

SOME ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE MODEL IN INFORMATION THEORY

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In the article there are presented some aspects of theoretic-and-experimental approach to evaluation of Russian and Kazakh texts entropy. The methodology suggested is based on the system, multilevel approach to building a complicated hierarchic system of a language.

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Studying a language by the methods of information theory became a prospective scientific trend investigating complicated systems from the point of view of the self-organization processes taking place in them. Within the limits of this trend there takes place the modeling of a language as a complicated, dynamic, self-organizing system from the disordered state to the ordered one.

When determining the quantity of information there is considered a language text which consists of letters, words, word combinations, sentences, etc. Each letter occurrence is described as a sequential realization of a certain system. The quantity of information represented by the letter indicated is equal in its absolute value to the entropy (uncertainty) which characterized the system of possible choices and which was eliminated as a result of a certain letter selection.

It's known that in order to evaluate entropy it is necessary to have a complete distribution of possible combinations probabilities. Therefore, in order to evaluate entropy of a letter it is necessary to know probabilities of every possible letter occurrence.

Research objective. Our research is conditioned by the necessity to study the text material of various genres with the aim of its improving. Any text is to be formed correctly in style, grammar, syntax, without linguistic mistakes. By means of using mathematical calculations we obtained the values of a letter entropy taking into account one, two, three, four, five or six letters of a text in the Russian and Kazakh languages.

We suggest an ideal model for analyzing the text structure. It is built based on the fundamental law of preserving the sum of information and entropy using Shannon's formula.

In the general characteristic of the text entropic-information (entropy is a measure of disorder, information is a measure of eliminating disorder) analysis we used Shannon's statistical formula to determine the text perfection, harmony:

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^N p_i \log_2 p_i, \quad (1)$$

where p_i is probability of detecting a uniform system element in their set N ; $\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1, p_i \geq 0$
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Before publishing Shannon's theory, Hartley suggested to determine the maximum entropy quantity by the formula:

$$H_{\max} = \log_2 N. \quad (2)$$

Studies in the field of information theory are of a great interest. For linguistics an important measure is the language entropy. It is a general measure of probabilistic-linguistic ties in the given language text. In this connection we carry out a comparison of the data characterizing a numerical evaluation of these measures in the Kazakh and Russian languages.

As the Russian alphabet contains 32 letters (31 letters, one blank), according to this result

$$H_0 = \log 32 = 5 \text{ bits.}$$

H_0 is the maximum value of the text entropy contained in receiving one letter of the Russian text (information contained in one letter) under the condition that all the letters are considered **equally probable**.

Bit is a unit of measuring information.

The Kazakh alphabet contains 43 letters (42 letters, one blank), so according to this result,

$$M \frac{\log 43}{\log m} = M \frac{H_0}{\log m}.$$

Here $H_0 = \log 43 = 5,4$ bits bits.

– the entropy of experience consisting in receiving one letter of the Kazakh text (information contained in one letter) under the condition that all the letters are considered **equally probable**.

Here we are to note that the present day Kazakh Cyrillic alphabet is used in Kazakhstan and Mongolia. In adopted in 1940 alphabet developed by S.A. Amanzholov, there are 42 letters; 33 of them are from the Russian alphabet and 9 are specific letters of the Kazakh language: **Ә, Ғ, Қ, Һ, Ө, Ү, Ү, Һ, І**. Initially the Kazakh letters were placed after the letters of the Russian alphabet, then each of them was placed after the Russian letters similar in pronunciation. The following letters: **ә, ө** (since 1957), **ф, х, Һ, Ү, Ү, Ү, Ү, Ү** are not used in purely Kazakh words. The letters **ё, ы, ы, ы,**

ь, ъ, ь are used only in the words which are borrowed from Russian or through Russian and are written in accordance with the rules of Russian orthography. The letter *х* in spoken speech is pronounced as *қ*. The letter *һ* is used only in Arabian-Persian borrowings and is often pronounced as a dull sound *х*. The letter *е* in the word absolute beginning can be pronounced as the diphthongoid [ʲe]. The letter *э* is always pronounced as *e*. The letter *о* in the word absolute beginning can be pronounced as the diphthongoid [ʷo]. The letters *і* and *ы* denote sounds similar to Old Slavonic (before the reduced fall) *ь и ъ*. The letter *у* denotes pseudo-diphthongs *ый, ий*. The letter *у* denotes a non-syllabic sound similar to the Belorussian *й* and pseudo-diphthongs *уу, уу, ыу, іу*.

