



Definition of a Distance Measure

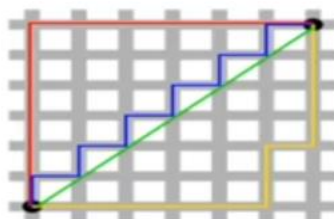
A distance measure on this space is a function $d(x, y)$ that takes two points in the space as arguments and produces a real number, and satisfies the following axioms:

1. $d(x, y) \geq 0$ (no negative distances).
2. $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ (distances are positive, except for the distance from a point to itself).
3. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ (symmetric).
4. $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ (Triangle Inequality).



- **L1-norm, or Manhattan distance**

- There, the distance between two points is the sum of the magnitudes of the differences in each dimension.



- **L2-norm**

$$d([x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n], [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

Euclidean Distance



$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$



Lr-norm

A.K.A. Minkowski measure

The limit as r approaches infinity of the $L_r - norm$.

As r gets larger, only the dimension

with the largest difference matters, so formally, the

$L_\infty - norm$ is defined as the

maximum of $|x_i - y_i|$ over all dimensions i .

$$d([x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n], [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]) = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^r)^{1/r}$$

Numerical#01

Consider the two- dimensional Euclidean spaces (customary plane) and points (2,7) and (6,4).

The $L_1 - norm$ gives a distance of

$$= |2 - 6| + |7 - 4|$$

$$= 4 + 3$$

$$= 7$$

The $L_2 - norm$ gives a distance of

$$= \sqrt{(2 - 6)^2 + (7 - 4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (3)^2}$$

$$= 5$$

The $L_\infty - norm$ gives a distance of

$$= \max(|2 - 6|, |7 - 4|)$$

$$= \max(4, 3)$$

$$= 4$$



Jaccard Distance

1. $d(x, y)$ is nonnegative because the size of the intersection cannot exceed the size of the union.
2. $d(x, y) = 0$ if $x = y$, because $x \cup x = x \cap x = x$. However, if $x \neq y$, then the size of $x \cap y$ is strictly less than the size of $x \cup y$, so $d(x, y)$ is strictly positive.
3. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ because both union and intersection are symmetric; i.e., $x \cup y = y \cup x$ and $x \cap y = y \cap x$.
4. Jaccard Similarity always satisfies triangular inequality, and therefore, so does Jaccard Distance.

Numerical#01

Find the Jaccard distances between the following pairs of sets:

$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

$$C_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$C_2 = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$|C_1 \cap C_2| = 3$$

$$|C_1 \cup C_2| = 5$$

$$\text{sim}(C_1, C_2) = |C_1 \cap C_2| / |C_1 \cup C_2|$$

$$\text{sim}(C_1, C_2) = 3/5$$

$$d(C_1, C_2) = 1 - |C_1 \cap C_2| / |C_1 \cup C_2|$$

$$d(C_1, C_2) = 1 - 3/5$$

$$d(C_1, C_2) = 2/5 \text{ or } 40\% \text{ dissimilarity or distance}$$