Statistics



□ Registrations: 28 teams

Nicknames: Real or fictional fencers / swordsmen (e.g., Zorro)

Submissions: 17 participating teams

Approaches: 41 valid runs were evaluated

Baselines: DirichletLM and BM25F-based ChatNoir [chatnoir.eu]

Evaluation: 7,045 manual relevance judgments (nDCG@5)



Summary



- Platform for argument retrieval researchers
- Argument relevance / quality corpora
- Tools for submission and evaluation
- "Simple" argumentation-agnostic baselines perform well
- □ "Best" so far: query expansion, argument quality, comparative features

Bondarenko et al. Overview of Touché 2020: Argument Retrieval [https://webis.de/publications.html?q=stein2020v]

Outlook Touché 2021



- □ 50 search topics more
- Deeper judgment pools
- This year's topics and judgments available for training
- Evaluate argument quality dimensions:
 e.g., well-written, logically cogent, good support [Wachsmuth, et al. 2017]

Related Publications



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