Mining the Semantic Web:
the Knowledge Discovery Process in the SW

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Knowledge Discovery (KD)

“the process of automatically searching large volumes of data for patterns that can be considered knowledge about the data” [Fay'96]

**Knowledge**

awareness or understanding of facts, information, descriptions, or skills, which is acquired through experience or education by perceiving, discovering, or learning
What is a Pattern?

An expression $E$ in a given language $L$ *describing* a subset $F_E$ of facts $F$.

$E$ is called pattern if it is simpler than enumerating facts in $F_E$.

Patterns need to be:

- New – *Hidden in the data*
- Useful
- Understandable
Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining

- KD is often related with Data Mining (DM) field

- **DM is one step** of the "Knowledge Discovery in Databases" process (KDD)[Fay'96]

- DM is the *computational process of discovering patterns in large data sets* involving methods at the intersection of artificial intelligence, machine learning, statistics, and databases.

- **DM goal**: extracting information from a data set and transforming it into an understandable structure/representation for further use
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Data Mining Tasks...

- **Predictive Tasks**: predict the value of a particular attribute (called target or dependent variable) based on the value of other attributes (called explanatory or independent variables)

**Goal**: learning a model that minimizes the error between the predicted and the true values of the target variable

- **Classification** → discrete target variables
- **Regression** → continuous target variables
Examples of **Classification tasks**

- Predict customers that will respond to a marketing campaign
- Develop a profile of a “successfull” person

Examples of **Regression tasks**

- Forecasting the future price of a stock
• **Descriptive tasks**: discover patterns (correlations, clusters, trends, trajectories, anomalies) summarizing the underlying relationship in the data

• **Association Analysis**: discovers *(the most interesting)* patterns describing strongly associated features in the data/relationships among variables

• **Cluster Analysis**: discovers groups of closely related facts/observations. Facts belonging to the same cluster are more similar each other than observations belonging other clusters
Examples of Association Analysis tasks

- Market Basket Analysis
  - Discovering interesting relationships among retail products. To be used for:
    - Arrange shelf or catalog items
    - Identify potential cross-marketing strategies/cross-selling opportunities

Examples of Cluster Analysis tasks

- Automatically grouping documents/web pages with respect to their main topic (e.g. sport, economy...)
• **Anomaly Detection:** identifies facts/observations (Outlier/change/deviation detection) having characteristics **significantly** different from the rest of the data. A good anomaly detector has a high detection rate and a low false alarm rate.

  • **Example:** Determine if a credit card purchase is **fraudulent** → **Imbalance learning setting**

**Approaches:**

• **Supervised:** build models by using input attributes to predict output attribute values

• **Unsupervised:** build models/patterns without having any output attributes
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Given

• DM task (i.e. Classification, clustering etc.)
• A particular problem for the chosen task

Several DM algorithms can be used to solve the problem

1) How to assess the performance of an algorithm?

2) How to compare the performance of different algorithms solving the same problem?
Evaluating the Performance of an Algorithm
Assessing Algorithm Performances

Components for **supervised learning** [Roiger'03]

Examples of Performance Measures
- Classification → Predictive Accuracy
- Regression → Mean Squared Error (MSE)
- Clustering → Cohesion Index
- Association Analysis → Rule Confidence
- ........

Test data missing in unsupervised setting
Supervised Setting: Building Training and Test Set

Necessary to predict performance bounds based with whatever data (independent test set)

- Split data into training and test set
  - The repeated and stratified k-fold cross-validation is the most widely used technique
  - Leave-one-out or bootstrap used for small datasets
- Make a model on the training set and evaluate it out on the test set [Witten'11]
  - e.g. Compute predictive accuracy/error rate
K-Fold Cross-validation (CV)

First step: split data into \( k \) subsets of equal size

Second step: use each subset in turn for testing, the remainder for training

Subsets often *stratified* → reduces variance

Error estimates averaged to yield the overall error estimate

Even better: repeated stratified cross-validation

E.g. 10-fold cross-validation is repeated 15 times and results are averaged → reduces the variance
Leave-One-Out cross-validation

