

Combating Web Spam with TrustRank

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Web Spam / Definition

Spamming = misleading search engines to obtain higher-than-deserved ranking



Web Spam / Observation



Approximate isolation of good pages: good pages seldom point to spam

Web Spam / Objective

Separate good pages from spam pages

What?

Assign high scores to very good pages How? Propagate scores from known good pages When? Use results in ranking

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TrustRank / Idea

TrustRank = Selection + Propagation

- Our approach: spam demotion
- Related work: spam detection

 - Link \rightarrow graph clustering

TrustRank / Propagation



TrustRank / Propagation (CONT'D)



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TrustRank / Algorithm



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Experiments / Data

Web data

- Entire AltaVista index (June 2003)
- Site-level web graph
 - -31M nodes
 - -13M without inlinks
- Seed set
 - 2500 candidates
 - 178 selected high-quality sites
- Evaluation sample
 - 1000 manually tagged sites

Experiments / Sampling



Experiments / Sample Composition



Experiments / Spam per Bucket





Experiments / Spam Demotion



Conclusions

- TrustRank
 - Selects good seed pages
 - Propagates scores to other good pages
 - Separates good from bad
- Experiments
 - Spam demoted by TrustRank
- Future work
 - Different seed selection and score propagation methods
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Inverse PageRank





inverse PageRank ~ outlinks

Experiments / Pairwise Orderedness



Experiments / Precision and Recall

