

Rough Set Analysis of Classification Data with Missing Values

Zastosowanie teorii zbiorów przybliżonych do analizy danych klasyfikacyjnych z brakującymi wartościami atrybutów

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Introduction

Classical classification problem

| | outlook | temperature | humidity | windy | play golf | |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | sunny | hot | high | weak | no | X ₁ |
| | sunny | hot | high | strong | no | |
| | rain | cool | normal | strong | no | |
| y | sunny | mild | high | weak | no | |
| | rain | mild | high | strong | no | |
| | overcast | hot | high | weak | yes | X ₂ |
| | rain | mild | high | weak | yes | |
| | rain | cool | normal | weak | yes | |
| | overcast | cool | normal | strong | yes | |
| | sunny | cool | normal | weak | yes | |
| | rain | mild | normal | weak | yes | |
| x | sunny | mild | high | weak | yes | |
| | overcast | mild | high | strong | yes | |
| | overcast | hot | normal | weak | yes | |
| | q ₁ | q ₂ | q ₃ | q ₄ | d | |
| | for all q in C, q(x)=q(y) ⇔ y I x ⇔ y ∈ I(x) | | | | d(x) ≠ d(y) | |

Classical classification problem + MV

| | outlook | temperature | humidity | windy | play golf | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | sunny | hot | high | weak | no | X ₁ |
| | * | hot | high | * | no | |
| | rain | cool | normal | strong | no | |
| y | sunny | * | high | weak | no | |
| | rain | mild | high | strong | no | |
| | overcast | hot | high | weak | yes | X ₂ |
| | rain | mild | high | weak | yes | |
| | rain | cool | normal | weak | yes | |
| | overcast | * | normal | strong | yes | |
| | sunny | cool | normal | * | yes | |
| | rain | mild | normal | weak | yes | |
| x | sunny | mild | * | weak | yes | |
| | overcast | mild | high | strong | yes | |
| | * | hot | normal | weak | yes | |
| | q ₁ | q ₂ | q ₃ | q ₄ | d | |
| | are y and x comparable? | | | | d(x) ≠ d(y) | |

Ordinal classification with monotonicity constraints

| | buying | maint | doors | persons | lug_boot | safety | class | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| | vhigh | vhigh | 2 | 2 | small | med | unacc | X ₁ |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | small | med | unacc | |
| | vhigh | high | 2 | 4 | med | low | unacc | |
| | vhigh | high | 2 | 4 | big | low | unacc | |
| | med | low | 2 | 4 | big | low | unacc | |
| y | low | low | 4 | more | big | high | unacc | |
| | high | med | 2 | more | med | high | acc | X ₂ |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | med | med | acc | |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | med | high | acc | |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | big | med | acc | |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | big | high | acc | |
| | low | low | 4 | more | small | med | acc | |
| x | low | low | 2 | more | big | med | good | |
| | low | low | 4 | more | small | high | good | X ₃ |
| | low | low | 4 | more | big | med | good | |
| | med | med | 4 | more | med | high | vgood | X ₄ |
| | med | low | 2 | 4 | big | high | vgood | |
| | low | low | 4 | more | big | high | vgood | |
| | q ₁ | q ₂ | q ₃ | q ₄ | q ₅ | q ₆ | d | |

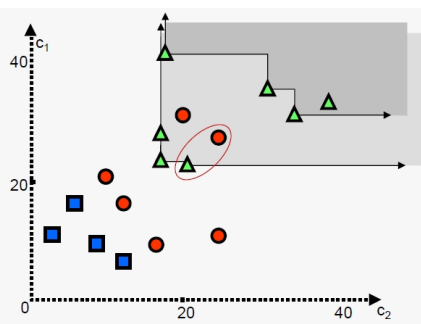
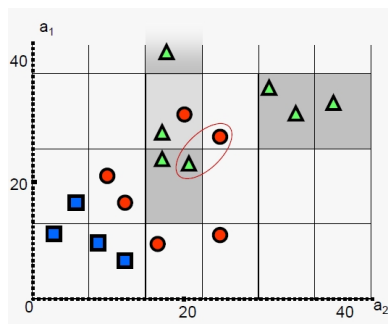
for all $q \in C, y \succeq_q x \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y D x \\ x \sqsubset y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y \in D^+(x) \\ x \in D^-(y) \end{cases} \quad d(y) \prec d(x)$

