The conditionality principle in dimensionality reduction

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- Leopold Kronecker to Hermann von Helmholtz -



$$s: \mathcal{R} \to \mathbb{R}^p, \ p >> 1$$

## dimension reduction —

$$r : \mathbb{R}^p \to \mathbb{R}^q, \ q \ll p$$

classification/clustering —

$$g: \mathbb{R}^q \to [0,1]^{\mathcal{C}}$$



#### Trunk (1979)



### **Fisher's Conditionality Principle**

Foundations of Statistical Inference: Likelihood Principle, Sufficiency Principle, Conditionality Principle



Fisher's Conditionality Principle (1950,1956)

But: Welch (1939)?

# Amari (1985)

Consider Amari's 1985 statement of the Conditionality Principle:

"When there exists an exact ancillary statistic r, the conditionality principle requires that the statistical inference should be performed by conditioning on r. ..."

> Shun-ichi Amari, Differential Geometric Methods in Statistics, Lecture Notes in Statistics, Vol 28, 1985, page 217.

#### Amari continues ...

(inference about u is the goal)

"... A statistical problem then is decomposed into subproblems in each of which r is fixed at its observed value, thus dividing the whole set of the possible data points into subclasses. It is expected that each subclass consists of relatively homogeneous points with respect to the informativeness about u. We can then evaluate our conclusion about u based on r, and it gives a better evaluation than the overall average one. This is a way of utilizing information which ancillary r conditionally carries."

### The X-Property

Most of the basic work in classifier construction (Random Forests, Support Vector Machines, etc.) focuses single-mindedly on classification at all times. That is, a feature's value is in direct proportion with its utility in estimating the true but unknown class label. Little or no use is made of features ancillary to this task.

See *The X-property* (D-G-L, 1996, p. 319) for a general exception:

"[T]he form of the tree is determined by the [feature vectors] only, that is, the labels ... do not play a role in constructing the partition, but they are used in voting." Priebe, C.E., Marchette, D.J., and Healy, D.M. (2004). Integrated Sensing and Processing Decision Trees. *IEEE Trans. PAMI*, Vol. 26, No. 6, pp. 699–708.

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Physica-Verlag, Springer. pp. 381–392.

# **Example** (from Priebe *et al.*, PAMI '04)



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#### **Pedagogical Example**

In this pedagogical example, a willingness to consider partitioning based on *ancillary features* when constructing the tree yields a superior solution: the iterative denoising tree.

#### P-M-H, IEEE PAMI, 2004.

#### **Theorem**

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we construct  $F_{XY}$  with feature vectors  $X = [X_1, \dots, X_d]' \in \mathbb{R}^{d=d(\epsilon)}$  and class labels  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ such that for  $(X, Y) \sim F_{XY}$ 

$$\min_{g:\mathbb{R}^d\to\{0,1\}}\min_{i,j}P[g(X_i,X_j)\neq Y]\geq \frac{1}{2}-\epsilon$$

while

$$\exists g \text{ with } P[g(X_1, X_{X_1}) \neq Y] = 0,$$

and  $X_1$  is ancillary for the classification task at hand.

That is, there is no pair of features  $X_i, X_j$  which work, while conditioning on the ancillary  $X_1$  —using  $X_1, X_{X_1}$  —works.

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#### **Theorem**

This theorem illustrates the potential benefit of a willingness to consider conditionality / partitioning / *X*-property methods. But there is an added benefit ...



(huge bags of cash, only \$2.98 each)

CDFE:

The features —

the features sensed, as with an adaptive sensor, or the features extracted, as with dimensionality reduction depend on the collection of entities under consideration.



Appropriate denoising can allow the new "local" features, extracted at internal nodes of the tree, to be considerably more valuable than their "global" brethren.

#### **A Hyperspectral Imaging Example**



#### HYMAP airborne hyperspectral scanner



Characteristics

Number of Bands: 126 Wavelength: 450 - 2500 nm Spatial resolution: varies Spectral resolution: 15 - 20 nm

# a HYMAP hyperspectral image



#### a HYMAP hyperspectral image



#### HYMAP hyperspectral imaging example I



black: runway, red: pine, green: scrub

## HYMAP hyperspectral imaging example II

	original	denoised
misclassification of scrub as pine	367	284
misclassification of pine as scrub	363	293
sum	730	577 (+ 10)

**HYMAP Misclassification Errors** 

|pine|=2236 ; |scrub|=2284

Note: 10 scrub observations are misclassified (as runway) via the denoising partition

#### HYMAP hyperspectral imaging example III



#### HYMAP hyperspectral imaging example IIIb



#### **A Text Document Example**

Glimpses of Genius: Science News Online, May 15, 2004

http://www.sciencenews.org/articles/20040515/bob9.asp

**Glimpses of Genius** 

Mathematicians and historians piece together a puzzle that Archimedes pondered

#### Erica Klarreich

At the start of the 20th century, a Danish mathematical historian named Johan Ludvig Heiberg made a once-in-a-lifetime find. Tucked away in the library of a monastery in Istanbul was a medieval parchment containing copies of the works of the ancient Greek mathematician Archimedes, including two never-before-seen essays. To mathematicians' astonishment, one of the new essays contained many of the key ideas of calculus, a subject supposedly invented two millennia after Archimedes' time. The essay caused a sensation and landed Heiberg's discovery on the front page of a 1907 New York Times.



