

Faceted search

Outline

- Exploratory search and ways to support it
- Faceted search:
 - Interfaces
 - Interaction styles
- Faceted search solutions:
 - with structured metadata
 - with unstructured metadata
 - without ready-made metadata
- Future challenges

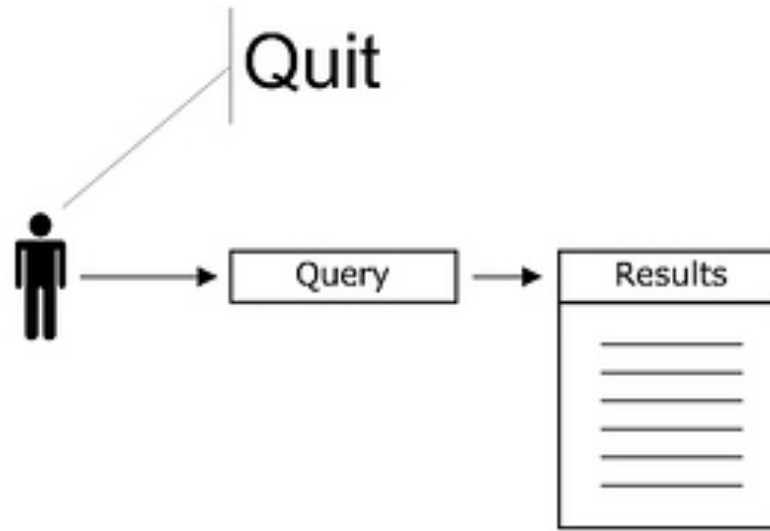
Users demand: explore

more **control** over search!

They want to **explore**!

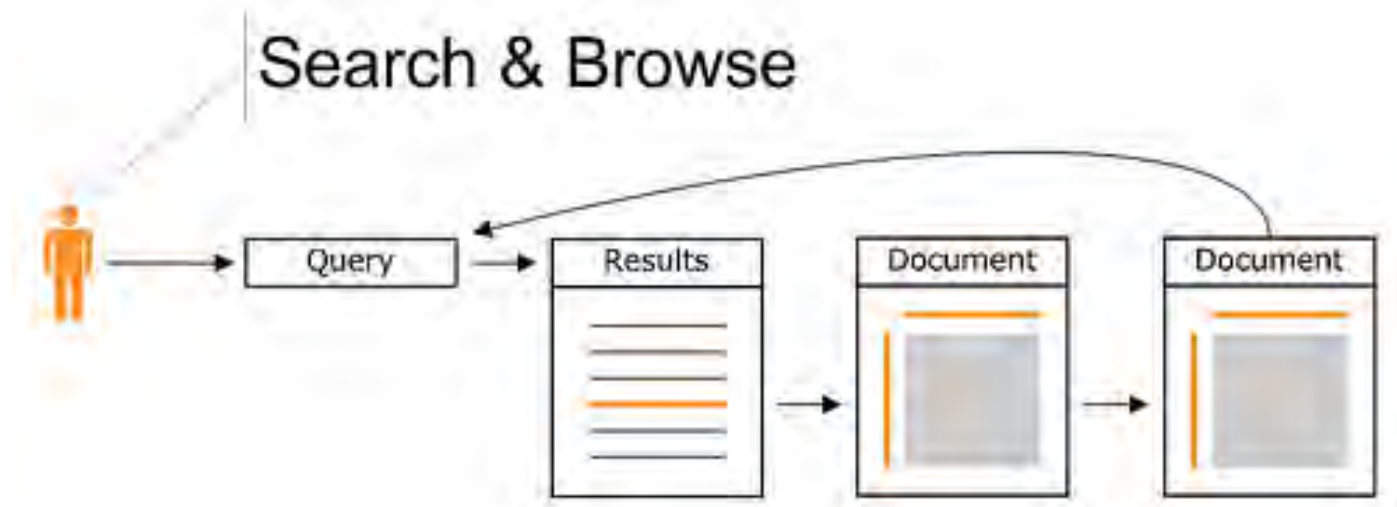


Search is a look-up?



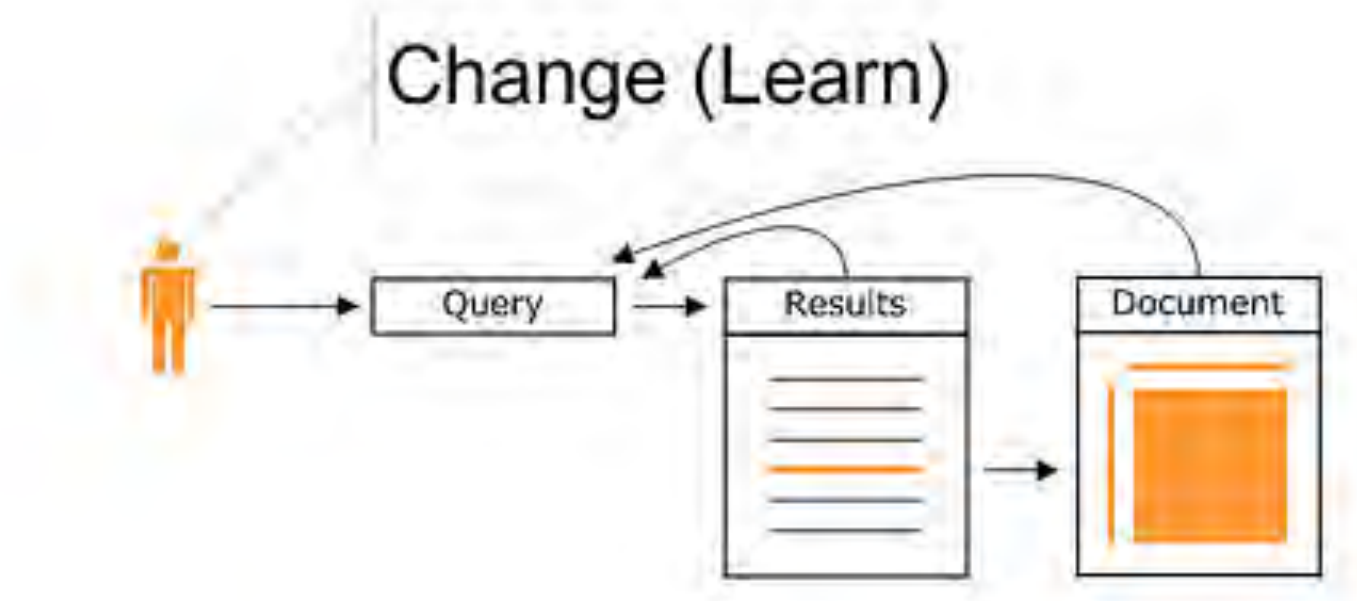
Is that all?

Search is a journey!



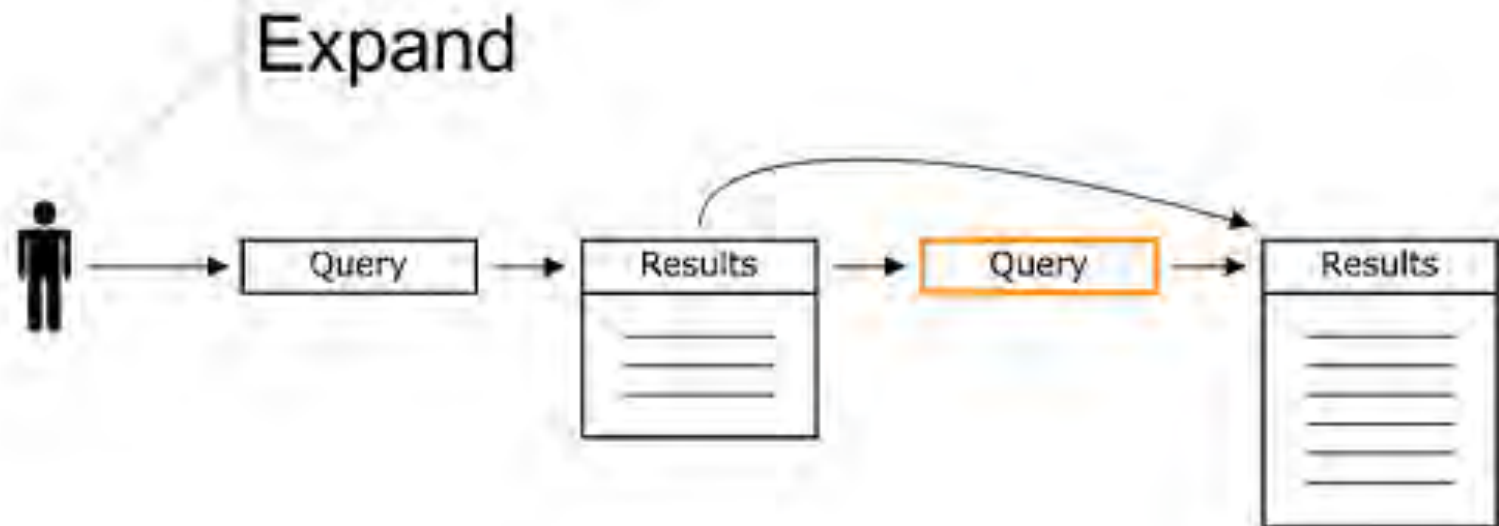
- Exploratory search involves:
 - browsing the result
 - analyzing returned documents
 - coming back to the initial ranking again and again

Search is a journey!



