

Study path similarity

NOTE: This survey is already over, answers added after January 30th will not contribute to the results.

The task is to determine how similar two students studied.

You are presented with the study paths of two students and you need to judge how similar they are. Every capital letter represents one course and every box is one semester. Courses do not have dependencies between one another and students in this questionnaire will in almost all questions take the same set of courses, so the order of the courses matters the most.

You will find two simple examples below, that should help you understand the concept.

Two simple examples

Example 1: Student 1 did course A first. Having the knowledge of A, Student 1 then did course B in the following semester. Finally in the third semester Student 1 had the knowledge of courses A and B and finally did C.

Student 2 did courses A, B and C in the same semester, which implies that no knowledge was available from the other courses.

Therefore these paths are only similar for course A, but different for B and C.

	1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester
Student 1	A	B	C
Student 2	A B C		

Example 2: Student 1 did course A first, having the knowledge of A, Student 1 then did courses B and C in the following semester.

Student 2 also did course A first and then did courses B and C in the following semester.

Therefore these paths are completely similar.

	1. Semester	2. Semester
Student 1	A	B C
Student 2	A	B C

1. Q1: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester

Student 1

A	C
B	D

Student 2

A	
B	
C	
D	

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2. Q2: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B	C	D
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Student 2

A	B	D	C
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3. Q3: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B	C	D
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Student 2

A	B	C	D
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4. Q4: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B	C	D
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Student 2

D	C	B	A
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5. Q5: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester

Student 1

A	D	B
		C

Student 2

B	A	D
	C	

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6. Q6: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

C	B	A	D
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Student 2

C	A	B D	
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7. Q7: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester

Student 1

D	A	C
	B	

Student 2

C	A	
D	B	

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8. Q8: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester 5. Semester

Student 1

A	D	G	J	
B	E	H	K	
C	F	I	L	

Student 2

A	C	D	K	L
B	E	I	H	
	F	J		
	G			

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9. Q9: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	E		
B	F		
C	G		
D	H		

Student 2

A	C	E	G
B	D	F	H

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10. Q10: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	D	G	J
B	E	H	K
C	F	I	L

Student 2

G	J	A	D
H	K	B	E
I	L	C	F

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11. Q11: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester 5. Semester 6. Semester

Student 1

A	D	G	J		
B	E	H	K		
C	F	I	L		

Student 2

A	C	E	G	I	K
B	D	F	H	J	L

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12. Q12: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B C	D E F	G
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Student 2

A B C	D E	F	G
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13. Q13: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B C	D E F	G
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Student 2

D F G	A E	C	B
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14. Q14: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B	C	D
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Student 2

A	B	X	Y
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15. Q15: How similar are these paths (approx.)?

1. Semester 2. Semester 3. Semester 4. Semester

Student 1

A	B	C	D
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Student 2

W	X	Y	Z
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