Why are there fewer total results when truncating a search in Discovery?

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Applies to

- WorldCat Discovery

Answer

For example:

Sustainable (including related terms) = 1,923,269

Sustainable (NOT including related terms) = 1,669,309

Sustainab* = 1,301,425

In this instance, the explicit truncation is counteracting the automatic stemming already taking place in Discovery.

Additional information

To read further information about Stemming see here.