



DATA PREPROCESSING

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Data Quality: Why Preprocess the Data?

- Measures for data quality: A multidimensional view
 - Accuracy: correct or wrong, accurate or not
 - Completeness: not recorded, unavailable, ...
 - Consistency: some modified but some not, dangling, ...
 - Timeliness: timely update?
 - Believability: how trustable the data are correct?
 - Interpretability: how easily the data can be understood?

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Major Tasks in Data Preprocessing

- Data cleaning
 - Fill in missing values, smooth noisy data, identify or remove outliers, and resolve inconsistencies
- Data integration
 - Integration of multiple databases, data cubes, or files
- Data reduction
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Numerosity reduction
 - Data compression
- Data transformation
 - Discretization
 - Normalization
 - Concept hierarchy generation

Data Cleaning

- Data in the Real World Is Dirty: Lots of potentially incorrect data, e.g., instrument faulty, human or computer error, transmission error
 - incomplete: lacking attribute values, lacking certain attributes of interest, or containing only aggregate data
 - e.g., Occupation = " " (missing data)
 - noisy: containing noise, errors, or outliers
 - e.g., Salary = "-10" (an error)
 - inconsistent: containing discrepancies in codes or names, e.g.,
 - Age = "42", Birthday = "03/07/2010"
 - Was rating "1, 2, 3", now rating "A, B, C"
 - discrepancy between duplicate records
 - Intentional (e.g., disguised missing data)
 - Jan. 1 as everyone's birthday?

Incomplete (Missing) Data

- Data is not always available
 - E.g., many tuples have no recorded value for several attributes, such as customer income in sales data
- Missing data may be due to
 - equipment malfunction
 - inconsistent with other recorded data and thus deleted
 - data not entered due to misunderstanding
 - certain data may not be considered important at the time of entry
 - not register history or changes of the data
- Missing data may need to be inferred

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How to Handle Missing Data?

- Ignore the tuple:
 - usually done when class label is missing (when doing classification)—not effective when the % of missing values per attribute varies considerably
- Fill in the missing value manually: tedious + infeasible?
- Fill in it automatically with
 - a global constant : e.g., “unknown”, a new class?!
 - the attribute mean
 - the attribute mean for all samples belonging to the same class: smarter
 - the most probable value: inference-based such as Bayesian formula or decision tree

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Noisy Data

- Noise: random error or variance in a measured variable
- Incorrect attribute values may be due to
 - faulty data collection instruments
 - data entry problems
 - data transmission problems
 - technology limitation
 - inconsistency in naming convention
- Other data problems which require data cleaning
 - duplicate records
 - incomplete data
 - inconsistent data

How to Handle Noisy Data?

- Smoothing / Discretization
 - first sort data and partition into (equal-frequency) bins
 - then one can smooth by bin means, smooth by bin median, smooth by bin boundaries, etc.
- Regression
 - smooth by fitting the data into regression functions
- Removing outliers
 - Box-plot based
 - Clustering: detect and remove outliers
- Combined computer and human inspection
 - detect suspicious values and check by human (e.g., deal with possible outliers)

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Data Cleaning as a Process

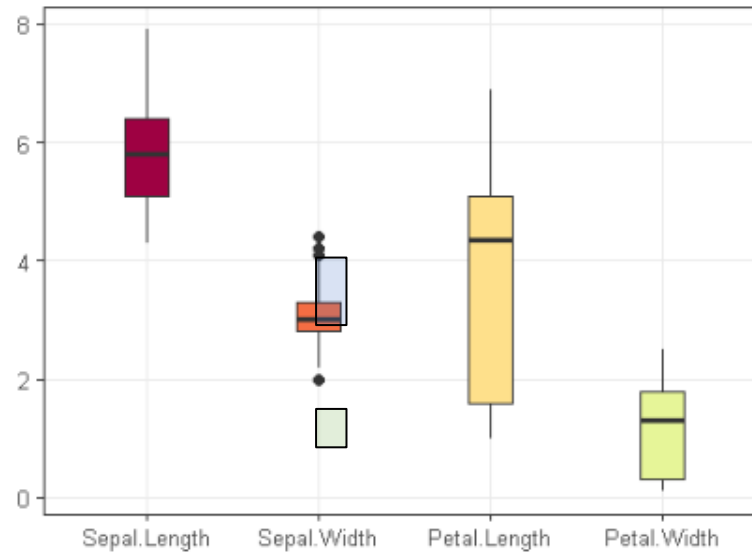
- Data discrepancy detection
 - Use metadata (e.g., domain, range, dependency, distribution)
 - Check field overloading
 - Check uniqueness rule, consecutive rule and null rule
- Data migration and integration
 - Data migration tools: enable transformations to be specified
 - ETL (Extraction/Transformation/Loading) tools: allow users to specify transformations through a graphical user interface

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Outlier removal based on boxplot

- Interval for regular data [$Q_1 - 1.5 \cdot IQR$, $Q_3 + 1.5 \cdot IQR$]
 - More conservative interval [$Q_1 - 3 \cdot IQR$, $Q_3 + 3 \cdot IQR$]



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61	5.0	2.0	3.5	1.0	versicolor

Data Integration

- Data integration:
 - Combines data from multiple sources into a coherent store
- Schema integration: e.g., $A.cust-id \equiv B.cust-\#$
 - Integrate metadata from different sources
- Entity identification problem:
 - Identify real world entities from multiple data sources, e.g., Bill Clinton = William Clinton
- Detecting and resolving data value conflicts
 - For the same real-world entity, attribute values from different sources are different
 - Possible reasons: different representations, different scales, e.g., metric vs. British units

Handling Redundancy in Data Integration

- Redundant data occur often when integration of multiple databases
 - Object identification: The same attribute or object may have different names in different databases
 - Derivable data: One attribute may be a “derived” attribute in another table, e.g., annual revenue
- Redundant attributes may be able to be detected by correlation analysis and covariance analysis
- Careful integration of the data from multiple sources may help reduce/avoid redundancies and inconsistencies and improve mining speed and quality

