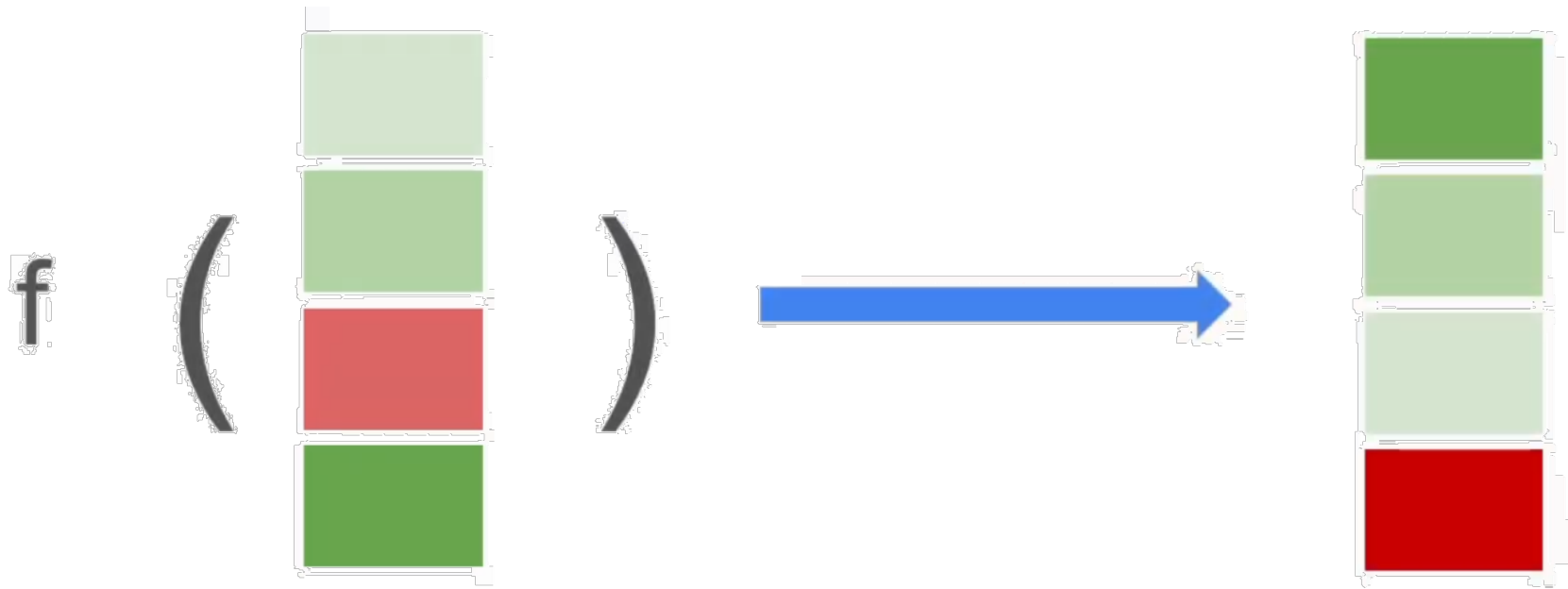




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**Learning to Rank**

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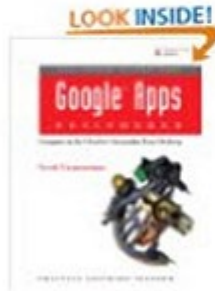


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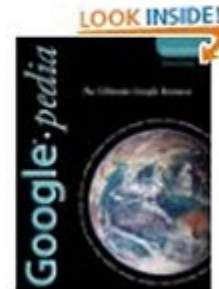
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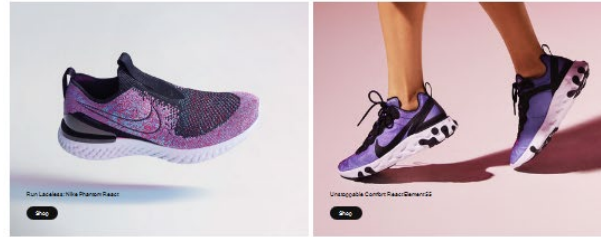


