

Head-N-Tail Analysis to Increase Engagement

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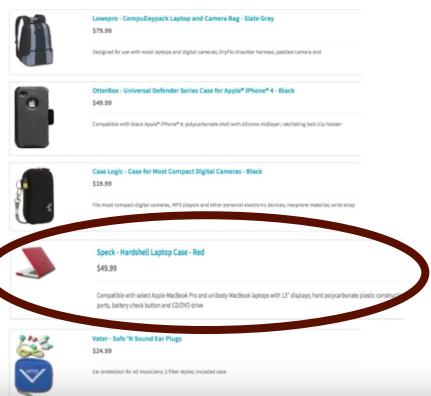
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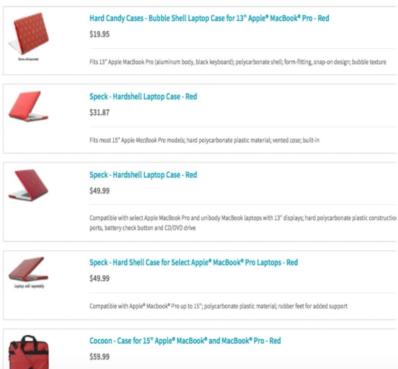


User searched for "red case for macbook.pro"

See this:

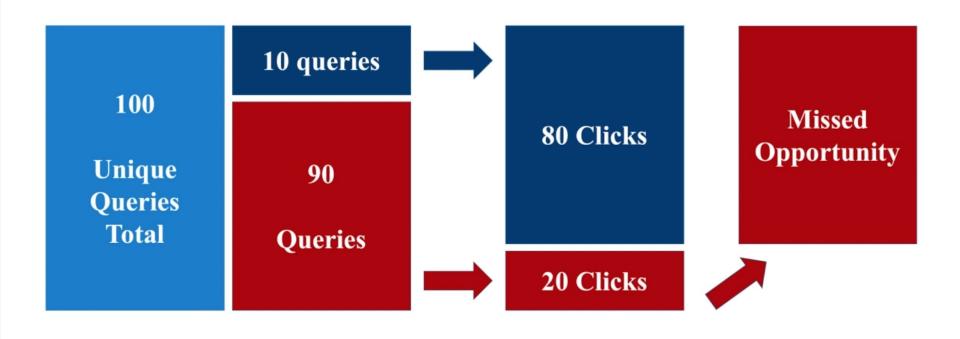


Should see this:



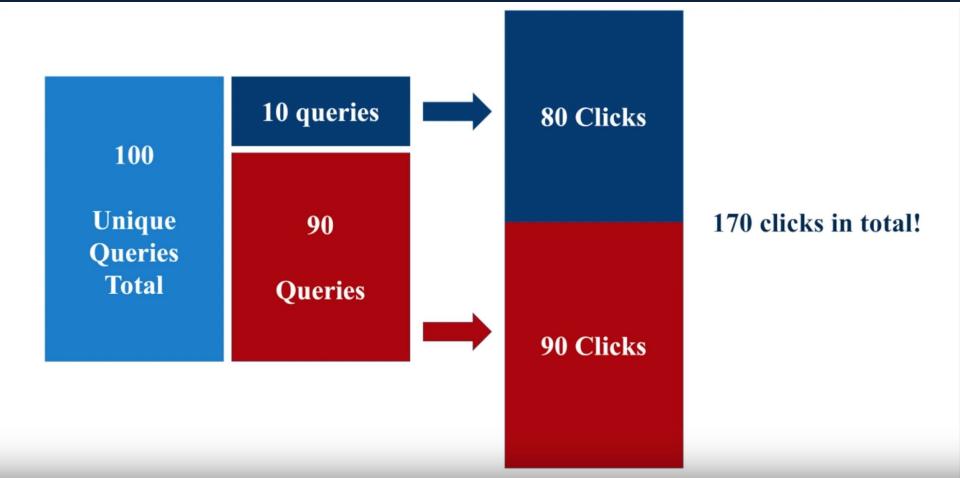
Accommodates up to 15" MacBook or MacBook Pro; expandable gusset; adjustable shoulder strap; padded handles





