Information Retrieval and Web Search Engines

Homework 4: Indexing the Web Using Solr

REPORT

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Steps followed to complete the assignment

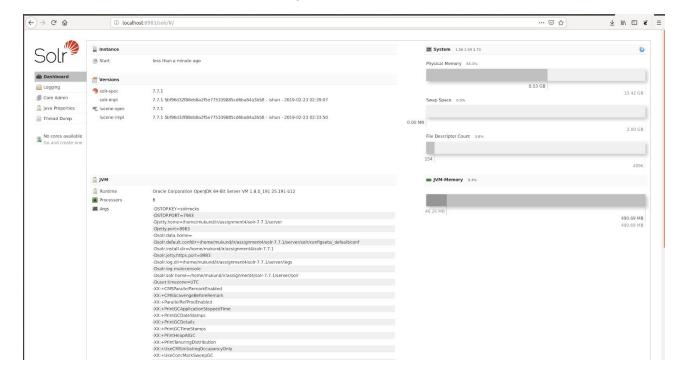
The steps followed to complete the assignment are detailed in the following sections.

Download crawled web pages

Downloaded the crawled web pages for the news site **Reuters** from, https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1EFkdy9cLjq0hNuC_bRQ0UO75djtvwrj7?usp=sharing

Solr installation, configuration and indexing

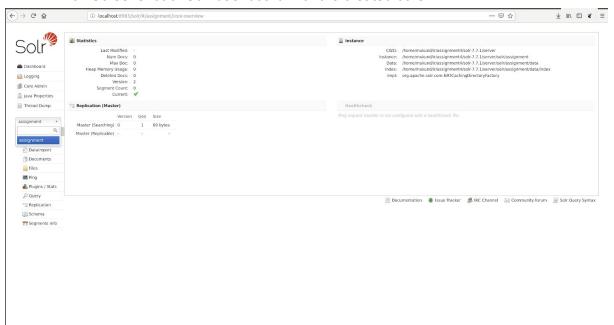
- 1. Downloaded Solr from solr-7.7.1.zip
- 2. Unzipped the content using unzip solr-7.7.1
- 3. Checked if Solr is starting,
 - a. cd solr-7.7.1/bin
 - b. ./solr start
 - c. Screenshot of solr homepage



- 4. Created a new core named assignment
 - a. ./solr create -c assignment
 - b. Screenshot of core creation

```
(base) mukund@mukund:~/ir/assignment4/solr-7.7.1/bin$ ./solr create -c assignment
WARNING: Using _default configset with data driven schema functionality. NOT RECOMMENDED for production use.
To turn off: bin/solr config -c assignment -p 8983 -action set-user-property -property update.autoCreateFields -value false
INFO - 2019-04-09 22:12:02.633; org.apache.solr.util.configuration.SSLCredentialProviderFactory; Processing SSL Credential Provider chain: env;sysprop
Created new core 'assignment'
(base) mukund@mukund:~/ir/assignment4/solr-7.7.1/bin$ [
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c. Screenshot of Solr dashboard with the created core



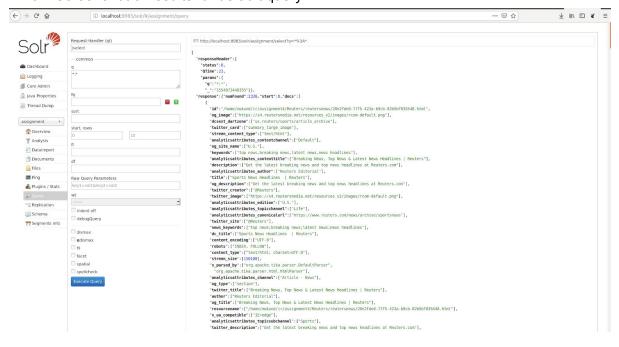
- 5. Made the following changes in *solr-7.7.1/server/solr/assignment/conf/managed-schema* file.
 - a. Uncommented <copyField source="*" dest=" text "/>
- 6. Configured Solr to default querying from the field _text_ by defining the default field in the requestHandler in the solrconfig.xml file. Made the following changes to solr-7.7.1/server/solr/assignment/conf/solrconfig.xml file,
 - a. Uncommented and modified the line as, <str name="df"> text </str>
- 7. Indexing is performed by using the command,
 - **a.** solr-7.7.1/bin/post -filetypes html -c assignment /home/mukund/ir/assignment4/Reuters/reutersnews/
 - b. Pages will get indexed by Solr

