

Information Retrieval

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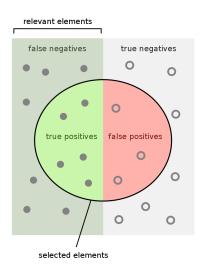
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Evaluating Results: Intrinsic



- TREC: set of "gold" relevant documents
- How many of the documents found?
- Annual bake-off of IR systems

Relevance Terminology



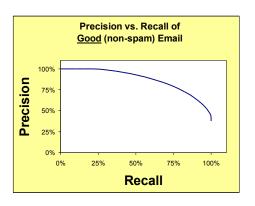
■ TP: True Positive

FP: False Positive

TN: True Negative

FN: False Negative

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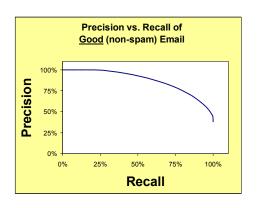
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F-measure: geometric mean

Evaluating Results: Extrinsic

- IR is often used to find answers to questions
- But it takes a human to read the results.
 - If you know what answer is, you can search for similar questions
 - Build machines to read the answer
- We'll see both later in the class