

# DMT - Homework 1

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# 1 Part 1.1

Before we deep dive into each of the individual datasets and their respective results we will start out by first presenting the number of documents we have, the number of queries applied over these documents and finally the number of queries for which we have ground truth information at our disposal. When computing the evaluation metrics we will assume that the queries for which we don't have ground truth don't exist (we remove them since we cannot compare them against anything).

	Cranfield Dataset	Time Dataset
Num Indexed Docs	1400	423
Num Queries	225	83
Num Queries in GT	110	80

**Table 1:** Overview Table

## 1.1 Cranfield Dataset:

The configurations we have tested are the following:

Conf. ID	Text Analyzer	Scoring Functions
1	RegexTokenizer()   LowercaseFilter()   StopFilter(stoplist = STOP_WORDS)	scoring.MultiWeighting(scoring.Frequency(), title=scoring.BM25F(), content=scoring.TF_IDF())
2	RegexTokenizer()   StopFilter(stoplist = STOP_WORDS)   LowercaseFilter()   StemFilter()	scoring.TF_IDF()
3	StemmingAnalyzer(stoplist=STOP_WORDS)	scoring.TF_IDF()
4	FancyAnalyzer()	scoring.BM25F(K1=2, B=.8)
5	SimpleAnalyzer()	scoring.TF_IDF()
6	StandardAnalyzer()	scoring.Frequency()
7	FancyAnalyzer()	scoring.MultiWeighting(scoring.Frequency(), title=scoring.TF_IDF(), content=scoring.BM25F())
8	StemmingAnalyzer(stoplist=STOP_WORDS)	scoring.BM25F()
9	RegexTokenizer()   StopFilter(stoplist = STOP_WORDS)   LowercaseFilter()   StemFilter()	scoring.MultiWeighting(scoring.Frequency(), title=scoring.TF_IDF(), content=scoring.BM25F(K1=2, B=.8))
10	SimpleAnalyzer()	scoring.BM25F(K1=1.2, B=.75)
11	StemmingAnalyzer(stoplist=STOP_WORDS)	scoring.TF_IDF()
12	FancyAnalyzer()	scoring.TF_IDF()

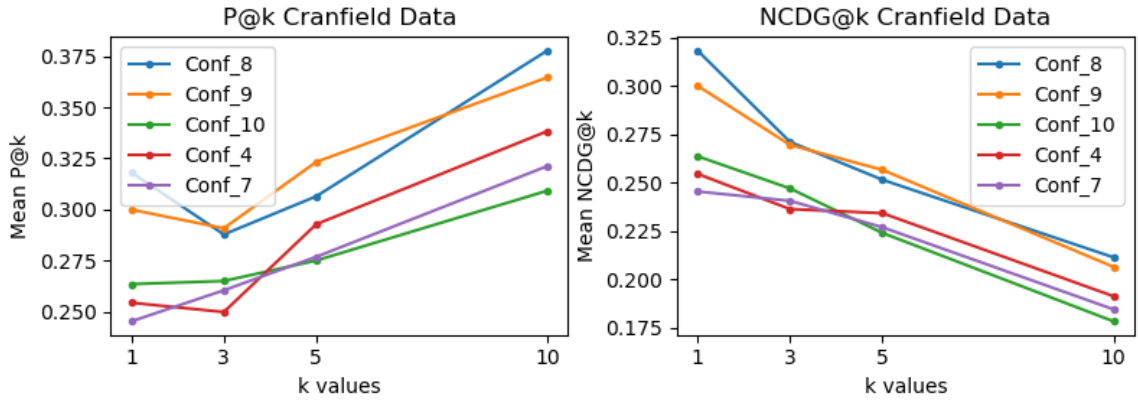
**Table 2:** Configuration Overview for Cranfield Dataset

For which the resulting MRR and R-Precision results are the following (the table presented below is already sorted from highest to lowest MRR values):

