INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

Week 11 – Probabilistic Retrieval

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Probabilistic Retrieval

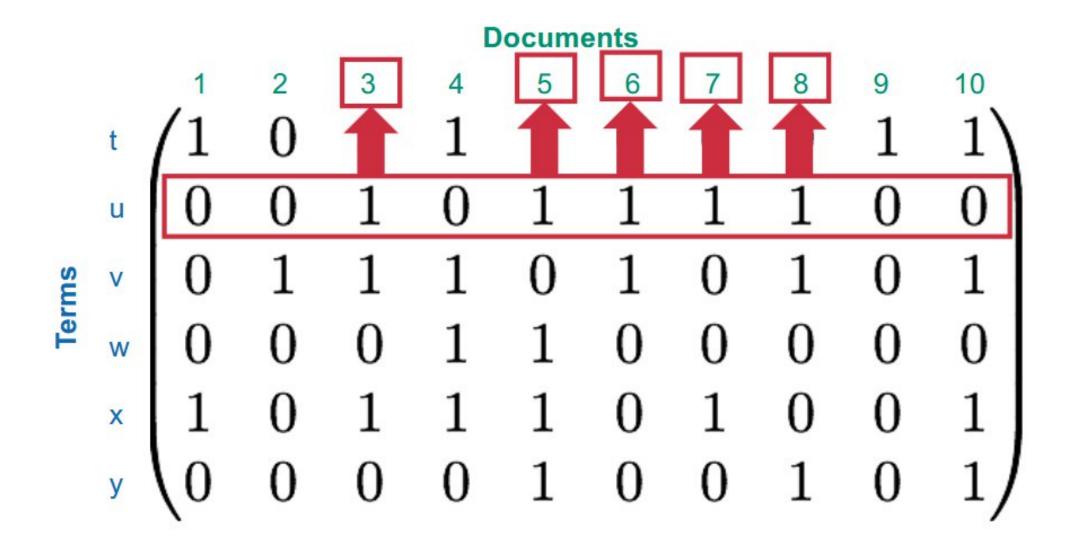
Exercise 10: Probabilistic

Retrieval

Incidence Matrix

0: Term is **not** in document

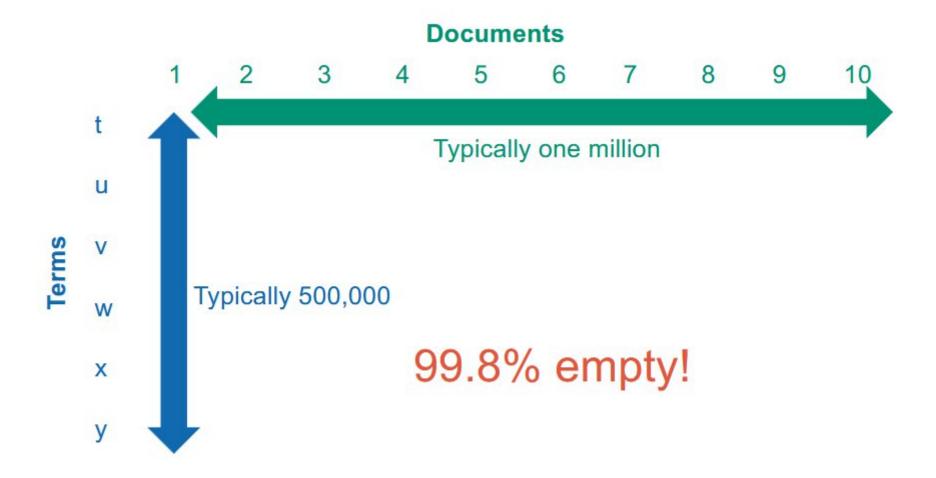
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Boolean Retrieval

