

ESTIMATION OF DISTRIBUTION ALGORITHMS IN MACHINE LEARNING

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Optimization in Machine Learning

Huge spaces to be optimized

● Structures. Combinatorial optimization

- Number of possible feature subsets, $f(n)$, for a supervised classification problem with n predictor variables (Saeyns et al. 2007): $f(n) = 2^n$
- Number of possible partitional clustering assignments, $S(N, K)$, of N objects into K groups (Sharp 1968):

$$S(N, K) = \frac{1}{K!} \sum_{i=0}^K (-1)^{K-i} \binom{K}{i} i^N$$

- Number of Bayesian networks structures, $f(n)$, is super-exponential in the number of nodes, n (Robinson 1977):

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} \binom{n}{i} 2^{i(n-i)} f(n-i), \text{ for } n > 2,$$

which is initialized with $f(0) = f(1) = 1$

● Parameters. Continuous optimization

- Maximum likelihood estimation is not always achieved by means of a closed form

Machine Learning

Methods

Preprocessing

Dimensionality reduction (PCA, MDS, t-SNE, ..)
 Visualization
 Discretization

Supervised classification

Non probabilistic classifiers

k-nearest neighbors
 Classification trees
 Rule induction
 Artificial neural networks
 Support vector machines

Probabilistic classifiers

Discriminant analysis
 Logistic regression
 Bayesian classifier

Metaclassifiers

Stacking. Cascading. Bagging. Boosting.
 Random Forest. Hybrid classifiers

Multidimensional classification

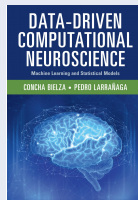
Clustering

Hierarchical clustering
 Partitional clustering
 Probabilistic clustering

Reinforcement learning

Probabilistic graphical models

Bayesian networks
 Markov networks



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Optimization in Machine Learning

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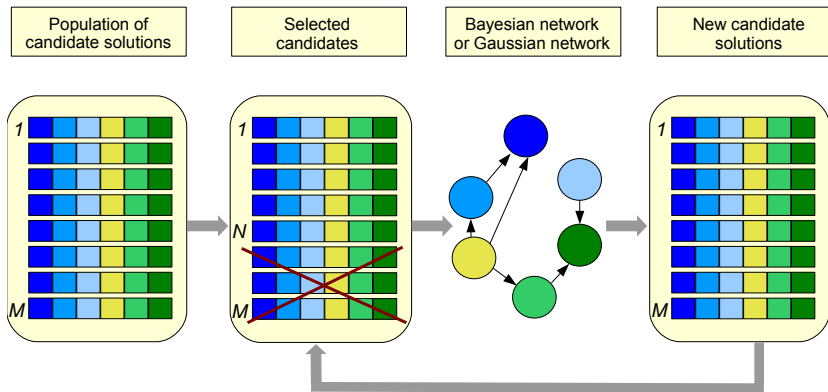
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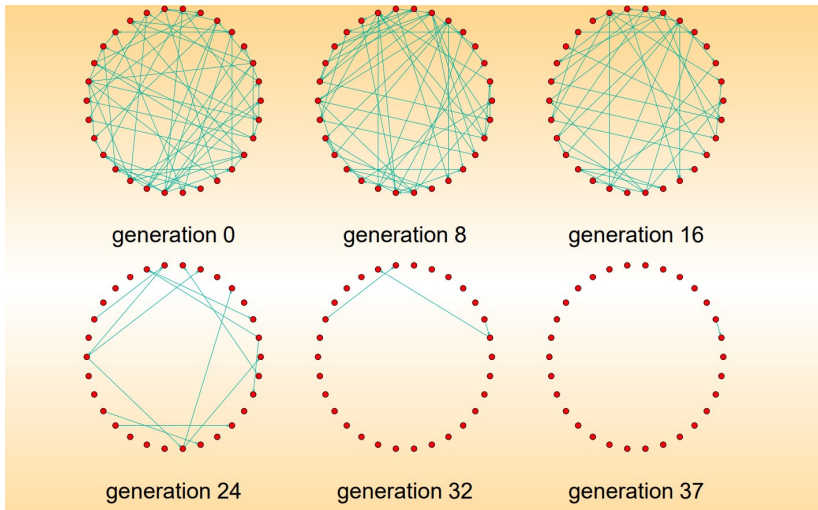
EDAs in continuous domains. Assuming Gaussianity: Larrañaga et al. (2000)

