User Reputation in Community Question Answering

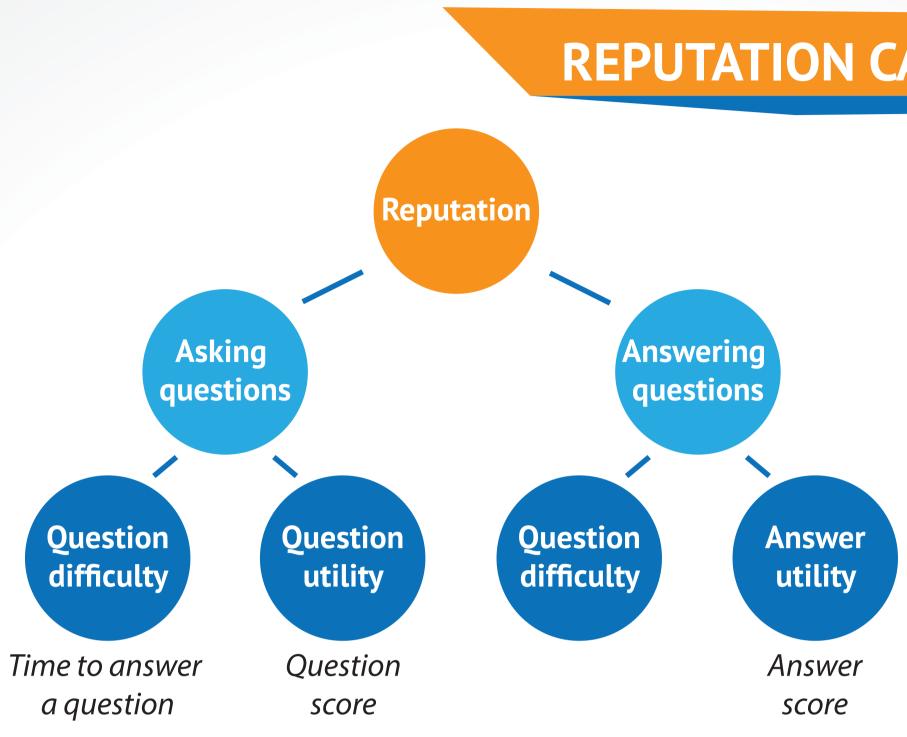
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MOTIVATION

"Reputation is a combination of user activity and expertise"

Existing methods:

- Focus on user activity.
- Do not reflect bias in topics in Community Question Answering (CQA) systems.
- Do not measure level of expertise.



REPUTATION CALCULATION

- Long tail distribution of question/answer scores and times to answer questions.
 - Solved by logarithm of values.
- Bias in topics solved by values **normalization** by maximum value for each tag a question belongs to.
- Two variants of our method:
 - Sum of partial reputations.
 - Average of partial reputations.
 - In order to completely eliminate influence of activity.

EVALUATION

- Problem with golden standard.
- Evaluated using experimental infrastructure in Askalot.
- Programmers. Stack Exchange. com dataset.
- Relative ranking of users for one question.

	P@1	P@2	MRR	nDCG	Questions
Full variant (sum)	40,093	38,074	65,538	83,162	20552
Full variant (average)	43,971	41,154	66,278	84,511	20552
Answers only (sum)	40,179	38,267	63,632	83,223	20324
Answers only (average)	43,623	40,926	66,182	84,521	20324
StackOverflow Reputation	40,699	38,474	63,943	83,370	20558
Best Answer Ratio	41,881	40,078	64,585	83,728	20324
Z-score	38,388	37,022	62,322	82,534	20558
Number of Answers	38,570	37,308	62,481	82,647	20324

APPLICATION IN ASKALOT

- Askalot.fiit.stuba.sk
- Reputation visualisation.











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Our method (average) Performance **Best Answer Ratio** SO reputation **Expertise Activity** Our method (sum) Number of answers **Z-score**

CONCLUSION

- Reputation focused on expertise.
- Reflection of topics' bias.
- User expertise is important for user reputation estimation.
- Our proposed method outperformed all baseline methods.



