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# Description

A set of functions for creating and managing text corpora, extracting features from text corpora, and analyzing those features using quantitative methods.

More detailed description, and some examples, to go here.

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applyDictionary	apply a dictionary or thesarus to an object	

## Description

Convert features into equivalence classes defined by values of a dictionary object.

## Usage

```
applyDictionary(x, dictionary, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
applyDictionary(x, dictionary, exclusive = TRUE,
   valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"), case_insensitive = TRUE,
   capkeys = !exclusive, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object to which dictionary or thesaurus will be supplied

dictionary the dictionary-class object that will be applied to x

not used

exclusive if TRUE, remove all features not in dictionary, otherwise, replace values in dictionary with keys while leaving other features unaffected

valuetype how to interpret dictionary values: "glob" for "glob"-style wildcard expressions (the format used in Wordstat and LIWC formatted dictionary values); "regex" for regular expressions; or "fixed" for exact matching (entire words, for instance)

case\_insensitive ignore the case of dictionary values if TRUE

capkeys if TRUE, convert dictionary or thesaurus keys to uppercase to distinguish them

from other features

verbose print status messages if TRUE

#### Value

an object of the type passed with the value-matching features replaced by dictionary keys

# Note

Selecting only features defined in a "dictionary" is traditionally known in text analysis as a *dictionary method*, even though technically this they operate more like a thesarus. If a more truly thesaurus-like application is desired, set keeponly = FALSE to convert features defined as values in a dictionary into their keys, while keeping all other features.

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## **Examples**

```
myDict <- dictionary(list(christmas = c("Christmas", "Santa", "holiday"),</pre>
                          opposition = c("Opposition", "reject", "notincorpus"),
                          taxglob = "tax*",
                          taxregex = "tax.+$"
                          country = c("United_States", "Sweden")))
myDfm <- dfm(c("My Christmas was ruined by your opposition tax plan.",
               "Does the United_States or Sweden have more progressive taxation?"),
             ignoredFeatures = stopwords("english"), verbose = FALSE)
myDfm
# glob format
applyDictionary(myDfm, myDict, valuetype = "glob")
applyDictionary(myDfm, myDict, valuetype = "glob", case_insensitive = FALSE)
# regex v. glob format: note that "united_states" is a regex match for "tax*"
applyDictionary(myDfm, myDict, valuetype = "glob")
applyDictionary(myDfm, myDict, valuetype = "regex", case_insensitive = TRUE)
# fixed format: no pattern matching
applyDictionary(myDfm, myDict, valuetype = "fixed")
applyDictionary(myDfm, myDict, valuetype = "fixed", case_insensitive = FALSE)
```

cbind.dfm

combine dfm object by columns

# Description

Combine two or more dfm objects by columns. An implementation of cbind for dfm objects. Calls cbind2 defined for object classes in the **Matrix** package.

## Usage

```
cbind.dfm(x, y, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
    x a dfm object
    y a second dfm object to be joined column-wise to the first
    ... optional arguments for methods
```

## Value

A dfm object with combined features from input dfm objects. The attributes of this new dfm are not currently preserved.

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## **Examples**

```
dfm1 <- dfm("This is a sample text.", verbose = FALSE)
dfm2 <- dfm("one two three", verbose = FALSE)
cbind(dfm1, dfm2)</pre>
```

changeunits

change the document units of a corpus

## Description

For a corpus, recast the documents down or up a level of aggregation. "Down" would mean going from documents to sentences, for instance. "Up" means from sentences back to documents. This makes it easy to reshape a corpus from a collection of documents into a collection of sentences, for instance.

## Usage

```
changeunits(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
changeunits(x, to = c("sentences", "paragraphs",
   "documents"), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x corpus whose document units will be reshaped
... not used
to new documents units for the corpus to be recast in
```

## Value

A corpus object with the documents defined as the new units, including document-level meta-data identifying the original documents.

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```
summary(paragCorpus, 100, showmeta=TRUE)
## Note that Bush 2005 is recorded as a single paragraph because that text used a single
## \n to mark the end of a paragraph.
```

collocations

Detect collocations from text

## Description

Detects collocations (currently, bigrams and trigrams) from texts or a corpus, returning a data.frame of collocations and their scores, sorted in descending order of the association measure. Words separated by punctuation delimiters are not counted as adjacent and hence are not eligible to be collocations.

## Usage

```
collocations(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
collocations(x, method = c("lr", "chi2", "pmi", "dice",
    "all"), size = 2, n = NULL, spanPunct = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
collocations(x, method = c("lr", "chi2", "pmi", "dice",
    "all"), size = 2, n = NULL, spanPunct = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
collocations(x, method = c("lr", "chi2", "pmi",
    "dice", "all"), size = 2, n = NULL, spanPunct = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x a text, a character vector of texts, or a corpus

additional parameters passed to tokenize. If wanted to include collocations separated by punctuation, then you can use this to send removePunct = TRUE to tokenize.

method

association measure for detecting collocations. Let i index documents, and j index features,  $n_{ij}$  refers to observed counts, and  $m_{ij}$  the expected counts in a collocations frequency table of dimensions  $(J-size+1)^2$ . Available measures are computed as:

"1r" The likelihood ratio statistic  $G^2$ , computed as:

$$2*\sum_{i}\sum_{j}(n_{ij}*log\frac{n_{ij}}{m_{ij}})$$

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"chi2" Pearson's  $\chi^2$  statistic, computed as:

$$\sum_{i} \sum_{j} \frac{(n_{ij} - m_{ij})^2}{m_{ij}}$$

"pmi" point-wise mutual information score, computed as  $\log n_{11}/m_{11}$ 

"dice" the Dice coefficient, computed as  $n_{11}/n_{1.}+n_{.1}$ 

"all" returns all of the above

size length of the collocation. Only bigram (n=2) and trigram (n=3) collocations are

implemented so far. Can be c(2,3) (or 2:3) to return both bi- and tri-gram

collocations.

the number of collocations to return, sorted in descending order of the requested

statistic, or  $G^2$  if none is specified.

spanPunct if FALSE, then collocations will not span punctuation marks, so that for instance

marks, so is not a collocation of marks so. If TRUE, do not handle punctuation

specially.

#### Value

A data table of collocations, their frequencies, and the computed association measure(s).

#### Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit

#### References

McInnes, B T. 2004. "Extending the Log Likelihood Measure to Improve Collocation Identification." M.Sc. Thesis, University of Minnesota.

#### See Also

ngrams

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```
collocations(inaugTexts[49:57], method="chi2", size=3, n=10)
collocations(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980), method="pmi", size=3, n=10)
```

convert

convert a dfm to a non-quanteda format

# Description

Convert a quanteda dfm-class object to a format useable by other text analysis packages. The general function convert provides easy conversion from a dfm to the document-term representations used in all other text analysis packages for which conversions are defined. To make the usage as consistent as possible with other packages, however, quanteda also provides direct conversion functions in the idiom of the foreign packages, for example as . wfm to coerce a dfm into the wfm format from the austin package, and quantedaformat2dtm for using a dfm with the topicmodels package.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

x dfm to be converted

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to	target conversion format, consisting of the name of the package into whose document-term matrix representation the dfm will be converted:
	"lda" a list with components "documents" and "vocab" as needed by lda.collapsed.gibbs.sampler from the lda package
	"tm" a DocumentTermMatrix from the <b>tm</b> package
	"stm" the format for the <b>stm</b> package
	"austin" the wfm format from the <b>austin</b> package
	"topicmodels" the "dtm" format as used by the <b>topicmodels</b> package
	not used here

#### Details

We recommend using convert() rather than the specific functions. In fact, it's worth considering whether we should simply remove all of them and **only** support calling these through 'convert()'.

We may also use this function, eventually, for converting other classes of objects such as a 'corpus' or 'tokenizedList'.

as. wfm converts a quanteda dfm into the wfm format used by the austin package.

as.DocumentTermMatrix will convert a quanteda dfm into the **tm** package's DocumentTermMatrix format.

dfm2ldaformat provides converts a dfm into the list representation of terms in documents used by tghe **lda** package.

quantedaformat2dtm provides converts a dfm into the sparse simple triplet matrix representation of terms in documents used by the **topicmodels** package.

#### Value

A converted object determined by the value of to (see above). See conversion target package documentation for more detailed descriptions of the return formats.

dfm2ldaformat returns a list with components "documents" and "vocab" as needed by lda.collapsed.gibbs.sampler. quantedaformat2dtm returns a "dtm" sparse matrix object for use with the **topicmodels** package.

#### Note

The **tm** package version of as.TermDocumentMatrix allows a weighting argument, which supplies a weighting function for TermDocumentMatrix. Here the default is for term frequency weighting. If you want a different weighting, apply the weights after converting using one of the **tm** functions.

```
mycorpus <- subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1970)
quantdfm <- dfm(mycorpus, verbose=FALSE)

# austin's wfm format
austindfm <- as.wfm(quantdfm)
identical(austindfm, convert(quantdfm, to="austin"))</pre>
```

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```
# tm's DocumentTermMatrix format
tmdfm <- as.DocumentTermMatrix(quantdfm)</pre>
str(tmdfm)
# stm package format
stmdfm <- convert(quantdfm, to="stm")</pre>
str(stmdfm)
# topicmodels package format
topicmodelsdfm <- quantedaformat2dtm(quantdfm)</pre>
identical(topicmodelsdfm, convert(quantdfm, to="topicmodels"))
# lda package format
ldadfm <- convert(quantdfm, to="lda")</pre>
str(ldadfm)
identical(ldadfm, stmdfm[1:2])
# calling dfm2ldaformat directly
ldadfm <- dfm2ldaformat(quantdfm)</pre>
str(ldadfm)
```

corpus

constructor for corpus objects

## **Description**

Creates a corpus from a document source. The current available document sources are:

- a character vector (as in R class char) of texts;
- a corpusSource-class object, constructed using textfile;
- a **tm** VCorpus class corpus object, meaning that anything you can use to create a **tm** corpus, including all of the tm plugins plus the built-in functions of tm for importing pdf, Word, and XML documents, can be used to create a quanteda corpus.

Corpus-level meta-data can be specified at creation, containing (for example) citation information and notes, as can document-level variables and document-level meta-data.

```
corpus(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
corpus(x, enc = NULL, encTo = "UTF-8",
   docnames = NULL, docvars = NULL, source = NULL, notes = NULL,
   citation = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpusSource'
corpus(x, ...)
```

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```
## S3 method for class 'VCorpus'
corpus(x, ...)
is.corpus(x)

## S3 method for class 'corpus'
c1 + c2

## S3 method for class 'corpus'
x[i, j = NULL, ..., drop = TRUE]
```

## **Arguments**

x a source of texts to form the documents in the corpus, a character vector or a corpusSource-class object created using textfile.

... additional arguments

enc a string specifying the input encoding for texts in the corpus. Must be a valid

entry in stri\_enc\_list(), since the code in corpus.character will convert this to encTo using stri\_encode. We recommend that you do **not** use enc, since if left NULL (the default) then corpus() will detect the input encoding(s)

and convert automatically.

Currently only one input encoding can be specified for a collection of input texts, meaning that you should not mix input text encoding types in a single corpus call. However if you suspect multiple encodings, omit the enc argument and

corpus() will detect and convert each file automatically.

encTo target encoding, default is UTF-8. Unless you have strong reasons to use an

alternative encoding, we strongly recommend you leave this at its default. Must

be a valid entry in stri\_enc\_list()

docnames Names to be assigned to the texts, defaults to the names of the character vector

(if any), otherwise assigns "text1", "text2", etc.

docvars A data frame of attributes that is associated with each text.

source A string specifying the source of the texts, used for referencing.

notes A string containing notes about who created the text, warnings, To Dos, etc.

citation Information on how to cite the corpus.

c1 corpus one to be addedc2 corpus two to be added

i index for documents or rows of document variables

j index for column of document variables

drop if TRUE the result is coerced to the lowest possible dimension (see the examples).

This only works for extracting elements, not for the replacement. See drop for

further details.

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#### **Details**

The texts and document variables of corpus objects can also be accessed using index notation. Indexing a corpus object as a vector will return its text, equivalent to texts(x). Indexing a corpus using two indexes (integers or column names) will return the document variables, equivalent to docvars(x).

The + operator for a corpus object will combine two corpus objects, resolving any non-matching docvars or metadoc fields by making them into NA values for the corpus lacking that field. Corpuslevel meta data is concatenated, except for source and notes, which are stamped with information pertaining to the creation of the new joined corpus.

There are some issues that need to be addressed in future revisions of quanteda concerning the use of factors to store document variables and meta-data. Currently most or all of these are not recorded as factors, because we use stringsAsFactors=FALSE in the data.frame calls that are used to create and store the document-level information, because the texts should always be stored as character vectors and never as factors.

