

# Package ‘topiclabels’

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### Labeling function

`label_topics`

### Constructor

`as.lm_topic_labels`

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/PetersFritz/topiclabels>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/PetersFritz/topiclabels/issues>

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as.lm\_topic\_labels     *lm\_topic\_labels* object

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### Description

Constructor for `lm_topic_labels` objects used in this package.

### Usage

```
as.lm_topic_labels(  
  x,  
  terms,  
  prompts,  
  model,  
  params,  
  with_token,  
  time,  
  model_output,  
  labels  
)
```

```
is.lm_topic_labels(obj, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	[named list] <code>lm_topic_labels</code> object. Alternatively each element can be passed for individual results. Individually set elements overwrite elements from <code>x</code> .
<code>terms</code>	[list(n) of character] List of character vectors, whereas each vector represents the top terms of a topic. Topics may consist of different numbers of top terms.
<code>prompts</code>	[character(n)] Optional. Each entry of the character vector contains the original prompt that was used to obtain the corresponding entry of <code>model_output</code> .
<code>model</code>	[character(1)] The language model used for labeling the topics.
<code>params</code>	[named list] Optional. Model parameters passed.
<code>with_token</code>	[logical(1)] Optional. Was the labeling executed using a Huggingface token?
<code>time</code>	[numeric(1)] Optional. Time needed for the labeling.

model_output	[character(n)] Optional. Each entry of the character vector contains the original model output obtained using the corresponding prompt from prompts.
labels	[character(n)] The extracted labels from model_output.
obj	[R object] Object to test.
verbose	[logical(1)] Should test information be given in the console?

### Details

If you call `as.lm_topic_labels` on an object `x` which already is of the structure of a `lm_topic_labels` object (in particular a `lm_topic_labels` object itself), the additional arguments `id`, `param`, ... may be used to override the specific elements.

### Value

[named list] `lm_topic_labels` object.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
token = "" # please insert your hf token here
topwords_matrix = matrix(c("zidane", "figo", "kroos",
                          "gas", "power", "wind"), ncol = 2)
obj = label_topics(topwords_matrix, token = token)
obj$model
obj_modified = as.lm_topic_labels(obj, model = "It is possible to modify individual entries")
obj_modified$model

obj_modified$model = 3.5 # example for an invalid modification
is.lm_topic_labels(obj_modified, verbose = TRUE)

obj_manual = as.lm_topic_labels(terms = list(c("zidane", "figo", "kroos"),
                                             c("gas", "power", "wind")),
                               model = "manual labels",
                               labels = c("Football Players", "Energy Supply"))

## End(Not run)
```

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label\_topics

*Automatically label topics using language models based on top terms*

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### Description

Performs an automated labeling process of topics from topic models using language models. For this, the top terms and (optionally) a short context description are used.

**Usage**

```

label_topics(...)

## Default S3 method:
label_topics(
  terms,
  model = "deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3.2-Exp:novita",
  params = list(),
  token = NA_character_,
  context = "",
  sep_terms = "; ",
  max_length_label = 5L,
  prompt_type = c("json", "plain", "json-roles"),
  max_wait = 0L,
  progress = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'labelTopics'
label_topics(terms, stm_type = c("prob", "frex", "lift", "score"), ...)

```

**Arguments**

...	additional arguments
terms	[list (k) of character] List (each list entry represents one topic) of character vectors containing the top terms representing the topics that are to be labeled. If a single character vector is passed, this is interpreted as the top terms of a single topic. If a character matrix is passed, each column is interpreted as the top terms of a topic. The outputs of the packages <code>stm</code> (label_topics object, please specify the type of output using the parameter <code>stm_type</code> ) and the <code>BTM</code> package (list of data.frames with entries token and probability each) are also supported.
model	[character(1)] Optional. The language model to use for labeling the topics. The model must be accessible via the Huggingface API. Default is <code>deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3.2-Exp:novita</code> . Another promising model is <code>meta-llama/Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct</code> . To find more models see: <a href="https://huggingface.co/models?other=conversational&amp;sort=likes">https://huggingface.co/models?other=conversational&amp;sort=likes</a> .
params	[named list] Optional. Model parameters to pass. Default parameters for common models are given in the details section.
token	[character(1)] Optional. If you want to address the Huggingface API with a Huggingface token, enter it here. The main advantage of this is a higher rate limit.

context	[character(1)] Optional. Explanatory context for the topics to be labeled. Using a (very) brief explanation of the thematic context may greatly improve the usefulness of automatically generated topic labels.
sep_terms	[character(1)] How should the top terms of a single topic be separated in the generated prompts? Default is separation via semicolon and space.
max_length_label	[integer(1)] What is the maximum number of words a label should consist of? Default is five words.
prompt_type	[character(1)] Which prompt type should be applied. We implemented various prompt types that differ mainly in how the response of the language model is requested. Examples are given in the details section. Default is the request of a json output.
max_wait	[integer(1)] In the case that the rate limit on Huggingface is reached: How long (in minutes) should the system wait until it asks the user whether to continue (in other words: to wait). The default is zero minutes, i.e the user is asked every time the rate limit is reached.
progress	[logical(1)] Should a nice progress bar be shown? Turning it off, could lead to significantly faster calculation. Default ist TRUE.
stm_type	[character(1)] For stm topics, which type of word weighting should be used? Default is "prob".

## Details

The function builds helpful prompts based on the top terms and sends these prompts to language models on Huggingface. The output is in turn post-processed so that the labels for each topic are extracted automatically. If the automatically extracted labels show any errors, they can alternatively be extracted using custom functions or manually from the original output of the model using the `model_output` entry of the `lm_topic_labels` object.

Implemented default parameters for the models `google/gemma-2-2b-it` and `deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V3.2-Exp:novita` are:

```
max_new_tokens 300
return_full_text FALSE
```

Implemented prompt types are:

`json` the language model is asked to respond in JSON format with a single field called 'label', specifying the best label for the topic

`plain` the language model is asked to return an answer that should only consist of the best label for the topic

json-roles the language model is asked to respond in JSON format with a single field called 'label', specifying the best label for the topic; in addition, the model is queried using identifiers for <user> input and the beginning of the <assistant> output

### Value

[named list] `lm_topic_labels` object.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
token = "" # please insert your hf token here
topwords_matrix = matrix(c("zidane", "figo", "kroos",
                           "gas", "power", "wind"), ncol = 2)
label_topics(topwords_matrix, token = token)
label_topics(list(c("zidane", "figo", "kroos"),
                  c("gas", "power", "wind")),
              token = token)
label_topics(list(c("zidane", "figo", "ronaldo"),
                  c("gas", "power", "wind")),
              token = token)

label_topics(list("wind", "greta", "hambach"),
              token = token)
label_topics(list("wind", "fire", "air"),
              token = token)
label_topics(list("wind", "feuer", "luft"),
              token = token)
label_topics(list("wind", "feuer", "luft"),
              context = "Elements of the Earth",
              token = token)

## End(Not run)
```

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