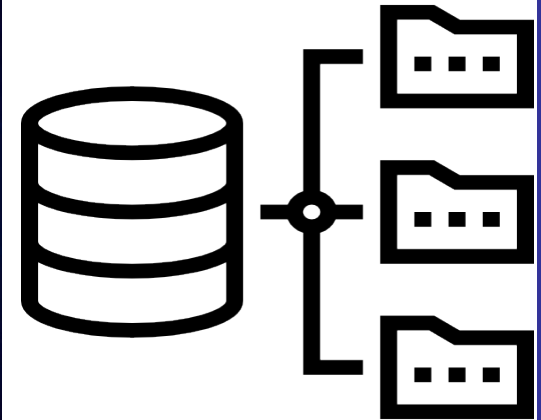


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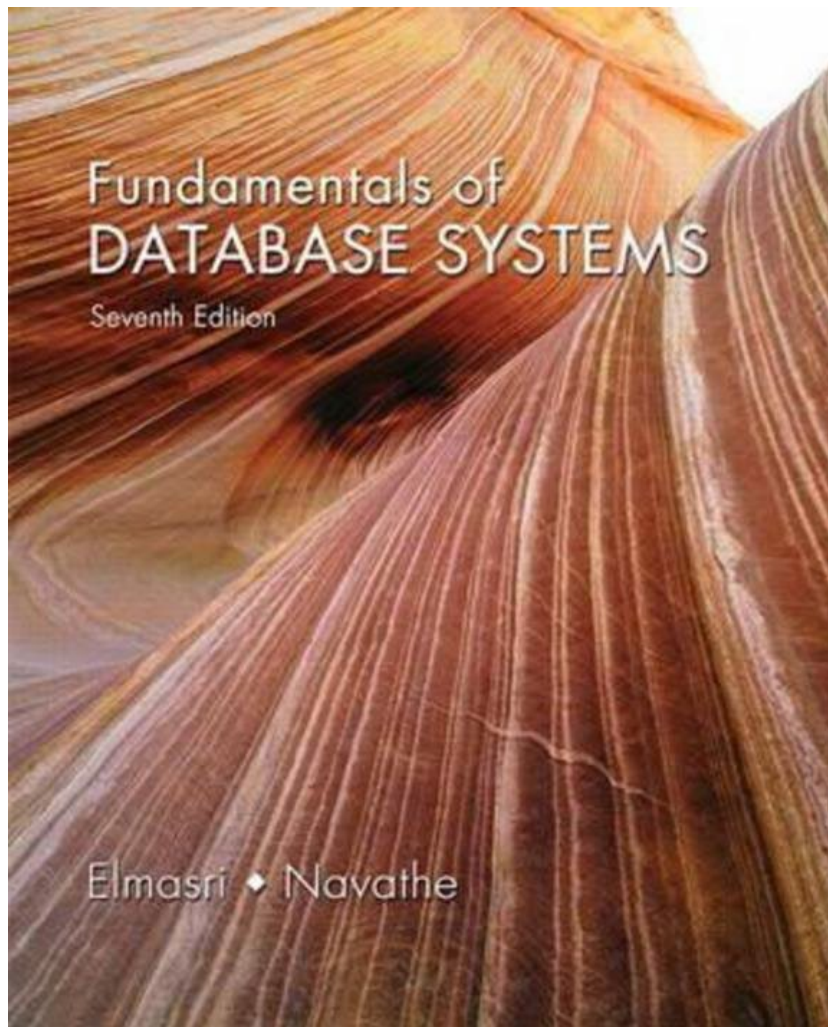
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# Materials



# Topics

- ✓ **Chapter 20** Introduction to Transaction Processing Concepts and Theory
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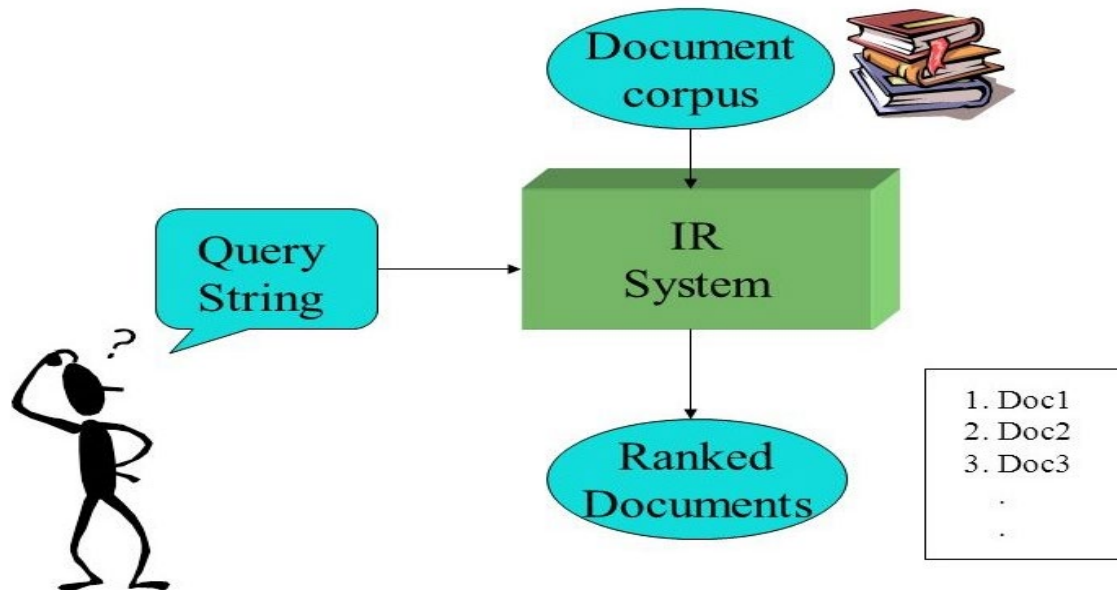
## **CHAPTER 27**

# **Introduction to Information Retrieval and Web Search**

# Information Retrieval (IR) Concepts

# Information Retrieval

❖ **Information retrieval (IR)** is finding material (usually **documents**) of an **unstructured nature** (usually text) that satisfies an information **need** from within **large collections** (usually stored on computers).



