Body Language in Classic British Fiction: Words, *n*-grams, and topics

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Abstract: This pilot study takes a stylometric approach to investigate "body language" in classic British fiction. The specific research questions are how body-part words are distributed across registers, whether frequency patterns of body language make it possible to classify texts into meaningful sets, as well as what stylistic functions body-part expressions lend themselves to in fiction. To answer the questions, stylometric analysis is carried out in conjunction with topic modelling and qualitative interpretation of stylistics effects by paying close attention to individual words, *n*-grams, and topics.

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1. Introduction

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A first step of text analysis often begins with identifying key words of a target author or a target corpus. Based on the assumption that key words encapsulate important lexical, semantic, thematic, or stylistic features of the author, we try to find words "that are evenly distributed across [her/his corpus] and display a higher frequency and a wider range than in a reference corpus of some kind" (Paquot and Bestgen, 2009). The most popular methods for detecting key words include application of statistical significance testings, such as chi-squared (χ^2), log-likelihood ratio (G^2) (Rayson and Garside, 2000), Mann-Whitney's U, and representativeness/distinctiveness (RD) index (Klaussner et al. 2015), among others. While χ^2 and G^2 can over-evaluate "bursty" words (those which occur extremely frequently in a very small number of texts, typically in a single text only), tending to give greater weights to high-frequency words due to their formulae, U and RD help to find lexical items "that are [more] evenly distributed across [the target set]". As a result of comparing a Charles Dickens corpus with a reference corpus of classic British fiction using RD, for instance, a list of following key words can be obtained:

head, down, old, corner, state, given, legs, fire, window, until, streets, night, for, outside, looking, air, dark, round, behind, return, shut, light, upon, than, hat, quiet, without, would, up, top, future, reference, wall, off, remarkable, to, determined, arranged, red, scarcely, not, but, heavy, bright, boy, till, slowly, street, neither, sky, expression, desired, stopped, through, with, dead, be-

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side, only, dismal, sharp, leaning, windows, worn, nevertheless, holding, face, nor, must, bell, closed, patience, therefore, black, wasn't, stopping, times, could, anybody, consciousness, position, faces, pleased, various, endeavour, use, curious, received, shake, gradually, being, feeling, iron, advice, effort, wind, inside, here, back, assured, hair

Words in italics are the most representative and distinctive Dickens markers while words in Roman are consistently more overused in the reference set. What attracts attention in the Dickensian key words are body-part words such as *head*, *legs*, *face*, *faces*, and *hair*. Attentive readers of Dickens novels will associate such body-part expressions with description of actions, habits, emotions, and personalities of fictional characters. A team of researchers led by Michaela Mahlberg of the University of Birmingham are, in fact, working on characterization in the representation of body language from a corpus linguistic perspective (the CLiC Dickens project) (Mahlberg et al. 2016; Wiegand et al., 2017; Mahlberg and Wiegand, 2018).

The aim of this paper is to take a stylometric approach to investigate body language in classic British fiction with Dickens being the target author. The specific research questions are:

- (1) how body-part words are distributed across registers
- (2) whether frequency patterns of body language make it possible to classify texts into meaningful sets
- (3) what stylistic functions body-part expressions lend themselves to in fiction

To answer the questions, stylometric analysis is carried out in conjunction with topic modelling and qualitative interpretation of stylistics effects by paying close attention to individual words, *n*-grams, and topics.

2. Body language across registers

As a first step to list up as many body-part words as pos-

sible, all the word-types in a corpus of classic British fiction were examined. The corpus entitled Osaka Reference Corpus for Historical/Diachronic Stylistics (ORCHiDS) is made up of 23 texts by Dickens, 24 major 18th Century novels, and 31 representative 19th Century fiction texts with a total tokens of 14,481,460 running words (Tables 2–4). Fig. 1 shows 150 lexical items found in the corpus.