100 clicks in total





Head and Tail Analysis



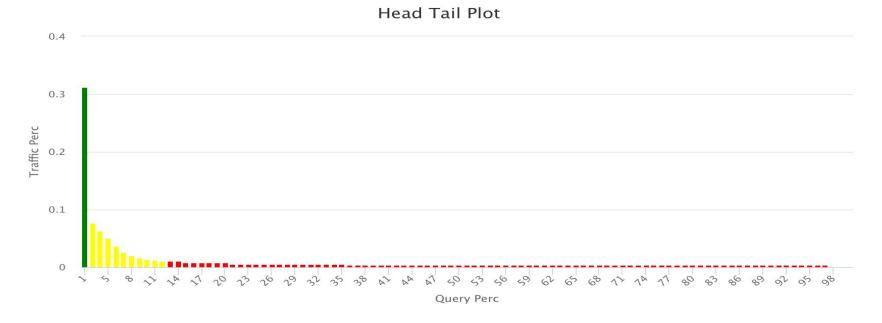
Based on Pareto effect:

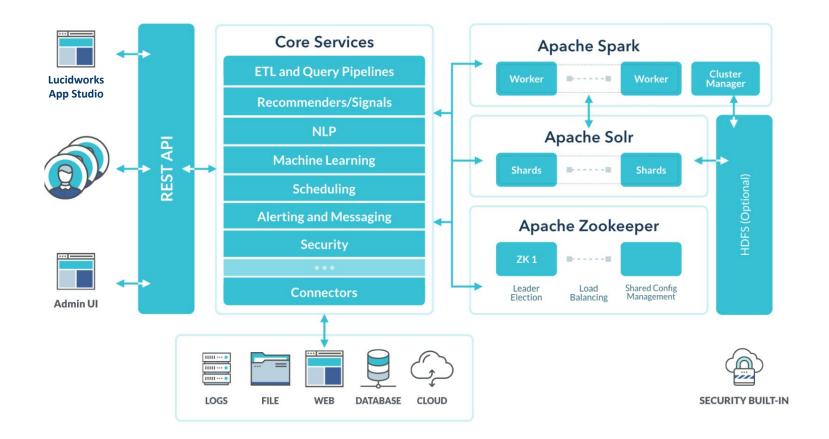
- Pareto principle: **80/20 rule**, roughly 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes.
- Top causes are considered as Heads
- Remaining elements as Torso/Tails aggregated based on criteria

Includes three elements:

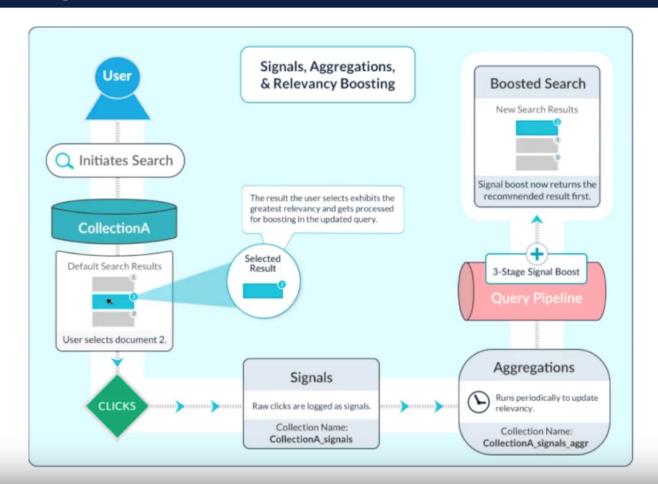
- Ranking
- Pareto analysis
- Pie Chart

It's not uncommon to see the Pareto effect in query-related signals, i.e., approximately 50% to 75% of your traffic might be coming from less than 1% of the queries.





Fusion Signals Overview



Lucidworks Fusion Signals & Aggregations

Fusion signals and aggregation jobs capture and summarize interesting user events, such as queries, result clicks, purchases, and their associated metadata and metrics.

