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### Using machine learning to predict temporal orientation of search engines' queries in the Temporalia challenge

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### temporal intent of queries (TIQ)

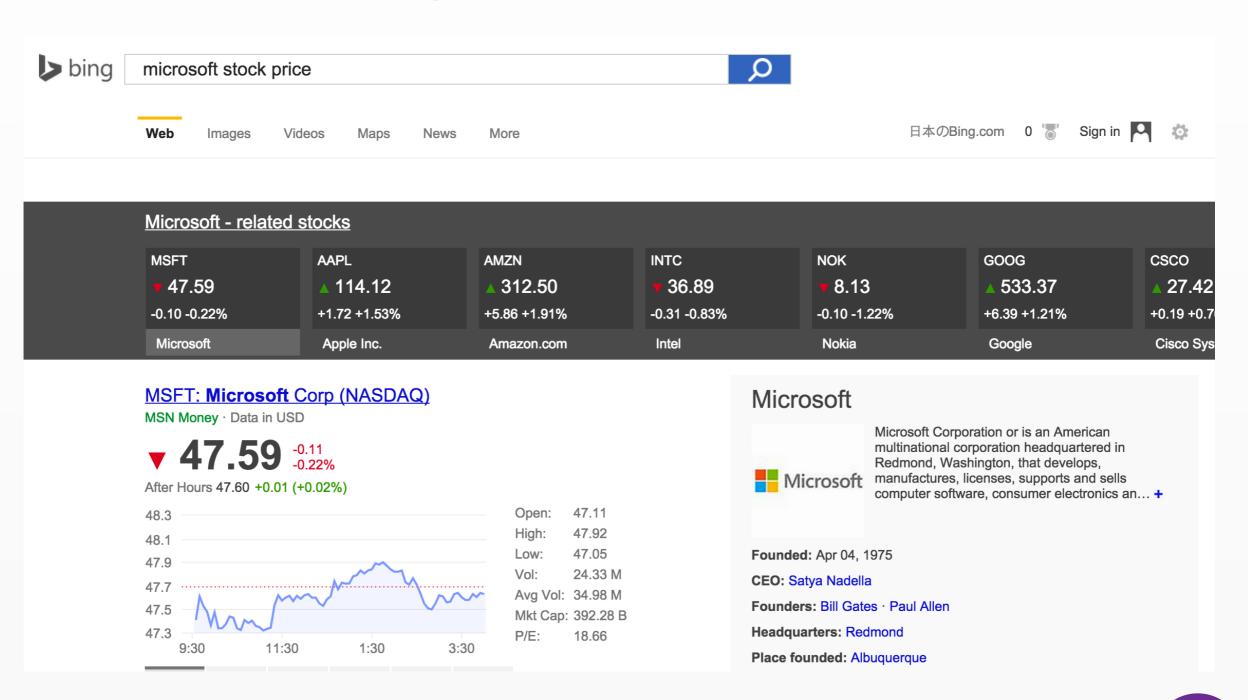
Given a user query and its submission time, can a system predict its temporal intent?

- input: queries & submission date
- output: temporal intent
  - PAST, RECENCY, FUTURE or ATEMPORAL
- easy for people
- hard for machines

