

CS 589 Fall 2020

Probability ranking principle

Probabilistic retrieval models

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Recap of last lecture

- The boolean retrieval system
- Vector-space model
 - TF: representing documents/queries with a term-document matrix
- Rescaling methods:
 - IDF: penalizing words which appears everywhere
 - Term frequency rescaling (logarithmic, max normalization)
 - Pivoted length normalization

Question from last lecture

- Between the two term-frequency rescaling methods, which one works better? Max normalization or logarithmic?

Max TF
normalization

$$tf(w, d) = \alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{count(w, d)}{\max_v count(v, d)}$$

- Max TF is unstable:**
 - max TF in a document vary with change of stop words set
 - When max TF in document d is an outlier, the normalization is incomparable with other documents
 - Does not work well with documents with different TF distribution

Today's lecture

- Basic statistics knowledge
 - Random variables, Bayes rules, maximum likelihood estimation
- Probabilistic ranking principle
- Probability retrieval models
 - Robertson & Spark Jones model (RSJ model)
 - BM25 model
 - Language model based retrieval model

Quiz from last lecture

- Suppose we have one query and two documents:
 - $q = \text{"covid 19"}$
 - $\text{doc1} = \text{"covid patient"}$
 - $\text{doc2} = \text{"19 99 car wash"}$
 - $\text{doc3} = \text{"19 street covid testing facility is reopened next week"}$
- What are the rankings of $\text{score}(q, \text{doc})$ using VS model (w/o IDF)?
 - A. $\text{doc1} > \text{doc2} > \text{doc3}$
 - B. $\text{doc1} = \text{doc3} > \text{doc2}$
 - C. $\text{doc1} > \text{doc3} > \text{doc2}$
 - D. $\text{doc3} > \text{doc1} > \text{doc2}$

Answer

- Recall the VS model:

$$score(q, d) = \frac{q \cdot d}{\|q\| \cdot \|d\|}$$

- $q = \text{"covid 19"}$
- $doc1 = \text{"covid patient"}$
- $doc2 = \text{"19 99 car wash"}$
- $doc3 = \text{"19 street covid testing facility is reopen next week"}$
- $score(q, doc1) = 1/\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{2} = 0.4999$, $score(q, doc2) = 1/\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{4} = 0.3535$, $score(q, doc3) = 2/\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{9} = 0.4714$
- Therefore the answer is C: $doc1 > doc3 > doc2$

Random variables

- Random variables



sequence $\neq 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0$

$$p(\text{up}) = \alpha, p(\text{down}) = 1 - \alpha$$

Observation

α : **parameter**

$$p(\text{sequence}) = \alpha \times (1 - \alpha) \cdots \times (1 - \alpha) \times (1 - \alpha)$$

$$= \alpha^{\#\text{up}} \times (1 - \alpha)^{\#\text{down}}$$

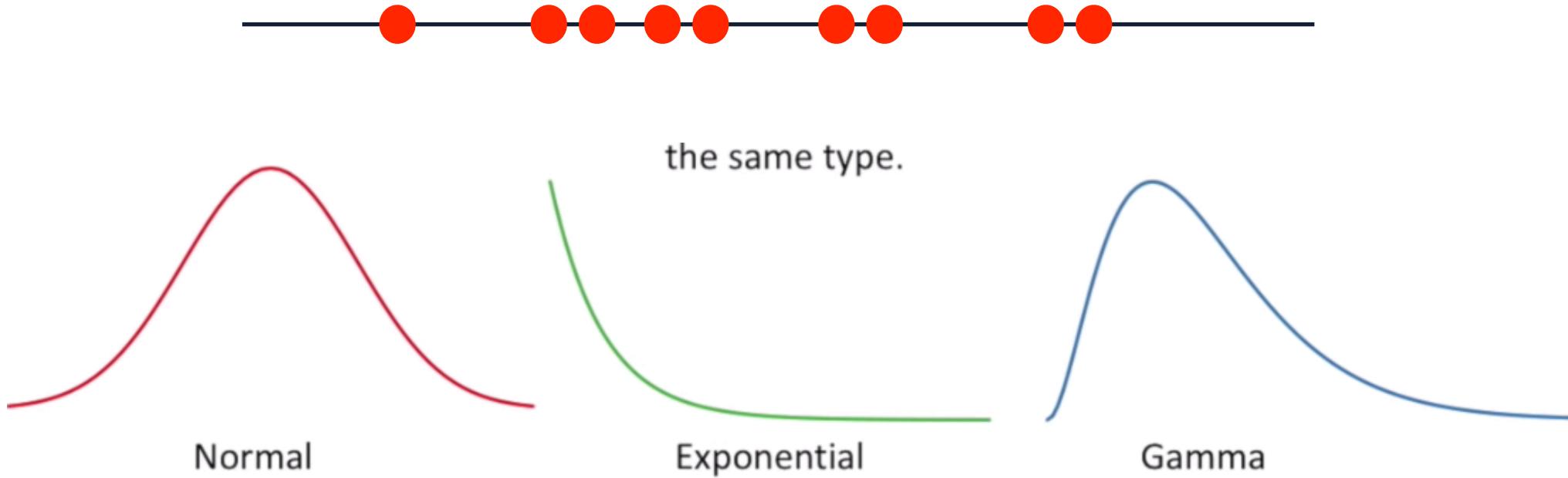
$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\#\text{up}}{\#\text{up} + \#\text{down}}$$

Bernoulli distribution

Maximum likelihood estimation

Maximum likelihood estimation

- Fitting a distribution model to the data
 - Assumes mouse weights follow an underlying distribution



