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analyze\_sentiment

Perform sentiment analysis on book reviews with negation handling

# Description

This function takes the output from scrape\_reviews and performs sentiment analysis, including basic negation scope detection.

# Usage

```
analyze_sentiment(reviews_df, lexicon = "afinn")
```

# Arguments

reviews\_df A data frame containing the output from scrape\_reviews.

lexicon The sentiment lexicon to use. Options are "afinn", "bing", or "nrc".

## Value

A data frame with sentiment scores for each review.

#### **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")</pre>
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the scrape_reviews function
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)</pre>
# Check if reviews were successfully scraped
if (nrow(reviews) > 0) {
  # Perform sentiment analysis
  sentiment_results <- analyze_sentiment(reviews, lexicon = "afinn")</pre>
  # Display the first few rows of the results
  print(head(sentiment_results))
} else {
  cat("No reviews found. Cannot perform sentiment analysis.\n")
}
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)
```

average\_book\_sentiment

Calculate average sentiment score per book

## **Description**

This function calculates the average sentiment score for each book.

#### Usage

```
average_book_sentiment(sentiment_df)
```

#### **Arguments**

sentiment\_df A data frame containing the output from analyze\_sentiment.

## Value

A data frame with average sentiment scores for each book.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)</pre>
```

fit\_lda

```
# Run the scrape_reviews function
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Check if reviews were successfully scraped
if (nrow(reviews) > 0) {
    # Perform sentiment analysis
    sentiment_results <- analyze_sentiment(reviews, lexicon = "afinn")

# Calculate average sentiment score per book
    avg_senti <- average_book_sentiment(sentiment_results)

# Display the results
    print(avg_senti)
} else {
    cat("No reviews found. Cannot calculate average sentiment.\n")
}

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

fit\_lda

Perform topic modeling on preprocessed reviews

## **Description**

This function performs LDA topic modeling on the preprocessed reviews.

## Usage

```
fit_lda(dtm, k, method = "Gibbs")
```

#### **Arguments**

dtm A document-term matrix

k The number of topics to extract

method The method to use for fitting the model (default: Gibbs)

#### Value

An LDA model

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Scrape reviews</pre>
```

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```
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Preprocess the reviews
preprocessed <- preprocess_reviews(reviews, english_only = TRUE)

# Fit LDA model
lda_model <- fit_lda(preprocessed$dtm, k = 2)

# Print model summary
print(lda_model)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

gen\_topic\_clouds

Create word cloud for topics

#### **Description**

This function creates a word cloud for each topic.

## Usage

```
gen_topic_clouds(model_output, n = 50)
```

#### **Arguments**

model\_output The output from model\_topics function

The number of top terms to include in the word cloud

#### Value

A list of ggplot objects, where each element represents a word cloud for a topic.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 30, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Model topics
topic_results <- model_topics(reviews, num_topics = 3, num_terms = 50, english_only = TRUE)
# Generate word clouds for each topic
wordcloud_plots <- gen_topic_clouds(topic_results, n = 20)</pre>
```

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```
# Display the word cloud for the first topic
if (interactive()) {
  print(wordcloud_plots[[1]])
}

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)
```

get\_author\_info

Get Author Information from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function takes a file path containing Goodreads book IDs and retrieves the author information for each book.

#### Usage

```
get_author_info(file_path)
```

# Arguments

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing Goodreads book IDs.

## Value

A named list where each element contains the author information for a book.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the function
author_info <- get_author_info(temp_file)
print(author_info)
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

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Save Book IDs to a Text File

# Description

This function retrieves the book\_id values from the input\_data and saves them to a specified text file.

## Usage

```
get_book_ids(input_data, file_name)
```

## **Arguments**

input\_data A data frame containing a column named book\_id.

file\_name A string specifying the name of the text file to save the book\_id values.

#### Value

No return value, the function writes the book\_id values to a text file.

#### **Examples**

get\_book\_summary

Get Book Summary from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function takes a file path containing Goodreads book IDs and retrieves the summary for each book.

## Usage

```
get_book_summary(file_path)
```

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## **Arguments**

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing Goodreads book IDs.

#### Value

A named list where each element contains the summary for a book.

## **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the function
book_summary <- get_book_summary(temp_file)
print(book_summary)
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

get\_format\_info

Get Format Information from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function takes a file path containing Goodreads book IDs and retrieves the format information for each book.

## Usage

```
get_format_info(file_path)
```

#### **Arguments**

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing Goodreads book IDs.

## Value

A named list where each element contains the format information for a book.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the function
format_info <- get_format_info(temp_file)
print(format_info)</pre>
```

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```
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)
```

get\_genres

Get Genres for Books from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function reads book IDs from a file, fetches the corresponding Goodreads pages, and extracts the genres for each book.

## Usage

```
get_genres(file_path)
```

## **Arguments**

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing book IDs.

