## **Run Description**

For this run, we used Terrier-v5.2, an open source Information Retrieval (IR) platform. All the documents (title and abstracts) used in this study were first pre-processed before indexing and this involved tokenising the text and stemming each token using the full Porter stemming algorithm. Block indexing was enabled so that we could deploy proximity search. Stopword removal was enabled and we used Terrier-v5.2 stopword list. We used PL2 Divergence from Randomness term weighting model in Terrier-v5.2 IR platform to score and rank the documents. The hyper-parameter for PL2 was set to its default value of b = 1.0. During retrieval we used only the query in the topic. As improvement, we used Markov Random Fields for Term Dependencies. We used the full dependence variant of the model, which models dependencies between adjacent query terms. In this work, we explore a window size of 4, to see what impact it has of the retrieval effectiveness.



Per-topic difference from median bpref for all Round 1 runs

Per-topic difference from median NDCG@10 for all Round 1 runs



Per-topic difference from median P@5 for all Round 1 runs