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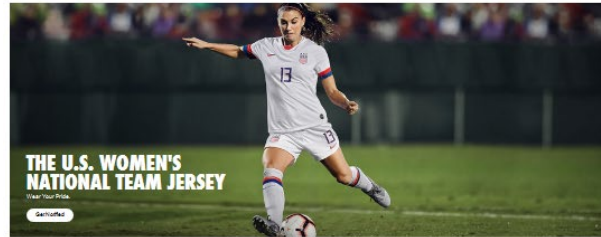
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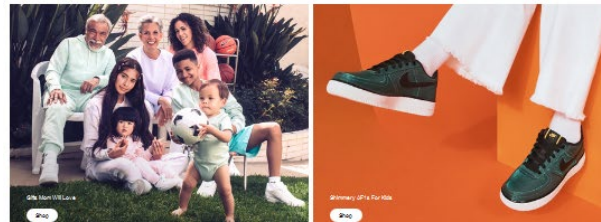
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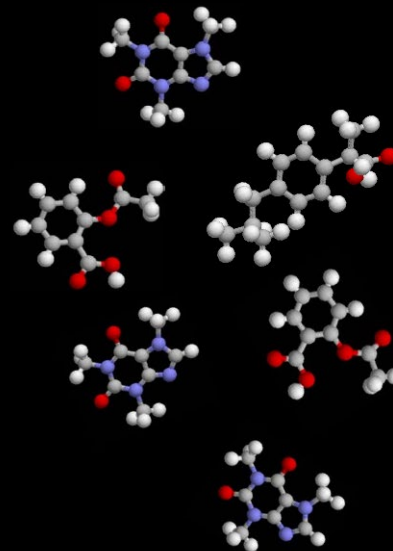
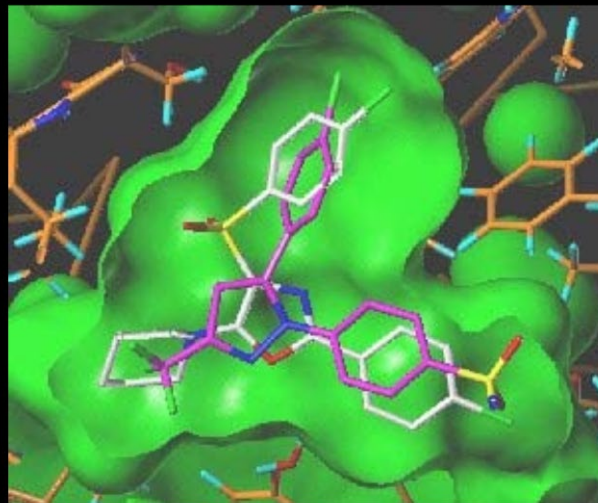
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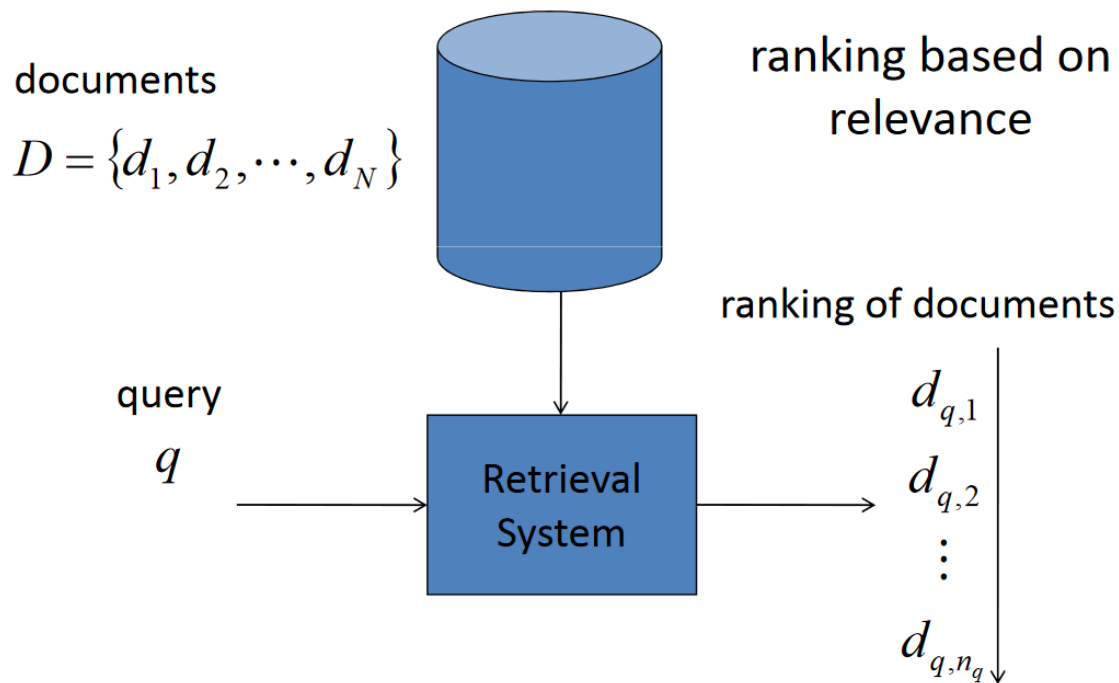
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# Ranking