abdomen, #abdominal, #abdominales, ankle, ankles, anus, arm, arm's, arms, arms', arse, artery, back, belly, bladder, blood, body, bone, brain, breast, breasts, buttocks, calf, cheek, cheeks, chest, chin, ear, ears, elbow, elbows, eye, eyes, eyebrow, eyebrows, eyelashes, eyelid, eyelids, face, faces, feet, finger, fingers, finger-nail, finger-nails, fingernail, fingernails, foot, forehead, foreheads, groin, gums, hair, hairs, hand, hands, head, heads, heart, hearts, heel, heels, hip, hips, instep, insteps, intestines, iris, jaw, jaws, kidney, knee, knees, leg, legs, ligament, ligaments, lip, lips, liver, lobe, lungs, mouth, mouths, muscle, muscles, nail, nails, navel, neck, necks, nerves, nose, noses, nostril, nostrils, organs, ovary, palm, palms, pinky, pituitary, #pore, pupil, ribs, #scalp, shin, shoulder, shoulders, skeleton, skin, skull, skulls, #sole, spinal, spine, spines, spleen, stomach, stomachs, teeth, tendon, tendons, thigh, thighs, #thorax, throat, throats, thumb, thumbs, tibia, #tissue, toe, toes, #toe-nails, tongue, tongues, #tonsils, tooth, torso, #uterus, #uvula, vein, veins, vertebrae, waist, waists, wrist, wrists

Fig. 1 150 body-pard words extracted from ORCHiDS

In an effort to answer the first research question, total frequencies (per 100,000 words) of body-part words were counted in each of fifteen registers in two 1,000,000-word balanced corpora: the FLOB corpus (British English) and FROWN corpus (American English). The two corpora were complied according to the same corpus design in terms of the size and number of samples that make up fifteen registers: nine informative prose registers and six imaginative (fictional) prose registers. Table 1 gives a descriptive summary of the corpus design.

 Table 1
 The structure of FLOB/FROWN corpora

Category	Register	No. of texts
А	Press: Reportage	44
В	Press: Editorial	27
С	Press: Review	17
D	Religion	17
Е	Skills, Trades and Hobbies	38
F	Popular Lore	44
G	Belles Lettres, Biographies, Essays	77
Н	Miscellaneous	30
J	Science	80
K	General Fiction	29
L	Mystery and Detective Fiction	24
М	Science Fiction	6
Ν	Adventure and Western	29
Р	Romance and Love Story	29
R	Humour	9
	Total number of texts in the corpus:	500

The categories A–J are informative registers, and K–R fictional registers.

As Fig. 2 illustrates, body-part related words are predominantly more frequent in fictional registers in both British and American English. The overall distributional pattern in the two corpora is remarkably similar: the category most given to body language is Romance and Love story (P), with Humour (R) having the least recourse to parts of body in the fictional registers. Of the 150 items given in Fig. 1, words with # were not found in the two corpora and 121 words are common in both corpora. Fig. 3 is a result of conducting Principle Component Analysis on a frequency matrix of the 121 body-part words across the 15 registers in the FLOB and FROWN corpora.^{*1} Whereas informative registers form a closely-knit cluster, fictional registers are widely dispersed. Of further note is that fictional registers in the two national varieties of English have remarkably similar positions in the 3D diagram. To sum up, body language is a distinctive feature of fiction since depiction of body part plays significant roles in fictional settings.

Table 2 ORCHiDS Dickens Comp	ponen
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No.	Texts	Category	Date	Tokens						
1	Sketches by Boz	Sketches	1833-1836	187,493						
2	The Pickwick Papers	Serial Fiction	1836-1837	300,269						
3	Other Early Papers	Sketches	1837-1840	67,121						
4	Oliver Twist	Serial Fiction	1837-1839	157,707						
5	Nicholas Nickleby	Serial Fiction	1838-1839	322,393						
6	Master Humphrey's Clock	Miscellany	1840-1841	47,331						
7	The Old Curiosity Shop	Serial Fiction	1840-1841	217,521						
8	Barnaby Rudge	Serial Fiction	1841	254,141						
9	American Notes	Sketches	1842	101,941						
10	Martin Chuzzlewit	Serial Fiction	1843-1844	336,630						
11	Christmas Books	Fiction	1843-1848	154,449						
12	Pictures from Italy	Sketches	1846	72,553						
13	Dombey and Son	Serial Fiction	1846-1848	342,386						
14	David Copperfield	Serial Fiction	1849-50	356,110						
15	Bleak House	Serial Fiction	1852-1853	354,369						
16	Hard Times	Serial Fiction	1854	103,443						
17	Little Dorrit	Serial Fiction	1855-1857	338,502						
18	Reprinted Pieces	Sketches	1850-1856	91,574						
19	A Tale of Two Cities	Serial Fiction	1859	136,259						
20	The Uncommercial Traveller	Sketches	1860-1869	142,973						
21	The Great Expectations	Serial Fiction	1860-1861	184,889						
22	Our Mutual Friend	Serial Fiction	1864-1865	326,158						
23	The Mystery of Edwin Drood	Serial Fiction	1870	94,143						
Sum of word-tokens in the set of Dickens texts: 4,690,355										

