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Chapter 7: Data Classification

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Summary of Last Chapter

- What is association rule mining?
- How do we mine single-dimensional boolean associations?
- How do we mine multilevel associations?
- How do we mine multidimensional associations?
- Can we constrain the association mining?
- How do we get itemsets without candidate generation?

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Course Content

- Introduction to Data Mining
- Data warehousing and OLAP
- Data cleaning
- Data mining operations
- Data summarization
- Association analysis



- Classification and prediction
- Clustering
- Web Mining
- Spatial and Multimedia Data Mining
- Other topics if time permits



Chapter 7 Objectives

Learn basic techniques for data classification and prediction.

Realize the difference between supervised classification, prediction and unsupervised classification of data.





- What is classification of data and prediction?
- How do we classify data by decision tree induction?
- What are neural networks and how can they classify?
- What is Bayesian classification?
- Are there other classification techniques?
- How do we predict continuous values?

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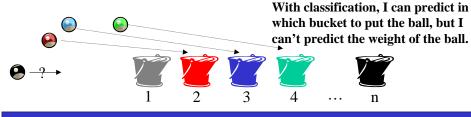


What is Classification?

The goal of data classification is to organize and categorize data in distinct classes.

- ▶ A model is first created based on the data distribution.
- ▶ The model is then used to classify new data.
- ▶ Given the model, a class can be predicted for new data.

Classification = prediction for discrete and nominal values



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What is Prediction?

The goal of prediction is to forecast or deduce the value of an attribute based on values of other attributes.

- ▶ A model is first created based on the data distribution.
- ▶ The model is then used to predict future or unknown values.

In Data Mining

If forecasting discrete value → Classification

If forecasting continuous value → **Prediction**



Supervised and Unsupervised

Supervised Classification = Classification

→ We know the class labels and the number of classes



Unsupervised Classification = Clustering

→ We do not know the class labels and may not know the number of classes









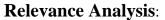
Preparing Data Before Classification

Data transformation:

- •Discretization of continuous data
- •Normalization to [-1..1] or [0..1]

Data Cleaning:

•Smoothing to reduce noise



•Feature selection to eliminate irrelevant attributes

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Application

- Credit approval
- **4** Target marketing
- **4** Medical diagnosis
- **4** Defective parts identification in manufacturing
- **4** Crime zoning
- **4** Treatment effectiveness analysis
- **Etc.**

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Classification is a three-step process

1. Model construction (Learning):

- Each tuple is assumed to belong to a predefined class, as determined by one of the attributes, called the class label.
- The set of all tuples used for construction of the model is called training set.
- The model is represented in the following forms:
 - Classification rules, (IF-THEN statements),
 - Decision tree
 - Mathematical formulae

Classification is a three-step process

2. Model Evaluation (Accuracy):

Estimate accuracy rate of the model based on a test set.

- The known label of test sample is compared with the classified result from the model.
- Accuracy rate is the percentage of test set samples that are correctly classified by the model.
- Test set is independent of training set otherwise over-fitting will occur.



Classification is a three-step process

3. Model Use (Classification):

The model is used to classify unseen objects.

- Give a class label to a new tuple
- Predict the value of an actual attribute

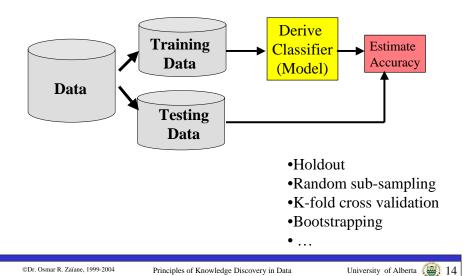
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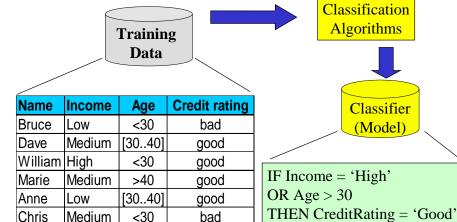
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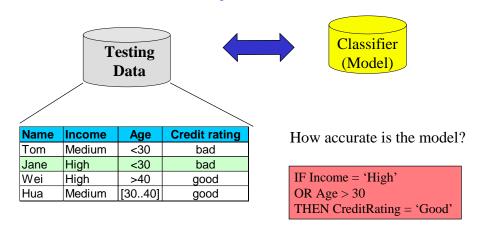
Classification with Holdout