Incidence Matrix

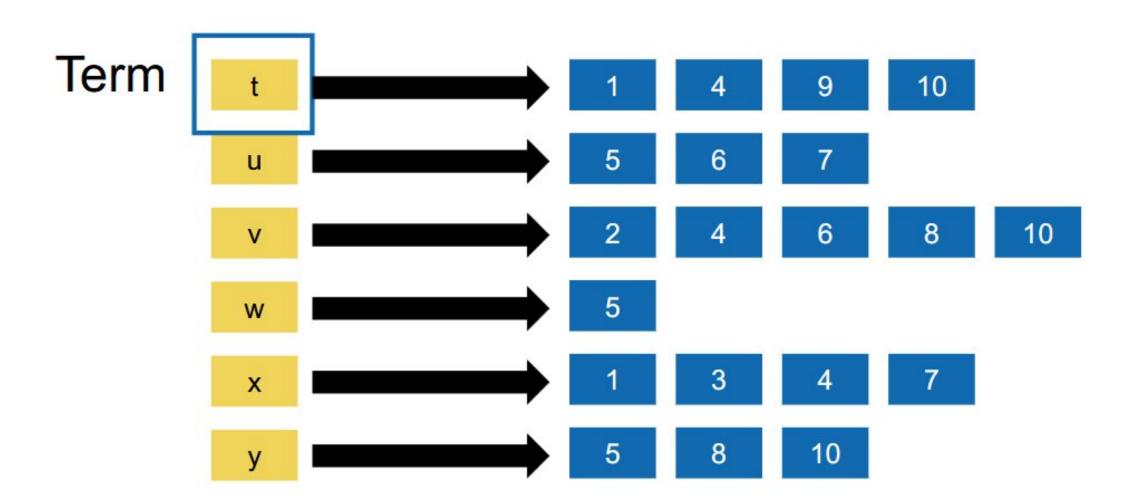
Very inefficient storage usage!



Boolean Retrieval

Inverted Index

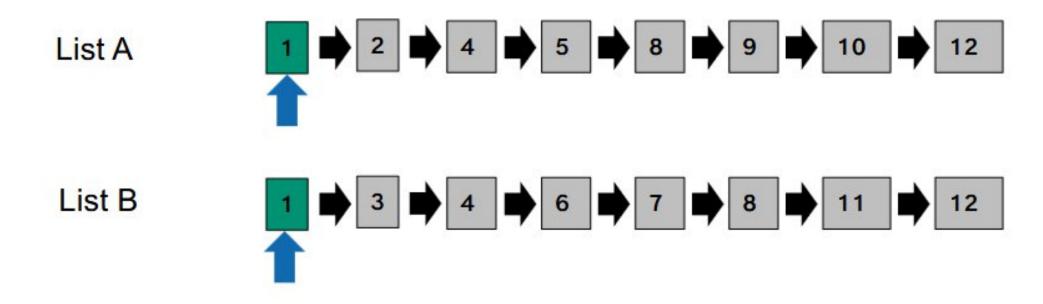
No storage usage for the zeroes, store documents in lists



Boolean Retrieval

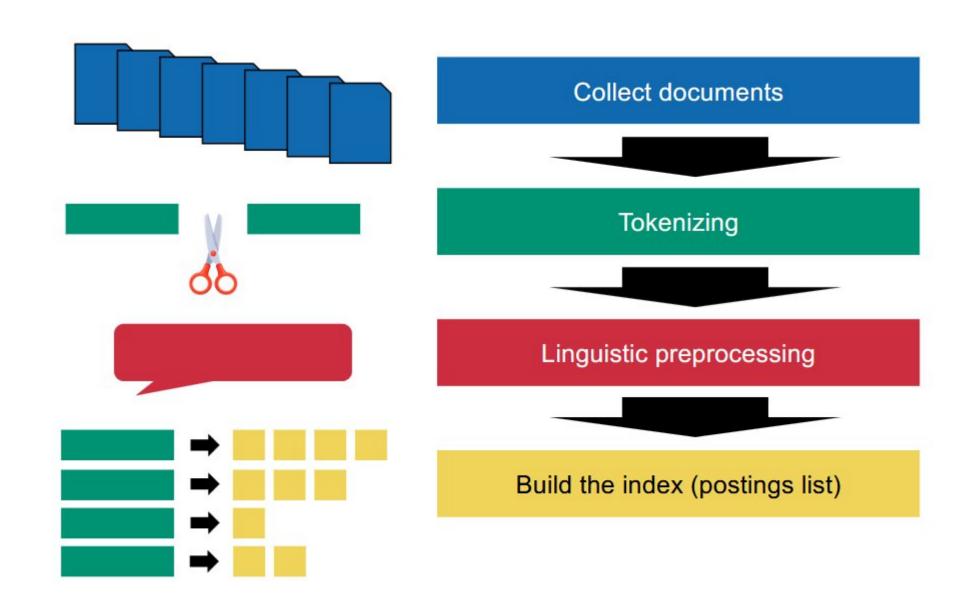
Intersection algorithm

Used to find documents containing both terms A and B.