Table 3 ORCHiDS 18th Century Subcorpus

No.	Author	Texts	Date	Tokens					
1	Defoe	Captain Singleton	1720	110,843					
2	Defoe	Journal of Prague Year	1722	94,695					
3	Defoe	The Military Memoirs of							
		Captain George Carleton	1728	80,612					
4	Defoe	Moll Flanders	1724	136,241					
5	Defoe	Robinson Crusoe	1719	232,324					
6	Fielding	A Journey from this World							
		to the Next	1749	45,003					
7	Fielding	Amelia	1751	211,678					
8	Fielding	Jonathan Wild	1743	69,938					
9	Fielding	Joseph Andrews	1742	125,342					
10	Fielding	Tom Jones	1749	346,256					
11	Goldsmith	The Vicar of Wakefield	1766	62,976					
12	Richardson	Clarissa	1748	935,894					
13	Richardson	Pamela	1740	438,937					
14	Smollet	Peregrine Pickle	1751	342,200					
15	Smollett	Ferdinand Count Fathom	1753	157,641					
16	Smollett	Humphrey Clinker	1771	150,395					
17	Smollett	Sir Launcelot Greaves	1760	89,388					
18	Smollett	Roderick Random	1748	191,602					
19	Smollett	Travels through France							
		and Italy	1766	121,074					
20	Sterne	A Sentimental Journey	1768	40,783					
21	Sterne	Tristram Shandy	1759-1767	186,426					
22	Swift	A Tale of a Tub	1704	44,121					
23	Swift	Gulliver's Travels	1726	104,047					
24	Swift	A Journal to Stella	1710-1713	189,587					
Sum of word-tokens in the set of 18th Century texts: 4,508,003									

*1 The frequency matrix of the 121 body-part words across the 15 registers in the FLOB/FROWN corpora is omitted due to space constraints. The data is available upon request to the author.



Fig. 2 Frequencies of body-part words (per 100,000 words) across 15 registers in the FROWN and FLOB corpora

Table 4 ORCHiDS 19th Century Subcorpus

No.	Author	Texts	Date	Tokens						
1	Austen	Emma	1815	160,307						
2	Austen	Mansfield Park	1814	159,792						
3	Austen	Northanger Abbey	1803	77,250						
4	Austen	Persuasion	1816	83,303						
5	Austen	Pride and Prejudice	1813	122,253						
6	Austen	Sense and Sensibility	1811	119,502						
7	A.Brontë	Agnes Grey	1847	68,222						
8	C.Brontë	Jane Eyre	1847	186,272						
9	C.Brontë	The Professor	1857	88,081						
10	C.Brontë	Villette	1853	194,479						
11	E.Brontë	Wuthering Heights	1847	116,431						
12	Collins	After Dark	1882	136,884						
13	Collins	The Moonstone	1868	194,136						
14	Collins	The Woman in White	1859	246,799						
15	G.Eliot	Adam Bede	1859	215,101						
16	G.Eliot	Brother Jacob	1864	16,683						
17	G.Eliot	Daniel Deronda	1876	311,115						
18	G.Eliot	Middlemarch	1871-1872	318,065						
19	G.Eliot	Silas Marner	1861	71,389						
20	G.Eliot	The Mill on the Floss	1860	207,341						
21	Gaskell	Cranford	1851-1853	70,947						
22	Gaskell	Mary Barton	1848	160,589						
23	Gaskell	Sylvia's Lovers	1863	190,829						
24	Thackeray	Barry Lyndon	1844	126,048						
25	Thackeray	Vanity Fair	1848	303,935						
26	Trollope	Barchester Towers	1857	198,369						
27	Trollope	Can You Forgive Her	1865	316,151						
28	Trollope	Doctor Thorne	1857	217,748						
29	Trollope	The Eustace Diamonds	1873	269,818						
30	Trollope	Phineas Finn	1869	263,231						
31	Trollope	The Warden	1855	72,032						
Sum of word-tokens in the set of 19th Century texts: 5,283,102										



