

Submission Instructions

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Answer to Question 1

To prove:

$$\text{cost}(S, T) \leq 2 \cdot \text{cost}_w(\hat{S}, T) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \text{cost}(S_i, T_i)$$

Given: $S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_l$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost}(S, T) &= \sum_{x \in S} d(x, T)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} d(x, T)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} [\min_{z \in T} d(x, z)]^2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{-- eq(1.1)}$$

Using the triangle inequality, we get:

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

so, for $\min_{z \in T} d(x, z)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{z \in T} d(x, z) &\leq \min_{z \in T} [d(x, y) + d(y, z)] \\ &\leq d(x, y) + \min_{z \in T} d(y, z) \end{aligned} \quad \text{-- eq(1.2)}$$

Substituting eq(1.2) in eq(1.1), we get:

$$\text{cost}(S, T) \leq \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} \left(d(x, y) + \min_{z \in T} d(y, z) \right)^2$$

Applying the inequality,

$$(a + b)^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2 \text{ in above Equation:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost}(S, T) &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} d(x, y)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} \min_{z \in T} d(y, z)^2 \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} d(x, y)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} d(y, T)^2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{-- eq(1.3)}$$

For every $x \in S_i$, let $y = t_{ij}$. So, y will be the centroid that $x \in S_i$ is assigned to, during the clustering.

Hence we get,

$$\sum_{x \in S_i} d(x, y)^2 = \sum_{x \in S_i} d(x, T_i)^2 = \text{cost}(S_i, T_i)$$

For the second term in eq(1.3), y takes values in $\hat{S} = t_{ij}$ and the number of times that y takes a particular outcome t_{ij} is proportional to the number of times $x \in S_i$ is assigned to the cluster center t_{ij} .

So,

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{x \in S_i} d(y, T)^2 = \sum_{y \in \hat{S}} |S_{ij}| \cdot d(y, T)^2 = \text{cost}_w(\hat{S}, T)$$

Substituting above results in eq(1.3), we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
cost(S, T) &\leq 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) + 2 cost_w(\hat{S}, T) \\
\Rightarrow cost(S, T) &\leq 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) + 2 cost_w(\hat{S}, T) \quad - \text{eq(1.4)}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

Answer to Question 2

Task: To Prove:

$$\sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) \leq \alpha cost(S, T^*)$$

Algorithm ALG guarantees an upper bound for each term $cost(S_i, T_i)$ like so:

$$cost(S_i, T_i) \leq \alpha cost(S_i, T_i^*) \leq \alpha cost(S_i, T^*)$$

Here T_i^* is the optimal clustering for S_i ($1 \leq i \leq l$)

The second term of the inequality $\alpha cost(S_i, T_i^*)$ is deduced from the following logic: Algorithm ALG returns T_i that is α -approximate of T_i^*

The third term $\alpha cost(S_i, T^*)$ is deduced from: T_i is the optimal clustering set for S_i . So it must have a cost that is lower than any other clustering set T' including T^*

Applying summation over i to first and third term, we get:

$$\sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha cost(S_i, T^*)$$

$$\text{Since } \sum_{i=1}^l S_i = S$$

$$\text{We get, } \sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) \leq \alpha cost(S, T^*) \quad - \text{eq(2.1)}$$

Hence proved.

Answer to Question 3

Task: Prove the following:

$$cost(S, T) \leq (4\alpha^2 + 6\alpha) \cdot cost(S, T^*)$$

We first prove the two facts provided in the homework to do the actual proof.

Proof a: To prove: $cost_\omega(\hat{S}, T) \leq \alpha \cdot cost_\omega(\hat{S}, T^*)$

Let \hat{T}^* be the optimum clustering for \hat{S}

$$\Rightarrow cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T) \leq \alpha \cdot cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, \hat{T}^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T) \leq \alpha \cdot cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T^*)$$

—eq(3.1)

Hence Proved Proof(a)

Proof b: To prove: $cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T^*) \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) + 2 \cdot cost(S, T^*)$

For any $x \in S_{ij}$ where $1 \leq i < l, 1 \leq j \leq k$:

$$d(t_{ij}, T^*)^2 \leq 2d(t_{ij}, x)^2 + 2d(x, T^*)^2$$

Sum over all i,j,x we get:

$$cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T^*) \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i) + 2 \cdot cost(S, T^*)$$

—eq(3.2)

Hence Proved Proof(b)

From Proof of Q1 i.e., eq(1.4), we know:

$$cost(S, T) \leq 2 \cdot cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^l cost(S_i, T_i)$$

Using proof of Q2 i.e., eq(2.1), we can rewrite the above equation as:

$$cost(S, T) \leq 2 \cdot cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T) + 2\alpha cost(S, T^*)$$

Using Proof a i.e., eq(3.1), we can rewrite the above equation like so:

$$cost(S, T) \leq 2\alpha cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T^*) + 2\alpha cost(S, T^*)$$

— eq(3.3)

Substituting proof of Q2 i.e., eq(2.1) in eq(3.2), we get:

$$cost_{\omega}(\hat{S}, T^*) \leq 2\alpha cost(S, T^*) + 2cost(S, T^*)$$

— eq(3.4)

Using eq(3.3) and eq(3.4)

$$cost(S, T) \leq 2\alpha(2\alpha cost(S, T^*) + 2cost(S, T^*)) + 2\alpha cost(S, T^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow cost(S, T) \leq (4\alpha^2 + 6\alpha)cost(S, T^*).$$

Hence Proved