# 27.1 Information Retrieval (IR) Concepts

- Information retrieval
  - Process of retrieving documents from a collection in response to a query (search request)
  - Deals mainly with unstructured data
    - Example: homebuying contract documents
- Unstructured information
  - Does **not** have a **well-defined** formal model
  - Based on an understanding of **natural** language
  - Stored in a **wide variety** of standard formats

# Information Retrieval (IR) Concepts (cont'd.)

- Information retrieval field **predates** database field
  - Academic programs in Library and Information Science
- **RDBMS** vendors providing new capabilities to support **various data types**
  - **Extended RDBMSs** or object-relational database management systems.
- User's information need expressed as **free-form** search request
  - Keyword search query



# Information Retrieval (IR) Concepts (cont'd.)

## Characterizing an IR system

- Types of users
  - Expert
  - Layperson
- Types of data
  - Domain-specific
- Types of information needs
  - Navigational search: locations
  - Informational search: information- wiki
  - Transactional search: transactions

# Information Retrieval (IR) Concepts (cont'd.)

**Types of Information Need.** In the context of Web search, users' information needs may be defined as navigational, informational, or transactional.<sup>3</sup> **Navigational search** refers to finding a particular piece of information (such as the Georgia Tech University Web site) that a user needs quickly. The purpose of **informational search** is to find current information about a topic (such as research activities in the college of computing at Georgia Tech—this is the classic IR system task). The goal of **transactional search** is to reach a site where further interaction happens resulting in some transactional event (such as joining a social network, shopping for products, making online reservations, accessing databases, and so on).

# Information Retrieval (IR) Concepts (cont'd.)

- Enterprise search systems
  - Limited to an intranet
- Desktop search engines
  - Searches an individual computer system
- Databases have fixed schemas
  - IR system has no fixed data model

# Comparing Databases and IR Systems

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## Databases

- Structured data
- Schema driven
- Relational (or object, hierarchical, and network) model is predominant
- Structured query model
- Rich metadata operations
- Query returns data
- Results are based on exact matching (always correct)

## IR Systems

- Unstructured data
  - No fixed schema; various data models (e.g., vector space model)
  - Free-form query models
  - Rich data operations
  - Search request returns list or pointers to documents
  - Results are based on approximate matching and measures of effectiveness (may be imprecise and ranked)
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**Table 27.1 A comparison of databases and IR systems**

# Generic IR approaches

1. **Statistical approach**
2. **Semantic approaches**

# Generic IR approaches

## ■ **Statistical approach**

- Documents analyzed and broken down into **chunks** of text.
- Each word or phrase is counted, weighted, and measured for relevance or importance

