

Problem 1

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According to the questions, we have to prove the following formula is right.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_a} (a - x_i)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} (b - x_i)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (c_{new} - x_i)^2$$

$$= \frac{n_a n_b}{n_a + n_b} \|a - b\|^2$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} (a - x_i)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} (b - x_i)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (c_{new} - x_i)^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} (a^2 - 2ax_i + x_i^2) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} (b^2 - 2bx_i + x_i^2) - \sum_{i=1}^n (c_{new}^2 - 2x_i c_{new} + x_i^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} a^2 - 2a \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} b^2 - 2b \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} x_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n c_{new}^2 + 2c_{new} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$$= n_a a^2 - 2a \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} x_i^2 + n_b b^2 - 2b \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} x_i^2 - n c_{new}^2 + 2c_{new} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

Therefore, above expression equals:

$$= n_a a^2 - 2a \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} x_i + n_b b^2 - 2b \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} x_i - n c_{new}^2 + 2c_{new} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$= n c_{new}^2 - n_a a^2 - n_b b^2$$

$$= (n_a + n_b) \frac{n_a a + n_b b}{n_a + n_b} - n_a a^2 - n_b b^2$$

$$= \frac{2n_a n_b ab - n_a n_b a^2 - n_a n_b b^2}{n_a + n_b}$$

$$= \frac{n_a n_b}{n_a + n_b} (2ab - a^2 - b^2)$$

$$= \frac{n_a n_b}{n_a + n_b} \|a - b\|^2$$