05 Converting to and from non-tidy formats

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Here we look at converting between tidy text format and other common formats used in text and natural language processing.

Tidying a document-term matrix

"One of the most common structures that text mining packages work with is the document-term matrix (or DTM). This is a matrix where:

- each row represents one document (such as a book or article),
- each column represents one term, and
- each value (typically) contains the number of appearances of that term in that document."

Tidying DocumentTermMatrix objects

```
data("AssociatedPress", package = "topicmodels")
AssociatedPress
#> <<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 2246, terms: 10473)>>
#> Non-/sparse entries: 302031/23220327
#> Sparsity
#> Maximal term length: 18
#> Weighting : term frequency (tf)
terms <- Terms(AssociatedPress)</pre>
head(terms)
#> [1] "aaron"
                 "abandon" "abandoned" "abandoning" "abbott"
#> [6] "abboud"
ap_td <- tidy(AssociatedPress)</pre>
ap_td %>%
   slice_sample(n = 10) \%
   kable(caption = "DTM converted to tidy data frame with `tidy()`.")
```

Table 1: DTM converted to tidy data frame with tidy().

document	term	count
1360	area	1
443	forcing	1
1129	popular	1
1893	transform	1
1300	missouri	1
1070	hard	1
1055	neighbor	1
1162	designed	1
1795	production	4
1852	$_{ m think}$	1

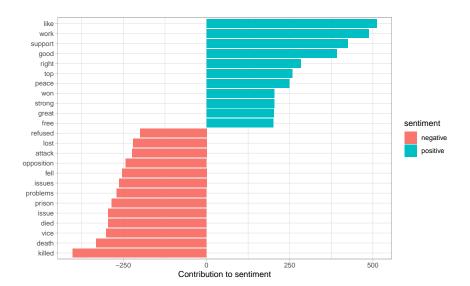
```
ap_sentiments <- ap_td %>%
    inner_join(get_sentiments("bing"), by = c("term" = "word"))

ap_sentiments %>%
    slice_sample(n = 10) %>%
    kable(caption = "Tidy formatted DTM joined with `bing` lexicon sentiment data")
```

Table 2: Tidy formatted DTM joined with bing lexicon sentiment data

document	term	count	sentiment
113	problems	1	negative
1147	threats	2	negative
590	dictator	2	negative
434	erode	1	negative
889	portable	1	positive
1457	conceded	1	negative
1986	jeopardy	1	negative
1783	insignificant	1	negative
170	tanks	2	negative
1114	inevitably	1	negative

```
ap_sentiments %>%
    count(sentiment, term, wt = count) %>%
    ungroup() %>%
    filter(n >= 200) %>%
    mutate(n = ifelse(sentiment == "negative",-n, n)) %>%
    mutate(term = reorder(term, n)) %>%
    ggplot(aes(n, term, fill = sentiment)) +
    geom_col() +
    labs(x = "Contribution to sentiment", y = NULL) +
    theme_light()
```



Tidying dfm objects

dfm (document-feature matrix) is another common format for text and natural language processing - specifically from the quanteda package.

```
data("data_corpus_inaugural", package = "quanteda")
inaug_dfm <- dfm(data_corpus_inaugural, verbose = FALSE)</pre>
inaug_dfm
#> Document-feature matrix of: 59 documents, 9,439 features (91.84% sparse) and 4 docvars.
#>
                    features
#> docs
                     fellow\hbox{-}citizens \quad of \ the \ senate \ and \ house \ representatives \ :
#>
    1789-Washington
                                   1 71 116
                                                 1 48
                                                             2
                                                                             2 1
                                                  0 2
                                                                             0 1
#>
   1793-Washington
                                   0 11 13
                                                             0
                                   3 140 163
                                                                             20
#>
    1797-Adams
                                                  1 130
                                                             0
                                                  0 81
#>
    1801-Jefferson
                                   2 104 130
                                                             0
                                                                             0 1
     1805-Jefferson
#>
                                   0 101 143
                                                  0 93
                                                             0
                                                                             0 0
#>
     1809-Madison
                                   1 69 104
                                                  0 43
                                                             0
                                                                             0 0
#>
                    features
#> docs
                     among vicissitudes
#> 1789-Washington
                        1
#>
    1793-Washington
                         0
                                      0
#>
    1797-Adams
                         4
                                      0
#>
    1801-Jefferson
                                      0
                         1
                        7
#>
    1805-Jefferson
                                      0
     1809-Madison
                        0
#>
#> [ reached max_ndoc ... 53 more documents, reached max_nfeat ... 9,429 more features ]
inaug_td <- tidy(inaug_dfm)</pre>
inaug_td %>%
    slice_sample(n = 10) \%
   kable(caption = "`dfm` object containing US President inagural speechees converted to tidy format w
```

