

To Justin & Jon
14.10.05

Attached, at last, a revised version of the relevance document.

I got fed up with retaining the alterations as marked, so accepted them all.

What I have done is to leave a number of comments that you need to deal with, and some highlighted text. The blue highlight is for some general issues you need to look at. The yellow highlight relates particularly to my insertion of the idea that cognate relevance should be recomputed when the user refreshes or actions in his mail, not on a periodic review (or at least not on that alone). If the system is actually going to be any use to anyone then a frequent revision of actions of cognate users would be essential - and on a periodic review this would mean frequent recalculation of local relevances for those items even though most of the recipients were not viewing their mail. Recomputing the values when they are actually wanted is surely more sensible? If you want to retain a periodic review as well then this can be much less frequent.

I have also inserted a section suggesting identification of cognate users by correlating local importances. This seems far simpler to me than the other methods suggested, and the other inputs will affect the identification through the local importances anyway. I am not sure how this whole section functions, because it does look like suggestions rather than things you have actually done.

You will see some other macro changes in sections, eg the deletion of the stages part in section 10 and changes instead to the same process in 11.

I hope the formulas are now consistent - though nothing is guaranteed.

Come back with any other queries.

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