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1 import java.util.Vector;
2 import java.util.HashSet;
3 import java.util.Collections;
4 import java.util.Comparator;
5 import java.util.StringTokenizer;
6
7 /**
8 * Reference implementation of Rough Sets rule generation using boolean condition
9 * and decision attributes.
10 */
11 public class RoughtSets {
12     public static int DECISION_ATTRIBUTE_IDX=8;
13     public static int LAST_CONDITION_ATTRIBUTE_IDX=DECISION_ATTRIBUTE_IDX-1;
14
15     /**
16      * Computes all equivalence classes. The result is a vector of patterns instead
17      * of a vector of sets. A pattern is represented by the vector of values for the
18      * different attributes considered for computing the equivalence classes (a subset of
19      * a).
20      * @param data The data array containing condition and decision attribute values
21      *             for the e-mails.
22      * @param attributes Array containing the indices of attributes considered for
23      *                   computing
24      *                   classes
25      * @return A vector with the patterns (values for all condition attributes considered)
26      *         of the equivalence classes.
27     */
28     public static Vector<Vector<Boolean>> computeclasses(Boolean data[][], int
29     attributes[]){
30         Vector<Vector<Boolean>> result=new Vector<Vector<Boolean>>();
31
32         //For each data row
33         for (int i=0;i<data.length;i++){
34             //Compute a combination of attributes
35             Vector<Boolean> v=new Vector<Boolean>();
36             for (int j=0;j<attributes.length;j++)
37                 v.add(data[i][attributes[j]]);
38
39             //See if the combination has been computed and included before
40             boolean included=false;
41             for (int j=0;j<result.size() && !included;j++){
42                 Vector<Boolean> v2=result.get(j);
43                 boolean elEqual=true;
44                 for (int k=0;k<v.size() && elEqual;k++){
45                     elEqual=v.get(k).equals(v2.get(k)); //Lo normal
46                 }
47                 if (elEqual) included = true;
48             }
49
50             //If the combination was not found before, include it now.
51             if (!included){
52                 result.add(v);
53             }
54         }
55
56         return result;
57     }
58
59     /**
60      * Show an equivalence Class set using stdout
61      * @param classes Equivalence classes patterns computed
62      * @param attributes Attributes considered for computing the equivalence classes
63     */
64     public static void printEqClassSet(Vector<Vector<Boolean>> classes, int attributes[]){
65         int j=0;
66         for (Vector<Boolean> current:classes){
67             System.out.println("Class: "+(j++));
68             for (int i = 0 ; i<attributes.length; i++){
69                 System.out.print("a"+(i+1)+"="+current.get(i)? "true, ":"false, ");
70             }
71             System.out.println();
72         }
73
74     /**
75      * Compute the lower approximation for a concept. The concept should be included in the
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75     * data matrix. The lower approximation is computed as a vector of equivalence class
76     * patterns
77     * instead of a set of objects (e-mails).
78     * @param data Data matrix containing all attributes considered and also the concept
79     * @param attributes Attributes (column indices) considered to compute the lower
80     * approximation
81     * @param concept Concept column index to compute the lower approximation
82     * @return set of equivalence classes patterns that conforms the lower approximation
83     */
84     public static Vector<Vector<Boolean>> lowerAprox(Boolean data[][], int attributes[],
85     int concept){
86         Vector<Vector<Boolean>> eqClasses=computeclasses(data, attributes);
87         Vector<Vector<Boolean>> result=new Vector<Vector<Boolean>>();
88
89         //printEqClassSet(eqClasses,attributes);
90
91         //For each equivalence class
92         for (int i=0;i<eqClasses.size();i++){
93             Vector<Boolean> currentclass=eqClasses.get(i);
94             //Check if all instances included in the equivalence class are positive
95
96             boolean shouldBeIncluded=true;
97             boolean onePositive=false;
98             //for each instance see if it belongs to the class. If yes check if
99             //the class can be included in the lowerApprox
100            for (int j=0;j<data.length && shouldBeIncluded;j++){
101                boolean belongs=true;
102                for (int k=0;k<attributes.length && belongs;k++){
103                    belongs=(currentclass.get(k)==data[j][attributes[k]]);
104                }
105
106                //If current instance belongs current class, then, the current class
107                //can be included into lowerApprox if its decision attribute is positive
108                if (belongs){
109                    shouldBeIncluded=
110                        data[j][concept]==null || data[j][concept]
111                    );
112                    onePositive=onePositive || data[j][concept]!=null && data[j][concept];
113                }
114
115            if (shouldBeIncluded && onePositive) result.add(currentclass);
116        }
117
118        return result;
119    }
120
121 /**
122  * Compare two lower approximations to test if they are equivalent. This function is
123  * used to compute reducts.
