Social Search Networks of People and Search Engines

CS6200 Information Retrieval

Social Search

- Social search
 - Communities of users actively participating in the search process
 - Goes beyond classical search tasks
- Key differences
 - Users interact with the system
 - Users interact with other users either implicitly or explicitly

Web 2.0

- Social search includes, but is not limited to, the so-called social media sites
 - Collectively referred to as "Web 2.0" as opposed to the classical notion of the Web ("Web 1.0")
- Social media sites
 - User generated content
 - Users can tag their own and other's content
 - * Users can share favorites, tags, etc., with others
- Examples (from the last 10 years):
 - Digg, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, Del.icio.us, CiteULike, MySpace, Facebook, and LinkedIn

Social Search

- User tagging (i.e., manual indexing)
- Searching within communities
- Filtering and recommender systems
- Distributed search
 - Peer-to-peer (P2P, not covered here)
 - Metasearch (if there's time)

User Tags and Manual Indexing

- Then: Library card catalogs
 - * Indexing terms chosen with search in mind
 - * Experts generate indexing terms
 - Terms are very high quality
 - Terms chosen from controlled vocabulary
- Now: Social media tagging
 - * Tags not always chosen with search in mind
 - Users generate tags
 - * Tags can be noisy or even incorrect
 - * Tags chosen from folksonomies

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Social Tagging



This photo is visible to everyone

cherry blossom

Social Tagging





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cherry blossom obama

President Obama visits the Cherry Blossom Festival? Well, not really -- his motorcade passed by the Tidal Basin en route to Ft. McNair for his big Libya speech. A few lucky tourists got a chance to see it whizz by.

Comments and faves

sarahmulca added this photo to their favorites. (13 months ago)

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Search

By philliefan99 No real name given * Add Contact

This photo was taken on March 28, 2011 in Washington, District of Columbia, US, using a Pentax K-7.



This photo belongs to



This photo also appears in

- Obamarama (set)
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2011 cherry blossom festival •
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Some Categories of Tags

- Content-based: cherry blossoms, car
- Context-based: Washington, DC
- Attributes: Nikon, B&W
- Subjective: delicious, awesome
- Organizational: to_read

Searching Tags

- Searching user tags is challenging
 - * Most items have only a few tags
 - Tags are very short
- Boolean, probabilistic, vector space, and language modeling will fail if use naïvely
- Must overcome the vocabulary mismatch problem between the query and tags

Tag Expansion

- Can overcome vocabulary mismatch problem by expanding tag representation with external knowledge
- Possible external sources
 - Thesaurus
 - Web search results
 - * Query logs
- After tags have been expanded, can use standard retrieval models

Tag Expansion

Age of Aquariums - Tropical Fish

Huge educational aquarium site for tropical fish hobbyists, promoting responsible fish keeping internationally since 1997.

The Krib (Aquaria and Tropical Fish)

This site contains information about tropical fish aquariums, including archived usenet postings and e-mail discussions, along with new ...

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Keeping Tropical Fish and Goldfish in Aquariums, Fish Bowls, and ... Keeping Tropical Fish and Goldfish in Aquariums, Fish Bowls, and Ponds at AquariumFish.net.



Searching Tags

- Even with tag expansion, searching tags is challenging
- Tags are inherently noisy and incorrect
- Many items may not even be tagged!
- Typically easier to find popular items with many tags than less popular items with few/ no tags

Inferring Missing Tags

- How can we automatically tag items with few or no tags?
- Uses of inferred tags
 - Improved tag search
 - Automatic tag suggestion

Inferring Tags

• TF.IDF

- * Suggest tags that have a high TF.IDF weight in the item
- Only works for textual items
- Classification
 - Train binary classifier for each tag
 - * Performs well for popular tags, but not as well for rare tags
- Maximal marginal relevance
 - Finds tags that are relevant to the item and novel with respect to existing tags

$$MMR(t;T_i) = \left(\lambda Sim_{item}(t,i) - (1-\lambda) \max_{t \in T_i} Sim_{tag}(t_i,t)\right)$$

Browsing & Tag Clouds

- Search is useful for finding items of interest
- Browsing is more useful for exploring collections of tagged items
- Various ways to visualize collections of tags
 - Tag lists
 - Tag clouds
 - * Alphabetical order
 - Grouped by category
 - Formatted/sorted according to popularity

Tag Clouds

animals architecture art australia autumn baby band barcelona beach berlin birthday black blackandwhite blue California cameraphone canada canon car cat chicago china christmas church city clouds color concert day dog england europe family festival film florida flower flowers food france friends fun garden germany girl graffiti green halloween hawaii holiday home house india ireland italy japan july kids lake landscape light live london macro me mexico music nature new newyork night nikon nyc ocean paris park party people portrait red river rock sanfrancisco scotland sea seattle show sky snow spain spring street summer sunset taiwan texas thailand tokyo toronto travel tree trees trip uk usa vacation washington water wedding

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Retrieving Social Data





Finding Communities

- How can we find users with common interests?
- How can we find documents on a common topic?
- Graph clustering
- Hypertext Induced Topic Search (HITS)
 - * Nodes may be Hubs or Authorities
 - Iterative solution