Table 3: dfm object containing US President inagural speechees converted to tidy format with tidy().

document	term	count
1873-Grant	they	2
1845-Polk	position	1
1829-Jackson	united	1
1933-Roosevelt	measures	4
1845-Polk	when	4
2009-Obama	like	2
1869-Grant	metals	1
1845-Polk	reverse	1
1917-Wilson	neither	2
1853-Pierce	wherever	1

```
inaug_tf_idf <- inaug_td %>%
    bind_tf_idf(term, document, count) %>%
    arrange(desc(tf_idf))

inaug_tf_idf %>%
    slice_max(tf_idf, n = 10) %>%
    kable(caption = "Highest `tf-idf` values for terms by each US Presidential inauguration speech.")
```

Table 4: Highest tf-idf values for terms by each US Presidential inauguration speech.

document	term	count	tf	idf	tf_idf
1793-Washington	arrive	1	0.0068027	4.077537	0.0277383
1793-Washington	upbraidings	1	0.0068027	4.077537	0.0277383
1793-Washington	violated	1	0.0068027	3.384390	0.0230231
1793-Washington	willingly	1	0.0068027	3.384390	0.0230231
1793-Washington	incurring	1	0.0068027	3.384390	0.0230231
1793-Washington	previous	1	0.0068027	2.978925	0.0202648
1793-Washington	knowingly	1	0.0068027	2.978925	0.0202648
1793-Washington	injunctions	1	0.0068027	2.978925	0.0202648
1793-Washington	witnesses	1	0.0068027	2.978925	0.0202648
1793-Washington	besides	1	0.0068027	2.691243	0.0183078

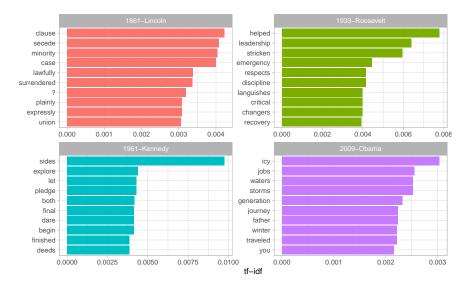


Figure 1: The terms with the highest 'tf-idf' from each of four selected inaugural addresses.

```
year_term_counts <- inaug_td %>%
    extract(document, "year", "(\\d+)", convert = TRUE) %>%
    complete(year, term, fill = list(count = 0)) %>%
    group_by(year) %>%
    mutate(year_total = sum(count))

year_term_counts %>%
    filter(term %in% c("god", "america", "foreign", "union", "constitution", "freedom")) %>%
    ggplot(aes(year, count / year_total)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth() +
    facet_wrap( ~ term, scales = "free_y") +
    scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::percent_format()) +
    labs(y = "% frequency of word in inaugural address") +
    theme_light()
```

"These examples show how you can use tidytext, and the related suite of tidy tools, to analyze sources even if their origin was not in a tidy format."

Casting tidy text data into a matrix

There are three verbs provided in tidytext for converting from tidy format to the alternative formats discussed.

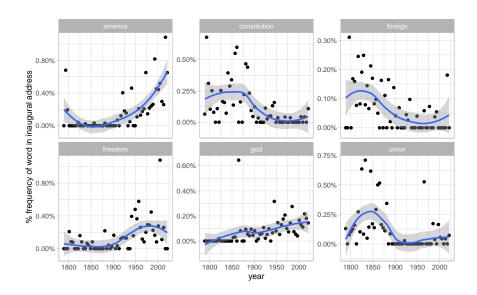


Figure 2: Changes in word frequency over time within Presidential inaugural addresses, for six selected terms

- tidy_dtm() to dtm format
- tidy_dfm() to dfm format
- tidy_sparse() to sparse matrix format

```
ap_td %>%
    cast_dtm(document, term, count)
#> <<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 2246, terms: 10473)>>
#> Non-/sparse entries: 302031/23220327
#> Sparsity
#> Maximal term length: 18
#> Weighting
                       : term frequency (tf)
ap_td %>%
    cast_dfm(document, term, count)
\# Document-feature matrix of: 2,246 documents, 10,473 features (98.72% sparse) and 0 docvars.
#>
       features
#> docs adding adult ago alcohol allegedly allen apparently appeared arrested
#>
      1
                    2
                        1
                                 1
                                                  1
                                                              2
                                                                        1
              1
                                            1
                                                                                 1
      2
                    0
                        0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                              0
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#>
              0
                                            0
                                                                        1
      3
#>
              0
                    0
                        1
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              0
                    0
                        3
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#>
      5
              0
#>
      6
              0
                        2
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                                 0
#>
       features
#> docs assault
#>
      1
               1
#>
      2
               0
      3
#>
               0
               0
#>
      4
#>
      5
               0
#>
      6
               0
#> [ reached max_ndoc ... 2,240 more documents, reached max_nfeat ... 10,463 more features ]
```

```
m <- ap_td %>%
   cast_sparse(document, term, count)
class(m)
#> [1] "dgCMatrix"
#> attr(, "package")
#> [1] "Matrix"
dim(m)
#> [1] 2246 10473
austen_dtm <- austen_books() %>%
   unnest_tokens(word, text) %>%
   count(book, word) %>%
   cast_dtm(book, word, n)
austen_dtm
#> <<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 6, terms: 14520)>>
#> Non-/sparse entries: 40379/46741
#> Sparsity
              : 54%
#> Maximal term length: 19
#> Weighting : term frequency (tf)
```

