
Pairwise Adjusted Mutual Information

Supplementary Material

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1 Proof of Proposition 1

2 The first equality follows from the fact that X and X_σ have the same distribution. Specifically, we
3 have for any positive integer k ,

$$P(X_\sigma = k) = P((X \circ \sigma)^{-1}(k)) = P(\sigma^{-1}(X^{-1}(k))) = P(X^{-1}(k)) = P(X = k).$$

For the second, we observe that if σ is a random permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, chosen uniformly at random, so is σ^{-1} which implies:

$$E(H(X, Y_\sigma)) = E(H(X, Y_{\sigma^{-1}})) = E(H(X_\sigma, Y)),$$

4 where we have used the first equality and the fact that $(X, Y_{\sigma^{-1}}) \circ \sigma = (X_\sigma, Y)$. The third equality
5 is a direct consequence of the two first.

6 Proof of Proposition 2

If Y is constant, then $Y = Y_\sigma$ for all permutations σ and the result follows from (??). Now assume that Y is a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Then $H(X, Y) = H(Y) = \log(n)$ and $I(X, Y) = H(X)$, for any random variable X . It then follows from (??) (and the symmetry in X and Y) that

$$\Delta I(X, Y) = I(X, Y) - E(I(X_\sigma, Y)) = 0.$$

7 Proof of Proposition 3

8 If $\Delta H(X) = 0$, then $d((X, X_\sigma)) = 0$ for all permutation σ . In particular, there exists some bijection
9 f such that $X_\sigma = f(X)$. Now assume that for some integer i , the event $A = \{\omega : X(\omega) = i\}$ is such
10 that $1 < |A| < n$. Then there exists some $j \neq i$ such that the event $B = \{\omega : X(\omega) = j\}$ is not
11 empty. Choose $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ and define σ as the permutation of a and b . Then $X_\sigma(a) = X(b) =$
12 j while $X_\sigma(a') = X(a') = i$ for all $a' \in A \setminus \{a\}$. So $X_\sigma(a) \neq X_\sigma(a')$ while $X(a) = X(a')$ for all
13 $a' \in A \setminus \{a\}$, which contradicts the existence of some mapping f that $X_\sigma = f(X)$. Thus for each
14 integer i , the cardinal of the event $A = \{\omega : X(\omega) = i\}$ is 0, 1 or n . This implies that X is constant
15 or equal to some permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$.

16 Proof of Theorem 1

Consider two items selected uniformly at random in $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Let A_{i_1}, B_{j_1} be the clusters of the first item, A_{i_2}, B_{j_2} be the clusters of the second item. In particular, these items belong respectively to the sets $A_{i_1} \cap B_{j_1}$ and $A_{i_2} \cap B_{j_2}$. The probability of this event is:

$$\frac{n_{i_1 j_1} n_{i_2 j_2}}{n^2}.$$

Now assume that these items exchange their labels for the first clustering, so that the first item move to set A_{i_2} while the second item move to the set A_{i_1} . If $i_1 = i_2$ or $j_1 = j_2$, the new contingency matrix remains unchanged; now if $i_1 \neq i_2$ and $j_1 \neq j_2$, the new contingency matrix n'_{ij} remains unchanged except for the following entries:

$$n'_{ij} = \begin{cases} n_{ij} - 1 & \text{for } i, j = i_1, j_1 \text{ and } i_2, j_2, \\ n_{ij} + 1 & \text{for } i, j = i_1, j_2 \text{ and } i_2, j_1. \end{cases}$$

17 We obtain the similarity between clusterings A and B :

$$\begin{aligned} s_p(A, B) = & \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2, j_1 \neq j_2} \frac{n_{i_1 j_1} n_{i_2 j_2}}{n^2} \left(\frac{n_{i_1 j_1}}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_1 j_1}}{n} - \frac{n_{i_1 j_1} - 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_1 j_1} - 1}{n} \right. \\ & + \frac{n_{i_2 j_2}}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_2 j_2}}{n} - \frac{n_{i_2 j_2} - 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_2 j_2} - 1}{n} \\ & + \frac{n_{i_1 j_2}}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_1 j_2}}{n} - \frac{n_{i_1 j_2} + 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_1 j_2} + 1}{n} \\ & \left. + \frac{n_{i_2 j_1}}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_2 j_1}}{n} - \frac{n_{i_2 j_1} + 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{i_2 j_1} + 1}{n} \right), \end{aligned}$$

18 where by convention, $x \log x = 0$ for any $x \leq 0$. Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} s_p(A, B) = & 2 \sum_{i, j} \frac{n_{ij}(n - a_i - b_j + n_{ij})}{n^2} \left(\frac{n_{ij}}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij}}{n} - \frac{n_{ij} - 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij} - 1}{n} \right) \\ & + 2 \sum_{i, j} \frac{(a_i - n_{ij})(b_j - n_{ij})}{n^2} \left(\frac{n_{ij}}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij}}{n} - \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

19 Proof of Corollary 1

20 The proof follows on observing that the second sum in the expression of $s_p(A, B)$ in Theorem 1 can
21 be written:

$$\begin{aligned} S & \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{i, j} \frac{(a_i - n_{ij})(b_j - n_{ij})}{n^2} \left(\frac{n_{ij}}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij}}{n} - \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \right) \\ & = \sum_{i, j: n_{ij} > 0} \frac{(a_i - n_{ij})(b_j - n_{ij})}{n^2} \left(\frac{n_{ij}}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij}}{n} - \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{i, j: n_{ij} = 0} \frac{(a_i - n_{ij})(b_j - n_{ij})}{n^2} \frac{1}{n} \log \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

22 We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} S = & \sum_{i, j: n_{ij} > 0} \frac{(a_i - n_{ij})(b_j - n_{ij})}{n^2} \left(\frac{n_{ij}}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij}}{n} - \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} \log \frac{n_{ij} + 1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} \log \frac{1}{n} \right) \\ & - \left(n^2 - \sum_i a_i^2 - \sum_j b_j^2 + \sum_{i, j} n_{ij}^2 \right) \frac{1}{n} \log \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

23 Proof of Corollary 2

24 The proof follows from Theorem 1 applied to the diagonal contingency matrix $n_{ij} = a_i \delta_{ij} = b_j \delta_{ij}$,
25 where δ_{ij} denotes the Kronecker symbol.