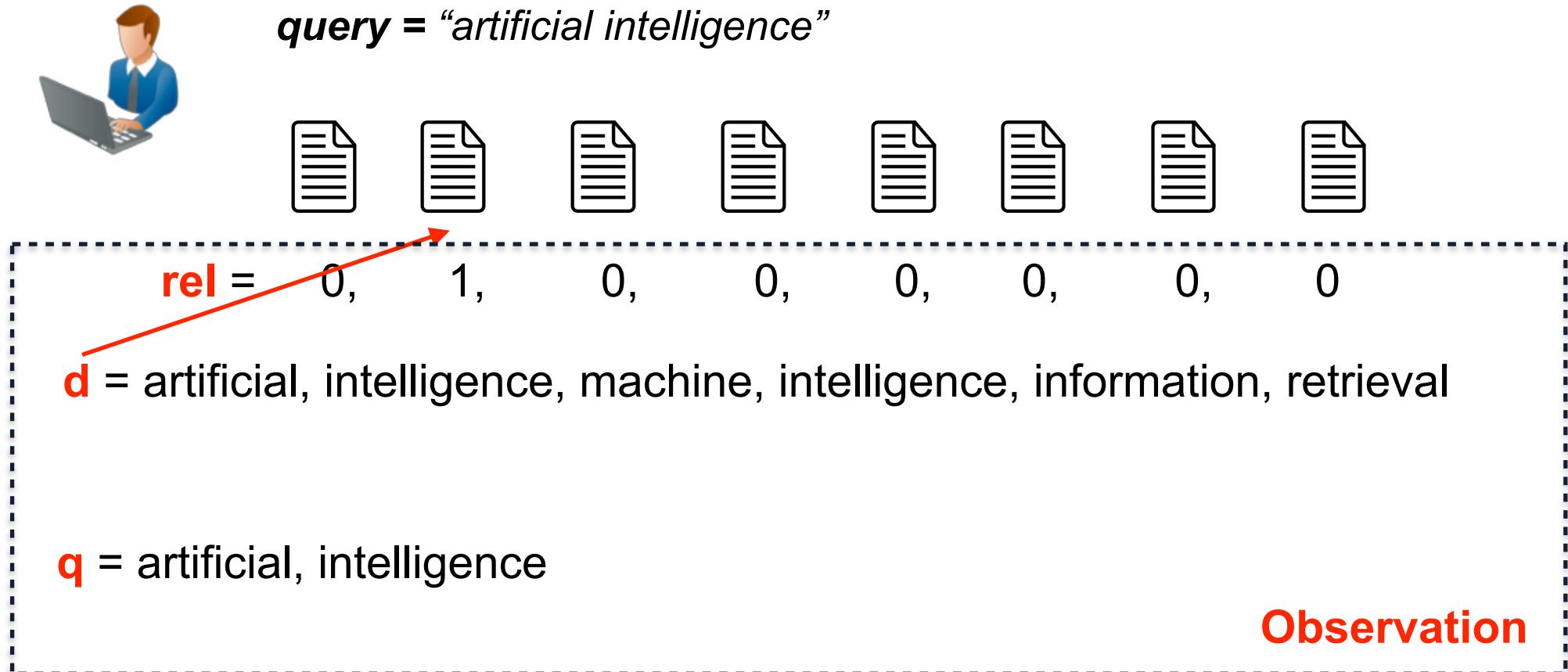
Maximum likelihood estimation

- Fitting a distribution to the data
 - Distributions of mouse weights



- Applications
 - Making estimations for probabilities for future events to happen
 - For example, predicting the probability for a document to be relevant to a query, and rank all documents by their estimated relevance score

Random variables in information retrieval



Notations: in future slides, q denotes the query, d denotes the document, rel denotes the relevance judgment

Probabilistic graphical model (underlying distribution)



parameter

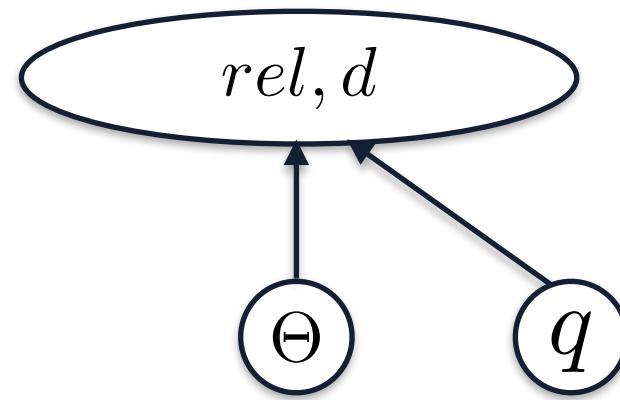
α

distribution

Bernoulli

parameter estimation

$$\alpha = \frac{\#up}{\#up + \#down}$$



Θ

Multinomial-Dirichlet, 2-Poisson, etc.

maximum likelihood estimation
maximum a posterior estimation

Bayes' rules

Chain rule: joint distribution

$$P(A, B) = P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B) = P(B|A)P(A)$$

Bayes' rule:

posterior likelihood prior

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \left[\frac{P(B|A)}{\sum_{X \in \{A, \bar{A}\}} P(B|X)P(X)} \right] P(A)$$

$$\boxed{P(A|B) \propto P(B|A)P(A)}$$
$$\sum_A P(A|B) = 1$$

skipping estimating $P(B)$

trick for estimating the posterior

Probability ranking principle

- Assume documents are labelled by 0/1 labels (i.e., the relevance judgement is either 0 or 1), given query q , documents should be ranked on their probabilities of relevance (*van Rijsbergen 1979*):

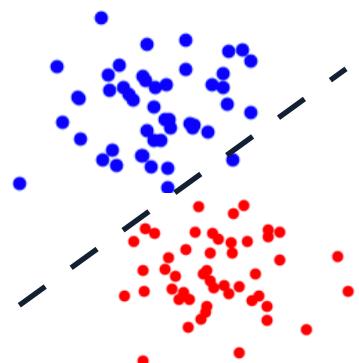
PRP: rank documents by $p(\text{rel} = 1|q, d)$

- **Theorem.** *The PRP is optimal, in the sense that it minimizes the expected loss (Ripley 1996)*

Notations: *in future slides, q denotes the query, d denotes the document, rel denotes the relevance judgment*

Estimating $p(\text{rel} = 1|q, d)$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{rel} = 1|q, d) &= \frac{p(\text{rel} = 1, q, d)}{p(q, d)} \\ &= \frac{\text{count}(\text{rel} = 1, q, d)}{\text{count}(q, d)} \end{aligned}$$

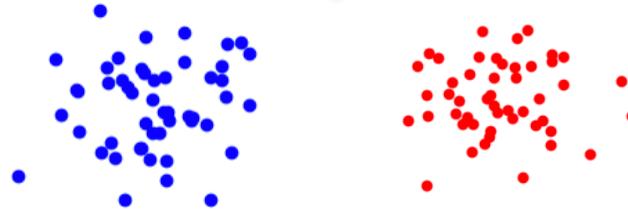
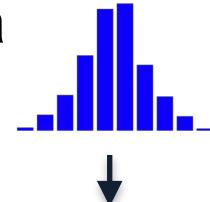


discriminative model

$$p(\text{rel} = 1|q, d) \propto p(d|\text{rel} = 1, q)p(\text{rel} = 1)$$

Problems with this estimation?

1. not enough **generative model**
2. cannot a new q



generative model

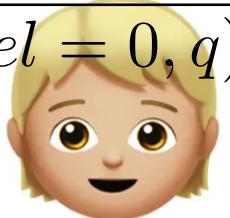
Estimating $p(rel = 1|q, d)$

$$p(rel = 1|q, d) \propto p(d|rel = 1, q)p(rel = 1)$$

Problems with this estimation

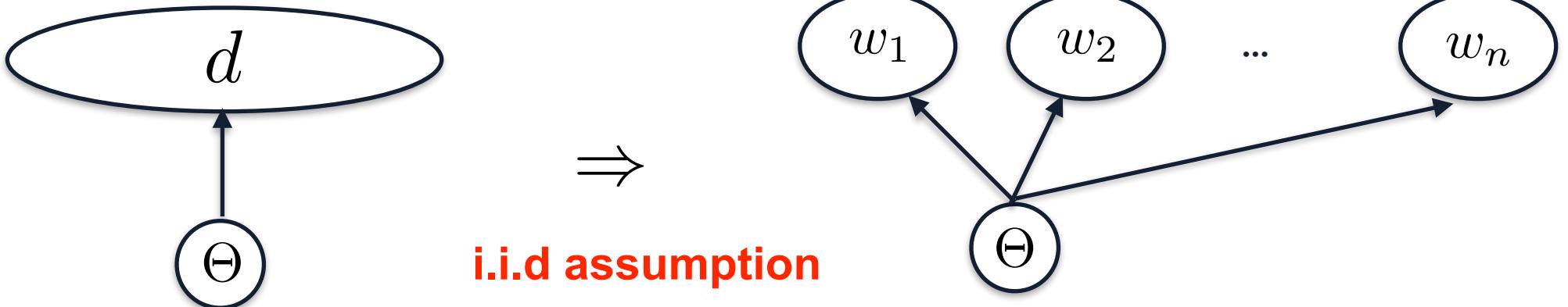
$$\begin{aligned} O(rel = 1|q, d) &= \frac{p(rel = 1|q, d)}{p(rel = 0|q, d)} \\ &= \frac{p(d|rel = 1, q)p(rel = 1)}{p(d|rel = 0, q)p(rel = 0)} \end{aligned}$$

