Unsupervised learning: basics

CLUSTER ANALYSIS IN PYTHON



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Everyday example: Google news

- How does Google News classify articles? \bullet
- **Unsupervised Learning Algorithm:** \bullet Clustering
- Match frequent terms in articles to find similarity

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Labeled and unlabeled data

Data with no labels

- Point 1: (1, 2)
- Point 2: (2, 2)
- Point 3: (3, 1)

Data with labels

- Point 1: (1, 2), Label: Danger Zone
- Point 2: (2, 2), Label: Normal Zone
- Point 3: (3, 1), Label: Normal Zone

What is unsupervised learning?

- A group of machine learning algorithms that find patterns in data
- Data for algorithms has not been labeled, classified or characterized
- The objective of the algorithm is to interpret any structure in the data
- Common unsupervised learning algorithms: clustering, neural networks, anomaly detection

What is clustering?

- The process of grouping items with similar characteristics
- Items in groups similar to each other than in other groups lacksquare
- Example: distance between points on a 2D plane

Plotting data for clustering - Pokemon sightings

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

x_coordinates = [80, 93, 86, 98, 86, 9, 15, 3, 10, 20, 44, 56, 49, 62, 44] y_coordinates = [87, 96, 95, 92, 92, 57, 49, 47, 59, 55, 25, 2, 10, 24, 10]

plt.scatter(x_coordinates, y_coordinates) plt.show()











Up next - some practice



Basics of cluster analysis in python



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What is a cluster?

- A group of items with similar characteristics
- Google News: articles where similar words and word associations appear together
- Customer Segments







Clustering algorithms

- Hierarchical clustering
- K means clustering
- Other clustering algorithms: DBSCAN, Gaussian Methods \bullet















Hierarchical clustering in SciPy

from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import linkage, fcluster **from** matplotlib **import** pyplot **as** plt import seaborn as sns, pandas as pd

x_coordinates = [80.1, 93.1, 86.6, 98.5, 86.4, 9.5, 15.2, 3.4, 10.4, 20.3, 44.2, 56.8, 49.2, 62.5, 44.0] y_coordinates = [87.2, 96.1, 95.6, 92.4, 92.4, 57.7, 49.4, 47.3, 59.1, 55.5, 25.6, 2.1, 10.9, 24.1, 10.3]

df = pd.DataFrame({'x_coordinate': x_coordinates, 'y_coordinate': y_coordinates})

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Z = linkage(df, 'ward')
df['cluster_labels'] = fcluster(Z, 3, criterion='maxclust')
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sns.scatterplot(x='x_coordinate', y='y_coordinate',
                hue='cluster_labels', data = df)
plt.show()
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K-means clustering in SciPy

from scipy.cluster.vq import kmeans, vq from matplotlib import pyplot as plt import seaborn as sns, pandas as pd

import random random.seed((1000,2000))

x_coordinates = [80.1, 93.1, 86.6, 98.5, 86.4, 9.5, 15.2, 3.4, 10.4, 20.3, 44.2, 56.8, 49.2, 62.5, 44.0] y_coordinates = [87.2, 96.1, 95.6, 92.4, 92.4, 57.7, 49.4, 47.3, 59.1, 55.5, 25.6, 2.1, 10.9, 24.1, 10.3]

df = pd.DataFrame({'x_coordinate': x_coordinates, 'y_coordinate': y_coordinates})

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centroids,_ = kmeans(df, 3)
df['cluster_labels'], _ = vq(df, centroids)
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sns.scatterplot(x='x_coordinate', y='y_coordinate',
                hue='cluster_labels', data = df)
plt.show()
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Next up: hands-on exercises



Data preparation for cluster analysis

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Why do we need to prepare data for clustering?

- Variables have incomparable units (product dimensions in cm, price in \$) ٠
- Variables with same units have vastly different scales and variances (expenditures on cereals, travel)
- Data in raw form may lead to bias in clustering
- Clusters may be heavily dependent on one variable
- Solution: normalization of individual variables

Normalization of data

Normalization: process of rescaling data to a standard deviation of 1

 $x_new = x / std_dev(x)$

from scipy.cluster.vq import whiten

data = [5, 1, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3, 8, 1, 2, 2, 3, 5]

scaled data = whiten(data) print(scaled_data)

[2.73, 0.55, 1.64, 1.64, 1.09, 1.64, 1.64, 4.36, 0.55, 1.09, 1.09, 1.64, 2.73]





Illustration: normalization of data



Show legend and display plot plt.legend() plt.show()

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Next up: some DIY exercises

