


TF-IDF mathematical intuition

TF = Term frequency = $\frac{\# \text{ times word appears in sentence}}{\text{total } \# \text{ words in sentence}}$

IDF = Inverse document freq = $\log \left(\frac{\text{total } \# \text{ of sentences}}{\# \text{ sentences word appears in}} \right)$

TF-IDF score for each word in sentence: $TF * IDF$

Example

s1: cute cat
s2: cute dog
s3: cute cat dog

	TF		
	s1	s2	s3
cute	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
cat	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$
dog	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

	IDF
words	IDF
cute	$\log \left(\frac{3}{3} \right)$
cat	$\log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$
dog	$\log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$

	cute	cat	dog
s1	0	$\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$	0
s2	0	0	$\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$
s3	0	$\frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$	$\frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$

x1 s1 vector: $[0, \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right), 0]$

x2 s2 vector: $[0, 0, \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)]$

x3 s3 vector: $[0, \frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right), \frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)]$

Important terms get higher weights.

$$P(Y=x|h) = \frac{e^{b_0 + b_1(TF-IDF \text{ of cute}) + b_2(TF-IDF \text{ cat}) + b_3(TF-IDF \text{ dog})}}{1 + e^{b_0 + b_1(\cdot) + b_2(\cdot) + b_3(\cdot)}}$$

$$\text{logistic reg function: } P(Y=x|h=x) = \frac{e^{b_0 + b_1 x}}{1 + e^{b_0 + b_1 x}}$$