Web Search

From information retrieval to microeconomic modeling

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- Web search leading up to today
 - -Two search engines in web search
- Where algorithmic search is going
 - The hard research problems
- Search advertising
 - -IR meets markets

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3. The Canon of Medicine - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

... the Qanun was translated into **Latin** as **Canon** medicinae by Gerard of Cremona in ... The first three books of the **Latin Canon** were printed in 1472, and a complete ...

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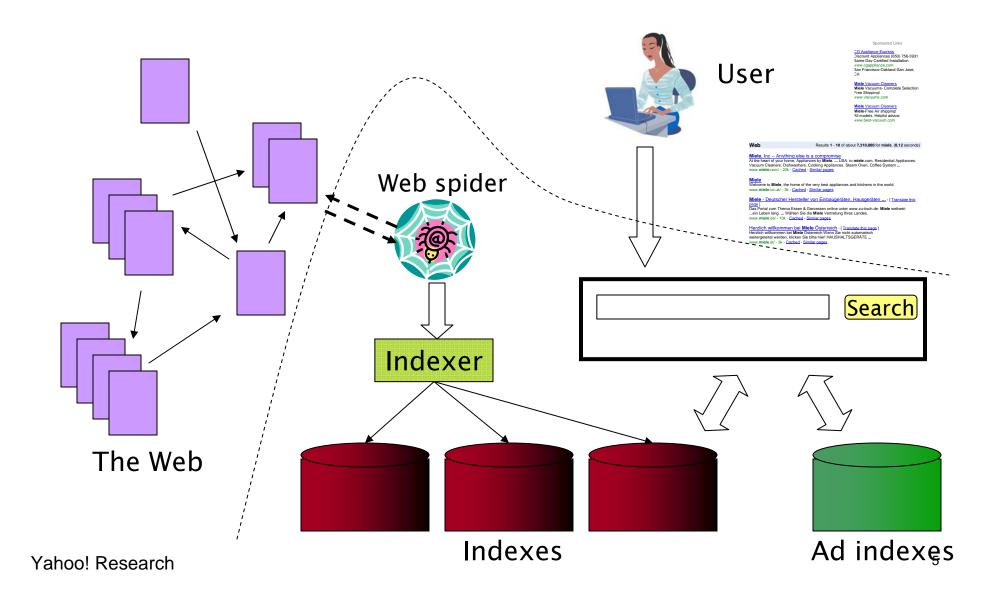
4. The "Canon" of English Literature

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5. CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Latin Church

"No results"

The two engines





- Early keyword-based engines
 - Altavista, Excite, Infoseek, Inktomi, Lycos,
 ca. 1995-1997
- Sponsored search ranking: Goto.com (morphed into Overture.com → Yahoo!)
 - Your search ranking depended on how much you paid
 - Auction for keywords: <u>casino</u> was expensive!



Brief (non-technical) history

- 1998+: Link-based ranking pioneered by Google
 - Blew away all early engines except Inktomi
 - Great user experience in search of a business model
 - Meanwhile Goto/Overture's annual revenues were nearing \$1 billion
- Result: Google added sponsored search "ads" to the side, independent of search results
 - 2003: Yahoo follows suit, acquiring Overture (for paid placement) and Inktomi (for search)



- Keynote at ACM SODA 1997:
 - What if AltaVista had all the computing power in the world – could it give us better results?
- Biggest bottlenecks in modeling user cognition, not computational
- If only we could find a computationally expensive way to solve the problem
 - then we know how to make it go faster

Informational – want to learn about something (~25%)

Low hemoglobin

Navigational – want to go to that page (~40%)
 United Airlines

- Transactional want to do something (web-mediated) (~35%)
 - Access a service

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- Gray areas
 - Find a good hub

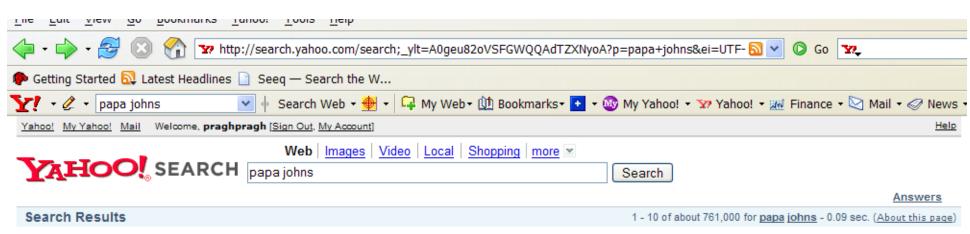
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Exploratory search "see what's there"



Algorithmic search is changing

- Already, more than a list of docs
- Moving towards identifying a user's task
 - (As expressed in the query box)
- Enabling task completion



Did vou mean: papa john's

1. Papa John's Nasdag: PZZAD

Official site for the pizza delivery and carry-out chain Papa John's. Includes store locator, nutritional info and franchise and employment opportunities.

