

Solve the exercise on slide 10.

Calculate the cosine similarity between the symptoms of the reports.

- Report 1 $\rightarrow r_1 = [1, 1, 1, 0, 0]$
- Report 2 $\rightarrow r_2 = [1, 0, 0, 1, 1]$

Calculation:

$$r_1 \cdot r_2 = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$\|r_1\| = \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\|r_2\| = \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Cosine Similarity} = (r_1 \cdot r_2) / (\|r_1\| \|r_2\|) = 1 / (\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}) = 1/3 \approx 0.333$$

Is cosine similarity the same as the Euclidian distance when the vectors are normalized?

$$d_{\text{Euk}}(u, v) = \sqrt{2 - 2 \cdot \cos(\theta)} = \sqrt{2 \cdot (1 - \text{CosineSimilarity})}$$

So higher cosine similarity \Rightarrow lower Euclidean distance.

Would the results profit from using SNOMED CT?

Yes. SNOMED CT links synonyms and related terms (e.g., “shortness of breath” = “dyspnea”), reducing wording differences and improving similarity accuracy.

Make the code in Sentiment-NB.jpynb in the materials of week 3 run on your machine. The three data text files are in the folder data of week 3. Why is padding the text not useful here?

Padding isn't needed because Naive Bayes uses bag-of-words features, not word order or sequence length. It just adds useless zeros. Padding is only useful for sequence models like RNNs or Transformers that need fixed-length inputs.