
Induction of Rules



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Outline of this lecture

1. Rule representation
2. Basic algorithms for rule induction – idea of „Sequential covering” search strategy
3. MODLEM → exemplary algorithm for inducing a minimal set of rules.
4. Classification strategies
5. Descriptive properties of rules and Explore algorithm → discovering a richer set of rules
6. Logical relations (ILP) and rule induction
7. Final remarks

Rules - preliminaries

- **Rules** → the most popular symbolic representation of knowledge derived from data;
 - Natural and easy form of representation → possible inspection by human and their interpretation.
 - More comprehensive than any other knowledge representation!
- Standard form of rules
 IF Conditions THEN Class
- Other forms: Class IF Conditions; Conditions → Class

Example: The set of decision rules induced from PlaySport:

if outlook = overcast **then** Play = yes

if temperature = mild **and** humidity = normal **then** Play = yes

if outlook = rainy **and** windy = FALSE **then** Play = yes

if humidity = normal **and** windy = FALSE **then** Play = yes

if outlook = sunny **and** humidity = high **then** Play = no

if outlook = rainy **and** windy = TRUE **then** Play = no

Rules – more formal notations

- A rule corresponding to class K_j is represented as

if P then Q

where $P = w_1$ and w_2 and ... and w_m is a condition part and Q is a decision part (object x satisfying P is assigned to class K_j)

- Elementary condition w_i ($a \text{ rel } v$), where $a \in A$ and v is its value (or a set of values) and rel stands for an operator as $=, <, \leq, \geq, >$.
- $[P]$ is a cover of a condition part of a rule \rightarrow a subset of examples satisfying P .
 - *if* ($a_2 = \text{small}$) *and* ($a_3 \leq 2$) *then* ($d = C1$) $\{x_1, x_7\}$
- A rule is certain / discriminant in DT iff $[P] = \bigcap [w_i] \subseteq [K_j]$, otherwise ($P \cap K_j \neq \emptyset$) the rule is partly discriminating.

An example of rules induced from data table

Minimal set of rules

- *if* $(a_2 = s) \wedge (a_3 \leq 2)$ *then* $(d = C1)$
 $\{x_1, x_7\}$
- *if* $(a_2 = n) \wedge (a_4 = c)$ *then* $(d = C1)$
 $\{x_3, x_4\}$
- *if* $(a_2 = w)$ *then* $(d = C2)$ $\{x_2, x_6\}$
- *if* $(a_1 = f) \wedge (a_4 = a)$ *then* $(d = C2)$
 $\{x_5, x_8\}$

Partly discriminating rule:

- *if* $(a_1 = m)$ *then* $(d = C1)$
 $\{x_1, x_3, x_7 \mid x_6\}$ 3/4

id.	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	d
x_1	m	s	1	a	C1
x_2	f	w	1	b	C2
x_3	m	n	3	c	C1
x_4	f	n	2	c	C1
x_5	f	n	2	a	C2
x_6	m	w	2	c	C2
x_7	m	s	2	b	C1
x_8	f	s	3	a	C2

Polish contribution – prof. Ryszard Michalski

- Father of Machine Learning and rule induction



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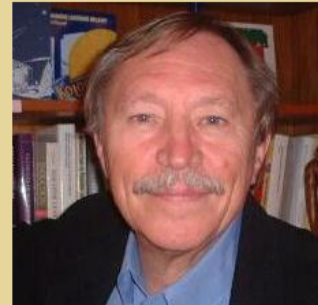
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Rules – more preliminaries

- A set of rules – a disjunctive set of conjunctive rules.
- Also DNF form:
 - *Class IF Cond_1 OR Cond_2 OR ... Cond_m*
- Various types of rules in data mining
 - Decision / classification rules
 - Association rules
 - Logic formulas (ILP)
 - Other → action rules, ...
- **MCDA** → attributes with some additional preferential information and ordinal classes.

Why Decision Rules?

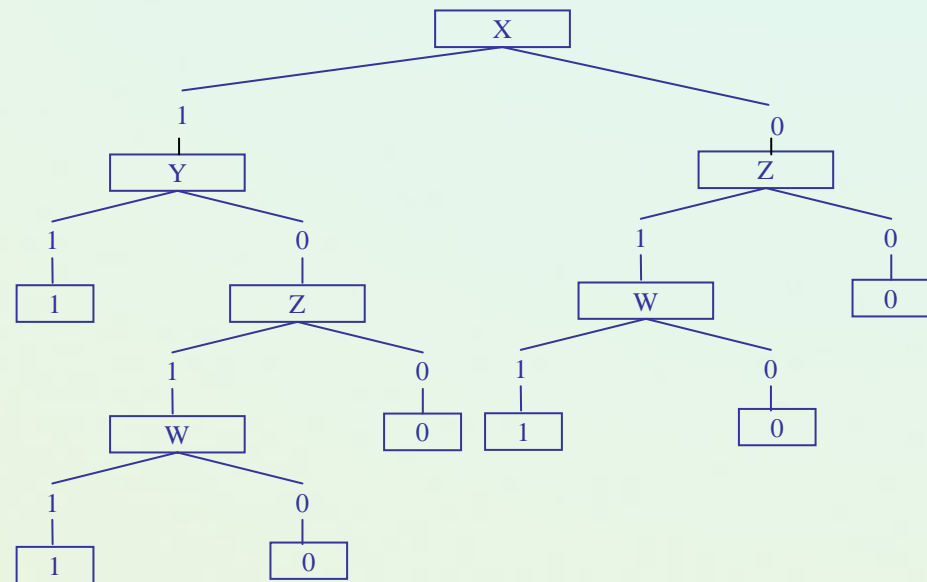
- Decision rules are **more compact**.
- Decision rules are more understandable and natural for human.
- Better for descriptive perspective in data mining.
- Can be nicely combined with background knowledge and more advanced operations, ...

Example: Let $X \in \{0,1\}$, $Y \in \{0,1\}$,
 $Z \in \{0,1\}$, $W \in \{0,1\}$. The rules are:

if $X=1$ and $Y=1$ **then** 1

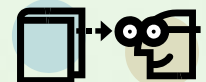
if $Z=1$ and $W=1$ **then** 1

Otherwise 0;



How to learn decision rules?

- Typical algorithms based on the scheme of a sequential covering and heuristically generate a **minimal set** of rule covering examples:
 - see, e.g., AQ, CN2, LEM, PRISM, MODLEM, Other ideas – PVM, R1 and RIPPER).
- Other approaches to induce „richer” sets of rules:
 - Satisfying some requirements (Explore, BRUTE, or modification of association rules, „Apriori-like”).
 - Based on local „reducts” → boolean reasoning or LDA.
- Specific optimization, eg. genetic approaches.
- Transformations of other representations:
 - Trees → rules.
 - Construction of (fuzzy) rules from ANN.



Covering algorithms

- A strategy for generating a rule set **directly from data**:
 - for each class in turn find a rule set that covers all examples in it (excluding examples not in the class).
- The main procedure is iteratively repeated for each class.
 - **Positive examples** from this class vs. **negative examples**.
- This approach is called a **covering** approach because at each stage a rule is identified that covers some of the examples (then these examples are skipped from consideration for the next rules).
- A **sequential** approach.
 - For a given class it conducts in a **stepwise way** a general to specific search for the best rules (**learn-one-rule**) guided by the evaluation measures.

General schema of inducing minimal set of rules

- The procedure conducts a **general to specific** (greedy) search for the best rules (**learn-one-rule**) guided by the evaluation measures.
- At each stage add to the current condition part next elementary tests that optimize possible rule's evaluation (no backtracking).

Procedure Sequential covering (K_j Class; A attributes; E examples, τ - acceptance threshold);

begin

$R := \emptyset;$ {set of induced rules}

$r := \mathbf{learn-one-rule}(Y_j \text{ Class; } A \text{ attributes; } E \text{ examples})$

while $\mathbf{evaluate}(r, E) > \tau$ **do**

begin

$R := R \cup r,$

$E := E \setminus [R];$ {remove positive examples covered by R }

$r := \mathbf{learn-one-rule}(K_j \text{ Class; } A \text{ attributes; } E \text{ examples});$

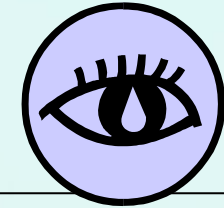
end;

return R

end.