Exercises

- Loaded Wine Dataset
- Remove outliers
- na handling
 - Remove na observations
 - Apply data imputation techniques

Correlation Analysis (Nominal Data)

- χ^2 (chi-square) test
- $$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$$
- The larger the χ^2 value, the more likely the variables are related
- The cells that contribute the most to the χ^2 value are those whose actual count is very different from the expected count
- Correlation does not imply causality
 - # of hospitals and # of car-theft in a city are correlated
 - Both are causally linked to the third variable: population

Chi-Square Calculation: An Example

- χ^2 (chi-square) calculation (numbers in parenthesis are expected counts calculated based on the data distribution in the two categories)
 - $\chi^2 = \frac{(250-90)^2}{90} + \frac{(50-210)^2}{210} + \frac{(200-360)^2}{360} + \frac{(1000-840)^2}{840} = 507.93$
- It shows that like science fiction and play chess are correlated in the group

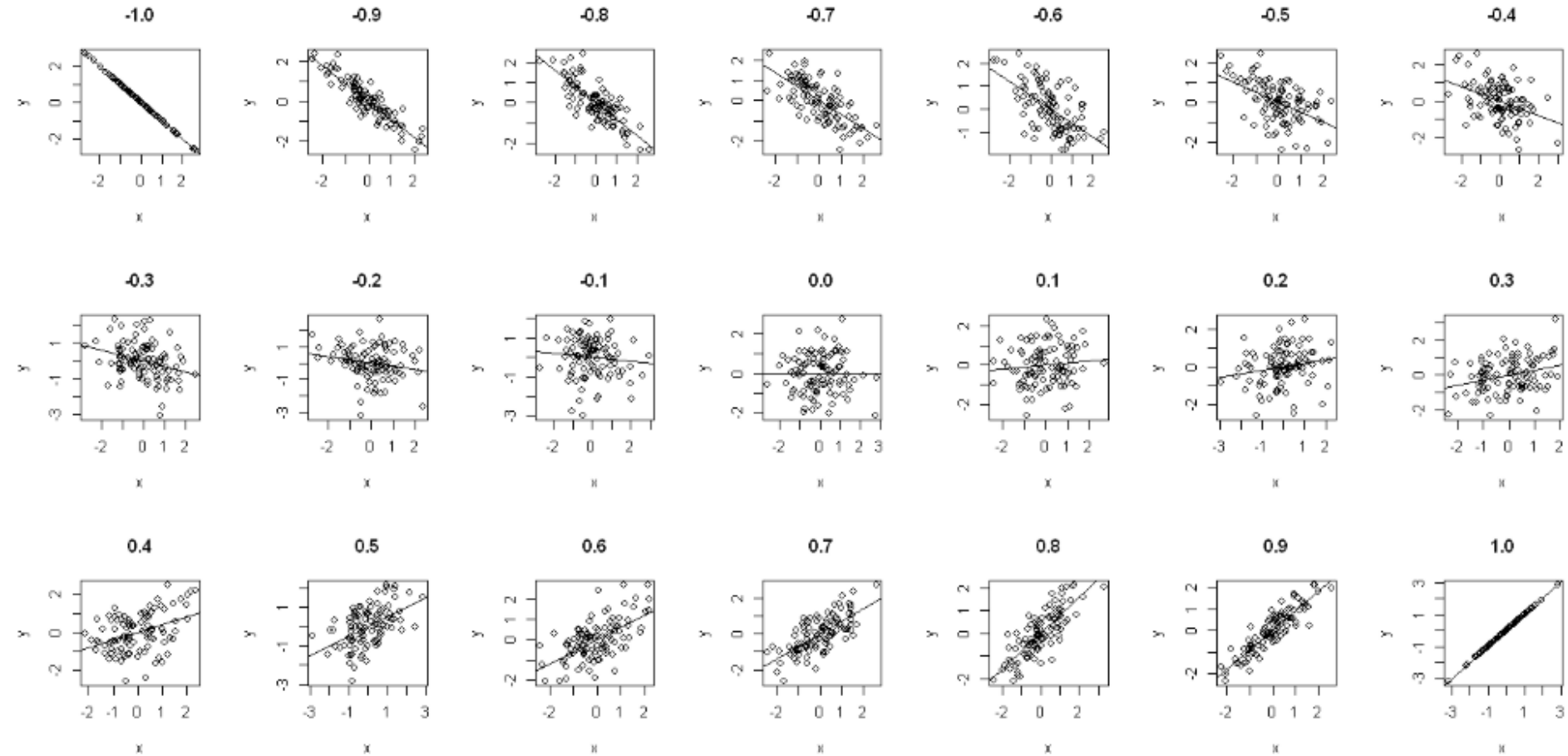
$$90 = 1500 \cdot \frac{300}{1500} \cdot \frac{450}{1500}$$

	Play chess	Not play chess	Sum (row)
Like science fiction	250(90)	200(360)	450
Not like science fiction	50(210)	1000(840)	1050
Sum(col.)	300	1200	1500

Correlation Analysis (Numeric Data)

- Correlation coefficient (Pearson's product moment coefficient)
 - $$r_{A,B} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - \bar{A})(b_i - \bar{B})}{(n-1)\sigma_A\sigma_B} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i b_i) - n\bar{A}\bar{B}}{(n-1)\sigma_A\sigma_B}$$
 - where n is the number of tuples, \bar{A} and \bar{B} are the respective means of A and B , σ_A and σ_B are the respective standard deviation of A and B , and $\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i b_i)$ is the sum of the AB cross-product
- If $r_{A,B} > 0$, A and B are positively correlated
 - (A 's values increase as B 's). The higher, the stronger correlation
- $r_{A,B} = 0$: independent;
- $r_{A,B} < 0$: negatively correlated