1. Classification Process (Learning)



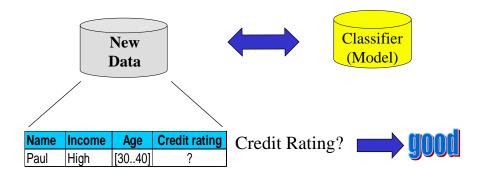
2. Classification Process (Accuracy Evaluation)



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3. Classification Process (Classification)



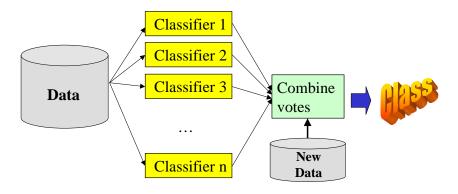
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Improving Accuracy



Composite classifier

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Classification Methods

- ❖ Decision Tree Induction
- **❖** Neural Networks
- **❖** Bayesian Classification
- ❖ Association-Based Classification
- **❖** K-Nearest Neighbour
- Support Vector Machines
- Case-Based Reasoning
- Genetic Algorithms
- * Rough Set Theory
- Fuzzy Sets
- . Etc.

Evaluating Classification Methods

- Predictive accuracy
 - Ability of the model to correctly predict the class label
- Speed and scalability
 - Time to construct the model
 - Time to use the model
- Robustness
 - Handling noise and missing values
- Scalability
 - Efficiency in large databases (not memory resident data)
- Interpretability:
 - The level of understanding and insight provided by the model
- Form of rules
 - Decision tree size
 - The compactness of classification rules

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What is a Decision Tree?

A decision tree is a flow-chart-like tree structure.

- Internal node denotes a test on an attribute
- Branch represents an outcome of the test
 - All tuples in branch have the same value for the tested attribute.
 - Leaf node represents class label or class label distribution.

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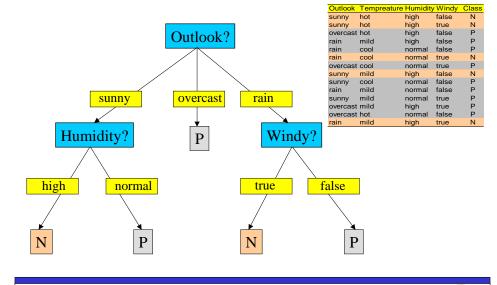


Training Dataset

• An Example from Quinlan's ID3

Outlook	Tempreature	Humidity	Windy	Class
sunny	hot	high	false	N
sunny	hot	high	true	N
overcast	hot	high	false	Р
rain	mild	high	false	Р
rain	cool	normal	false	Р
rain	cool	normal	true	N
overcast	cool	normal	true	Р
sunny	mild	high	false	N
sunny	cool	normal	false	Р
rain	mild	normal	false	Р
sunny	mild	normal	true	Р
overcast	mild	high	true	Р
overcast	hot	normal	false	Р
rain	mild	high	true	N

A Sample Decision Tree



Decision-Tree Classification Methods

• The basic top-down decision tree generation approach usually consists of two phases:

1. Tree construction

- At the start, all the training examples are at the root.
- Partition examples are recursively based on selected attributes.

2. Tree pruning

 Aiming at removing tree branches that may reflect noise in the training data and lead to errors when classifying test data > improve classification accuracy.

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Decision Tree Construction

Recursive process:

- Tree starts a single node representing all data.
- If sample are all same class then node becomes a leaf labeled with class label.
- Otherwise, *select attribute* that best separates sample into individual classes.
 - Recursion stops when:
 - Sample in node belong to the same class (majority);
 - There are no remaining attributes on which to split;
 - There are no samples with attribute value.