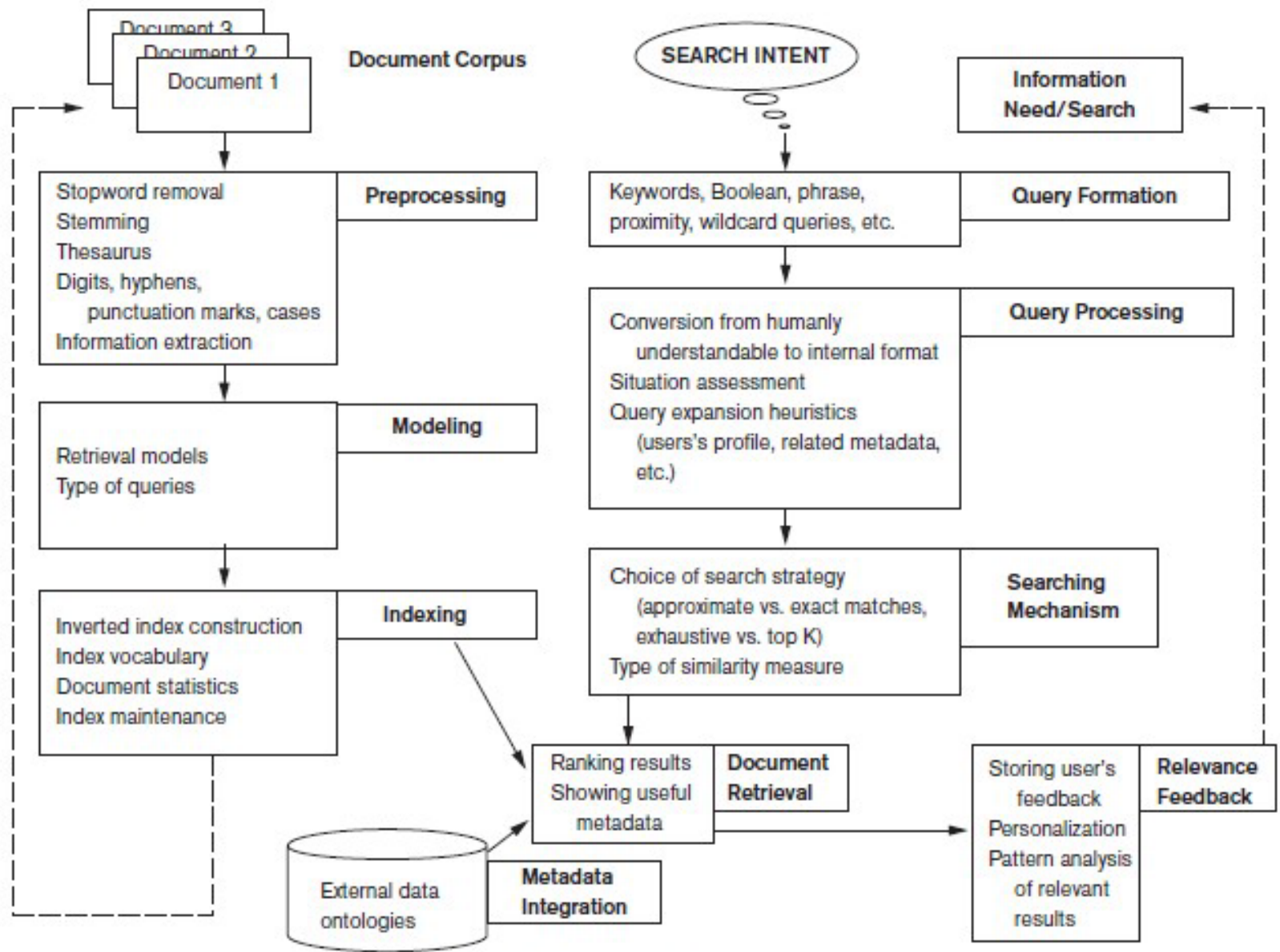
## ■ Types of statistical approaches

1. Boolean
2. Vector space
3. Probabilistic

# Generic IR Pipeline (cont'd.)

## ■ **Semantic approaches**

- Use knowledge-based retrieval techniques.
- Rely on syntactic, lexical, sentential, discourse-based, and pragmatic levels of knowledge understanding.
- Also apply some form of statistical analysis



Legend: Dashed lines indicate next iteration

Figure 27.1 Generic IR framework



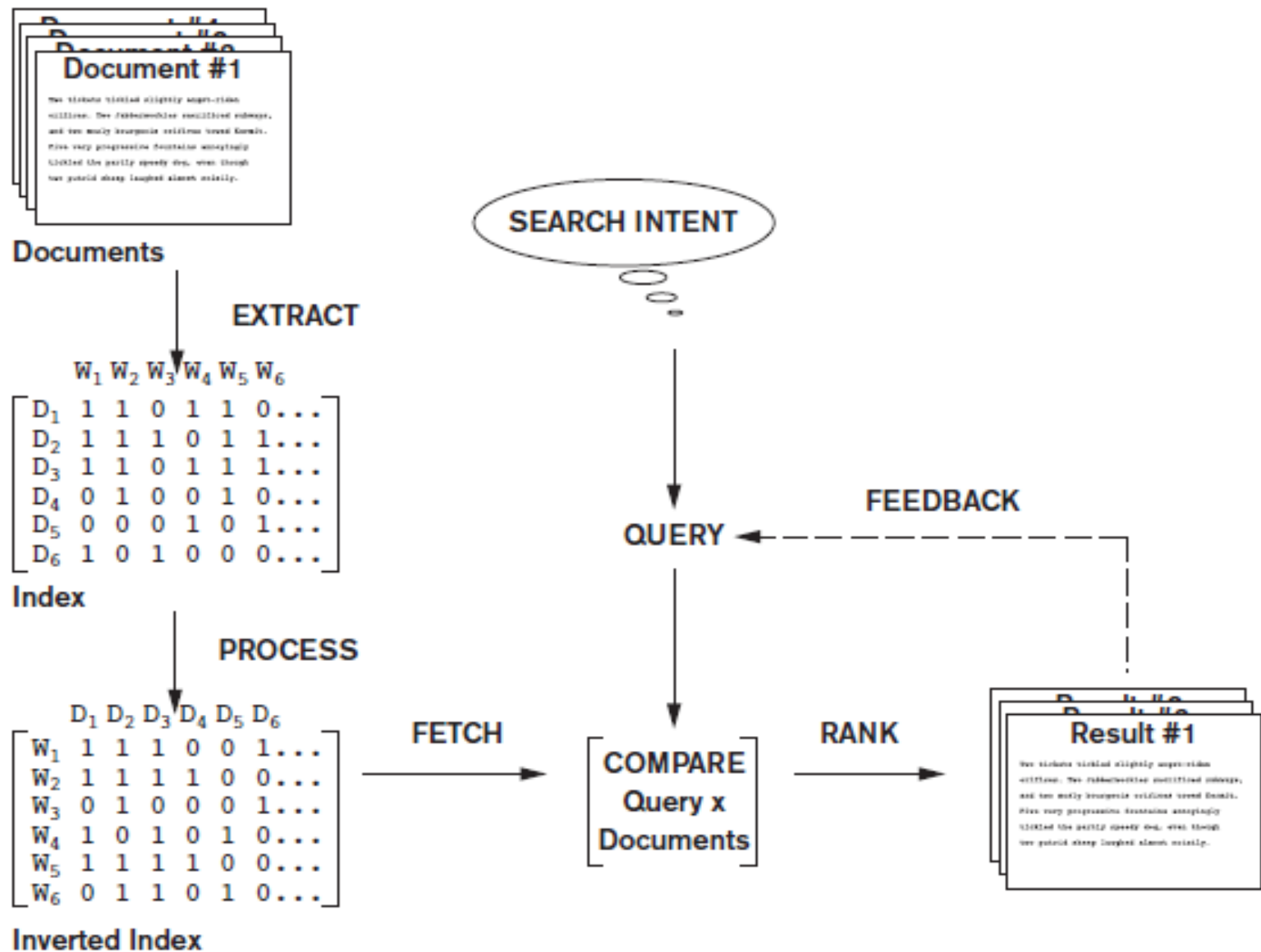


Figure 27.2 Simplified IR process pipeline

# Retrieval Models

## 27.2 Retrieval Models

- Boolean model

- One of earliest and **simplest** IR models
- Documents represented as a set of **terms**
- Queries formulated using **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT**
- Retrieved documents are an **exact match**
  - **No** notion of **ranking** of documents
- Easy to associate **metadata** information and write queries that match contents of **documents**.

