Conditional Anomaly Detection

Motivation

Fact: Medical errors account for 200 000 **preventable** deaths a year. (Wall Street Journal on July 27, 2004)

Main goal: Detect anomalies in clinical decisions.

- Patient records today have: demographics, conditions, labs, medications administered, procedures performed,...
- **Errors** in decisions are costly and may be life threatening
- Knowledge-based alerting systems exist, but are expensive to build and maintain

Solution: Evidenced based methods requiring minimal expert knowledge and relying on the historical data.

Conditional Anomaly



In the medical setting: the identification of patient management decisions unusual with respect to the past patients who suffer from the same or similar condition



Main question: Given the values of context variables for the current patient are the values of the decision variables for that patient unusual?



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Metric:

- Standard Euclidean metric $\sqrt{\sum_{i}(p_i q_i)^2}$
- Learn linear projection with Neighborhood Component Analysis (Goldberger et al. 2005) using decision as the class label

 $p_{ij} = \frac{\exp(-||Ax_i - Ax_j||^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp((-||Ax_k - Ax_j||^2)}$

$$\arg\max_{A} g(A) = \arg\max_{A} \sum_{i} \sum_{j \in C_{i}} p_{ij}$$

Patient Selection Methods:

- All patients
- *k*-closest patients with respect to the chosen metric

Probabilistic Models:

- Fixed Naïve Bayes Structure
- SoftMax model induced by the metric
- Instance Specific model: Bayesian Network from the data using Approximate Edge Marginals with MCMC (Eaton & Murphy 2007)





TURE	METRIC	SELECTION	AUC ROC	SP > 95%
Bayes	any	ALL	72.7%	11.6%
	Euclidean	CLOSEST 40	74.6%	16.4%
	NCA	CLOSEST 40	70.0%	16.8%
Vlax	Euclidean	ALL	76.2%	8.0%
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	NCA	ALL	77.9%	18.0%
	NCA	CLOSEST 40	76.9%	20.2%
aton	any	ALL	79.0%	13.8%
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	NCA	CLOSEST 40	75.5%	26.4%

SP > 95%: AUC for ROC in acceptable range (with specificity >95%)

Discussion

- SP>95% statistic of the interest: Hospitals will not use system with
- a high false alarm rate
- using only closer patients works better in this important ROC range



- Low number of variables opened way for exact models **Structure** learning improved the performance: ~50% increase
- **Instance-specific models:**
 - 1) Models can be simpler (require less examples)
 - 2) Models can be tuned to the individual patients
- Metric learning alleviates the effect of redundant and noisy features

Current/Future work:

to appear)

- How to select the appropriate number of closest patients? Would learning multiple models from the different populations help? HIT dataset with **thousands** of records per patient Anomaly detection in time
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