Package ‘word2vec’

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as.matrix.word2vec

Get the word vectors of a word2vec model

Description

Get the word vectors of a word2vec model as a dense matrix.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'word2vec'
as.matrix(x, encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: a word2vec model as returned by `word2vec` or `read.word2vec`
- `encoding`: set the encoding of the row names to the specified encoding. Defaults to 'UTF-8'.
- `...`: not used

Value

a matrix with the word vectors where the rownames are the words from the model vocabulary

See Also

`word2vec`, `read.word2vec`

Examples

```r
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)

embedding <- as.matrix(model)
```
**doc2vec**

Get document vectors based on a word2vec model

**Description**

Document vectors are the sum of the vectors of the words which are part of the document standardised by the scale of the vector space. This scale is the sqrt of the average inner product of the vector elements.

**Usage**

doc2vec(object, newdata, split = " ", encoding = "UTF-8", ...)

**Arguments**

- **object**: a word2vec model as returned by `word2vec` or `read.word2vec`
- **newdata**: either a list of tokens where each list element is a character vector of tokens which form the document and the list name is considered the document identifier; or a data.frame with columns `doc_id` and `text`; or a character vector with texts where the character vector names will be considered the document identifier
- **split**: in case `newdata` is not a list of tokens, text will be splitted into tokens by splitting based on function `strsplit` with the provided `split` argument
- **encoding**: set the encoding of the text elements to the specified encoding. Defaults to 'UTF-8'.
- **...**: not used

**Value**

a matrix with 1 row per document containing the text document vectors, the rownames of this matrix are the document identifiers

**See Also**

`word2vec`, `predict.word2vec`

**Examples**

```r
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
x <- data.frame(doc_id = c("doc1", "doc2", "testmissingdata"),
                text = c("there is no toilet. on the bus", "no tokens from dictionary", NA),
                stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
emb <- doc2vec(model, x, type = "embedding")
emb
newdoc <- doc2vec(model, "i like busses with a toilet")
```
predict.word2vec

Predict functionalities for a word2vec model

Description

Get either

- the embedding of words
- the nearest words which are similar to either a word or a word vector

Usage

## S3 method for class 'word2vec'
predict(
  object,
  newdata,
  type = c("nearest", "embedding"),
  top_n = 10L,
  encoding = "UTF-8",
  ...,
)

Arguments

- **object** a word2vec model as returned by `word2vec` or `read.word2vec`
- **newdata** for type `embedding`, `newdata` should be a character vector of words for type `nearest`, `newdata` should be a character vector of words or a matrix in the embedding space
read.word2vec

- **type**: either 'embedding' or 'nearest'. Defaults to 'nearest'.
- **top_n**: show only the top n nearest neighbours. Defaults to 10.
- **encoding**: set the encoding of the text elements to the specified encoding. Defaults to 'UTF-8'.

... not used

**Value**

depending on the type, you get a different result back:

- for type nearest: a list of data.frames with columns term, similarity and rank indicating with words which are closest to the provided newdata words or word vectors. If newdata is just one vector instead of a matrix, it returns a data.frame
- for type embedding: a matrix of word vectors of the words provided in newdata

**See Also**

word2vec, read.word2vec

**Examples**

```r
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
emb <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet", "unknownword"), type = "embedding")
emb

nn <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet"), type = "nearest", top_n = 5)

# Do some calculations with the vectors and find similar terms to these
emb <- as.matrix(model)
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)

vector <- emb["gastvrouw", ] - emb["gastvrij", ]
predict(model, vector, type = "nearest", top_n = 5)

vectors <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw"), ]
vectors <- rbind(vectors, avg = colMeans(vectors))
predict(model, vectors, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)
```

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**Description**

Read a binary word2vec model from disk
read.wordvectors

Read word vectors from a word2vec model from disk

Description

Read word vectors from a word2vec model from disk into a dense matrix
Usage

```r
read.wordvectors(
  file,
  type = c("bin", "txt"),
  n = .Machine$integer.max,
  normalize = FALSE,
  encoding = "UTF-8"
)
```

Arguments

- **file**: the path to the model file
- **type**: either 'bin' or 'txt' indicating the file is a binary file or a text file
- **n**: integer, indicating to limit the number of words to read in. Defaults to reading all words.
- **normalize**: logical indicating to normalize the embeddings by dividing by the factor (sqrt(sum(x . x) / length(x))). Defaults to FALSE.
- **encoding**: encoding to be assumed for the words. Defaults to 'UTF-8'

Value

A matrix with the embeddings of the words. The rownames of the matrix are the words which are by default set to UTF-8 encoding.

