

Page Ranking Algorithms In Web Mining A Brief Survey

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Abstract—World Wide Web consists of millions of the web pages that are interconnected to each other. Day by day the growth of the World Wide Web is increasing very rapidly. With rapid growth of web, it becomes very difficult to provide the relevant information in response to user query. The search engines help the user to surf the web. Due to the vast number of web page it is highly impossible to provide the proper, relevant and quality information. Thus web search engines need efficient ranking algorithm, so that the user could retrieve the web page which is most relevant to user query. In this paper, a survey of page ranking algorithms and competition of some important ranking algorithms.

Keywords— WWW, search engines, Web Mining, Page Ranking.

I. INTRODUCTION

WWW is a huge resource of information which is heterogeneous in nature including text, image, audio, video, and metadata. World Wide Web has expanded a lot since its evolution and is doubling in size every six to ten month [10] [1]. As the growth of information resources is drastic, it is difficult to manage the information on the web. That's why it has a increasing of necessary for the user to use efficient information retrieval techniques to find and order the desired information. Therefore, we need some efficient search engines. The search engines will play an important role in searching a web page. Search engines collect, analyze, organize, and handled the data on internet [2].

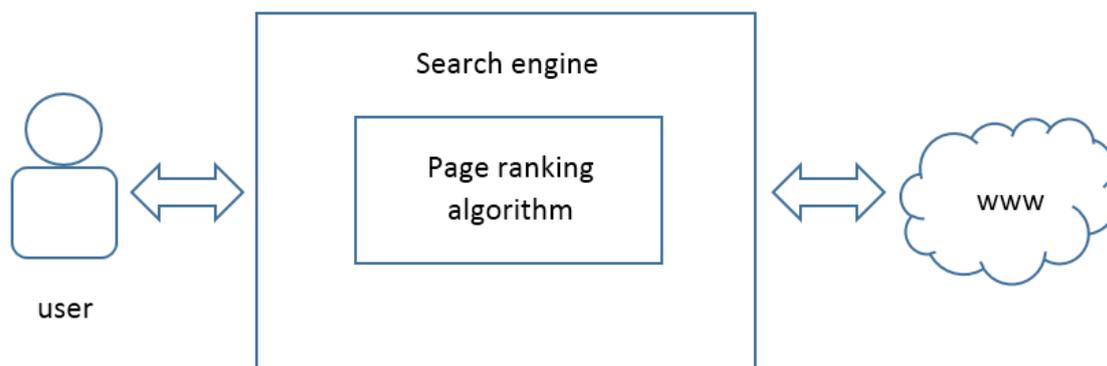


Figure 1: Search Engine (Concept)

But the search engines return thousands of results which includes information which is a mixture of relevant information and irrelevant information [2]. Figure 1 Shows the simple concept of the simply concept of the search engine. Search engine are used to find the information from the World Wide Web. Some popular search engines are Google, msn, Bing, yahoo search etc [1]. They are many other things are participated in this searching techniques, downloaded, index, query process, and store the store hundreds of millions web pages [1] [2] [3]. They answer the millions of query every day, hours, minutes and every second. Query processor will act like a content aggregators and the keep a record of every information available on WWW [2][1]. Figure 2 describes

the architecture of search engine. The most important part of search engine is crawler. The web crawler is downloading the web data [10]. Index is generally maintained alphabetically considering the keywords [1]. When the query processor component was retrieved the user keyword, it matching the query keyword with the index return the URLs of the pages to the user. But before representing pages to user some ranking mechanism are applied in back end or front end is used by most of search engine, to make the user search engine make easier. Most relevant page is put on the top of the result list and less relevant page is put on the bottom of the result list.

