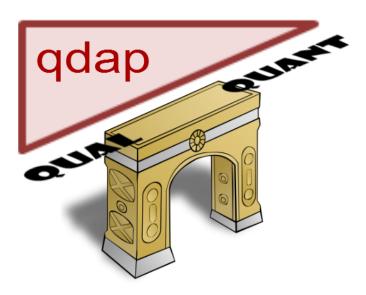
# qdap-tm Package Compatibility

Tyler W. Rinker June 15, 2016



The **qdap** package (Rinker, 2013) is an R package designed to assist in quantitative discourse analysis. The package stands as a bridge between qualitative transcripts of dialogue and statistical analysis and visualization. The **tm** package (Feinerer and Hornik, 2014) is a major R (R Core Team, 2013) package used for a variety of text mining tasks. Many text analysis packages have been built around the **tm** package's infrastructure (see CRAN Task View: Natural Language Processing). As **qdap** aims to act as a bridge to other R text mining analyses it is important that **qdap** provides a means of moving between the various **qdap** and **tm** data types.

This vignette serves as a guide towards navigating between the **qdap** and **tm** packages. Specifically, the two goals of this vignette are to (1) describe the various data formats of the two packages and (2) demonstrate the use of **qdap** functions that enable the user to move seamlessly between the two packages.

## 1 Data Formats

The **qdap** and **tm** packages each have two basic data formats. **qdap** stores raw text data in the form of a data.frame augmented with columns of demographic variables whereas **tm** stores raw text as a Corpus and annotates demographic information with Meta Data attributes. The structures are both lists and are comparable.

The second format both packages use is a matrix structure of word frequency counts. The **qdap** package utilizes the *Word Frequency Matrix* (wfm function) whereas the **tm** package utilizes the *Term Document Matrix* or *Document Term Matrix* (TermDocumentMatrix and DocumentTermMatrix functions). Again the structure is similar between these two data forms. Table 1 lays out the data forms of the two packages.

Package	Raw Text	Word Counts
qdap	Dataframe	Word Frequency Matrix
tm	Corpus	Term Document Matrix/Document Term matrix

Table 1: qdap-tm Data forms

Figure 1 provides a visual overview of the **qdap** functions used to convert between data structures. Many of these conversion could be achieved via the **tm** package as well.



\*Note: as.tdm & as.dtm are short hand for as.TermDocumentMatrix & as.DocumentTermMatrix

Figure 1: Converting Data between qdap and tm

One of the most visible differences between **qdap-tm** data forms is that **qdap** enables the user to readily view the data while the **tm** utilizes a print method that provides a summary of the data. The tm::inspect function enables the user to view **tm** data forms. The **qdap** package provides qdap::qview and qdap::htruncdf functions to view more digestible amounts of the data. Let's have a look at the different data types. We'll start by loading both packages:

```
library(qdap); library(tm)
```

Now let us have a look at the raw text storage of both packages.

### 1.1 Raw Text

### 1.1.1 qdap's Raw Text

```
DATA
qview(DATA)
htruncdf(DATA)
```

```
## > DATA
##
         person sex adult
                                                           state code
## 1
                                   Computer is fun. Not too fun.
           sam
## 2
                         0
                                         No it's not, it's dumb.
           greg
##
## .
## .
                                    What are you talking about?
## 9
           sally
## 10 researcher
                         1
                                   Shall we move on? Good then.
                                                                  K10
## 11
                         O I'm hungry. Let's eat. You already?
            greg
```

```
## > htruncdf(DATA)
##
##
        person sex adult
                           state code
## 1
          sam m
                    O Computer i
                    O No it's no
## 2
         greg m
## .
## .
## .
## 8
                  0 I distrust K8
           sam m
         sally f
                   0 What are y K9
## 10 researcher f 1 Shall we m K10
```

