Applications and Trends in Data Mining

Data mining applications



- Data mining system products and research prototypes
- Additional themes on data mining
- Social impacts of data mining
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Data Mining Applications

- Data mining is an interdisciplinary field with wide and diverse applications
 - There exist nontrivial gaps between data mining principles and domain-specific applications
- Some application domains
 - Financial data analysis
 - Retail industry
 - Telecommunication industry
 - Biological data analysis

Data Mining for Financial Data Analysis

- Financial data collected in banks and financial institutions are often relatively complete, reliable, and of high quality
- Design and construction of data warehouses for multidimensional data analysis and data mining
 - View the debt and revenue changes by month, by region, by sector, and by other factors
 - Access statistical information such as max, min, total, average, trend, etc.
- Loan payment prediction/consumer credit policy analysis
 - feature selection and attribute relevance ranking
 - Loan payment performance
 - Consumer credit rating

Financial Data Mining

- Classification and clustering of customers for targeted marketing
 - multidimensional segmentation by nearest-neighbor, classification, decision trees, etc. to identify customer groups or associate a new customer to an appropriate customer group
- Detection of money laundering and other financial crimes
 - integration of from multiple DBs (e.g., bank transactions, federal/state crime history DBs)
 - Tools: data visualization, linkage analysis, classification, clustering tools, outlier analysis, and sequential pattern analysis tools (find unusual access sequences)

Data Mining for Retail Industry

- Retail industry: huge amounts of data on sales, customer shopping history, etc.
- Applications of retail data mining
 - Identify customer buying behaviors
 - Discover customer shopping patterns and trends
 - Improve the quality of customer service
 - Achieve better customer retention and satisfaction
 - Enhance goods consumption ratios
 - Design more effective goods transportation and distribution policies

Data Mining in Retail Industry (2)

- Ex. 1. Design and construction of data warehouses based on the benefits of data mining
 - Multidimensional analysis of sales, customers, products, time, and region
- Ex. 2. Analysis of the effectiveness of sales campaigns
- Ex. 3. Customer retention: Analysis of customer loyalty
 - Use customer loyalty card information to register sequences of purchases of particular customers
 - Use sequential pattern mining to investigate changes in customer consumption or loyalty
 - Suggest adjustments on the pricing and variety of goods
- Ex. 4. Purchase recommendation and cross-reference of items

Data Mining for Telecomm. Industry (1)

- A rapidly expanding and highly competitive industry and a great demand for data mining
 - Understand the business involved
 - Identify telecommunication patterns
 - Catch fraudulent activities
 - Make better use of resources
 - Improve the quality of service
- Multidimensional analysis of telecommunication data
 - Intrinsically multidimensional: calling-time, duration, location of caller, location of callee, type of call, etc.

Data Mining for Telecomm. Industry (2)

- Fraudulent pattern analysis and the identification of unusual patterns
 - Identify potentially fraudulent users and their atypical usage patterns
 - Detect attempts to gain fraudulent entry to customer accounts
 - Discover unusual patterns which may need special attention
- Multidimensional association and sequential pattern analysis
 - Find usage patterns for a set of communication services by customer group, by month, etc.
 - Promote the sales of specific services
 - Improve the availability of particular services in a region
- Use of visualization tools in telecommunication data analysis

Biomedical Data Analysis

- DNA sequences: 4 basic building blocks (nucleotides): adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G), and thymine (T).
- Gene: a sequence of hundreds of individual nucleotides arranged in a particular order
- Humans have around 30,000 genes
- Tremendous number of ways that the nucleotides can be ordered and sequenced to form distinct genes
- Semantic integration of heterogeneous, distributed genome databases
 - Current: highly distributed, uncontrolled generation and use of a wide variety of DNA data
 - Data cleaning and data integration methods developed in data mining will help