**Problem:** Millions of structures in a chemical library.  
How do we identify the most promising ones?

# Ranking for document retrieval





# Ranking classifier

- Given
  - Two items  $d_i$  and  $d_j$
  - Query  $q$
- Predict
  - Preference
  - $d_i > d_j$  or  $d_i < d_j$
  - With respect to  $q$
- How do we do this?
  1. Train classifier to predict preferences
  2. Turn predicted preferences into ranking

# Simple ranking classifier

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**Algorithm 17** `NAIVERANKTRAIN`(*RankingData*, `BINARYTRAIN`)

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```
1:  $D \leftarrow []$ 
2: for  $n = 1$  to  $N$  do
3:   for all  $i, j = 1$  to  $M$  and  $i \neq j$  do
4:     if  $i$  is preferred to  $j$  on query  $n$  then
5:        $D \leftarrow D \oplus (x_{nij}, +1)$ 
6:     else if  $j$  is preferred to  $i$  on query  $n$  then
7:        $D \leftarrow D \oplus (x_{nij}, -1)$ 
8:     end if
9:   end for
10: end for
11: return BINARYTRAIN( $D$ )
```

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# Simple ranking classifier

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**Algorithm 18** NAIVERANKTEST( $f, \hat{x}$ )

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```
1:  $score \leftarrow \langle 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$  // initialize M-many scores to zero
2: for all  $i, j = 1$  to  $M$  and  $i \neq j$  do
3:    $y \leftarrow f(\hat{x}_{ij})$  // get predicted ranking of  $i$  and  $j$ 
4:    $score_i \leftarrow score_i + y$ 
5:    $score_j \leftarrow score_j - y$ 
6: end for
7: return ARGSORT( $score$ ) // return queries sorted by score
```

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# Ranking formalization

- Ranking is function
  - Maps item  $d_u$  to position  $i$  in list,  $i \in 1, 2, \dots, M$
  - $f: d_u \rightarrow \sigma_u$
- If  $\sigma_u < \sigma_v$ 
  - $u$  is preferred to  $v$  ( $u$  is higher on ranked list)

# Loss function

- $\sum_{u \neq v} [[\sigma_u < \sigma_v] [\hat{\sigma}_v < \hat{\sigma}_u] \omega(\sigma_u, \sigma_v)]$

## TASK: $\omega$ -RANKING

*Given:*

1. An input space  $\mathcal{X}$
2. An unknown distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  over  $\mathcal{X} \times \Sigma_M$
3. A training set  $D$  sampled from  $\mathcal{D}$

*Compute:* A function  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Sigma_M$  minimizing:

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[ \sum_{u \neq v} [\sigma_u < \sigma_v] [\hat{\sigma}_v < \hat{\sigma}_u] \omega(\sigma_u, \sigma_v) \right] \quad (6.7)$$

where  $\hat{\sigma} = f(\mathbf{x})$

# Cost function

- $\omega(i, j)$
- Kemeny distance measure

# Ranking classifier with cost function

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**Algorithm 19**  $\text{RANKTRAIN}(\mathbf{D}^{\text{rank}}, \omega, \text{BINARYTRAIN})$

