

AN INVESTIGATION OF DATA MINING TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract

Data Mining is defined as the system of extract information from enormous sets of data. In new words, we can say that data mining is mining knowledge from data. The information or knowledge extracted so can be used for Customer maintenance, Fraud recognition, Production Management, Market Status, and Science investigation. In Data Mining System there are a number of commercial system available today and however there are many challenges in this field which are implement through data warehouses and Online Analytical Processing along with different data mining models. In this paper I have paying attention on data mining works with revere to current research approach in mixture of fields.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Data mining is the system of organizing through large amounts of data and selection out significant information. Data Mining is properly distinct as the significant process of identifying valid, novel, potentially useful, and eventually understandable patterns in data. Mining of information is not the only process we must to process it; data mining also involves other processes such as Data Cleaning, Data Integration, Data Selection, Data Transformation, Data Mining, Pattern Evaluation and Data Presentation.

Data Cleaning:

Data Cleaning or **Data Scrubbing** is the process of amending or removing data that is incomplete and incorrect

Data Integration:

Data Integration is a **data** preprocessing technique that merges the **data** from various **data** sources into a consistent **data** store. **Data integration** may involve unpredictable **data** and therefore needs **data** cleaning.

Data selection:

Data Selection is the process where *data* relevant to the analysis task are retrieved from the database.

Data Transformation:

Data transformation is the process of converting data or information from one format to another, usually from the format of a source system into the required format of a new destination system.

Data Mining:

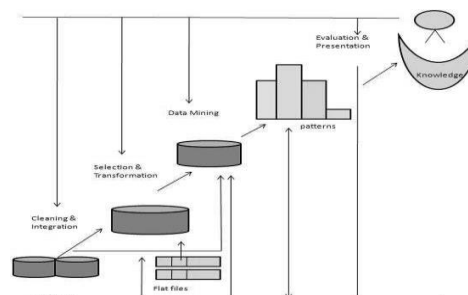
A fundamental process where intelligent methods are applied in order to extract data patterns.

Pattern Evaluation:

The process of evaluating the patterns signifying knowledge based on some interestingness measures.

Knowledge presentation:

Knowledge representation is the presentation of knowledge to the user for visualization techniques are used to present the mined knowledge.



The basic functionalities of data mining includes applying various methods and algorithms in order to preprocess the data, organize it, grouping and to discover useful patterns of stored data.

II. DATA MINING MODELS

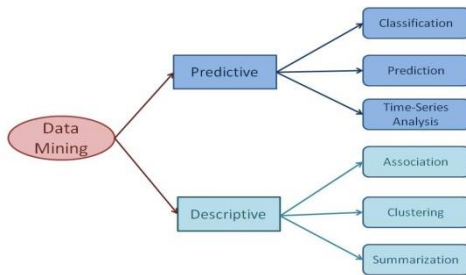
In Data Mining there are two types of models are prescribed.

1. **Predictive**
2. **Descriptive.**

There are a number of data mining tasks

- classifications,
- Prediction,
- Time-Series Analysis,
- Association,
- Clustering,
- Summarization Etc.

All these tasks are either one predictive or descriptive.



1. Predictive

Predictive Analytics, which use statistical models and estimation techniques to understand the future and the ability to “Predict” what might happen. Predictive analytics provide assessments about the likelihood of a prospect outcome. Most people are familiar with the use of predictive analytics to yield a credit score. These scores are used by economical services to define the possibility of customers making future credit payments on time. Usual business uses include, understanding how sales influence close at the end of the year, predicting what items customers will purchase together, or calculating inventory levels based upon a many of variables.

2. Descriptive

Descriptive exploration does closely what the name suggests they “Describe”, or review raw data and make it something that is interpretable by humans. Descriptive analytics are convenient because they allow us to learn from past behaviors, and understand how they might impact of future outcomes. Typically, the fundamental data is a count, or summative of a filtered column of data to which basic math is smeared. For all practical purposes, there are an infinite number of these statistics. Descriptive statistics are useful to show things like, total stock in portfolio, average amount spent per customer and turn over in sales. Common examples of descriptive are report that deliver historic perceptions regarding the company’s production, financial status, operations, sales, finance, inventory and customers.

III. DATA MINING FUNCTIONALITIES

Data mining functionalities are used to identify the kind of patterns to be found in data mining tasks.

Prediction – It is used to predict lost or unavailable numerical data values rather than class labels. Regression Analysis is commonly used for prediction. Prediction can also be used for identification of sharing trends based on available data.

Classification – It predicts the class of objects whose class label is unfamiliar. Its objective is to discover a derived model that describes and discriminates data classes or concepts. The Derived Model is based on the analysis set of training data i.e. the data object whose class label is well known.