#### Value

A corpus class object containing the original texts, document-level variables, document-level metadata, corpus-level metadata, and default settings for subsequent processing of the corpus. A corpus consists of a list of elements described below, although these should only be accessed through accessor and replacement functions, not directly (since the internals may be subject to change). The structure of a corpus classed list object is:

\$documents	A data frame containing the document level information, consisting of texts, user-named docvars variables describing attributes of the documents, and metadoc document-level metadata whose names begin with an underscore character, such as _language.
\$metadata	A named list set of corpus-level meta-data, including source and created (both generated automatically unless assigned), notes, and citation.
\$settings	Settings for the corpus which record options that govern the subsequent processing of the corpus when it is converted into a document-feature matrix (dfm). See settings.
\$tokens	An indexed list of tokens and types tabulated by document, including information on positions. Not yet fully implemented.

is.corpus returns TRUE if the object is a corpus

## Note

When x is a VCorpus object, the fixed metadata fields from that object are imported as document-level metadata. Currently no corpus-level metadata is imported, but we will add that soon.

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## See Also

docvars, metadoc, metacorpus, settings, texts

## **Examples**

```
# create a corpus from texts
corpus(inaugTexts)
# create a corpus from texts and assign meta-data and document variables
ukimmigCorpus <- corpus(ukimmigTexts,</pre>
                         docvars = data.frame(party=names(ukimmigTexts)),
                         encTo = "UTF-16")
corpus(texts(ie2010Corpus))
## Not run: # the fifth column of this csv file is the text field
mytexts <- textfile("http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/text_example.csv", textField = 5)</pre>
mycorp <- corpus(mytexts)</pre>
mycorp2 <- corpus(textfile("http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/text_example.csv", textField = "Title"))</pre>
identical(texts(mycorp), texts(mycorp2))
identical(docvars(mycorp), docvars(mycorp2))
## End(Not run)
# import a tm VCorpus
if ("tm" %in% rownames(installed.packages())) {
    data(crude, package = "tm")
                                    # load in a tm example VCorpus
    mytmCorpus <- corpus(crude)</pre>
    summary(mytmCorpus, showmeta=TRUE)
    data(acq, package = "tm")
    summary(corpus(acq), 5, showmeta=TRUE)
    tmCorp <- tm::VCorpus(tm::VectorSource(inaugTexts[49:57]))</pre>
    quantCorp <- corpus(tmCorp)</pre>
    summary(quantCorp)
}
```

corpusSource-class

corpus source classes

## **Description**

The corpusSource virtual class is a parent class for more specific corpus source objects.

```
## S4 method for signature 'corpusSource'
show(object)
```

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## **Arguments**

object

corpusSource object to be printed

#### Slots

texts the texts that form the core of the corpus
docvars document variables in a data.frame
source source recorded for the corpus, based on type of source
created a time stamp
cachedfile if read to a temporary file, a string containing the location of the temporary file

dfm

create a document-feature matrix

## **Description**

Create a sparse matrix document-feature matrix from a corpus or a vector of texts. The sparse matrix construction uses the **Matrix** package, and is both much faster and much more memory efficient than the corresponding dense (regular matrix) representation. For details on the structure of the dfm class, see dfm-class.

```
dfm(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
dfm(x, verbose = TRUE, toLower = TRUE,
  removeNumbers = TRUE, removePunct = TRUE, removeSeparators = TRUE,
  removeTwitter = FALSE, stem = FALSE, ignoredFeatures = NULL,
  keptFeatures = NULL, matrixType = c("sparse", "dense"),
  language = "english", thesaurus = NULL, dictionary = NULL,
  valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"), dictionary_regex = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
dfm(x, verbose = TRUE, toLower = TRUE,
  stem = FALSE, ignoredFeatures = NULL, keptFeatures = NULL,
  matrixType = c("sparse", "dense"), language = "english",
  thesaurus = NULL, dictionary = NULL, valuetype = c("glob", "regex",
  "fixed"), dictionary_regex = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
dfm(x, verbose = TRUE, groups = NULL, ...)
is.dfm(x)
as.dfm(x)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x corpus or character vector from which to generate the document-feature matrix

... additional arguments passed to tokenize, which can include for instance ngrams

and concatenator for tokenizing multi-token sequences

verbose display messages if TRUE
toLower convert texts to lowercase
removeNumbers remove numbers, see tokenize
removePunct remove numbers, see tokenize

removeSeparators

remove separators (whitespace), see tokenize

removeTwitter if FALSE, preserve # and @ characters, see tokenize

stem if TRUE, stem words

ignoredFeatures

a character vector of user-supplied features to ignore, such as "stop words". To access one possible list (from any list you wish), use stopwords(). The pattern matching type will be set by valuetype. For behaviour of ingoredFeatures with ngrams > 1, see Details.

keptFeatures

a use supplied regular expression defining which features to keep, while excluding all others. This can be used in lieu of a dictionary if there are only specific features that a user wishes to keep. To extract only Twitter usernames, for example, set keptFeatures = "@\*" and make sure that removeTwitter = FALSE as an additional argument passed to tokenize. Note: keptFeatures = "^@\\w+\\b" would be the regular expression version of this matching pattern. The pattern matching type will be set by valuetype.

matrixType

deprecated, used to produce a dense matrix if dense, but this was removed in 0.8.2. All dfm objects are now created as a sparse matrix of class dgCMatrix from the **Matrix** package.

language

Language for stemming. Choices are danish, dutch, english, finnish, french, german, hungarian, italian, norwegian, porter, portuguese, romanian, russian, spanish, swedish, turkish.

thesaurus

A list of character vector "thesaurus" entries, in a dictionary list format, which can also include regular expressions if dictionary\_regex is TRUE (see examples). Note that unlike dictionaries, each entry in a thesaurus key must be unique, otherwise only the first match in the list will be used. Thesaurus keys are converted to upper case to create a feature label in the dfm, as a reminder that this was not a type found in the text, but rather the label of a thesaurus key.

dictionary

A list of character vector dictionary entries, including regular expressions (see examples)

valuetype

fixed for words as is; "regex" for regular expressions; or "glob" for "glob"-style wildcard. Glob format is the default. See selectFeatures.

dictionary\_regex

TRUE means the dictionary is already in regular expression format, otherwise it will be converted from the "glob" format. This is a legacy argument that will soon be phased out in favour of valuetype.

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groups

character vector containing the names of document variables for aggregating documents

## **Details**

The default behavior for ignoredFeatures when constructing ngrams using dfm(x, ngrams > 1) is to remove any ngram that contains any item in ignoredFeatures. If you wish to remove these before constructing ngrams, you will need to first tokenize the texts with ngrams, then remove the features to be ignored, and then construct the dfm using this modified tokenization object. See the code examples for an illustration.

is. dfm returns TRUE if and only if its argument is a dfm.

as.dfm coerces a matrix or data.frame to a dfm

#### Value

A dfm-class object containing a sparse matrix representation of the counts of features by document, along with associated settings and metadata.

#### Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit

```
# why we phased out dense matrix dfm objects
(size1 <- object.size(dfm(inaugTexts, verbose = FALSE)))</pre>
(size2 <- object.size(as.matrix(dfm(inaugTexts, verbose = FALSE))))</pre>
cat("Compacted by ", round(as.numeric((1-size1/size2)*100), 1), "%.\n", sep="")
# for a corpus
mydfm <- dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980))
mydfm <- dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980), toLower=FALSE)
# grouping documents by docvars in a corpus
mydfmGrouped <- dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980), groups = "President")
# with English stopwords and stemming
dfmsInaug2 <- dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980),
                  ignoredFeatures=stopwords("english"), stem=TRUE)
# works for both words in ngrams too
dfm("Banking industry", stem = TRUE, ngrams = 2, verbose = FALSE)
# with dictionaries
mycorpus <- subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1900)
mydict <- list(christmas=c("Christmas", "Santa", "holiday"),</pre>
               opposition=c("Opposition", "reject", "notincorpus"),
               taxing="taxing",
               taxation="taxation",
               taxregex="tax*",
               country="united states")
dictDfm <- dfm(mycorpus, dictionary=mydict)</pre>
```

```
# with the thesaurus feature
mytexts <- c("The new law included a capital gains tax, and an inheritance tax.",
             "New York City has raised a taxes: an income tax and a sales tax.")
mydict <- dictionary(list(tax=c("tax", "income tax", "capital gains tax", "inheritance tax")))</pre>
dfm(phrasetotoken(mytexts, mydict), thesaurus = lapply(mydict, function(x) gsub("\\s", "_", x)))
# pick up "taxes" with "tax" as a regex
dfm(phrasetotoken(mytexts, mydict), thesaurus = list(anytax = "tax"), valuetype = "regex")
# removing stopwords
testText <- "The quick brown fox named Seamus jumps over the lazy dog also named Seamus, with
             the newspaper from a boy named Seamus, in his mouth."
testCorpus <- corpus(testText)</pre>
# note: "also" is not in the default stopwords("english")
features(dfm(testCorpus, ignoredFeatures = stopwords("english")))
# for ngrams
features(dfm(testCorpus, ngrams = 2, ignoredFeatures = stopwords("english")))
features(dfm(testCorpus, ngrams = 1:2, ignoredFeatures = stopwords("english")))
## removing stopwords before constructing ngrams
tokensAll <- tokenize(toLower(testText), removePunct = TRUE)</pre>
tokensNoStopwords <- removeFeatures(tokensAll, stopwords("english"))</pre>
tokensNgramsNoStopwords <- ngrams(tokensNoStopwords, 2)</pre>
features(dfm(tokensNgramsNoStopwords, ngrams = 1:2))
# keep only certain words
dfm(testCorpus, keptFeatures = "*s", verbose = FALSE) # keep only words ending in "s"
dfm(testCorpus, keptFeatures = "s$", valuetype = "regex", verbose = FALSE)
# testing Twitter functions
testTweets <- c("My homie @justinbieber #justinbieber shopping in #LA yesterday #beliebers",
             "2all the ha8ers including my bro #justinbieber #emabiggestfansjustinbieber",
             "Justin Bieber #justinbieber #belieber #fetusjustin #EMABiggestFansJustinBieber")
dfm(testTweets, keptFeatures = "#*", removeTwitter = FALSE) # keep only hashtags
dfm(testTweets, keptFeatures = "^#.*$", valuetype = "regex", removeTwitter = FALSE)
```

dfm-class

dictDfm

Virtual class "dfm" for a document-feature matrix

## Description

The dfm class of object is a type of Matrix-class object with additional slots, described below. **quanteda** uses two subclasses of the dfm class, depending on whether the object can be represented by a sparse matrix, in which case it is a dfmSparse class object, or if dense, then a dfmDense object. See Details.

```
## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
```

```
t(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse'
colSums(x, na.rm = FALSE, dims = 1L, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense'
colSums(x, na.rm = FALSE, dims = 1L, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse'
rowSums(x, na.rm = FALSE, dims = 1L, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense'
rowSums(x, na.rm = FALSE, dims = 1L, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,index,index,missing'
x[i = NULL, j = NULL, ...,
  drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,index,index,logical'
x[i = NULL, j = NULL, ...,
  drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,index,missing,missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,index,missing,logical'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,missing,index,missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,missing,index,logical'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense, missing, missing, missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense, missing, missing, logical'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,index,index,missing'
x[i = NULL, j = NULL, ...,
  drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,index,index,logical'
```

```
x[i = NULL, j = NULL, ...,
 drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,index,missing,missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,index,missing,logical'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,missing,index,missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,missing,index,logical'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse, missing, missing, missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,missing,missing,logical'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,numeric'
e1 + e2
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,dfmSparse'
e1 + e2
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,numeric'
e1 + e2
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,dfmDense'
## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
as.matrix(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
as.data.frame(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

X	the dfm object
na.rm	if TRUE, omit missing values (including NaN) from the calculations $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left$
dims	ignored
	additional arguments not used here
i	index for documents
j	index for features

drop	always set to FALSE
e1	first quantity in "+" operation for dfm
e2	second quantity in "+" operation for dfm

#### **Details**

The dfm class is a virtual class that will contain one of two subclasses for containing the cell counts of document-feature matrixes: dfmSparse or dfmDense.

The dfmSparse class is a sparse matrix version of dfm-class, inheriting dgCMatrix-class from the **Matrix** package. It is the default object type created when feature counts are the object of interest, as typical text-based feature counts tend contain many zeroes. As long as subsequent transformations of the dfm preserve cells with zero counts, the dfm should remain sparse.

When the **Matrix** package implements sparse integer matrixes, we will switch the default object class to this object type, as integers are 4 bytes each (compared to the current numeric double type requiring 8 bytes per cell.)

The dfmDense class is a sparse matrix version of dfm-class, inheriting dgeMatrix-class from the **Matrix** package. dfm objects that are converted through weighting or other transformations into cells without zeroes will be automatically converted to the dfmDense class. This will necessarily be a much larger sized object than one of dfmSparse class, because each cell is recorded as a numeric (double) type requiring 8 bytes of storage.

#### Slots

settings settings that govern corpus handling and subsequent downstream operations, including the settings used to clean and tokenize the texts, and to create the dfm. See settings.

weighting the feature weighting applied to the dfm. Default is "frequency", indicating that the values in the cells of the dfm are simple feature counts. To change this, use the weight method.

smooth a smoothing parameter, defaults to zero. Can be changed using either the smooth or the weight methods.