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Get a glimpse of Papa John's basic menu for both our restaurants and online ordering. ... Papa John's does not add monosodium glutamate to any of our pizza toppings. ... www.papajohns.com/menu/index.htm - 49k - Cached - More from this site

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Find the neighborhood Papa Johns location in your area. You can order online or by phone. ...
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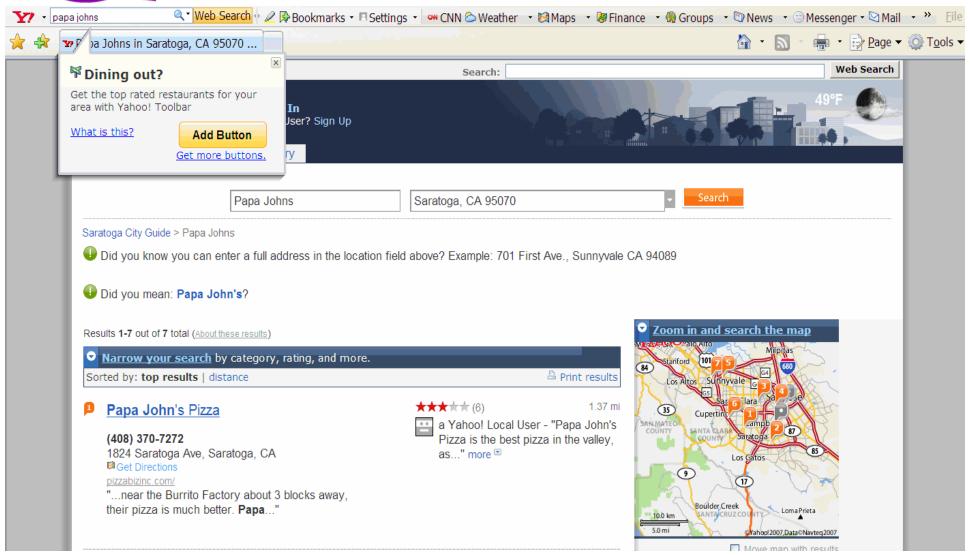
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FoRK Archive: Re: Oh, the trials of LaMacchia

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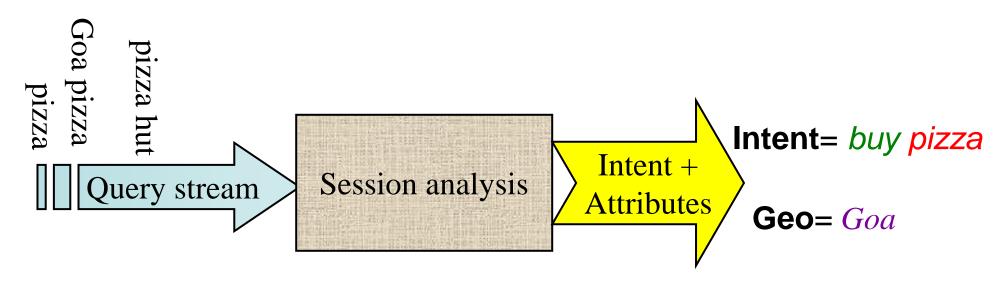
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Search and content supply

- Premise:
 - -People don't want to search
 - -People want to get tasks done

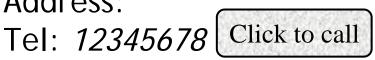


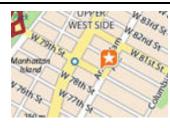


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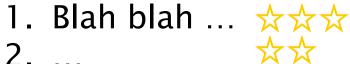
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Reviews



Yahoo! Research



- Yahoo! Mobile OneSearch, Google Universal Search, Ask ...
- Intents are satisfied by juxtapositions of objects and transactional services
 - Objects are people, places, businesses, universities ...
 - -Services let you do things



Hard problems to be solved

- What's the data model for the web of objects?
 - What logic/algebra governs it?
- What objects/services are retrieved on a query/intent?
- How do you measure fulfillment for the user?



- Needs computer science to meld with
 - Sociology
 - Ethnography
 - Cognitive psychology
 - Statistics
 - Optimization



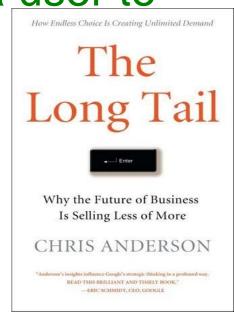
Sample: Estimating user responses

- The expected number of times a query is asked is a constant
 - -But the mass in the tail is non-trivial.
- What is the likely response of a <u>user to</u>

a page view?