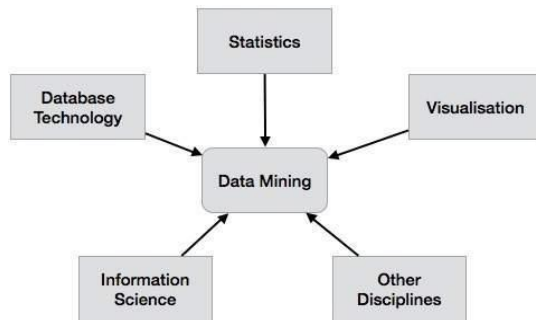
Clustering: Related to classification, clustering is the association of data in classes. In clustering, class labels are unknown and it is up to the clustering algorithm to discover suitable classes. Is also called *unsupervised classification*, because the classification is not read out by given class labels. There are many clustering methods all based on the standard of maximizing the resemblance between objects in a same class (*intra-class similarity*) and minimizing the similarity between objects of different classes (*inter-class similarity*).

Outlier Analysis – Outliers may be defined as the data objects that do not observe with the general performance or model of the data available.

Evolution Analysis – Evolution analysis discusses to the description and model predictabilities or trends for objects whose behavior changes over time.

IV. CLASSIFICATION OF DATA MINING SYSTEMS

A data mining system can be classified agreeing to the following criteria –



Classification of data mining systems according to the type of data sources Mined:

This classification is according to the type of data handled such as spatial data, multimedia data, time-series data, text data, World Wide Web, etc.

Classification of data mining systems according to the database involved:

This classification based on the data model involved such as relational database, object oriented database, data warehouse, transactional database, etc.

Classification of data mining systems according to the kind of knowledge discovered:

This classification based on the kind of knowledge discovered or data mining functionalities, such as characterization, discrimination, association, classification, clustering, etc. Some systems tend to be comprehensive systems offering several data mining functionalities together.

Classification of data mining systems according to mining techniques used:

This classification is according to the data analysis approach used such as machine learning, neural networks, genetic algorithms, statistics, visualization, database oriented or data warehouse-oriented, etc. The classification can also take into account the degree of user interaction involved in the data mining process such as query-driven systems, interactive exploratory systems, or autonomous systems.

HISTORICAL TRENDS OF DATA MINING

Data mining is useful in various disciplines, which includes database management systems (DBMS), Statistics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Machine Learning (ML). The era of data mining applications was conceived in the year 1980 primarily by research-driven tools focused on single tasks. The early day's data mining trends are as under.

a) Data Trends

In earlier days, data mining algorithms work best for numerical data together from a single data base, and various data mining techniques have progressed for flat files, traditional and relational databases where the data is stored in tabular representation. Later on, with the confluence of Statistics and Machine Learning techniques, various algorithms evolved to mine the non-numerical data and relational databases.

b) Computing Trends

The field of data mining has been greatly inclined by the development of fourth generation programming languages and various related computing techniques. In, initial days of data mining most of the algorithms working only statistical techniques. Later on they developed with various computing techniques like AI, ML and Pattern Reorganization. Various data mining techniques (Induction, Compression and Approximation) and algorithms developed to mine the large volumes of various data stored in the data warehouses.

V. CURRENT TRENDS & APPLICATIONS OF DATA MINING

A number of data mining applications have been applied in various fields like telecommunication, aviation, banking and finance, Astronomy climate, retail, health care, fraud detection, finance, telecommunication, and risk analysis...etc.. The ever growing complications in various fields and improvements in technology have modelled new challenges to data mining; the various challenges include different data formats, data from different locations, advances in computation and networking resources, research and scientific fields, ever growing business challenges etc. In data mining with various methods and techniques have designed the present data mining applications to switch the various challenges, the current trends of data mining applications are:

1. Fight against Terrorism

After 9-11 attacks, many countries forced new laws against struggling terrorism. These laws allow intelligence agencies to efficiently fight against terrorist organizations. USA launched Total Information Awareness program with the aim of creating a massive database of that secure all the information on population. Related projects were also launched in European countries and rest of the world. This program faced several problems,

- a) The heterogeneity of database, the target database had to deal with text, audio, image and multimedia data.
- b) Second problem was scalability of algorithms. The execution time increases as size of data (which is huge).

For example, 230 cameras were placed in London, to read number plates of vehicles. An estimated 40,000 vehicles pass camera every hour, in this way the camera must recognize 10 vehicles per second, which poses heavy loads on both hardware and software.

2. Web and Semantic Web

Web is the most recent and hottest trend now, but it is unstructured. Data mining is helping web to be structured, which is called Semantic web. The underlying technology is Resource Description Framework (RDF) which is used to describe resources. FOAF is also a supporting technology, heavily used in Face book and Orkut for cataloging. But still there are some issues like combining all RDF statements and dealing with invalid RDF statements. Data mining technologies are helping a lot to make the web, a semantic web.

