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Data Mining Process

How to Choose a Data Mining System?

- Commercial data mining systems have little in common
  - Different data mining functionality or methodology
  - May even work with completely different kinds of data sets
- Need multiple dimensional view in selection
- Data types: relational, transactional, text, time sequence, spatial?
- System issues
  - running on only one or on several operating systems?
  - a client/server architecture?
  - Provide Web-based interfaces and allow XML data as input and/or output?

How to Choose a Data Mining System? (2)

- Data sources
  - ASCII text files, multiple relational data sources
  - support ODBC connections (OLE DB, JDBC)?
- Data mining functions and methodologies
  - One vs. multiple data mining functions
  - One vs. variety of methods per function
    - More data mining functions and methods per function provide the user with greater flexibility and analysis power
- Coupling with DB and/or data warehouse systems
  - Four forms of coupling: no coupling, loose coupling, semitight coupling, and tight coupling
    - Ideally, a data mining system should be tightly coupled with a database system

How to Choose a Data Mining System? (3)

- Scalability
  - Row (or database size) scalability
  - Column (or dimension) scalability
  - Curse of dimensionality: it is much more challenging to make a system column scalable that row scalable
- Visualization tools
  - “A picture is worth a thousand words”
  - Visualization categories: data visualization, mining result visualization, mining process visualization, and visual data mining
- Data mining query language and graphical user interface
  - Easy-to-use and high-quality graphical user interface
  - Essential for user-guided, highly interactive data mining

Examples of Data Mining Systems (1)

- IBM Intelligent Miner
  - A wide range of data mining algorithms
  - Scalable mining algorithms
  - Toolkits: neural network algorithms, statistical methods, data preparation, and data visualization tools
  - Tight integration with IBM's DB2 relational database system
- SAS Enterprise Miner
  - A variety of statistical analysis tools
  - Data warehouse tools and multiple data mining algorithms
- Mirosoft SQLServer 2000
  - Integrate DB and OLAP with mining
  - Support OLEDB for DM standard

Examples of Data Mining Systems (2)

- SGI MineSet
  - Multiple data mining algorithms and advanced statistics
  - Advanced visualization tools
- Clementine (SPSS)
  - An integrated data mining development environment for end-users and developers
  - Multiple data mining algorithms and visualization tools
- DBMiner (DBMiner Technology Inc.)
  - Multiple data mining modules: discovery-driven OLAP analysis, association, classification, and clustering
  - Efficient, association and sequential-pattern mining functions, and visual classification tool
  - Mining both relational databases and data warehouses

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CRISP-DM

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Data Mining Process

- Cross-Industry Standard Process for Data Mining (CRISP-DM)
- European Community funded effort to develop framework for data mining tasks
- Goals:
  - Encourage interoperable tools across entire data mining process
  - Take the mystery/high-priced expertise out of simple data mining tasks

Why Should There be a Standard Process?

The data mining process must be reliable and repeatable by people with little data mining background.

- Framework for recording experience
  - Allows projects to be replicated
- Aid to project planning and management
- "Comfort factor" for new adopters
  - Demonstrates maturity of Data Mining
  - Reduces dependency on "stars"

