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Text Analytics Toolbox Product Description

Analyze and model text data

Text Analytics Toolbox provides algorithms and visualizations for preprocessing, analyzing, and modeling text data. Models created with the toolbox can be used in applications such as sentiment analysis, predictive maintenance, and topic modeling.

Text Analytics Toolbox includes tools for processing raw text from sources such as equipment logs, news feeds, surveys, operator reports, and social media. You can extract text from popular file formats, preprocess raw text, extract individual words, convert text into numerical representations, and build statistical models.

Using machine learning techniques such as LSA, LDA, and word embeddings, you can find clusters and create features from high-dimensional text datasets. Features created with Text Analytics Toolbox can be combined with features from other data sources to build machine learning models that take advantage of textual, numeric, and other types of data.

Key Features

- Text preprocessing and normalization
- Machine learning algorithms, including latent Dirichlet allocation (LDA) and latent semantic analysis (LSA)
- Word-embedding training, and pretrained model import from word2vec, FastText, and GloVe
- Word cloud and text scatter plots
- Document import from PDF and Microsoft[®] Word files
- TF-IDF and word frequency statistics

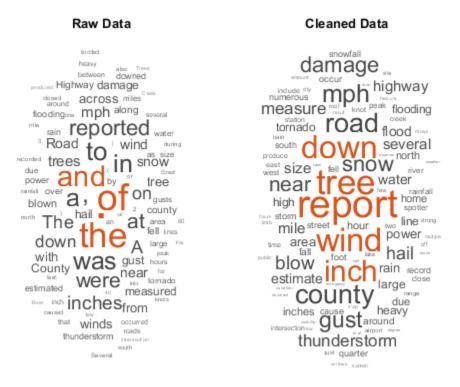
Create Simple Preprocessing Function

This example shows how to create a function which cleans and preprocesses text data for analysis.

Text data can be large and can contain lots of noise which negatively affects statistical analysis. For example, text data can contain the following:

- Variations in case, for example "new" and "New"
- Variations in word forms, for example "walk" and "walking"
- Words which add noise, for example "stop words" such as "the" and "of"
- Punctuation and special characters
- HTML and XML tags

These word clouds illustrate word frequency analysis applied to some raw text data from weather reports, and a preprocessed version of the same text data.



It can be useful to create a preprocessing function, so you can prepare different collections of text data in the same way. For example, when training a model, you can use a function so that you can preprocess new data using the same steps as the training data.

The function preprocessTextData, listed at the end of the example, performs the following steps:

- 1 Tokenize the text using tokenizedDocument.
- 2 Lemmatize the words using normalizeWords.

- **3** Erase punctuation using erasePunctuation.
- 4 Remove a list of stop words (such as "and", "of", and "the") using removeStopWords.
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- 6 Remove words with 15 or more characters using removeLongWords.

To use the function, simply input your text data into preprocessTextData.

```
textData = [
    "A large tree is downed and blocking traffic outside Apple Hill."
    "There is lots of damage to many car windshields in the parking lot."];
documents = preprocessTextData(textData)
documents =
```

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Preprocessing Function

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% addPartOfSpeechDetails.
documents = addPartOfSpeechDetails(documents);
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documents = removeLongWords(documents,15);
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end

For an example showing a more detailed workflow, see "Prepare Text Data for Analysis".

For next steps in text analytics, you can try creating a classification model or analyze the data using topic models. For examples, see "Create Simple Text Model for Classification" and "Analyze Text Data Using Topic Models".

See Also

bagOfWords | encode | tokenizedDocument

Related Examples

- "Analyze Text Data Using Topic Models"
- "Analyze Text Data Using Multiword Phrases"
- "Analyze Text Data Containing Emojis"
- "Train a Sentiment Classifier"
- "Classify Text Data Using Deep Learning"
- "Generate Text Using Deep Learning" (Deep Learning Toolbox)

Import Text Data into MATLAB

Use the following functions to import text data into MATLAB[®]. Usually, the easiest way to import text data into MATLAB is to use the extractFileText function. For example, to import text from a text file, use:

```
str = extractFileText('sonnets.txt');
```

This table outlines which function to use for different file types. For more information, see "Extract Text Data from Files".

Source	Function	Example
Text, Microsoft Word, PDF, and HTML files	extractFileText	<pre>str = extractFileText('sonnets .txt');</pre>
CSV and Microsoft Excel® files	readtable	<pre>tbl = readtable('weatherReport s.csv','TextType','strin g');</pre>
HTML code	extractHTMLText	<pre>str = extractHTMLText('<html>< body><h1>THE SONNETS<!-- h1-->by William Shakespeare<!-- html-->');</h1></html></pre>
PDF forms	readPDFFormData	<pre>data = readPDFFormData('weather ReportForm1.pdf');</pre>

See Also

extractFileText | extractHTMLText | readPDFFormData | readtable

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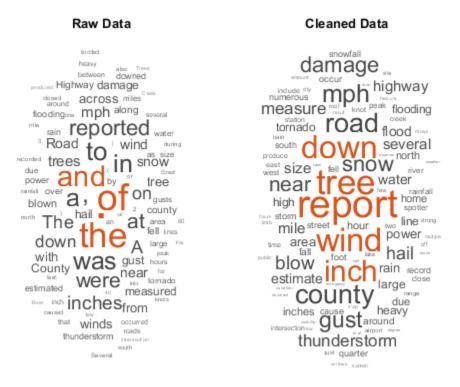
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See Also

addPartOfSpeechDetails | erasePunctuation | normalizeWords | removeLongWords | removeShortWords | removeStopWords | tokenizedDocument

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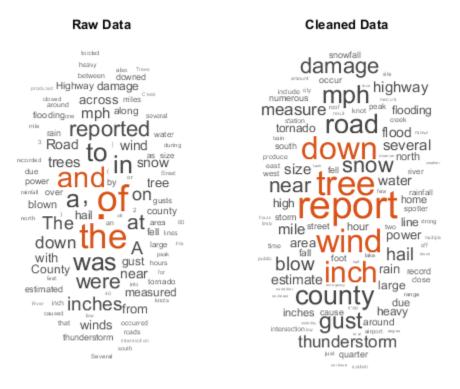
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See Also

```
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wordcloud
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