Ordinal classification with monotonicity constraints + MV

| | buying | maint | doors | persons | lug_boot | safety | class | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | vhigh | vhigh | 2 | 2 | small | med | unacc | X ₁ |
| | med | * | 3 | more | small | med | unacc | |
| | vhigh | high | 2 | 4 | * | low | unacc | |
| | vhigh | high | 2 | 4 | big | low | unacc | |
| | med | low | 2 | 4 | big | low | unacc | |
| y | low | * | 4 | more | big | * | unacc | |
| | high | med | 2 | more | med | high | acc | X ₂ |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | * | med | acc | |
| | * | vhigh | 3 | more | med | high | acc | |
| | med | vhigh | * | more | big | med | acc | |
| | med | vhigh | 3 | more | big | high | acc | |
| | low | low | 4 | more | small | med | acc | |
| x | low | * | * | * | big | med | good | X ₃ |
| | low | low | 4 | more | small | high | good | |
| | low | low | 4 | * | big | med | good | |
| | med | med | 4 | more | med | high | vgood | X ₄ |
| | med | low | 2 | 4 | big | high | vgood | |
| | low | low | 4 | more | big | high | vgood | |
| | q ₁ | q ₂ | q ₃ | q ₄ | q ₅ | q ₆ | d | |
| | are y and x comparable? | | | | | | d(y) < d(x) | |

- Handle missing values of attributes in indiscernibility-based (classical) rough set approach (IRSA).
- Handle missing values of criteria in dominance-based rough set approach (DRSA).
- Introduce a set of desirable properties to compare different adaptations of IRSA and DRSA.
- Verify which properties are satisfied by which adaptation.
- Uncover approaches non-dominated w.r.t. desirable properties.
- Compare non-dominated approaches experimentally.

IRSA vs DRSA



$$\underline{X}_i = \{x \in U : I(x) \subseteq X_i\}$$

$$\overline{X}_i = \bigcup_{x \in X_i} I(x)$$

approximation of **classes**

$$\underline{X}_i^{\geq} = \{x \in U : D^+(x) \subseteq X_i^{\geq}\}$$

$$\overline{X}_i^{\geq} = \bigcup_{x \in X_i^{\geq}} D^+(x)$$

approximation of **unions**
of ordered **classes**

Adaptations of IRSA to Handle Missing Values

Adaptations:

- redefinition of the indiscernibility relation $I \Rightarrow I_j$, IRSA-*mvj* (j stands for the version id)
- as I_j may miss some properties, like symmetry or transitivity, we employ generalized definitions of rough approximations^a, where indiscernibility relation is only assumed to be reflexive:

$$\begin{aligned}I_j^{-1}(x) &= \{y \in U : xI_jy\} \\ \underline{X}_i &= \{x \in U : I_j^{-1}(x) \subseteq X_i\} \\ \overline{X}_i &= \bigcup_{x \in X_i} I_j(x)\end{aligned}$$

^aSłowiński, R., Vanderpooten, D.: A generalized definition of rough approximations based on similarity. IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng. 12(2), 331–336 (2000)

- employs indiscernibility relation I_1^a considered as a **directional statement** where a subject y is compared to a referent x which cannot have missing values:

$$yI_1x \Leftrightarrow \text{for each } q \in C : \begin{cases} q(x) \neq * \\ q(y) = q(x) \text{ or } q(y) = * \end{cases}$$

| | outlook | temperature | humidity | windy |
|-----|---------|-------------|----------|--------|
| y | sunny | * | high | * |
| x | sunny | hot | high | strong |
| | yI_1x | | | |

^aGreco, S., Matarazzo, B., Słowiński, R.: Dealing with missing data in rough set analysis of multi-attribute and multi-criteria decision problems. In: Zanakis, S., et al. (eds.) Decision Making: Recent Developments and Worldwide Applications, pp. 295–316. Kluwer, Dordrecht (2000)

- IRSA- $mv_{1.5}$ ^a is an improvement over IRSA- mv_1
- $I_{1.5}$ – reflexive and transitive similarity relation; referent can have missing values:

$$yI_{1.5}x \Leftrightarrow q(y) = q(x) \text{ for each } q \in C \text{ such that } q(y) \neq *$$

| | outlook | temperature | humidity | windy |
|---|---------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| y | sunny | * | high | * |
| x | sunny | hot | high | * |
| | $y I_{1.5} x$ | | | |

- this approach is treating missing values as “lost” ones!

