Cost-Aware Strategies for Query Result Caching in Web Search Engines

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Overview

1. Query processing costs may significantly vary among different queries
2. Processing cost of a query is not proportional to its popularity (i.e., frequency in the previous logs).

Implies-
1. Cache misses have different, that is, nonuniform, costs in this context.
2. Typical caching policies, solely based on query popularity, can not always minimize the total cost.
Cost function

\[ C_{\text{total}} = C_{\text{cpu}} + C_{\text{disk}} + C_{\text{net}} + C_{\text{snip}} \]
Correlation between frequency and execution time

Low correlation between frequency and execution time
Cost aware strategies for static cache

1. Most Frequent (MostFreq): Value(q) = Fq.

2. Frequency Then Cost (FreqThenCost): query frequencies in a log follow a power-law distribution. Query as a pair (Fq,Cq). First frequency is used, in case of match, cost is used.

3. Stability Then Cost (StabThenCost): in order to be cached, queries should be frequent and remain frequent over a certain time period.
   a. query with the pair (QFSq,Cq).
   b. QFS is calculated as $QFS_q = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|f_i - f_u|}{f_u}$.
   c. Time is divided in ‘n’ intervals, fi….fn is freq in each intervals. fu is mean freq

4. Frequency and Cost (FC_K): Value(q) = Cq*Fq^K , where K > 1. Based on observation higher freq query tends to appear high and lower freq tends to get even lower. Hence emphasis is given to freq term.
Cost aware strategies for dynamic cache

1. LRU, LFU
2. Least Costly Used (LCU) - Least cost cache is becomes the victim
3. Least Frequently and Costly Used (LFCU_K): Same formula of FC_K.
4. Greedy Dual Size (GDS): H_value(q): Cq/Sq + L. Sq is size of page (can be ignored). L is aging factor, 0 at the begin.
   a. Chooses cache with smallest H_value
   b. L is set to evicted item’s H_value
   c. When query result is requested again h_val is recalculated (L value might have changed)
5. Greedy Dual Size Frequency (GDSF K): Slightly modified version of GDS. Fq^K * Cq/Sq + L. Frequency is also updated
Cost aware strategies for Hybrid cache

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