

Course. Introduction to Machine Learning Work 1. Clustering Exercise

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Preprocess the data



Data in

- You need to read the .arff file
 - You can implement your own code or use scipy.io.arff.loadarff
- Data needs pre-processing
 - Features may contain different ranges
 - Normalize or Standarize the machine learning data
 - -Features may have different types
 - Categorical, Numerical, and mix-type data
 - Data may contain missing values
 - Use the median (for example)



Data pre-processing

- To deal with different ranges
 - Normalize or scale features
- Alternatives
 - Standardisation: Standardisation replaces the values by their Z scores. sklearn.preprocessing.scale
 - **Mean normalisation**: This distribution will have values between -1 and 1with μ =0.
 - sklearn.preprocessing.StandardScaler
 - Min-Max scaling: This scaling brings the value between 0 and 1. sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler
 - Unit vector: Scaling is done considering the whole feature vector to be of unit length.

sklearn.preprocessing.Normalizer



Data pre-processing

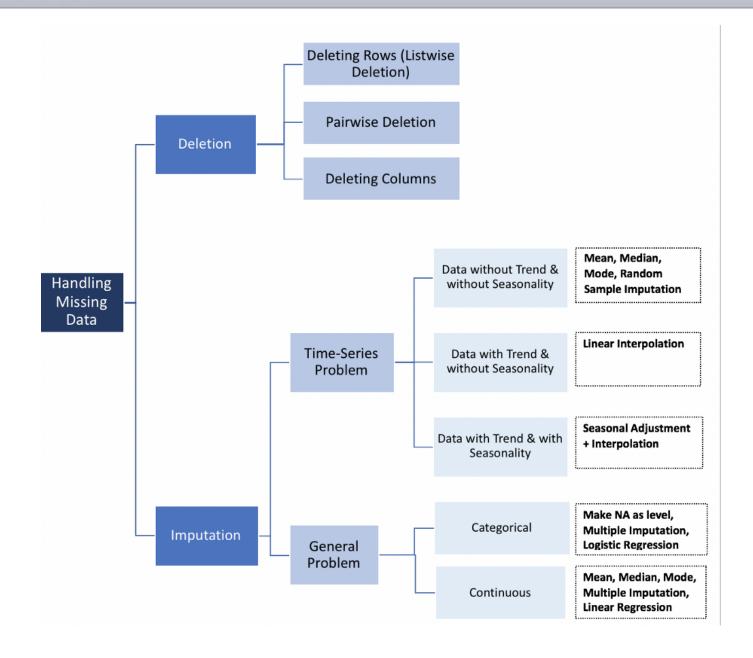
- To deal with different types
- Alternatives
 - Label encoding: convert to a number sklearn.preprocessing.LabelEncoder
 - One hot encoding: where a categorical variable is converted into a binary vector, each possible value of the categorical variable becomes the variable itself with default value of zero and the variable which was the value of the categorical variable will have the value 1.

sklearn.preprocessing.OneHotEncoder



Data pre-processing

To deal with missing values





Agglomerative Clustering

Using sklearn



Agglomerative Clustering

Some Videos

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMyXc3SiEqs
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdT7bhm1M3E
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cy3ci0Vqs3Y
- http://scikitlearn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.cluster.Agglo merativeClustering.html



K-Means

Implement your own code



K-Means basis

- It is a partitional algorithm that ...
 - Assumes instances are real-valued vectors
 - -Clusters based on centroids, center of gravity, or mean of points in a cluster, c:

$$\vec{\mu}(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{|c|} \sum_{\vec{x} \in c} \vec{x}$$

- Reassignment of instances to clusters is based on distance to the current cluster centroids
 - Manhattan distance (L₁ norm), Euclidean distance (L₂ norm), Cosine similarity



Discussion on the K-Means method

- K-Means clustering often terminates at a local optimal
 - Initialization can be important to find high-quality clusters
- Need to specify K, the number of clusters, in advance
 - There are ways to automatically determine the "best" K
 - In practice, one often runs a range of values and selected the "best"
 K value
- Sensitive to noisy data and outliers
 - Variations: Using K-medians, K-medoids, etc.
- K-Means is applicable only to objects in a continuous ndimensional space
 - Using the K-Modes for categorical data
- Non suitable to discover clusters with non-convex shapes
 - Using density-based clustering, kernel k-means, etc.