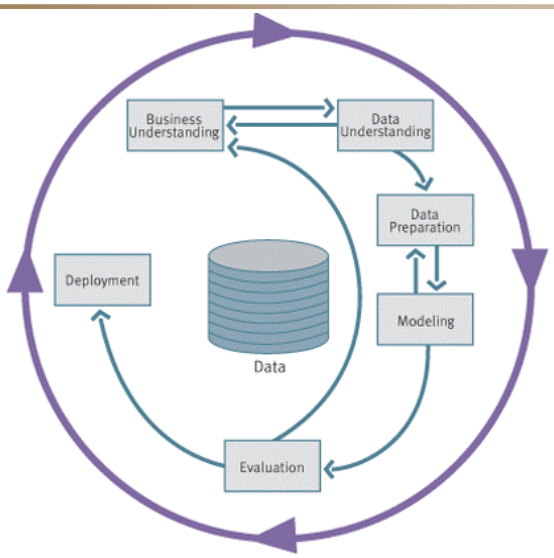
Process Standardization

- CRoss Industry Standard Process for Data Mining
- Initiative launched Sept.1996
- SPSS/ISL, NCR, Daimler-Benz, OHRA
- Funding from European commission
- Over 200 members of the CRISP-DM SIG worldwide
  - DM Vendors - SPSS, NCR, IBM, SAS, SGI, Data Distilleries, Syllogic, Magnify, ..
  - System Suppliers / consultants - Cap Gemini, ICL Retail, Deloitte & Touche, …
  - End Users - BT, ABB, Lloyds Bank, AirTouch, Experian, ...

CRISP-DM

- Non-proprietary
- Application/Industry neutral
- Tool neutral
- Focus on business issues
  - As well as technical analysis
- Framework for guidance
- Experience base
  - Templates for Analysis

CRISP-DM: Overview



CRISP-DM: Phases

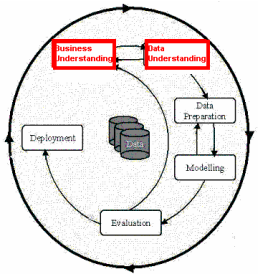
- **Business Understanding**
  - Understanding project objectives and requirements
  - Data mining problem definition
- **Data Understanding**
  - Initial data collection and familiarization
  - Identify data quality issues
  - Initial, obvious results
- **Data Preparation**
  - Record and attribute selection
  - Data cleansing
- **Modeling**
  - Run the data mining tools
- **Evaluation**
  - Determine if results meet business objectives
  - Identify business issues that should have been addressed earlier
- **Deployment**
  - Put the resulting models into practice
  - Set up for repeated/continuous mining of the data

Phases and Tasks

Business Understanding	Data Understanding	Data Preparation	Modeling	Evaluation	Deployment
Determine Business Objectives *Background* *Business Objectives* *Business Success Criteria* **Situation Assessment** *Inventory of Resources* *Requirements, Assumptions, and Constraints* *Risks and Contingencies* *Terminology* *Costs and Benefits* **Determine Data Mining Goal** *Data Mining Goals* *Data Mining Success Criteria* **Produce Project Plan** *Project Plan* *Initial Assessment of Tools and Techniques*	**Collect Initial Data** *Initial Data Collection Report* **Describe Data** *Data Description Report* **Explore Data** *Data Exploration Report* **Verify Data Quality** *Data Quality Report*	*Data Set* *Data Set Description* **Select Data** *Rationale for Inclusion / Exclusion* **Clean Data** *Data Cleaning Report* **Construct Data** *Derived Attributes* *Generated Records* **Integrate Data** *Merged Data* **Format Data** *Reformatted Data*	**Select Modeling Technique** *Modeling Technique* *Modeling Assumptions* **Generate Test Design** *Test Design* **Build Model** *Parameter Settings* *Models* *Model Description* **Assess Model** *Model Assessment* *Revised Parameter Settings*	**Evaluate Results** *Assessment of Data Mining Results w.r.t. Business Success Criteria* *Approved Models* **Review Process** *Review of Process* **Determine Next Steps** *List of Possible Actions* *Decision*	**Plan Deployment** *Deployment Plan* **Plan Monitoring and Maintenance** *Monitoring and Maintenance Plan* **Produce Final Report** *Final Report* *Final Presentation* **Review Project** *Experience Documentation*

Phases in the DM Process (1 & 2)

- Business Understanding:
  - Statement of Business Objective
  - Statement of Data Mining objective
  - Statement of Success Criteria

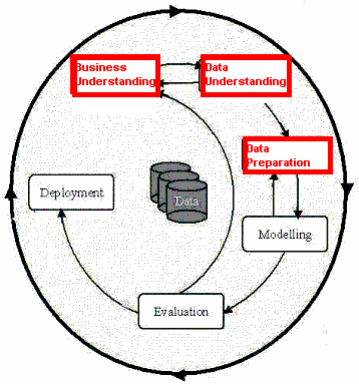


- Data Understanding
  - Explore the data and verify the quality
  - Find outliers