↑
odds



agree on the relative order

Estimating the generative model $p(d|rel = 1, q)$



$$p(d|rel = 1, q) = \prod_i p(w_i|rel = 1, q)$$

$$O(rel = 1|q, d) = \prod_i \frac{p(w_i|rel = 1, q)}{p(w_i|rel = 0, q)} \times \frac{p(rel = 1)}{p(rel = 0)}$$

$$\stackrel{rank}{=} \prod_{w_i=1} \frac{\alpha_i}{\beta_i} \times \prod_{w_i=0} \frac{(1 - \alpha_i)}{(1 - \beta_i)} \quad (1)$$

$$\stackrel{rank}{=} \prod_{w_i=1} \frac{\alpha_i}{\beta_i} \times \prod_{w_i=1} \frac{(1 - \beta_i)}{(1 - \alpha_i)} \times const \quad (2)$$

$$= \prod_{w_i=1} \frac{\alpha_i(1 - \beta_i)}{\beta_i(1 - \alpha_i)} \quad (3)$$

$$\stackrel{rank}{=} \sum_{w_i=1} \log \frac{\alpha_i(1 - \beta_i)}{\beta_i(1 - \alpha_i)} \quad (4)$$

$$\alpha_i = p(w_i = 1|rel = 1, q)$$

$$\beta_i = p(w_i = 1|rel = 0, q)$$

RSJ model

$$O(rel = 1|q, d) \stackrel{rank}{=} \sum_{w_i=1} \log \frac{\alpha_i(1 - \beta_i)}{\beta_i(1 - \alpha_i)}$$

(Robertson & Sparck Jones 76)

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i &= p(w_i = 1|q, rel = 1) \\ &= \frac{count(w_i = 1, rel = 1) + 0.5}{count(rel = 1) + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Probability for a word to appear in a relevant doc

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_i &= p(w_i = 0|q, rel = 0) \\ &= \frac{count(w_i = 0, rel = 0) + 0.5}{count(rel = 0) + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Probability for a word to appear in a non-relevant doc

RSJ model: Summary

- Uses only **binary word** occurrence (binary inference model), does not leverage TF information
 - RSJ model was designed for retrieving short text and abstract!
- Requires relevance judgment
 - No-relevance judgment version: [Croft & Harper 79]
- Performance is not as good as tuned vector-space model

How to improve RSJ based on these desiderata?

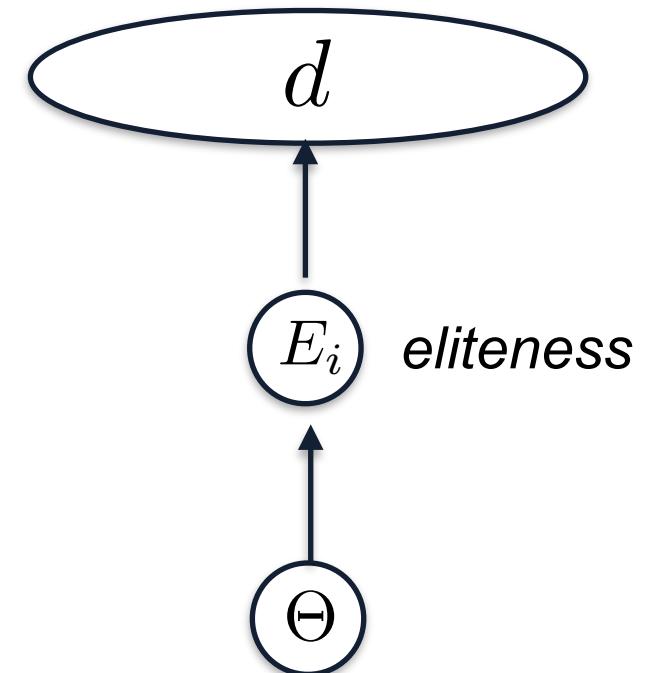
Desiderata of retrieval models

- Recall the desiderata of a retrieval models:
 - The importance of TF is sub-linear
 - Penalizing term with large document frequency using IDF
 - Pivot length normalization

How to improve RSJ based on these desiderata?

Okapi/BM25

- Estimate probability using **eliteness**
 - *What is eliteness?*
 - *A term/word is elite if the document is **about the concept denoted by the term***
 - *Eliteness is binary*
 - *Term occurrence depends on eliteness*



Okapi/BM25

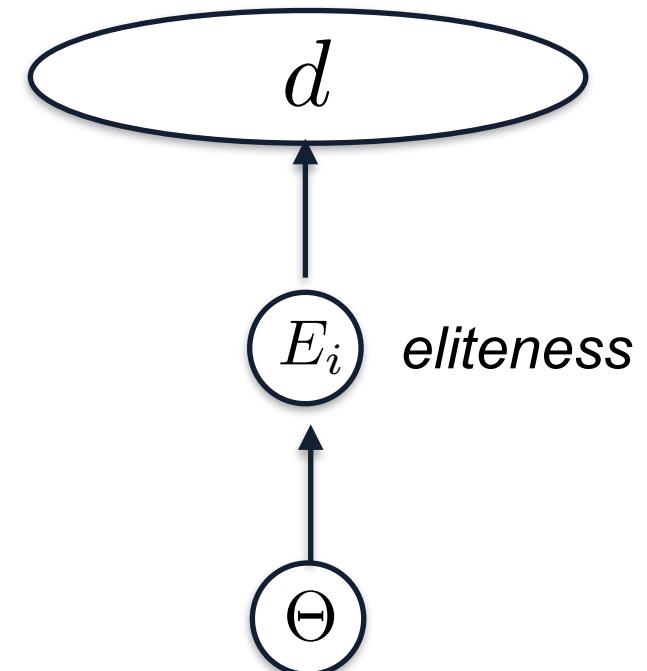
- Introduced in 1994
 - SOTA non-learning retrieval model

- $score(q, d) = \sum_{i \in q} c_i^{elite}(tf_i) \quad tf_i = tf(i, d)$

$$c_i^{elite}(tf_i) = \log \frac{p(w_i = tf_i | q, rel = 1)p(w_i = 0 | q, rel = 0)}{p(w_i = 0 | q, rel = 1)p(w_i = tf_i | q, rel = 0)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(w_i = tf_i | q, rel = 1) &= p(w_i = tf_i | E_i = 1)p(E_i = 1 | q, rel) \\ &\quad + p(w_i = tf_i | E_i = 0)p(E_i = 0 | q, rel) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \pi \frac{\lambda^{tf_i}}{tf_i!} e^{-\lambda} + (1 - \pi) \frac{\mu^{tf_i}}{tf_i!} e^{-\mu} \quad (2 \text{ Poisson model})$$

