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Offre de stage

Sujet : Definition of conditional quantiles based on data depth

Possibility to continue as a PhD candidate YES

La Chaire Data Science and Artificial Intelligence for Digitized Industry and Services

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3. Apprentissage pour une prise de décision robuste et fiable (Learning for Trusted and Robust Decision) ;
4. Apprentissage dans un environnement dynamique (Learning through Interactions with a Changing Environment).

Description du stage

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Lieu et dates du stage

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Department IDS; Team Signal, Statistique et Apprentissage (S2A)

Mots clés

Machine learning, data depth, quantiles, local estimators, non-parametric statistics, robustness.

Sujet détaillé

Providing meaningful orderings of data is an important task in many scientific domains, which is reflected in prevailing techniques of statistics and machine learning. Being independent from assumptions on the data generating process and interpretable by its statistical nature, the concept of data depth [1] comes across as a versatile tool for the analysis of current large-scale data applications (*e.g.*, [2,3]). As different notions of data depth exist [4], varying in their statistical [5] and computational [6] properties as well as in their suitability for different applications, they constitute a comprehensive methodology capable to process data of different types from various sources. While data depth has already undergone theoretical and computational developments, most of the proposed depth notions treat the generality of the data (distribution) in a descriptive, unsupervised manner, which makes its direct application in regression problems rather complicated, with supervised classification [7] being among very few examples.

To overcome this limitation, a conditional version of data depth shall be developed. The goal of the current internship is to investigate further in this direction. As the first and very important aim, an overview of the literature is expected at the beginning, starting with such sources as, *e.g.*, [8,9]. This shall allow for a proposal of a localization-based methodology for defining the conditional depth. Further, based on these ideas – for well-manageable distributional assumptions (these can include, *e.g.*, restriction on the probability density shape or even limiting to a specific parametric family) – possible properties of the novel notion of data depth shall be formulated and studied. Existing in the literature freely-accessible data sets shall be used for construction of simple illustrative examples.

Profil du candidat

Student having master 2 research

- Statistical learning, bases of probability
- Knowing of a data-science language (Python)
- Good command of English

Candidatures

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- Curriculum Vitae

- Personalized motivation letter that explains interest of the candidate in the subject (can be directly in the body of the email)
- Grade reports for recent years
- Contact of a person willing to give recommendation

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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