

Nearest neighbor search

Applications [\[edit \]](#)

The nearest neighbor search problem arises in numerous fields of application, including:

- Pattern recognition – in particular for optical character recognition
- Statistical classification – see k-nearest neighbor algorithm
- Computer vision
- Computational geometry – see Closest pair of points problem
- Databases – e.g. content-based image retrieval
- Coding theory – see maximum likelihood decoding
- Data compression – see MPEG-2 standard
- Robotic sensing^[2]
- Recommendation systems, e.g. see Collaborative filtering
- Internet marketing – see contextual advertising and behavioral targeting
- DNA sequencing
- Spell checking – suggesting correct spelling
- Plagiarism detection
- Contact searching algorithms in FEA
- Similarity scores for predicting career paths of professional athletes.
- Cluster analysis – assignment of a set of observations into subsets (called clusters) so that observations in the same cluster are similar in some sense, usually based on Euclidean distance
- Chemical similarity
- Sampling-based motion planning
- Intermodal freight transport^[3]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nearest_neighbor_search



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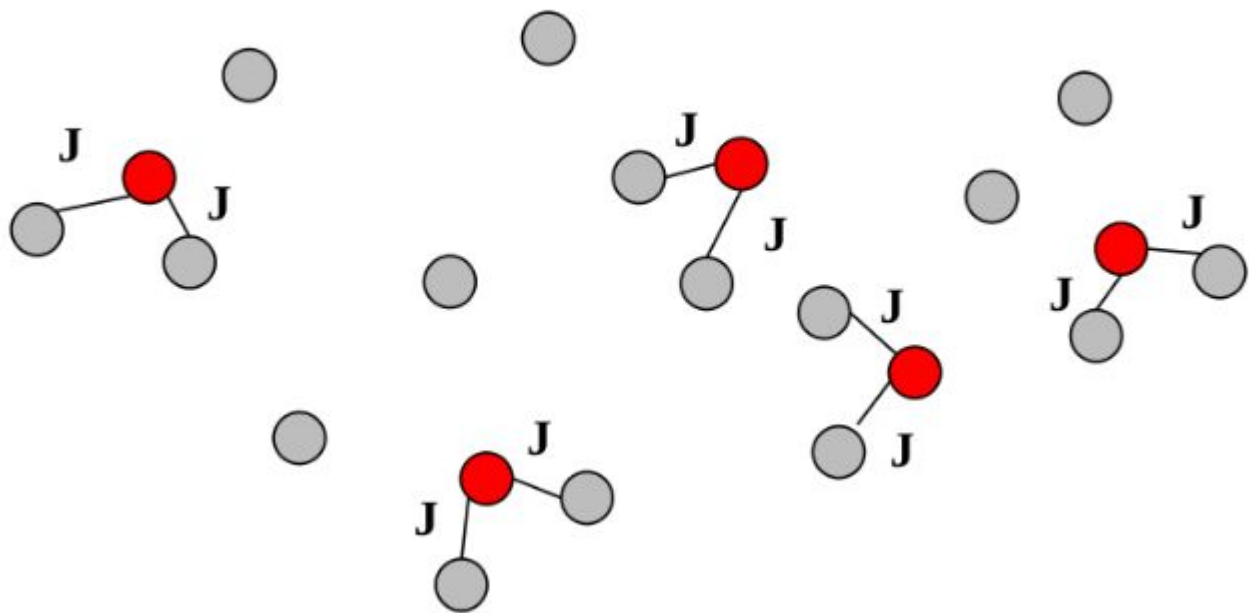
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https://thomasdelteil.github.io/VisualSearch_MXNet/



Look aLike



What is profile advertising?