Phases in the DM Process (3)

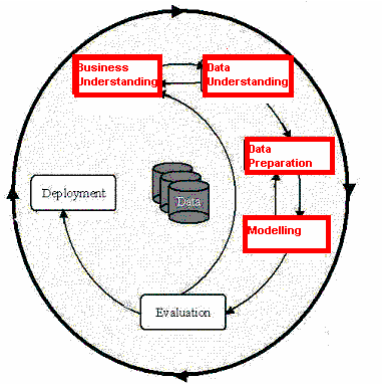
Data preparation:

- Takes usually over 90% of the time
  - Collection
  - Assessment
  - Consolidation and Cleaning
    - table links, aggregation level, missing values, etc
  - Data selection
    - active role in ignoring non-contributory data?
    - outliers?
    - Use of samples
    - visualization tools
  - Transformations - create new variables



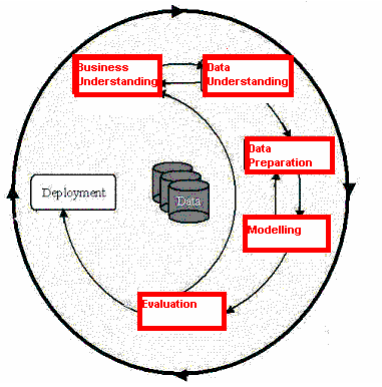
Phases in the DM Process (4)

- Model building
  - Selection of the modeling techniques is based upon the data mining objective
  - Modeling is an iterative process - different for *supervised* and *unsupervised learning*
    - May model for either description or prediction



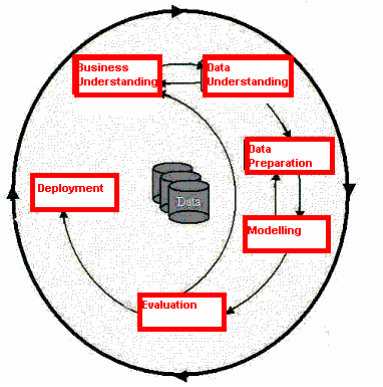
Phases in the DM Process (5)

- Model Evaluation
  - Evaluation of model: how well it performed on test data
  - Methods and criteria depend on model type:
    - e.g., coincidence matrix with classification models, mean error rate with regression models
  - Interpretation of model: important or not, easy or hard depends on algorithm



Phases in the DM Process (6)

- Deployment
  - Determine how the results need to be utilized
  - Who needs to use them?
  - How often do they need to be used
- Deploy Data Mining results by:
  - Scoring a database
  - Utilizing results as business rules
  - interactive scoring on-line



Why CRISP-DM?

- The data mining process must be reliable and repeatable by people with little data mining skills
- CRISP-DM provides a uniform framework for
  - guidelines
  - experience documentation
- CRISP-DM is flexible to account for differences
  - Different business/agency problems
  - Different data

Concept Description: Characterization and Comparison

- What is concept description?
- Data generalization and summarization-based characterization
- Analytical characterization: Analysis of attribute relevance
- Mining class comparisons: Discriminating between different classes
- Mining descriptive statistical measures in large databases
- Discussion
- Summary

What is Concept Description?

- Descriptive vs. predictive data mining
  - Descriptive mining: describes concepts or task-relevant data sets in concise, summarative, informative, discriminative forms
  - Predictive mining: Based on data and analysis, constructs models for the database, and predicts the trend and properties of unknown data
- Concept description:
  - Characterization: provides a concise and succinct summarization of the given collection of data
  - Comparison: provides descriptions comparing two or more collections of data

Concept Description vs. OLAP

- Concept description:
  - can handle complex data types of the attributes and their aggregations
  - a more automated process
- OLAP:
  - restricted to a small number of dimension and measure types
  - user-controlled process

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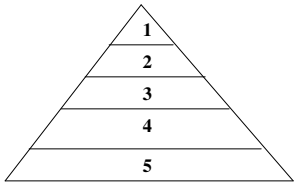
Data Generalization and Summarization-based Characterization

- Data generalization
  - A process which abstracts a large set of task-relevant data in a database from a low conceptual levels to higher ones.



