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Knowledge Discovery in Databases II: High-Dimensional Data



Multi-Instance Data

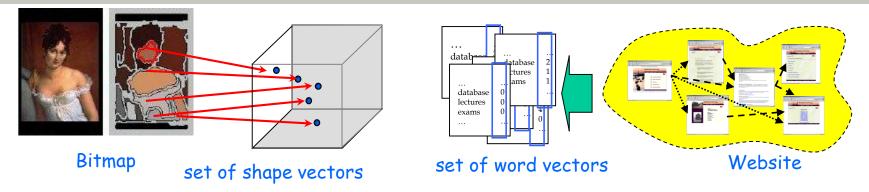


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- Multi-Instance Classification
- Clustering Multi-Instance Objects



What is Multi-Instance Data ?





Multi-Instance objects describe:

- multiple components (e.g. CAD data)
- various appearances (e.g. proteins)
- set-valued objects (e.g. market baskets, teams)

$\begin{array}{ccc} i_{1} & i_{2} \\ i_{5} & i_{2} \\ i_{4} \end{array}$

Differences to other structured objects:

- 1. All instances are elements of the same features space (vs. Multi-View data)
- 2. Multi-Instance objects do not have an order (vs. time-series, sequences, trajectories)



Examples for Multi-Instance Objects

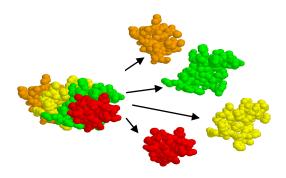


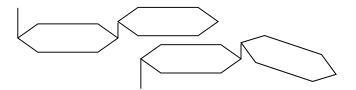
Proteins

- proteins consist of multiple amino acid sequences
- each sequences is an instance
- a protein is a set of its sequences

Macro-Molecules

- varying spatial conformations
- each conformation is an instance
- the molecule is described by a set of all possible conformations

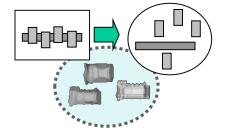






Further Examples

• CAD-components: set of spatial primitives



- HTML documents: set of layout blocks (dom tree structure is dropped)
- Video data: videos can be described by sets of shots (order is dropped)

Formally:

Object *o* is part of the power set of R: $o = \{r_1, ..., r_n\} \in 2^R$

where R is the feature space of instance (shortly instance space)











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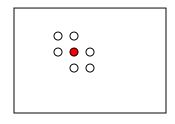


Idea: Reduce the multi-instance object (i.e., *set* of instances) into a *single* representative instance.

- E.g., build the centroid
- \Rightarrow simple method describing a set by its componentwise means

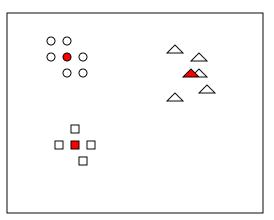
Problems:

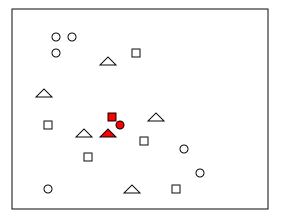
- properties of the particular instances are lost
- cardinality of the set is lost
- outliers are not described well



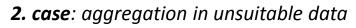


Aggregation-based Approaches





1. case: aggregation on suitable data



Conclusion:

Aggregation depends on the distribution of the objects.

- If all instances are drawn from the same distribution aggregation makes sense.
- If instances might be drawn from different distributions, aggregation is not suitable.





- Idea: Many data mining algorithms only need pairwise comparisons.
- \Rightarrow Define distances and kernel-functions on multi-instance objects

There are multiple ways to compare multi-instance objects:

- How many instances of should be similar?
- Does there have to be a bijective mapping between the sets ?

=> There are multiple similarity measures which might make sense in varying application areas.



Multi-instance objects comparison yields an assignment task: Which instance in object X has to be compared to which instance in object Y?