Variations of K-Means

- There are many variants of the K-Means methods, varying different aspects
 - Choosing better initial centroid estimates
 - K-Means++, Intelligent K-Means, Genetic K-Means
 - Choosing different representatives for the clusters
 - K-Medoids, K-Medians, K-Modes
 - —Applying feature transformation techniques (explained at the supervised part of the course)
 - Weighted K-Means, Kernel K-Means



Initialization of K-Means

- Different initializations may generate rather different clustering results
- Original proposal (MacQueen, 1967): selects the k seed randomly
 - Need to run the algorithm multiple times using different seeds
- There are many methods proposed for better initialization of K seeds
 - K-Means++ (Arthur and Vassilvitskii,2007):
 - The first centroid is selected randomly
 - The next centroid selected is the one that is farthest from the currently selected (selection is based on a weighted probability score).
 - The selection continues until K centroids are obtained





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K-Modes



K-Modes for categorical data

- K-Means cannot handle non-numerical (categorical) data
 - Mapping categorical value to 1/0 cannot generate quality clusters for high-dimensional data
- K-Modes is a variation of the K-Means Method (Huang'98)
 - Replacing means of clusters with modes
 - Using new dissimilarity measures to deal with categorical objects
 - Using a <u>frequency</u>-based method to update modes of clusters



K-Modes basis

K-Modes: an extension to K-Means by replacing means with modes

$$\Phi(x_j, z_j) = 1 - n_j^r/n_i$$
 when $x_j = z_j$; 1 when $x_j \neq z_j$

where z_j is the categorical value of attribute j in Z_l , n_l is the number of objects in cluster l, and n_i^r is the number of objects whose attribute value is r

- Dissimilarity measure between object X and the center of a cluster Z
- The dissimilarity measure (distance function) is frequency-based

$$d(X_i, X_l) \equiv \sum_{j=1}^m \delta(x_{i,j}, x_{l,j})$$

where

$$\delta(x_{i,j}, x_{l,j}) = \begin{cases} 0, & x_{i,j} = x_{l,j} \\ 1, & x_{i,j} \neq x_{l,j} \end{cases}$$

K-Modes algorithm

K-Modes deals with categorical attributes

```
Insert the first K objects into K new clusters.
Calculate the initial K modes for K clusters.
Repeat {
    For (each object O) {
        Calculate the similarity between object O and the modes of all clusters.
        Insert object O into the cluster C whose mode is the least dissimilar to object O.
    }
        Recalculate the cluster modes so that the cluster similarity between mode and objects is maximized.
} until (num_iterations or few objects change clusters).
```



K-Modes

- Algorithm is still based on iterative object cluster assignment and centroid update
- A fuzzy k-modes method is proposed to calculate a fuzzy cluster membership value for each object to each cluster
- A mixture of categorical and numerical data: Using a K-prototype method



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K-Prototypes



K-prototypes Algorithm

- To integrate the k-means and k-modes algorithms into the k-prototypes algorithm that is used to cluster the mixed-type objects
- $A_1^r, A_2^r, \dots, A_p^r, A_{p+1}^c, \dots, A_m^c$, m is the attribute numbers the first p means numeric data, the rest means categorical data



K-prototypes Algorithm(cont.)

$$d_2(X,Y) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} (x_j - y_j)^2 + \gamma \sum_{j=p+1}^{m} \delta(x_j, y_j)$$

- The first term is the Euclidean distance measure on the numeric attributes and the second term is the simple matching dissimilarity measure on the categorical attributes
- The weight \(\gamma \) is used to avoid favoring either type of attribute



