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L6: Distances

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distance

$$d : \underbrace{X \times X}_{\text{domain}} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{[0, \infty)}}$$

$$d(a, b) = 72.3 \quad a, b \in X$$

metric

✓ ✓ (M1) $d(a, b) \geq 0$

✓ (M2) $d(a, b) = 0$ iff $a = b$

✓ (M3) $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$

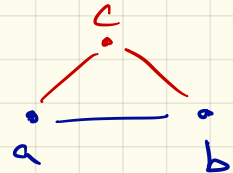
✓ ✓ (M4) $d(a, b) \leq d(a, c) + d(c, b)$

(identity)

(symmetry)

(triangle inequality)

↳ pseudometric
↳ quasimetric

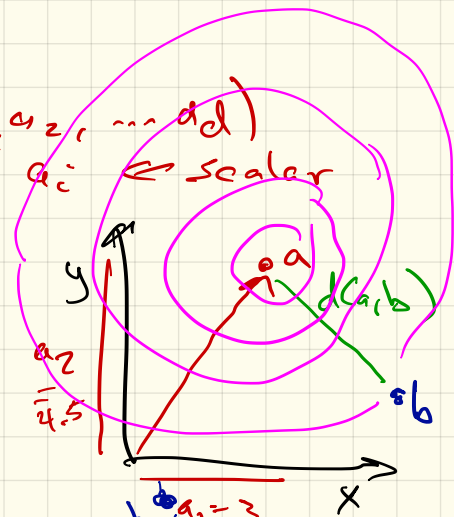
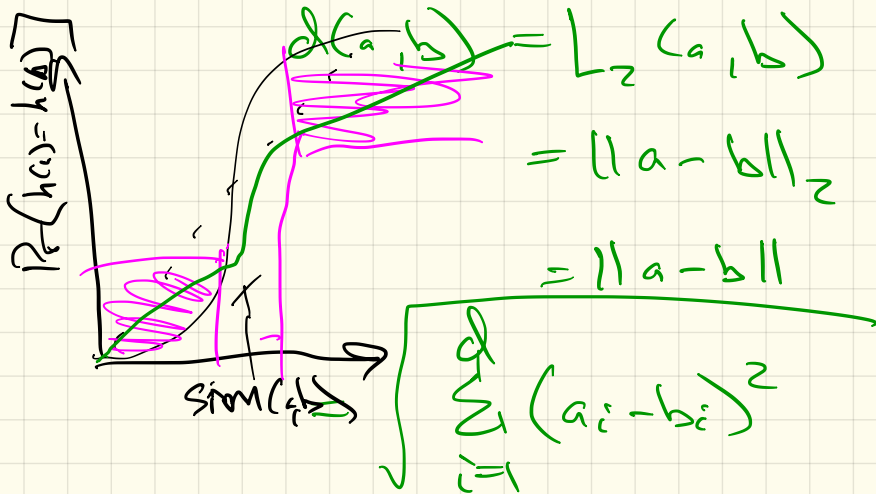


Euclidean Distance (L_2 distance)

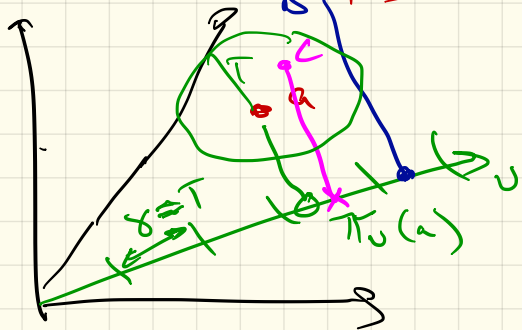
Domain $\mathcal{X} : \mathbb{R}^d$

$a \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$
 $a_i \leftarrow \text{scalar}$



LS Hable
 $v \sim \text{unif}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$



L_p Distances

$$d_p: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

$$d_p(a, b) = \|a - b\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^d (a_i - b_i)^p \right)^{1/p}$$

valid
 $p \in (0, \infty)$

metric
 $p \in [1, \infty)$

$$L_1 \quad d_1(a, b) = \|a - b\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^d |a_i - b_i|$$

EucL:

• $g = \text{Gauss}$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{g}{\|g\|}$$

$$\rightarrow x = \langle v, a \rangle$$

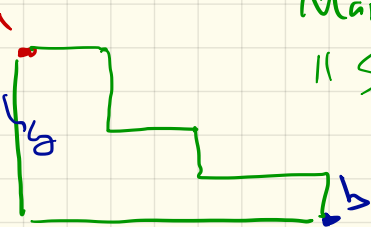
• bin 

SLC

Cauchy

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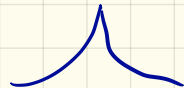
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Manhattan

"SLC"

$$\text{Cauchy} \sim \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$



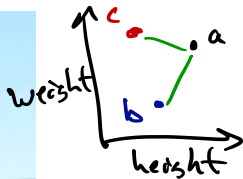
L-stable
 $p \in [1, 2]$
 \approx
 $p \in (0, 2]$

Lp Distances and Units

For $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$L_p: d_p(a, b) = \|a - b\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^d (|a_i - b_i|)^p \right)^{1/p}$$

$d(a, b) = d(a, x)$



bad

(a_1, a_2) different units

• don't take distance.