## Value

A named list where each element corresponds to a book ID and contains a character vector of genres for that book.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Run the function
genres <- get_genres(temp_file)

# Display the results
print(genres)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

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get\_num\_pages

Get Number of Pages from Goodreads

#### **Description**

This function takes a file path containing Goodreads book IDs and retrieves the number of pages for each book.

## Usage

```
get_num_pages(file_path)
```

#### **Arguments**

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing Goodreads book IDs.

#### Value

A named list where each element contains the number of pages for a book.

#### **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the function
num_pages <- get_num_pages(temp_file)
print(num_pages)
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

get\_published\_time

Get Published Time from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function takes a file path containing Goodreads book IDs and retrieves the published time for each book.

#### Usage

```
get_published_time(file_path)
```

## **Arguments**

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing Goodreads book IDs.

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#### Value

A named list where each element contains the book information for a book.

## **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the function
published_times <- get_published_time(temp_file)
print(published_times)
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

```
get_rating_distribution
```

Get Rating Distribution from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function takes a file path containing Goodreads book IDs and retrieves the rating distribution for each book.

# Usage

```
get_rating_distribution(file_path)
```

#### Arguments

file\_path

A character string specifying the path to the file containing Goodreads book IDs.

#### Value

A named list where each element contains the rating distribution for a book.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Run the function
rating_distributions <- get_rating_distribution(temp_file)
print(rating_distributions)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

model\_topics

el_topics Analyze topics in Goodreads reviews
---

## **Description**

This function takes the output from scrape\_reviews, preprocesses the data, performs topic modeling, and prints the results.

#### Usage

```
model_topics(reviews, num_topics = 3, num_terms = 10, english_only = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

reviews A data frame containing the scraped reviews

num\_topics The number of topics to extract

num\_terms The number of top terms to display for each topic

english\_only A logical value indicating whether to filter out non-English reviews. Default is

FALSE.

#### Value

A list containing the following elements:

- model: The fitted LDA model object.
- filtered\_reviews: The preprocessed and filtered reviews data frame.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Model topics
topic_results <- model_topics(reviews, num_topics = 2, num_terms = 5, english_only = TRUE)

# Print model summary
print(topic_results$model)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

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Visualize topic distribution

#### **Description**

This function creates a heatmap of the topic distribution across documents.

## Usage

```
plot_topic_heatmap(model_output)
```

## **Arguments**

model\_output

The output from model\_topics function

#### Value

A ggplot object representing the topic distribution heatmap.

### **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 10, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Model topics
topic_results <- model_topics(reviews, num_topics = 2, num_terms = 5, english_only = TRUE)

# Visualize topic distribution
plot_topic_heatmap(topic_results)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

 $\verb|plot_topic_prevalence| \textit{Visualize topic prevalence}$ 

## Description

This function creates a bar plot of the overall prevalence of each topic.

## Usage

```
plot_topic_prevalence(model_output)
```

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## Arguments

```
model_output The output from model_topics function
```

#### Value

A ggplot object representing the bar plot of topic prevalence.

## **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 10, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Model topics
topic_results <- model_topics(reviews, num_topics = 2, num_terms = 5, english_only = TRUE)

# Visualize topic distribution
plot_topic_prevalence(topic_results)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

plot\_topic\_terms

Visualize top terms for each topic

## **Description**

This function creates a bar plot of the top terms for each topic.

## Usage

```
plot\_topic\_terms(model\_output, n = 10)
```

## **Arguments**

model\_output The output from model\_topics function

n The number of top terms to visualize for each topic

#### Value

A ggplot object representing the bar plot of top terms for each topic.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 10, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Model topics
topic_results <- model_topics(reviews, num_topics = 2, num_terms = 5, english_only = TRUE)

# Visualize top terms for each topic
plot_topic_terms(topic_results, n = 5)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

preprocess\_reviews

Preprocess review text for topic modeling

## Description

This function preprocesses the review text by optionally filtering non-English reviews, removing punctuation, converting to lowercase, removing stopwords, and stemming.

#### Usage

```
preprocess_reviews(reviews, english_only = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

reviews A data frame containing the scraped reviews

english\_only A logical value indicating whether to filter out non-English reviews. Default is TRUE

#### Value

A list containing the following elements:

- corpus: The preprocessed corpus object.
- dtm: The document-term matrix.
- filtered\_reviews: The filtered reviews data frame.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Preprocess the reviews
preprocessed <- preprocess_reviews(reviews, english_only = TRUE)

# Print the document-term matrix
print(preprocessed$dtm)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

replace\_special\_chars Replace special characters and remove non-ASCII characters

## **Description**

Replace special characters and remove non-ASCII characters

#### Usage

```
replace_special_chars(x)
```

## **Arguments**

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A character vector

#### Value

A character vector with special characters replaced and non-ASCII characters removed

scrape\_books

Scrape book details from Goodreads

## **Description**

This function scrapes details of books using their IDs from Goodreads.

