Processing Twitter text

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Text in Twitter JSON

```
tweet_json = open('tweet-example.json', 'r').read()
tweet = json.loads(tweet_json)
tweet['text']
```



More than 140 characters

```
tweet['extended_tweet']['full_text']
```



Retweets and quoted tweets

tweet['quoted_status']['extended_tweet']['full_text']



Textual user information

```
tweet['user']['description']
tweet['user']['location']
```



Flattening Twitter JSON

```
extended_tweet['extended_tweet-full_text'] =
    extended_tweet['extended_tweet']['full_text']
```



Flattening Twitter JSON

```
tweet_list = []
with open('all_tweets.json', 'r') as fh:
   tweets_json = fh.read().split("\n")
    for tweet in tweets_json:
        tweet_obj = json.loads(tweet)
        if 'extended_tweet' in tweet_obj:
            tweet_obj['extended_tweet-full_text'] =
                tweet_obj['extended_tweet']['full_text']
   tweet_list.append(tweet)
tweets = pd.DataFrame(tweet_list)
```

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Counting words

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Why count words?

- Basic step for automation of text analysis
- Can tell us how many times a relevant keyword is mentioned in documents in comparison to others
- In exercises: #rstats vs #python

Counting with str.contains

- str.contains
 - pandas Series string method
 - Returns boolean Series
 - case = False Case insensitive search

Companies dataset

```
import pandas as pd

tweets = pd.DataFrame(flatten_tweets(companies_json))

apple = tweets['text'].str.contains('apple', case = False)

print(np.sum(apple) / tweets.shape[0])
```

0.112



Counting in multiple text fields

0.1286666666666668

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Time series

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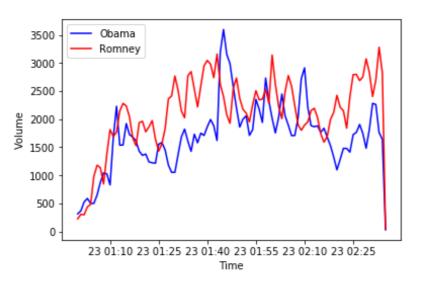
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Time series data

		sum	person
date			
2012-10-23	01:00:00	314	Obama
2012-10-23	01:01:00	369	Obama
2012-10-23	01:02:00	527	Obama
2012-10-23	01:03:00	589	Obama
2012-10-23	01:04:00	501	Obama
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```
print(tweets['created_at'])
        Sat Jan 27 18:36:21 +0000 2018
        Sat Jan 27 18:24:02 +0000 2018
        Sat Jan 27 18:09:14 +0000 2018
tweets['created_at'] = pd.to_datetime(tweets['created_at'])
print(tweets['created_at'])
       2018-01-27 18:36:21
0
       2018-01-27 18:24:02
       2018-01-27 18:09:14
tweets = tweets.set_index('created_at')
```



Keywords as time series metrics

```
tweets['google'] = check_word_in_tweet('google', tweets)
print(tweets['google'])
```

```
print(np.sum(tweets['google']))
```

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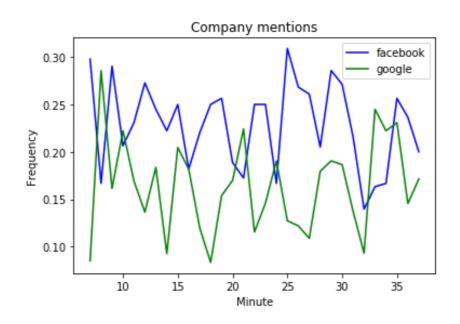
Generating keyword means

```
mean_google = tweets['google'].resample('1 min').mean()
print(mean_google)
```



Plotting keyword means

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(
    means_facebook.index.minute,
   means_facebook, color = 'blue'
plt.plot(
    means_google.index.minute,
   means_google, color = 'green'
plt.xlabel('Minute')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Company mentions')
plt.legend(('facebook', 'google'))
plt.show()
```





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Sentiment analysis

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Understanding sentiment analysis

- Method
 - Counting positive/negative words in the document
 - Assessing positivity/negativity of the whole document
- Uses
 - Analyzing reactions to a company, product, politician, or policy

Sentiment analysis tools

- VADER SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()
 - Part of Natural Language Toolkit (nltk)
 - Good for short texts like tweets
 - Measures sentiment of particular words (e.g. angry, happy)
 - Also considers sentiment of emoji (②) and capitalization (Nice vs NICE)

Implementing sentiment analysis

```
from nltk.sentiment.vader import SentimentIntensityAnalyzer
sid = SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()
sentiment_scores = tweets['text'].apply(sid.polarity_scores)
```



Interpreting sentiment scores

- Reading tweets as part of the process
 - Does it have face validity? (i.e. does this match my idea of what it means to be positive or negative?)

Interpreting sentiment scores

```
tweet1 = 'RT @jeffrey_heer: Thanks for inviting me, and thanks
for the lovely visualization of the talk! ...'
print(sid.polarity_scores(tweet1))
{'neg': 0.0, 'neu': 0.496, 'pos': 0.504, 'compound': 0.9041}
tweet2 = 'i am having problems with google play music'
print(sid.polarity_scores(tweet2)
{'neg': 0.267, 'neu': 0.495, 'pos': 0.238, 'compound': -0.0772}
```

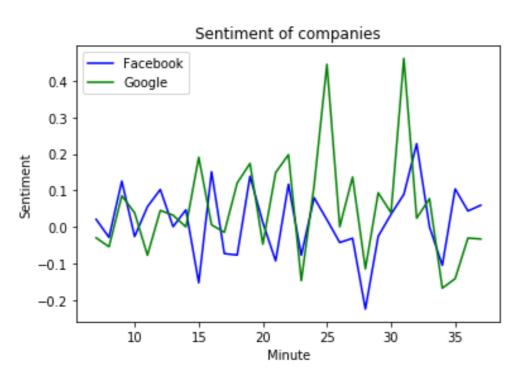


Generating sentiment averages



Plotting sentiment scores

```
plt.plot(
    sentiment_fb.index.minute,
    sentiment_fb, color = 'blue'
plt.plot(
    sentiment_g.index.minute,
    sentiment_gg, color = 'green'
plt.xlabel('Minute')
plt.ylabel('Sentiment')
plt.title('Sentiment of companies')
plt.legend(('Facebook', 'Google'))
plt.show()
```





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