Given two objects $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ and $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$:

- Each x_i can be compared to each y_i .
- To how many y_i has each x_i to be similar?
- To how many x_i has each y_i to be similar?

	X ₁	X ₂	X ₃
\mathbf{Y}_1			
Y ₂			
Y ₃			

• Usually: Each instance is assigned to at least one instance in the other object (often the closest).



Hausdorff Distance



Idea: Each instance is *covered* by the *closest* instance from the other object. The *maximum cover* distance describes the distance of the two objects.

- minimum distance = most similar instance (smallest radius to cover the instance)
- maximum distance over all row /columns (worst case cover)
- maximum of row and column maximums achieves symmetry

Definition: The Hausdorff Distance

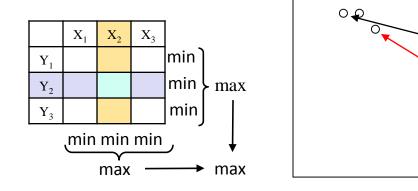
Let X, Y be two MI-objects and d(x,y) an instance distance measure over the feature space R, then the Hausdorff distance is defined as follows:

$$d_{Hausdorff}(X,Y) = \max\left(\max_{x_i \in X} \left(\min_{y_j \in Y} \left(d(x_i, y_j)\right), \max_{y_i \in Y} \left(\min_{x_j \in X} \left(d(x_i, y_j)\right)\right)\right)\right)$$

Informally, is the max distance out of the set of all distances between each point of a set to the closest point of a second set.

Complexity:
$$O(|X| \cdot |Y| \cdot d)$$

(assuming $d(x,y)$ is computable in $O(d)$)





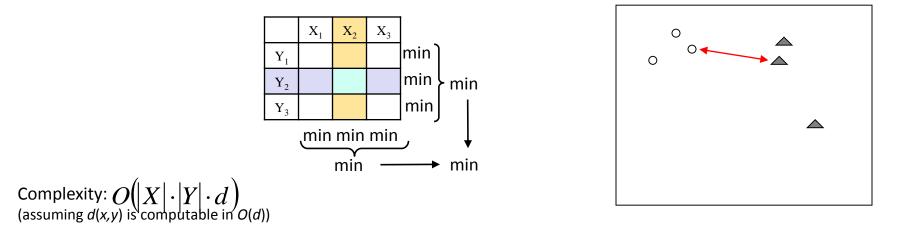


Idea: Use the closest pair of instances.

Definition: Minimal Hausdorff Distance or Single Link Distance

Let X, Y be two MI-objects and let d(x,y) be an instance distance measure in the underlying feature space R, then the minimal Hausdorff or single link distance is defined as follows:

$$d_{\text{singlelink}}(X,Y) = \min_{x_i \in X} \left(\min_{y_j \in Y} \left(d(x_i, y_j) \right) \right)$$





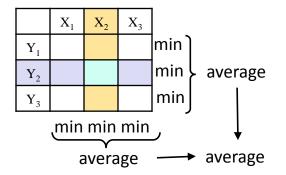


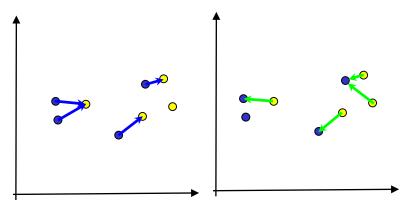
Idea: Use the average distance of the closest pairs.

Definition: Sum of Minimum distances (SMD)

Let X, Y be two MI-objects and d(x,y) an instance distance measure over the feature space R, then the SMD distance is defined as follows:

$$d_{SMD}(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x_i \in X} \left(\min_{y_j \in Y} \left(d(x_i, y_j) \right) + \frac{1}{|Y|} \sum_{y_j \in Y} \left(\min_{x_i \in X} \left(d(x_i, y_j) \right) \right) \right)$$





Complexity: $O(|X| \cdot |Y| \cdot d)$ (assuming d(x,y) is computable in O(d))





Idea: The distance between two sets is described by a cost-minimal bijection.