The contact lenses data



Age	Spectacle prescription	Astigmatism	Tear production rate	Recommended lenses
Young	Myope	No	Reduced	None
Young	Myope	No	Normal	Soft
Young	Myope	Yes	Reduced	None
Young	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Young	Hypermetrope	No	Reduced	None
Young	Hypermetrope	No	Normal	Soft
Young	Hypermetrope	Yes	Reduced	None
Young	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	hard
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	No	Reduced	None
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	No	Normal	Soft
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Reduced	None
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	No	Reduced	None
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	No	Normal	Soft
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Reduced	None
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	None
Presbyopic	Myope	No	Reduced	None
Presbyopic	Myope	No	Normal	None
Presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Reduced	None
Presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	No	Reduced	None
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	No	Normal	Soft
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Reduced	None
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	None

Inducing rules by PRISM from contact lens data

- Rule we seek:

**If ?
then recommendation = hard**

- Possible conditions:

PRISM - Evaluation of candidates for a rule:

High accuracy

$P(K|R)$;

High coverage

$|[P]|$

Age = Young	2/8
Age = Pre-presbyopic	1/8
Age = Presbyopic	1/8
Spectacle prescription = Myope	3/12
Spectacle prescription = Hypermetrope	1/12
Astigmatism = no	0/12
Astigmatism = yes	4/12
Tear production rate = Reduced	0/12
Tear production rate = Normal	4/12

Modified candidate for a rule and covered data

- Condition part of the rule with **the best elementary** condition added:

```
If astigmatism = yes  
then recommendation = hard
```

- Examples covered by the first condition part:

Age	Spectacle prescription	Astigmatism	Tear production rate	Recommended lenses
Young	Myope	Yes	Reduced	None
Young	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Young	Hypermetrope	Yes	Reduced	None
Young	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	hard
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Reduced	None
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Reduced	None
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	None
Presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Reduced	None
Presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Reduced	None
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	None

Further specialization of conditions

- Current state: `If astigmatism = yes
and ?
then recommendation = hard`
- Possible conditions:

<code>Age = Young</code>	<code>2 / 4</code>
<code>Age = Pre-presbyopic</code>	<code>1 / 4</code>
<code>Age = Presbyopic</code>	<code>1 / 4</code>
<code>Spectacle prescription = Myope</code>	<code>3 / 6</code>
<code>Spectacle prescription = Hypermetrope</code>	<code>1 / 6</code>
<code>Tear production rate = Reduced</code>	<code>0 / 6</code>
<code>Tear production rate = Normal</code>	<code>4 / 6</code>

Two conditions in the rule

- The rule with the next best condition added:

```
If astigmatism = yes
    and tear production rate = normal
then recommendation = hard
```

- Examples covered by modified rule:

Age	Spectacle prescription	Astigmatism	Tear production rate	Recommended lenses
Young	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Young	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	hard
Pre-presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Pre-presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	None
Presbyopic	Myope	Yes	Normal	Hard
Presbyopic	Hypermetrope	Yes	Normal	None

Further specialization of the candidate for a rule

- The current state:

```
If astigmatism = yes
    and tear production rate = normal
    and ?
then recommendation = hard
```

- Possible conditions:

Age = Young	2/2
Age = Pre-presbyopic	1/2
Age = Presbyopic	1/2
Spectacle prescription = Myope	3/3
Spectacle prescription = Hypermetrope	1/3

- **Tie** between the first and the fourth test
 - We choose the one with greater coverage

The result for class „hard”

- Final rule:

```
If astigmatism = yes  
and tear production rate = normal  
and spectacle prescription = myope  
then recommendation = hard
```

- Second rule for recommending “hard lenses”:
(built from instances not covered by first rule)

```
If age = young and astigmatism = yes  
and tear production rate = normal  
then recommendation = hard
```

- These two rules cover all “hard lenses”:
 - Process is repeated with other two classes

More on PRISM (WEKA)

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the PRISM classifier selected. The 'Test options' section is set to 'Cross-validation' with 10 folds and 66% split. The 'Classifier output' pane displays the generated PRISM rules and a summary of performance metrics. An 'Information' dialog box is open, providing details about the PRISM classifier, including its name, synopsis, and a reference to the original paper by J. Cendrowska (1987).

Weka Explorer

Preprocess | **Classify** | Cluster | Associate | Select attributes | Visualize

Classifier: Choose **Prism**

Test options:

- Use training set
- Supplied test set (Set...)
- Cross-validation (Folds: 10, %: 66)
- Percentage split (%: 66)

More options...

(Nom) play (Start | Stop)

Result list (right-click for options):

- 13:22:32 - rules.Prism
- 13:23:22 - rules.Prism

Classifier output

Prism rules

```
-----  
If outlook = overcast then yes  
If humidity = normal  
  and windy = FALSE then yes  
If temperature = mild  
  and humidity = normal then yes  
If outlook = rainy  
  and windy = FALSE then yes  
If outlook = sunny  
  and humidity = high then no  
If outlook = rainy  
  and windy = TRUE then no
```

Time taken to build model: 0 seconds

```
=== Stratified cross-validation ===  
=== Summary ===
```

Correctly Classified Instances	11	78.5714 %
Std Dev. of Corr. Class. Inst.	22.9129	%
Incorrectly Classified Instances	3	21.4286 %
Kappa statistic	0.4615	
Mean absolute error	0.2143	
Root mean squared error	0.4629	
Relative absolute error	45	%
Root relative squared error	93.8273	%
Total Number of Instances	14	

```
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===
```

Information

NAME
weka.classifiers.rules.Prism

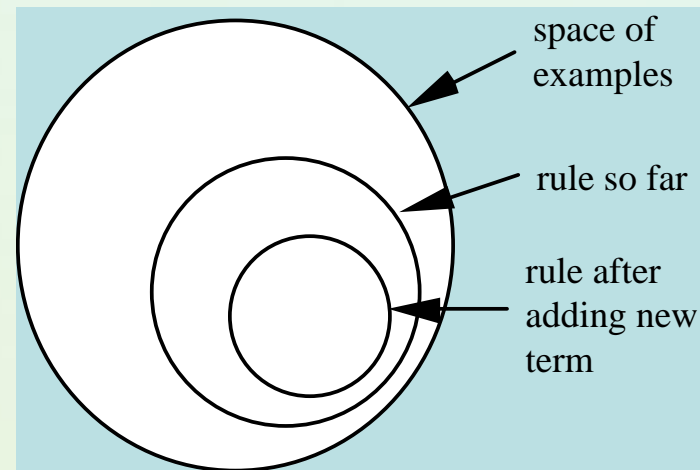
SYNOPSIS
Class for building and using a PRISM rule set for classification. Can only deal with nominal attributes. Can't deal with missing values. Doesn't do any pruning. For more information, see

J. Cendrowska (1987). "PRISM: An algorithm for inducing modular rules". International Journal of Man-Machine Studies. Vol.27, No.4, pp.349-370.

OPTIONS
debug -- If set to true, classifier may output additional info to the console.

A search in a simple covering algorithm

- Generates a rule by adding tests that maximize rule's accuracy
- Similar to situation in decision trees: problem of selecting an attribute to split on
 - But: decision tree inducer maximizes overall purity
- Each new term reduces rule's coverage:



LEM2 algorithm with rough approximations

- Grzymala 92; - induces rules from rough sets approximations of inconsistent decision classes.
- Sequential covering (similar to PRISM but another evaluation criteria)
- A heuristic approach to minimal set of rules; it is based on iterative computing the single local covering \mathcal{T} (see it as a set of cond. parts) of each concept (approximation) in a decision table
- \mathcal{T} is a local covering of K iff

Each member $T \in \mathcal{T}$ is minimal

$$\bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} [T] = K$$

\mathcal{T} is minimal, i.e. contains the smallest number of elements T .

LEM2 - the description

Procedure LEM2

(input: a set K ; output: a single local covering T of set K);

begin

$G := K$; $T := \emptyset$;

while $G \neq \emptyset$ **do**

begin

$T := \emptyset$;

$T(G) := \{t \mid [t] \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$;

while $T = \emptyset$ **or not** $([T] \subseteq B)$ **do begin**

select a pair a pair t from $T(G)$ such that $[t] \cap G$ is maximum; if another tie occurs, select a pair $t \in T(G)$ with the smallest cardinality of $[t]$; if a further tie occurs, select first pair;

$T := T \cup \{t\}$;

$G := [t] \cap G$;

$T(G) := \{t \mid [t] \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$;

$T(G) := T(G) - T$;

end; {while}

for each t in T **do if** $[T - \{t\}] \subseteq B$ **then** $T := T - \{t\}$;

$T := T \cup \{T\}$;

$G := B - \cup [T]$;

end {while};

for each $T \in \mathbf{T}$ **do if** $\cup_{S \in \mathbf{T} - \{T\}} [S] = B$ **then** $\mathbf{T} := \mathbf{T} - \{T\}$;

end {procedure}.

