A Primer on Text Analytics

From the Perspective of a Statistics Graduate Student

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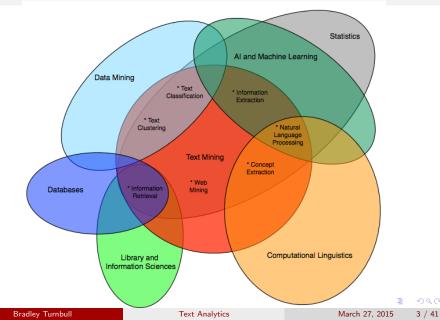
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- If we get to the root of it...
 - Data analytics where some or all of the data is in an unstructured format

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Where is it Applied?

- Intelligence and Law Enforcement
- Life Sciences and Clinical Medicine
- Social Media Analysis and Contextual Advertising
- Competitive Intelligence
- Product Management and Marketing
- Public Administration and Policy
- Recruiting

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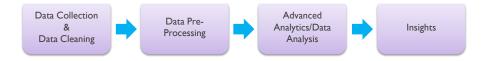
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I Need to Read that Again...

- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- Obesity Study Looks for Larger Test Group
- Red Tape Holds up New Bridges

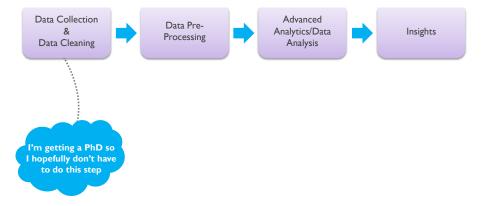
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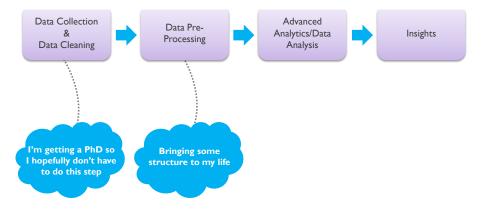


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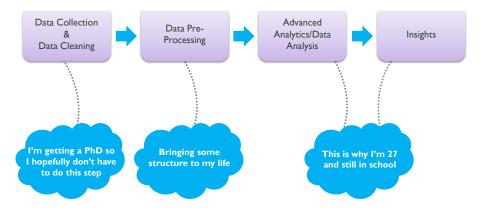


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If data from csv file:

```
myTable <- read.table("somefile.csv",sep=",")
myCorp <- Corpus( DataframeSource(myTable) )</pre>
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Major Preprocessing Steps

1. Tokenization and Cleaning

2. Dimension Reduction

3. Frequencies

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The tm_map function applies the "tm" package functions across all documents in the corpus, similar to lapply

```
myCorp <- tm_map(myCorp, tolower)
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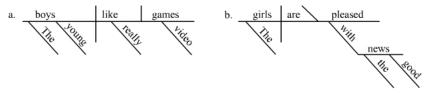
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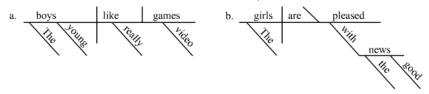
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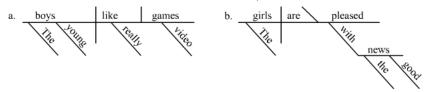


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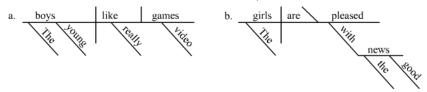
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- Taggers can be rule-based, use probability models, or combination
 Brill Tagger, from Eric Brill's 1995 PhD Thesis
- Process is similar to writing a compiler for programming language

Part of Speech Tagging in R

```
Use the "openNLP" package,
library("openNLP")
tagPOS <- function(x){</pre>
  s <- as.String(x)</pre>
  word_token_annotator <- Maxent_Word_Token_Annotator()</pre>
  a2 <- Annotation(1L, "sentence", 1L, nchar(s))
  a2 <- annotate(s, word token annotator, a2)
  a3 <- annotate(s, Maxent_POS_Tag_Annotator(), a2)
  a3w <- a3[a3$type == "word"]
  POStags <- unlist(lapply(a3w$features, '[[', "POS"))</pre>
  paste(sprintf("%s/%s", s[a3w], POStags), collapse = " ")
}
myCorp2 <- tm_map( myCorp, tagPOS )</pre>
myCorp2[[1]];myCorp2[[2]]
  [1] "why/WRB did/VBD n't/RB the/DT seahawks/NNS run/VBP the/DT
       ball/NN from/IN the/DT one/CD yard/NN line/NN ?/. !/."
  [1] "the/DT steelers/NNS ran/VBD the/DT ball/NN from/IN the/DT
       2/CD yard/NN line/NN ,/, but/CC jerome/NN bettis/NN
       fumbled/VBD ./."
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Part of Speech Labels - Penn English Treebank

- CC = Coordinatingconjunction CD = Cardinal numberDT = DeterminerFX = Fxistential there FW = Foreign word IN = Preposition orsubordinating conjunction JJ = AdjectiveJJR = Adjective, comparativeJJS = Adjective, superlative LS = List item marker MD = ModalNN = Noun, singular or mass NNS = Noun, plural NNP = Proper noun, singularNNPS = Proper noun, plural PDT = PredeterminerPOS = Possessive ending PRP = Personal pronoun
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Remove Stop Words and Punctuation in R

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 - Lovins "3 steps"
 - Porter "6 steps"

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Stemming in R

