

Module 2: Distances

Lecture 6: Distance Functions

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The Lecture Contains:

- Distances
- Lp norm
- Normalized Euclidean distance
- Quadratic form distance
- Mahalanobis distance
- Kullback-Leibler divergence
- Jensen-Shannon divergence
- Bhattacharyya coefficient

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Distances

- Two objects $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ and $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$ of dimensionality k
- In general, database of N objects of dimensionality k is represented as a matrix \mathbf{D} of size $k \times N$
- Column-oriented representation

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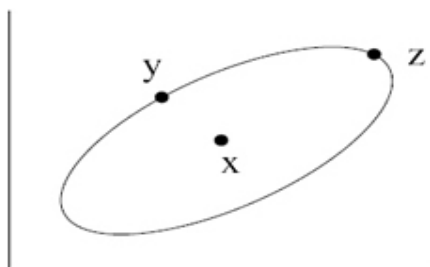
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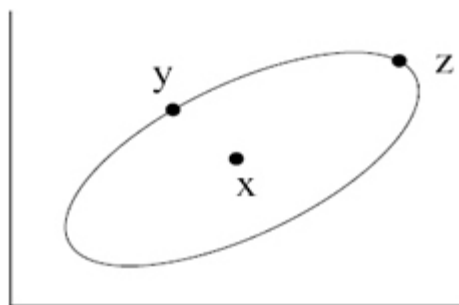
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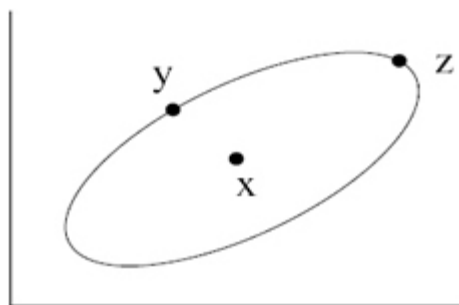
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- Not even symmetric
- Unbounded
 - Bounded for constrained distributions

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Jensen-Shannon divergence

- Also known as **Information radius**

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