LEM2 – An Example (1)

<i>U</i>	<i>Headache</i>	<i>Nausea</i>	<i>Temp.</i>	<i>Flu</i>
<i>x1</i>	no	no	normal	No
<i>x2</i>	yes	no	high	Yes
<i>x3</i>	yes	yes	high	Yes
<i>x4</i>	yes	no	normal	No
<i>x5</i>	no	no	high	No
<i>x6</i>	no	no	high	Yes

IND: {*x1*}, {*x2*}, {*x3*}, {*x4*}, {*x5,x6*}

YES: lower appr. {*x2,x3*}

upper {*x2,x3,x5,x6*}

NO: lower approx. {*x1,x4*}

upper {*x1,x4,x5,x6*}

Inconsistent boundary {*x5,x6*}

Certain rules for **(Flue=Yes)**: Concept {*x2,x3*}

(headache,yes)	{ <i>x2,x3+</i> ; <i>x4-</i> }
(nausea,no)	{ <i>x2+</i> ; <i>x1,x4,x5,x6-</i> }
(nausea,yes)	{ <i>x3+</i> }
(temperature,high)	{ <i>x2,x3+</i> ; <i>x5,x6-</i> }

Choose t_1 (headache,yes) but it {*x2,x3+* ; *x4-*} $\not\subseteq$ {*x2,x3*}, so look for next, new condition ; Add (temperature,high),

now $t_1 \cap t_2 = \{x_2, x_3+ ; x_4-\} \cap \{x_2, x_3+ ; x_5, x_6-\} \subseteq \{x_2, x_3\}$

Finally, the rule **(headache=yes) \cap (temperature=high) \rightarrow (Flue=Yes)**

describes all examples from this concept

LEM2 – An Example (2)

<i>U</i>	<i>Headache</i>	<i>Nausea</i>	<i>Temp.</i>	<i>Flu</i>
<i>x1</i>	no	no	normal	No
<i>x2</i>	yes	no	high	Yes
<i>x3</i>	yes	yes	high	Yes
<i>x4</i>	yes	no	normal	No
<i>x5</i>	no	no	high	No
<i>x6</i>	no	no	high	Yes

IND: {*x1*}, {*x2*}, {*x3*}, {*x4*}, {*x5,x6*}

YES: lower appr. {*x2,x3*}

upper {*x2,x3,x5,x6*}

NO: lower approx. {*x1,x4*}

upper {*x1,x4,x5,x6*}

Certain rules for **(Flue=No)**: Concept {*x1,x4*}

(headache,no) {*x1*+; *x5,x6*-}

(headache,yes) {*x4*+ ; *x2,x3*-}

(nausea,no) {*x1,x4*+; *x2,x5,x6*-}

(temperature,normal) {*x1,x4*+ ; \emptyset }

Choose t_1 (temperature,normal),

now $t_1 = \{x1,x4+ ; \emptyset-\} \subseteq \{x1,x4\}$

Finally, the rule **(temperature=normal) → (Flue=No)** describes all examples from this concept

Evaluation of candidates in Learning One Rule

- When is a candidate for a rule R treated as “good”?
 - High accuracy $P(K|R)$;
 - High coverage $|[P]| = n$.
- Possible evaluation functions: $\frac{n_K(R)}{n(R)}$
 - *Relative frequency*:
 - where n_K is the number of correctly classified examples from class K , and n is the number of examples covered by the rule \rightarrow problems with small samples;
 - Laplace estimate: $\frac{n_K(R) + 1}{n(R) + k}$
Good for uniform prior distribution of k classes
 - *m-estimate of accuracy*: $(n_K(R) + mp) / (n(R) + m)$,
where n_K is the number of correctly classified examples, n is the number of examples covered by the rule, p is the prior probability of the class predicted by the rule, and m is the weight of p (domain dependent – more noise / larger m).

Other evaluation functions of rule R and class K

Assume rule R specialized to rule R'

- Entropy (Information gain and others versions).
- Accuracy gain (increase in expected accuracy)

$$P(K|R') - P(K|R)$$

- Many others
- Also weighted functions, e.g.

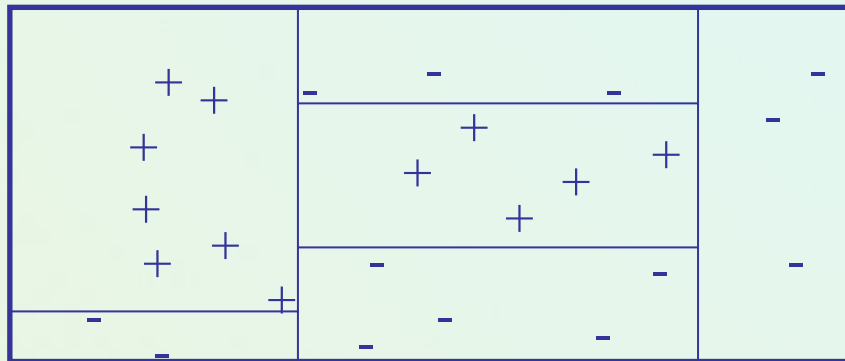
$$WAG(R', R) = \frac{n_K(R')}{n_K(R)} \cdot (P(K | R') - P(K | R))$$

$$WIG(R', R) = \frac{n_K(R')}{n_K(R)} \cdot (\log_2(K | R') - \log_2(K | R))$$

Decision rules vs. decision trees → graphical interpretation

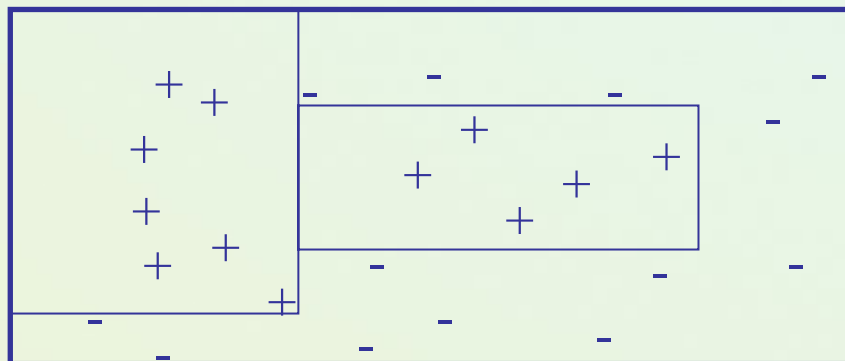
- Trees – splitting the data space (e.g. C4.5)

Decision boundaries of decision trees



- Rules – covering parts of the space (AQ, CN2, LEM)

Decision boundaries of decision rules



Original covering idea (AQ, Michalski 1969, 86)

for each class K_i **do**

$E_i := P_i \cup N_i$ (P_i positive, N_i negative example)

RuleSet(K_i) := empty

repeat {**find-set-of-rules**}

find-one-rule R covering some positive examples

 and no negative ones

 add R to RuleSet(K_i)

 delete from P_i all pos. ex. covered by R

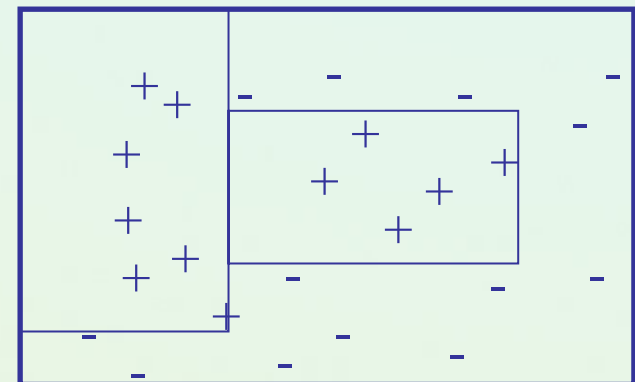
until P_i (set of pos. ex.) = empty

Find one rule:

Choosing a positive example called a **seed**.

Find a limited set of rules characterizing
the seed \rightarrow **STAR**.

Choose the best rule according to LEF criteria.



Another variant – CN2 algorithm

- Clark and Niblett 1989; Clark and Boswell 1991; Many other improvements
- Combine ideas AQ with TDIDT (search as in AQ, additional evaluation criteria or pruning as for TDIDT).
 - AQ depends on a seed example
 - Basic AQ has **difficulties with noise handling**
 - Latter solved by rule truncation (pos-pruning)
- Principles:
 - Covering approach (but stopping criteria relaxed).
 - Learning one rule – not so much example-seed driven.
 - Two options:
 - Generating an unordered set of rules (First Class, then conditions).
 - Generating an ordered list of rules (find first the best condition part than determine Class).