^aStefanowski, J., Tsoukias, A.: Incomplete information tables and rough classification. Comput. Intell. 17(3), 545–566 (2001)

- IRSA- mv_2 ^a employs a reflexive and symmetric tolerance relation:

$yI_2x \Leftrightarrow$ for each $q \in C$ there is $q(y) = q(x)$, or $q(y) = *$,
or $q(x) = *$

| | outlook | temperature | humidity | windy |
|---|---------|-------------|----------|-------|
| y | sunny | * | high | * |
| x | sunny | hot | * | * |
| | yI_2x | | | |

- this approach is treating missing values as “do not care” ones!

^aKryszkiewicz, M.: Rough set approach to incomplete information systems. Inf. Sci. 112, 39–49 (1998)

- IRSA- mv_3 is introduced in the presented paper
- I_3 – reflexive and transitive similarity relation; referent can have missing values:

$$yI_3x \Leftrightarrow q(y) = q(x) \text{ for each } q \in C \text{ such that } q(x) \neq *$$

| | outlook | temperature | humidity | windy |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------|-------|
| y | sunny | hot | high | * |
| x | sunny | * | high | * |
| | $y I_3 x$ | | | |

Desirable Properties of IRSA Adapted to Handle Missing Values

Desirable properties of $IRSA-mv_j$ (X – any class X_i)

- 1 S (symmetry): $yI_jx \Leftrightarrow xI_jy$, for any $x, y \in U$
- 2 R (reflexivity): xI_jx , for any $x \in U$
- 3 T (transitivity): $yI_jx \wedge xI_jz \Rightarrow yI_jz$, for any $x, y, z \in U$
- 4 B (robustness): for each $x \in \underline{X}$, $I_j^{-1}(x) \cap \neg X \subseteq I_j^{-1}(x) \cap \neg X$, where:
 $I_j^{-1}(x)$ = set of objects such that in C^x -evaluation space, object x is indiscernible with them; $C^x = \{q \in C : q(x) \neq *\}$
- 5 P (reflecting precision of data): \underline{X} does not shrink when any missing attribute value becomes known, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 6 RI (rough inclusion): $\underline{X} \subseteq X \subseteq \overline{X}$, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 7 C (complementarity): $\underline{X} = U \setminus \overline{\neg X}$, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 8 M_1 (monotonicity w.r.t. growing set of attributes): \underline{X} does not shrink when set C is extended by new attributes, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 9 M_2 (monotonicity w.r.t. growing class): \underline{X} does not shrink when set X is augmented by new objects, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 10 MT (transitivity of membership to lower approximation):
for any $X \subseteq U$ and for any $x, y \in U$ it is true that
 $x \in \underline{X} \wedge y \in X \wedge xI_jy \Rightarrow y \in \underline{X}$

Table: Properties of IRSA- mv_j , $j = 1, 1.5, 2, 3$

| Property/Approach | IRSA- mv_1 | IRSA- $mv_{1.5}$ | IRSA- mv_2 | IRSA- mv_3 |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| S | F | F | T | F |
| R | F | T | T | T |
| T | T | T | F | T |
| B | F | T | T | F |
| P | F | F | T | F |
| RI | F | T | T | T |
| C | F | T | T | T |
| M_1 | T | T | T | T |
| M_2 | T | T | T | T |
| MT | T | T | F | T |
| | | non-dominated! | non-dominated! | |

Adaptations of DRSA to Handle Missing Values

Adaptations:

- redefinition of the dominance relations $D, \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow D_j, \mathcal{C}_j$, DRSA- mv_j (j stands for the version id)
- as D_j, \mathcal{C}_j may miss some properties, like transitivity, we employ **generalized definitions of rough approximations**^a, where dominance relations are only assumed to be **reflexive**:

$$\mathcal{C}_j^+(x) = \{y \in U : x \mathcal{C}_j y\} \quad \mathcal{C}_j^-(x) = \{y \in U : y \mathcal{C}_j x\}$$

$$\underline{X_i^{\geq}} = \{x \in U : \mathcal{C}_j^+(x) \subseteq X_i^{\geq}\} \quad \underline{X_i^{\leq}} = \{x \in U : D_j^-(x) \subseteq X_i^{\leq}\}$$

$$\overline{X_i^{\geq}} = \bigcup_{x \in X_i^{\geq}} D_j^+(x) \quad \overline{X_i^{\leq}} = \bigcup_{x \in X_i^{\leq}} \mathcal{C}_j^-(x)$$

^aYang, X., Yang, J., Wu, C., Yu, D.: Dominance-based rough set approach and knowledge reductions in incomplete ordered information system. Inf. Sci. 178(4), 1219–1234 (2008)

- for D_1 , \mathcal{A}_1^a , referent x cannot have missing values:

$$y D_1 x \Leftrightarrow \text{for each } q \in C : \begin{cases} q(x) \neq * \\ y \succeq_q x \text{ or } q(y) = * \end{cases}$$

$$z \mathcal{A}_1 x \Leftrightarrow \text{for each } q \in C : \begin{cases} q(x) \neq * \\ x \succeq_q z \text{ or } q(z) = * \end{cases}$$

| | buying | maint | doors | persons |
|---|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| y | med | * | 4 | 4 |
| x | med | high | 3 | 4 |
| z | med | high | * | 2 |

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- DRSA- $mv_{1.5}^a$ is an improvement over DRSA- mv_1
- $D_{1.5}, \mathcal{A}_{1.5}$ – referent x can have missing values:

$$yD_{1.5}x \Leftrightarrow y \succeq_q x \text{ for each } q \in C \text{ such that } q(y) \neq *$$

$$z\mathcal{A}_{1.5}x \Leftrightarrow x \succeq_q z \text{ for each } q \in C \text{ such that } q(z) \neq *$$

| | buying | maint | doors | persons |
|-----|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| y | * | * | 4 | 4 |
| x | * | high | 3 | 4 |
| z | * | high | * | 2 |

- this approach is treating missing values as “lost” ones!

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- DRSA- mv_2^a employs relations D_2 , \mathcal{I}_2 :

$yD_2x \Leftrightarrow \forall q \in C$ there is: $y \succeq_q x$, or $q(y) = *$, or $q(x) = *$

$z \mathcal{I}_2 x \Leftrightarrow \forall q \in C$ there is: $x \succeq_q z$, or $q(z) = *$, or $q(x) = *$

| | buying | maint | doors | persons |
|---|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| y | med | * | 4 | * |
| x | * | * | 3 | 4 |
| z | med | * | * | 2 |

- this approach is treating missing values as “do not care” ones!

^aGreco, S., Matarazzo, B., Słowiński, R.: Dealing with missing data in rough set analysis of multi-attribute and multi-criteria decision problems. In: Zanakis, S., et al. (eds.) Decision Making: Recent Developments and Worldwide Applications, pp. 295–316. Kluwer, Dordrecht (2000)

- in DRSA- $mv_{2.5}$ ^a, dominance relations $D_{2.5}$, $\mathcal{A}_{2.5}$ are defined similarly as in DRSA- mv_2
- just an additional condition:

$$\frac{|\text{set of "common" attributes for } x \text{ and } y|}{|C|} \geq \lambda,$$

where: “common” attributes = attributes for which both x and y have a non-missing value; $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

^aHu, M.L., Liu, S.F.: A rough analysis method of multi-attribute decision making for handling decision system with incomplete information. In: Proceedings of 2007 IEEE International Conference on Grey Systems and Intelligent Services, 18-20, Nov. 2007, Nanjing, China

