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Lecture Schedule





Agenda



- Similarity Measures
- Clustering Algorithms
 - K-Means Clustering
 - Gaussian Mixtures
 - DBSCAN
 - Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering
- Evaluation of Clustering Results

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Problem Settings in Machine Learning



Supervised Learning (Labels available for training)

Classification

Categorical output

e.g. $x \in$ Fruits, $y \in$ {"apple", "orange"}

f()= "apple" f()= "orange"

Regression

Continuous output e.g.: $x \in$ Fruits, $y \in \mathbb{R}_+ \triangleq t$ until ripe) f () = 12 days

Structured Prediction

e.g. $x \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times h \times d}$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times h} \triangleq$ pixels



Unsupervised Learning (No labels during training) Clustering e.g. $x \in Apples$, $y \in 1...k$



Dimensionality reduction

 $x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \, x' \in \mathbb{R}^p, \, p \leq d$

e.g., projecting all features of a fruit to 2 dimensions for visualization



Semi-Supervised Learning (Some labels for training)

Anomaly / novelty detection trained only on "normal" samples e.g. $x \in Apples, y \in \{ \bigcirc, \bigotimes \}$



Transfer Learning



Reinforcement Learning



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Clusters of Patients



(B) Patient-patient network for topology patterns on 2551 T2D patients. Each node represents a single or a group of patients with the significant similarity based on their clinical features. Edge connected with nodes indicates the nodes have shared patients. Red color represents the enrichment for patients with females, and blue color represents the enrichment for males.





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Clusters of Text Documents





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Clusters of Pixels





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Clusters of Genes

Unsupervised hierarchical clustering analysis of gene expression for the 59 differentially expressed genes between JDM and HC. The heatmap shows the median-normalized expression of individual genes across all samples. Heatmap colors represent relative mRNA expression as indicated in the color key

Jiang, K., Karasawa, R., Hu, Z. *et al.* Plasma exosomes from children with juvenile dermatomyositis are taken up by human aortic endothelial cells and are associated with altered gene expression in those cells. *Pediatr Rheumatol* **17**, 41 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1186/s12969-019-0347-0





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Clustering



- Identifies sub-groups without explicit labels
- "Good" clustering:
 - Similar data belong to the same cluster
 - Dissimilar data belong to different clusters
- How do we measure similarity?



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Similarity and Distance Measures



- Distance measures D(X,Y) quantify similarity or dissimilarity between two data points X,Y
- Mathematical function determining how 'far apart' two entities are in the feature space
- Key properties:
- Non-negativity $D(X,Y) > 0 \text{ if } X \neq Y$ Identity of Indiscernibles D(X,Y) = 0 iff X = Y Symmetry D(X,Y) = D(Y,X) Triangle Inequality $D(X,Z) \leq D(X,Y) + D(Y,Z)$ Similarity: 1 D(X,Y)

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Euclidean Distance





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Minkowski Distance

- Generalized formula for distance in *n* dimensions
- P=2 Euclidian distance
- P=1 Manhattan distance
- P= [∞] Chebyshev distance







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Minkowski Distance Example



- Suppose following two vectors represent three attributes of two data points:
 - □ X = (1, 0, 2) □ Y= (0, 1, 0)
- Euclidian distance (P = 2)

$$\sqrt{(1-0)^2 + (0-1)^2 + (2-0)^2} = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6}$$

Manhattan distance (P = 1)

$$|1 - 0| + |0 - 1| + |2 - 0| = |1| + |-1| + |2| = 4$$

• Chebyshev distance (P= ∞)

$$\max(1,1,2) = 2$$

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Other Similarity / Distance Measures



Jaccard Coefficient

Cosine Similarity:

 $\frac{X \cdot Y}{\|X\| \|Y\|}$

 $\frac{|X \cap Y|}{|X \cup Y|}$

For strings:

Hamming distance (same length strings)
Edit distance

		S	i	t	t	i	n	g
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
k	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i	2	2	1	2	3	4	5	6
t	3	3	2	1	2	3	4	5
t	4	4	3	2	1	2	3	4
e	5	5	4	3	2	2	3	4
n	6	6	5	4	3	3	2	3

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Clustering Algorithms



Partitioning:

- □ *k*-Means
- Expectation-Maximization (EM) using Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM)
- Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise (DBSCAN)
- Hierarchical:
 - Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering



A comparison of the clustering algorithms in scikit-learn

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k-Means Clustering Idea

- 1. Initialize: Choose *k* examples (data points) from the dataset as initial centroids (randomly)
- 2. Cluster assignment: Data points that are the closest (similar) to a centroid will create a cluster
- 3. Move the centroid: A centroid's new value is going to be the mean of all the examples in a cluster
- 4. Repeating: Keep repeating step 2 and 3 until the centroids stop moving, in other words, *k*-Means algorithm is converged