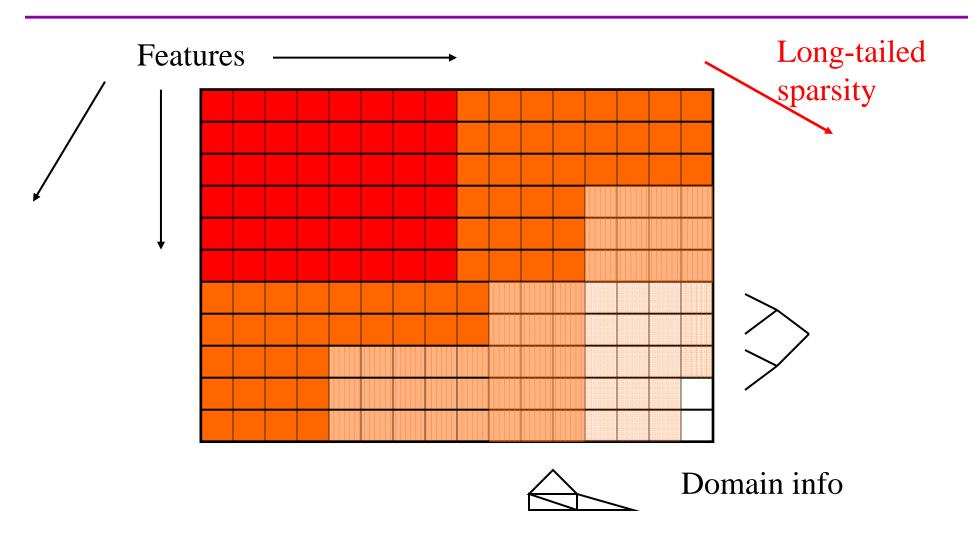
(Response prediction)

Fresh challenges in building and optimizing computing artifacts.





Learning in long-tailed spaces



Agarwal and Merugu, ACM KDD 2007

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(Or, try an advanced search.)











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The power of social tagging

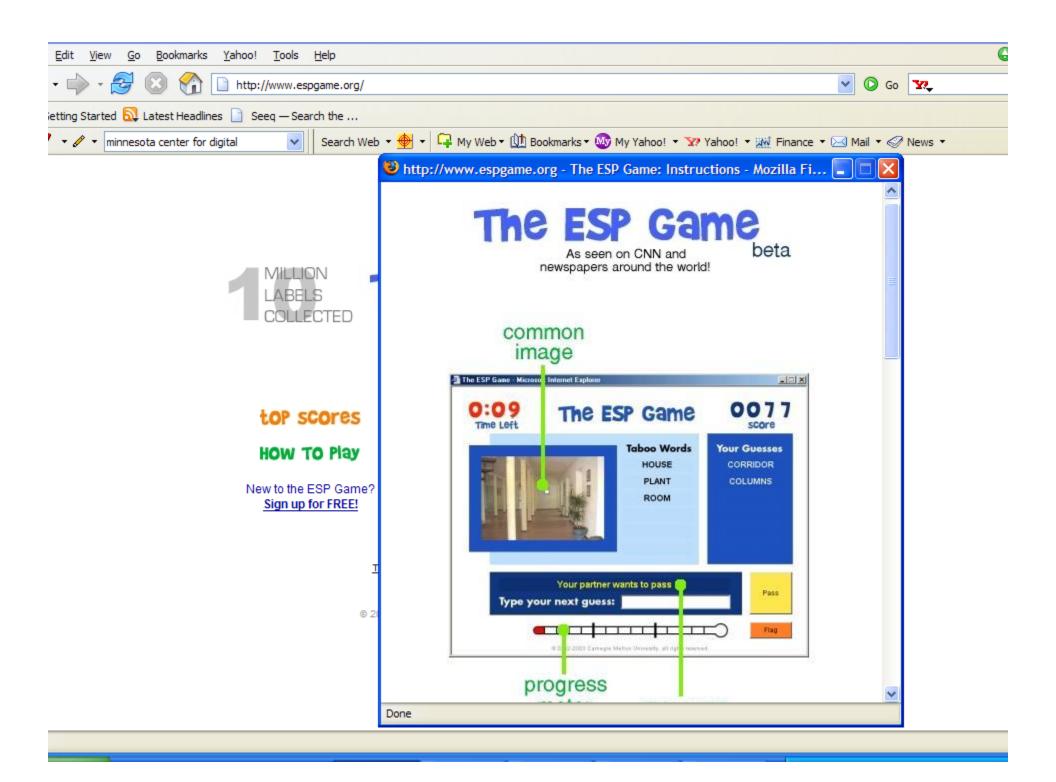
- Flickr community phenomenon
- Millions of users share and tag each others' photographs (why???)
- The wisdom of the crowd can be used to search
- The principle is not new <u>anchor</u> text used in "standard" search
- Don't try to pass the Turing test?



Challenges in tag-based search

- How do we use these tags better?
 - How do you cope with spam?
 - What's the <u>ratings and reputation</u> system?

- The bigger challenge: where else can you exploit the power of the people?
- What are the incentive mechanisms?
 - Luis von Ahn, ESP Game





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Best of Answers



It's that time of the year to start thinking about taxes. The main question on mjasfvpld's mind is where to start. If anyone know of a good place to file taxes, let him know. Photo by "Vanessa".



Where do you suggest going to files your taxes?