Head – The queries that generate most of your traffic and conversions

Query	Searches	Clicks			
lcd tv	35,000	30,000			

Tail – The queries that generate very few or no clicks

Query	Searches	Clicks
Outdoor rock speaker	200	5

doc_id	1854151
doc_id_s	1854151
query_s	lcd tv
query_t	["lcd tv"]
score	50.176533
timestamp_tdt	2018-02-13T00:36:41.158Z
tx_timestamp_txt	["Mon 2018-02-12 19:36:41.158 -0500"]
type	click
type_s	click
tz_timestamp_txt	["Sat 2011-10-08 08:37:04.205 UTC"]
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user_id_s	cOcbOed57fbfcdc8bd5fefdaaa59a88999296948



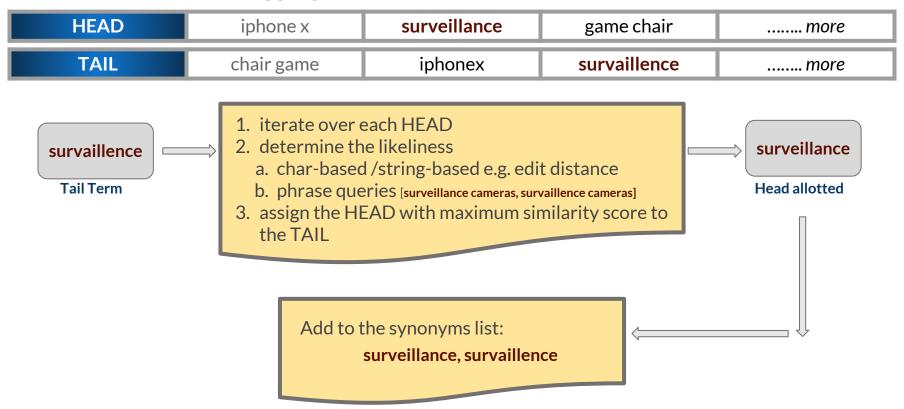
Common tail query categories:

- Misspellings
- Numbers/Dimensions search: 2 x 2, 2 by 2
- Specific query: query contains a head query and descriptive words e.g *foldable* water bottle
- Hard to find certain attributes such as color and brand
- Stopwords e.g. case for ipad
- Rare term e.g securefit wireless bluetooth headphone
- Rewording e.g. dryer and washer

Misspellings - at query side



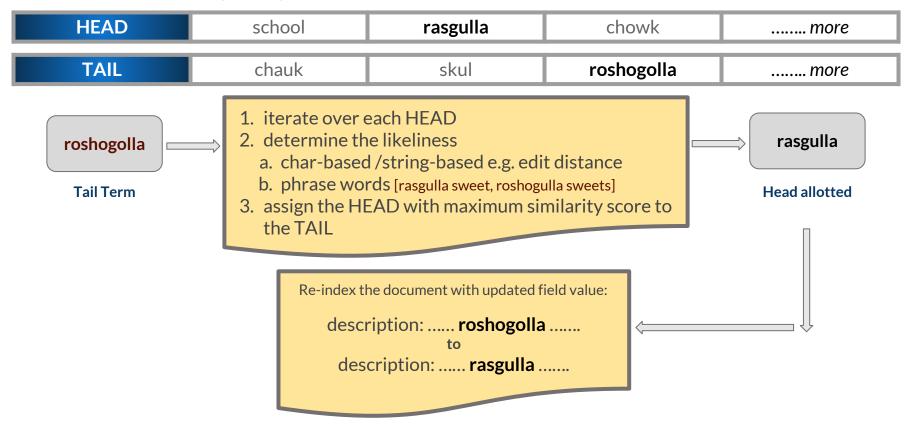
Based on clicks counts aggregation:



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Misspellings - at index side

Based on terms frequency on field values:



Fusion Token & Phrase Spell Correction Job



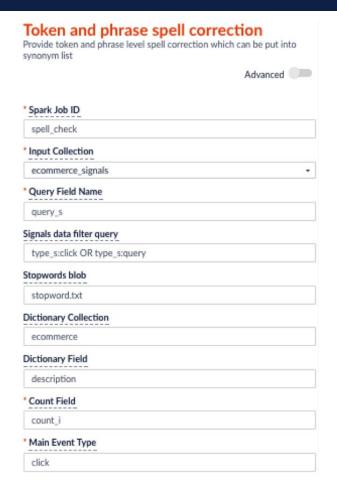
Run the spell checker job on signal data or non-signal data.

