Advanced Quicksearch Search Help

Advanced Search

You will find the Advanced Search link to the right of the search box when you are in Catalog [1]. Sample screen illustrates the location of the Advanced Search link.

The Advanced Search window:

In Advanced Search, you can

- search up to 5 rows of terms or phrases
- choose from 17 fields (author, title, subject, etc.) or All Fields (keyword) per row
- connect rows with Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT

You may also limit on the opening search screen by

- format
- library
- location within a library (for example, Sterling Memorial Library - Starr - Reference; start typing the name of a library, then scroll and click on the location within it)
- language (start typing the name of the language to narrow the list)
- publication date or date range

After searching, click on **Modify Search** to edit your search.

Searching for Multiple Terms

- If there are 1-2 terms or phrases in one box, all are required
- If there are 3-5 terms or phrases in one box, all but one are required
- If there are 6 terms or phrases in one box, all but two are required
- If there are more than 6 terms or phrases in one box, 90% is required

When a search uses three or more terms or phrases, therefore, some of the results will contain most but not all of the terms or phrases entered.
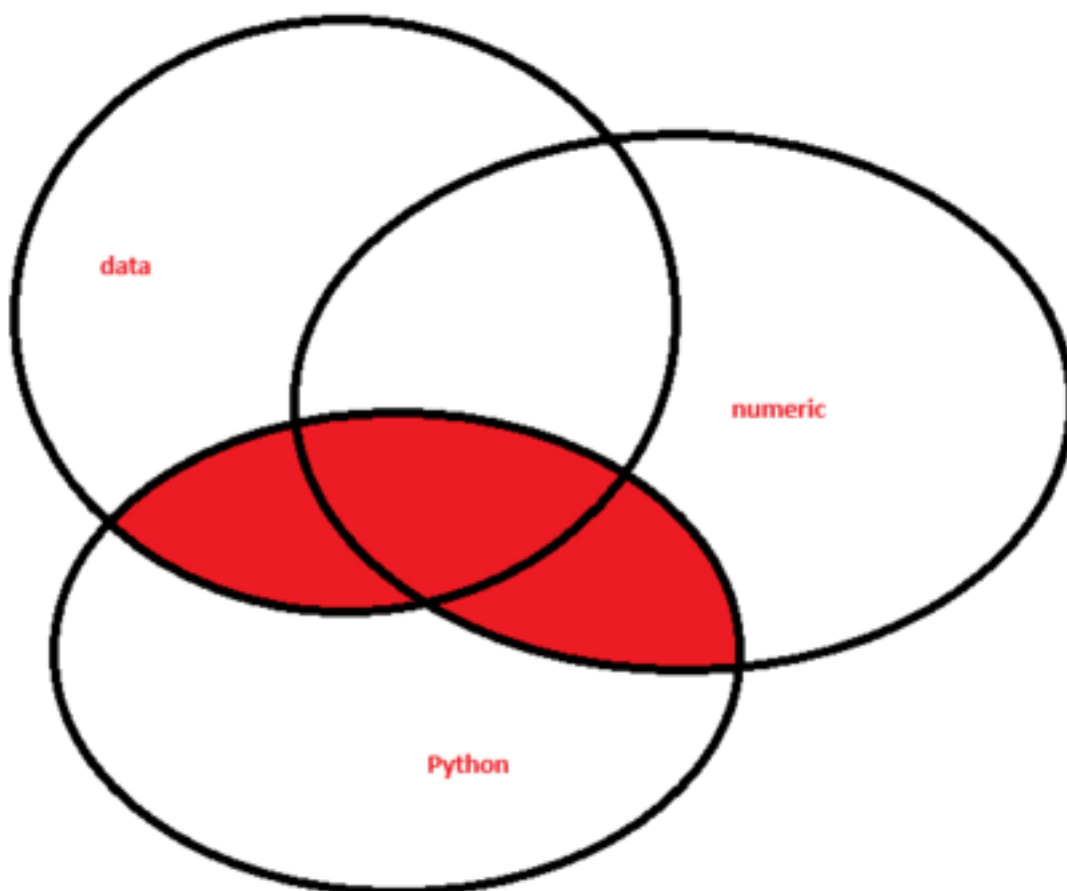
Boolean Searching

1. General Order of Precedence: Not/And/Or
2. Exception - If two rows are joined by an 'OR' operator, and they are searching on the same field (for example - Title:data or Title:numeric), then they are converted to a Solr min-match, essentially grouping them in parentheses.

So the assumption is that a search for:

"Title:data or Title:numeric and Title: Python" means
(Title: data or Title: numeric) and Title: Python

"All Fields: modern AND Title: poesia AND Subject: portugal OR All Fields: brazil" means
(Allfields: modern OR All fields: brazil) AND Title: poesia and Subject: Portugal

The diagram below illustrates the first search above where the red area shows the results of the search:

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Links
[1] http://search.library.yale.edu/catalog