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## Bioinformatics and Biomarker Discovery Part 2: Tools

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### Outline



- Overview of Supervised Learning
- Decision Trees Ensembles
  - Bagging
- Other Methods
  - K-Nearest Neighbour
  - Bayesian Approach

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## Overview of Supervised Learning



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### Computational Supervised Learning

- Also called **classification**
- Learn from past experience, and use the learned knowledge to classify new data
- Knowledge learned by **intelligent algorithms**
- Examples:
  - Clinical diagnosis for patients
  - Cell type classification

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### Data

- Classification application involves > 1 class of data. E.g.,
  - Normal vs disease cells for a diagnosis problem
- Training data is a set of instances (samples, points) with known class labels
- Test data is a set of instances whose class labels are to be predicted

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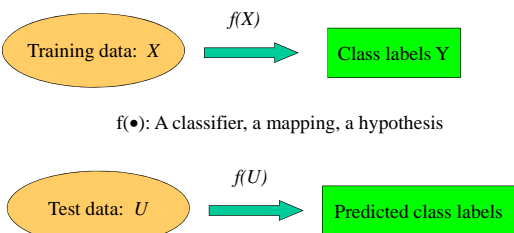
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### Process



$f(\bullet)$ : A classifier, a mapping, a hypothesis

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### Relational Representation of Patient Data

$n$  features (order of 1000)

	gene <sub>1</sub>	gene <sub>2</sub>	gene <sub>3</sub>	gene <sub>4</sub>	...	gene <sub>n</sub>	
$m$ samples	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{14}$	...	$x_{1n}$	→P
	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{24}$	...	$x_{2n}$	→N
	$x_{31}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{34}$	...	$x_{3n}$	→P
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$x_{m1}$	$x_{m2}$	$x_{m3}$	$x_{m4}$	...	$x_{mn}$	→N

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### Requirements of Biomedical Classification

- High accuracy/sensitivity/specificity/precision
- High comprehensibility

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### Importance of Rule-Based Methods

- Systematic selection of a small number of features used for the decision making

⇒ Increase the comprehensibility of the knowledge patterns

- C4.5 and CART are two commonly used rule induction algorithms--a.k.a. decision tree induction algorithms

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### Structure of Decision Trees

- Every path from root to a leaf forms a decision rule
  - If  $x_1 > a_1$  &  $x_2 > a_2$ , then it's A class
- C4.5, CART, two of the most widely used
- Easy interpretation, but accuracy generally unattractive

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### A Simple Dataset

Outlook	Temp	Humidity	Windy	class
Sunny	75	70	true	Play
Sunny	80	90	true	Don't
Sunny	85	85	false	Don't
Sunny	72	95	true	Don't
Sunny	69	70	false	Play
Overcast	72	90	true	Play
Overcast	83	78	false	Play
Overcast	64	65	true	Play
Overcast	81	75	false	Play
Rain	71	80	true	Don't
Rain	65	70	true	Don't
Rain	75	80	false	Play
Rain	68	80	false	Play
Rain	70	96	false	Play

9 Play samples

5 Don't

A total of 14.

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### A Decision Tree

- Construction of a tree is equivalent to determination of the root node of the tree and the root node of its sub-trees

Exercise: What is the accuracy of this tree?

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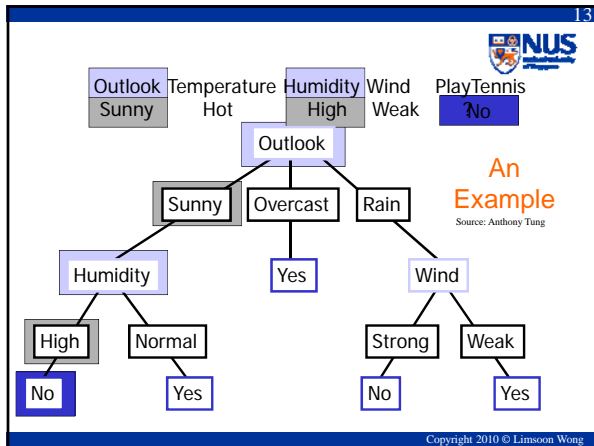
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### Most Discriminatory Feature

- Every feature can be used to partition the training data
- If the partitions contain a pure class of training instances, then this feature is most discriminatory

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### Example of Partitions

- **Categorical feature**
  - Number of partitions of the training data is equal to the number of values of this feature
- **Numerical feature**
  - Two partitions

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**Steps of Decision Tree Construction**

- Select the “best” feature as the root node of the whole tree
- Partition the dataset into subsets using this feature so that the subsets are as “pure” as possible
- After partition by this feature, select the best feature (wrt the subset of training data) as the root node of this sub-tree
- Recursively, until the partitions become pure or almost pure

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**Measures to Evaluate Which Feature is Best**

- Gini index
- Information gain
- Information gain ratio
- T-statistics
- $\chi^2$
- ...