## 27.2 Retrieval Models - Boolean model

		plays					
		Antony and Cleopatra	Julius Caesar	The Tempest	Hamlet	Othello	Macbeth ...
words	Antony	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Brutus	1	1	0	1	0	0
	Caesar	1	1	0	1	1	1
	Calpurnia	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Cleopatra	1	0	0	0	0	0
	mercy	1	0	1	1	1	1
	worser	1	0	1	1	1	0
...							

## 27.2 Retrieval Models - Boolean model

□ a **vector** for each term.

a) **Brutus**: 110100

b) **Caesar**: 110111

c) **NOT Calpurnia**: (complemented (**1's** complement) **Calpurnia**) 101111

□ To answer the query Brutus AND Caesar AND NOT Calpurnia, we take the vectors for Brutus, Caesar and Calpurnia, complement the last, and then do a bitwise AND:

110100 **AND** 110111 **AND** 101111 = 100100.

**110100**  
**110111**  
**101111**

**100100**

## 27.2 Retrieval Models - Boolean model

	Antony and Cleopatra	Julius Caesar	The Tempest	Hamlet	Othello	Macbeth	...
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Brutus	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Caesar	1	1	0	1	1	1	
Calpurnia	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Cleopatra	1	0	0	0	0	0	
mercy	1	0	1	1	1	1	
worser	1	0	1	1	1	0	
...							
Result	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	

*Antony and Cleopatra , and Hamlet*

# Vector space model

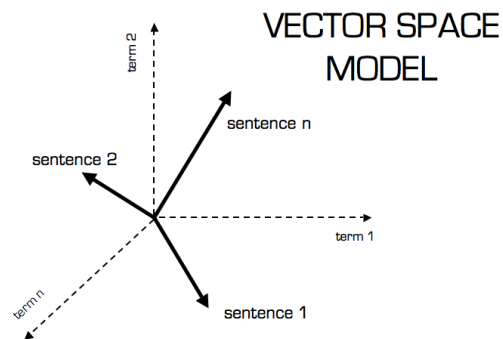
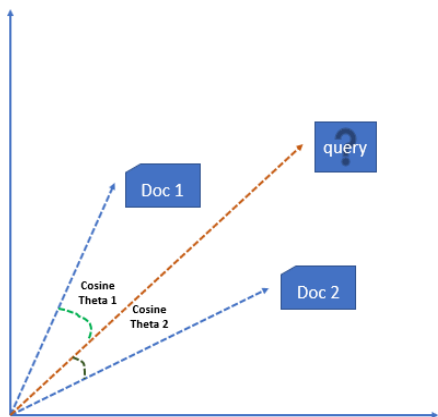
# Retrieval Models (cont'd.)

- Vector space model

- Weighting, ranking, and determining relevance are possible
- Uses individual terms as dimensions
- Each document represented by an n-dimensional vector of values.

- Features

- Subset of **terms** in a document set that are considered **most relevant** to an IR search for the document set.





# Retrieval Models (cont'd.)-

## Vector space model

Documents



Vector-space  
representation

We study the complexity of influencing elections through bribery: How computationally complex is it for an external actor to determine whether by a certain amount of bribing voters a specified candidate can be made the election's winner? We study this problem for election systems as varied as scoring ...

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
complexity	2		3	2	3
algorithm	3			4	4
entropy	1			2	
traffic		2	3		
network		1	4		

Term-document matrix

# Retrieval Models (cont'd.)- Vector space model

- Vector space model
  - Different similarity assessment functions can be used.
- Term frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF)
  - Statistical weight measure used to evaluate the importance of a document word in a collection of documents.

# Vector space model - Term Frequency

## How TF-IDF Works?

TF-IDF combines two components: Term Frequency (TF) and Inverse Document Frequency (IDF).

**Term Frequency (TF):** Measures **how often** a word appears in a document.

- A higher frequency suggests **greater importance**. If a term appears frequently in a document, it is likely relevant to the document's content.

$$\text{TF}(t, d) = \frac{\text{Number of times term } t \text{ appears in document } d}{\text{Total number of terms in document } d}$$

# Vector space model - Inverse Document Frequency

## Limitations of TF Alone:

- TF does not account for the global importance of a term across the entire corpus.
- Common words like “the” or “and” may have high TF scores but are not meaningful in distinguishing “تميز” documents.

**Inverse Document Frequency (IDF):** Reduces the weight of common words across multiple documents while increasing the weight of rare words. If a term appears in fewer documents, it is more likely to be meaningful and specific.

$$\text{IDF}(t, D) = \log \frac{\text{Total number of documents in corpus } D}{\text{Number of documents containing term } t}$$

# Vector space model

## ■ Term frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF)

IDF computation. The following formulas can be used:

$$TF_{ij} = f_{ij} / \sum_{i=1 \text{ to } |V|} f_{ij}$$

$$IDF_i = \log(N / n_i)$$

In these formulas, the meaning of the symbols is:

- $TF_{ij}$  is the normalized term frequency of term  $i$  in document  $D_j$ .
- $f_{ij}$  is the number of occurrences of term  $i$  in document  $D_j$ .
- $IDF_i$  is the inverse document frequency weight for term  $i$ .
- $N$  is the number of documents in the collection.
- $n_i$  is the number of documents in which term  $i$  occurs.

