Historical legislation CASE STI









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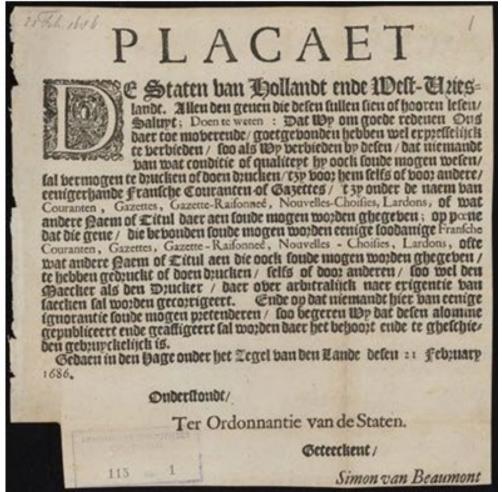


Paalhuis, Amsterdam (ca. 1660)



From volumes to individual laws









Sources in numbers

Sources # 108

Font 88 roman, 20 gothic

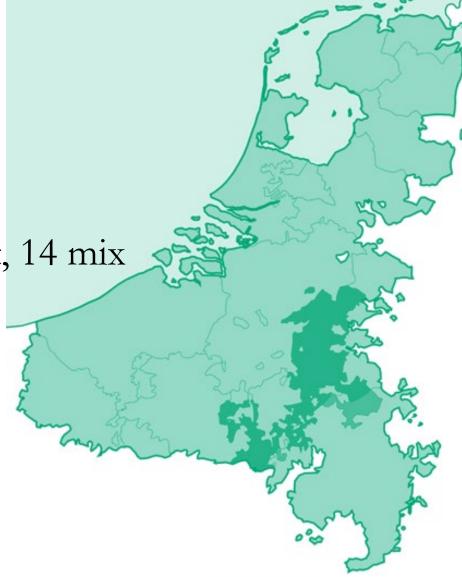
Language 67 Dutch, 26 FR, 1 Lat, 14 mix

Pages # 75.000

Characters# 550 mln

Publication date 17th and 18th century

Region Nearly all provinces







Teaching the computer to read and to segment texts

Transkribus

page-humber

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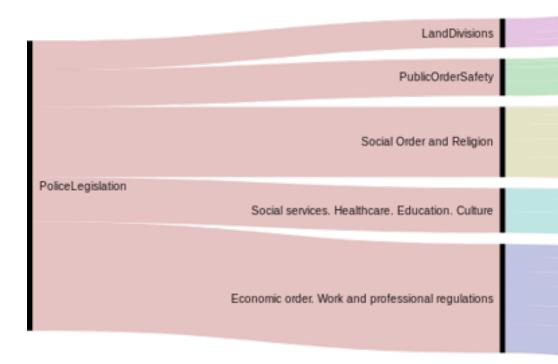


Categorisation

- Manually labelled ±3000 laws.
 - Used in the casestudy: 470.
- <u>Hierarchical</u> categorisation 4(+1) layers (MPIeR).
 - Converted to SKOS format (Short Knowledge Organisation System)
 - https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3564586



Categorisation



- Land Real Estate =
 - Water
- RoadsTransportationMail
- Public Construction Infrastructure
 - Censorship -
 - Amusement .
 - PublicSafetyCriminality
 - Administration and Justice
 - Succession -
 - Guardianship Abundance and Luxury
- Morality, Marriage and Family, Sexuality
 - MarginalGroups
 - Matters of Religion
- Population, Estates and Government
 - Education and Culture
 - PoorRelief
 - Healthcare
 - Industrial Production -
 - Monetary and Credit System
 - Work order / Work Regulation
 - Forestry and Land Use
 - Craft and trade
 - Agriculture

