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Exercise Sheet 2

Submit until Tuesday, November 5 at 4:00pm

Exercise 1 (10 points)

Copy your code for the class *InvertedIndex* from *exercise-sheet-01* to a new subfolder *exercise-sheet-02*. Then extend the class to incorporate BM25 scores, as explained in the lecture. You find a specification in the file *InvertedIndex.TIP* named on the Wiki.

Try to keep your code as simple and short as possible. As usual, write a unit test for at least one non-trivial input for each non-trivial method = for this exercise, modify your unit tests from the last exercise sheet appropriately.

Exercise 2 (10 points)

Also copy your code for the program SearchMain from exercise-sheet-01 to exercise-sheet-02. Make sure that it still works with your new code for the InvertedIndex class.

Then use it to inspect the top-5 results for a query of your choice, and manually determine the nDCG@5, as explained in the lecture. Try three different parameter settings for BM25: k=0 and b=0 (unit scores, like implicitly in the last exercise sheet), $k=\infty$ and b=0 (standard tf.idf), and k=1.75 and b=0.75 (the BM25 default). Try to find a query, where the nDCG@5 for unit scores is worse than for the other two. And make sure to pick a query, where two levels of relevance, and hence nDCG@5, make sense. And pick a query which nobody else has picked!

Report your results in the table linked on the Wiki, and briefly discuss them in your *experiences.txt* for this exercise sheet (see below).

Add your code to a new sub-directory exercise-sheet-02 of your folder in the course SVN, and commit it. Make sure that compile, test, and checkstyle run through without errors on Jenkins. Again also commit, now in exercise-sheet-02, a text file experiences.txt where you briefly describe your experiences with the first exercise sheet and the corresponding lecture. As a minimum, say how much time you invested and if you had major problems, and if yes, where. Don't forget to include the short discussion asked for in Exercise 2.