

COMP1942 Exploring and Visualizing Data (Spring Semester 2018)

Final Examination (Answer Sheet)

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Instructions:

- (1) Please answer **all** questions in **Part A** in this paper.
- (2) You can **optionally** answer the bonus question in **Part B** in this paper. You can obtain additional marks for the bonus question if you answer it correctly.
- (3) The total marks in Part A are 200.
- (4) The total marks in Part B are 20.
- (5) The total marks you can obtain in this exam are 200 only.
If you answer the bonus question in Part B correctly, you can obtain additional marks.
But, if the total marks you obtain from Part A and Part B are over 200, your marks will be truncated to 200 only.
- (6) You can use a calculator.

Answer Sheet

Part	Question	Full Mark	Mark
A	Q1	20	
	Q2	20	
	Q3	20	
	Q4	20	
	Q5	20	
	Q6	20	
	Q7	20	
	Q8	20	
	Q9	20	
	Q10	20	
Total (Part A)		200	
B	Q11 (OPTIONAL)	20	
Total (Parts A and B)		200	

Part A (Compulsory Short Questions)

Q1 (20 Marks)

(a)

The reason why we cannot simply output C as the final output is that not all itemsets in C are frequent (i.e., not all itemsets in C can be in the final output).

Let us use the size-2 itemset generation for illustration.

Originally, $L_1 = \{P, Q, S, T\}$

After the counting step and the pruning step, we have

$$C_2 = \{PQ, PS, PT, QS, QT, ST\}$$

Not all itemsets in C_2 have frequency at least 2.

E.g., ST is not frequent since its frequency is equal to 1. Thus, ST is not in the output.

(b)

Itemset	Frequency
$\{a, b, c\}$	4
$\{a, b\}$	7
$\{a, c\}$	4
$\{b, c\}$	4
a	15
b	7
c	4

Q2 (20 Marks)

(a)(i)

- Make initial guesses for the means m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k
- Until Interrupted
 - Acquire the next example x
 - If m_i is closest to x ,
 - replace m_i by $m_i + a(x - m_i)$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_n &= m_{n-1} + a(x_n - m_{n-1}) \\
 &= (1-a)m_{n-1} + ax_n \\
 &= (1-a)[(1-a)m_{n-2} + ax_{n-1}] + ax_n \\
 &= (1-a)^2 m_{n-2} + (1-a)ax_{n-1} + ax_n \\
 &= (1-a)^2 [(1-a)m_{n-3} + ax_{n-2}] + (1-a)ax_{n-1} + ax_n \\
 &= (1-a)^3 m_{n-3} + (1-a)^2 ax_{n-2} + (1-a)ax_{n-1} + ax_n \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= (1-a)^n m_0 + \sum_{p=1}^n (1-a)^{n-p} ax_p
 \end{aligned}$$

$$X = (1-a)^n$$

$$Y = (1-a)^{n-p}a$$

Q2 (Continued)

(b)

Consider the correlation between A and B.

B\A	1	0
1	2	0
0	1	1

$$X_{AB}^2 = 1.33$$

Consider the correlation between A and C.

C\A	1	0
1	1	1
0	2	0

$$X_{AC}^2 = 1.33$$

Consider the correlation between B and C.

C\B	1	0
1	0	2
0	2	0

$$X_{BC}^2 = 4$$

For attribute A,

$$X_{AB}^2 + X_{AC}^2 = 1.33 + 1.33 = 2.66$$

For attribute B,

$$X_{AB}^2 + X_{BC}^2 = 1.33 + 4 = 5.33$$

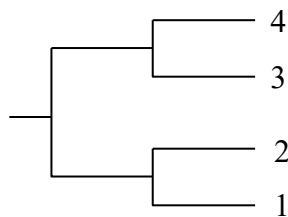
For attribute C,

$$X_{AC}^2 + X_{BC}^2 = 1.33 + 4 = 5.33$$

We choose attribute B for splitting since it has the largest value.

We divide the data into two groups, namely {1, 2} and {3, 4}.