124  * @param data Data considered for computing the lower approximations. The data
125  *             is unique for both lower approximations but the attribute list may
126  *             differ.
127  * @param la1 First lower approximation to compare given in the form of set of
128  *             equivalence classes patterns
129  * @param at1 List of attribute indices considered for computing the first
130  * approximation
131  * @param la2 Second lower approximation to compare given in the form of set of
132  *             equivalence classes patterns
133  * @param at2 List of attribute indices considered for computing the second
134  * approximation
135  * @param concept Attribute (column) index considered as decision attribute (concept)
136  * @return A value indicating if the lower approximations are equal
137 */
138     public static boolean equalLowerAprox(Boolean data[][], Vector<Vector<Boolean>> la1,
139     int at1[], Vector<Vector<Boolean>> la2, int at2[], int concept){
140         boolean equal=true;
141
142         HashSet<Integer> dataRows1=new HashSet<Integer>();
143         HashSet<Integer> dataRows2=new HashSet<Integer>();
144         HashSet<Integer> allRows=new HashSet<Integer>();
145
146         //For each instance in the first lower approximation
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145     for (int i=0;i<lal.size();i++){
146         Vector<Boolean> lalcurrent=lal.get(i);
147
148         //For each instance j, see if it fits with i class pattern to build a vector
149         //of
150         //instances that fits with i pattern
151         for (int j=0;j<data.length;j++){
152             boolean instanceFits=true;
153             for (int k=0; k<at1.length && instanceFits;k++){
154                 instanceFits=(data[j][at1[k]]==lalcurrent.get(k));
155             }
156             //If instance fits, it is included into the vector of instances that
157             //matches lal
158             if (instanceFits){
159                 dataRows1.add(j);
160                 allRows.add(j);
161             }
162         }
163
164         //For each instance in the first lower approximation
165         for (int i=0;i<la2.size();i++){
166
167             Vector<Boolean> la2current=la2.get(i);
168
169             //For each instance j, see if it fits with i class pattern to build a vector of
170             //instances that fits with i pattern
171             for (int j=0;j<data.length;j++){
172                 boolean instanceFits=true;
173                 for (int k=0; k<at2.length && instanceFits;k++){
174                     instanceFits=(data[j][at2[k]]==la2current.get(k));
175                 }
176                 //If instance fits, it is included into the vector of instances that matches
177                 //la2
178                 if (instanceFits){
179                     dataRows2.add(j);
180                     allRows.add(j);
181                 }
182             }
183
184             equal=dataRows1.equals(dataRows2);
185
186             //Check equivalence for concepts that handle null values
187             if (!equal){
188                 equal=true;
189                 /*Compute those ones that does not fit and see if they have null for the
190                  concept/decision attribute */
191                 for (Integer j:allRows){
192                     if (!dataRows1.contains(j) || !dataRows2.contains(j))
193                         equal=(data[j][concept]==null);
194                 }
195
196             return equal;
197         }
198
199 /**
200 * Used internally to store reducts into a variable avoiding repeating them
201 * @param reduct Set of attribute (column) indices composing the reduct
202 * @param reducts Vector to store the reducts. This is a Input/Output parameter
203 */
204 private static void addReduct(int reduct[], Vector<String> reducts){
205     String currentReduct=new String();
206
207     for (int k=0;k<reduct.length;k++){
208         currentReduct+=( "a"+(reduct[k]+1)+(k==reduct.length-1?" ":" "));
209     }
210
211     boolean found=false;
212     for (int i=0;i<reducts.size() && !found;i++){
213         found=reducts.get(i).equals(currentReduct);
214     }
215     if (!found)
216         reducts.add(currentReduct);
217 }
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219 /**
220 * Print a list of reducts using stdout
221 * @param reducts List of reducts to print
222 */
223 public static void printReducts(Vector<String> reducts){
224     for (int i=0;i<reducts.size();i++){
225         System.out.println("Reduct: "+reducts.get(i));
226     }
227 }
228
229 /**
230 * This internal function is able to recursively find reducts for a given data and a
231 given concept.
