

**START OF QUIZ**

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## Question 1

Topic: Lecture 7

Source: Lecture 7

What is the benefit (in terms of efficiency) of placing the most discriminative search terms first in a boolean search? (1)

## Question 2

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Why do we generally care more about precision than recall in IR? (1)

### Question 3

Topic: Lecture 8

Source: Lecture 8

What are some assumptions that we make when we are interpolating between a document and a corpus? When should we trust the corpus more, and when should we trust the document more? (2)

## Question 4

Topic: Lecture 6

Source: Lecture 6

In class, we talked about bookstores and streaming algorithms classifying books / movies. How can we tell that they don't use a topic modeling algorithm (or, if you think they do, what would be some clues)? (1)

## Question 5

Topic: Lecture 8

Source: Lecture 8

What is the reasoning behind substituting TF-IDF with Okapi BM25? (1)

## Question 6

Topic: Lecture 5

Source: Lecture 5

Why can we represent a rank- $m$  matrix as the sum of  $m$  rank-1 matrices \*or\* the product of an  $n \times m$  matrix and an  $m \times n$  matrix (ie, what is matrix multiplication doing that we can take advantage of)? Explain. (2)

## Question 7

Topic: Lecture 5

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Why can we be confident that a low-rank approximation of a matrix contains the most important information in a document? (1)



## Question 8

Topic: Lecture 6

Source: Lecture 6

In some ways, we could consider Beta distributions themselves to be an embedding of a topic. Explain, and explain how we might be able to leverage that. (2)

## Question 9

Topic: Long

Source: Lecture 8

In class, we considered two different types of information retrieval systems - one that uses Boolean terms to find matches, and one that uses a language model to allow for "natural language" queries. Can you think of a way that we might be able to leverage the strengths of both, while minimizing the disadvantages? Briefly explain how that might work. (2)

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