

Unsupervised Learning

When unsupervised learning is useful..

- Unsupervised machine learning finds all kind of unknown patterns in data
- Unsupervised methods help you to find features which can be useful for categorization
- It is easier to get unlabelled data from a computer than labelled data, which needs manual intervention

Unsupervised Learning (Example)

Type 1: Clustering

Clustering is an important concept when it comes to unsupervised learning. It mainly deals with finding a structure or pattern in a collection of uncategorized data. Clustering algorithms will process your data and find natural clusters(groups) if they exist in the data. You can also modify how many clusters your algorithms should identify. It allows you to adjust the granularity of these groups.



sample

Cluster/group

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Type 2: Association

Association rules allow you to establish associations amongst data objects inside large databases. This unsupervised technique is about discovering interesting relationships between variables in large databases. For example, people that buy a new home most likely to buy new furniture.

Other Examples:

- Groups of shopper based on their browsing and purchasing histories
- Movie group by the rating given by movies viewers

K-NN (Nearest Neighbours) ~ K-means Clustering

"Birds of a feather flock together"

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K-NN (Nearest Neighbours)

- Vege: Crunchy but not sweat
- Fruit: Mostly sweet
- Protein: not so crunchy and not sweet as well



how sweet the food tastes

K-means clustering

- Cluster 1: Crunchy
- Cluster 2: not so crunchy and not sweet as well but not sweat
- Cluster 3: Mostly
 sweet



how sweet the food tastes



Sweet

Step 1: Choose the number of clusters you want to identify in your data

K-means clustering



Step 2: Randomly select 3 distinct data points

They will be the initial 3 clusters' centroids



Step 3: Measure the distance btw the 1st point and the three clusters' centroids



Step 4: Assign the first data point to the nearest cluster









Step 6: Calculate the mean of each cluster = Reassigning each cluster's centroid

















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Step 7: Repeat measuring the distance from each data point to clusters' centroids



Since the clustering did not change, the algorithm stops

Crunchy









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K number of clusters (We can adjust)



Because we set each cluster's centroid. In other word, we have K means of clusters

How to choose the number of clusters (k)?



Within-cluster variation (Intra-cluster variation)

$$W(C_k) = \sum_{x_i \in C_k} (x_i - \mu_k)^2$$

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$$W(C_k) = \sum_{x_i \in C_k} (x_i - \mu_k)^2$$

$$W(C_1) = (x_1 - \mu_1)^2 + (x_2 - \mu_1)^2 + (x_3 - \mu_1)^2 + (x_4 - \mu_1)^2$$

$$W(C_1) = \left(\sqrt{(2-3)^2 + (6-4)^2}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{(1-3)^2 + (4-4)^2}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{(5-3)^2 + (5-4)^2}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{(4-3)^2 + (3-4)^2}\right)^2$$

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Within-cluster variation (Intra-cluster variation)

$$TWV(C_3) = \sum_{k=1}^3 W(C_k) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{x_i \in C_k} (x_i - \mu_k)^2 = 20$$



Total within-cluster variation

• When K=1: TWC=50



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- When K=6: TWC=14
- When K=7: TWC=13.5
- (...)



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Elbow method is one of the 30 or more methods to find appropriate k in k-means clustering