232 * As a reducts should be minimal, when a candidate for reduct is found, we should
233 recursively
234 * test if we can found a reduct drooping some attributes from candidate. Recursion is
235 * a good choice for doing that. However, we are aware that recursion could be avoided
236 * using a Stack data structure.
237 * @param data Data considered to compute the reducts. Should contain A (condition
238 attribute matrix)
239 *           and X (decision attribute matrix).
240 * @param currentAttributes Attributes (columns) indices considered to compute the
241 reducts. Initially this should be initialized to handle all
242 *           condition attribute (A) indices.
243 * @param concept The concept (decision attribute or X) index considered to compute the
244 reducts.
245 * @param reducts Is a input/output parameter that contains the reducts found
246 recursively.
247 *           Initially, it should be contain a void vector. When the function
248 ends,
249 *           this vector will have all reducts found.
250 * @return True if a reduct is found. This is useful to take advantage of recursion to
251 *         compute reducts.
252 */
253 private static boolean _computeReducts(Boolean data[][], int currentAttributes[], int
254 concept, Vector<String> reducts){
255     Vector<Vector<Boolean>> lowerAproxCurrentAttributes=lowerAprox(data,
256     currentAttributes, concept);
257     Vector<Vector<Boolean>> lowerAproxProposal;
258     boolean foundReduct=false;
259
260     if (currentAttributes.length==0){
261         return false;
262     }else if (currentAttributes.length==1){
263         addReduct(currentAttributes,reducts);
264         return true;
265     }
266
267     //Drop one attribute and, check if there is reduct using this subset of features. If
268     //found a reduct with a subset of attributes of currentAttributes param,
269     currentAttributes
270     //is not a reduct.
271     for (int i=0;i<currentAttributes.length;i++){
272         int proposal[]={new int[currentAttributes.length-1];
273         for (int k=0;k<currentAttributes.length-1;k++){
274             if (k<i) proposal[k]=currentAttributes[k];
275             else if (k>=i) proposal[k]=currentAttributes[k+1];
276         }
277
278         lowerAproxProposal=lowerAprox(data, proposal, concept);
279
280         //proposal is a reduct candidate if the lower approximations of the concept
281         computed with proposal attributes
282         //is equivalent to the one computed by the initial attribute set.
283         if (equalLowerAprox(data, lowerAproxCurrentAttributes, currentAttributes,
284         lowerAproxProposal, proposal, concept)){
285
286             //If proposal is a reduct candidate, and we can not find reducts by dropping
287             attributes, then proposal is a reduct.
288             if (!_computeReducts(data, proposal, concept, reducts))
289                 addReduct(proposal,reducts);
290
291             //Both if proposal is finally a reduct, or if we can found a subset of
292             features included in proposal
293             //that is a reduct, we found a reduct. Therefore, the original attribute set
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280             (currentAttributes parameter)
281             //is not a reduct.
282             foundReduct=true;
283         }
284     }
285 
286     // If we were not able to found a reduct using a subset of features included in
287     // currentAttributes,
288     //then currentAttributes is a reduct.
289     if (!foundReduct){
290         addReduct(currentAttributes,reducts);
291     }
292 
293     return foundReduct;
294 }
295 
296 /**
297 * Computes the reducts for a given data (condition and decision attributes), the
298 * indices for condition attributes and the index for the decision or concept
299 * attribute.
300 * @param data Data considered to compute the reducts. Should contain A (condition
301 * attribute matrix)
302 *           and X (decission attribute matrix).
