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Exercise sheet 4

Text as Data

Hand-in (voluntarily): 11/17/2023 until 11:59 p.m. via Moodle
Please submit a `.py`, `.ipynb`, `.R` or `.rmd` file!

Task 1

In Moodle you will find the file `Potter.zip`. Unpack it. It contains 7 txt-files, each containing the text one of the "Harry Potter"-books. Load those txt-files into the console of your programming language.

Task 2

To compare the books, we must know, which book it is we are looking at. Each file contains one particular line for every page in the book:

Page | `page_number book_name` - J.K. Rowling

Use regular expressions to automatically detect the name of the book from the texts.

Task 3

The texts in the the txt-files are not "clean" yet. To analyze them properly, we need to do additional preprocessing steps.

- Remove the page indicator from the texts. That is, remove all lines that have the form mentioned in task 2
- Trim the start of the document until the first chapter starts.
- Remove the headers of all chapters. These are written in CAPS (all letters are capitalized). Detect this using regular expressions.
- Replace all line breaks ("\n") with a whitespace (" ").

The result should be a list of 7 large stings, one for each book.

Task 4

Apply elementary preprocessing steps. The result should be a list of lists. Each inner list represents a book as a list of words.

Task 5

Calculate the tfidf for your corpus. Return the words with the highest tfidf for each of the 7 books. Does the result give you an idea of what the books are about? If not, why?

Recommended packages & functions

R: `tidytext::bind_tf_idf()`
Python: `sklearn.feature_extraction.text.TfidfVectorizer`