Examples

```r
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "bin", n = 10)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "bin", n = 10, normalize = TRUE)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "bin")

path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.txt")
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "txt", n = 10)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "txt", n = 10, normalize = TRUE)
embed <- read.wordvectors(path, type = "txt")
```

Description

Text cleaning specific for input to word2vec

Standardise text by

- Conversion of text from UTF-8 to ASCII
- Keeping only alphanumeric characters: letters and numbers
- Removing multiple spaces
- Removing leading/trailing spaces
- Performing lowercasing
word2vec

Usage

txt_clean_word2vec(x, ascii = TRUE, alpha = TRUE, tolower = TRUE, trim = TRUE)

Arguments

x a character vector in UTF-8 encoding
ascii logical indicating to use iconv to convert the input from UTF-8 to ASCII. Defaults to TRUE.
alpha logical indicating to keep only alphanumeric characters. Defaults to TRUE.
tolower logical indicating to lowercase x. Defaults to TRUE.
trim logical indicating to trim leading/trailing white space. Defaults to TRUE.

Value

a character vector of the same length as x which is standardised by converting the encoding to ascii, lowercasing and keeping only alphanumeric elements

Examples

x <- c(" Just some.texts, ok?", "123.456 and\tsome MORE! ")
txt_clean_word2vec(x)

word2vec

Train a word2vec model on text

Description

Construct a word2vec model on text. The algorithm is explained at https://arxiv.org/pdf/1310.4546.pdf

Usage

word2vec(
  x,
  type = c("cbow", "skip-gram"),
  dim = 50,
  window = ifelse(type == "cbow", 5L, 10L),
  iter = 5L,
  lr = 0.05,
  hs = FALSE,
  negative = 5L,
  sample = 0.001,
  min_count = 5L,
  split = c(" \n,.?-!?:;/"\$%&'()++<=@[]\^\`\{\|\~\t\v\f\r", ".\n?!")
  stopwords = character(),
  threads = 1L,
)
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encoding = "UTF-8",
...
)

Arguments

x a character vector with text or the path to the file on disk containing training data

type the type of algorithm to use, either 'cbow' or 'skip-gram'. Defaults to 'cbow'

dim dimension of the word vectors. Defaults to 50.

window skip length between words. Defaults to 5.

iter number of training iterations. Defaults to 5.

lr initial learning rate also known as alpha. Defaults to 0.05

hs logical indicating to use hierarchical softmax instead of negative sampling. Defaults to FALSE indicating to do negative sampling.

negative integer with the number of negative samples. Only used in case hs is set to FALSE

sample threshold for occurrence of words. Defaults to 0.001

min_count integer indicating the number of time a word should occur to be considered as part of the training vocabulary. Defaults to 5.

split a character vector of length 2 where the first element indicates how to split words and the second element indicates how to split sentences in x

stopwords a character vector of stopwords to exclude from training

threads number of CPU threads to use. Defaults to 1.

encoding the encoding of x and stopwords. Defaults to 'UTF-8'. Calculating the model always starts from files allowing to build a model on large corpora. The encoding argument is passed on to file when writing x to hard disk in case you provided it as a character vector.

... further arguments passed on to the C++ function w2v_train - for expert use only

Details

Some advice on the optimal set of parameters to use for training as defined by Mikolov et al.

- argument type: skip-gram (slower, better for infrequent words) vs cbow (fast)
- argument hs: the training algorithm: hierarchical softmax (better for infrequent words) vs negative sampling (better for frequent words, better with low dimensional vectors)
- argument dim: dimensionality of the word vectors: usually more is better, but not always
- argument window: for skip-gram usually around 10, for cbow around 5
- argument sample: sub-sampling of frequent words: can improve both accuracy and speed for large data sets (useful values are in range 0.001 to 0.00001)
Value

an object of class `w2v_trained` which is a list with elements

- model: a Rcpp pointer to the model
- data: a list with elements file: the training data used, stopwords: the character vector of stopwords, n
- vocabulary: the number of words in the vocabulary
- success: logical indicating if training succeeded
- error_log: the error log in case training failed
- control: as list of the training arguments used, namely min_count, dim, window, iter, lr, skip-gram, hs, negative, sample, split_words, split_sents, expTableSize and expValueMax