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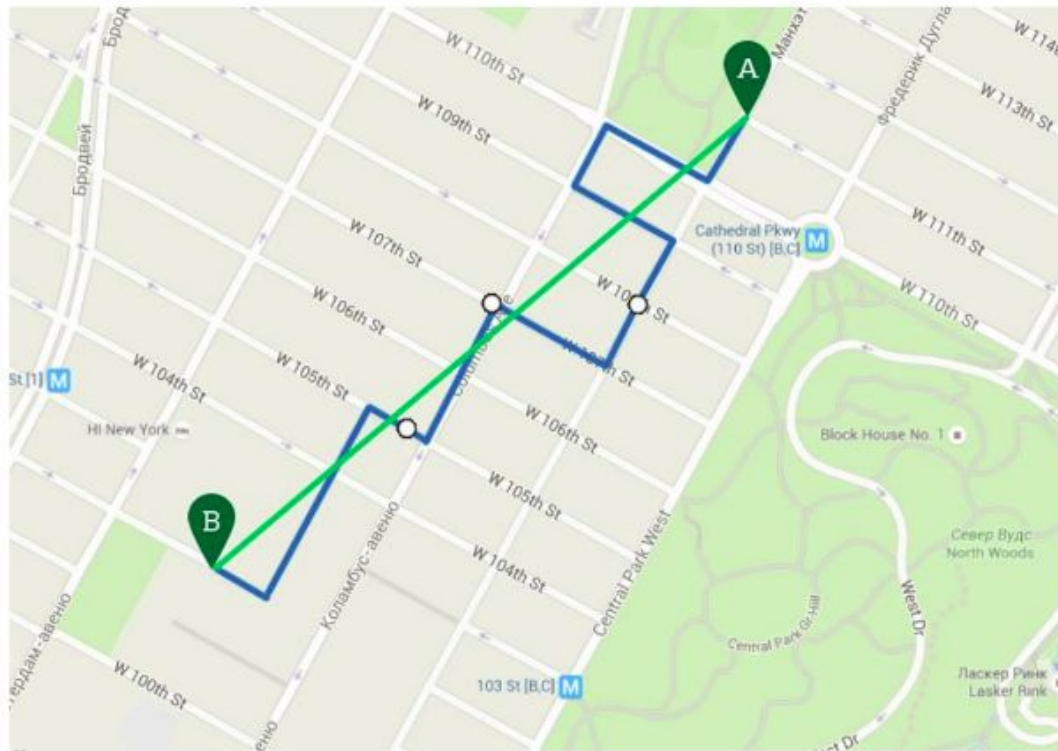
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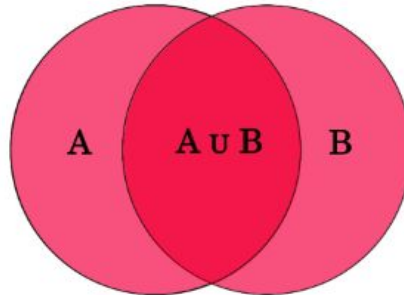
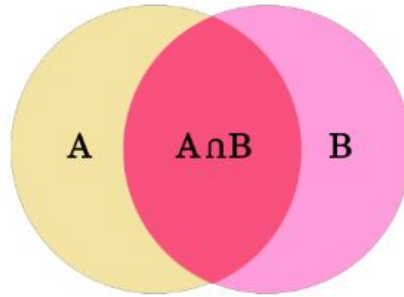
Manhattan and Euclidean distance



$$d_1(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |p_i - q_i|,$$




$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - p_i)^2}.$$

Jaccard similarity



Minhash

Profile representation

hosts/profiles	index			
kaggle.com	1	1	0	1
habrahabr.ru	2	0	1	0
machinelearning.ru	3	1	0	1
analyticsvidhya.com	4	0	1	0



