CSV Cleaning

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Maintainence

```
rm(list = ls())
knitr::opts_knit$set(root.dir = '/Users/emerson/Github/usenet_webpage')
```

```
# Load Libraries
library(tidyverse)
```

```
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ------------------------ tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr     1.1.4     v readr     2.1.5
## v forcats   1.0.0     v stringr   1.5.1
## v ggplot2   3.5.1     v tibble    3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3     v tidyr     1.3.1
## v purrr     1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ------------------------------------------ tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become errors
```

```
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
library(readr)
library(syuzhet)
library(igraph)
```

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##
## Attaching package: 'igraph'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:lubridate':
##
##     %--%, union
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##     as_data_frame, groups, union
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##     compose, simplify
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
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##
##     crossing
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:tibble':
##
##     as_data_frame
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##     decompose, spectrum
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
##     union
```

```
library(sjPlot)

# Directories
output_directory <- "/Users/emerson/Github/usenet_webpage"
threads_directory <- file.path(output_directory, "CSV Files/Threads")
comments_directory <- file.path(output_directory, "CSV Files/Comments")

# Load the datasets
all_threads <- read.csv(file.path(threads_directory, "combined_threads.csv"))
all_comments <- read.csv(file.path(comments_directory, "combined_comments_AS.csv"))
```

Dataset 1 - All Comments Cleaned

```
# Map newsgroups to IDs
newsgroup_ids <- c("netmed" = "NG01", "netmotss" = "NG02", "netnews" = "NG03",
                   "netpolitics" = "NG04", "netreligion" = "NG05", "netsingles" = "NG06")

# Threads cleaning
all_threads <- all_threads %>%
  mutate(NG_ID = factor(newsgroup, levels = names(newsgroup_ids), labels = newsgroup_ids),
         NG_TH_ID = paste(NG_ID, ThreadID, sep = "_")) %>%
  rename(TH_ID = ThreadID) %>%
  select(NG_TH_ID, TH_ID, NG_ID, everything()) %>%
  mutate(Date = as.Date(Date, format = "%m/%d/%y"))

# Comments cleaning
all_comments <- all_comments %>%
    rename(
        TH_CM_ID = Unique.Comment.ID,
        TH_ID = Thread.ID,
        CM_ID = Comment.ID) %>%
  mutate(NG_ID = factor(newsgroup, levels = names(newsgroup_ids), labels = newsgroup_ids),
         NG_TH_CM_ID = paste(NG_ID, TH_CM_ID, sep = "_"),
         NG_TH_ID = paste(NG_ID, TH_ID, sep = "_")) %>%
  select(NG_TH_CM_ID, NG_TH_ID, TH_CM_ID, CM_ID, TH_ID, NG_ID, everything()) %>%
  mutate(Date.and.Time = as.POSIXct(gsub("[^[:alnum:] [:punct:]]", "", Date.and.Time), format = "%b %d,
         Hour = as.numeric(format(Date.and.Time, "%H")),
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        Date = as.Date(Date.and.Time))

# Add sentiment scores
all_comments <- all_comments %>%
  mutate(SentimentScore = get_sentiment(Full.Text, method = "afinn"))

all_comments <- all_comments %>%
  mutate(
    Author = case_when(
      Author == "Cowenton Volunteer Fire Department" ~ "Ron Natalie",
      TRUE ~ Author
    )
  )

write.csv(all_threads, file.path(threads_directory, "dataset1_threads.csv"), row.names = FALSE)
write.csv(all_comments, file.path(comments_directory, "dataset1_comments.csv"), row.names = FALSE)
```

Dataset 2 - AIDS-Related Threads and their Associated Comments, as Determined by Titles (1982–1986)