```
stemMe <- Corpus(VectorSource(c(</pre>
                      "walking walks walked",
                      "apply applied applications reapplied",
                      "fishing fished fisher")))
#Porter
stemMe1 <- tm_map(stemMe, stemDocument, "english")</pre>
stemMe1[[1]]; stemMe1[[2]]; stemMe1[[3]]
 [1] "walk walk walk"
 [1] "appli appli applic reappli"
 [1] "fish fish fisher"
#Lovins
stemMe2 <- tm_map(stemMe, RWeka::IteratedLovinsStemmer)</pre>
stemMe2[[1]]; stemMe2[[2]]; stemMe2[[3]]
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replaceWords <- function(object, words, by ) {</pre>
   pattern <- paste(words, collapse = "|")</pre>
   gsub(pattern, by, object)
}
myCorp2 <- tm_map(myCorp, replaceWords,</pre>
            words=c("seahawks","steelers"), by="football team")
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myCorp <- tm_map(myCorp, replaceWords, words=c("ran"), by="run")</pre>
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library("wordnet")
synonyms("company", pos="NOUN")
 [1] "caller" "companionship" "company" "fellowship"
 [5] "party" "ship's company"
                                "society" "troupe"
synonyms("data", pos="NOUN")
 [1] "data" "information"
```

Synonyms in R

#Very robust		
<pre>synonyms("run", pos="VERB"</pre>	")	
[1] "be given"	"black market"	"bleed"
[4] "break away"	"bunk"	"campaign"
[7] "carry"	"consort"	"course"
[10] "die hard"	"draw"	"endure"
[13] "escape"	"execute"	"extend"
[16] "feed"	"flow"	"fly the coop"
[19] "function"	"go"	"guide"
[22] "head for the hills"	"hightail it"	"hunt"
[25] "hunt down"	"incline"	"ladder"
[28] "lam"	"lead"	"lean"
[31] "melt"	"melt down"	"move"
[34] "operate"	"pass"	"persist"
[37] "play"	"ply"	"prevail"
[40] "race"	"range"	"run"
[43] "run away"	"run for"	"scarper"
[46] "scat"	"take to the woods"	"tend"
[49] "track down"	"turn tail"	"unravel"
[52] "work"		

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 - Higher frequency of terms that are rare indicate a very important concept
 - Often standardize TF for each document TF/(Total Number of Terms in Doc)

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- Sophisticated methods use probability models and/or allow gaps between words

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- often large and sparse
- can concatenate with other structured data
- Term Document Matrix simply the transpose

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DTM in R

```
myCorp <- tm_map(myCorp, stripWhitespace)</pre>
myCorp <- tm_map(myCorp, PlainTextDocument)</pre>
dtm <- DocumentTermMatrix(myCorp)</pre>
inspect(dtm)
  <<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 2, terms: 11)>>
  Non-/sparse entries: 15/7
  Sparsity : 32%
  Maximal term length: 8
  Weighting : term frequency (tf)
                Terms
  Docs ball bettis fumbled jerome line one run seahawks
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         steelers two yard
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DTM in R - Minimum Word Frequency

```
inspect(dtm2)
  <<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 2, terms: 4)>>
  Non-/sparse entries: 8/0
  Sparsity : 0%
  Maximal term length: 4
  Weighting : term frequency (tf)
```

		Terms				
Docs	ball	line	run	yard		
1	1	1	1	1		
2	1	1	1	1		

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Docs	ball	line	run	yard	
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2	1	1	1	1	

```
#Another option
#Max 50% sparsity
dtm3 <- removeSparseTerms( dtm, 0.5 )
dim(dtm3)
[1] 2 4</pre>
```

Weighted DTM in R

	Te	rms							
Docs	ball b	ettis	fur	nbled	j	erome	line	one	run
1	0 0.00	00000	0.000	00000	0.000	00000	0	0.1666667	0
2	0 0.11	11111	0.11	11111	0.11	11111	0	0.000000	0
	Te	rms							
Docs	seahawks	stee	elers		two	yard			
1	0.1666667	0.000	00000	0.000	00000	0			
2	0.000000	0.11	11111	0.11:	11111	0			

N-Grams in R

```
biGramToken <- function(x){
   RWeka::NGramTokenizer(x, RWeka::Weka_control(min=1,max=2))
dtm.bigram <- DocumentTermMatrix(myCorp,</pre>
                   control=list(tokenize=biGramToken))
inspect(dtm.bigram)
  << DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 2, terms: 22)>>
 Non-/sparse entries: 28/16
 Sparsity
                    : 36%
 Maximal term length: 14
  Weighting
                    : term frequency (tf)
                Terms
  Docs ball ball one ball two bettis bettis fumbled fumbled jerome
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       seahawks seahawks run steelers steelers run two two vard
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 Docs
       yard yard line
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Training and Test Data

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```
Terms(dtm.train)

[1] "beach" "best" "bovine" "buy" "century" "coffee"

[7] "deal" "details" "ever" "get" "item" "outside"

[13] "party" "pills" "product" "sale" "spam" "steroid"

[19] "trip" "want" "weekend"
```

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```
dtm.test <- DocumentTermMatrix(spam.test,</pre>
                    control=list(dictionary=Terms(dtm.train)))
inspect(dtm.test)
  << DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 4, terms: 21)>>
  Non-/sparse entries: 8/76
  Sparsity
                        : 90%
  Maximal term length:
                          7
  Weighting
                        : term frequency (tf)
      Terms
  Docs beach best bovine buy century coffee deal details ever get
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