Cluster Analysis

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• A Density-Based Algorithm for Discovering Clusters in Large Spatial Databases with Noise Martin Ester, Hans-Peter Kriegel, Jörg Sander, Xiaowei Xu, Institute for Computer Science, University of Munich, 2nd International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD-96)


• Data Mining Lecture Slides, Chapter 7 Cluster Analysis, Professor Jianyong Wang, Tsinghua University
What is Cluster Analysis?

- Cluster: a collection of data objects
  - Similar to one another within the same cluster
  - Dissimilar to the objects in other clusters

- Cluster analysis
  - Finding similarities between data according to the characteristics found in the data and grouping similar data objects into clusters

- **Unsupervised learning**: no predefined classes

- Typical applications
  - As a *stand-alone tool* to get insight into data distribution
  - As a *preprocessing step* for other algorithms
Quality: What Is Good Clustering?

- A good clustering method will produce high quality clusters with
  - High intra-class similarity
  - Low inter-class similarity

- The quality of a clustering method is also measured by its ability to discover some or all of the hidden patterns

- The quality of a clustering result depends on both the similarity measure used by the method and its implementation
Requirements of Clustering in Data Mining

- Scalability
- Ability to deal with different types of attributes
- Ability to handle dynamic data
- Discovery of clusters with arbitrary shape
- Minimal requirements for domain knowledge to determine input parameters
- Able to deal with noise and outliers
- Insensitive to order of input records
- High dimensionality
Density-based Clustering
Density-Based Clustering Methods

• Clustering based on density (local cluster criterion), such as density-connected points
• Major features:
  • Discover clusters of arbitrary shape
  • Handle noise
  • Need density parameters as termination condition
• Several interesting studies:
  • DBSCAN: Ester, et al. (KDD’96)
  • DENCLUE: Hinneburg & D. Keim (KDD’98)

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Density-Based Clustering: Basic Concepts

- Two parameters:
  - \textit{Eps}: Maximum radius of the neighborhood
  - \textit{MinPts}: Minimum number of points in an Eps-neighborhood of that point

- \( N_{Eps}(q): \{ p \text{ belongs to } D \mid dist(p,q) \leq Eps \} \)

- Directly density-reachable: A point \( p \) is directly density-reachable from a point \( q \) w.r.t. \textit{Eps}, \textit{MinPts} if
  - \( p \) belongs to \( N_{Eps}(q) \)
  - Core point condition:
  - \( |N_{Eps}(q)| \geq MinPts \)

\( MinPts = 5 \quad Eps = 1 \text{ cm} \)
Density-Reachable and Density-Connected

- **Density-reachable:**
  - A point $p$ is **density-reachable** from a point $q$ w.r.t. $Eps$, $MinPts$ if there is a chain of points $p_1, \ldots, p_n$, $p_1 = q$, $p_n = p$ such that $p_{i+1}$ is directly density-reachable from $p_i$.

- **Density-connected**
  - A point $p$ is **density-connected** to a point $q$ w.r.t. $Eps$, $MinPts$ if there is a point $o$ such that both $p$ and $q$ are density-reachable from $o$ w.r.t. $Eps$ and $MinPts$.
DBSCAN: Density Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise

- Relies on a *density-based* notion of cluster: A *cluster* is defined as a maximal set of density-connected points.
- Discovers clusters of arbitrary shape in spatial databases with noise.

- **Core**
- **Border**
- **Outlier**

Eps = 1 cm
MinPts = 5
DBSCAN: The Algorithm

- Arbitrarily select a point $p$
- Retrieve all points density-reachable from $p$ w.r.t. $Eps$ and $MinPts$.
- If $p$ is a core point, a cluster is formed.
- If $p$ is a border point, no points are density-reachable from $p$ and DBSCAN visits the next point of the database.
- Continue the process until all of the points have been processed.
DBSCAN: Advantages and Disadvantages

- No need to specify the number of clusters
- No bias towards/against larger clusters
- Can learn arbitrary patterns
- Need to tune parameter Eps and MinPts manually
DBSCAN: Sensitive to Parameters

Figure 8. DBScan results for DS1 with MinPts at 4 and Eps at (a) 0.5 and (b) 0.4.

Figure 9. DBScan results for DS2 with MinPts at 4 and Eps at (a) 5.0, (b) 3.5, and (c) 3.0.

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Model-based clustering
Mixtures of Gaussians

• Gaussian mixture models
  • $p(x) = \sum_{c} \pi_{c} \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_{c}, \sigma_{c})$
  • Mean $\mu_{c}$, variance $\sigma_{c}$, “size” $\pi_{c}$

• Multivariate Gaussian models
  • $\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\{-1/2 (x - \mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\}$

EM ITERATION 25

From P. Smyth
ICML 2001

Red Blood Cell Hemoglobin Concentration vs. Red Blood Cell Volume
LOG-LIKELIHOOD AS A FUNCTION OF EM ITERATIONS

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Self-Organizing Maps (SOMs)

- Developed by professor Kohonen
- A type of artificial neural network (ANN) that is trained using unsupervised learning to produce a low-dimensional (typically two-dimensional), discretized representation of the input space of the training samples, called a map.

