

Data Curation Techniques

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Syllabus

Unit 1: Introduction to Data Lifecycle

The data lifecycle (creation, storage, access, preservation) - Data objects and attribute types - Basic statistical descriptions of data - Measuring data similarity and dissimilarity - Database vs data warehouse - Data Quality: Why Preprocess the Data?

Unit 2: Data Preprocessing Techniques

Data cleaning workflow - Handling missing values, noisy data, outlier - Data integration : redundancy and correlation, duplication - Data transformation : normalization - data discretization using Binning, histogram, clusters - concept hierarchy generation for nominal data. Hands-on activity: Data preprocessing using Python libraries (Numpy, Pandas)

Unit 3: Data Reduction

Attribute subset selection method : forward selection, backward elimination, equal width and equal frequency histogram - sampling with and without replacement - data aggregation and summarization - overview of data cube - Basics of feature selection and feature extraction. Hands on: Data reduction using python (scikit-learn)

Unit 4: Data Management

ETL vs ELT - Data governance - data modeling and design - data integration and interoperability - Challenges of working with heterogeneous data sources - Common data formats (CSV, JSON, XML)- master data management - metadata - Discussion: Integration challenges in IoT data

Unit 5: Data Architecture

Principles of good data architecture - Architecture concepts : tight vs loose coupling - user access : single vs multi tenant - event driven architecture - data storage systems - storage abstraction - Hot, warm, and cold data - Discussion : Latest trends in storage using open source tools.

Text / Reference Books

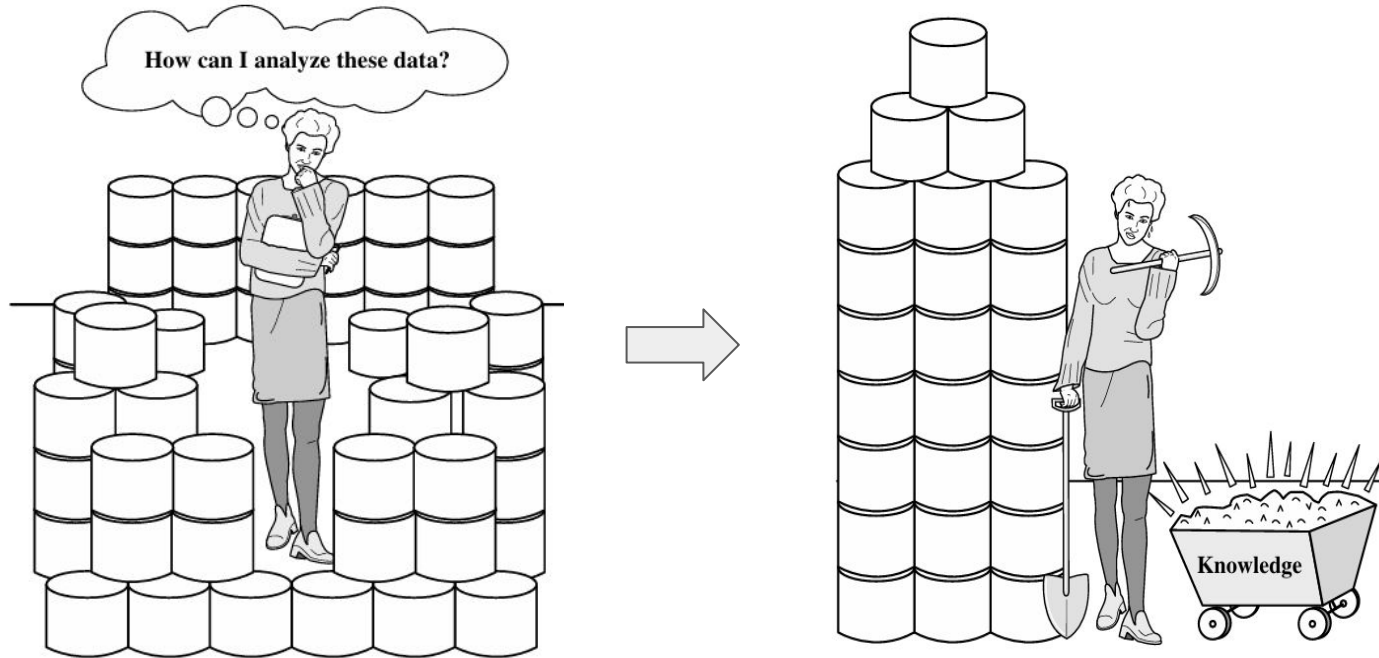
1. “*Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques*” by Jiawei Han, Jian Pei, Hanghang Tong , Morgan Kaufmann, 2022, ISBN: 9780128117613 (For Unit 1 to 3)
2. “Fundamentals of Data Engineering” by Joe Reis and Matt Housley, O’Reilly Media, 2022, ISBN: ISBN: 9781098108304 (for Unit 4 and 5)
3. Latest related research articles from reputed journal/conferences