```
aids_keywords <- c("aids", "acquired immune deficiency syndrome", "human immunodeficiency virus",
  "gay-related immune deficiency", "gay plague",
  "hiv", "htlv", "human t-lymphotropic virus", "gay cancer", "kaposi's sarcoma",
  "slim disease", "pneumocystis pneumonia", "gay disease", "homosexual disease")

relevant_threads <- all_threads %>%
  filter(str_detect(tolower(Thread.Title), paste(tolower(aids_keywords), collapse = "|")))

relevant_thread_ids <- relevant_threads$NG_TH_ID

relevant_comments <- all_comments %>%
  filter(NG_TH_ID %in% relevant_thread_ids)

write.csv(relevant_threads, file.path(threads_directory, "dataset2_threads.csv"), row.names = FALSE)
write.csv(relevant_comments, file.path(comments_directory, "dataset2_comments.csv"), row.names = FALSE)
```

Dataset 3 - AIDS-Related Threads and their Associated Comments (1982–1986) - Filtered By Influential Authors Comments

```
author_pairs <- relevant_comments %>%
  filter(!is.na(TH_ID)) %>%
  group_by(TH_ID) %>%
  summarise(
    Pairs = list(if (length(unique(Author)) > 1) {
      as.data.frame(t(combn(unique(Author), 2)))
    } else {
      NULL
    })
  ) %>%
```

```
  unnest(Pairs, keep_empty = TRUE) %>%
  rename(Author1 = V1, Author2 = V2) %>%
  count(Author1, Author2, name = "Weight") %>%
  filter(!is.na(Author1) & !is.na(Author2))

author_network <- graph_from_data_frame(author_pairs, directed = FALSE)

degree_centrality <- strength(author_network, mode = "all", weights = E(author_network)$Weight)

influential_authors <- data.frame(
  Author = names(degree_centrality),
  InfluenceScore = degree_centrality
) %>%
  arrange(desc(InfluenceScore)) %>%
  head(20) # Select the top 20 influential authors

write.csv(influential_authors, file.path(output_directory, "CSV Files", "influential_authors.csv"), row

print(influential_authors)
```

```
##                                Author InfluenceScore
## Craig Werner             Craig Werner            108
## Ron Rizzo                   Ron Rizzo             92
## Steve Dyer                 Steve Dyer             74
## Rob Bernardo             Rob Bernardo             41
## Bill Stoll                 Bill Stoll             36
## Alan J Rosenthal     Alan J Rosenthal             31
## Andrew Klossner       Andrew Klossner             31
## Brian Mavrogeorge   Brian Mavrogeorge             31
## David Sher                 David Sher             31
## Harold Ancell           Harold Ancell             31
## John Gurian               John Gurian             31
## Mike Leibensperger Mike Leibensperger             31
## Pam Pincha                 Pam Pincha             31
## Rod Williams             Rod Williams             31
## Ron Natalie               Ron Natalie             31
## Roy Smith                   Roy Smith             31
## Stephanie Da Silva Stephanie Da Silva             31
## James R. Carbin       James R. Carbin             26
## Beth Christy             Beth Christy             20
## Bob Bickford             Bob Bickford             19
```

```
influential_author_comments <- relevant_comments %>%
  filter(Author %in% influential_authors$Author)

influential_threads <- relevant_threads %>%
  filter(NG_TH_ID %in% influential_author_comments$NG_TH_ID)

all_comments_in_influential_threads <- relevant_comments %>%
  filter(NG_TH_ID %in% influential_threads$NG_TH_ID)

write.csv(influential_threads,
          file.path(threads_directory, "dataset3_threads.csv"),
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```
          row.names = FALSE)
write.csv(all_comments_in_influential_threads,
          file.path(comments_directory, "dataset3_comments_all.csv"),
          row.names = FALSE)
write.csv(influential_author_comments,
          file.path(comments_directory, "dataset3_comments_onlyinfluential.csv"),
          row.names = FALSE)

cat("Number of threads involving influential authors:", nrow(influential_threads), "\n")
```

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## Number of threads involving influential authors: 74
```