Dimnames These are inherited from Matrix-class but are named docs and features respectively.

#### See Also

dfm

```
## Not run:
dfmSparse <- dfm(inaugTexts, verbose=FALSE)
str(as.matrix(dfmSparse))
class(as.matrix(dfmSparse))
dfmDense <- dfm(inaugTexts, verbose=FALSE, matrixType="dense")
str(as.matrix(dfmDense))
class(as.matrix(dfmDense))
identical(as.matrix(dfmSparse), as.matrix(dfmDense))
## End(Not run)
## Not run:</pre>
```

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```
dfmSparse <- dfm(inaugTexts, verbose=FALSE)
str(as.data.frame(dfmSparse))
class(as.data.frame(dfmSparse))
dfmDense <- dfm(inaugTexts, verbose=FALSE, matrixType="dense")
str(as.data.frame(dfmDense))
class(as.data.frame(dfmDense))
identical(as.data.frame(dfmSparse), as.data.frame(dfmDense))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

dictionary

create a dictionary

## **Description**

Create a quanteda dictionary, either from a list or by importing from a foreign format. Currently supported formats are the Wordstat and LIWC formats.

## Usage

```
dictionary(x = NULL, file = NULL, format = NULL, enc = "",
  tolower = TRUE, maxcats = 25)
```

## **Arguments**

Х	a list of character vector dictionary entries, including regular expressions (see examples)
file	file identifier for a foreign dictionary
format	character identifier for the format of the foreign dictionary. Available options are:
	"wordstat" format used by Provalis Research's Wordstat software "LIWC" format used by the Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count software
enc	optional encoding value for reading in imported dictionaries. This uses the iconv labels for encoding. See the "Encoding" section of the help for file.
tolower	if TRUE, convert all dictionary functions to lower
maxcats	optional maximum categories to which a word could belong in a LIWC dictionary file, defaults to 10 (which is more than the actual LIWC 2007 dictionary uses). The default value of 10 is likely to be more than enough.

# Value

A dictionary class object, essentially a specially classed named list of characters.

## Note

We will eventually change this to an S4 class with validators and additional methods.

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#### References

Wordstat dictionaries page, from Provalis Research http://provalisresearch.com/products/content-analysis-software/wordstat-dictionary/.

Pennebaker, J.W., Chung, C.K., Ireland, M., Gonzales, A., & Booth, R.J. (2007). The development and psychometric properties of LIWC2007. [Software manual]. Austin, TX (www.liwc.net).

#### See Also

dfm

## **Examples**

```
mycorpus <- subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1900)
mydict <-
    dictionary(list(christmas=c("Christmas", "Santa", "holiday"),
                     opposition=c("Opposition", "reject", "notincorpus"),
                     taxing="taxing",
                     taxation="taxation",
                     taxregex="tax*",
                     country="united states"))
dfm(mycorpus, dictionary=mydict)
## Not run:
# import the Laver-Garry dictionary from http://bit.ly/1FH2nvf
lgdict <- dictionary(file="http://www.kenbenoit.net/courses/essex2014qta/LaverGarry.cat",</pre>
                      format="wordstat")
dfm(inaugTexts, dictionary=lgdict)
# import a LIWC formatted dictionary
liwcdict <- dictionary(file = "http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/LIWC2001_English.dic",</pre>
                        format = "LIWC")
dfm(inaugTexts, dictionary=liwcdict)
## End(Not run)
```

docfreq

get the document frequency of a feature

## Description

For a dfm-class object, returns the number of documents in which a feature occurs more than a given frequency threshold. The default is greater than zero, meaning that a feature occurs at least once in a document.

```
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,numeric'
```

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```
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense,missing'
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,numeric'
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse,missing'
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dfm,numeric'
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dfm,missing'
docfreq(object, threshold = 0)
```

## **Arguments**

object a dfm-class document-feature matrix

threshold numeric value of the threshold above which a feature will considered in the

computation of document frequency. The default is 0, meaning that a feature's document frequency will be the number of documents in which it occurs greater

than zero times.

## Value

a numeric vector of document frequencies for each feature

#### **Examples**

```
mydfm <- dfm(inaugTexts[1:2], verbose = FALSE)
docfreq(mydfm[, 1:20])</pre>
```

docnames

get or set document names

## Description

Extract the document names from a corpus or a document-feature matrix. of the dfm object.

docnames queries the document names of a corpus or a dfm

docnames <- assigns new values to the document names of a corpus. (Does not work for dfm objects, whose document names are fixed.)

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## Usage

```
docnames(x)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
docnames(x)

docnames(x) <- value
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
docnames(x)</pre>
```

## Arguments

x the object with docnames

value a character vector of the same length as x

## Value

docnames returns a character vector of the document names docnames<- assigns a character vector of the document names in a corpus

## **Examples**

```
# query the document names of the inaugural speech corpus
docnames(inaugCorpus) <- paste("Speech", 1:ndoc(inaugCorpus), sep="")
# reassign the document names of the inaugural speech corpus
docnames(inaugCorpus) <- paste("Speech", 1:ndoc(inaugCorpus), sep="")
# query the document names of a dfm
docnames(dfm(inaugTexts[1:5]))</pre>
```

docvars

get or set for document-level variables

## **Description**

Get or set variables for the documents in a corpus

```
docvars(x, field = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
docvars(x, field = NULL)
docvars(x, field = NULL) <- value</pre>
```

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```
docvars(x, field = NULL) <- value
## S3 method for class 'corpusSource'
docvars(x, field = NULL)</pre>
```

## Arguments

x corpus whose document-level variables will be read or set
field string containing the document-level variable name
value the new values of the document-level variable

#### Value

docvars returns a data.frame of the document-level variables docvars<- assigns value to the named field

## **Examples**

```
head(docvars(inaugCorpus))
docvars(inaugCorpus, "President") <- paste("prez", 1:ndoc(inaugCorpus), sep="")
head(docvars(inaugCorpus))</pre>
```

encodedTexts

encoded texts for testing

## **Description**

encodedTexts is a 10-element character vector with 10 different encodings

## **Examples**

```
Encoding(encodedTexts)
data.frame(labelled = names(encodedTexts), detected = encoding(encodedTexts)$all)
```

encoding

detect the encoding of texts

## **Description**

Detect the encoding of texts in a character, corpus, or corpusSource-class object and report on the most likely encoding. Useful in detecting the encoding of input texts, so that a source encoding can be specified when (re)constructing a corpus using corpus.

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## Usage

```
encoding(x, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
encoding(x, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
encoding(x, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpusSource'
encoding(x, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

character vector, corpus, or corpusSource object whose texts' encodings will be detected.
 if FALSE, do not print diagnostic report
 additional arguments passed to stri\_enc\_detect

## **Details**

Based on stri\_enc\_detect, which is in turn based on the ICU libraries. See the ICU User Guide, http://userguide.icu-project.org/conversion/detection.

## **Examples**

```
encoding(encodedTexts)
# show detected value for each text, versus known encoding
data.frame(labelled = names(encodedTexts), detected = encoding(encodedTexts)$all)
encoding(ukimmigTexts)
encoding(inaugCorpus)
encoding(ie2010Corpus)

## Not run: # Russian text, Windows-1251
mytextfile <- textfile("http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/01_er_5.txt", cache = FALSE)
encoding(mytextfile)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

exampleString

A paragraph of text for testing various text-based functions

## **Description**

This is a long paragraph (2,914 characters) of text taken from an Irish budget speech by Joe Higgins

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## **Format**

character vector with one element

## **Examples**

```
tokenize(exampleString, removePunct = TRUE)
```

features

extract the feature labels from a dfm

# Description

Extract the features from a document-feature matrix, which are stored as the column names of the dfm object.

## Usage

```
features(x)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
features(x)
```

## **Arguments**

Χ

the object (dfm) whose features will be extracted

#### Value

Character vector of the features

# Examples

```
features(dfm(inaugTexts))[1:50] # first 50 features (alphabetically sorted)
```

head.dfm

Return the first or last part of a dfm

## **Description**

For a dfm-class object, returns the first or last n documents and first ncol features for inspection.

```
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
head(x, n = 6L, nfeature = 6L, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
tail(x, n = 6L, nfeature = 6L, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

Х	a dfm object
n	a single integer. If positive, size for the resulting object: number of first/last documents for the dfm. If negative, all but the n last/first number of documents of $x$ .
nfeature	the number of features to return, where the resulting object will contain the first ncol features
	unused

## Value

A dfm-class class object corresponding to the subset defined by n and ncol.

A dfm-class class object corresponding to the subset defined by n and ncol.

# **Examples**

```
myDfm <- dfm(inaugCorpus, ngrams = 2, verbose = FALSE)
head(myDfm)
tail(myDfm)
tail(myDfm, nfeature = 4)</pre>
```

ie2010Corpus

Irish budget speeches from 2010

# Description

Speeches and document-level variables from the debate over the Irish budget of 2010.

# **Format**

The corpus object for the 2010 budget speeches, with document-level variables for year, debate, serial number, first and last name of the speaker, and the speaker's party.

## **Source**

Lowe, Will, and Kenneth R Benoit. 2013. "Validating Estimates of Latent Traits From Textual Data Using Human Judgment as a Benchmark." *Political Analysis* 21: 298-313.

```
summary(ie2010Corpus)
```

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inaugCorpus

A corpus of US presidential inaugural addresses from 1789-2013

## **Description**

inaugCorpus is the quanteda-package corpus object of US presidents' inaugural addresses since 1789. Document variables contain the year of the address and the last name of the president.

inaugTexts is the character vector of US presidential inaugaration speeches

## References

https://archive.org/details/Inaugural-Address-Corpus-1789-2009 and http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/inaugurals.php.

## **Examples**

```
# some operations on the inaugural corpus
summary(inaugCorpus)
head(docvars(inaugCorpus), 10)
# working with the character vector only
str(inaugTexts)
head(docvars(inaugCorpus), 10)
mycorpus <- corpus(inaugTexts)</pre>
```

kwic

List key words in context from a text or a corpus of texts.

## **Description**

For a text or a collection of texts (in a quanteda corpus object), return a list of a keyword supplied by the user in its immediate context, identifying the source text and the word index number within the source text. (Not the line number, since the text may or may not be segmented using end-of-line delimiters.)

```
kwic(x, keywords, window = 5, valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"),
    case_insensitive = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
kwic(x, keywords, window = 5, valuetype = c("glob",
    "regex", "fixed"), case_insensitive = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'corpus'
kwic(x, keywords, window = 5, valuetype = c("glob",
    "regex", "fixed"), case_insensitive = TRUE, ...)
```

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```
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
kwic(x, keywords, window = 5, valuetype = c("glob",
    "regex", "fixed"), case_insensitive = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'kwic'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x a text character scalar or a quanteda corpus

keywords A keyword or phrase consisting of multiple keywords, possibly including punc-

tuation. If a phrase, keywords will be tokenized using the . . . options.

window The number of context words to be displayed around the keyword.

valuetype how to interpret keyword expressions: "glob" for "glob"-style wildcard expres-

sions; "regex" for regular expressions; or "fixed" for exact matching (entire words, for instance). If "fixed" is used with case\_insensitive = TRUE, the

text will be lowercased prior to matching.

case\_insensitive

match without respect to case if TRUE

... additional arguments passed to tokenize, for applicable methods

#### Value

A kwic object classed data.frame, with the context before (preword), the keyword in its original format (word, preserving case and attached punctuation), the context after (postword), and the index position of the match (position). The rows of the dataframe will be named with the word index position, or the text name and the index position for a corpus object.

## Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit

```
head(kwic(inaugTexts, "secure*", window = 3, valuetype = "glob"))
head(kwic(inaugTexts, "secur", window = 3, valuetype = "regex"))
head(kwic(inaugTexts, "security", window = 3, valuetype = "fixed"))
kwic(inaugCorpus, "war against")
kwic(inaugCorpus, "war against", valuetype = "regex")
```

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dfm containing example data from Table 1 of Laver Benoit and Garry (2003)

## **Description**

Example data to demonstrate the Wordscores algorithm, from Laver Benoit and Garry (2003)

#### **Format**

A dfm object with 6 documents and 37 features

#### **Details**

This is the example word count data from Laver, Benoit and Garry's (2003) Table 1. Documents R1 to R5 are assumed to have known positions: -1.5, -0.75, 0, 0.75, 1.5. Document V1 is assumed unknown, and will have a raw text score of approximately -0.45 when computed as per LBG (2003).

## References

Laver, Michael, Kenneth Benoit, and John Garry. 2003. "Estimating policy positions from political text using words as data." American Political Science Review 97(2): 311-331.

lexdiv

calculate lexical diversity

# Description

Calculate the lexical diversity or complexity of text(s).