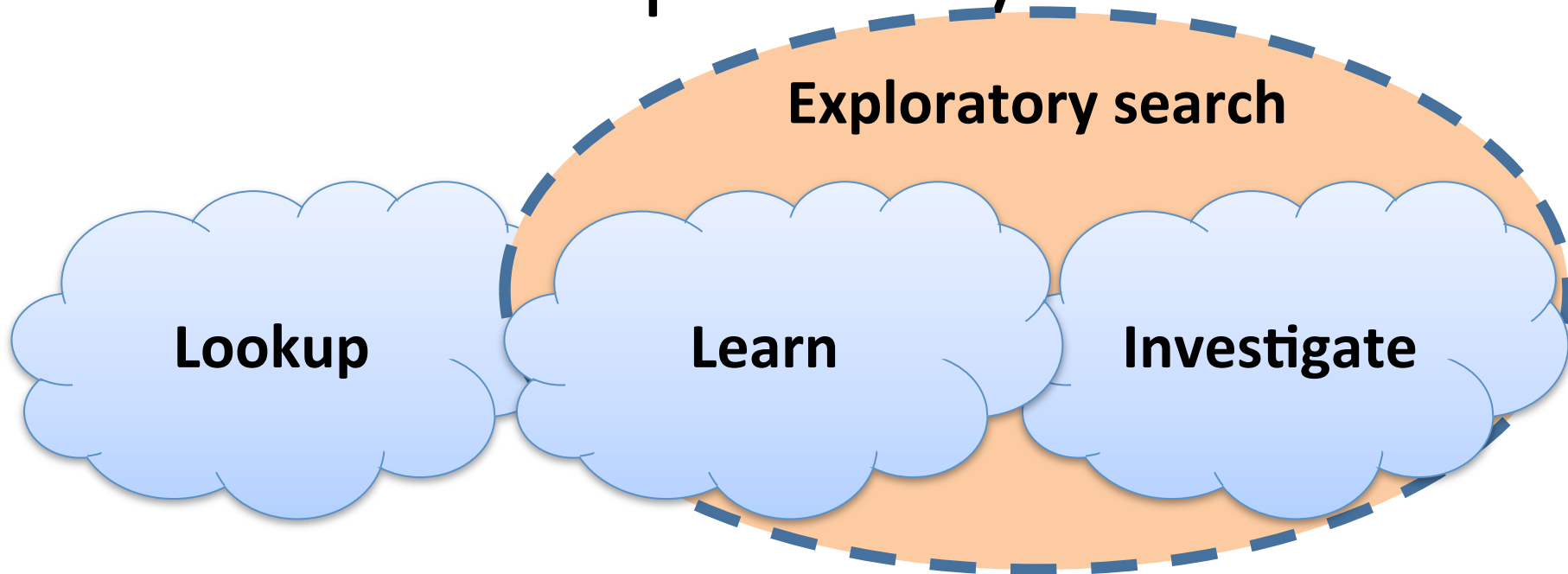
- Exploratory search involves:
 - Querying the last returned result set
 - Looking for similar documents (relevance feedback)

Search is a journey!



- Exploratory search is also about...
 - Query reformulation, same information need:
 - Specialization: **mp3 players** => **ipod**
 - Generalization: **ipod** => **mp3 players**

What is exploratory search



Lookup

Learn

Investigate

Question answering
Fact retrieval
Known-item search
Navigational search
Lasts for seconds

Knowledge acquisition
Comprehension
Comparison
Discovery
Serendipity

Incremental search
Driven by uncertainty
Non-linear behavior
Result analysis
Lasts for hours

What web search engines offer

The image is a screenshot of the Yahoo! search engine homepage from around 2009. The search bar at the top contains the text "enterprise search". Below the search bar, there are several suggestions and related concepts. A large blue arrow points from the text "Query suggestions" to the search suggestions area. Another large blue arrow points from the text "Snippets" to the search results area. The search results area shows several links, including "Microsoft SharePoint", "Free Enterprise Search from IBM and Yahoo!", "Enterprise search - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia", "Enterprise Search Blog", and "Enterprise Search: August 2009". A red circle highlights the text "1,130,000,000 results for enterprise search:" in the left sidebar. The right sidebar contains sponsored results for "Easyask: Enterprise Search Tools", "Enterprise Rent-A-Car", and "Enterprise Search Experts".

YAHOO!

Web Images Video Local Shopping News More ▾

enterprise search

Search Options ▾

enterprise search engine
enterprise search summit
google enterprise search
enterprise search software
oracle secure enterprise search

Explore related concepts:
sharepoint
google mini
FAST Search
google search appliance

search solutions
search tools
Eric Moore
vendors

Search Pad

SearchScan - On

1,130,000,000 results for enterprise search:

Show All

Microsoft

Wikipedia

Microsoft SharePoint
Get Collaboration Tools To Increase Activity. Learn More.
Microsoft.com/EverybodysBusiness

Sponsored Results

Free [Enterprise Search](#) from IBM and Yahoo!

[Enterprise search](#) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Enterprise search is the practice of making content from multiple enterprise-type sources, such as databases and intranets, searchable to a defined audience. ...
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enterprise_search - [Cached](#)

[Enterprise Search Blog](#)
The business and technology of corporate search ... Forecasting when Enterprise Search Products might become Abandoned. Microsoft recently announced it will no longer offer new ...
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The business and technology of corporate search ... as we wrote in our recent Enterprise Search Newsletter they had been looking for someone to acquire the ...

[Easyask: Enterprise Search Tools](#)
Easyask: Powerful tools for unifying all types of enterprise content an...
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Quick and easy online reservations.
www.Enterprise.com

[Enterprise Search Experts](#)
Sophisticated open source enterprise search solutions from the experts
searchtechnologies.com/open-source

Query suggestions

Snippets

Can we do better?

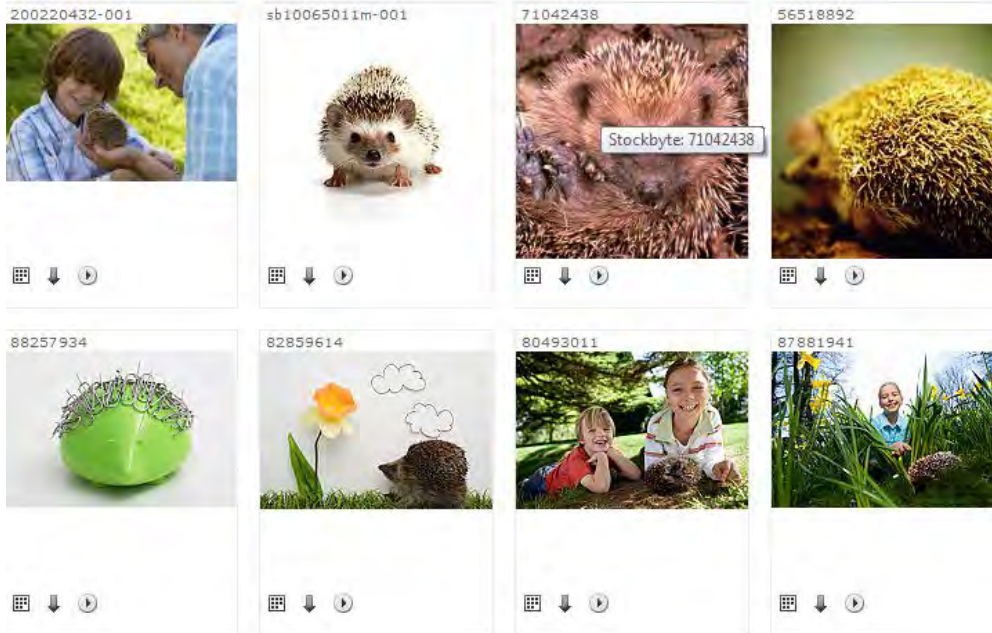
- Certainly, when we have metadata for docs!
 - So, some summarization is done for us
- **Structured metadata:**
 - **Classic faceted search scenario**
- Unstructured metadata
 - Tag-based analysis and navigation
- No metadata?
 - Result clustering
 - More? Let's see...

Faceted search:
with structured metadata

What is faceted search?

punchstock

66 Images



You searched for:

"hedgehog"

Narrow your results by:

Age

Color

facet

White Background: 27

Colored Background: 10

Brown: 4

Gray: 2

White: 2

facet values

Composition

Concept

Ethnicity

Gender

Boys: 13

Girls: 8

One Senior Woman Only: 6

One Woman Only: 6

Men: 4

Image technique

Location

Number of people

Subject

What is faceted search?

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You searched for:

"hedgehog" > One Woman Only

All results are visible on the page.

It's about
Query
Reformulation!

Faceted search as **query reformulation**

- Traditional way:
 - Typing, typing, typing...
 - For the sake of query reformulation
- Faceted (exploratory) search?



Mousing & Browsing

What is faceted search?



Search:

Go

[Feedback](#) | [Dis](#)

Results for **depression**

[e-mail](#) [del.icio.us](#)

Health

Information that Matters™: click below to refine your search | [View More...](#)

Drugs & Substances

Prozac
Celexa
Paxil
Zoloft
Effexor

Complementary Medicine

St. John's Wort
Meditation
Yoga
Relaxation Techni...
Omega-3 Fatty Acids

Conditions

Depression
Anxiety
Bipolar Disorder
Suicidal Behavior
Psychological Stress

Personal Health

Self-Esteem
Caregivers
Sleep Disorders
Smoking
Aging

Procedures

Psychotherapy
Cognitive Behavio...
Personality Asses...
Electroconvulsive...
Body Mass Index

Nutrition

Polyunsaturated Fat
Essential Fatty A...
Fish Oil
Chocolate
Soybean

In Clinical Studies

Escitalopram
Duloxetine
Desvenlafaxine
Hypericum
Mifepristone

People

Monitor, Medical
Anand, Amit
Shelton, Richard C
Stewart, Jonathan W
Fava, Maurizio

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The Web 1 to 10 of about 49,400,000