Assessment components

Quiz - 1	: 5%
Mid - Term	: 25%
Quiz - 2	: 5 %
Lab Components	: 25%
End Sem	: 40%

Why Data Curation?

- The world is data rich but information poor.



Why Data Curation?

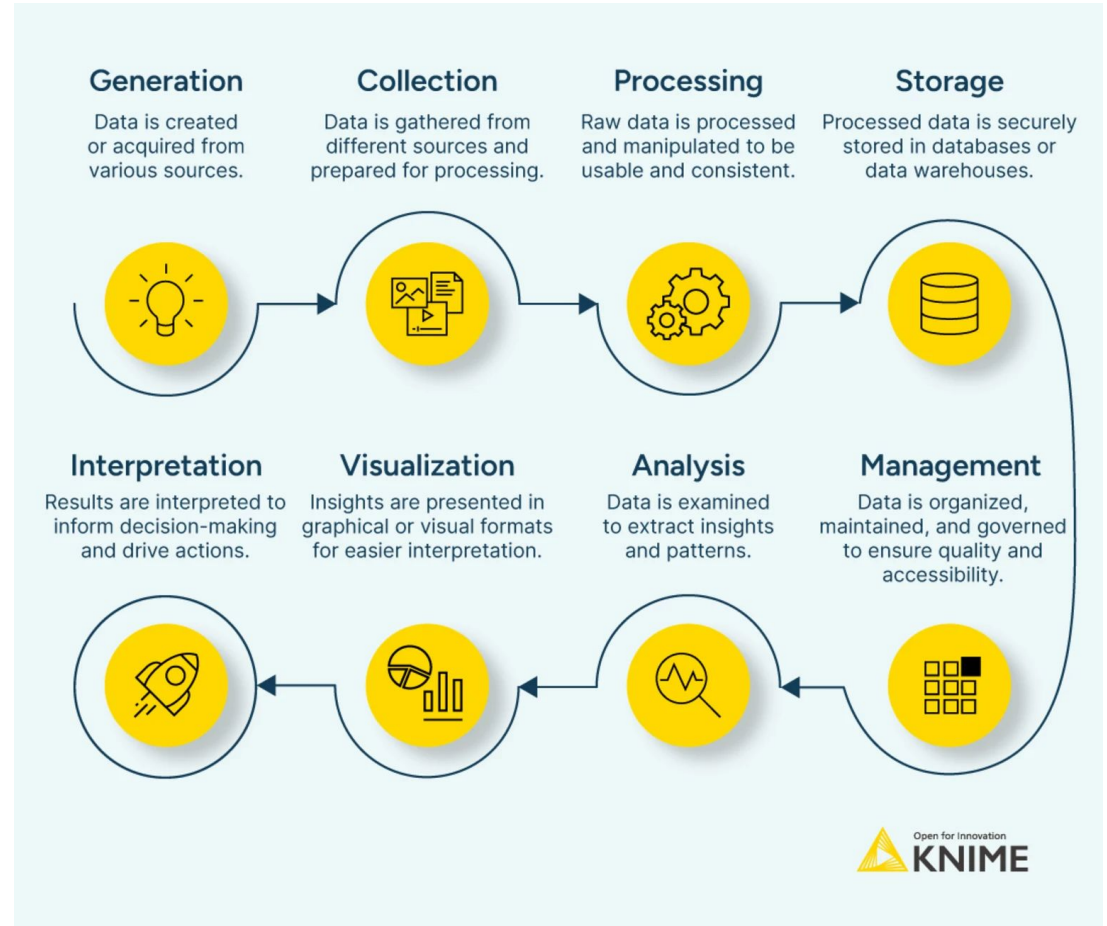
Key steps:

- Data Cleaning
- Data Integration
- Data Selection
- Data Transformation



Data Analysis and Visualization

Data Life Cycle



Data Generation vs Data Collection

- Either active or passive
- Common sources:
 - Human-generated (e.g., surveys, forms)
 - Machine-generated (e.g., IoT sensors, logs)
 - Transactional systems (e.g., purchases, banking records)
 - Web scraping

What is Web Scraping (Common Data Collection)

- Extraction of data from website
- How the website content is presented?
- Is it structured ?
- How you are going to save the extracted content ?
- Can you name few common applications??
 - Sentiment Analysis?

Possible Ways to do Web Scraping

- Using Libraries in Programming Languages
- Browser Automation Tools
- APIs for Data Retrieval
- Headless Browsers
- No-Code or Low-Code Tools

Reading Assignment

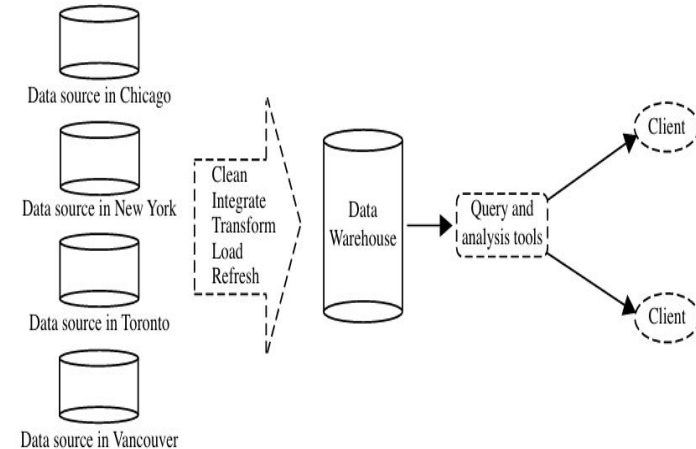
Headless Browser - Puppeteer and Playwright

Key Applications :

1. E-commerce Price tracking
2. Social media monitoring

Common Data Sources

- Database data
 - A relational database is a collection of tables, each of which is assigned a unique name. Each table consists of a set of attributes (columns or fields) and usually stores a large set of tuples (records or rows).
 - Model : Entity - Relationship Model
- Data Warehouse
 - A data warehouse is a repository of information collected from multiple sources, stored under a unified schema, and usually residing at a single site.
 - Model : Data cube



Data Objects

- Data sets are made up of data objects.
- A data object represents an entity
 - in a sales data, the objects may be customers, store items, and sales
 - In a university data ???
- Data objects can also be referred to as samples, examples, instances, data points, or objects.
- If the data objects are stored in a database, they are data tuples.
- Data objects are typically described by attributes.
- That is, the rows of a database correspond to the data objects, and the columns correspond to the attributes.
- The attribute, dimension, feature, and variable are often used interchangeably