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**Gini Index**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gini}(S) &= \frac{\text{diff of two arbitrary specimen in } S}{\text{mean specimen in } S} \\ &= \text{prob}(\text{getting two specimen of diff class in } S) \\ &= 1 - \text{prob}(\text{getting two specimen of same class in } S) \\ &= 1 - \sum_i \text{prob}(\text{getting specimen of class } i \text{ in } S)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Gini index is the expected value of the ratio of the diff of two arbitrary specimens to the mean value of all specimens
- Closer to 1 means similar to “background distribution”. Closer to 0, means feature is “unexpected”

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## Gini Index



Let  $U = \{C_1, \dots, C_k\}$  be all the classes. Suppose we are currently at a node and  $D$  is the set of those samples that have been moved to this node. Let  $f$  be a feature and  $d[f]$  be the value of the feature  $f$  in a sample  $d$ . Let  $S$  be a range of values that the feature  $f$  can take. Then the Gini index for  $f$  in  $D$  for the range  $S$  is defined as

$$gini_f^D(S) = 1 - \sum_{C_i \in U} \left( \frac{| \{d \in D \mid d \in C_i, d[f] \in S\} |}{|D|} \right)^2$$

The purity of a split of the value range  $S$  of an attribute  $f$  by some split-point into subranges  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  is then defined as

$$gini_f^D(S_1, S_2) = \sum_{S \in \{S_1, S_2\}} \frac{| \{d \in D \mid d[f] \in S\} |}{|D|} * gini_f^D(S)$$

we choose the feature  $f$  and the split-point  $p$  that minimizes  $gini_f^D(S_1, S_2)$  over all possible alternative features and split-points.

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## Example Use of Decision Tree Methods: Proteomics Approaches to Biomarker Discovery



- In prostate and bladder cancers (Adam et al. *Proteomics*, 2001)
- In serum samples to detect breast cancer (Zhang et al. *Clinical Chemistry*, 2002)
- In serum samples to detect ovarian cancer (Petricoin et al. *Lancet*; Li & Rao, *PAKDD* 2004)

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## Decision Tree Ensembles




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**Motivating Example**

- $h_1, h_2, h_3$  are indep classifiers w/ accuracy = 60%
- $C_1, C_2$  are the only classes
- $t$  is a test instance in  $C_1$
- $h(t) = \operatorname{argmax}_{C \in \{C_1, C_2\}} |\{h_j \in \{h_1, h_2, h_3\} \mid h_j(t) = C\}|$
- Then  $\operatorname{prob}(h(t) = C_1)$ 
  - =  $\operatorname{prob}(h_1(t)=C_1 \ \& \ h_2(t)=C_1 \ \& \ h_3(t)=C_1) +$
  - $\operatorname{prob}(h_1(t)=C_1 \ \& \ h_2(t)=C_1 \ \& \ h_3(t)=C_2) +$
  - $\operatorname{prob}(h_1(t)=C_1 \ \& \ h_2(t)=C_2 \ \& \ h_3(t)=C_1) +$
  - $\operatorname{prob}(h_1(t)=C_2 \ \& \ h_2(t)=C_1 \ \& \ h_3(t)=C_1)$
  - =  $60\% * 60\% * 60\% + 60\% * 60\% * 40\% +$
  - $60\% * 40\% * 60\% + 40\% * 60\% * 60\% = 64.8\%$

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**Bagging**

- Proposed by Breiman (1996)
- Also called **Bootstrap aggregating**
- Make use of randomness injected to training data

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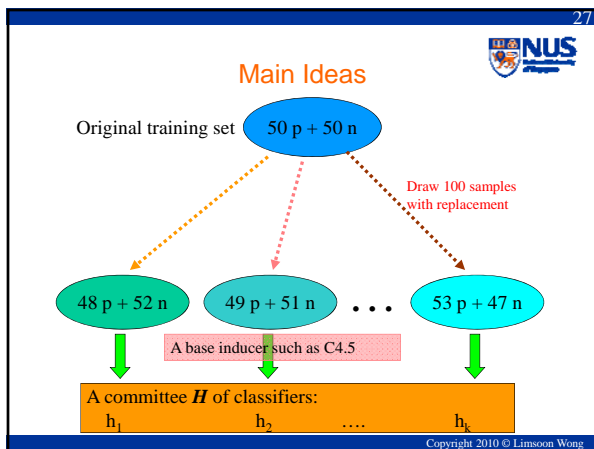
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## Decision Making by Bagging

Given a new test sample T

$$bagged(T) = \operatorname{argmax}_{C_j \in U} |\{h_i \in \mathcal{H} \mid h_i(T) = C_j\}|$$

where  $U = \{C_1, \dots, C_r\}$

Exercise: What does the above formula mean?

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## Summary of Ensemble Classifiers

Bagging

Random Forest

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AdaBoost.M1

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Rules may not be correct when applied to training data

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Randomization Trees

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Rules correct

Exercise: Describe the 3 decision tree ensemble classifiers not explained in this ppt

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## Other Machine Learning Approaches



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**Outline**

- K-Nearest Neighbour
- Bayesian Approach

Exercise: Name and describe one other commonly used machine learning method

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K-Nearest Neighbours




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**How kNN Works**

- Given a new case
- Find k "nearest" neighbours, i.e., k most similar points in the training data set
- Assign new case to the same class to which most of these neighbours belong

- A common "distance" measure betw samples x and y is
 
$$\sqrt{\sum_f (x_f - y_f)^2}$$
 where f ranges over features of the samples

Exercise: What does the formula above mean?

