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- What is an algorithm
- Importance of algorithms
- Different types of algorithms

Hyperlink-Induced Topic Search(HITS)

- High-quality pages should link and be linked to by high-quality pages
- Score given to a page
    - Authority
    - Hub
- Algorithm steps
- Problem with bigger networks
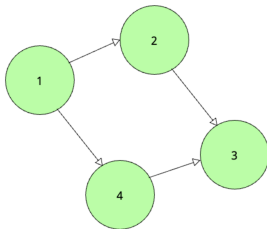
PageRank

- Similar to HITS
- PageRank score
- Damping factor
- Algorithm steps

$$PR(p_i) = \frac{1 - d}{N} + d \sum_{p_j \in M_{p_i}} \frac{PR(p_j)}{L(p_j)} \quad [1]$$

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[1] https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=10210566&isnumber=10005208

Boolean Search

- Keyword-based
- Modifying query with operators - NOT, AND, OR
- More operators = less results and more relevant
- Pros
  - Eliminate unwanted page fasts
  - Can be applied to any page
  - Predictable results
- Cons
  - Efficiency relies solely on user

Research

Research with boolean operators done on Google

Query	Number of results
Algorithm	1.37 billion
Search AND algorithm	743 million
Search algorithm AND information	677 million
Search algorithm AND information AND retrieval	133 million
Search algorithm AND information retrieval NOT keyword-based	75.5 million
Search algorithm AND information retrieval NOT keyword-based OR graph-based	28.7 million

Vector Space Model

- Page represented as multidimensional vector
- Terms and weights reflects the importance in space
- Multiple implementations of basic VSM
- TF-IDF(Term Frequency- Inverse Document Frequency)

Summary and upcoming work

- Algorithms play crucial role in IR
- An introduction into the world of algorithms
- Foundation for next generation algorithms
- Finalize the keyword-based algorithms and TF-IDF sections

Thank you for your attention!