DATA MINING RESEARCH WITH IN-COPYRIGHT AND USE-LIMITED TEXT DATASETS

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Expand library-based data services to include provisions for supporting TDM with in-copyright and IP-restricted text data

Develop recommendations for best practices and policy for text data mining services around:
- Providing access to protected data
- Documenting and disseminating research workflows for reproducibility
- Hosting and preserving research outputs
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIBRARIES

- How, specifically, do we situate the library in this space?
- What do libraries need to know?
- What should libraries do?
- What do libraries need to do working in partnership with other groups? Who are they?
- What do other groups need to do? (e.g., what is outside the jurisdiction/auspices of the library?)
copyright law and resource licensing complicate research with text data
Text Data Mining (TDM)

computational processes for applying structure to unstructured electronic texts and employing statistical methods to discover new information and reveal patterns in the processed data
Use-Limited Data

textual data where use and access are limited, or potentially limited, due to copyright, licensing, and other contractual terms
METHODS

- Scoping review
- Participant identification
- SWOT analysis
- Forum statements
- “Liberating structures” for conversations at forum
SWOT ANALYSIS

- Business models
- Content
- Legal & policy
- Library roles
- Publisher/content provider roles
- Research process
- Technical/technology
TDM is part of a larger conversation:
- “This is about libraries making content useful and usable in the digital age”
- More useful, usable content = accessible content
  - “… make it about rights that we get - friendly conversation with people who have stuff we need”
- Reading and content mining not mutually exclusive research activities
- Content mining can drive revenue if used appropriately
MAKING COMMITMENTS

- Develop a declaration of principles
- Distill conversations into actionable recommendations for academic library services
- Outline the legal infrastructure for computational research with use-limited text datasets
- Write a grant proposal to develop legal and IP workshops for librarians and researchers
- Develop a pilot TDM service working with HathiTrust, Portico, publishers, and CrossRef
- Identify potential business models to support open content mining
DEVELOP A DECLARATION ON TDM

- Despite common efforts obstacles still remain at the national and international levels to the detriment of research and academic freedom
- Building on the movement toward open data in government and research, asserting that open data are minable data, by definition
- Building on the FAIR principles for research data: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18
Next steps

- White paper published by ACRL: Summer 2018
- Forum attendees working on individual and group commitments
- Want to get involved? Contact us: bsnamach@uwaterloo.ca