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Choosing the Attribute to Split Data Set

- The measure is also called *Goodness function*
- Different algorithms may use different goodness functions:
 - information gain (ID3/C4.5)
 - assume all attributes to be categorical.
 - can be modified for continuous-valued attributes.

- gini index

- assume all attributes are continuous-valued.
- assume there exist several possible split values for each attribute.
- may need other tools, such as clustering, to get the possible split values.
- can be modified for categorical attributes.

Information Gain (ID3/C4.5)

- Assume that there are two classes, *P* and *N*.
 - Let the set of examples S contain x elements of class P and y elements of class N.
 - The amount of information, needed to decide if an arbitrary example in S belong to P or N is defined as: p_i is estimated by s_i/s

$$I(S_{p}, S_{N}) = -\frac{x}{x+y} \log_{2} \frac{x}{x+y} - \frac{y}{x+y} \log_{2} \frac{y}{x+y} \quad \text{In general} \quad I(S_{1}, S_{2}, ..., S_{n}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i} \log_{2}(p_{i})$$

- Assume that using attribute A as the root in the tree will partition S in sets $\{S_1, S_2, ..., S_n\}$.
 - If S_i contains x_i examples of P and y_i examples of N, the information needed to classify objects in all subtrees S_i :

$$E(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{x_i + y_i}{x + y} I(S_{p_i}, S_{N_i}) \quad \text{In general} \quad E(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{S_{1i} + S_{2i} + \dots + S_{ni}}{s} I(S_{1i}, S_{2i}, \dots, S_{ni})$$

Information Gain -- Example

• The attribute A is selected such that the *information gain*

gain(A) =
$$I(S_p, S_N) - E(A)$$

is maximal, that is, E(A) is minimal since $I(S_P, S_N)$ is the same to all attributes at a node.

• In the given sample data, attribute *outlook* is chosen to split at the root:

> gain(outlook) = 0.246gain(temperature) = 0.029

Information gain measure tends to favor attributes with many values. Other possibilities: Gini Index, χ^2 , etc.

gain(humidity) = 0.151

gain(windy) = 0.048

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Gini Index

• If a data set S contains examples from n classes, gini index, gini(S) is defined as gini $(S) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j}^{2}$

where p_i is the relative frequency of class j in S.

• If a data set S is split into two subsets S_1 and S_2 with sizes N_1 and N_2 respectively, the *gini* index of the split data contains examples from n classes, the gini index gini(S) is defined as

$$gini_{split}(S) = \frac{N_1}{N}gini(S_1) + \frac{N_2}{N}gini(S_2)$$

• The attribute that provides the smallest $gini_{split}(S)$ is chosen to split the node (need to enumerate all possible splitting points for each attribute).

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Example for gini Index

- Suppose there two attributes: age and income, and the class label is buy and not buy.
- There are three possible split values for age: 30, 40, 50.
- There are two possible split values for income: 30K, 40K
- We need to calculate the following gini index
 - gini age = 30 (S),
 - gini age = 40 (S),
 - gini age = 50 (S),
 - $gini\ income = 30k\ (S)$,
 - $gini\ income = 40k\ (S)$
- Choose the minimal one as the split attribute

Primary Issues in Tree Construction

• Split criterion:

- Used to select the attribute to be split at a tree node during the tree generation phase.
- Different algorithms may use different goodness functions: information gain, gini index, etc.

• Branching scheme:

- Determining the tree branch to which a sample belongs.
- binary splitting (gini index) versus many splitting (information gain).
- **Stopping decision**: When to stop the further splitting of a node, e.g. impurity measure.
- Labeling rule: a node is labeled as the class to which most samples at the node belong.

How to construct a tree?