PC Scores: 121 variables 30 cases

Fig. 3 Principal Component Analysis of 121 body-part words across 15 registers in the FROWN and FLOB corpora

3. Body-part words in classic British fiction

Normalized frequencies of the body-part words (per 100,000 running words) were counted in order to examine complex interrelationships between the terms, the texts, and association between the terms and the text. Word frequency profiles, of which part is shown as Table 5 were then fed to a series of multivariate analysis, including PCA and Correspondence Analysis, and machine-learning-based classification algorithm (Random Forests). The three subcorpora in the ORCHiDS are differentiated according to differing frequency patterns of body language. To supplement findings from stylometric analysis, topic modelling was carried out using MALLET (a JAVA-based MAchine Learning LanguagE Toolkit developed at the University Massachusetts at Amherst)*². What is of special interest is that a topic made up of body-language-related words was found to discriminate strongly in favour of the Dickens set (Fig. 4). Fig. 5 shows topic density distribution across the authors in the corpus. One Dickens sample is shown to have nearly as much as 40% accounted for by words belonging to the topic labelled facial/bodily gestures.

Full results will be provided at the 119th SIG-CH conference.

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Table 5 Part of the frequency profiles for body-part words

 Table 6
 Words most strongly distinguishing between Dickens, 18th century fiction (ECF), and 19th century fiction (NCF)

Item	Gini Index	Accuracy	Dickens	ECF	NCF	Key Group
head	3.45934862	4.68480029	4.51573043	3.2804482	2.131026953	Dickens
belly	2.93615044	4.82666252	2.78455667	4.7231821	3.225332783	ECF
legs	2.85714671	3.87376684	3.92005145	2.426893	2.268022571	Dickens
breast	1.88716461	2.68483068	1.810141	-1.1644206	3.243361524	Dickens
heels	1.87774198	2.82987099	0.40838726	1.3367968	3.091538789	Dickens
cheeks	1.74496864	4.12310538	2.79298169	2.6308761	3.032714115	NCF
face	1.47790985	2.99578692	1.83803828	2.7015393	1.194675822	Dickens
hair	1.47287166	2.89868309	2.33714549	3.1574	-0.27317367	Dickens
back	1.34026863	3.51834501	2.47797086	2.1673312	2.045400912	Dickens
chin	1.31265667	3.21763246	2.85822505	0.9245071	3.195374236	Dickens
arm	1.239132	3.46846873	1.64456984	3.1226619	1.373849664	Dickens
hand	1.18311951	2.88112033	2.5254471	1.6153094	2.307059346	Dickens
feet	1.14666102	2.16540652	1.77208103	2.5939557	-0.14514389	Dickens
heart	1.07120984	2.26383803	1.35388105	1.8314778	1.146285049	NCF
throat	1.02456614	3.22698856	2.72740121	2.2293485	1.459072634	Dickens
eve	0.93785247	2.85880896	2.31836623	1.9874613	1.86526266	Dickens
finger	0.85558676	2.49350697	2.49097962	1.1607721	0.433995389	Dickens
hands	0.85394992	1.97852855	2.05698372	-0.1510919	1.753822422	Dickens
heads	0.82935414	2.27669403	1.46686413	-0.2009896	2.666760572	Dickens
shoulder	0.80448344	-0.1381218	1.79717065	-0.8040737	-0.1009469	Dickens
foot	0.79850267	2.50553778	1.89877841	0.3677838	1.763657861	Dickens
forehead	0.74678004	1.21123296	0.44854427	1.8473995	0.241281386	Dickens
body	0.71325697	2.04762125	1.37669456	1.5537086	1.080635767	ECF
nose	0.68183935	2.07042341	1.61407003	-0.1646997	1.876353453	Dickens
stomach	0.63990065	-0.56342138	-0.16153564	-1.0050378	-0.10344859	ECF
lips	0.63054557	0.52373244	0.68856853	2.0076963	-1.56256654	Dickens
elbows	0.60585681	0.99965539	0.48998943	1.8625435	-1.28048879	Dickens
faces	0.59524962	1.81912747	1.25259896	1.3573028	-0.73593074	Dickens
knees	0.59341116	2.05889911	2.032506	-1.0254725	2.034047374	Dickens
nerves	0.56793053	2.72545118	1.73799798	0.9454092	2.34839828	NCF
leg	0.54402506	0.96119038	1.23724356	-1.0050378	0.828239801	Dickens
fingers	0.5374956	1.80154455	-0.16632479	1.7123248	1.621181444	Dickens
knee	0.46714756	1.66255978	1.53421474	1.2017015	0.277456833	Dickens
tongue	0.45786288	1.57146577	1.54770367	0.582543	1.158450965	NCF
thumb	0.45440173	1.31711786	1.88495641	0	-0.83975465	Dickens
evebrows	0.45310136	2.42132982	1.73399615	1.8711858	-0.14031677	Dickens
bone	0.44369894	-1.55017505	-0.12804738	-0.5984196	-1.6192606	ECF
tooth	0.43343815	-0.83254546	1.00503782	-1.7525586	-1.00503782	Dickens
spleen	0 43268168	1 8849915	1 41965726	1 5255594	0.646485551	ECF
neck	0 38464197	-1 52522174	-1.00503782	-1 7139779	-0.44766148	Dickens
eves	0.36915844	2.02489705	1.00503782	1,9809722	1.731258439	Dickens
arms	0.35950636	1.89713505	1.40421357	0.2458438	2.017638471	Dickens
mouth	0.34897913	1.18871195	-0.09407625	1.716752	0.709218139	Dickens
arm's	0.34491626	1.43792127	1.68234392	1.0050378	0.751646028	Dickens