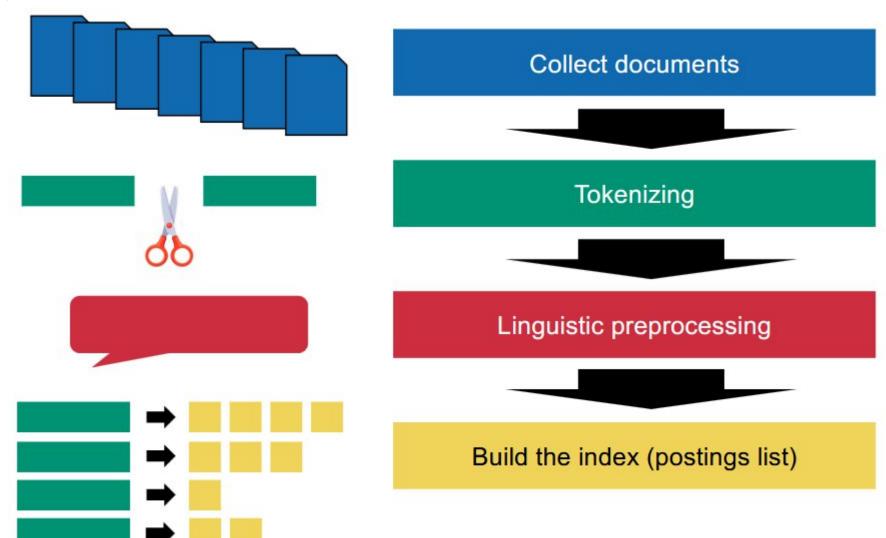
Term Vocabulary

Lot of steps to do before building the index!



Collecting documents

- What encoding type?
- What language?
- In what context?



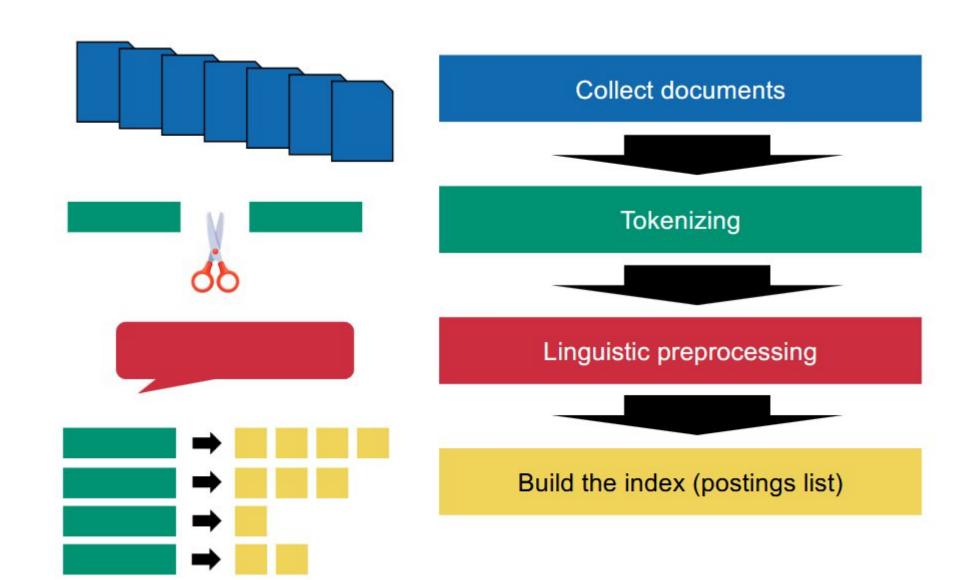
Tokenization

- Punctuation
- Stop words
- Careful of corner cases
- Know the vocabulary!

Raw or processed	Tied to document	Full name	Simplified/casual
raw	tied with position	positional token	token (implicitly positional)
raw	tied without position	non-positional token	
raw	not tied	word, non-normalized type	type (implicitly non-normalized in the book) token (compiler community)
processed	tied with position	positional posting	
processed	tied without position	non-positional posting	posting (implicitly non-positional)
processed	not tied	normalized type, term (if in index)	

