easytm: An easy way to text mining in R.

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Abstract

The easytm script for R simplifies text mining by automating repetitive tasks like managing paths, creating data frame subsets, and setting up directories, tasks that are time-consuming and often frustrating when using traditional functions. The script can be implemented with the command source(easytm.R) in the R console, the script was demonstrated using two types of inputs: text processed in the R console and from files. For illustration, 539 abstracts from Scopus were processed with the search query "marketing is fake", data retrieved on June 30, 2024. The processed data underwent multiple regression analysis, revealing that for the consumer response, the variable fake had a significant positive effect, while news did not. For the satisfaction response, neither fake nor news had a significant effect. These findings indicate that while fake is significantly associated with the consumer response, it does not significantly impact satisfaction, and overall, the predictors explain only a small portion of variability in the responses.

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1 Background

R is a versatile and powerful tool for text mining, offering a range of packages that enable users to process, analyze, and visualize textual data. Some of the most prominent R packages for text mining include tm, quanteda, tidytext, and text2vec.

The tm (Text Mining) package provides a comprehensive framework for text mining applications within R.[18][19] It facilitates text preprocessing tasks such as stemming, tokenization, and the creation of document-term matrices, which are essential for further text analysis. The 'tm' package's structure allows for easy manipulation and transformation of text data, making it a popular choice for researchers and analysts.

Quanteda (Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data) is another robust package designed for the management and quantitative analysis of textual data.[20] It offers a user-friendly interface and supports complex text analysis tasks such as keyword extraction, document similarity measures, and the creation of feature matrices. Quanteda is particularly well-suited for large-scale text analysis due to its efficient handling of large text corpora and its integration with other R packages.

Tidytext brings the principles of tidy data to text mining, allowing for seamless integration with the dplyr and ggplot2 packages.[21] It enables users to perform text mining tasks using tidy data principles, making the text analysis process more intuitive and easier to manage. Tidytext excels in sentiment analysis, word frequency analysis, and topic modeling, making it an excellent choice for exploratory text data analysis.

Finally, text2vec is a package designed for scalable text mining, offering tools for creating word embeddings, text classification, and topic modeling.[22] It focuses on performance and scalability, allowing users to process and analyze large text datasets efficiently. text2vec integrates well with machine learning algorithms, making it a suitable choice for advanced text mining applications. Together, these R

packages provide a robust toolkit for text mining, catering to a wide range of analysis needs from basic preprocessing to advanced machine learning applications.

1.1 easytm

R offers many ways to text mining and packages like tm makes it pretty easy. The tm package has functions for mining data from a given input corpus. However, there are a few trivial tasks such as managing paths, creating subsets of data frames which are repetitive, routine and tiring. For instance, we may have to create a couple of directories one for scripts, the other for outputs so on and so forth. Such jobs consumes lot of time and often leaves the day with frustration.

The script easytm helps the users performing trivial tasks rather painlessly. No need to use readlines() for paths, grep(), for subsetting data sets, and file.path() for making file paths etc. The script is easy for implementation, just execute source(easytm.R) in R console to use it for data mining and analysis. ² It's free, however, no guarantee or warranties are applied for any damages or losses of what-so-ever, users discretion is advised and required.

1.2 Natural Language Processing (NLP)

In Natural Language Processing (NLP), word vectors are data-driven representations of words crucial for various tasks. Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) vectors are used to represent documents based on word frequencies.[1] [2]Document-Term Matrix (DTM) is a matrix where rows represent documents, columns represent terms, and cells contain the frequency of each term in each document. [3] TF-IDF is a common technique for text analytics, creating a sparse matrix of term frequencies.[4] In contrast, word vectors

²I have no plans to make a package in near by future because its still evolving but the source code is available at https://github.com/Kamakshaiah/easytm.

are dense representations of words, often derived from linguistic resources like WordNet, enhancing interpretability and performance in NLP tasks. [5] These vectors capture semantic relationships and are essential for tasks like document genre classification and disaster tweet classification. [6]