303 * @param currentAttributes Attributes (columns) indices considered to compute the
304 * reducts. Initially this should be initialized to handle all
305 * condition attribute (A) indices.
306 * @param concept The concept (decision attribute or X) index considered to compute the
307 * reducts.
308 * @return Reducts for the given data sorted by size.
309 */
310 
311 public static Vector<String> computeReducts (Boolean data[][], int currentAttributes[],
312 int concept){
313     Vector<String> reducts=new Vector<String>();
314     _computeReducts(data, currentAttributes, concept, reducts);
315 
316     Collections.sort(reducts,new Comparator<String>(){
317         public int compare(String x,String y){
318             return x.length()-y.length();
319         }
320     });
321     return reducts;
322 }
323 
324 /**
325 * Check if a data row (object) fits to an equivalence class pattern
326 * @param data Data considered to check. Should contain A (condition attribute matrix)
327 *           and can contain X (decision attribute matrix).
328 * @param objIdx Object (row) index for the object to check if it belongs to class.
329 * @param attributes Attributes considered when we computed the equivalence classes
330 * set.
331 *           The same ones should be used for comparison purposes.
332 * @param classPattern Equivalence class pattern that should be checked
333 * @return a boolean value indicating if the object belongs to class or not
334 */
335 
336 private static boolean belongsClass(Boolean data[][], int objIdx, int attributes[],
337 Vector<Boolean> classPattern){
338     boolean belongs=true;
339     for (int k=0;k<attributes.length && belongs;k++){
340         belongs=(classPattern.get(k)==data[objIdx][attributes[k]]);
341     }
342 
343     return belongs;
344 }
345 
346 /**
347 * Find a class pattern from a set of class patterns that fits with an specific object
348 * @param data Data considered to check. Should contain A (condition attribute matrix)
349 *           and can contain X (decission attribute matrix).
350 * @param objIdx Object (row) index for the target object.
351 * @param attributes Attributes considered when we computed the equivalence classes
352 * set.
353 *           The same ones should be used for comparison purposes.
354 * @param classes The Vector for patterns to select the most appropriate one
355 * @return A pattern for an equivalence class that fits current object. Null if
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348     *           we were not able to found a suitable pattern.
349     */
350     private static Vector<Boolean> findClass(Boolean data[][], int objIdx, int
351     attributes[], Vector<Vector<Boolean>> classes){
352         boolean found=false;
353         Vector<Boolean> current=null;
354
355         for (int i=0;i<classes.size() && !found ;i++){
356             current=classes.get(i);
357             found=belongsClass(data, objIdx, attributes, current);
358         }
359
360         return found?current:null;
361     }
362
363     /**
364      * Used internally to find the occurrences of a char into a string
365      * @param target the target string to count occurrences
366      * @param needle the character to check
367      * @return the number of occurrences of the char in the string
368      */
369     private static int countOccurrences(String target, char needle){
370         int count = 0;
371         for (int i=0; i < target.length(); i++)
372             if (target.charAt(i) == needle)
373                 count++;
374
375         return count;
376     }
377
378     /**
379      * Shows a matrix of data (A and X)
380      * @param mat Matrix of data to show
381      */
382     public static void showMatrix(Boolean mat[][]){
383         for (int i=0;i<mat.length;i++){
384             for (int j=0;j<mat[0].length;j++)
385                 if (j<mat[0].length-1)
386                     System.out.print(mat[i][j]+", ");
387                 else
388                     System.out.print(mat[i][j]);
389             System.out.println();
390         }
391     }
392
393     /**
394      * Generate a ruleset from the given data to guess a specific decision attribute.
395      * @param data Data considered to compute the reducts. Should contain A (condition
396      * attribute matrix)
397      *           and X (decission attribute matrix).
398      * @param attributes Attributes (columns) indices considered to compute the
399      * reducts. Initially this should be initialized to handle all
400      * condition attribute (A) indices.
401      * @param decisionAttr Decision attribute index in data to be considered in rule
402      * generation
403      * @return Array of strings where each string contains a rule.