### 1.1.2 tm's Raw Text

```
data("crude")
crude
inspect(crude)
```

```
## > crude
## A corpus with 20 text documents
##
## > crude[[1]]
## Diamond Shamrock Corp said that
## effective today it had cut its contract prices for crude oil by
## 1.50 dlrs a barrel.
## The reduction brings its posted price for West Texas
```

```
## Intermediate to 16.00 dlrs a barrel, the copany said.
## "The price reduction today was made in the light of falling
## .
## .
## .
## .
## Diamond is the latest in a line of U.S. oil companies that
## have cut its contract, or posted, prices over the last two days
## citing weak oil markets.
## Reuter
```

## 1.2 Word/Term Frequency Counts

Now we'll look at how the two packages handle word frequency counts. We'll start by setting up the raw text forms the two packages expect.

```
tm_dat <- qdap_dat <- DATA[1:4, c(1, 4)]
rownames(tm_dat) <- paste("docs", 1:nrow(tm_dat))
tm_dat <- Corpus(DataframeSource(tm_dat[, 2, drop=FALSE]))</pre>
```

Both qdap\_dat and tm\_dat are storing this basic information:

```
## person state
## 1 sam Computer is fun. Not too fun.
## 2 greg No it's not, it's dumb.
## 3 teacher What should we do?
## 4 sam You liar, it stinks!
```

### 1.2.1 qdap's Frequency Counts

```
with(qdap_dat, wfm(state, person))
```

```
greg sam teacher
## computer 0 1
## do
                1
        1 0
## dumb
        0 2
## fun
               0
        0 1 0
## is
## it
        0 1
       2 0
## it's
                0
        0 1
## liar
        1 0
## no
                0
      1 1
## not
                0
## should
        0 0
                1
## stinks 0 1 ## too 0 1
                0
        0 0
## we
                1
## what 0 0
                1
      0 1
## you
                 0
```

## 1.2.2 tm's Frequency Counts

```
## <<TermDocumentMatrix (terms: 16, documents: 4)>>
## Non-/sparse entries: 17/47
## Sparsity : 73%
## Maximal term length: 8
```

```
## Weighting : term frequency (tf)
```

Now we'll Look at the tm output using inspect.

```
##
              Docs
## Terms
               1 2 3 4
##
     computer 1 0 0 0
##
     do
               0 0 1 0
##
     dumb
               0 1 0 0
##
     fun
               2 0 0 0
               1 0 0 0
##
     is
##
     it
               0 0 0 1
##
     its
               0 2 0 0
##
               0 0 0 1
     liar
##
               0 1 0 0
     no
##
     not
               1 1 0 0
               0 0 1 0
##
     should
##
     stinks
               0 0 0 1
##
               1 0 0 0
               0 0 1 0
##
     we
##
     what
               0 0 1 0
               0 0 0 1
##
     you
```

The two matrices are essentially the same, with the exception of column order and names. Notice that by default **tm** removes words with fewer characters (word length) and does not discard punctuation (we made the matrices equal by specifying removePunctuation = TRUE and wordLengths=c(0, Inf) for **tm**'s control argument). **qdap** takes the opposite approach, removing punctuation and utilizing all words, by default. Likewise, the **tm** package stores demographic information as meta data within the Corpus, whereas, **qdap** incorporates the demo-

graphics with the text into a single data.frame structure. These differences arise out of the intended uses, audiences, and philosophies of the package authors. Each has strengths in particular situations. The **qdap** output is an ordinary matrix whereas the **tm** output is a more compact simple\_triplet\_matrix. While the storage is different, both packages can be made to mimic the default of the other.

Also note that the **qdap** summary method for wfm provides the user with information similar to the TermDocumentMatrix/DocumentTermMatrix functions' default print method.

```
summary(with(qdap_dat, wfm(state, person)))
```

```
## <<A word-frequency matrix (16 terms, 3 groups)>>
##
## Non-/sparse entries : 17/31
## Sparsity : 65%
## Maximal term length : 8
## Less than four characters : 56%
## Hapax legomenon : 13(81%)
## Dis legomenon : 3(19%)
## Shannon's diversity index : 2.73
```

Now we'll look at some **qdap** functions that enable the user to move between packages, gaining the flexibility and benefits of both packages.