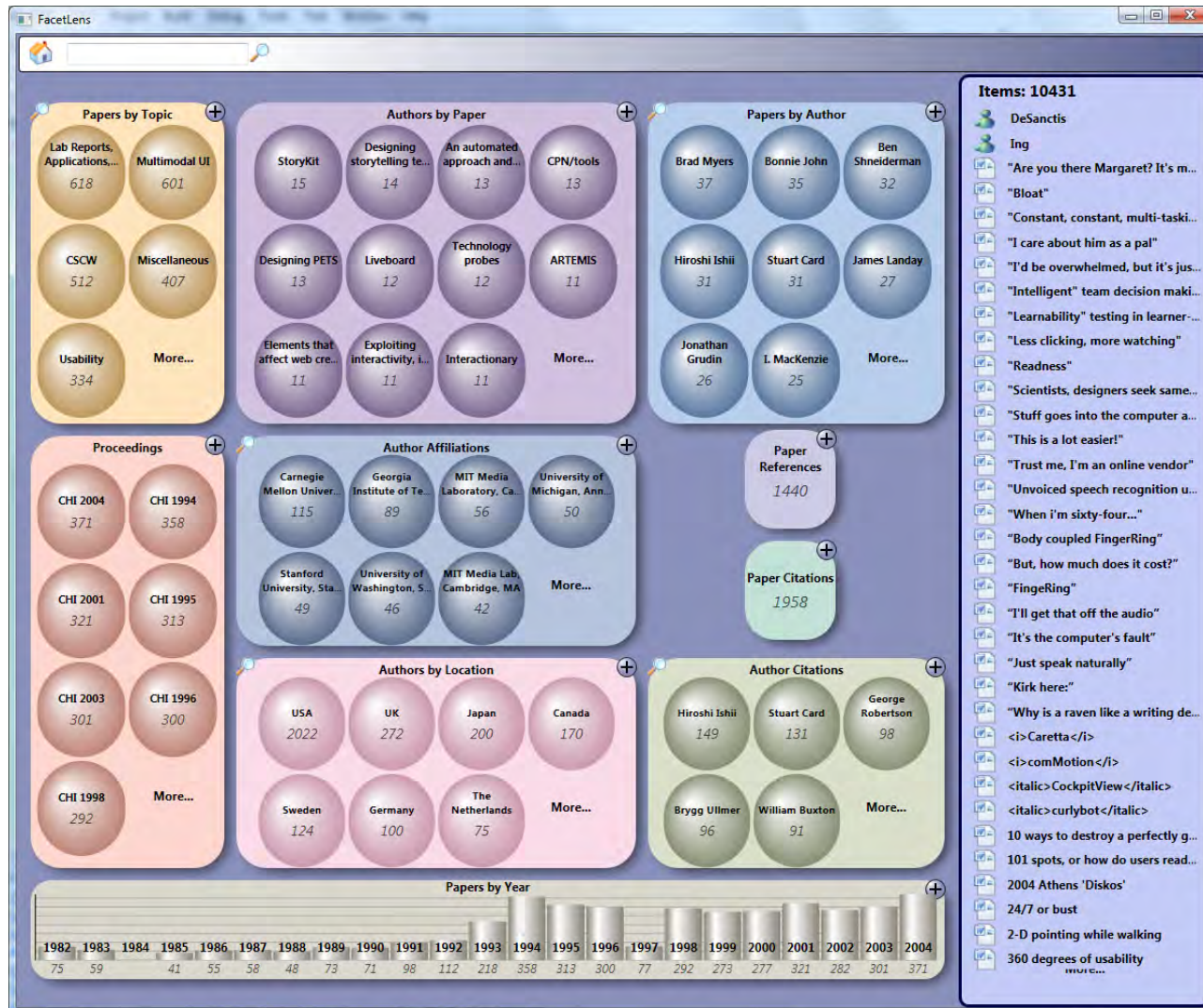
1. [Depression: MedlinePlus](#)

Also called: Clinical depression, Dysthymic disorder, Major depressive disorder, Unipolar depression
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/depression.html>

2. [NIMH · Depression](#)

Depression is a serious medical illness; it's not something that you have made up in your head.
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/depression/index.shtml>

What is faceted search?



FacetLens (Microsoft Research)

What is faceted search?



Faceted search interface for the International Children's Digital Library (ICDL).

Facets (Filters):

- Color:** Rainbow Covers, Red Covers, Orange Covers, Yellow Covers, Green Covers, Blue Covers.
- Age Group:** Three to Five, Six to Nine, Ten to Thirteen.
- Character Type:** Kid Characters, Real Animal Characters, Imaginary Creature Characters, Picture Books, Chapter Books.
- Book Type:** True Books, Short Books, Medium Books, Long Books, Recently Added Books, Award Winning Books, Fairy Tales and Folk Tales.

Search Bar: Show books

Featured Books:

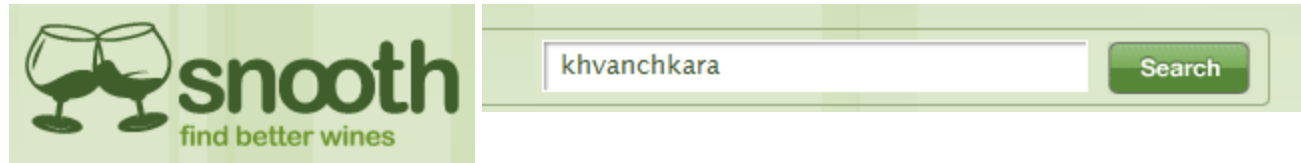
- The birds who flew beyond time (English)
- The giant mushroom (English)
- The alphabet in rhyme (English)

From Our Shelves:

- Why zippers have teeth and... (Mongolian)
- The epics of Amir Arsalan (Persian / Farsi)
- A long, long way (Persian / Farsi)

Keywords: in

What is not faceted search?



Khvanchkara Wine Ratings & Reviews
Results 1-10 of hundreds
Your search **khvanchkara** did not match any wines.

Refine Your Search ☒ Include out of stock items Sort By: Recommended

Price from **us\$90 to us\$250+**

Vintage wines from **any vintage**

Show Wines Available In All Countries Postal/Zip

Partner Search ? ☐ Winezap ☐ Wine-Searcher **Refine Search**

Your search **1998 khvanchkara** did not match any wines.

Refine Your Search ☒ Include out of stock items Sort By: Recommended

Price from us\$0 to us\$250+

Vintage **wines from 1998**

Show Wines Available In All Countries Postal/Zip

Partner Search ? ☐ Winezap ☐ Wine-Searcher **Refine Search**

Interact Compare Prices and Buy

Read reviews and more +

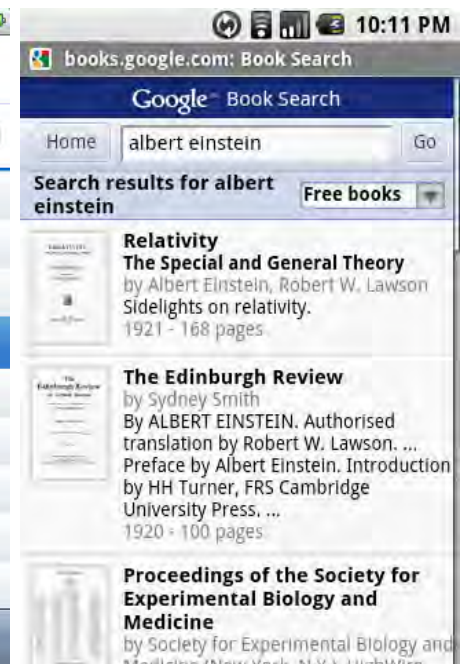
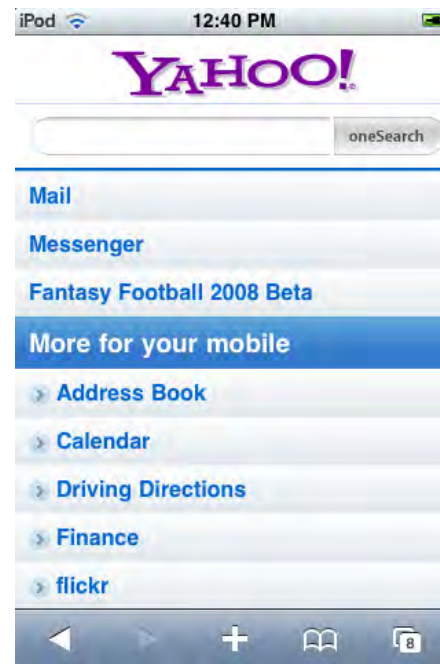
Too many facets ?

Too many facet values?

Information overload



Mobile interfaces



Facet selection: interface-based approach

The screenshot displays the SharePoint 2010 search interface. At the top, there are **Search Tabs** including 'All Sites', 'People', 'Federation', 'Bikes', 'Kraft People', and 'Empty'. The search bar contains the text 'microsoft', and a **Search Hint** dropdown shows suggestions like 'micr', 'microsoft contenttype:"text/html"', 'microsoft', and 'micro'. Below the search bar, **Search Bread Crumbs** are visible, showing filters for **Date** (1/1/2007, 1/1/2008), **Scope** (People, Docs), and **Language** (English, French, German). To the right, the **Search Facets** panel shows 'Processed 42 results | Not cached'. It includes expandable sections for **Author** (with a red circle around the expand/collapse icon), **Language**, **Content Type**, and **Content Source**. The main results area lists several items, all titled 'Model: Office SharePoint Server Extranet Topologies', with details about their file paths, sizes, and dates.