```
| POSTINg file | POST
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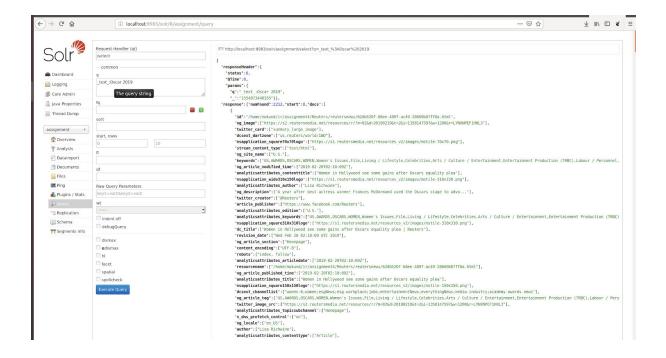
8. Reloaded the core by going inside Core Admin



9. Screenshot of results for default query



10. Screenshot of results for sample query



Computing Edge List using Java code

- 1. Using the steps detailed in the Solr Exercise document (Appendix), wrote a Java program using external library JSoup to extract the link structure from the downloaded web pages in order to compute pagerank
- 2. The code would generate edgeList.txt which will contain the list of edges between a page and an outgoing link
- 3. Logic of the code,
 - a. For every file in the directory (that has all the downloaded html files)
 - i. Extract the outgoing links using JSoup

```
String url = link.attr("abs:href").trim()
```

ii. Find the corresponding file name for each outgoing link using the provided map* files

```
if (urlFileMap.containsKey(url))
```

iii. Create edges between files that have links connecting them
 edges.add(file.getName() + " " + urlFileMap.get(url));

4. Sample edgeList file,

Computing Page Rank using Python code

- 1. Used the Python NetworkX library to compute page rank using the edgeList file generated above
- 2. To import NetworkX, import networkx as nx
- 3. Loaded the webgraph to NetworkX using,

```
G = nx.read edgelist("edgeList.txt", create using=nx.DiGraph())
```

4. Used PageRank() function to computes a ranking of the nodes in the graph G based on the structure of the incoming links,

```
myPR = nx.pagerank(G, alpha=0.85, personalization=None,
max_iter=30, tol=1e-06, nstart=None,
weight='weight',dangling=None)
```

5. The output file generated is external_pageRankFile.txt. It is of the format,

Changes to Solr in order to include the external page rank file

- 1. Placed the external_pageRankFile.txt into the solr-7.7.1/server/solr/assignment/data/directory
- 2. Added the following lines to solr-7.7.1/server/solr/assignment/conf/managed-schema file, <fieldType name="external" keyField="id" defVal="0" class="solr.ExternalFileField"/> <field name="pageRankFile.txt" type="external" stored="false" indexed="false"/>

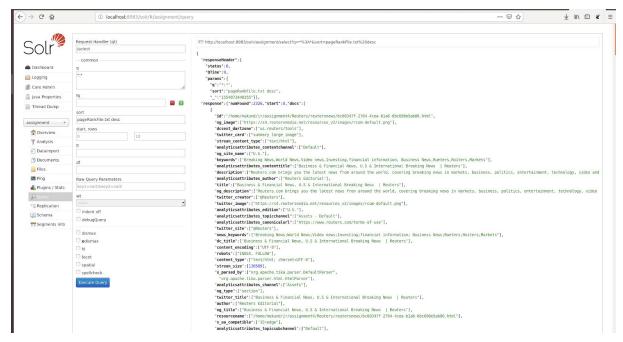
Added the following lines to solr-7.7.1/server/solr/assignment/conf/solrconfig.xml file,

```
tener event= "newSearcher" class=
```