K-prototypes Algorithm(cont.)

```
FOR i = 1 TO NumberOfObjects
                 Mindistance= Distance(X[i],O_prototypes[1])+ gamma* Sigma(X[i],C_prototypes[1])
                 FOR j = 1 TO NumberOfClusters
                     distance= Distance(X[i],O_prototypes[j])+ gamma * Sigma(X[i],C_prototypes[j])
                     IF (distance < Mindistance)
 Choose
                         Mindistance=distance
  clusters
                         cluster=j
                     ENDIF
                 ENDFOR
                 Clustership[i]=cluster
                 ClusterCount[cluster] + 1
                 FOR j=1 TO NumberOfNumericAttributes
                     SumInCluster[cluster,j] + X[i,j]
 Modify
                     O_prototypes[cluster,j]=SumInCluster[cluster,j]/ClusterCount[cluster]
                 ENDFOR
the mode
                 FOR j=1 TO NumberOfCategoricAttributes
                     FrequencyInCluster[cluster,j,X[i,j]] + 1
                     C_prototypes[cluster,j]=HighestFreq(FrequencyInCluster,cluster,j)
                ENDFOR
            ENDFOR
```

Figure 2. Initial allocation process.



Modify

the mode

K-prototypes Algorithm (cont.)

```
moves=0
FOR i = 1 TO NumberOfObjects
    (To find the cluster whose prototype is the nearest to object i. Same as Figure 2)
    IF (Clustership[i]<>cluster)
        moves+1
        oldcluster=Clustership[i]
        ClusterCount[cluster] + 1
        ClusterCount[oldcluster] - 1
        FOR j=1 TO NumberOfNumericAttributes
             SumInCluster[cluster,j] + X[i,j]
            SumInCluster[oldcluster,j] - X[i,j]
            O_prototypes[cluster,j]=SumInCluster[cluster,j]/ClusterCount[cluster]
            O_prototypes[oldcluster,j]= SumInCluster[oldcluster,j]/ClusterCount[oldcluster]
        ENDFOR
        FOR j=1 TO NumberOfCategoricAttributes
             FrequencyInCluster[cluster,j,X[i,j]] + 1
             FrequencyInCluster[oldcluster,j,X[i,j]] - 1
            C_prototypes[cluster,j]=HighestFreq(cluster,j)
            C_prototypes[oldcluster,j]=HighestFreq(oldcluster,j)
        ENDFOR
    ENDIF
ENDFOR
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Figure 3. Reallocation process.



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Fuzzy Clustering



Fuzzy Clustering

- Data points are given partial degree of membership in multiple nearby clusters
- Central point in the fuzzy clustering is always no unique partitioning of the data in a collection of clusters
- In this membership value is assigned to each cluster. Sometimes this membership has been used to decide whether the data points belong to the cluster or not



Fuzzy C-Means Clustering (FCM)

Several approximations

- FCM: Fuzzy C-Means Clustering (Bezdek, 1981)
- PCM: Possibililistic C-Means Clustering (Krishnapuram -Keller, 1993)
- FPCM: Fuzzy Possibililistic C-Means
 (N. Pal K. Pal Bezdek, 1997)



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Validation of clustering

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Internal indexes

- Ground truth is rarely available but unsupervised validation must be done.
- Minimizes (or maximizes) internal index:
 - Variances of within cluster and between clusters
 - Rate-distortion method
 - F-ratio
 - Davies-Bouldin index (DBI)
 - Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC)
 - Silhouette Coefficient
 - Minimum description principle (MDL)
 - Stochastic complexity (SC)



