

Similarities upper bounds

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1 Similarities bounds

Recall that we defined the generic average similarities as such :

$$\begin{aligned} sim : 2^{\mathcal{E}} \times 2^{\mathcal{U}} \times 2^{\mathcal{U}} &\longrightarrow [0, 1] \\ (E, G_1, G_2) &\longmapsto sim(E, G_1, G_2) = \frac{1}{|E|} \sum_{e \in E} simobj(e, G_1, G_2) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Where $simobj$ can be defined depending on the application domain and describe the similarity between two groups of pairs based on their outcome over a given object e .

1.1 (LB_{sim}^1, UB_{sim}^1) bounds

We start first by the couple (LB_{sim}^1, UB_{sim}^1) . Below the definition of the two bounds.

$$\begin{aligned} LB_{sim}^1(E_c, G_1, G_2) &= max \left(\frac{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}} - |E_c|(1 - sim(E_c, G_1, G_2))}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}}, 0 \right) \\ UB_{sim}^1(E_c, G_1, G_2) &= min \left(\frac{|E_c| * sim(E_c, G_1, G_2)}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}}, 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}$ define a threshold on the size of subgroup E_c corresponding to a description c over an item.

Given two description c, d where d is a specialization of c : $c \sqsubset d$. We have $E_d \subseteq E_c$. Thus $\sum_{e \in E_d} simobj(e, i, j) \leq \sum_{e \in E_c} simobj(e, i, j) \Leftrightarrow |E_d|sim(E_d, i, j) \leq |E_c|sim(E_c, i, j)$ where i, j are two given groups of individuals.

Proof. UB_{sim}^1 :

$$\begin{aligned} sim(E_d, i, j) &= \frac{|E_d|sim(E_d, i, j)}{|E_d|} \leq \frac{|E_c|sim(E_c, i, j)}{|\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}|} \Leftrightarrow \\ |E_d| &\geq \sigma_{\mathcal{E}} \text{ and } |E_d|sim(E_d, i, j) \leq |E_c|sim(E_c, i, j), Q.E.D. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Proof. LB_{sim}^1 :

$$\begin{aligned} sim(E_d, i, j) &= \frac{|E_d| - |E_d|(1 - sim(E_d, i, j))}{|E_d|} \geq \frac{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}} - |E_c|(1 - sim(E_c, i, j))}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \Leftrightarrow \\ \sigma_{\mathcal{E}}[|E_d| - |E_d|(1 - sim(E_d, i, j))] &\geq |E_d|[\sigma_{\mathcal{E}} - |E_c|(1 - sim(E_c, i, j))] \Leftrightarrow \\ \sigma_{\mathcal{E}}|E_d|(1 - sim(E_d, i, j)) &\leq |E_d||E_c|(1 - sim(E_c, i, j)) \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Yet, we have $\sigma_{\mathcal{E}} \leq |E_d|$, thus :

$$\begin{aligned} |E_d|(1 - sim(E_d, i, j)) &\leq |E_c|(1 - sim(E_c, i, j)) \Leftrightarrow \\ |E_d|\sum_{e \in E_d} (1 - simobj(e, i, j)) &\leq |E_c|\sum_{e \in E_c} (1 - simobj(e, i, j)) \Leftrightarrow \\ |E_d|\sum_{e \in E_d} (1 - simobj(e, i, j)) &\leq |E_c|[\sum_{e \in E_d} (1 - simobj(e, i, j)) + \sum_{e \in (E_d \setminus E_c)} (1 - simobj(e, i, j))] \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

We denote the quantity $\sum_{e \in E_d} (1 - \text{simobj}(e, i, j))$ by α and $\sum_{e \in (E_d \setminus E_c)} (1 - \text{simobj}(e, i, j))$ by β . We have $\beta \geq 0$ because $\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \in [0, 1]$. Thus we write:

$$|E_d|\alpha \leq |E_c|[\alpha + \beta] \iff |E_d|\alpha \leq |E_c|\alpha + |E_c|\beta$$

Yet $|E_d| \leq |E_c| \iff |E_d|\alpha \leq |E_c|\alpha$ and $|E_c|\beta$ is a positive quantity. *Q.E.D* □

1.2 (LB_{sim}^2, UB_{sim}^2) bounds

Recall below the definition of these two bounds :

$$LB_{sim}^2(E, G_1, G_2) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{smallest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, G_1, G_2) \mid e \in E\}, \sigma_{\mathcal{E}})$$

$$UB_{sim}^2(E, G_1, G_2) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{largest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, G_1, G_2) \mid e \in E\}, \sigma_{\mathcal{E}})$$

where $\text{smallest}(S, n)$ (*resp.* $\text{largest}(S, n)$) computes the sum of the n *minimum* (*resp.* *maximum*) of given set S of real values.

Given two description c, d where d is a specialization of $c : c \sqsupseteq d$, and i, j two groups of individuals. The proofs of these upper bounds are straight forward. We have $E_d \subseteq E_c$ thus :

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{smallest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \mid e \in E_c\}, \sigma_{\mathcal{E}}) \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{smallest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \mid e \in E_d\})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{largest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \mid e \in E_d\}, \sigma_{\mathcal{E}}) \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{largest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \mid e \in E_c\})$$

and we have while $|E_d| \geq \sigma_{\mathcal{E}}$ it is obvious that:

$$\text{sim}(E_d, i, j) = \frac{1}{|E_d|} \sum_{e \in E_d} \text{simobj}(e, i, j) \geq \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{smallest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \mid e \in E_d\}, \sigma_{\mathcal{E}})$$

and

$$\text{sim}(E_d, i, j) = \frac{1}{|E_d|} \sum_{e \in E_d} \text{simobj}(e, i, j) \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}} \text{largest}(\{\text{simobj}(e, i, j) \mid e \in E_d\}, \sigma_{\mathcal{E}})$$

Thus the (LB_{sim}^2, UB_{sim}^2) are valid.