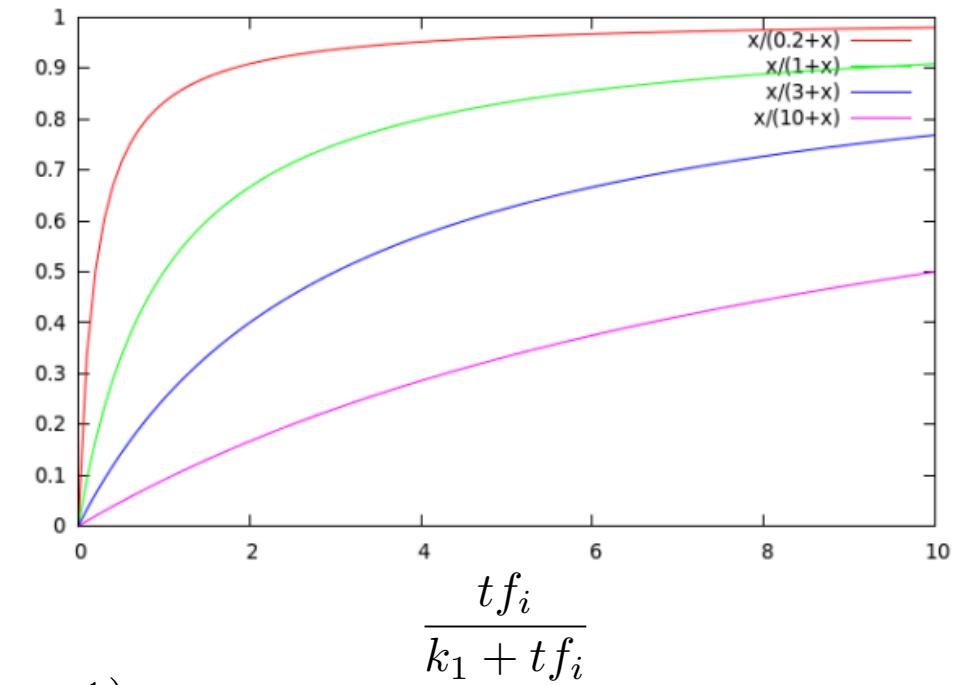
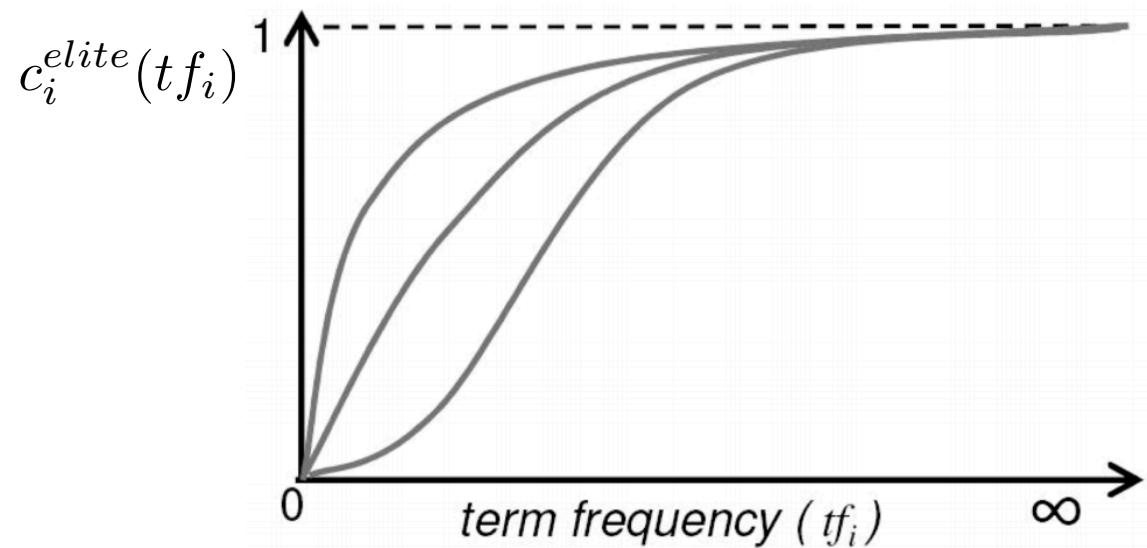


Okapi/BM25

$$p(w_i = tf_i | q, rel = 1) = \boxed{\pi \frac{\lambda^{tf_i}}{tf_i!} e^{-\lambda} + (1 - \pi) \frac{\mu^{tf_i}}{tf_i!} e^{-\mu}}$$

- We do not know λ, μ, π
- Can we estimate λ, μ, π ? Difficulty to estimate
- Designing a parameter-free model such that it simulates $p(w_i = tf_i | q, rel = 1)$

Simulating the 2-Poisson model



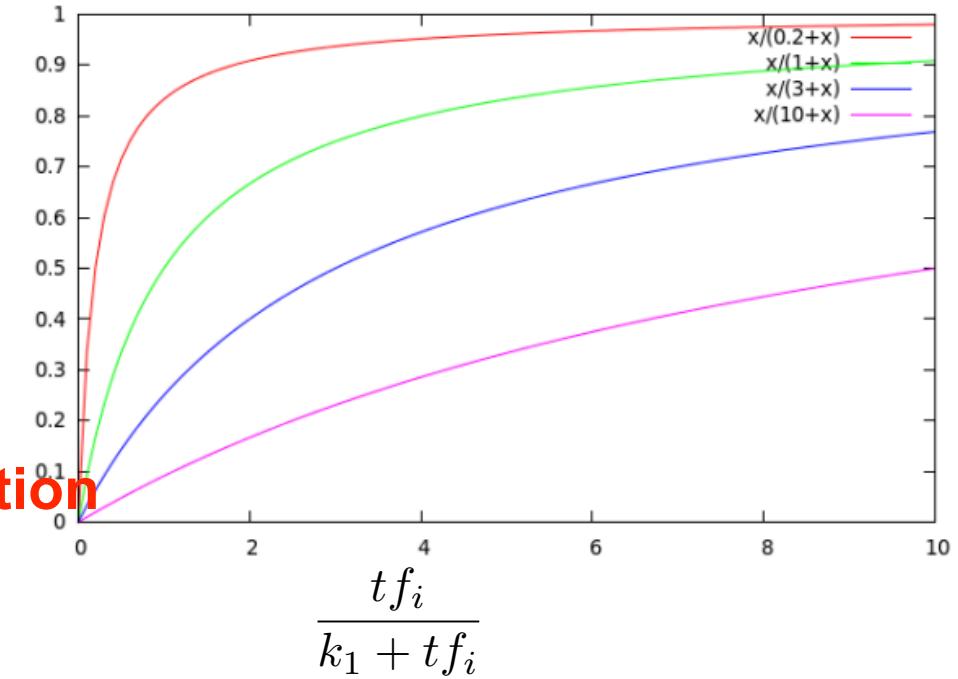
$$c_i^{BM25}(tf_i) \approx \log \frac{N}{df_i} \times \frac{tf_i(k_1 + 1)}{k_1(1 - b + b \frac{|dl|}{avgdl}) + tf_i} \quad b = 0.75, k_1 \in [1.2, 2.0]$$

