clean text documentation

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Function 1: 'clean_text()'

This function cleans text data by removing special characters, numbers, and extra white spaces.

Parameteres:

• 'text' : A character vector containing the text data to be cleaned.

Returns:

A cleaned version of the input text with special characters, numbers, and extra white spaces removed, and all letters converted to lowercase.

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# Function to clean text
clean_text <- function(text) {
    # Remove special characters
    cleaned_text <- gsub("[^a-zA-Z\\s]", "", text)

# Remove extra white spaces
    cleaned_text <- gsub("\\s+", " ", cleaned_text)

# Convert to lowercase
    cleaned_text <- tolower(cleaned_text)
    return(cleaned_text)
}

#Example
cleaned_text <- clean_text("Sample text with special characters: !@#$%^&*()")

cleaned_text</pre>
```

[1] "sampletextwithspecialcharacters"

Use Case:

This function is particularly useful for pre processing text data before performing natural language processing tasks.