  - Approaches:
    - Data cube approach(OLAP approach)
    - Attribute-oriented induction approach

Data Cube Approach (Cont…)

- Limitations
  - can only handle data types of dimensions to *simple nonnumeric data* and of measures to *simple aggregated numeric values*.
  - Lack of intelligent analysis, can't tell which dimensions should be used and what levels should the generalization reach

Attribute-Oriented Induction

- Proposed in 1989 (KDD '89 workshop)
- Not confined to categorical data nor particular measures.
- How it is done?
  - Collect the task-relevant data (*initial relation*) using a relational database query
  - Perform generalization by attribute removal or attribute generalization.
  - Apply aggregation by merging identical, generalized tuples and accumulating their respective counts
  - Interactive presentation with users

Basic Principles of Attribute-Oriented Induction

- Data focusing: task-relevant data, including dimensions, and the result is the *initial relation*.
- Attribute-removal: remove attribute *A* if there is a large set of distinct values for *A* but (1) there is no generalization operator on *A*, or (2) *A*'s higher level concepts are expressed in terms of other attributes.
- Attribute-generalization: If there is a large set of distinct values for *A*, and there exists a set of generalization operators on *A*, then select an operator and generalize *A*.
- Attribute-threshold control: typical 2-8, specified/default.
- Generalized relation threshold control: control the final relation/rule size. see example

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Attribute-Oriented Induction

Attribute-Oriented Induction: Basic Algorithm

- InitialRel: Query processing of task-relevant data, deriving the *initial relation*.
- PreGen: Based on the analysis of the number of distinct values in each attribute, determine generalization plan for each attribute: removal? or how high to generalize?
- PrimeGen: Based on the PreGen plan, perform generalization to the right level to derive a "prime generalized relation", accumulating the counts.
- Presentation: User interaction: (1) adjust levels by drilling, (2) pivoting, (3) mapping into rules, cross tabs, visualization presentations.

Example

- DMQL: Describe general characteristics of graduate students in the Big-University database

  use Big_University_DB
  mine characteristics as "Science_Students"
  in relevance to name, gender, major, birth_place, birth_date, residence, phone#, gpa
  from student
  where status in "graduate"

- Corresponding SQL statement:

  Select name, gender, major, birth_place, birth_date, residence, phone#, gpa
  from student
  where status in {"Msc", "MBA", "PhD" }

Class Characterization: An Example

Initial Relation

Name	Gender	Major	Birth-Place	Birth_date	Residence	Phone #	GPA
Jim Woodman	M	CS	Vancouver,BC, Canada	8-12-76	3511 Main St., Richmond	687-4598	3.67
Scott Lachance	M	CS	Montreal, Que, Canada	28-7-75	345 1st Ave., Richmond	253-9106	3.70
Laura Lee	F	Physics	Seattle, WA, USA	25-8-70	125 Austin Ave., Burnaby	420-5232	3.83
…	…	…	…	…	…	…	…
Removed	Retained	Sci,Eng, Bus	Country	Age range	City	Removed	Excl, VG,..

Prime Generalized Relation

Gender	Major	Birth_region	Age_range	Residence	GPA	Count
M	Science	Canada	20-25	Richmond	Very-good	16
F	Science	Foreign	25-30	Burnaby	Excellent	22
…	…	…	…	…	…	…

Gender \ Birth_Region	Canada	Foreign	Total
M	16	14	30
F	10	22	32
Total	26	36	62

Presentation of Generalized Results

- Generalized relation:
  - Relations where some or all attributes are generalized, with counts or other aggregation values accumulated.
- Cross tabulation:
  - Mapping results into cross tabulation form (similar to contingency tables).
  - Visualization techniques:
  - Pie charts, bar charts, curves, cubes, and other visual forms.
- Quantitative characteristic rules:
  - Mapping generalized result into characteristic rules with quantitative information associated with it, e.g.,

$$grad(x) \wedge male(x) \Rightarrow$$
$$birth\_region(x) = \text{"}Canada\text{"}[t:53\%] \vee birth\_region(x) = \text{"}foreign\text{"}[t:47\%].$$

Presentation—Generalized Relation

location	item	sales (in million dollars)	count (in thousands)
Asia	TV	15	300
Europe	TV	12	250
North_America	TV	28	450
Asia	computer	120	1000
Europe	computer	150	1200
North_America	computer	200	1800

Table 5.3: A generalized relation for the sales in 1997.