Analysis of BM25 formulation

$$c_i^{BM25}(tf_i) \approx \log \frac{N}{df_i} \times \frac{tf_i(k_1 + 1)}{k_1(1 - b + b \frac{|dl|}{avgdl}) + tf_i}$$

IDF

Pivoted document length normalization



$$(1.0 - slope) + slope \times \frac{\text{old normalization}}{\text{average old normalization}}$$

$$1 - b + b \frac{|dl|}{avgdl}$$

$b = 0.75, k_1 \in [1.2, 2.0]$

Multi-field retrieval

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BM25F

$$score^{BM25F}(q, d) = \log \frac{N}{df_i} \times \frac{tf_i^F(k_1 + 1)}{k_1(1 - b + b \frac{|dl|^F}{|avgdl|^F}) + tf_i^F}$$

- Each variable is estimated as the weighted sum of its field value

$$tf_i = \sum_f \alpha_f \times tf_{i,f}$$
$$dl = \sum_f \alpha_f \times dl_f$$
$$avgdl = \sum_f \alpha_f \times avgdl_f$$

parameter estimation using grid search

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graph TD; A["tf_i = \sum_f \alpha_f * tf_{i,f}"] --> B["parameter estimation using grid search"]; B --> C["dl = \sum_f \alpha_f * dl_f"]; C --> D["avgdl = \sum_f \alpha_f * avgdl_f"];
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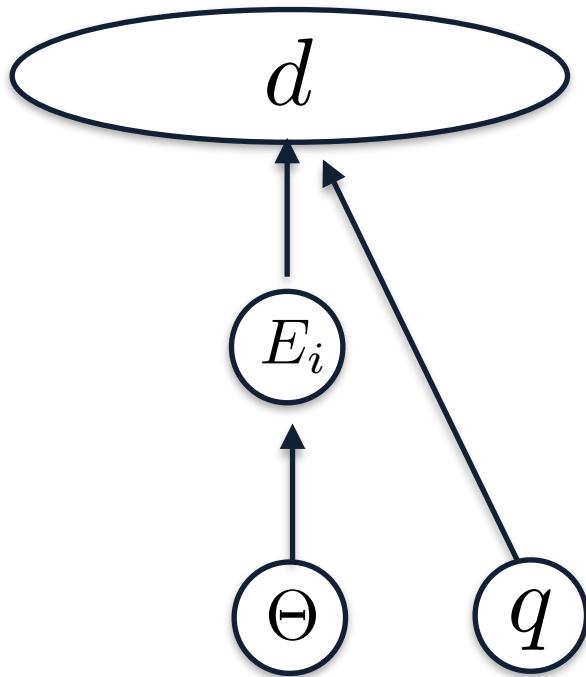
Multi-field retrieval

- BM25 outperforms TF-IDF in every field & combined

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Python, bm2, ndcg@10	0.319	0.322	0.293	0.378
Python, tfidf, ndcg@10	0.317	0.274	0.276	0.355
Java, bm2, ndcg@10	0.327	0.287	0.254	0.376
Java, tfidf, ndcg@10	0.315	0.258	0.238	0.349
Javascript, bm2, ndcg@10	0.349	0.330	0.267	0.407
Javascript, tfidf, ndcg@10	0.346	0.289	0.247	0.374

Analysis on the n-Poisson model

- **Advantage:** BM25 is based on the 2-Poisson model



eliteness: d satisfies q 's information need, when q is a **single term**

- **Disadvantages:**
 - For single term, documents will not fall cleanly into elite/non-elite set
 - For multiple term, requires a combinatorial explosion of elite set
 - Requires explicit indexing of the 'elite' words

Language model-based retrieval

- A language model-based retrieval method [Ponte and Croft, 1998]

$$score(q, d) = \log p(q|d) = \prod_{i, w_i \in q} p(w_i = 1|d) \prod_{i, w_i \notin q} (1.0 - p(w_i = 1|d))$$

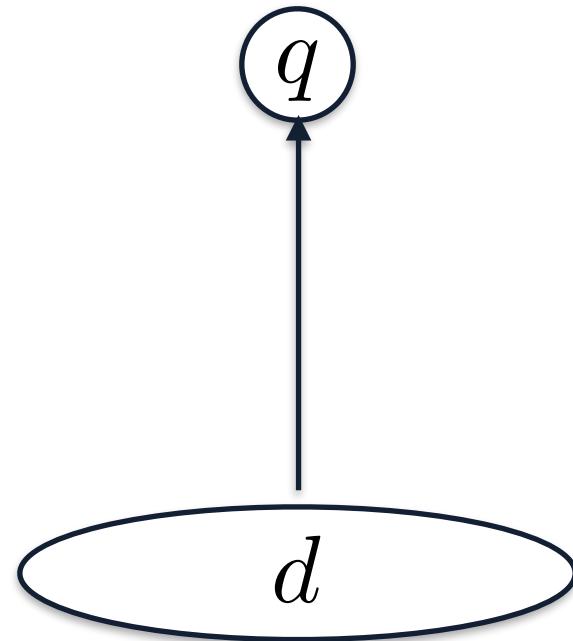
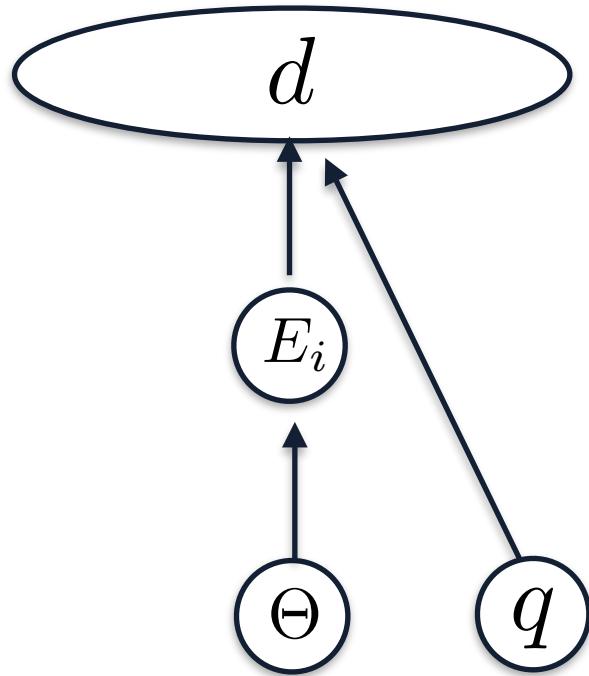
- Bernoulli \rightarrow multinomial

$$score(q, d) = \log p(q|d) = \prod_{w_i=1}^V p(w_i|d)^{c(w_i, q)}$$
$$rank \stackrel{def}{=} \sum_{w_i=1}^V c(w_i, q) \log p(w_i|d)$$
$$p(w_i|d) = \begin{cases} p_{seen}(w_i|d) & \text{if } w_i \text{ is seen in } d \\ \alpha_d p(w_i|C) & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

corpus unigram LM



Language model-based retrieval



Disclaimer: the right figure is a schematic model, not a rigorous graphical model