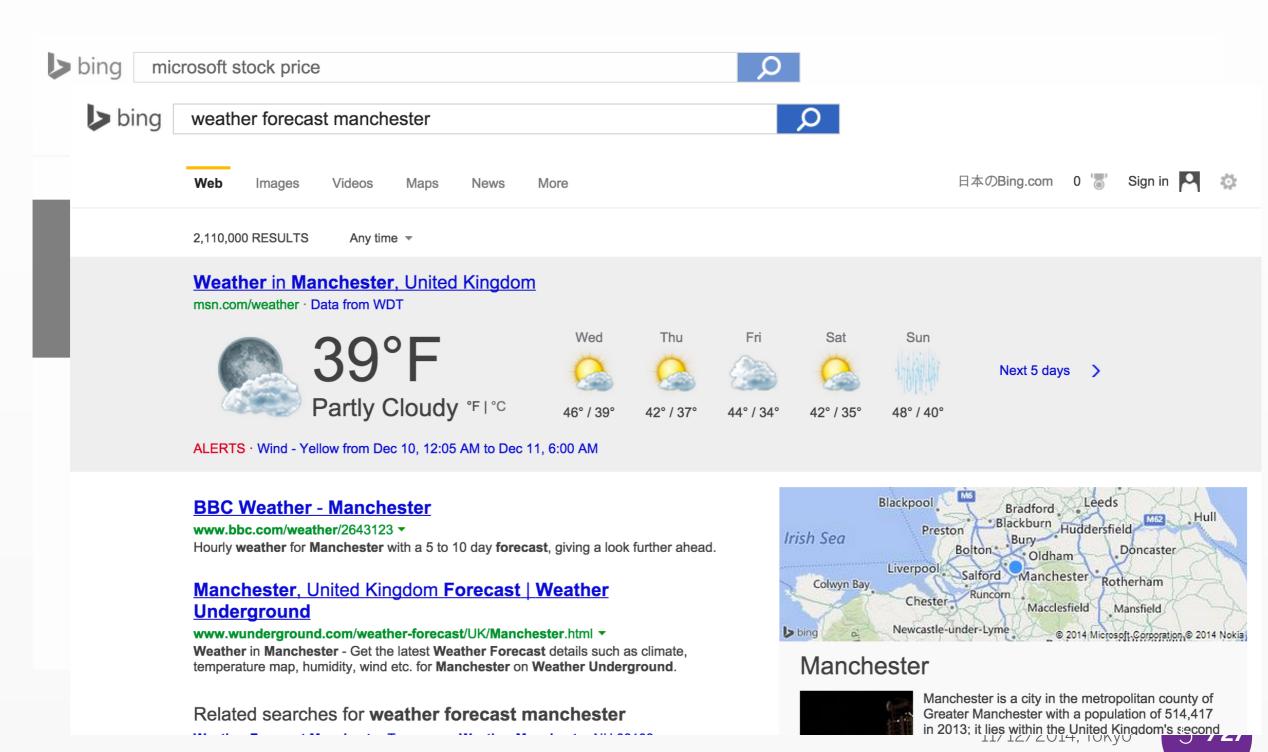


### TQI: recency

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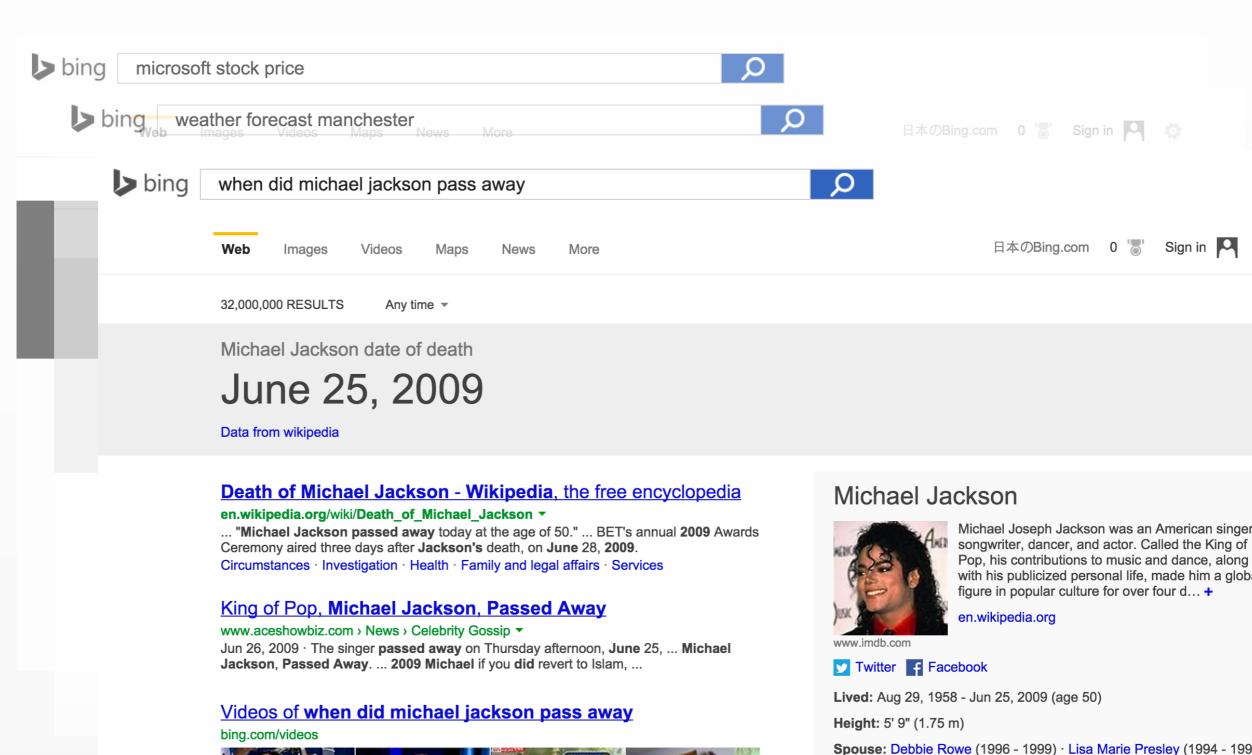


