

**UIUC-CS412 “An Introduction to Data Mining” (Fall 2020)**  
**Midterm Exam**

(Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, 90 minutes, 100 marks)

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# CS412 Fall 2020 Exam Honor Code

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## 1 Minkowski Distance [10 points]

Given two data points in 2-D space:  $x_1 = (1, 2)'$  and  $x_2 = (4, 3)'$ .

- (a) [2 pts] What is the  $L_2$  distance between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ?

**Solution:**  $\sqrt{10}$

- (b) [2 pts] What is the  $L_1$  distance between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ?

**Solution:** 4

- (c) [2 pts] What is the  $L_\infty$  distance between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ?

**Solution:** 3

- (d) [2 pts] Given another data point  $x_3 = (a, b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are unknown real numbers. Under which condition is the  $L_2$  distance between  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  less than or equal to the  $L_1$  distance between them?

**Solution:** always (any  $a$  and any  $b$ )

- (e) [2 pts] For  $x_3$  given in (d), under which condition is the  $L_2$  distance between  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  equal to the  $L_\infty$  distance between them?

**Solution:**  $a = 1$  or  $b = 2$

## 2 Basic Statistics and Normalization [20 points]

Table 2 provides the information of 9 randomly sampled students' midterm exam scores of an online course.

Table 1: Midterm Exam Scores of 9 Students.

Student No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Final	99	82	78	100	89	92	88	60	75

- (a) [3 pts] What is the median score?

**Solution: 88**

- (b) [3 pts] If the score for student # 8 increases to 85, how would that affect the median score of this dataset?

**Solution: no change**

- (c) [2 pts. **True or False**] If we perform normalization by decimal scaling, the normalized scores will be in the range of  $[0, 1]$ .

**Solution: False**

- (d) [10 pts in total] Suppose we have  $N$  data points, where  $N$  is an even number. Here, we exclude the special case where all data points have exactly the same value. If we normalize them using *min-max* normalization to the range of  $[0, 2]$ , we find out that the sample mean of the normalized data points is 1. What is the largest possible sample variance of these  $N$  normalized data points? [3 pts] When does that happen? [2 pts] What is the smallest possible sample variance of these  $N$  normalized data points? [3 pts] When does that happen? [2 pts]

**Solution:**  $N/(N - 1)$  when all points equal to either 0 or 2;  $2/(N - 1)$  when 1 point equals to 0, 1 point equals to 2 and all other points equals to 1.

- (e) [2 pts] Suppose we have  $N$  data points, where  $N$  is an even number. We normalize them using *z-score* normalization. What is the largest possible variance of these  $N$  normalized data points?

**Solution:** 1 (always 1)

### 3 $\chi^2$ (Chi-Square) Test [20 points]

Given the following contingency table, we want to use  $\chi^2$  test to decide if the two random variables (play chess vs. like science fiction) are correlated or not.

Table 2: Contingency Table.

	play chess	not play chess	sum (row)
like science fiction	100	400	500
not like science fiction	300	200	500
sum (column)	400	600	1000

- (a) [4 pts] Under the null hypothesis (i.e., ‘play chess’ and ‘like science fiction’ are independent with each other), what is the expected number for ‘play chess’ and ‘like science fiction’?

**Solution:**  $4/10 * 1/2 * 1000 = 200$

- (b) [4 pts] Under the null hypothesis (i.e., ‘play chess’ and ‘like science fiction’ are independent with each other), what is the expected number for ‘play chess’ and ‘not like science fiction’?

**Solution:**  $4/10 * 1/2 * 1000 = 200$

- (c) [4 pts in total] What is the  $\chi^2$  value? [2 pts] Based on that, are these two random variables uncorrelated or not? [2 pts] [*Hint: The chi-square table is attached at the end of the exam book if needed. You can pick confidence level of 0.05 if needed.*]

**Solution: 167.7. correlated**

- (d) [6 pts in total] Now, let us consider the following contingency table in Tabel 3, where  $0 \leq x \leq 1000$  is an integer. Under which condition are the two random variables ('play chess' vs. 'like science fiction') *un-correlated* regardless the confidence level? [3 pts] Under which condition is the expected number for 'play chess' vs. 'like science fiction' larger than its observed number? [3 pts]

Table 3: Contingency Table.

	play chess	not play chess	sum (row)
like science fiction	$x$	$1000 - x$	1000
not like science fiction	300	200	500
sum (column)	$300 + x$	$1200 - x$	1500

**Solution:**  $x = 600$ ;  $x < 600$

- (e) [2 pts.] Now, let us consider the following contingency table in Tabel 4, where  $a, b, c, d$  are positive integers. Under which condition are the two random variables ('play chess' vs. 'like science fiction') *un-correlated*, regardless the confidence level?

Table 4: Contingency Table.

	play chess	not play chess	sum (row)
like science fiction	$a$	$b$	$a + b$
not like science fiction	$c$	$d$	$c + d$
sum (column)	$a + c$	$b + d$	$a + b + c + d$

**Solution:**  $ad = bc$



#### 4 Principle Component Analysis (PCA) [15 points]

- (a) [8 pts in total] Given the following three data points in 2-D space,  $x_1 = (1, 2)$ ,  $x_2 = (2, 4)$ , and  $x_3 = (-3, -6)$ . What is the first principle component? [4 pts]? What is the second principle component [4 pts]?

