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Description Compute the frequency distribution of a search term in a series of texts. For example, Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a total of 60 Sherlock Holmes stories, comprised of 54 short stories and 4 longer novels. I wanted to test my own subjective impression that, in many of the stories, Sherlock Holmes' popularity was used as bait to induce the reader to read a story that is essentially not primarily a Sherlock Holmes story. I used the term ``Holmes" as a search pattern, since Watson would frequently address him by name, or use his name to describe something that he was doing. My hypothesis is that the frequency distribution of the search pattern ``Holmes" is a good proxy for the degree to which a story is or is not truly a Sherlock Holmes story. The results are presented in a manuscript that is available as a vignette and online at <<https://barryzee.github.io/Concordance/index.html>>.

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chronology	<i>chronology</i>
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Description

frequencies plotted in order of date (if the titles are given in order of date)

Usage

chronology(titles.vec, patterns, starts, freqs, chronDir, overlay = FALSE)

Arguments

titles.vec	character vector containing the titles of the stories
patterns	vector of character string query patterns
starts	integer vector of starting positions
freqs	return value of frequency()
chronDir	character string full path name for output directory
overlay	Boolean if TRUE overlay the chronolgy for multiple search patterns

Value

returns no value, but has side effect generating graph

Examples

```
freqDir<-tempdir()
chronDir<-sprintf("%s/chronology",freqDir)
dir.create(chronDir)
dir.create(sprintf("%s/plots",chronDir))
dir.create(sprintf("%s/archive",chronDir))
print(chronDir)
chr<-chronology(titles.vec,c("Holmes","Watson"),starts,freqs,chronDir)
```

coChronology

coChronology

Description

graphical indicator of search patterns within stories

Usage

```
coChronology(titles.vec, patterns, starts, freqs, chronDir)
```

Arguments

titles.vec	character vector containing the titles of the stories
patterns	vector of character string query patterns
starts	integer vector of starting positions
freqs	return value of frequency()
chronDir	character string full path name for output directory

Value

returns an integer matrix whose rows are search patterns and columns are stories, value of 1 indicates the presence of the corresponding search pattern in the corresponding story

Examples

```
freqDir<-tempdir()
chronDir<-sprintf("%s/chronology",freqDir)
dir.create(chronDir)
dir.create(sprintf("%s/plots",chronDir))
dir.create(sprintf("%s/archive",chronDir))
print(chronDir)
coch<-coChronology(titles.vec,c("Holmes","Watson"),starts,freqs,chronDir)
```

concordance

concordance

Description

retrieve words that are close to occurrences of pattern

Usage

```
concordance(freqs, titles.vec, texts.vec, starts, window, odir)
```

Arguments

freqs	return value of frequency()
titles.vec	character vector containing the titles of the stories
texts.vec	character vector of entire text
starts	integer vector of starting positions
window	integer number of lines to take before and after the pattern match
odir	character string containing the full path name for the output directory

Value

returns no value but has side effect of generating graphs

Examples

```
con<-concordance(freqs,titles.vec[3],texts.vec,starts>window=2,odir=tempdir())
```

contingency	<i>contingency</i>
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Description

compute chisq value for a 2 x 2 contingency table

Usage

contingency(inside, outside)

Arguments

inside	numeric vector of raw counts
outside	numeric vector of raw counts

Value

numeric vector of chisq.test() p.values

Examples

con<-contingency(inside=c(4,5),outside=c(20,7))

csp	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(csp)

csw	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(csw)

distributions	<i>distributions</i>
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Description

compute distribution of ratio of number of occurrences of query string divided by total number of words

Usage

```
distributions(freqs, titles.vec, minl, P, odir)
```

Arguments

freqs	return value of frequency()
titles.vec	character vector containing the titles of the stories
minl	is an integer param passed to dpseg::dpseg
P	is a numeric param passed to dpseg::dpseg
odir	character string containing the full path name for the output directory

Value

returns no value but has side effect of generating graphs

Examples

```
dis<-distributions(freqs, titles.vec[1], minl=100, P=0.00001, tempdir())
```

freqHist	<i>freqHist</i>
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Description

histogram of frequencies

Usage

```
freqHist(patterns, starts, titles.vec, freqs, histDir)
```

Arguments

patterns	vector of character string query patterns
starts	integer vector of starting positions
titles.vec	character vector containing the titles of the stories
freqs	return value of frequency()
histDir	character string full path name for output directory