Self-Organizing Maps (SOMs)

- Unsupervised learning
- Competitive learning network
- Provides a topology preserving mapping from high-D to map units
- Detect features inherent to the problem, provide feature map
- Generalization capability

Network Architecture

- Two layers of units
  - Input: n units (length of training vectors)
    - $V_1, V_2, V_3, \ldots, V_n$
  - Output: m units (number of categories)
    - Each node $k$ has a weight vector $[w_{1k}, w_{2k}, w_{3k}, \ldots, w_{nk}]$
- Input units fully connected with weights to output units
- Output neurons are ordered according to the topology of the map
  - Usually rectangular or hexagonal
Output Layer Topology

• Intra-layer (“lateral”) connections
  • Within output layer
  • Defined according to some topology
  • No weight between these connections, but used in algorithm for updating weights

• Often view output in spatial manner
  • Eg. A 1D or 2D arrangement
  • 2D: Rectangular or Hexagonal
SOM Algorithm

- Select output layer network topology
  - Initialize current neighborhood distance, \( D(0) \), to a positive value
- Initialize weights from inputs to outputs to small random values
- Let \( t=1 \)
- While computational bounds are not exceeded do
  - 1) Select an input sample \( i \downarrow l \)
  - 2) Compute the square of the Euclidean distance of \( i \downarrow l \) from weight vectors \( w \downarrow j \) associated with each output node
    \[ \sum_{k=1}^{n} \| (i \downarrow l, k - w \downarrow j, k (t)) \|^2 \]
  - 3) Select output node \( j \uparrow \ast \) that has weight vector with minimum value from step 2)
  - 4) Update weights to all nodes within a topological distance given by \( D(t) \) from \( j \uparrow \ast \), using the weight update rule:
    \[ w \downarrow j (t+1) = w \downarrow j (t) + \eta(t)(i \downarrow l - w \downarrow j (t)) \]
  - 5) Increment \( t \)
- Endwhile

SOM Example: Iris Flower Dataset

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Weights from Input 1

Weights from Input 2

Weights from Input 3

Weights from Input 4

Sepal length

Sepal width

Pedal length

Pedal width

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SOM – Visualization of World Poverty Map

Data: World Bank statistics of countries in 1992

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Clustering High-Dimensional Data
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• Clustering high-dimensional data
  • Many applications: data mining, DNA micro-array data
  • Challenges:
    • Distance measure becomes meaning less-due to equi-distance
    • Many irrelevant dimensions may mask clusters
    • Clusters may exist only in some subspaces

• Approaches
  • Subspace-Based Methods
  • Correlation-Based Methods
  • Bi-Clustering Methods
The Curse of Dimensionality
(graphs adapted from Parsons Subspace Clustering for High Dimensional Data: A Review KDD Explorations 2004)

From one dimension to three dimensions, points go from packed to sparse. As the dimensions increase, points gradually become equi-distance, so distance measure becomes meaningless. (dataset: 20 points, 3 dimensions, random number between 0 and 2 in each dimension)
Subspace clustering
(graphs adapted from Parsons Subspace Clustering for High Dimensional Data: A Review KDD Explorations 2004)

• Clusters may exist only in some subspaces
• Subspace-clustering: find clusters in all the subspaces

400 instances in 3 dimensions, divided into 4 clusters of 100 Instances. First two clusters exist in dimensions a and b. The data forms a normal distribution with means 0.5 and -0.5 in dimension a and 0.5 in dimension b. The second two clusters are in dimension b and c and were generated in the same manner.
Subspace clustering
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- The figures above shows the data projected in a single dimension (organized by index on the x-axis for ease of interpretation). We can see that none of these projections of the data are sufficient to fully separate the four clusters. Alternatively, if we only remove one dimension, we produce the graphs in next page.
Subspace clustering
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- The first two clusters (red and green) are easily separated from each other and the rest of the data when viewed in dimensions a and b. This is because those clusters were created in dimensions a and b and removing dimension c removes the noise from those two clusters. The other two clusters (blue and purple) completely overlap in this view since they were created in dimensions b and c and removing c made them indistinguishable from one another. Thus, the key to finding each of the clusters in this dataset is to look in the appropriate subspaces.
Subspace Clustering Methods

• Bottom-Up Subspace Search Methods
  • CLIQUE
  • ENCLUS
  • MAFIA
  • CBF

• Iterative Top-Down Subspace Search Methods
  • PROCLUS
  • ORCLUS
  • FINDIT
  • $\delta$-Clusters
CLIQUE

• CLIQUE(Clustering In QUEst)(Agrawal, Gehrke, Gunopulos, Raghavan: SIGMOD’98)

• CLIQUE is a **density-based** and **grid-based** subspace clustering algorithm
  
  • **Grid-based**: It discretizes the data space through a grid and estimates the density by counting the number of points in a grid cell
  
  • **Density-based**: A cluster is a maximal set of connected dense units in a subspace(dense unit: total data points in the unit exceeds the input model parameter)
  
  • **Subspace clustering**: A subspace cluster is a set of neighboring dense cells in an arbitrary subspace. It also discovers some minimal descriptions of the clusters
Example of CLIQUE:

Start at 1-D space and discretize numerical intervals in each axis into grid
Find dense regions (clusters) in each subspace and generate their minimal descriptions
Use the dense regions to find promising candidates in 2-D space based on the Apriori principle
Major Steps of the CLIQUE Algorithm

• Identify subspaces that contain clusters
  • Partition the data space and find the number of points that lie inside each cell of the partition
  • Identify the subspaces that contain clusters using the Apriori principle

• Identify clusters
  • Determine dense units in all subspaces of interests
  • Determine connected dense units in all subspaces of interests

• Generate minimal descriptions for the clusters
  • Determine maximal regions that cover a cluster of connected dense units for each cluster
  • Determine minimal cover for each cluster
Strengths and Weaknesses of CLIQUE

• Strengths
  • Automatically finds subspaces of the highest dimensionality as long as high density clusters exist in those subspaces
  • Insensitive to the order of records in input and does not presume some canonical data distribution
  • Scales linearly with the size of input and has good scalability as the number of dimensions in the data increases

• Weaknesses
  • As in all grid-based clustering approaches, the quality of the results crucially depends on the appropriate choice of the number and width of the partitions and grid cells
Thanks!

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