- Algorithm
 - greedy algorithm
 - make optimal choice at each step: select the best attribute for each tree node.
 - top-down recursive divide-and-conquer manner
 - from root to leaf
 - split node to several branches
 - for each branch, recursively run the algorithm

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Example for Algorithm (ID3)

- All attributes are categorical
- Create a node N:
 - if samples are all of the same class C, then return N as a leaf node labeled with C.
 - if attribute-list is empty then return N as a left node labeled with the most common class.
- Select split-attribute with highest information gain
 - label N with the split-attribute
 - for each value A; of split-attribute, grow a branch from Node N
 - let S_i be the branch in which all tuples have the value A_i for split- attribute
 - if S_i is empty then attach a leaf labeled with the most common class.
 - Else recursively run the algorithm at Node S_i
- Until all branches reach leaf nodes

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How to use a tree?

- Directly
 - test the attribute value of unknown sample against the tree.
 - A path is traced from root to a leaf which holds the label.
- Indirectly
 - decision tree is converted to classification rules.
 - one rule is created for each path from the root to a leaf.
 - IF-THEN rules are easier for humans to understand.

Avoid Over-fitting in Classification

- A tree generated may over-fit the training examples due to noise or too small a set of training data.
- Two approaches to avoid over-fitting:
 - (Stop earlier): Stop growing the tree earlier.
 - (Post-prune): Allow over-fit and then post-prune the tree.
- Approaches to determine the correct final tree size:
 - Separate training and testing sets or use cross-validation.
 - Use all the data for training, but apply a statistical test (e.g., chi-square) to estimate whether expanding or pruning a node may improve over entire distribution.
 - Use Minimum Description Length (MDL) principle: halting growth of the tree when the encoding is minimized.
- Rule post-pruning (C4.5): converting to rules before pruning.

Continuous and Missing Values in Decision-Tree Induction

• Dynamically define new discrete-valued attributes that partition the continuous attribute value into a discrete set of intervals.

> Temperature 40 48 60 72 80 90 No No Yes Yes Yes No play tennis

- Sort the examples according to the continuous attribute A, then identify adjacent examples that differ in their target classification, generate a set of candidate thresholds midway, and select the one with the maximum gain.
- Extensible to split continuous attributes into multiple intervals.
- Assign missing attribute values either
 - Assign the most common value of A(x).
 - Assign probability to each of the possible values of A.

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Alternative Measures for Selecting Attributes

- Info gain naturally favours attributes with many values.
- One alternative measure: gain ratio (Quinlan'86) which is to penalize attribute with many values.

SplitInfo
$$(S,A) \equiv -\sum \frac{|S_i|}{|S|} \log_2 \frac{|S_i|}{|S|}$$
.

- Problem: denominator can be 0 or close which makes GainRatio very large.
- Distance-based measure (Lopez de Mantaras'91):
 - define a distance metric between partitions of the data.
 - choose the one closest to the perfect partition.
- There are many other measures. Mingers'91 provides an experimental analysis of effectiveness of several selection measures over a variety of problems.

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Tree Pruning

- A decision tree constructed using the training data may have too many branches/leaf nodes.
 - Caused by noise, over-fitting.
 - May result poor accuracy for unseen samples.
- Prune the tree: merge a subtree into a leaf node.
 - Using a set of data different from the training data.
 - At a tree node, if the accuracy without splitting is higher than the accuracy with splitting, replace the subtree with a leaf node, label it using the majority class.
- Issues:
 - Obtaining the testing data.
 - Criteria other than accuracy (e.g. minimum description length).

Pruning Criterion

- Use a separate set of examples to evaluate the utility of post-pruning nodes from the tree.
 - CART uses cost-complexity pruning.
- Apply a statistical test to estimate whether expanding (or pruning) a particular node.
 - C4.5 uses pessimistic pruning.
- Minimum Description Length (no test sample needed).
 - SLIQ and SPRINT use MDL pruning.

