

Keyword Query Suggestion Based on Document Proximity

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Abstract:

In this paper, we design a location-aware keyword query suggestion framework. We propose a weighted keyword-document graph, which captures both the semantic relevance between keyword queries and the spatial distance between the resulting documents and the user location. The graph is browsed in a random-walk-with-restart fashion, to select the keyword queries with the highest scores as suggestions. To make our framework scalable, we propose a partition-based approach that outperforms the baseline algorithm by up to an order of magnitude. The appropriateness of our framework and the performance of the algorithms are evaluated using real data. Keyword suggestion in web search helps users to access relevant information without having to know how to precisely express their queries. Existing keyword suggestion techniques do not consider the locations of the users and the query results; i.e., the spatial proximity of a user to the retrieved results is not taken as a factor in the recommendation. However, the relevance of search results in many applications (e.g., location-based services) is known to be correlated with their spatial proximity to the query issuer.

Index Terms:

Query suggestion, spatial databases.

1 INTRODUCTION:

However, to our knowledge, none of the existing methods provide location-aware keyword query suggestion (LKS), such that the suggested queries retrieve documents not only related to the user information needs but also located near the user location. This requirement emerges due to the popularity of spatial keyword search [12], [13], [14], [15], [16].

Google processed a daily average of 4.7 billion queries in 2011, a substantial fraction of which have local intent and target spatial web objects (i.e., points of interest with a web presence having locations as well as text descriptions) or geo-documents (i.e., documents associated with geo-locations). Furthermore, 53 percent of Bing’s mobile searches in 2011 have a local intent. In this paper, we propose the first Location-aware Keyword query Suggestion framework. We illustrate the benefit of LKS using a toy example. Consider five geo-documents d_1 - d_5 as listed in Fig. 1a. Each document d_i is associated with a location d_i as shown in Fig. 1b. Assume that a user issues a keyword query k_q “seafood” at location $_q$, shown in Fig. 1b. Note that the relevant documents d_1 - d_3 (containing “seafood”) are far from $_q$. A location-aware suggestion is “lobster”, which can retrieve nearby documents d_4 and d_5 that are also relevant to the user’s original search intention. Previous keyword query suggestion models (e.g., [5]) ignore the user location and would suggest “fish”, which again fails to retrieve nearby relevant documents. Note that LKS has a different goal and therefore differs from other location-aware recommendation methods (e.g., auto-completion/instant searches [17], [18], tag recommendation [19]). Section 5 provides a detailed discussion about the differences between LKS and these models, while in Section 4 we experimentally show that an adaptation of the method in [19] is less effective than LKS.

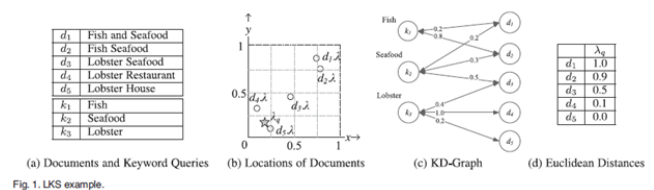


Fig. 1. LKS example.

The first challenge of our LKS framework is how to effectively measure keyword query similarity while capturing the spatial distance factor. In accordance to previous query suggestion approaches [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [9], [10], LKS constructs and uses a keyword-document bipartite graph (KD-graph for short), which connects the keyword queries with their relevant documents as shown in Fig. 1c. Different to all previous approaches which ignore locations, LKS adjusts the weights on edges in the KD-graph to capture not only the semantic relevance between keyword queries, but also the spatial distance between the document locations and the query issuer's location q .

2 LKS FRAMEWORK:

Consider a user-supplied query q with initial input k_q ; k_q can be a single word or a phrase. Assuming that the query issuer is at location $_q$, two intuitive criteria for selecting good suggestions are: (i) the suggested keyword queries (words or phrases) should satisfy the user's information needs based on k_q and (ii) the suggested queries can retrieve relevant documents spatially close to $_q$. The proposed LKS framework captures these two criteria. relevant documents spatially close to $_q$. The proposed LKS framework captures these two criteria.

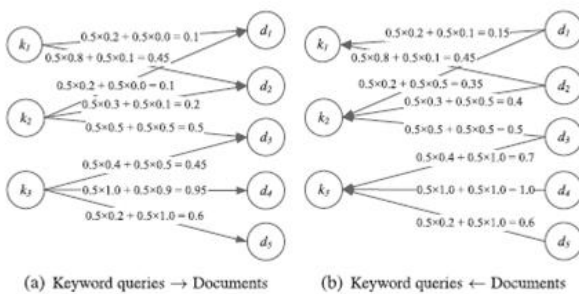


Fig. 2. Location-aware edge weight adjustment.