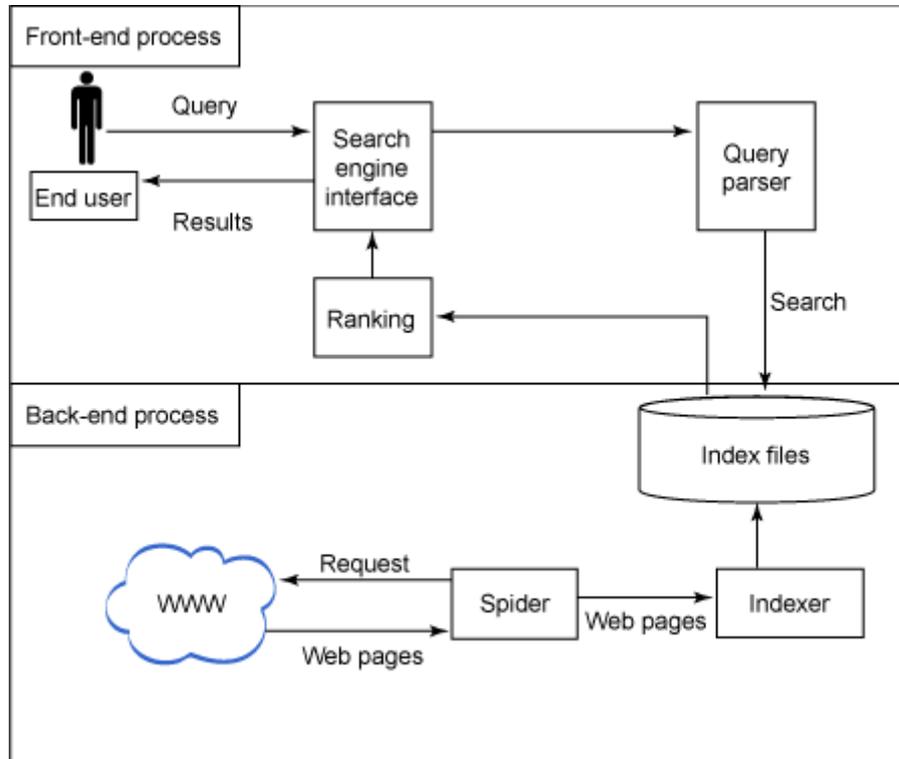


Figure 2: General Architecture of Search Engine

In this paper survey of different page ranking algorithm and comparison of this algorithm are carried out. The structure of this paper is follows: chapter II provides the overview of web mining concept. Chapter III provides detail overview of some important web page ranking algorithm. Chapter IV provides competition of this algorithm.

II. WEB MINING

With continuous increase of the World Wide Web, the area of mining of information from the web is very huge [4]. For this reason, various search engines are trying to improve their working to give best result to users, so that's why we need some efficient ranking techniques. Web Mining is defined as the application of data mining techniques going on the World Wide Web to find hidden information [1]. An application of web mining can be seen in the case of search engines like Google, yahoo, Bing etc.... [1]. The web mining techniques has classified in varies three categories: Web Content Mining, Web Structure Mining, and Web Usage Mining [4][5][1]. The WCM is finding the useful information from web content, WSM is finding the relationships between web pages by analyzing web structures, and WUM is finding the user profiles and the users' behavior recorded inside the web log file [5].

2.1. Why is Ranking Required

Web create a new challenges of information retrieval, the amount of information retrieval from web is increasing day by day. Rapidly growth of net surfing resulting into rapid growth of number of new users. So high quality and efficient information retrieving through the search engine

is very expensive and the process of crawling, indexing and searching will be very complex and slow. When increasing the complexity of net surfing user then automatically decreased searching result. For solving that problem of efficient information retrieving, search engine will have efficient ranking algorithm. The most popular ranking algorithms are the page Rank, Weighted Page Rank, HITS, PR Based VOL, WPR Based VOL, SimRank, etc... ranking algorithm will calculate the rank value based on in-link and out-link of find the popularity of web page.

2.2.Web Content Mining

The content based or text based web mining is the concept of data mining for finding the more specific data. For finding the information on web is complex then finding the static database, because of the dynamic nature of web it has huge amount of documents [6]. WCM is the content of the web page and its web page itself or resulted web page will obtain on search engine. The WCM will classify two different views: i. Information retrieval view (IR) and ii. Database view (DB) [1]. In information retrieval view, the bunch of the unstructured and semi- structure text data will have HTML or XML structure inside the documents can be used. Information retrieval is an important technique widely used in web content mining especially used for web search engine [1] [7]. IR model will defend has similarity between query and document, there are three type of IR model. 1. Boolean model 2. Vector space model and 3. Language model [5]. In database view (DB), a web site can be transformed to represent a multi-level database and web mining tries to infer the structure of the web site from this database [1].

