**Getting Black Metal Cats tweets**

It won’t come as a surprise for the loyal readers of this blog that I just had to use rtweet. I kept only original standalone tweets and removed the picture link from the tweet.

black\_tweets <- rtweet::get\_timeline("evilbmcats")

black\_tweets <- dplyr::filter(black\_tweets, is.na(reply\_to\_user\_id), !is\_retweet, !is\_quote)

black\_tweets <- dplyr::select(black\_tweets, text, created\_at, status\_id)

black\_tweets <- dplyr::mutate(black\_tweets, text = stringr::str\_replace(text, "https.\*", ""))

readr::write\_csv(black\_tweets, path = "data/2018-01-03-bubblegumpuppies\_cats.csv")

Now that the dark material is ready, let’s sweeten it…

**Modifying the tweet text**

Black Metal Cats tweet heavy metal lyrics so as you can imagine, they’re sad. How to make them happy while keeping the text similar enough to the original one? And this without too much effort? My simplistic strategy was to identify negative words via sentiment analysis and to replace them with positive words.

**Finding negative words**

library("tidytext")

library(sentiment)

library("magrittr")

bing <- get\_sentiments("bing")

sentiment <- dplyr::select(black\_tweets, text) %>%

dplyr::mutate(saved\_text = text) %>%

unnest\_tokens(word, text) %>%

dplyr::inner\_join(bing, by = "word") %>%

dplyr::filter(sentiment == "negative")

It was a bit disappointing since out of the 97 only 63 were represented in that data.frame. But well, this shall do! I just looked rapidly at some non included tweets.

dplyr::filter(black\_tweets, !text %in% sentiment$saved\_text) %>%

head() %>%

knitr::kable()

| **text** | **created\_at** | **status\_id** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Black covfefe cats. | 2017-12-29 21:01:06 | 946848575446663168 |
| Black coffee cats. | 2017-12-28 00:15:48 | 946172798203916288 |
| Say goodbye to the light. | 2017-12-26 15:50:00 | 945683121336344576 |
| The storm will never end. | 2017-12-23 15:49:00 | 944595705204678656 |
| Satan, your time has come. This world must end. | 2017-12-18 22:36:00 | 942886191107575808 |
| Timely. | 2017-12-13 00:43:30 | 940743951287504896 |

**Replacing words**

I decided to use praise to get positive words, and cleanNLP to try and identify correctly negative words as adjective or verbs for instance in order to be able to replace them. The right annotation for that is a *token*.

library("cleanNLP")

library(wordnet)

#init\_spaCy()

get\_token\_with\_text <- function(x){

obj <- run\_annotators(x, as\_strings = TRUE)

entities <- get\_token(obj)

entities$text <- x

entities

}

possibly\_get\_tokens <- purrr::possibly(get\_token\_with\_text,

otherwise = NULL)

tokens <- purrr::map\_df(sentiment$saved\_text, possibly\_get\_tokens)

head(tokens) %>%

knitr::kable()

Once here, I joined sentiment and tokens.

tokens <- dplyr::mutate(tokens, word = enc2native(word))

tokens <- dplyr::mutate(tokens, word = tolower(word))

tokens <- dplyr::left\_join(sentiment, tokens, by = c("saved\_text" = "text", "word"))

head(tokens) %>% knitr::kable()

| **saved\_text** | **word** | **sentiment** | **id** | **sid** | **tid** | **lemma** | **upos** | **pos** | **cid** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| We are the creatures you fear. | fear | negative | 1 | 1 | 6 | fear | VERB | VBP | 25 |
| In darkness we walk. | darkness | negative | 1 | 1 | 2 | darkness | NOUN | NN | 3 |
| Standing tall, side by side, we shall build thy throne upon the burning ashes. | burning | negative | 1 | 1 | 15 | burn | VERB | VBG | 64 |
| This is the dawn of the infernal reign. | infernal | negative | 1 | 1 | 7 | infernal | ADJ | JJ | 24 |
| A breath of the past so distant and so unreal. A soul condemned to haunt a frozen burial ground. | condemned | negative | 1 | 2 | 3 | condemn | VERB | VBD | 54 |
| A breath of the past so distant and so unreal. A soul condemned to haunt a frozen burial ground. | condemned | negative | 1 | 2 | 3 | condemn | VERB | VBD | 54 |

