DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, NITK SURATHKAL IT458: INFORMATION RETRIEVAL (Jul – Dec 2022)

ASSIGNMENT 1

Due date: Thursday, 1st Sept 2022, 11.59PM

Construct the inverted index representation for a corpus of any 100 articles from the Incredible India website (https://www.incredibleindia.org/) across different categories like Heritage, Adventure, Art, Food & Cuisine, Nature & Wildlife, Culture etc (use the full text from each article as one document).

- a. Observe and report the effect of different preprocessing techniques applied to the corpus, and the changes in the vocabulary size w.r.t. final index terms, when compared to the number of initial tokens (show each step in the process clearly)
- b. What type of data structure may be most optimal for storing this index? Compare and provide a detailed analysis w.r.t. the different data structure choices and give the cost analysis from storage and retrieval/insertion/updation/deletion perspectives.
- c. Using the constructed inverted index, perform some sample Boolean queries of the pattern shown below. What is the time complexity of finding the results assuming that there are N postings lists in the inverted index? Analyze and explain in detail.
 - i. term1 AND term2 AND term3
 - ii. term1 OR term2 AND NOT term3

Note:

- 1. Submit a detailed report on your observations and analysis, supported by the necessary code snippets/visualizations w.r.t your program and results observed.
- 2. Upload your report and code (well documented) on Moodle to the folder provided before the deadline of 11.59PM on 1st Sept 2022.

EVALUATION RUBRICS:

Inverted Index construction - 10 marks

Part a: Code and Analysis - 10 marks

Part b: Cost analysis and observations - 10 marks

Part c: Query complexity analysis -5 * 2 = 10 marks

Detailed report on observations - 10 marks