DNA Analysis: Examples

- Similarity search and comparison among DNA sequences
 - Compare the frequently occurring patterns of each class (e.g., diseased and healthy)
 - Identify gene sequence patterns that play roles in various diseases
- Association analysis: identification of co-occurring gene sequences
 - Most diseases are not triggered by a single gene but by a combination of genes acting together
 - Association analysis may help determine the kinds of genes that are likely to co-occur together in target samples
- Path analysis: linking genes to different disease development stages
 - Different genes may become active at different stages of the disease
 - Develop pharmaceutical interventions that target the different stages separately
- Visualization tools and genetic data analysis

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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)

- Mirosoft SQLServer 2005
 - Integrate DB and OLAP with mining
 - Support OLEDB for DM standard
- SAS Enterprise Miner
 - A variety of statistical analysis tools
 - Data warehouse tools and multiple data mining algorithms
- 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

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

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Visual Data Mining

- Visualization: use of computer graphics to create visual images which aid in the understanding of complex, often massive representations of data
- Visual Data Mining: the process of discovering implicit but useful knowledge from large data sets using visualization techniques

Computer Graphics

Multimedia Systems Human Computer Interfaces

High Performance Computing

Pattern Recognition

Visualization

- Purpose of Visualization
 - Gain insight into an information space by mapping data onto graphical primitives
 - Provide qualitative overview of large data sets
 - Search for patterns, trends, structure, irregularities, relationships among data.
 - Help find interesting regions and suitable parameters for further quantitative analysis.
 - Provide a visual proof of computer representations derived

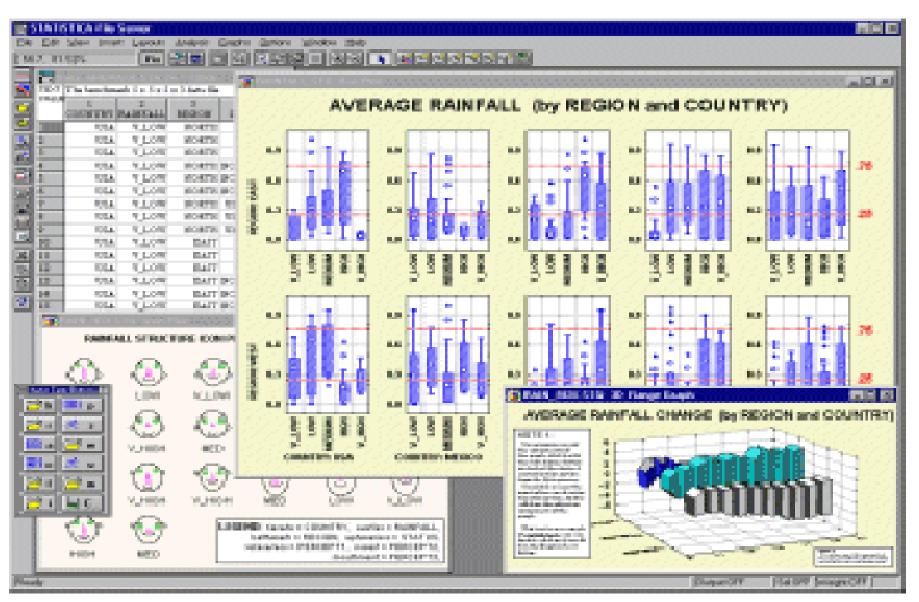
Visual Data Mining & Data Visualization

- Integration of visualization and data mining
 - data visualization
 - data mining result visualization
 - data mining process visualization
 - interactive visual data mining
- Data visualization
 - Data in a database or data warehouse can be viewed
 - at different levels of abstraction
 - as different combinations of attributes or dimensions
 - Data can be presented in various visual forms

