HOMEWORK 4

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To run the program:

Input:

\$ python3 homework4 cat dog mouse
Or you can give the weights as
\$ python3 homework4 Wt 0.3 dog 0.4 cat 0.3 bird

Output:

The top 10 documents that have the word and their corresponding scores displayed

Approach

The posting.txt and index.txt files as generated in the previous homework 3 were used for this homework.

Following are the steps that were followed for the logic of this document retrieval process

- 1) If the term weights are given then we will map that to be the word query score for that word to be the weight provided.
- 2) The words must not contain unwanted escape characters.
- 3) Read the output files of homework 3 output. First consider the postings.txt file and stop when the word is encountered. Read the document weights.
- 4) Read the index.txt file and stop when the word is encountered and make a note of the term's frequency and start position of the file.
- 5) Consider all the items of the words given and update all relevant documents with the calculated weight taking query term factor into account. Add all the relavant documents.
- 6) Repeat the steps 3 to 5 for all the words in the guery.
- 7) Filter and sort files based on their score. Exclude the documents that have the term score 0.
- 8) The output is displayed as the top 10 relevant documents.

Algorithm

The algorithm used in my program is a binary search for the index file in the disk approach. It searches every line for the query term until it finds the word that is queried. I believe the word

we are looking for could be reached early in a document so instead of storing the whole document in memory and then searching for the word is not very effective.

Data Structure

Instead of using arrays to tabulate the document-query similarity scores, i have used hash table to keep a track of the weights for the terms. Also, if the document does not have the word then it has the value 0. If the document has the words in the query then everytime the document is encountered the score is updated.

The weights of the terms are considered so that the one with the least weight gets the least priority while searching for the terms and fetching the relavant documents. In order for the program to work for the query term weights the input should be given in the format. It should be followed by "Wt".

\$python3 homewor4.py Wt 0.3 dog 0.4 cat 0.3 bird

Complexity

N = number of documents to scan

Q = number of query terms

L = list of the documents the term encountered

O(N+Q+L)

Output:

\$python3 homework4.py diet

o/p:

018.html 0.01914214327070349

263.html 0.0035424879247857913

009.html 0.003293748417721357

252.html 0.0026344566649044716

050.html 0.001918515932299721

152.html 0.0008378209910435484

328.html 0.0007835015031900953

\$python3 homework4.py international affairs

o/p:

219.html 0.022957879186599604

133.html 0.017822348990989573

161.html 0.015292753518867361

138.html 0.009981344159126517

205.html 0.009713339998104979 247.html 0.00855741827610827 108.html 0.007745938956822141 125.html 0.007745938956822141 197.html 0.0076170052738020536 229.html 0.007270558530242678

\$ python3 homework4.py Zimbabwe

o/p:

No results

\$ python3 homework4.py computer network

o/p:

060.html 0.02901139287532376

140.html 0.023816716155180995

128.html 0.015480865500867648

156.html 0.012636382376873994

502.html 0.011322628253848928

223.html 0.010960466839325025

164.html 0.010002476316480324

501.html 0.009713484235838524

380.html 0.009668970783775857

038.html 0.008153314701981508

\$ python3 homework4.py hydrotherapy o/p:

223.html 0.00153593010985382

\$ python3 homework4.py identity theft

o/p:

379.html 0.011160997157592216

380.html 0.0055308062808152245

245.html 0.003647451359624023

301.html 0.0035518629791649113

397.html 0.0012176568280189903

298.html 0.0011589111880713594

328.html 0.0009223252926072686

391.html 0.0008118224022366206

235.html 0.0007881674399775222 383.html 0.0007123770775408211

If you apply the weights to the query terms than the results change slightly because certain words get preference than the others. Consider the following examples we can observe that identity theft without weights fetch us different results based on the score of the words and after giving weights it fetches us different relavant documents based on score.

\$ python3 homework4.py Wt 0.7 identity 0.1 theft

245.html 0.0025532159517368163 301.html 0.0024863040854154377 379.html 0.0011160997157592216 397.html 0.0008523597796132932 298.html 0.0008112378316499515 328.html 0.000645627704825088 391.html 0.0005682756815656344 380.html 0.0005530806280815225 235.html 0.0005517172079842655 383.html 0.0004986639542785748

We can also observe in the below queries how different results are fetched when there are term weights given and not given.

\$ python3 homework4.py Wt 0.7 quite 0.4 life 0.1 function

300.html 0.0037120711939182503 066.html 0.0033125331984867365 239.html 0.00279047884013637 452.html 0.002321953997841869 305.html 0.00228127286310879 100.html 0.0021535680208991377 237.html 0.002045564307464317 074.html 0.0019659749877197702 306.html 0.0017099273481586616 277.html 0.0016473359642538655

\$ python3 homework4.py quite life function

300.html 0.009280177984795626

224.html 0.00843097774534663

042.html 0.008406790419735417

066.html 0.00828133299621684

306.html 0.00709510998024665

239.html 0.006976197100340925

452.html 0.005804884994604672

305.html 0.005703182157771975

100.html 0.005383920052247844

068.html 0.005302148226517993