# Word counts with bag-of-words

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#### **Bag-of-words**

- Basic method for finding topics in a text
- Need to first create tokens using tokenization
- ... and then count up all the tokens
- The more frequent a word, the more important it might be
- Can be a great way to determine the significant words in a text



#### Bag-of-words example

- Text: "The cat is in the box. The cat likes the box. The box is over the cat."
- Bag of words (stripped punctuation):
  - "The": 3, "box": 3
  - "cat": 3, "the": 3
  - "is": 2
  - "in": 1, "likes": 1, "over": 1

### Bag-of-words in Python

```
counter.most_common(2)
```

```
[('The', 3), ('box', 3)]
```



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# Simple text preprocessing

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#### Why preprocess?

- Helps make for better input data
  - When performing machine learning or other statistical methods
- Examples:
  - Tokenization to create a bag of words
  - Lowercasing words
- Lemmatization/Stemming
  - Shorten words to their root stems
- Removing stop words, punctuation, or unwanted tokens
- Good to experiment with different approaches

#### Preprocessing example

- Input text: Cats, dogs and birds are common pets. So are fish.
- Output tokens: cat, dog, bird, common, pet, fish



### Text preprocessing with Python

```
[('cat', 3), ('box', 3)]
```



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# Introduction to gensim

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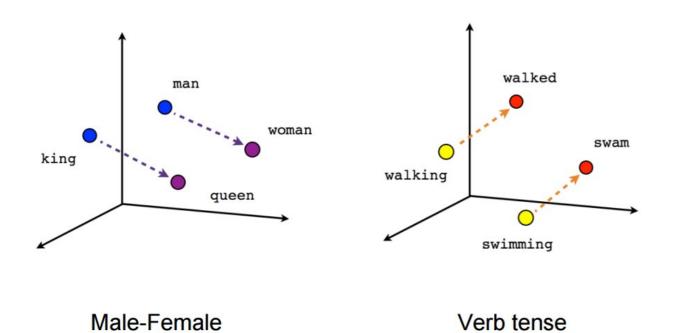
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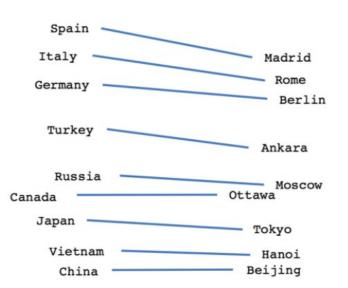
#### What is gensim?

- Popular open-source NLP library
- Uses top academic models to perform complex tasks
  - Building document or word vectors
  - Performing topic identification and document comparison

#### What is a word vector?



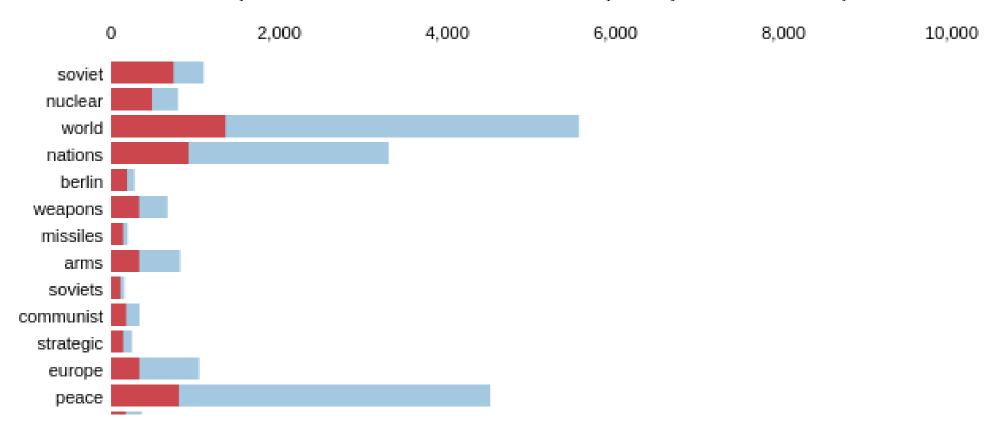
Verb tense



Country-Capital

#### Gensim example

Top-30 Most Relevant Terms for Topic 6 (6.2% of tokens)



(Source: http://tlfvincent.github.io/2015/10/23/presidential-speech-topics)



```
{'!': 11,
  ',': 17,
  '.': 7,
  'a': 2,
  'about': 4,
...}
```

#### Creating a gensim corpus

```
corpus = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in tokenized_docs]
corpus
```

```
[[(0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (6, 1), (7, 1), (8, 1)], [(0, 1), (1, 1), (9, 1), (10, 1), (11, 1), (12, 1)], ...]
```

- gensim models can be easily saved, updated, and reused
- Our dictionary can also be updated
- This more advanced and feature rich bag-of-words can be used in future exercises

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## Tf-idf with gensim

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#### What is tf-idf?

- Term frequency inverse document frequency
- Allows you to determine the most important words in each document
- Each corpus may have shared words beyond just stopwords
- These words should be down-weighted in importance
- Example from astronomy: "Sky"
- Ensures most common words don't show up as key words
- Keeps document specific frequent words weighted high

#### Tf-idf formula

$$w_{i,j} = tf_{i,j} * \log(rac{N}{df_i})$$

 $w_{i,j} = ext{tf-idf}$  weight for token i in document j

 $tf_{i,j} = \text{number of occurrences of token } i \text{ in document } j$ 

 $df_i = \text{number of documents that contain token } i$ 

N = total number of documents

### Tf-idf with gensim

```
from gensim.models.tfidfmodel import TfidfModel
tfidf = TfidfModel(corpus)
tfidf[corpus[1]]
```

```
[(0, 0.1746298276735174),
(1, 0.1746298276735174),
(9, 0.29853166221463673),
(10, 0.7716931521027908),
...
```

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