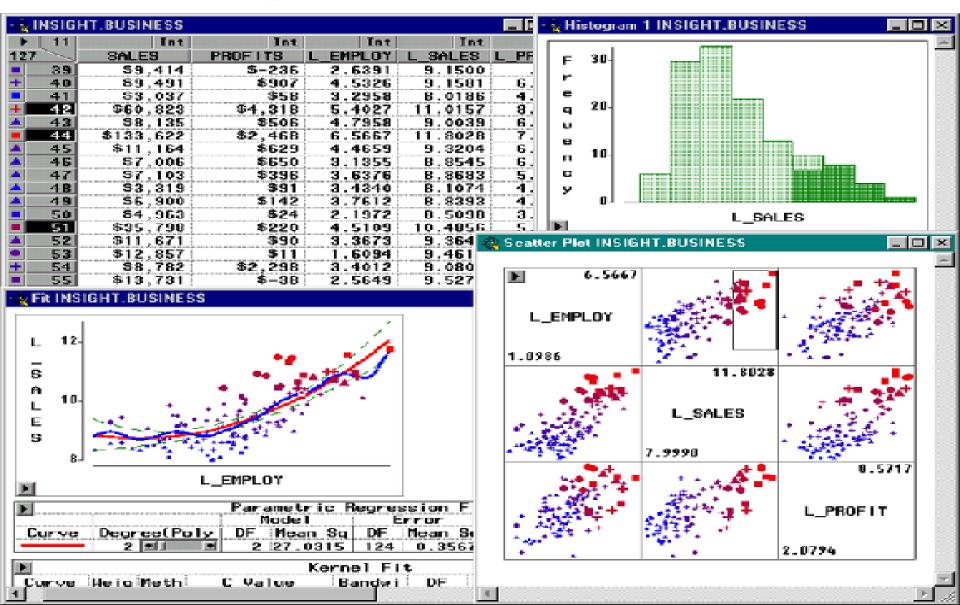
Data Mining Result Visualization

- Presentation of the results or knowledge obtained from data mining in visual forms
- Examples
 - Scatter plots and boxplots (obtained from descriptive data mining)
 - Decision trees
 - Association rules
 - Clusters
 - Outliers
 - Generalized rules

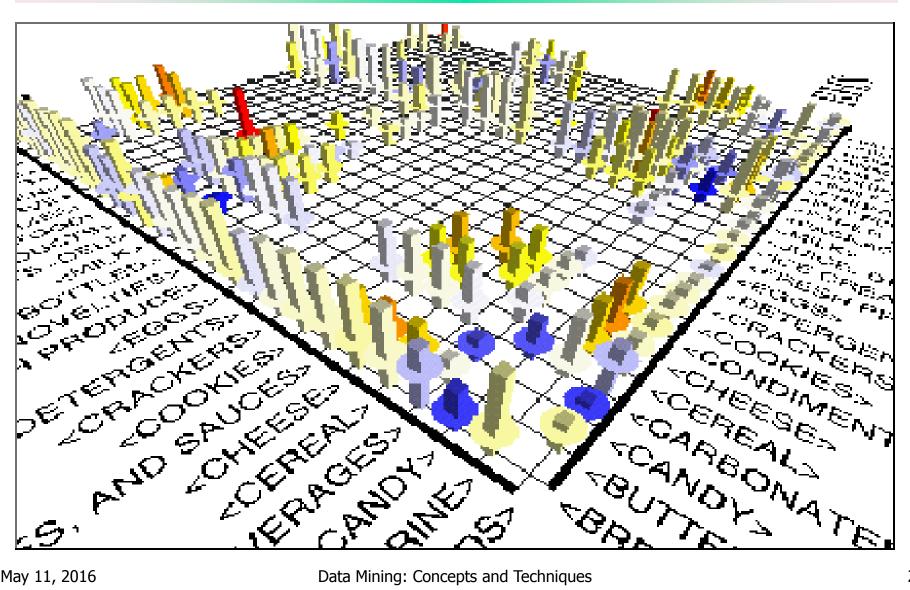
Boxplots from Statsoft: Multiple Variable Combinations



