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A REVIEW ON GROUP-BASED CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM

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Abstract. In this chapter we review a relatively new classification approach, namely group-based classification (GBC). The GBC approach is about labeling data of multiple instances as a group. In this way GBC can take advantage of a given prior knowledge that all of the instances belong to a same unknown class. The objective of this chapter is to present the motivation of the GBC approach, distinguish GBC from other existing classification approaches, briefly describe existing GBC algorithms, and finally identify research topics which are at the forefront of this exciting and challenging approach.

Keywords: group-based classification, Bayes, nearest neighbour, F-test.

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Among the various frameworks in which classification problem has been formulated, the labelling of single instance has been most

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HIERARCHICAL MULTI- OBJECTIVE EVALUATION TO IMPROVE FUZZY MULTI- LEVEL DECISION MAKING

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Abstract. In organizational decision-making situations, a multi-level decision-problem confronts several crucial managerial issues, such as coordinating decisions in multi-level processes and in compromising conflicting objectives for each decision unit level. Consequently, it is essential work to figure out the real situation by mathematical programs. In this chapter, an additive model of Fuzzy Goal Programming (FGP) is utilized to solve multi-level multi-objective problem while the objective functions of the model are developed by Fuzzy Random Regression Model (FRRM). The algorithm uses the concepts of satisfaction in multi-objective optimization at every level until a preferred solution is achieved. Although the algorithm is in an iterative process, it can be executed along with times. The decision-maker can re-examine the problem to achieve the satisfactory result of the overall system target.

Keywords: multi-level problem; multi-objective problem; additive fuzzy goal programming; objective functions, fuzzy random regression model.

decision process by introducing the relative importance evaluation in the additive-FGP model. This is an important criterion because the solution of multiple objective optimization problems is dependent upon the decision maker's preferences.

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ENHANCED AUDIO FEATURE EXTRACTION TECHNIQUES FOR PRECISE CLASSIFICATION DECISION

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Abstract. One of the issues in audio feature extraction problem is to deal with noisy audio signal. Audio features which have been extracted from the noisy signal will contribute to less quality features as well as reducing the performance of the audio classification. Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficient (MFCC), Linear Predictive Coding (LPC) and Zero-Crossing Rate (ZCR) are traditional methods which have been widely used in audio extraction. Nevertheless, these techniques have shown some shortcomings by amplifying the noise in the audio signal. Thus, Zero Forcing Equalizer (ZFE) is proposed to be integrated with MFCC, LPC and ZCR in order to equalize the noise in the higher amplitude of the audio signal obtained from the string instrument of traditional Indian musical instrument. The performance of the proposed techniques which based on classification accuracy is compared with the traditional technique by using three existing state-of-art classifiers, namely k-Nearest Neighbor (kNN), Bayesian Network (BNs) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) for an audio dataset being classified into five classes of traditional Indian musical instruments. The experimental results show that the proposed

deciding the audio data classes in most of the cases. The combination of audio features has shown a good classification performance. By using kNN classifier, the combination of improved audio features can archived 98.3% of audio classification accuracy. In summary, the combination of LPC-ZFE and ZCR-ZFE with MFCC-ZFE could improve by more than 80% of classification accuracy for three classifiers. Overall, the three classifiers have shown better decision making in determining the audio data classes by using more quality audio features extracted from the improved techniques. In future, the work will emphasize more on the audio classification by using Swarm Intelligence classifier such as Simplified Swarm Optimization (SSO) and Artificial Bee Colony (ABC).

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AN ACCELERATED PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZATION BACK PROPAGATION NEURAL NETWORK ALGORITHM

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Abstract. Back propagation (BP) is one of the most popular algorithms and widely used in neural network. However, BP algorithm tends to have slow convergence rate and local minima problem in gradient descent which affects the result from achieving global minima. Recently accelerated particle swarm optimization (APSO) derived from particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm's principle becomes a very popular method in solving many hard optimization problems particularly the weight in BP. Therefore, this chapter proposed an accelerated particle swarm optimization back propagation neural network (APSO-BP) algorithm in order to overcome the problem faced in BP algorithm. By using APSO to optimize the weights at each iteration of BP algorithm, the proposed APSO-BP is able to increase the convergence speed and avoid local minima. The simulation

4.5 CONCLUSIONS

BPNN algorithm is one of the most widely used and a popular procedure to optimize the feed forward neural network training. Conventional BPNN algorithm has some drawbacks, such as getting stuck in local minima and slow speed of convergence. Meta-heuristic algorithms provide derivative-free solution to optimize complex problems. A new meta-heuristic search algorithm, called accelerated particle swarm optimization (APSO) is proposed to train BPNN to achieve fast convergence rate and to minimize the training error as well as avoid local minima. The performance of the proposed APSO-BP algorithm are compared with BPNN, ABCNN, ABC-BP and ABC-LM by means of simulation on four datasets such as breast cancer, card, diabetes and iris datasets. The simulation results show that the proposed APSO-BP is far better than the previous methods in terms of simplicity, MSE and accuracy.

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STUDYING THE EFFECT OF BACK PROPAGATION BASED CUCKOO SEARCH ON DATA CLASSIFICATION

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Abstract. Meta-heuristic Cuckoo Search (CS) Optimized technique provides derivative-free solution to optimize complex problems. The conventional Back-propagation Neural Network (BPNN) algorithm is one of the most widely used and a popular technique to train the feed forward neural network training. But BPNN algorithm has some drawbacks, such as getting stuck easily in local minima and slow speed of convergence. This chapter proposed a new meta-heuristic Cuckoo Search based Back-Propagation (CSBP) algorithm in-order to achieve fast convergence rate and to avoid local minima problem. The performance of the proposed CSBP is compared with Artificial Bee Colony using BPNN algorithm, and other hybrid variants. Specifically, 7-Bit Parity, OR, XOR and selected benchmark classification datasets are used for training and testing the network. The simulation results show that the computational efficiency of BP training process is highly enhanced when coupled with the nature inspired Cuckoo Search (CS) algorithm.

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