Exercises on Clustering

- Suppose we have four verses contains some subjects , as follows:
- P1={ judgment, faith, prayer, fair}
- P2={ fasting, faith, prayer}
- P3={ fair, fasting, faith}
- P4={ fasting, prayer, pilgrimage}
- the similarity threshold = 0.3, and number of required cluster is 2.

Using Jaccard coefficient as a similarity measure, we obtain the following similarity table

	P1	P2	P3	P4
P1	1	0.4	0.4	0.17
P2		1	0.5	0.5
P3			1	0.2
P4				1

	P1	P2	P3	P4
P1	1	0.4	0.4	0.17
P2		1	0.5	0.5
P3			1	0.2
P4				1

- Since we have a similarity threshold equal to 0.3, then we derive the adjacency table:→
- By multiplying the adjacency table with itself, we derive the following table which shows the number of links (or common neighbors) :→

	P1	P2	P3	P4
P1	1	1	1	0
P2		1	1	1
P3			1	0
P4				1

	P1	P2	P3	P4
P1	-	3	3	1
P2		-	3	2
P3			-	1
P4				-

• we compute the goodness measure for all adjacent points ,assuming that $f(\theta)$ =1- θ / 1+ θ = 1-0.3 / 1+0.3

$$g(P_i, P_j) = \frac{link[P_i, P_j]}{(n+m)^{1+2f(\theta)} - n^{1+2f(\theta)} - m^{1+2f(\theta)}}$$

- we obtain the following table →:
- we have an equal goodness measure for merging ((P1,P2), (P2,P1), (P3,P1))

Pair	Goodness measure
P1,P2	1.35
P1,P3	1.35
P1,P4	0.45
P2,P3	1.35
P2,P4	0.90
P3,P4	0.45

- Now, we start the hierarchical algorithm by merging, say P1 and P2.
- A new cluster (let's call it C(P1,P2)) is formed.
- It should be noted that for some other hierarchical clustering techniques, we will not start the clustering process by merging P1 and P2, since Sim(P1,P2) = 0.4, which is not the highest. But, ROCK uses the number of links as the similarity measure rather than distance.

Now, after merging P1 and P2, we have only three clusters. The following table shows the number of common neighbors for these clusters: ->

	C(P1,P2)	P3	P4
C(P1,P2)	-	3+3	2+1
P3		-	1
P4			-

 Then we can obtain the following goodness measures for all adjacent clusters:→

Pair	Goodness measure
C(P1,P2),P3	1.31
C(P1,P2),P4	0.66
P3,P4	0.22

 Since the number of required clusters is 2, then we finish the clustering algorithm by merging C(P1,P2) and P3, obtaining a new cluster C(P1,P2,P3) which contains {P1,P2,P3} leaving P4 alone in a separate cluster.