Pruning Criterion --- MDL

- Best binary decision tree is the one that can be encoded with the fewest number of bits
 - Selecting a scheme to encode a tree
 - Comparing various subtrees using the cost of encoding
 - The best model minimizes the cost
- · Encoding schema
 - One bit to specify whether a node is a leaf (0) or an internal node (1)
 - loga bits to specify the splitting attribute
 - Splitting the value for the attribute:
 - categorical --- log(v-1) bits
 - numerical --- $\log 2^{v-2}$

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PUBLIC: Integration of Two Phases

- Most decision tree classifiers have two phases:
 - Splitting
 - Pruning
- PUBLIC: Integration of two phases (Rastogi & Shim'98)
 - A large portions of the original tree are pruned during the pruning phase, why not use top-down methods to stop growing the tree earlier?
- Before expanding a node in building phase, a lower bound estimation on the minimum cost subtree rooted at the node is computed.
- If a node is certain to be pruned according to the estimation, return it as a leaf; otherwise, go on splitting it.

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Classification and Databases

- Classification is a classical problem extensively studied by Statisticians and AI researchers, especially machine learning community.
- Database researchers re-examined the problem in the context of large databases.
 - most previous studies used small size data, and most algorithms are memory resident.
- Recent data mining research contributes to:
 - Scalability
 - Generalization-based classification
 - Parallel and distributed processing



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Classifying Large Dataset

- Decision trees seem to be a good choice
 - relatively faster learning speed than other classification methods.
 - can be converted into simple and easy to understand classification rules.
 - can be used to generate SQL queries for accessing databases
 - has comparable classification accuracy with other methods
- Classifying data-sets with millions of examples and a few hundred even thousands attributes with reasonable speed.

Scalable Decision Tree Methods

- Most algorithms assume data can fit in memory.
- Data mining research contributes to the scalability issue, especially for decision trees.
- Successful examples
 - **SLIO** (EDBT'96 -- Mehta et al.'96)
 - **SPRINT** (VLDB96 -- J. Shafer et al.'96)
 - PUBLIC (VLDB98 -- Rastogi & Shim'98)
 - RainForest (VLDB98 -- Gehrke, et al. '98)

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Previous Efforts on Scalability

- Incremental tree construction (Quinlan'86)
 - using partial data to build a tree.
 - testing other examples and those misclassified ones are used to rebuild the tree interactively.
- Data reduction (Cattlet'91)
 - reducing data size by sampling and discretization.
 - still a main memory algorithm.
- Data partition and merge (Chan and Stolfo'91)
 - partitioning data and building trees for each partition.
 - merging multiple trees into a combined tree.
 - experiment results indicated reduced classification accuracy.

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SLIQ -- A Scalable Classifier

- A fast scalable classifier by IBM Quest Group (Mehta et al.'96)
 - a disk-based algorithm
 - decision-tree based algorithm
- Issues in scalability
 - selecting the splitting attribute at each tree node
 - selecting splitting points for the chosen attribute
 - more serious for numeric attributes
 - fast tree pruning algorithm

SLIQ (I)

- Pre-sorting and breadth-first tree growing to reduce the costing of evaluating goodness of splitting numeric attributes.
 - build an index (attribute list) for each attribute to eliminate resorting data at each node of attributes
 - class list keeps track the leaf nodes to which samples belong
 - class list is dynamically modified during the tree construction phase
 - only class list and the current attribute list is required to reside in memory

SLIQ (II)

- Fast subsetting algorithm for determining splits for category attributes.
 - The evaluation of all the possible subsets of a categorical attribute can be prohibitively expensive, especially if the cardinality of the set is large.
 - If cardinality is small, all subsets are evaluated.
 - If cardinality exceeds a threshold, a greedy algorithm is used.
- Using inexpensive MDL-based tree pruning algorithm for tree pruning.

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SLIQ (III) --- Data Structures

Credit Rating	rid		Age	rid
excellent	0		25	6
excellent	6		25	3
excellent	2		34	0
fair	3		39	2
fair	4	\	39	1
good	5		42	5
good	1	1	45	4

rid	Send add	node	0
0	no	2	
1	no	6	1 2
2	yes	3	3 4
3	no	2	
4	yes	5	5 6
5	yes	5	
6	no	2	

Disk Resident--Attribute List

Memory Resident--Class list

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SPRINT (I)

- Removes all memory restrictions by using attribute list data structure
- SPRINT outperforms SLIQ when the class list is too large for memory, but needs a costly hash join to connect different attribute lists
- Designed to be easily parallelized