Value

returns no value, but has side effect generating histogram

Examples

```
fh<-freqHist(patterns,starts,titles.vec,freqs,histDir=tempdir())
```

freqs	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

```
data(freqs)
```

frequency	<i>frequency</i>
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Description

compute ratio of number of occurrences of query string divided by total number of words

Usage

```
frequency(texts.vec, starts, patterns)
```

Arguments

texts.vec	character vector of entire text
starts	integer vector of starting positions
patterns	vector of character string query patterns

Value

- a list whose components are sub-lists
 # indexed by the titles of the stories
- start integer starting line in text
 - end integer ending line in text
 - wPerLine integer words perline
 - wordSum integer sum of wPerLine
 - patterns a sub-list
 - integer pPerLine integer patterns per line
 - patSum integer total of pPerLine
 - fraction numeric ratio of patSum/wordSum

Examples

```
fr<-frequency(texts.vec,starts,patterns)
```

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grabFunctionParameters
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Description

retrieve capture all of the parameter names and values passed in

Usage

```
grabFunctionParameters()
```

Details

copied and pasted from <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/66329835/using-r-how-to-get-all-parameters-passed-into-a-function-with-their-values>

Value

a list whose components are the symbolic names of the function parameters, and their values.

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inside
```

```
Sherlock data sets
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

```
data(inside)
```

lengths	<i>lengths</i>
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Description

frequencies plotted in order of story length

Usage

```
lengths(titles.vec, patterns, starts, freqs, lengthDir)
```

Arguments

titles.vec	character vector containing the titles of the stories
patterns	vector of character string query patterns
starts	integer vector of starting positions
freqs	return value of frequency()
lengthDir	character string full path name for output directory

Value

returns no value, but has side effect generating graph

Examples

```
freqDir<-tempdir()
lengthDir<-sprintf("%s/length",freqDir)
dir.create(lengthDir)
print(lengthDir)
dir.create(sprintf("%s/plots",lengthDir))
dir.create(sprintf("%s/archive",lengthDir))
le<-lengths(titles.vec,patterns,starts,freqs,lengthDir)
```

mergeTables	<i>mergeTables</i>
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Description

merge (inner join) the results in 2 tables generated from 2 vectors

Usage

```
mergeTables(tv, tw, cnv, cnw)
```

Arguments

tv	first table
tw	second table
cnv	character name for column coming from v
cnw	character name for column coming from w

Value

numeric matrix generated from merging tables from v and w

Examples

```
mt<-mergeTables(inside,outside,"in","out")[1:10,]
```

outside	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

```
data(outside)
```

patterns	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

```
data(patterns)
```

plot_dpseg2

plot_dpseg2

Description

Alternative plot procedure for dpseg, special function provided personally by dpseg curator. I made a few custom tweaks Including option to overlay multiple plots

Usage

```
plot_dpseg2(
  x,
  delog = FALSE,
  col,
  main,
  xlab,
  ylab,
  res = 10,
  vlines,
  overlay,
  textX,
  textY,
  textLabel,
  ylim
)
```

Arguments

x	dpseg object to plot
delog	Boolean use log scale if TRUE
col	color
main	character title of graph
xlab	character label for x axis
ylab	character label for y axis
res	numeric resolution
vlines	Boolean if FALSE suppress vertical lines in graph
overlay	Boolean if TRUE this plot is an overlay of previous plot
textX	numeric x position for text box
textY	numeric y position for text box
textLabel	character string to label the points in the graph
ylim	numeric vector ylim for plot

Value

returns no value but has side effect of producing a graph

Examples

```
pdp<-plot_dpseg2(segs,overlay=FALSE,xlab="xaxis",
  ylab="yaxis",vlines=FALSE,textX=2000,textY=20,
  textLabel="label",ylim=c(0,60))
```

readTitles	<i>readTitles</i>
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Description

read and edit titles to remove blank lines and white space

Usage

```
readTitles(titles)
```

Arguments

titles is a character string containing the full path name for a text file containing the titles of the stories in the same order that thney appear in the texts file