Trade and services

See http://journal.dhbenelux.org/journal/issues/002/ article-23-romein.html





Training Annif

SET-UP

- Proof of concept: 470 labeled 'documents' (laws)
- <10 subjects each, 3.3 on average
- 69% and 28% of annotations at level 5 (deepest) and 4
- Training per category level
- 10-fold Cross Validation
- Backend: TF-IDF
- Limit = 4, threshold = 0.4

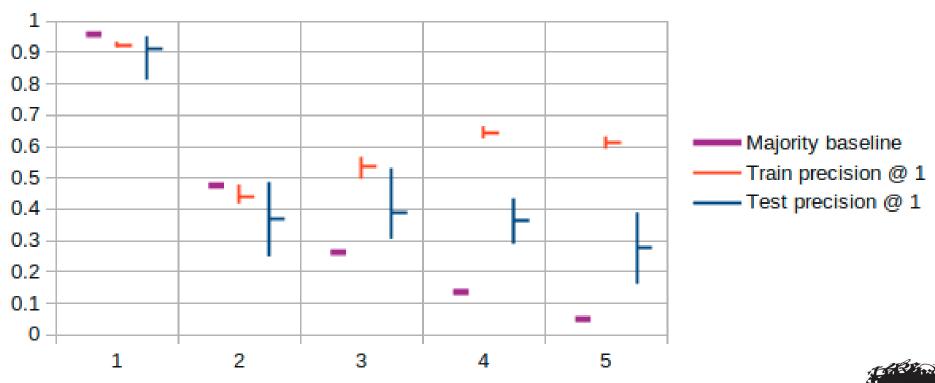




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RESULTS

Precision @1



Category level





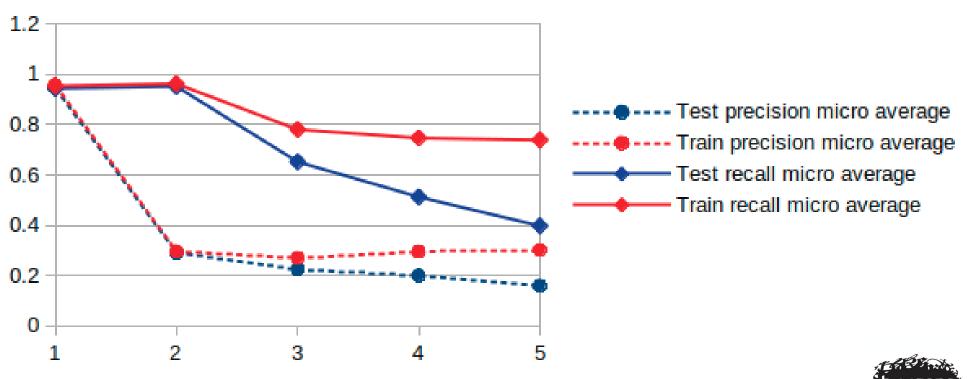
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Category level

RESULTS

Micro averaged recall & precision

Limit=4, Threshold=0.4





Training Annif DISCUSSION

- Limited amount of data
- Only 'dumb' TF-IDF curious about other backends
- Impact of OCR quality?
- Stemmer: Snowball Dutch Impact of historical language & spelling variation?
- Making use of the hierarchy in categories

Further Reading POINTERS

- DH Benelux journal publication: http://journal.dhbenelux.org/journal/issues/002/article-23-romein/article-23-romein.html
- Info on KB lab:

Dataset: https://lab.kb.nl/dataset/entangled-histories-ordinances-low-countries

Blogs: https://lab.kb.nl/about-us/blog/entangled-histories-bumps-road-and-bursts-success

• Other work with Annif at KB:

https://zenodo.org/record/3899723#.X2B2NIbRZJd



Further Reading FUTURE WORK

- Annemieke continues to work on early-modern legislation (https://en.huygens.knaw.nl/projecten/game-of-thrones/)
- At the KB, we're experimenting with Annif in a tool to aid the cataloguing department: 'Demosaurus'.
 - See https://zenodo.org/record/3899723#.X2B6Q4bRZJc

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