Performance Benchmarks for Detection Problems

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Introduction

- Let's say you develop an object detection or classification algorithm. How do you determine success?
 - Download a data set
 - Train and test your algorithm
 - Compare your results to others'
 - OR build your own data set, define acceptable results, and test your algorithm
- Is your solution significant?

Problem

• Intuitive feel for difficulty of classification task











• Can we tell if a data set is "inherently separable?"

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Previous Work

- Previous work suggests:
 - Real data has structure (Han & Boutin, 2015)
 - Random projections can reveal structure (Kaski, 1998; Bingham & Mannila, 2001)
- TARP (Thresholding After Random Projections) (*Yellamraju et. al, 2015*)
 - Use series of random projections to develop benchmarks

- TARP (Thresholding After Random Projections)
 - Randomly project data to 1-D r times
 - Classify with sliding threshold
 - Build ROC curve
 - Find the "best" projection the one with the lowest AAC (area above the ROC curve)
 - Measure elapsed time (complexity)
 - Repeat for r = 1, 2, 3, ...

- Use expected results as series of benchmarks
 - Threshold average approximates expected best ROC curve
 - The AAC of the expected best ROC vs. the expected elapsed computational time (CT) for each *r* is considered a benchmark



- Plotting the benchmarks yields a curve on AAC-CT plane:
 - Neyman-Pearson (N-P) test for theoretical maximum separability



- The AAC-CT space is divided into regions
 - The regions characterize other detection methods



• Selected results from different data sets:

Synthetic 2-D normal



MFEAT handwritten digits (Duin, 1998)



MSTAR SAR (radar) targets (SDMS, 1995)



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- Synthetic 2-D normal
 - Covariance I
 - Class means (0, 0) and (0, 1)
 - 4,000 samples



- MFEAT 0 vs. 1
 - Fourier coefficients
 - 76-D
 - 400 samples



- MFEAT even vs. odd
 - Profile correlations
 - 216-D
 - 2,000 samples



• MSTAR BTR70 vs. T72 **Random Projections** SVM Linear • PCA coefficients **SVM** Gaussian • 358-D 10^{6} • 1,556 samples 10^{4} (392 BTR70/1,164 T72) CT (sec) 10^{2} 10^{0} 10⁻² 10^{-4} 0.1 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.2 0 AAC

Conclusion

- Detection problems have different difficulties
- Investigated benchmark curve



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Demonstration for r = 2

r = 2 demo

First random vector projection



r = 2 demo

Second random vector projection



r = 2 demo



Algorithm Flowchart





