Attribute Discretization and Selection

Clustering

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Naive Bayes Features

- Intended primarily for the work with nominal attributes
- In case of numeric attributes
 - Use the propability distribution of attributes (Normal distribution is default) for probability estimation for the each attribute
 - Discretize the attribute's values

Attribute Discretization

Discretization is the process of tranformation numeric data into nominal data, by putting the numeric values into distinct groups, which lenght is fixed.

Common approaches:

- Unsupervised:
 - Equal-width binning
 - Equal-frequency binning
- Supervised classes are taken into account

Equal-Width Binning

Equal-width binning divides the scope of possible values into N subscopes (bins) of the same width:

width = (max value – min value) / N

Example: If the scope of the values is between 0 and 100, we should create 5 subscopes (bins) in the following manner:

Width = (100 - 0) / 5 = 20

Subscopes (bins): [0-20], (20-40], (40-60], (60-80], (80-100]

Usually, the first and the final subscope (bin) are being expended in order to include possible values outside the original scope.

Equal-frequency binning

Equal-frequency binning (or equal-height binning) divides the scope of possible values into N subscopes where each subscope (bin) carries the same number of instances:

Example: We want to put the following values in 5 subscopes (bins): 5, 7, 12, 35, 65, 82, 84, 88, 90, 95

So, each subscope will have 2 instances:

5, 7, 12, 35, 65, 82, 84, 88, 90, 95

Discretization in Weka

We apply certain *Filters* to attributes we want to discretize.

Preprocess tab

Option: *Choose -> Filter*

filters/unsupervised/attribute Discretize.

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Discretization in Weka

Equal-width binning is the default option.

- *attributeIndices* the *first-last* value means that we are discretizing all values. We can also name the attribute numbers.
- *bins* the desired number of scopes (bins)
- *useEqualFrequency false* by default; *true* if we use Equal Frequency binning

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Discretization in Weka

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Data, before and after discretization



Attribute Selection

Attribute Selection (or Feature Selection) is the process of choosing a subset of relevant attributes that will be used during the further analysis.

It is being applied in cases where the dataset contains attributes which are redudant and/or irrelevant.

- Redundant attributes are the ones that do not provide more information than the attributes we already have in our dataset.
- Irrelevant attributes are the ones that are useless in the context of the current analysis.

Attribute Selection Advantages

Excessive attributes can degrade the performance of the model.

Advantages:

- Advances the readability of the model (because now the model contains only the relevant attributes)
- Shortens the training time
- Generalization power is higher because it lowers the possibility of overfitting

If the problem is well-known, the best way to select attribute is to do it manually. However, automated apporaches also give good results.

Approaches to Attribute Selection

Two approaches:

- *Filter* method use the approximation based on the general features of the data.
- *Wrapper* method attribute subsets are being evaluated by using the maching learning algorithm, applied to the dataset. The name *Wrapper* comes from the fact that the algorithm is wrapped within the process of selection. The chosen subset of attributes is the one for which the algorithm gives the best results.

census90-income.arff

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Clustering belongs to a group of techiques of unsupervised learning. It enables grouping instances into groups, where we know which are the possible groups *in advance*.

These groups are called **clusters**.

As the result of clustering each instance is being added *a new attribute* – the cluster to which it belongs. The clustering is said to be successful if the final clusters make sense, if they could be given meaningful names.

K-Means algorithm in Weka

FishersIrisDataset.arff

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Choosing the clustering algorithm



Parameter settings

numClusters – the number of desired clusters; we set it to 3 because we have 3 kinds

displayStdDevs – if *true*, the standard deviation will be displayed

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Running the Clustering



Results of Clustering

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standard deviations	Cluster centroids: Cluster# Attribute Full Data 0 1 2 (150) (61) (50) (39)				
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Number of instnaces in each cluster	Time taken to build model (full training data) : 0.04 seconds === Model and evaluation on training set === Clustered Instances 0 61 (41%) 1 50 (33%) 2 39 (26%)				

Evaluation of Results



Visualization of Clusters



Was clustering successful?

Within cluster sum of squared error gives us the assessment of quality



How to figure out the number of clusters?





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Thank you notes

Weka Tutorials and Assignments @ The Technology Forge

• Link: <u>http://www.technologyforge.net/WekaTutorials/</u>

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A survey for you, to judge us :) <u>http://goo.gl/cqdp3I</u>

Any questions?

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