```
lexdiv(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
lexdiv(x, measure = c("TTR", "C", "R", "CTTR", "U", "S",
    "Maas"), log.base = 10, ...)
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
lexdiv(x, measure = c("TTR", "C", "R", "CTTR", "U", "S",
    "Maas"), log.base = 10, ...)
```

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## Arguments

x a document-feature matrix object

... additional arguments

measure A character vector defining the measure to calculate.

log. base A numeric value defining the base of the logarithm.

## **Details**

lexdiv calculates a variety of proposed indices for lexical diversity. In the following formulae, N refers to the total number of tokens, and V to the number of types:

"TTR": The ordinary Type-Token Ratio:

$$TTR = \frac{V}{N}$$

"C": Herdan's C (Herdan, 1960, as cited in Tweedie & Baayen, 1998; sometimes referred to as LogTTR):

$$C = \frac{\log V}{\log N}$$

"R": Guiraud's Root TTR (Guiraud, 1954, as cited in Tweedie & Baayen, 1998):

$$R = \frac{V}{\sqrt{N}}$$

"CTTR": Carroll's Corrected TTR:

$$CTTR = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2N}}$$

"U": Dugast's Uber Index (Dugast, 1978, as cited in Tweedie & Baayen, 1998):

$$U = \frac{(\log N)^2}{\log N - \log V}$$

"S": Summer's index:

$$S = \frac{\log \log V}{\log \log N}$$

"K": Yule's K (Yule, 1944, as cited in Tweedie & Baayen, 1998) is calculated by:

$$K = 10^4 \times \frac{\left(\sum_{X=1}^{X} f_X X^2\right) - N}{N^2}$$

where N is the number of tokens, X is a vector with the frequencies of each type, and  $f_X$  is the frequencies for each X.

"Maas": Maas' indices  $(a, \log V_0 \& \log_e V_0)$ :

$$a^2 = \frac{\log N - \log V}{\log N^2}$$

$$\log V_0 = \frac{\log V}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\log V}{\log N}^2}}$$

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The measure was derived from a formula by Mueller (1969, as cited in Maas, 1972).  $\log_e V_0$  is equivalent to  $\log V_0$ , only with e as the base for the logarithms. Also calculated are e,  $\log V_0$  (both not the same as before) and e as measures of relative vocabulary growth while the text progresses. To calculate these measures, the first half of the text and the full text will be examined (see Maas, 1972, p. 67 ff. for details). Note: for the current method (for a dfm) there is no computation on separate halves of the text.

#### Value

a vector of lexical diversity statistics, each corresponding to an input document

## Note

This implements only the static measures of lexical diversity, not more complex measures based on windows of text such as the Mean Segmental Type-Token Ratio, the Moving-Average Type-Token Ratio (Covington & McFall, 2010), the MLTD or MLTD-MA (Moving-Average Measure of Textual Lexical Diversity) proposed by McCarthy & Jarvis (2010) or Jarvis (no year), or the HD-D version of vocd-D (see McCarthy & Jarvis, 2007). These are available from the package **korRpus**.

## Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit, adapted from the S4 class implementation written by Meik Michalke in the **koRpus** package.

#### References

Covington, M.A. & McFall, J.D. (2010). Cutting the Gordian Knot: The Moving-Average Type-Token Ratio (MATTR). *Journal of Quantitative Linguistics*, 17(2), 94–100.

Maas, H.-D., (1972). \"Uber den Zusammenhang zwischen Wortschatzumfang und L\"ange eines Textes. Zeitschrift f\"ur Literaturwissenschaft und Linguistik, 2(8), 73–96.

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Michalke, Meik. (2014) *koRpus: An R Package for Text Analysis*. Version 0.05-5. http://reaktanz.de/?c=hacking&s=koRpus

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```
results
cor(results)
t(lexdiv(mydfmSW, "Maas"))
```

metacorpus

get or set corpus metadata

# Description

Get or set the corpus-level metadata in a quanteda corpus object.

# Usage

```
metacorpus(x, field = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
metacorpus(x, field = NULL)
metacorpus(x, field) <- value</pre>
```

## Arguments

x A quanteda corpus object

field Metadata field name(s). If NULL (default), return all metadata names.

value new value of the corpus metadata field

## Value

For metacorpus, a list of the metadata fields in the corpus. If a list is not what you wanted, you can wrap the results in unlist, but this will remove any metadata field that is set to NULL.

For metacorpus <-, the corpus with the updated metadata.

```
metacorpus(inaugCorpus)
metacorpus(inaugCorpus, "source")
metacorpus(inaugCorpus, "citation") <- "Presidential Speeches Online Project (2014)."
metacorpus(inaugCorpus, "citation")</pre>
```

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metadoc

get or set document-level meta-data

# Description

Get or set the document-level meta-data, including reserved fields for language and corpus.

# Usage

```
metadoc(x, field = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
metadoc(x, field = NULL)
metadoc(x, field = NULL) <- value
metadoc(x, field = NULL) <- value</pre>
```

# Arguments

X	A quanteda corpus object
field	character, the name of the metadata field(s) to be queried or set
value	the new value of the new meta-data field

#### Value

For texts, a character vector of the texts in the corpus.

For texts <-, the corpus with the updated texts.

## Note

Document-level meta-data names are preceded by an underscore character, such as \_language, but when named in in the field argument, do *not* need the underscore character.

```
mycorp <- subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1990)
summary(mycorp, showmeta = TRUE)
metadoc(mycorp, "encoding") <- "UTF-8"
metadoc(mycorp)
metadoc(mycorp, "language") <- "english"
summary(mycorp, showmeta = TRUE)</pre>
```

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ndoc

get the number of documents or features

# **Description**

ndoc returns the number of documents or features in a quanteda object, which can be a corpus, dfm, or tokenized texts.

nfeature is an alias for ntype when applied to dfm objects. For a corpus or set of texts, "features" are only defined through tokenization, so you need to use ntoken to count these.

# Usage

```
ndoc(x)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
ndoc(x)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
ndoc(x)

nfeature(x)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
nfeature(x)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
nfeature(x)
```

# Arguments

Х

a corpus or dfm object

### Value

an integer (count) of the number of documents or features in the corpus or dfm

```
ndoc(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980))
ndoc(dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980), verbose=FALSE))
nfeature(dfm(inaugCorpus))
nfeature(trim(dfm(inaugCorpus), minDoc=5, minCount=10))
```

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ngrams

Create ngrams and skipgrams

### **Description**

Create a set of ngrams (tokens in sequence) from character vectors or tokenized text objects, with an optional skip argument to form skipgrams. Both the ngram length and the skip lengths take vectors of arguments to form multiple lengths or skips in one pass. ngrams() is implemented in C++ for efficiency.

## Usage

```
ngrams(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
ngrams(x, n = 2L, skip = 0L, concatenator = "_", ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
ngrams(x, n = 2L, skip = 0L, concatenator = "_",
  ...)
skipgrams(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
skipgrams(x, n, skip, concatenator = "_", ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
skipgrams(x, n, skip, concatenator = "_", ...)
```

### **Arguments**

X	a tokenized I	ext object	or a c	haracter	vector	of to	kens
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not used

integer vector specifying the number of elements to be concatenated in each n

ngram

skip integer vector specifying the adjacency skip size for tokens forming the ngrams,

> default is 0 for only immediately neighbouring words. For skipgrams, skip can be a vector of integers, as the "classic" approach to forming skip-grams is to set skip = k where k is the distance for which k or fewer skips are used to construct the n-gram. Thus a "4-skip-n-gram" defined as skip = 0:4 produces results that include 4 skips, 3 skips, 2 skips, 1 skip, and 0 skips (where 0 skips are typical n-grams formed from adjacent words). See Guthrie et al (2006).

character for combining words, default is \_ (underscore) character concatenator

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#### **Details**

Normally, ngrams will be called through tokenize, but these functions are also exported in case a user wants to perform lower-level ngram construction on tokenized texts.

skipgrams is a wrapper to ngrams that requires arguments to be supplied for both n and skip. For k-skip skipgrams, set skip to 0:k, in order to conform to the definition of skip-grams found in Guthrie et al (2006): A k skip-gram is an ngram which is a superset of all ngrams and each (k-i) skipgram until (k-i) == 0 (which includes 0 skip-grams).

# Value

a tokenizedTexts object consisting a list of character vectors of ngrams, one list element per text, or a character vector if called on a simple character vector

### Author(s)

Kohei Watanabe and Ken Benoit

#### References

Guthrie, D., B. Allison, W. Liu, and L. Guthrie. 2006. "A Closer Look at Skip-Gram Modelling."

```
# ngrams
ngrams(LETTERS, n = 2)
ngrams(LETTERS, n = 2, skip = 1)
ngrams(LETTERS, n = 2, skip = 0:1)
ngrams(LETTERS, n = 1:2)
ngrams(LETTERS, n = c(2,3), skip = 0:1)
tokens <- tokenize("the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.",
                   removePunct = TRUE, simplify = TRUE)
ngrams(tokens, n = 1:3)
ngrams(tokens, n = c(2,4), concatenator = "")
ngrams(tokens, n = c(2,4), skip = 1, concatenator = "")
# skipgrams
tokens <- tokenize(toLower("Insurgents killed in ongoing fighting."),</pre>
                   removePunct = TRUE, simplify = TRUE)
skipgrams(tokens, n = 2, skip = 0:1, concatenator = " ")
skipgrams(tokens, n = 2, skip = 0:2, concatenator = " ")
skipgrams(tokens, n = 3, skip = 0:2, concatenator = " ")
```

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nsentence

count the number of sentences

### **Description**

Return the count of sentences in a corpus or character.

# Usage

```
nsentence(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
nsentence(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
nsentence(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x texts or corpus whose sentences will be counted

... additional arguments passed to tokenize

## Value

scalar count(s) of the total sentences per text

### Note

'nsentence()' relies on the boundaries definitions in the **stringi** package (see stri\_opts\_brkiter). It does not count sentences correctly if the text has been transformed to lower case, and for this reason 'nsentence()' will stop with an error if it detects all lower-cased text.

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ntoken

count the number of tokens or types

# **Description**

Return the count of tokens (total features) or types (unique features) in a text, corpus, or dfm. "tokens" here means all words, not unique words, and these are not cleaned prior to counting.

### Usage

```
ntoken(x, ...)
ntype(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
ntoken(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
ntype(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
ntoken(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
ntoken(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
ntype(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
ntoken(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
ntype(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
ntype(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x texts or corpus whose tokens or types will be counted... additional arguments passed to tokenize

# Value

scalar count of the total tokens or types

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#### Note

Due to differences between raw text tokens and features that have been defined for a dfm, the counts be different for dfm objects and the texts from which the dfm was generated. Because the method tokenizes the text in order to count the tokens, your results will depend on the options passed through to tokenize

### **Examples**

```
# simple example
txt <- c(text1 = "This is a sentence, this.", text2 = "A word. Repeated repeated.")
ntoken(txt)
ntype(txt)
ntoken(toLower(txt))  # same
ntype(toLower(txt))  # fewer types
ntoken(toLower(txt), removePunct = TRUE)
ntype(toLower(txt), removePunct = TRUE)

# with some real texts
ntoken(subset(inaugCorpus, Year<1806, removePunct = TRUE))
ntype(subset(inaugCorpus, Year<1806, removePunct = TRUE))
ntoken(dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year<1800)))
ntype(dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year<1800)))</pre>
```

phrasetotoken

convert phrases into single tokens

# **Description**

Replace multi-word phrases in text(s) with a compound version of the phrases concatenated with concatenator (by default, the "\_" character) to form a single token. This prevents tokenization of the phrases during subsequent processing by eliminating the whitespace delimiter.

```
phrasetotoken(object, phrases, concatenator = "_")
## S4 method for signature 'character,dictionary'
phrasetotoken(object, phrases,
    concatenator = "_")

phrasetotoken.corpus(object, phrases, concatenator = "_")

## S4 method for signature 'character,collocations'
phrasetotoken(object, phrases,
    concatenator = "_")
```

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### Arguments

object source texts, a character or character vector

phrases a dictionary object that contains some phrases, defined as multiple words de-

limited by whitespace, up to 9 words long; or a quanteda collocation object

created by collocations

concatenator the concatenation character that will connect the words making up the multi-

word phrases. The default \_ is highly recommended since it will not be removed during normal cleaning and tokenization (while nearly all other punctuation characters, at least those in the POSIX class [:punct:]) will be removed.

#### Value

character or character vector of texts with phrases replaced by compound "words" joined by the concatenator

### Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit

# **Examples**

plot.dfm

plot features as a wordcloud

### **Description**

The default plot method for a dfm object. Produces a wordcloud plot for the features of the dfm, where the feature labels are plotted with their sizes proportional to their numerical values in the dfm. When comparison = TRUE, it plots comparison word clouds by document.

```
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
plot(x, comparison = FALSE, ...)
```

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### Arguments

x a dfm object
 comparison if TRUE, plot a comparison. cloud instead of a simple wordcloud, one grouping per document
 additional parameters passed to to wordcloud or to text (and strheight, strwidth)

#### **Details**

The default is to plot the word cloud of all of the features in the dfm, summed across documents. To produce word cloud plots for specific document or set of documents, you need to slice out the document(s) from the dfm.

Comparison word cloud plots may be plotted by setting comparison = TRUE, which plots a separate grouping for *each document* in the dfm. This means that you will need to slice out just a few documents from the dfm, or to create a dfm where the "documents" represent a subset or a grouping of documents by some document variable.