Dendrogram:

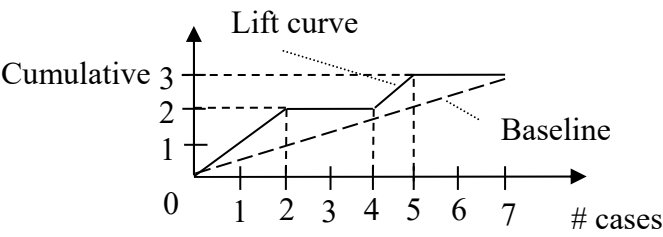


Q3 (20 Marks)

(a)(i)

Actual Class	Predicted Class	
	Yes	No
Yes	2	1
No	2	2

(ii)



Q3 (Continued)

(b)

No. This is because we do not know the distance between cluster (a, b) and cluster (c d) and the distance between (a b) and e.

Q4 (20 Marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) P(LC=Yes) &= \sum_{x \in \{Yes, No\}} \sum_{y \in \{Yes, No\}} P(LC = Yes | FH = x, S = y) P(FH = x, S = y) \\
 &= 0.7 \times 0.3 \times 0.6 + 0.45 \times 0.3 \times 0.4 + 0.55 \times 0.7 \times 0.6 + 0.2 \times 0.7 \times 0.4 \\
 &= 0.467
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(LC = Yes | FH = Yes, Smoker = No, PR = Yes) \\
 &= \frac{P(PR = Yes | FH = Yes, Smoker = No, LC = Yes)}{P(PR = Yes | FH = Yes, Smoker = No)} P(LC = Yes | FH = Yes, Smoker = No) \\
 &= \frac{P(PR = Yes | LC = Yes) \times P(LC = Yes | FH = Yes, Smoker = No)}{\sum_{x \in \{Yes, No\}} P(PR = Yes | LC = x) P(LC = x | FH = Yes, Smoker = No)} \\
 &= \frac{0.85 \times 0.45}{0.85 \times 0.45 + 0.45 \times 0.55} \\
 &= 0.607143 \\
 &P(LC = No | FH = Yes, Smoker = No, PR = Yes) = 1 - 0.607143 = 0.392857
 \end{aligned}$$

$P(LC = Yes | FH = Yes, Smoker = No, PR = Yes) > P(LC = No | FH = Yes, Smoker = No, PR = Yes) \therefore$ It is more likely that the person is likely to have Lung Cancer.

(b) Disadvantages:

The Bayesian Belief network classifier requires a predefined knowledge about the network.

The Bayesian Belief Network classifier cannot work directly when the network contains cycles.

Q5 (20 Marks)

(a) Yes.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{specificity} &= 3/4 \\ &= 0.75 \text{ (or 75\%)}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Yes.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{precision} &= 3/4 \\ &= 0.75 \text{ (or 75\%)}\end{aligned}$$

(c) Yes.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{recall} &= 3/4 \\ &= 0.75 \text{ (or 75\%)}\end{aligned}$$

(d) Yes.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{f-measure} &= 2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall} / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}) \\ &= 2 \times 0.75 \times 0.75 / (0.75 + 0.75) \\ &= 0.75 \text{ (or 75\%)}\end{aligned}$$

Q6 (20 Marks)

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{P(X, Y | Z)}{P(Z)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X, Y, Z)}{P(Z)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X, Y, Z)}{P(Y, Z)} \times \frac{P(Y, Z)}{P(Z)} \\
 &= P(X | Y, Z) \times P(Y | Z) \\
 &= P(X | Z) \times P(Y | Z)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

The curse of dimensionality can be described as follows.

When the number of dimensions increases, the distance between any two points is nearly the same.

(c)

Iteration 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_1, x_2, y) &= (0, 0, 0) \\
 \text{net} &= x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b \\
 &= 0 * 0.1 + 0 * 0.1 + 0.1 = 0.1
 \end{aligned}$$

y = 1

Incorrect!

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1 &= w_1 + \alpha(d - y)x_1 \\
 &= 0.1 + 0.5 * (0 - 1) * 0 \\
 &= 0.1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_2 &= w_2 + \alpha(d - y)x_2 \\
 &= 0.1 + 0.5 * (0 - 1) * 0 \\
 &= 0.1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= b + \alpha(d - y) \\
 &= 0.1 + 0.5 * (0 - 1) \\
 &= -0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

b	w ₁	w ₂
0.1	0.1	0.1

Q6 (Continued)Iteration 2:

$$(x_1, x_2, y) = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$net = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b = 0.3$$

$$y = 0$$

Correct!