2.3.Web Usage Mining

Web Usage Mining(WUM) is an application of data mining techniques used to discover interesting usage patterns from Web data. It helps understand and better serves the needs of applications that are web based. It captures the identity or origin of users (web users) along with their browsing behavior at different Web sites. It also allows the collection of Web access information for different Web pages. This usage data provides the paths leading to web pages that were accessed. This information is always gathered automatically into access logs with the help of web server. CGI scripts also offers useful data/information such as survey logs, referrer logs and user subscription information. WUM is very important in IT industry to companies and their applications (internet as well as intranet based) and information access.

2.4.Web Structure Mining

Web structure mining helps you to discover relationships between web pages by analyzing web structures [5]. It makes use of graph theory to analyze the hyperlink structure and based on the hyperlink topology It categorizes the website and interlinks the website [5] [8]. Web Structure Mining is the process of inferring knowledge from the World Wide Web organization and links between referents and references from Web. The structure of a typical web graph consists of web pages (as nodes) and hyperlinks (as edges) that connects related pages. Web structure mining makes use of graph theory to analyze the node as well as the connection structure of a web site [9]. It is used to discover structure information from the web and in turn can be divided into two kinds based on the type structure information used. They are Hyperlinks and Document Structure [9] [1]. It is used to generate structural summary about the web pages in the form of web graph where hyperlinks act as edges and web pages' as nodes connecting two related pages [1].

III. ALGORITHMS

Page Ranking algorithms are the soul of search engine and they give the best result of the user expectation. User need of the best quality results are main reason in innovation and improvement of different page ranking algorithms like Page Rank, HITS, Weighted Page Rank, Sim-Rank, Page Rank based VOL, Weighted Page Rank based VOL, Weighted Page Rank based Zero

Link Similarity. Now a day's Google search engine is very important because many web users is used.

3.1. Page Ranks

S. Brin and L. Page [10] was proposed page rank algorithm at Stanford University. Now a day's page rank algorithm was used by very popular search engine GOOGLE. The main concept of page rank, marching the text value of query and find the overall score of web page and it utilize the link to improve the search result. The main goal of page rank is improving the quality of search engine [10]. PageRank is a very good way to prioritize the results of web keyword searches. Page rank is also help for full text searches in main Google system. The basic formula of page rank is,

$$PR(A) = (1 - d) + d\left(\frac{PR(T1)}{C(T1)} + \dots + \frac{PR(Tn)}{C(Tn)}\right) \quad (1)$$

Where,

PR(A) = rank of page A calculated using iterative algorithm

T1...Tn = page A has point to it page T1...Tn

C(A) = number of outgoing link of page A

d = dampening factor (its value is 0.85 approx.)

3.2. HITS

Jon Kleinberg [10] introduced Hyperlink-Induced Topic Search (HITS) algorithm, it also known as hubs and authorities. HITS are a link analyses algorithm that rates Web pages. The hubs are serving as large directories that are not actually authoritative in the information that it held, but we used vast catalog of information that lead directly it's called authoritative page. Fig.3 shows the hubs and authorities. This method assigns two scores for each page: its authority, which estimates the value of the content of the page, and its hub value, which estimates the value of its links to other pages. So the authority is sum if all score of hub pages and the hub score is sum of all linking pages of authority pages.