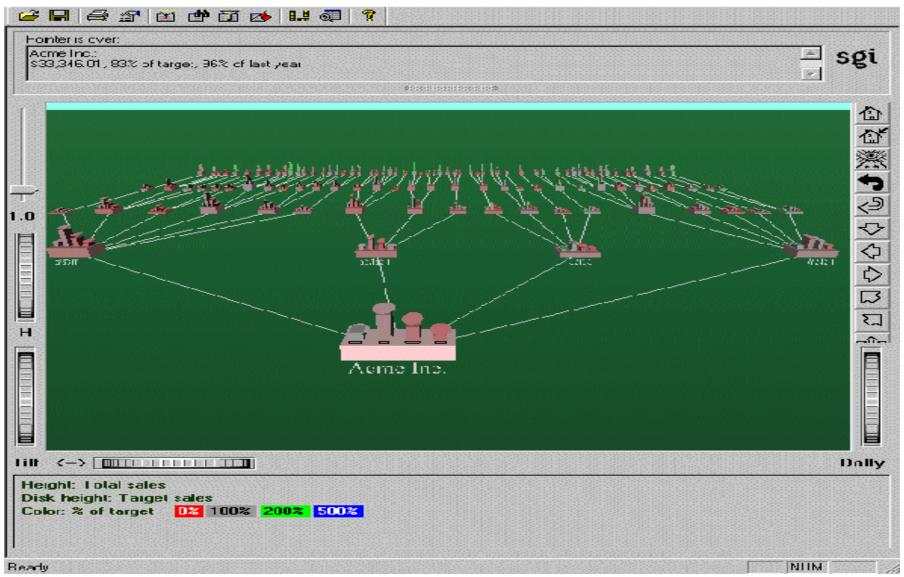
Visualization of Data Mining Results in SAS Enterprise Miner: Scatter Plots



Visualization of Association Rules in SGI/MineSet 3.0



Visualization of a Decision Tree in SGI/MineSet 3.0



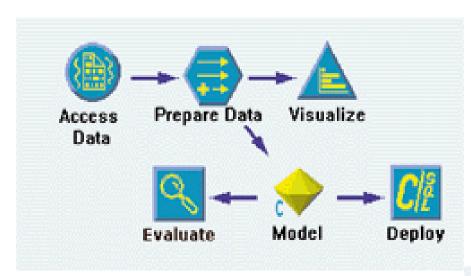
Visualization of Cluster Grouping in IBM Intelligent Miner



Data Mining Process Visualization

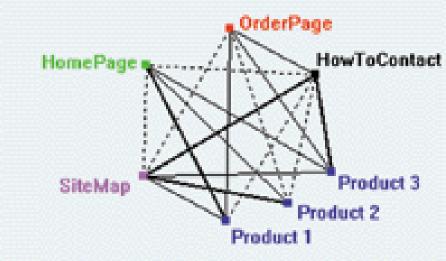
- Presentation of the various processes of data mining in visual forms so that users can see
 - Data extraction process
 - Where the data is extracted
 - How the data is cleaned, integrated, preprocessed, and mined
 - Method selected for data mining
 - Where the results are stored
 - How they may be viewed

Visualization of Data Mining Processes by Clementine



See your solution discovery process clearly

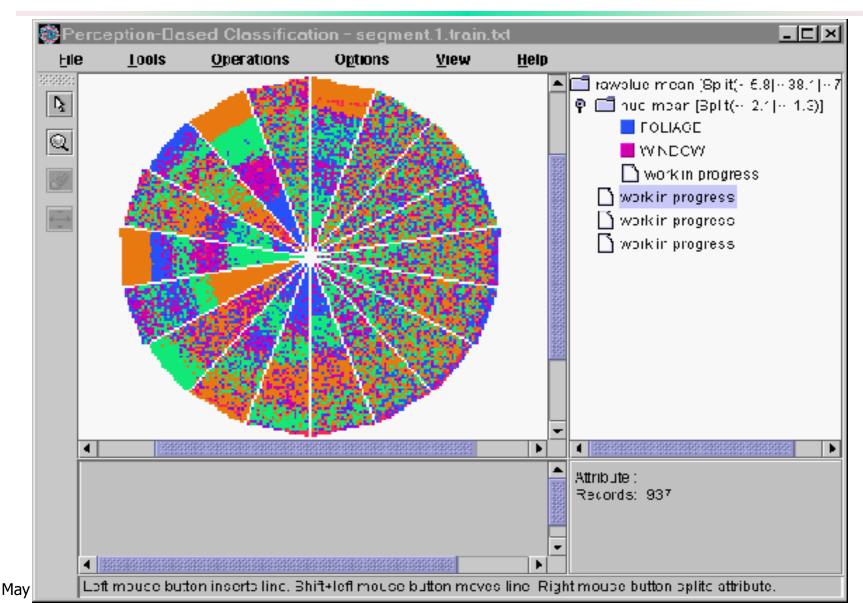
Understand variations with visualized data