Definition:

Let O_1 , O_2 be two MI-objects and let d(x,y) be an instance distance measure over the feature space R, then the Minimal Matching Distance is defined as follows:

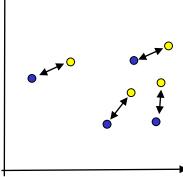
$$d_{MM}(O_1, O_2) = \min_{\pi_i \in \Pi(O_1)} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{|O_2|} d(o_{1,\pi(k)}, o_{2,k}) + \sum_{l=|O_2|+1}^{|O_1|} w(o_{1,\pi(l)}) \right)$$

w.l.o.g. let $|O_1| > |O_2|$. $\Pi(O_1)$ represents the set of all permutations of the instances in O_1 und $w(o_{i,j})$ is a weighting term penalizing instances without a match.

Remark:

MMD is metric if $w(o_{i,j})$ is large enough to prevent unmatched instances, i.e., $w(o_{i,j})$ has to be larger than any distance to any other instance.

=> Not matching any object is always worse than matching it





Computing MMD



Method: Solve a minimum weight perfect matching problem, e.g. with the *Hungarian method* (runtime complexity $O(n^3)$).

Input

The cost matrix: built upon the instances of the compared objects. The entries are the distances of the corresponding instances.

The algorithm requires a square cost matrix: fill missing entries with $w(o_{i,i})$ value.

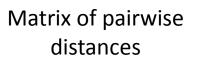
Algorithm:

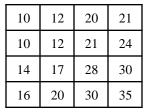
- 1. Subtract the minimum entry from each row
- 2. Subtract the minimum entry from each column
- 3. Draw lines through appropriate rows and columns so that *all* the zero entries of the cost matrix are covered and the minimum number of such lines is used
- 4. Test for optimality: If the min number of covering lines is *n*, an optimal assignment of zeros is possible and we are finished. Otherwise, proceed to Step 5.
- Determine the smallest entry not covered by any line. Subtract this entry from each uncovered row, and then add it to each covered column. Return to Step 3.



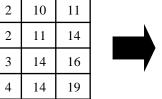
Example: Computing MMD



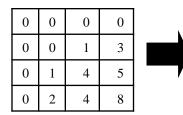




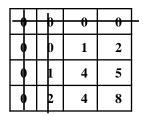
Subtract row min



Subtract column min

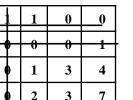


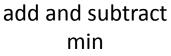
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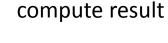


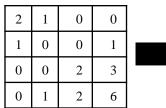
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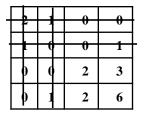


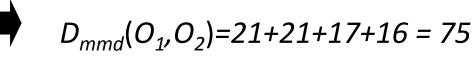


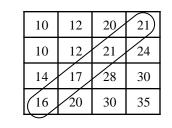














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Multi-Instance Classification



Setting:

Training set D={(O, c)} where $O \in DB$ and $c \in C$. Each object O is a MI object, i.e, it consists of a set of instances or bag of instances : $O_i = \{o_j, ..., o_k\}$! Each object O_i has a class label, but the instances (o_j) themselves are not explicitly labeled.

Goal:

Learn a model that predicts the class labels for unseen objects (i.e., sets or bags of instances)

Example:

Simple jailer problem (Chevaleyre & Zucker, 2001):

"Imagine there is a locked door and we have N keychains, each containing a bunch of keys. If a keychain (i.e., bag/set of keys) contains a key (i..e, instance) that can unlock the door, the keychain is useful. The learning goal is to build a model that can predict whether a given keychain is useful or not."





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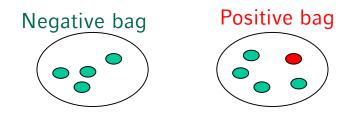


Challenge:

Which instances $\{o_i, ..., o_k\}$ of O_i are responsible for the membership of O_i in class c?