32 Asked by mjasfvpld - United States

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What is a good way to get free lpod songs?

0 In Music & Music Players - Asked by Mike O - 4 seconds ago



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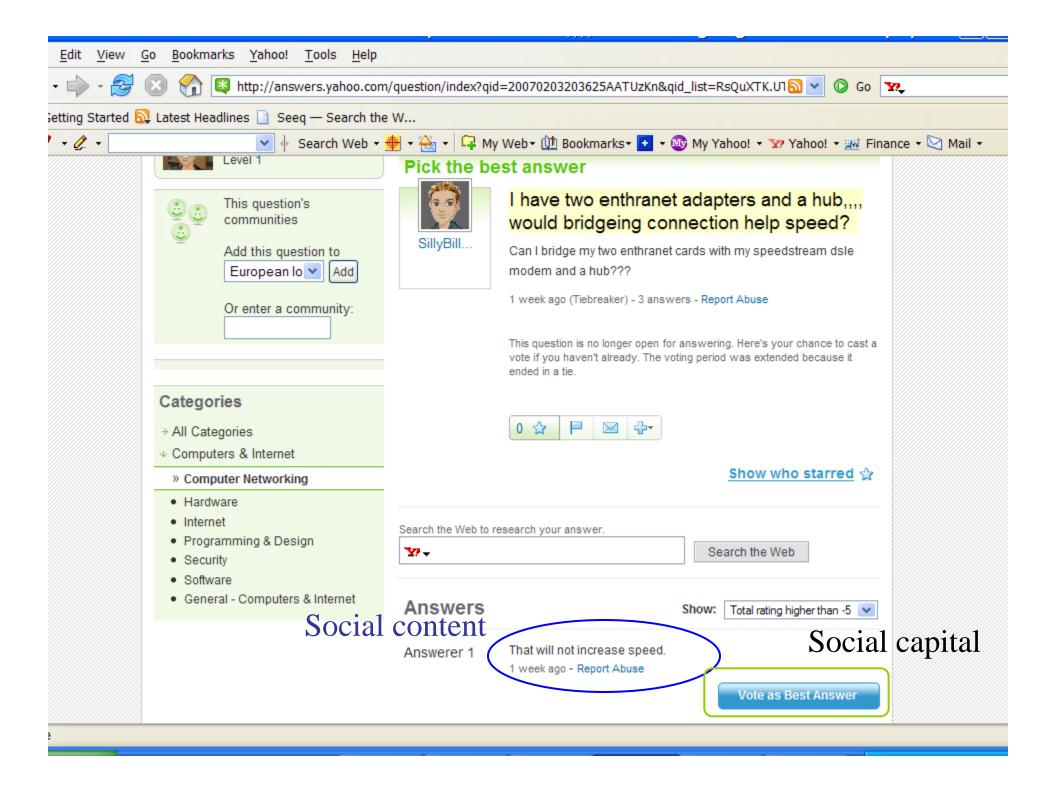


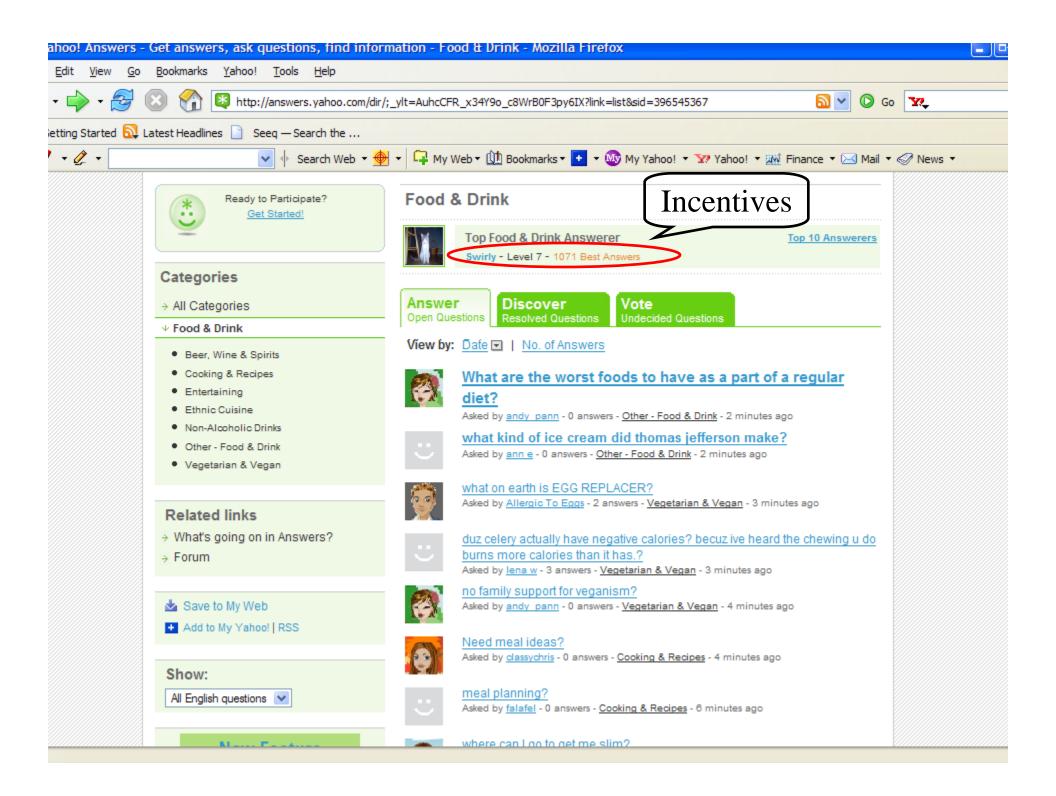
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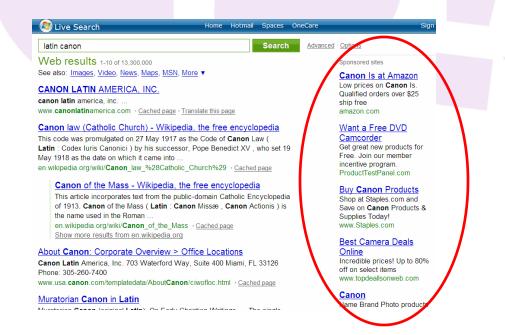