Value

a character vector of titles

Examples

```
titles<-system.file("extdata/contents3.txt",package="SherlockHolmes")
rt<-readTitles(titles)
```

retrieveLmStats	<i>retrieveLmStats</i>
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Description

This function retrieves intercept, slope, r.squared, and adj.r.squared from lm()

Usage

```
retrieveLmStats(x, y)
```

Arguments

x is second argument to lm()
 y is first argument to lm()

Value

returns a list containing the return value of lm, intercept, slope, r.squared, and adj.r.squared

Examples

```
retr<-retrieveLmStats(1:10,runif(10,0,1))
```

rolling	<i>rolling</i>
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Description

compute rolling average of ratio of number of occurrences of query string divided by total number of words

Usage

```
rolling(freqs, titles.vec, windowPct = 0.1, odir, verbose)
```

Arguments

freqs return value of frequency()
 titles.vec character vector containing the titles of the stories
 windowPct a numeric control size of plot window
 odir character string containing the full path name for the output directory
 verbose Boolean if TRUE print informative or diagnostic messages to console

Value

returns noo value, but has side effect of generating graphs

Examples

```
rol<-rolling(freqs,titles.vec,windowPct=0.10,odir=tempdir(),verbose=FALSE)
```

segments	<i>segments</i>
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Description

reformat seqs\$segments as a legend to insert into segment plot

Usage

segments(segs)

Arguments

segs return value of dpseg::dpseg()

Value

reformatted matrix suitable for printing

Examples

seg<-segments(segs)

segs	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(segs)

*Sherlock**Sherlock*

Description

This function is the driver that organizes the computation of concordances in Sherlock Holmes stories

Usage

```
Sherlock(  
  titles = "NONE",  
  texts,  
  patterns,  
  toupper,  
  odir,  
  concord = FALSE,  
  minl = 100,  
  P = 1e-05,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

titles	is a character string containing the full path name for a text file containing the titles of the stories in the same order that they appear in the texts file. If titles=="NONE", treat the entire book as one story.
texts	is a character string containing the full path name for a text file containing the full texts of all of the stories
patterns	is a vector containing the search patterns
toupper	is a Boolean TRUE if the titles should be converted to upper case
odir	is a character string containing the full path name of the output directory
concord	Boolean if TRUE invoke concordance()
minl	is an integer param passed to dpseg::dpseg
P	is a numeric param passed to dpseg::dpseg
verbose	Boolean if TRUE print informative or diagnostic messages to console

Value

returns no value but has side effect of driving the concordance computations

Examples

```
titles<-system.file("extdata/contents3.txt",package="SherlockHolmes")
texts<-system.file("extdata/processed_download3.txt",package="SherlockHolmes")
SH<-Sherlock(titles=titles,texts=texts,patterns=patterns[1],
  toupper=TRUE,odir=tempdir(),concord=FALSE,minl=100,P=0.00001,
  verbose=FALSE)
```

startLine	<i>startLine</i>
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Description

where does each story start?

Usage

```
startLine(titles.vec, texts.vec, toupper)
```

Arguments

- titles.vec is a character string containing the full path name for a text file containing the titles of the stories in the same order that they appear in the texts file
- texts.vec is a character string containing the full path name for a text file containing the full texts of all of the stories
- toupper is a Boolean TRUE if the titles should be converted to upper case

Details

each title in titles.vec must appear on a single line in titles.vec and texts.vec - a title cannot be split across multiple lines. each title must only appear one time within titles.vec and texts.vec

Value

an integer vector of the starting lines of each story

Examples

```
sl<-startLine(titles.vec,texts.vec,toupper=TRUE)
```

starts	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(starts)

strSplitTab	<i>strSplitTab</i>
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Description

use strsplit to parse words from text t, delete the empty string from the result, and compile into a sorted table of word frequencies

Usage

strSplitTab(t)

Arguments

t vector of character strings representing lines of the original text

Value

a sorted table of raw word counts

Examples

```
sst<-strSplitTab(texts.vec)
```

texts	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(texts)

texts.vec	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(texts.vec)

titles	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(titles)

titles.vec	<i>Sherlock data sets</i>
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Description

Sherlock data sets

Usage

data(titles.vec)

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