$\forall p$, we update the auth (p) and hub (p) to be:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{hub}(i) \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{auth}(i) \quad (3)$$

Where,

n = total number of page connected to p and i = current page connected to p

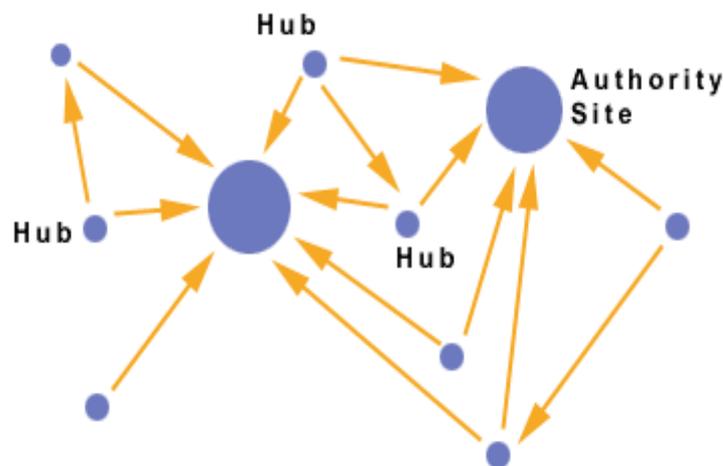


Figure 3: Authority and Hubs

3.3. Weighted Page Rank

Wenpu Xing and Ali Ghorbani [5] are proposed a Weighted Page Ranking algorithm. Is the improvement over PageRank Algorithm by introducing weighting scheme? In this approach in-link and out-link weights are used to calculate webpage rank value. The proposed a weighted PageRank algorithm which gives more Rank portion to the neighboring pages with more in-links. It is yet does not sufficiently reflect the actual behaviors of surfers, because only the information of topological structure is used. Strength of this algorithm is that it works offline independent to query. And limitation is, its ranking may be distinguished easily. $W_{(v,u)}^{in}$ and $W_{(v,u)}^{out}$ are the weight of $link(v,u)$ is calculated based on number of in-links and out-links of page u and the number of in-links and out-links of all the reference page of page v .

$$W_{(v,u)}^{in} = \frac{I_u}{\sum_{p \in R(v)} I_p} \quad (4)$$

$$W_{(v,u)}^{out} = \frac{O_u}{\sum_{p \in R(v)} O_p} \quad (5)$$

Where,

- I_u = number of in-link of page u
- I_p = number of in-link of page p
- $R(v)$ = reference page list of page v
- O_u = number of out-link of page u
- O_p = number of out-link of page p

3.4. Sim-Rank

S. Qiao, Tianrui Li, Li and Yan Zhu, Jing Peng, Jiangtao Qiu [7] was proposed by SimRank algorithm. This algorithm is variant of weighted PageRank algorithm, called SimRank that distributes Rank value in proportion to the inter-page similarities. To apply the method, all pair-wise page similarities need to be computed earlier on. For finding the similarity between P_a and P_b , The formula behind this algorithm is given below.

$$\begin{aligned} sim(P_a, P_b) &= \frac{d_a \cdot d_b}{\|d_a\|^2 + \|d_b\|^2 - d_a \cdot d_b} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m W_{ip_a} * W_{ip_b}}{\sum_{i=1}^m W_{ip_a}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m W_{ip_b}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m W_{ip_a} * W_{ip_b}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Where,

- $sim(pa, pb)$ = similarity between P_a and P_b
- d_a = dampening factor of inter page A
- d_b = dampening factor of inter page B
- m = number of term in query Q

3.5. Page Rank Based VOL

Gyanendra Kumar, Neelam Duhan, A. K. Sharma [11] was proposed Page Rank based VOL algorithm. Unlike traditional PageRank algorithm, it does not divide page rank value equally between outgoing links. Instead of this it assigns more rank value to the outgoing links which is most visited by users. So in this manner page rank is calculated based on visits of inbound links. The formula behind this algorithm is given below.

$$PR(u) = (1 - d) + d \frac{\sum_{v \in B(u)} Lu(PR(v))}{TL(v)} \quad (7)$$

Where,

- d = dampening factor

u = web page
 $B(u)$ = set of pages that point to web page u
 $PR(u)$ = rank score of page u
 $PR(v)$ = rank score of page v
 Lu = number of visits of link score of page u and page v
 $TL(v)$ = total number of visits of all links on page v

