

$$w^{(1)} = \log\left(\frac{N-n+0.5}{n+0.5}\right)$$

$w^{(1)}$  expands to a generalized form, where  $k_4$ ,  $k_5$  and  $k_6$  determine how much weight is given to relevance and non-relevance information.  $k_4 = -0.7$  when not much relevance information is available, or else 0.

$$w^{(1)} = \frac{k_5}{k_5 + \sqrt{R}} \left( k_4 + \log \frac{N}{N-n} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{R}}{k_5 + \sqrt{R}} \log \frac{r+0.5}{R-r+0.5} - \frac{k_6}{k_6 + \sqrt{S}} \log \frac{n}{N-n} - \frac{\sqrt{S}}{k_6 + \sqrt{S}} \log \frac{s+0.5}{S-s+0.5}$$

or, it can also be written as:

$$w^{(1)} = k_4 \frac{k_5}{k_5 + \sqrt{R}} + \log \left[ \left( \frac{N}{N-n} \right)^{\frac{k_5}{k_5 + \sqrt{R}}} \cdot \left( \frac{r+0.5}{R-r+0.5} \right)^{\frac{\sqrt{R}}{k_5 + \sqrt{R}}} \cdot \left( \frac{N-n}{n} \right)^{\frac{k_6}{k_6 + \sqrt{S}}} \cdot \left( \frac{S-s+0.5}{s+0.5} \right)^{\frac{\sqrt{S}}{k_6 + \sqrt{S}}} \right]$$

$w$	Scaling	TF	DF	QTF	Correction factor	Parameters
<i>BM0</i>		1				
<i>BM1</i>	$s_3$	1	$w^{(1)}$	$\frac{qtf}{k_3 + qtf}$	$k_2 \cdot nq \cdot \frac{avdl - dl}{avdl + dl}$	
<i>BM15</i>	$s_1 s_3$	$\frac{tf}{k_1 + tf}$	$w^{(1)}$	$\frac{qtf}{k_3 + qtf}$	$k_2 \cdot nq \cdot \frac{avdl - dl}{avdl + dl}$	$s_i = \max(k_i, 1)$ or 1 if $k_2 = 0$
<i>BM11</i>	$s_1 s_3$	$\frac{tf}{k_1 \cdot \frac{dl}{avdl} + tf}$	$w^{(1)}$	$\frac{qtf}{k_3 + qtf}$	$k_2 \cdot nq \cdot \frac{avdl - dl}{avdl + dl}$	$s_i = \max(k_i, 1)$ or 1 if $k_2 = 0$
<i>BM25</i>	$s_1 s_3$	$\frac{tf^c}{K + tf^c}$	$w^{(1)}$	$\frac{qtf}{k_3 + qtf}$	$k_2 \cdot nq \cdot \frac{avdl - dl}{avdl + dl}$	$s_i = k_i + 1$ , $c = 1 + mK$ , $m \geq 0$ $K = k_1 \left( (1-b) + b \cdot \frac{dl}{avdl} \right)$
<i>BM25</i> ( $k_1, k_2, k_3, b$ ) The general form as a function of $k_1$ , $k_2$ , $k_3$ , $b$ and $m = 0$ .	$w = (k_1 + 1) \cdot (k_3 + 1) \cdot \frac{tf}{k_1 \left( (1-b) + b \cdot \frac{dl}{avdl} \right) + tf} \cdot \log\left(\frac{N-n+0.5}{n+0.5}\right) \cdot \frac{qtf}{k_3 + qtf} + k_2 \cdot nq \cdot \frac{avdl - dl}{avdl + dl}$					
<i>BM25</i> ( $k_1, 0, k_3, b$ ) The form, rearranged, after six years of trial-and-error from TREC3 to TREC8 (1995-2000)	$w = \frac{(k_1 + 1) \cdot tf}{k_1 \left( (1-b) + b \cdot \frac{dl}{avdl} \right) + tf} \cdot \log\left(\frac{N-n+0.5}{n+0.5}\right) \cdot \frac{(k_3 + 1) \cdot qtf}{k_3 + qtf}$					