SPRINT (II) --- Data Structure

Age	Send Add	rid
25	no	6
25	no	3
34	no	0
39	yes	2
39	no	1
42	yes	5
45	yes	4

Credit Rating	Send Add	rid
excellent	no	0
excellent	no	1
excellent	yes	2
fair	no	3
fair	yes	4
good	yes	5
good	no	6



RainForest

- Gehrke, Ramakrishnan, and Ganti (VLDB'98)
- A generic algorithm that separates the scalability aspects from the criteria that determine the quality of the tree.
- Based on two observations:
 - Tree classifiers follow a greedy top-down induction schema.
 - When evaluating each attribute, the information about the class label distribution is enough.
 - AVC-list (attribute, value, class label) data structure.

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Data Cube-Based Decision-Tree Induction

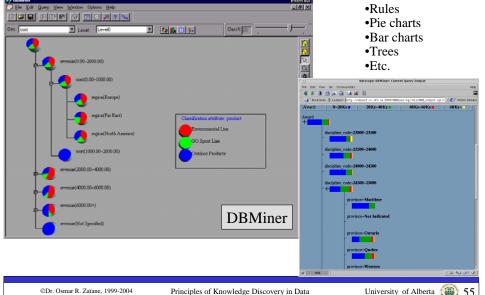
- Integration of generalization with decision-tree induction (Kamber et al'97).
- Classification at primitive concept levels
 - E.g., precise temperature, humidity, outlook, etc.
 - Low-level concepts, scattered classes, bushy classification-trees
 - Semantic interpretation problems.
- Cube-based multi-level classification
 - Relevance analysis at multi-levels.
 - Information-gain analysis with dimension + level.

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Presentation of Classification Rules



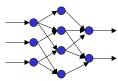
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What is a Neural Network?

A neural network is a data structure that supposedly simulates the behaviour of neurons in a biological brain.

A neural network is composed of layers of units interconnected. Messages are passed along the connections from one unit to the other. Messages can change based on the weight of the connection and the value in the node.



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Neural Networks

Advantages

- prediction accuracy is generally high.
- robust, works when training examples contain errors.
- output may be discrete, real-valued, or a vector of several discrete or real-valued attributes.
- fast evaluation of the learned target function.

• Criticism

- long training time.
- difficult to understand the learned function (weights).
- not easy to incorporate domain knowledge.

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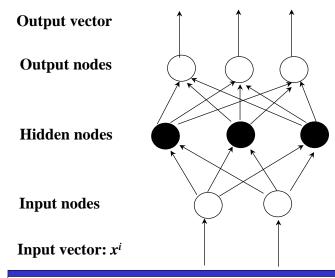
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A Neuron Squashing function $1/(1+e^{-I})$ bias x_1 output y weight weighted Input Activation **function** vector x vector w sum

• The *n*-dimensional input vector *x* is mapped into variable y by means of the scalar product and a nonlinear function mapping.

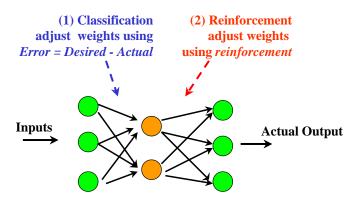
Multi Layer Perceptron



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Learning Paradigms



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Learning Algorithms

- Back propagation for classification
- Kohonen feature maps for clustering
- Recurrent back propagation for classification
- Radial basis function for classification
- Adaptive resonance theory
- Probabilistic neural networks

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Major Steps for Back Propagation Network

- Constructing a network
 - input data representation
 - selection of number of layers, number of nodes in each layer.
- Training the network using training data
- Pruning the network
- Interpret the results

Constructing the Network

- The number of input nodes: corresponds to the dimensionality of the input tuples.
 - age 20-80: 6 intervals
 - $[20, 30) \rightarrow 000001, [30, 40) \rightarrow 000011, ..., [70, 80) \rightarrow 111111$
- Number of hidden nodes: adjusted during training
- Number of output nodes: number of classes

Network Training

- The ultimate objective of training
 - obtain a set of weights that makes almost all the tuples in the training data classified correctly.
- Steps:
 - Initial weights are set randomly.
 - Input tuples are fed into the network one by one.
 - Activation values for the hidden nodes are computed.
 - Output vector can be computed after the activation values of all hidden node are available.
 - Weights are adjusted using error (desired output actual output) and propagated backwards.

