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Euclidean Distance and K-NN (K Nearest Neighbors)

KNN or K-Nearest Neighbor is a method that simply searches the observations closest to the one you are trying to predict and classifies the point of interest based on most of the data around you. KNN is an algorithm that:

- It is supervised: it means that the training data sets are labeled, with the case or expected result given a "data row".
- It is instance-based: This means that our algorithm does not explicitly learn a model (such as logistic regression or decision trees). Instead, memorize the training instances that are used as the "knowledge base" for the prediction phase.

KNN works as follows:

1. Calculate the distance between the item to be classified and the rest of the items in the training dataset.
2. Select the closest "k" elements (with less distance, depending on the function used)
3. Carry out a "majority vote" among the k points: those of a class / label that <<dominen>> will decide their final classification.

Taking into account point 3, we will see that to decide the class of a point the value of k is very important, since this will almost end up defining to which group the points will belong, especially at the "boundaries" between groups.

The most popular ways to "measure closeness" between points are the Euclidean distance.

Euclidean distance formula (1 - D)

$$d(A, B) = \sqrt{(X_B - X_A)^2}$$

Donde:

d = distance between points

A, B : Points A and B

$d(A, B)$: Distance between A and B

X_B : Value of X subscript B

X_A : Value of X subscript A

Euclidean distance is a positive number that measures the distance between two points on a plane (a line) .

The formula can be applied in Euclidean spaces, it means that it can be n dimensions (one dimension (1 -D), two dimensions (2 - D), three dimensions (3 - D) up to n).

Euclidean distance formula (N dimensions)

$$d(P, Q) = \sqrt{(Q_1 - P_1)^2 + (Q_2 - P_2)^2 + \dots + (Q_n - P_n)^2}$$

Donde:

d = distance between points

X, Y : Points A and B

$d(X, Y)$: Distance between points A and B

Q_n : Q point value in n axis

P_n : Point value P on axis n

In third dimension (3 - D), according to the formula, a point Q has coordinates (X_q , Y_q and Z_q).

In the fourth dimension (4 - D), according to the formula, a point Q has the coordinates (X_q , Y_q , Z_q and W_q).

Therefore, the distance between points P and Q is the length of the line that joins these points.

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