

Answer 4(b)

Now we have to estimate the size of the search engine's indexed corpus.

$$\text{Frequency (a,b,c)} = (\text{frequency(a)} * \text{frequency (b)} * \text{frequency(c)}) / N^2 \text{ -----(1)}$$

First Query: "Time heals everything"

Let find the N, which is the number of documents in the collections

Frequency (Time heals everything) => it is the estimate size of the result set.

Frequency (Time), Frequency (heals), Frequency (everything) are the number of documents that terms "Time", "heals" and "everything" occur in

N is the Number of documents in the collections

$$\text{Frequency (Time heals everything)} \Rightarrow 10,900,000$$

$$\text{Frequency (Time)} \Rightarrow 3,180,000,000$$

$$\text{Frequency (heals)} \Rightarrow 10,600,000$$

$$\text{Frequency (everything)} \Rightarrow 190,000,000$$

By putting the above values in equation (1) we get the N

$$N^2 = (3,180,000,000 * 10,600,000 * 190,000,000) / 10,900,000$$

$$N = 766,531,566 \text{ -----(2)}$$

First Query: "Death before dishonor"

Let find the N, which is the number of documents in the collections

Frequency (Death before dishonor) => it is the estimate size of the result set.

Frequency (Death), Frequency (before), Frequency (dishonor) are the number of documents that terms "Death", "before" and "dishonor" occur in

N is the Number of documents in the collections

$$\text{Frequency (Death before dishonor)} \Rightarrow 664,000$$

$$\text{Frequency (Death)} \Rightarrow 315,000,000$$

$$\text{Frequency (before)} \Rightarrow 407,000,000$$

$$\text{Frequency (dishonor)} \Rightarrow 2,204,000$$

By putting the above values in equation (1) we get the N

$$N^2 = (315,000,000 * 407,000,000 * 2,204,000) / 664,000$$

$$N = 652,340,341 \text{ -----(3)}$$

After comparing (2) and (3) we can estimate that the corpus size lies nearby the range of 600,000,000 to 800,000,000