- **Univariate:** UMDA_c^G
- **Bivariate:** MIMIC_c^G
- **Multivariate:** EMNA_{global}^G , EMNA_{ee}^G , EGNA^G

Graphical Representation of EDAs



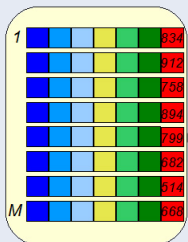
Evolution of Bayesian Network Structures in a EBNA Search (Bengoetxea 2002)



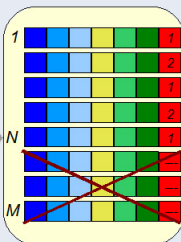
A Node for the Objective Function (Miquélez et al. 2004)

Estimation of Bayesian classifiers optimization algorithms

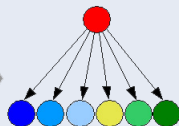
Initial population of candidate solutions with their fitness values



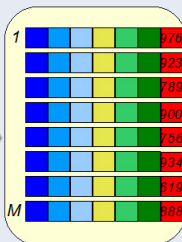
Selected candidates with a discretization of the fitness



Bayesian classifier learning

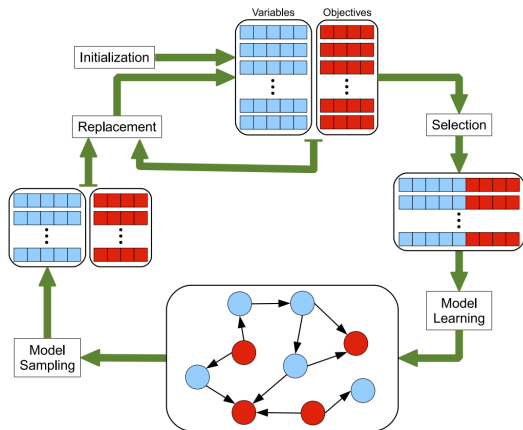


Sampling and fitness evaluation of new candidates



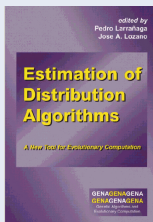
A Node for Each Objective Function (Karshenas et al. 2014)

EDAs for multiobjective optimization



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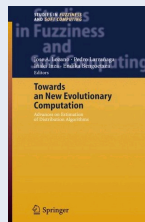
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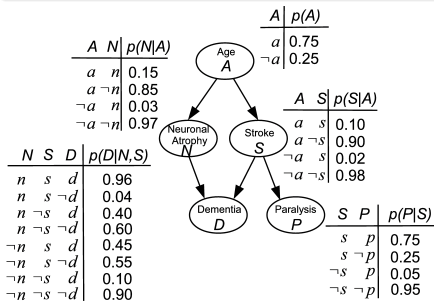
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Bayesian Networks

DAG + CPTs

- **Conditional independence:** **W** and **T** are conditionally independent given **Z** $\Leftrightarrow p(\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Z}) = p(\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Z})$
- **Directed acyclic graph (DAG)**
- **Conditional probability tables (CPTs)**
- $p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i | \mathbf{Pa}(X_i))$