Term vectors can be treated as observed variables for statistical analysis. When textual data is converted into term vectors, these vectors represent numerical representations of the text, which can be analyzed using various statistical methods. [14] [15] Term vectors can be treated as study variables, especially in the context of analyzing the joint dynamics of bond yields and macroeconomic variables. [7] By redefining predictor variables as vectors instead of scalars, it becomes possible to handle variables that are not logically or physically separable, ensuring mathematical independence and statistical uncorrelation.[8] This approach allows for a more comprehensive analysis of the relationships between different factors, such as inflation, economic growth, and bond prices, leading to improved forecasting performance and a better understanding of the dynamics of the yield curve. [9] Additionally, vector autoregression models can provide valuable insights into the interactions between variables, offering a more complete treatment of policy endogeneity compared to other modeling strategies 10. Therefore, leveraging term vectors as study variables can enhance the accuracy and depth of economic and financial analyses.

Statistical analysis can be conducted on Document-Term Matrices (DTMs) using techniques like Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) and Correspondence Analysis (CA).[11] LSA employs singular value decomposition to reduce dimensionality and extract important relationships between terms and documents.[12] Additionally, incorporating semantic similarities from resources like WordNet can enhance the analysis, as shown in a study on similarity-reduced correspondence analysis.[13]

2 R practice

This section demonstrates data mining and analysis through three different sub-sections viz., a trivial example, a moderate example, and non-trivial example. The first, explains processing text in paragraphs assuming each paragraph as a document. Second, explains how to process data from files, where the text is arranged in different rows, assuming text in each row represents a document. Third, explains how to process large amount of data which is obtained from online sources and as abstracts from certain research documents. As it is mentioned earlier, you need to execute source(easytm.R) in the R console to get all the functions of the script in to the cache.

2.1 A trivial example

Switching locations is easy using convertPath(). This function just replaces a couple of R base functions i.e., readline() and gsub().

```
> getwd()
[1] "C:/Users/kamak/OneDrive/Documents"
> path <- convertPath()
D:\demo
> setwd(path)
> getwd()
[1] "D:/demo"
```

Let's make text collection. I use two rows i.e., row1 and row2 and let's imagine that these two rows handles text from two independent documents.

row1 <- 'Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia, created
and edited by volunteers around the world and
hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation.'
row2 <- 'Wikimedia is a global movement whose mission is
to bring free educational content to the world.'</pre>

R is known for a special function data.frame(), this saves quite a bit of time while performing analysis on data sets. All the base data structures such as vectors, factors, etc. need to be converted to data frame to make the job easy. Let's make the above two rows i.e., row1, row2 into a data frame.

```
> df_ <- as.data.frame(rbind(row1, row2))</pre>
```

Now lets check properties of this data frame.

```
> is.data.frame(df_)
[1] TRUE
> dim(df_)
[1] 2 1
[1] "V1"
```

The data frame is 2×1 data matrix and the column name is "V1", that's the default name R assigns to columns when no input is provided. Let's convert the text into a Document Term Matrix (DTM). That can be done using cleanCorpusAndMakeDF() function in easytm.

```
> absdf <- cleanCorpusAndMakeDF(df_)
> names(absdf)
                                     "content"
 [1] "around"
                     "bring"
                                                      "created"
                                                                      "edited"
 [6] "educational" "encyclopedia" "foundation"
                                                     "free"
                                                                      "global"
[11] "hosted" [16] "whose"
                     "mission"
                                     "movement"
                                                      "online"
                                                                      "volunteers"
                     "wikimedia"
                                     "wikipedia"
                                                      "world"
```

The output from the statement names(absdf) is the list of column names of the DTM (i.e., absdf). This can be verified using typeof(), class() function. These are R base functions.

```
> class(absdf)
[1] "data.frame"
> typeof(absdf)
[1] "list"
```

Performing analysis on this data frame becomes easy now. For instance, a simple summary for the column "online", assuming it as a variable, can be done as below.

```
> n <- searchWordVec('online', absdf)</pre>
  online
1
       1
2
       0
> summary(absdf[n])
     online
 Min.
        :0.00
 1st Qu.:0.25
 Median:0.50
Mean
        :0.50
 3rd Qu.:0.75
        :1.00
Max.
```

The function searchWordVec() makes the task easy while searching for word vectors.

