# Word counts with bag-of-words

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# **Bag-of-words**

- Basic method for finding topics in a text  $\bullet$
- Need to first create tokens using tokenization
- ... and then count up all the tokens
- The more frequent a word, the more important it might be
- Can be a great way to determine the significant words in a text

### **Bag-of-words** example

- Text: "The cat is in the box. The cat likes the box. The box is over the cat."
- Bag of words (stripped punctuation):
  - "The": 3, "box": 3
  - "cat": 3, "the": 3
  - "is": 2
  - "in": 1, "likes": 1, "over": 1



## **Bag-of-words in Python**

from nltk.tokenize import word\_tokenize from collections import Counter Counter(word\_tokenize("""The cat is in the box. The cat likes the box. The box is over the cat."""))



counter.most\_common(2)

[('The', 3), ('box', 3)]

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# Simple text preprocessing

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# Why preprocess?

- Helps make for better input data
  - When performing machine learning or other statistical 0 methods
- Examples:
  - Tokenization to create a bag of words 0
  - Lowercasing words 0
- Lemmatization/Stemming  $\bullet$ 
  - Shorten words to their root stems 0
- Removing stop words, punctuation, or unwanted tokens
- Good to experiment with different approaches



### Preprocessing example

- Input text: Cats, dogs and birds are common pets. So are fish.
- Output tokens: cat, dog, bird, common, pet, fish ٠



# **Text preprocessing with Python**

```
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
text = """The cat is in the box. The cat likes the box.
                  The box is over the cat."""
tokens = [w for w in word_tokenize(text.lower())
                  if w.isalpha()]
 no_stops = [t for t in tokens
                    if t not in stopwords.words('english')]
Counter(no_stops).most_common(2)
```

[('cat', 3), ('box', 3)]



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# Introduction to gensim

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# What is gensim?

- Popular open-source NLP library
- Uses top academic models to perform complex tasks
  - Building document or word vectors 0
  - Performing topic identification and document comparison 0



### What is a word vector?





Male-Female

Verb tense

Country-Capital

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### Gensim example

### Top-30 Most Relevant Terms for Topic 6 (6.2% of tokens)



(Source: http://tlfvincent.github.io/2015/10/23/presidentialspeech-topics)

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```
from gensim.corpora.dictionary import Dictionary
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
my_documents = ['The movie was about a spaceship and aliens.',
            'I really liked the movie!',
            'Awesome action scenes, but boring characters.',
            'The movie was awful! I hate alien films.',
            'Space is cool! I liked the movie.',
            'More space films, please!',]
```

{'!': 11,
 ',': 17,
 '.': 7,
 'a': 2,
 'about': 4,
...}

# Creating a gensim corpus

corpus = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in tokenized\_docs] corpus

[[(0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (6, 1), (7, 1), (8, 1)],[(0, 1), (1, 1), (9, 1), (10, 1), (11, 1), (12, 1)],...]

- gensim models can be easily saved, updated, and reused
- Our dictionary can also be updated
- This more advanced and feature rich bag-of-words can be used in future exercises



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### Tf-idf with gensim INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING IN PYTHON



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## What is tf-idf?

- Term frequency inverse document frequency
- Allows you to determine the most important words in each document
- Each corpus may have shared words beyond just stopwords
- These words should be down-weighted in importance
- Example from astronomy: "Sky"
- Ensures most common words don't show up as key words
- Keeps document specific frequent words weighted high  $\bullet$



### **Tf-idf formula**

$$w_{i,j} = t f_{i,j} * \log(rac{N}{df_i})$$

 $w_{i,j} =$ tf-idf weight for token *i* in document *j* 

 $tf_{i,j} =$ number of occurrences of token i in document j

 $df_i =$ number of documents that contain token i

N = total number of documents



### Tf-idf with gensim

from gensim.models.tfidfmodel import TfidfModel
tfidf = TfidfModel(corpus)
tfidf[corpus[1]]

- [(0, 0.1746298276735174),
- (1, 0.1746298276735174),
- (9, 0.29853166221463673),
- (10, 0.7716931521027908),

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