Conf. ID	MRR	Mean	Min	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Max
8	0.458	0.237	0.000	0.000	0.186	0.389	1.000
9	0.453	0.230	0.000	0.000	0.167	0.379	1.000
10	0.417	0.193	0.000	0.000	0.143	0.282	1.000
4	0.415	0.216	0.000	0.000	0.186	0.333	1.000
7	0.412	0.212	0.000	0.000	0.170	0.333	1.000
2	0.368	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.250	1.000
3	0.368	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.250	1.000
11	0.368	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.250	1.000
1	0.323	0.147	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.250	1.000
12	0.311	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.222	1.000
6	0.248	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.167	0.833
5	0.126	0.056	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.667

**Table 3:** MRR and R-Precision Overview for Cranfield

Finally, the next figure shows the results for the NCDG@k and P@k metrics for  $k \in [1, 3, 5, 10]$



**Figure 1:** P@k and NCDG@k Plot Results for Cranfield Dataset

If we were to choose the best Search Engine solely based on the NCDG@k curve we would choose the configuration for which this ratio is highest when k is maximal. Therefore, based on the previous plot, the champion configuration would be **Conf 8** (Stemming Analyzer & BM25F).

## 1.2 Time Dataset:

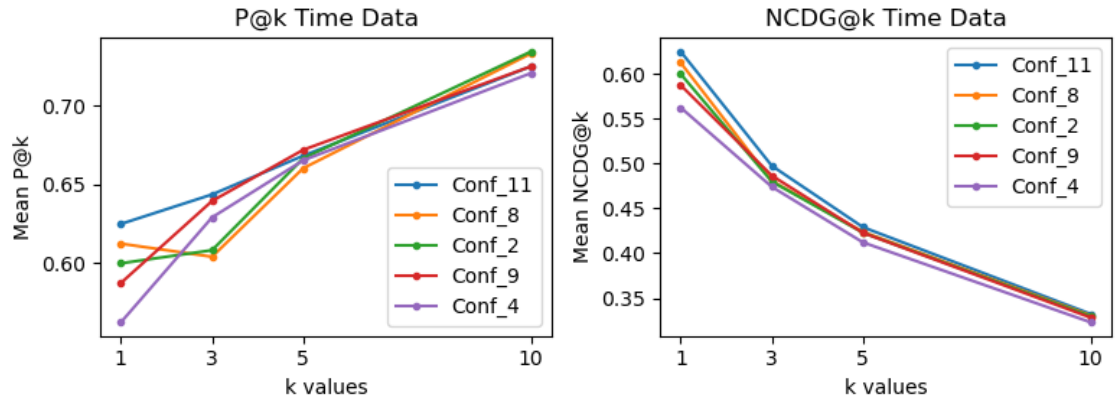
We will follow the same structure and order to present the Time Dataset results:

Conf. ID	Text Analyzer	Scoring Functions
1	RegexTokenizer()   LowercaseFilter()   StopFilter(stoplist = STOP_WORDS)	scoring.TF_IDF()
2	RegexTokenizer()   StopFilter(stoplist = STOP_WORDS)   LowercaseFilter()   StemFilter()	scoring.BM25F(K1=1.2, B=.75)
3	StemmingAnalyzer(stoplist=STOP_WORDS)	scoring.TF_IDF()
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11	StemmingAnalyzer(stoplist=STOP_WORDS)	scoring.BM25F(K1=2, B=.8)
12	FancyAnalyzer()	scoring.TF_IDF()

**Table 4:** Configuration Overview for Time Dataset

Conf. ID	MRR	Mean	Min	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Max
11	0.725	0.555	0.000	0.264	0.539	0.906	1.000
8	0.717	0.562	0.000	0.200	0.564	1.000	1.000
2	0.708	0.557	0.000	0.200	0.564	1.000	1.000
9	0.703	0.550	0.000	0.200	0.539	0.906	1.000
4	0.689	0.539	0.000	0.200	0.500	0.889	1.000
7	0.678	0.549	0.000	0.321	0.500	0.889	1.000
10	0.669	0.542	0.000	0.321	0.500	0.889	1.000
1	0.590	0.351	0.000	0.000	0.376	0.600	1.000
3	0.566	0.309	0.000	0.000	0.333	0.500	1.000
12	0.536	0.285	0.000	0.000	0.171	0.510	1.000
6	0.457	0.238	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.500	1.000
5	0.240	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	1.000