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= w_1 + \alpha(d - y)x_1 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5*(0 - 0) * 0 \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 &= w_2 + \alpha(d - y)x_2 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5*(0 - 0) * 1 \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= b + \alpha(d - y) \\ &= -0.4 + 0.5*(0 - 0) \\ &= -0.4 \end{aligned}$$

b	w ₁	w ₂
-0.4	0.1	0.1

Iteration 3:

$$(x_1, x_2, y) = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$net = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b = -0.3$$

$$y = 0$$

Correct!

b	w ₁	w ₂
-0.4	0.1	0.1

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= w_1 + \alpha(d - y)x_1 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5*(0 - 0) * 1 \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 &= w_2 + \alpha(d - y)x_2 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5*(0 - 0) * 0 \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= b + \alpha(d - y) \\ &= -0.4 + 0.5*(0 - 0) \\ &= -0.4 \end{aligned}$$

Iteration 4:

$$(x_1, x_2, y) = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$net = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b = -0.2$$

$$y = 0$$

Incorrect!

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= w_1 + \alpha(d - y)x_1 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5*(1 - 0) * 1 \\ &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 &= w_2 + \alpha(d - y)x_2 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5*(1 - 0) * 1 \\ &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= b + \alpha(d - y) \\ &= -0.4 + 0.5*(1 - 0) \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

b	w ₁	w ₂
-0.4	0.1	0.1

Q6 (Continued)

Iteration 5:

$(x_1, x_2, y) = (0, 0, 0)$
 $net = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b = 0.1$
 $y = 1$ Incorrect!

$w_1 = w_1 + \alpha(d - y)x_1$
 $= 0.6 + 0.5*(0 - 1) * 0$
 $= 0.6$

$w_2 = w_2 + \alpha(d - y)x_2$
 $= 0.6 + 0.5*(0 - 1) * 0$
 $= 0.6$

$b = b + \alpha(d - y)$
 $= 0.1 + 0.5*(0 - 1)$
 $= -0.4$

b	w ₁	w ₂
0.1	0.6	0.6

b	w ₁	w ₂
-0.4	0.6	0.6

Q6 (Continued)

Q7 (20 Marks)

(a)

$$\text{mean vector} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{6+8+5+9}{4} \\ \frac{6+8+9+5}{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (6, 6), difference from mean vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 6-7 \\ 6-7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (8, 8), difference from mean vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 8-7 \\ 8-7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (5, 9), difference from mean vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 5-7 \\ 9-7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (9, 5), difference from mean vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 9-7 \\ 5-7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{4}YY^T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -6 \\ -6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{5}{2} - \lambda & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \implies \left(\frac{5}{2} - \lambda\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = 0 \implies \lambda = 4 \text{ or } \lambda = 1$$

when $\lambda = 4$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} - 4 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2} - 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

Q7 (Continued)

We choose the eigenvector of unit length: $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

When $\lambda = 1$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2}-1 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2}-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

We choose the eigenvector of unit length: $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\text{Thus, } \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, Y = \Phi^T X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} X.$$

$$\text{For data (6, 6), } Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 8.49 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (8, 8), } Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 11.31 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (5, 9), } Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.83 \\ 9.90 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (9, 5), } Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.83 \\ 9.90 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{The mean vector of the above transformed data points is } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{0+0+(-2.83)+2.83}{4} \\ \frac{8.49+11.31+9.90+9.90}{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 9.90 \end{pmatrix}$$

The final transformed data points are:

Q7 (Continued)

$$\text{For data (6, 6), final transformed vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 - 0 \\ 8.49 - 9.90 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1.41 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (8, 8), final transformed vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 - 0 \\ 11.31 - 9.90 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1.41 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (5, 9), final transformed vector} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.83 - 0 \\ 9.90 - 9.90 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.83 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{For data (9, 5), final transformed vector} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.83 - 0 \\ 9.90 - 9.90 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.83 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, (6, 6) is reduced to (0);
 (8, 8) is reduced to (0);
 (5, 9) is reduced to (-2.83);
 (9, 5) is reduced to (2.83).

(Note: Another possible answer is

(6, 6) is reduced to (0);
 (8, 8) is reduced to (0);
 (5, 9) is reduced to (2.83);
 (9, 5) is reduced to (-2.83).

This is because the eigenvectors used in this case are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Q7 (Continued)

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(b)

(5, 5) is reduced to (0);
(7, 7) is reduced to (0);
(4, 8) is reduced to (-2.83);
(8, 4) is reduced to (2.83).

