CMPSCI 546 (590R) Applied Information Retrieval

Evidence Combination

Inference Network Operators

$$bel_{not}(q) = 1 - p_1$$

$$bel_{or}(q) = 1 - \prod_{i}^{n} (1 - p_i)$$

$$bel_{and}(q) = \prod_{i}^{n} p_i$$

$$bel_{wand}(q) = \prod_{i}^{n} p_i^{wt_i}$$

$$bel_{max}(q) = max\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$$

$$bel_{sum}(q) = \frac{\sum_{i}^{n} p_i}{n}$$

$$bel_{wsum}(q) = \frac{\sum_{i}^{n} wt_i p_i}{\sum_{i}^{n} wt_i}$$

Operators

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#filter-require(proximity expression any query)
#filter-reject(proximity expression any query)
#boolean and(proximity expression+)
where:
proximity expression => term | ordered window |
                        unordered window | boolean and
any query => one of the belief combination operators
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