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k-Means Clustering Step 0

- k = 2, Euclidean distance
- A and C are randomly selected as the initial means







• Compute distances between each of the cluster means and all other points

Assign nearest centroid to each point



k-Means Clustering

Step 1.1

Distance to cluster Α 0 1.4 В 2.2 С 1.4 0 3.2 2.8 D Е 4.5 4.2





k-Means Clustering Step 1.1



- Assign each case to the cluster having the closest mean
- Recalculate the cluster means



Distance to cluster							
	1	2	Cluster				
A	0	1.4	1				
В	1	2.2	1				
C	1.4	0	2				
D	3.2	2.8	2				
E	4.5	4.2	2				



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k-Means Clustering Step 1.1



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k-Means Clustering Step 1.1 Plot



- Assign each case to the cluster having the closest mean
- Recalculate the cluster means









• Compute distances between each of the cluster and all other points

 $c_1 = (1.0, 0.5)$

 $c_2 = (1.7, 3.7)$









k-Means Clustering Step 2.1

Compute distances between each of the cluster and all other points



k-Means Clustering

Step 2.1









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k-Means Clustering Step 2.1



k-Means Clustering Step 2.1 Plot



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k-Means Clustering Step 3

 Algorithm has converged – re-calculating distances, reassigning cases to clusters results in no change

 $c_1 = (0.7, 1.0)$

 $c_2 = (2.5, 4.5)$

This is the final solution

		x	У
	А	1	1
C ₁	В	1	0
	С	0	2
	D	2	4
C ₂	E	З	5





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k-Means Clustering Algorithm



- Inputs: K, set of points x₁, ..., x_n
- Place centroids c₁, ..., c_K at random locations
- Repeat until convergence:
 - \square For each point x_i:
 - Find nearest centroid c_j
 - Assign the point x_i to cluster j
 - \square For each cluster j = 1, ..., K:

Distance (e.g. Euclidian between instance x_i and cluster c_j)

$$c_j(a) = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{x_i \to c_j} x_i(a) \quad for \ a = 1..d$$

 $arg \min D(x_i, c_i)$

- New centroid c_i = mean of all points x_i assigned to cluster j in previous step
- Stop when none of the cluster assignments change
- Variants: k-medians, k-medoids

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What should k be?

- k-means clustering algorithm requires the number of clusters k set
- What is the magic number k?
- One heuristic is called Elbow Curve
 - □ Train *k*-Means models for different numbers of *k*
 - y axis := sum of the square distance between points in a cluster and its centroid
 - Stop when returns are diminishing (overfitting)
 - $\hfill\square$... not very accurate and often subjective



https://www.edureka.co/blog/k-means-clusteringalgorithm/

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Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs)

- "Soft" variant of k-Means
- Uses a mixture of k Gaussian distributions
- Each cluster is defined by mean and covariance
- Instead of fixed cluster assignment, each data point has some likelihood of belonging to each cluster
- Iterative estimation of Gaussian parameters similar to k-Means



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- **1. Initialization:** Select the number of clusters and randomly initialize the Gaussian distribution parameters (mean, variance) for each one of them
- 2. E-step: Calculate probability of each data point belonging to a particular cluster (The closer the point is to the Gaussian's center, the better are the chances of it belonging to the cluster)
- **3. M-step:** Update parameters of the Gaussian distributions (means, covariances, and mixture weights) to maximize the likelihood of the observed data
- **4. Convergence**: Repeat the steps 2 and 3 until convergence

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- GMMs supports cluster shapes that are not spherical
- Number of clusters still needs to be chosen a priori
- Training is rather slow, but means can be initialized from *k*-Means

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Gaussian Mixture Models Considerations

Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise (DBSCAN)

- Concepts
 - Core Points
 - Border Points
 - Noise Points
- Two parameters
 - minPts := Minimum number of point needed in a cluster
 - epsilon := Radius to assign a point to cluster using distance function



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DBSCAN Pseudocode

for each unvisited point P in the dataset:

mark P as visited

N := neighbors of P within epsilon distance.

if size of N < minPts:

mark P as noise

else:

create a new cluster with P as a core point for each neighbor P' in N:

if P' previously marked as **noise**:

include P' in cluster as border point

if P' has been visited:

continue

include P' in current cluster as core point N' := neighbors of P' within epsilon distance

if size of N' > minPts:

expand N by N'





Schubert, Erich, et al. "DBSCAN revisited, revisited: why and how you should (still) use DBSCAN." *ACM Transactions on Database Systems (TODS)* 42.3 (2017): 1-21.

