

## Overview

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You are working in a team of software engineers, data scientists, developers and yourself. The team is dedicated to push the boundaries in the area of information retrieval, but needs help with obtaining a baseline to compare their results against. You have been assigned to implement this baseline method.

## Baseline method

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A popular task in information retrieval is to find a document  $d$  in a collection of documents  $D$  (known as a 'corpus') that is most relevant to a query string  $s$ .

A basic problem in retrieval is to measure how relevant a word is to a document in a corpus. The following sections describe one possible such measure, given a word  $w$  and a document  $d$  in a corpus  $D$ .

### Word Importance ( $wi$ )

This value measures how important a word is in a document. While there are a number of ways in practice to calculate the word importance, for the purposes of this project, assume the importance of a word  $w$  in a document  $d$  is given by:

$$wi(w, d) = \frac{f_{w,d}}{M}$$

where:

- $f_{w,d}$  is the frequency of  $w$  in  $d$
- $M$  is the total number of words in  $d$

### Generality Discount ( $gd$ )

Some words occur in natural language much more frequently than others. For example, the word 'is' will occur much more frequently than the word 'magical'. The  $gd$  value seeks to inversely weigh a word based on how frequently it occurs in a corpus. For this project, the  $gd$  value of a word  $w$  in a corpus  $D$  is given as follows.

$$gd(w, D) = \log \frac{N}{n}$$

where:

- $N$  is the number of documents in the corpus
- $n$  is the number of documents that contain  $w$

### Word Relevance ( $wr$ )

After calculating the word importance and generality discount, the word relevance value is calculated as the element-wise matrix multiplication of the  $wi$  and  $gd$  values.

$$wr(w, d, D) = wi(w, d) \bullet gd(w, D)$$

### Example

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Consider the following table, which lists the counts of some words in a corpus consisting of 3 documents.

Word / Counts	Document 1	Document 2	Document 3
This	10	12	5
is	8	5	4
dog	2	3	0
magical	0	0	1

The total words in each document are:

Document 1	Document 2	Document 3
200	400	25

Given the above corpus and a search string "This is magical", the  $wr$  calculations for document 1 are as follows.

Term	$wi(w, d_1)$	$gd(w, D)$	$wr(w, d_1)$
"this"	$\frac{10}{200} = 0.05$	$\log \frac{3}{3} = 0$	$0.05 \bullet 0 = 0$
"is"	$\frac{8}{200} = 0.04$	$\log \frac{3}{3} = 0$	$0.04 \bullet 0 = 0$
"magical"	$\frac{0}{200} = 0$	$\log \frac{3}{1} = 0.477$	$0 \bullet 0.477 = 0$

## The Challenge

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Given the following query strings and the 20 documents included under the "documents" directory, design and implement a system to calculate the  $w_r$  values. You must use *Python* and you may use any Python library you prefer.

### Query Strings

1. "tennis match"
2. "88 thousand people!"
3. "the plastic container; see <img src='drawing.jpg' alt=''>"

### Hints

- Only plain text, alpha-numeric characters are useful for analysis. You may filter out any punctuation or markup.
- If you think there is information missing, you may use any resource (except enlisting the help of others) and your own judgement to make assumptions about the problem.
- Please document your assumptions and design decisions. We will discuss these during the in-person interview.

## Deliverables

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1. For each of the query strings above, print the  $w_r$  values into a text file called **Results.txt**.
2. At the very least, you must give implementations for functions to calculate the  $w_i$ ,  $g_d$  and  $w_r$  values.
3. Package your solution along with the results into a file called **SCFHS\_DS\_<your\_name>.zip**.
4. **Important:** The deliverable code should be one or multiple files (modular code) in .py format.
5. **Bonus:** Generate setup and execution instructions for the research team. Name this file **README.<extension>** (you may use any file format you prefer).