Language model-based retrieval

$$\log p(q|d) = \sum_{w_i}^V c(w_i, q) \log p(w|d)$$

$$= \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d} c(w_i, q) \log p_{seen}(w_i|d) + \sum_{w_i, w_i \notin d} c(w_i, q) \log \alpha_d p(w_i|C)$$

⋮ ⋮ ⋮

$$= \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d} c(w_i, q) \log \frac{p_{seen}(w_i|d)}{\alpha_d p(w_i|C)} + |q| \log \alpha_d + \sum_{w_i=1}^V c(w_i, q) \log p(w_i|C)$$

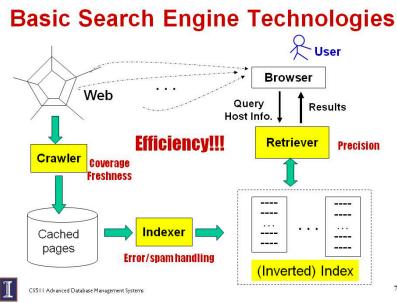
$$score^{LM}(q, d) \stackrel{rank}{=} \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d} c(w_i, q) \log \frac{p_{seen}(w_i|d)}{\alpha_d p(w_i|C)} + |q| \log \alpha_d$$

constant

efficient to compute, general formulation

Different senses of ‘model’ [Ponte and Croft, 98]

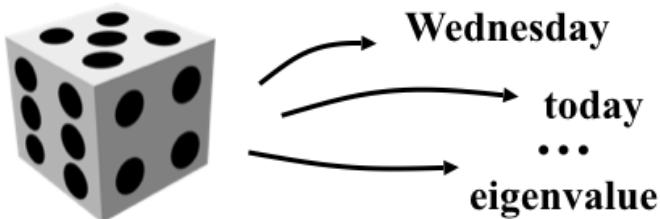
- First sense (high level): an abstraction of the retrieval task itself



- Second sense (mid level): modeling the distribution, e.g., 2-Poisson model
 - Thirds sense (low level): which **statistical language model** is used in $p_{seen}(w_i|d)$

Statistical language model

- A probability distribution over word sequences
 - $p(\text{"Today is Wednesday"}) \approx 0.001$
 - $p(\text{"Today Wednesday is"}) \approx 0.000000000001$
 - $p(\text{"The eigenvalue is positive"}) \approx 0.00001$
- Unigram language model
 - Generate text by generating each word INDEPENDENTLY
 - Thus, $p(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) = p(w_1)p(w_2)\dots p(w_n)$
 - Parameters: $\{p(t_i)\}$ $p(t_1) + \dots + p(t_N) = 1$ (N is voc. size)



$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{"today is Wed"}) \\ &= p(\text{"today"})p(\text{"is"})p(\text{"Wed"}) \\ &= 0.0002 \times 0.001 \times 0.000015 \end{aligned}$$

Notes on language model-based retrieval

- **Advantages:**
 - Avoided the disadvantages in eliteness
 - Defines a general framework, more accurate $p_{seen}(w_i|d)$ can further improve the model
 - In some cases, has outperformed BM25
- **Disadvantages:**
 - The assumed equivalence between query and document is unrealistic
 - Only studied unigram language model
 - Performance is not always good

Equivalence to KL-divergence retrieval model

$$score^{LM}(q, d) \stackrel{rank}{=} \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d} c(w_i, q) \log \frac{p_{seen}(w_i|d)}{\alpha_d p(w_i|C)} + |q| \log \alpha_d$$

- KL divergence

$$D(p\|q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$
$$-D(\hat{\theta}_q\|\hat{\theta}_d) = \sum_{w_i=1}^V p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q) \log p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q) + \left(- \sum_{w_i=1}^V p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q) \log p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_d) \right)$$

↑
. . . **smoothed** **constant**

why not the opposite?

$$\stackrel{rank}{=} \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d} p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q) \log \frac{p_{seen}(w_i|d)}{\alpha_d p(w_i|C)} + \log \alpha_d \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

Notes on the KL-divergence retrieval formula and Dirichlet prior smoothing

Estimating $p_{seen}(w_i|d)$

- Estimating $p_{seen}(w_i|d)$ based on the maximum likelihood estimation

$$p_{seen}(w_i|d) = \frac{\text{count}(w_i)}{|dl|}$$

- Disadvantage: if the word is unseen, probability will be 0
- Solution: language model smoothing:

$$\begin{aligned} p_s(w_i|d) &= \frac{c(w_i, d) + \mu p(w_i|C)}{|d| + \mu} & \alpha_d = \frac{\mu}{\mu + |d|} & \quad (\text{plug in Eq. 1}) \\ &= \frac{|d|}{|d| + \mu} p(w_i|d) + \frac{\mu}{|d| + \mu} p(w_i|C) & & \quad \text{Dirichlet smoothing} \end{aligned}$$

Estimating $p_{seen}(w_i|d)$

- Dirichlet smoothing

$$score^{Dir}(q, d) = \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d, p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q)} p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q) \log \left(1 + \frac{count(w_i, d)}{\mu p(w_i|C)} \right) + \log \frac{\mu}{\mu + |dl|}$$

- Jelinek-Mercer smoothing

$$score^{JM}(q, d) = \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d, p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q)} p(w_i|\hat{\theta}_q) \log \left(1 + \frac{(1 - \lambda)count(w_i, d)}{\lambda p(w_i|C)} \right)$$

Other smoothing methods

- Additive smoothing
- Good-Turing smoothing
- Absolute discounting
- Kneser-ney smoothing

Tuning parameters in smoothing models [Zhai and Lafferty 02]

$$score^{Dir}(q, d) = \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d, p(w_i | \hat{\theta}_q)} p(w_i | \hat{\theta}_q) \log \left(1 + \frac{count(w_i, d)}{\mu p(w_i | C)} \right) + \log \frac{\mu}{\mu + |dl|}$$

- Tuning parameter μ using “leave-one-out” method

$$\hat{\mu} = argmax_{\mu} \sum_{w_i=1}^V \sum_d \log p(w_i | d; w_i \notin d)$$

 **remove** w_i

- Estimating parameter using Newton’s method (2nd derivative)

Tuning parameters in smoothing models [Zhai and Lafferty 02]

$$score^{JM}(q, d) = \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d, p(w_i | \hat{\theta}_q)} p(w_i | \hat{\theta}_q) \log \left(1 + \frac{(1 - \lambda)count(w_i, d)}{\lambda p(w_i | C)} \right)$$

- Tuning parameter λ using MLE for the query probability

$$p(q | \lambda, C) = \sum_d \pi_d \prod_{w_i \in q} ((1 - \lambda)p(w_i | d) + \lambda p(w_i | C))$$

- EM algorithm:

$$\pi_d^{(k+1)} = \frac{\pi_d^{(k)} \prod_{w_i \in q} ((1 - \lambda^{(k)}) p(w_i | d) + \lambda^{(k)} p(w_i | C))}{\sum_d \pi_d^{(k)} \prod_{w_i \in q} ((1 - \lambda^{(k)}) p(w_i | d) + \lambda^{(k)} p(w_i | C))}$$

$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{|q|} \sum_d \pi_d^{(k+1)} \sum_{w_i \in q} \frac{\lambda^{(k)} p(w_i | C)}{(1 - \lambda^{(k)}) p(w_i | d) + \lambda^{(k)} p(w_i | C)}$$

Feedback language model [Zhai and Lafferty 01]



A screenshot of a search results page. The search term "airport security" is at the top. Below it are three results, each marked with a green checkmark and a red arrow pointing from the search bar towards it.