Search Tabs

Search Facets

Search Hint

Search Bread Crumbs

Author

- _wwpupil (1)
- Alex Nicol (1)
- Andrew Datars (1)
- bcarter (1)
- Beat Schwegler (1)
- v-mamang (1)

Language

- English (41)
- French (1)

Content Type

- Word (19)
- PowerPoint (14)
- application/vnd.ms-v... (3)
- application/vnd.open... (2)
- application/vnd.open... (2)
- Html (1)

Content Source

Model: Office SharePoint Server Extranet Topologies
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Visio11\1033\WEBSIT_M.VST ... Microsoft Visio ... Microsoft Corporation
file://leonidly2003/data/sp2007/am101638961033.vsd - 183KB - Microsoft - 4/5/2007
[View META properties]

Model: Office SharePoint Server Extranet Topologies
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Visio11\1033\WEBSIT_M.VST ... Microsoft Visio ... Microsoft Corporation
file://leonidly2003/data/sp2007/extranet.vsd - 183KB - Microsoft - 2/14/2007
[View META properties]

search in microsoft® office sharepoint® server 2007.doc
Because **Microsoft** must respond to changing market conditions, it should not be interpreted to be a c ... **Microsoft**, Active Directory, Excel, InfoPath, SharePoint, Windows, Windows Live, and Windows Vista a ... **Microsoft** provides search tools in Windows Vista™, the 2007 **Microsoft** Office System, **Microsoft** Office ...
file://leonidly2003/data/sp2007/search in microsoft® office sharepoint® server 2007.doc - 8MB - 1/25/2007
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Model: Office SharePoint Server Shared Services
Microsoft Visio ... **Microsoft** Corporation
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SharePoint 2010

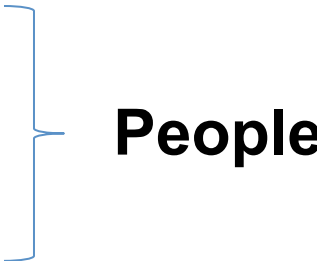
Redundancy-based selection

- Favor facets with high coverage in the result
- Most popular strategy:
 - Select most frequent facets with best cover!
- Let's reach more documents in one click:
 - **Greedy solution:** at each step select the facet with the maximum number of **unseen documents**

$$|docs \in Facet_1 \cup docs \in Facet_2 \cup \dots \cup docs \in Facet_K|$$

Redundancy-based selection

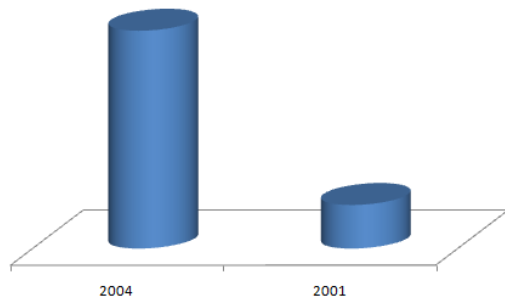
- Avoid presenting both of correlating facets:
 - Language
 - Nationality

Language
- Consolidate similar facets:
 - Author
 - Editor
 - Contributor

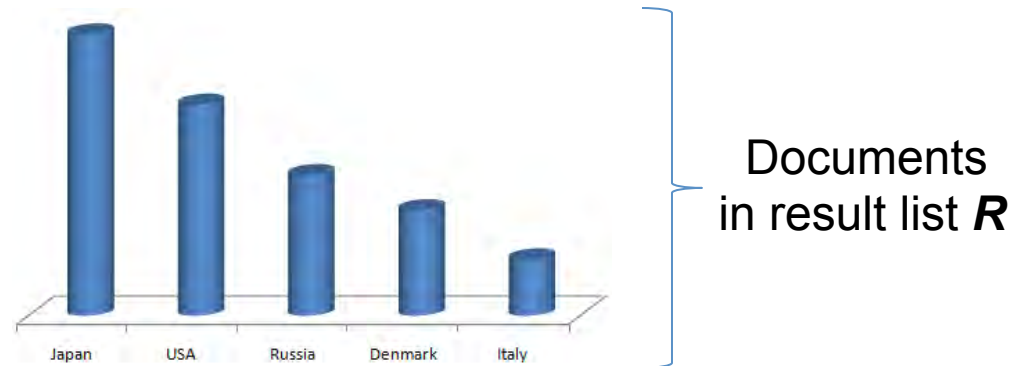
People

Interestingness-based facet selection

- Favor facets with **high-entropy distribution** of facet values:



VS



$$Entropy = \sum_{i=1, value_i \in Facet}^n P(value_i | R) \log P(value_i | R)$$



- Favor facets with **query-specific distribution** of facet values:

$$Divergence(Facet, Query) = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ value_i \in Facet}}^n (P(value_i | C) - P(value_i | R)) \log \frac{P(value_i | R)}{P(value_i | C)}$$

Relevance based selection

- Rank **facets** by relevance of their documents
 - Consider all documents with the facet
- Rank **facet values** within a facet
 - Consider all documents with certain facet values
- Aggregate scores of documents:

$$Relevance(v_i) = \sum_{\substack{Doc \in Result, \\ f \in Doc \\ f = v_i}} Score(Doc)$$

To rank facets   To rank facet values

Preference based selection

- Suppose we have long history of interactions
 - Queries + returned documents
 - Maybe even clicks
 - Or just personal/bookmarked documents
- So, let' s build a user model!
- User preferences over all ever issued queries:

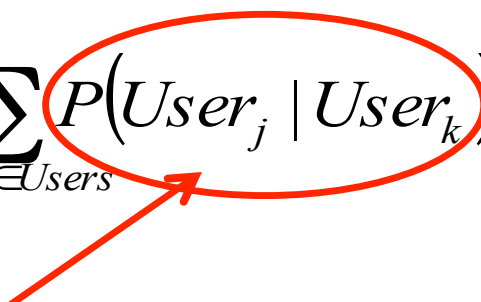
$$P(f | User_k) = \frac{\sum_{Query \in User_k} I(f = \textit{clicked}, Query)}{|Queries \in User_k|}$$

Collaboratively recommended selection

- Utilize collaborative filtering techniques*:

$$\alpha P(f | User_k) + (1 - \alpha) \underbrace{\frac{\sum_{User_j \in Users} P(f | User_j)}{|Users|}}_{\text{average preferences over all users}}$$

- Consider only users with similar tastes:

$$\alpha P(f | User_j) + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{User_j \in Users} P(User_j | User_k) P(f | User_j)$$


For example, based on cosine similarity
or divergence of prob. distributions over facets

Summary

- Faceted search is a must
 - Especially, when metadata is structured
- Interfaces are crucially important to satisfy the user and help to learn
 - Need to be simple, but customizable
 - Allow to **navigate** the result
- Summarization should be
 - Result-set oriented, query specific
 - Giving answers right away, helping to learn
- Facets/values should be selectively presented!

Faceted search with
unstructured metadata:
Tags!

Tagging

- Make the way to annotate as easy as possible
- Get metadata for free

Realtime results for #yahoo

twitter

Photographed objects

Genre

idea è mia!

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velvetart: Are any #google users planning to make the switch to the new combined search of #Microsoft and #yahoo - will we "Bing"?
2 minutes ago from web - Reply - View Tweet

o_o seonoticias: #SEO #SERP RT @sengineland: Search Engine Land: #Yahoo Improves #Local #Search Results With More Business Info <http://ow.ly/BUu>
9 minutes ago from HootSuite - Reply - View Tweet

iVotings: #Yahoo! #Yahoo Do you like Yahoo? Rate it here - <http://bly/MSi1c>
(expand)
12 minutes ago from API - Reply - View Tweet

H thehatchergroup: How is information really getting shared online these days? Here's the breakdown: <http://tinyurl.com/ntpnr6> (expand) #twitter #facebook #yahoo
12 minutes ago from web - Reply - View Tweet

jasonxjacoby: I want to start a search engine that will crush both #Google and #Yahoo/#Microsoft (#yahoo got bought yesterday). WHOSE WITH ME?!?
12 minutes ago from TwitterBerry - Reply - View Tweet

Tags in the Enterprise

Connectbeam - Windows Internet Explorer

http://tags.connectbeam.com/cbapp/myBookmarks.action

Search Enter Keywords

Connectbeam

Welcome, John Taylor [Sign Out]

All Content | All People | All Groups | Tools | Administration

Home My Content My Groups My Connections My Profile

Search Terms All Content

My Content

Results 1 - 50 of about 92

Manage Multiple Items

What Is Web 2.0 - O'Reilly Media

The bursting of the dot-com bubble in the fall of 2001 marked a turning point for the web. Many people concluded that the web was overhyped, when in fact bubbles and consequent shakeouts appear to be a common feature of all technological revolutions. Shak...

Tags: web 2.0, tim oreilly, oreilly media, next generation web

21 minutes ago by John Taylor

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The Connectbeam Social Computing Blog: Social Networking

... Social Networking. March 10, 2009. Mining ... June 25, 2008. More on the Rise of Social Bookmarking and Social Networking in Enterprise 2.0. The ...

Tags: cisco, analyst, collaboration, demo, social networking, discount

yesterday by John Taylor into Cisco (cwiki)

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Twitter for Enterprise - Eclipsys - Confluence

Tags: social software

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Solution Selling provides comprehensive sales skills training for sales professionals, managers

Tags

Three Months

Operation systems

Genre

Location

cloud, Lis, adoption, analyst, analytics, android, android 1.5, art, atacand, attachments, b2b data exchange, bayer, biopharmaceutical, blogs, bms, bookmarking, boss, bpm resource center, brainstorming, bristol-myers, british computer society, british telecom, bt, bt blog, bt group, bt web 2.0, business management, business process management, business process management resource center, business process management software, business process management system, calcutta, cardiology, case, case studies, case study, cat machines, cat products, caterpillar merchandise