Visually Evaluating Correlation



Scatter plots showing the similarity from -1 to 1

Data Reduction Strategies

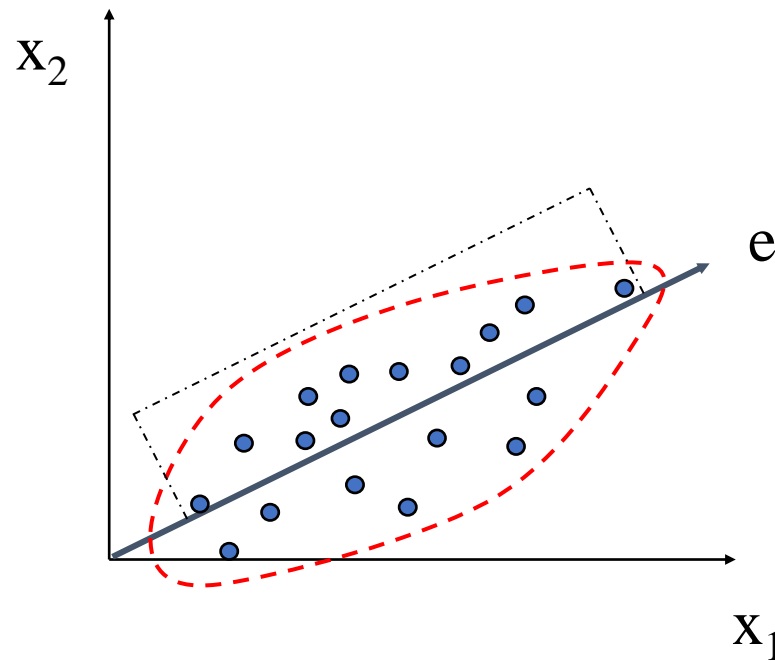
- Data reduction: Obtain a reduced representation of the data set that is much smaller in volume but produces the same (or almost the same) analytical results
- Why data reduction?
 - A database/data warehouse may store terabytes of data
 - Complex data analysis may take a very long time to run on the complete data set
- Data reduction strategies
 - Dimensionality reduction, e.g., remove unimportant attributes
 - Feature subset selection, feature creation
 - Principal Components Analysis (PCA)
 - Regression Models
 - Numerosity reduction (some simply call it: Data Reduction)
 - Sampling
 - Aggregation
 - Data compression

Dimensionality Reduction

- Curse of dimensionality
 - When dimensionality increases, data becomes increasingly sparse
 - Density and distance between points becomes less meaningful
 - critical to clustering, outlier analysis
 - The possible combinations of subspaces will grow exponentially
- Dimensionality reduction
 - Avoid the curse of dimensionality
 - Help eliminate irrelevant features and reduce noise
 - Reduce time and space required in data mining
 - Allow easier visualization
- Dimensionality reduction techniques
 - Principal Component Analysis
 - Supervised and nonlinear techniques (e.g., feature selection)
 - Feature creation
 - Regression Models

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Find a projection that captures the largest amount of variation in data
- The original data are projected onto a much smaller space, resulting in dimensionality reduction. We find the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix, and these eigenvectors define the new space



Principal Component Analysis (Steps)

- Given n data vectors from n -dimensions, find $k \leq n$ orthogonal vectors (principal components) that can be best used to represent data
 - Normalize input data: Each attribute falls within the same range
 - Compute k orthonormal (unit) vectors, i.e., principal components
 - Each input data (vector) is a linear combination of the k principal component vectors
 - The principal components are sorted in order of decreasing “significance” or strength
 - Since the components are sorted, the size of the data can be reduced by eliminating the weak components, i.e., those with low variance (i.e., using the strongest principal components, it is possible to reconstruct a good approximation of the original data)
- Works only for numeric data only

Projection with PCA

Data

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5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2
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4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2
5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4

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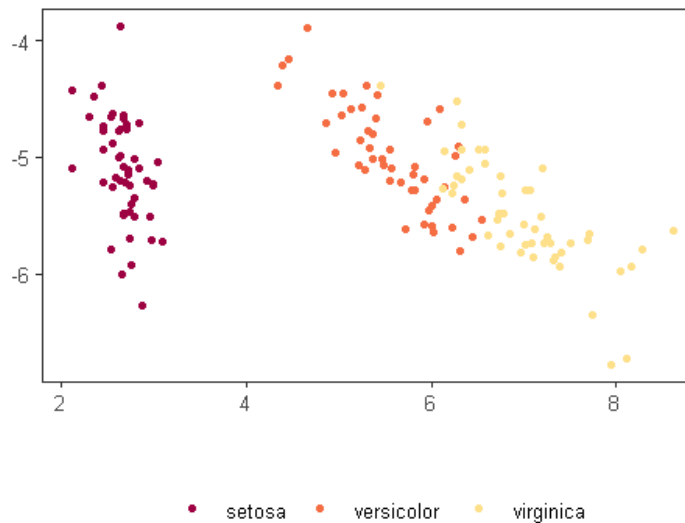
PCA

	PC1	PC2
Sepal.Length	0.5210659	-0.37741762
Sepal.Width	-0.2693474	-0.92329566
Petal.Length	0.5804131	-0.02449161
Petal.Width	0.5648565	-0.06694199

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PC1	PC2	Species
2.640270	-5.204041	setosa
2.670730	-4.666910	setosa
2.454606	-4.773636	setosa
2.545517	-4.648463	setosa
2.561228	-5.258629	setosa
2.975946	-5.707321	setosa



Attribute Subset Selection

- Another way to reduce dimensionality of data
- Redundant attributes
 - Duplicate much or all the information contained in one or more other attributes
 - E.g., purchase price of a product and the amount of sales tax paid
- Irrelevant attributes
 - Contain no information that is useful for the data mining task at hand
 - E.g., students' ID is often irrelevant to the task of predicting students' GPA