### TQI: future

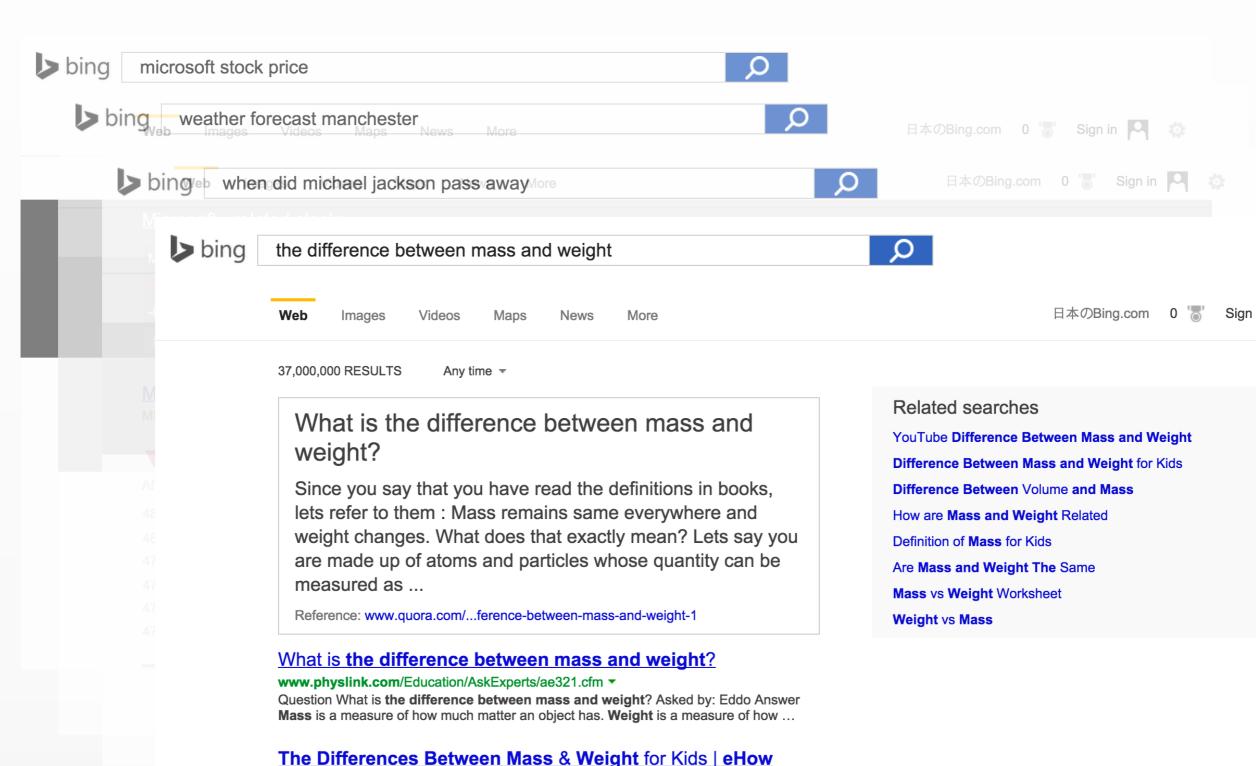


Children: Paris Jackson · Prince Michael · Prince Michael Jackson II

### TQI: past



### TQI: atemporal



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### the data

- training set
  - 80 instances +
- test
  - 300 instances
- artificially balanced classes