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cat("Number of comments in these threads (all comments):", nrow(all_comments_in_influential_threads), "
```

```
## Number of comments in these threads (all comments): 266
```

```
cat("Number of comments by influential authors only:", nrow(influential_author_comments), "\n")
```

```
## Number of comments by influential authors only: 158
```

Descriptive Statistics Tables

Dataset 1 Descriptive Statistics

```
dataset1_summary <- all_comments %>%
  group_by(newsgroup) %>%
  summarize(
    Threads = n_distinct(TH_ID),
    Comments = n(),
    Authors = n_distinct(Author),
    Avg_Comments_Per_Thread = Comments / Threads,
    Avg_Sentiment_Score = mean(SentimentScore, na.rm = TRUE)
  )

dataset1_totals <- dataset1_summary %>%
  summarize(
    newsgroup = "Total",
    Threads = sum(Threads),
    Comments = sum(Comments),
    Authors = n_distinct(all_comments$Author),
    Avg_Comments_Per_Thread = sum(Comments) / sum(Threads),
    Avg_Sentiment_Score = mean(all_comments$SentimentScore, na.rm = TRUE)
  )

dataset1_summary <- bind_rows(dataset1_summary, dataset1_totals)
tab_df(dataset1_summary, file = file.path(output_directory, "Images and Tables/Tables/dataset1_statistic
```

newsgroup

Threads

Comments

Authors

Avg_Comments_Per_Thread

Avg_Sentiment_Score

netmed

1442

3635

1332

2.52

-0.46

netmotss

1074

2532

679

2.36

0.51

netnews

2430

5297

1684

2.18

1.57

netpolitics

4126

13659

2371

3.31

-1.99

netreligion

3042

8016

1490

2.64

1.46

netsingles

3504

10752

2626

3.07

3.14

Total

15618

43891

6584

2.81

0.60

Dataset 2 Descriptive Statistics

```
dataset2_stats <- relevant_comments %>%
  group_by(newsgroup) %>%
  summarize(
    Threads = n_distinct(TH_ID),
    Comments = n(),
    Authors = n_distinct(Author),
    Avg_Comments_Per_Thread = Comments / Threads,
    Avg_Sentiment_Score = mean(SentimentScore, na.rm = TRUE)
  )

dataset2_totals <- dataset2_stats %>%
  summarize(
    newsgroup = "Total",
    Threads = sum(Threads),
    Comments = sum(Comments),
    Authors = n_distinct(relevant_comments$Author),
    Avg_Comments_Per_Thread = sum(Comments) / sum(Threads),
    Avg_Sentiment_Score = mean(relevant_comments$SentimentScore, na.rm = TRUE)
  )

dataset2_stats <- bind_rows(dataset2_stats, dataset2_totals)
tab_df(dataset2_stats, file = file.path(output_directory, "Images and Tables/Tables/dataset2_statistics
```

newsgroup

Threads

Comments

Authors

Avg_Comments_Per_Thread

Avg_Sentiment_Score

netmed

47

143

80

3.04

-3.49

netmotss

60

157

86

2.62

-3.80

netnews

8

11

9

1.38

2.45

netreligion

3

5

4

1.67

-1.80

netsingles

10

32

23

3.20

-3.50

Total

128

348

135

2.72

-3.42

Dataset 3 Descriptive Statistics