# Probabilistic model

# Retrieval Models (cont'd.)

- Probabilistic model

- Involves ranking documents by their estimated **probability of relevance** with respect to the query and the document.
- IR system must decide whether a document belongs to the **relevant** set or **nonrelevant set** for a query
  - Calculate probability that document belongs to the relevant set
- BM25: a popular ranking algorithm

# Retrieval Models - Semantic model

## Semantic model

- Morphological analysis
  - Analyze roots and affixes to determine parts of speech of search words
- Syntactic analysis
  - Parse and analyze complete phrases in documents
- Semantic analysis
  - Resolve word ambiguities and z
- Uses techniques from artificial intelligence and expert systems.



# Types of Queries in IR Systems

## 27.3 Types of Queries in IR Systems

- Keyword queries
  - Simplest and most commonly used
  - Keyword terms **implicitly** connected by logical **AND**
- Boolean queries
  - Allow use of AND, OR, NOT, and other operators
  - Exact matches **returned**
    - **No ranking** possible

# Types of Queries in IR Systems (cont'd.)

## ■ Phrase queries

- Sequence of words that make up a phrase
- Phrase enclosed in double quotes
- Each retrieved document must contain at least one instance of the exact phrase

## ■ Proximity queries

- How close within a record multiple search terms are to each other
- Phrase search is most commonly used proximity query

# Types of Queries in IR Systems (cont'd.)

- Proximity queries (cont'd.)
  - Specify **order** of search terms
  - NEAR, ADJ (adjacent), or AFTER operators
  - Sequence of words with maximum **allowed distance** between them
  - Computationally expensive
    - Suitable for smaller document collections rather than the Web.

# Types of Queries in IR Systems (cont'd.)

- Wildcard queries
  - Supports regular expressions and pattern-based matching
    - Example 'data\*' would retrieve data, database, dataset, etc.
  - Not generally implemented by Web search engines.
- Natural language queries
  - Definitions of textual terms or common facts
  - **Semantic models** can support

# Text Preprocessing

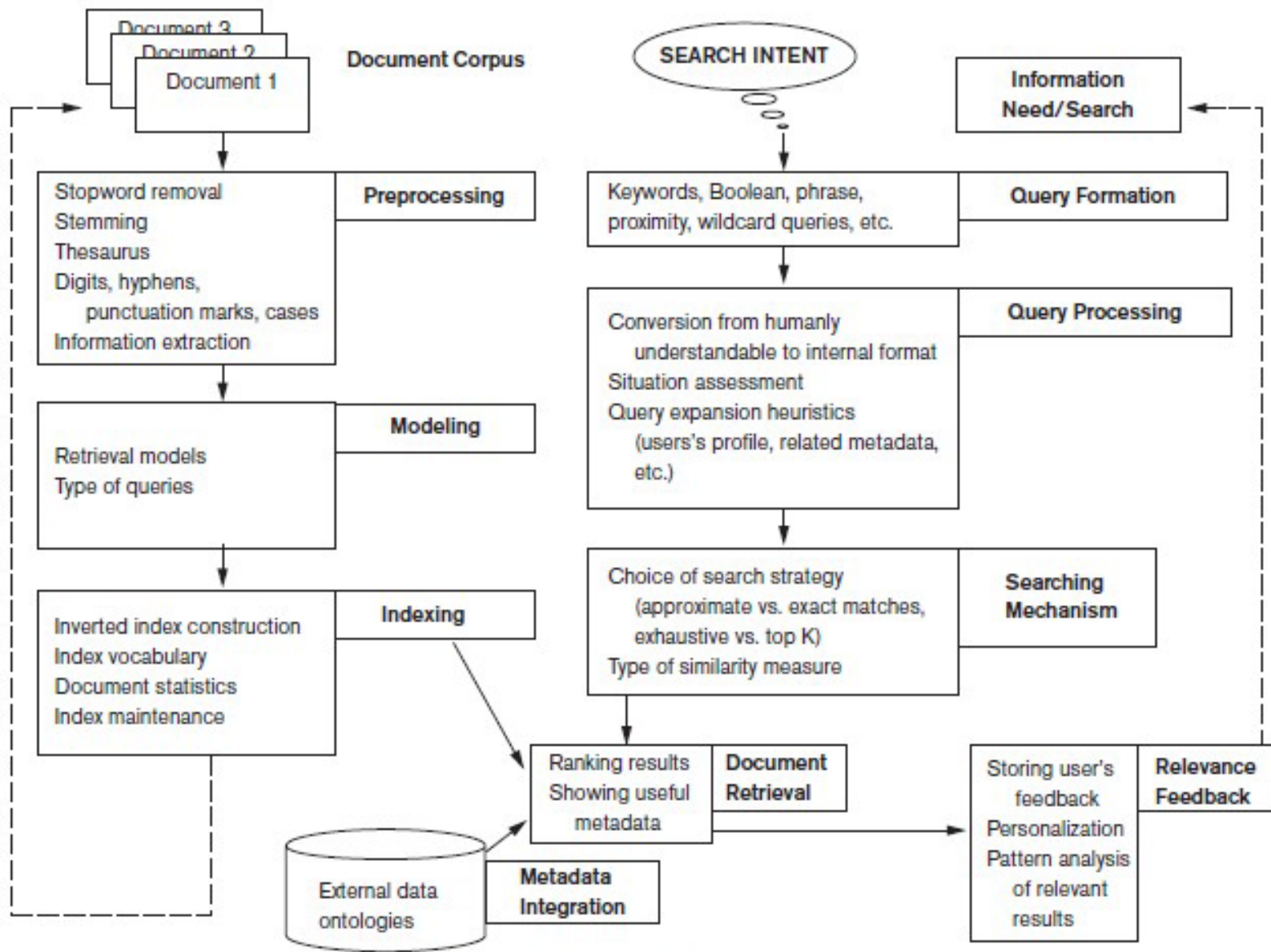


Figure 27.1 Generic IR framework

# 27.4 Text Preprocessing

- Stopword removal must be performed before indexing
- Stopwords
  - Words that are expected to occur in 80% or more of the documents of a collection
    - Examples: the, of, to, a, and, said, for, that
    - Do not contribute much to relevance
- Queries preprocessed for stopwords removal before retrieval process
  - *Many search engines do not remove stopwords*



