

Summary

- Sublinear TF Transformation is needed to
 - capture the intuition of “diminishing return” from higher TF
 - avoid dominance by one single term over all others
- BM25 Transformation
 - has an upper bound
 - is robust and effective
- Ranking function with BM25 TF ($k \geq 0$)

$$f(q, d) = \prod_{i=1}^N x_i y_i = \prod_{w \in q \cap d} c(w, q) \frac{(k+1)c(w, d)}{c(w, d) + k} \log \frac{M+1}{df(w)}$$