- **Leave-One-Out** → a particular form of cross-validation:
  - Set number of folds to number of training instances
  - I.e., for \( n \) training instances, build classifier \( n \) times
  - The results of all \( n \) judgement are averaged for determining the final error estimate

- Makes best use of the data for training
- Involves no random subsampling
- **There's no point in repeating it** → the same result will be obtained each time
The bootstrap

• CV uses sampling *without replacement*
  • The same instance, once selected, cannot be selected again for a particular training/test set

• *Bootstrap* uses sampling *with replacement*
  • Sample a dataset of $n$ instances $n$ times *with replacement* to form a new dataset
  • Use this new dataset as the training set
  • Use the remaining instances not occurring in the training set for testing
  • Also called the *0.632 bootstrap* → The training data will contain approximately 63.2% of the total instances
Estimating error with the bootstrap

The error estimate of the true error on the test data will be very pessimistic

- Trained on just ~63% of the instances
- Therefore, combine it with the resubstitution error:

\[ err = 0.632 \cdot e_{\text{test instances}} + 0.368 \cdot e_{\text{training instances}} \]

- The resubstitution error (error on training data) gets less weight than the error on the test data
- **Repeat the bootstrap procedure** several times with different replacement samples; **average the results**
Comparing Algorithms Performances For Supervised Approach
Comparing Algorithms Performance

**Frequent question:** which of two learning algorithms performs better?

**Note:** this is domain dependent!

**Obvious way:** compare the error rates computed by the use of k-fold CV estimates

**Problem:** variance in estimate on a single 10-fold CV

**Variance can be reduced using repeated CV**

However, we still don’t know whether the results are reliable
Significance tests

- Significance tests tell how confident we can be that there really is a difference between the two learning algorithms.

- **Statistical hypothesis test exploited** → used for testing a statistical hypothesis.
  
  - **Null hypothesis**: there is no significant (“real”) difference (between the algorithms).
  
  - **Alternative hypothesis**: there is a difference.

- Measures how much evidence there is in favor of rejecting the null hypothesis for a specified level of significance.

  - Compare two learning algorithms by comparing e.g. the average error rate over several cross-validations (see [Witten'11] for details).
DM methods and SW: A closer Look
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- Classical DM algorithms originally developed for propositional representations
- Some upgrades to (multi-)relational and graph representations defined

**Semantic Web:** characterized by

- **Rich/expressive representations (RDFS, OWL)**
  - How to cope with them when applying DM algorithms?
- **Open world Assumption (OWA)**
  - DM algorithms grounded on CWA
  - Are metrics for classical DM tasks still applicable?
Exploiting DM methods in SW: Problems and Possible Solutions

**Classification**
Exploiting DM methods in SW: Problems and Possible Solutions...

- **Approximate inductive instance retrieval**
  - assess the class membership of the individuals in a KB w.r.t. a query concept \[d'Amato'08, Fanizzi'12, Rizzo'15\]

- **(Hierarchical) Type prediction**
  - Assess the type of instances in RDF datasets \[Melo'16\]

- **Link Prediction**
  - Given an individual and a role \(R\), predict the other individuals \(a\) that are in \(R\) relation with \[Minervini'14-'16\]

Regarded as a **classification task** → (semi-)automatic ontology population
Classification task → assess the class membership of individuals in an ontological KB w.r.t. the query concept

What is the value added?

- Perform some form of reasoning on inconsistent KB
- Possibly induce new knowledge not logically derivable

State of the art classification methods cannot be straightforwardly applied

- generally applied to feature vector representation
  → upgrade expressive representations
- implicit Closed World Assumption made
  → cope with the OWA (made in DLs)
Problem Definition

Given:

- a populated ontological knowledge base $KB = (T, A)$
- a query concept $Q$
- a training set with $\{+1, -1, 0\}$ as target values (OWA taken into account)

Learn a classification function $f$ such that: $\forall a \in \text{Ind}(A)$:

- $f(a) = +1$ if $a$ is instance of $Q$
- $f(a) = -1$ if $a$ is instance of $\neg Q$
- $f(a) = 0$ otherwise
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Dual Problem