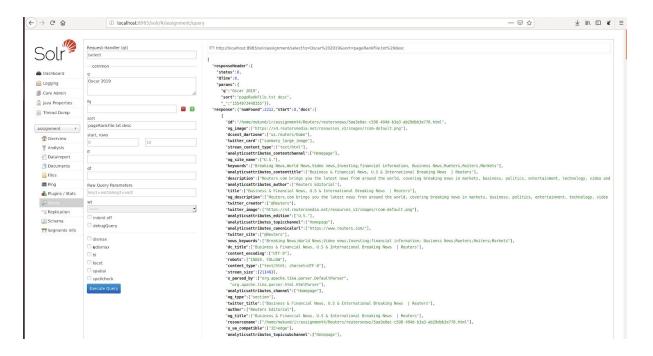
- "org.apache.solr.schema.ExternalFileFieldReloader" />
- tener event= "firstSearcher" class=
- "org.apache.solr.schema.ExternalFileFieldReloader" />
- 3. Reloaded the core by going inside Core Admin
- 4. In the query tab, in the *sort* field, added the external page rank file by using the command. Also specified the sort order as descending,

```
pageRankFile.txt desc
```

5. Screenshot of default query,



6. Screenshot of sample query,



Apache Server and PHP installation

- 1. Installed XAMPP version for Linux in order to run apache server and php code
- 2. Cloned the solr-php client in the htdocs folder
 - **a.** git clone https://github.com/PTCInc/solr-php-client.git
- 3. Used the template code given in the homework description

- 4. Added code for radio button (to choose between Lucene and page rank)
 - a. For Lucene, the logic would be,

```
$results = $solr->search($query, 0, $limit);
```

b. For page rank, the logic would be,

```
$additionalParameters = array('sort' => 'pageRankFile.txt
desc');
$results = $solr->search($query, 0, $limit,
$additionalParameters);
```

- 5. Added code to display the response of the search properly in tabular format
- 6. Added code to handle null description, title and url

Why some pages have higher PageRank values than others?

Some pages have higher PageRank than the others mainly because there are more number of pages linking to that page. PageRank can be considered as a vote, by all the other pages denoting how important a page is. If there is a link to a page, it is counted as a vote of support. If not, there is no support. In general, a PageRank algorithm is based on the # of incoming links and the weight of the linking page i.e., if a web page has an incoming link from a page with higher page rank, then its page rank will also be higher. In this assignment, edge list for a directed graph was computed and the external page rank file was computed using PageRank() function provided by NetworkX python library. This method computes a ranking of the nodes in the graph G based on the structure of the incoming links. This method also works on the same logic as briefed above.