#### See Also

```
wordcloud, comparison.cloud
```

### **Examples**

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plot a dispersion plot of key word(s)

# **Description**

Plots a dispersion or "x-ray" plot of a selected word pattern across a text.

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### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'kwic'
plot(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x a kwic class object
```

... additional arguments passed to plot

# Note

Currently works only for a a single document

print.dfm

print a dfm object

# **Description**

print methods for document-feature matrices

```
## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
print(x, show.values = FALSE, show.settings = FALSE,
  show.summary = TRUE, ndoc = 20L, nfeature = 20L, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse'
print(x, show.values = FALSE, show.settings = FALSE,
  show.summary = TRUE, ndoc = 20L, nfeature = 20L, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense'
print(x, show.values = FALSE, show.settings = FALSE,
  show.summary = TRUE, ndoc = 20L, nfeature = 20L, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmSparse'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'dfmDense'
show(object)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
print(x, show.values = FALSE, show.settings = FALSE,
  show.summary = TRUE, ndoc = 20L, nfeature = 20L, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

x the dfm to be printed

show.values print the dfm as a matrix or array (if resampled).

show.settings print the settings used to create the dfm. See settings.

show. summary print a brief summary indicating the number of documents and features

ndoc max number of documents to print
nfeature max number of features to print

... further arguments passed to or from other methods

object the item to be printed

# Description

print method for a tokenizedText object

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
print(x, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

x a tokenizedText object created by tokenize

... further arguments passed to base print method

readability calculate readability

# Description

Calculate the readability of text(s).

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### Usage

```
readability(x, measure, drop = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'corpus'
readability(x, measure, drop = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'character'
readability(x, measure = c("all", "ARI", "ARI.simple",
    "Bormuth", "Bormuth.GP", "Coleman", "Coleman.C2", "Coleman.Liau",
    "Coleman.Liau.grade", "Coleman.short", "Dale.Chall", "Dale.Chall.old",
    "Dale.Chall.PSK", "Danielson.Bryan", "Danielson.Bryan.2", "Dickes.Steiwer",
    "DRP", "ELF", "Farr.Jenkins.Paterson", "Flesch", "Flesch.PSK",
    "Flesch.Kincaid", "FOG", "FOG.PSK", "FOG.NRI", "FORCAST", "FORCAST.RGL",
    "Fucks", "Linsear.Write", "LIW", "nWS", "nWS.2", "nWS.3", "nWS.4", "RIX",
    "Scrabble", "SMOG", "SMOG.C", "SMOG.simple", "SMOG.de", "Spache",
    "Spache.old", "Strain", "Traenkle.Bailer", "Traenkle.Bailer.2",
    "Wheeler.Smith", "meanSentenceLength", "meanWordSyllables"), drop = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

x a corpus object or character vector

measure character vector defining the readability measure to calculate

drop if TRUE, the result is returned as a numeric vector if only a single measure is requested; otherwise, a data.frame is returned with each column consisting of a requested measure.

## Value

a data frame object consisting of the documents as rows, and the readability statistics as columns

# Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit, re-engineered from the function of the same name by Meik Michalke in the **koR-pus** package.

```
readability(inaugCorpus, measure = "Flesch.Kincaid")
txt <- c("Readability zero one. Ten, Eleven.", "The cat in a dilapidated tophat.")
readability(txt, "Flesch.Kincaid")
readability(txt, "Flesch.Kincaid", drop = FALSE)
readability(txt, c("FOG", "FOG.PSK", "FOG.NRI"))
inaugReadability <- readability(inaugCorpus, "all")
round(cor(inaugReadability), 3)</pre>
```

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removeFeatures

remove features from an object

# **Description**

This function removes features from a variety of objects, such as text, a dfm, or a list of collocations. The most common usage for removeFeatures will be to eliminate stop words from a text or text-based object. Some commonly used built-in stop words can be accessed through stopwords.

### Usage

```
removeFeatures(x, stopwords = NULL, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
removeFeatures(x, stopwords = NULL, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
removeFeatures(x, stopwords = NULL, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'collocations'
removeFeatures(x, stopwords = NULL, verbose = TRUE, pos = c(1, 2, 3), ...)
stopwordsRemove(x, stopwords = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

x	object from which stopwords will be removed
stopwords	character vector of features to remove. Now requires an explicit list to be supplied, for instance stopwords("english").
verbose	if TRUE print message about how many features were removed
	additional arguments for some methods (such as pos for collocations)
pos	indexes of word position if called on collocations: remove if word pos is a stopword

### **Details**

Because we believe the user should take full responsibility for any features that are removed, we do not provide a default list. Use stopwords instead.

### Value

an object with stopwords removed

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Kenneth Benoit

### See Also

stopwords

# **Examples**

```
## examples for character objects
someText <- tokenize(c(text1 = "Here's some text containing words we want to remove."))</pre>
removeFeatures(someText, stopwords("english"))
removeFeatures(someText, stopwords("SMART"))
removeFeatures(someText, c("some", "want"))
someText <- tokenize(c(text1 = "Here's some text containing words we want to remove.",
                       text2 = "A second sentence with a few stopwords."))
removeFeatures(someText, stopwords("english"))
## for tokenized texts
txt <- c(wash1 <- "Fellow citizens, I am again called upon by the voice of my country to
                   execute the functions of its Chief Magistrate.",
       wash2 <- "When the occasion proper for it shall arrive, I shall endeavor to express
                   the high sense I entertain of this distinguished honor.")
removeFeatures(tokenize(txt), stopwords("english"))
itText <- tokenize("Ecco alcuni di testo contenente le parole che vogliamo rimuovere.",
                   removePunct = TRUE)
removeFeatures(itText, stopwords("italian"), case_insensitive = TRUE)
## example for dfm objects
mydfm <- dfm(ukimmigTexts, verbose=FALSE)</pre>
removeFeatures(mydfm, stopwords("english"))
## example for collocations
(myCollocs <- collocations(inaugTexts[1:3], top=20))</pre>
removeFeatures(myCollocs, stopwords("english", verbose=FALSE))
```

sample.corpus

Randomly sample documents or features

## **Description**

Takes a random sample or documents or features of the specified size from a corpus or document-feature matrix, with or without replacement

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### Usage

## Arguments

x	a corpus or dfm object whose documents or features will be sampled
size	a positive number, the number of documents to select
replace	Should sampling be with replacement?
prob	A vector of probability weights for obtaining the elements of the vector being sampled.
	unused sample, which is not defined as a generic method in the base package.
what	dimension (of a dfm) to sample: can be documents or features

### Value

A corpus object with number of documents equal to size, drawn from the corpus x. The returned corpus object will contain all of the meta-data of the original corpus, and the same document variables for the documents selected.

A dfm object with number of documents equal to size, drawn from the corpus x. The returned corpus object will contain all of the meta-data of the original corpus, and the same document variables for the documents selected.

### See Also

```
sample
sample
```

```
# sampling from a corpus
summary(sample(inaugCorpus, 5))
summary(sample(inaugCorpus, 10, replace=TRUE))
# sampling from a dfm
myDfm <- dfm(inaugTexts[1:10], verbose = FALSE)
sample(myDfm)[, 1:10]
sample(myDfm, replace = TRUE)[, 1:10]
sample(myDfm, what = "features")[1:10, ]</pre>
```

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scrabble

compute the Scrabble letter values of text

# **Description**

Compute the Scrabble letter values of text given a user-supplied function, such as the sum (default) or mean of the character values.

### Usage

```
scrabble(x, FUN = sum)
## S3 method for class 'character'
scrabble(x, FUN = sum)
```

# Arguments

x a character vector

FUN function to be applied to the character values in the text; default is sum, but could

also be mean or a user-supplied function

#### Value

a vector of Scabble letter values, computed using FUN, corresponding to the input text(s)

### Note

Character values are only defined for non-accented Latin a-z, A-Z letters. Lower-casing is unnecessary.

# Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit

```
scrabble(c("muzjiks", "excellency"))
scrabble(inaugTexts[1:5], mean)
```

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segment

segment texts into component elements

### **Description**

Segment text(s) into tokens, sentences, paragraphs, or other sections. segment works on a character vector or corpus object, and allows the delimiters to be defined. See details.

### Usage

```
segment(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
segment(x, what = c("tokens", "sentences", "paragraphs",
    "tags", "other"), delimiter = ifelse(what == "tokens", " ", ifelse(what ==
    "sentences", "[.!?:;]", ifelse(what == "paragraphs", "\\n{2}", ifelse(what ==
    "tags", "##\\w+\\b", NULL)))), perl = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'corpus'
segment(x, what = c("tokens", "sentences", "paragraphs",
    "tags", "other"), delimiter = ifelse(what == "tokens", " ", ifelse(what ==
    "sentences", "[.!?:;]", ifelse(what == "paragraphs", "\\n{2}", ifelse(what ==
    "tags", "##\\w+\\b", NULL)))), perl = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

Χ	text or corpus object to be segmented
	provides additional arguments passed to tokenize, if what = "tokens" is used
what	unit of segmentation. Current options are tokens, sentences, paragraphs, and other. Segmenting on other allows segmentation of a text on any user-defined value, and must be accompanied by the delimiter argument.
delimiter	delimiter defined as a regex for segmentation. Each type has its own default, except other, which requires a value to be specified.
perl	logical. Should Perl-compatible regular expressions be used?

#### **Details**

Tokens are delimited by Separators. For sentences, the delimiter can be defined by the user. The default for sentences includes ., !, ?, plus ; and :.

For paragraphs, the default is two carriage returns, although this could be changed to a single carriage return by changing the value of delimiter to "\\n{1}" which is the R version of the regex for one newline character. (You might need this if the document was created in a word processor, for instance, and the lines were wrapped in the window rather than being hard-wrapped with a newline character.)

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#### Value

A list of segmented texts, with each element of the list correponding to one of the original texts.

#### Note

Does not currently record document segments if segmenting a multi-text corpus into smaller units. For this, use changeunits instead.

# **Examples**

```
# same as tokenize()
identical(tokenize(ukimmigTexts, lower=FALSE), segment(ukimmigTexts, lower=FALSE))
# segment into paragraphs
segment(ukimmigTexts[3:4], "paragraphs")
# segment a text into sentences
segmentedChar <- segment(ukimmigTexts, "sentences")</pre>
segmentedChar[2]
testCorpus <- corpus("##INTRO This is the introduction.
                      ##DOC1 This is the first document.
                      Second sentence in Doc 1.
                      ##DOC3 Third document starts here.
                      End of third document.")
testCorpusSeg <- segment(testCorpus, "tags")</pre>
summary(testCorpusSeg)
texts(testCorpusSeg)
# segment a corpus into sentences
segmentedCorpus <- segment(corpus(ukimmigTexts), "sentences")</pre>
identical(ndoc(segmentedCorpus), length(unlist(segmentedChar)))
```

selectFeatures

select features from an object

# **Description**

This function selects or discards features from a dfm.variety of objects, such as tokenized texts, a dfm, or a list of collocations. The most common usage for removeFeatures will be to eliminate stop words from a text or text-based object, or to select only features from a list of regular expression.

```
selectFeatures(x, features, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
selectFeatures(x, features = NULL, selection = c("keep",
   "remove"), valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"),
   case_insensitive = TRUE, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

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### Arguments

Х		object whose features will be selected
feat	ures	one of: a character vector of features to be selected, a dfm whose features will be used for selection, or a dictionary class object whose values (not keys) will provide the features to be selected. For dfm objects, see details in the Value section below.
• • •		supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions in <pre>stri_detect_regex</pre> . (This is how case_insensitive is passed, but you may wish to pass others.)
sele	ction	whether to keep or remove the features
valu	etype	how to interpret feature vector: fixed for words as is; "regex" for regular expressions; or "glob" for "glob"-style wildcard
case_insensitive		
		ignore the case of dictionary values if TRUE
verb	ose	if TRUE print message about how many features were removed

#### Value

A dfm after the feature selection has been applied.

When features is a dfm-class object, then the returned object will be identical in its feature set to the dfm supplied as the features argument. This means that any features in x not in features will be discarded, and that any features in found in the dfm supplied as features but not found in x will be added with all zero counts. This is useful when you have trained a model on one dfm, and need to project this onto a test set whose features must be identical.

### Note

This function selects features based on their labels. To select features based on the values of a the document-feature matrix, use trim.