## Usage

```
scrape_books(book_ids_path, use_parallel = FALSE, num_cores = 4)
```

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## **Arguments**

book\_ids\_path Path to a text file containing book IDs.

use\_parallel Logical indicating whether to scrape in parallel (default is FALSE).

num\_cores Number of CPU cores to use for parallel scraping (default is 4).

#### Value

A data frame containing scraped book details.

## **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Run the function (with a small delay to avoid overwhelming the server)
result <- scrape_books(temp_file, use_parallel = FALSE)
print(head(result))
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

scrape\_reviews

Scrape book reviews from Goodreads

#### **Description**

This function scrapes book reviews from Goodreads based on provided book IDs.

# Usage

```
scrape_reviews(
  book_ids_path,
  num_reviews = 30,
  use_parallel = FALSE,
  num_cores = 4
)
```

#### **Arguments**

book\_ids\_path A character string specifying the path to a file containing book IDs.

An integer specifying the number of reviews to scrape per book. Default is 30.

A logical value indicating whether to use parallel processing. Default is FALSE.

An integer specifying the number of cores to use for parallel processing. Default is 4.

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## Value

A data frame containing scraped review information.

#### **Examples**

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the function (with a small number of reviews to keep the example quick)
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)
print(head(reviews))
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

search\_goodreads

Search Goodreads

## **Description**

This function searches books on Goodreads.

#### Usage

```
search_goodreads(
  search_term,
  search_in = c("title", "author"),
  num_books = 10,
  sort_by = "ratings"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
search_term A search term string.

search_in Where to search (e.g., "title", "author").

num_books Number of books to return.

sort_by How to sort the results (e.g., "ratings", "published_year").
```

#### Value

A data frame of search results.

```
search_goodreads("parenting", search_in = "title", num_books = 2)
```

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## **Description**

This function creates a histogram of sentiment scores for all reviews.

## Usage

```
sentiment_histogram(sentiment_df)
```

## **Arguments**

sentiment\_df A data frame containing the output from analyze\_sentiment.

#### Value

A ggplot object representing the histogram.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")</pre>
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the scrape_reviews function
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 10, use_parallel = FALSE)</pre>
# Check if reviews were successfully scraped
if (nrow(reviews) > 0) {
  # Perform sentiment analysis
  sentiment_results <- analyze_sentiment(reviews, lexicon = "afinn")</pre>
  # Create histogram of sentiment scores
  sentiment_hist <- sentiment_histogram(sentiment_results)</pre>
  # Display the plot
  print(sentiment_hist)
  # Optionally, save the plot
  # ggsave("sentiment_hist.png", sentiment_hist, width = 8, height = 6)
} else {
  cat("No reviews found. Cannot create sentiment histogram.\n")
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)
```

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Plot sentiment trend over time

## Description

This function plots the average sentiment score over time.

# Usage

```
sentiment_trend(sentiment_df, time_period = "month", show_smooth_trend = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

```
sentiment_df A data frame containing the output from analyze_sentiment.

time_period A string specifying the time period for grouping ("day", "week", "month", "year").

show_smooth_trend

A logical value indicating whether to show the overall smooth trend line (default: TRUE).
```

#### Value

A ggplot object representing the sentiment trend.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")</pre>
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)
# Run the scrape_reviews function
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 10, use_parallel = FALSE)
# Check if reviews were successfully scraped
if (nrow(reviews) > 0) {
 # Perform sentiment analysis
 sentiment_results <- analyze_sentiment(reviews, lexicon = "afinn")</pre>
 # Create histogram of sentiment scores
 senti_trend <- sentiment_trend(sentiment_results)</pre>
 # Display the plot
 print(senti_trend)
 # Optionally, save the plot
 # ggsave("senti_trend.png", senti_trend, width = 8, height = 6)
} else {
 cat("No reviews found. Cannot create sentiment trend\n")
}
```

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```
# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)
```

top\_terms

Extract and print top terms for each topic

# Description

This function extracts the top terms for each topic in the LDA model and optionally prints them.

## Usage

```
top_terms(lda_model, n = 10, verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

lda\_model An LDA model

n The number of top terms to extract for each topic

verbose Logical; if TRUE, print the top terms to the console (default is TRUE)

#### Value

A list of character vectors, each containing the top terms for a topic.

```
# Create a temporary file with sample book IDs
temp_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines(c("1420", "2767052", "10210"), temp_file)

# Scrape reviews
reviews <- scrape_reviews(temp_file, num_reviews = 5, use_parallel = FALSE)

# Preprocess the reviews
preprocessed <- preprocess_reviews(reviews, english_only = TRUE)

# Fit LDA model
lda_model <- fit_lda(preprocessed$dtm, k = 2)

# Print top terms
top_terms(lda_model, n = 5)

# Clean up: remove the temporary file
file.remove(temp_file)</pre>
```

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