

Explaining Classifiers in Ontology-Based Data Access

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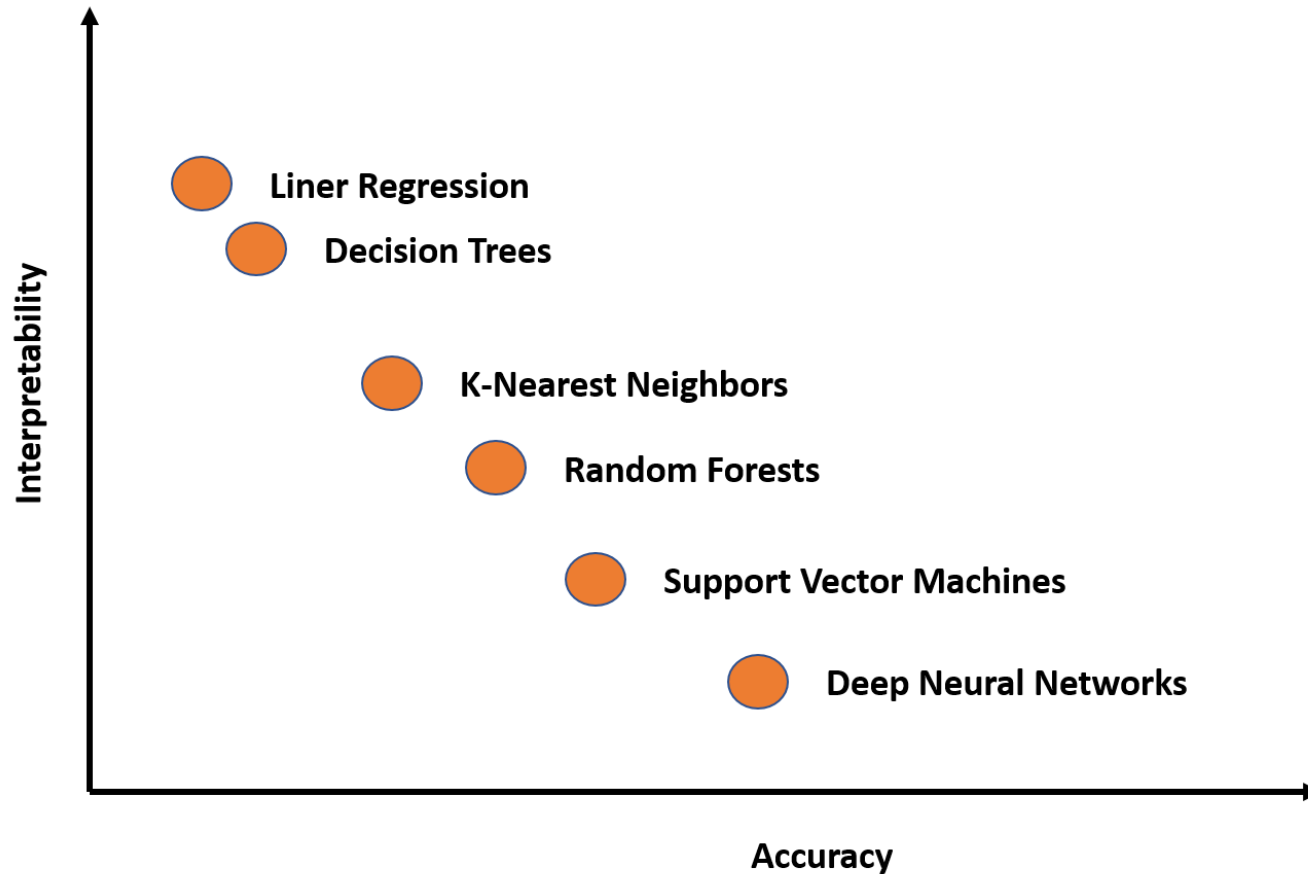
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Introduction

Problem statement

- Machine Learning (ML) has many elegant and efficient solutions to very difficult problems: Machine Translation, Vision, Autonomous Driving, and more
- An empiric rule shows that the more a ML algorithm is accurate, the less we understand its “magic”
- Deep learning is an extreme example of a high accuracy, black-box model

ML interpretability (empiric)



Why should we care?