HITS Algorithm

Algorithm 3 HITS

1: procedure HITS(G = (V, E), K) $A_0(p) \leftarrow 1 \forall p \in V$ 2: $H_0(p) \leftarrow 1 \ \forall p \in V$ 3: for i = 1 to K do 4: $A_i(p) \leftarrow 0 \ \forall p \in V$ 5: 6: $H_i(p) \leftarrow 0 \ \forall p \in V$ $Z_A \leftarrow 0$ 7: $Z_H \leftarrow 0$ 8: 9: for $p \in V$ do 10: for $q \in V$ do if $(p,q) \in E$ then 11: $H_i(p) \leftarrow H_i(p) + A_{i-1}(q)$ 12: 13: $Z_H \leftarrow Z_H + A_{i-1}(q)$ 14: end if 15: if $(q, p) \in E$ then $A_i(p) \leftarrow A_i(p) + H_{i-1}(q)$ 16: 17: $Z_A \leftarrow Z_A + H_{i-1}(q)$ 18: end if 19: end for 20: end for 21: for $p \in V$ do $A_i(p) \leftarrow \frac{A_i(p)}{Z_A}$ 22: $H_i(p) \leftarrow \frac{H_i(p)}{Z_H}$ 23: 24: end for 25: end for return A_K, H_K 26: 27: end procedure

HITS Iteration



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Searching with Communities

- Identify communities
 - * Graph clustering
 - Hypertext induced topic search
- Exploiting community knowledge
 - Authorities in HITS graph
 - Explicit question answering and feedback
 - * Bonus: Training data for retrieval models



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Twitter use SALSA in their user recommendation technique. - steve Jan 10 at 22:15

- Pros
 - Answers to complex information needs
 - Compare multiple opinions
 - Feedback, interaction with others
- Cons
 - Latency
 - * All the drawbacks of human interaction

What part of Mexico gets the most tropical storms? How do you pronounce the french words, coeur and miel? GED test? Why do I have to pay this fine? What is Schrödinger's cat? What's this song? Hi...can u ppl tell me sumthing abt death dreams?? What are the engagement and wedding traditions in Egypt? Fun things to do in LA? What lessons from the Tao Te Ching do you apply to your everyday life? Foci of a hyperbola? What should I do today? Why was iTunes deleted from my computer? Heather Locklear? Do people in the Australian Defense Force (RAAF) pay less tax than civilians? Whats a psp xmb? If C(-3, y) and D(1, 7) lie upon a line whose slope is 2, find the value of y.? Why does love make us so irrational? Am I in love? What are some technologies that are revolutionizing business?



IR in Communities

- How to match queries to community QA (or forums, or other social media)?
 - * Match query to questions, answers, both?
 - Generally more effective to match questions
- Questions, and other posts, are short
- More problems with vocabulary mismatch

Naive translation model

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Example "translations"

everest	xp	search
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mountain	window	google
tallest	install	information
29,035	drive	internet
highest	computer	website
mt	version	web
ft	click	list
measure	pc	free
feet	program	info
mount	microsoft	page

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29,035	drive	internet
highest	computer	website
mt	version	web
ft	click	list
measure	pc	free
feet	program	info
mount	microsoft	page

How to estimate P(w|t)? Q/A pairs!

Collaborative Search



Filtering and Recommending

Filtering and Recommending

- User profiles the fundamental data structure
 - * Profiles can be static or dynamic
 - Query features + user/social features
- Filtering
 - Canonical case: query an endless stream
- Recommending (a.k.a. "collaborative filtering")
 - * Jointly infer relevance from lots of profiles

Static Filtering



Adaptive Filtering



Profile model

 $P(w|P) = \frac{(1-\lambda)}{\sum_{i=1}^{K} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \alpha_i \frac{f_{w,T_i}}{|T_i|} + \lambda \frac{c_w}{|C|}$

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Relevance (adaptive) model $P(w|P) = \frac{1}{1-1} \sum \sum P(w|D)P(D_i|D)$

$$\begin{aligned}
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&\approx \frac{1}{|Rel|} \sum_{D_i \in Rel} P(w|D_i)
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Model	Profile Representation	Profile Updating
Boolean	Boolean Expression	N/A
Vector Space	Vector	Rocchio
Language Modeling	g Probability Distribution	Relevance Modeling
Classification	Model Parameters	Online Learning

Scaling and Evaluation

- Treat profiles as "documents" and index them
- Treat incoming documents as queries
- Tradeoffs vary by application

	Relevant	Non- relevant
Retrieved	TP	FP
Not retrieved	FN	TN

 $U = \alpha \cdot TP + \beta \cdot TN + \delta \cdot FP + \gamma \cdot FN$









Rating by Distance

Cluster users based on overall rating similarity (or other features)

 $\frac{\sum_{i \in I_u \cap I_{u'}} (r_u(i) - \hat{r}_u) \cdot (r_{u'}(i) - \hat{r}_{u'})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_u \cap I_{u'}} (r_u(i) - \hat{r}_u)^2 \sum_{i \in I_u \cap I_{u'}} (r_{u'}(i) - \hat{r}_{u'})^2}}$

Assign unknown ratings the cluster average

$$\hat{r}_{u}(i) = \frac{1}{|Cluster(u)|} \sum_{u' \in Cluster(u)} r_{u'}(i)$$
• Average nearest neighbors
$$\hat{r}_{u}(i) = \overline{r}_{u} + \frac{1}{\sum_{u' \in \mathcal{N}(u)} sim(u, u')} \sum_{u' \in \mathcal{N}(u)} sim(u, u')(r_{u'}(i) - \overline{r}_{u'})$$







Evaluating Recommenders

- Exact-match accuracy (usually too harsh)
- Absolute error

$$ABS = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{U}||\mathcal{I}|} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} |\hat{r}_u(i) - r_u(i)|$$

• Mean squared error

$$MSE = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{U}||\mathcal{I}|} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \left(\hat{r}_u(i) - r_u(i) \right)^2$$

• Other task-dependent measures