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presentation: NTCIR-11 Temporalia
                                                         <query_string>i am a gummy bear</query_string
                                                         <query_issue_time>May 1, 2013 GMT+0</query_i
                                                         <temporal_class>atemporal</temporal_class>
                                                   </query>
                                                   <query>
                                                         <id>006</id>
                                                         <query_string>madden 2014 release date</query
                                                         <query_issue_time>May 1, 2013 GMT+0</query_i
                                                         <temporal_class>future</temporal_class>
                                                   </query>
                                                   <query>
                                                         <id>007</id>
                                                         <query_string>comet coming in 2013</query_str
                                                         <query_issue_time>May 1, 2013 GMT+0</query_i
                                                         <temporal_class>past</temporal_class>
                                                   </guery>
                                                   <query>

    20 instances (released as preli

                                                         <temporal_class>future</temporal_class>
                                                   </query>
                                                   <query>
                                                         <id>009</id>
                                                         <query_string>daylight savings time 2010 united
                                                         <query_issue_time>May 1, 2013 GMT+0</query_i
                                                         <temporal_class>past</temporal_class>
                                                   </query>
                                                   <query>
                                                         <id>010</id>
                                                         <query_string>attack synonym</query_string>
                                                         <query_issue_time>May 1, 2013 GMT+0</query_i
                                                         <temporal_class>atemporal</temporal_class>
                                                   </query>
                                                   <query>
                                                         <id>011</id>
                                                         <query_string>may 211/12/2014, Tokyo-
```

<query issue time>May 1, 2013 GMT+

### proposed approach

- data-driven
- low-sparsity attributes
- external resources:
  - TempoWordNet¹, a temporal lexical KB
  - title of Wikipedia pages
  - ManTIME, a temporal expression extraction system





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### TempoWordNet