The following letters (called respectively «soft» or «narrow» and «hard» or «wide») denote the pairs of front and back vowels: *е – а, о – о, у – у, і – ы*. In the Arabic-Persian bor-

rowings there is also a contraposition *ә – а*. As the emphasis is always on the last syllable, it is not displayed in written form.

As an example there was considered a Kazakh text from scientific style of speech. The material for the experiment served an extract from the manual on music. The text contains 500 symbols with blanks and 431 symbols without blanks [3].

To calculate relative frequencies we used the formula of probability classical determination:

$$P = \frac{m}{n},$$

where *n* is the number of all the letters; *m* is the number of the letter considered.

The approximate values of individual letters frequencies in Kazakh are presented in Tables 1 and 2 (the dash denotes a blank between the words). In Table 1 the letters are placed in the alphabetic order, in Table 2 – as far as relative frequencies decrease.

Table 1

Distribution of relative frequency in the alphabetic order

Number	Letter	Relative frequency	Number	Letter	Relative frequency
1.	blank	0,138	23	<i>n</i>	0,008
2.	<i>a</i>	0,112	24	<i>p</i>	0,052
3.	<i>ә</i>	0,01	25	<i>c</i>	0,026
4.	<i>б</i>	0,018	26	<i>m</i>	0,042
5.	<i>в</i>	0	27	<i>y</i>	0,022
6.	<i>г</i>	0,004	28	<i>у</i>	0,002
7.	<i>з</i>	0,008	29	<i>у</i>	0,008
8.	<i>д</i>	0,034	30	<i>ф</i>	0
9.	<i>e</i>	0,042	31	<i>x</i>	0,01
10	<i>ё</i>	0	32	<i>h</i>	0
11	<i>ж</i>	0,014	33	<i>ц</i>	0
12	<i>з</i>	0,028	34	<i>ч</i>	0
13	<i>и</i>	0,004	35	<i>ш</i>	0,006
14	<i>й</i>	0,018	36	<i>щ</i>	0
15	<i>к</i>	0,036	37	<i>ь</i>	0
16	<i>қ</i>	0,018	38	<i>ы</i>	0,124
17	<i>л</i>	0,036	39	<i>і</i>	0,032
18	<i>м</i>	0,05	40	<i>ь</i>	0
19	<i>н</i>	0,044	41	<i>э</i>	0
20	<i>ң</i>	0,026	42	<i>ю</i>	0
21	<i>о</i>	0,014	43	<i>я</i>	0,004
22	<i>ө</i>	0,01			

By equalizing these frequencies to the probabilities of corresponding letters occurrence, we'll obtain, based on Shannon's infor-

mation entropy, a formula for calculating the maximum value of the text entropy accounting one letter of the Kazakh text:

$$H_1 = H(\alpha_1) = b \cdot \log_a b = b \cdot \left(\frac{\ln b}{\ln a} \right);$$

$$H_1 = H(\alpha_1) = -0,138 \cdot \log_2(0,138) - 0,124 \log_2(0,124) - \dots - 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) \approx 4,3598.$$

Table 2

Distribution of relative frequency as far as it decreases

letter rel.frequency	0,138	ы	а	р	м	н	е	т
	0,036	л	д	і	з	ң	с	у
	0,018	й	қ	ж	о	ә	ө	х
	0,008	п	ү	ш	г	и	я	ұ

The approximate values of frequencies of two-letter combinations in Kazakh are presented in Table 3 (the dash denotes a

blank between the words). In Table 3 the letters are placed as far as relative frequencies decrease.