Interactive Visual Data Mining

- Using visualization tools in the data mining process to help users make smart data mining decisions
- Example
 - Display the data distribution in a set of attributes using colored sectors or columns (depending on whether the whole space is represented by either a circle or a set of columns)
 - Use the display to which sector should first be selected for classification and where a good split point for this sector may be

Interactive Visual Mining by Perception-Based Classification (PBC)



Audio Data Mining

- Uses audio signals to indicate the patterns of data or the features of data mining results
- An interesting alternative to visual mining
- An inverse task of mining audio (such as music)
 databases which is to find patterns from audio data
- Visual data mining may disclose interesting patterns using graphical displays, but requires users to concentrate on watching patterns
- Instead, transform patterns into sound and music and listen to pitches, rhythms, tune, and melody in order to identify anything interesting or unusual

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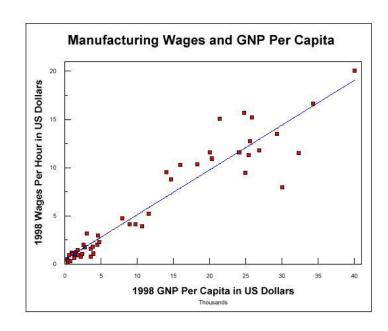
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Scientific and Statistical Data Mining (1)

- There are many well-established statistical techniques for data analysis, particularly for numeric data
 - applied extensively to data from scientific experiments and data from economics and the social sciences

Regression

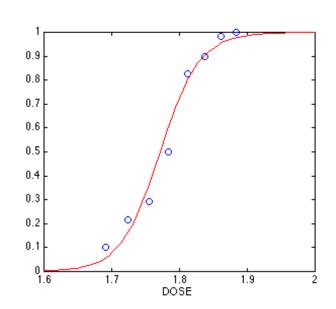
- predict the value of a response (dependent) variable from one or more predictor (independent) variables where the variables are numeric
- forms of regression: linear, multiple, weighted, polynomial, nonparametric, and robust



Scientific and Statistical Data Mining (2)

Generalized linear models

- allow a categorical response variable (or some transformation of it) to be related to a set of predictor variables
- similar to the modeling of a numeric response variable using linear regression
- include logistic regression and Poisson regression



Mixed-effect models

- For analyzing grouped data, i.e. data that can be classified according to one or more grouping variables
- Typically describe relationships between a response variable and some covariates in data grouped according to one or more factors

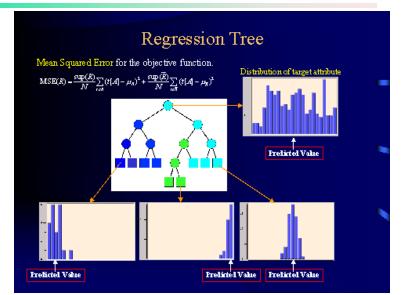
Scientific and Statistical Data Mining (3)

