Machine Learning with Weka: Filters and Clustering

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Exercise 5

https://github.com/idh-cologne-tools-ressourcen-infra/exercise-05

Section 2

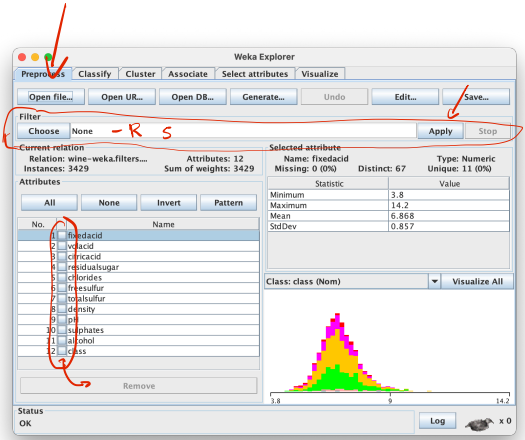
Weka: Filters and Clustering

Motivation

- We often don't have the data as we need them to be
- Preprocessing
  - Manipulating CSV ✔
  - Filters in Weka – today

Filters

- Weka Explorer → Preprocess
- Filter → Choose



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- Next slides: One filter from each group
  - Full overview (javadoc): `https://javadoc.io/static/nz.ac.waikato.cms.weka/weka-stable/3.8.4/weka/filters/package-summary.html`

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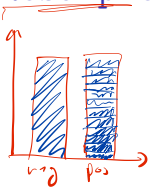
Parameters

- `-D` Turns on output of debugging information.
- `-L <double>` The significance level (default: 0.05).
- `-R <range>` Sets list of attributes to act on (or its inverse). Default: `first-last`
- `-V` Invert matching sense (i.e. act on all attributes not specified in list)
- `-O` Use short identifiers for merged subsets.

weka.filters.supervised.instance.Resample

- Produce random subsample of a dataset
- With replacement or without replacement
- Only for nominal class attributes
- Can be used to even the data set



Parameters

- `-S` <num> Specify the random number seed. Default: 1
- `-Z` <num> The size of the output dataset (perc. of input). Default: 100
- `-B` <num> Bias factor towards uniform class distribution. 0 = distribution in input data – 1 = uniform distribution. Default: 0
- `-no-replacement` Disables replacement of instances (default: with replacement)
- `-V` Inverts the selection - only available with `-no-replacement`.

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{The dog barks.} \\ \text{The dog sleeps.} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

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weka.filters.unsupervised.instance.RemovePercentage

- Removes a given percentage of a dataset

Parameters

- `-P <percentage>` Specifies percentage of instances to select. Default: 50
- `-V` Specifies if inverse of selection is to be output

Subsection 1

Clustering

Introduction

- Group instances based on feature values
- No target class
- Use cases:
  - No annotations
  - Finding patterns in data
- We usually have to specify how many clusters we want
- Assumption: All attributes can be represented numerically

K-Means

- A simple clustering method
- Two alternating steps, run as long as ›something is happening‹
  1. Assignment: Each instance is assigned to the mean of the nearest cluster
  2. Update: For each cluster, recalculate its mean

K-Means

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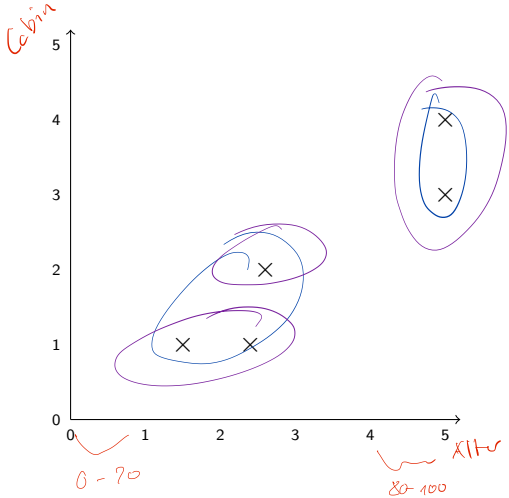

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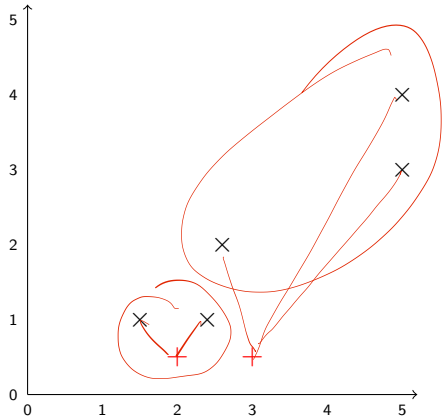