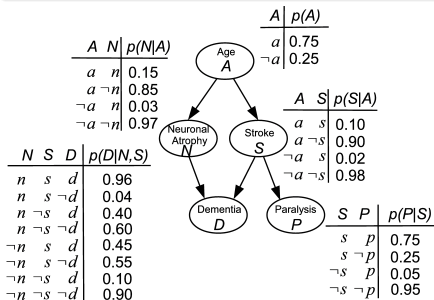


$$p(A, N, S, D, P) = p(A)p(N|A)p(S|A)p(D|N, S)p(P|S)$$

Bayesian Networks

DAG + CPTs

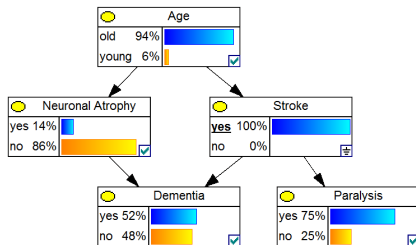
- **Conditional independence:** **W** and **T** are conditionally independent given **Z** $\Leftrightarrow p(\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Z}) = p(\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{Z})$
- **Directed acyclic graph (DAG)**
- **Conditional probability tables (CPTs)**
- $p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i | \mathbf{Pa}(X_i))$



$$p(A, N, S, D, P) = p(A)p(N|A)p(S|A)p(D|N, S)p(P|S)$$

Inference

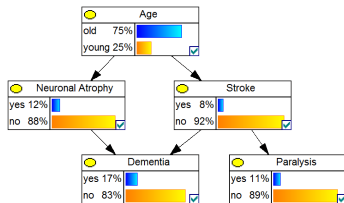
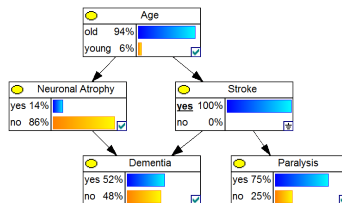
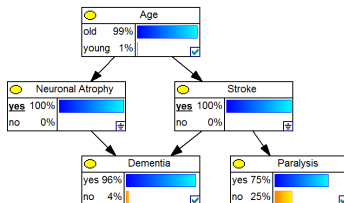
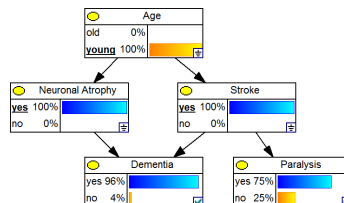
- **Exact:** variable elimination, message passing
- **Approximate:** sequential simulation and MCMC



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Bielza and Larrañaga 2021

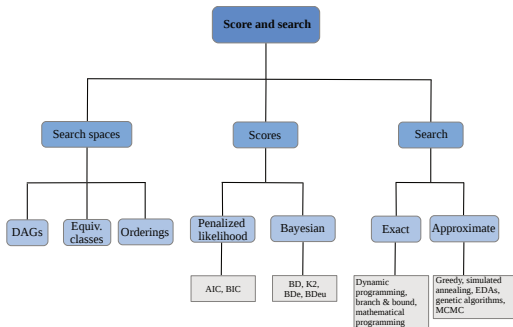
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Learning Bayesian Networks from Data

Two tasks

- Parameters $p(X_i = x_i \mid \mathbf{Pa}(X_i) = \mathbf{pa}_i^j)$: MLE or Bayesian
- Structure: conditional independence tests or by optimizing a score



Scores

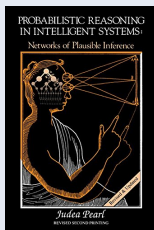
- Penalized likelihood: avoid structural overfitting
- Bayesian: $\arg \max_{\mathcal{G}} p(\mathcal{G} \mid \mathcal{D})$, with marginal likeli. prior

$$p(\mathcal{G} \mid \mathcal{D}) \propto \underbrace{p(\mathcal{D} \mid \mathcal{G})}_{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{p(\mathcal{G})}_{\text{prior}}, \text{ with}$$

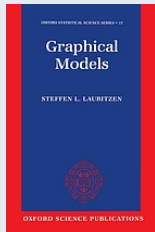
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Bayesian Networks