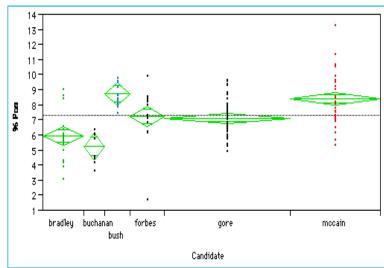
Regression trees

- Binary trees used for classification and prediction
- Similar to decision trees: Tests are performed at the internal nodes
- In a regression tree the mean of the objective attribute is computed and used as the predicted value

Analysis of variance

 Analyze experimental data for two or more populations described by a numeric response variable and one or more categorical variables (factors)





Scientific and Statistical Data Mining (4)

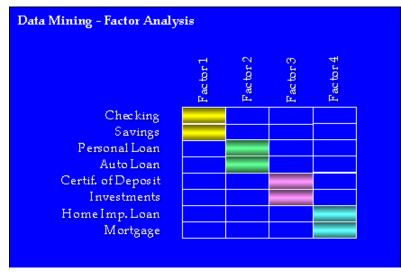
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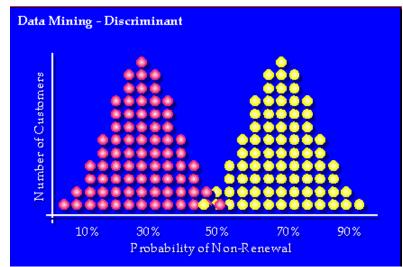
Factor analysis

- determine which variables are combined to generate a given factor
- e.g., for many psychiatric data, one can indirectly measure other quantities (such as test scores) that reflect the factor of interest

Discriminant analysis

- predict a categorical response variable, commonly used in social science
- Attempts to determine several discriminant functions (linear combinations of the independent variables) that discriminate among the groups defined by the response variable





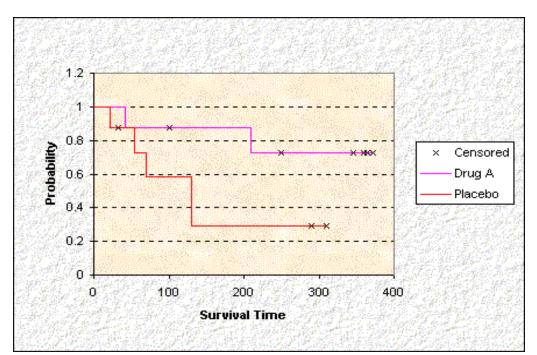
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Scientific and Statistical Data Mining (5)

- Time series: many methods such as autoregression,
 ARIMA (Autoregressive integrated moving-average modeling), long memory time-series modeling
- Quality control: displays group summary charts

Survival analysis

 predicts the probability that a patient undergoing a medical treatment would survive at least to time t (life span prediction)



Theoretical Foundations of Data Mining (1)

Data reduction

- The basis of data mining is to reduce the data representation
- Trades accuracy for speed in response

Data compression

 The basis of data mining is to compress the given data by encoding in terms of bits, association rules, decision trees, clusters, etc.

Pattern discovery

 The basis of data mining is to discover patterns occurring in the database, such as associations, classification models, sequential patterns, etc.

Theoretical Foundations of Data Mining (2)

Probability theory

 The basis of data mining is to discover joint probability distributions of random variables

Microeconomic view

 A view of utility: the task of data mining is finding patterns that are interesting only to the extent in that they can be used in the decision-making process of some enterprise

Inductive databases

- Data mining is the problem of performing inductive logic on databases,
- The task is to query the data and the theory (i.e., patterns) of the database
- Popular among many researchers in database systems

Data Mining and Intelligent Query Answering

- A general framework for the integration of data mining and intelligent query answering
 - Data query: finds concrete data stored in a database;
 returns exactly what is being asked
 - Knowledge query: finds rules, patterns, and other kinds of knowledge in a database
 - Intelligent (or cooperative) query answering: analyzes the intent of the query and provides generalized, neighborhood or associated information relevant to the query