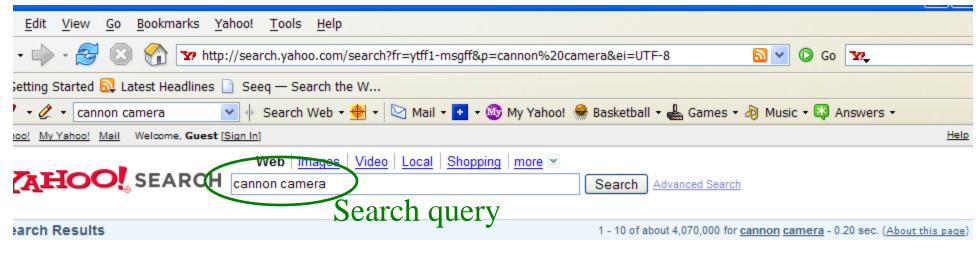




- What assignment of incentives leads to good user behavior?
 - -What's "good" user behavior?
 - –Good questions, good answers, new questions … ?
- Whose content do you trust and why?
- Interface of CS and microeconomics.

Search advertising





Did you mean: canon camera

Canon Camera at Circuit City

www.CircuitCity.com - Circuit City - Official Site. Free Shipping on Orders \$24 and Up.

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RitzCamera.com - Huge Selection of Canon Cameras. Free Shipping & No Tax. Buy Today.

Canon (NYSE: CAJ)

Global manufacturer of copy machines, fax machines, cameras, computer peripherals, and optical products.

www.canon.com - 23k - Cached - More from this site

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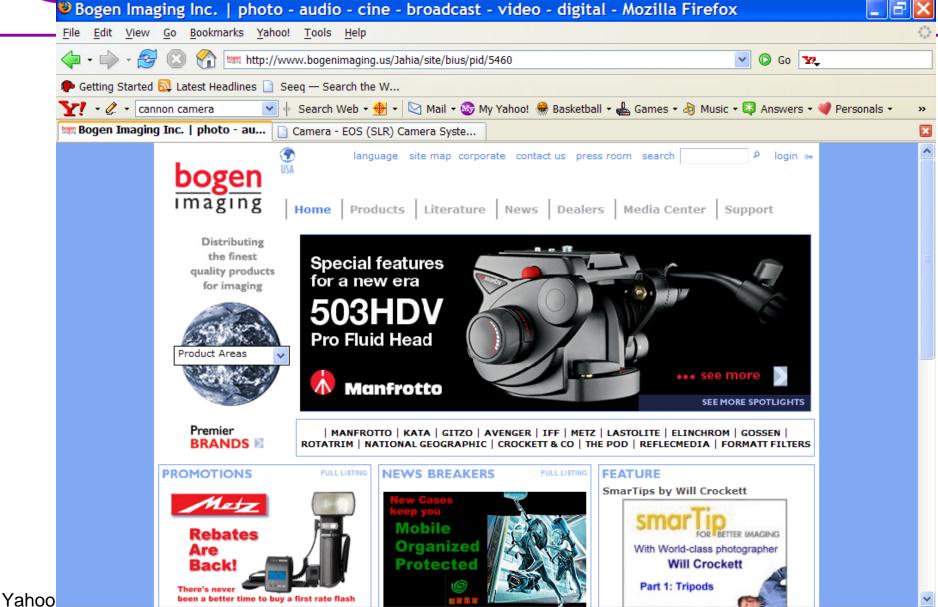
Cannon Camera Battery