3.6. Weighted Page Rank Based VOL

Neelam Tyagi, Simple Sharma [10] was proposed by Weighted Page Rank Based VOL algorithm. In the traditional weighted page rank algorithm, it assigned the larger rank value is more popular page. All the outgoing links is proportional to popularity. The number of outlinks and inlinks popularity will store two function W_{out} and W_{in} respectively. But in this proposed algorithm, it is not conceder popularity of outgoing link. In proposed improved weighted page rank algorithm it assign the more rank value to outgoing link which is most visited by user. In this WPR (VOL) algorithm it calculated the user browsing behaviors. It calculates the how many time user will visited by link. The formula behind this algorithm is,

$$WPR_{vol}(u) = (1 - d) + d \sum_{v \in B(u)} \frac{L_u WPR_{vol}(v) W_{(v,u)}^{in}}{TL(v)} \tag{8}$$

Where,

d = dampening factor
 u = web page
 $B(u)$ = set of page that point u
 $WPR_{vol}(u)$ = rank score of page u
 $WPR_{vol}(v)$ = rank score of page v
 Lu = number of visits of links which point to page u from page v
 $TL(v)$ = total number of visit of all links present on page v

3.7. Weighted Page Rank Based Zero Link Similarity

The **Sang-yeon Lee, Young-gi Kim, Seok-Jong Lee, Keon Myung Lee [10]** was proposed WPR based Zero Link Similarity algorithm. This algorithm was improved weighted PageRank algorithm that can deal with such zero inter-page similarities, which handles them by allocating a minimum similarity to the links to the pages with the zero-similarity. The proposed algorithm has been implemented using the MapReduce paradigm for big data handling and overcome the problem of sim-rank algorithm. The formula behind this algorithm is,

$$\rho \frac{\min(s_{ij})}{\sum_{L_{in}(i)} s_{ik}} = \alpha (1 - \rho) ZR$$

(9)

Where,

ρ = user supplied parameter for zero similarity
 ZR = number of non-zero similar link
 α = controlled by minimum similarity

IV. COMPARISON OF ALGORITHMS

Table 1: Comparison of algorithms

Variants	Working Approach	Merits	Demerits	Efficiency
Page Rank (Larry p 1996)	Calculate page rank based upon number of backlinks	High quality results, backlink predictor, advertising business, frequently indexing	False page rank or spooof page	Moderate

			rank, equal distribution of page rank	
HITS (Chris H. 2001)	Compute the authority score of n highly relevant page on the top of list	Hub and Authority values are calculated so that the relevant and important pages are obtained	Topic drift and efficiency problems occur. Non-relevant documents can be retrieved	More
Weighted Page Rank (Wenpu Xing 2004)	Assign more page rank value to popular page	More relevant page than traditional page rank algorithm	Does not consider user access pattern	High
Sim-Rank (S. Qiao, 2010)	The relevance of a page to the given query which can improve the accuracy of scoring.	Improved the traditional PageRank algorithm by taking into account the weight of page to a given query.	Applying this method for large volume of pages it's computationally expensive	High
Page Rank based VOL (G. Kumar, 2011)	Assign more rank value to the outgoing links which is most visited by users	This concept is very useful to display most valuable pages on the top of the result list on the basis of user browsing behavior, which reduces the search space to a large scale	None	Moderate
Weighted Page Rank based VOL (N. Tyagi 2012)	Assign more rank value to the outgoing links which is most visited by users and received higher popularity from number of in-links	find more relevant information according to user's query	Very ideal but, it is not easy to apply it to the Web scale	High
WPR based Zero link similarity (Sang-yeon Lee 2014)	Identify the keyword using TFIDF	The zero value for the inter-page similarity of neighboring pages due to the language characteristics. It's also help to handled big data	For finding the content based semantic based keyword is not possible.	Very High

V. CONCLUSION

The quality of keyword base searching is the current challenges of the web mining. The main drawback of web search engine is that it cannot provide high quality and intelligent service. Search engine was support the keyword, link address and content based search. For finding the relevant information retrieving (IR) in the World Wide Web. Firstly, I study the various page ranking algorithm and then compared these above algorithms. Each and every algorithm has got its own

advantage and disadvantage. As per the requirements of a search engine we can utilize the above said algorithms. In future guidance, we will improve the searching result using this survey report.

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