2.2 A Moderate example

We don't deal with data in console but collect data in files such as spreadsheets. This section demonstrates the procedure as how data can be obtained such as the one from Comma Separated Value (.csv) file. For this, I scraped certain Google search data for a query "how to scrape Google search titles in R" using rvest package and the titles were saved in *qtitles.csv*. ³⁴

```
> filepath <- convertPath()
D:\Work\R Scripts\textmining\easytm</pre>
```

 $^{^3{\}rm You}$ can find the data file in the article companion Github portal. https://github.com/Kamakshaiah/easytm

 $^{^4{\}rm Visit\ https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/rvest/index.html}$ for more information on web scrapping using rvest package.

```
> filepath
[1] "D:/Work/R Scripts/textmining/easytm"
> setwd(filepath)
> titles <- importDataFile(filepath = 'gtitles.csv')</pre>
[1] "Doc"
> titles
                                                      Doc
1
   Web Scraping in R: The Complete Guide 2024 - ZenRows
2
                 Scraping Google Search Results Using R
3
                       Web Scraping Google Result with R
4
                                        google-scraper.R
5
             Web Scraping With R: Step-by-Step Tutorial
6
                        Web Scraping Google Scholar in R
7
             Google News Scraping in R - Pieter E. Stek
8
            How to Scrape Google Search Results in 2024
9
                                       Web scraping in R
                        Scrapping Google Scholar Using R
10
```

The function importDataFile() is useful to get data into R.

```
> ttlsdf <- cleanCorpusAndMakeDF(titles["Doc"])
> head(ttlsdf)
  complete google googlescraperr guide news pieter result results scholar scrape
                                                                                              000000
23456
                                     0
                                            0000
                                                  0
                                                                                     000
          000
  scraping scrapping search stek stepstep
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No need to use whole bunch of functions of tm package for mining. The function cleanCorpusAndMakeDF() replaces half dozen functions of tm package. The function searchPattern() can be used for finding patterns in the data frame. For instance, the pattern, "scrape" can be found in the DTM as shown below. ⁵

 $^{^5\}mathrm{Columns}$ in DTM are called Term Frequency Vectors (TFV) and they are con-