- DRSA- mv_3^a employs relations D_3, \mathcal{A}_3 :

$$yD_3x \Leftrightarrow y \succeq_q x \text{ for each } q \in C \text{ such that } q(x) \neq *$$

$$z\mathcal{A}_3x \Leftrightarrow x \succeq_q z \text{ for each } q \in C \text{ such that } q(x) \neq *$$

| | buying | maint | doors | persons |
|---|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| y | * | high | 4 | 4 |
| x | * | * | 3 | 4 |
| z | * | high | 3 | 2 |

^aBłaszczyński, J., Słowiński, R., Szelağ, M.: Induction of ordinal classification rules from incomplete data. In: Yao et al. (eds.) RSTC 2012. LNCS (LNAI), vol. 7413, pp. 56–65, Springer, Heidelberg (2012)

- DRSA- mv_4 ^a employs relations D_4 , \mathcal{I}_4 :

$$yD_4x \Leftrightarrow \forall q \in C : y \succeq_q x, \text{ or } q(x) = *, \text{ or } q(x) = \inf(V_q)$$

$$z\mathcal{I}_4x \Leftrightarrow \forall q \in C : x \succeq_q z, \text{ or } q(z) = *, \text{ or } q(z) = \inf(V_q),$$

where $\inf(V_q)$ denotes the **worst value** in the value set of q (if no such value exists, $\inf(V_q) = -\infty$)

| | buying | maint | doors | persons |
|---|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| y | * | high | 4 | 4 |
| x | * | * | 3 | 4 |
| z | * | vhigh | * | 2 |

^aDembczyński, K., Greco, S., Słowiński, R.: Rough set approach to multiple criteria classification with imprecise evaluations and assignments. Eur. J. Oper. Res. 198(2), 626–636 (2009)

- DRSA- mv_5^a employs relations D_5 , \mathcal{A}_5 :

$$yD_5x \Leftrightarrow \forall q \in C : y \succeq_q x, \text{ or } q(y) = *, \text{ or } q(y) = \sup(V_q)$$

$$z \mathcal{A}_5 x \Leftrightarrow \forall q \in C : x \succeq_q z, \text{ or } q(x) = *, \text{ or } q(x) = \sup(V_q),$$

where $\sup(V_q)$ denotes the **best value** in the value set of q (if there is no such value, $\sup(V_q) = \infty$)

| | buying | maint | doors | persons |
|---|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| y | * | * | 4 | 4 |
| x | * | low | 3 | 4 |
| z | * | * | 3 | 2 |

^aDembczyński, K., Greco, S., Słowiński, R.: Rough set approach to multiple criteria classification with imprecise evaluations and assignments. Eur. J. Oper. Res. 198(2), 626–636 (2009)

- DRSA- mv_6^a , employs relations D_6, \mathcal{A}_6 :

$$D_6 = \{(y, x) \in U \times U : \tilde{D}(y, x) \geq \alpha\} \cup \{(x, x) : x \in U\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_6 = \{(z, x) \in U \times U : \tilde{\mathcal{A}}(z, x) \geq \alpha\} \cup \{(x, x) : x \in U\},$$

where **fuzzy relation** \tilde{D} ($\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$) is such that $\tilde{D}(y, x)$ (resp. $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}(z, x)$) reflects a **probability** of yDx (resp. $z \mathcal{A} x$), for $y, x, z \in U$; threshold $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

- details \rightarrow proceedings

^aLiang, D., Yang, S.X., Jiang, C., Zheng, X., Liu, D.: A new extended dominance relation approach based on probabilistic rough set theory. In: Yu, J., Greco, S., Lingras, P., Wang, G., Skowron, A. (eds.) RSKT 2010. LNCS (LNAI), vol. 6401, pp. 175–180. Springer, Heidelberg (2010)

Desirable Properties of DRSA Adapted to Handle Missing Values

Desirable properties of DRSA- mv_j (X – any union X_i^{\geq}/X_i^{\leq})