**Solution: 1st pc:**  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(1, 2)$ . **2nd pc:**  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-2, 1)$

- (b) [3 pts] Now, let us add one more data point  $x_4 = (0, 3)$ . *Qualitatively* describe how the newly added data point  $x_4$  would impact the first principle component?

**Solution: 1st pc will move toward  $(0, 1)$  (somewhere between the original 1st pc and  $(0, 1)$ )**

- (c) [4 pts in total] Now, let us add an *infinite* amount of data points  $x_i = (0, 3)$ , ( $i = 4, 5, \dots$ ). What is the first principle component of the entire dataset  $\{x_i, (i = 1, 2, \dots)\}$ ? [2 pts] If we only use the first principle component to approximate the original dataset, what is the reconstruction error? [2 pts] Note that the reconstruction error can be computed as  $\frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - \tilde{x}_i)^2}$ , where  $\tilde{x}_i$  is the reconstructed data point for  $x_i$  using the first principle component, and  $N$  is the total number of data points.

**Solution: first pc:**  $(0, 1)$ , **reconstruction error:** 0

## 5 Data Warehouse [15 points]

- (a) [4 pts] Suppose we will build a data warehouse with three dimensions, including `location`, `supplier`, and `item`. If we do not consider the concept hierarchy, how many *non-base* cuboids are there in total?

**Solution:** 7

- (b) [6 pts in total] Suppose the `location` dimension has three different values, including `Urbana`, `Chicago` and `New York City`; the *total* number of different values of `supplier` dimension and the `item` dimension 10. How many *base cells* are there *at most*? [3 pts] How many *aggregated cells* are there *at most*? [3 pts]

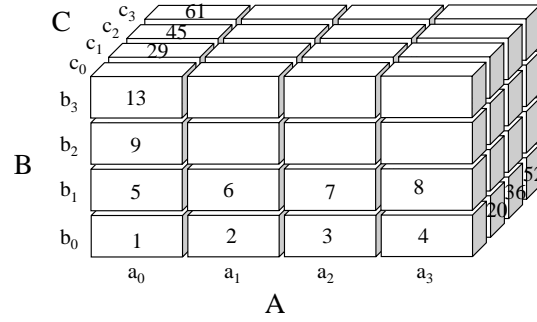
**Solution:** base cells:  $-3x^2 + 30x$ , where  $x$  is the number of different values of `supplier` dimension. when  $x = 5$ , there are most base cells:  $3 \times 5 \times 5 = 75$  and aggregated cells:  $-x^2 + 10x + 44$ , when  $x = 5$ , it reaches the maximum: 69

- (c) [5 pts] Now, suppose we have a new data cube with 100 dimensions. There are only two base cells in the base cuboid:  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_{100})$  and  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, b_4, \dots, b_{100})$ , where  $a_i \neq b_i (i = 4, \dots, 100)$ . How many *aggregated* cells are there in total?

**Solution:**  $2^{101} - 2(\text{base cells themselves}) - 8(\text{overlapped})$

## 6 Data Cube Computation [20 points]

Assume our data is stored in a data cube with 3 dimensions  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . We would like to do full cube computation using multi-way array aggregation. The lengths of dimension  $A$  and  $B$  are 4000 and 200, respectively. The length of dimension  $C$  is an unknown value  $x$ . We cut each dimension in quarters and get 64 chunks as follows.



- (a) [4 pts] If we follow the scan order 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-..., what is the memory requirement to compute the whole cube?

**Solution:** **BC:**  $50 * x/4 = 12.5x$ ; **AB:**  $4000 * 200 = 800000$ ; **AC:**  $4000 * x/4 = 1000x$ . **In total,**  $800000 + 1012.5x$ .

- (b) [4 pts] If we follow the scan order 1-5-9-13-2-6-10-14-3-7-..., what is the memory requirement to compute the whole cube?

**Solution:** **BC:**  $200 * x/4 = 50x$ ; **AB:**  $4000 * 200 = 800000$ ; **AC:**  $1000 * x/4 = 250x$ . **In total,**  $800000 + 300x$ .

- (c) [4 pts] If we follow the scan order 1-17-33-49-5-21-37-53-9-25-..., what is the memory requirement to compute the whole cube?

**Solution:** **BC:**  $200 * x = 200x$ ; **AB:**  $1000 * 50 = 50000$ ; **AC:**  $1000 * x = 1000x$ . **In total,**  $50000 + 1200x$ .

- (d) [8 pts in total] Under which condition is (b) the most memory-saving order **among (a), (b) and (c)**? [4 pts] Under which condition is (a) more memory-efficient than (b)? [4 pts]

**Solution:**  $x > 833.33$ . **never**

## Appendix

d.f.	P=0.05	P=0.01	P=0.001
1	3.84	6.64	10.83
2	5.99	9.21	13.82
3	7.82	11.35	16.27
4	9.49	13.28	18.47
5	11.07	15.09	20.52
6	12.59	16.81	22.46
7	14.07	18.48	24.43
8	15.51	20.09	26.13
9	16.92	21.67	27.88

Table 5: Table of Chi-square Statistics

**(Opinion).**

1. I ☐ like ☐ dislike the exams in this style.
2. In general, the exam questions are ☐ too hard ☐ too easy ☐ just right.
3. I ☐ have plenty of time ☐ have just enough time ☐ do not have enough time to finish the exam questions.