```
> n_ <- searchPattern('scrape', ttlsdf)
[1] "googlescraperr"
[1] "scrape"</pre>
> names(ttlsdf[n_])
[1] "googlescraperr" "scrape"
> summary(ttlsdf[n_])
 googlescraperr
                        scrape
 Min. :0.0
1st Qu.:0.0
                    Min. :0.0
1st Qu.:0.0
 Median :0.0
Mean :0.1
                     Median:0.0
                     Mean_
 3rd Qu.:0.0
                     3rd Qu.:0.0
 Max.
        :1.0
                     Max.
```

There are two variables (TFVs), namely "googlescraperr", "scrape", which match the pattern "scrape" in the text corpus. Summaries shows that the maximum occurrence of the factor is one and there are a few tiles where the presence is zero (Min. 0).

2.3 Non trivial example

This section demonstrates as how data files with significant size can be processed using easytm. There are couple of worthy functions for obtaining the file, and transform raw text into other formats which are amenable for analysis. A file consisting of a few abstracts retrieved from a known database such as Scopus and turning such abstract or abstracts into a data variables or matrices worthy for investigation. An abstract is retrieved using a search string "marketing is fake". Google scholar has retrieved 4,64,000 results in 0.07 seconds. Let us see, how many times words "marketing" and "fake" were repeated in the very first abstract.⁶ [16]

firstab <- 'There is growing concern amongst policy makers, managers and academic researchers over the role that social media plays in spreading misinformation, widely described as 'Fake News'.

However, research to date has mainly focussed on the implications of fake news for political communication and debate. There has been less focus on the implications of social media misinformation upon marketing and consumers. Given the key role of social media as a communication platform, there is a gap in our understanding

sidered as variables for investigation and analysis. Usually variables are obtained using a pattern. A pattern is something close to the concept called "factor" ⁶The task was performed on 30th June, 2024

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of fake news through a consumer lens. We address this gap by
            conducting an interdisciplinary systematic review of the relevant
            literature. Through critical evaluation and synthesis of the
            literature, we identify five themes that explain the fake news
            phenomenon: the dissemination process, spreading channel features,
            outcomes, fabricated legitimacy and attitudes. Finally,
            we propose a theoretical framework that highlights themes'
            relationships and research propositions to guide future research
            in this area.'
> apf <- convertAbstractToDataSet(firstab)
> n1 <- searchWordVec('market', abf)
        Var1 Freq
59 marketing
> n2 <- searchWordVec('fake', abf)
   Var1 Freq
29 fake
29 fake 3 > abf[c(n1, n2), ]
        Var1 Freq
59 marketing
       fake
```

The output for convertAbstractToDataSet() is a data frame. The first column (Var1) is a vector of words (Freq) and the second column has the frequencies for each word in the first column. The word fake repeated 3 times in the abstract but the other word marketing occured or mentioned only one time. Hence, it is clear that there is more emphasis on "fake" than "marketing" by the authors in this research article. Let's do the same exercise for the second abstract.[17]

```
> secondab <- 'We study the market for fake product reviews on Amazon.com.
                 Reviews are purchased in large private groups on Facebook
                 and other sites. We hand-collect data on these markets and
then collect a panel of data on these products' ratings
and reviews on Amazon, as well as their sales rank,
                 advertising, and pricing policies. We find that a wide
                 array of products purchase fake reviews, including products
                 with many reviews and high average ratings. Buying fake
                 reviews on Facebook is associated with a significant but
                 short-term increase in average rating and number of reviews.
                 We exploit a sharp but temporary policy shift by Amazon to
                 show that rating manipulation has a large causal effect on
                 sales. Finally, we examine whether rating manipulation harms
                 consumers or whether it is mainly used by high-quality
                 products in a manner like advertising or by new products
                 trying to solve the cold-start problem. We find that after
                 firms stop buying fake reviews, their average ratings fall
                 and the share of one-star reviews increases significantly,
                 particularly for young products, indicating rating manipulation
                 is mostly used by low-quality products.'
> abs <- convertAbstractToDataSet(secondab)
> abs <- cleanData(abs)
> n3 <- searchWordVec('market', abs)
      Var1 Freq
```

```
55 market 1
56 markets 1
> n4 <- searchWordVec('fake', abs)
    Var1 Freq
29 fake 4
> abs[c(n3, n4),]
    Var1 Freq
55 market 1
56 markets 1
56 markets 4
```

You can clean the data frame and avoid a few unwanted terms or other characters using cleanData(). The function cleanData() works based on object preps in the script. This object is collection of a few unwanted words.⁷ The function plotWordVec() is useful to make text plot.1

```
plotWordVec(clnab[, 2], lbls = clnab[, 1])
```

It is also possible to compare insights from two different documents.

```
> makeDfFromWord('fake', clnabf, clnabs)
   Var1 Freq
d1 fake    3
d2 fake    4
```

Di Domenico et al. (2021),[16] mentioned the word "fake" less number of times compared to He et al., (2022)[17].

2.3.1 Processing large data sets

This section demonstrates how to process data from files where the text is kept in a few rows each row representing a document. For the purpose of demonstration certain text was retrieved from Scopus against the search string or query "marketing is fake". Scopus retrieved 539 abstracts and the the data was obtained in CSV file. Following is the procedure to make DTM from the data.