# 2 Converting Data Forms

We'll again use the following preset data:

```
1. qdap_dat – is a qdap raw text form
```

- 2. tm\_dat is a tm raw text format
- 3. qdap\_wfm is a qdap word frequencies count
- 4. tm\_tdm is a **tm** word frequencies count

The reader is encouraged to view each of the data formats:

```
qdap_dat; qview(qdap_dat)
tm_dat; inspect(tm_dat)
qdap_wfm; summary(qdap_wfm)
tm_tdm; inspect(tm_tdm)
```

## 2.1 Corpus to data.frame

To move from a Corpus to a data.frame the as.data.frame function is used as follows:

```
as.data.frame(tm_dat)
```

```
## docs text
## 1 doc 1 Computer is fun. Not too fun.
## 2 doc 2 No it's not, it's dumb.
## 3 doc 3 What should we do?
## 4 doc 4 You liar, it stinks!
```

## 2.2 data.frame to Corpus

To move from a data.frame to a Corpus the as.Corpus function is used as follows:

```
with(qdap_dat, as.Corpus(state, person))
```

```
## <<VCorpus>>
## Metadata: corpus specific: 0, document level (indexed): 3
## Content: documents: 3
```

\*Note the 3 text documents; one for each grouping variable. To get one for each row use:

```
with(qdap_dat, as.Corpus(state, id(person)))
```

### 2.3 TermDocumentMatrix/DocumentTermMatrix to wfm

To move from a TermDocumentMatrix to a wfm the as.wfm function is used as follows:

```
as.wfm(tm_tdm)
```

```
1 2 3 4
## computer 1 0 0 0
## do
          0 0 1 0
          0 1 0 0
## dumb
          2 0 0 0
## fun
          1 0 0 0
## is
         0 0 0 1
## it
         0 2 0 0
## its
## liar
         0 0 0 1
## no
          0 1 0 0
## not
         1 1 0 0
## should 0 0 1 0
## stinks 0 0 0 1
         1 0 0 0
## too
## we
          0 0 1 0
## what
          0 0 1 0
## you
         0 0 0 1
```

### 2.4 wfm to TermDocumentMatrix/DocumentTermMatrix

To move from a wfm to a TermDocumentMatrix or DocumentTermMatrix the as.tdm and as.dtm functions can be used as follows:

```
as.tdm(qdap_wfm)
as.dtm(qdap_wfm)

## <<TermDocumentMatrix (terms: 16, documents: 3)>>
## Non-/sparse entries: 17/31
## Sparsity : 65%
## Maximal term length: 8
## Weighting : term frequency (tf)

## <<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 3, terms: 16)>>
## Non-/sparse entries: 17/31
## Sparsity : 65%
## Maximal term length: 8
## Weighting : term frequency (tf)
```

## 2.5 Corpus to wfm

One can also move directly from a tm Corpus to a qdap wfm with the as.wfm function.

```
as.wfm(tm_dat)
```

```
doc 1 doc 2 doc 3 doc 4
        1 0 0 0
## computer
## do
        0
            0 1
## dumb
        2 0 0 0
## fun
        1 0 0 0
## is
## it
      0 2 0 0
## it's
        0 0 0 1
## liar
        0 1 0 0
1 1 0 0
## no
## not
## should
        0 0 1 0
## stinks 0 0 0
## too
```

```
## we 0 0 1 0
## what 0 0 1 0
## you 0 0 0 1
```

# 3 Stemming, Stopwords, and Choosing n-Character Words/Terms from a wfm

Many of the **qdap** and **tm** functions have means of stemming, removing stopwords, and bounding, that is filtering rows (greater than, equal to or less than) meeting min/max criteria. **qdap** also offers two external functions to address these issues directly.

