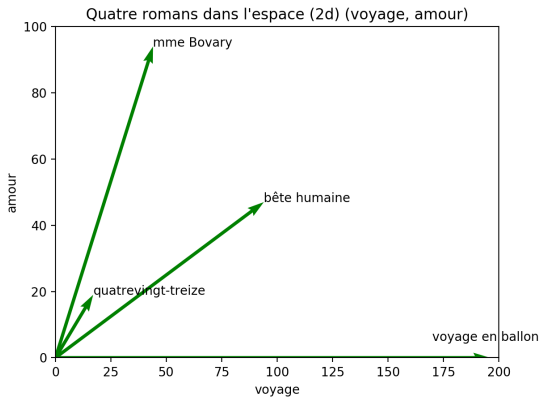- *If A and B have almost identical environments we say that they are synonyms.* (Harris, 1954)
- *You shall know a word by the company it keeps.* (Firth, 1957)
- *The degree of semantic similarity between two linguistic expressions A and B is a function of the similarity of the linguistic contexts in which A and B can appear.* (Lenci, 2008)

	QuatreVT 119 Kw	Voyage Bal 82 kw	Bête Hum. 128 kw	Mme Bovary 117 kw
bataille	35	4	6	2
clair	105	26	96	52
facile	12	19	6	10
politique	11	0	9	5
voyage	17	196	94	44
idiot	2	1	2	6
amour	19	0	47	94

Table – Matrice terme-documents pour quelques mots et 4 romans (Quatrevingt-treize (Hugo) ; Le voyage en ballon (Verne) ; La bête humaine (Zola) ; Mme Bovary (Flaubert)).

	QuatreVT	Voyage Bal	Bête Hum.	Mme Bovary
voyage	17	196	94	44
amour	19	0	47	94

Quatre romans dans l'espace (2d) (voyage, amour)

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