3. Bio-informatics and Cure for Diseases

The second most important application trend, deals with mining and analysis of biological sequences and structures. Data mining tools are quickly being used in finding genes regarding cure of diseases like Cancer and AIDS.

4. Business Trends

Today's business background is more dynamic, so businesses must be capable to react quicker, must be more beneficial, and offer high quality services that ever before. Here, data mining serves as a fundamental technology in enabling customer's transactions more exactly faster and meaningfully. Data mining techniques of classification, regression, and cluster analysis are used for in current business trends. Almost all of the current business data mining applications are based on the classification and prediction techniques for supporting business decisions, thus creating strong Business Intelligence (BI) system.

VI. FUTURE TRENDS IN DATA MINING

Businesses which have been slow in assuming the process of data mining are now gathering up with the others. Extracting important information through the process of data mining is generally used to make critical business verdicts. In the coming era, we can expect data mining to become as pervasive as some of the more widespread technologies used today. Some of the key data mining trends for the future include

1. Multimedia Data Mining

This is one of the most recent methods which is catching up because of the increasing ability to capture useful data accurately. It contains the extraction of data from different kinds of multimedia sources such as text, audio, hypertext, video, images, etc. and the data is converted into a numerical representation in altered formats. This method can be used in classifications clustering and performing similarity checks, and also to identify associations.

2. Ubiquitous Data Mining

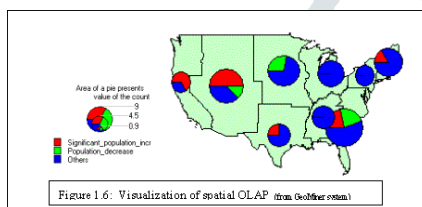
This method involves the mining of data from portable devices to get information about individuals. In spite of having several challenges in this type such as privacy, cost, complexity, etc. this method has a lot of chances to be huge in various businesses especially in studying human-computer interactions.

3. Distributed Data Mining

This method is gaining reputation as it involves the mining of huge amount of information stored in different company locations or at different establishments. Highly sophisticated algorithms are used to extract data from different locations and deliver proper visions and reports based upon them.

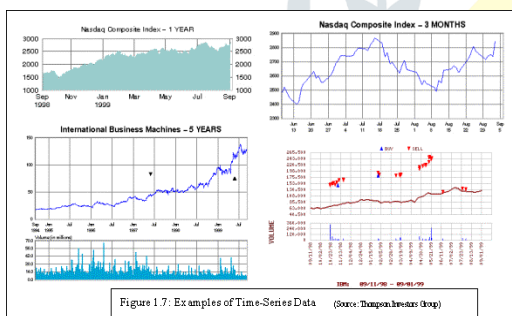
4. Spatial and Geographic Data Mining

This type of data mining which includes astronomical, extracting information from environmental, and geographical data which also includes images taken from outer space. This type of data mining can expose various facets such as distance and topology which is mainly used in geographic information systems and other navigation applications.



5. Time Series and Sequence Data Mining

This type of data mining is study of cyclical and seasonal trends. This practice is also helpful in examining even random events which happen outside the normal series of events. This method is mainly being use by retail companies to access customer's buying forms and their behaviors.



VII. NEW TECHNIQUES IN DATA MINING

Not only do the application areas of data mining expand continuously, but also the utilized techniques keep up improving. In the rest of this article we take a closer look at four new methods:

- Multi-relational data mining,
- Support vector machines,
- Bayesian networks
- Ensemble methods.

Multi-relational data mining

Most data mining algorithms are propositional; this means that they were created to determine patterns in a single data table. However, larger databases generally contain several tables between which a number of associations have been defined. Propositional algorithms create classification rules of the following form:

IF (income > 108000) THEN important customer = YES

Notice that only the information from the first table was used for the construction of this rule. Relational algorithms on the other hand are able use the relationships that occur between the tables. An example of such a rule is:

**IF (x is married with a person with income > 10800) THEN
important customer (x) = YES**

*Relational Database with two tables
Customer Table*

I D	Gen der	Ag e	Inco me	Expe nse	Import ant Custo mer
C 1	Male	30	2140 00	18800	Yes
C 2	Fema le	19	1390 00	15100	Yes
C 3	Male	55	5000 0	8600	No
C 4	Fema le	48	2600 0	8600	No

Married With Table 1

Partner 1	Partner 2
C1	C2
C3	C4

Support Vector Machines

Classification and regression are possibly the well-known applications of data mining. A multitude of techniques have been proposed for solving these responsibilities. Linear least-squares regression, discriminant analysis, decision trees and neural networks are only a few of them. When challenged with a classification or regression problem, the data mining practitioner must often make a trade-off between the intelligibility and presentation of the available techniques. Classifications by decision trees on the other are obviously motivated by a number of rules that are denoted by the tree.