```
descriptive_stats <- all_comments_in_influential_threads %>%
  group_by(newsgroup) %>%
  summarise(
    Threads = n_distinct(NG_TH_ID),  # Total threads
    Total_Comments = n(),  # Total comments
    Influential_Authors_Comments = sum(Author %in% influential_author_comments$Author),  # Influential
    Total_Authors = n_distinct(Author),  # Total unique authors
    Influential_Authors = n_distinct(Author[Author %in% influential_author_comments$Author]),  # Unique
    Average_Comments_Per_Thread = n() / n_distinct(NG_TH_ID),  # Avg comments per thread
    Avg_Total_Comments_Sentiment_Score = mean(SentimentScore, na.rm = TRUE),  # Avg sentiment for all c
    Avg_Influential_Comments_Sentiment_Score = mean(SentimentScore[Author %in% influential_author_commer
  )

totals_row <- descriptive_stats %>%
  summarise(
    newsgroup = "Total",
    Threads = sum(Threads),
    Total_Comments = sum(Total_Comments),
    Influential_Authors_Comments = sum(Influential_Authors_Comments),
    Total_Authors = n_distinct(all_comments_in_influential_threads$Author),
    Influential_Authors = n_distinct(influential_author_comments$Author),
    Average_Comments_Per_Thread = sum(Total_Comments) / sum(Threads),
    Avg_Total_Comments_Sentiment_Score = mean(all_comments_in_influential_threads$SentimentScore, na.rm
    Avg_Influential_Comments_Sentiment_Score = mean(influential_author_comments$SentimentScore, na.rm =
  )

descriptive_stats <- bind_rows(descriptive_stats, totals_row)
tab_df(descriptive_stats, file = file.path(output_directory, "Images and Tables/Tables/dataset3_statisti
```

newsgroup

Threads

Total_Comments

Influential_Authors_Comments

Total_Authors

Influential_Authors

Average_Comments_Per_Thread

Avg_Total_Comments_Sentiment_Score

Avg_Influential_Comments_Sentiment_Score

netmed

33

125

73

63

20

3.79

-3.89

-5.14

netmotss

37

122

76

60

20

3.30

-4.81

-4.80

netsingles

4

19

9

12

4

4.75

-3.79

-6.22

Total

74

266

158

79

20

3.59

-4.30

-5.04

Dataset 3 Author Statistics

```
dataset3_influential_comments <- influential_author_comments %>%
  left_join(influential_authors, by = "Author")  # Join InfluenceScore based on Author

author_stats <- dataset3_influential_comments %>%
  group_by(Author) %>%
```

```r
  summarise(
    Influence = first(InfluenceScore),  # Influence is now directly available
    Num_Comments = n_distinct(TH_CM_ID),  # Number of comments authored
    Num_Threads = n_distinct(NG_TH_ID),   # Number of threads participated in
    Threads_Started = sum(CM_ID == "CM00001", na.rm = TRUE),  # Threads started
    Avg_Sentiment = mean(SentimentScore, na.rm = TRUE)  # Average sentiment score
  )

author_stats <- author_stats %>%
  filter(!is.na(Influence)) %>%
  arrange(desc(Influence))

tab_df(author_stats, file = file.path(output_directory, "Images and Tables/Tables/dataset3_author_statis
```

Author

Influence

Num_Comments

Num_Threads

Threads_Started

Avg_Sentiment

Craig Werner

108

42

40

28

-1.98

Ron Rizzo

92

35

25

17

-10.40

Steve Dyer

74

16

16

3

-4.06

Rob Bernardo

41

19

14

6

-4.89

Bill Stoll

36

5

4

2

-15.00

Alan J Rosenthal

31

2

2

0

-3.00

Andrew Klossner

31

2

2

0

-7.00

Brian Mavrogeorge

31

4

2

0

-4.50

David Sher

31

2

2

0

-9.00

Harold Ancell

31

2

2

0

-6.00

John Gurian

31

4

2

0

4.00

Mike Leibensperger

31

2

2

0

9.00

Pam Pincha

31

4

4

0

-2.00

Rod Williams

31

3

3

1

-4.67

Ron Natalie

31

2

2

0

-11.00

Roy Smith

31

2

2

0

4.00

Stephanie Da Silva

31

2

2

0

0.00

James R. Carbin

26

4

4

0

-6.00

Beth Christy

20

4

4

2

-5.00

Bob Bickford

19

2

2

0

-1.00