- 1 S (reflecting “**symmetry**”): $yD_jx \Leftrightarrow x \mathcal{A}_j y$, for any $x, y \in U$
- 2 R (**reflexivity**): xD_jx and $x \mathcal{A}_j x$, for any $x \in U$
- 3 T (**transitivity**): $yD_jx \wedge xD_jz \Rightarrow yD_jz$, and $y \mathcal{A}_j x \wedge x \mathcal{A}_j z \Rightarrow y \mathcal{A}_j z$, for any $x, y, z \in U$
- 4 B (**robustness**): ($C^x = \{q \in C : q(x) \neq *\}$)
 - for each $x \in \underline{X}_i^{\geq}$, $\mathcal{A}_j^{+'}(x) \cap \neg X_i^{\geq} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_j^+(x) \cap \neg X_i^{\geq}$, where $\mathcal{A}_j^{+'}(x)$ is a positive dominance cone with the origin in x w.r.t. relation \mathcal{A}_j , defined in the C^x -evaluation space
 - for each $x \in \underline{X}_i^{\leq}$, $D_j^{-'}(x) \cap \neg X_i^{\leq} \subseteq D_j^-(x) \cap \neg X_i^{\leq}$, where $D_j^{-'}(x)$ is a negative dominance cone with the origin in x w.r.t. relation D_j , defined in the C^x -evaluation space
- 5 P (reflecting **precision** of data): \underline{X} does not shrink when any missing attribute value becomes known, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 6 RI (**rough inclusion**): $\underline{X} \subseteq X \subseteq \overline{X}$, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 7 C (**complementarity**): $\underline{X} = U \setminus \overline{\neg X}$, $\forall X \subseteq U$

- 8 M_1 (monotonicity w.r.t. growing set of attributes): \underline{X} does not shrink when set C is extended by new attributes, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 9 M_2 (monotonicity w.r.t. growing union of classes): \underline{X} does not shrink when set X is augmented by new objects, $\forall X \subseteq U$
- 10 M_3 (monotonicity w.r.t. super-union of classes):
 $\forall X_i^{\geq}, X_k^{\geq}$, with $1 \leq i < k \leq n$, there is $\underline{X_i^{\geq}} \supseteq \underline{X_k^{\geq}}$, and, moreover,
 $\forall X_i^{\leq}, X_k^{\leq}$, with $1 \leq i < k \leq n$, there is $\underline{X_i^{\leq}} \subseteq \underline{X_k^{\leq}}$
- 11 M_4 (monotonicity w.r.t. dominance relation):
- for any $X_i^{\geq} \subseteq U$, with $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, and for any $x, y \in U$ such that $x \overline{C}_j y$, it is true that
 $(x \in \underline{X_i^{\geq}} \wedge y \in X_i^{\geq} \Rightarrow y \in \underline{X_i^{\geq}})$
 - for any $X_i^{\leq} \subseteq U$, with $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, and for any $x, y \in U$ such that $x D_j y$, it is true that
 $(x \in \underline{X_i^{\leq}} \wedge y \in X_i^{\leq} \Rightarrow y \in \underline{X_i^{\leq}})$

Desirable properties of DRSA- mv_j

Table: Properties of DRSA- mv_j , $j = 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, \dots, 6$

| Prop/Appr | - mv_1 | - $mv_{1.5}$ | - mv_2 | - $mv_{2.5}$ | - mv_3 | - mv_4 | - mv_5 | - mv_6 |
|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| S | F | F | T | T | F | T | T | T |
| R | F | T | T | F | T | T | T | T |
| T | T | T | F | F | T | T | T | F |
| B | F | T | T | T | F | F | F | F |
| P | F | F | T | F | F | F | F | F |
| RI | F | T | T | F | T | T | T | T |
| C | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| M_1 | T | T | T | F | T | T | T | T |
| M_2 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| M_3 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| M_4 | T | T | F | F | T | T | T | F |
| | | n-d! | n-d! | | | n-d! | n-d! | |

Conclusions

- We considered different ways of **dealing with missing attribute values** in ordinal and non-ordinal classification data when analyzed using Indiscernibility-based Rough Set Approach (IRSA) or Dominance-based Rough Set Approach (DRSA)
- We proposed some **desirable properties** for IRSA and DRSA that a rough set approach capable of dealing with missing attribute values should possess
- We uncovered approaches **non-dominated** with respect to these desirable properties:
 - in IRSA: IRSA- $mv_{1.5}$ and IRSA- mv_2 ,
 - in DRSA: DRSA- $mv_{1.5}$, DRSA- mv_2 , DRSA- mv_4 , and DRSA- mv_5 .

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