Accessory =

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Landing page







I want to bid \$5 on

canon camera

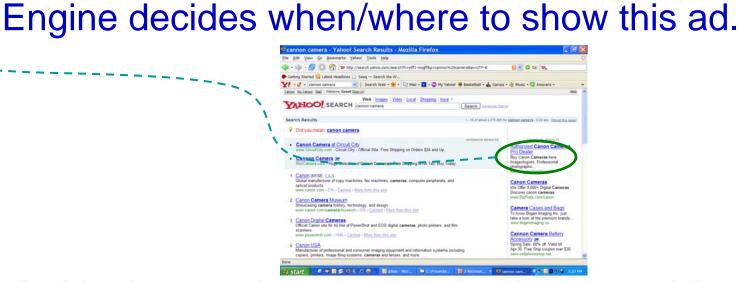
I want to bid \$2 on

cannon camera





Landing page



Engine decides how much to charge advertiser on a click.
Yahoo! Research



- For each keyword, a market in which advertisers compete for attention
 - Advertisers willing to pay for placement on ads next to search results
- Market varies by keyword
 - Commercial vs non-commercial intent in keywords
 - Ford vs Stanford map

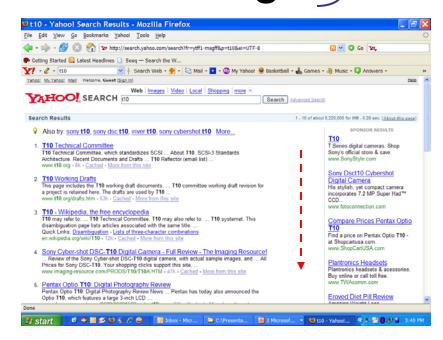


- When a searcher clicks on a displayed ad, advertiser pays the search engine
 - E.g., a Ford dealership may place an ad for the search *Ford*
 - Out of all such ads, engine chooses to display some on each *Ford* search
 - When a searcher clicks an ad, the advertiser who placed it pays



Engine: Three sub-problems

- 1. Retrieve ads matching query
- 2. Order the ads
- 3. Pricing on a click-through





1. Retrieve ads matching query

- Advertisers bid on keywords/phrases
- Match query to "nearby" bidded keywords
 - Retrieve ads for these bidded keywords
- Not a standard IR problem
 - Bidded keywords skewed to commerce
 - Advertisers and engine (trying to) co-operate
 - Marketplace of keywords
- Venezia hotels



- Standard tricks from IR: phrasing, spell-correction, ranking ...
 - Use both ad snippet and landing page features
 - Advertisers are trying to help!



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Save up to 70% on 1 to 5 star **hotels** in Venice. With guest-reviews.

www.booking.com

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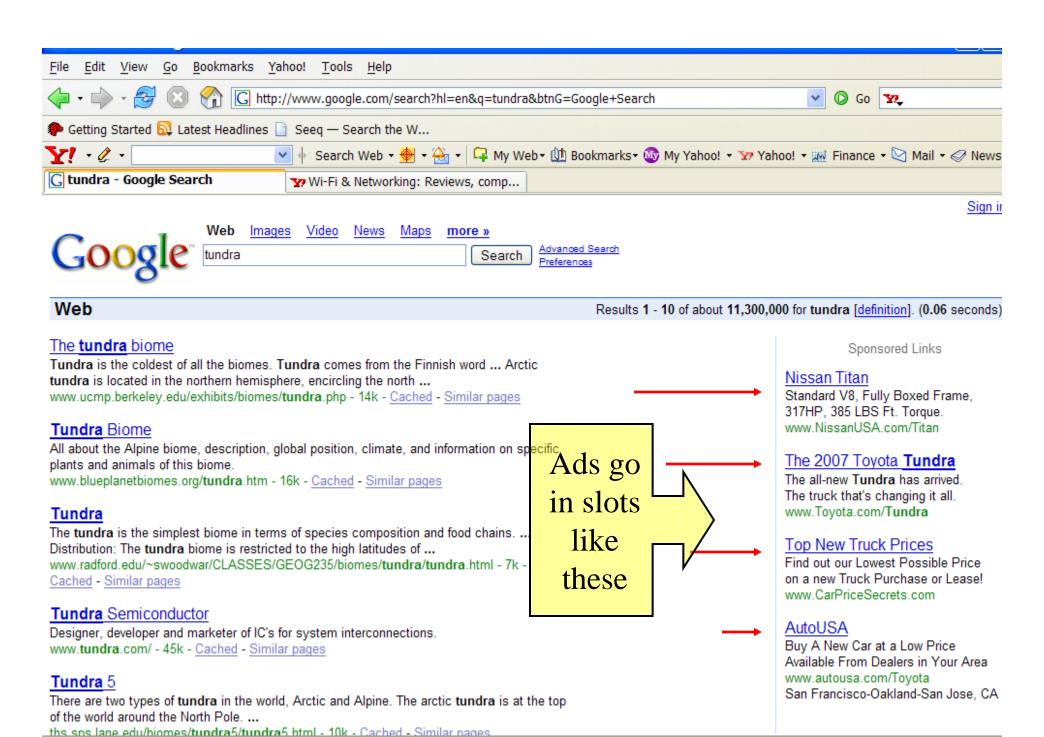
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1. Retrieve ads