Presentation—Crosstab

location \ item	TV		computer		*both_items*	
	sales	count	sales	count	sales	count
Asia	15	300	120	1000	135	1300
Europe	12	250	150	1200	162	1450
North_America	28	450	200	1800	228	2250
all_regions	45	1000	470	4000	525	5000

Table 5.4: A crosstab for the sales in 1997.

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Characterization vs. OLAP

- Similarity:
  - Presentation of data summarization at multiple levels of abstraction.
  - Interactive drilling, pivoting, slicing and dicing.
- Differences:
  - Automated desired level allocation.
  - Dimension relevance analysis and ranking when there are many relevant dimensions.
  - Sophisticated typing on dimensions and measures.
  - Analytical characterization: data dispersion analysis.

Attribute Relevance Analysis

- Why?
  - Which dimensions should be included?
  - How high level of generalization?
  - Automatic VS. Interactive
  - Reduce # attributes; Easy to understand patterns
- What?
  - statistical method for preprocessing data
    - filter out irrelevant or weakly relevant attributes
    - retain or rank the relevant attributes
  - relevance related to dimensions and levels
  - analytical characterization, analytical comparison

Attribute relevance analysis (cont'd)

- How?
  - Data Collection
  - Analytical Generalization
    - Use information gain analysis (e.g., entropy or other measures) to identify highly relevant dimensions and levels.
  - Relevance Analysis
    - Sort and select the most relevant dimensions and levels.
  - Attribute-oriented Induction for class description
    - On selected dimension/level
  - OLAP operations (e.g. drilling, slicing) on relevance rules

Relevance Measures

- Quantitative relevance measure determines the classifying power of an attribute within a set of data.
- Methods
  - information gain (ID3)
  - gain ratio (C4.5)
  - gini index
  - χ^2 contingency table statistics
  - uncertainty coefficient

Information-Theoretic Approach

- Decision tree
  - each internal node tests an attribute
  - each branch corresponds to attribute value
  - each leaf node assigns a classification
- ID3 algorithm
  - build decision tree based on training objects with known class labels to classify testing objects
  - rank attributes with information gain measure
  - minimal height
    - the least number of tests to classify an object

Example: Analytical Characterization

- Task
  - Mine general characteristics describing graduate students using analytical characterization
- Given
  - attributes *name, gender, major, birth_place, birth_date, phone#*, and *gpa*
  - *Gen*(a_i) = concept hierarchies on a_i
  - U_i = attribute analytical thresholds for a_i
  - T_i = attribute generalization thresholds for a_i
  - *R* = attribute relevance threshold

Example: Analytical Characterization (cont'd)

- 1. Data collection
  - target class: graduate student
  - contrasting class: undergraduate student
- 2. Analytical generalization using U_i
  - attribute removal
    - remove *name* and *phone#*
  - attribute generalization
    - generalize *major*, *birth_place*, *birth_date* and *gpa*
    - accumulate counts
  - candidate relation: *gender*, *major*, *birth_country*, *age_range* and *gpa*

Example: Analytical characterization (2)

gender	major	birth_country	age_range	gpa	count
M	Science	Canada	20-25	Very_good	16
F	Science	Foreign	25-30	Excellent	22
M	Engineering	Foreign	25-30	Excellent	18
F	Science	Foreign	25-30	Excellent	25
M	Science	Canada	20-25	Excellent	21
F	Engineering	Canada	20-25	Excellent	18

Candidate relation for Target class: Graduate students (Σ=120)

gender	major	birth_country	age_range	gpa	count
M	Science	Foreign	<20	Very_good	18
F	Business	Canada	<20	Fair	20
M	Business	Canada	<20	Fair	22
F	Science	Canada	20-25	Fair	24
M	Engineering	Foreign	20-25	Very_good	22
F	Engineering	Canada	<20	Excellent	24

