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ABSTRACT

This report describes experiments on relevance weighting of search terms. The tests were designed to study the behaviour of relevance weights in relation to other forms of request modification, and in the context of different collection environments, specifically those defined by variations in the amount of relevance information available for weight calculation.

The results show that relevance weighting can be very effective in a wide variety of situations, and effective even in very unfavourable circumstances.

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