Internal indexes

Table B.1: Formulas for internal indexes

Name	Formula			
SSW	$SSW = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\ x_i - C_{p_i} \right\ ^2$			
SSB	$SSB = \frac{2}{M(M-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{M} \ C_i - C_j\ ^2$			
Calinski-Harabasz index	$CH = \frac{SSB/(M-1)}{SSW(N-M)}$			
Hartigan	$H_{M} = (\frac{SSW_{M}}{SSW_{M+1}} - 1)(N - M - 1)$			
Krzanowski-Lai index	$or: H_M = \log(SSB_M/SSW_M)$ $diff_M = (M-1)^{2/D}SSW_{M-1} - M^{2/D}SSW_M$ $KL_M = diff_M / diff_{M+1} $			
Ball&Hall	$BH_{M} = SSW_{M}/M$			
Xu-index	$Xu = D\log(\sqrt{SSW_M/(DN^2)}) + \log M$			
Dunn's index	$Dunn = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{\max(\left\ x_{j} - C_{i}\right\ ^{2})_{j \in C_{i}}}{\left\ x_{j} - C_{i}\right\ ^{2}}$			
Davies&Bouldin index	$R_{ij} = rac{S_i + S_j}{d_{ij}}, i \neq j$ $where: d_{ij} = \ C_i - C_j\ ^2, S_i = rac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \ x_j - C_i\ ^2$ $and, R_i = \max_{j=1,,M} R_{ij}, i = 1,,M$ $DBI = rac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} R_i$			

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Internal indexes

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	$a(x_i) = \frac{1}{n_m - 1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{n_m} \ x_i - x_j\ _{x_i, x_j \in C_m}^2$ $b(x_i) = \min_{t} \left\{ \frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{j \in C_t} \ x_i - x_j\ ^2 \right\}_{x_i \notin C_t}$
	$b(x_i) = \min_{t} \left\{ \frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{j \in C_t} \ x_i - x_j\ ^2 \right\}_{x_i \notin C_t}$
Silhouette Coefficients	$s(x_i) = \frac{b(x_i) - a(x_i)}{\max(a(x_i), b(x_i))}$
	$SC = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} s(x_i)$
	$b(x_i) = \min \left\{ \sum_{t \neq m} \ C_t - C_m\ ^2 \right\}_{x_i \notin C_t} (SC'2008)$
RMSSTD	$RMSSTD = \frac{\sum_{k=1,,M}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{kd}} (x_i - \overline{x^d})^2}}{\sum_{\substack{k=1,,M\\k=1,,M\\d=1,,D}}^{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{kd}} (x_i - \overline{x^d})^2}}$
R-square	$RS = \frac{\sum\limits_{d=1,,D}^{\sum\limits_{l=1}^{n_{d}}(x_{i}-\overline{x^{d}})^{2}-\sum\limits_{k=1,,M}^{\sum\limits_{l=1}^{n_{kd}}(x_{i}-\overline{x^{d}})^{2}}{\sum\limits_{d=1,,D}^{\sum\limits_{l=1}^{n_{d}}(x_{i}-\overline{x^{d}})^{2}}$ $BIC = L * N - \frac{1}{2}M(D+1)\sum\limits_{i=1}^{M}\log(n_{i})$
Bayesian Information Criterion	$BIC = L * N - \frac{1}{2}M(D+1)\sum_{i=1}^{M}\log(n_i)$
Xie-Beni	$XB = rac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{N}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{M}u_{ik}^{2}\ x_{i}-C_{k}\ ^{2}}{N\min\limits_{t eq s}\{\ C_{t}-C_{s}\ ^{2}\}}$
Partition Coefficient	$PC = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{M} u_{ik}^2 / N$ $N = M$
Partition Entropy	$PE = -\left(\sum_{i} \sum_{k} u_{ik} \log(u_{ik})\right)/N$
	Soft partitions



External indexes

Pair counting

- Chi-Squared Coefficient
- Rand Index
- Adjusted Rand Index
- Fowlkes-Mallows Index
- Mirkin Metric

Other measures

- Information theoretic
 - Mutual Information Metric (MI), Normalized Mutual Information,
 Variation of Information
- Set matching
 - Jaccard Index, Normalized Van Dongen, Pair Set Index



Summary of external indexes

Table 1: External Cluster Validation Measures.

	Measure	Notation	Definition	Range
1	Entropy	E	$-\sum_{i} p_{i} \left(\sum_{j} \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}}\right)$	$[0, \log K']$
