CSE4334/5334 Data Mining
5 Similarity/Distance Measures

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Similarity and Dissimilarity

Similarity

- Numerical measure of how alike two data objects are
- Is higher when objects are more alike
- Often falls in the range [0,1]

Dissimilarity

- Numerical measure of how different are two data objects
- Lower when objects are more alike
- Minimum dissimilarity is often 0
- Upper limit varies

Proximity refers to a similarity or dissimilarity

Similarity and Dissimilarity

Similarity and Dissimilarity of Simple Attributes

Dissimilarity between Objects

- Distance
- Set Difference
- …

Similarity between Objects

- Binary Vectors
- Vectors
- …

Similarity/Dissimilarity for Simple Attributes

p and q are the attribute values for two data objects.

Attribute Type	Dissimilarity	Similarity
Nominal	$d = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p = q \\ 1 & \text{if } p \neq q \end{cases}$	$s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = q \\ 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \end{cases}$
Ordinal	$d = \frac{\lvert p-q \rvert}{n-1}$ (values mapped to integers 0 to $n-1$, where n is the number of values)	$s = 1 - \frac{\lvert p-q \rvert}{n-1}$
Interval or Ratio	$d = \lvert p - q \rvert$	$s = -d$, $s = \frac{1}{1+d}$ or $s = 1 - \frac{d - min\_d}{max\_d - min\_d}$

Table 5.1. Similarity and dissimilarity for simple attributes

Euclidean Distance

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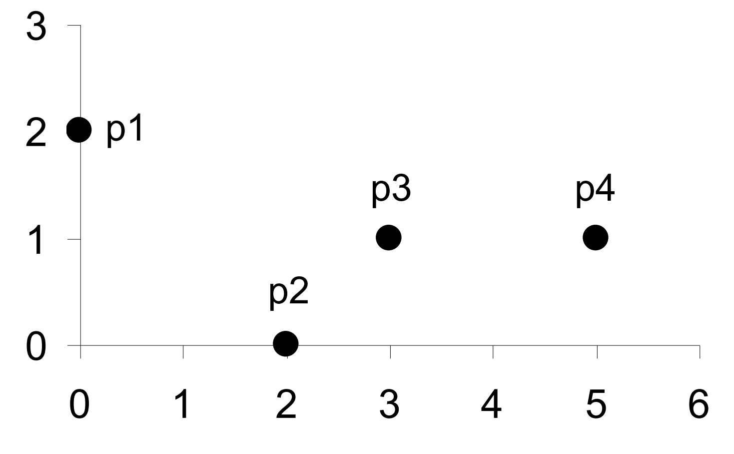
$$\boldsymbol{dist} = \sqrt{\sum_{\boldsymbol{k}=1}^{\boldsymbol{n}} (\boldsymbol{p}_{\boldsymbol{k}} - \boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{k}})^2}$$

Where n is the number of dimensions (attributes) and p_k and q_k are, respectively, the kth attributes (components) or data objects p and q.

Standardization is necessary, if scales differ.

Euclidean Distance



point	x	y
p1	0	2
p2	2	0
p3	3	1
p4	5	1

	p1	p2	p3	p4
p1	0	2.828	3.162	5.099
p2	2.828	0	1.414	3.162
p3	3.162	1.414	0	2
p4	5.099	3.162	2	0

Distance Matrix

Minkowski Distance

Minkowski Distance is a generalization of Euclidean Distance

$$dist = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} | p_k - q_k |^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

Where *r* is a parameter, *n* is the number of dimensions (attributes) and p_k and q_k are, respectively, the kth attributes (components) or data objects *p* and *q*.

Minkowski Distance: Examples

- $r = 1$. City block (Manhattan, taxicab, L_1 norm) distance.

  A common example of this is the Hamming distance, which is just the number of bits that are different between two binary vectors

- $r = 2$. Euclidean distance

- $r \rightarrow \infty$. "supremum" (L_{max} norm, L_∞ norm) distance.

  This is the maximum difference between any component of the vectors

- Do not confuse r with n, i.e., all these distances are defined for all numbers of dimensions.

Minkowski Distance

point	x	y
p1	0	2
p2	2	0
p3	3	1
p4	5	1

L1	p1	p2	p3	p4
p1	0	4	4	6
p2	4	0	2	4
p3	4	2	0	2
p4	6	4	2	0

L2	p1	p2	p3	p4
p1	0	2.828	3.162	5.099
p2	2.828	0	1.414	3.162
p3	3.162	1.414	0	2
p4	5.099	3.162	2	0

L_∞	p1	p2	p3	p4
p1	0	2	3	5
p2	2	0	1	3
p3	3	1	0	2
p4	5	3	2	0

Distance Matrix

Common Properties of a Distance

- Distances, such as the Euclidean distance, have some well known properties.

