Package 'slowraker'

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Description A mostly pure-R implementation of the RAKE algorithm (Rose, S., Engel, D., Cramer, N. and Cow-

ley, W. (2010) <doi:10.1002/9780470689646.ch1>), which can be used to extract keywords from documents without any training data.

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Description

A data frame containing PLOS publication data for publications related to dogs. The purpose of this data frame is to provide an example of some text to extract keywords from.

Usage

dog_pubs

Format

A data frame with 30 rows and 3 variables:

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doi The publication's DOItitle The publication's titleabstract The publication's abstract
```

pos_tags

Part-of-speech (POS) tags

Description

A data frame containing all possible parts-of-speech, as per the openNLP package. This list was taken from Part-Of-Speech Tagging with R. pos_tags contains the following two columns:

tag The abbreviation for the part-of-speech (i.e., its tag)description A short description of the part-of-speech

Usage

pos_tags

Format

An object of class data. frame with 36 rows and 2 columns.

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rbind_rakelist

rbind a rakelist

Description

rbind a rakelist

Usage

```
rbind_rakelist(rakelist, doc_id = NULL)
```

Arguments

rakelist An object of class rakelist, which you create by calling slowrake.

doc_id An optional vector of document IDs, which should be the same length as rakelist.

These IDs will be added to the resulting data frame.

Value

A single data frame which contains all documents' keywords. The doc_id column tells you which document a keyword was found in.

Examples

```
rakelist <- slowrake(txt = dog_pubs$abstract[1:2])
# Without specifying doc_id:
head(rbind_rakelist(rakelist = rakelist))
# With specifying doc_id:
head(rbind_rakelist(rakelist = rakelist, doc_id = dog_pubs$doi[1:2]))</pre>
```

slowrake

Slow RAKE

Description

A relatively slow version of the Rapid Automatic Keyword Extraction (RAKE) algorithm. See Automatic keyword extraction from individual documents for details on how RAKE works or read the "Getting started" vignette (vignette("getting-started")).

Usage

```
slowrake(txt, stop_words = smart_words, stop_pos = c("VB", "VBD", "VBG",
   "VBN", "VBP", "VBZ"), word_min_char = 3, stem = TRUE)
```

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Arguments

txt A character vector, where each element of the vector contains the text for one

document.

stop_words A vector of stop words which will be removed from your documents. The de-

fault value (smart_words) contains the 'SMART' stop words (equivalent to tm::stopwords('SMART')). Set $stop_words = NULL$ if you don't want to re-

move stop words.

stop_pos All words that have a part-of-speech (POS) that appears in stop_pos will be

considered a stop word. stop_pos should be a vector of POS tags. All possible POS tags along with their definitions are in the pos_tags data frame (View(slowraker::pos_tags)). The default value is to remove all words that have a verb-based POS (i.e., stop_pos = c("VB", "VBD", "VBD", "VBN", "VBP", "VBZ")). Set stop_pos = NULL if you don't want a word's POS to matter during

keyword extraction.

word_min_char The minimum number of characters that a word must have to remain in the

corpus. Words with fewer than word_min_char characters will be removed before the RAKE algorithm is applied. Note that removing words based on word_min_char happens before stemming, so you should consider the full length of the word and not the length of its stem when choosing word_min_char.

stem Do you want to stem the words before running RAKE?

Value

An object of class rakelist, which is just a list of data frames (one data frame for each element of txt). Each data frame will have the following columns:

keyword A keyword that was identified by RAKE.

freq The number of times the keyword appears in the document.

score The keyword's score, as per the RAKE algorithm. Keywords with higher scores are considered to be higher quality than those with lower scores.

stem If you specified stem = TRUE, you will get the stemmed versions of the keywords in this column. When you choose stemming, the keyword's score (score) will be based off its stem, but the reported number of times that the keyword appears (freq) will still be based off of the raw, unstemmed version of the keyword.

Examples

```
slowrake(txt = "some text that has great keywords")
slowrake(txt = dog_pubs$title[1:2], stem = FALSE)
```

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smart_words	SMART stop words	

Description

A vector containing the SMART information retrieval system stop words. See tm::stopwords('SMART') for more details.

Usage

smart_words

Format

An object of class character of length 571.

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