Table 3

Distribution of two-letter combinations relative frequencies

combination rel.frequency	ы-	-м	ры	ың	ң -	му	уз	зы
	0,032	0,022	0,022	0,020	0,020	0,020	0,020	0,020
combination rel.frequency	ык	ка	ты	- т	та	н -	і -	а -
	0,020	0,020	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,016	0,016
combination rel.frequency	ыр	лы	-б	ар	-ж	мы	ал	ық
	0,016	0,016	0,014	0,014	0,014	0,014	0,012	0,012
combination rel.frequency	ас	сы	ба	- к	ам	ен	ер	- х
	0,012	0,012	0,012	0,012	0,012	0,012	0,012	0,001
combination rel.frequency	ха	да	рі	- о	ын	нд	ан	де
	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,001
combination rel.frequency	р -	қт	- ә	ән	ді	- д	п -	ай
	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008
combination rel.frequency	ны	ла	ме	жы	ні	із	жа	кө
	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
combination rel.frequency	- а	ды	кү	үй	йл	ле	ол	ыл
	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
combination rel.frequency	- с	рм	қ -	ор	йт	ег	ге	ім
	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
combination rel.frequency	мі	ат	з -	зд	ағ	ға	л -	- ө
	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
combination rel.frequency	се	ед	аң	на	ып	ей	рл	аш
	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
combination rel.frequency	- е	йд	лм	ма	эр	бі	ің	ақ
	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	кс	өр	іп	нд	өп	ым	ыз	өт
	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	тк	ке	са	йы	өс	е-	тү	аб
	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	үс	өб	бе	йе	шт	си	ия	яқ
	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	еш	шқ	қа	ша	ес	ск	кі	ір
	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	со	то	ығ	ғы	от	ра	ад	- я
	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	яғ	ғн	ни	и -	он	ст	ау	у -
	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
combination rel.frequency	бұ	ұл						
	0,002	0,002						

Then we'll calculate the conditional entropy $H_2 = H\alpha_1(\alpha_2)$ of the experiment α_2 , consisting in determining one letter of the Kazakh text under the condition that we know the output

$$H_2 = H\alpha_1(\alpha_2) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2) - H(\alpha_1) = -0,032 \cdot \log_2(0,032) - 0,022 \cdot \log_2(0,022) - \dots - (0,002) \cdot \log_2(0,002) + 0,138 \cdot \log_2(0,138) + 0,124 \cdot \log_2(0,124) + \dots + 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) \approx 2,3444.$$

Similarly we can determine entropy H_3 .

By equalizing these frequencies to the probabilities of corresponding three-letter combi-

$$H_3 = H\alpha_1\alpha_2(\alpha_3) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2) = -0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - \dots - 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) + 0,032 \cdot \log_2(0,032) + 0,022 \cdot \log_2(0,022) + \dots + 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) \approx 0,852.$$

The approximate values of four-letter combinations in Kazakh. By equalizing these frequencies to the probability of corresponding letters occurrence we'll obtain, based on

$$H_4 = H\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3(\alpha_4) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3) = -0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - \dots - 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) + 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) + 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) + \dots + 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) \approx 0,2813.$$

As a result of using the formula we'll determine entropy H_5 .

Using the classical formula of determining a probability, the calculation of the en-

$$H_5 = H\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4(\alpha_5) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4) = -0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - \dots - 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) + 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) + \dots + 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) \approx 0,1832.$$

In accordance with the said, to determine conditional entropy H_6 there was evaluated the number of all the six-letter combinations in the text and used the formula of the classical determining of probability:

$$H_6 = H\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5(\alpha_6) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5\alpha_6) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5) = -0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) - 0,012 \cdot \log_2(0,012) - \dots - 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) + 0,020 \cdot \log_2(0,020) + \dots + 0,002 \cdot \log_2(0,002) \approx 0,1657.$$

As a result there were obtained the following values (in bits):

H_1	H_2	H_3	H_4	H_5	H_6
4,3598	2,3444	0,852	0,2813	0,1882	0,1657.

From here we can conclude that for the Kazakh language the language entropy decreases with the transition to a higher level of organi-

of the experiment α_1 , consisting in determining the previous letter of the same text. In accordance with the abovementioned, H_2 is determined by the following formula:

nations occurrence which is expressed by the difference $H_2 - H_3$, we'll obtain for three-letter entropy in Kazakh the approximate value:

Shannon's information entropy a formula for calculating the maximum value of the text entropy accounting four letters of the Kazakh text:

entropy maximum value accounting five letters of the Kazakh text will make an approximate value:

$$P = \frac{m}{n},$$

where n is the number of all six-letter combinations, m is the number of combinations, for example *music*.

zation, besides, the text information capacity increases, which proves the language developing in accordance with the law of preserving the sum of information and entropy.

The calculations show that value H_{\max} in Russian (the alphabet contains 32 letters (the letters е и ё, ь и ъ are expressed by the same combination and a blank (-) between the words)) does not practically differ from H_{\max}

content of the Kazakh alphabet (42 letters and a blank):

$$H_0 = \log 32 = 5 \text{ bits};$$

$$H_0 = \log 43 = 5,4 \text{ bits.}$$

Now let's see the analysis of the Russian text. We carried out an information-entropy analysis of an extract from the course of lectures on economic theory [4]. The extract presents a text of scientific style in which there are obvious the characteristics and signs of the language of science.