#### See Also

```
removeFeatures, trim
```

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```
# selecting on a dfm
textVec1 <- c("This is text one.", "This, the second text.", "Here: the third text.")
textVec2 <- c("Here are new words.", "New words in this text.")
features(dfm1 <- dfm(textVec1))
features(dfm2a <- dfm(textVec2))
(dfm2b <- selectFeatures(dfm2a, dfm1))
identical(features(dfm1), features(dfm2b))</pre>
```

settings

Get or set the corpus settings

# Description

Get or set the corpus settings

Get or set various settings in the corpus for the treatment of texts, such as rules for stemming, stopwords, collocations, etc.

Get the settings from a which a dfm was created

### Usage

```
settings(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
settings(x = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
settings(x, field = NULL, ...)
settings(x, field) <- value
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
settings(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'settings'
print(x, ...)</pre>
```

# Arguments

X	object from/to which settings are queried or applied
	additional arguments
field	string containing the name of the setting to be set or queried $settings(x)$ query the corps settings
	settings(x, field) <- update the corpus settings for field
value	new setting value

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### **Details**

Calling settings() with no arguments returns a list of system default settings.

### **Examples**

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print a dictionary object

### Description

Print/show method for dictionary objects.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dictionary'
show(object)
```

# **Arguments**

object

the dictionary to be printed

similarity

compute similarities between documents and/or features

# **Description**

Compute similarities between documents and/or features from a dfm. Uses the similarity measures defined in simil. See pr\_DB for available distance measures, or how to create your own.

```
similarity(x, selection, n = 10, margin = c("features", "documents"),
  method = "correlation", sort = TRUE, normalize = TRUE, digits = 4)

## S4 method for signature 'dfm,index'
similarity(x, selection, n = 10,
  margin = c("features", "documents"), method = "correlation",
  sort = TRUE, normalize = TRUE, digits = 4)
```

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### Arguments

X	a dfm object
selection	character or character vector of document names or feature labels from the dfm
n	the top n most similar items will be returned, sorted in descending order. If n is $NULL$ , return all items.
margin	identifies the margin of the dfm on which similarity will be computed: features for word/term features or documents for documents.
method	a valid method for computing similarity from pr_DB
sort	sort results in descending order if TRUE
normalize	if TRUE, normalize the dfm by term frequency within document (so that the dfm values will be relative term frequency within each document)
digits	digits for rounding results

#### Value

a named list of the selection labels, with a sorted named vector of similarity measures.

#### Note

The method for computing feature similarities can be quite slow when there are large numbers of feature types. Future implementations will hopefully speed this up.

```
# create a dfm from inaugural addresses from Reagan onwards
presDfm <- dfm(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980), ignoredFeatures=stopwords("english"),
                  stem=TRUE)
# compute some document similarities
similarity(presDfm, "1985-Reagan", n=5, margin="documents")
similarity(presDfm, c("2009-Obama", "2013-Obama"), n=5, margin="documents")
similarity(presDfm, c("2009-Obama", "2013-Obama"), n=NULL, margin="documents")
similarity(presDfm, c("2009-Obama", "2013-Obama"), n=NULL, margin="documents", method="cosine")
similarity(presDfm, "2005-Bush", n=NULL, margin="documents", method="eJaccard", sort=FALSE)
# compute some term similarities
similarity(presDfm, c("fair", "health", "terror"), method="cosine")
## Not run:
# compare to tm
require(tm)
data("crude")
crude <- tm_map(crude, content_transformer(tolower))</pre>
crude <- tm_map(crude, removePunctuation)</pre>
crude <- tm_map(crude, removeNumbers)</pre>
crude <- tm_map(crude, stemDocument)</pre>
tdm <- TermDocumentMatrix(crude)</pre>
findAssocs(tdm, c("oil", "opec", "xyz"), c(0.75, 0.82, 0.1))
```

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```
# in quanteda
crudeDfm <- dfm(corpus(crude))
similarity(crudeDfm, c("oil", "opec", "xyz"), normalize=FALSE, digits=2)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

sort.dfm

sort a dfm by one or more margins

# **Description**

Sorts a dfm by frequency of total features, total features in documents, or both

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
sort(x, decreasing = TRUE, margin = c("features", "docs",
   "both"), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

Х	Document-feature matrix created by dfm
decreasing	TRUE (default) if sort will be in descending order, otherwise sort in increasing order
margin	which margin to sort on features to sort by frequency of features, docs to sort by total feature counts in documents, and both to sort by both
	additional arguments passed to base method sort.int

#### Value

A sorted dfm matrix object

# Author(s)

Ken Benoit

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# **Description**

This function retrieves stopwords from the type specified in the kind argument and returns the stopword list as a character vector The default is English.

### Usage

```
stopwords(kind = "english", verbose = FALSE)
stopwordsGet(kind = "english")
```

### **Arguments**

kind The pre-set kind of stopwords (as a character string). Allowed values are english,

SMART, danish, french, hungarian, norwegian, russian, swedish, catalan,

dutch, finnish, german, italian, portuguese, spanish, arabic

verbose if FALSE, suppress the annoying warning note

#### **Details**

The stopword list are SMART English stopwords from the SMART information retrieval system (obtained from http://jmlr.csail.mit.edu/papers/volume5/lewis04a/a11-smart-stop-list/english.stop) and a set of stopword lists from the Snowball stemmer project in different languages (obtained from http://svn.tartarus.org/snowball/trunk/website/algorithms/\*/stop.txt). Supported languages are arabic, danish, dutch, english, finnish, french, german, hungarian, italian, norwegian, portuguese, russian, spanish, and swedish. Language names are case sensitive.

### Value

a character vector of stopwords

### A note of caution

Stop words are an arbitrary choice imposed by the user, and accessing a pre-defined list of words to ignore does not mean that it will perfectly fit your needs. You are strongly encourged to inspect the list and to make sure it fits your particular requirements.

```
stopwords("english")[1:5]
stopwords("italian")[1:5]
stopwords("arabic")[1:5]
```

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subset.corpus

extract a subset of a corpus

# **Description**

Returns subsets of a corpus that meet certain conditions, including direct logical operations on docvars (document-level variables). Works just like the normal subset command but for corpus objects.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
subset(x, subset, select, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x corpus object to be subsetted.

subset logical expression indicating elements or rows to keep: missing values are taken

as false.

select expression, indicating the attributes to select from the corpus

... not used

# Value

corpus object

# See Also

select

# **Examples**

```
summary(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1980))
summary(subset(inaugCorpus, Year>1930 & President=="Roosevelt", select=Year))
```

summary.corpus

summarize a corpus or a vector of texts

# Description

Displays information about a corpus or vector of texts. For a corpus, this includes attributes and metadata such as date of number of texts, creation and source. For texts, prints to the console a desription of the texts, including number of types, tokens, and sentences.

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### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
summary(object, n = 100, verbose = TRUE,
    showmeta = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
summary(object, verbose = TRUE, ...)

describeTexts(object, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object corpus or texts to be summarized

n maximum number of texts to describe, default=100

verbose set to FALSE to turn off printed output, for instance if you simply want to assign

the output to a data. frame

showmeta for a corpus, set to TRUE to include document-level meta-data

... unused here

### **Examples**

```
# summarize corpus information
summary(inaugCorpus)
summary(inaugCorpus, n=10)
mycorpus <- corpus(ukimmigTexts, docvars=data.frame(party=names(ukimmigTexts)), enc="UTF-8")
summary(mycorpus, showmeta=TRUE) # show the meta-data
mysummary <- summary(mycorpus, verbose=FALSE) # (quietly) assign the results
mysummary$Types / mysummary$Tokens # crude type-token ratio
#
# summarize texts
summary(c("testing this text", "and this one"))
summary(ukimmigTexts)
myTextSummaryDF <- summary(ukimmigTexts, verbose=FALSE)</pre>
```

syllables

count syllables in a text

### **Description**

Returns a count of the number of syllables in texts. For English words, the syllable count is exact and looked up from the CMU pronunciation dictionary, from the default syllable dictionary englishSyllables. For any word not in the dictionary, the syllable count is estimated by counting vowel clusters.

englishSyllables is a quanteda-supplied data object consisting of a named numeric vector of syllable counts for the words used as names. This is the default object used to count English syllables. This object that can be accessed directly, but we strongly encourage you to access it only through the syllables() wrapper function.

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#### Usage

### **Arguments**

character vector or tokenizedText-class object whose syllables will be counted
 additional arguments passed to tokenize
 optional named integer vector of syllable counts where the names are lower case

tokens. When set to NULL (default), then the function will use the quanteda data object englishSyllables, an English pronunciation dictionary from CMU.

#### Value

If x is a character vector, a named numeric vector of the counts of the syllables in each text, without tokenization. If x consists of (a list of) tokenized texts, then return a list of syllable counts corresponding to the tokenized texts.

### Note

All tokens are automatically converted to lowercase to perform the matching with the syllable dictionary, so there is no need to perform this step prior to calling syllables().

#### Source

englishSyllables is built from the freely available CMU pronunciation dictionary at http://www.speech.cs.cmu.edu/cg

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textfile

read a text corpus source from a file

#### **Description**

Read a text corpus from a source file, where the single file will consist of a set of texts in columns and document variables and document-level meta-data in additional columns. For spreadsheet-like files, the first row must be a header.

### Usage

```
textfile(file, textField, encodingFrom = NULL, encodingTo = "UTF-8",
  cache = FALSE, docvarsfrom = c("filenames"), dvsep = "_",
 docvarnames = NULL, ...)
 ## S4 method for signature
## 'character,index,missing,missing,ANY,missing,missing,missing'
textfile(file,
  textField, encodingFrom = NULL, encodingTo = "UTF-8", cache = FALSE,
 docvarsfrom = c("filenames"), dvsep = "_", docvarnames = NULL, ...)
 ## S4 method for signature
## 'character, missing, ANY, ANY, missing, missing, missing'
textfile(file,
  textField, encodingFrom = NULL, encodingTo = "UTF-8", cache = FALSE,
 docvarsfrom = c("filenames"), dvsep = "_", docvarnames = NULL, ...)
  ## S4 method for signature
## 'character, missing, missing, ANY, character, ANY, ANY'
textfile(file,
  textField, encodingFrom = NULL, encodingTo = "UTF-8", cache = FALSE,
 docvarsfrom = c("filenames"), dvsep = "_", docvarnames = NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

file

the complete filename to be read. Currently available file types are:

txt plain text files

- json data in JavaScript Object Notation, consisting of the texts and additional document-level variables and document-level meta-data. The text key must be identified by specifying a textField value.
- csv comma separated value data, consisting of the texts and additional document-level variables and document-level meta-data. The text file must be identified by specifying a textField value.

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tab, tsv tab-separated value data, consisting of the texts and additional document-level variables and document-level meta-data. The text file must be identified by specifying a textField value.

**a wildcard value** any valid pathname with a wildcard ("glob") expression that can be expanded by the operating system. This may consist of multiple file types.

xml Basic flat XML documents are supported – those of the kind supported by the function xmlToDataFrame function of the **XML** package.

zip zip archive file, containing \*. txt files. This may be a URL to a zip file.

textField a variable (column) name or column number indicating where to find the texts that form the documents for the corpus. This must be specified for file types

.csv and .json.

encodingFrom a single character value specifying the input file encoding, or a vector of char-

acter values where each element corresponds to a single file, if a filemask or multiple filenames are supplied as file. These work in the same was as the encoding argument supplied to file, which uses the naming conventions and conversion functions of iconv. If no encodingFrom argument is supplied, then the default encoding is assumed, which may very well be incorrect. Currently,

this argument only works when reading text (txt) files.

encodingTo an optional value that can specify the encoding you wish the files to be converted

to, but we strongly encourage you to use the default of UTF-8.

cache If TRUE, write the object to a temporary file and store the temporary filename in

the corpusSource-class object definition. If FALSE, return the data in the object. Caching the file provides a way to read in very large quantities of textual data without storing two copies in memory: one as a corpusSource-class object and the second as a corpus class object. It also provides a way to try different settings of encoding conversion when creating a corpus from a corpusSource-class

object, without having to load in all of the source data again.

docvarsfrom used to specify that docvars should be taken from the filenames, when the

textfile inputs are filenames and the elements of the filenames are document variables, separated by a delimiter (dvsep). This allows easy assignment of docvars from filenames such as 1789-Washington.txt, 1793-Washington, etc. by

dvsep or from meta-data embedded in the text file header (headers).

dvsep separator used in filenames to delimit docvar elements if docvarsfrom="filenames"

is used

docvarnames character vector of variable names for docvars, if docvarsfrom is specified. If

this argument is not used, default docvar names will be used (docvar1, docvar2,

...).

... additional arguments passed through to other functions

#### **Details**

The constructor does not store a copy of the texts, but rather reads in the texts and associated data, and saves them to a temporary disk file whose location is specified in the corpusSource-class object. This prevents a complete copy of the object from cluttering the global environment and consuming additional space. This does mean however that the state of the file containing the source data will

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not be cross-platform and may not be persistent across sessions. So the recommended usage is to load the data into a corpus in the same session in which textfile is called.

### Value

an object of class corpusSource-class that can be read by corpus to construct a corpus

#### Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit and Paul Nulty

# **Examples**

```
## Not run: # Twitter json
mytf1 <- textfile("http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/tweets.json")</pre>
summary(corpus(mytf1), 5)
# generic json - needs a textField specifier
mytf2 <- textfile("http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/sotu.json",</pre>
                  textField = "text")
summary(corpus(mytf2))
# text file
mytf3 <- textfile("https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/2701/pg2701.txt", cache = FALSE)</pre>
summary(corpus(mytf3))
# XML data
mytf6 <- textfile("http://www.kenbenoit.net/files/plant_catalog.xml",</pre>
                   textField = "COMMON")
summary(corpus(mytf6))
# csv file
write.csv(data.frame(inaugSpeech = texts(inaugCorpus), docvars(inaugCorpus)),
          file = "/tmp/inaugTexts.csv", row.names = FALSE)
mytf7 <- textfile("/tmp/inaugTexts.csv", textField = "inaugSpeech")</pre>
summary(corpus(mytf7))
## End(Not run)
```

textmodel

fit a text model

# Description

Fit a text model to a dfm. Creates an object of virtual class textmodel\_fitted-class, whose exact properties (slots and methods) will depend on which model was called (see model types below).