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Heuristic Search in Attribute Selection

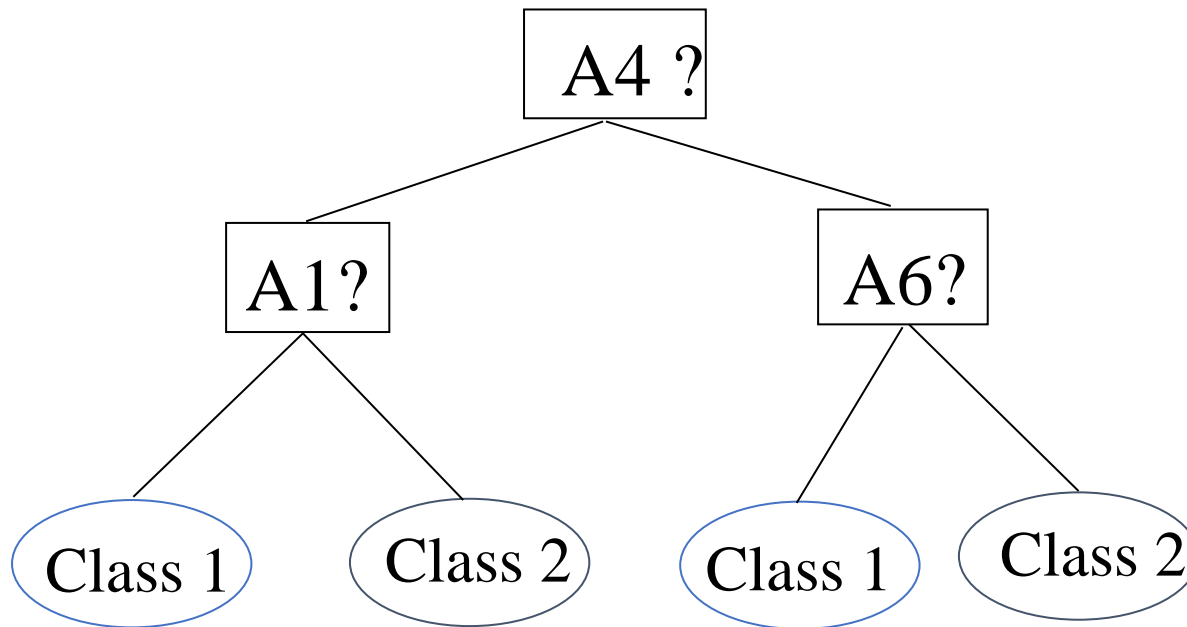
- There are 2^d possible attribute combinations of d attributes
- Typical heuristic attribute selection methods:
 - Best single attribute under the attribute independence assumption: choose by significance tests
 - Best step-wise feature selection:
 - The best single-attribute is picked first
 - Then next best attribute condition to the first, ...
 - Step-wise attribute elimination:
 - Repeatedly eliminate the worst attribute

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Example of Decision Tree induction for feature selection

Initial attribute set:
{A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6}



-----> Reduced attribute set: {A1, A4, A6}

Feature Generation

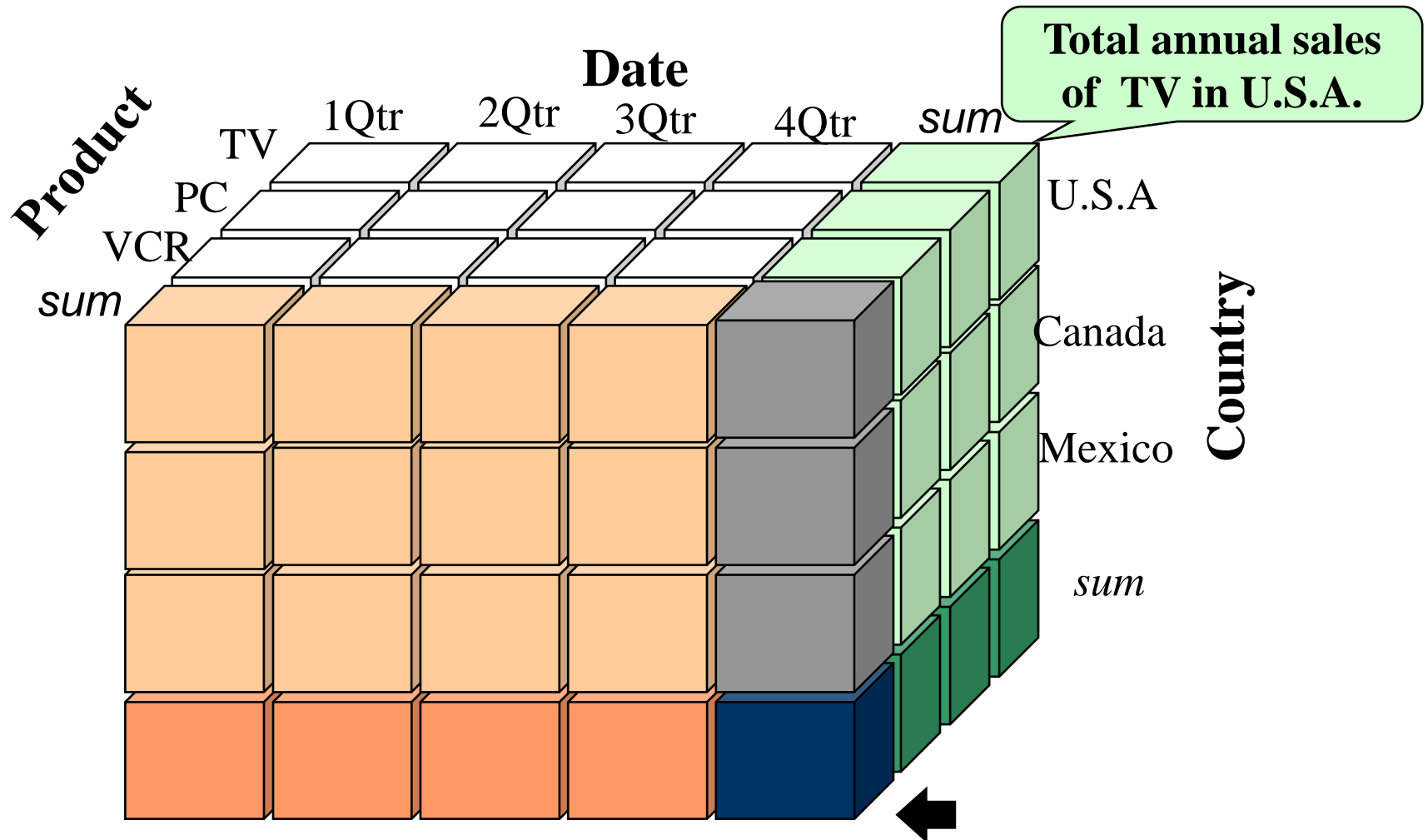
- Create new attributes (features) that can capture the important information in a data set more effectively than the original ones
- Three general methodologies
 - Attribute extraction
 - Domain-specific
 - Mapping data to new space (see data reduction)
 - E.g., Fourier transformation, wavelet transformation
 - Attribute construction
 - Data discretization