 $^{^7\}mathrm{Use}$ checkPrep() and updatePreps() to check and update unwanted words.

⁸30th June, 2024

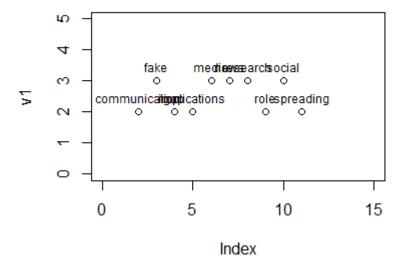


Figure 1: Word vector plot

```
abs <- makeAbstracts(dataf)
absdf <- cleanCorpusAndMakeDF(abs, 0.99)</pre>
```

The object absdf is a data frame. It is possible to check column names with names(absdf).

2.4 Simple and multiple linear regression

The the output for the function cleanCorpusAndMakeDF() is a data frame. It is possible to perform any type of analysis on such objects. For instance, it is possible to check for factors (patterns) using searchVariable().

The data frame markdf in the above code is a data frame for pattern marekting. This pattern can be explained with the help of 13 such manifest/observed variables in the data. For instance, the impact of fake news on consumer satisfaction can be measured using simple linear regression.

The impact of *fake news* seems to be negative on *consumer satis-faction*.

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.10942 0.03818 2.866 0.004317 **
            0.06868
                      0.01977
                                3.474 0.000555 ***
           -0.01039
                      0.01785 -0.582 0.560747
news
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.6751 on 536 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.03233,Adjusted R-squared: 0.02871
F-statistic: 8.953 on 2 and 536 DF, p-value: 0.0001498
Response satisfaction :
Call:
lm(formula = satisfaction ~ fake + news, data = regdf)
Residuals:
              10
                  Median
    Min
-0.01220 -0.01090 -0.01090 -0.00915 0.98910
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.0122001 0.0054311 2.246 0.0251 *
           Signif. codes: 0 '***, 0.001 '**, 0.01 '*, 0.05 '., 0.1 ', 1
Residual standard error: 0.09604 on 536 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.001897, Adjusted R-squared: -0.001827
F-statistic: 0.5095 on 2 and 536 DF, p-value: 0.6011
```

The negative impact of *fake* on consumers is significant in the literature. Moreover, the *fake news* impact *consumer satisfaction* negatively but such discussions does not appear to be significant in literature. See the Figure 2 for visualization for regression analysis and the impact of fake news on consumers.

3 Conclusion

R offers numerous tools for text mining, with packages like tm streamlining the process of mining data from input corpora. However, repetitive tasks such as managing paths, creating data frame subsets, and setting up directories can be time-consuming and frustrating. The easytm script addresses these issues by automating trivial tasks, eliminating the need for functions like readlines(), grep(), and file.path(). Users can easily implement it by executing source(easytm.R) in the R console.

The script is demonstrated for two type of inputs i.e., processing text in the R console and also from files. For demonstration purpose,

Added-Variable Plots

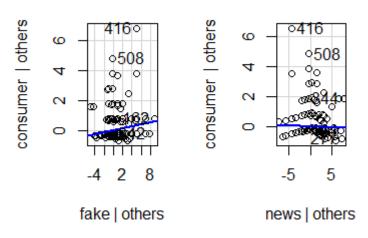


Figure 2: SLR for consumer vs. fake news

539 abstracts were obtained from Scopus for certain search query marketing is fake on 30th June, 2024. The abstracts were processed using various functions of easytm and explained data analysis using multiple regression. Resuts shows taht, for the consumer response, the variable fake has a significant positive effect, while news does not have a significant impact. For the satisfaction response, neither fake nor news show a significant effect. The models overall indicate that the predictors explain only a small portion of the variability in the responses, with consumer showing some significant association with fake, but satisfaction not showing significant association with either predictor.

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