Books



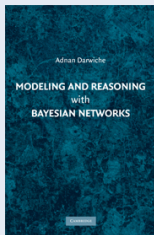
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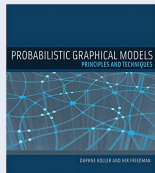
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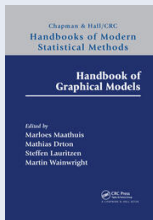
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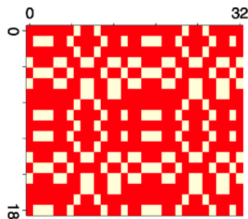
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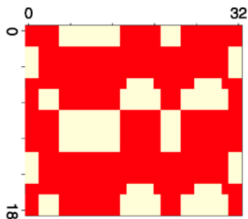
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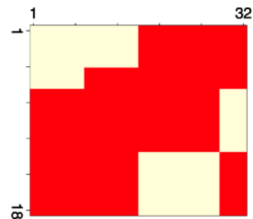
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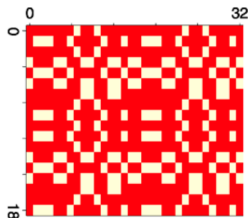
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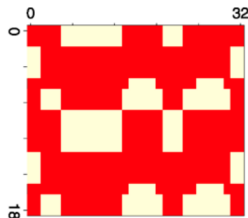
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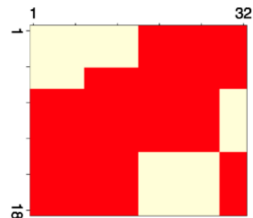
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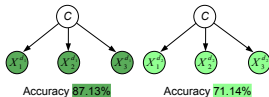
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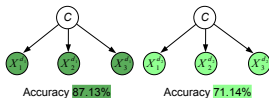
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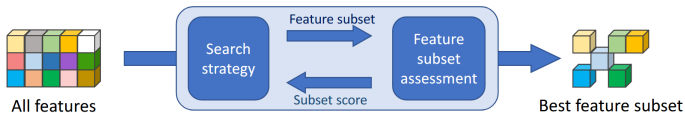
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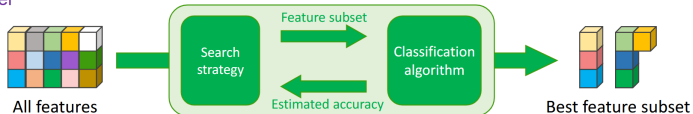
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Feature Subset Selection (Inza et al. 2000)

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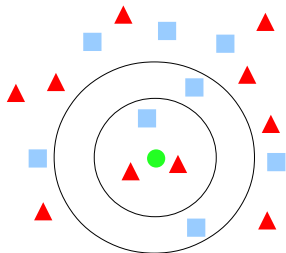
- **The problem.** Optimal (maximizing the accuracy) subset of features for a given supervised classification paradigm
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- **EDAs.** EBNA for ID3 and naive Bayes

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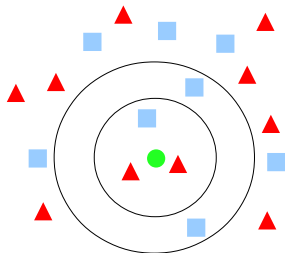


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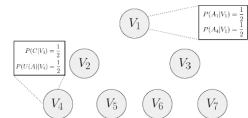
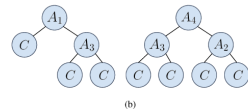
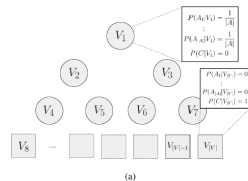
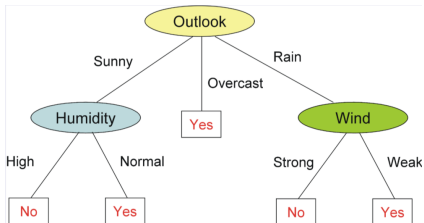
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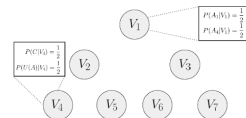
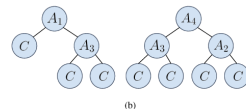
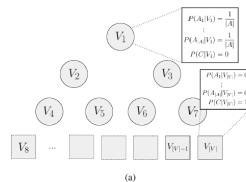
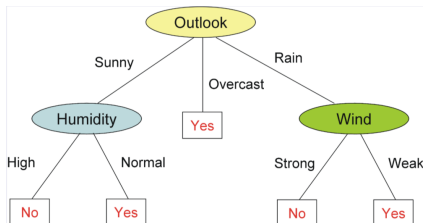
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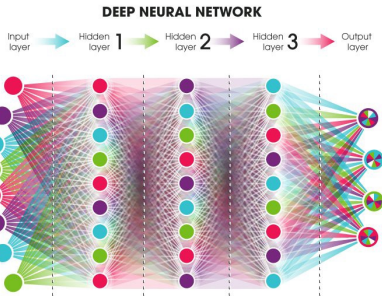
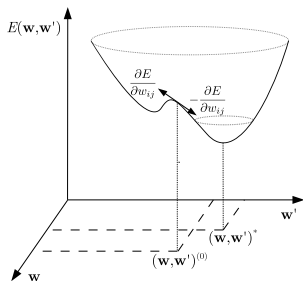
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Artificial Neural Networks (Baluja 1995)



neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com - Michael Nielsen, Yoshua Bengio, Ian Goodfellow, and Aaron Courville, 2016.

Optimal weights

- **The problem.** Minimization of $E(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (c^k - \hat{c}^k)^2$. Alternative to the **backpropagation algorithm**, a gradient descent method
- **Individual representation.** k -dimensional vectors of real numbers, where k denotes the number of weights in the artificial neural network (a feed-forward multilayer perceptron)
- **EDAs.** PBIL: $p_{l+1}(\mathbf{x}) = (1 - \alpha)p_l(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{x}'_{k:M}$

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Logistic Regression (Robles et al. 2008)

- The **logistic regression model**: $p(C = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \beta) = \theta_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_n x_n}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_n x_n}}$
- The **likelihood function** is: $\mathcal{L}(\beta | \mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^N) = p(c^1, \dots, c^N | \mathbf{x}, \theta_{\mathbf{x}}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \theta_i^{c^i} (1 - \theta_i)^{1 - c^i}$
- The **likelihood equations** are:

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- The (iterative) **Newton-Raphson method**: $\hat{\beta}^{\text{new}} = \hat{\beta}^{\text{old}} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\beta)}{\partial \beta}$

Pareto front for calibration and discrimination

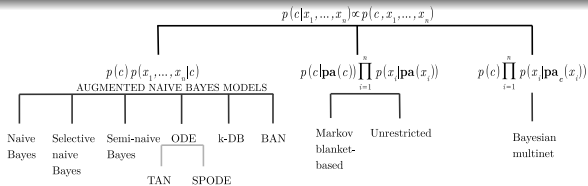
- Each individual in the EDA is represented as a **vector of real numbers with cardinality $n + 1$**
- Two **UMDA^Gs** were developed, **one for calibration** (log-likelihood) and **the other for discrimination** (area under the ROC curve)
- The best individuals obtained with each of these UMDA^Gs were evaluated in the other objective, thus obtaining an **approximation to the Pareto front for the bi-objective problem**