Step 1: Start with random means

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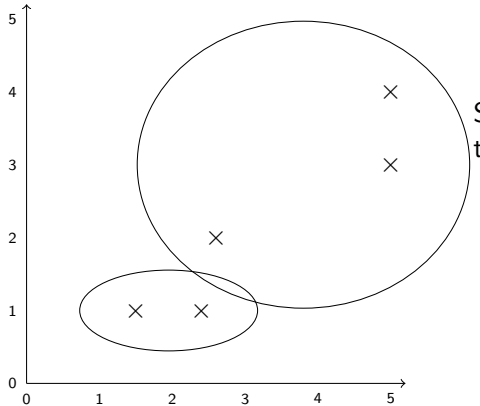

Step 2: Assign each point to nearest mean

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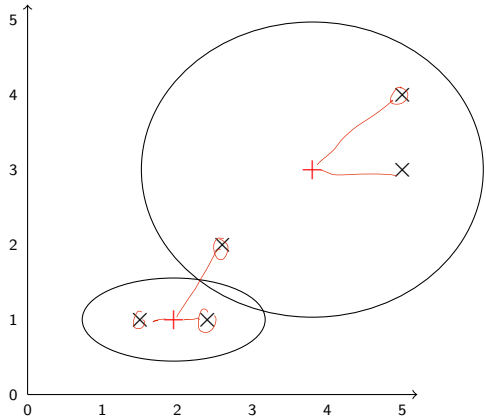

Step 3: Update means

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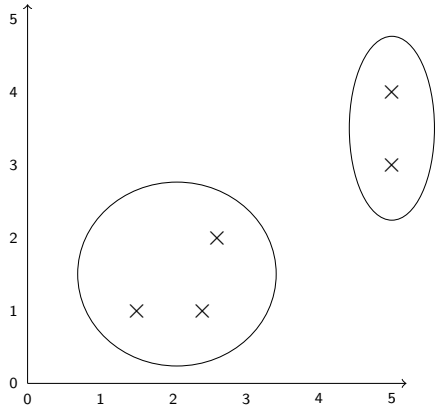

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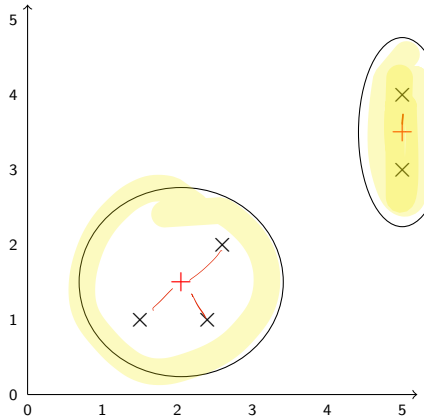

Step 5: Update means

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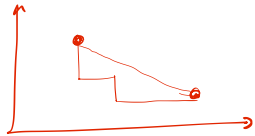
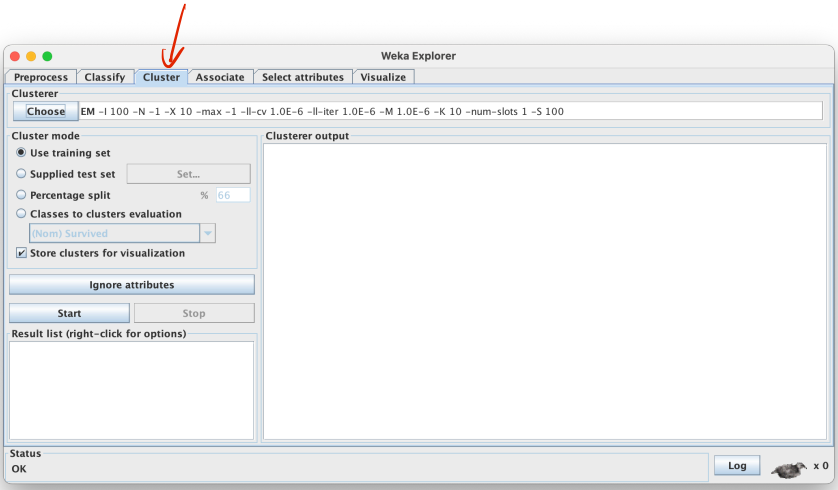


- How many means = how many clusters
- How to calculate distance
  - Euclidean, Manhatten, ...
- How to calculate means
  - Weighting for some attributes, ...
- How to start
  - Random points? Random instances?

Clustering in Weka



Exercise 6

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