Types of data attributes

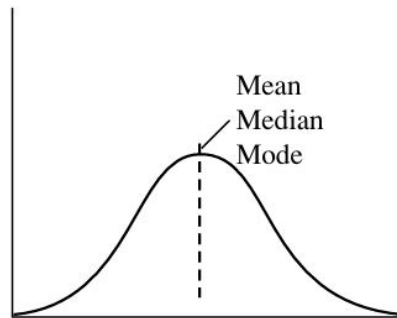
- Nominal attribute:
 - Relating to name
 - Categorical
 - Data without any inherent order Examples: Gender, color, city
 - Is your aadhar number nominal?
 - How do you measure the central tendency ?
- Binary attribute:
 - Nominal attribute with only categories
 - Also called as Boolean
 - Give some examples ??
 - Symmetric vs Asymmetric binary attribute

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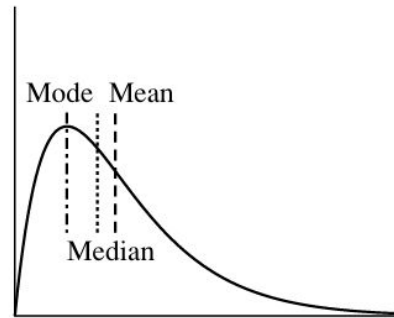
- Ordinal attribute
 - Data with a specific order but without equal intervals between categories.
 - Examples: Education level, product rating (low, medium, high)
 - What is the preferred measure of central tendency?
- Whether the nominal, binary and ordinal data are quantitative or qualitative ?
- Numerical attribute:
 - Interval scaled attributes : No true zero point Example: Temperature in celsius / fahrenheit
 - Ratio scaled attributes : true zero point Example: Temperature in Kelvin
 - Continuous data: Data with infinite possible values within a given range. Examples: Height, weight, temperature
 - Discrete data: Data with a finite number of values. Examples: Number of children, number of products sold

Statistical Description of Data

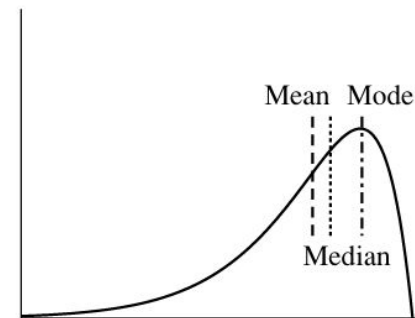
- To have overall picture of your data
- Central tendency - measure the location of the middle or center of a data distribution.
- Dispersion of data - how are the data spread out
- Common approaches for Measuring the Central Tendency: Mean, Median, and Mode