References


See Also

`predict.word2vec`, `as.matrix.word2vec`

Examples

```r
library(udpipe)
## Take data and standardise it a bit
data(brussels_reviews, package = "udpipe")
x <- subset(brussels_reviews, language == "nl")
x <- tolower(x$feedback)

## Build the model get word embeddings and nearest neighbours
model <- word2vec(x = x, dim = 15, iter = 20)
emb <- as.matrix(model)
head(emb)

emb <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet", "unknownword"), type = "embedding")
emb

nn <- predict(model, c("bus", "toilet"), type = "nearest", top_n = 5)

## Get vocabulary
vocab <- summary(model, type = "vocabulary")

# Do some calculations with the vectors and find similar terms to these
vectors <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw"),]
```

vectors <- rbind(vectors, avg = colMeans(vectors))
predict(model, vectors, type = "nearest", top_n = 10)

## Save the model to hard disk
path <- "mymodel.bin"
write.word2vec(model, file = path)
model <- read.word2vec(path)

## Example getting word embeddings
## which are different depending on the parts of speech tag
## Look to the help of the udnipe R package
## to get parts of speech tags on text
##
library(udpipe)
data(brussels_reviews_anno, package = "udpipe")
x <- subset(brussels_reviews_anno, language == "fr")
x <- subset(x, grepl(xpos, pattern = paste(LETTERS, collapse = "|")))
x$text <- sprintf("%s/%s", x$lemma, x$xpos)
x <- subset(x, !is.na(lemma))
x <- paste.data.frame(x, term = "text", group = "doc_id", collapse = " ")
x <- x$text

model <- word2vec(x = x, dim = 15, iter = 20, split = c(" ", ".\n?"))
emb <- as.matrix(model)
nn <- predict(model, c("cuisine/NN", "rencontrer/VB"), type = "nearest")
nn <- predict(model, c("accueillir/VBN", "accueillir/VBG"), type = "nearest")
nn

word2vec_similarity

Similarity between word vectors as used in word2vec

Description
The similarity between word vectors is defined

• for type 'dot': as the square root of the average inner product of the vector elements (sqrt(sum(x . y) / ncol(x))) capped to zero
• for type 'cosine': as the cosine similarity, namely sum(x . y) / (sum(x^2)*sum(y^2))

Usage
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = +Inf, type = c("dot", "cosine"))
Arguments

- **x**: a matrix with embeddings where the rownames of the matrix provide the label of the term
- **y**: a matrix with embeddings where the rownames of the matrix provide the label of the term
- **top_n**: integer indicating to return only the top n most similar terms from y for each row of x. If top_n is supplied, a data.frame will be returned with only the highest similarities between x and y instead of all pairwise similarities
- **type**: character string with the type of similarity. Either 'dot' or 'cosine'. Defaults to 'dot'.

Value

By default, the function returns a similarity matrix between the rows of x and the rows of y. The similarity between row i of x and row j of y is found in cell [i, j] of the returned similarity matrix. If top_n is provided, the return value is a data.frame with columns term1, term2, similarity and rank indicating the similarity between the provided terms in x and y ordered from high to low similarity and keeping only the top_n most similar records.

See Also

- [word2vec](https://example.com)

Examples

```r
x <- matrix(rnorm(6), nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
rownames(x) <- c("word1", "word2")
y <- matrix(rnorm(15), nrow = 5, ncol = 3)
rownames(y) <- c("term1", "term2", "term3", "term4", "term5")
word2vec_similarity(x, y)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 1)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 2)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = +Inf)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, type = "cosine")
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 1, type = "cosine")
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 2, type = "cosine")
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = +Inf, type = "cosine")

## Example with a word2vec model
path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)
emb <- as.matrix(model)

x <- emb[c("gastheer", "gastvrouw", "kamer"), ]
y <- emb
word2vec_similarity(x, x)
word2vec_similarity(x, y, top_n = 3)
predict(model, x, type = "nearest", top_n = 3)
```
write.word2vec

Save a word2vec model to disk

Description

Save a word2vec model as a binary file to disk or as a text file

Usage

write.word2vec(x, file, type = c("bin", "txt"), encoding = "UTF-8")

Arguments

x 
an object of class w2v or w2v_trained as returned by word2vec
file 
the path to the file where to store the model
type 
either 'bin' or 'txt' to write respectively the file as binary or as a text file. Defaults to 'bin'.
encoding 
encoding to use when writing a file with type 'txt' to disk. Defaults to 'UTF-8'

Value

a logical indicating if the save process succeeded

See Also

word2vec

Examples

path <- system.file(package = "word2vec", "models", "example.bin")
model <- read.word2vec(path)

## Save the model to hard disk as a binary file
path <- "mymodel.bin"
write.word2vec(model, file = path)

## Save the model to hard disk as a text file (uses package udpipe)
library(udpipe)
path <- "mymodel.txt"
write.word2vec(model, file = path, type = "txt")
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