

Mining Search Subtopics from Query Logs



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Motivation

Web queries are usually short and ambiguous. Different users often have different intents for the same query. Understanding different intents of users is a significant problem in information retrieval, which is critical for search engines to provide correct information for users and to enhance user's

Query: Mars



Key Techniques

Sub-problems of subtopic mining

1. Find related queries
2. Measure relationships between different related queries and find users' intents.

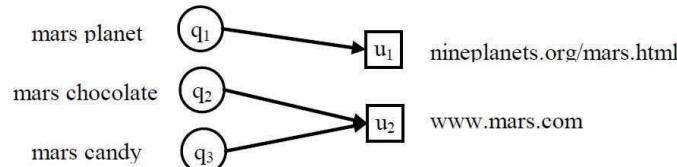
Major Steps

1. Find related queries from

Note: noises

灯红酒绿 (feasting and revelry) vs. 红酒 (red wine)

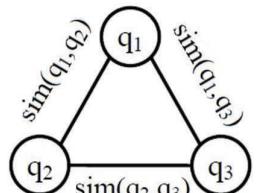
2. Construct query-URL bipartite



What are related queries?

Original Query : mars
 Related Queries: mars planet
 mars chocolate
 mars candy

3. Measure query similarity based link information by using SimRank



4. Cluster related queries to get different topics



Evaluation

Mean I-rec, D-nDCG and D#-nDCG

I-rec@10	D-nDCG@10	D#-nDCG@10
0.4694	0.5620	0.5157
I-rec@20	D-nDCG@20	D#-nDCG@30
0.4926	0.3948	0.4437
I-rec@30	D-nDCG@30	D#-nDCG@30
0.4937	0.3068	0.4010

Top 20 subtopics for query “王子变青蛙” (Prince Turns to Frog)

Intents	English translation
免费看《王子变青蛙》	Watch for free
《王子变青蛙》下载	Download
观看《王子变青蛙》	Watch
免费下载《王子变青蛙》	Download for free
《王子变青蛙》结局	Ending
电视剧: 《王子变青蛙》	TV play
《王子变青蛙》16-20集	Episode 16 to 20
在线播放《王子变青蛙》	Watch online
《王子变青蛙》花絮	Tidbits
《王子变青蛙》分集介绍	Introduction to each episode
《王子变青蛙》音乐	Music
《王子变青蛙》的剧本	Script
《王子变青蛙》免费下载	Download for free
《王子变青蛙》电视剧	TV play
《王子变青蛙》最新消息	Latest news
《王子变青蛙》主题曲	Theme song
《王子变青蛙》的歌	Songs
《王子变青蛙》图	Pictures
《王子变青蛙》28集	Episode 28
site:ent.sina.com.cn+<王子变青蛙>	Search in the specified site

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