Candidate relation for Contrasting class: Undergraduate students (Σ=130)

Example: Analytical characterization (3)

- 3. Relevance analysis
  - Calculate expected info required to classify an arbitrary tuple

$$I(s_1, s_2) = I(120,130) = -\frac{120}{250}\log_2\frac{120}{250} - \frac{130}{250}\log_2\frac{130}{250} = 0.9988$$

  - Calculate entropy of each attribute: e.g. *major*

For *major="Science"*: $s_{11}=84$ $s_{21}=42$ $I(s_{11},s_{21})=0.9183$

For *major="Engineering"*: $s_{12}=36$ $s_{22}=46$ $I(s_{12},s_{22})=0.9892$

For *major="Business"*: $s_{13}=0$ $s_{23}=42$ $I(s_{13},s_{23})=0$

Number of grad students in "Science"

Number of undergrad students in "Science"

Example: Analytical Characterization (4)

- Calculate expected info required to classify a given sample if S is partitioned according to the attribute

$$E(major) = \frac{126}{250}I(s_{11},s_{21}) + \frac{82}{250}I(s_{12},s_{22}) + \frac{42}{250}I(s_{13},s_{23}) = 0.7873$$

- Calculate information gain for each attribute

$$Gain(major) = I(s_1,s_2) - E(major) = 0.2115$$

  - Information gain for all attributes

Gain(gender) = 0.0003

Gain(birth_country) = 0.0407

Gain(major) = 0.2115

Gain(gpa) = 0.4490

Gain(age_range) = 0.5971

Example: Analytical characterization (5)

- 4. Initial working relation (W_0) derivation
  - R = 0.1
  - remove irrelevant/weakly relevant attributes from candidate relation => drop *gender*, *birth_country*
  - remove contrasting class candidate relation

major	age_range	gpa	count
Science	20-25	Very_good	16
Science	25-30	Excellent	47
Science	20-25	Excellent	21
Engineering	20-25	Excellent	18
Engineering	25-30	Excellent	18

Initial target class working relation W_0: Graduate students

- 5. Perform attribute-oriented induction on W_0 using T_i

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Mining Class Comparisons

- Comparison: Comparing two or more classes
- Method:
  - Partition the set of relevant data into the target class and the contrasting class(es)
  - Generalize both classes to the same high level concepts
  - Compare tuples with the same high level descriptions
  - Present for every tuple its description and two measures
    - support - distribution within single class
    - comparison - distribution between classes
  - Highlight the tuples with strong discriminant features
- Relevance Analysis:
  - Find attributes (features) which best distinguish different classes

Example: Analytical comparison

- Task
  - Compare graduate and undergraduate students using discriminant rule.
  - DMQL query

use Big_University_DB
mine comparison as "grad_vs_undergrad_students"
in relevance to *name, gender, major, birth_place, birth_date, residence, phone#, gpa*
for "graduate_students"
where status in graduate"
versus "undergraduate_students"
where status in "undergraduate"
analyze count%
from student

Example: Analytical comparison (2)

- Given
  - attributes *name, gender, major, birth_place, birth_date, residence, phone#* and *gpa*
  - *Gen(a_i)* = concept hierarchies on attributes a_i
  - U_i = attribute analytical thresholds for attributes a_i
  - T_i = attribute generalization thresholds for attributes a_i
  - *R* = attribute relevance threshold

Example: Analytical comparison (3)

- 1. Data collection
  - target and contrasting classes
- 2. Attribute relevance analysis
  - remove attributes *name, gender, major, phone#*
- 3. Synchronous generalization
  - controlled by user-specified dimension thresholds
  - prime target and contrasting class(es) relations/cuboids

Example: Analytical comparison (4)

Birth_country	Age_range	Gpa	Count%
Canada	20-25	Good	5.53%
Canada	25-30	Good	2.32%
Canada	Over_30	Very_good	5.86%
…	…	…	…
Other	Over_30	Excellent	4.68%