Linguistic preprocessing

- Normalization
- Expansion
- Lemmatization and Stemming



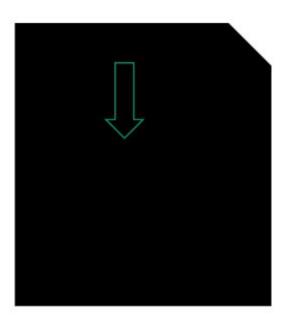
Phrase search

Biword: False positives

Positional: Can reconstruct whole

document





Biword indices

Positional indices

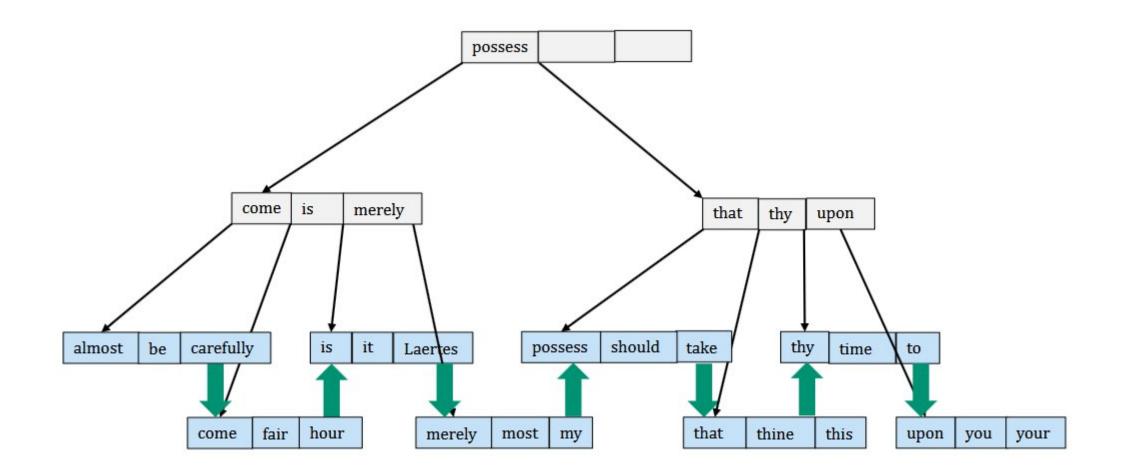
Tolerant Retrieval

B+-tree

A n-m B+-tree has between **n** and **m** children and between **n** – **1** and **m** – **1** keys.

All leaves at same depth.

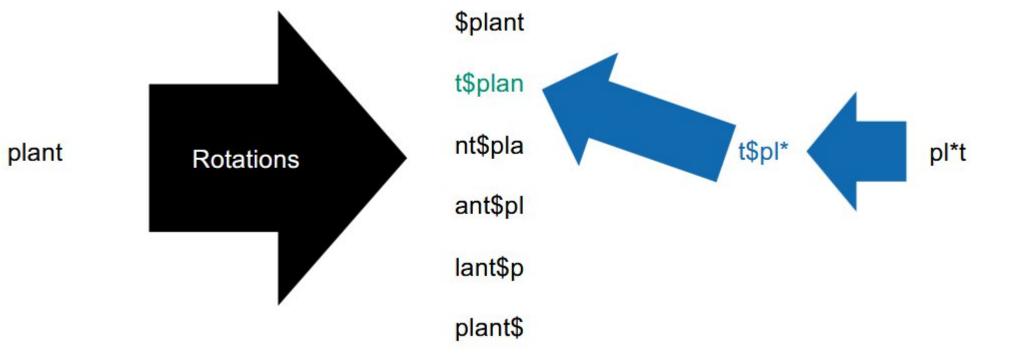
Usually have extra pointers in postings lists.