### 3.1 stemming

qdap takes the approach that the user stems the dataframe upon creation (using sentSplit(...,
stem = TRUE)) or after (using the stem2df function), maintaining a column of stemmed and unstemmed text for various analyses.

```
sentSplit(qdap_dat, "state", stem = TRUE)
```

```
##
      person tot
                                    state
                                                    stem.text
## 1
         sam 1.1
                        Computer is fun.
                                              Comput is fun.
## 2
         sam 1.2
                            Not too fun.
                                                 Not too fun.
        greg 2.1 No it's not, it's dumb. No it not it dumb.
## 4 teacher 3.1
                      What should we do? What should we do?
## 5
         sam 4.1
                    You liar, it stinks! You liar it stink!
```

## 3.2 Filtering: Stopwords and Bounding

**qdap**'s Filter function allows the user to remove stopwords and bound a Word Frequency Matrix (wfm). First we'll construct a minimal Word Frequency Matrix:

```
qdap_wfm <- with(qdap_dat, wfm(state, person))</pre>
```

```
## greg sam teacher
## computer 0 1
## do
      0 0
                1
## dumb
        1 0
## fun
        0 2
                0
        0 1
## is
                0
        0 1
## it
                0
## it's
        2 0
                0
        0 1
## liar
## no
        1 0
                0
        1 1
## not
                 0
## should 0 0
## stinks 0 1
## too 0 1
                 0
                0
## we
        0 0
                 1
## what
        0 0
                 1
         0
                 0
## you
            1
```

Now we'll move through a series of examples demonstrating the usage of Filter on a wfm object.

```
## greg sam teacher
## computer 0 1 0
## should 0 0 1
## stinks 0 1 0

Filter(qdap_wfm, min = 5, max = 7)

## greg sam teacher
## should 0 0 1
## stinks 0 1 0
```

```
Filter(qdap_wfm, 4, 4)
## greg sam teacher
## dumb 1 0 0
## it's 2 0
## liar 0 1
                0
## what 0 0 1
Filter(qdap_wfm, 4, 4, count.apostrophe = FALSE)
## greg sam teacher
## dumb 1 0 0
## liar 0 1 0
## what 0 0 1
Filter(qdap_wfm, 3, 4)
## greg sam teacher
## dumb 1 0 0
## fun 0 2 0
## it's 2 0 0
## liar 0 1 0
## not 1 1 0
## too 0 1 0
## what 0 0
                1
## you 0 1
                 0
Filter(qdap_wfm, 3, 4, stopwords = Top200Words)
## greg sam teacher
## dumb 1 0 0
## fun 0 2 0
## it's 2 0
                0
## liar 0 1 0
```

# 4 Apply Functions Intended for TermDocumentMatrix to wfm Object

At times it is convenient to apply a function intended for a **tm** TermDocumentMatrix or DocumentTermMatrix directly to a **qdap** wfm object. **qdap**'s apply\_as\_tm function enables these functions to be used directly on a wfm.

## 4.1 A Minimal wfm Object

Let us begin with a slightly larger wfm minimal example:

```
a <- with(DATA, wfm(state, list(sex, adult)))

## <<A word-frequency matrix (41 terms, 4 groups)>>
##

## Non-/sparse entries : 45/119

## Sparsity : 73%

## Maximal term length : 8

## Less than four characters : 49%

## Hapax legomenon : 32(78%)

## Dis legomenon : 7(17%)

## Shannon's diversity index : 3.62
```

#### 4.2 A Small Demonstration

Here we will use the **tm** package's removeSparseTerms to remove sparse terms from a wfm object and return a Word Frequency Matrix object (wfm class).

```
out <- apply_as_tm(a, tm::removeSparseTerms, sparse=0.6)
summary(out)
## <<A word-frequency matrix (3 terms, 4 groups)>>
##
## Non-/sparse entries : 7/5
```

```
## Sparsity : 42%
## Maximal term length : 4
## Less than four characters : 67%
## Hapax legomenon : 0(0%)
## Dis legomenon : 1(33%)
## Shannon's diversity index : 1.06
```

```
class(out)
## [1] "wfm" "true.matrix" "matrix"
```

### 4.3 Further Examples to Try

Here are some further examples to try:

```
apply_as_tm(a, tm::findAssocs, "computer", .8)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::findFreqTerms, 2, 3)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::Zipf_plot)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::Heaps_plot)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::plot.TermDocumentMatrix, corThreshold = 0.4)

library(proxy)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::weightBin)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::weightBin, to.qdap = FALSE)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::weightSMART)
apply_as_tm(a, tm::weightTfIdf)
```

# 5 Apply Functions Intended for qdap Dataframes to tm Corpus

While the tm package (and other packages used on tm objects) tends to conduct analysis by feeding functions a TermDocumentMatrix or DocumentTermMatrix qdap generally feeds functions raw text directly. There are advantages to both approaches (e.g., the matrix is a mathematical structure while raw text maintains word order). Many qdap functions can be used on the Corpus structure via the apply\_as\_df function.

