

Matric distances:

Let X be an n -dimensional real vector space R^n ,

$$x_i, x_j \in \mathcal{X}, \quad x_i = (x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)})^T, \quad x_j = (x_j^{(1)}, x_j^{(2)}, \dots, x_j^{(n)})^T,$$

The LP distance of x_i, x_j is defined as: $p > 1$

$$L_p(x_i, x_j) = (\sum_{l=1}^n |x_i^{(l)} - x_j^{(l)}|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

When $p = 1$, it is called Manhattan distance:

$$L_1(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{l=1}^n |x_i^{(l)} - x_j^{(l)}|$$

When $p = 2$, it is called Euclidean distance:

$$L_2(x_i, x_j) = (\sum_{l=1}^n |x_i^{(l)} - x_j^{(l)}|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

When $p = \infty$, it is the maximum value of each coordinate distance:

$$L_\infty(x_i, x_j) = \max_l |x_i^{(l)} - x_j^{(l)}|$$




Example

Given the three points $x_1 = (1,1)^T$, $x_2 = (5,1)^T$, $x_3 = (4,4)^T$, in two-dimensional space, we try to find the nearest neighbor of x_1 under the L_p distance when p takes different values.

Find the following Distances:



The distance between x_1 and x_2 :

-  The Manhattan distance between x_1 and x_3 .
-  The Euclidean distance between x_1 and x_3 .
-  Minkowski distance between x_1 and x_3 .