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Dickens33_SB	Dickens	933.5	864.1	794.8	768.1	613.4	480.1	170.7	250.7	282.7	240.0	80.0	309.4	250.7	117.3	21.3	288.0	26.7	42.7	181.4	69.3	90.7	250.7	64.0
Dickens36_PP	Dickens	916.3	1216.2	1342.8	899.6	992.9	586.4	223.2	153.3	419.8	243.2	86.6	363.2	266.6	136.6	33.3	306.5	53.3	100.0	119.9	90.0	123.3	269.9	173.3
Dickens37a_OEP	Dickens	418.3	537.8	836.6	433.2	657.3	433.2	254.0	224.1	418.3	388.4	74.7	373.5	194.2	134.5	44.8	239.0	44.8	14.9	119.5	29.9	194.2	313.7	89.6
Dickens37b_OT	Dickens	1567.3	1300.8	1434.0	1110.4	1294.4	786.8	215.7	222.1	590.1	304.6	253.8	374.4	241.1	196.7	19.0	323.6	63.5	145.9	209.4	120.6	228.4	190.4	158.6
Dickens38 NN	Dickens	977.5	1114.0	1194.7	918.5	856.4	605.1	192.4	207.9	605.1	189.3	124.1	338.2	201.7	180.0	9.3	403.4	111.7	124.1	133.4	86.9	124.1	186.2	204.8
Dickens40a MHC	Dickens	827.5	1328.4	1001.7	1023.5	892.9	479.1	413.8	392.0	871.1	326.7	152.4	196.0	65.3	65.3	0.0	370.2	43.6	87.1	196.0	65.3	196.0	239.5	130.7
Dickens40b OCS	Dickens	998.3	1278.9	1237.5	883.3	1159.3	708.5	115.0	174.8	579.6	276.0	55.2	280.6	216.2	165.6	13.8	280.6	87.4	110.4	133.4	156.4	156.4	266.8	179.4
Dickens41 BR	Dickens	1224.5	1500.1	1248.1	1157.6	1071.0	893.8	311.0	192.9	645.7	259.9	189.0	330.7	303.2	149.6	31.5	370.1	70.9	196.9	275.6	122.1	177.2	185.1	78.7
Dickens42 AN	Dickens	706.6	726.2	814.5	549.6	628.1	677.1	245.3	147.2	235.5	235.5	58.9	402.4	147.2	117.8	49.1	245.3	206.1	39.3	147.2	108.0	245.3	235.5	88.3
Dickens43 MC	Dickens	891.5	1236.2	1200.5	948.0	817.2	674.6	104.0	208.0	573.5	133.7	121.8	291.2	175.3	139.7	14.9	365.5	101.0	112.9	160.5	53.5	68.3	181.3	112.9
Dickens43b CB	Dickens	1211.0	1638.4	1528.3	1878.0	1282.2	1068.5	129.5	336.7	926.1	401.5	77.7	375.6	395.0	194.3	6.5	349.7	90.7	148.9	213.7	142.5	194.3	220.2	136.0
Dickens46a PFI	Dickens	758.1	744 3	799.4	565.1	427.3	523.8	303.2	317.0	234.3	427.3	248.1	261.9	317.0	55.1	13.8	55.1	110.3	110.3	358.4	96.5	344.6	399.7	68.9
Dickens46h DS	Dickene	1162.0	1618.7	1600.0	1758.0	1352.8	616.5	00.2	263.0	704 7	175.3	03.5	285.7	300.7	151.0	20.2	270.8	52.6	128.6	181.2	163.6	78.0	127.3	112.0
Dickens49 DC	Dickene	1134.0	1/20 0	1303.4	1255 7	088.8	600.6	64.6	248.3	716.4	140.5	75.8	278 1	261.3	126.4	5.6	202.2	59.0	154.5	151.7	120.2	61.6	118.0	123.6
Dickens51 CHF	Dickens	772.3	545.5	1072.6	282.0	220.7	404.5	514.0	122.6	380.0	128.7	306.5	276.1	201.5	36.8	24.5	85.8	12.3	12.3	177.8	73.6	67.4	70.7	125.0
