

# Proximity measures in the proxy package for R

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## 1 Similarities

Aliases: Jaccard, binary, Reyssac, Roux

Type : binary

Formula:  $a / (a + b + c)$

Aliases: Kulczynski1

Type : binary

Formula:  $a / (b + c)$

Aliases: Kulczynski2

Type : binary

Formula:  $[a / (a + b) + a / (a + c)] / 2$

Aliases: Mountford

Type : binary

Formula:  $2a / (ab + ac + 2bc)$

Aliases: Fager, McGowan

Type : binary

Formula:  $a / \sqrt{(a + b)(a + c)} - \sqrt{a + c} / 2$

Aliases: Russel, Rao

Type : binary

Formula:  $a / n$

Aliases: simple matching, Sokal/Michener

Type : binary

Formula:  $(a + d) / n$

Aliases: Hamman

Type : binary

Formula:  $([a + d] - [b + c]) / n$

Aliases: Faith

Type : binary  
 Formula:  $(a + d/2) / n$

Aliases: Tanimoto, Rogers  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $(a + d) / (a + 2b + 2c + d)$

Aliases: Dice, Czekanowski, Sorensen  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $2a / (2a + b + c)$

Aliases: Phi  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $(ad - bc) / \sqrt{[(a + b)(c + d)(a + c)(b + d)]}$

Aliases: Stiles  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $\log(n(|ad-bc| - 0.5n)^2 / [(a + b)(c + d)(a + c)(b + d)])$

Aliases: Michael  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $4(ad - bc) / [(a + d)^2 + (b + c)^2]$

Aliases: Mozley, Margalef  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $an / (a + b)(a + c)$

Aliases: Yule  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $(ad - bc) / (ad + bc)$

Aliases: Yule2  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $(\sqrt{ad} - \sqrt{bc}) / (\sqrt{ad} + \sqrt{bc})$

Aliases: Ochiai  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $a / \sqrt{[(a + b)(a + c)]}$

Aliases: Simpson  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $a / \min\{(a + b), (a + c)\}$

Aliases: Braun-Blanquet  
 Type : binary  
 Formula:  $a / \max\{(a + b), (a + c)\}$

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Aliases: cosine
Type    : metric
Formula: xy / sqrt(xx * yy)

Aliases: angular
Type    : metric
Formula: 1 - acos(xy / sqrt(xx * yy)) / pi

Aliases: eJaccard, extended_Jaccard
Type    : metric
Formula: xy / (xx + yy - xy)

Aliases: eDice, extended_Dice, eSorensen
Type    : metric
Formula: 2xy / (xx + yy)

Aliases: correlation
Type    : metric
Formula: xy / sqrt(xx * yy) for centered x,y

Aliases: Chi-squared
Type    : nominal
Formula: sum_ij (o_i - e_i)^2 / e_i

Aliases: Phi-squared
Type    : nominal
Formula: [sum_ij (o_i - e_i)^2 / e_i] / n

Aliases: Tschuprow
Type    : nominal
Formula: sqrt{[sum_ij (o_i - e_i)^2 / e_i] / n / sqrt((p - 1)(q - 1))}

Aliases: Cramer
Type    : nominal
Formula: sqrt{[Chi / n]} / min[(p - 1), (q - 1)]

Aliases: Pearson, contingency
Type    : nominal
Formula: sqrt{Chi / (n + Chi)}

Aliases: Gower
Type    : NA
Formula: Sum_k (s_ijk * w_k) / Sum_k (d_ijk * w_k)

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## 2 Dissimilarities

Aliases: Euclidean, L2

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^2}$

Aliases: Mahalanobis

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sqrt{(x - y)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - y)}$

Aliases: Bhattacharyya

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sqrt{\sum_i (\sqrt{x_i} - \sqrt{y_i})^2}$

Aliases: Manhattan, City-Block, L1, taxi

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sum_i |x_i - y_i|$

Aliases: supremum, max, maximum, Tschebyscheff, Chebyshev

Type : metric

Formula:  $\max_i |x_i - y_i|$

Aliases: Minkowski, L<sub>p</sub>

Type : metric

Formula:  $(\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^p)^{(1/p)}$

Aliases: Canberra

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sum_i |x_i - y_i| / |x_i + y_i|$

Aliases: Wave, Hedges

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sum_i (1 - \min(x_i, y_i) / \max(x_i, y_i))$

Aliases: divergence

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^2 / (x_i + y_i)^2$

Aliases: Kullback, Leibler

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sum_i [x_i * \log((x_i / \sum_j x_j) / (y_i / \sum_j y_j)) / \sum_j x_j]$

Aliases: Bray, Curtis

Type : metric

Formula:  $\sum_i |x_i - y_i| / \sum_i (x_i + y_i)$

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Aliases: Soergel
Type    : metric
Formula: sum_i |x_i - y_i| / sum_i max{x_i, y_i}

Aliases: Levenshtein
Type    : other
Formula: Number of insertions, edits, and deletions between two strings

Aliases: Podani, discordance
Type    : metric
Formula: 1 - 2 * (a - b + c - d) / (n * (n - 1))

Aliases: Chord
Type    : metric
Formula: sqrt(2 * (1 - xy / sqrt(xx * yy)))

Aliases: Geodesic
Type    : metric
Formula: arccos(xy / sqrt(xx * yy))

Aliases: Whittaker
Type    : metric
Formula: sum_i |x_i / sum_i x - y_i / sum_i y| / 2

Aliases: Hellinger
Type    : metric
Formula: sqrt(sum_i (sqrt(x_i / sum_i x) - sqrt(y_i / sum_i y)) ^ 2)

Aliases: fJaccard, fuzzy_Jaccard
Type    : metric
Formula: sum_i (min{x_i, y_i} / max{x_i, y_i})

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