# Text Preprocessing (cont'd.)

## ■ Stemming

- Trims suffix and prefix
- Reduces the different forms of the word to a **common stem**
- Martin **Porter's** stemming algorithm

## ■ Utilizing a thesaurus

- Important concepts and main words that describe each concept for a particular **knowledge domain**
- Collection of **synonyms**
- UMLS

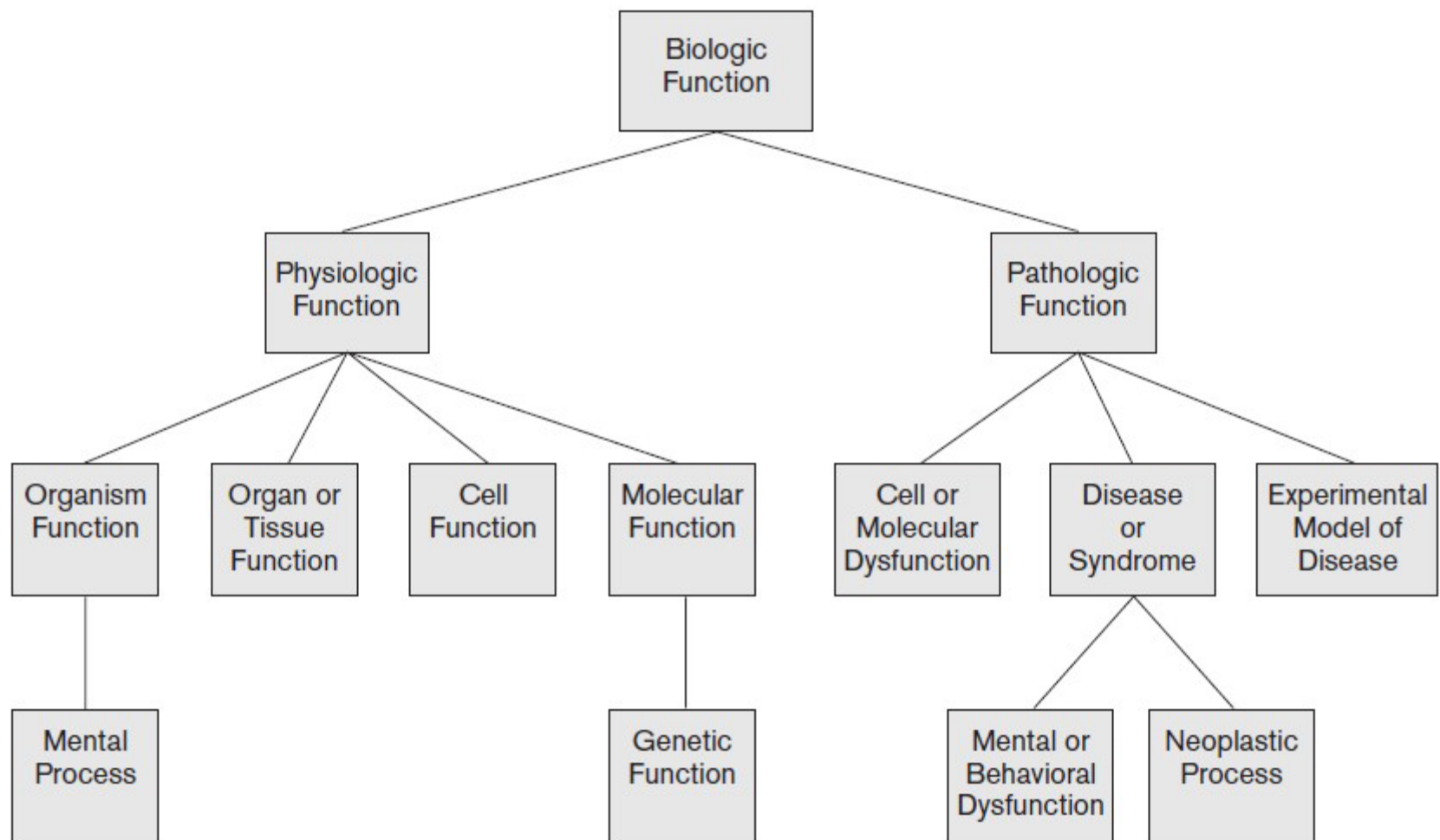


Figure 27.3 A portion of the UMLS Semantic Network: "Biologic Function" Hierarchy  
*Source:* UMLS Reference Manual, National Library of **Medicine**