The praise package provides adjectives that I’ll use to replace adjectives and to add an exclamation at the beginning of each text. Nouns, present and preterit verbs will be replaced with love/loves/loved because hey, this is pop music inspiration. I’ll lose capital letters and won’t bother too much, puppies probably do not care either. VBZ is for instance a verb in the present form like “haunts”.

modifiers <- tibble::tibble(pos = c( "NN", "VBG", "JJ",

"VBD", "VB", "NNS",

"VBP", "VBN", "NNP", "VBZ"),

modifier = c("love", "${adjective}", "${adjective}",

"loved", "love", "lovers",

"love", "${adjective}",

"love", "loves"))

knitr::kable(modifiers)

| **pos** | **modifier** |
| --- | --- |
| NN | love |
| VBG | ${adjective} |
| JJ | ${adjective} |
| VBD | loved |
| VB | love |
| NNS | lovers |
| VBP | love |
| VBN | ${adjective} |
| NNP | love |
| VBZ | loves |

Now let’s get to work on the sweetening of the texts at last! Some occurrences of “hate” and “evil” remained, and I removed them by hand.

# praise has some randomness, let's make it reproducible

set.seed(42)

modifiable\_tweets <- dplyr::left\_join(tokens, black\_tweets,

by = c("saved\_text" = "text"))

modifiable\_tweets <- dplyr::left\_join(modifiable\_tweets, modifiers,

by = "pos")

# for easier use with map

replace\_all <- function(pattern, replacement, x){

stringr::str\_replace\_all(x, pattern = pattern,

replacement = replacement)

}

modified\_tweets <- dplyr::group\_by(modifiable\_tweets, saved\_text) %>%

dplyr::summarize(praise\_template = purrr::map2\_chr(word, modifier, replace\_all,

x = tolower(saved\_text[1]))[1],

praise\_template = paste("${exclamation}!", praise\_template),

praise\_template = stringr::str\_replace\_all(praise\_template,

"hate", "love"),

praise\_template = stringr::str\_replace\_all(praise\_template,

"evil", "love"),

new\_text = praise::praise(praise\_template))

modified\_tweets <- dplyr::select(modified\_tweets, saved\_text, new\_text)

puppies\_and\_cats <- dplyr::left\_join(modified\_tweets, black\_tweets, by = c("saved\_text" = "text"))

head(puppies\_and\_cats) %>% knitr::kable()

| **saved\_text** | **new\_text** | **created\_at** | **status\_id** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A breath of the past so distant and so unreal. A soul condemned to haunt a frozen burial ground. | yikes! a breath of the past so distant and so unreal. a soul loved to haunt a frozen burial ground. | 2017-12-28 20:35:00 | 946479619020115968 |
| Be very afraid. | yippie! be very fine. | 2017-11-18 21:02:00 | 931990900523307008 |
| Beware of the cat. | yay! love of the cat. | 2017-12-11 14:54:02 | 940233218204172288 |
| Beware the legions of Satan, they’re ready for attack! | ole! love the legions of satan, they’re ready for attack! | 2017-12-05 22:48:00 | 938178169399422976 |
| Born by the nothingness into eternal blasphemy. | mm! born by the nothingness into eternal love. | 2017-12-03 04:15:01 | 937173299448221696 |
| Born on a day of curses and damnation, I was doomed to hate. | whoa! born on a day of lovers and damnation, i was doomed to love. | 2017-12-04 21:40:01 | 937798672347226113 |

So although some new lyrics do not look that cheerful, they’re at least grammatically correct.

**Modifying the picture**

I recently discovered [Pexels](https://www.pexels.com/), a website with CC-0 pictures, that I even learnt to scrape for an unpublished (yet) project. So many photographs you can use and modify for free without any attribution! Quite cool, really. To scrape the page I first had to scroll down to get enough pictures. I tried using seleniumPipes instead but had trouble setting up the server and not too much time to dwell on that.