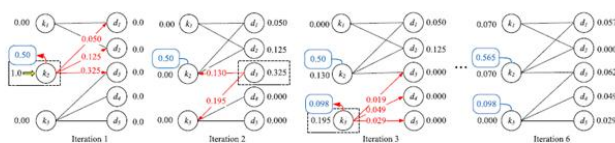


Fig. 3. Illustration of Algorithm BA.

3 ALGORITHMS:

In this section, we introduce a baseline algorithm (BA) for location-aware suggestions (Section 3.1). Then, we propose our efficient partition-based algorithm (Section 3.2).

3.1 Baseline Algorithm (BA):

We extend the popular Bookmark-Coloring Algorithm [25] to compute the RWR-based top-m query suggestions as a baseline algorithm. BCA models RWR as a bookmark coloring process. Starting with one unit of active ink injected into node k_q , BA processes the nodes in the graph in descending order of their active ink. Different from typical personalized PageRank problems [27], [28] where the graph is homogeneous, our KD-graph G_q has two types of nodes: keyword query nodes and document nodes. As opposed to BCA, BA only ranks keyword query nodes; a keyword query node retains a portion of its active ink and distributes $1-\alpha$ portion to its neighbor nodes based on its outgoing adjusted edge weights, while a document node distributes all its active ink to its neighbor nodes.

Algorithm 1. Baseline Algorithm (BA)

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Input:  $G(D, K, E), q = (k_q, \lambda_q), m, \epsilon$ 
Output:  $C$ 
1 PriorityQueue  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset, C \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2 Add  $k_q$  to  $Q$  with  $k_q.aink \leftarrow 1$ ;
3  $AINK \leftarrow 1$ ;
4 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  and  $Q.top.aink \geq \epsilon$  do
5 Deheap the first entry  $top$  from  $Q$ ;
6  $tm =$  the top- $m$  entry from  $C$ ;
7  $tm' =$  the top- $(m+1)$  entry from  $C$ ;
8 if  $tm.rink > tm'.rink + AINK$  then
9 break
10  $distratio = 1$ ;
11 if  $top$  is a keyword query node then
12  $distratio = 1 - \alpha$ ;
13  $top.rink \leftarrow top.rink + top.aink \times \alpha$ ;
14  $AINK \leftarrow AINK - top.aink \times \alpha$ ;
15 if there exist a copy  $t$  of  $top$  in  $C$  then
16 Remove  $t$  from  $C$ ;
17  $top.rink \leftarrow top.rink + t.rink$ ;
18 Add  $top$  to  $C$ ;
19 for each node  $v$  connected to  $top$  in  $G$  do
20  $v.aink \leftarrow top.aink \times distratio \times \tilde{w}(top, v)$ ;
21 if there exists a copy  $v'$  of  $v$  in  $Q$  then
22 Remove  $v'$  from  $Q$ ;  $v.aink \leftarrow v.aink + v'.aink$ ;
23 Add  $v$  to  $Q$ ;
24 return the top- $m$  entries (excluding  $k_q$ ) in  $C$ ;

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3.2 Partition-Based Algorithm:

Algorithm BA can be slow for several reasons. First, at each iteration, only one node is processed; thus, the active ink drops slowly and the termination conditions are met after too many iterations. Second, given the large number of iterations, the overhead of maintaining queue Q is significant. Finally, the nodes distribute their active ink to all their neighbors, even if some of them only receive a small amount of ink. To improve the performance of BA, in this section, we propose a partition-based algorithm that divides the keyword queries and the documents in the KD-graph G into groups. Let $PK \cup fPK_i$ be the partitions of the keyword queries and $PD \cup fPD_i$ be the document partitions. Algorithm PA follows the basic routine of algorithm BA, but with the following differences:

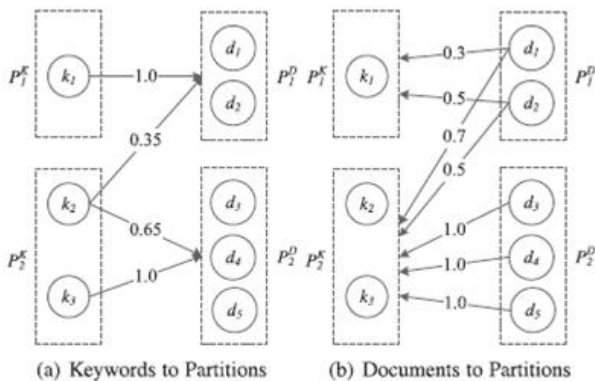


Fig. 4. Node-partition graphs.

