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Installation Notes

Part 1 run instructions

Download the TREC Complex Answer Retrieval “test200” dataset from <http://trec-car.cs.unh.edu/> and unpack and place it into src/main/java/data

To run Maven build

mvn clean install

*Compile

mvn clean compile assembly:single

NOTE: You can specify an index as a command line argument but if you don't it will be written to the default directory. Default index: src/main/java/index

*How to run the indexer:

java -Xmx50g -cp target/IR_program2-0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar lucene.Indexer

NOTE: First command line argument is path to index, second is path to input file, if no arguments it will use default index: src/main/java/index and the file:

train.pages.cbor-outlines.cbor. The output files can be found in src/main/java/output

*How to run the searcher:

java -Xmx50g -cp target/IR_program2-0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar lucene.SearchFiles

Part 2 run instructions

1. Put the Trec_eval 9.0 version tool in the base directory of the project.
2. Cd trec_eval.90
3. Compile the program using make
4. Run the command:

./trec_eval -m Rprec -m map -m ndcg_cut

../src/main/java/data/test200/test200-train/train.pages.cbor-article.qrels

../src/main/java/output/DefaultRankingOutput.txt

5. And:

./trec_eval -m Rprec -m map -m ndcg_cut

../src/main/java/data/test200/test200-train/train.pages.cbor-article.qrels

../src/main/java/output/CustomRankingOutput.txt

*Note ndcg_20 would not work so this prints out all ndcg values!

Part 3

*To run the Precision at R file run:

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java -Xmx50g -cp target/IR_program2-0.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar lucene.PrecisionatR
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Output:

Custom Rank Output Precision at R: 0.5260762

Default Rank Output Precision at R: 0.5963763

*Our result is .0003 off from the trec_eval score. After hours of evaluating our precision at R we came to the conclusion it must be a rounding difference.

Part 6:

Default-

map	all	0.6016
Rprec	all	0.5966
ndcg_cut_20	all	0.7696

Custom-

map	all	0.5095
Rprec	all	0.5257
ndcg_cut_20	all	0.6740

The graph comparing the two ranking functions is bellow. We created a program that crunched the mean and standard deviation for each function and query. We put that data into an excel file and then created the bar graph from their. As seen in the table on the next page the default ranking algorithm is consistently higher than the custom. This difference is significant because the standard deviations do not overlap, the default ranking is entirely above ours. The default ranking definitely performs better.