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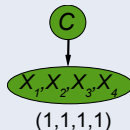
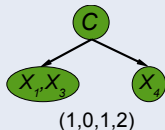
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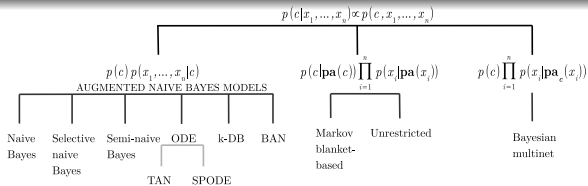
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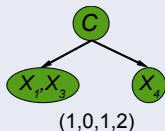
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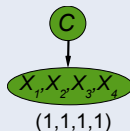
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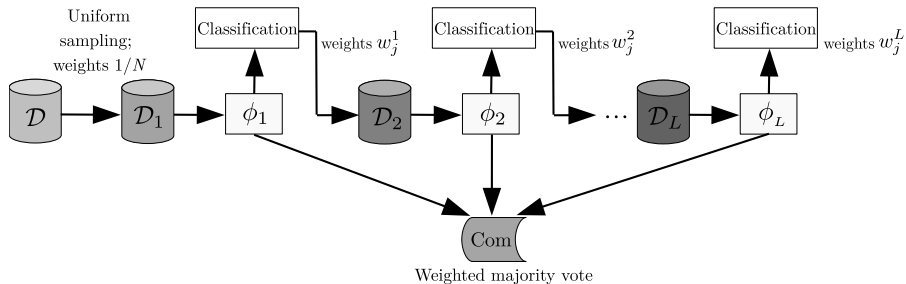
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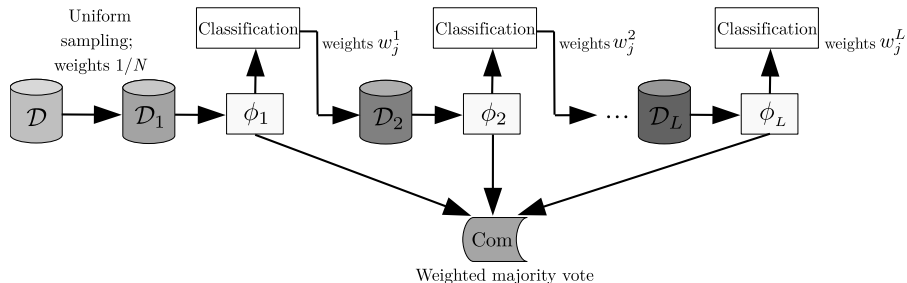
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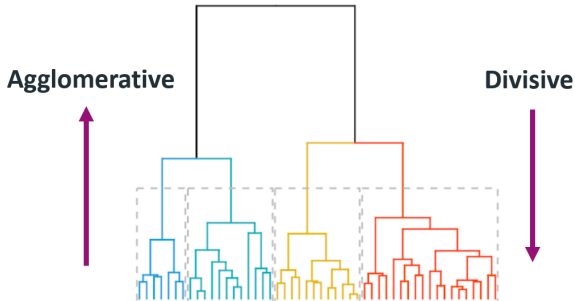
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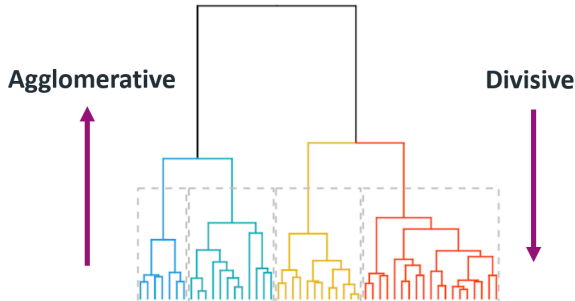
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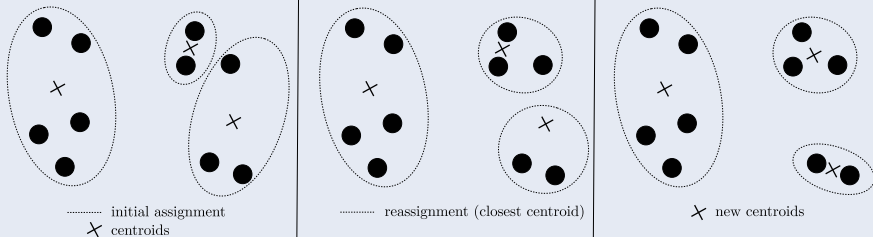
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Partitional Clustering (Roure et al. 2002)

K-means. Forgy (1965)



K-means (hill-climbing strategy) with computations of the new centroids once all objects are assigned to their respective clusters

EDAs with an object membership representation

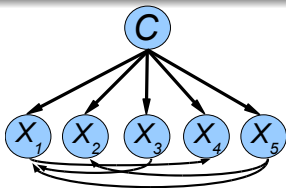
- Each individual is a string of length N (number of objects to clusters) where each position can take one value in $\{1, \dots, K\}$, with K denoting the number of clusters
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- EDAs: MIMIC, EBNA_{BIC}