- given an individual $a \in \text{Ind}(A)$, determine concepts $C_1, \ldots, C_k$ in $KB$ it belongs to

the multi-class classification problem is decomposed into a set of ternary classification problems (one per target concept)
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Example: Nearest Neighbor based Classification

Query concept: Bank \( k = 7 \)

Training set with Target values: \( \{+1, 0, -1\} \)

Similarity Measures for DLs [d'Amato et al. @ EKAW'08]

\[
f(x_q) \leftarrow +1
\]
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Evaluating the Classifier

• Inductive Classification compared with a standard reasoner
• Registered mismatches: Ind. \{+1,-1\} - Deduction: no results
• Evaluated as mistake if precision and recall used while it could turn out to be a correct inference if judged by a human

Defined new metrics to distinguish induced assertions from mistakes [d'Amato'08]

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\textbf{M} & Match Rate & \textbf{Reasoner} & \\
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+1 & 0 & -1 \\
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Pattern Discovery
Exploiting DM methods in SW: Problems and Possible Solutions

- **Semi-automatic ontology enrichment** [d'Amato'10, Völker'11, Völker'15, d'Amato'16]
  - exploiting the evidence coming from the data → discovering hidden knowledge patterns in the form of relational association rules
  - new axioms may be suggested → existing ontologies can be extended

Regarded as a pattern discovery task
Problem Definition:

Given a dataset find

- all possible *hidden pattern* in the form of *Association Rule* (AR)
- having *support* and *confidence* greater than a minimum thresholds

Definition: An AR is an implication expression of the form $X \rightarrow Y$ where $X$ and $Y$ are *disjoint* itemsets

An AR expresses a co-occurrence relationship between the items in the antecedent and the consequence *not a causality relationship*
Basic Definitions

- An itemset is a finite set of assignments of the form \( \{A_1 = a_1, \ldots, A_m = a_m\} \) where \( A_i \) are attributes of the dataset and \( a_i \) the corresponding values.

- The support of an itemset is the number of instances/tuples in the dataset containing it.

Similarly, support of a rule is \( s(X \rightarrow Y) = |(X \cup Y)| \);

- The confidence of a rule provides how frequently items in the consequence appear in instances/tuples containing the antecedent.

\[ c(X \rightarrow Y) = \frac{|(X \cup Y)|}{|(X)|} \quad \text{(seen as } p(Y|X) \text{)} \]
Articulated in two main steps [Agrawal'93, Tan'06]:

1. **Frequent Patterns Generation/Discovery** (generally in the form of *itemsets*) wrt a **minimum frequency** (support) threshold
   - *Apriori* algorithm → The most well known algorithm
   - the most expensive computation;

2. **Rule Generation**
   - Extraction of all the **high-confidence** association rules from the discovered frequent patterns.
Apriori Algorithm: Key Aspects

- Uses a **level-wise generate-and-test approach**
- Grounded on the **non-monotonic property of the support of an itemset**
  - The support of an itemset never exceeds the support of its subsets
- **Basic principle:**
  - if an itemset is frequent → all its subsets must also be frequent
  - If an itemset is infrequent → all its supersets must be infrequent too
  - Allow to sensibly cut the search space
Apriori Algorithm in a Nutshell

**Goal:** Finding the frequent itemsets ↔ the sets of items that satisfying the min support threshold

Iteratively find frequent itemsets with length from 1 to k (k-itemset)

Given a set $L_{k-1}$ of frequent (k-1)itemset, join $L_{k-1}$ with itself to obtain $L_{k}$ the candidate k-itemsets

**Prune** items in $L_{k}$ that are not frequent (*Apriori principle*)

If $L_{k}$ is not empty, generate the next candidate (k+1)itemset until the frequent itemset is empty
Apriori Algorithm: Example...

Suppose having the transaction table
(Boolean values considered for simplicity)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>List of Items</th>
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<tbody>
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Apriori Algorithm: Example

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Pruning

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Join for candidate generation

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Empty Set

STOP
Generating ARs from frequent itemsets

- For each frequent itemset “I”
  - generate all non-empty subsets $S$ of $I$
- For every non empty subset $S$ of $I$
  - compute the rule $r := \text{“}S \rightarrow (I-S)\text{”}$
- If $\text{conf}(r) \geq \text{min confidence}$
  - then output $r$
Genrating ARs: Example...

