Project Report A mini search system on Movie review dataset Information Retrieval

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Abstract

Now a days, watching a movie is one of the first choices for a group of people to hangout. Choosing a movie depends on various factors like reviews, story, actors etc.,. In this project, I collected information from public sources, created a suitable index and efficient retrieval system from scratch. I have explored fundamental algorithms in indexing, retrieving and ranking in information retrieval system. Initially developed with a data set of 1000 documents, it scales pretty well till 10000 documents. A positional index is developed with ranked retrieval. The indexing takes reasonable time for 1000 – 10000 documents but a long time for 100,000 documents.

Data set collection

After exploring many sources like Kaggle, imdb etc., I have chosen two data sets from the following sources.

1. http://ai.stanford.edu/~amaas/data/sentiment/

This data set was used for sentiment analysis and was divided into train and test data sets for negative, positive labels and unsupervised data. I have combined all the text documents into a single data set and renamed them sequentially using a python script. This contains one lakh documents.

2. https://md-datasets-cache-zipfiles-prod.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/38j8b6s2mx-1.zip/

This data set contains 1000 reviews, 100 each from 10 different movies. I combined them sequentially into a single data set using a python script.

Parts of the search system

The project has three parts. They are:

- 1. Indexing
- 2. Querying
- 3. Ranking

Indexing

As an initial step for building the search system, I have implemented positional index from scratch in C++. I used standard template library in accomplishing it. The index has vocabulary, postings and position lists as main parts. It is implemented using a map. It is a map of a string and a pair of integer and binary search tree. Binary search tree has been implemented for postings. A grow able array called vector in standard template library is used for position lists.

Querying

Two types of querying is implemented. They are:

- 1. One word Queries
- 2. Free Text Queries

One word Queries

One word queries are pretty straight forward to implement. To avoid storing the index in memory, I have stored the lines at which each term is present to directly fetch the term's postings. I have used a map for it. Using the map, I fetch the line number and read postings from disk at that particular line. Since, number of queries are not very largely expected in this project, this is an efficient method for the system. After reading the line, it is parsed into its components and the respective documents are printed in the console.

Free Text Queries

Free Text Queries are implemented using implementation of one word queries.

Each query term's postings are retrieved through one word queries function and the obtained postings of every term are intersected. The obtained list of documents is displayed in the console.

Ranking

I have implemented tf-idf weighting for terms. No libraries (except for STL) are used and completely implemented from scratch in C++. I have implemented cosine similarity for ranking the documents with respect to the query.

Conclusion

The basic algorithms for the index and retrieval system are implemented from scratch. Retrieval works efficiently whereas the indexing takes a long time for one lakh documents due to reasonably large size of each document. It takes nearly 10s for the algorithm to run for 1000 documents and more than an hour for one lakh documents.

Results

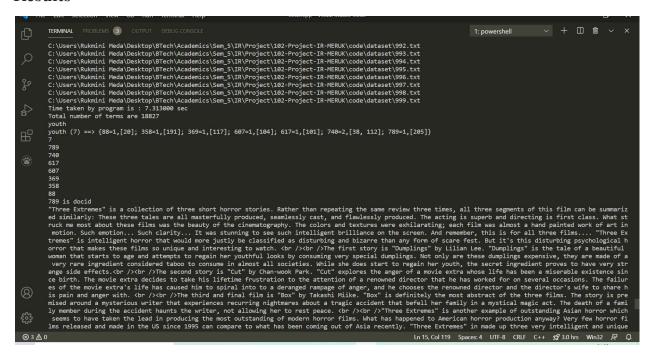


Fig. Sample output of running the program, includes indexing process and a single one word query.

Index can also be viewed at the output.txt file.

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