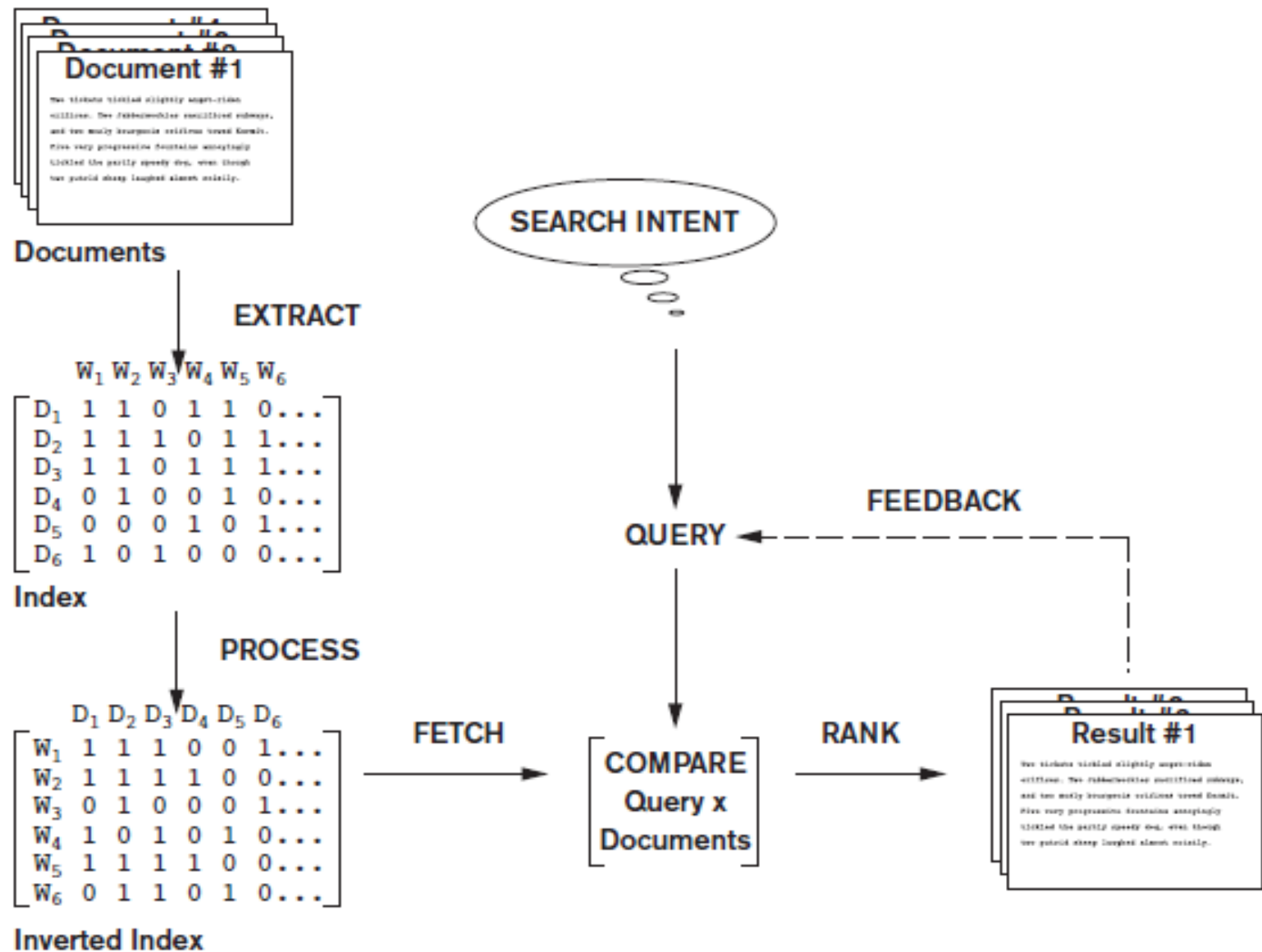
# Text Preprocessing (cont'd.)

- Other preprocessing steps
  - Digits
    - May or may not be removed during preprocessing
  - Hyphens and punctuation marks
    - Handled in different ways
  - Cases
    - Most search engines use **case-insensitive** search
- Information extraction tasks
  - Identifying noun phrases, facts, events, people, places, and relationships.

# Inverted Indexing

# 27.5 Inverted Indexing

- ❑ Inverted index structure
- Vocabulary information
  - Set of **distinct query terms** in the document set
- Document information: **term frequency**
- **Inverted index**: Data structure that attaches distinct terms with a list of all documents that contain the term



**Figure 27.2 Simplified IR process pipeline**

# Inverted Indexing (cont'd.)

- Construction of an inverted index
  - Break documents into vocabulary terms
    - Tokenizing, removing stopwords, stemming, and/or using a thesaurus
  - Collect document statistics
    - Store statistics in **document lookup** table
  - Invert the document-term stream into a term-document stream
    - Add additional information such as term frequencies, term positions, and term weights

### Document 1

This example shows an example of an inverted index.

### Document 2

Inverted index is a data structure for associating terms to documents.

### Document 3

Stock market index is used for capturing the sentiments of the financial market.

ID	Term	Document: position
1.	example	1:2, 1:5
2.	inverted	1:8, 2:1
3.	index	1:9, 2:2, 3:3
4.	market	3:2, 3:13

Figure 27.4 Example of an inverted index



# Inverted Indexing (cont'd.)

- Searching for relevant documents from an inverted index
  - Vocabulary search
  - Document information retrieval
  - Manipulation of retrieved information

# Introduction to Lucene

- Lucene: open source indexing/search engine
  - Indexing is primary focus
- Document composed of set of fields
  - Chunks of untokenized text
  - Series of processed lexical units called **token streams**
    - Created by tokenization and filtering algorithms
- Highly-configurable search API
- Ease of indexing large, unstructured document collections

# Evaluation Measures of Search Relevance

# 27.6 Evaluation Measures of Search Relevance

- Topical relevance
  - Measures **result topic** match to **query topic**
- User relevance
  - Describes 'goodness' of retrieved result with regard to **user's information need**
- Web information retrieval
  - No binary classification made for **relevance** or **nonrelevance**
  - **Ranking** of documents

# Evaluation Measures of Search Relevance (cont'd.)

## ■ Recall

- Number of relevant documents retrieved by a search divided by the **total number of actually relevant** documents existing in the database

## ■ Precision

- Number of relevant documents retrieved by a search divided by **total number of documents** retrieved by that search

# Retrieved Versus Relevant Search Results

- TP: true positive
- FP: false positive
- TN: true negative
- FN: false negative





		Relevant?	
		Yes	No
Retrieved?	Yes	 Hits TP	 False Alarms FP
	No	Misses FN 	Correct Rejections TN 

Figure 27.5 Retrieved versus relevant search results

# Information retrieval system evaluation

- ❖ The standard approach to information retrieval system evaluation revolves around the notion of *relevant* and *non-relevant* documents.
- *Precision* ( $P$ ) is the fraction of retrieved documents that are relevant.
- *Recall* ( $R$ ) is the fraction of relevant documents that are retrieved.