MODLEM – Algorithm for rule induction

- MODLEM [Stefanowski 98] generates a minimal set of rules.
- Its extra specificity – handling directly numerical attributes during rule induction; elementary conditions, e.g. $(a \geq v)$, $(a < v)$, $(a \in [v_1, v_2))$ or $(a = v)$.
- Elementary condition evaluated by one of three measures: class entropy, Laplace accuracy or Grzymala 2-LEF.

obj.	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	D	
x_1	m	2.0	1	a	C1	<i>if</i> ($a_1 = m$) <i>and</i> ($a_2 \leq 2.6$) <i>then</i> ($D = C1$) { x_1, x_3, x_7 }
x_2	f	2.5	1	b	C2	<i>if</i> ($a_2 \in [1.45, 2.4]$) <i>and</i> ($a_3 \leq 2$) <i>then</i> ($D = C1$)
x_3	m	1.5	3	c	C1	{ x_1, x_4, x_7 }
x_4	f	2.3	2	c	C1	<i>if</i> ($a_2 \geq 2.4$) <i>then</i> ($D = C2$) { x_2, x_6 }
x_5	f	1.4	2	a	C2	<i>if</i> ($a_1 = f$) <i>and</i> ($a_2 \leq 2.15$) <i>then</i> ($D = C2$) { x_5, x_8 }
x_6	m	3.2	2	c	C2	
x_7	m	1.9	2	b	C1	
x_8	f	2.0	3	a	C2	

Mushroom data (UCI Repository)

- Mushroom records drawn from The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms (1981).
- This data set includes descriptions of hypothetical samples corresponding to 23 species of mushrooms in the Agaricus and Lepiota Family. Each species is identified as definitely edible, definitely poisonous, or of unknown edibility.
- Number of examples: 8124.
- Number of attributes: 22 (all nominally valued)
- Missing attribute values: 2480 of them.
- Class Distribution:
 - edible: 4208 (51.8%)
 - poisonous: 3916 (48.2%)

MOLDEM rule set (Implemented in WEKA)

=== Classifier model (full training set) ===

Rule 1.(odor is in: {n, a, l})&(spore-print-color is in: {n, k, b, h, o, u, y, w})&(gill-size = b)
=> (class = e); [3920, 3920, 93.16%, 100%]

Rule 2.(odor is in: {n, a, l})&(spore-print-color is in: {n, h, k, u}) => (class = e); [3488,
3488, 82.89%, 100%]

Rule 3.(gill-spacing = w)&(cap-color is in: {c, n}) => (class = e); [304, 304, 7.22%,
100%]

Rule 4.(spore-print-color = r) => (class = p); [72, 72, 1.84%, 100%]

Rule 5.(stalk-surface-below-ring = y)&(gill-size = n) => (class = p); [40, 40, 1.02%,
100%]

Rule 6.(odor = n)&(gill-size = n)&(bruises? = t) => (class = p); [8, 8, 0.2%, 100%]

Rule 7.(odor is in: {f, s, y, p, c, m}) => (class = p); [3796, 3796, 96.94%, 100%]

Number of rules: 7

Number of conditions: 14

Approaches to Avoiding Overfitting

- **Pre-pruning:** stop learning the decision rules before they reach the point where they perfectly classify the training data
- **Post-pruning:** allow the decision rules to overfit the training data, and then post-prune the rules.

Pre-Pruning

The criteria for stopping learning rules can be:

- **minimum purity** criterion requires a certain percentage of the instances covered by the rule to be positive;
- **significance test** determines if there is a significant difference between the distribution of the instances covered by the rule and the distribution of the instances in the training sets.

Pruning in MODLEM

- Majority class in pre-pruning, Min_supp in post-pruning

The screenshot displays the Weka Explorer software interface. The 'Classifier' tab is active, showing the 'Modlem' classifier selected. The 'Test options' section includes radio buttons for 'Use training set', 'Supplied test set', 'Cross-validation' (selected), and 'Percentage split'. The 'Cross-validation' section shows 'Folds' set to 10 and a percentage of 66. The 'Result list' on the left shows a list of rules generated, with the most recent rule set selected. The 'Classifier output' window is open, displaying the following text:

```
=== Classifier model (full training set) ===  
  
Rule 1. (Status: is in: {no-account, over-200DM}) & (Purpose: is in: {radio-tv, used-car, furniture, domestic-app  
Rule 2. (Status: = no-account) & (Credit: < 4146) & (Age: >= 32.5) & (Liable-people: < 1.5) & (Installments: = none) =>  
Rule 3. (Credit-history: is in: {critical, delay}) & (Job: = management) & (Purpose: is in: {used-car, others}) =>  
Rule 4. (Duration: < 15.5) & (Job: = management) & (Age: < 31.5) => (evaluation: = good); [5, 5, 1.09%, 100%]  
Rule 5. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM, 1  
Rule 6. (Credit-history: is in: {critical, del  
Rule 7. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM, 1  
Rule 8. (Purpose: is in: {new-car, education,  
Rule 9. (Purpose: is in: {new-car, education,  
Rule 10. (Purpose: is in: {new-car, education,  
Rule 11. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM,  
Rule 12. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM,  
Rule 13. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM,  
Rule 14. (Purpose: = new-car) & (Property: = rea  
Rule 15. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM,  
Rule 16. (Purpose: is in: {radio-tv, business,  
Rule 17. (Purpose: is in: {radio-tv, business,  
Rule 18. (Employment: is in: {seven-years, ove  
Rule 19. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM,  
Rule 20. (Purpose: is in: {business, radio-tv,  
Rule 21. (Employment: = one-year) & (Status: is  
Rule 22. (Employment: = one-year) & (Duration: >  
Rule 23. (Purpose: is in: {business, radio-tv,  
Rule 24. (Residence-time: < 1.5) & (Credit: is i  
Rule 25. (Employment: is in: {seven-years, fou  
Rule 26. (Savings-account: is in: {less100DM,  
Rule 27. (Savings-account: = less100DM) & (Credi  
Rule 28. (Savings-account: = less100DM) & (Credit: >= 1205) & (Credit-history: is in: {duily-kill-now, critical}) & (E
```

The 'weka.gui.GenericObjectEditor' dialog box is open, showing the configuration for the 'weka.classifiers.rules.Modlem' classifier. The 'About' section states: 'Class for building and using a MODLEM rule set for classification.' The configuration parameters are:

- classificationStrategy: Nearest rules
- debug: False
- forwardPruningCoefficient: 1.0
- postPruningType: Class depending approach
- postPruningCoefficient: 0.0
- postPruningOnlyGreaterClasses: False
- rulesType: possible rules
- selectionCriterion: Entropy measure

Post-Pruning (Grow, IREP)

1. Split instances into *Growing Set* and *Pruning Set*,
2. Learn set *SR* of rules using *Growing Set*,
3. Find the best simplification *BSR* of *SR*.
4. **while** (Accuracy(*BSR*, *Pruning Set*) >
Accuracy(*SR*, *Pruning Set*)) **do**
 - 4.1 *SR* = *BSR*;
 - 4.2 Find the best simplification *BSR* of *SR*.
5. **return** *BSR*;

JRIP – prune or not (WEKA)

- WEKA impl. of RIPPER runned for WZW data set

```
14:29:57 - rules.JRip
JRIP rules:
=====
(Naklucia: = n) => WZW:=a (251.0/56.0)
(Wiek: <= 42) and (Zywienie: = p) => WZW:=a (10.0/2.0)
=> WZW:=b (241.0/47.0)

Number of Rules : 3

Time taken to build model: 0.21 seconds

=== Stratified cross-validation ===
=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances      386          76.
Std Dev. of Corr. Class. Inst.    5.8513 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances    116          23.
Kappa statistic                    0.5378
Mean absolute error                0.3388
Root mean squared error            0.4227
Relative absolute error            67.7579 %
Root relative squared error        84.5384 %
Total Number of Instances          502

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

TP Rate  FP Rate  Precision  Recall  F-Measure  Class
0.756    0.218    0.775     0.756   0.765     a
0.782    0.244    0.764     0.782   0.773     b

=== Confusion Matrix ===

  a  b  <-- classified as
189  61 |  a = a
 55 197 |  b = b

14:42:01 - rules.JRip
JRIP rules:
=====
(Naklucia: = n) and (Wiek: <= 19) and (Wiek: <= 15) and (Zachorowanie: = jz)
(Naklucia: = n) and (Wiek: <= 29) and (Wiek: <= 15) and (Kontakt: = t) => WZW
(Naklucia: = n) and (Wiek: <= 29) and (Zaopatrzenie_w_wode: = 1) and (Ustep:
(Naklucia: = n) and (Wiek: <= 33) and (Objawy_rzekomogrypowe: = t) and (Wiek:
(Naklucia: = n) and (Wiek: <= 33) and (Zaburzenia_dyspeptyczne: = t) and (Ust
(Naklucia: = n) and (Zaburzenia_dyspeptyczne: = t) and (Wiek: <= 19) and (Kon
(Naklucia: = n) and (Kontakt: = t) and (Wiek: <= 44) and (Wiek: >= 28) and (O
(Naklucia: = n) and (Zazolcenie: = n) and (Mocz_i_kal: = z) => WZW:=a (4.0/0.
(Wiek: <= 42) and (Zywienie: = p) and (Czystosc: = bc) => WZW:=a (8.0/0.0)
(Naklucia: = n) and (Gamma_globulina: = n) and (Objawy_rzekomogrypowe: = t) a
(Wiek: <= 39) and (Zaburzenia_dyspeptyczne: = t) and (Wiek: <= 11) and (Wiek:
(Wiek: <= 39) and (Zywienie: = p) and (Wiek: >= 18) and (Wiek: <= 23) => WZW:
(Wiek: <= 39) and (Zaburzenia_dyspeptyczne: = t) and (Zaopatrzenie_w_wode: =
(Wiek: <= 34) and (Zaburzenia_dyspeptyczne: = t) and (Zaopatrzenie_w_wode: =
(Naklucia: = n) and (Zachorowanie: = w1) and (Czystosc: = b) => WZW:=a (3.0/0
(Naklucia: = n) and (Zachorowanie: = w1) and (Zaburzenia_dyspeptyczne: = t) a
=> WZW:=b (310.0/58.0)

Number of Rules : 17

Time taken to build model: 0.1 seconds

=== Stratified cross-validation ===
=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances      387          77.0916 %
Std Dev. of Corr. Class. Inst.    8.3994 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances    115          22.9084 %
Kappa statistic                    0.5414
Mean absolute error                0.2742
Root mean squared error            0.4354
Relative absolute error            54.8451 %
Root relative squared error        87.0713 %
Total Number of Instances          502
```

