BLG 540E TEXT RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS

Introduction

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References

 <u>Christopher D. Manning</u>, <u>Prabhakar Raghavan</u> and <u>Hinrich Schütze</u>, Introduction to Information Retrieval, Cambridge University Press. 2008.



Available online at the companion website of the book: http://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/information-retrieval-book.html

Course Web Site: TBA

Grading

- Paper presentation: 20%
- Project: 30%
- Final: 40%
- Class participation: 10%

Final project format

- Research paper using the SIGIR format. Students will be in charge of problem formulation, literature survey, hypothesis formulation, experimental design, implementation, and possibly submission to a conference like SIGIR or WWW.
- Software system develop a working system or API. Students will be responsible for identifying a problem, implementing it and deploying it, either on the Web or as an open-source downloadable tool. The system can be either stand alone or an extension to an existing one.
- Survey paper identify a topic of research in IR and summarize I 5-20 recent papers on it, along with an introduction that compares and contrasts the papers involved.

Information Retrieval

Information Retrieval (IR) is finding material (usually documents) of an unstructured nature (usually text) that satisfies an information need from within large collections (usually stored on computers).

Unstructured (text) vs. structured (database) data in 1996



Unstructured (text) vs. structured (database) data in 2009



Examples of search engines

- Conventional (library catalog).
 Search by keyword, title, author, etc.
- Text-based (Google, Yahoo!, Bing).
 Search by keywords. Limited search using queries in natural language.
- Multimedia (QBIC, WebSeek, SaFe)
 Search by visual appearance (shapes, colors,...).
- Question answering systems (Ask, NSIR, Answerbus)
 Search in (restricted) natural language
- Other:

cross language information retrieval, music retrieval

IR systems on the Web

- Search for Web pages <u>http://www.google.com</u>
- Search for images <u>http://www.picsearch.com</u>
- Search for image content <u>http://wangl4.ist.psu.edu/</u>
- Search for answers to questions <u>http://www.askjeeves.com</u>
- Music retrieval <u>http://www.rotorbrain.com/foote/musicr/</u>

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Demo: Music Retrieval by Content		

Music Retrieval Demo

This is a small demonstration of some audio retrieval-by-similarity work I have recently been pursuing. The aim is to automatically find audio clips that sound "similar," in some sense, to an example clip. Here's a brief explanation of how the demo works, and some reasons why this use of other people's music doesn't constitute copyright infringement.

Below is a scrollable list of more than 250 sound clips, which are 7-second excerpts from longer musical recordings. Representative genres include jazz, pop, rock, rap, and techno, as well as Brazilian music, plainsong, solo piano, guitar, and "easy listening." Click "Play" to play the selected clip or "Search" to find music that sounds similar to your selection. The number to the left is a similarity score; the larger the number the closer the match. Clicking "Reset" then "Search" will give you an alphabetical listing of available artists/tracks.

This work is still preliminary, which hopefully excuses the occasional bizarre result. But even if you think <u>Gregorian chant sounds nothing like Nat King Cole</u>, do listen with an open ear: the similarities are often surprising.

Some things to search for:

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What does it take to build a search engine?

- Decide what to index
- Collect it
- Index it (efficiently)
- Keep the index up to date
- Provide user-friendly query facilities

What else?

- Understand the structure of the web for efficient crawling
- Understand user information needs
- Preprocess text and other unstructured data
- Cluster data
- Classify data
- Evaluate performance

Goals of the course

- Understand how search engines work
- Understand the limits of existing search technology
- Learn about the state of the art in IR research
- Learn to analyze textual and semi-structured data sets
- Learn to evaluate information retrieval
- Learn about standardized document collections
- Learn about text similarity measures
- Learn about semantic dimensionality reduction
- Learn about web crawling
- Learn to use existing software
- > Understand the dynamics of the Web by building appropriate mathematical models
- Build working systems that assist users in finding useful information on the Web

References

- Some slides were adapted from:
 - Prof. Dragomir Radev's lectures at the University of Michigan:
 - http://clair.si.umich.edu/~radev/teaching.html
 - The book's companion website:
 - http://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/information-retrieval-book.html