Diekens51_CHE	Diekens	011.9	1220.2	1072.0	1059.6	220.7	602.9	07.6	212.0	500.0	126.7	70.6	267.0	220 0	124.2	14.1	262.0	00.2	140.6	120.2	110.1	76.0	141.2	49.0
Dickens52_BH Dickens54_HT	Diekens	911.0	1441 7	1226.0	1400.1	1074.0	706.2	125.5	220.0	527.9	106.4	20.0	425.7	222.6	145.1	20.0	210.2	20.0	149.0	261.2	125.5	116.1	202.2	164.6
Dickens54_H1	Distance	1040.2	1612.2	1313.9	0(0.4	10/4.0	540.0	133.5	329.0	507.0	100.4	50.7	423.7	174.4	14.0.1	29.0	412.0	29.0	120.0	201.2	01.0	02.0	104.1	164.5
Dickens55_LD	Dickens	1040.3	(22.4	764.4	969.4	1019.7	240.9	94.0	274.9	397.0	108.5	120.1	209.0	1/4.4	144.8	0.0	415.8	150.7	130.0	141.9	91.0	82.8	124.1	120.0
Dickens56_KP	Dickens	191.2	033.4	/04.4	546.0	409.0	349.5	207.5	275.0	218.4	229.5	120.1	324.2	285.9	120.1	142.0	109.2	45.7	54.0	131.0	05.5	142.0	430.8	131.0
Dickens59_11C	Dickens	991.5	1814.0	1292.6	13/3.4	1211.8	822.6	154.2	462.7	545.5	323.1	257.1	249.7	359.9	154.2	0.0	4//.4	242.4	183.6	1/6.3	95.5	396.6	/5.4	117.5
Dickensb0a_U1	Dickens	993.7	8/4.8	951.7	/2/.8	545.9	461.9	188.9	307.9	328.9	300.9	42.0	349.9	293.9	140.0	35.0	2/2.9	35.0	112.0	154.0	63.0	1/5.0	286.9	161.0
Dickens60b_GE	Dickens	1320.6	1455.9	1266.4	893.0	974.2	990.4	92.0	443.8	492.5	184.0	151.5	259.8	238.1	249.0	32.5	362.6	167.8	292.3	113.7	129.9	97.4	189.4	146.1
Dickens64_OMF	Dickens	1168.2	1416.5	1346.0	1162.0	1346.0	745.0	141.0	334.2	407.8	165.6	82.8	285.1	269.8	168.6	15.3	518.2	82.8	144.1	242.2	162.5	92.0	196.2	180.9
Dickens70_MED	Dickens	1190.3	1456.0	1041.5	1232.8	945.8	797.1	127.5	286.9	340.1	191.3	170.0	255.1	223.2	138.2	21.3	425.1	63.8	201.9	180.7	106.3	127.5	148.8	95.6
18_Defoe_Captain_Singleton	18thC	793.9	478.2	460.1	72.2	117.3	622.5	153.4	63.2	189.5	126.3	171.4	27.1	315.8	153.4	63.2	99.2	9.0	18.0	198.5	45.1	27.1	54.1	0.0
18_Defoe_Jnl_of_Prague_Year	18thC	551.5	683.4	359.7	131.9	119.9	275.8	383.7	36.0	179.8	119.9	203.8	48.0	155.9	59.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	71.9	48.0	71.9	12.0	12.0
18_Defoe_Military_Memoirs_of_Capt_George_Carleton	18thC	521.0	384.6	496.2	210.9	285.3	483.8	657.5	37.2	186.1	74.4	111.6	235.7	272.9	148.9	12.4	148.9	12.4	37.2	459.0	12.4	49.6	86.8	24.8
18_Defoe_Moll_Flanders	18thC	785.7	712.3	330.4	168.9	124.8	536.0	132.2	0.0	374.5	29.4	110.1	29.4	176.2	102.8	7.3	51.4	29.4	7.3	88.1	22.0	7.3	7.3	0.0
