

Chapter 7

Clustering Analysis

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Outline

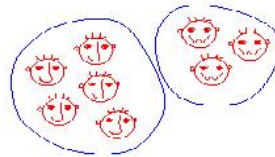
- Cluster Analysis
- Partitioning Clustering
- Hierarchical Clustering
- Large Size Data Clustering

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What is Cluster Analysis?

- **Cluster:** A collection of data objects
 - similar (or related) to one another within the same group
 - dissimilar (or unrelated) to the objects in other groups
- **Cluster analysis**
 - Finding similarities between data according to the characteristics found in the data and grouping similar data objects into clusters
- **Clustering vs. classification**
 - **Clustering - Unsupervised learning**
 - No predefined classes



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Applications

- **Marketing**
 - Market segmentation (customers) – marketing strategy is tailored for each segment.
 - Market structure analysis (products) – similar / competitive products are identified
 - Investigation of neighborhood lifestyles – potential demand for products and services.
- **Finance**
 - Balanced portfolios – securities from different clusters based on their returns, volatilities, industries, and market capitalization.
 - Industry analysis – similar firms based on growth rate, profitability, market size, ..., are studied to understand a given industry.

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Applications

- Web search: cluster queries or cluster search results.
- Chemistry: Periodic table of the elements
- Biology: Organizing species based on their similarity (DNA/ Protein sequences)
- Army: a new set of size system for army uniforms.

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Measure the Similarity

- **Dissimilarity/Similarity metric**
 - Similarity is expressed in terms of a distance function, typically metric: $d(i, j)$
 - The definitions of **distance functions** are usually rather different for numerical, boolean, categorical, ordinal, and vector variables
 - Weights should be associated with different variables based on applications and data semantics

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Similarity and Dissimilarity

- **Similarity**
 - Numerical measure of how alike two data objects are
 - Value is higher when objects are more alike
 - Often falls in the range [0,1]
- **Dissimilarity (i.e., distance)**
 - Numerical measure of how different are two data objects
 - Lower when objects are more alike
 - Minimum dissimilarity is often 0
 - Upper limit varies

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Difference Measure for Numerical Data

- **Numerical (interval)-based:**
 - Continuous measurements of a roughly linear scale.
 - Distance between each pair of objects.

- Euclidean Distance

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt{(|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^2 + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^2 + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^2)}$$

- Manhattan (city block) Distance

$$d(i, j) = |x_{i1} - x_{j1}| + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}| + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|$$

- Minkowski Distance

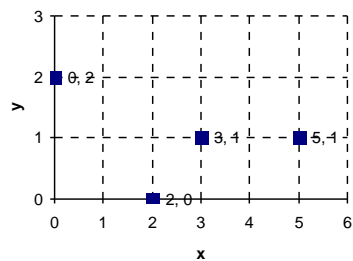
$$d(i, j) = (|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^p + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^p + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^p)^{1/p}$$

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Example: Distance Measures

point	x	y
p1	0	2
p2	2	0
p3	3	1
p4	5	1



Manhattan Distance	p1	p2	p3	p4
p1	0	4	4	6
p2	4	0	2	4
p3	4	2	0	2
p4	6	4	2	0

Euclidean Distance	p1	p2	p3	p4
p1	0	2.828	3.162	5.099
p2	2.828	0	1.414	3.162
p3	3.162	1.414	0	2
p4	5.099	3.162	2	0

Distance Matrix

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Distance Measures for Binary Variable

- A binary variable has only two states: 0 or 1 (boolean values).
 - Symmetric: both of its states are equally valuable, e.g., *male* and *female* for **Gender**.
 - Asymmetric: the outcomes of the states are not equally important, e.g., *positive* and *negative* for **Test**.

