Stop words

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What are stop words and how to find them?

Stop words: words that occur too frequently and not considered informative

• Lists of stop words in most languages

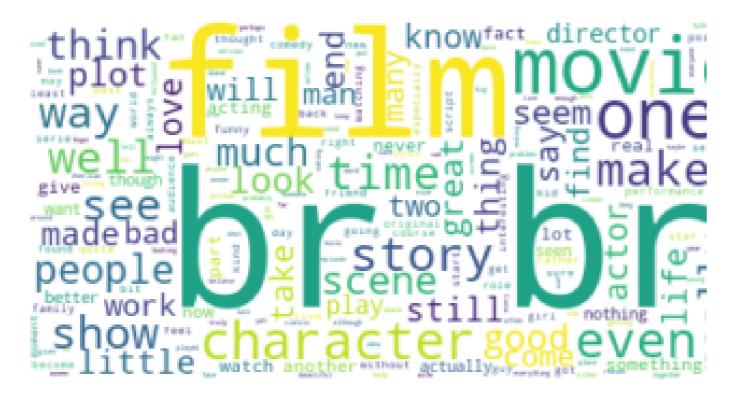
```
{'the', 'a', 'an', 'and', 'but', 'for', 'on', 'in', 'at' ...}
```

Context matters

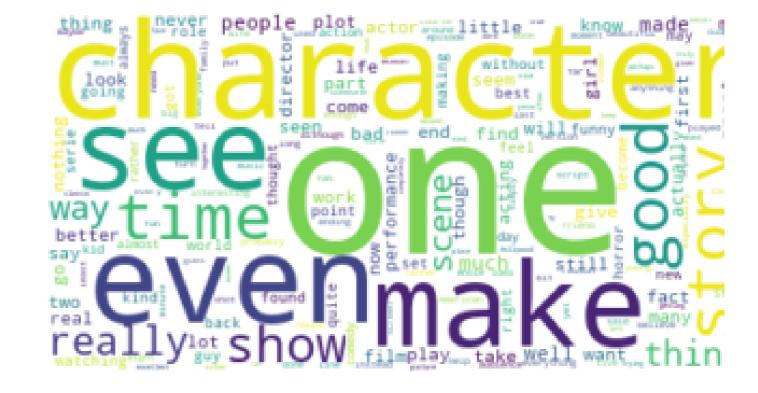
```
{'movie', 'movies', 'film', 'films', 'cinema'}
```

Stop words with word clouds

Word cloud, not removing stop words



Word cloud with stop words removed



Remove stop words from word clouds

```
# Import libraries
from wordcloud import WordCloud, STOPWORDS
# Define the stopwords list
my_stopwords = set(STOPWORDS)
my_stopwords.update(["movie", "movies", "film", "films", "watch", "br"])
# Generate and show the word cloud
my_cloud = WordCloud(background_color='white', stopwords=my_stopwords).generate(name_string)
plt.imshow(my_cloud, interpolation='bilinear')
```

Stop words with BOW

from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer, ENGLISH_STOP_WORDS

```
# Define the set of stop words
my_stop_words = ENGLISH_STOP_WORDS.union(['film', 'movie', 'cinema', 'theatre'])
```

```
vect = CountVectorizer(stop_words=my_stop_words)
vect.fit(movies.review)
X = vect.transform(movies.review)
```



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Capturing a token pattern

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String operators and comparisons

```
# Checks if a string is composed only of letters
my_string.isalpha()
```

```
# Checks if a string is composed only of digits
my_string.isdigit()
```

```
# Checks if a string is composed only of alphanumeric characters
my_string.isalnum()
```



String operators with list comprehension

```
# Original word tokenization
word_tokens = [word_tokenize(review) for review in reviews.review]
# Keeping only tokens composed of letters
cleaned_tokens = [[word for word in item if word.isalpha()] for item in word_tokens]
len(word_tokens[0])
87
len(cleaned_tokens[0])
```



Regular expressions

import re my_string = '#Wonderfulday' # Extract #, followed by any letter, small or capital x = re.search('#[A-Za-z]', my_string) X <re.Match object; span=(0, 2), match='#W'>



Token pattern with a BOW

```
# Default token pattern in CountVectorizer
'\b\w\w+\b'

# Specify a particular token pattern
CountVectorizer(token_pattern=r'\b[^\d\W][^\d\W]+\b')
```

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Stemming and lemmatization

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What is stemming?

Stemming is the process of transforming words to their root forms, even if the stem itself is not a valid word in the language.

```
staying, stays, stayed ----> stay
house, houses, housing ----> hous
```

What is lemmatization?

Lemmatization is quite similar to stemming but unlike stemming, it reduces the words to roots that are valid words in the language.

```
stay, stays, staying, stayed ----> stay
house, houses, housing ----> house
```

Stemming vs. lemmatization

Stemming

- Produces roots of words
- Fast and efficient to compute

Lemmatization

- Produces actual words
- Slower than stemming and can depend on the part-of-speech

Stemming of strings

```
from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer

porter = PorterStemmer()

porter.stem('wonderful')

'wonder'
```



Non-English stemmers

Snowball Stemmer: Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish

```
from nltk.stem.snowball import SnowballStemmer

DutchStemmer = SnowballStemmer("dutch")
DutchStemmer.stem("beginen")
```

'begin'

How to stem a sentence?

```
porter.stem('Today is a wonderful day!')
'today is a wonderful day!'
tokens = word_tokenize('Today is a wonderful day!')
stemmed_tokens = [porter.stem(token) for token in tokens]
stemmed_tokens
```

```
['today', 'is', 'a', 'wonder', 'day', '!']
```



Lemmatization of a string

```
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
WNlemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
WNlemmatizer.lemmatize('wonderful', pos='a')
```

'wonderful'

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Tfldf: More ways to transform text

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What are the components of Tfldf?

- TF: term frequency: How often a given word appears within a document in the corpus
- Inverse document frequency: Log-ratio between the total number of documents and the number of documents that contain a specific word
 - Used to calculate the weight of words that do not occur frequently

TfIDF score of a word

• Tfldf score:

```
TfIdf = term frequency * inverse document frequency
```

- BOW does not account for length of a document, TfIDf does.
- Tfldf likely to capture words common within a document but not across documents.

How is Tfldf useful?

Twitter airline sentiment

- Low Tfldf scores: United, Virgin America
- High Tfldf scores: check-in process (if rare across documents)

More on Tfldf

- Since it penalizes frequent words, less need to deal with stop words explicitly.
- Quite useful in search queries and information retrieval to rank the relevance of returned results.

Tfldf in Python

```
# Import the TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
```

• **Arguments of TfidfVectorizer**: max_features, ngrams_range, stop_words, token_pattern, max_df, min_df

```
vect = TfidfVectorizer(max_features=100).fit(tweets.text)
X = vect.transform(tweets.text)
```

TfidfVectorizer

```
X
<14640x100 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
    with 119182 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
```

```
X_df = pd.DataFrame(X_txt.toarray(), columns=vect.get_feature_names())
X_df.head()
```

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1	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	(44)	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.32904	0.000000
2	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	122	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00000	0.000000
3	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.431149	0.0	0.000000	353	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00000	0.332355
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