

This assignment was completed in stages.

### Stage 1: Building Inverted Index

Here for each document, I traversed through all the words in it. The information regarding the words traversed was stored in a data structure which had the following format:

```
{
{word1 --> (docId, count), (docId,count) ...},
{word2 --> (docId, count), (docId,count) ...}
}
```

There were a few cases that I needed to consider while traversing through words

case1: If the word was not found before.

case2: If the same word was found more than once in the same document.

case3: If the same word was found more than once but in different documents.

I also maintained a dict for storing (docId, noOfWordsInDocuments), which is used in calculating the value of K in the second half of the assignment.

I stored the index in the file in the following format:

```
# word
docId count docId count
```

This made my job of building the index for the second part of the assignment easier.

### Stage 2: Calculating BM25 Score

I rebuilt the index again for this part from index.out. After the index was built I calculated the BM25 score using the following formula:

$$\log \left( \frac{N - n_i + 0.5}{n_i + 0.5} \right) * \left\{ \left( \frac{k_1 + 1}{k_1 + 1} \right) * f_i * \left( \frac{k_2 + 1}{k_2 + 1} \right) * q_{fi} \right\} / \left( K + f_i \right) * \left( \frac{k_2 + 1}{k_2 + 1} \right)$$

I updated the formula from the original one, since we know that  $R$  and  $r = 0$

Here,

$N$  = no of documents

$n_i$  = no of documents which contain term  $i$

$k_1 = 1.2$

$f_i$  = no of time term  $i$  occurs in the document we are considering

$k_2 = 100$

qfi = no of times term 1 occurs in the query  
$$K = k1 * ( ( 1 - b ) + ( b * \text{float}( dl ) / \text{avdl} ) )$$
$$b = 0.75$$
dl = length of document, obtainable from the second data structure  
maintained as per the first part of the assignment.  
avdl = average length of the documents in the corpus.