```
CINDITACIDIAN
                              activety spewing out tava
                                                         0.200400
40334
                                                                               0.000JJ4
                                                                                        0.068862
                             (of e.g. volcanos) not erupting and not extinct
40685
        dormant.a.02
                                                                              0.000000
                                                                                                   0.000138
                                                                                                              0.931
                                                                0.000000 0.934128 0.001872 0.064
40909
        quiescent.s.03
                              being quiet or still or inactive
41051
        extinct.a.02
                             (of e.g. volcanos) permanently inactive
                                                                      0.000000 0.068862
                                                                                          0.000138 0.931
                          physically inactive
                                                                              0.505
41202
        dead.s.05
                    S
                                                0.000000 0.001485
                                                                    0.493515
41361
        active.a.12
                            (of e.g. volcanos) capable of erupting
                                                                   0.000000 0.863270
                                                                                         0.001730
41488
                                                 0.000000 0.271456 0.000544 0.728
        alive.s.07
                           capable of erupting
41618
                            (used of verbs (e.g. `to run') and participial adjectives (e.g. `running' in `running water')) expressing action rather than a
        active.a.11
41841
        stative.a.01
                            ( used of verbs (e.g. `be' or `own') and most participial adjectives) expressing existence or a state rather than an action
                            expressing that the subject of the sentence has the semantic function of actor: "Hemingway favors active constructions" 0.00
42037
        active.a.10
42228
                                                                                                                         0.000000 0.003045
        passive.a.03
                             expressing that the subject of the sentence is the patient of the action denoted by the verb
42457
                            exerting influence or producing a change or effect 0.000000 0.944108 0.001892 0.054
        active.a.06
42692
                                                                                                                         0.000000 0.860276
        activated.s.03
                               rendered active; e.g. rendered radioactive or luminescent or photosensitive or conductive
42837
        counteractive.s.01
                                  opposing or neutralizing or mitigating an effect by contrary action
                                                                                                       0.000000 0.930136 0.001864 0.068
42982
        surface-active.s.01
                                  capable of lowering the surface tension of a liquid; used especially of detergents
                                                                                                                      0.000000 0.201596 0.000404
43125
        inactive.a.04
                              not exerting influence or change
                                                                0.000000 0.120758 0.000242 0.879
43231
        quiescent.s.01
                              not active or activated
                                                        0.000000 0.968060 0.001940 0.03
43411
        active.a.09
                            (of the sun) characterized by an increased occurrence of sunspots and flares and radio emissions
                                                                                                                            0.000000
43615
        quiet.a.06
                           of the sun characterized by a low level of surface phenomena like sunspots e.g.
                                                                                                           0.000002 0.000998 0.000000
43765
        actual.a.01
                            presently existing in fact and not merely potential or possible
                                                                                            0.001994 0.995006
                                                                                                                  0.000000