Given:

\[ L = \{ \{I_1\}, \{I_2\}, \{I_3\}, \{I_4\}, \{I_5\}, \{I_1,I_2\}, \{I_1,I_3\}, \{I_1,I_5\}, \{I_2,I_3\}, \{I_2,I_4\}, \{I_2,I_5\}, \{I_1,I_2,I_3\}, \{I_1,I_2,I_5\} \}. \]

Let us fix 70% for the Minimum confidence threshold

- Take \( l = \{I_1,I_2,I_5\} \).
- All nonempty subsets are \( \{I_1,I_2\}, \{I_1,I_5\}, \{I_2,I_5\}, \{I_1\}, \{I_2\}, \{I_5\} \).

The resulting ARs and their confidence are:

- \( R_1: I_1 \text{ AND } I_2 \rightarrow I_5 \)
  
  \[ \text{Conf}(R_1) = \frac{\text{supp}\{I_1,I_2,I_5\}}{\text{supp}\{I_1,I_2\}} = \frac{2}{4} = 50\% \quad \text{REJECTED} \]
Min. Conf. Threshold 70%; \( l = \{ I_1, I_2, I_5 \} \).

- All nonempty subsets are \( \{ I_1, I_2 \} \), \( \{ I_1, I_5 \} \), \( \{ I_2, I_5 \} \), \( \{ I_1 \} \), \( \{ I_2 \} \), \( \{ I_5 \} \).

The resulting ARs and their confidence are:

- \( R_2: I_1 \text{ AND } I_5 \rightarrow I_2 \)
  
  \[ \text{Conf}(R_2) = \frac{\text{supp}\{I_1, I_2, I_5\}}{\text{supp}\{I_1, I_5\}} = \frac{2}{2} = 100\% \quad \text{RETURNED} \]

- \( R_3: I_2 \text{ AND } I_5 \rightarrow I_1 \)
  
  \[ \text{Conf}(R_3) = \frac{\text{supp}\{I_1, I_2, I_5\}}{\text{supp}\{I_2, I_5\}} = \frac{2}{2} = 100\% \quad \text{RETURNED} \]

- \( R_4: I_1 \rightarrow I_2 \text{ AND } I_5 \)
  
  \[ \text{Conf}(R_4) = \frac{\text{sc}\{I_1, I_2, I_5\}}{\text{sc}\{I_1\}} = \frac{2}{6} = 33\% \quad \text{REJECTED} \]
Generating ARs: Example

Min. Conf. Threshold 70%; \( I = \{I_1, I_2, I_5\} \).

- All nonempty subsets: \( \{I_1, I_2\}, \{I_1, I_5\}, \{I_2, I_5\}, \{I_1\}, \{I_2\}, \{I_5\} \).

The resulting ARs and their confidence are:

- \( R_5: I_2 \rightarrow I_1 \) AND \( I_5 \)
  
  \[ \text{Conf}(R_5) = \frac{\text{sc}\{I_1, I_2, I_5\}}{\text{sc}\{I_2\}} = \frac{2}{7} = 29\% \quad \text{REJECTED} \]

- \( R_6: I_5 \rightarrow I_1 \) AND \( I_2 \)
  
  \[ \text{Conf}(R_6) = \frac{\text{sc}\{I_1, I_2, I_5\}}{\{I_5\}} = \frac{2}{2} = 100\% \quad \text{RETURNED} \]

Similarly for the other sets \( I \) in \( L \) (Note: it does not make sense to consider an itemset made by just one element i.e. \( \{I_1\} \) )
On improving Discovery of ARs

Apriori algorithm may degrade significantly for dense datasets

Alternative solutions:

- **FP-growth algorithm** outperforms Apriori
  - Does not use the generate-and-test approach
  - Encodes the dataset in a compact data structure (FP-Tree) and extract frequent itemsets directly from it

- **Usage of additional interestingness metrics** (besides support and confidence) (see [Tan'06])
  - Lift, Interest Factor, correlation, IS Measure
Discovering ARs from RDF data sets → for making predictions