# Precision and recall

- Precision (P) is the fraction of retrieved documents that are relevant.

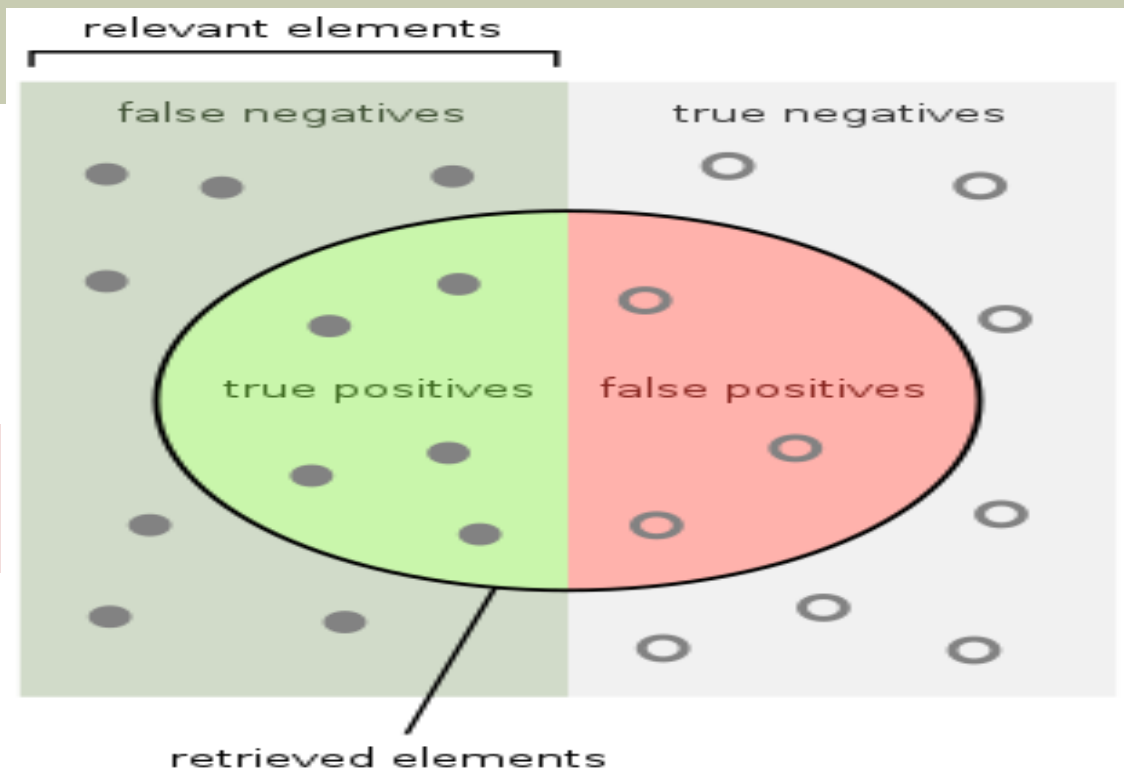
$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\#(\text{relevant items retrieved})}{\#(\text{retrieved items})} = P(\text{relevant}|\text{retrieved})$$

- Recall (R) is the fraction of relevant documents that are Retrieved.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\#(\text{relevant items retrieved})}{\#(\text{relevant items})} = P(\text{retrieved}|\text{relevant})$$



Positive=retrieved  
Negative=Not Retrieved



How many retrieved items are relevant?

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false positives}}$$

How many relevant items are retrieved?

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false negatives}}$$

# Precision and recall

## THE TRUTH

	Relevant	Not Relevant
Retrieved	true positives (TP)	false positives (FP)
Not retrieved	false negatives (FN)	true negatives (TN)

$$P = \frac{TP}{(TP + FP)}$$

$$R = \frac{TP}{(TP + FN)}$$

# Evaluation Measures of Search Relevance (cont'd.)

- Recall can be increased by presenting more results to the user
  - May decrease the precision

Doc. No.	Rank Position $i$	Relevant	Precision( $i$ )	Recall( $i$ )
10	1	Yes	$1/1 = 100\%$	$1/10 = 10\%$
2	2	Yes	$2/2 = 100\%$	$2/10 = 20\%$
3	3	Yes	$3/3 = 100\%$	$3/10 = 30\%$
5	4	No	$3/4 = 75\%$	$3/10 = 30\%$
17	5	No	$3/5 = 60\%$	$3/10 = 30\%$
34	6	No	$3/6 = 50\%$	$3/10 = 30\%$
215	7	Yes	$4/7 = 57.1\%$	$4/10 = 40\%$
33	8	Yes	$5/8 = 62.5\%$	$5/10 = 50\%$
45	9	No	$5/9 = 55.5\%$	$5/10 = 50\%$
16	10	Yes	$6/10 = 60\%$	$6/10 = 60\%$

Table 27.2 Precision and recall for ranked retrieval

# Evaluation Measures of Search Relevance (cont'd.)

- Average precision
  - Computed based on the precision at each relevant document in the ranking
- Recall/precision curve
  - Based on the recall and precision values at each rank position
    - $x$ -axis is recall and  $y$ -axis is precision
- F-score
  - Harmonic mean of the precision ( $p$ ) and recall ( $r$ ) values

*Thank You!*

**Any questions?** 