Flow for one single query - Venezuela

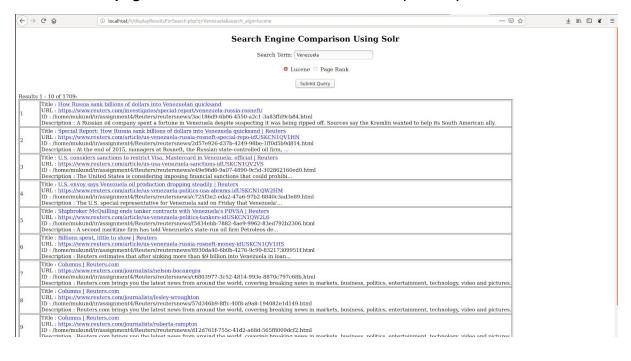
Screenshot of initial page



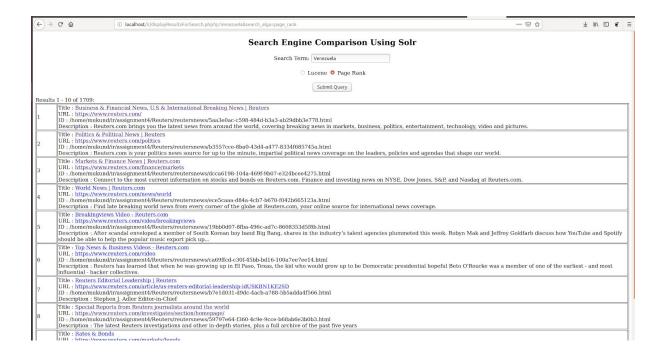
Screenshot of initial page where you enter the query in input box



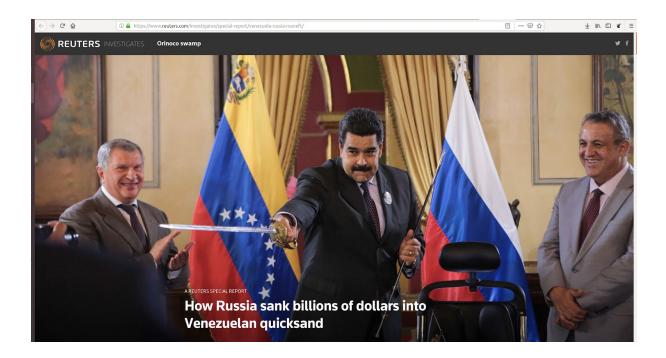
Screenshot of page which shows the results for Lucene(Default)



Screenshot of page which shows the results for PageRank



Screenshot of the actual webpage that opens when clicking on one of the result's link



URLs of top ten results produced by Lucene and Page Rank

Venezuela

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1	https://www.reuters.com/investigate s/special-report/venezuela-russia-ro sneft/	https://www.reuters.com/
2	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-v enezuela-russia-rosneft-special-rep o-idUSKCN1QV1HN	https://www.reuters.com/politics
3	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-venezuela-sanctions-idUSKCN1QV2VS	https://www.reuters.com/finance/marke ts
4	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-v enezuela-politics-usa-abrams-idUS KCN1QW2HM	https://www.reuters.com/news/world

5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-v enezuela-politics-tankers-idUSKCN 1QW2L6	https://www.reuters.com/video/breaking views
6	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-v enezuela-russia-rosneft-money-idU SKCN1QV1HS	https://www.reuters.com/video
7	https://www.reuters.com/journalists/ nelson-bocanegra	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-reut ers-editorial-leadership-idUSKBN1KE2 SD
8	https://www.reuters.com/journalists/ lesley-wroughton	https://www.reuters.com/investigates/s ection/homepage/
9	https://www.reuters.com/journalists/ roberta-rampton	https://www.reuters.com/markets/bonds
10	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-v enezuela-politics-usa-banks-idUSK CN1QN2QE	https://www.reuters.com/markets/stock s

Senate

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1	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1QV1A8	https://www.reuters.com/politics
2	https://www.reuters.com/video/2019 /03/04/senate-has-votes-to-block-bo rder-emergen?videoId=521958334& videoChannel=-10465	https://www.reuters.com/video/breakin gviews
3	https://www.reuters.com/video/2019 /03/05/mcconnell-senate-has-votes- to-block-bord?videoId=521939215& videoChannel=-10465	https://www.reuters.com/video

