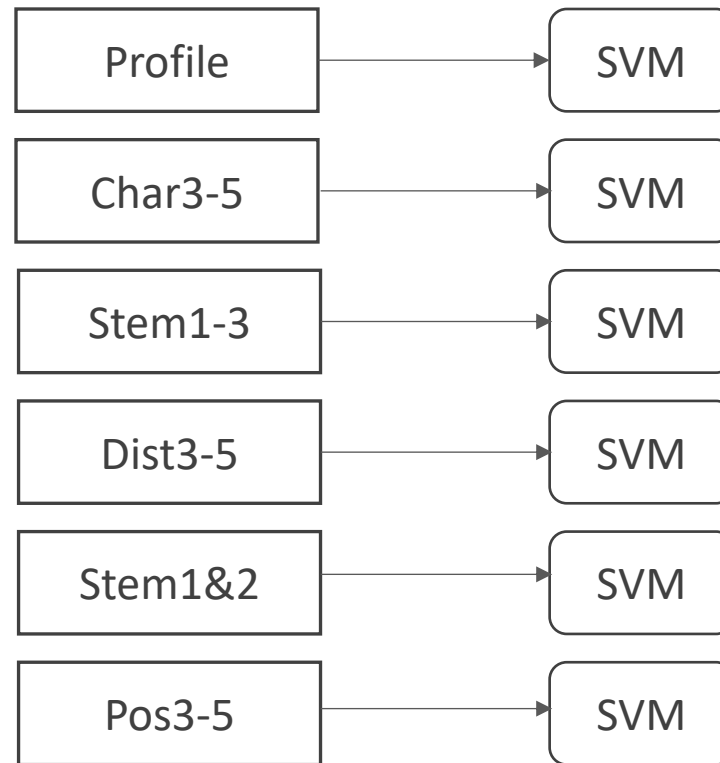
Stem1&2

Pos3-5

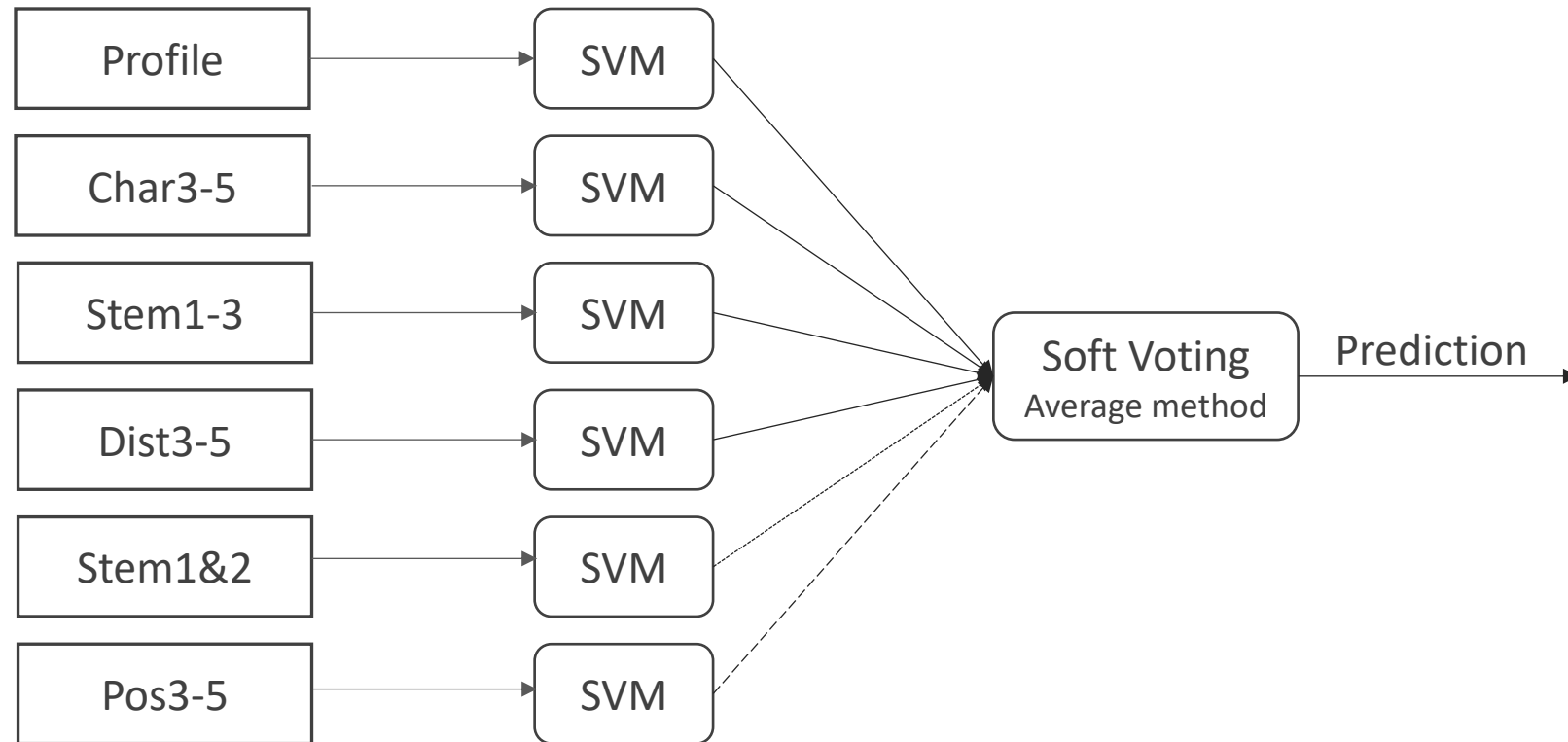


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Model



Model



Unknown Prediction

P_i i -th most probable author for a given text

$$\text{Unknown} = \begin{cases} \text{True}, & P_1 - P_2 < 0.1 \wedge \text{mean}(P_1 - P_2, P_1 - P_3) < 0.7 \\ \text{False}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Result on DEV

| Problem | Baseline-SVM | Baseline-Comp | Ensemble | Delta |
|---------|--------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 01 | 69.5 | 68.2 | 82.2 | 12.7 |
| 02 | 44.7 | 33.6 | 56.2 | 11.5 |
| 03 | 49.3 | 50.1 | 73.0 | 23.7 |
| 04 | 33.1 | 49.0 | 51.1 | 18.0 |
| 05 | 47.1 | 34.0 | 56.2 | 9.1 |
| 06 | 70.2 | 69.1 | 65.6 | -4.6 |
| 07 | 49.9 | 54.2 | 63.8 | 13.9 |
| 08 | 50.6 | 49.2 | 65.6 | 15.0 |
| 09 | 59.9 | 60.8 | 73.8 | 13.9 |
| 10 | 44.2 | 50.1 | 57.3 | 13.1 |
| 11 | 65.1 | 59.5 | 73.7 | 8.6 |
| 12 | 59.4 | 50.8 | 71.0 | 11.6 |
| 13 | 68.7 | 73.1 | 74.3 | 5.6 |
| 14 | 59.8 | 78.0 | 83.3 | 23.5 |
| 15 | 74.5 | 71.2 | 82.1 | 7.6 |
| 16 | 76.8 | 70.5 | 88.3 | 11.5 |
| 17 | 58.4 | 62.3 | 81.7 | 23.3 |
| 18 | 70.3 | 65.9 | 87.8 | 17.5 |
| 19 | 55.6 | 40.3 | 71.0 | 15.4 |
| 20 | 51.3 | 22.3 | 54.1 | 2.8 |
| Overall | 57.9 | 55.6 | 70.5 | 12.6 |




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Further analysis

- Closed-Set scenario accuracy of 87% on a total of 2,646 documents.
- Closed-Set scenario with Unknowns detector achieve as overall result an accuracy of 78.7%
- Difference in results of 8.7%



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Result

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Conclusion

- Ensemble model with a classifier for each feature.
- We combine Profile-Based and Instance-Based features together.
- We introduced a method that takes into account the three most similar author for the disputed text, instead of only the first two.
- We outperform the baseline in almost every problems.



Future Work

- Although our methodology to detect the unknown authors performs slightly better than the baseline, further improvements are needed.
- In one problem we reach a score lower than the baseline. It could be useful to understand the reason of it.
- Neural Networks approach could be tested.





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