                                                                        0.001322 0.659678 0.000000 0.339
44132
        effective.s.05
                               existing in fact; not theoretical; real
44353
        potential.a.01
                               existing in possibility
                                                        0.001764 0.880236 0.000000 0.118
44608
        latent.s.01
                            potentially existing but not presently evident or realized
                                                                                        0.001988
                                                                                                0.992012
                                                                                                             0.000000
                                                                                            0.000000
44760
        acute.a.01
                           having or experiencing a rapid onset and short but severe course
                                                                                                       0.000488
                                                                                                                  0.243512
44987
                              less than acute; relating to a disease present in a person with no symptoms of it
                                                                                                                                     0.000000
        subacute.s.01
                                                                                                                0.000040
                                                                                                                          0.019960
                                                                                                                                                0.98
45123
                             being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering
                                                                                                 0.000440
        chronic.a.01
                                                                                                          0.219560
                                                                                                                      0.000000
                                                                                                                                 0.78
45356
        degenerative.s.01
                                 (of illness) marked by gradual deterioration of organs and cells along with loss of function
                                                                                                                              0.000000
                                                                                                                                         0.003992
45561
                              infectious; having the ability to cause disease
                                                                               0.000000 0.003992 0.000008
        virulent.a.02
45735
        highly_infective.s.01
                                   (of a microorganism) extremely infective
                                                                                0.000000 0.468062
                                                                                                    0.000938
45888
        deadlv.s.06
                            (of a disease) having a rapid course and violent effect
                                                                                     0.000000
                                                                                             0.001624 0.810376 0.188
46014
        avirulent.a.01
                               not virulent; unable to produce disease
                                                                        0.000000 0.005988
                                                                                            0.000012
                                                                                                       0.994
46109
        adaptive.a.01
                              having a capacity for adaptation
                                                                0.000000 0.266466 0.000534
46339
                                  tending to reconcile or accommodate; bringing into harmony
        accommodative.s.03
                                                                                              0.000000
                                                                                                         0.008982
                                                                                                                    0.000018
                                                                                                                              0.991
46471