2	Purity	P	$\sum_{i} p_{i}(\max_{j} \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}})$	(0,1]
3	F-measure	F	$\sum_{j} p_{j} \max_{i} \left[2 \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}} \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{j}} / \left(\frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}} + \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{j}} \right) \right]$	(0,1]
4	Variation of Information	VI	$-\sum_{i} p_{i} \log p_{i} - \sum_{j} p_{j} \log p_{j} - 2\sum_{i} \sum_{j} p_{ij} \log \frac{P_{ij}}{P_{i}P_{j}}$	$[0,2\log\max(K,K')]$
5	Mutual Information	MI	$\sum_{i} \sum_{j} p_{ij} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}p_{j}}$	$(0, \log K']$
6	Rand statistic	R	$[\binom{n}{2} - \sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} - \sum_{j} \binom{n_{i}j}{2} + 2\sum_{ij} \binom{n_{i}j}{2}]/\binom{n}{2}$	(0,1]
7	Jaccard coefficient	J	$\frac{\left[\binom{n}{2} - \sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} - \sum_{j} \binom{n_{i}}{2}\right] + 2\sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2}\right] / \binom{n}{2}}{\sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} / \left[\sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} + \sum_{j} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} - \sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2}\right]}$	[0,1]
8	Fowlkes and Mallows index $$	FM	$\sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} / \sqrt{\sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} \sum_{j} \binom{n_{i}j}{2}}$	[0,1]
9	Hubert Γ statistic I	Γ	$\frac{\binom{n}{2} \sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} - \sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} \sum_{j} \binom{n_{i}j}{2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} \sum_{j} \binom{n_{i}j}{2} ! \binom{n}{2} - \sum_{i} \binom{n_{i}}{2} ! \binom{n}{2} - \sum_{j} \binom{n_{i}j}{2} !}}$	(-1,1]
10	Hubert Γ statistic II	Γ'	$\begin{bmatrix} \binom{n}{2} - 2\sum_{i} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} - 2\sum_{j} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} + 4\sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} \end{bmatrix} / \binom{n}{2}$	[0,1]
11	Minkowski score	MS	$\sqrt{\sum_{i} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} + \sum_{j} \binom{n_{ij}}{2} - 2\sum_{ij} \binom{n_{ij}}{2}} / \sqrt{\sum_{j} \binom{n_{ij}}{2}}$	$[0, +\infty)$
12	classification error	ε	$1 - \frac{1}{n} \max_{\sigma} \sum_{j} n_{\sigma(j),j}$	[0,1)
13	van Dongen criterion	VD	$(2n - \sum_{i} \max_{j} n_{ij} - \sum_{j} \max_{i} n_{ij})/2n$	[0, 1)
14	micro-average precision	MAP	$\sum_{i} p_{i}(\max_{j} \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i}})$	(0,1]
15	Goodman-Kruskal coefficient	GK	$\sum_{i} p_i (1 - \max_j \frac{p_{ij}}{p_i})$	[0,1)
16	Mirkin metric	M	$\sum_{i} n_{i}^{2} + \sum_{j} n_{.j}^{2} - 2 \sum_{i} \sum_{j} n_{ij}^{2}$	$[0,2\binom{n}{2})$

Note: $p_{ij} = n_{ij}/n$, $p_i = n_i/n$, $p_j = n_{ij}/n$.



Clustering evaluation in Python

Clustering performance evaluation

from sklearn import metrics

- Adjusted Rand index
- Mutual information based scores
- Homogeneity, completeness and V-measure
- Fowlkes-Mallows scores
- Silhouette Coefficient
- Calinski-Harabaz Index
- Davies-Bouldin Index
- Contingency Matrix



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