(a) Symmetric data



(b) Positively skewed data

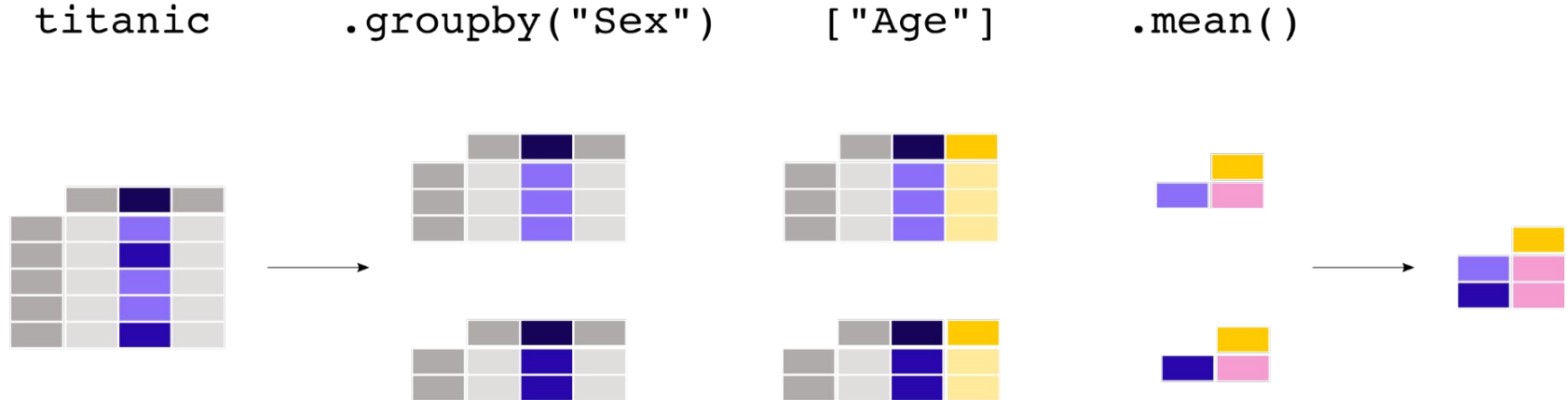


(c) Negatively skewed data

Summary Statistics using Pandas [Refer Pandas code]

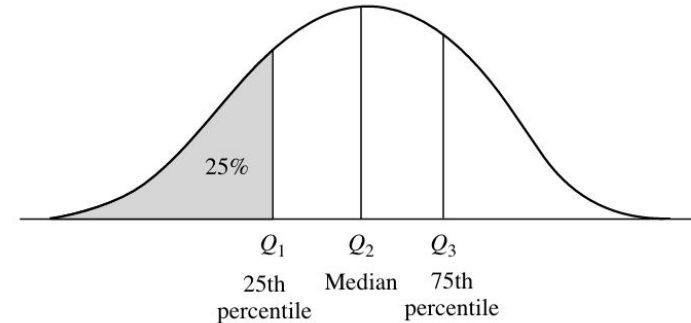
Key points to remember:

- Whereas size includes NaN values and count excludes the missing values.
- `value_counts` is a convenient shortcut to count the number of entries in each category of a variable.
- Split-Apply-Combine



Measuring the Dispersion of Data

- Range : (Maximum - minimum)
- Standard Deviation : It provides a measure of the average distance between each data point and the mean
- Variance : The average of the squared differences between each data point and the mean.
- Quartiles: Quartiles divide the dataset into four equal parts when it is sorted.
 - Q1 (1st quartile): Median of the lower half (25th percentile).
 - Q2 (2nd quartile): Median of the dataset (50th percentile).
 - Q3 (3rd quartile): Median of the upper half (75th percentile).
- Interquartile Range (IQR) : The distance between the first and third quartiles , $IQR = Q3 - Q1$



Measuring Data Similarity / Dissimilarity

- Why we need to measure the similarity / dissimilarity
- Also called as measure of proximity
- A similarity measure for two objects, i and j , will typically return the value 0 if the objects are unlike.
- The higher the similarity value, the greater the similarity between objects. (Typically, a value of 1 indicates complete similarity, that is, the objects are identical.)
- A Dissimilarity Measure works the opposite way.
- Data matrix vs Dissimilarity matrix

Data Matrix vs Dissimilarity Matrix

Data Matrix :This structure stores the n data objects in the form of a relational table, or n-by-p matrix (n objects X p attributes)

- Also called as “two-mode” matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1f} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ x_{i1} & \cdots & x_{if} & \cdots & x_{ip} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{nf} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Dissimilarity Matrix: This structure stores a collection of proximities that are available for all pairs of n objects.

where $d(i, j)$ is the measured dissimilarity or difference between obj and j.