  1. $d(p, q) \geq 0$ for all p and q and $d(p, q) = 0$ only if $p = q$. (Positive definiteness)
  2. $d(p, q) = d(q, p)$ for all p and q. (Symmetry)
  3. $d(p, r) \leq d(p, q) + d(q, r)$ for all points p, q, and r. (Triangle Inequality)

  where $d(p, q)$ is the distance (dissimilarity) between points (data objects), p and q.

- A distance that satisfies these properties is a metric

Common Properties of a Similarity

- Similarities, also have some well known properties.

1. $s(p, q) = 1$ (or maximum similarity) only if $p = q$.
2. $s(p, q) = s(q, p)$ for all p and q. (Symmetry)

where $s(p, q)$ is the similarity between points (data objects), p and q.

Similarity Between Binary Vectors

- Common situation is that objects, *p* and *q*, have only binary attributes

- Compute similarities using the following quantities

  M_{01} = the number of attributes where p was 0 and q was 1
  M_{10} = the number of attributes where p was 1 and q was 0
  M_{00} = the number of attributes where p was 0 and q was 0
  M_{11} = the number of attributes where p was 1 and q was 1

- Simple Matching and Jaccard Coefficients

  SMC = number of matches / number of attributes
  $= (M_{11} + M_{00}) / (M_{01} + M_{10} + M_{11} + M_{00})$

  J = number of 11 matches / number of not-both-zero attributes values
  $= (M_{11}) / (M_{01} + M_{10} + M_{11})$

SMC versus Jaccard: Example

$p =$ 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
$q =$ 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1

$M_{01} = 2$ (the number of attributes where p was 0 and q was 1)
$M_{10} = 1$ (the number of attributes where p was 1 and q was 0)
$M_{00} = 7$ (the number of attributes where p was 0 and q was 0)
$M_{11} = 0$ (the number of attributes where p was 1 and q was 1)

$$SMC = (M_{11} + M_{00})/(M_{01} + M_{10} + M_{11} + M_{00}) = (0+7) / (2+1+0+7) = 0.7$$

$$J = (M_{11}) / (M_{01} + M_{10} + M_{11}) = 0 / (2 + 1 + 0) = 0$$

Cosine Similarity

If d_1 and d_2 are two document vectors, then

$$\cos(d_1, d_2) = (d_1 \bullet d_2) / ||d_1|| \; ||d_2|| ,$$

where $\bullet$ indicates vector dot product and $|| \, d \, ||$ is the length of vector d.

Example:

$d_1 =$ **3 2 0 5 0 0 0 2 0 0**

$d_2 =$ **1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2**

$d_1 \bullet d_2 = 3*1 + 2*0 + 0*0 + 5*0 + 0*0 + 0*0 + 0*0 + 2*1 + 0*0 + 0*2 = 5$

$||d_1|| = (3*3+2*2+0*0+5*5+0*0+0*0+0*0+2*2+0*0+0*0)^{0.5} = (42)^{0.5} = 6.481$

$||d_2|| = (1*1+0*0+0*0+0*0+0*0+0*0+0*0+1*1+0*0+2*2)^{0.5} = (6)^{0.5} = 2.245$

$\cos(d_1, d_2) = .3150$

Pearson Correlation Coefficient

- Correlation measures the linear relationship between objects

population correlation

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \mathrm{corr}(X,Y) = \frac{\mathrm{cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E[(X-\mu_X)(Y-\mu_Y)]}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y},$$

$$\mathrm{E}[X] = \mu.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \sqrt{\mathrm{E}[(X-\mu)^2]} \\ &= \sqrt{\mathrm{E}[X^2] + \mathrm{E}[-2\mu X] + \mathrm{E}[\mu^2]} = \sqrt{\mathrm{E}[X^2] - 2\mu\,\mathrm{E}[X] + \mu^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\mathrm{E}[X^2] - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2} = \sqrt{\mathrm{E}[X^2] - \mu^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\mathrm{E}[X^2] - (\mathrm{E}[X])^2}\end{aligned}$$