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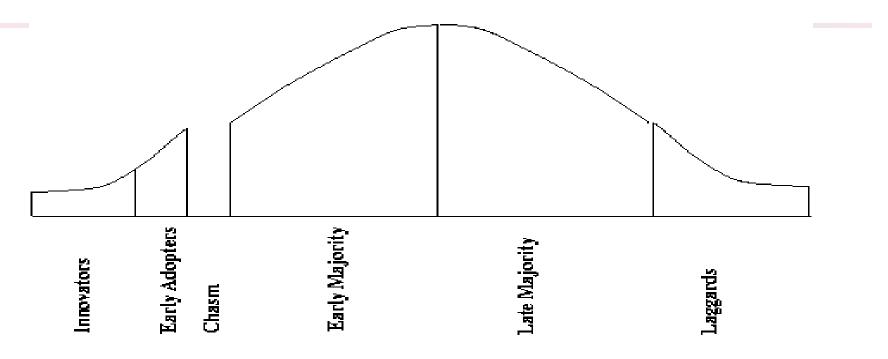


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Is Data Mining a Hype or Will It Be Persistent?

- Data mining is a technology
- Technological life cycle
 - Innovators
 - Early adopters
 - Chasm
 - Early majority
 - Late majority
 - Laggards

Life Cycle of Technology Adoption



- Data mining is at Chasm!?
 - Existing data mining systems are too generic
 - Need business-specific data mining solutions and smooth integration of business logic with data mining functions

Data Mining: Managers' Business or Everyone's?

- Data mining will surely be an important tool for managers' decision making
 - Bill Gates: "Business @ the speed of thought"
- The amount of the available data is increasing, and data mining systems will be more affordable
- Multiple personal uses
 - Mine your family's medical history to identify genetically-related medical conditions
 - Mine the records of the companies you deal with
 - Mine data on stocks and company performance, etc.
- Invisible data mining
 - Build data mining functions into many intelligent tools

Social Impacts: Threat to Privacy and Data Security?

- Is data mining a threat to privacy and data security?
 - "Big Brother", "Big Banker", and "Big Business" are carefully watching you
 - Profiling information is collected every time
 - credit card, debit card, supermarket loyalty card, or frequent flyer card, or apply for any of the above
 - You surf the Web, rent a video, fill out a contest entry form,
 - You pay for prescription drugs, or present you medical care number when visiting the doctor
 - Collection of personal data may be beneficial for companies and consumers, there is also potential for misuse
 - Medical Records, Employee Evaluations, etc.

Protect Privacy and Data Security

- Fair information practices
 - International guidelines for data privacy protection
 - Cover aspects relating to data collection, purpose, use, quality, openness, individual participation, and accountability
 - Purpose specification and use limitation
 - Openness: Individuals have the right to know what information is collected about them, who has access to the data, and how the data are being used
- Develop and use data security-enhancing techniques
 - Blind signatures
 - Biometric encryption
 - Anonymous databases

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Trends in Data Mining (1)

- Application exploration
 - development of application-specific data mining system
 - Invisible data mining (mining as built-in function)
- Scalable data mining methods
 - Constraint-based mining: use of constraints to guide data mining systems in their search for interesting patterns
- Integration of data mining with database systems, data warehouse systems, and Web database systems
- Invisible data mining

Trends in Data Mining (2)

- Standardization of data mining language
 - A standard will facilitate systematic development, improve interoperability, and promote the education and use of data mining systems in industry and society
- Visual data mining
- New methods for mining complex types of data
 - More research is required towards the integration of data mining methods with existing data analysis techniques for the complex types of data
- Web mining
- Privacy protection and information security in data mining

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- Domain-specific applications include biomedicine (DNA), finance, retail
 and telecommunication data mining
- There exist some data mining systems and it is important to know their power and limitations
- Visual data mining include data visualization, mining result
 visualization, mining process visualization and interactive visual mining
- There are many other scientific and statistical data mining methods developed but not covered in this book
- Also, it is important to study theoretical foundations of data mining
- Intelligent query answering can be integrated with mining
- It is important to watch privacy and security issues in data mining