

L5 -- min-hash  
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Jaccard Similarity

$$A = \{0,1,2,5,6\}$$

$$B = \{0,2,3,5,7,9\}$$

How similar are A,B?

$$JS(A,B) = |A \cap B| / |A \cup B|$$

$$= |\{0,2,5\}| / |\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,9\}|$$
$$= 3/8$$

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Matrix Representation:

$$S1 = \{1, 2, 5\}$$

$$S2 = \{3\}$$

$$S3 = \{2, 3, 4, 6\}$$

$$S4 = \{1, 4, 6\}$$

$$Jac(S1, S3) = |S1 \cap S3| / |S1 \cup S3|$$

$$= |\{2\}| / |\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}|$$

$$= 1/6$$

Element | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4

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1	1	0	0	1
2	1	0	1	0
3	0	1	1	0
4	0	0	1	1
5	1	0	0	0
6	0	0	1	1

Mostly sparse == mostly 0s.

- 90% 0s

- size  $n^2$ , then  $n^{.9}$  are 0s.

very wasteful representation (but convenient to think about).

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Idea 1 Hash-Clustering

random function hash  $h:\{1,2,3,4,5,6\} \rightarrow \{A,B,C\}$

example  $[1,2,3,4,5,6] \rightarrow [A,B,B,C,A,A]$

Element | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4

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A	1	0	1	1
B	1	1	1	0
C	0	0	1	1

$Jac(S1,S2) = 0$       $Jac(h(S1),h(S2)) = 1/2$   
 $Jac(S1,S3) = 2/6$     $Jac(h(S1),h(S3)) = 2/3$   
 $Jac(S1,S4) = 1/5$     $Jac(h(S1),h(S4)) = 1/3$   
 $Jac(S2,S3) = 1/4$     $Jac(h(S2),h(S3)) = 1/3$   
 $Jac(S2,S4) = 0$       $Jac(h(S2),h(S4)) = 0$   
 $Jac(S3,S4) = 2/5$     $Jac(h(S3),h(S4)) = 2/3$

similarity generally increases.

if intersect -> still intersect

OK when want to study frequent items and have many infrequent items (see more in Summaries)

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## Idea 2 Min-Hashing

Step 1. Randomly permute items:

Element	S1	S2	S3	S4
2	1	0	1	0
5	1	0	0	0
6	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0	1
4	0	0	1	1
3	0	1	1	0

Step 2. record first 1 in each column

$m(S1) : 2$   
 $m(S2) : 3$   
 $m(S3) : 2$   
 $m(S4) : 6$

Step 3.  $Pr[m(Si) = m(Sj)] = Jac(Si,Sj)$

Proof: 3 types of rows

X : 1 in both column --> count x

Y : 1 in one column, 0 in other --> count y

Z : 0 in both columns --> count z

$Jac(Si,Sj) = x/(x+y)$

and  $z \gg x,y$  (mostly empty)

ignore type Z.

Let row  $r$  is the min of  $\{m(S_i), m(S_j)\}$

it is either type X or Y.

it is X w.p.  $x/(x+y)$

Which is the only case that  $m(S_i) = m(S_j)$  otherwise either  $S_i$  or  $S_j$  has 1, but not both.

QED

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Only gives 1 or 0. But has right expectation.

Lets consider  $k$  different random permutations

$\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k\}$

And consider  $k$  random variables

$\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k\}$

$\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k\}$

where

$X_l = 1$  if  $m_l(S_i) = m_l(S_j)$

$X_l = 0$  otherwise

and  $Y_l = X_l - \text{Jac}(S_i, S_j)$

Let  $M = (1/k) \sum_{l=1}^k Y_l$

Let  $A = (1/k) \sum_{l=1}^k X_l$

Note  $-1 < X_l < 1$  and  $E[M] = 0$

With  $k = (2/\epsilon^2) \ln(2/\delta)$

then

$\Pr[|\text{Jac}(S_i, S_j) - A| < \epsilon] > 1 - \delta$

**\*\*Chernoff-Hoeffding Inequality\*\***

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Too slow:

- Still construct full matrix.
- permute  $k$  times!

Fast Minhash algorithm.

Make 1 pass on data. Maintain  $k$  hash functions:

$h_i : [N] \rightarrow [N]$  (at random)

Set  $k$  counters  $\{c_j\}$  set to infity.

for each  $i$  in  $[N]$

if  $(S(i) = 1)$

for each  $j$  in  $[k]$

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if (h_j(i) < c_j)
  c_j := h_j(i)
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Now  $m_j(S) = c_j$

Space now is  $O(k*N)$  where there are  $N$  documents .