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Data Aggregation

- Aggregation: Summarization, data cube construction



Exercises

- Loaded Wine Dataset
- Discover correlated attributes
- Apply PCA
- Apply a well-know feature selection technique

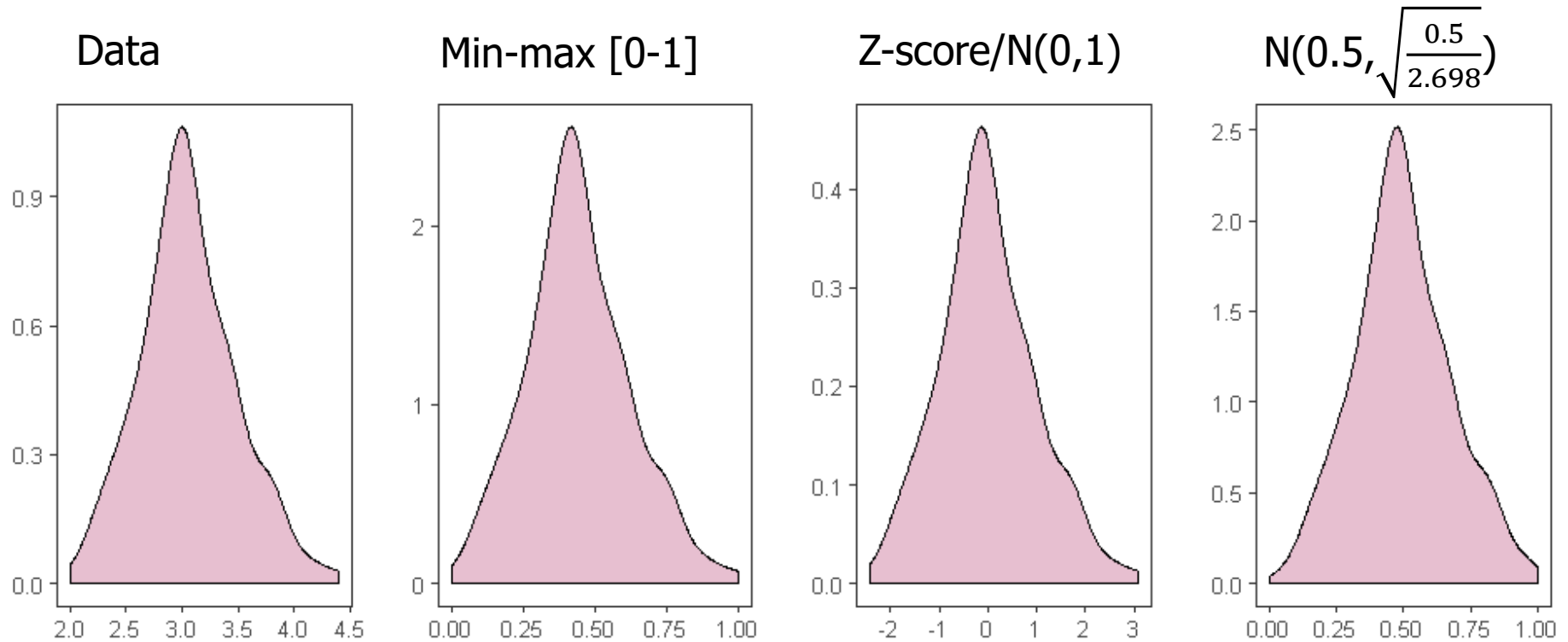
Data Transformation

- A function that maps the entire set of values of a given attribute to a new set of replacement values
 - each old value can be identified with one of the new values
- Methods
 - Attribute/feature construction
 - New attributes constructed from the given ones
 - Complex aggregation
 - Normalization: Scaled to fall within a smaller, specified range
 - Discretization / Smoothing
 - Concept hierarchy climbing
 - Categorical Mapping

Normalization

- **Min-max normalization:** to $[nmin_A, nmax_A]$
 - $nv = \frac{v - min_A}{max_A - min_A} (nmax_A - nmin_A) + nmin_A$
- **Z-score normalization** (μ : mean, σ : standard deviation):
 - $nv = \frac{v - \mu_A}{\sigma_A}$
- **Normalization by decimal scaling**
 - $nv = \frac{v}{10^j}$, where j is the smallest integer such that $\max(|nv|) < 1$
- Let income range (\$12,000,\$98,000) with $\mu = 54,000$, $\sigma = 16,000$, then \$73,600
 - is mapped to $\frac{73600 - 12000}{98000 - 12000} (1 - 0) + 0 = 0.716$ using min-max (0-1)
 - is mapped to $\frac{73600 - 54000}{16000} = 1.225$ using z-score
 - Is mapped to $\frac{v}{10^6} = 0.736$ using decimal scaling

