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A Spatial deconstruction of grammar and spelling abuse among Twitter users in the contiguous United States. Data collected via custom application using the Twitter streaming API and After The Deadline (ATD) natural language processing API.

Hyphen-ated Words



Sometimes you use hyphens. Sometimes you don't. Most people just don't bother because they've never heard of a compound adjective. Other people think they know better, and those people are wrong.

General Grammatical Errors



Run on sentences. Subject/verb agreement! Misplaced modifiers?! Pronoun errors?!? How can anyone sleep at night while there are still people out there thinking it's okay to do this sort of thing?

Misused Words



Your and you're. Two, too, and to. The English language is easy to abuse, and many people take advantage of it. Use the right word in the write place, please.

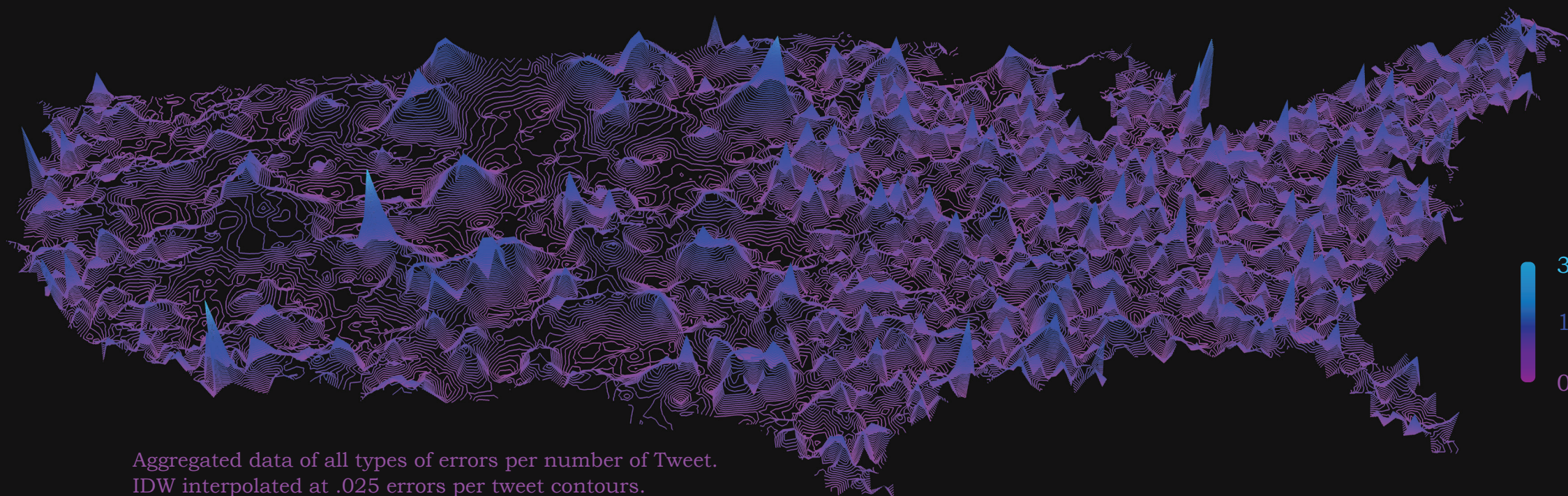
Misspelled Words



Now here's a tricky one. Should we separate between honest misspellings and weird abbreviations and internet acronyms? No. They aren't words. You people are monsters.

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Aggregated data of all types of errors per number of Tweet. IDW interpolated at .025 errors per tweet contours. Scale 1:20,000,000. Viewing position -110, -30, 35.

Hidden Verbs



Hidden verbs, much like the proverbial ninja master, are verbs that can hide in plain sight. A verb dressed as noun waiting to kill! We must make an attempt to uncover as many hidden verbs as possible.

Cliché Phrases



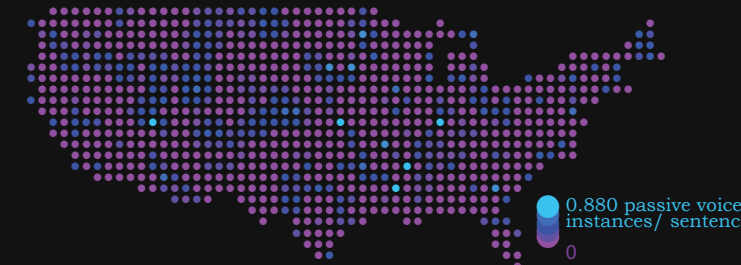
Clichés are are over-used colloquial phrases whose use is evdience of a lack of originality. This type of writing should be avoided like the plague.

Complex Phrases



Complex phrases are sentences with an independant clause attached to a dependant clause(s). Complex phrases are bad because complex phrases tend to promote redundancy, and redundancy is bad.

Passive Voice



Although there isn't anything wrong with passive voice from an absolute error perspective, it is sloppy writing and easily avoidable. If every Twitter user had spent five seconds to review their tweets the problem would be solved.