Identifying Key Words in the Buddhist Canon

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This presentation discusses approaches to keyword identification in Buddhist texts. Systematic approaches to keyword extraction with natural language processing methods are described as well as visualization techniques to help researchers identify keywords. Examples from the Heart Sūtra are explored followed by extension to the larger body of the Taishō Tripitaka. Potential future areas of application of the tools and methods will also be discussed..

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