Yes, you got it right, the code below automatically downloads pics of puppies into your laptop. Happy New Year.

library("rvest")

library("RSelenium")

library("magrittr")

# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/29861117/r-rvest-scraping-a-dynamic-ecommerce-page

rD <- rsDriver()

remDr <- rD[["client"]]

# open the webpage

remDr$navigate("https://www.pexels.com/search/puppies/")

# scroll down

for(i in 1:30){

remDr$executeScript(paste("scroll(0,",i\*10000,");"),

args = list("dummy"))

# be nice and wait

Sys.sleep(1)

}

page\_content <- remDr$getPageSource()

remDr$close()

# functiosn for getting the pic links

get\_link\_from\_src <- function(node){

xml2::xml\_attrs(node)["src"] %>%

as.character() %>%

stringr::str\_replace("\\?h.\*", "")

}

xtract\_pic\_links <- function(source) {

css <- '.photo-item\_\_img'

read\_html(source[[1]]) %>%

html\_nodes(css) %>%

purrr::map\_chr(get\_link\_from\_src)

}

links <- xtract\_pic\_links(page\_content)

links <- links[1:nrow(puppies\_and\_cats)]

# save

dir.create("data/puppies")

save\_pic <- function(url, name){

Sys.sleep(1)

name <- paste0("puppy", name, ".png")

try(magick::image\_read(url) %>%

magick::image\_write(paste0("data/puppies/", name)),

silent = TRUE)

}

purrr::walk2(links, 1:nrow(puppies\_and\_cats), save\_pic)

I took a moment to browse the 66 pics. Carpe diem, carpe canes (I learnt Latin for 6 years as a teen(ager) and had to check the plural of *canem*…).

The pics were a bit too big so I resized them.

resize <- function(pic){

magick::image\_read(pic) %>%

magick::image\_resize("300x300") %>%

magick::image\_write(pic)

}

purrr::walk(dir("data/puppies/", full.names = TRUE), resize)

library(RSelenium)

library(rvest)

#start RSelenium

checkForServer()

startServer()

remDr <- remoteDriver()

remDr$open()

#navigate to your page

remDr$navigate("http://www.linio.com.co/tecnologia/celulares-telefonia-gps/")

#scroll down 5 times, waiting for the page to load at each time

for(i in 1:5){

remDr$executeScript(paste("scroll(0,",i\*10000,");"))

Sys.sleep(3)

}

#get the page html

page\_source<-remDr$getPageSource()

#parse it

html(page\_source[[1]]) %>% html\_nodes(".product-itm-price-new") %>%

html\_text()

**Tweeting the cheerful tweets – DON’T DO IT LIKE I DID!**

Then I wrote the code to send replies, an important point being that you need to mention the username you answer to in your tweet otherwise the in\_reply\_to\_status\_id argument is ignored. It was a dangerous code because it sent too many replies, which made it a spam bot… Don’t do that. So if you ever need an example of a very stupid spammer, think of me. Lesson learnt, I’ll never be that reckless again, because I do not want to spam anyone.

post\_a\_reply <- function(df, pic){

rtweet::post\_tweet(paste("@evilbmcats", df$new\_text), in\_reply\_to\_status\_id = df$status\_id,

media = pic)

Sys.sleep(1)

}

pics <- dir("data/puppies/", full.names = TRUE)

purrr::walk2(split(puppies\_and\_cats, puppies\_and\_cats$status\_id), pics,

post\_a\_reply)

So how would I use the tweets if I could do it again? Well, I’d post them with a faaar bigger delay. And I think the account would be fun as a bot which’d reply only when the cats account tweets again. That way the puppies would be cute, not cute and annoying. Live and learn! Thanks to Bob Rudis to encourage me to post this!

**Ending with some cuteness**

And now, because I do not want you to think I’m now as depressed as a Black Metal Cat, I’ll end this post by showing you a few replies thanks to the brand new rtweet::tweet\_shot function added in the dev version of rtweet. I resorted to saving the files and add the Markdown code to show them by hand but in a normal Rmd, not in a website, the images (magick objects) actually render very well.

save\_one\_tweet <- function(status\_id){

rtweet::tweet\_shot(status\_id) %>%

magick::image\_write(paste0("data/2018-01-04-",

status\_id, ".png"))

}

c("948942337912328192",

"948942293272334336",

"948942240713531392") %>%

purrr::walk(save\_one\_tweet)