$\text{sim}(i, j) = 1 - d(i, j)$, where *sim* is the similarity

- Also called as one-mode matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ d(2, 1) & 0 & & & \\ d(3, 1) & d(3, 2) & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \\ d(n, 1) & d(n, 2) & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Measuring Dissimilarity - Nominal Attributes

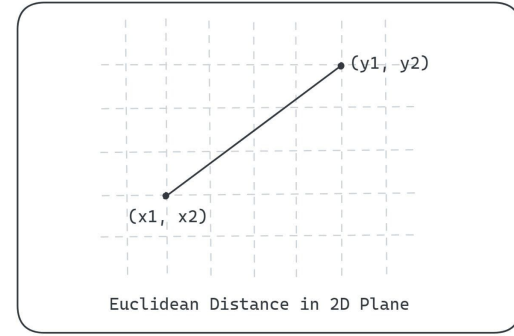
Object Identifier	test-1 (nominal)
1	code A
2	code B
3	code C
4	code A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ d(2, 1) & 0 & & \\ d(3, 1) & d(3, 2) & 0 & \\ d(4, 1) & d(4, 2) & d(4, 3) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & & \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Euclidean Distance

- Measures the straight-line distance (as the crow flies).
- Diagonal movement allowed
- Euclidean distance is the shortest distance between any two points
- Mathematically, the Euclidean distance between the points x and y in two-dimensional plane is given by:



$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2}$$

- Extending to n dimensions, the points x and y are of the form $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$,

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

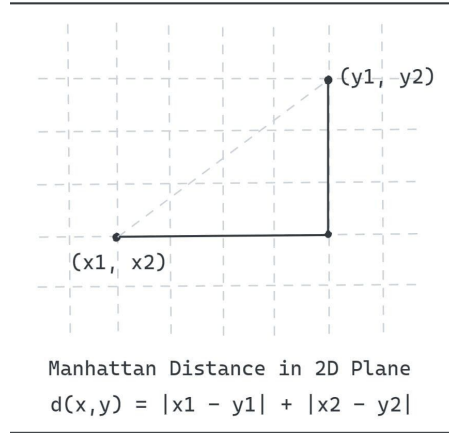
Manhattan Distance (city-block)

- Measures the sum of the absolute differences of the coordinates.
- In a 2-D plane, the Manhattan distance between the points x and y is given by:

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|$$

- In n -dimensional space, where each point has n coordinates, the Manhattan distance is given by:

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$$



Minkowski Distance

- Minkowski distance is a generalization of the Euclidean and Manhattan distances. It is defined as

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{for } p \geq 1$$

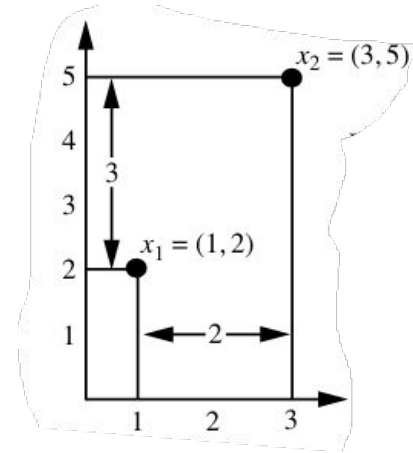
- If $p=1$, then Minkowski distance equation takes the same form as that of Manhattan distance (L1 - norm)
- Similarly, for $p = 2$, the Minkowski distance is equivalent to the Euclidean distance (L2-norm)

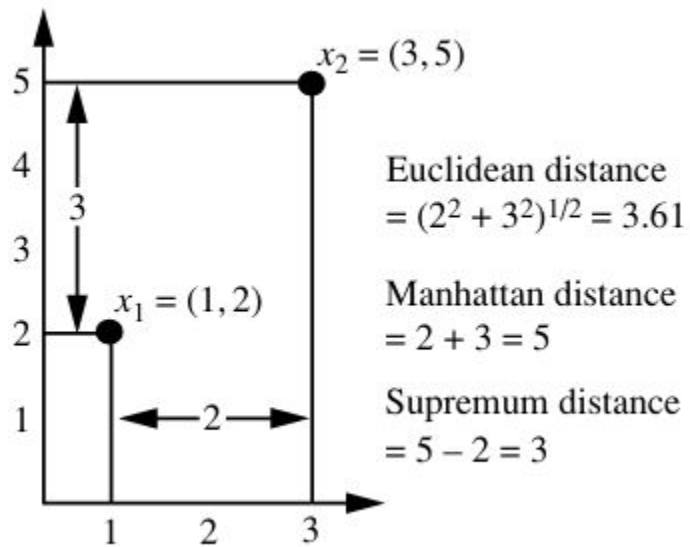
Chebyshev / Supremum distance

- It is a measure of distance that calculates the maximum difference along any coordinate dimension between two points in a multidimensional space.
- Also known as L_{\max} , L_{∞} norm or uniform norm