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Network Pruning

- Fully connected network will be hard to articulate
- n input nodes, h hidden nodes and m output nodes
 lead to h(m+n) links (weights)
- Pruning: Remove some of the links without affecting classification accuracy of the network.

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Extracting Rules from a Trained Network

- Cluster common activation values in hidden layers.
- Find relationships between activation values and the output classes.
- Find the relationship between the input and activation values.
- Combine the above two to have rules relating the output classes to the input.

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What is a Bayesian Classifier?

- It is a statistical classifier based on Bayes theorem.
- It uses probabilistic learning by calculating explicit probabilities for hypothesis.
- A naïve Bayesian classifier, that assumes total independence between attributes, is commonly used for data classification and learning problems. It performs well with large data sets and exhibits high accuracy.
- The model is incremental in the sense that each training example can incrementally increase or decrease the probability that a hypothesis is correct. Prior knowledge can be combined with observed data.

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Bayes Theorem

- Given a data sample *X* with an unknown class label, *H* is the hypothesis that *X* belongs to a specific class *C*.
- The *posteriori probability* of a hypothesis H, P(H|X), *probability of X conditioned on H*, follows the Bayes theorem: $P(H|X) = \frac{P(X|H)P(H)}{P(X)}$

 $\begin{array}{c} & \stackrel{\bullet}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{\bullet}{\longrightarrow} \\ X & & \stackrel{\bullet}{\longrightarrow} \end{array}$

- Practical difficulty: requires initial knowledge of many probabilities, significant computational cost.

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Naïve Bayes Classifier

• Suppose we have m classes $C_1, C_2, ..., C_m$. Given an unknown sample X, the classifier will predict that $X=(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)$ belongs to the class with the highest posteriori probability:

 $X \in C_i \text{ if } P(C_i|X) > P(C_j|X) \text{ for } 1 \le j \le m, j \ne i$

Maximize $\frac{P(X|C_i)P(C_i)}{P(X)}$ \rightarrow maximize $P(X|C_i)P(C_i)$

- $P(C_i) = s_i/s$ (s_i =training sample in C_i ; s=total training sample)
- $P(X|C_i) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} P(x_k \mid C_i)$ where $P(x_k \mid C_i) = s_{ik}/s_i$
- Greatly reduces the computation cost, only count the class distribution.
- Naïve: class conditional independence

Naïve Bayesian Classifier Example

• Given a training set, we can compute the probabilities

Outlook	Р	N	Humidity	Р	N
sunny	2/9	3/5	high	3/9	4/5
overcast	4/9	0	normal	6/9	1/5
rain	3/9	2/5			
Tempreature			W indy		
hot	2/9	2/5	true	3/9	3/5
m ild	4/9	2/5	false	6/9	2/5
cool	3/9	1/5			



Belief Network

- Allows class conditional dependencies to be expressed.
- It has a directed acyclic graph (DAG) and a set of conditional probability tables (CPT).
- Nodes in the graph represent variables and arcs represent probabilistic dependencies. (child dependent on parent)
- There is one table for each variable X. The table contains the conditional distribution P(X|Parents(X)).

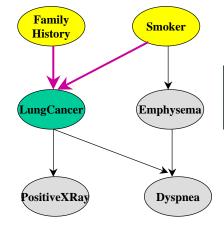
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Bayesian Belief Networks Example



(FH, S) $(FH, \sim S)(\sim FH, S)(\sim FH, \sim S)$

LC	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.1
~LC	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.9

The conditional probability table for the variable LungCancer

Bayesian Belief Networks

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Bayesian Belief Networks

Several cases of learning Bayesian belief networks:

- When both network structure and all the variables are given then the learning is simply computing the CPT.
- When network structure is given but some variables are not known or observable, then iterative learning is necessary (compute gradient *ln*P(S|H), take steps toward gradient and normalize).
- Many algorithms for learning the network structure exist.



