Information Processing and Retrieval Project Report – Part 2

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ABSTRACT

Introduction

1 An approach based on graph ranking

1.1 Implementation

1.2 Results

2 Improving the graph-ranking method

2.1 Implementation

2.2 Results

3 An unsupervised rank aggregation approach

3.1 Implementation

Combination methods tested were Reciprocal Rank Fusion (RRF), CombSum and CombMNZ. The features (ranking scores) considered were: term frequency (TF), inverse document frequency (IDF), TF-IDF and BM25 and graph centrality scores for the candidate. Graph centrality scores were computed through the library network.

3.2 Results

There is no better results setting thershlold in ignoring terms. No thresholds for CombMNZ.

Table 1 Mean Average Precison

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Features | RRF | CombSum | CombMNZ |
| tf | 0.03356 | 0.02953 | 0.02953 |
| idf | 0.01678 | 0.03740 | 0.03740 |
| tfidf | 0.02740 | 0.02526 | 0.02526 |
| bm25 | 0.03356 | 0.07480 | 0.07480 |
| bm25, tf | 0.02909 | 0.02229 | 0.02246 |
| bm25, idf, tf, tfidf | 0.01846 | 0.01432 | 0.02139 |
| bm25, centrality | 0.04120 | 0.02479 | 0.02479 |
| idf, centrality | 0.03191 | 0.01996 | 0.01996 |
| tf, centrality | 0.03805 | 0.01976 | 0.01976 |
| bm25, idf, centrality | 0.03088 | 0.01800 | 0.01800 |
| bm25, tf, centrality | 0.03406 | 0.01814 | 0.01814 |
| bm25, tfidf, centrality | 0.03269 | 0.01821 | 0.01821 |
| bm25, idf, tf, tfidf, centrality | 0.02561 | 0.01687 | 0.01687 |

Thresholds were set in CombMNZ.

Table 2 Mean Average Precison

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| Threshold | 0.0001 | 0.001 | 0.01 | 0.1 |
| bm25, tf | 0.02246 | 0.023154 | 0.03048 | 0.01748 |
| bm25, idf, tf, tfidf | 0.02190 | 0.02190 | 0.03620 | 0.01963 |
| ('bm25', 'tf', 'tfidf') | 0.02250 | 0.02250 | 0.03642 | 0.01996 |
| ('bm25', 'idf', 'tfidf') | 0.02319 | 0.02319 | 0.03486 | 0.01910 |
| ('idf', 'tf') | 0.02290 | 0.02290 | 0.03433 | 0.01957 |
| 'bm25', 'tfidf') | 0.02129 | 0.02129 | 0.03434 | 0.01748 |
| ('idf', 'tf') | 0.02290 | 0.02290 | 0.03433 | 0.01957 |
| ('idf', 'tfidf') | 0.02292 | 0.022922 | 0.03307 | 0.01996 |
| 'tf', 'tfidf') | 0.02187 | 0.021875 | 0.03101 | 0.01921 |

It presents better results for the threshold 0.01.

Using scale factor and a threshold of 0.01 results improved a lot. (ver ficheiro test\_scale)

Table 3 Mean Average Precision

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Features | RRF | CombSum | CombMNZ |
| Bm\_25 | 0.06235 | 0.36801 | 0.21414 |
| Model\_5 | 0.11434 | 0.08777 | 0.06701 |
| Model\_6 | 0.13961 | 0.04610 | 0.05912 |
| ('bm25', 'tf', 'tfidf') | 0.13260 | 0.05319 | 0.05223 |
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4  A practical application

4.1 Implementation

4.2 Results