covariance

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{cov}(X,Y) &= \mathrm{E}[(X-\mathrm{E}[X])\,(Y-\mathrm{E}[Y])] \\ &= \mathrm{E}[XY - X\,\mathrm{E}[Y] - \mathrm{E}[X]Y + \mathrm{E}[X]\,\mathrm{E}[Y]] \\ &= \mathrm{E}[XY] - \mathrm{E}[X]\,\mathrm{E}[Y] - \mathrm{E}[X]\,\mathrm{E}[Y] + \mathrm{E}[X]\,\mathrm{E}[Y] \\ &= \mathrm{E}[XY] - \mathrm{E}[X]\,\mathrm{E}[Y].\end{aligned}$$

sample correlation

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

$$r = r_{xy} = \frac{n\sum x_i y_i - \sum x_i \sum y_i}{\sqrt{n\sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}\ \sqrt{n\sum y_i^2 - (\sum y_i)^2}}.$$

$$r = r_{xy} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sqrt{(\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2)}\ \sqrt{(\sum y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2)}}.$$

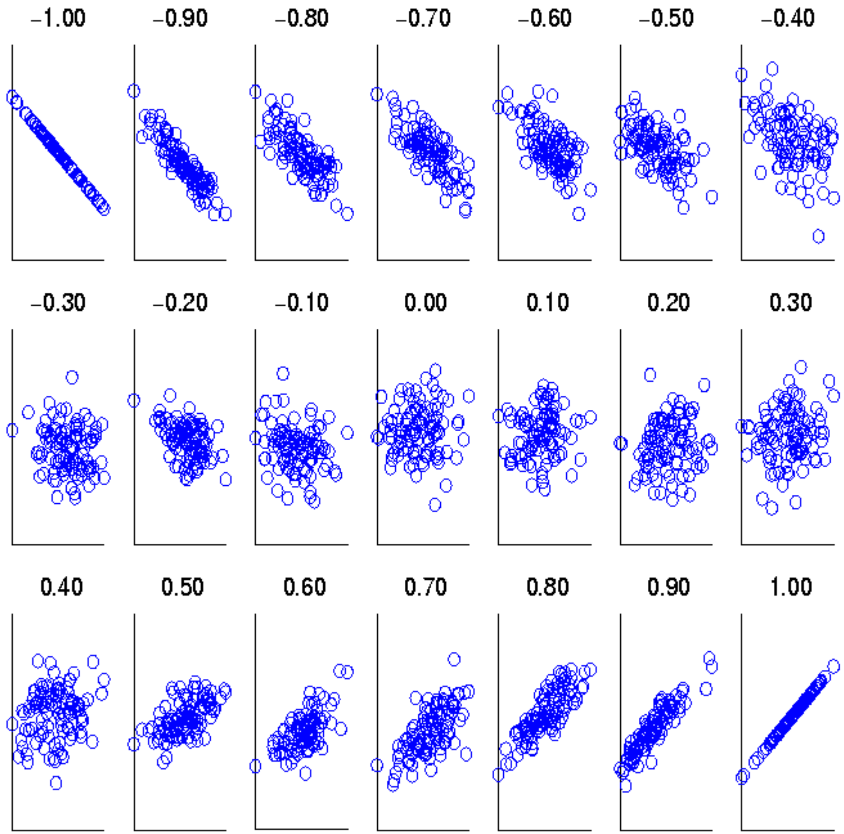
$$r = r_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^n \boxed{\left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x}\right)\left(\frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y}\right)}$$

dot product

$$r = r_{xy} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{(n-1)s_x s_y}$$

$$s_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Visually Evaluating Correlation



Scatter plots showing the similarity from –1 to 1.

General Approach for Combining Similarities

- Sometimes attributes are of many different types, but an overall similarity is needed.

1. For the k^{th} attribute, compute a similarity, s_k, in the range $[0, 1]$.
2. Define an indicator variable, δ_k, for the k_{th} attribute as follows:

$$\delta_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if the } k^{th} \text{ attribute is a binary asymmetric attribute and both objects have} \\ & \text{a value of } 0\text{, or if one of the objects has a missing values for the } k^{th} \text{ attribute} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3. Compute the overall similarity between the two objects using the following formula:

$$similarity(p, q) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n} \delta_k s_k}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} \delta_k}$$

Using Weights to Combine Similarities

❖ May not want to treat all attributes the same.

- Use weights w_k which are between 0 and 1 and sum to 1.

$$similarity(p,q) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n} w_k \delta_k s_k}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} \delta_k}$$

$$distance(p,q) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} w_k |p_k - q_k|^r \right)^{1/r}.$$