

DBKDA-2016 Tutorial II:

Hands-On Exercise 3

1. Load the webpage <http://www.smiffy.de/dbkda-2016>
2. Download the books „Moby Dick“, „Tom Sawyer“, „Ulysses“, and „Book from an unknown author“ to your local disk.
3. Evaluate the function `readBookFromFile(...)` (Appendix A) in your R-environment.
4. Load the first 20 lines from the book „Moby Dick“ with the previously evaluated function and examine the result.
5. Count the number of occurrence for each word.
6. Draw a graph which shows the frequency of the most popular 20 words of the book Moby Dick (barplot).
7. Combine the barplots from different books in one chart (StackedBarPlot)
8. Estimate from which author the book „Book from an unknown author“ was written.

• Appendix A:

```
# the function reads the given file (path) and returns
# a vector of words
# Parameters:
#   range: read lines from start:end (start:end)
#   stem: Stem the word, using the porter stemmer
#         from the snowballC package
#
# example (read line 100 to 200 from the given file):
#   md<-readBookFromFile('c:/corpus/moby-dick.txt',
#                        range: 100:200)
#
readBookFromFile<-function(path, range=NULL, stem=FALSE) {
  lines<-readLines(path)
  if (is.vector(range))
    lines<-lines[range]
  lines<-tolower(lines)
  lines<-lines[lines!=""]
  words<-strsplit(lines, '\\W+')
  words<-unlist(words)
  words<-words[words!=""]
  if (stem)
    words <- unlist(wordStem(words, language="english"))
  return(words)
}
# execute the following code to load the snowballC package:
if (! require('SnowballC'))
  install.packages('SnowballC')
library(SnowballC)
```

- **Some little Hints:**

1. To count the frequency of the words, try the function `table(...)`.
2. Use the words as names for the columns (

Example:

```
names(vector) <- ...  
colnames(matrix) <- ...
```

3. To collect the words from different books try the union operator.
4. To sort by frequency use the `sort(..., decreasing=TRUE)` function call.
5. To compare the frequency of words from different books build a matrix, where the columns represent the different words and the rows represent different books.
6. Ask us .. ;-)