Applying rule set to classify objects

- **Matching** a new object description x to condition parts of rules.

- Either object's description satisfies all elementary conditions in a rule, or not.

IF $(a1=L)$ and $(a3 \geq 3)$ THEN Class +

$x \rightarrow (a1=L), (a2=s), (a3=7), (a4=1)$

- Two ways of assigning x to class K depending on the set of rules:
 - Unordered set of rules (AQ, CN2, PRISM, LEM)
 - Ordered list of rules (CN2, c4.5rules)

Applying rule set to classify objects

- The rules are ordered into priority decision list!

Another way of rule induction – rules are learned by first determining Conditions and then Class (CN2)

Notice: mixed sequence of classes K_1, \dots, K in a rule list

But: ordered execution when classifying a new instance: rules are sequentially tried and the first rule that ‘fires’ (covers the example) is used for final decision

Decision list $\{R_1, R_2, R_3, \dots, D\}$: rules R_i are interpreted as **if-then-else** rules

If no rule fires, then DefaultClass (majority class in input data)

Priority decision list (C4.5 rules)

The screenshot displays the C4.5 software interface with three main windows: 'C4.5 VOTE', 'Rules', and 'Cross-validation (rules)'. The 'Rules' window shows a list of seven rules with their accuracy percentages and logical conditions. The 'Cross-validation (rules)' window shows a table comparing different rulesets. The 'Confusion matrix (test set)' window shows the classification results for the test set.

C4.5 VOTE (16 attributes, 300 training cases, 135 test cases)

Tree	Before pruning			After pruning	
	Size	Errors	Errors (test)	Size	Errors
1	16	8 (3.0%)	1 (3.3%)	7	12 (
2	28	7 (2.6%)	2 (6.7%)	7	13 (
3	16	9 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)	7	13 (
4	25	5 (1.9%)	2 (6.7%)	4	12 (
5	22	7 (2.6%)	3 (10.0%)	7	11 (
6	19	9 (3.3%)	2 (6.7%)	7	11 (
7	28	7 (2.6%)	2 (6.7%)	7	13 (
8	22	7 (2.6%)	3 (10.0%)	7	12 (
9	16	8 (3.0%)	3 (10.0%)	4	12 (
10	25	6 (2.2%)	4 (13.3%)	7	10 (
Avg.	21.7	7.3 (2.7%)	2.2 (7.3%)	6.4	11.9 (

Rules

Rule 1: [98.4%]
IF physician fee freeze = n
THEN democrat

Rule 2: [94.7%]
IF mx missile = y
AND synfuels corporation cutback = y
THEN democrat

Rule 3: [63.0%]
IF physician fee freeze = u
AND mx missile = n
THEN democrat

Rule 4: [94.0%]
IF physician fee freeze = y
AND immigration = y
THEN republican

Rule 5: [91.2%]
IF physician fee freeze = y
AND mx missile = n
THEN republican

Rule 6: [82.0%]
IF adoption of the budget resolution = n
AND education spending = u
THEN republican

Rule 7: [50.0%]
IF physician fee freeze = u
AND mx missile = u
THEN republican

Default class: democrat

Errors in training set: 11 (3.7%)
Errors in test set: 6 (4.4%)

Cross-validation (rules)

Ruleset	Size	Errors	Errors (test)
1	5	10 (3.7%)	1 (3.3%)
2	5	10 (3.7%)	1 (3.3%)
3	5	11 (4.1%)	0 (0.0%)
4	4	10 (3.7%)	3 (10.0%)
5	5	9 (3.3%)	2 (6.7%)
6	4	11 (4.1%)	2 (6.7%)
7	5	11 (4.1%)	0 (0.0%)
8	5	10 (3.7%)	1 (3.3%)
9	2	12 (4.4%)	3 (10.0%)
10	3	11 (4.1%)	2 (6.7%)

Confusion matrix (test set)

Org. \ C4.5	democrat	republican
democrat	18	1
republican		11

Specific list of rules - RIPPER (Mushroom data)

Weka Explorer | 20:42:39 - rules.J1ip

Preprocess | **Classify** | Cluster | Associate

Classifier: Choose **Rip -F 3 -N 2.0 -O 2 -S 1**

Test options:

- Use training set
- Supplied test set
- Cross-validation Folds: **10**
- Percentage split %: **66**

More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options):

20:42:39 - rules.J1ip

```

|odor = f) => class=p (2160.0/0.0)
|gill-size = n| and (gill-color = b) => class=p (1152.0/0.0)
|gill-size = n| and (odor = p) => class=p (256.0/0.0)
|odor = c) => class=p (192.0/0.0)
|spore-print-color = r) => class=p (72.0/0.0)
|stalk-surface-above-ring = k) and (gill-spacing = c| => class=p (68.0/0.0)
|habitat = l) and (cap-color = w) => class=p (8.0/0.0)
|stalk-color-above-ring = y| => class=p (8.0/0.0)
=> class=e |4208.0/0.0)

Number of Rules : 9

Time taken to build model: 4.11 seconds

--- Stratified cross-validation ---
=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances      8124           100 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances      0              0 %
Kappa statistic                      1
Mean absolute error                   0
Root mean squared error               0
Relative absolute error               0 %
Root relative squared error           0 %
Total Number of Instances           8124

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

TP Rate  FP Rate  Precision  Recall  F-Measure  Class
  1       0       1          1         1          e
  1       0       1          1         1          p

--- Confusion Matrix ---

  a   b  <-- classified as
4208  0 |   a = e
  0 3916 |   b = p
    
```

Status: OK

CN2 – unordered rule set

The screenshot shows the WinCn2 software interface. The title bar reads "WinCn2: 16 attributes (crx.aex) 490 examples (crx.aex) 30 rules (induced)". The menu bar includes "Data", "Rules", "Cross-validation", "Trace", and "Output". The toolbar contains icons for file operations and a configuration area with dropdowns for "Unordered", "Laplacian", "Unset", and input fields for "5", "0.05", "10", and "0".

The main window displays the following text:

```
Reading attributes and examples...
490 examples!
Finished reading attribute and example file!
Running CN on current example set...
Finished inducing rules!

*-----*
| UN-ORDERED RULE LIST |
*-----*
```

IF A8 < 10.75
AND A9 = T
AND 5.50 < A11 < 18.50
THEN DECISION = Y [68 0]

IF A15 > 5676.00
THEN DECISION = Y [19 0]

IF A2 > 19.00
AND A4 = U
AND A8 < 11.75
AND A9 = T
AND A14 < 91.00
THEN DECISION = Y [67.50 0]

IF A3 > 1.79
AND A9 = T
AND A15 > 241.50
THEN DECISION = Y [80 0]

IF A6 = X
AND 1.33 < A8 < 7.88
THEN DECISION = Y [11 0]

IF A2 < 26.00
AND A9 = T
AND 20.00 < A14 < 106.00
THEN DECISION = Y [32.50 0]

IF A8 > 12.75
AND A14 < 187.00
THEN DECISION = Y [12 0]