Normalization



Discretization & Smoothing

- Discretization is the process of transferring continuous functions, models, variables, and equations into discrete counterparts
- Smoothing is a technique that creates an approximating function that attempts to capture important patterns in the data while leaving out noise or other fine-scale structures/rapid phenomena
- An important part of the discretization/smoothing is to set up bins for proceeding the approximation

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Binning methods for data smoothing

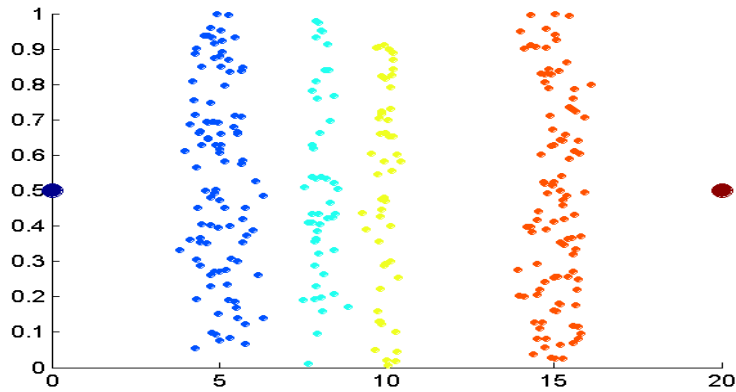
- Equal-width (distance) partitioning
 - Divides the range into N intervals of equal size: uniform grid
 - if A and B are the lowest and highest values of the attribute, the width of intervals will be: $W = (B - A)/N$
 - The most straightforward, but outliers may dominate presentation
 - Skewed data is not handled well
- Equal-depth (frequency) partitioning
 - Divides the range into N intervals, each containing approximately same number of samples
 - Good data scaling
 - Managing categorical attributes can be tricky

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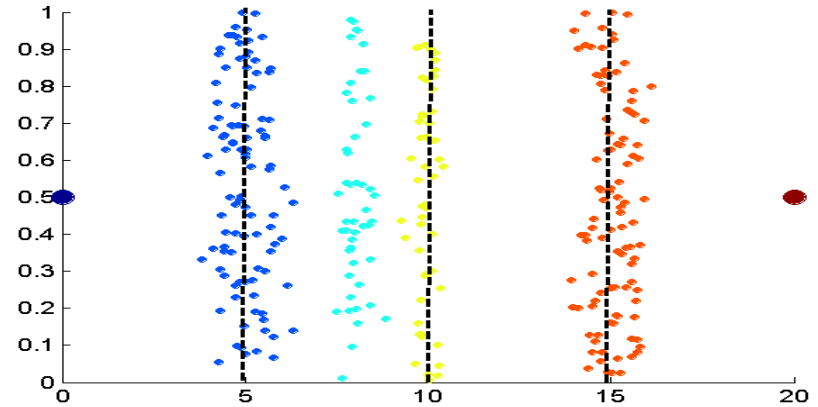
- Sorted data for price (in dollars):
 - 4, 8, 9, 15, 21, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 34
- Comparison of binning methods
 - Partition of equal-length (3 bins): $(34-4)/3$
 - Bin 1 [4-13[: 4, 8, 9
 - Bin 2 [14-23[: 15, 21, 21
 - Bin 3 [23-34]: 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 34
 - Partition into equal-frequency (equi-depth) (3 bins):
 - Bin 1: 4, 8, 9, 15
 - Bin 2: 21, 21, 24, 25
 - Bin 3: 26, 28, 29, 34
- Smoothing using equal-frequency
 - by bin means:
 - Bin 1: 9, 9, 9, 9
 - Bin 2: 23, 23, 23, 23
 - Bin 3: 29, 29, 29, 29
 - by bin boundaries:
 - Bin 1: 4, 4, 4, 15
 - Bin 2: 21, 21, 25, 25
 - Bin 3: 26, 26, 26, 34

Influence on binning during discretization techniques

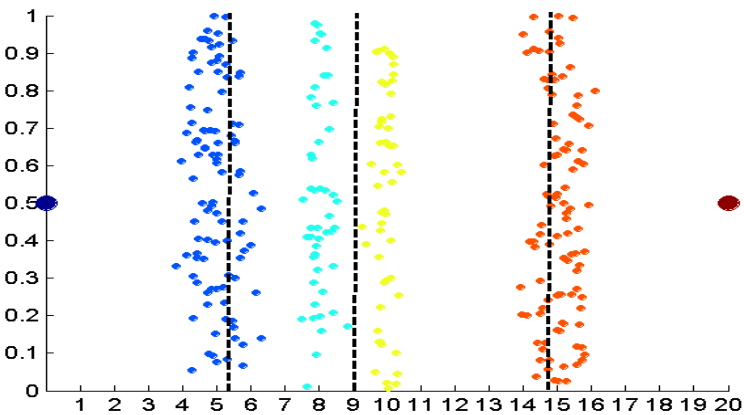
Smooth using 4 bins



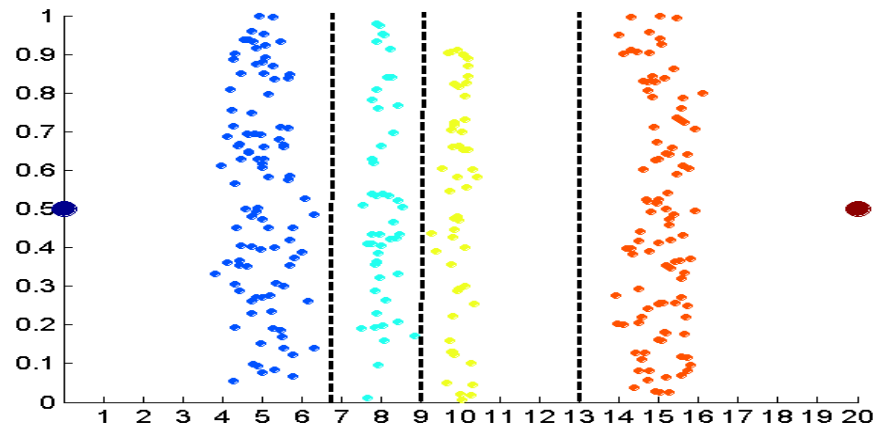
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Equal interval width (binning)