(Note: Another possible answer is

(5, 5) is reduced to (0);
(7, 7) is reduced to (0);
(4, 8) is reduced to (2.83);
(8, 4) is reduced to (-2.83).)

(c)

(18, 18) is reduced to (0);
(24, 24) is reduced to (0);
(15, 27) is reduced to (-8.49);
(27, 15) is reduced to (8.49).

(Note: Another possible answer is

(18, 18) is reduced to (0);
(24, 24) is reduced to (0);
(15, 27) is reduced to (8.49);
(27, 15) is reduced to (-8.49).)

Q8 (20 Marks)

(a)

For a shorter query time (or for performing data analysis).

(b)

The greedy algorithm discussed in class can be modified by changing the heuristics function from the computation of the benefit of a view to the computation of the benefit of a view per “unit space”.

i.e.

Let $C(v)$ be the cost of view v (the number of rows in v)

Algorithm:

$S \leftarrow \{top\ view\}$;

$X \leftarrow X - C(v)$ where v is the top view ;

While there exists a view v not in S s.t. $C(v) \leq X$

 Select the view v not in S s.t.

$C(v) \leq X$

$B(v, S) / C(v)$ is maximized

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$

$X \leftarrow X - C(v)$

output S .

Q9 (20 Marks)

(a)

No.

We know that the whole dataset can be split into two clusters, $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d, e\}$.

Consider cluster $\{c, d, e\}$.

We do not know the hierarchy for points c , d , and e .

We need two kinds of additional information, $D(\{c\}, \{e\})$ and $D(\{d\}, \{e\})$ to draw the dendrogram.

(b)

Cluster 1: $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 6\}$

Cluster 2: $\{3, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

Q10 (20 Marks)

(a)

Yes.

$$\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) (i)

W₁, W₂, W₆, W₇, W₈

(ii)

W₁, W₂, W₃, W₆, W₇, W₈, W₉

Part B (Bonus Question)

Note: The following bonus question is an **OPTIONAL** question. You can decide whether you will answer it or not.

Q11 (20 Additional Marks)

(a)

Yes.

We can regard “ $\text{Gain}(V \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\})$ ” as the cost reduction of materializing views in V compared with that of materializing the top view only.

Similarly, we can regard “ $\text{Gain}(V \cup \{\text{top view}, \text{view A}\}, \{\text{top view}, \text{view A}\})$ ” as the cost reduction of materializing views in V compared with that of materializing the top view and the view A only.

Since materializing view A reduces the cost of accessing views which could be affected by the views in V , we know that $\text{Gain}(V \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) \geq \text{Gain}(V \cup \{\text{top view}, \text{view A}\}, \{\text{top view}, \text{view A}\})$.

Q11 (Continued)

(b)

No.

Consider the following example.

Let $P = \text{“view b”}$ and $C = \text{“view c”}$.

We know that

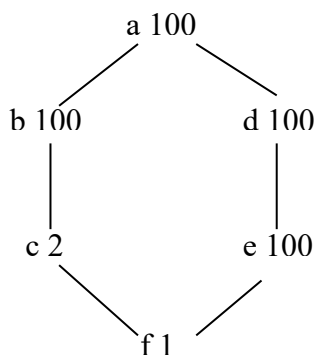
$$\text{Gain}(\{\text{view P}\} \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) = 0$$

and

$$\text{Gain}(\{\text{view C}\} \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) = 92.$$

Thus,

$$\text{Gain}(\{\text{view P}\} \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) < \text{Gain}(\{\text{view C}\} \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\})$$



Q11 (Continued)

(c)

Yes.

We can regard “ $\text{Gain}(\{x\} \cup S \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) - \text{Gain}(S \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\})$ ” as the cost reduction of materializing view x compared with that of materializing the top view and the views in S only.

Similarly, we can regard “ $\text{Gain}(\{x\} \cup T \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) - \text{Gain}(T \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\})$ ” as the cost reduction of materializing view x compared with that of materializing the top view and the views in T only.

Since $S \subseteq T$, materializing views in S reduces the cost of accessing views which could be affected by the views in T , we know that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Gain}(\{x\} \cup S \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) - \text{Gain}(S \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) \\ & \geq \text{Gain}(\{x\} \cup T \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) - \text{Gain}(T \cup \{\text{top view}\}, \{\text{top view}\}) \end{aligned}$$

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