Classic multi instance learning (Dietterich et al, 1997):

- Binary class: positive, negative
- Assumption: instances have hidden/unobserved class labels: *positive* or *negative*
- Assumption: An object O_i is labeled as *positive*, if and only if contains at *least one positive* instance, otherwise it is *negative*.
- Important to define which class is the positive one, during application



General multi instance learning:

- Multi-class: arbitrary number of classes
- Instances can be relevant to multiple classes
- Class membership for object O might depend on any instance-subset of O





Problem:

MI objects from the same class need not be completely similar (similar w.r.t to each instance). => Classes can be described in multiple different ways

General approach to multi-instance classifiers:

- Classes can be defined by "concepts" on the instances (football team = 1 goal keeper and 10 regular players)
- Each concept describes a group of instances
- Concepts might occur in a class or be completely absent
- The cardinality of the concepts in the class might play a role (5 goal keepers and 1 regular player is not a football team)



MI classification with given concepts

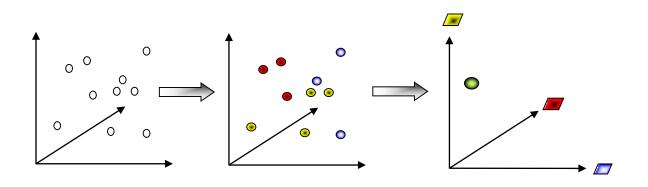


Input:

- C: The class attribute
- DB: The set of multi-instance objects O being labelled with class labels from C
- *K*: the set of *instance concepts*

Solution: Two Stage Classification.

- 1. Classifier 1: Learns a mapping KL from instance o_j to concept K_i : $KL(o_j) = K_i \in K$
- => Each multi-instance object O can be mapped to a distribution over the concepts K
- 2. Classifier 2: Learns a mapping CL from concept distribution to class $CL(O) = c_i \in C$







Input:

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- DB: The set of multi-instance objects O being labelled with class labels from C

Problem: The concepts for defining a class are unknown => training a classifier to predict instance concepts is not possible

Solution approaches:

- Train an *instance classifier* predicting the likelihood that instance o_i is element of any multi-instance object O having a class c_i.
- Aggregate the prediction over all instances in O (assumption: O was generated by drawing n times with replacement)

Remark:

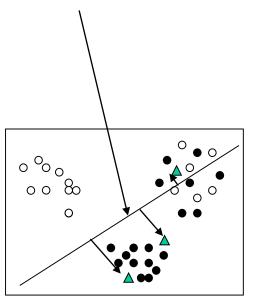
- methods depend on reliability of the confidence values
- method assume the independency of the instances (multinomial distribution)





Example: 2 classes, 3 "unknown" concepts

linear instance classifier



• Trainings set for instance classifier

$$TR_{A} = \bigcup \left\{ o_{i} \in O_{i} \land CL(O_{i}) = A \right\}$$

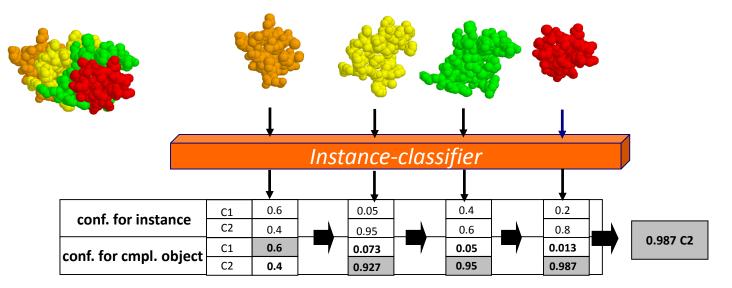
 $O_i \in DB$

- instances in concepts being typical for a class should be classified with a high confidence
- instances in ambiguous concepts should be classified with smaller confidence values
- the classifier often needs rather complex class borders (small bias but larger likelihood of overfitting)





Example: Combination of the instance predictions



Confidence of *O* for class C_k : $\Pr[C_k | O] = \frac{\Pr[C_k] \cdot P[O | C_k]}{\sum \Pr[C_i] \cdot P[O | C_i]}$ (Bayes theorem) $i \in C$

where $\Pr[O | C_k] = \prod \Pr[I_i | C_k]$ $I_i \in O$





Setting: There is one relevant concept K_{rel} . All objects containing at least one instance $o_i \in O$ with $K(o_i) = K_{rel}$ belong to class "relevant".

