Retrieval system testing in an operational environment is difficult and expensive. *Information Retrieval Experiment* brings together and presents in a coherent fashion, material about retrieval system testing scattered in reports and papers. The systems of past tests, and requirements for future tests are examined in detail with many references to examples.

The contributors are all noted workers in the field and their chapters are designed to fit together to provide a thorough treatment of general retrieval test problems, concepts and methods of specific types of tests and of significant and characteristic tests and projects of the last twenty years.

This book is written for research workers, teachers and students of information science but will also be of value to library and information science administrators.

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