**Table 5:** MRR and R-Precision Overview for Time



**Figure 2:** P@k and NCDG@k Plot Results for Time Dataset

## 2 Part 2.1

The first thing we have to do before running the LSH algorithm is to figure out the best  $r$  (number of rows in each band),  $b$  (number of bands) and  $n$  (number of hash functions used) parameters such that we can minimize the number of False Positives and False Negatives. In particular, the choice of parameters will mainly help us to minimize the quantity of False Negatives. For the parameter choices we also need to take into account the following constraints:

$$r \cdot b = n \quad (1)$$

$$0.97 > 1 - (1 - 0.95^r)^b \quad (2)$$

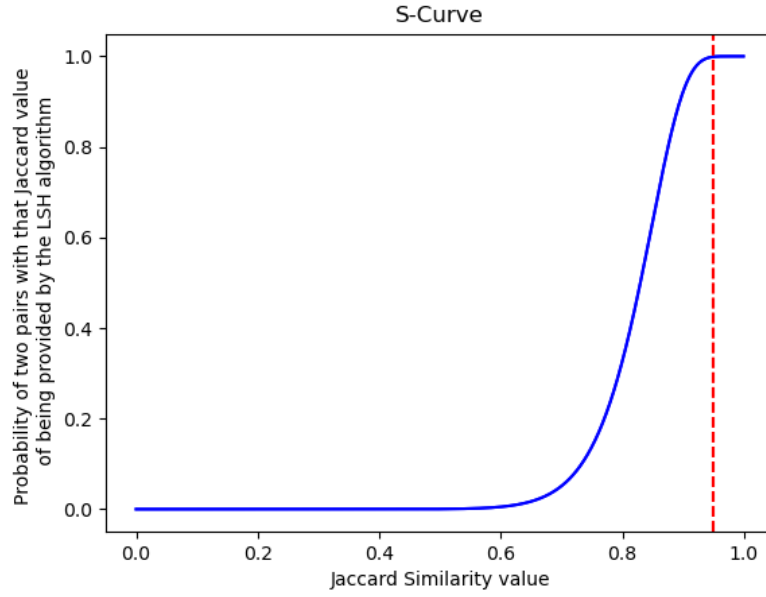
From the second constraint, solving for  $b$  we can see that the following relation holds:

$$b > \frac{\log(1 - 0.97)}{\log(1 - 0.95^r)} \quad (3)$$

Therefore, to minimize the False Negatives we will stress the 0.97 bound as much as possible, specifically up to 0.999. This will reduce the number of False Negatives, but will of course increase the number of False Positives. Since we will be able to remove some of the False Positives later on we are willing to make this compromise. So finally, fixing a value of  $r = 15$  we have decided to use the following parameters:

<b>r</b>	15
<b>b</b>	12
<b>n</b>	180

**Table 6:** Parameter Overview



**Figure 3:** Relationship between Jaccard Similarity and probability that LSH will return that pair as a potential near duplicate

After running the LSH algorithm with the previous set of parameters we got the following number of *potential* near duplicate matches: **34655** (meaning the LSH algorithm has returned  $\tilde{13}\%$  of the pairs). However, as we already mentioned before, we can still reduce the number of False Positives a posteriori by computing the Jaccard Similarity over the set of pairs provided by the LSH tool, and therefore eliminating those pairs which we will not be consider as near duplicates. For this purpose we have used the code named "False Positive Reduction" (in which we re-compute the real Jaccard similarity and not the approximated one), after which the number of *final* near duplicates is: **33868**.

The total time required to run the LSH tool with the parameters highlighted previously was of **7 minutes and 15 seconds** on our machine.