The "Lister" window shows the following content:

```
Lister - [c:\Usr\Jurek\students\CichyCN2\Cn2\Exe\Examples\crx.aex]
Plik Edytuj Opcje Pomoc
**ATTRIBUTE AND EXAMPLE FILE**
A1: B A;
A2: (FLOAT)
A3: (FLOAT)
A4: U Y L;
A5: G P GG;
A6: W Q M R CC K C D X I E AA FF J;
A7: U H BB FF J Z O DD N;
A8: (FLOAT)
A9: T F;
A10: T F;
A11: (FLOAT)
A12: F T;
A13: G S P;
A14: (FLOAT)
A15: (FLOAT)
DECISION: Y N;

@

B 30.83 0 U G W U 1.25 T T 1 F G 202 0 Y;
A 58.67 4.46 U G Q H 3.04 T T 6 F G 43 560 Y;
A 24.50 .5 U G Q H 1.5 T F 0 F G 280 824 Y;
B 27.83 1.54 U G W U 3.75 T T 5 T G 100 3 Y;
B 20.17 5.625 U G W U 1.71 T F 0 F S 120 0 Y;
B 32.08 4 U G M U 2.5 T F 0 T G 360 0 Y;
B 33.17 1.04 U G R H 6.5 T F 0 T G 164 31285 Y;
A 22.92 11.585 U G CC U .04 T F 0 F G 80 1349 Y;
B 54.42 .5 Y P K H 3.96 T F 0 F G 180 314 Y;
B 42.50 4.915 Y P W U 3.165 T F 0 T G 52 1442 Y;
B 22.08 .82 U G C U 2.165 F F 0 T C 120 0 Y;
```

Applying unordered rule set to classify objects

- An unordered set of rules → three situations:
 - Matching to rules indicating the same class.
 - **Multiple matching to rules from different classes.**
 - **No matching to any rule.**
- An example:
- $e1 = \{(Age=m), (Job=p), (Period=6), (Income=3000), (Purpose=K)\}$
 - rule 3: if $(Period \in [3.5, 12.5))$ then $(Dec=d)$ [2]
 - Exact matching to rule 3. → Class $(Dec=d)$
- $e2 = \{(Age=m), (Job=p), (Period=2), (Income=2600), (Purpose=M)\}$
 - No matching!

Solving conflict situations

- LERS classification strategy (Grzymala 94)
 - Multiple matching
 - Two factors: $Strength(R)$ – number of learning examples correctly classified by R and final class $Support(Y_i)$:

$$\sum_{\text{matching rules } R \text{ for } Y_i} Strength(R)$$

- Partial matching
 - Matching factor $MF(R)$ and
$$\sum_{\text{partially match. rules } R \text{ for } Y_i} MF(R) \cdot Strength(R)$$
- $e_2 = \{(Age=m), (Job=p), (Period=2), (Income=2600), (Purpose=M)\}$
 - Partial matching to rules 2, 4 and 5 for all with $MF = 0.5$
 - $Support(r) = 0.5 \cdot 2 = 1$; $Support(d) = 0.5 \cdot 2 + 0.5 \cdot 2 = 2$
- Alternative approaches – e.g. nearest rules (Stefanowski 95)
- Instead of MF use a kind of normalized distance x to conditions of r

Some experiments

- Analysing strategies (total accuracy in [%]):

data set	all	multiple	exact
large soybean	87.9	85.7	79.2
election	89.4	79.5	71.8
hsv2	77.1	70.5	59.8
concretes	88.9	82.8	81.0
breast cancer	67.1	59.3	51.2
imidazolium	53.3	44.8	34.4
lymphography	85.2	73.6	67.6
oncology	83.8	82.4	74.1
buses	98.0	93.5	90.8
bearings	96.4	90.9	87.3

- Comparing to other classification approaches
 - Depends on the data
 - Generally → similar to decision trees

Different perspectives of rule application

- In a descriptive perspective
 - To present, analyse the relationships between values of attributes, to explain and understand classification patterns
- In a prediction/classification perspective,
 - To predict value of decision class for new (unseen) object)

Perspectives are different;
Moreover rules are evaluated in a different ways!

Evaluating single rules

- rule r (if P then Q) derived from DT , examples U .

	Q	$\neg Q$	
P	n_{PQ}	$n_{P\neg Q}$	n_P
$\neg P$	$n_{\neg PQ}$	$n_{\neg P\neg Q}$	$n_{\neg P}$
	n_Q	$n_{\neg Q}$	n

- Reviews of measures, e.g.

- Yao Y.Y, Zhong N., An analysis of quantitative measures associated with rules, In: Proc. the 3rd Pacific-Asia Conf. on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, LNAI 1574, Springer, 1999, pp. 479-488.
- Hilderman R.J., Hamilton H.J, Knowledge Discovery and Measures of Interest. Kluwer, 2002.

- Support of rule r $G(P \wedge Q) = \frac{n_{PQ}}{n}$ Coverage $AS(P | Q) = \frac{n_{PQ}}{n_Q}$

- Confidence of rule r $AS(Q | P) = \frac{n_{PQ}}{n_P}$ and others ...

Other descriptive measures

**Change of support – confirmation of supporting Q by a premise P
(Piatetsky-Shapiro)**

$$CS(Q | P) = AS(Q | P) - G(Q)$$

where $G(Q) = \frac{n_Q}{n}$

Interpretation: Range between -1 and +1 ; Difference of probabilities a priori and a posteriori; A positive number indicates influence of premise P on conclusion Q; a negative value shows no influence.

Degree of independence:

$$IND(Q, P) = \frac{G(P \wedge Q)}{G(P) \cdot G(Q)}$$

Aggregated measures

Based on previous measures:

Significance of a rule (propozycja Yao i Liu)

$$S(Q | P) = AS(Q | P) \cdot IND(Q, P)$$

Klosgen's measure of interest

$$K(Q | P) = G(P)^\alpha \cdot (AS(Q | P) - G(Q))$$

Michalski's weighted sum

$$WSC(Q | P) = w_1 \cdot AS(Q | P) + w_2 \cdot AS(P | Q)$$

The relative risk (Ali, Srikant):

$$r(Q | P) = \frac{AS(Q | P)}{AS(Q | \neg P)}$$

Descriptive requirements to single rules

- In descriptive perspective users may prefer to discover rules which should be:
 - **strong / general** – high enough rule coverage $AS(P/Q)$ or support.
 - **accurate** – sufficient accuracy $AS(Q/P)$.
 - **simple** (e.g. which are in a limited number and have short condition parts).
 - Number of rules should not be too high.
- Covering algorithms biased towards minimum set of rules - containing only a limited part of potentially 'interesting' rules.
 - We need another kind of rule induction algorithms!

Explore algorithm (Stefanowski, Vanderpooten)

- Another aim of rule induction
 - to extract from data set inducing **all rules** that *satisfy* some *user's requirements* connected with *his interest* (regarding, e.g. the strength of the rule, level of confidence, length, sometimes also emphasis on the syntax of rules).
- Special technique of exploration the space of possible rules:
 - Progressively generation rules of increasing size using in the most efficient way some 'good' pruning and stopping condition that reject unnecessary candidates for rules.
- Similar to adaptations of Apriori principle for looking frequent itemsets [AIS94]; Brute [Etzioni]

Various sets of rules (Stefanowski and Vanderpooten 1994)

- A minimal set of rules (LEM2):

rule 1.	if $(q_1 = 2) \wedge (q_3 = 1)$ then $(d = 1)$	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	5/8
rule 2.	if $(q_1 = 1)$ then $(d = 1)$	{6, 7}	2/8
rule 3.	if $(q_3 = 2) \wedge (q_6 = 2)$ then $(d = 1)$	{6, 8}	2/8
rule 4.	if $(q_1 = 3)$ then $(d = 2)$	{9, 10, 11, 13, 14}	5/7
rule 5.	if $(q_3 = 3)$ then $(d = 2)$	{15}	1/7
rule 6.	if $(q_3 = 2) \wedge (q_4 = 1) \wedge (q_6 = 1)$ then $(d = 2)$	{12}	1/7

Table 1: The illustrative set of learning exam

No.	q_1	q_2	q_3	q_4	q_5	q_6	d
1	2	3	1	3	1	2	1
2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1
3	2	3	1	3	2	1	1
4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	2	2	1	1	2	2	1
6	1	3	2	3	1	2	1
7	1	3	2	3	2	1	1
8	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
9	3	1	1	3	1	2	2
10	3	1	2	2	2	1	2
11	3	1	1	3	2	2	2
12	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
13	3	2	4	2	1	1	2
14	3	2	4	2	2	1	2
15	2	2	3	2	1	2	2
16	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
17	2	2	2	1	1	1	2

- A „satisfactory” set of rules (Explore):

Let us assume that the user’s level of interest to the possible strength of a rule by assigning a value $l = 50\%$ in SC.