$$d_{\text{Chebyshev}}(P, Q) = \max_i (|p_i - q_i|)$$

- Let $x_1 = (1, 2)$ and $x_2 = (3, 5)$, find Euclidean, Manhattan and Supremum





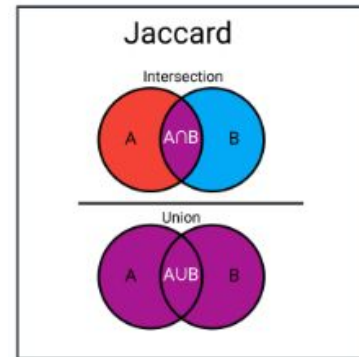
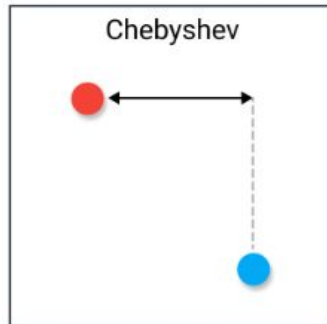
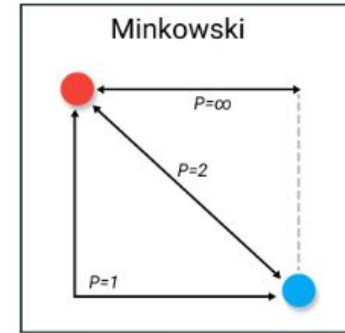
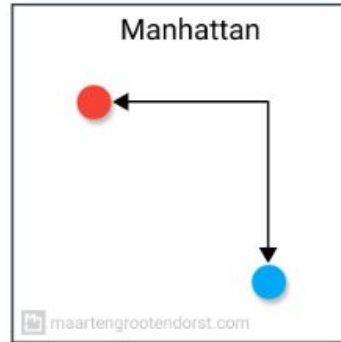
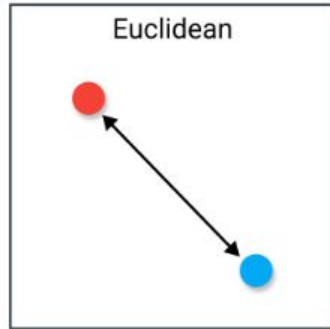
Mathematical Properties

- Non-negativity : distance is always non-negative , $d(x, y) \geq 0$
- Identity of indiscernibles : distance between a point and itself is always 0. $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$
- Symmetry: The order of points doesn't matter in distance calculation. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- Triangle inequality : The maximum difference between x and z along any dimension cannot be greater than the sum of the maximum differences from x to y and from y to z. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

Jaccard Distance

- Quantify the dissimilarity between two sets of data.
- Derived from the Jaccard Index (or Similarity Coefficient)
- Jaccard Distance = $1 - \text{Jaccard Index}$, where $\text{Jaccard Index} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$
- $A \cap B$: The number of elements common to both sets A and B (intersection).
- $A \cup B$: The number of unique elements in either set A or B (union).
- The Jaccard Index ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 indicates identical sets and 0 indicates disjoint sets
- Set A = {1,2,3,4} and Set B = {3,4,5,6} , $|A \cap B| = ?$, $|A \cup B| = ?$, Jaccard Index = ? , Jaccard Distance = ?
- Use case: Compare documents or text similarity, sets of pixels in images for similarity

Overview



Thank You !!!