Algorithms and Data Structures for Data Science Set Cardinality and Minhash CS 277

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Learning Objectives

Introduce the concept of cardinality and cardinality estimation

Demonstrate the relationship between cardinality and similarity

Introduce the MinHash Sketch for set similarity detection

Bloom Filters

A probabilistic data structure storing a set of values

Has three key properties:

k, number of hash functions n, expected number of insertions m, filter size in bits

Expected false positive rate:

$$\left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right)^{nk}\right)^k \approx \left(1 - e^{\frac{-nk}{m}}\right)^k$$

Optimal accuracy when:

$$k^* = \ln 2 \cdot \frac{m}{n}$$

$$h_{\{1,2,3,...,k\}}$$

The hidden problem with sketches...



Cardinality

Cardinality is a measure of how many unique items are in a set

2
4
9
3
7
9
7
8
5
6

Cardinality

Sometimes its not possible or realistic to count all objects!



Estimate: 60 billion — 130 trillion



Image: https://doi.org/10.1038/nature03597

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5581	
8945	
6145	
8126	
3887	
8925	
1246	
8324	
4549	
9100	
5598	
8499	
8970	
3921	
8575	
4859	
4960	
42	
6901	
4336	
9228	
3317	
399	
6925	
2660	-
2314	

Imagine I fill a hat with numbered cards and draw one card out at random.

If I told you the value of the card was 95, what have we learned?



Imagine I fill a hat with a random subset of numbered cards from 0 to 999

If I told you that the **minimum** value was 95, what have we learned?



Imagine we have multiple sets (multiple minimums).



Let min = 95. Can we estimate *N*, the cardinality of the set?



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m possible minima Key Value Universe of card sets

Now imagine we have a SUHA hash *h* over a range *m*.

Here a hash insert is equivalent to adding a card to our hat!

Now storing only the minimum hash value is a **sketch!**



Let $M = min(X_1, X_2, ..., X_N)$ where each $X_i \in [0, 1]$ is an independent random variable

Claim:
$$\mathbf{E}[M] = \frac{1}{N+1}$$

0

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$$E[M] = \frac{1}{N+1}$$
 $N \approx \frac{1}{M} - 1$

Attempt 20.2530.8390.3270.6550.491

Attempt 3

0.134	0.580	0.364	0.743	0.931

0

The minimum hash is a valid sketch of a dataset but can we do better?

Claim: Taking the k^{th} -smallest hash value is a better sketch!

Claim:
$$\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_k] = \frac{k}{N+1}$$

$$0 \quad \underbrace{M_1}_{1} \quad \underbrace{M_2}_{1} \quad \underbrace{M_3}_{1} \quad \ldots \quad \underbrace{M_k}_{1}$$

 M_1

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 M_2

Claim:
$$\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_k] = \frac{k}{N+1}$$

= $\left[\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_1] + (\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_2] - \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_1]) + \dots + (\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_k] - \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{M}_{k-1}])\right] \cdot \frac{1}{k}$

 M_3 ...

 M_{k-1}

 M_k

Cardinality



Cardinality



Given any dataset and a SUHA hash function, we can estimate the number of unique items by tracking the minimum hash values.



Applied Cardinalities

Cardinalities

|A|

 $|A \cup B|$

 $|A \cap B|$

Set similarities

$$O = \frac{|A \cap B|}{\min(|A|, |B|)}$$

 $J = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$

Real-world Meaning Aggccacagtgtattatgactg

GAGG--TCAGATTCACAGCCAC

Set Similarity

To measure **similarity** of *A* & *B*, we need both a measure of how similar the sets are but also the total size of both sets.



$$J = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

J is the Jaccard coefficient

Similarity Sketches

But what do we do when we only have a sketch?



Similarity Sketches

Imagine we have two datasets represented by their kth minimum values



Image inspired by: Ondov B, Starrett G, Sappington A, Kostic A, Koren S, Buck CB, Phillippy AM. **Mash Screen:** high-throughput sequence containment estimation for genome discovery. *Genome Biol* 20, 232 (2019)

Similarity Sketches

Claim: Under SUHA, set similarity can be estimated by sketch similarity!



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Let sets A and B be two arbitrary sets of at least 8 elements

The eight minimum hash values for sets A and B is a MinHash Sketch



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Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

$|A \cap B| =$



Set Similarity



Using inclusion-exclusion principle and KMV, we can estimate similarity!







*k*th minimum value (KMV) with k = 8, assuming hash range is integers in [0, 100):

$$= \frac{800/23 - 1 + 800/23 - 1 - 800/15 - 1}{800/15 - 1}$$
$$= \frac{34.782 + 34.782 - 53.333 - 1}{53.333 - 1}$$
$$\approx 0.29$$

 $|A| + |B| - |A \cup B|$ $|A \cup B|$

Claim: Cardinality of the intersection can also be estimated directly!





1) Sequence decomposed into **kmers**

Assembling large genomes with single-molecule sequencing and locality-sensitive hashing Berlin et al (2015) *Nature Biotechnology*

MinHash in practice



Mash: fast genome and metagenome distance estimation using MinHash Ondov et al (2016) *Genome Biology* Reviewing probabilistic data sketches



Does a *specific* object exist in my data?

How many unique objects do I have in my set?

How similar are two datasets?

Bonus Slides (Taking it one step further...)

Bottom-k minhash has low accuracy if the cardinality of sets are skewed



Ondov, Brian D., Gabriel J. Starrett, Anna Sappington, Aleksandra Kostic, Sergey Koren, Christopher B. Buck, and Adam M. Phillippy. **Mash Screen: High-throughput sequence containment estimation for genome discovery**. *Genome biology* 20.1 (2019): 1-13.

K-Hash Minhash

What if instead we used k different hashes and took the min each time?



K-Partition Minhash

What if we instead took the minimum of k-partitions?





HyperLogLog



Baker, Daniel et al. "Dashing: fast and accurate genomic distances with HyperLogLog." Genome biology 20.1 (2019): 1-12.

Where do we go from here?

Hashing (and hash adjacent data structures) seem optimal!

Is there something they can't do that we might want?

The Sorting Problem

Given a collection of objects, C, with comparable values, order the objects such that $\forall x \in C, x_i \leq x_{i+1}$



SelectionSort







1. Find the *i*-th smallest value

- 2. Place it at position *i* via swap
- 3. Repeat for $0 \le i \le n-1$

SelectionSort Efficiency