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Illustration of kNN (k=8)

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Some Issues

- Simple to implement
- But need to compare new case against all training cases
  - ⇒ May be slow during prediction
- No need to train
- But need to design distance measure properly
  - ⇒ may need expert for this
- Can't explain prediction outcome
  - ⇒ Can't provide a model of the data

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Example Use of kNN: Ovarian Cancer Diagnosis  
Based on SELDI Proteomic Data

- Li et al, *Bioinformatics* 20:1638-1640, 2004
- Use kNN to diagnose ovarian cancers using proteomic spectra
- Data set is from Petricoin et al., *Lancet* 359:572-577, 2002

Fig. 1. Minimum, median and maximum of percentages of correct prediction as a function of the number of top-ranked  $m/z$  ratios in 50 independent partitions into learning and validation sets.

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Bayesian Approach




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Bayes Theorem 

$$P(h|d) = \frac{P(d|h) * P(h)}{P(d)}$$

- $P(h)$  = prior prob that hypothesis  $h$  holds
- $P(d|h)$  = prob of observing data  $d$  given  $h$  holds
- $P(h|d)$  = posterior prob that  $h$  holds given observed data  $d$

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Bayesian Approach 

- Let  $H$  be all possible classes. Given a test instance w/ feature vector  $\{f_1 = v_1, \dots, f_n = v_n\}$ , the most probable classification is given by
 
$$\underset{h_j \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(h_j | f_1 = v_1, \dots, f_n = v_n)$$
- Using Bayes Theorem, rewrites to
 
$$\underset{h_j \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{P(f_1 = v_1, \dots, f_n = v_n | h_j) * P(h_j)}{P(f_1 = v_1, \dots, f_n = v_n)}$$
- Since denominator is independent of  $h_j$ , this simplifies to
 
$$\underset{h_j \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(f_1 = v_1, \dots, f_n = v_n | h_j) * P(h_j)$$

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### Naïve Bayes



- But estimating  $P(f_1=v_1, \dots, f_n=v_n|h)$  accurately may not be feasible unless training data set is sufficiently large
- “Solved” by assuming  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  are conditionally independent of each other
- Then 
$$P(f_1=v_1, \dots, f_n=v_n|h) = P(h) \prod_{j=1}^n P(f_j=v_j|h_j)$$
- where  $P(h)$  and  $P(f_j=v_j|h_j)$  can often be estimated reliably from typical training data set

Exercise: How do you estimate  $P(h)$  and  $P(f_j=v_j|h_j)$ ?

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### Independence vs Conditional Independence



- Independence:  $P(A,B) = P(A) * P(B)$
- Conditional Independence:  $P(A,B|C) = P(A|C) * P(B|C)$
- Indep does not imply conditional indep
  - Consider tossing a fair coin twice
    - A is event of getting head in 1st toss
    - B is event of getting head in 2nd toss
    - C is event of getting exactly one head
  - Then  $A=\{HT, HH\}$ ,  $B=\{HH, TH\}$  and  $C=\{HT, TH\}$
  - $P(A,B|C) = P(\{HH\}|C) = 0$
  - $P(A|C) = P(A,C)/P(C) = P(\{HT\})/P(C) = (1/4)/(1/2) = 1/2$
  - Similarly,  $P(B|C) = 1/2$

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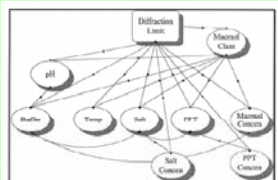
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### Example Use of Bayesian: Design of Screens Macromolecular Crystallization



- Hennessy et al., *Acta Cryst* D56:817-827, 2000
- Crystallization of proteins requires search of expt settings to find right conditions for diffraction-quality xtls
- BMCD is a db of known crystallization conditions
- Use Bayes to determine prob of success of a set of expt conditions based on BMCD



**Figure 1**  
Crystallization parameter dependency graph. The graph represents the parameters included in the calculation of the estimated probability of success and their dependencies. A connecting arc from pH to buffer indicates that the probability distribution for the buffer may depend on the value of the pH. The lack of a connecting arc between two parameters reflects conditional independence (the probability distribution for a parameter is independent of the value of the other parameter).

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Concluding Remarks...



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What have we learned?

- Decision Trees
- Decision Trees Ensembles
  - Bagging
- Other Methods
  - K-Nearest Neighbour
  - Bayesian Approach

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Any Question?



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- <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka>
- Weka is a collection of machine learning algorithms for data mining tasks. The algorithms can either be applied directly to a dataset or called from your own Java code. Weka contains tools for data pre-processing, classification, regression, clustering, association rules, and visualization.

Exercise: Download a copy of WEKA. What are the names of classifiers in WEKA that correspond to C4.5 and SVM?

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