**Problems:**

- Upgrade to Relational Representation (need variables)
- OWA to be taken into account
- Background knowledge should be taken into account
- ARs are exploited for making predictions
  - New metrics, considering the OWA, for evaluating the results, are necessary

**Proposal [Galarraga'13-'15]**

- Inspired to the general framework for discovering frequent Datalog patterns [Dehaspe'99; Goethals et al'02]
- Grounded on level-wise generate-and-test approach
Pattern Discovery on RDF data sets for Making Predictions

**Start:** initial general pattern, single atom → role name (plus variable names)

**Proceed:** at each level with

- **specializing** the patterns (use of suitable operators)
  - Add an atom sharing at least one variable/constant
- **evaluating** the generated specializations for possible pruning

**Stop:** stopping criterion met

A rule is a list of atoms (interpreted as a conjunction) where the first one represents the head

The specialization operators represent the way for exploring the search space
Pattern Discovery on Populated Ontologies for Making Predictions

Pros: Scalable method

Limitations:
- Any background/ontological KB taken into account
- No reasoning capabilities exploited
- Only role assertions could be predicted

Upgrade: Discovery of ARs from ontologies [d'Amato'16]
- Exploits the available background knowledge
- Exploits deductive reasoning capabilities

Discovered ARs can make concept and role predictions
Pattern Discovery on Populated Ontologies for Making Predictions

**Start:** initial general pattern

- concept name (plus a variable name) or a role name plus variable names

**Proceed:** at each level with:

- specializing the patterns (use of suitable operators)
  - Add a concept or role atom sharing at least one variable
- evaluating the generated specializations for possible pruning

**Stop:** stopping criterion met

A rule is a list of atoms (interpreted as a conjunction) where the first one represents the head
For a given pattern all possible specializations are generated by applying the operators:

- **Add a concept atom:** adds an atom with a concept name as a predicate symbol and an *already appearing* variable as argument

- **Add a role atom:** adds an atom with a role name as a predicate symbol; *at least one variable already appears* in the pattern

The Operators are applied so that always connected and non-redundant rules are obtained

Additional operators for tanking into account constants could be similarly considered
Language Bias (ensuring decidability)

- **Safety condition**: all variables in the head must appear in the body
- **Connection**: atoms share at least one variable or constant
- **Interpretation under DL-Safety condition**: all variables in the rule bind only to known individuals in the ontology
- **Non Redundancy**: there are no atoms that can be derived by other atoms

Example (Redundant Rule)

Given $K$ made by the TBox $T = \{\text{Father} \sqsubseteq \text{Parent}\}$ and the rule $r := \text{Father}(x) \land \text{Parent}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Human}(x)$

$r$ is **redundant** since $\text{Parent}(x)$ is entailed by $\text{Father}(x)$ w.r.t. $K$. 
Specializing Patterns: Example

- Pattern to be specialized: $C(x) \land R(x,y)$

**Non redundant Concept D**

Refined Patterns
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land D(x)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land D(y)$

**Non redundant Role S**

Fresh Variable $z$

Refined Patterns
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(x,z)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(z,x)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(y,z)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(z,y)$

**Non redundant Role S**

All Variables Bound

Refined Patterns
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(x,x)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(x,y)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(y,x)$
- $C(x) \land R(x,y) \land S(y,y)$
Pattern Discovery on Populated Ontologies for Making Predictions

- Rule predicting concept/role assertions
- The method is actually able to prune redundant and inconsistent rules
  - thanks to the exploitation of the background knowledge and reasoning capabilities

Problems to solve/research directions:

- **Scalability**
  - investigate on additional heuristics for cutting the search space
  - Indexing methods for caching the results of the inferences made by the reasoner

- Output only a subset of patterns by the use of a suitable interestingness measures (potential inner and post pruning)
Conclusions

- Surveyed the classical KDD process
  - Data mining tasks
  - Evaluation of algorithms
- Analized some differences of the KD process when RDF/OWL knowledge bases are considered
  - Expressive representation language
  - OWA vs. CWA
  - New metrics for evaluating the algorithms
- Analized existing solutions
- Open issues and possible research directions
References...