RECYCLING PROGRAM. In the 13th century, monks reused a copy of Archimedes' work by writing prayer texts (horizontal lines) over the underlying mathematical text (vertical lines). © Christie's Images Inc. 2004

The other new essay, by contrast, mystified mathematicians. A fragment of a treatise called the Stomachion, it appeared to be nothing more than a description of a puzzle that might have been a children's toy. Mathematicians wondered why Archimedes, whose other works were so monumental, should have spent his time on something so frivolous.

The Stomachion fragment offered only tantalizing glimpses into Archimedes thinking. The parchment, probably first written on in the 10th century in Constantinople, is a palimpsest—a document whose surface has been scraped and reused. In 1204, the Fourth Crusade sacked Constantinople, and shortly thereafter monks unbound the Archimedes's parchment, did their best to erase the mathematical text, and recycled the volume as a Christian prayer book. Only the beginning pages of the Stomachion made it into the new book, and on those pages, the underlying math text was faint and hard to read.

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Armed with only a magnifying glass, Heiberg managed to make out a large portion of the palimpsest. What he read, however, offered few clues to Archimedes' interest in the puzzle. And before other scholars could

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$$m_{x,w} = \log\left(\frac{f_{x,w}}{\sum_{\xi \in C} f_{\xi,w} \sum_{\omega} f_{x,\omega}}\right)$$

Here  $f_{x,w} = c_{x,w}/N$  where  $c_{x,w}$  is the number of times word w appears in document x and N is the total number of words in the corpus C.

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#### **Science News text document example I**



#### black: Astronomy, red: Mathematics, green: Medicine, blue: Physics

#### **Science News text document example II**

branch	Astronomy	Math	Medicine	Physics
left branch	0	2	272	2
center branch	16	58	8	109
right branch	105	0	0	7

Initial Science News Denoising Partition

|Math|=60 ; |Physics|=118

Note: 7 Physics documents are misclassified as Astronomy; 2 Physics and 2 Math documents are misclassified as Medicine

#### **Science News text document example III**

	original	denoised
misclassification of Physics as Math	42	9
misclassification of Math as Physics	35	11
sum	77	20 (+ 11)

Science News Misclassification Errors

|Math|=60 ; |Physics|=118

#### **Science News text document example IV**



#### **Science News text document example IVb**



On the minimization of concave information functionals for unsupervised classification via decision trees

Joint work with

Damianos Karakos, Sanjeev Khudanpur, David Marchette.

Total Score:  $I(Y; \mathbb{Z}) = I(Y; Z_1) + I(Y; Z_2 | Z_1) + I(Y; Z_3 | Z_2, Z_1)$ 



#### Mutual Information as the Goodness Criterion for ISPDT Construction



#### Optimality of Mutual Information as the Goodness Criterion

Transformation & Clustering Score:  $S(c, c_0, c_1) = \frac{N_0}{N}D(c_0||c) + \frac{N_1}{N}D(c_1||c)$ 

 $\xrightarrow{N,n\to\infty} I(Y;Z)$ 

(for stationary and ergodic data)





Goal: Maximize Total Score





#### Nice Property: Iterative Computation





Score depends only on local features: CDFE



In the first example (hyperspectral imaging), the gain from cdfe was (simply) due to dimension reduction.

In the text document examples,

new corpus-dependent features were indeed extracted.

But there was no *re-sensing* involved.

An adaptive sensor example? Real-time tunable hyperspectral imagers! Architecture of the Digital Micro-Mirror Array (DMA) used as a switching device for combining spatio-spectral features



Mirrors rotate along their diagonal axis by exactly ± 10°, which is what makes the DMA a digital devise

- 0 = no light reflected (-10°)
- 1 = all light reflected (+10°)





A complete DMA contains 848 columns and 600 rows of mirrors and measures 10.2 mm x 13.6 mm. Here, a DMA is shown with its glass cover removed.



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#### a thalamocortical iterative denoising tree?

Rodriguez, A., Whitson, J., Granger, R. (2004). Derivation and analysis of basic computational operations of thalamocortical circuits.

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience 16:5, pp. 856-877.

Prof. Richard Granger Director: Brain Engineering Laboratory Computer Science and Cognitive Science University of California, Irvine

#### RWG 2004, Figure 3



Key features of anatomical organization of thalamocortical circuits to be modeled.

### RWG 2004, Figure 6



Sequential operations at three successive time steps (t = 1, 2, 3) in middle (M), superficial (S), and deep (D) cortical layers, core and matrix thalamic projections (Ct & Mt), and inhibitory nucleus reticularis thalami (NRt-), in response to a static input. "The wealth of your practical experience with sane and interesting problems will give to mathematics a new direction and a new impetus."



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