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Binary Variables

- A contingency table for binary data (p is the total number of binary variables)

		Object <i>j</i>		
		1	0	sum
Object <i>i</i>	1	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a+b</i>
	0	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c+d</i>
	sum	<i>a+c</i>	<i>b+d</i>	<i>p</i>

- Distance measure for symmetric binary variables:

$$d_{sym}(i, j) = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c+d}$$

- Distance measure for asymmetric binary variables:

$$d_{asym}(i, j) = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c}$$

$$sim_{Jaccard}(i, j) = \frac{a}{a+b+c} = 1 - d_{asym}(i, j)$$

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Example of Dissimilarity between Asymmetric Binary Variables

$$d_{asym}(i, j) = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c}$$

Name	Gender	Fever	Cough	Test-1	Test-2	Test-3	Test-4
Jack	M	Y (1)	N (0)	P (1)	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)
Mary	F	Y (1)	N (0)	P (1)	N (0)	P (1)	N (0)
Jim	M	Y (1)	P (1)	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)

$$d(Jack, Mary) = \frac{1}{2+1} = 0.33$$

$$d(Jack, Jim) = \frac{2}{1+2} = 0.67$$

$$d(Mary, Jim) = \frac{3}{1+3} = 0.75$$

* These measurements suggest that Mary and Jim are unlikely to have a similar disease, and Jack and Mary are the most likely to have a similar disease.

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Categorical (Nominal) Variables

- A generalization of the binary variable in that it can take more than 2 states, e.g., red, yellow, blue, green
- Method 1: Simple matching
 - m : # of matches, p : total # of variables
$$d(i, j) = \frac{p - m}{p}$$
- Method 2: Use a large number of binary variables
 - creating a new binary variable for each of the M nominal states

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Ordinal Variables

- An ordinal variable can be discrete or continuous, and order is important, e.g., scores, pain levels
- Can be treated like interval-scaled,
 - if f has M_f ordered states, replace x_{if} by their rank

$$r_{if} \in \{1, \dots, M_f\}$$
 - Since each ordinal variable can have different M_f , map the range of each variable onto $[0, 1.0]$ by replacing i -th object in the f -th variable by

$$z_{if} = \frac{r_{if} - 1}{M_f - 1}$$
 - compute the dissimilarity using methods for interval-scaled variables

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Example of Ordinal Variables

Name	Gender	Pain Levels	Blood Pressure
Jack	M	5	140/90
Mary	F	3	120/80
Jim	M	2	160/120

Pain levels (1-10):

$$5 \rightarrow (5-1)/(10-1) = 0.44$$

$$3 \rightarrow (3-1)/(10-1) = 0.22$$

$$2 \rightarrow (2-1)/(10-1) = 0.11$$

Blood Pressure (High, Normal, Low):

$$140/90 \text{ (High - 3)} \rightarrow (3-1)/(3-1) = 1$$

$$120/80 \text{ (Normal - 2)} \rightarrow (2-1)/(3-1) = 0.5$$

$$160/120 \text{ (High-3)} \rightarrow (3-1)/(3-1) = 1$$

Name	Gender	Pain Levels	Blood Pressure
Jack	M	0.44	1
Mary	F	0.22	0.5
Jim	M	0.11	1

$$d(\text{Jack, Mary}) = ((0.44 - 0.22)^2 + (1 - 0.5)^2)^{1/2} = 0.55$$

$$d(\text{Jack, Jim}) = ((0.44 - 0.11)^2 + (1 - 1)^2)^{1/2} = 0.33$$

$$d(\text{Mary, Jim}) = ((0.22 - 0.11)^2 + (0.5 - 1)^2)^{1/2} = 0.51$$

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Variables of Mixed Types

- A database may contain different types of variables
 - symmetric binary, asymmetric binary, nominal, ordinal, interval
- One approach is to group each type of variable together, performing a separate cluster analysis for each type.
- One approach is to bring different variables onto a common scale of the interval [0.0, 1.0], performing a single cluster analysis.
 - A weighted formula

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A Weighted Formula

$$d(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^p u_{ij}^{(f)} d_{ij}^{(f)}}{\sum_{f=1}^p u_{ij}^{(f)}}$$