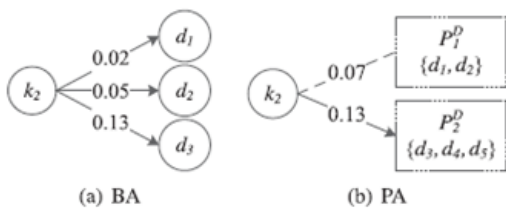


Fig. 5. Ink distribution methods.

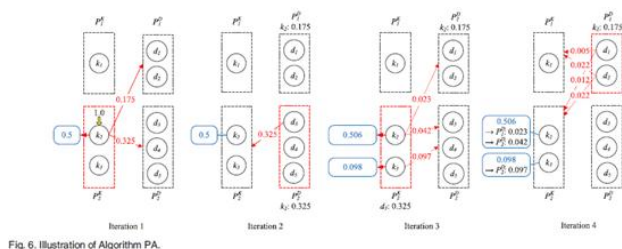


Fig. 6. Illustration of Algorithm PA.

Algorithm 2. PA

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Input:  $G(D, K, E), G^{KP}, G^{DP}, q = (k_q, \lambda_q), m, \epsilon$ 
Output:  $C$ 
1 PriorityQueue  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset, C \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2 Add partition  $P \ni k_q$  to  $Q$  with  $P.aink \leftarrow 1$ ;
3  $AINK \leftarrow 1$ ;
4 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  and  $Q.top.aink_{v_i} \geq \epsilon$  do
5 Deheap the top entry  $P_i$  from  $Q$ ;
6  $tm =$  the top- $m$  entry from  $C$ ;
7  $tm' =$  the top- $(m+1)$  entry from  $C$ ;
8 if  $tm.rink > tm'.rink + AINK$  then
9 break;
10 Spread the active ink to nodes in  $P_i$ ;
11 for each node  $v$  in partition  $P_i$  do
12  $distratio = 1$ ;
13 if  $v$  is a keyword query node then
14  $distratio = 1 - \alpha$ ;
15  $v.rink \leftarrow v.rink + v.aink \times \alpha$ ;
16  $AINK \leftarrow AINK - v.aink \times \alpha$ ;
17 if there exist a copy  $t$  of  $v$  in  $C$  then
18 Remove  $t$  from  $C$ ;
19  $v.rink \leftarrow v.rink + t.rink$ ;
20 Add  $v$  to  $C$ ;
21 Get partition set  $\mathcal{P}$  connected from  $v$  in  $G^{KP}$ ;
22 else
23 Get partition set  $\mathcal{P}$  connected from  $v$  in  $G^{DP}$ ;
24 for each partition  $P_i$  in  $\mathcal{P}$  do
25  $ink \leftarrow v.aink \times distratio \times \bar{w}(v, P_i)$ ;
26 if  $ink + v.acc.P_i \geq \epsilon$  then
27  $P_i.aink \leftarrow ink + v.acc.P_i$ ;
28 if there exist a copy  $P'_i$  of  $P_i$  in  $Q$  then
29 Remove  $P'_i$  from  $Q$ ;
30  $P_i.aink \leftarrow P_i.aink + P'_i.aink$ ;
31 Add  $P_i$  to  $Q$ ;
32 else
33 Accumulate  $ink$  at node  $v$  for  $P_i$  ( $v.acc.P_i$ );
34 return the top- $m$  entries (excluding  $k_q$ ) in  $C$ ;

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TABLE 1
Parameters

Description	Parameter	Values	Default Value
Number of partitions	N	1,4,16,64,256	16
RWR probability	α	0.2,0.35,0.5,0.65,0.8	0.5
Edge weight adjustment param.	β	0.0,25,0.5,0.75,1	0.5
Threshold ($\times 10^{-5}$)	ϵ	0.1,0.5,1,5,10	1
Number of documents (M)	$ D $	0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5	1.5

CONCLUSION:

In this paper, we proposed an LKS framework providing keyword suggestions that are relevant to the user information needs and at the same time can retrieve relevant documents near the user location. A baseline algorithm extended from algorithm BCA [25] is introduced to solve the problem.

Then, we proposed a partition-based algorithm which computes the scores of the candidate keyword queries at the partition level and utilizes a lazy mechanism to greatly reduce the computational cost. Empirical studies are conducted to study the effectiveness of our LKS framework and the performance of the proposed algorithms. The result shows that the framework can offer useful suggestions and that PA outperforms the baseline algorithm significantly. In the future, we plan to further study the effectiveness of the LKS framework by collecting more data and designing a benchmark. In addition, subject to the availability of data, we will adapt and test LKS for the case where the locations of the query issuers are available in the query log. Finally, we believe that PA can also be applied to accelerate RWR on general graphs with dynamic edge weights; we will investigate this potential in the future.

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