Explore gives the following decision rules:

rule 1.	if $(q_2 = 3)$ then $(d = 1)$	{1, 2, 3, 6, 7}	5/8
rule 2.	if $(q_1 = 2) \wedge (q_3 = 1)$ then $(d = 1)$	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	5/8
rule 3.	if $(q_1 = 3)$ then $(d = 2)$	{9, 10, 11, 13, 14}	5/7
rule 4.	if $(q_4 = 2)$ then $(d = 2)$	{10, 13, 14, 15}	4/7

A diagnostic case study

- A fleet of homogeneous 76 buses (AutoSan H9-21) operating in an inter-city and local transportation system.
- The following symptoms characterize these buses :
 - s1* – maximum speed [km/h],
 - s2* – compression pressure [Mpa],
 - s3* – blacking components in exhaust gas [%],
 - s4* – torque [Nm],
 - s5* – summer fuel consumption [l/100lm],
 - s6* – winter fuel consumption [l/100km],
 - s7* – oil consumption [l/1000km],
 - s8* – maximum horsepower of the engine [km].

Experts' classification of busses:

1. Buses with engines in a good technical state – further use (46 buses),
2. Buses with engines in a bad technical state – requiring repair (30 buses).

MODLEM algorithm – (sequential covering)

- A ***minimal*** set of *discriminating* decision rules
 1. if ($s_2 \geq 2.4$ MPa) & ($s_7 < 2.1$ //1000km) then (technical state=good) [46]
 2. if ($s_2 < 2.4$ MPa) then (technical state=bad) [29]
 3. if ($s_7 \geq 2.1$ //1000km) then (technical state=bad) [24]
- The prediction accuracy ('leaving-one-out' reclassification test) is equal to 98.7%.

Another set of rules (EXPLORE)

All decision rules with min. SC1 threshold (rule coverage > 50%):

1. if ($s1 > 85$ km/h) then (technical state=good) [34]
2. if ($s8 > 134$ kM) then (technical state=good) [26]
3. if ($s2 \geq 2.4$ MPa) & ($s3 < 61$ %) then (technical state=good) [44]
4. if ($s2 \geq 2.4$ MPa) & ($s4 > 444$ Nm) then (technical state=good) [44]
5. if ($s2 \geq 2.4$ MPa) & ($s7 < 2.1$ //1000km) then (technical state=good) [46]
6. if ($s3 < 61$ %) & ($s4 > 444$ Nm) then (technical state=good) [42]
7. if ($s1 \leq 77$ km/h) then (technical state=bad) [25]
8. if ($s2 < 2.4$ MPa) then (technical state=bad) [29]
9. if ($s7 \geq 2.1$ //1000km) then (technical state=bad) [24]
10. if ($s3 \geq 61$ %) & ($s4 \leq 444$ Nm) then (technical state=bad) [28]
11. if ($s3 \geq 61$ %) & ($s8 < 120$ kM) then (technical state=bad) [27]

The prediction accuracy - 98.7%

Preference ordered data

- MCDA vs. traditional classification (ML & Stat):
 - Attributes with preference ordered domains \rightarrow criteria.
 - Ordinal classes rather than nominal labels.
 - „Semantic correlation” between values of criteria, and classes.
 - For objects x, y if $a(x) \preceq a(y)$ then their labels $\lambda(x) \preceq \lambda(y)$

- Possible inconsistency

Client	Month salary	Account status	Credit risk
A	9000	high	low
B	4000	medium	medium
C	5500	medium	high

- **Dominance based rough set approach** to handle it
 - Greco S., Matarazzo B., Slowinski R.

Dominance based decision rules

- Induced from rough approximations of unions of classes (upward and downward):

- *certain* D_{\geq} -decision rules, supported by objects $\in Cl_t^{\geq}$ without ambiguity:

if $q_1(x) \succeq_{q_1} r_{q_1}$ and $q_2(x) \succeq_{q_2} r_{q_2}$ and ... $q_p(x) \succeq_{q_p} r_{q_p}$ then $x \in Cl_t^{\geq}$

- *possible* D_{\geq} -decision rules, supported by objects $\in Cl_t^{\geq}$ and ambiguous ones from its upper approximation:

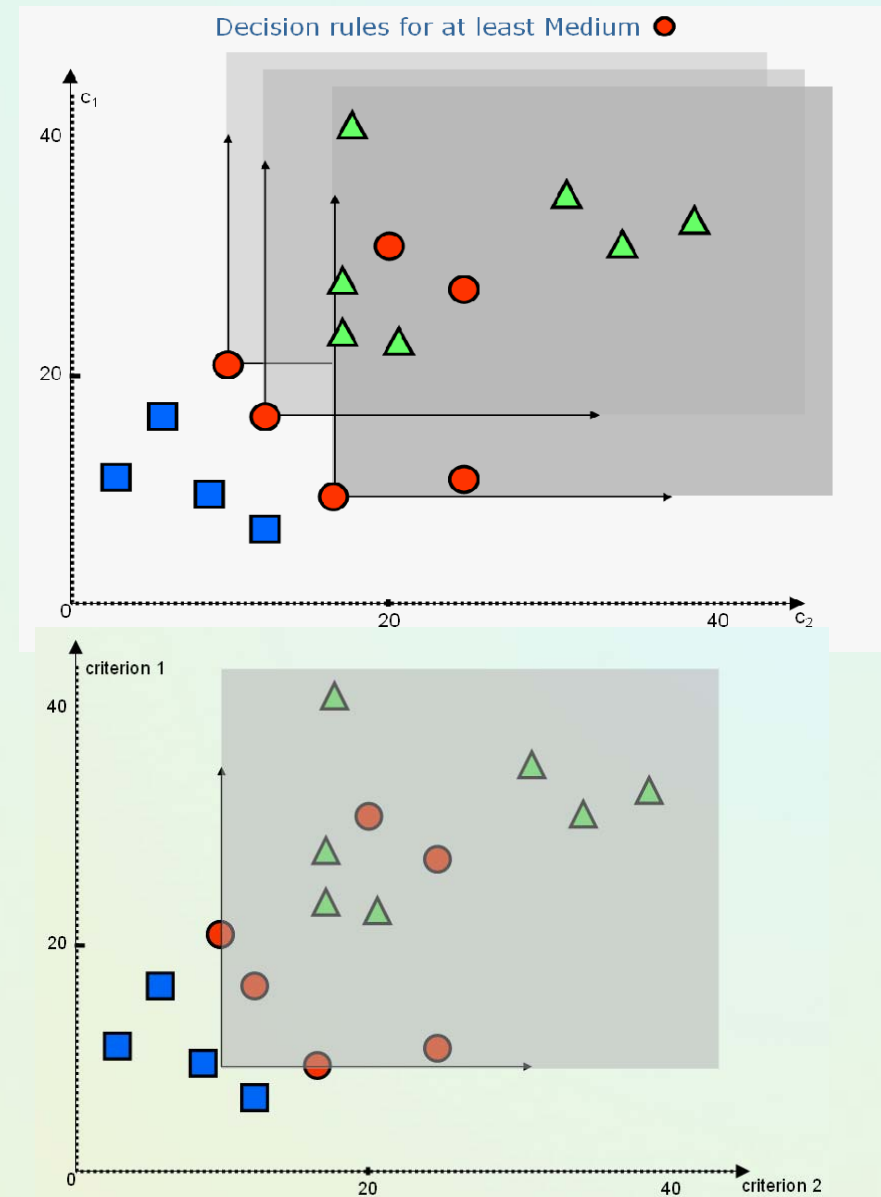
if $q_1(x) \succeq_{q_1} r_{q_1}$ and $q_2(x) \succeq_{q_2} r_{q_2}$ and ... $q_p(x) \succeq_{q_p} r_{q_p}$, then x possibly $\in Cl_t^{\geq}$

- *certain* D_{\leq} -decision rules, supported by objects $\in Cl_t^{\leq}$ without ambiguity:

if $q_1(x) \preceq_{q_1} r_{q_1}$ and $q_2(x) \preceq_{q_2} r_{q_2}$ and ... $q_p(x) \preceq_{q_p} r_{q_p}$, then $x \in Cl_t^{\leq}$

Algorithms for inducing dominance based rules

- Greco, Slowinski, Stefanowski, Blaszczynski, Dembczyński and others – a number of proposals
- Minimal sets of rules:
 - DOMLEM → adaptation of ideas behind MODLEM.
- DOMApriori → richer set of rules
- Robust rules → syntax based on an object from data table.
 - All rules → modifications of boolean reasoning
 - Glance → incremental learning.