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Other Classification Methods

- Associative classification: Association rule based condSet → class
- **Genetic algorithm**: Initial population of encoded rules are changed by *mutation* and *cross-over* based on *survival* of accurate once (*survival*).
- K-nearest neighbor classifier: Learning by analogy.
- Case-based reasoning: Similarity with other cases.
- Rough set theory: Approximation to equivalence classes.
- **Fuzzy sets:** Based on fuzzy logic (truth values between 0..1).

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Associative classifiers

- We want to find associations between extracted features and class labels
- Constrain the association rule mining such that the rules found are of the following form:

$$F_{\alpha} \wedge F_{\beta} \wedge F_{\gamma} \wedge \dots \wedge F_{\delta} \rightarrow class$$

• Use a constrained version of apriori algorithm to find frequent itemsets.

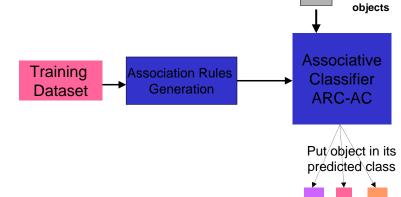
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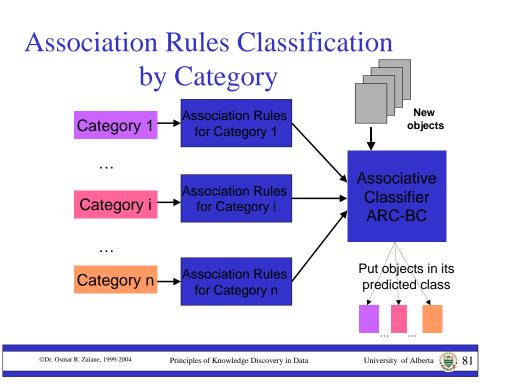
Association Rules Classification with All Categories



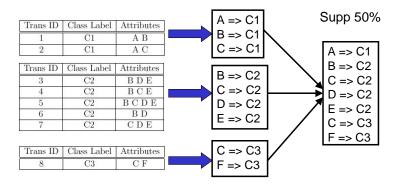
ARC-AC (Zaïane, Antonie, ADC 2001)

Trans ID	Class Label	Attributes
1	C1	ΑВ
2	C1	A C
3	C2	BDE
4	C2	ВСЕ
5	C2	BCDE
6	C2	ΒD
7	C2	CDE
8	C3	CF

1-itemset	support	possible correlations between the 1-itemset and a class label
A	2	$A \Rightarrow C1$
В	5	$B \Rightarrow C1$
		$B \Rightarrow C2$
С	5	$C \Rightarrow C1$
		$C \Rightarrow C2$
		$C \Rightarrow C3$
D	4	$D \Rightarrow C2$
E	4	$E \Rightarrow C2$
F	1	$F \Rightarrow C3$



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Prediction

Prediction of continuous values can be modeled by statistical techniques.

- Linear regression
- Multiple regression
- Polynomial regression
- Poisson regression
- Log-linear regression
- Etc.





Linear Regression

• Linear regression:

Approximate data distribution by a line $Y = \alpha + \beta X$

Y is the *response variable* and X the *predictor variable*.

 α and β are regression coefficients specifying the intercept and the slope of the line. They are calculated by least square method:

$$\beta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{s} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{s} (x_i - \overline{x})^2}$$

$$\alpha = \overline{y} - \beta \overline{x}$$

 $\beta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{s} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{s} (x_i - \overline{x})^2}$ Where \overline{x} and \overline{y} are respectively the average of $x_1, x_2, ..., x_s$ and $y_1, y_2, ..., y_s$.

- Multiple regression: $Y = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2$.
 - Many nonlinear functions can be transformed into the above.

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