4	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-u sa-politics-beto-orourke-special-rep- idUSKCN1QW26N	https://www.reuters.com/news/media
5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-u sa-politics-beto-orourke-special-rep- idUSKCN1QW26N	https://www.reuters.com/places/mexico
6	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-u sa-politics-beto-short-exclusive-idU SKCN1QW28H	https://www.reuters.com/news/pictures
7	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-u sa-politics-beto-short-exclusive-idU SKCN1QW28H	https://www.reuters.com/subjects/susta inable-business
8	https://www.reuters.com/politics	https://www.reuters.com/video/2019/03 /14/orourke-hits-the-ground-running-in- iowa?videoId=525923095&videoChan nel=1003
9	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-c ongo-politics-idUSKCN1QW28R	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa- trump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1 QW2AK
10	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-u sa-election-orourke-idUSKCN1QV0 0E	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa- politics-beto-short-exclusive-idUSKCN 1QW28H

Democrats

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1	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-e lection-medicare-idUSKBN1QU189	https://www.reuters.com/
2	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-e lection-medicare-idUSKBN1QU189	https://www.reuters.com/politics
3	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-c ongress-whitaker-idUSKCN1PX1LD	https://www.reuters.com/breakingviews

4	https://www.reuters.com/video/2019/02/ 28/republicans-bash-cohen-democrats-a t-cpac?videoId=520293110&videoChan nel=13976	https://www.reuters.com/subjects/supre me-court
5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-e lection-biden-idUSKCN1QH1EX	https://www.reuters.com/news/archive/politicsNews
6	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-budget-idUSKBN1QS12D	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-t rump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1 QW2AK
7	https://www.reuters.com/video/2019/03/ 05/the-witch-hunt-continues-trump-on-d emocr?videoId=522293719&videoChan nel=13976	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-e lection-sanders-idUSKCN1QW2ZJ
8	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-russia-congress-idUSKCN1QV23E	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-p olitics-beto-short-exclusive-idUSKCN1Q W28H
9	https://www.reuters.com/politics	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-t ax-survey-idUSKCN1QW1BY
10	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1Q W2AK	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-e lection-booker-idUSKCN1QW2P4

Republicans

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1	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1Q V1A8	https://www.reuters.com/politics
2	https://www.reuters.com/video/2019/02/2 8/republicans-bash-cohen-democrats-at- cpac?videoId=520293110&videoChanne I=13976	https://www.reuters.com/news/us

3	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1Q W2AK	https://www.reuters.com/news/archive/politicsNews
4	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1Q W2AK	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-t rump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1 QW2AK
5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1Q W2AK	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-t ax-survey-idUSKCN1QW1BY
6	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1Q W2AK	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa- election-orourke-idUSKCN1QV13C
7	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-california-fires-trump-idUSKCN1P31ND	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-i mmigration-wall-insight-idUSKCN1QW1 GR
8	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-ta x-survey-idUSKCN1QW1BY	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-t rump-russia-congress-idUSKCN1QV23 <u>E</u>
9	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-ta x-survey-idUSKCN1QW1BY	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-t rump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1 QV1A8
10	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-politics-trump-idUSKCN1QH29L	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa- court-census-idUSKCN1QW2MC

Patriot Movement

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1	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tr ump-turkey-idUSKCN1QV328	https://www.reuters.com/markets/bonds
2	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france -protests-idUSKCN1Q325A	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa- election-orourke-idUSKCN1QV13C

3	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain- climatechange-education-idUSKCN1QW 2QU	https://www.reuters.com/article/canada -forex-idUSL1N2121OB
4	https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-people -rkelly-metoo-idUKKCN1QC0V7	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climate-change-youth-idUSKCN1QW01S
5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climat e-change-youth-idUSKCN1QW01S	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-slov akia-election-president-idUSKCN1QW 2Z3
6	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climat e-change-youth-idUSKCN1QW01S	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climate-change-youth-usa-idUSKCN1QW1BE
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9	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-italy-c hina-analysis-idUSKCN1QW1E2	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-auct ion-christies-georgemichael-art-idUSK CN1QP1EY
10	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-orourke-idUSKCN1QV13C	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-italy -china-analysis-idUSKCN1QW1E2