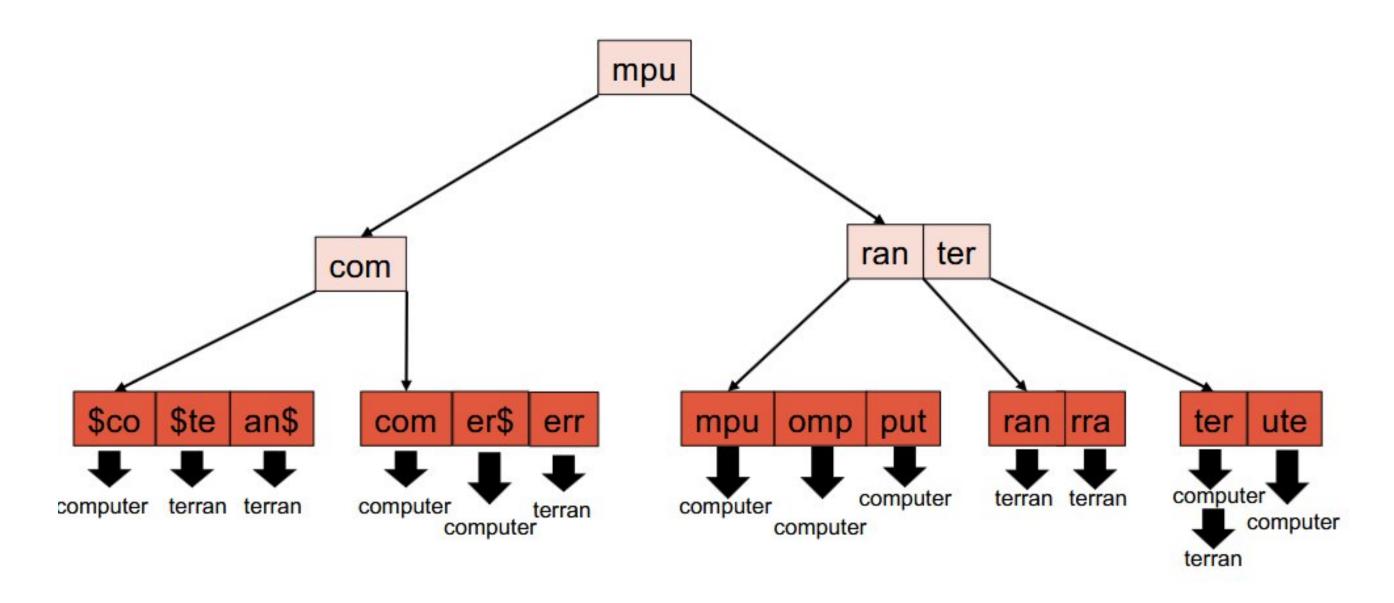
Tolerant Retrieval

Permuterm index

Use a B+-tree to store all rotations.

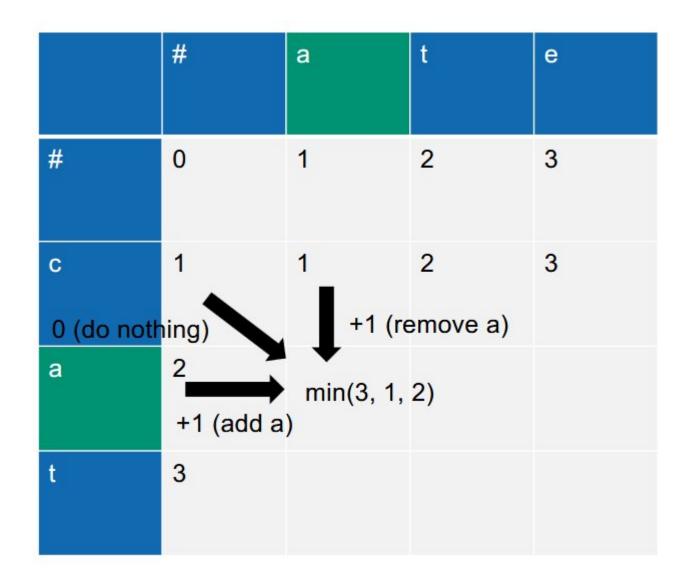


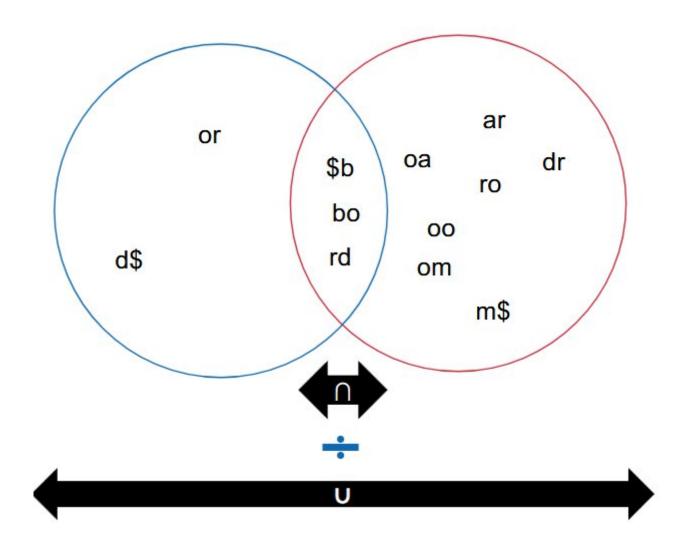
k-gram index



Tolerant Retrieval

Spell correction





Index Construction

Blocked Sort-Based Indexing

- 1. Shard the collection of documents
- 2. Process each block one by one in memory
- Parse termID-docID pairs
- Sort pairs according to termID
- Write back intermediate results

Vector Space Model

- 1. distance
- 2. leader

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Champion Lists

- 1. distance
- 2. leader
- 3. cluster

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Evaluation

- 1. distance
- 2. leader
- 3. cluster
- 4. nearest document

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Probabilistic Retrieval

- 1. distance
- 2. leader
- 3. cluster
- 4. nearest document
- 5. heuristic

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Language Models

- 1. distance
- 2. leader
- 3. cluster
- 4. nearest document
- 5. heuristic
- 6. not guaranteed

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Kahoot

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