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DBSCAN Considerations





- Explicit handling of noise
- Arbitrary cluster shapes
- Quite popular, efficient implementations available
- Sensitive to choice of parameters, especially epsilon

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Hierarchical Clustering



- Builds a hierarchy of clusters
- Agglomerative (bottom-up)
- Divisive (top-down)
- Results can be presented as a dendrogram





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Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering Overview

- Each object is a member of a hierarchy of clusters
- At the bottom of the hierarchy each object is a single cluster
- At the top of the hierarchy all objects belong to single clusters
- Clusters can be linked using different strategies, e.g.:
 - □ Single Linkage: Minimimizes distance between closest observation
 - Maximum or complete linkage: Minimizes the maximum distance between observations
 - Average linkage: Minimizes the average of the distance between all observation



 $L(r,s) = \frac{1}{\sum} \sum_{i=1}^{r} D(x_{ri}, x_{si})$

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 $L(r,s) = \min(D(x_{ri}, x_{si}))$



 $L(r,s) = \max(D(x_{ri}, x_{si}))$





Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering Idea

- 1. Convert object features to distance matrix
- 2. Set each object as a cluster (thus if there are 5 objects, there will be 5 clusters in the beginning)
- 3. Iterate until number of clusters is 1
 - a. Merge two closest clusters
 - b. Update distance matrix



https://people.revoledu.com/kardi/tutorial/ Clustering/Hierarchical%20Clustering%20Al gorithm.htm

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X V Α 1 1 1 В 0 С 0 2 D 2 4 Е З 5





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Euclidean distances Α В D E Α 0 В 1 0 C 1.4 2.2 0 D 3.2 4.1 2.8 0 Ε 4.5 5.4 4.2 1.4 0









× Euclidean distances

	А	В	С	D	E
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Join the two closest points into a cluster

Merge Clusters

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С	1.4	2.2	0	2.8	4.2
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Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering Merge Clusters

- Reduce the distance matrix, using the linkage methods (here: average)
- Draw the dendrogram

	AB	С	D	E
AB	0	1.8	3.6	4.9
С	1.8	0	2.8	4.2
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Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering Merge Clusters



Join the two closest points into a cluster





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Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering Merge Clusters

- Reduce the distance matrix, using the linkage methods
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	ABC	DE
ABC	0	3.9
DE	3.9	0

Average linkage used

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	ABC	DE
ABC	0	3.9
DE	3.9	0

Average linkage used

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Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering Merge Clusters



Join last two clusters





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Evaluation of Clustering Results





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Intrinsic Evaluation

- Evaluation based on shape of clusters themselves
- e.g., Silhouette Coefficient:
 - \Box for each object i in cluster A:
 - $-s(i) = \frac{b(i) a(i)}{\max(a(i), b(i))}$ (silhouette of object i), where
 - a(i) = average dissimilarity of i to all other objects of A
 - d(i, C) = average dissimilarity of i to all objects of C
 - $b(i) = \min_{A \neq C} d(i, C)$ (second best cluster for object i)
 - Silhouette coefficient for a particular clustering is the mean silhouette for all samples

Other options: Davies-Bouldin index, Dunn Index, ...

Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics 20 (1987) $53{-}65$ North-Holland

Silhouettes: a graphical aid to the interpretation and validation of cluster analysis



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Evaluation of the ability of clustering algorithms to separate class compared to ground truth

- Contingency Matrix
 - Similar to confusion matrix
 - How often do assignment to cluster and actual class occur together?

Extrinsic Evaluation



k=2

	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Label 1	0	100
Label 2	100	0
Label 3	0	100



	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3
Label 1	100	0	0
Label 2	0	100	0
Label 3	4	0	96

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Extrinsic Evaluation Rand Index



- Rand Index: Measures the agreement of all pairs of samples (similar to accuracy for classification) $R = \frac{TP + TN}{\binom{n}{2}}$
 - TP is the number of pairs of points that are clustered together in the predicted and the ground truth partitioning
 - TN is the number of pairs of points that are assigned to different clusters in the predicted and the ground truth partitioning
 - $\square \binom{n}{2}$ is the number of pairs in a datasize of size n (TP + TN + FP + FN)
- Adjusted Rand index accounts for agreement by chance
- Others: mutual information, purity, ...

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What to Take Home





- Clustering: art or science?
- Distance and similarity measures
- Clustering algorithms (k-Means, GMM, DBSCAN, Hierarchical)
- Intrinsic and extrinsic evaluation of clustering results



New Jupyter Notebook!

(relevant for Exercise 4)

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