

# A Probabilistic Approach on Document Retrieval

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# Description

1. Query the Search Engine
2. ???
3. Retrieve the Ranked List of Relevant Documents

# Description

How can we obtain the ranked list without using the traditional  
IR methodologies,

BUT

rather using a probabilistic approach?

# Description

With enough data, everything can be learned.

There are many search engine on the web, providing this data.

# Motivation

- 💧 Learning from the relevance information already provided.
- 💧 Avoiding similarity measurements, clustering...
- 💧 Personal research field & interest.

# Methodology

1. Obtain the data
2. Learn the model
3. Estimate the probability of a document being relevant to a given query. And list the probabilities.

$$P(R \mid D, Q)$$

# Methodology

Two possible approach,

- ◆ Considering the terms in the documents.
- ◆ Ignoring the terms in the documents.



# Methodology

- Naïve Bayesian Classification

$F_i$  is conditionally independent, given the class  $C$ ,

$$p(F_i|C, F_j) = p(F_i|C), p(F_i|C, F_j, F_k) = p(F_i|C), p(F_i|C, F_j, F_k, F_l) = p(F_i|C),$$

join model is,

$$\begin{aligned} p(C|F_1, \dots, F_n) &\propto p(C) p(F_1|C) p(F_2|C) p(F_3|C) \dots \\ &\propto p(C) \prod_{i=1}^n p(F_i|C). \end{aligned}$$

# Expected Results

Similarity between the acquired ranked list and the ground truth, for a given query.

Ground Truth?

# Thanks

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