Introduction to Text Analysis

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"Usual" Data

- A spreadsheet with continuous and discrete variables (ready for analysis!?), fixed number of columns
  - Real data is messy and almost never ready for analysis
- Data can come from images, audio, video, text and there is no (fixed) number of columns

Common data

Also common data

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Text as Data

- Classify an email message as either a legitimate email or spam
- Learn about the opinion of a politician on the topic of immigration
- The content of the text will certainly contain important information for the task
- Text data is usually represented as concatenation of characters. In any of the examples just given, the length of the text data will vary
- This feature is clearly very different from the numeric features, and we will need to process the data before we can apply algorithms to it

Preprocessing

- Make it useful for our purposes
- Simplify and lower dimensionality

Document - Term

$$X \; = \; \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$X = N \times K$ matrix
- $N =$ Number of documents
- $K =$ Number of features

Preprocessing for Quantitative Text Analysis

Recipe for preprocessing: retain useful information

- Remove capitalization, punctuation
- Discard stop words
- Discard Word Order (Bag of Words Assumption)
- Create Equivalence Class: Stem, Lemmatize, or synonym
- Discard less useful features (depends on application)
- Other reduction, specialization

Output: Count vector, each element counts occurrence of stems

Stop Words

Stop Words: English Language place holding words

- the, it, if, a, able, at, be, because...
- Add "noise" to documents (without conveying much information)
- Discard stop words: focus on substantive words
- **Caution**: Exercise caution when discarding stop words. You may need to customize your stop word list.

Creating an Equivalence Class of Words

Reduce dimensionality further (create equivalence class between words)

- Words used to refer to same basic concept.
  - family, families, familial → famili
- Stemming/Lemmatizing algorithms: Many-to-one mapping from words to stem/lemma

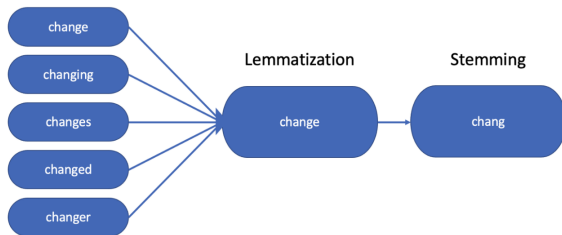# Stemming vs Lemmatization

- Stemming algorithm:
  - Consists of chopping off end of word
  - Porter stemmer, Lancaster stemmer, Snowball stemmer
- Lemmatizing algorithm:
  - Condition on part of speech (noun, verb, etc)
  - Verify result is a word

Stemming vs Lemmatization

- Stemming algorithm:
  - Word representations may not have any meaning
  - Takes less time
  - Use stemming when meaning of words is not important for analysis. Example: Spam detection.
- Lemmatizing algorithm:
  - Word representations have meaning
  - Takes more time than Stemming
  - Use lemmatization when meaning of words is important for analysis. Example: question answering application.

Stemming -vs- Lemmatization

Additional read

Stemming and Lemmatization – Stanford NLP
https://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/html/htmledition/
stemming-and-lemmatization-1.html

Preprocessing reduces dimensionality where it causes problems for inference (stopwords, stemming) and sometimes increases dimensionality when it makes our inferences better (bigram, ngrams)

A Complete Example

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- **Remove Stopwords**: Removing terms that do not convey important information

A Complete Example

[Polit*ical*], [power], [grow*s*], [out], [barrel *of a* gun] - Mao

- **Stemming**: Takes the ends of conjugated verbs or plural nouns, leaving just the stem.

A Complete Example

Finally, we can turn tokens and documents into a "document-term matrix."

- Imagine we have a second document in addition to the Mao quote, which tokenizes as follows

Document 1: [polit], [power], [grow], [out], [barrel gun]
Document 2: [compar], [polit], [chicago], [polit]

Transpose Document-Term-Matrix

$$
\begin{pmatrix}
 & Doc1 & Doc2 \\
power & 1 & 0 \\
grow & 1 & 0 \\
out & 1 & 0 \\
barrel\ of\ a\ gun & 1 & 0 \\
compar & 0 & 1 \\
polit & 1 & 2 \\
chicago & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}
$$

All steps together

1. Remove capitalization and punctuation
2. Discard word order (Bag of Words)
3. Remove stop words
4. Applying Stemming Algorithm
5. Create count vector

Vectorization a simple example

You have 2 documents:

1. Blue House
2. Red House

Our corpus will consist of all the words in the documents namely: Red, Blue, House. The vector representation in the "Bag of Words" approach:

- "Blue House" -> (red, blue, house) -> (0, 1, 1)
- "Red House" -> (red, blue, house) -> (1, 0, 1)

Once we have vector representation, we can do analysis. Algorithms can handle numbers (vectors).

Cosine Similarity

Cosine similarity is a measure of similarity between two non-zero vectors of an inner product space. The cosine similarity is particularly used in positive space, text data, where the outcome is neatly bounded in $[0, 1]$.

$$sim(A, B) = cos(\Theta) = \frac{A \cdot B}{\|A\|\|B\|}$$
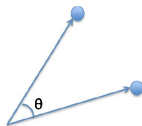
Term Frequency and Inverse Document Frequency

- Improve on Bag of Words by adjusting word counts based on their frequency in corpus (the group of all the documents)
- Use Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)

TF-IDF

TF-IDF term x in document y

$$TF_{x,y} \times log(\frac{N}{DF_x})$$

- $TF_{x,y}$ = frequency of x in y
- DF_x = number of documents containing x
- N total number of documents

TF-IDF

TF Term- Frequency is the raw frequency of a word
    normalized by the number of words in the document

IDF Inverse Document Frequency is the number of documents
     normalized by the number of documents that contain the
     term. For terms that are present in every document, this
     will lead to an IDF value of zero (that is, log(1)). For this
     reason, one of the possible normalizations for IDF is
     $1 + \log(N/DF_x)$.

TF-IDF

The intuition behind TF-IDF is that words which are too frequent or too rare are not representative
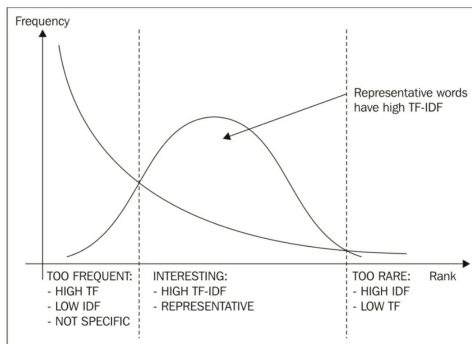
How can this work?

- Speech may contain sarcasm:
  - ▶ The Star Wars prequels were amazing because everyone loves a good discussion about trade policy
- Subtle Negation
  - ▶ They have not succeeded, and will never succeed, in breaking the will of this valiant people
- Order Dependence
  - ▶ Peace, no more war
  - ▶ War, no more peace

How Could This Possibly Work?

1. It might not: Validation is critical (task specific)
2. Central Tendency in Text: Words often imply what a text is about war, civil, union or tone consecrate, dead, died, lives. Likely to be used repeatedly: create a theme for an article
3. Human supervision: Inject human judgement (coders): helps methods identify subtle relationships between words and outcomes of interest

It is easier to capture some things than others