

Assignment 8: "Clustering and Modularity"

Problem 8-2

Hierarchical Clustering

1. Single-linkage and complete-linkage swap their definitions when used with a similarity rather than a distance function due to their (usual) relation between each other. According to the usual definitions the similarity function has an inverse relation to the distance function, in other words: nodes are more similar when their distance is smaller and vice versa.

A maximum of the distance function therefore corresponds to a minimum of the similarity function, which is why "min" and "max" are swapped.

$$2. \quad X_{ij}^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow A \\ \rightarrow B \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \rightarrow F \end{matrix}$$

\downarrow A \downarrow B \downarrow C \downarrow D \downarrow E \downarrow F

Let the nodes of this network be $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$

Agglomerative hierarchical clustering using single-linkage

Step 0 clusters: $C_0^{(0)} = \{A\}, C_1^{(0)} = \{B\}, C_2^{(0)} = \{C\}, C_3^{(0)} = \{D\}, C_4^{(0)} = \{E\}, C_5^{(0)} = \{F\}$

- a) maximum similarity: $\max_{x \in X, y \in Y} s(X, Y) = 1$ (X, Y disjoint clusters)

e.g. for clusters $(C_0^{(0)}, C_1^{(0)})$, $(C_0^{(0)}, C_3^{(0)})$, $(C_0^{(0)}, C_4^{(0)})$, ...

- b) merge clusters $C_0^{(1)} \leftarrow C_0^{(0)} \cup C_1^{(0)} = \{A, B\}$

- c) update similarity matrix:

$$X_{ij}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

\downarrow $C_0^{(1)}$ \downarrow $C_1^{(1)}$... \downarrow $C_4^{(1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } X_{01}^{(1)} &= \max(X_{02}^0, X_{12}^0) \\ &= \max(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

...

step 1 clusters: $C_0^{(1)} = \{A, B\}$, $C_1^{(1)} = \{C\}$, $C_2^{(1)} = \{D\}$, $C_3^{(1)} = \{E\}$, $C_4^{(1)} = \{F\}$

a) $\max S(X, Y) = 1$, e.g. for clusters $(C_1^{(1)}, C_4^{(1)})$

b) merge: $C_1^{(2)} \leftarrow C_1^{(1)} \cup C_4^{(1)} = \{C, F\}$

c) update:

$$X_{ij}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 1 & 1/3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_0^{(2)} \dots C_3^{(2)}$

step 2 clusters: $C_0^{(2)} = \{A, B\}$, $C_1^{(2)} = \{C, F\}$, $C_2^{(2)} = \{D\}$, $C_3^{(2)} = \{E\}$

a) $\max S(X, Y) = 1$, e.g. for clusters $(C_2^{(2)}, C_3^{(2)})$

b) merge: $C_2^{(3)} \leftarrow C_2^{(2)} \cup C_3^{(2)} = \{D, E\}$

c) update:

$$X_{ij}^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1 & 1/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_0^{(3)} \ C_1^{(3)} \ C_2^{(3)}$

step 3 clusters: $C_0^{(3)} = \{A, B\}$, $C_1^{(3)} = \{C, F\}$, $C_2^{(3)} = \{D, E\}$

a) $\max S(X, Y) = 1$ for clusters $(C_0^{(3)}, C_2^{(3)})$

b) merge: $C_0^{(4)} \leftarrow C_0^{(3)} \cup C_2^{(3)} = \{A, B, D, E\}$

c) update:

$$X_{ij}^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

step 4 clusters: $C_0^{(4)} = \{A, B, D, E\}$, $C_1^{(4)} = \{C, F\}$

a) $\max S(X, Y) = 1/2$ for clusters $(C_0^{(4)}, C_1^{(4)})$

b) merge: $C_0^{(5)} \leftarrow C_0^{(4)} \cup C_1^{(4)} = \{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$

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dendrogram