Prime generalized relation for the target class: Graduate students

Birth_country	Age_range	Gpa	Count%
Canada	15-20	Fair	5.53%
Canada	15-20	Good	4.53%
…	…	…	…
Canada	25-30	Good	5.02%
…	…	…	…
Other	Over_30	Excellent	0.68%

Prime generalized relation for the contrasting class: Undergraduate students

Example: Analytical comparison (5)

- 4. Drill down, roll up and other OLAP operations on target and contrasting classes to adjust levels of abstractions of resulting description
- 5. Presentation
  - as generalized relations, crosstabs, bar charts, pie charts, or rules
  - contrasting measures to reflect comparison between target and contrasting classes
    - e.g. count%

Quantitative Discriminant Rules

- Cj = target class
- q_a = a generalized tuple covers some tuples of class
  - but can also cover some tuples of contrasting class
- d-weight
  - range: [0, 1] $d-weight = \frac{count(q_a \in C_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} count(q_a \in C_i)}$
- quantitative discriminant rule form

$$\forall X, target\_class(X) \Leftarrow condition(X) \quad [d : d\_weight]$$

Example: Quantitative Discriminant Rule

Status	Birth_country	Age_range	Gpa	Count
Graduate	Canada	25-30	Good	90
Undergraduate	Canada	25-30	Good	210

Count distribution between graduate and undergraduate students for a generalized tuple

- Quantitative discriminant rule

$$\forall X, graduate\_student(X) \Leftarrow birth\_country(X) = "Canada" \wedge age\_range(X) = "25-30" \wedge gpa(X) = "good" \quad [d : 30\%]$$

  - where 90/(90+120) = 30%

Class Description

- Quantitative characteristic rule

  $\forall X,\ target\_class(X) \Rightarrow condition(X)\ \ [t : t\_weight]$

  – necessary
- Quantitative discriminant rule

  $\forall X,\ target\_class(X) \Leftarrow condition(X)\ \ [d : d\_weight]$

  – sufficient
- Quantitative description rule

  $\forall X,\ target\_class(X) \Leftrightarrow$

  $condition_1(X)\,[t : w_1, d : w'_1] \vee \ldots \vee condition_n(X)\,[t : w_n, d : w'_n]$

  – necessary and sufficient

Example: Quantitative Description Rule

Location/item		TV			Computer			Both_items	
	Count	*t-wt*	*d-wt*	*Count*	*t-wt*	*d-wt*	*Count*	*t-wt*	*d-wt*
Europe	80	25%	40%	240	75%	30%	320	100%	32%
N_Am	120	17.65%	60%	560	82.35%	70%	680	100%	68%
Both_ regions	200	20%	100%	800	80%	100%	1000	100%	100%

Crosstab showing associated t-weight, d-weight values and total number (in thousands) of TVs and computers sold at AllElectronics in 1998

- Quantitative description rule for target class *Europe*

$\forall X, Europe(X) \Leftrightarrow$

$(item(X)="TV")\,[t : 25\%, d : 40\%] \vee (item(X)="computer")\,[t : 75\%, d : 30\%]$

Concept Description: Characterization and Comparison

- What is concept description?
- Data generalization and summarization-based characterization
- Analytical characterization: Analysis of attribute relevance
- Mining class comparisons: Discriminating between different classes
- Mining descriptive statistical measures in large databases
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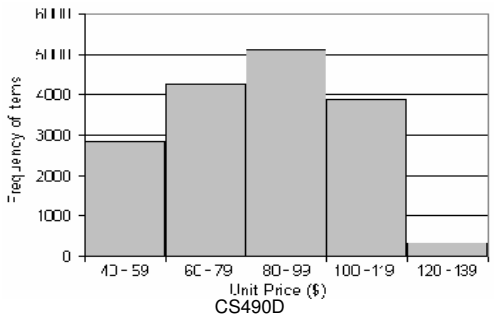
Mining Data Dispersion Characteristics