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```
1:  $\mathbf{D}^{\text{bin}} \leftarrow [ ]$ 
2: for all  $(x, \sigma) \in \mathbf{D}^{\text{rank}}$  do
3:   for all  $u \neq v$  do
4:      $y \leftarrow \text{SIGN}(\sigma_v - \sigma_u)$                                 // y is +1 if u is preferred to v
5:      $w \leftarrow \omega(\sigma_u, \sigma_v)$                             // w is the cost of misclassification
6:      $\mathbf{D}^{\text{bin}} \leftarrow \mathbf{D}^{\text{bin}} \oplus (y, w, x_{uv})$ 
7:   end for
8: end for
9: return  $\text{BINARYTRAIN}(\mathbf{D}^{\text{bin}})$ 
```

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# How can we use instance weights?



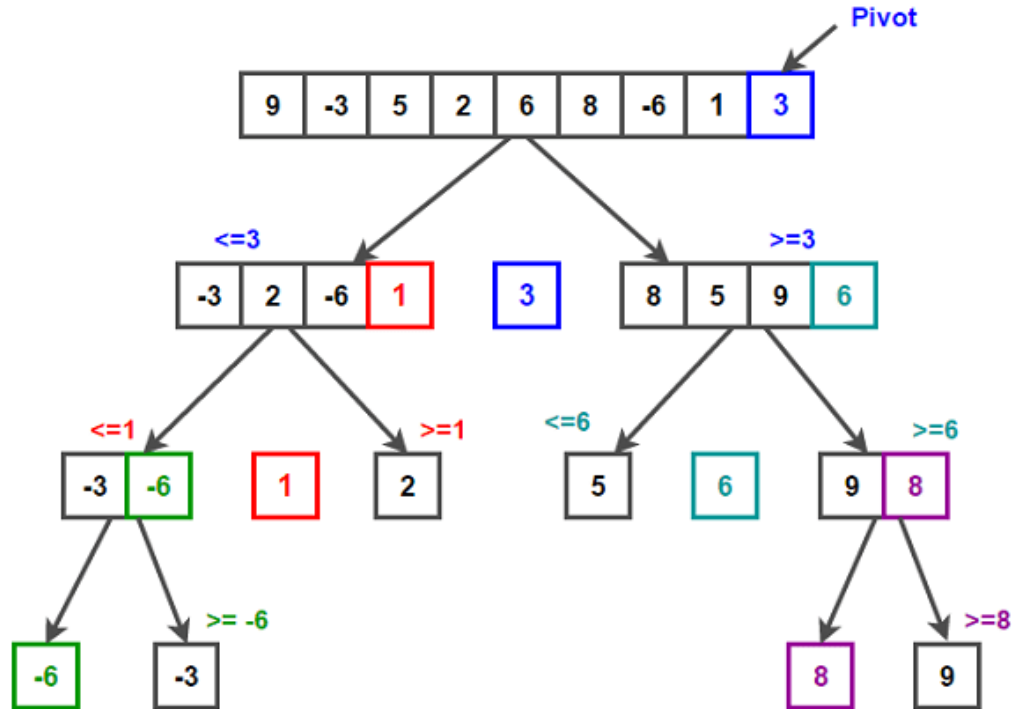
**Old (binary tree):**

$$Gain(S, A) = Entropy(S) - (|S_{left}| \times Entropy_{left}) - (|S_{right}| \times Entropy_{right})$$

**New (binary tree):**

$$Gain(S, A) = Entropy(S) - (|S_{left}| \times \omega_{left} \times Entropy_{left}) - (|S_{right}| \times \omega_{right} \times Entropy_{right})$$

# New Ranking will use QuickSort



# Ranking classifier with cost function

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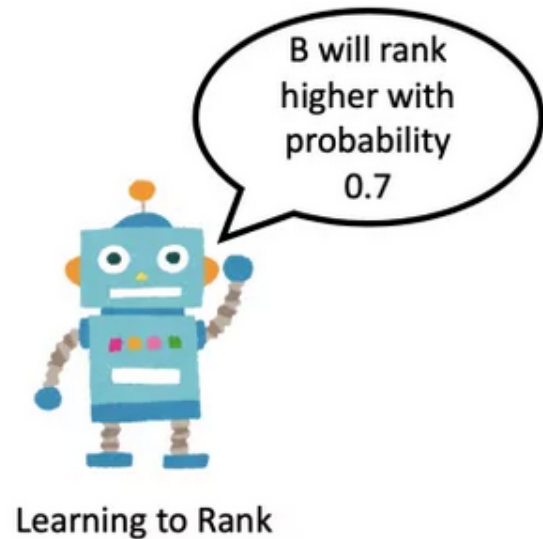
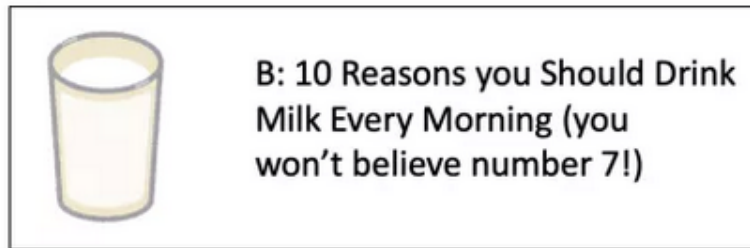
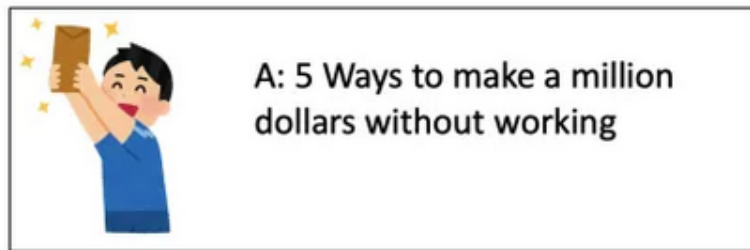
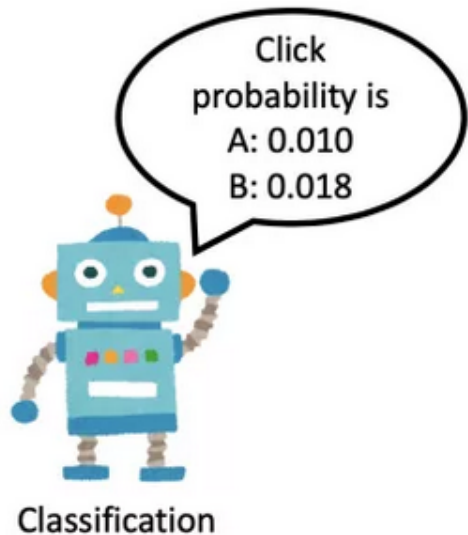