Equal frequency (binning)



K-means clustering

Concept Hierarchy Generation

- Concept hierarchy organizes concepts hierarchically
 - It is usually associated with each dimension in a data warehouse
- Concept hierarchies facilitate drilling and rolling in data warehouses to view data in multiple granularity
- Concept hierarchies can be specified by domain experts
 - Domain semantics
- Concept hierarchy can be automatically formed
 - Numeric data: using discretization methods shown
 - Less semantics

Examples

- Specification of a partial/total ordering of attributes explicitly at the schema level by users or experts
 - city < state < country
 - week < month < year
- Specification of a hierarchy for a set of values by explicit data grouping
 - {city, state, country}

Categorical Mapping

- n binary derived inputs: one for each value of the original attribute
 - This 1-to- N mapping is commonly applied when N is relatively small
- As N grows, the number of inputs to the model increases and consequently the number of parameters to be estimated increases
 - Thus, this method is not applicable to high-cardinality attributes with hundreds or thousands of distinct values

Example Categorical Mapping

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Exercises

- Loaded Wine Dataset
- Normalize attributes
- Reapply PCA after normalization
 - Was there any difference?
- Discretize attributes
- Apply categorical mapping in the class label

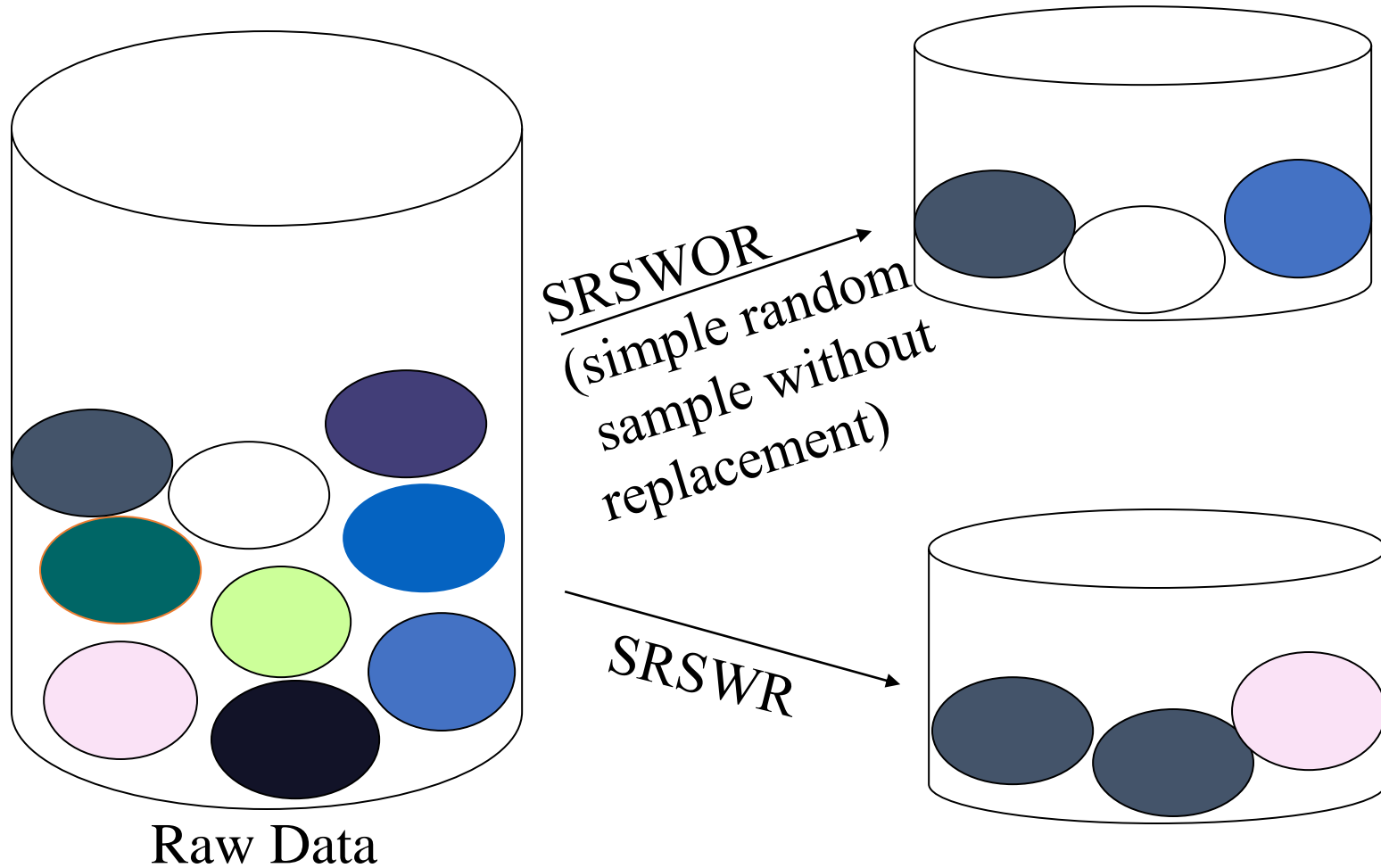
Sampling

- Sampling: obtaining a small sample to represent the entire dataset
- Enable a mining algorithm to run in complexity that is potentially sub-linear to the size of the data
- Key principle: Choose a representative subset of the data
 - Simple random sampling may have very poor performance in the presence of skew
 - Develop adaptive sampling methods, e.g., stratified sampling
- Note: Sampling may not reduce database IOs (page at a time)

