Abstract

The Text Retrieval Conferences (TRECs) are a series of workshops that encourage research in information retrieval from realistic applications by providing large test collections, uniform scoring procedures, and a forum for organizations interested in comparing results. This paper describes the overview of Text Retrieval conferences (TRECs) from 1992 (TREC-1) to 2014 (TREC-23). The goals the judging procedure of TREC are mentioned for understanding the importance & compounds involved in text retrieval in real time applications. A brief comparative report about the methods, number of tracks and the outcomes are presented in this paper so that researchers working or want to work under this domain get an up to date view regarding Text retrieval process and applications.
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