**Algorithm 20**  $\text{RANKTEST}(f, \hat{x}, \text{obj})$

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```
1: if  $\text{obj}$  contains 0 or 1 elements then
2:   return  $\text{obj}$ 
3: else
4:    $p \leftarrow$  randomly chosen object in  $\text{obj}$  // pick pivot
5:    $\text{left} \leftarrow [ ]$  // elements that seem smaller than  $p$ 
6:    $\text{right} \leftarrow [ ]$  // elements that seem larger than  $p$ 
7:   for all  $u \in \text{obj} \setminus \{p\}$  do
8:      $\hat{y} \leftarrow f(x_{up})$  // what is the probability that  $u$  precedes  $p$ 
9:     if uniform random variable  $< \hat{y}$  then
10:       $\text{left} \leftarrow \text{left} \oplus u$ 
11:     else
12:       $\text{right} \leftarrow \text{right} \oplus u$ 
13:     end if
14:   end for
15:    $\text{left} \leftarrow \text{RANKTEST}(f, \hat{x}, \text{left})$  // sort earlier elements
16:    $\text{right} \leftarrow \text{RANKTEST}(f, \hat{x}, \text{right})$  // sort later elements
17:   return  $\text{left} \oplus \langle p \rangle \oplus \text{right}$ 
18: end if
```

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# New Ranking will use Probabilities



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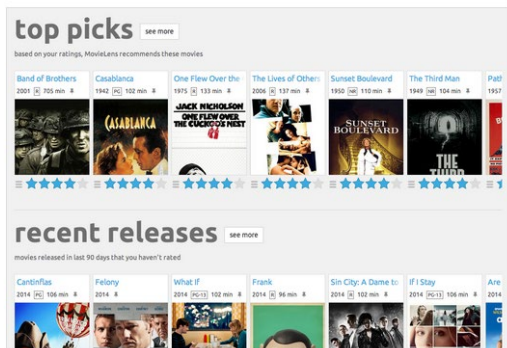
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