Examples:

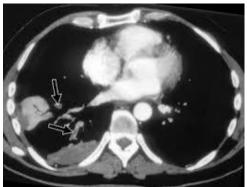
1- Does a molecule smell like musk? [Dietterich et al. 1998]

Molecules are described as sets of spatial conformations. If the molecule has a spatial conformation matching the musk receptor, it has a musky smell.

2- Search for lung embolisms

CT scanner generates a set of suspicious areas in the lung. If a least one of them is a lung embolism the patient needs treatment.

http://medicalpicturesinfo.com/ pulmonary-embolism/







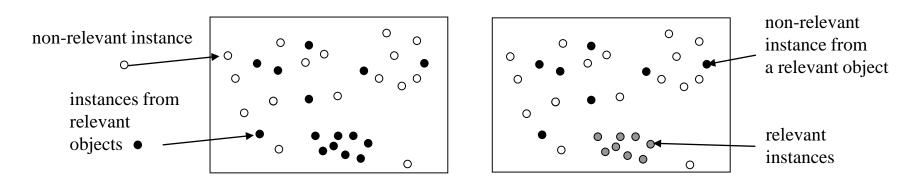
Approach: Classify all single instances

=> if one is relevant, the complete object is relevant as well.

Problem: Labeled instances are only reliable for the non-relevant class.

Remark: Multi-instance learning corresponds to learning a classifier for the relevant concept

- all instances of objects in the non-relevant class cannot be part of the relevant concept
- instances of objects from the relevant class can belong to both concepts
- at least one instance for each object has to belong to the relevant concept





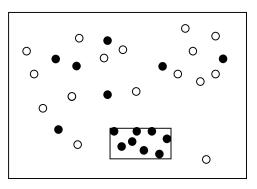
Classical Multi-Instance Learning



Approaches to classical multi-instance learning

Find a region in the feature space which contains only relevant instances (no negative samples) and contains at least one instance from each relevant object.

- Solution space is constructed by all sets of instances containing one instance from each objects. (assume: k objects having n instances => n^k solutions)
- Each solution can be used to demark the relevant area of the feature space
- It cannot be guaranteed that there is one area without any non-relevant samples
- Irrelevant features, learning bias etc. also influence the quality







Expectation Maximization Diverse Density classification (EM-DD)

Idea: Describe the relevant concept by an instance *h* and weights s_d for weighting the influence of the features $D=\{d_1,..,d_m\}$.

Predicting the object class is done by the max confidence of any instance in O:

Label(O₁ | h,
$$\vec{s}$$
) = max_j $\left\{ \exp \left[-\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(s_i \left(o_{j,i} - h_i \right) \right)^2 \right] \right\}$

where *l*=0 codes "relevant" and *l*=1 codes "irrelevant"

The quality of the classifier for set DB can be described by the Negative Logarithmic Diverse Density (*NLDD*) :

$$NLDD(h, \vec{s}, DB) = \sum_{i=1}^{|DB|} \left(-\log\left(\left|l_i - Label(O_i | h, \vec{s})\right|\right)\right)$$



Classical Multi-Instance Learning



EM-DD training algorithm:

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{init } h \ //\text{e.g. centroid of a samples of the relevant instances, } s_i = 0.1 \\ \text{While(} \ \text{NLDD}_{\text{new}} < \text{NLDD}_{\text{old}}) \\ \text{FOR ALL } O_i \ \text{in DB mit } \text{CL}(O_i) = \ \text{,relevant" DO} \\ O_i^* = \underset{o_{ij} \in O_i}{\max} \left(Label(O_i | h, \vec{s}) \right) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\arg \max} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) \\ h' = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{arg max}} \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}$

$$NLDD_{old} = NLDD_{new}$$
$$NLDD_{new} = NLDD(h',D)$$
$$h = h'$$

return h

Remark:
$$\Pr(l_i | h, \vec{s}, o_i^*) = \exp\left[-\sum_{i=1}^m (s_i (o_i^* - h_i))^2\right]$$



Multi-Instance Classifier



Conclusions:

general Multi-Instance Classification

- only a view dedicated approaches are published
- most approaches are based on distance measures or kernels

Classical Multi-Instance Learning

- Large effort in the research community
 - Citation-kNN and Bayes-kNN (nearest neighbor-based approaches)
 - Multi-Instance decision trees and rule-based classifiers
 - Neural Networks for multi-instance objects
 - \Rightarrow EM-DD (showed most promising results without any meta-learning)
- General benchmark is the musk use case !! More practical results showed good results for general MI-learners



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Multi-Instance Clustering



- MI-Objects can be clustered based on distance-based methods such as k-medoid, DBSCAN, OPTICS, etc.
 - only applicable to purely distance-based methods (cluster model ?)
 (e.g., k-Means cannot be used due to the lack of centroids)
 - selecting a well-suited distance measure is very important
 - This approach does not yield expressive cluster models
- Idea: Use the concept model from classification → Conceptbased multi-instance clustering
 - Instances belong to certain concepts
 - MI objects can be described by distribution over the different concepts
 - => clusters can be composed by objects having similar concept distributions

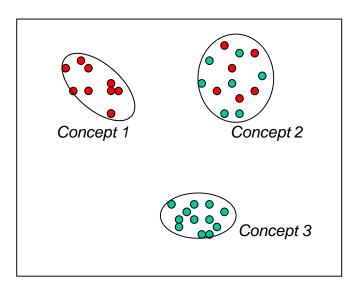


Concept-Based Multi-Instance Clustering



Idea:

- Each instance $o_i \in O$ belongs to a concept.
- Multi-instance (MI-)clusters are distributions over the set of concepts.



MI-Cluster1 contains instances from concept 1 and concept 2.

MI-Cluster2 contains instances from concept 2 and concept 3.

Description of a MI-cluster = cluster description of the contributing concepts.



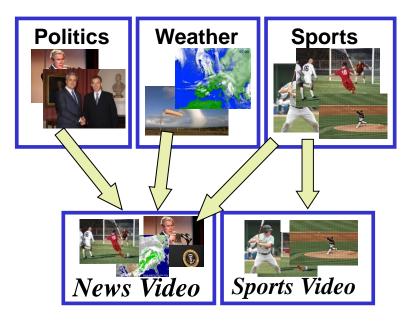
Concept-Based Multi-Instance Clustering



Example: Video Data

- Videos are represented as sets of Shots/Scenes (MI objects)
- Shots belong to a concept (e.g. sports, weather,..)
- An MI-cluster contains video with shots belonging to the same concepts:
 - Sport-videos contain sports shots.
 - Weather-videos contain weather shots.
 - News videos contains sports, weather, politics,...-shots.

Concepts



MI-Clusters





Instance set:

- *DB*: a set of MI-objects $o = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$
- I_{DB} : the instance set of DB, is the union of all multi-instance objects

$$I_{DB} = \bigcup_{DB} O$$

Instance Model:

An Instance Model *IM* for the instance set I_{DB} is given by a mixture model of *k* statistical processes that can be described by:

- a prior probability $\Pr[k_i]$ for each process k_i .
- the necessary parameters for each process k_j , e.g. a mean vector μ_j and a covariance matrix Σ_j for Gaussian processes.

These k processes correspond to the *concepts*.