```
textmodel(x, y = NULL, data = NULL, model = c("wordscores", "NB",
   "wordfish", "lda", "ca"), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfm,ANY,missing,character'
```

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```
textmodel(x, y = NULL, data = NULL,
  model = c("wordscores", "NB", "wordfish", "lda", "ca"), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'formula, missing, dfm, character'
textmodel(x, y = NULL,
  data = NULL, model = c("wordscores", "NB", "wordfish", "lda", "ca"), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

x	a quanteda dfm object containing feature counts by document
У	for supervised models, a vector of class labels or values for training the model, with NA for documents to be excluded from the training set; for unsupervised models, this will be left NULL
data	dfm or data.frame from which to take the formula
model	the model type to be fit. Currently implemented methods are:
	wordscores Fits the "wordscores" model of Laver, Benoit, and Garry (2003). Options include the original linear scale of LBG or the logit scale proposed by Beauchamps (2001). See textmodel_wordscores.
	ca Correspondence analysis scaling of the dfm.
	NB Fits a Naive Bayes model to the dfm, with options for smoothing, setting class priors, and a choice of multinomial or binomial probabilities.
	wordfish Fits the "wordfish" model of Slapin and Proksch (2008).
	lda Fit a topic model based on latent Dirichlet allocation. Temporarily removed.
	kNN k-nearest neighbour classification, coming soon.
	additional arguments to be passed to specific model types
formula	An object of class formula of the form $y \sim x1 + x2 + \dots$ (Interactions are not currently allowed for any of the models implemented.) The x variable(s) is typically a dfm, and the y variable a vector of class labels or training values

#### Value

a textmodel class list, containing the fitted model and additional information specific to the model class. See the methods for specific models, e.g. textmodel\_wordscores, etc.

associated with each document.

# Class hierarchy

Here will go the description of the class hierarchy that governs dispatch for the predict, print, summary methods, since this is not terribly obvious. (Blame it on the S3 system.)

# See Also

textmodel, textmodel\_wordscores

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### **Examples**

```
ieDfm <- dfm(ie2010Corpus, verbose=FALSE)</pre>
refscores \leftarrow c(rep(NA, 4), -1, 1, rep(NA, 8))
ws <- textmodel(ieDfm, refscores, model="wordscores", smooth=1)</pre>
# alternative formula notation - but slower
# need the - 1 to remove the intercept, as this is literal formula notation
wsform <- textmodel(refscores ~ . - 1, data=ieDfm, model="wordscores", smooth=1)</pre>
identical(ws@Sw, wsform@Sw) # compare wordscores from the two models
# compare the logit and linear wordscores
bs <- textmodel(ieDfm[5:6,], refscores[5:6], model="wordscores", scale="logit", smooth=1)
plot(ws@Sw, bs@Sw, xlim=c(-1, 1), xlab="Linear word score", ylab="Logit word score")
## Not run: wf <- textmodel(ieDfm, model="wordfish", dir = c(6,5))
## End(Not run)
```

textmodel\_ca

correspondence analysis of a document-feature matrix

# **Description**

textmodel\_ca implements correspondence analysis scaling on a dfm. Currently the method is a wrapper to ca.matrix in the ca package.

#### Usage

```
textmodel_ca(data, smooth = 0, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

the dfm on which the model will be fit data a smoothing parameter for word counts; defaults to zero. smooth additional arguments passed to ca.matrix

### Author(s)

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Kenneth Benoit

```
ieDfm <- dfm(ie2010Corpus)</pre>
wca <- textmodel_ca(ieDfm)</pre>
summary(wca)
```

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```
textmodel_fitted-class
```

the fitted textmodel classes

### Description

The textmodel virtual class is a parent class for more specific fitted text models, which are the result of a quantitative text analysis applied to a document-feature matrix.

#### **Details**

Available types currently include...

#### **Slots**

dfm a dfm-class document-feature matrix

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wordfish text model

# **Description**

Estimate Slapin and Proksch's (2008) "wordfish" Poisson scaling model of one-dimensional document positions using conditional maximum likelihood.

```
textmodel_wordfish(data, dir = c(1, 2), priors = c(Inf, Inf, 3, 1),
  tol = c(1e-06, 1e-08), dispersion = "poisson")

## S3 method for class 'textmodel_wordfish_fitted'
print(x, n = 30L, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'textmodel_wordfish_fitted'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'textmodel_wordfish_predicted'
show(object)
```

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#### **Arguments**

data the dfm on which the model will be fit dir

set global identification by specifying the indexes for a pair of documents such

that  $\theta_{dir[1]} < \theta_{dir[2]}$ .

priors for  $\theta_i$ ,  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\psi_j$ , and  $\beta_j$  where i indexes documents and j indexes features priors

tolerances for convergence (explain why a pair) tol

sets whether a quasi-poisson quasi-likelihood should be used based on a single dispersion

dispersion parameter ("single"), dispersion parameters for each work ("byterm"

or "bytermfloor"), or not ("none")

for print method, the object to be printed Χ

max rows of dfm to print n

additional arguments passed to other functions object wordfish fitted or predicted object to be shown

#### **Details**

The returns match those of Will Lowe's R implementation of wordfish (see the austin package), except that here we have renamed words to be features. (This return list may change.) We have also followed the practice begun with Slapin and Proksch's early implementation of the model that used a regularization parameter of  $se(\sigma) = 3$ , through the third element in priors.

### Value

An object of class textmodel\_fitted\_wordfish. This is a list containing:

dir global identification of the dimension

theta estimated document positions alpha estimated document fixed effects estimated feature marginal effects beta psi estimated word fixed effects

docs document labels feature labels features

sigma regularization parameter for betas in Poisson form

11 log likelihood at convergence standard errors for theta-hats se.theta data dfm to which the model was fit

# Author(s)

Benjamin Lauderdale and Kenneth Benoit

#### References

Jonathan Slapin and Sven-Oliver Proksch. 2008. "A Scaling Model for Estimating Time-Series Party Positions from Texts." American Journal of Political Science 52(3):705-772.

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# **Examples**

```
ie2010dfm <- dfm(ie2010Corpus, verbose=FALSE)
wfmodel <- textmodel_wordfish(LBGexample, dir = c(6,5))
wfmodel

## Not run: if (require(austin)) {
            wfmodelAustin <- wordfish(quanteda::as.wfm(LBGexample), dir = c(6,5))
            cor(wfmodel@theta, wfmodelAustin$theta)
}

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

 ${\tt textmodel\_wordscores} \quad \textit{Wordscores text model}$ 

# **Description**

textmodel\_wordscores implements Laver, Benoit and Garry's (2003) wordscores method for scaling of a single dimension. This can be called directly, but the recommended method is through textmodel.

### Usage

```
textmodel_wordscores(data, scores, scale = c("linear", "logit"), smooth = 0)
## S3 method for class 'textmodel_wordscores_fitted'
predict(object, newdata = NULL,
    rescaling = "none", level = 0.95, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'textmodel_wordscores_fitted'
print(x, n = 30L, digits = 2, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'textmodel_wordscores_fitted'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'textmodel_wordscores_predicted'
show(object)
## S3 method for class 'textmodel_wordscores_predicted'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

data	the dfm on which the model will be fit. Does not need to contain only the
	training documents, since the index of these will be matched automatically.
scores	vector of training scores associated with each document identified in refData
scale	classic LBG linear posterior weighted word class differences, or logit scale of
	log posterior differences

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smooth a smoothing parameter for word counts; defaults to zero for the to match the

LBG (2003) method.

object the fitted wordscores textmodel on which prediction will be made

newdata dfm on which prediction should be made

rescaling none for "raw" scores; 1bg for LBG (2003) rescaling; or mv for the rescaling

proposed by Martin and Vanberg (2007). (Note to authors: Provide full details

here in documentation.)

level probability level for confidence interval width

verbose If TRUE, output status messages

.. additional arguments passed to other functions

x for print method, the object to be printed

n max rows of dfm to print

digits number of decimal places to print for print methods

#### **Details**

Fitting a textmodel\_wordscores results in an object of class textmodel\_wordscores\_fitted containing the following slots:

#### Value

The predict method for a wordscores fitted object returns a data.frame whose rows are the documents fitted and whose columns contain the scored textvalues, with the number of columns depending on the options called (for instance, how many rescaled scores, and whether standard errors were requested.) (Note: We may very well change this soon so that it is a list similar to other existing fitted objects.)

#### Slots

scale linear or logit, according to the value of scale

Sw the scores computed for each word in the training set

x the dfm on which the wordscores model was called

y the reference scores

call the function call that fitted the model

method takes a value of wordscores for this model

#### Author(s)

Kenneth Benoit

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#### References

Laver, Michael, Kenneth R Benoit, and John Garry. 2003. "Extracting Policy Positions From Political Texts Using Words as Data." American Political Science Review 97(02): 311-31

Beauchamp, N. 2012. "Using Text to Scale Legislatures with Uninformative Voting." New York University Mimeo.

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### **Examples**

```
(ws <- textmodel(LBGexample, c(seq(-1.5, 1.5, .75), NA), model="wordscores"))
predict(ws)
predict(ws, rescaling="mv")
predict(ws, rescaling="lbg")

# same as:
(ws2 <- textmodel_wordscores(LBGexample, c(seq(-1.5, 1.5, .75), NA)))
predict(ws2)</pre>
```

texts

get corpus texts

### **Description**

Get the texts in a quanteda corpus object, with grouping options. Works for plain character vectors too, if groups is a factor.

```
texts(x, groups = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
texts(x, groups = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
texts(x, groups = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpusSource'
texts(x, groups = NULL, ...)
```

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# Arguments

x A quanteda corpus object
groups character vector containing the names of document variables in a corpus, or a
factor equal in length to the number of documents, used for aggregating the texts
through concatenation. If x is of type character, then groups must be a factor.
... unused

#### Value

For texts, a character vector of the texts in the corpus.

For texts <-, the corpus with the updated texts.

# **Examples**

```
nchar(texts(subset(inaugCorpus, Year < 1806)))
# grouping on a document variable
nchar(texts(subset(inaugCorpus, Year < 1806), groups = "President"))
# grouping a character vector using a factor
nchar(inaugTexts[1:5])
nchar(texts(inaugTexts[1:5], groups = as.factor(inaugCorpus[1:5, "President"])))</pre>
```

tokenize

tokenize a set of texts

# **Description**

Tokenize the texts from a character vector or from a corpus.

is.tokenizedTexts returns TRUE if the object is of class tokenizedTexts, FALSE otherwise.

# Usage

```
tokenize(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
tokenize(x, what = c("word", "sentence", "character",
    "fastestword", "fasterword"), removeNumbers = FALSE, removePunct = FALSE,
    removeSeparators = TRUE, removeTwitter = FALSE, removeHyphens = FALSE,
    ngrams = 1L, skip = 0L, concatenator = "_", simplify = FALSE,
    verbose = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
tokenize(x, ...)
is.tokenizedTexts(x)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x The text(s) or corpus to be tokenized

... additional arguments not used

what the unit for splitting the text, defaults to "word". Available alternatives are

c("character", "word", "line\_break", "sentence"). See stringi-search-

boundaries.

removeNumbers remove tokens that consist only of numbers, but not words that start with digits,

e.g. 2day

removePunct remove all punctuation

removeSeparators

remove Separators and separator characters (spaces and variations of spaces, plus tab, newlines, and anything else in the Unicode "separator" category) when removePunct=FALSE. Only applicable for what = "character" (when you probably want it to be FALSE) and for what = "word" (when you probably want it to be TRUE). Note that if what = "word" and you set removePunct = TRUE,

then removeSeparators has no effect. Use carefully.

removeTwitter remove Twitter characters @ and #; set to FALSE if you wish to eliminate these.

removeHyphens if TRUE, split words that are connected by hyphenation and hyphenation-like

 $characters\ in\ between\ words,\ e.g.\ "self-storage"\ becomes\ c("self",\ "storage").$ 

Default is FALSE to preserve such words as is, with the hyphens. Only applies if

what = "word".

ngrams integer vector of the n for n-grams, defaulting to 1 (unigrams). For bigrams,

for instance, use 2; for bigrams and unigrams, use 1:2. You can even include irregular sequences such as 2:3 for bigrams and trigrams only. See ngrams.

skip integer vector specifying the skips for skip-grams, default is 0 for only immedi-

ately neighbouring words. Only applies if ngrams is different from the default

of 1. See skipgrams.

concatenator character to use in concatenating *n*-grams, default is "\_", which is recommended

since this is included in the regular expression and Unicode definitions of "word"

characters

simplify if TRUE, return a character vector of tokens rather than a list of length ndoc(texts),

with each element of the list containing a character vector of the tokens corre-

sponding to that text.

verbose if TRUE, print timing messages to the console; off by default

#### **Details**

The tokenizer is designed to be fast and flexible as well as to handle Unicode correctly. Most of the time, users will construct dfm objects from texts or a corpus, without calling tokenize() as an intermediate step. Since tokenize() is most likely to be used by more technical users, we have set its options to default to minimal intervention. This means that punctuation is tokenized as well, and that nothing is removed from the

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#### Value

A list of length ndoc(x) of the tokens found in each text.

a **tokenizedText** (S3) object, essentially a list of character vectors. If simplify = TRUE then return a single character vector.

