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Exam IST 441 Spring 2010

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This 100 point exam determines 30% of your grade.

There are 25 point extra credit questions which graduate students have to answer but are optional for undergrads.

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Information Retrieval (15 pts)

- You are asked to design and implement an information retrieval / search engine system for enterprise search.
  - (5pts) Explain to your clients what a search engine is by describing its basic components and what each does.

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Information Retrieval - Characteristics & Evaluation

- You are asked to design and implement an information retrieval / search engine system for enterprise search.
  - (5pts) What are the important characteristics you must consider in the design?

  - (5pts) Define the measures that will help you evaluate its performance.

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Crawling (10 pts)

You are using a web crawler for your project.

- (5 pts) What does a crawler do? How is it determined from a web site what and how much it can crawl?

- (5 pts) Define the different types of search a crawler can perform. Which is better and why?

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Document Analysis (35 pts)

- (5 pts) What is the document vector model, why is it important and how is it used by information retrieval and modern search engines? Describe what tokens are and how they are represented.

- Consider the following documents D and queries Q for the following:
  - D1: you say goodbye
  - D2: hello goodbye, hello goodbye, hello
  - D3: I say hello
  - Q1: I hello
  - Q2: hello, goodbye

- (5 pts) Define for the above documents and queries the token vocabulary.

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Document Vectors

- (5 pts) Using the 3 documents and 2 queries, construct the document vector for each document and query with term or token frequency weights.

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Inverted index

- (5 pts) Construct the dictionary file and posting file for the 3 documents

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Document Similarity and Ranking

- (5 pts) Define the inner product similarity metric between a document and a query.

- (5 pts) Construct the inner product for the term frequency document vectors for all documents with all queries. Make sure you show all the computation.

- (5 pts) Rank the documents for each query.

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Document Similarity and Ranking (5 pts - extra credit)

- (5 pts - extra credit) Define the cosine similarity metric between documents and queries.

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Precision-Recall (20 pts)

- (5 pts) Define relevance; contrast it with importance.

- (5 pts) Define recall and precision in terms of relevant and irrelevant documents. Use set drawings to explain both.

- (3 pts) Which is more important for a search engine, recall or precision? Why?

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Precision-Recall Calculation

- (7 pts) Consider the following universe of documents:
  - D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6
  - For a particular query, documents D1, D2, D4 are relevant. However our information retrieval system returns D1, D2, D3, D5.
  - Calculate the Recall and Precision for this query. Be sure you show what documents belong in the ratio values for complete credit. Do not just put in a number.

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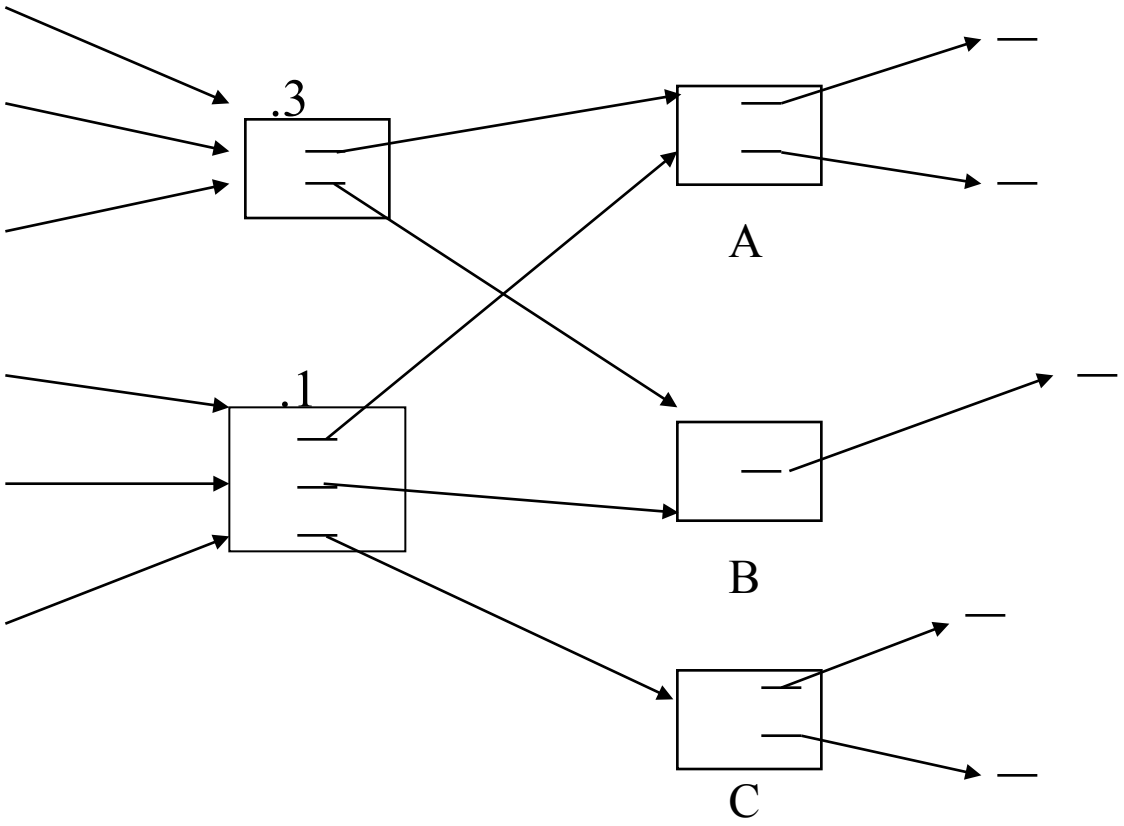
Pagerank Calculation (10 pts)

- (10 pts) From from ranked pages, calculate pagerank for the unranked pages, A, B, & C giving values for the links used. Also calculate the values on the outgoing links from pages A, B, & C.



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Pagerank vs hubs and authorities (extra credit - 10 pts)

- (5 points extra credit) Give a definition of pagerank and what it means.

- (5 points extra credit) Contract pagerank with hubs and authorities.

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Social network analysis (10 pts)

- Consider the following actors (nodes) and relations (edges)

  Nodes:

  P1: Puck, P2: Jean, P3: Nat, P4: Yang, P5: Kate, P6: Jay, P7: Nan, P8: Elf

  Edges:

  P1 <-> P2, P1 <-> P5, P2 <-> P3
  P2 <-> P4, P3 <-> P6, P4 <-> P5
  P4 <-> P6, P6 <-> P7, P6 <-> P8

- (6pts) Consider all edges as undirected. Construct the social network matrix and the graph.

- (2pts) Find the shortest path(s) from P2 to P8. Label the path(s).

- (2pts) Which node(s) has the largest degree?

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Queries and the Size of things (10 pts - extra credit)

You are trying to determine how many documents a search engine has indexed. You know the search engine is a full text indexer and has a complete Boolean query system.

1. (5 pts -extra credit) What query will give an estimate of the number of documents they have indexed? Why?

2. (5 pts - extra credit) What query could give the exact size of the number of documents they have indexed? Why?