Programming Assignment 3

(Team 3)

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1. Scores Table

| Search | Inc.ltn | bnn.bnn | anc.apc | LuceneDefault |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| map | 0.5607 | 0.5419 | 0.5382 | 0.6016 |
| Rprec | 0.5689 | 0.5358 | 0.5517 | 0.5966 |
| ndcg_cut_20 | 0.728 | 0.7168 | 0.7047 | 0.7696 |

As is shown, the Inc.Itn ndcg20 performed the highest. With LNC.LTN also having the highest non-default score. BNN performed better than anc.apc in the instance of Map but not on Rprecision.

| S.E. | LNC | BNN | ANC |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Map | 0.017501 | 0.017837 | 0.017145 |
| Rprec | 0.016351 | 0.016931 | 0.015958 |
| NDCG20 | 0.018124 | 0.016334 | 0.015494 |

These answers are statistically significant based on the standard error calculations performed. With that said, in all cases these methods underperformed the Lucene default.

2. SpearMan coefficient (LNC) = 0.8365662285737226

SpearMan coefficient (BNN) = 0.05846498804551581

SpearMan coefficient (ANC) = 0.5868918476402237

LNC appears to be the most strongly correlated.

SectionPath

| Search | Inc.ltn | bnn.bnn | anc.apc | LuceneDefault |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| map | 0.5375 | 0.474 | 0.5096 | 0.5669 |

| Rprec | 0.5471 | 0.4876 | 0.5216 | 0.5634 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ndcg cut 20 | 0.6949 | 0.6589 | 0.6714 | 0.7057 |

The approach followed for section queries was to process into our individual query, each of the values. We removed all special characters from the sections and concatenated them. The idea behind this being we would improve our TF-IDF scoring by increasing our knowledge of what items occurred frequently in the query.