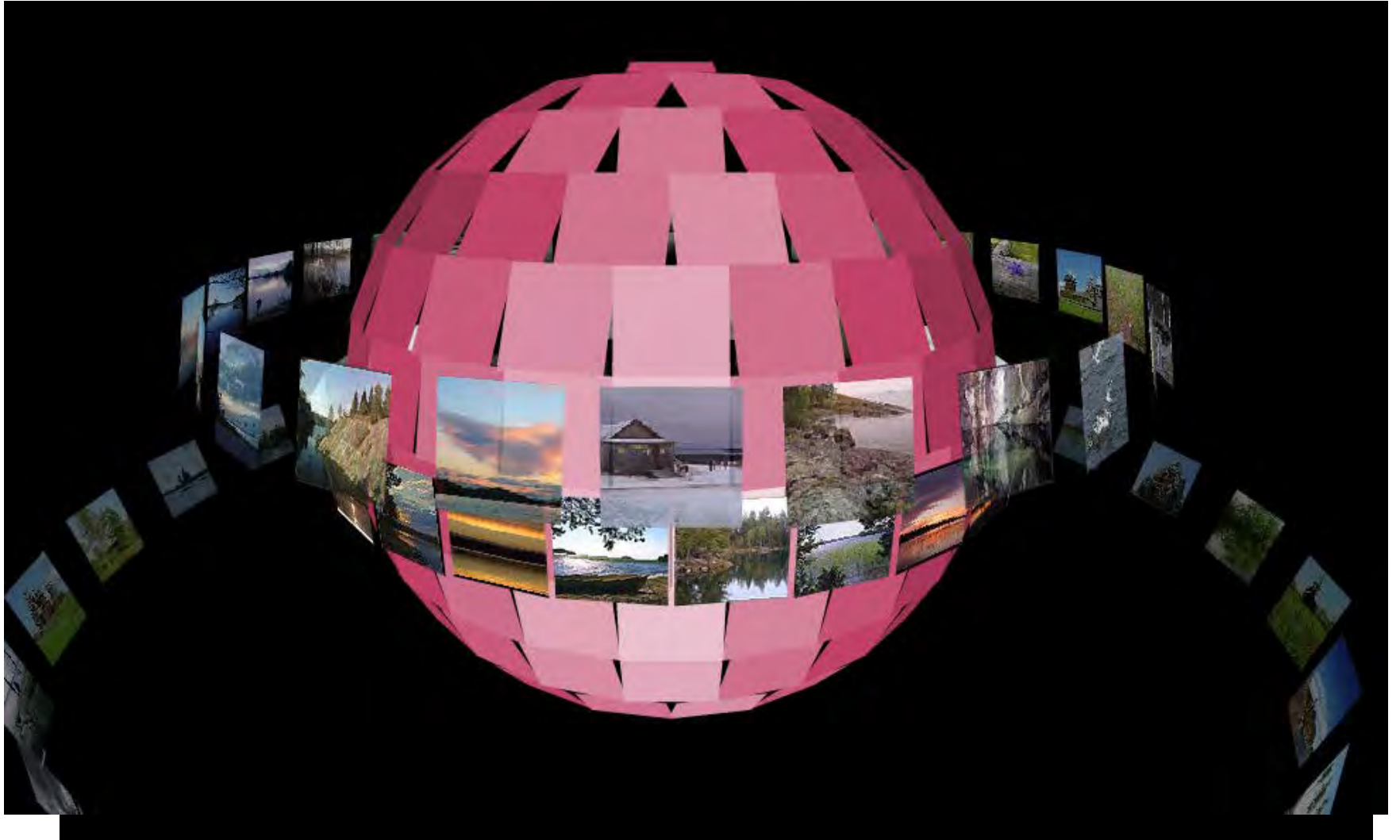
Tagging

- Disadvantages:
 - Nor ranked by relevance to the tagged resource
 - Not organized
 - Not categorized
- But still plenty of ways to summarize!
 - Find “relevant” tags
 - Demonstrate their importance to the user
 - Guess the tag purpose
 - Guess the tag meaning

Tag cloud



Tag space



How to measure tag size?

$$fontsize_i = \frac{fontsize_{\max} (tfidf_i - tfidf_{\min})}{(tfidf_{\max} - tfidf_{\min})}$$

tf

– tag frequency in the result set

idf

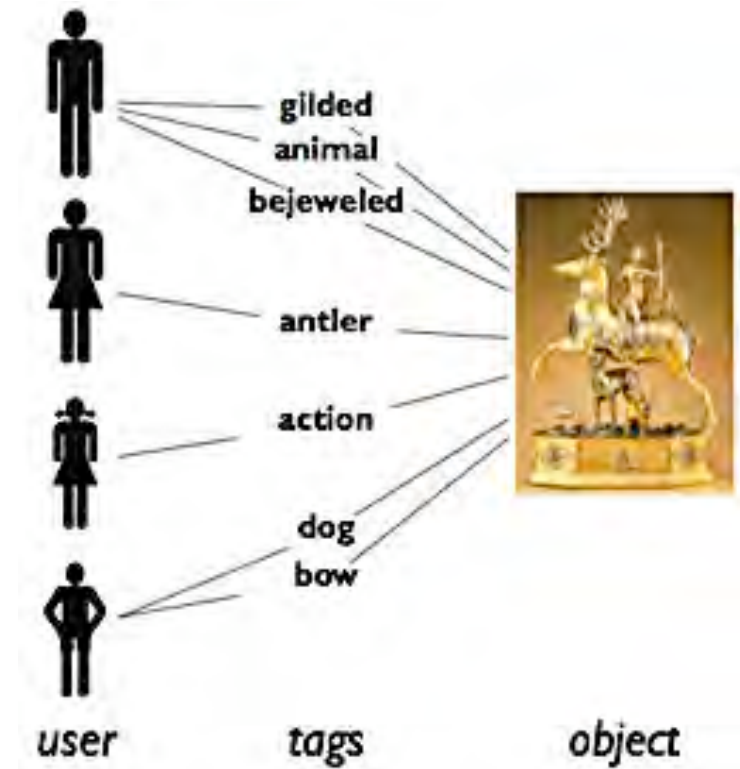
– inverted tag frequency in the collection

tfidf

– non-normalized tag importance

Cloud or clouds?

- Group tags by topic!
- Cluster them*!
- Similarity function?
- Tags as vectors of objects
 - But tagging can be non-collaborative
- Tags as vectors of users
 - But co-occurrence less meaningful



***Personalization in folksonomies based on tag clustering.** Gemmel et. al. AAAI 2008

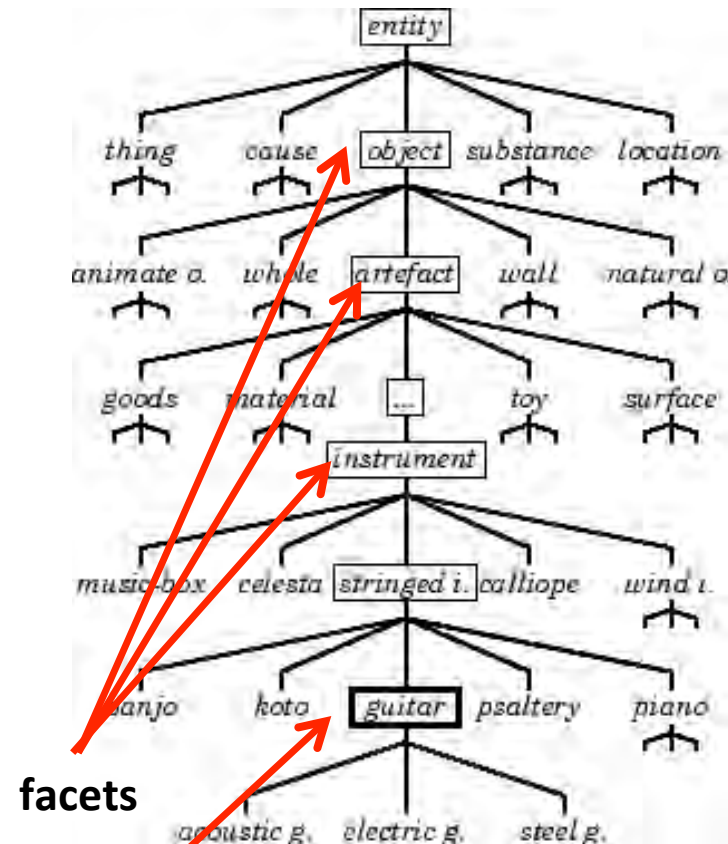
Flickr example

Tag classification for faceted search

- Clusters are nice, but...
 - Random
 - Not always of high quality
- We need some knowledge-based classification
 - To discover more meaningful structure
 - To represent tags as values of facets (classes)
 - To provide the feeling of control for users
- Who knows everything about a word (tag)?
 - Lexical databases: **Wordnet**
 - Encyclopedias: **Wikipedia**

Tag classification with Wordnet

- Contains various semantic relations between word senses
 - guitar is a type of instrument
 - string is part of guitar
 - java is a type of island OR coffee OR language
- About 150 000 senses
 - of 120 00 nouns
- Match tags to nouns
- Disambiguate!
 - Find senses with minimum distance to each other on graph



facets

Tags (facet values)

Tag classification with Wikipedia (I)

- Wordnet has nice selection of classes (facets)
- ... but not so many entities (facet values)
 - And is not growing as fast as other resources
- Let's use larger knowledge repository...
Wikipedia - more than 3 million articles!
- But it has too many classes (categories)
 - ~ 400,000, their hierarchy is very fuzzy
- Use Wikipedia **just** as a middle layer!



Tag classification with Wikipedia (II)

1) Match **Tags** => **Wiki articles**

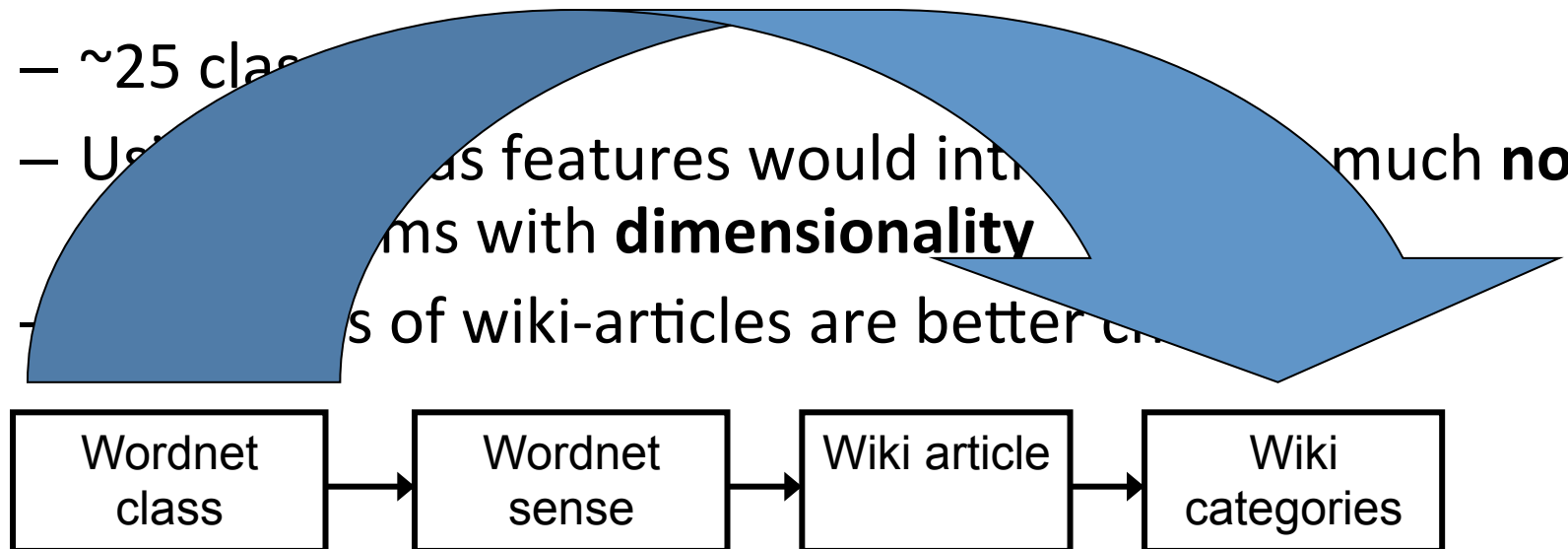
- Match to Wiki titles, anchor text or first sentences