18_Defoe_Robinson_Crusoe	18thC	792.0	598.3	563.9	176.5	202.3	675.8	249.7	43.0	254.0	284.1	172.2	30.1	383.1	167.9	103.3	86.1	30.1	51.7	331.4	21.5	17.2	47.3	30.1
18_Fielding_A_Journey_from_This_to_Next_World	18thC	800.8	311.4	333.7	178.0	444.9	178.0	422.7	0.0	333.7	0.0	89.0	89.0	66.7	111.2	22.2	89.0	22.2	44.5	66.7	44.5	89.0	44.5	44.5
18_Fielding_Amelia	18thC	231.0	367.7	278.1	273.4	561.0	235.7	127.3	14.1	570.4	56.6	122.6	47.1	235.7	89.6	4.7	47.1	14.1	9.4	51.9	47.1	0.0	23.6	51.9
18_Fielding_Jonathan_Wild	18thC	171.4	242.9	585.8	71.4	700.1	700.1	171.4	57.1	314.3	85.7	185.7	171.4	228.6	85.7	42.9	57.1	42.9	14.3	42.9	71.4	28.6	28.6	28.6
18_Fielding_Joseph_Andrews	18thC	327.1	606.3	486.6	374.9	741.9	359.0	135.6	119.7	534.5	71.8	183.5	23.9	247.3	103.7	71.8	111.7	71.8	0.0	199.4	63.8	39.9	111.7	87.8
18_Fielding_Tom_Jones	18thC	256.9	421.4	430.1	329.0	505.1	294.4	138.5	43.3	663.8	69.3	239.6	95.2	184.7	129.9	28.9	103.9	31.7	14.4	80.8	46.2	37.5	57.7	60.6
18_Goldsmith_The_Vicar_of_Wakefield	18thC	476.0	460.1	222.1	412.5	126.9	174.5	158.7	190.4	920.3	63.5	79.3	222.1	301.5	0.0	47.6	190.4	31.7	15.9	126.9	63.5	111.1	15.9	0.0
18_Richardson_Clarissa	18thC	344.8	711.9	445.6	321.5	433.9	428.6	604.7	28.6	1354.8	115.6	59.4	304.5	118.8	108.2	14.9	53.0	65.8	21.2	90.2	61.5	39.3	6.4	20.2
18_Richardson_Pamela	18thC	334.7	847.0	334.7	330.1	350.6	398.4	582.9	15.9	1179.4	104.7	25.0	186.7	198.1	102.5	11.4	72.9	38.7	29.6	104.7	72.9	9.1	6.8	9.1
18 Smollet PP	18thC	236.8	622.8	383.0	266.1	470.8	271.9	298.2	90.6	760.2	87.7	157.9	225.1	204.7	233.9	32.2	84.8	40.9	61.4	157.9	46.8	38.0	32.2	99.4
18_Smollett_FCF	18thC	203.0	539.2	323.5	228.4	672.4	234.7	279.1	82.5	1205.3	101.5	222.0	323.5	310.8	76.1	38.1	44.4	0.0	19.0	120.5	50.7	38.1	12.7	88.8
18_Smollett_HC	18thC	301.7	583.3	643.7	207.8	449.2	301.7	295.0	160.9	657.1	100.6	234.7	207.8	181.0	140.8	127.4	67.0	33.5	26.8	174.3	80.5	93.9	67.0	254.8
18 Smollett LG	18thC	347.1	940.4	716.5	403.0	974.0	436.6	335.9	167.9	951.6	123.1	257.5	223.9	358.3	201.5	22.4	134.3	67.2	33.6	179.1	156.7	33.6	44.8	167.9
18 Smollett RR	18thC	402.0	882.3	584.8	360.2	537.8	370.7	673.5	125.3	532.5	120.1	323.7	135.7	229.7	224.5	141.0	88.8	57.4	78.3	146.2	114.9	41.8	57.4	156.6
18 Smollett TFI	18thC	90.9	396.4	553.4	190.0	223.0	123.9	396.4	214.7	90.9	396.4	173.4	214.7	99.1	115.6	115.6	57.8	41.3	16.5	272.6	49.6	90.9	132.1	24.8
