NTCIR-16 Data Search 2

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Introduction

- The open data movement is now being accelerated by the expectations for open science and citizen science
 - Each country strongly encourages the open data movement:
 - Data.gov (United States)
 - Data.gov.uk (United Kingdom)
 - Data.gov.au (Australia)
 - e-Stat (Japan)
- Besides the governmental portals, there are also thousands of data repositories on the Web

Demand for a better data search engine

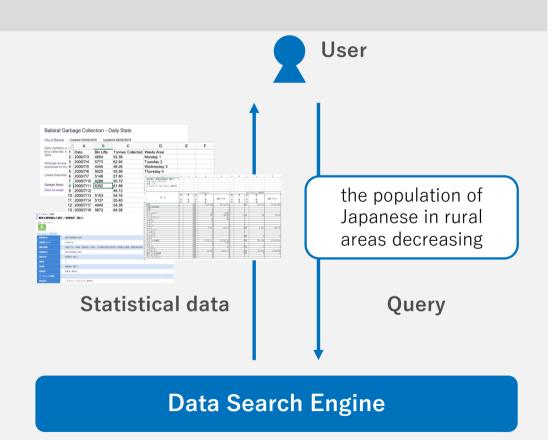
(e.g. Google Dataset Search)

The very first IR evaluation campaign for data search

Japanese	Documents (or <i>datasets</i>)	1,338,402
	Training queries	96
	Test queries	96
	Relevance judgments for training queries	2,035
	Relevance judgments for test queries	5,719
English	Documents (or <i>datasets</i>)	46,615
	Training queries	96
	Test queries	96
	Relevance judgments for training queries	2,008
	Relevance judgments for test queries	6,240

Ad-hoc retrieval for statistical data

- Subtasks
 - English and Japanese
- Input
 - Queries for each of the subtasks
- Document (or Dataset) collection
 - e-Stats for Japanese
 - Data.gov for English
- Output
 - Ranked list of datasets for each query



Examples of Topics

Topic ID	Need	Query
DS1-E-0001	Do people in the East Coast dislike oysters?	oysters dislike east coast
DS1-E-0004	I am looking for evidences of domestic self-sufficiency rate of salt	domestic self salt rate
DS1-E-0007	Are there many people who can't drive large trailers?	people can't drive large trailers
DS1-E-0009	How many people have a second house?	many people second house
DS1-E-0014	Which city has a population of about 300,000?	city population 300,000

Examples of Data

Ballarat Garbage Collection - Daily Stats

City of Ballarat / Created 25/05/2015 / Updated 28/05/2015

Daily statistics of garbage collection in the City of Ballarat. Includes date, number of garbage bins collected, tonnes of waste collected, area of collection. Date range July 2000 - March 2015

Although all due care has been taken to ensure that these data are correct, no warranty is expressed or implied by the City of Ballarat in their use.

Linked Data Rating: ★★☆☆☆ ②

Contact Point: Click to reveal

\overline{A}	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
1	Date	Bin Lifts	Tonnes Collected	Waste Area		
2	2000/7/3	4804	52.38	Monday 1		
3	2000/7/4	5773	62.94	Tuesday 2		
4	2000/7/5	4345	48.26	Wednesday 3		
5	2000/7/6	5025	55.58	Thursday 4		
6	2000/7/7	5148	57.80	Friday 5		
7	2000/7/10	4288	55.72	Monday 1		
8	2000/7/11	6352	61.88	Tuesday 2		
9	2000/7/12		48.12	Wednesday 3		
10	2000/7/13	5153	54.16	Thursday 4		
11	2000/7/14	5137	55.40	Friday 5		
12	2000/7/17	4940	54.38	Monday 1		
13	2000/7/18	5872	64.38	Tuesday 2		
14	2000/7/19	4188	47.02	Wednesday 3		
15	2000/7/20	5057	54.26	Thursday 4		
16	2000/7/21	5063	54.38	Friday 5		



Japanese

	nDCG@3	nDCG@5	nDCG@10	nERR@3	nERR@5
KSU-J-5	0.388	0.403	0.448	0.283	0.448
KSU-J-1	0.362	0.381	0.421	0.295	0.423
ORGJ-J-3	0.407	0.413	0.421	0.325	0.450
uhai-J-10	0.403	0.406	0.415	0.312	0.447
ORGJ-J-2	0.402	0.405	0.415	0.328	0.447
ORGJ-J-6	0.379	0.386	0.406	0.321	0.423
ORGJ-J-1	0.382	0.396	0.405	0.308	0.426
ORGJ-J-7	0.380	0.386	0.401	0.323	0.430
ORGJ-J-4	0.365	0.377	0.400	0.318	0.409

Six teams participated in the first round

BM25 + Query modification

BM25 + Category classification

BM25 + Table header + Category classification

Note

BM25

BM25 (lucene)

0.498

0.473

0.484

0.484

0.483

English

	nDCG@3	nDCG@5	nDCG@10	nERR@3	nERR@5	nERR@10	Q	Note
KSU-E-2	0.204	0.231	0.255	0.238	0.229	0.257	0.276	BM25 + Table header + Category classification
KSU-E-6	0.204	0.231	0.255	0.238	0.229	0.257	0.276	BM25 + Category classification
NIITableLinker-E-4	0.233	0.237	0.248	0.251	0.251	0.264	0.278	BM25 + PRF + BERT Reranking
ORGE-E-2	0.219	0.225	0.238	0.240	0.235	0.250	0.264	BM25 (lucene)
uhai-E-5	0.219	0.225	0.238	0.240	0.235	0.250	0.264	BM25 + Query modification
NIITableLinker-E-10	0.221	0.226	0.237	0.238	0.235	0.248	0.264	BM25 + PRF + BERT Reranking
STIS-E-2	0.23	0.228	0.237	0.217	0.248	0.255	0.264	BM25 + RM3 + BERT Reranking
ORGE-E-7	0.216	0.220	0.236	0.237	0.228	0.242	0.256	BM25 + Sequential dependency model
ORGE-E-8	0.224	0.230	0.233	0.238	0.244	0.255	0.264	Query likelihood + RM3

nERR@10

0.477

0.453

0.47

0.466

0.467

What's new in NTCIR-16 Data Search 2?

Question Answering Subtask

- Given a question and a dataset, extract the answer to the question from the dataset
 - e.g. Which city has a population of about 300,000?
 - e.g. What is the current population in Tokyo?
- Evaluated by MRR

Search Interface Subtask

- Participants are expected to develop a system for data search, compare it with our baseline search system, and share findings at the conference
- Will provide five topics for comparison, and a baseline search system

And new test queries for the ad-hoc retrieval task

Schedule

Jan 31, 2021	Dataset collections and training queries release
Aug 31, 2021	Registration due and test queries release
Sep 30, 2021	Run submission due for the ad-hoc retrieval subtask
Nov 31, 2021	Evaluation results release
Feb 1, 2022	Run submission due for the question answering and search interface subtasks
Feb 1, 2022	Draft task overview paper release

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