Texts in Medical History

Just slightly adapted/condensed from David Mimno's "mallet" package vignette.

First, we tell R use the "Mallet" library. Without it, the language # has no idea what topic modeling *is*. library(mallet) # First, we read in a *single* text file, where each line is a document. # This is the format that our regular expression program in python # created: but there are lots of different ways to do this. # Depending on the term you searched for, the file location here will be different. # You can just put your cursor after the slash following "texts" and type tab: you'll # get a list of all the files in the directory, including the one you created. your_file = "/texts/[Nn]eurasthenia.txt" # Here we read it in, one paragraph at a time. paragraphs = scan(your_file,what="raw",sep="n") # Paste this in to the first four paragraphs. paragraphs[1:4] # Now we create a mallet instance: this is a little program that stores our texts in # a file for parsing, along with a list of English stopwords. # If your texts are in another language, you may need to find a different language's # stopword list. # YOU MUST HAVE PUT THE set.seed(1) mallet.instances = mallet.import(id.array = as.character(1:length(paragraphs)), text.array = paragraphs, stoplist.file = "/texts/english_stopwords.txt") # Here we set up the model and get ready to run. # Incant, incant, incant. topic.model = MalletLDA(num.topics=15) topic.model\$loadDocuments(mallet.instances) topic.model\$setAlphaOptimization(20, 50) topic.model\$model\$setRandomSeed(as.integer(1)) # And finally we run it. These numbers say to run it for 200 steps, and then take another 20

to fine-tune the results.

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topic.model\$train(200)
topic.model\$maximize(20)
word.freqs = mallet.word.freqs(topic.model)
head(word.freqs)
doc.topics = mallet.doc.topics(topic.model, smoothed=TRUE, normalized=TRUE)
topic.words = mallet.topic.words(topic.model, smoothed=TRUE, normalized=TRUE)
What are the top words in topic 1?
mallet.top.words(topic.model, word.weights = topic.words[6,], num.top.words = 10)
For me, this is a topic about gastric pain and digestion. (Topic models aren't completely deterministi
We can then make a sorted list, for example, and read the paragraphs that are most about digestions.
You just change the number "6" below to check any other topic.

sorted = paragraphs[order(doc.topics[,6],decreasing = T)]
sorted[1:3]