The configuration must specify:

- Input Collection: contains the signals
- Query Field Name: field in the collection contains the query
- Count Field: field contains the count of the event

Allows you to analyze query performance based on two different events:

- main event e.g. click count
- filtering/secondary event. e.g. query count



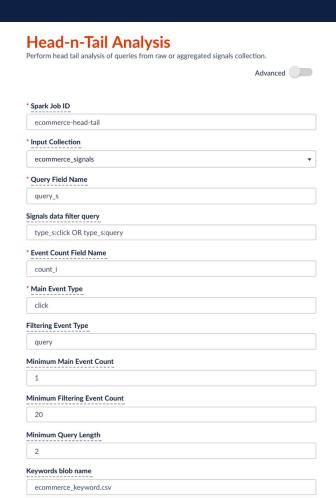
Fusion Head & Tail Analysis Job



User specify signal information in the configuration:

- **Input Collection:** collection contains the signals
- Query Field Name: field contains the query string
- Event Count Field Name: field contains the count of the event
- Event Type: type of events used for analysis

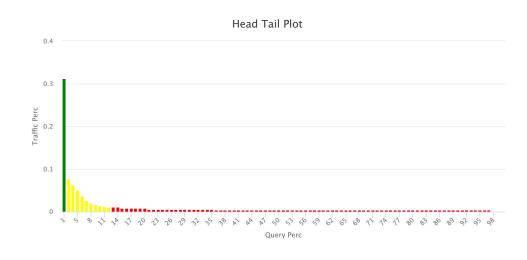
Click Run>Start



Fusion Head & Tail Analysis: Pareto effect

Summary Stats

Statistics	Value
total number of unique queries	22231
top 100 queries leads to ?% total events	21.24%
top 1.0% queries leads to ?% total events	31.06%
number of queries that constitute the top 75.0% of all events	3060
number of queries that constitute the top 50.0% of all events	680
number of queries that constitute the top 25.0% of all events	140
last 1.0% of total events spreaded in how many queries	1613
how many queries leads to zero events.	628
how many queries have less than 5 events	19734
events threshold for tail.	5
events threshold for head.	39



Fusion Head & Tail Analysis: The Head



Top Tokens

Tokens	Count	
tv	675	
the	613	
samsung	609	
sony	543	
case	514	
laptop	476	
iphone	442	
dvd	396	
ipod	395	
hp	376	
car	359	
wireless	356	

Query Length

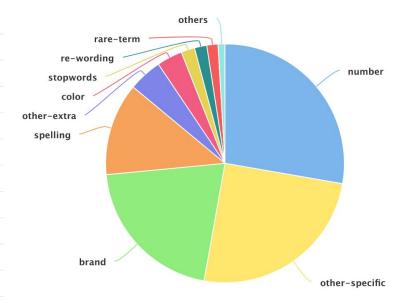
Avg String Length One Word Perc Two		Two Words Perc Three Words Perc		Four Words Perc	Five Words Perc	Six+ Words Perc	
13	17.89	40.06	27.01	10.07	3.36	1.61	

Fusion Head & Tail Analysis: The Tail



Tail Reasons

Count	Tail Reasons	Proportions
1249	number	6.61%
1129	other-specific	5.98%
930	brand	4.92%
565	spelling	2.99%
205	other-extra	1.08%
156	color	0.82%
83	stopwords	0.43%
75	re-wording	0.39%
68	rare-term	0.36%
42	others	0.22%