Techniques that are capable to give the motivation behind their decisions are called white-box classifiers. In present years, lots of research has been accomplished to convert results from the difficult to understand black-boxes into white-boxes. Recently, a new black-box technique has been suggested that shows even better performance: support vector machines.

The basic idea behind SVMs is the following: the data is first being drawn into a high-dimensional space and subsequently a linear classifier is constructed in this high-dimensional space. The resulting models can be represented as constrained optimization problems which give an exclusive solution.

Bayesian Networks

Moreover support vector machines, we perceive a growing application of Bayesian networks within industrial applications. A Bayesian network is a graphical model where variables are presented by nodes and the edges between two nodes represent the requirements between the variables.

Ensemble Methods

The fundamental notion behind ensemble methods is very simple: several classifiers are qualified on the data and consequently these specific predictions are combined to achieve one general forecast. The first classifier bases itself mainly on the language, the second classifier bases itself on the colors. If both classifiers are combined, we obtain a classifier that makes better predictions than each of the individual classifiers distinctly. Some ensemble methods are: bagging, boosting and stacking.

Bagging, the abbreviation of bootstrap accumulating, n random subsets from the original data are selected and a classifier is created for each of these subsets. A new surveillance is then classified by combining the forecasts of the n classifiers.

Boosting is same as bagging, but it selecting entirely random subsets, weights are given to the training observations. Sometimes Observations are misclassified to receive a larger weight and their chance of being incorporated in the subset will increase because of this. Boosting therefore gives more consideration to those observations which are tougher to predict.

Stacking, relates to several classifiers are trained on the available data and their forecasts are used as inputs for a so-called meta-learner. This meta-learner uses these individual forecasts to obtain one overall forecast.

VIII. CHALLENGES IN DATA MINING

Nowadays data mining research is “too”ad-hoc” and there are so many challenges to merge different data mining tasks. Some of the challenges in the area are as under:

Scalability:

The important challenge is mining data from large data bases. Computer data network and satellite data can easily be of this balance but to-days technology in data mining are too slow to switch data of this scale. If data mining algorithms are efficient adequate to control these huge data sets then they must be scalable. Future data mining should be a continuous, online process as an alternative of one time little process. The said scalability also warrants the implementation of novel data structure to access individual records in a soft manner.

Complex and Heterogeneous Data

Another challenge is appearance of more data complexity. A good system must extent the complexity from users. Previous analysis data mining method deal with the data set consisting attribute of similar type i.e. continuous or categorical due to increasing role of data mining in different areas, a need is arise to develop procedures which can handle mixed attributes. Such developed techniques for mining such complex objects ought to have taken care the relationships in data, like sequential and spatial auto-correction, graph connectivity and parent-child relationships between the components in semi-structures text and XML documents.

High Dimensional Data and High Data Streams

One challenge is to design classifiers to manage ultra-high dimensional classification problems for mining huge, massive and high dimensional data set out-of-memory, equivalent and distributed algorithms, algorithm is need to be developed. The conventional data analysis techniques developed for low-dimensional data do not work for dimensional data.

Data Ownership, Security and Privacy

It is a big challenge to discover data for an analysis at one location or to be owned by one location or to be owned by one unit. An automatic data mining in distributed atmosphere can develop serious issues in terms of data privacy or its security. These issues can be addressed by developing of a competent algorithms and data structures to evaluate the knowledge reliability of a collection of data and further to measure the impact on the variation of data values on discovered pattern’s statistical importance.

Data Distribution

This challenge in data mining is very significant in linkage problems. This can be addressed by the development of distributed data mining techniques. The key challenges in distributed data mining are:

- a) To reduce the amount of communication needed to implement the distributed computation.
- b) To combine the data mining results obtains from multiple sources in an effective manner.
- c) To attack data security issues.

IX. CONCLUSION

It is difficult to imagine our civilization today without data mining. Both in scientific and industrial world, the applications have become too pervasive. In this paper, a short review was given about new domains in which data mining can cause huge changes. There are still many problems to overcome, from which privacy defense draws most responsiveness. And also reviewed some data mining trends and applications from its initiation to the future. This review puts attention on the hot and hopeful areas of data mining. Data mining is becoming increasingly shared in both the private and public sectors. Industries such as, insurance, medicine, and retailing commonly use data mining to reduce costs, banking, enhance research, and increase sales. So, data mining will be further and more useful in future.

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