2) Match **Wiki articles** => **Wordnet senses**

- Some Wikis are direct match with Wordnet senses!
- “Guitar” => en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guitar
- Use these matching Wikis as training data

3) Build classifier for each Wordnet noun class

- ~25 classes
- Using all features would introduce much **noise**
- Systems with **dimensionality**
- Features of wiki-articles are better



http://tagexplorer.sandbox.yahoo.com/

TagExplorer
Powered by [Flickr](#)

Search:

Query: [north carolina](#) [water](#)

locations
[asheville](#) [bryson city](#) [charlotte](#)
[morehead city](#) [outer banks](#)
[raleigh](#)

subjects
[beach](#) [blue](#) [lake](#) [nature](#)
[ocean](#) [river](#) [sea](#) [sky](#) [sun set](#)
[trees](#)

time
[2007](#) [vacation](#)

names
[nc](#)

Help
You can refine your query using the tag-cloud on the left

- Use [tag](#) to post new query using tag
- Use to add terms to query
- Use to remove terms from query

Photo Results



Photo Details
Click photo to display here

- Classified 22% of Flickr tags with Wordnet
- Classified 70% of Flickr tags with Wikipedia

Filtering – all search tags are made equal

Continue
narrowing

Continue Start

The screenshot shows the FoodAnswersOnline website. The header includes the site name and a tagline: "A website dedicated to helping 'Culinarians' in the business of food - organize valuable information in very intelligent ways." Below the header, a search bar contains the text "Recipes, mushrooms, garlic, olives, white wine". A red circle highlights this search bar, and a red arrow points from the text "Continue narrowing" to it. Below the search bar, the breadcrumb trail "Food > Recipes, mushrooms, garlic, olives, white wine" is visible. On the left side, there is a "Refine Search With Tags" section with a list of tags: "garlic", "white wine, flour", "beef tenderloin", "tomato puree", "bay leaves", and "tofu". A red arrow points from the text "Continue Start" to this list. The main content area shows "Latest Entries(1)" with a single entry titled "Herb-Rubbed Steaks with Olives Provencal Recipe at Epicurious.com". The entry includes a photo of the dish and a description: "tomato puree, white wine brine-cured black olives. ms sauteed with garlic and herbs." The entry is marked with a "1" in a box and a green plus sign. At the bottom, there is a "Tags" section with the following tags: "senegalese, british style, cold soups, dutch, recipes".

Tag weights

Tag feedback



Link to this search: food +++russia -drinking recipes -sanfrancisco -health -work -humor

search tags

- thumbs up: russia, recipes, food
- thumbs down: (empty)

related tags

- thumbs up: history, photography, news, art, politics, travel, design, photos, russian, blog, culture, funny, photo, video
- thumbs down: (empty)

Show more »

bad tags

- thumbs up: (empty)
- thumbs down: drinking, sanfrancisco, health, work, humor

Quick links:

- [Russian food - traditional food in Russia and authentic Russian recipes](http://www.waytorussia.net/WhatsRussia/RussianFood.html)
<http://www.waytorussia.net/WhatsRussia/RussianFood.html>
- [Authentic Russian Recipes, Cuisine and Cooking](http://www.ruscuisine.com/)
recipes food russian cuisine cooking recipe russia
<http://www.ruscuisine.com/>
- [Russian food - traditional food in Russia and authentic Russian recipes](http://www.waytorussia.net/WhatsRussia/RussianFood.html)
[WayToRussia.Net Guide to Russia](http://www.waytorussia.net/WhatsRussia/RussianFood.html)
recipes food russia
<http://www.waytorussia.net/WhatsRussia/RussianFood.html>
- [Kvass: RusslandJournal.de](http://www.russlandjournal.de/en/recipes/drinks/kvass.html)
russia food beer recipes
<http://www.russlandjournal.de/en/recipes/drinks/kvass.html>
- [Russian Recipes, Cuisine and Cooking. Russian Food Store](http://www.russianfoods.com/recipes/view/default.asp)
food recipes russian recipe cooking russia
<http://www.russianfoods.com/recipes/view/default.asp>

Negative feedback

How to incorporate feedback (I)

$$\text{Score}(Q, D) = -D(\theta_Q || \theta_D) + \beta \cdot D(\theta_N || \theta_D)$$

Relevance lang. model

food +++russia recipes

$$P('food'|Q) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P('recipes'|Q) = \frac{1}{5}$$

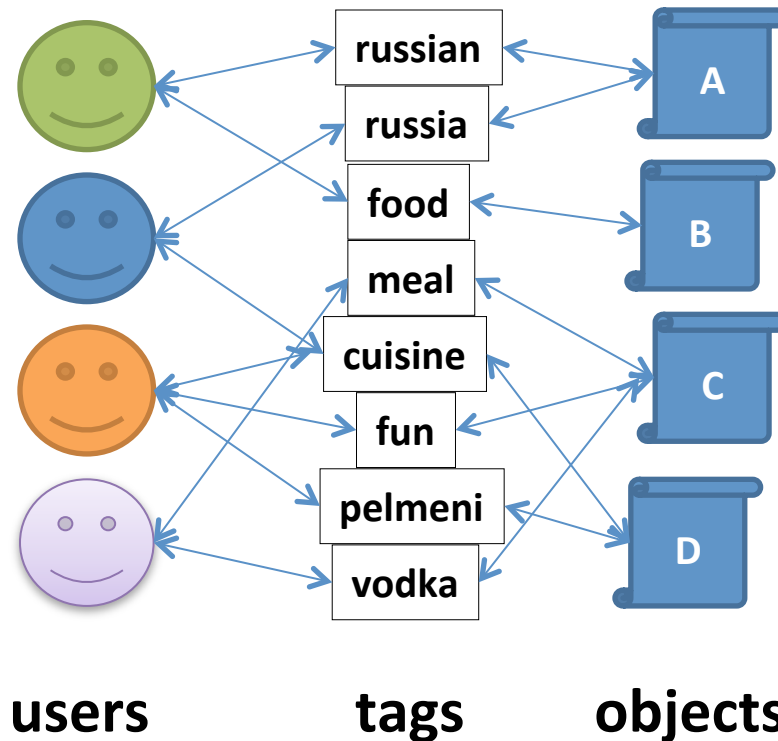
$$P('russia'|Q) = \frac{3}{5}$$

Irrelevance lang. model

-drinking -health -work -humor

A study of methods for negative relevance feedback Wang et. al. SIGIR 2008

How to incorporate feedback (II)



- We have a tripartite graph
 - Many tags are related, but not used in our query
- It's good **to be close to positive** tags
- It's good **to be far from negative** tags

How to incorporate feedback (III)

- Express language models in graph terms:

$$P(\textit{tag} \mid \textit{Document}) = \frac{\textit{Distance}(\textit{tag}, \textit{Document})^{-1}}{\sum_{\textit{tag} \in \textit{alltags}} \textit{Distance}(\textit{tag}, \textit{Document})^{-1}}$$

- How to define **distance** between nodes:

- Length of shortest path
- Number of shortest paths (of certain length)
- Distance-based similarity:
$$\sum_{\substack{\textit{path}(\textit{tag}, \textit{document}) \\ \in \textit{shortestpaths}}} c^{-\textit{length}(\textit{path})}$$

 $c - \textit{parameter}$

- What else to consider?
 - Downweight paths with nodes of high indegree/outdegree

Summary

- Faceted search is possible with unstructured metadata...
 - But we need to make some effort **to structure** it!
- Visualization is always important
 - But not enough to understand the summary
- So, it's better to explain the result
 - By clustering tags/objects
 - By classifying tags/objects into semantic categories
- And, finally, it's about navigation and click-based query reformulation
 - Provide ways to react for the user
 - Provide ways to give different kinds of feedback

Faceted search:
No metadata!

No metadata? No panic!

- Facet-value pairs are manual classification
- Tags are basically important terms
- Why not classify automatically?
 - Categorize into known topics
 - Cluster and label clusters
- Why not automatically discover tags?
 - Extract important keywords from documents
- Well, some metadata always exists
 - Time, source....

Categorize by topic (I)

dmoz open directory project In partnership with AOL search

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Arts
[Movies](#), [Television](#), [Music](#)...

Games
[Video Games](#), [RPGs](#), [Gambling](#)...