- Transportation Security Administration - Official Site**
www.tsa.gov ▾ Official site
Charged with providing effective and efficient security for passenger and freight transportation in the United States. Mission, press releases, employment, milestones ...
 - [Prohibited Items](#)
The My TSA mobile application provides 24/7 access to helpful ...
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TSA is comprised of nearly 50,000 security officers, inspectors, air ...
 - See results only from tsa.gov
- Airport security - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airport_security ▾
Airport security refers to the techniques and methods used in protecting passengers, staff and aircraft which use the airports from accidental/malicious harm, crime ...
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Feedback documents

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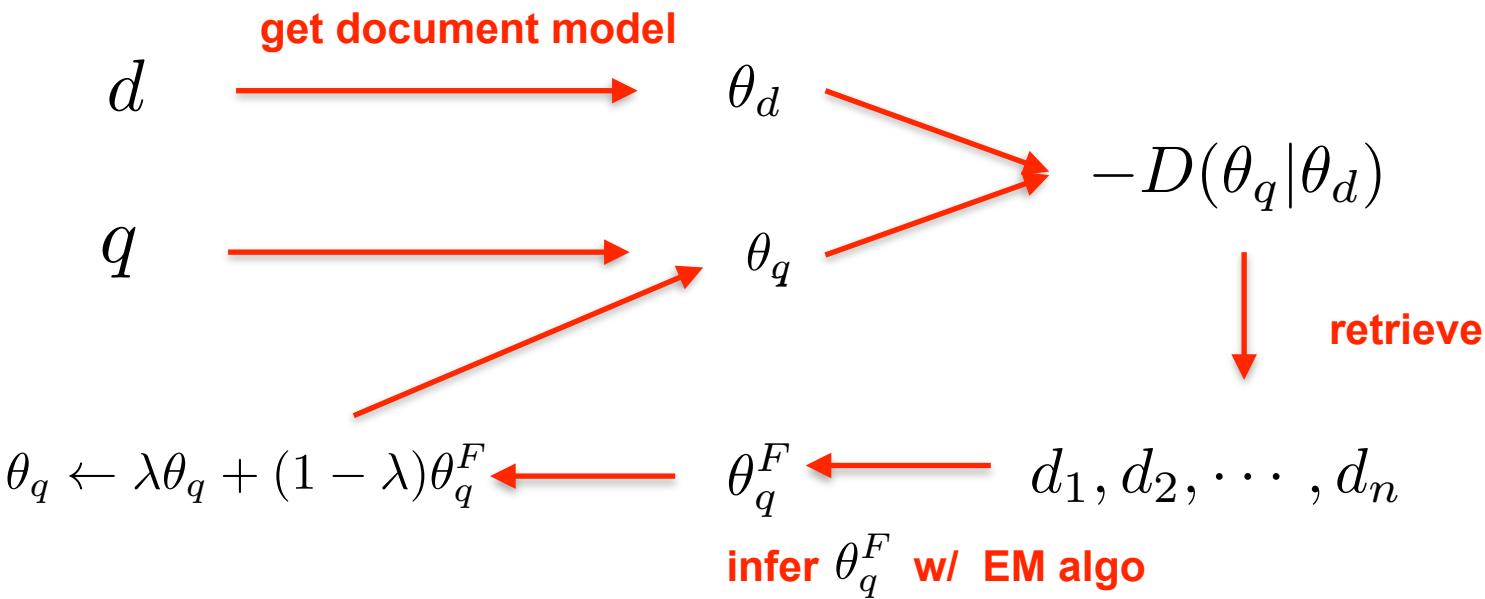
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*protect passengers,
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Feedback language model [Zhai and Lafferty 01]

$$score^{JM}(q, d) = \sum_{w_i, w_i \in d, p(w_i | \hat{\theta}_q)} p(w_i | \hat{\theta}_q) \log \left(1 + \frac{(1 - \lambda)count(w_i, d)}{\lambda p(w_i | C)} \right)$$

$$p(w_i | q) = \frac{count(w_i, q)}{|q|} \quad \textcolor{red}{sparsity}$$



Evaluation on smoothing methods [Zhai & Lafferty 02]

Collection	query	Optimal-JM	Optimal-Dir	Auto-2stage
AP88-89	SK	20.3%	23.0%	22.2%*
	LK	36.8%	37.6%	37.4%
	SV	18.8%	20.9%	20.4%
	LV	28.8%	29.8%	29.2%
WSJ87-92	SK	19.4%	22.3%	21.8%*
	LK	34.8%	35.3%	35.8%
	SV	17.2%	19.6%	19.9%
	LV	27.7%	28.2%	28.8%*
ZIFF1-2	SK	17.9%	21.5%	20.0%
	LK	32.6%	32.6%	32.2%
	SV	15.6%	18.5%	18.1%
	LV	26.7%	27.9%	27.9%*

Evaluation on smoothing methods [Zhai & Lafferty 01b]

collection		Simple LM	Mixture	Improv.	Div. Min.	Improv.
AP88-89	AvgPr	0.21	0.296	+41%	0.295	+40%
	InitPr	0.617	0.591	-4%	0.617	+0%
	Recall	3067/4805	3888/4805	+27%	3665/4805	+19%
TREC8	AvgPr	0.256	0.282	+10%	0.269	+5%
	InitPr	0.729	0.707	-3%	0.705	-3%
	Recall	2853/4728	3160/4728	+11%	3129/4728	+10%
WEB	AvgPr	0.281	0.306	+9%	0.312	+11%
	InitPr	0.742	0.732	-1%	0.728	-2%
	Recall	1755/2279	1758/2279	+0%	1798/2279	+2%

Comparison between BM25 and LM [Bennett et al. 2008]

Collection	Method	Parameter	MAP	R-Prec.	Prec@10
Trec8 T	Okapi BM25	Okapi	0.2292	0.2820	0.4380
	JM	$\lambda = 0.7$	0.2310 (p=0.8181)	0.2889 (p=0.3495)	0.4220 (p=0.3824)
	Dir	$\mu = 2,000$	0.2470 (p=0.0757)	0.2911 (p=0.3739)	0.4560 (p=0.3710)
	Dis	$\delta = 0.7$	0.2384 (p=0.0686)	0.2935 (p=0.0776)	0.4440 (p=0.6727)
	Two-Stage	auto	0.2406 (p=0.0650)	0.2953 (p=0.0369)	0.4260 (p=0.4282)
Trec8 TD	Okapi BM25	Okapi	0.2528	0.2908	0.4640
	JM	$\lambda = 0.7$	0.2582 (p=0.5226)	0.3038 (p=0.1886)	0.4600 (p=0.8372)
	Dir	$\mu = 2,000$	0.2621 (p=0.3308)	0.3043 (p=0.1587)	0.4460 (p=0.3034)
	Dis	$\delta = 0.7$	0.2599 (p=0.1737)	0.3105 (p=0.0203)	0.4880 (p=0.1534)
	Two-Stage	auto	0.2445 (p=0.2455)	0.2933 (p=0.7698)	0.4400 (p=0.1351)