18 Sterne A Sentimental Journey	18thC	1127.8	1986.0	686.5	637.5	588.4	613.0	343.3	98.1	1422.1	98.1	245.2	294.2	122.6	98.1	0.0	318.7	73.6	24.5	294.2	122.6	122.6	98.1	49.0
18 Sterne Tristram Shandy	18thC	724.0	1464.2	1163.8	348.6	364.7	466.6	579.2	134.1	863.5	144.8	257.4	321.8	134.1	166.3	32.2	177.0	134.1	53.6	268.2	48.3	48.3	107.3	595.3
18 Swift A Tale of a Tub	18thC	158.2	429.4	610.2	90.4	452.0	406.8	565.0	45.2	271.2	113.0	22.6	45.2	113.0	135.6	90.4	0.0	45.2	293.8	67.8	0.0	22.6	22.6	271.2
18 Swift Gulliver's Travels	18thC	482.1	636.3	626.7	424.2	433.9	539.9	617.0	173.5	96.4	1166.6	115.7	48.2	125.3	212.1	86.8	96.4	48.2	19.3	318.2	144.6	67.5	144.6	125.3
18 Swift The Journal to Stella	18thC	429.0	397.6	612.1	125.6	230.2	313.9	109.9	15.7	172.6	20.9	57.5	47.1	52.3	68.0	5.2	0.0	15.7	83.7	83.7	36.6	26.2	31.4	20.9
19 A.Bronte Agnes Grey	19thC	615.6	557.0	381.1	527.7	615.6	351.8	219.9	234.5	879.5	293.2	29.3	117.3	73.3	73 3	14.7	102.6	87.9	14.7	44.0	0.0	73.3	29.3	44.0
19 Austen Emma	19thC	417.9	330.6	249.5	199.6	318.1	143.5	1203.8	87.3	411.7	6.2	31.2	193.4	12.5	31.2	18.7	99.8	0.0	6.2	49.9	0.0	18.7	0.0	0.0
19 Austen Mansfield Park	19thC	513.1	419.2	294 1	156.4	431.8	162.7	43.8	12.5	738.4	25.0	12.5	143.9	18.8	18.8	12.5	68.8	63	0.0	25.0	18.8	18.8	0.0	0.0
19 Austen Northanger Abbey	19thC	607.5	439.5	413.6	206.8	542.9	129.3	25.9	168.0	943.6	0.0	64.6	400.7	12.9	0.0	25.9	245.6	12.9	12.9	25.9	0.0	12.9	25.9	0.0
19 Austen Persuasion	19thC	828.3	276.1	420.2	264.1	396.1	240.1	96.0	12.0	504.2	24.0	48.0	288.1	96.0	24.0	12.0	132.0	24.0	12.0	84.0	12.0	36.0	12.0	12.0
19 Austen Pride and Prejudice	19thC	336.8	205.3	262.8	204.1	427 1	57.5	16.4	24.6	369.6	24.0	-0.0	123.2	0.0	82	0.0	32.0	24.0	0.0	8 2	0.0	24.6	0.0	8 2
19 Austan Sansa and Sansibility	10thC	224 4	200.0	202.8	221.0	468.4	142.2	435.0	150.6	1062.2	25.1	16.7	158.0	22 5	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	16.7	16.7	22 6	24.0	0.0	0.2
17_Austen_Sense_and_Sensibility	i Jule	554.0	539.1	509.5	209.1	408.4	142.2	455.0	1.50.0	1002.5	23.1	10.7	1.58.9	55.5	23.1	23.1	23.1	23.1	10.7	10.7	55.5	0.4	0.0	0.0

*2 http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/index.php



Fig. 4 Heatmap visualization of 50 topics across 78 texts (with mean weights scaled)



Fig. 5 Topic density distribution across the authors: Topic 9 facial/bodily gestures)