Kids and Teens
[Arts](#), [School Projects](#)

Reference
[Maps](#), [Educational](#)

Shopping
[Clothing](#), [Food](#)

Business
[Jobs](#), [Real Estate](#)

Health
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Top: Science (110,319)

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- [Agriculture](#) (3,874)
- [Environment](#) (6,529)
- [Mathematics](#) (10,504)
- [Physics](#) (4,528)
- [Science in Society](#) (743)
- [Social Sciences](#) (21,381)
- [Technology](#) (11,372)
- [Women@](#) (174)

Top: Computers: Computer Science (2,111)

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- [People](#) (300)
- [Conferences](#) (223)
- [Publications](#) (81)
- [Directories](#) (8)
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- [Organizations](#) (75)
- [Research Institutes](#) (77)

- [Artificial Intelligence@](#) (1,416)
- [Distributed Computing](#) (245)
- [Artificial Life@](#) (259)
- [Parallel Computing@](#) (425)
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Categorize by topic (II)

- Document categorization
 - Shallow (Flat) vs. Deep (Hierarchical)
- Shallow classification: only top level
 - Makes no sense for very focused queries:
java vs. **biology**
- Deep classification*:
 - Lack of training examples (labeled documents) with each next level of hierarchy
 - Documents can be assigned to **too many classes**

Categorize by topic (III)

- Solution for sparsity:
 - Suppose, we use Bayesian classification

$$P(Class | D) = P(Class) \prod_{w=1}^{|D|} P(w | Class)$$

$$P^{smoothed}(w | "Databases") =$$

$$= \lambda_1 P(w | "Databases") + \lambda_2 P(w | "ComputerScience") + \lambda_3 P(w | "Science"), \sum \lambda_i = 1$$

- Solution for “too many classes” problem
 - Many documents focus on several topics
 - Let’s care only about those that user cares about:

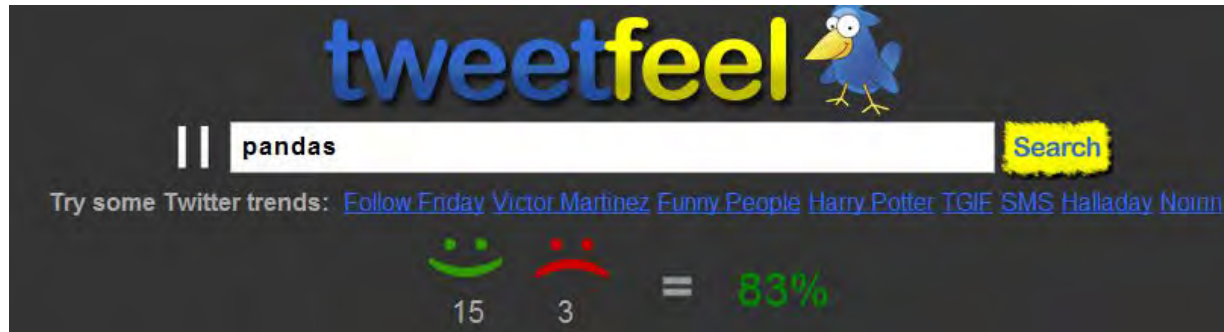
$$P(Class | D) \Rightarrow P(Class | D, Q) = P(Class | D)P(Class | Q)$$

Non-topical categorization

- Classification by genre
 - patent, news article, meeting report, discussion, resume , tutorial, presentation, source code, blog post?
 - Not only words are features:
 - Average sentence length, layout structure (number of tables, lists), file format, classes of words (dates, times, phone numbers), sentence types (declarative, imperative, question), number of images, links...
- Classification by reading difficulty*
 - Compare definitions of **sugar**:
 - **Sugar** is something that is part of food or can be added to food. It gives a sweet taste © simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sugar
 - **Sugar** is a class of edible crystalline substances, mainly sucrose, lactose, and fructose. Human taste buds interpret its flavor as sweet © wikipedia.org/wiki/Sugar

*A Language Modeling Approach to Predicting Reading Difficulty. Collins-Thompson et. al. 2004

Categorization by sentiment (I)



ANYONE WANNA TRADE PLUSHIE KANDY? i got a panda today...its cute and soft BUT I HATE **pandas**



Photo: (via inthefade) I like **pandas**. Also sad ones <http://tumblr.com/xmo2gquec>



That wasn't me. =)) But I like **pandas** :) I sleep with one ;)



"i love **pandas**. they're so... emo. and their breath is so minty fresh!"



Jhonen says I'm sad because I don't know how much I love **pandas**.



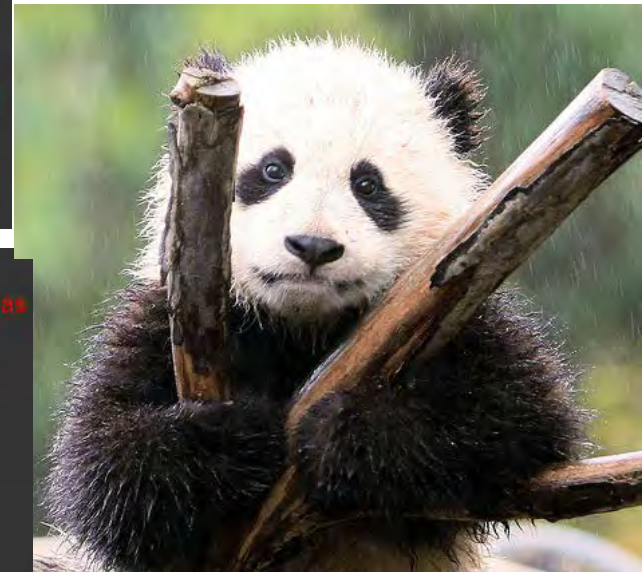
@JillianCupcake I LOVE **pandas**!!!



@Amber_Lily omg a panda!!! i love **pandas** and you know what! when i'm older i wanna be a panda :) we know!!!

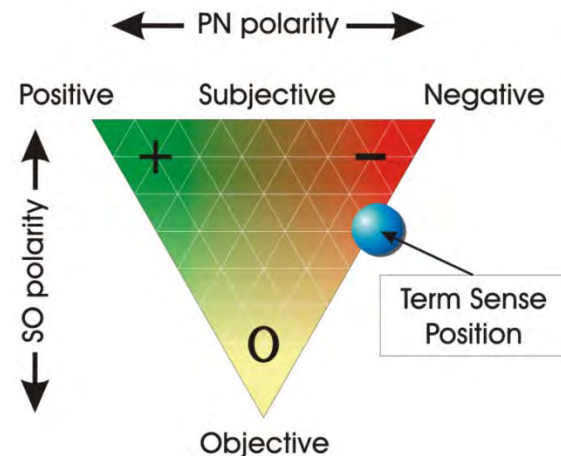


Didn't play very well at gig tonight. That makes me a mad panda. Why panda? I like **pandas**, that's why!



Categorization by sentiment (II)

- Lexicon-based approaches:
 - Calculate ratio of negative/positive words/smileys
 - Weight contribution of every subjective term by its **inverse distance to query terms**
- Build classification models:
 - Objective vs. Subjective
 - Positive vs. Negative
- Enterprises?
 - **Harder**: people try to avoid really strong language
 - **Easier**: domain-specific models can be trained, feedback from users is available, etc.



Categorization by location (I)

- Some documents, photos, videos, tweets...
 - are location agnostic and **some are not!**
 - Where to take location metadata for them?



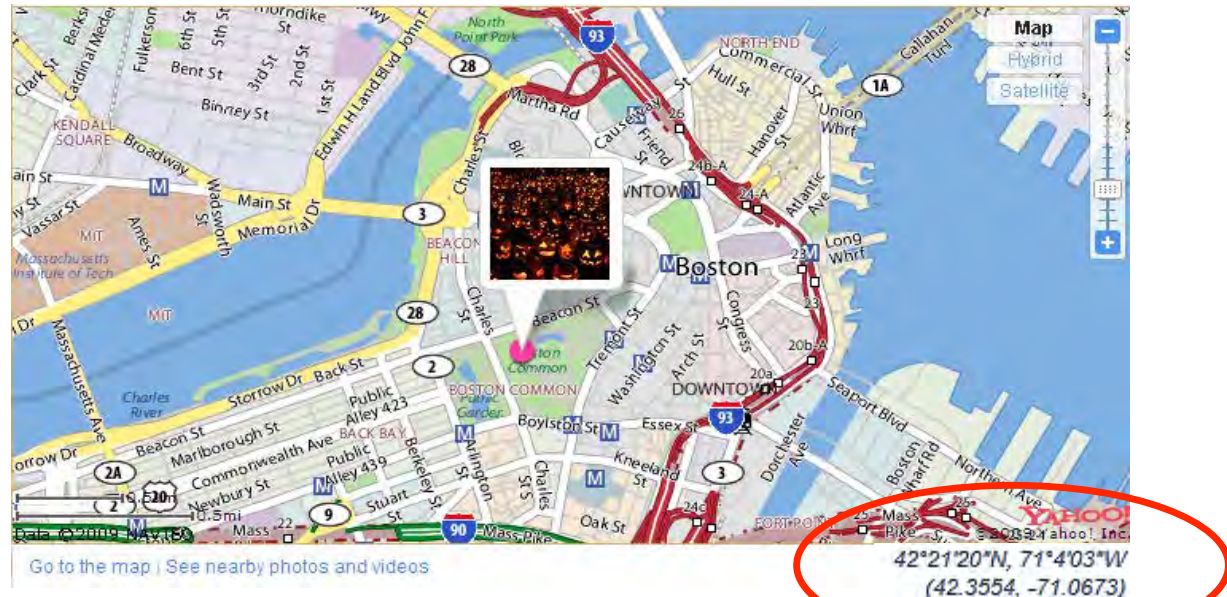
kitchen cats dogs



russia river brownbear

Categorization by location (II)