Jaccard = 0

Jaccard = 1



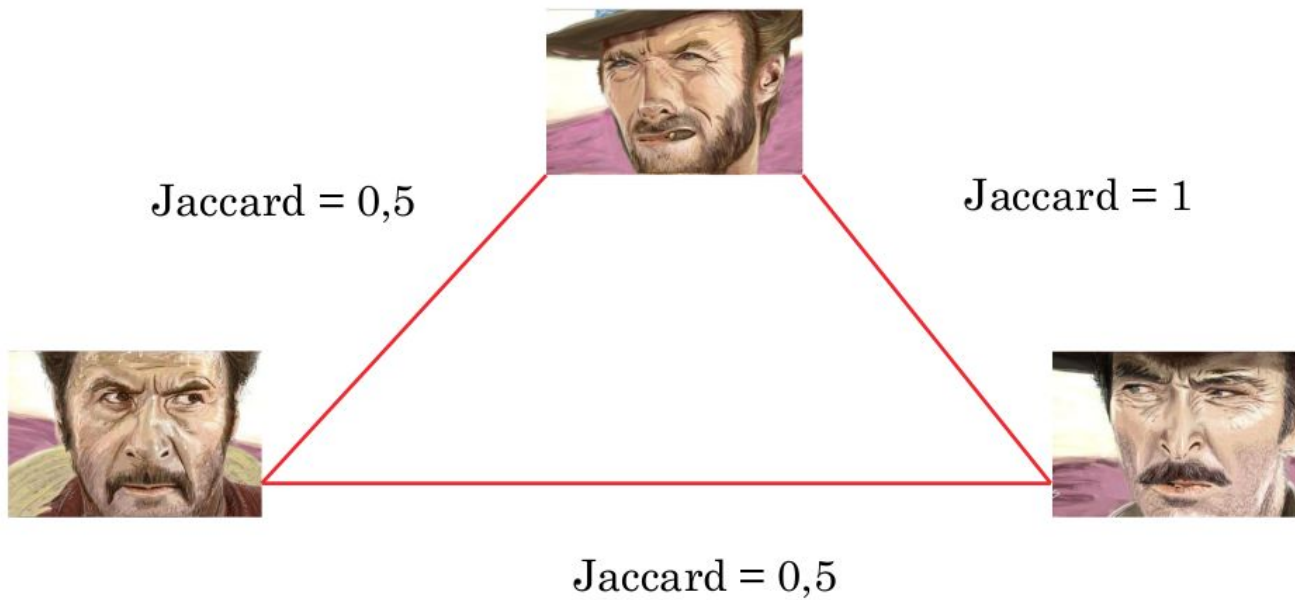
Jaccard = 0

Hash functions

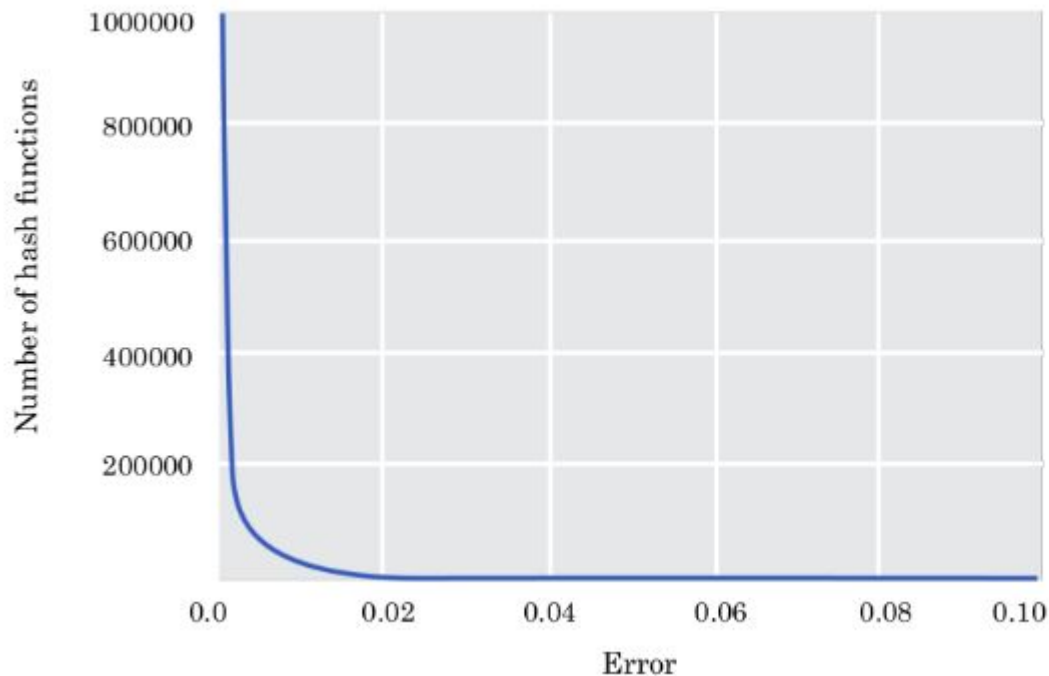


	index
kaggle.com	1
machinelearning.ru	3

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$(\text{index} + 1) \bmod 3$	2	1	1
$(2 * \text{index} + 1) \bmod 3$	0	1	0



How to choose number of hash functions?