However, BM25 outperforms LM in other cases

Summary on parameter tuning

- RSJ: no parameter
- BM25: Due to the formulation of two-Poisson, parameters are difficult to estimate, so use a parameter free version to replace it
- Language model
 - Leave-one-out
 - EM algorithm

Translation-based language model [Xue et al. 2008]

- The retrieval model can benefit from incorporating knowledge in the formulation

$$p(w_i|d) = \frac{|dl|}{|dl| + \lambda} p_{mix}(w_i|d) + \frac{\lambda}{|dl| + \lambda} p(w_i|C)$$

$$p_{mix}(w_i|d) = (1 - \beta)p(w_i|d) + \beta \sum_{t \in d} p_{tr}(w_i|t)p(t|d)$$

- Translation matrix:

		Le	programme				
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has							
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implemented							

Performance of translation based LM [Xue et al. 2008]

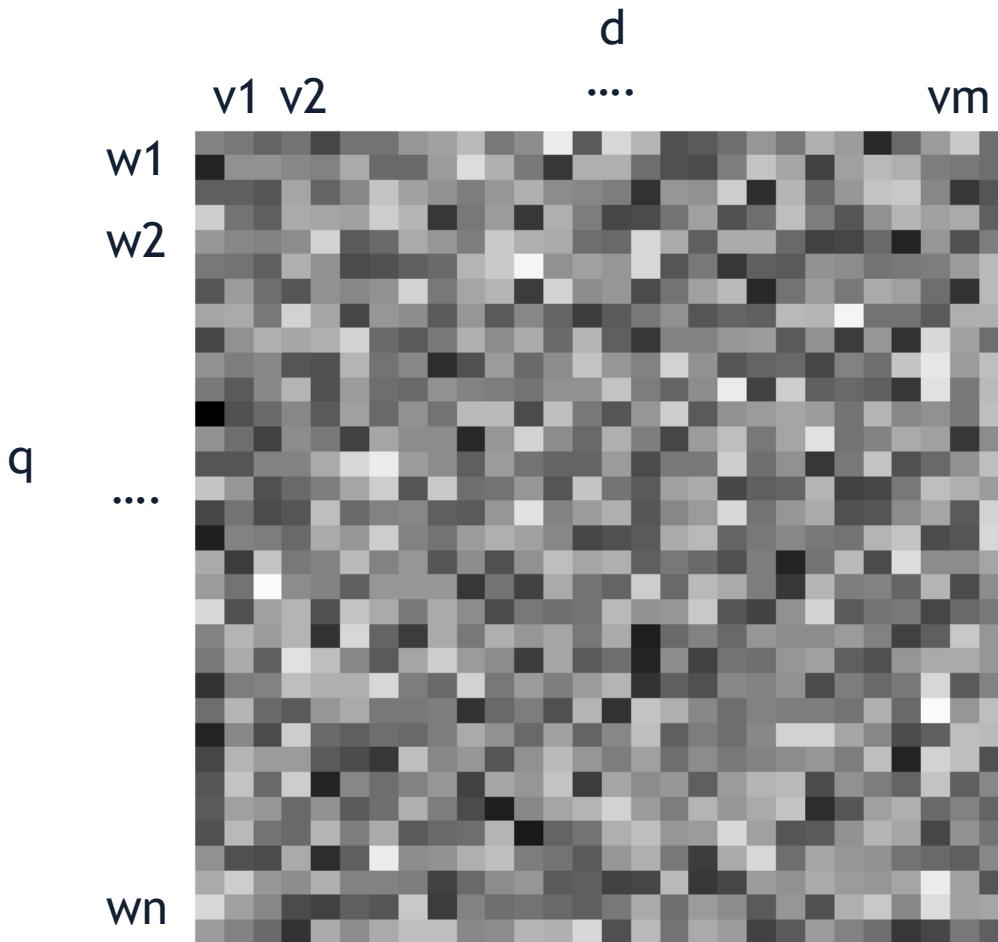
	Python			Java			JavaScript		
	R	@5	@10	R	@5	@10	R	@5	@10
TF-IDF	.299	.301	.360	.285	.282	.352	.305	.315	.378
BM25	.313	.320	.384	.311	.321	.382	.329	.344	.412
TransLM	.468	.502	.553	.455	.487	.544	.483	.528	.573

Type	Model	Trans Prob	Wondir	
			MAP	P@10
Type I	LM		0.3217	0.2211
	Okapi		0.3207	0.2158
	RM		0.3401	0.2395
Type II	LM-Comb		0.3791	0.2368
Type III	Murdock	$P(Q A)$	0.3566	0.25
	Murdock	$P(A Q)$	0.3658	0.2526
	Jeon	$P(Q A)$	0.3546	0.25
	Jeon	$P(A Q)$	0.3658	0.2526
	TransLM	$P(Q A)$	0.379	0.2658
	TransLM	$P(A Q)$	0.4059	0.2684

Discussion on query length

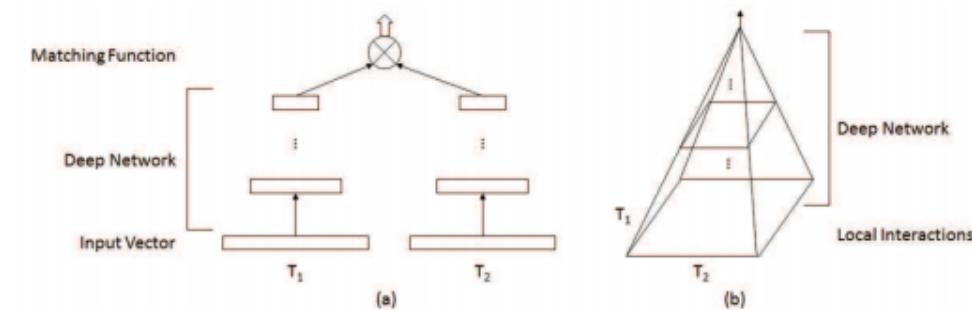
- What if the query is very long?
 - For example, the query is a paragraph or a document
 - The problem of retrieval is turned into a matching problem
 - i.e., semantic matching

Deep semantic matching [Pang et al. 2016]



each cell:

distributed representation of words (word2vec)



Question asking protocol

- Regrading requests: **email TA**, cc myself, titled [CS589 regrading]
- Deadline extension requests: **email** myself, titled [CS589 deadline]
- Dropping: email myself, titled [CS589 drop]
- All technical questions: **Piazza**
 - Homework description clarification
 - Clarification on course materials
- Having trouble with homework: join my **office hour** directly, no need to **email** me
 - If you have a time conflict, **email me** & schedule another time
- Project discussion: join my **office hour**
- **Ask any common questions shared by the class on Piazza**

Homework 1

- Homework 1 is released in Canvas:
- Implementing TF-IDF and BM25 on the LinkSO dataset:
 - <https://sit.instructure.com/courses/44342/assignments/218604>