Fusion Automatic Tail Re-writing Suggestions



Extensive feature of Fusion Head & Tail Analysis Job:

Tail Query	Suggested Rewriting	Matched Head	Reason Code	Matched Head (No Num)	Number	Other Specific	Number Unit	Tail Traffic
car amplifier	amplifier (car)^1.5	amplifier	other-specific	amplifier		car		5
headphone bluetooth	bluetooth headphone^2	bluetooth headphone	re-wording	bluetooth headphone				5
subwofer	subwoofer	subwoofer	spelling	subwoofer				5
lord of the ring blu ray	(lord of the ring)^2 blu ray	lord of the ring	other-extra	lord of the ring		blu ray		5
wireless n router	wireless router	wireless router	stopwords	wireless router				5
mw2	mw 2 mw2	mw	number	mw	2		mw2	5
hosa cable	cable hosa	cable	rare-term	cable		hosa		1
the lord of the ring blu ray	(lord of the ring)^2 the blu ray	lord of the ring	other-extra	lord of the ring		the blu ray		1

Fusion Tail Rewriting Query Pipeline



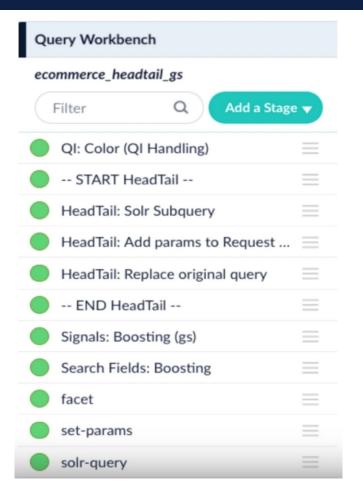
Query Parsing and Rewriting in Fusion Query Workbench:

Query: "red case for macbook.pro"

- query parser match color: "red"
- drop stopwords: "for"
- HEAD for tail query "case macbook.pro":
 "macbook pro case"

Query rewrites to:

"macbook pro case"~10^2 color:red

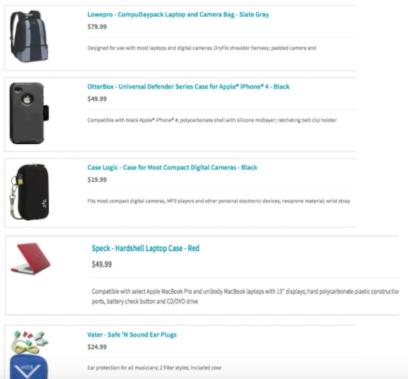


The Solution

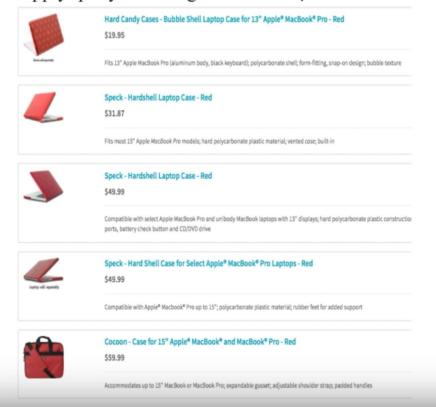


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Sees this:



After apply query rewriting: "macbook pro case"~10^2 color:red



Head & Tail Analysis



Discovering reasons for low traffic from torso/tail queries, and rewriting tail queries can help improve:

- Overall conversions
- Query models: color fields needs to be boosted more
- Product Catalogs: gap between customer's query and product description
- SEO/SEM strategies: learn more about customer's vocabulary or new demand

Never settle, experiment!



A/B Tests



Based on: <u>Head-n-Tail Analysis in Fusion 4</u>

Fusion 4 Head n Tail Analysis

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Resources



- OfficeMix: Head to Tail Vector Analysis
- Head vs. Long Tail Keywords Analyzed: Impressions, Clicks | SEW
- Head/Tail Analysis Jobs Lucidworks Documentation
- Fusion 4 Overview | Lucidworks
- Signals Lucidworks Documentation
- Experiments API (experimental) Lucidworks Documentation



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