                                 of or relating to adaptation
                                                                0.000000 0.020958 0.000042
        adaptational.s.01
                                                                                                0.979
46558
        adjustive.s.01
                               conducive to adjustment
                                                       0.000000 0.266466 0.000534 0.733
46673
        maladaptive.a.01
                                 showing faulty adaptation
                                                            0.000000 0.266466 0.000534 0.733
46792
        dysfunctional.s.02
                                  (of a trait or condition) failing to serve an adjustive purpose
                                                                                                   0.000000
                                                                                                              0.108782
                                                                                                                        0.000218
                                                                                                                                   0.891
                             S
46955
                                                    0.000000 0.266466 0.000534 0.733
        maladjustive.s.01
                                  poorly adjusted
47029
        addicted.a.01
                              compulsively or physiologically dependent on something habit-forming
                                                                                                   0.000408
                                                                                                              0.407184
                                                                                                                        0.000816
                                                                                                                                   0.592
47243
        alcoholic.s.02
                              addicted to alcohol
                                                    0.000000 0.266466 0.000534
47406
        dependent.s.06
                               addicted to a drug
                                                    0.000000 0.200598 0.000402 0.799
47566
        unaddicted.a.01
                               not addicted
                                               0.000000 0.266466 0.000534 0.733
47653
                                           0.000000 0.023952 0.000048 0.976
        clean.s.18
                           free of drugs
47786
                                                                      0.000000
                                                                                0.000998
        addictive.a.01
                          а
                               causing or characterized by addiction
47954
        nonaddictive.a.01
                                 not causing or characterized by addiction
                                                                             0.000000 0.000998
48129
                              characterized or produced by addition
                                                                     0.000000
                                                                                0.004990
                                                                                          0.000010
        additive.a.02
48460
                                 increasing by successive addition
                                                                     0.000000
                                                                                0.266466
                                                                                          0.000534
        accumulative.s.01
```

### ManTIME¹ usage

a ML-based temporal expression extraction system

"madden 2014 release date"



madden <TIMEX3 value="2014-XX-XX" type="DATE">2014</TIMEX3> release date

"drudge report 2013 september"



drudge report <TIMEX3 value="2013-09-XX" type="DATE">2013 september</TIMEX3>

### trigger classes

- BOW representation
- Feature selection RELIEF algorithm
- 4 dictionaries (1 per class)

#### **PAST**

ancient days death did history last months

21 triggers

#### **RECENCY**

actual
cost
costs
current
daily
day
direction

44 triggers

#### **FUTURE**

agenda calendar chance coming dates forecast forthcoming

27 triggers

#### **ATEMPORAL**

chords lyrics

2 triggers

# of Manchester attributes

| # | Attribute description                  | Sparsity | Example Input (query/time) → attribute value |
|---|--|----------|--|
| 1 | Is it a Wikipedia page title?          | 2        | New York Times" → YES                        |
| 2 | Does it contain a temporal expression? | 2        | "june 2013 movies" → YES                     |
| 3 | Submission's term                      | 3        | "Feb 28, 2013 GMT+0" → 'B'                   |