### 5.1 A Small Demonstration

Here we will use the **qdap** package's trans\_cloud function, on our minimal **tm** Corpus, to produce a word cloud with particular words highlighted:

```
matches <- list(
    good = "fun",
    bad = c("dumb", "stinks", "liar")
)

apply_as_df(tm_dat, trans_cloud, grouping.var=NULL,
    target.words=matches, cloud.colors = c("red", "blue", "grey75"))</pre>
```

all



## 5.2 Further Examples to Try

Here are some further examples to try:

```
library(tm)
reut21578 <- system.file("texts", "crude", package = "tm")</pre>
reuters <- Corpus(DirSource(reut21578),</pre>
    readerControl = list(reader = readReut21578XML))
apply_as_df(reuters, word_stats)
apply_as_df(reuters, formality)
apply_as_df(reuters, word_list)
apply_as_df(reuters, polarity)
apply_as_df(reuters, Dissimilarity)
apply_as_df(reuters, diversity)
apply_as_df(tm_dat, pos_by)
apply_as_df(reuters, flesch_kincaid)
apply_as_df(tm_dat, trans_venn)
apply_as_df(reuters, gantt_plot)
apply_as_df(reuters, rank_freq_mplot)
apply_as_df(reuters, character_table)
apply_as_df(reuters, trans_cloud)
matches2 <- list(</pre>
   oil = qcv(oil, crude),
    money = c("economic", "money")
)
(termco_out <- apply_as_df(reuters, termco, match.list = matches2))</pre>
plot(termco_out, values = TRUE, high="red")
(wordcor_out <- apply_as_df(reuters, word_cor, word = unlist(matches2)))</pre>
plot(wordcor_out)
(f_terms <- apply_as_df(reuters, freq_terms, at.least = 3))</pre>
plot(f_terms)
finds <- apply_as_df(reuters, freq_terms, at.least = 5,</pre>
    top = 5, stopwords = Top100Words)
apply_as_df(reuters, dispersion_plot, match.terms = finds[, 1],
```

```
total.color = NULL)
```

### 6 Conclusion

This vignette described the various data formats for the **qdap** and **tm** packages. It also demonstrated some of the basic functionality of the **qdap** functions designed to navigate between the two packages. For more information on the **tm** package (Feinerer *et al.*, 2008) use:

```
browseVignettes(package = "tm")
```

Likewise, the user may view additional information about the qdap package (Rinker, 2013):

```
browseVignettes(package = "qdap")
```

## Acknowledgments

**qdap** relies heavily on the **tm** package. The **tm** package has extended text analysis to the R platform. Thank you to Ingo Feinerer and Kurt Hornik for their work on this and many other R packages.

This document was produced with **knitr** (Xie, 2013). Thank you to Yihui Xie for the **knitr** package and his many other contributions to the R community.

## References

Feinerer I, Hornik K (2014). tm: Text Mining Package. Version 0.5-10, URL http://CRAN. R-project.org/package=tm.

Feinerer I, Hornik K, Meyer D (2008). "Text Mining Infrastructure in R." *Journal of Statistical Software*, **25**(5), 1 – 54. URL http://www.jstatsoft.org/v25/i05/.

R Core Team (2013). R: A Language and Environment for Statistical Computing. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. URL http://www.R-project.org/.

Rinker TW (2013). *qdap: Quantitative Discourse Analysis Package*. University at Buffalo/SUNY, Buffalo, New York. Version 2.1.0, URL http://github.com/trinker/qdap.

Xie Y (2013). knitr: A general-purpose package for dynamic report generation in R. R package version 1.1, URL http://yihui.name/knitr/.