To calculate the scientific text information we counted the probabilities of occurrence of

one letter, two-letter, three-letter, four-letter, five-letter and six-letter combinations in the text. When counting we took into consideration 31 letters of the Russian alphabet (letters е и е, ъ and ь were taken as one letter) and a blank, all the rest symbols (brackets, quotes, commas, etc.) were not considered. The calculations were carried out similar to the Kazakh text using Shannon's information entropy for calculating the entropy maximum value in Russian. The text contains 500 symbols with blanks and 442 without blanks.

In order to calculate each letter relative frequency, it is necessary to divide each letter quantity by the general number of all symbols (500).

Table 4

Distribution of relative frequency in the alphabetic order

Letter	Number of the letter occurrence: number of all the letters	Relative frequency	Letter	Number of the letter occurrence: number of all the letters	Relative frequency
а	26:500	0,052	р	27:500	0,054
б	4:500	0,008	с	24:500	0,048
в	25:500	0,05	т	29:500	0,058
г	4:500	0,008	у	11:500	0,022
д	10:500	0,02	ф	3:500	0,006
е	30:500	0,06	х	2:500	0,004
ж	5:500	0,01	ц	1:500	0,002
з	10:500	0,02	ч	2:500	0,004
и	45:500	0,09	ш	3:500	0,006
й	6:500	0,012	щ	2:500	0,004
к	14:500	0,028	ы	6:500	0,012
л	18:500	0,036	ъ,ь	2:500	0,004
м	9:500	0,018	э	5:500	0,01
н	34:500	0,068	ю	3:500	0,006
о	55:500	0,11	я	13:500	0,026
п	14:500	0,028	space	58:500	0,116

Let's place the symbols relative frequency sequentially, as far as it decreases:

Table 5

Distribution of relative frequency as far as it decreases

Letter frequency	Blank 0,116	О 0,11	И 0,09	Н 0,068	Е 0,06
letter frequency	Т 0,058	Р 0,054	А 0,052	В 0,05	С 0,048
letter frequency	Л 0,036	К 0,028	П 0,028	Я 0,026	У 0,022
letter frequency	Д 0,02	З 0,02	М 0,018	Й 0,012	Ы 0,012
letter frequency	Ж 0,01	Э 0,01	Г 0,008	Б 0,008	Ю 0,006
letter frequency	Ф 0,006	Ш 0,006	Ъ, Ь 0,004	Х 0,004	Ч 0,004
letter frequency	Ц 0,004	Щ 0,002			

As a result of our studies when counting the number of various letter combinations reit-

eration in a scientific text, we came to the following indications:

$$H_1 = 4,364 \text{ bits};$$

$$H_2 = H_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_2) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2) - H(\alpha_1) = 7,3406 - 4,364 = 2,9766;$$

$$H_3 = H_{\alpha_1\alpha_2}(\alpha_3) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2) = 8,123 - 7,3406 = 0,7824;$$

$$H_4 = H_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3}(\alpha_4) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3) = 8,4656 - 8,123 = 0,3426;$$

$$H_5 = H_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4}(\alpha_5) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4) = 8,5271 - 8,4656 = 0,0615;$$

$$H_6 = H_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5}(\alpha_6) = H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5\alpha_6) - H(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5) = 8,5808 - 8,5271 = 0,0537.$$

Thus, the further counting the texts from one to six-letter combinations is not similar for Kazakh and Russian. Based on the evaluations carried out it can be supposed that in scientific texts in the both languages there takes place a decrease of the uncertainty (entropy) degree with the information increase. Entropy in Kazakh and Russian is equal to (in bits):

In Kazakh

H_1	H_2	H_3	H_4	H_5	H_6
4,359	2,344	0,852	0,281	0,188	0,165

In Russian

H_1	H_2	H_3	H_4	H_5	H_6
4,364	2,976	0,782	0,342	0,061	0,053

Conclusion

Making a conclusion on this study, we would like to note that this fact is explained by a different number of the hierarchic system elements, different number of letters in the alphabets of the Russian and Kazakh languages. The text entropy decrease at the higher levels

justifies the fact that for a multilevel hierarchic system it is very significant to describe a lower level as an interaction of interconnected subsystems, each of which possesses its information characteristics. We established that with transition to a higher level of the hierarchic system which is based on accounting the letter combinations, the information capacity of the texts increases. The approach considered, in our opinion, corresponds to the main requirements of the system entropy-information analysis as in the hierarchic system modeling it ensures its consideration integrity due to general theoretic and methodological conceptions.

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