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Aims

Describe the use of neural network based methods in information retrieval

Compare architectures

Summarize where the field is, what seems to work, what seems to fail

Provide an overview of applications and directions for future development of neural methods in information retrieval

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Structure of the tutorial

Morning

- 1. Preliminaries
- 2. Semantic matching 1
- 3. Semantic matching 2

Afternoon

- 4. Learning to rank
- 5. Modeling user behavior
- 6. Generating responses
- 7. Outlook
- 8. Wrap up

Materials

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Outline

Morning program

Preliminaries
Text matching I

Text matching II

Afternoon program

Learning to rank Modeling user behavior Generating responses Wrap up