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Digital text is being released onto the internet at an unprecedented rate. To date, there exists very little text meta-analysis of research, specifically doctoral dissertations. This work employs machine learning algorithms to cluster doctoral dissertations to gain insights into what topics experienced fulltime working professionals are engaging in for their doctoral dissertations. Specifically, we examine with machine learning all doctoral dissertations through 2017 that were defended in Pace University's DPS program since it began in the early 2000s.

iv. Declaration

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