#### Note

This replaces an older function named clean(), removed from **quanteda** in version 0.8.1. "Cleaning" by removing certain parts of texts, such as punctuation or numbers, only only works on tokenized texts, although texts of any length can be converted to lower case using toLower.

# Author(s)

Ken Benoit and Paul Nulty

#### See Also

ngrams

# **Examples**

```
# same for character vectors and for lists
tokensFromChar <- tokenize(inaugTexts[1:3])</pre>
tokensFromCorp <- tokenize(subset(inaugCorpus, Year<1798))</pre>
identical(tokensFromChar, tokensFromCorp)
str(tokensFromChar)
# returned as a list
head(tokenize(inaugTexts[57])[[1]], 10)
# returned as a character vector using simplify=TRUE
head(tokenize(inaugTexts[57], simplify=TRUE), 10)
# removing punctuation marks and lowecasing texts
head(tokenize(toLower(inaugTexts[57]), simplify=TRUE, removePunct=TRUE), 30)
# keeping case and punctuation
head(tokenize(inaugTexts[57], simplify=TRUE), 30)
# keeping versus removing hyphens
tokenize("quanteda data objects are auto-loading.", removePunct = TRUE)
tokenize("quanteda data objects are auto-loading.", removePunct = TRUE, removeHyphens = TRUE)
## MORE COMPARISONS
txt <- "#textanalysis is MY <3 4U @myhandle gr8 #stuff :-)"
tokenize(txt, removePunct=TRUE)
tokenize(txt, removePunct=TRUE, removeTwitter=TRUE)
#tokenize("great website http://textasdata.com", removeURL=FALSE)
#tokenize("great website http://textasdata.com", removeURL=TRUE)
txt <- c(text1="This is $10 in 999 different ways,\n up and down; left and right!",
       text2="@kenbenoit working: on #quanteda 2day\t4ever, http://textasdata.com?page=123.")
tokenize(txt, verbose=TRUE)
tokenize(txt, removeNumbers=TRUE, removePunct=TRUE)
tokenize(txt, removeNumbers=FALSE, removePunct=TRUE)
```

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```
tokenize(txt, removeNumbers=TRUE, removePunct=FALSE)
tokenize(txt, removeNumbers=FALSE, removePunct=FALSE)
tokenize(txt, removeNumbers=FALSE, removePunct=FALSE, removeSeparators=FALSE)
# character level
tokenize("Great website: http://textasdata.com?page=123.", what="character")
tokenize("Great website: http://textasdata.com?page=123.", what="character",
         removeSeparators=FALSE)
# sentence level
tokenize(c("Kurt Vongeut said; only assholes use semi-colons.",
           "Today is Thursday in Canberra: It is yesterday in London.",
           "Today is Thursday in Canberra: \nIt is yesterday in London.",
           "To be? Or\not to be?"),
          what = "sentence")
tokenize(inaugTexts[c(2,40)], what = "sentence", simplify = TRUE)
# creating ngrams
txt <- toLower(c(mytext1 = "This is a short test sentence.",</pre>
               mytext2 = "Short.",
               mytext3 = "Short, shorter, and shortest."))
tokenize(txt, removePunct = TRUE)
removeFeatures(tokenize(txt, removePunct = TRUE), stopwords("english"))
tokenize(txt, removePunct = TRUE, ngrams = 2)
tokenize(txt, removePunct = TRUE, ngrams = 1:2)
tokenize(txt, removePunct = TRUE, ngrams = 2, skip = 1, concatenator = " ")
removeFeatures(tokenize(txt, removePunct = TRUE, ngrams = 1:2), stopwords("english"))
```

toLower

Convert texts to lower case

### Description

Convert texts or tokens to lower case

# Usage

```
toLower(x, keepAcronyms = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
toLower(x, keepAcronyms = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'NULL'
toLower(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
toLower(x, keepAcronyms = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'corpus'
toLower(x, keepAcronyms = FALSE, ...)
```

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# Arguments

```
    x texts to be lower-cased
    keepAcronyms if TRUE, do not lowercase any all-uppercase words
    additional arguments passed to stringi functions, (e.g. stri_trans_tolower), such as locale
```

#### Value

Texts tranformed into their lowercased versions. If x is a character vector or a corpus, return a lowercased character vector. If x is a list of tokenized texts, then return a list of lower-cased tokenized texts.

# **Examples**

topfeatures

list the most frequent features

# **Description**

List the most frequently occuring features in a dfm

# Usage

```
topfeatures(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
topfeatures(x, n = 10, decreasing = TRUE, ci = 0.95, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgCMatrix'
topfeatures(x, n = 10, decreasing = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

X	the object whose features will be returned
	additional arguments passed to other methods
n	how many top features should be returned
decreasing	If TRUE, return the n most frequent features, if FALSE, return the n least frequent features
ci	confidence interval from 0-1.0 for use if dfm is resampled

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# Value

A named numeric vector of feature counts, where the names are the feature labels.

# **Examples**

trim

Trim a dfm using threshold-based or random feature selection

# **Description**

Returns a document by feature matrix reduced in size based on document and term frequency, and/or subsampling.

# Usage

```
trim(x, minCount = 1, minDoc = 1, sparsity = NULL, nsample = NULL,
   verbose = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
trim(x, minCount = 1, minDoc = 1, sparsity = NULL,
   nsample = NULL, verbose = TRUE)

trimdfm(x, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

Χ	document-feature matrix of dfm-class
minCount	minimum count or fraction of features in across all documents
minDoc	minimum number or fraction of documents in which a feature appears
sparsity	equivalent to 1 - minDoc, included for comparison with tm
nsample	how many features to retain (based on random selection)
verbose	print messages
	only included to allow legacy trimdfm to pass arguments to trim

# Value

A dfm-class object reduced in features (with the same number of documents)

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# Note

Trimming a dfm-class object is an operation based on the values in the document-feature *matrix*. To select subsets of a dfm based on attributes of the features themselves – such as selecting features matching a regular expression, or removing features matching a stopword list, use selectFeatures.

# Author(s)

Paul Nulty and Ken Benoit, some inspiration from Will Lowe's (see trim from the austin package)

#### See Also

selectFeatures

# **Examples**

```
(myDfm <- dfm(inaugCorpus, verbose = FALSE))</pre>
# only words occuring >=10 times and in >=2 docs
trim(myDfm, minCount = 10, minDoc = 2)
# only words occuring >=10 times and in at least 0.4 of the documents
trim(myDfm, minCount = 10, minDoc = 0.4)
# only words occuring at least 0.01 times and in >=2 documents
trim(myDfm, minCount = .01, minDoc = 2)
# only words occuring 5 times in 1000
trim(myDfm, minDoc = 0.2, minCount = 0.005)
# sample 50 words occurring at least 20 times each
(myDfmSampled <- trim(myDfm, minCount = 20, nsample = 50))</pre>
topfeatures(myDfmSampled)
## Not run:
if (require(tm)) {
    (tmdtm <- convert(myDfm, "tm"))</pre>
    removeSparseTerms(tmdtm, 0.7)
    trim(td, minDoc = 0.3)
    trim(td, sparsity = 0.7)
}
## End(Not run)
```

ukimmigTexts

Immigration-related sections of 2010 UK party manifestos

# **Description**

Extracts from the election manifestos of 9 UK political parties from 2010, related to immigration or asylum-seekers.

# **Format**

A named character vector of plain ASCII texts

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# **Examples**

```
ukimmigCorpus <- corpus(ukimmigTexts, docvars=data.frame(party=names(ukimmigTexts)))
metadoc(ukimmigCorpus, "language") <- "english"
summary(ukimmigCorpus, showmeta = TRUE)</pre>
```

weight

Weight the feature frequencies in a dfm by various methods

# Description

Returns a document by feature matrix with the feature frequencies weighted according to one of several common methods.

# Usage

```
weight(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
weight(x, type = c("frequency", "relFreq", "relMaxFreq",
    "logFreq", "tfidf"), smoothing = 0, normalize = TRUE, verbose = TRUE,
    ...)

tf(x)

tfidf(x)

smoother(x, smoothing)

weighting(object)
## S4 method for signature 'dfm'
weighting(object)
```

# **Arguments**

x document-feature matrix created by dfm

... not currently used

type The weighting function to aapply to the dfm. One of:

- normTf Length normalization: dividing the frequency of the feature by the length of the document)
- logTf The natural log of the term frequency
- tf-idf Term-frequency \* inverse document frequency. For a full explanation, see, for example, http://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/html/htmledition/term-frequency-and-weighting-1.html. This implementation will not return negative values.

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 maxTf - The term frequency divided by the frequency of the most frequent term in the document

• ppmi - Positive Pointwise Mutual Information

smoothing amount to apply as additive smoothing to the document-feature matrix prior to

weighting, default is 0.5, set to smoothing=0 for no smoothing.

normalize if TRUE (default) then normalize the dfm by relative term frequency prior to

computing tfidf

verbose if TRUE output status messages

object the dfm object for accessing the weighting setting

#### **Details**

```
tf is a shortcut for weight(x, "relFreq")
tfidf is a shortcut for weight(x, "tfidf")
smoother(x, smoothing) is a shortcut for weight(x, "frequency", smoothing)
weighting queries (but cannot set) the weighting applied to the dfm.
```

#### Value

The dfm with weighted values weighting returns a character object describing the type of weighting applied to the dfm.

# Author(s)

Paul Nulty and Kenneth Benoit

### References

Manning, Christopher D., Prabhakar Raghavan, and Hinrich Schutze. Introduction to information retrieval. Vol. 1. Cambridge: Cambridge university press, 2008.

# **Examples**

```
dtm <- dfm(inaugCorpus)
x <- apply(dtm, 1, function(tf) tf/max(tf))
topfeatures(dtm)
normDtm <- weight(dtm)
topfeatures(normDtm)
maxTfDtm <- weight(dtm, type="relMaxFreq")
topfeatures(maxTfDtm)
logTfDtm <- weight(dtm, type="logFreq")
topfeatures(logTfDtm)
tfidfDtm <- weight(dtm, type="tfidf")
topfeatures(tfidfDtm)

# combine these methods for more complex weightings, e.g. as in Section 6.4 of
# Introduction to Information Retrieval
logTfDtm <- weight(dtm, type="logFreq")</pre>
```

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```
wfidfDtm <- weight(logTfDtm, type="tfidf", normalize=FALSE)</pre>
```

wordlists

word lists used in some readability indexes

# **Description**

wordlists is a named list of character vectors where each list element corresponds to a different readability index. These are:

DaleChall The long Dale-Chall list of 3,000 familiar (English) words needed to compute the Dale-Chall Readability Formula.

Spache The revised Spache word list (see Klare 1975, 73) needed to compute the Spache Revised Formula of readability (Spache 1974.

#### References

Chall, J. S., & Dale, E. 1995. *Readability Revisited: The New Dale-Chall Readability Formula*. Brookline Books.

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Spache, G. 1953. "A new readability formula for primary-grade reading materials." *The Elementary School Journal* 53: 410-413.

wordstem

stem words

# Description

Apply a stemmer to words. This is a wrapper to wordStem designed to allow this function to be called without loading the entire **SnowballC** package. wordStem uses Martin Porter's stemming algorithm and the C libstemmer library generated by Snowball.

# Usage

```
wordstem(x, language = "porter")
## S3 method for class 'character'
wordstem(x, language = "porter")
## S3 method for class 'tokenizedTexts'
wordstem(x, language = "porter")
## S3 method for class 'dfm'
wordstem(x, language = "porter")
```

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# **Arguments**

x a character vector or corpus, whose word stems are to be removed

language the name of a recognized language, as returned by getStemLanguages, or a two-

or three-letter ISO-639 code corresponding to one of these languages (see refer-

ences for the list of codes)

#### Value

A character vector with as many elements as there are in the input vector with the corresponding elements being the stem of the word. Elements of the vector are converted to UTF-8 encoding before the stemming is performed, and the returned elements are marked as such when they contain non-ASCII characters.

# References

```
http://snowball.tartarus.org/
http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/language_codes.htmfortheISO-639language codes
```

#### See Also

wordStem

# **Examples**

```
#' Simple example
wordstem(c("win", "winning", "wins", "won", "winner"))
```

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