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1 Implementation Details

1.1 Probabilistic Retrieval Query Expansion

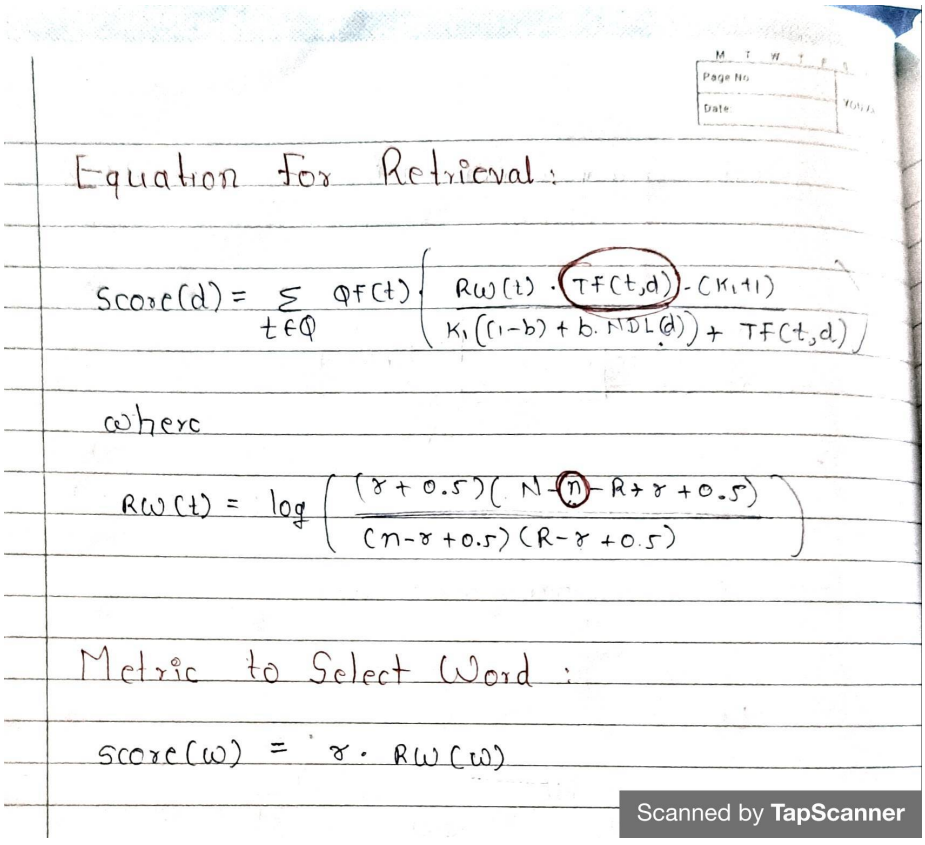

Figure 1: Equations for probabilistic retrieval model used

- **Data Structure:** Sparse matrix for storing sparse data and numpy matrix for storing dense data. Sets for storing unique words. Dictionary for inverted index.
- **Preprocessing:** Only the stop word removal is applied for query and document words.
- **Algorithm at High Level:**
  - Store unique words from query and its corresponding 100 relevant docs
  - Get inverted index for words that appear in any of the query or in any of the relevant docs.
  - Calculate score for each of the above word using the formula given in the image. Choose topk words.
  - For all queries, rank all docs using BM25 scoring formula given in the image. Sort documents based on the score and write output in a file.
- **Time Complexity:** O(Q * D) where Q is number queries, D is number of documents in collection.
- **Space Complexity:** O(Q * D).

1.2 Relevance Model based Language Modeling(unigram)

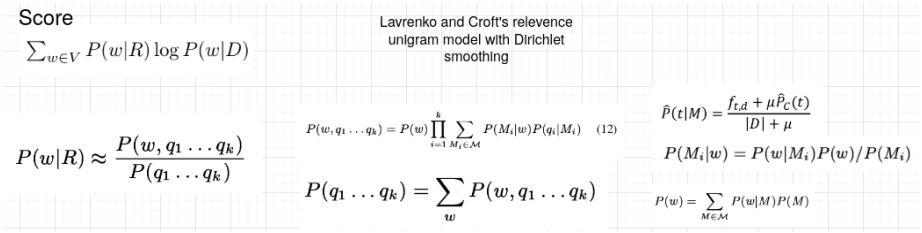

Figure 2: Equations from Lavrenko and Croft model for relevance based language modeling

- **Data Structure:** Dictionary data structure is used for storing posting list, and for mapping score for top100 documents for a given query. For other tasks python's primitive data-types have been used.
- **Preprocessing:** For all queries, and documents, all letters are converted to lower case. Stop words have been removed. Words are stemmed.
- **Algorithm at High Level:**

  - Iterate through all queries one by one.
  - For a given query, calculate the KL Divergence score for each document in top100 list. The formula used for calculating score is shown in the figure 2.
  - Sort document based on their score and write the output in a file.

- **Time Complexity** O(Q * D) where Q is number of queries and D is number of documents in the entire collection.
- **Space Complexity** O(1) program stores information about top100 relevant doc at any given time. Which can be treated constant.

1.3 Notes:

- Code for probabilistic retrieval model, and relevance based language modeling in unigram setting works correctly. Bigram features have not been implemented.
- Code for probabilistic retrieval model is both time and memory expensive. So can not run it on large dataset.
- Not able to run code on hpc. So this report does not have empirical results.