Oscar 2019

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1	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-award s-oscars-women-idUSKCN1Q7130	https://www.reuters.com/
2	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-award s-oscars-diversity-idUSKCN1QE0N4	https://www.reuters.com/tools/mobile
3	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-avian caholdings-fleet-idUSKCN1QW2XT	https://www.reuters.com/politics
4	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-aviancaholdings-fleet-idUSKCN1QW2XT	https://www.reuters.com/finance

5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-avian caholdings-fleet-idUSKCN1QW2XT	https://www.reuters.com/finance/marke ts
6	https://www.reuters.com/journalists/pei-li	https://www.reuters.com/news/world
7	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain -lgbt-celebrities-idUSKCN1QW2KY	https://www.reuters.com/video/breakingviews
8	https://www.reuters.com/theWire	https://www.reuters.com/video
9	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain -lgbt-rights-idUSKCN1QW2QI	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-reut ers-editorial-leadership-idUSKBN1KE2 SD
10	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-lgbt-rights-idUSKCN1QW2QI	https://www.reuters.com/investigates/section/homepage/

Channel

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1	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/01/28/brooklyn-grocer-goes-pack aging-free?videoId=508863563&vid eoChannel=118172	https://www.reuters.com/politics
2	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/02/27/cohen-dishes-on-donald-jr-i n-testimony?videoId=519943059&v ideoChannel=13976	https://www.reuters.com/video/breaking views
3	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/03/11/exclusive-trump-to-ask-for- 86-billion-fo?videoId=524332535&v ideoChannel=101	https://www.reuters.com/video
4	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/03/13/breakingviews-tv-peltz-jack pot?videoId=525533725&videoCha nnel=117766	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-reut ers-editorial-leadership-idUSKBN1KE2 SD

5	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/03/11/exclusive-trump-to-ask-for- 86-billion-fo?videoId=524332535&v ideoChannel=-10465	https://www.reuters.com/markets/bonds
6	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/03/05/the-witch-hunt-continues-tr ump-on-democr?videoId=5222937 19&videoChannel=13976	https://www.reuters.com/news/entertain ment/arts
7	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/03/15/breakingviews-tv-k-pop-idle s?videoId=526312336&videoChan nel=117766	https://www.reuters.com/news/media
8	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/03/06/japans-demon-festival-revived-after-12-y?videoId=522528399 &videoChannel=-10464	https://www.reuters.com/subjects/supre me-court
9	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/02/21/macron-announces-anti-se mitism-measures?videoId=517540 456&videoChannel=13421	https://www.reuters.com/news/lifestyle
10	https://www.reuters.com/video/201 9/01/15/greenwashing-warning-ami d-renewable-push?videoId=503830 819&videoChannel=118285	https://www.reuters.com/places/china

Wall

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1	http://www.reuters.com/investigates /section/wall-streets-way/	https://www.reuters.com/
2	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-budget-wall-exclusive-idUsKBN1QR0CW	https://www.reuters.com/politics

3	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-wall-insight-idUSKCN1QW1GR	https://www.reuters.com/finance
4	https://www.reuters.com/politics	https://www.reuters.com/finance/markets
5	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1QW2AK	https://www.reuters.com/video/breaking views
6	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-congress-emergency-idUsKCN1QW2AK	https://www.reuters.com/video
7	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-congress-emergency-idUsKCN1QW2AK	https://www.reuters.com/investigates/section/homepage/
8	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-congress-emergency-idUsKCN1QW2AK	https://www.reuters.com/finance/wealth
9	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-congress-emergency-idUSKCN1QV1A8	https://www.reuters.com/finance/funds
10	https://www.reuters.com/journalists/ noel-randewich	https://www.reuters.com/finance/EarningsUS

Overlap graph

Query	# of overlaps
Venezuela	0
Senate	2
Democrats	2
Republicans	3
Patriot Movement	3

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of overlaps between Solr-Lucene and External Page Rank

