

## 2.2. Preprocessing\_77k\_tweets

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### 0.1 Load the data

In this step we read the data in a json format from the file and we store the tweet text info in a pandas DataFrame

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In [ ]: import json
import pandas as pd

tweets_file = 'websummit_dump_20151106155110'
with open(tweets_file) as f:
    tweets = json.load(f)

print('# of tweets:', len(tweets))

tweet_text = [tweet['text'] for tweet in tweets]
df = pd.DataFrame({'text': tweet_text})
df.head()
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### 0.2 Define the tweet preprocessor

We define a preprocessor withch finds the diferent elements of the tweet ussing regular expressions and it identifies them.

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In [2]: import re

class TweetPreprocessor(object):

    def __init__(self):
        self.FLAGS = re.MULTILINE | re.DOTALL
        self.ALLCAPS = '<allcaps>'
        self.HASHTAG = '<hashtag>'
        self.URL = '<url>'
        self.USER = '<user>'
        self.SMILE = '<smile>'
        self.LOLFACE = '<lolface>'
        self.SADFACE = '<sadface>'
        self.NEUTRALFACE = '<neutralface>'
        self.HEART = '<heart>'
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self.NUMBER = '<number>'
self.REPEAT = '<repeat>'
self.ELONG = '<elong>'

def _hashtag(self, text):
    text = text.group()
    hashtag_body = text[1:]
    if hashtag_body.isupper():
        result = (self.HASHTAG + " {} " + self.ALLCAPS).format(hashtag_body)
    else:
        result = " ".join([self.HASHTAG] + re.findall(r"(?=[A-Z])", hashtag_body,
    return result

def _allcaps(self, text):
    text = text.group()
    return text.lower() + ' ' + self.ALLCAPS

def preprocess(self, text):
    eyes, nose = r"[8:=-;]", r"['`\\-]?"

    re_sub = lambda pattern, repl: re.sub(pattern, repl, text, flags=self.FLAGS)

    text = re_sub(r"https?:\\/\\/\\S+\\b|www\\. (\\w+\\.)+\\S*", self.URL)
    text = re_sub(r"/", " / ")
    text = re_sub(r"@\\w+", self.USER)
    text = re_sub(r"{}{}[ ]dD[ ]+| [ ]dD[ ]+{}{}".format(eyes, nose, nose, eyes), self.SMILE)
    text = re_sub(r"{}{}p+".format(eyes, nose), self.LOLFACE)
    text = re_sub(r"{}{}\\( +|\\ )+{}{}".format(eyes, nose, nose, eyes), self.SADFACE)
    text = re_sub(r"{}{}[\\ /|!]*".format(eyes, nose), self.NEUTRALFACE)
    text = re_sub(r"<3", self.HEART)
    text = re_sub(r"[-+]?[.\\d]*[\\d]+[:,.\\d]*", self.NUMBER)
    text = re_sub(r"#\\S+", self._hashtag)
    text = re_sub(r"([!?.]){2,}", r"\1 " + self.REPEAT)
    text = re_sub(r"\\b(\\S*?)(.)\\2{2,}\\b", r"\1\2 " + self.ELONG)

    text = re_sub(r"([A-Z]){2,}", self._allcaps)

    return text.lower()

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In [3]: tweet_processor = TweetPreprocessor()
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# an example:
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tweet = "@sarahtavel What #MustHave #tech gadget can you not travel without? Stop by s
print("Before: " + tweet + "\n")
print("After: " + tweet_processor.preprocess(tweet))

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Before: @sarahtavel What #MustHave #tech gadget can you not travel without? Stop by stand D131
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After: <user> what <hashtag> <hashtag> gadget can you not travel without? stop by stand d<num

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In [4]: import nltk
        from nltk.corpus import stopwords
        from nltk.tokenize import TweetTokenizer

        # We define a tweet tokenizer withc split the text in words
        tknzs = TweetTokenizer()

        # We define the stopwords that are words like 'and', 'or', 'not' that do not give rele
        stop = stopwords.words('english')

        # Add the tags defined in the preprocessing to the stopwords
        stop += ['<hashtag>', '<url>', '<allcaps>', '<number>', '<user>', '<repeat>', '<elong>']

        df['text_processed'] = ""
        index = 0

        for tweet in df['text']:
            # Remove the no relevant information from the tweets
            parts = tknzs.tokenize(tweet_processor.preprocess(tweet))
            clean = [i for i in parts if i not in stop]
            df['text_processed'][index] = clean
            index += 1

[nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to /home/set92/nltk_data...
[nltk_data]   Package stopwords is already up-to-date!
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In [5]: df['text_processed'].size
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Out[5]: 77111
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In [6]: df.to_pickle('77k_df.pickle')
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