

Subgroup Discovery





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A: Why not list the info gain of all attributes, and rank according to this?



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Interactions between Attributes

- Single-attribute effects are not enough
- XOR problem is extreme example: 2 attributes with no info gain form a good model

Apart from

consider also

 $A=a \land B=b, A=a \land C=c, ..., B=b \land C=c, ...$ $A=a \land B=b \land C=c, ...$



Subgroup Discovery Task

"Find all subgroups within the inductive constraints that show a significant deviation in the distribution of the target attribute"

- Inductive constraints:
 - Minimum support
 - (Maximum support)
 - Minimum quality (Information gain, X², WRAcc)
 - Maximum complexity



- A confusion matrix (or contingency table) describes the frequency of the four combinations of subgroup and target:
 - within subgroup, positive
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 - outside subgroup, positive



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Quality Measures

A *quality measure* for subgroups summarizes the interestingness of its confusion matrix into a single number

WRAcc, weighted relative accuracy

- $WRAcc(S,T) = p(ST) p(S) \cdot p(T)$
- between –.25 and .25, 0 means uninteresting
- Balance between coverage and unexpectedness



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- WRAcc: Weighted Relative Accuracy
- Information gain
- X²
- Correlation Coefficient
- Laplace
- Jaccard
- Specificity



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Subgroup Discovery and ROC space





ROC Space

ROC = Receiver Operating Characteristics



TPR = TP/Pos = TP/TP+FN (fraction of positive cases in the subgroup) FPR = FP/Neg = FP/FP+TN (fraction of negative cases in the subgroup)



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Measures in ROC Space



WRAcc

Information Gain



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Other Measures





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If corners are not above minimum quality or current best (top *k*?), prune search space below S.























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- Trade-off between size of subgroup and average target value







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