

# Perform a statistical adjustment (reweighting)

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Let  $X^1, \dots, X^n$  be some categorical variables, and for each variable  $X^i$  let  $m^{i1}, \dots, m^{in_i}$  its levels, and  $X^{i1}, \dots, X^{in_i}$  the associated dummies. Let  $w$  be an initial weight. We call **adjustement** a weight  $w'$  such that :

- $w'$  is as close as possible to  $w$  (L2 norm)
- $\sum_{k=1}^N w'_k = \sum_{k=1}^N w_k$
- $\forall k \quad 0 \leq w_{\min} \leq w'_k \leq w_{\max}$
- the weighted values of each level  $m^{ij}$  is equal (and/or greater and/or lower) to specified value  $v^{ij}$ .

Consequently

$$w' = \arg \min_{\forall i,j \quad \sum_{k=1}^N x_k X_k^{ij} = v^{ij}} \|x - w\|^2$$

NB: Any equality  $\sum_{k=1}^N x_k X_k^{ij} = v^{ij}$  can be replaced by an inequality.