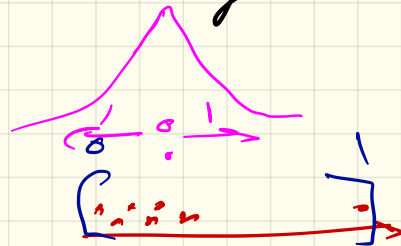
• Distance Metric Learning

• Normalize Data

For each coordinate

$a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1 \dots \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\begin{matrix} \text{mean} \\ \text{std} \\ 1 \end{matrix}$

$a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2 \dots \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\begin{matrix} \text{mean} \\ \text{std} \\ 1 \end{matrix}$

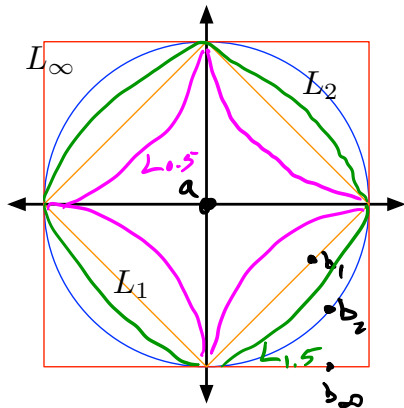


Lp Distances and Unit Balls

For $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$L_p: d_p(a, b) = \|a - b\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^d (|a_i - b_i|)^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Let $a = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ and $\|a - b\|_p = 1$.



$$L_0 = \|a - b\|_0 = d - \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{1}_{(a_i = b_i)}$$

$$L_\infty = \|a - b\|_\infty = \max_i |a_i - b_i|$$

$$L_{p'}(x) \text{ ball} \subset L_p(x) \text{ ball}$$
$$p' \geq p$$

Mahalanobis Distance

$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

$$d_M(a, b) = \sqrt{(a-b)^T M (a-b)}$$

$$\text{if } M = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hookrightarrow d_M = L_2$$

M pd \rightarrow metric

Jaccard Distance

$$d_J(A, B) = 1 - J_S(A, B)$$

metric

$$1 - \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

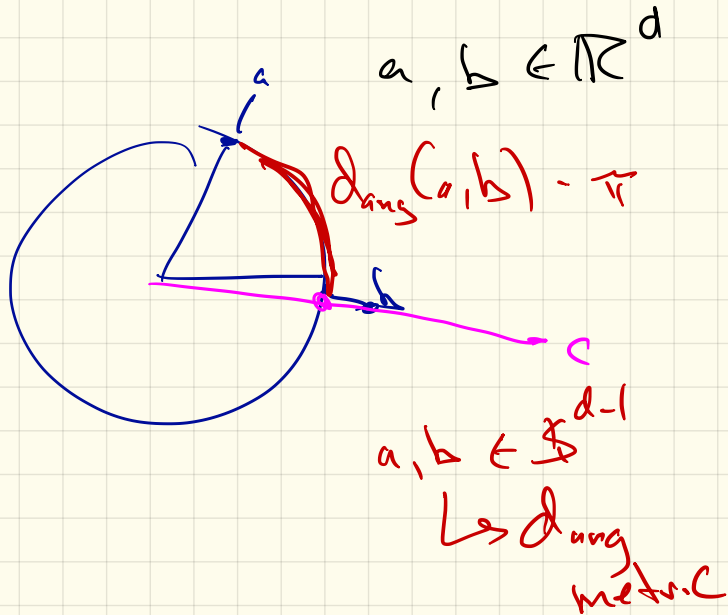
$$= \frac{|A \Delta B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

Cosine Distance

$$1 - \frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\|a\| \cdot \|b\|}$$

Angular Distance

$$1 - \arccos\left(\frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\|a\| \cdot \|b\|}\right)$$



$$\frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\|a\| \cdot \|b\|} = \left\langle \frac{a}{\|a\|}, \frac{b}{\|b\|} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d a_i \cdot b_i$$