- *Weight* $_{ij}^{(f)} = 0$
 - if x_{if} or x_{jf} is missing
 - or $x_{if} = x_{jf} = 0$ and variable f is asymmetric binary,

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A Weighted Formula

$$d(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^p u_{ij}^{(f)} d_{ij}^{(f)}}{\sum_{f=1}^p u_{ij}^{(f)}}$$

- Otherwise, *Weight* $_{ij}^{(f)} = 1$.
- The contribution of variable f to $d_{ij}^{(f)}$ is computed depended on its type.
 - f is symmetric binary or categorical (nominal):
 $d_{ij}^{(f)} = 0$ if $x_{if} = x_{jf}$, or $d_{ij}^{(f)} = 1$ otherwise
 - f is ordinal, compute ranks r_{if} and treat z_{if} as interval-scaled.
 - f is interval-based: use the normalized distance with range $[0, 1.0]$

$$d_{ij}^{(f)} = \frac{|x_{if} - x_{jf}|}{\max_h x_{hf} - \min_h x_{hf}}$$

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Example

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Jim	M	2	160/120	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)

- Gender is a symmetric attribute, Pain levels and Blood pressures are ordinal, and the remaining attributes are asymmetric binary

Name	Gender	Pain Levels	Blood Pressure	Test-1	Test-2	Test-3	Test-4
Jack	M	0.44	1	P (1)	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)
Mary	F	0.22	0.5	P (1)	N (0)	P (1)	N (0)
Jim	M	0.11	1	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)	N (0)

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- When $i = \text{Jack}$ and $j = \text{Mary}$, $_{ij}^{(\text{gender})} = 1$, $_{ij}^{(\text{Pain Levels})} = 1$, $_{ij}^{(\text{Blood Pressure})} = 1$, $_{ij}^{(\text{Test-1})} = 1$, $_{ij}^{(\text{Test-2})} = 0$, $_{ij}^{(\text{Test-3})} = 1$, $_{ij}^{(\text{Test-4})} = 0$

$$d(\text{Jack}, \text{Mary}) = \frac{1*1 + 1*\frac{|0.44 - 0.22|}{(0.44 - 0.11)} + 1*\frac{|1 - 0.5|}{(1 - 0.5)} + 1*0 + 1*1}{1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 0} = 0.734$$

$$d(\text{Jack}, \text{Jim}) = \frac{1*0 + 1*\frac{|0.44 - 0.11|}{(0.44 - 0.11)} + 1*\frac{|1 - 1|}{(1 - 0.5)} + 1*1}{1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 0} = 0.5$$

$$d(\text{Jim}, \text{Mary}) = \frac{1*1 + 1*\frac{|0.22 - 0.11|}{(0.44 - 0.11)} + 1*\frac{|1 - 0.5|}{(1 - 0.5)} + 1*1 + 1*1}{1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 0} = 0.866$$

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Vector Objects: Cosine Similarity

- Vector objects: keywords in documents, gene features in micro-arrays, ...
- Applications: information retrieval, biologic taxonomy, ...
- Cosine measure: If d_1 and d_2 are two vectors, then

$$\cos(d_1, d_2) = (d_1 \bullet d_2) / \|d_1\| \|d_2\| ,$$

where \bullet indicates vector dot product, $\|d\|$: the length of vector d

- Example:

$$d_1 = 3 \ 2 \ 0 \ 5 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0$$

$$d_2 = 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 2$$

$$d_1 \bullet d_2 = 3*1 + 2*0 + 0*0 + 5*0 + 0*0 + 0*0 + 0*0 + 2*1 + 0*0 + 0*2 = 5$$

$$\|d_1\| = (3^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 + 5^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 + 0^2)^{0.5} = (42)^{0.5} = 6.481$$

$$\|d_2\| = (1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 2^2)^{0.5} = (6)^{0.5} = 2.245$$

$$\cos(d_1, d_2) = .3150$$