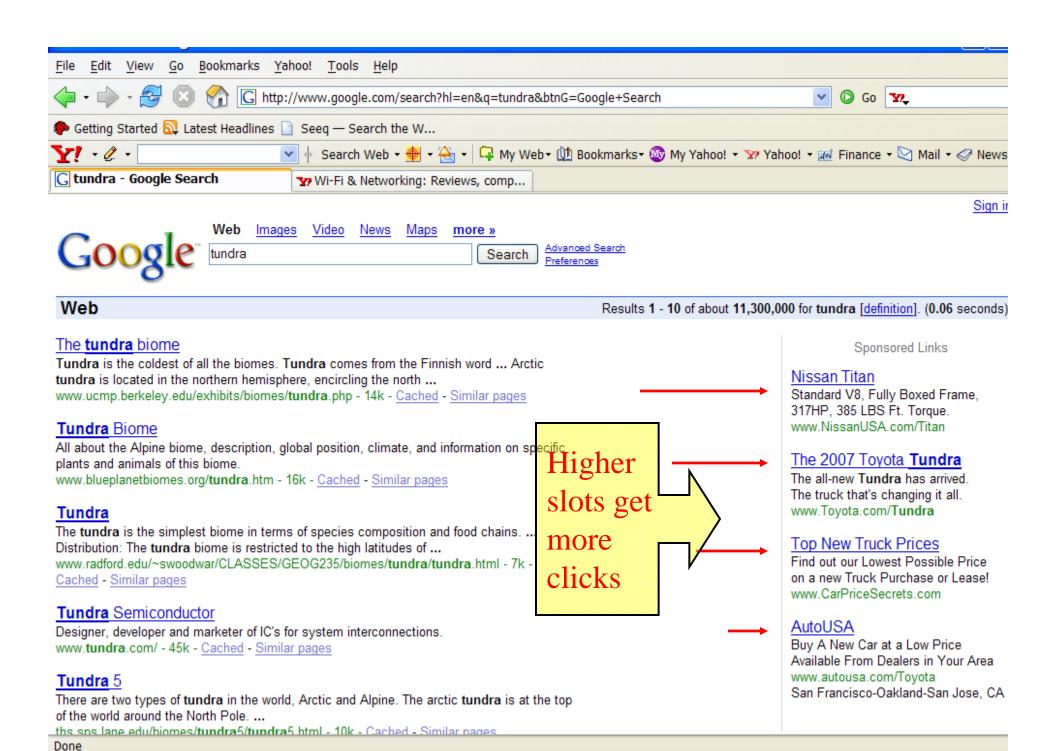


 Given a query, the retrieval step yields a set of candidate ads, together with an <u>IR score</u> for each