Types of Sampling

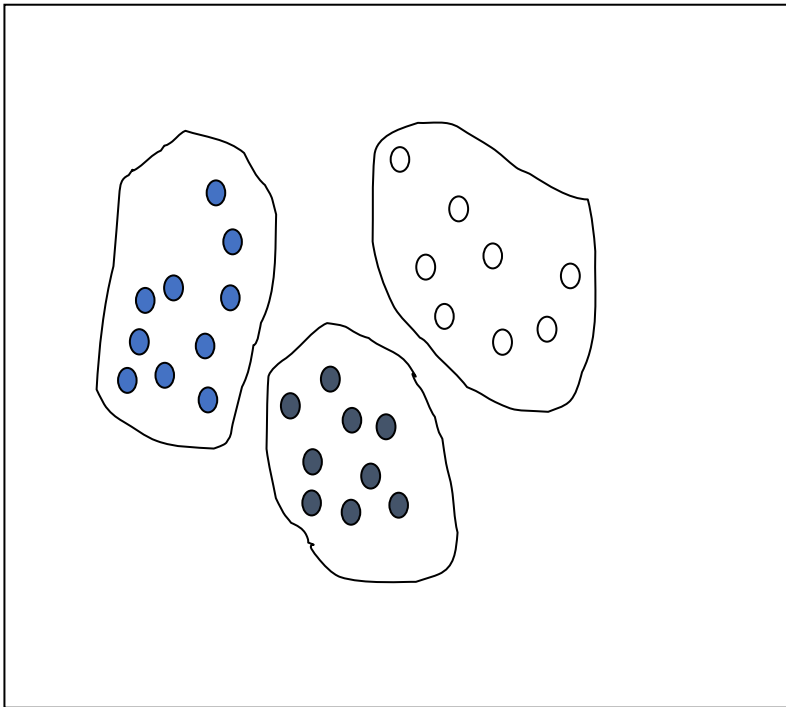
- Simple random sampling
 - There is an equal probability of selecting any item
- Sampling without replacement
 - Once an object is selected, it is removed from the population
- Sampling with replacement
 - A selected object is not removed from the population
- Stratified sampling
 - Partition the data set, and draw samples from each partition (proportionally, i.e., approximately the same percentage of the data)
 - Used in conjunction with skewed data

Sampling: With or without Replacement

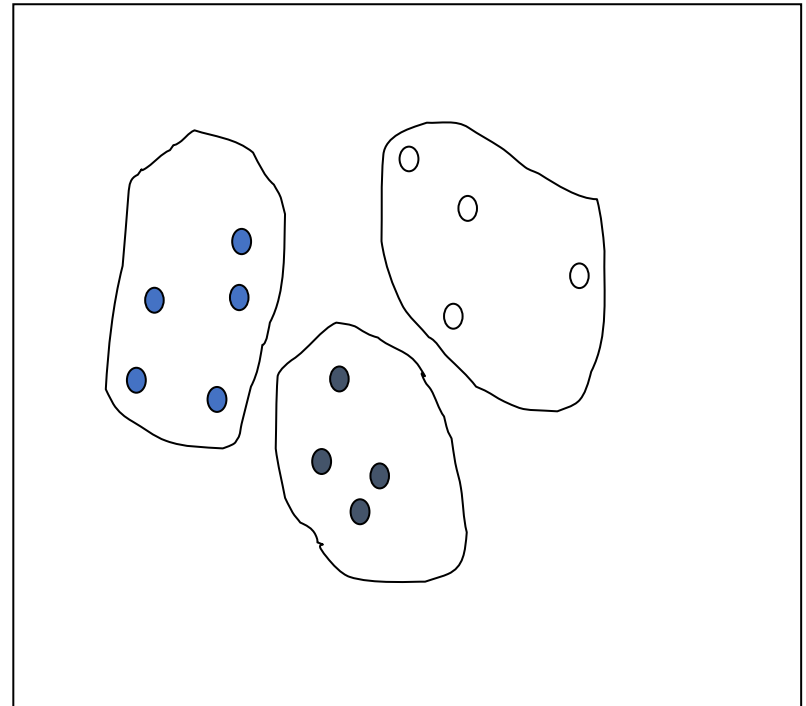


Sampling: Cluster or Stratified Sampling

Raw Data



Cluster/Stratified Sample




Sampling - Examples

80%

	setosa	versicolor	virginica
dataset	50	50	50
random sample	42	41	37
stratified sample	40	40	40

20%

	setosa	versicolor	virginica
random sample	8	11	11
stratified sample	10	10	10



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116	6.4	3.2	5.3	2.3	virginica
113	6.8	3.0	5.5	2.1	virginica

Balancing dataset

- Class-imbalance problem:
 - Rare positive example but numerous negative ones, e.g., medical diagnosis, fraud, oil-spill, fault
- Traditional methods assume a balanced distribution of classes and equal error costs
 - not suitable for class-imbalanced data
- Typical preprocessing methods for imbalance data in 2-class classification
 - Oversampling: re-sampling of data from positive class
 - Under-sampling: randomly eliminate tuples from negative class

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Oversampling/Under sampling

- Consider that the iris dataset had:
 - 20 observations of setosa
 - 50 observations of versicolor
 - 11 observations of virginica
- How does oversampling and subsampling address it?

	setosa	versicolor	virginica
unbalanced	20	50	11
oversampling	50	50	50
subsampling	11	11	11

Exercises

- Loaded Wine Dataset
- Generate samples
 - Random samples
 - Stratified samples
 - 10 folds random samples
 - 10 folds stratified samples
- Artificially unbalance wine dataset
 - Balance it using smote
 - Balance it using subsampling

Main References

