

# **Stopwords**

### What Are Stopwords?

Stopwords are common words in a language, such as "and," "the," "is," "in," and "at," that often appear frequently in text data but add little meaning or context. In NLP, removing stopwords is a standard preprocessing step to help models focus on the main content of the text, making data analysis more efficient and improving the performance of algorithms by eliminating these "filler" words.

## **Key Aspects of Stopwords:**

- 1. Efficiency: By removing frequent but uninformative words, text data becomes easier and faster to process.
- 2. **Focus**: Filtering out stopwords enables models to focus on more meaningful words that contribute to the context and insights.
- 3. **Use Cases**: Stopwords removal is crucial in tasks like sentiment analysis, search engines, and text summarization, where high-frequency words can dilute the meaningful content.

#### **Common Libraries for Stopword Removal:**

- 1. **NLTK**: Provides a built-in list of stopwords for many languages, allowing you to customize and expand the list for specific needs.
- 2. **SpaCy**: Includes a customizable set of stopwords that can be easily adjusted by adding or removing words as per project requirements.

#### Sample List of Common Stopwords in English:

• **Domain-Specific Stopwords**: Some NLP projects may define custom stopwords, such as "data," "science," or "technology," depending on the analysis requirements.

# English Stopwords: ['i', 'me', 'my', 'myself', 'we', 'our', 'ours', 'ourselves', 'you', "you're", "you've", "you'll", "you'd", 'your', 'yours', 'yourself', 'yourselves', 'he', 'him', 'his', 'himself', 'she', "she's", 'her', 'hers', 'herself', 'it', "it's", 'its', 'itself', 'they', 'them', 'their', 'theirs', 'themselves', 'what', 'which', 'who', 'whom', 'this', 'that', "that'll", 'these', 'those', 'am', 'is', 'are', 'was', 'were', 'be', 'been', 'being', 'have', 'has', 'had', 'having', 'do', 'does', 'did', 'doing', 'a', 'an', 'the', 'and', 'but', 'if', 'or', 'because', 'as', 'until', 'while', 'of', 'at', 'by', 'for', 'with', 'about', 'against', 'between', 'into', 'through', 'during', 'before', 'after', 'above', 'below', 'to', 'from', 'up', 'down', 'in', 'out', 'on', 'off', 'over', 'under', 'again', 'further', 'then', 'once', 'here', 'when', 'where', 'why', 'how', 'all', 'any', 'both', 'each', 'few', 'more', 'most', 'other', 'some', 'such', 'no', 'nor', 'not', 'only', 'own', 'same', 'so', 'than', 'too', 'very', 's', 't', 'can', 'will', 'just', 'don', "don't", 'should', "should've", 'now', 'd', 'll', 'm', 'o', 're', 've', 'y', 'ain', 'aren't", 'couldn', "couldn't", 'didn', "didn't", 'doesn', "doesn't", 'had n', "hadn't", 'hasn', "hasn't", 'haven', "haven't", 'isn', "isn't", 'ma', 'mightn', "mightn't", 'mustn', "mustn't", 'needn', "needn't", 'shan', "shan't", 'shouldn', "shouldn't", 'wasn', "wasn't", 'weren', "weren't", 'won', "won't", 'wouldn', "wouldn't"]

# **Sample List of Common Stopwords in French:**

French Stopwords:

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# **Types of Stopwords and Their Impact:**

- 1. **High-Frequency Words**: Words that occur frequently across documents but add minimal meaning. Removing these helps reduce text noise.
- 2. **Domain-Specific Stopwords**: Some stopwords may be tailored for specific industries or contexts, such as excluding "data" in data science projects, which can improve focus on more relevant terms.

## When to Use Stopword Removal:

- Ideal For: Tasks where meaningful keywords are essential, like topic modeling or document classification.
- **Avoid For**: Applications where sentence structure is important, like **text generation** or **language translation**, where stopwords contribute to the natural flow.

**Selecting Stopwords:** Choosing the right stopwords list depends on the NLP project's context. For instance, legal documents might require a custom list, while social media texts might include common slang and abbreviations.

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[89]: from nltk.corpus import stopwords

[91]: import nltk
    nltk.download("stopwords")

        [nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to
        [nltk_data] C:\Users\Zahid.Shaikh\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
        [nltk_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!

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[93]: print("English Stopwords: ")
        print(stopwords.words('english'))
        print('-' * 153)
        print("Arabic Stopwords: ")
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print(stopwords.words('arabic'))
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print("French Stopwords: ")
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[99]: from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
sentences = nltk.sent_tokenize(corpus)
print(type(sentences))
print("Before Lemmatizer:\n", sentences)
print('-' * 153)
for i in range(len(sentences)):
    words = nltk.word_tokenize(sentences[i])
    words = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word.lower(), pos='v') for word in words if
    word not in set(stopwords.words('english'))]
    sentences[i] = ' '.join(words)
print("After Lemmatizer:\n", sentences)
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