Ribero-Neto et al SIGIR 2005; Yih et al WWW2006

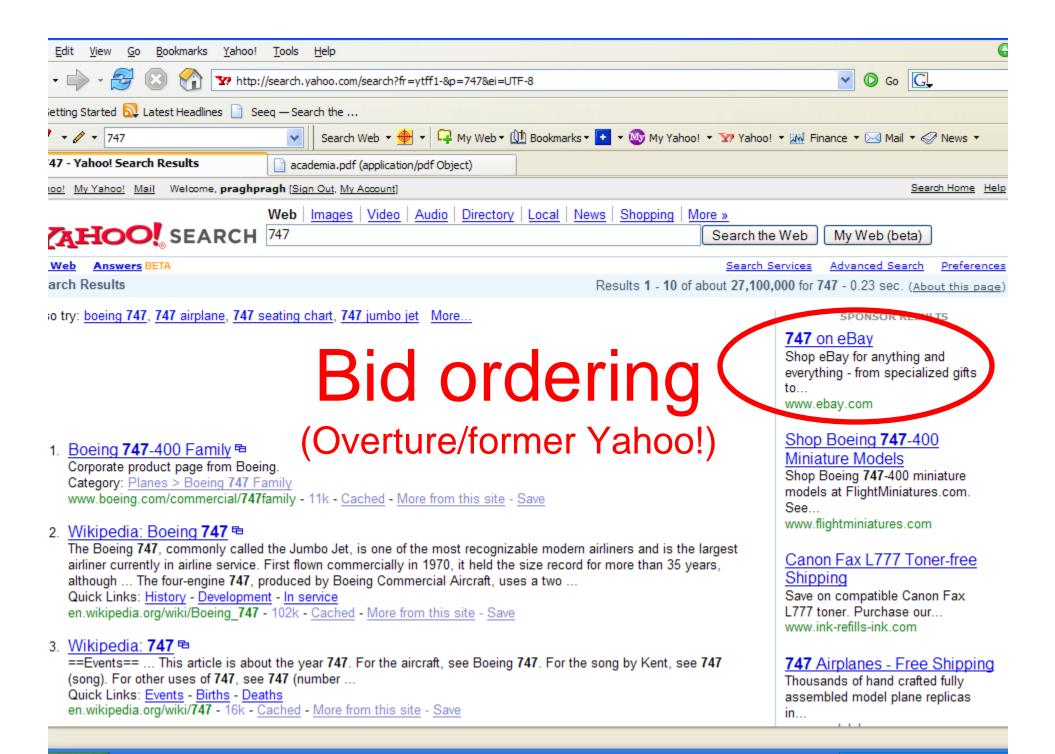


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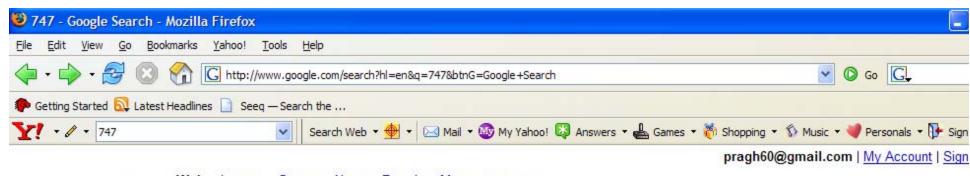
- Most generally, composite IR+Econ score ... for today's talk, focus on Econ
- Original GoTo/Overture scheme:
 - Order by bid





Revenue ordering, simplified

- Each ad j has an expected clickthrough denoted CTR_j
- Ad j's bid is denoted b_j
 Estimated (how?)
- Then, expected revenue from this ad is
 R_j = b_j x CTR_j
- Order ads by R_j





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 747
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Revenue ordering?

Web

Results 1 - 10 of about 83,900,000 for 747. (0.10 secon

Boeing: Commercial Airplanes - 747 Home

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Boeing 747 - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Boeing 747, commonly called the Jumbo Jet, is one of the most ... The 747SP was the longest-range airliner available until the 747-400 entered service ... en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing 747 - 101k - May 3, 2006 - Cached - Similar pages

Airliners.net: Boeing 747-400

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Chairs, Desks & Cabinets Everyday Low Prices. OfficeFurniture.BettyMills.com

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Accurately detailed Boeing™ 747-40 desktop display models www.FlightMiniatures.com

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747

Everything to do with 747 items. eBay.com



- Bid and revenue ordering: two forms of ordering by Econ score
- Does revenue ordering maximize revenue?
- No advertisers react to ordering scheme, by changing their bid behavior!
- Lahaie+Pennock ACM EC 2007
 - Family of schemes bridging Bid and Revenue ordering



- Rank ordering determined from a machine-learned function
- Features are bids, ad text- and landing-page content, query terms ...



3. Pricing on a click-through

- For the keyword tundra, say an advertiser has a value of \$10 per click.
- How much should he bid?
- How much should he be charged?

The <u>value</u> of a slot for an advertiser, what he bids and what he is charged, may all be different.

3. Pricing on a click-through



- We have multiple advertisers, users, and the central service;
- Each has an economic incentive in participation
- How do we set up a system of payments that works for all?
 - Mechanism design
 - Sub-field of game theory

3. Pricing on a click-through



- Before the players play in the auction, we get to set the rules
- Designing the rules = mechanism design
- These rules govern players' behavior



- What tools do you give advertisers?
 - What information do they get on the market?
- What do they get to bid on?
 - Laptop vs Ultralight laptop

Google AdWords: Keyword Tool - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Yahoo! G https://adwords.google.com/select/KeywordToolExternal?defaultView=0 🔍 🕆 Web Search 🖟 🖟 Bookmarks 🗸 🛜 Settings 🔻 ભ CNN 😂 Weather 🕝 🎉 Maps 🕝 🐉 Finance 🕝 🦓 Gr **Y**? 环 (0 unread) Yahoo! ... 🖸 Google AdWord... 🗴 🛂 Advertising Your B... cikm 2007 Use synonyms Get Keyword Ideas Filter my results Choose columns to display: Show/hide columns ₹ ② More specific keywords - sorted by relevance @ Match Type: 2 **Advertiser Competition** October Search Volume **Avg Search Volume** Keywords Broad cikm 2007 No data Add → cikm 2005 No data Add → cikm 2006 No data Add → Add all 3 » Download all keywords: text, .csv (for excel), .csv Additional keywords to consider [?] - sorted by relevance @ Match Type: 2 **Advertiser Competition Avg Search Volume** October Search Volume Keywords Broad call for papers 2007 Add → cikm conference No data Add → 2007 calendar Add → international conference No data Add → 2007 acm cikm No data Add 🔻



- Do you set reserve prices on bids?
- What's the effect of targeting?
 - -E.g., geo-targeting
 - -Effect on market "thickness"
 - Effect on retrieval engine



- Monetization and economic value an intrinsic part of system design
 - Not an afterthought
 - Mistakes are costly!
- Computing meets humanities like never before – sociology, economics, anthropology ...

Thank you.



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