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1 Step 3 — Cleaned EDA + Preparation

Goal: Clean the raw data into an analysis-ready dataset and verify the results.

What this notebook does

- Loads pipeline datasets.
- Cleans text: lowercasing, URL/user/emoji removal, punctuation/whitespace fixes, optional stopword removal.
- Normalizes fields (e.g., datetime, subreddit/category labels) and removes remaining duplicates/empties.
- Validates distributions again (lengths, tokens, top terms) to confirm the cleaning worked.

Inputs: pipeline datasets.

Outputs: Saves the cleaned corpus to cleaned pipeline datasets.

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try:
    IS_PIPELINE_RUN
    except NameError:
    IS_PIPELINE_RUN = False

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    IS_PIPELINE_TEST
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[]: import pandas as pd
from datetime import datetime
import re
from pathlib import Path
from text_processing import (
        clean_dataframe_column,
        get_word_counts,
        get_bigram_counts,
        get_post_statistics,
)
```

[nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to /home/junc/nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!

1.1 Process datasets

Total comments: 3308

Total tokens: 91043

Average comment length: 28.2 words

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[2]: dataset folder = Path("../datasets")
     datasets = {}
[]: # set filenames for import
     if IS_PIPELINE_RUN:
         filename1 = "Palo_Alto_pipeline_reddit.pkl"
         filename2 = "Oklahoma_City_pipeline_reddit.pkl"
     else:
         filename1 = "Palo_Alto_20251007_235943_reddit.pkl"
         filename2 = "Oklahoma_City_20251008_000300_reddit.pkl"
[ ]:  # Dataset 1
     df = pd.read_pickle(dataset_folder / filename1)
     df = clean_dataframe_column(df, column="comments_flat")
     df = get_post_statistics(df)
     datasets["dataset1"] = df
     print(f"dataset1: {len(df)} posts")
    dataset1: 79 posts
[ ]: # Dataset 2
     df = pd.read_pickle(dataset_folder / filename2)
     df = clean_dataframe_column(df, column="comments_flat")
     df = get post statistics(df)
     datasets["dataset2"] = df
     print(f"dataset2: {len(df)} posts")
    dataset2: 135 posts
    1.2 Compare statistics across datasets
[5]: for name, df in datasets.items():
         total_comments = df["cleaned_comments"].apply(len).sum()
         print(f"{name}:")
         print(f" Total posts: {len(df)}")
         print(f" Total comments: {total_comments}")
         print(f" Average comment length: {df['avg_comment_length'].mean():.1f}_\( \)
      ⇔words")
         print(f" Total tokens: {df['total_tokens'].sum()}")
         print()
    dataset1:
      Total posts: 79
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dataset2: Total posts: 135 Total comments: 10010 Average comment length: 22.0 words Total tokens: 228638

1.3 Top 5 words by dataset

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[6]: for name, df in datasets.items():
         all_comments = []
         for comments_list in df["cleaned_comments"]:
             all_comments.extend(comments_list)
         words = get_word_counts(all_comments, top_n=5)
         print(f"{name}:")
         print(words)
         print()
    dataset1:
         word count
      people
                 775
    1
         like
                 688
    2
       school
                 611
    3
          get
                 507
                 487
        would
    dataset2:
         word count
    0
         like
               2063
                1680
    1
       people
    2
                1328
          one
    3
                1318
        would
    4
                1161
          get
```

1.3.1 Save Datasets with Cleaned Column

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district = "unknown_district"

# sanitize
district = re.sub(r"[^A-Za-z0-9_-]+", "_", district)

# ensure folder
folder = Path(dataset_folder or ".")
folder.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)

# filename
if IS_PIPELINE_RUN:
    ts = "pipeline"
else:
    ts = datetime.now().strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S")

path = folder / f"{district}_cleaned_{ts}_reddit.pkl"

df.to_pickle(path)
print(f" Saved {dataset_name} \rightarrow {path.name}")
return path
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[8]: for name, dataset in datasets.items():
    save_dataset(dataset, name, dataset_folder)
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Saved dataset1 → Palo_Alto_cleaned_20251008_005822_reddit.pkl Saved dataset2 → Oklahoma_City_cleaned_20251008_005822_reddit.pkl