Master Class: Working with unconventional data using R

Working with text and a little bit of maps

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Learning goals

At the end of the session, you should...

- Have jumped in the R pool
- Familiarized yourself with regular expressions and their use
- Created one map with ggplot
- Getting started with text pre-processing for text analysis: stemming, cleaning
- Getting started with TF-IDF Representations

Structure (will be updated)

- I. Regular Expressions
- 2. Working with text
 - a. Processing and tokenizing
 - b. Representing text as data: TF-IDF representations

Prerequisites

Materials

Laptops with a working version of R installed. To work with R, RStudio or Jupyter are recommended. RStudio may be the easiest to sort out.

Make sure you have tested your version of R and basic commands, such as read.csv(), are running before the lecture. This video presents a tutorial on how to do load a dataset in R.

You should also preinstall the following packages: tidyverse, ggmap.

To install a package, run the command: install.package("package". For instance: install.package("tidyverse").

Prior knowledge

This is a hands-on class: it is structured around activities to be done by students during the session. We will discuss all challenges faced.

NO prior knowledge of R is required. This class can be taken as an opportunity to try R for the first time.