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Problem Statement :-

Write a program to calculate harmonic mean (F-measure) and E-measure for above example.

Objectives :-

- 1) To evaluate the retrieval performance of IR
- 2) To understand importance of harmonic mean & E-measure in IR
- 3) To study indexing structures for IR

Theory :-

(F-Score / F-measure)

F₁ score considers both precision & recall

It is harmonic mean of the precision & recall.

F₁ score is best if there is some sort of balance between precision (P) & recall (r) in the system.

For example ;

$$F_1 = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{recall}}$$

IR Systems can be measured with two metrics precision and recall, thus precision and recall have been extensively used to evaluate the retrieval performance of IR Systems or algorithms.

Alternative measures :- The harmonic mean / F measure.

The F-measure is also a single measure that combines recall & precision.

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Where;

$r(j)$ is the recall at the j^{th} position in the ranking.
 $p(j)$ is the precision at the j^{th} position in the ranking.
 $F(j)$ is the harmonic mean at the j^{th} position in the ranking.

Alternative measures - E measure.

E-measure was proposed by van Rijsbergen which combines recall & precision. User is allowed to specify whether he is more interested in recall or in precision.

E-measure is defined as

$$E(j) = \frac{1}{\frac{b^2}{r(j)} + \frac{1}{p(j)}}$$

where

$r(j)$ is the recall at the j^{th} position in the ranking.

$p(j)$ is the precision at the j^{th} position in the ranking.

$b > 0$ is a user specified parameter.

~~$b > 0$~~ $E(j)$ is the user specified parameter.

If $b=1$, $E(j)$ measure works as complement of the Harmonic mean $F(j)$. If $b>1$ indicates that the user is more interested in precision than in recall. If $b<1$ indicates that user is more interested in recall than in precision. Notice that setting $b=1$ in the formula of the E-measure yields $F(j)=1 \cdot E(j)$.

To calculate the Harmonic mean (F-measure) and E-measure in java, we use to focus on the definitions

1) Precision = $\frac{\text{True Positive (TP)}}{\text{True Positive (TP)} + \text{False Positive (FP)}}$.

2) Recall = $\frac{\text{True Positive (TP)}}{\text{True positive (TP)} + \text{False Negative}}$.

Formulas :-

$$\text{F-measure} : - F_1 = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

$$\text{E-measure} : - E = 1 - \frac{1}{\frac{\alpha}{\text{Precision}} + \frac{1}{\text{Recall}} + (1-\alpha) + \frac{1}{\text{Recall}}}$$

Conclusion :-

Implementation is concluded by executing a program to calculate (F-measure) and E-measure for sample input used in above example.