- Motivation
  - To better understand the data: central tendency, variation and spread
- Data dispersion characteristics
  - median, max, min, quantiles, outliers, variance, etc.
- Numerical dimensions correspond to sorted intervals
  - Data dispersion: analyzed with multiple granularities of precision
  - Boxplot or quantile analysis on sorted intervals
- Dispersion analysis on computed measures
  - Folding measures into numerical dimensions
  - Boxplot or quantile analysis on the transformed cube

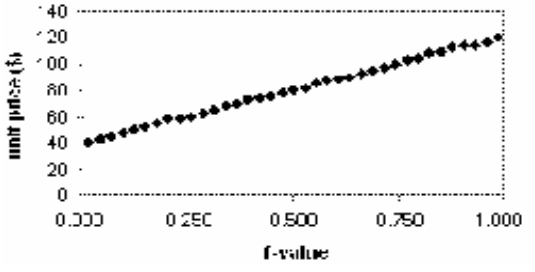
Histogram Analysis

- Graph displays of basic statistical class descriptions
  - Frequency histograms
    - A univariate graphical method
    - Consists of a set of rectangles that reflect the counts or frequencies of the classes present in the given data



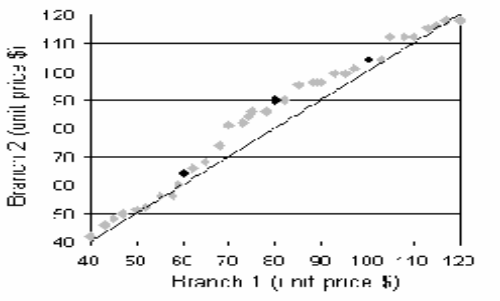
Quantile Plot

- Displays all of the data (allowing the user to assess both the overall behavior and unusual occurrences)
- Plots quantile information
  - For a data x_i data sorted in increasing order, f_i indicates that approximately 100 f_i% of the data are below or equal to the value x_i



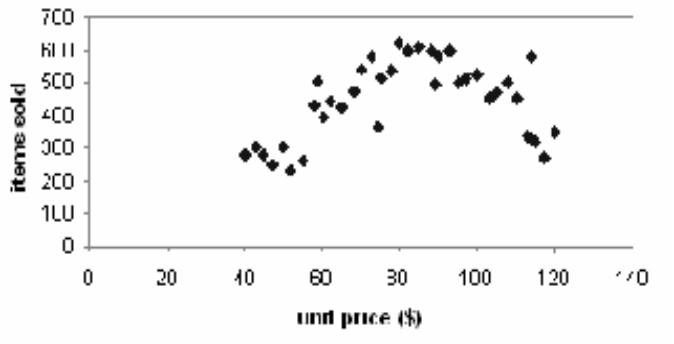
Quantile-Quantile (Q-Q) Plot

- Graphs the quantiles of one univariate distribution against the corresponding quantiles of another
- Allows the user to view whether there is a shift in going from one distribution to another



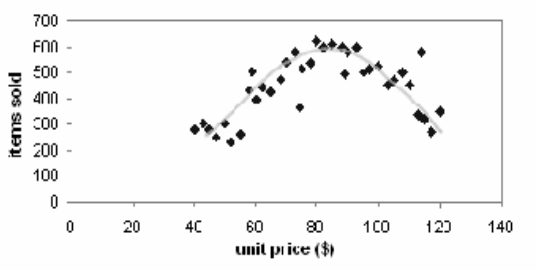
Scatter plot

- Provides a first look at bivariate data to see clusters of points, outliers, etc
- Each pair of values is treated as a pair of coordinates and plotted as points in the plane



Loess Curve

- Adds a smooth curve to a scatter plot in order to provide better perception of the pattern of dependence
- Loess curve is fitted by setting two parameters: a smoothing parameter, and the degree of the polynomials that are fitted by the regression



Summary

- Concept description: characterization and discrimination
- OLAP-based vs. attribute-oriented induction
- Efficient implementation of AOI
- Analytical characterization and comparison
- Mining descriptive statistical measures in large databases
- Discussion
  - Incremental and parallel mining of description
  - Descriptive mining of complex types of data

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