Tidying corpus objects with metadata

Another common format for text is called a "corpus". These store metadata along with text.

```
data("acq")
acq
#> <<VCorpus>>
#> Metadata: corpus specific: 0, document level (indexed): 0
#> Content: documents: 50
acq[[1]]
#> <<PlainTextDocument>>
#> Metadata: 15
#> Content: chars: 1287
acq_td <- tidy(acq)</pre>
acq_td
#> # A tibble: 50 x 16
#>
     author datetimestamp
                                description heading id
                                                            language origin topics
     <chr> <dttm>
                                 <chr> <chr>
                                                      \langle chr \rangle \langle chr \rangle \langle chr \rangle
           1987-02-26 15:18:06 ""
#> 1 <NA>
                                             COMPUTE~ 10
                                                                     Reute~ YES
                                                            en
#> 2 <NA>
             1987-02-26 15:19:15 ""
                                             OHIO MA~ 12
                                                            en
                                                                     Reute~ YES
             1987-02-26 15:49:56 ""
                                             MCLEAN'~ 44
#> 3 <NA>
                                                            en
                                                                     Reute~ YES
#> 4 By Cal~ 1987-02-26 15:51:17 ""
                                             CHEMLAW~ 45
                                                            en
                                                                     Reute~ YES
#> 5 <NA> 1987-02-26 16:08:33 ""
                                             <COFAB ~ 68
                                                                     Reute~ YES
                                                            en
#> 6 <NA>
             1987-02-26 16:32:37 ""
                                             INVESTM~ 96
                                                                     Reute~ YES
                                                            en
#> 7 By Pat~ 1987-02-26 16:43:13 ""
                                                                     Reute~ YES
                                             AMERICA~ 110
#> 8 <NA> 1987-02-26 16:59:25 ""
                                             HONG KO~ 125
                                                                     Reute~ YES
                                                            en
#> 9 <NA> 1987-02-26 17:01:28 ""
                                             LIEBERT~ 128
                                                                     Reute~ YES
#> 10 <NA> 1987-02-26 17:08:27 ""
                                             GULF AP~ 134
                                                                     Reute~ YES
                                                            en
```

```
#> # ... with 40 more rows, and 8 more variables: lewissplit <chr>,
#> # cgisplit <chr>, oldid <chr>, places <named list>, people <lgl>, orgs <lgl>,
#> # exchanges <lgl>, text <chr>

acq_tokens <- acq_td %>%
    select(-places) %>%
    unnest_tokens(word, text) %>%
    anti_join(stop_words, by = "word")

acq_tokens %>%
    count(word, sort = TRUE) %>%
    slice_max(n, n = 10) %>%
    kable(caption = "Most common words in sampled Reuters articles.")
```

Table 5: Most common words in sampled Reuters articles.

word	n
dlrs	100
pct	70
mln	65
company	63
shares	52
reuter	50
stock	46
offer	34
share	34
american	28

```
acq_tokens %>%
   count(id, word) %>%
   bind_tf_idf(word, id, n) %>%
   arrange(desc(tf_idf)) %>%
   slice_max(tf_idf, n = 10) %>%
   kable(caption = "Highest tf-idf value words in sampled Reuters articles.")
```

Table 6: Highest tf-idf value words in sampled Reuters articles.

id	word	n	tf	idf	tf_idf
186	groupe	2	0.1333333	3.912023	0.5216031
128	liebert	3	0.1304348	3.912023	0.5102639
474	esselte	5	0.1086957	3.912023	0.4252199
371	burdett	6	0.1034483	3.912023	0.4046920
442	hazleton	4	0.1025641	3.912023	0.4012331
199	$\operatorname{circuit}$	5	0.1020408	3.912023	0.3991860
162	suffield	2	0.1000000	3.912023	0.3912023
498	west	3	0.1000000	3.912023	0.3912023
441	rmj	8	0.1212121	3.218876	0.3901668
467	nursery	3	0.0967742	3.912023	0.3785829

Example: mining financial articles

Some JAVA requirement for tm.plugin.webmining is not yet implemented for Mac M1 machines (and causes the library loading to hang), so this section will need to await that implementation.