404      */
405     public static String[] generateRules(Boolean data[][], int attributes[], int
406     decisionAttr){
407         //Attributes selected for MatX
408         int matXAttrs[] = new int [data[0].length-1];
409         for (int i=0;i<matXAttrs.length;i++) matXAttrs[i]=i;
410
411         //Attributes of Q
412         int qAttrs[] = new int[1];
413         qAttrs[0]=decisionAttr;
414
415         Vector<Vector<Boolean>> classes=computeClasses(data,qAttrs);
416         HashSet<String> rules=new HashSet<String>();
417
418         for (int i=0;i<data.length;i++){ //Para cada objeto
419             Vector<Boolean> elementClass=findClass(data, i, qAttrs, classes);
420
421             Boolean matX[][]=new Boolean[data.length][data[0].length];
422             for (int j=0;j<data.length;j++)
423                 for (int k=0;k<data[0].length;k++)
424                     if (k<data[0].length-1)
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420             matX[j][k]=data[j][k];
421         else if (j==i)
422             matX[j][k]=true;
423         else if (belongsClass(data,j,qAttrs,elementClass))
424             matX[j][k]=null;
425         else
426             matX[j][k]=false;
427
428     Vector<String> matXReducts=new Vector<String>();
429     _computeReducts(matX, matXAttrs, decisionAttr, matXReducts);
430
431     //Select the shortest reduct
432     Collections.sort(matXReducts,new Comparator<String>(){
433         public int compare(String x,String y){
434             return countOccurrences(x, ',')-countOccurrences(y, ',');
435         }
436     });
437     String shortestReduct=matXReducts.get(0);
438
439     StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer(shortestReduct, ", ", false);
440
441     String currentRule="if ";
442     while (st.hasMoreTokens()) {
443         String att=st.nextToken();
444         int attIdx=Integer.parseInt(att.substring(1))-1;
445         currentRule+=att+" = "+data[i][attIdx]+(st.hasMoreTokens()?" and ":" ");
446     }
447     currentRule+="then d1 = " + data[i][decisionAttr];
448     rules.add(currentRule);
449 }
450 String ret[]=new String[rules.size()];
451 int i=0;
452 for(String j:rules){
453     ret[i]=j;
454     i++;
455 }
456
457     return ret;
458 }
459
460 /**
461 * Launches a test of the class developed to test the data shown in the
462 * manuscript
463 * @param args Array of args received from command line (no one expected)
464 */
465
466 public static void main (String args[]){
467     /*
468     Example of data used in the paper. Columns 0-7 are the values for the
469     condition attributes while column 8 contains the decision attribute (spam).
470     Each row represents the different values for a concrete e-mail. In the paper
471     this represents A and X matrixes.
472     */
473     Boolean sampleData[][]={{{
474         false, false, false, true, true, false, true, true },
475         {false, true, true, false, false, false, false, false},
476         {true, true, true, false, false, true, false, false},
477         {false, false, false, true, false, false, true, true },
478         {false, false, false, false, false, false, true, true },
479         {true, true, false, true, false, true, false, false}}},
480     };
481
482     //Show data
483     System.out.println("Data");
484     RoughtSets.showMatrix(sampleData);
485
486     //Build the condition attribute index list
487     int currentAttributes[] = new int[LAST_CONDITION_ATTRIBUTE_IDX+1];
488     for (int i=0;i<currentAttributes.length;i++){
489         currentAttributes[i]=i;
490     }
491
492     //Compute reducts
493     Vector<String> reducts=RoughtSets.computeReducts(sampleData,
494     currentAttributes,DECISION_ATTRIBUTE_IDX);
495     //Show reducts for spam (last attribute of data)
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495     System.out.println("Reducts for x: ");
496     RoughtSets.printReducts(reducts);
497
498     //Compute rules
499     String rules[] = RoughtSets.generateRules(sampleData, currentAttributes,
500         DECISION_ATTRIBUTE_IDX);
500
501     //Show rules
501     System.out.println("Rules: ");
502     for (String current:rules) System.out.println(current);
503 }
504 }
505 }
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