Software from PUT

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File Show Calculate Apply Rules Report Window Help

View All Attributes

Attributes:

Unions of Classes

Quality of Approximation

Unions of Classes:

Union Name

At most 1

Lower:

Upper:

Boundary:

At most 2

Lower:

Upper:

Boundary:

At least 2

Lower:

Upper:

Boundary:

At least 3

Lower:

Upper:

Boundary:

Browse Generated Rules (Minimal Cover Algorithm)

Filter Options:

Relative Strength: - Support: - Rule Type: All Length: - Filter

Statistics:

Average Length: 2.32 Average Strength: 5.11 Max. Strength: 25

Generated Rules: 38 Displayed Rules: 38

Calculation time: 00:00:00.07

Number	Condition	Decision	Stren...	Relati...
1.	(type >= 4)	deceffor at most 1	4	23.53 %
2.	(aaf <= 0.6) & (cplx >= 1.15)	deceffor at most 1	2	11.76 %
3.	(sced >= 1.23) & (rely <= 0.88)	deceffor at most 1	2	11.76 %
4.	(rely <= 0.75) & (vexp <= 0.9)	deceffor at most 1	2	11.76 %
5.	(pcap <= 0.7) & (lexp <= 0.95) & (rely <= 1)	deceffor at most 1	2	11.76 %
6.	(data <= 0.94) & (sced >= 1.23) & (cont <= 2)	deceffor at most 1	2	11.76 %
7.	(time >= 1.35) & (modp <= 0.82)	deceffor at most 1	1	5.88 %
8.	(data <= 0.94) & (rely <= 0.88) & (rvol >= 1.38)	deceffor at most 1	1	5.88 %
9.	(aexp <= 0.82) & (rely <= 1) & (lexp <= 0.95) & (da...	deceffor at most 1	3	17.65 %
10.	(aaf <= 0.83) & (cplx >= 1.3) & (rely <= 1)	deceffor at most 1	1	5.88 %
11.	(turn >= 1.15)	deceffor at most 2	1	2.44 %
12.	(data <= 0.94) & (cplx >= 1)	deceffor at most 2	24	58.54 %
13.	(type >= 3) & (rvol >= 1.19)	deceffor at most 2	13	31.71 %
14.	(lexp <= 0.95) & (stor >= 1.21)	deceffor at most 2	4	9.76 %
15.	(cplx >= 1.15) & (data <= 1)	deceffor at most 2	25	60.98 %
16.	(cplx >= 1.3) & (type >= 3) & (cont <= 1)	deceffor at most 2	13	31.71 %
17.	(tool <= 0.91) & (aaf <= 0.81)	deceffor at most 2	1	2.44 %
18.	(data >= 1.08) & (type <= 2)	deceffor at least 3	10	50.00 %
19.	(cplx <= 0.85) & (rely >= 0.94)	deceffor at least 3	3	15.00 %

Supporting Examples:

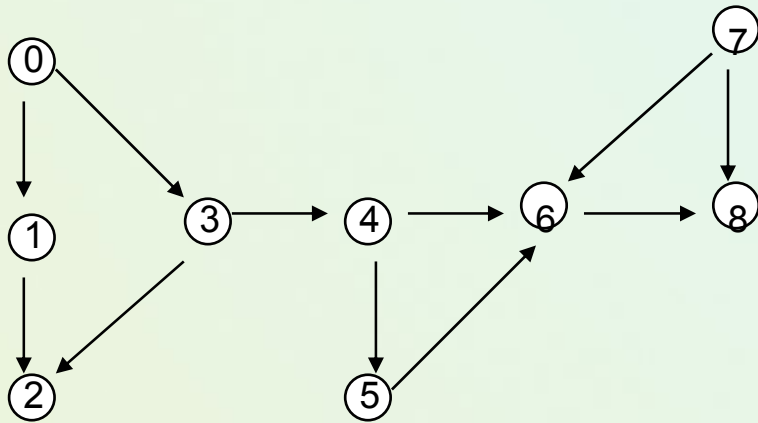
	rely	data	cplx	aaf	time	stor	virt	turn	type	acap	aexp	pcap	vexp	lexp	cont	modp	tool	sced
5.	0.88	0.94	1	1	1	1	0.87	1	1	1	1	0.86	0.9	0.95	1	1.24	1	1
8.	1.15	0.94	1.3	1	1.66	1.56	1.3	1	3	0.71	0.91	1	1.21	1.14	1	1.1	1.1	1.08
9.	1.15	0.94	1.3	1	1.3	1.21	1.15	1	3	0.86	1	0.86	1.1	1.07	1	0.91	1	1
10.	1.4	0.94	1.3	0.63	1.11	1.56	1	1.07	3	0.86	0.82	0.86	0.9	1	1	1	1	1
11.	1.4	0.94	1.3	0.63	1.11	1.56	1	1.07	3	0.86	0.82	0.86	0.9	1	1	1	1	1
12.	1.15	0.94	1.3	1	1.11	1.06	1	1	3	0.86	0.82	0.86	1	0.95	1	0.91	1	1.08
13.	1.15	0.94	1.3	0.96	1.11	1.06	1.15	1	2	0.71	1	0.7	1.1	1	2	0.82	1	1
14.	1.15	0.94	1.65	1	1.3	1.56	1.15	1	4	0.86	1	0.7	1.1	1.07	1	1.1	1.24	1.23
15.	1.4	0.94	1.3	1	1.3	1.06	1.15	0.87	3	0.86	1.13	0.86	1.21	1.14	1	0.91	1	1.23
27.	1.15	0.94	1.15	1	1.35	1.21	1	0.87	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	0.82	1.1	1.08
35.	0.75	0.94	1.3	1	1.06	1.21	1.15	1	2	1	0.91	1	1.1	1	1	1.24	1.24	1
40.	1	0.94	1.3	0.83	1	1	1	0.87	3	0.86	0.82	1.17	1	1	1	1.1	1	1
41.	0.88	0.94	1	1	1	1	0.87	0.87	1	1	0.82	0.7	0.9	0.95	2	0.91	0.91	1
47.	0.75	0.94	1.3	1	1	1	0.87	0.87	1	0.71	0.82	0.7	1.1	1.07	1	1.1	1	1.04

Learning First Order Rules

- Is object/attribute table sufficient data representation?
- Some limitations:
 - Representation expressiveness – unable to express relations between objects or object elements. ,
 - *background knowledge* sometimes is quite complicated.
- Can learn sets of rules such as
 - $Parent(x,y) \rightarrow Ancestor(x,y)$
 - $Parent(x,z) \text{ and } Ancestor(z,y) \rightarrow Ancestor(x,y)$
- Research field of **Inductive Logic Programming**.

Why ILP? (slide of S.Matwin)

- **expressiveness of logic as representation** (Quinlan)



- can't represent this graph as a fixed length vector of attributes
- can't represent a "transition" rule:

A can-reach B if A link C, and C can-reach B

without variables

FINITE ELEMENT MESH DESIGN

Given a geometric **structure** and **loadings/boundary conditions**

Find an **appropriate resolution** for a finite element mesh

Examples: ten structures with appropriate meshes (cca. 650 edges)

Background knowledge

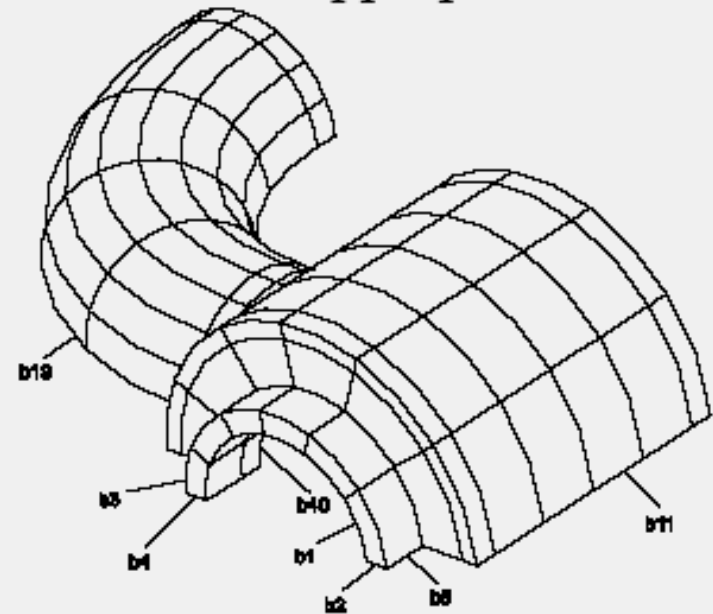
- Properties of edges (short, loaded, two-side-fixed, ...)
- Relations between edges (neighbor, opposite, equal)

ILP systems applied: GOLEM, CLAUDIEN

Many interesting rules discovered (according to expert evaluation)

Finite element mesh design (ctd.)

Example structure with an appropriate mesh



Example rules

$mesh(Edge, 7) \leftarrow usual_length(Edge),$
 $neighbour_xy(Edge, EdgeY), two_side_fixed(EdgeY),$
 $neighbour_zx(EdgeZ, Edge), not_loaded(EdgeZ)$
 $mesh(Edge, N) \leftarrow equal(Edge, Edge2), mesh(Edge2, N)$

Application areas

- Medicine
- Economy, Finance
- Environmental cases
- Engineering
 - Control engineering and robotics
 - Technical diagnostics
 - Signal processing and image analysis
- Information sciences
- Social Sciences
- Molecular Biology
- Chemistry and Pharmacy
- ...

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Any questions, remarks?