$$k = \lceil 1/\epsilon^2 \rceil$$

How to choose parameters for hash functions?



$$h(x) = (ax + b) \bmod c$$

a, b - random integers $< \max(x)$

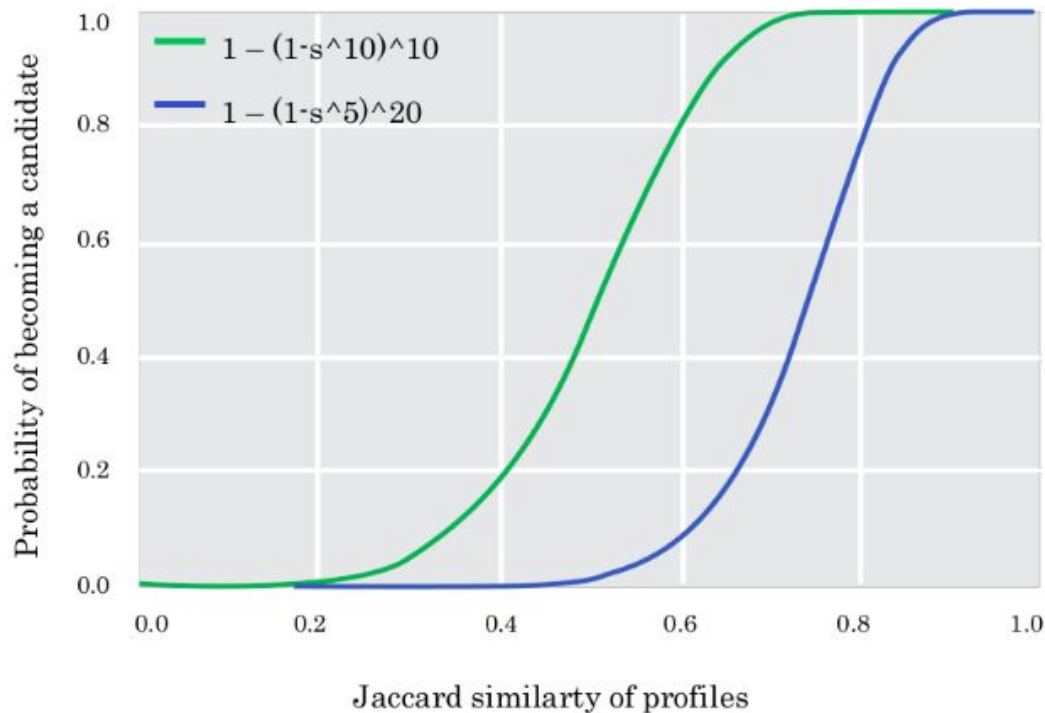
c - common prime integer $> \max(x)$

Locality sensitive hashing

Banding

band1			
	hash1	1	1
band2	hash2	3	3
	hash3	1	1
	hash4	2	4

How to choose quantity bands?



$$1 - (1 - x^r)^b$$

Thanks!