Multi-Instance Cluster Model M

• A set *C* of clusters over the instance model *IM*. Each MI-cluster $c \in C$ is described as follows:

- a prior probability Pr [c],
- a cardinality distribution Pr [Card(o)/c]
- a conditional distribution of concepts $Pr[i \in k | i \in o \in c]$ (shortly: Pr[k|c]) for each concept k in IM.

The probability of an object o in the model M is computed as follows:

$$\Pr[o] = \sum_{c \in C} \Pr[c] \cdot \Pr[Card(o) \mid c] \cdot \prod_{i \in o} \prod_{k \in IM} \Pr[k \mid c]^{\Pr[k|i]}$$

the a-posteriori probability of *o* and cluster *c* is given as:

$$\Pr[c \mid o] = \frac{1}{\Pr[o]} \Pr[c] \cdot \Pr[Card(o) \mid c] \cdot \prod_{i \in o} \prod_{k \in IM} \Pr[k \mid c]^{\Pr[k|i]}$$





Example: 2 MI-Cluster

Cluster 1: 🔺

50 % prior probability

expected number if instances: 2

concept1		concept2	concept3	
0.2	1	0.01	0.79	2

Cluster 2:

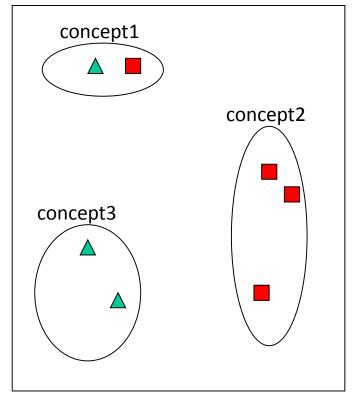
50 % prior probability

expected number if instances : 5

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concept1		concept2		concept3		
0.1	1		0.89	3		0.01

Instance Model IM







Overview of the algorithm:

- **Step 1:** Compute a mixture model (*IM*) on the instance set *I*_{DB} (build concepts)
- **Step 2:** Compute an initial model for clustering MI objects based on their concept distribution
- **Step 3:** Use EM to optimize the cluster model





Step 1: Derive a mixture model for the instance set

Build I_{DB} and use EM-clustering to derive *IM* (the concepts).

Step 2: Find a start partitioning of MI-objects

- For each MI-object *O* in DB build a "Confidence Summary Vector" *CSV(O)*.
 - it is a k-dimensional vector, k=#concepts
 - the *j*-th component of CSV (*O*) is defined as:

$$CSV_{j}(O) = \sum_{i \in O} \Pr[k_{j}] \cdot \Pr[i \mid k_{j}]$$

• Use k-means to group the CSVs to an initial cluster model





Step 3: Optimize the partitioning through EM

The start partitioning (step 2) is optimized using EM **E-Step**: Compute the log-likelihood of the current model M.

$$E(M) = \sum_{o \in DB} \log \sum_{c_i \in M} \Pr[c_i \mid o]$$

M-Step: apply the following updates:

update prior probability of MI-cluster c_i: $W_{c_i} = \Pr[c_i] = \frac{1}{Card(DB)} \sum_{o \in DB} \Pr[c_i \mid o]$

update cardinality distribution:
$$l_{c_i} = \frac{\sum_{o \in DB} \Pr[c_i \mid o] \cdot Card(o)}{Card(DB)} \cdot \frac{1}{MAXLENGTH}$$

update concept distribution:
$$P_{k_j, c_i} = \Pr[k_j, c_i] = \frac{\sum_{o \in DB} \left(\Pr[c_i \mid o] \cdot \sum_{u \in o} \Pr[u \mid k_j]\right)}{\sum_{o \in DB} \Pr[c_i \mid o]}$$





- Aggregation is useful for homogeneous sets
- Multiple distance and similarity function for MI objects
- Distance measures can be plugged into various algorithms
- Selecting the right distance measure is essential to the success
- Concept-based approaches abstract from sets of instances to concepts and apply data mining to the concept distribution
- Concept-based approaches rely on a suitable set of concepts and methods to assign instances to these concepts





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