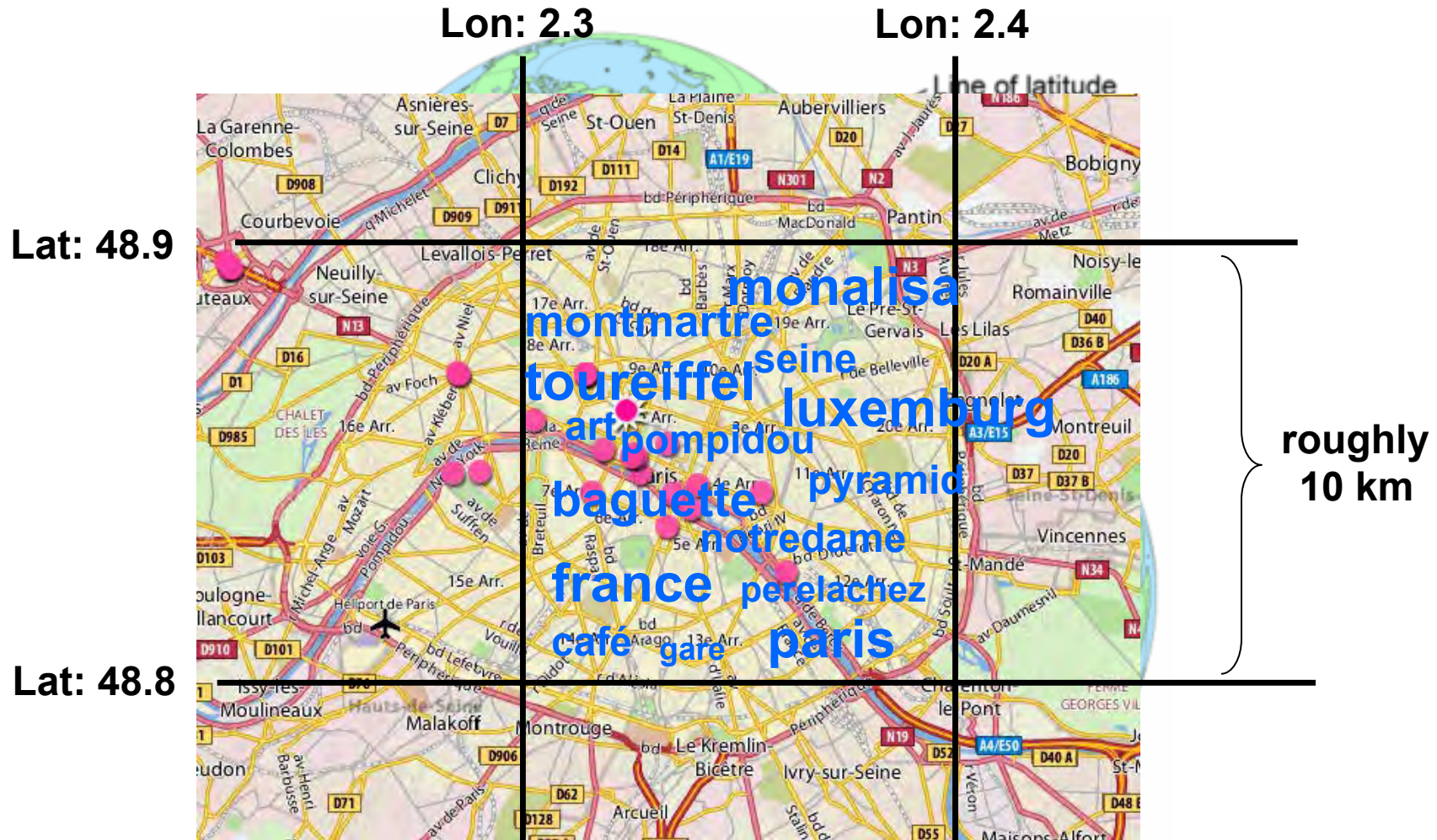
- Some documents are geo-tagged:



geo-tags: latitude, longitude

- Some documents contain location metadata
- Some users/departments generate only location-specific data

Categorization by location (III)



*Placing Flickr Photos on a Map.

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Categorization by location (IV)

- ▶ Locations – documents (L), tagsets – queries (T)
- ▶ Tags of photos are query terms (t_i)
- ▶ How likely that location L produced the image with a

tagset T :
$$P(T | L) = \prod_{i=1}^{|T|} P(t_i | L)$$

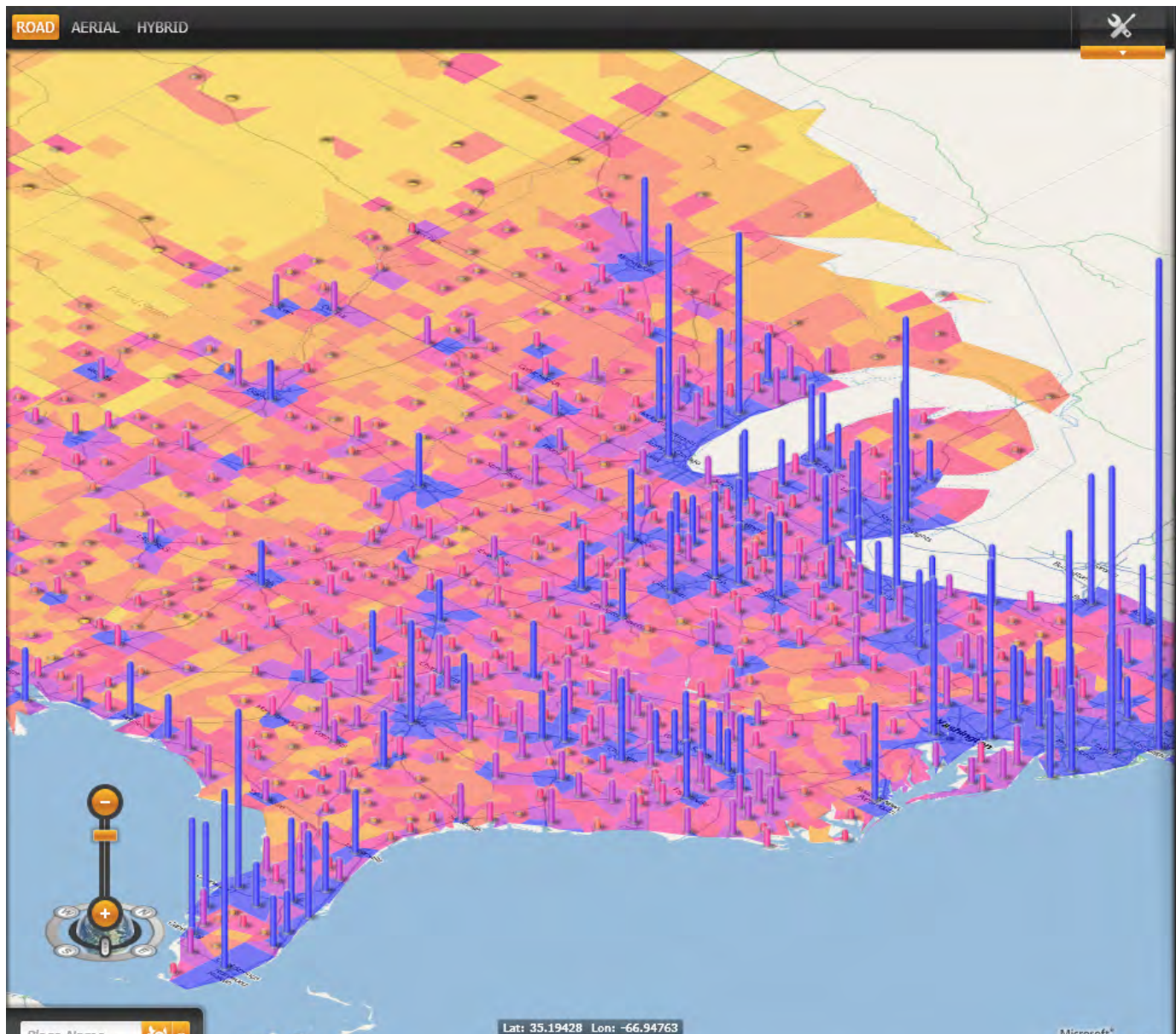
$$P(t | L) = \frac{|L|}{|L| + \lambda} P(t | L)_{ML} + \frac{\lambda}{|L| + \lambda} P(t | G)_{ML}$$

- ▶ But there is much more we can do*:
 - ▶ Consider spatial ambiguity of tags?
 - ▶ Consider neighboring locations?
 - ▶ Consider that some of them are toponyms?

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Location in Enterprises (SharePoint Example)



Metadata extraction (I)

- Tags provide intuitive description
- Allow not only summarize, but aggregate
- Natural query terms suggestions
- Let' s generate tags (***topic labels***)
 - For each document
 - For clusters of documents
 - For documents grouped by some (boring) facet
 - e.g. Year or Department
- Technically , we can build classification model for **each tag assigned to sufficient number of docs***
 - But let' s do that in an unsupervised way


Metadata extraction (II)

- Plenty of ways to extract keyphrases...
 - What to consider? Several dimensions*...
- Does phrase $l = w_1 w_2 w_3$ represent document well?

$$Score(l, D) = \alpha \frac{P(l | D)}{P(l | C)} + (1 - \alpha) \sum_w \frac{P(w | D)}{P(w | C)}$$

- Is document on the topic of l ?

$$Dist(l, D) = - \sum_w P(w | l) \frac{P(w | l)}{P(w | D)}$$

 Over all docs where l occurs

- Select top tags using the rule:
 - At each step choose tag that maximizes:

$$\max_{l' \in \text{selected}} Dist(l, l')$$

Metadata extraction (III)

- So far not query-driven, right?
- Let's move away from bag-of-words
- Possible algorithm:
 - Cluster sentences in a document
 - Select keywords for each cluster (as shown)
 - Find cluster(s) most relevant to a query
 - Represent document by keywords from relevant cluster(s)
- Just consider text windows around query terms
- So, we can also **just add another constraint**

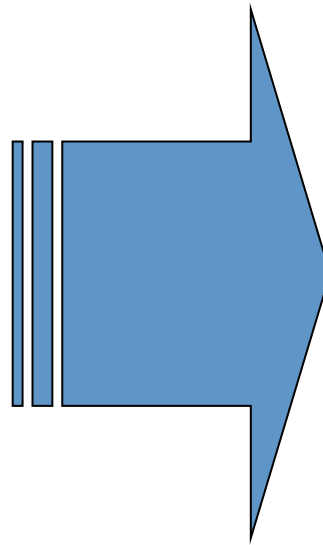
Summary

- No metadata?
- Categorize, categorize, categorize...
 - Semantic classes
 - Genres
 - Reading difficulty levels
 - Sentiments
 - Locations
 - **What else?**
- Or extract metadata from text to summarize!
 - Find tags, entities, etc...

Aggregated exploratory search

- Find not only relevant facets/values, but...
- Find relevant domains (verticals) !

Query “hairspray”



vertical	retrievable items
autos	car reviews, product descriptions
directory	web page directory nodes
finance	financial data and corporate inform
games	hosted online games
health	health-related articles
images	online images
jobs	job listings
local	business listings
maps	maps and directions
movies	movie show times
music	musician profiles
news	news articles
reference	encyclopedic entries
shopping	product reviews and listings
sports	sports articles, scores, and statistics
travel	travel and accommodation reviews
tv	television listings
video	online videos

- Present result sets from different verticals in the order of their total relevance!

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