| 4 | Submission's trimester                 | 4        | "Aug 26, 2013 GMT+0" → 'M2'                  |
| 5 | Timing                                 | 4        | "Movies 2012", "Feb 28, 2013" → 'past'       |
| 6 | Most frequent trigger class            | 5        | "peso dollar exchange rate" → 'present'      |
| 7 | Wh type                                | 5        | "how did hitler die" → 'how'                 |
| 8 | Most frequent TempoWordNet class       | 5        | "current stock prices" → 'present'           |
| 9 | Most frequent POS tag tense            | 7        | "what is stop kony 2012" → 'VBZ'             |



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| #  | Attribute description                    | Sparsity | Example Input (query/time) → attribute value          |
|----|--|----------|---|
| 10 | Most frequent coarse-grained POS tag     | 8        | "kony 2012 fake" → 'N'                                |
| 11 | Trigger classes footprint                | 11       | "what was I thinking lyrics" → 'past-atemporal'       |
| 12 | Temporal Δ between submission and query  | 16       | "father's day 2010", "Feb 28, 2013" → 36.0            |
| 13 | Tenses footprint                         | 18       | "when does fall start" → 'VBZ-VB'                     |
| 14 | Ordered TempoWordNet classes             | 18       | "the last song" → 'past-future-present-<br>atemporal' |
| 15 | Most frequent fine-grained POS tag       | 21       | "kony 2012 fake" → 'NN'                               |
| 16 | Coarse-grained POS tag ordered footprint | 119      | "when is labour day" → 'N-W-V'                        |
| 17 | Fine-grained POS tag ordered footprint   | 202      | "when is labour day" → 'NN-WRB-VBZ'                   |
| 18 | Coarse-grained POS tag footprint         | 204      | "when is labour day" → 'W-V-N-N'                      |
| 19 | Fine-grained POS tag footprint           | 265      | "when is labour day" → 'WRB-VBZ-NN-NN'                |

# of Manchester run 1: minimal

classifier:

SVM with polynomial kernel

| #  | Attribute description                    | Sparsity |
|----|--|----------|
| 1  | Is it a Wikipedia page title?            | 2        |
| 2  | Does it contain a temporal expression?   | 2        |
| 3  | Submission's term                        | 3        |
| 4  | Submission's trimester                   | 4        |
| 5  | Timing                                   | 4        |
| 6  | Most frequent trigger class              | 5        |
| 7  | Wh type                                  | 5        |
|    | Most frequent TempoWordNet class         | 5        |
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# otwardersity run 2: intermediate # Attribute

classifier:

kernel

SVM with polynomial

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| 4  | Submission's trimester                   | 4        |
| 5  | Timing                                   | 4        |
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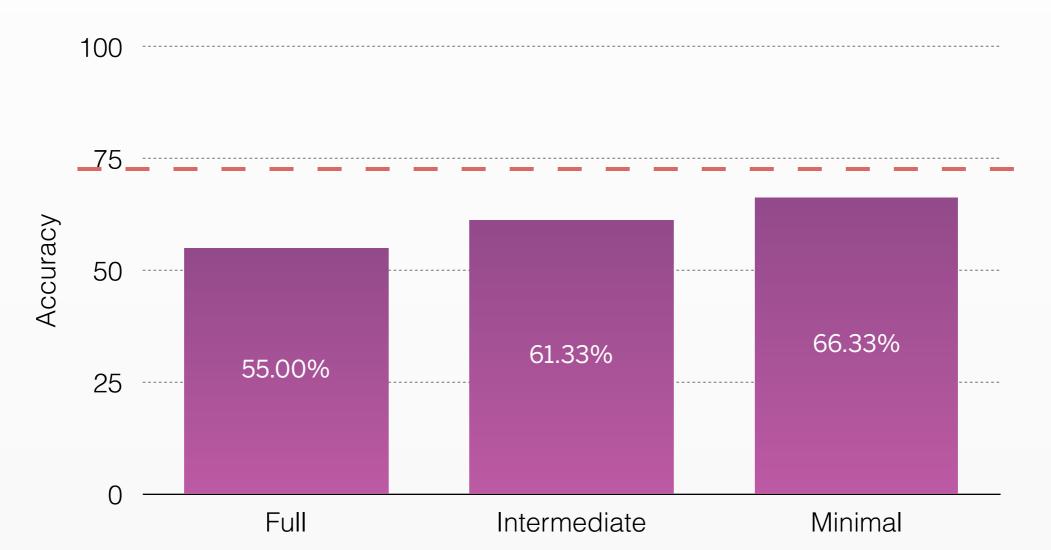
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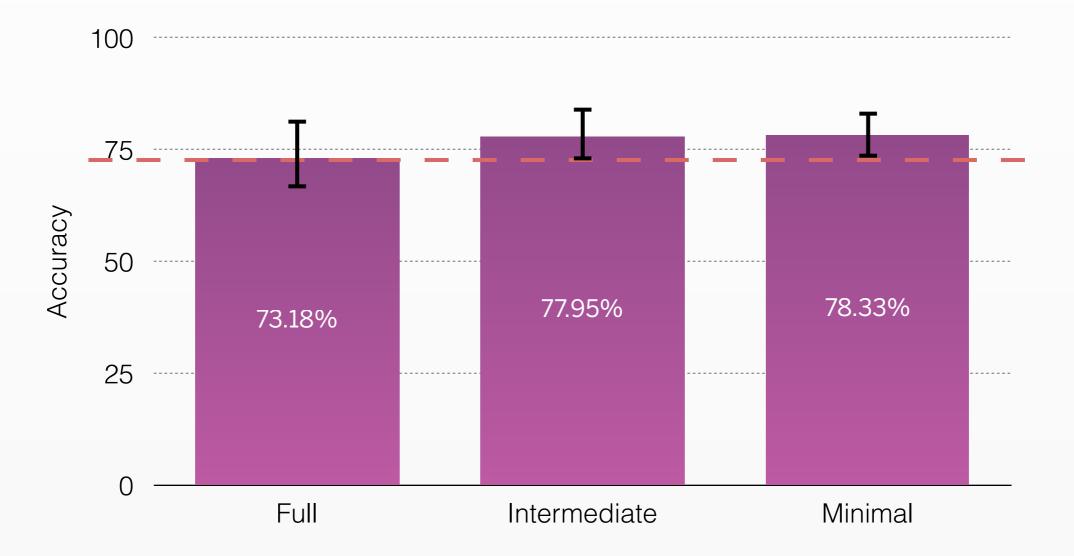
Random Forests

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| 3  | Submission's term                        | 3        |
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| 6  | Most frequent trigger class              | 5        |
| 7  | Wh type                                  | 5        |
| 8  | Most frequent TempoWordNet class         | 5        |
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### results (submitted runs)

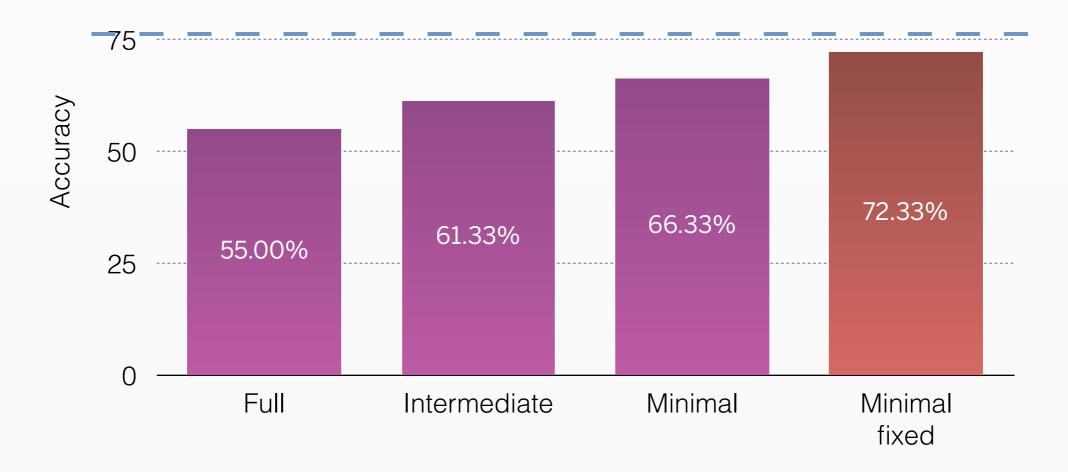


### results: 5 x 10 cross-fold v.



### a posteriori fix







### how to reach the peak?

### confusion matrix

|           | Classified as |      |        |           |
|-----------|---------------|------|--------|-----------|
|           | Recency       | Past | Future | Atemporal |
| Recency   | 43            | 0    | 21     | 11        |
| Past      | 3             | 60   | 6      | 6         |
| Future    | 38            | 0    | 35     | 2         |
| Atemporal | 6             | 5    | 3      | 61        |

### confusion matrix

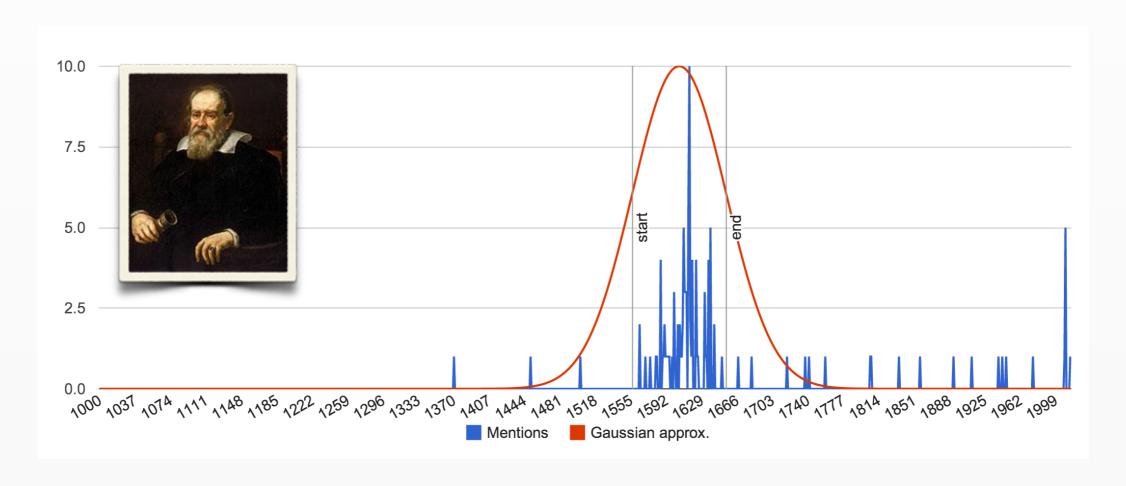
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### difficult queries

- "iPhone 5 release date"
  - it can be FUTURE or PAST according to the submission time
  - keywords don't help here
- "2061: Odyssey Three"
  - keywords can lie!
- "season 2 dexter"
  - use of external sources of knowledge

### temporal footprint

a continuous period on the time-line that temporally defines the existence of a particular concept.



### what we learned

- lexical and morphological analysis is not enough
  - mapping entities to knowledge bases
  - full temporal information analysis (flow of events)
- future vs. recency is an open problem
- challenging
  - queries are usually very short
  - semantic analysis of the indexed documents is tough
- more data

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### online material