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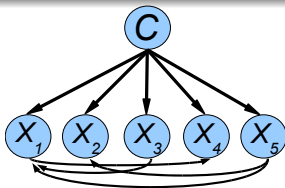


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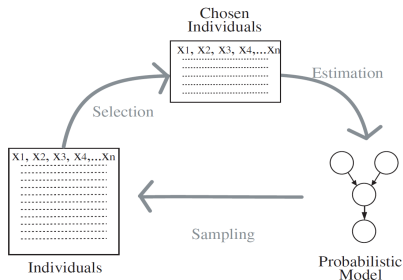
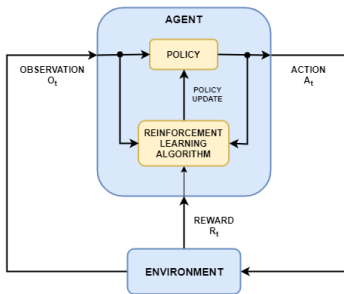
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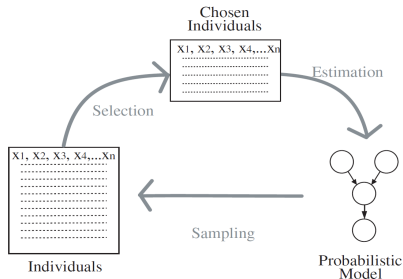
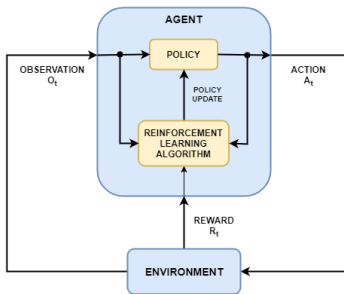
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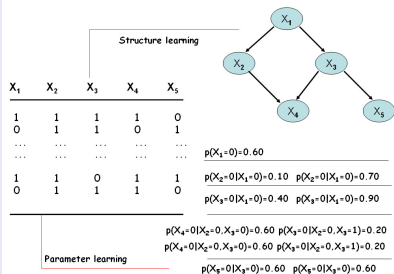
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Learning from Data (Blanco et al. 2003)

Learning structure and parameters



Space of DAGs

- Univariate EDAs: UMDA
- Individual representation: connectivity matrix (Bayesian network structure)
- If no total ordering between the variables is assumed: simple repair operator (randomly delete cycles)

Bayesian Networks

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Methods

Preprocessing

Dimensionality reduction (PCA, MDS, t-SNE, ..)
 Visualization
 Discretization

Clustering

Hierarchical clustering
 Partitional clustering
 Probabilistic clustering

Supervised classification

Non probabilistic classifiers

k-nearest neighbors
 Classification trees
 Rule induction
 Artificial neural networks
 Support vector machines

Probabilistic classifiers

Discriminant analysis
 Logistic regression
 Bayesian classifier

Metaclassifiers

Stacking
 Cascading
 Bagging
 Boosting
 Random Forest
 Hybrid classifiers

Multidimensional classification

Reinforcement learning

Probabilistic graphical models

Bayesian networks
 Markov networks

Conclusions and Further Topics

Conclusions

- Estimation of distribution algorithms **competitive with the state of the art** heuristics in machine learning
- Bayesian networks as a framework providing **interpretability for machine learning and optimization**

Further topics

- **EDAs**
 - Development of **EDAs that incorporates advances in methodology for learning Bayesian networks** from data
 - **Continuous optimization**: Semiparametric Bayesian networks
- **EDAs in machine learning**
 - **Preprocessing**: Parallel coordinates
 - **Feature subset selection**: Multivariate filtering approach
 - **k -nearest neighbors**: Prototype selection, distance election
 - **Multilabel classification**: Chain classifiers
 - **Clustering**: Divisive hierarchical clustering, K -medians, K -modes, fuzzy C -means, SOM, biclustering, clustering multi-view
 - **Bayesian networks**
 - Mallows distribution for the **best order** in (a) structure learning in the space of ordering, (b) triangulation of the moral graph
 - **Evidence explanation**: Most relevant explanation, MAP-independence explanation, counterfactual reasoning

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