- Caring only about performances is not the right choice in many fields: finance, justice, healthcare, privacy
- One famous example is COMPAS algorithm [1], used across the US to predict future criminals, and proved to be biased against black people

[1] <https://www.propublica.org/article/machine-bias-risk-assessments-in-criminal-sentencing>

Why should we care? (cont.)

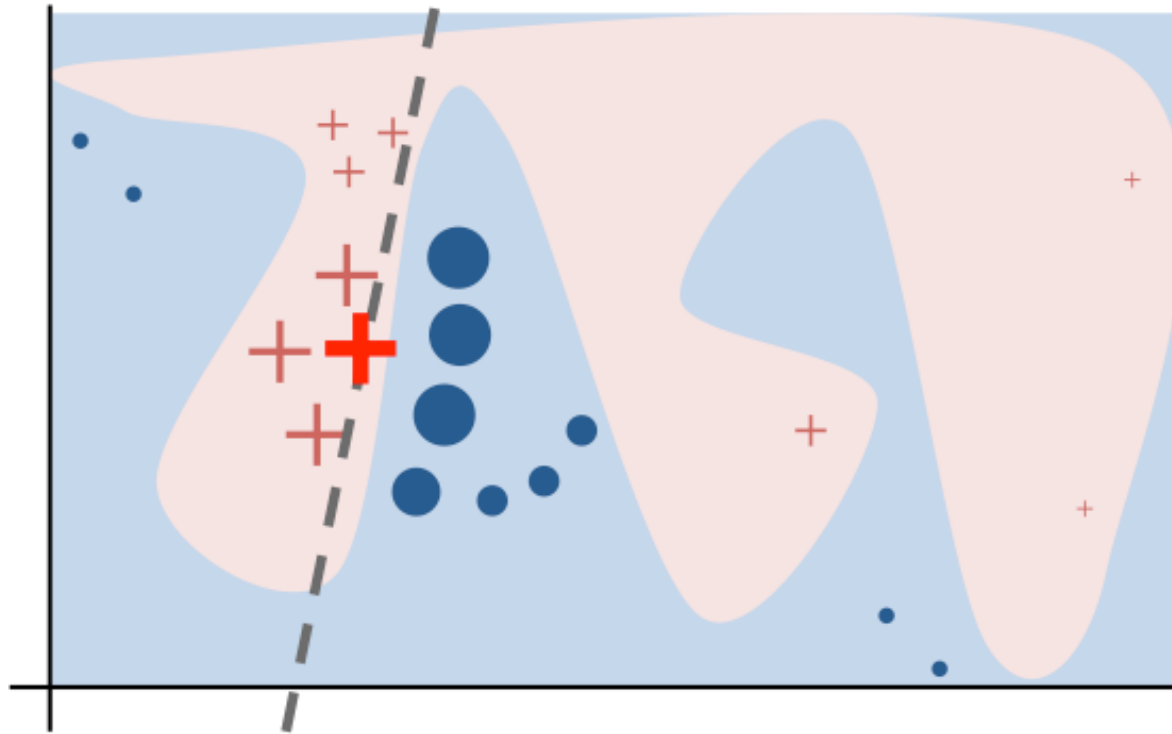
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- A sheriff launched an algorithm to predict who might commit a crime. Dozens of people said they were harassed by deputies for no reason [2].
- But according to a six-month investigation published this week by the Tampa Bay Times, the high-tech tool deployed by the Pasco Sheriff's Office didn't lead to a reduction in violent crimes. Instead, 21 families singled out by the algorithm said they were routinely harassed by deputies, even when there was no evidence of a specific crime.

[2] <https://www.businessinsider.com/predictive-policing-algorithm-monitors-harasses-families-report-2020-9>

Possible Solutions

State-of-the-art: LIME, SHAP, Scoped Rules, Counterfactual and Adversarial Examples, Feature Visualization



Tulio Ribeiro, M., Singh, S., & Guestrin, C. (2016). "Why Should I Trust You?": Explaining the Predictions of Any Classifier. arXiv, arXiv-1602.

Possible Solutions (cont.)

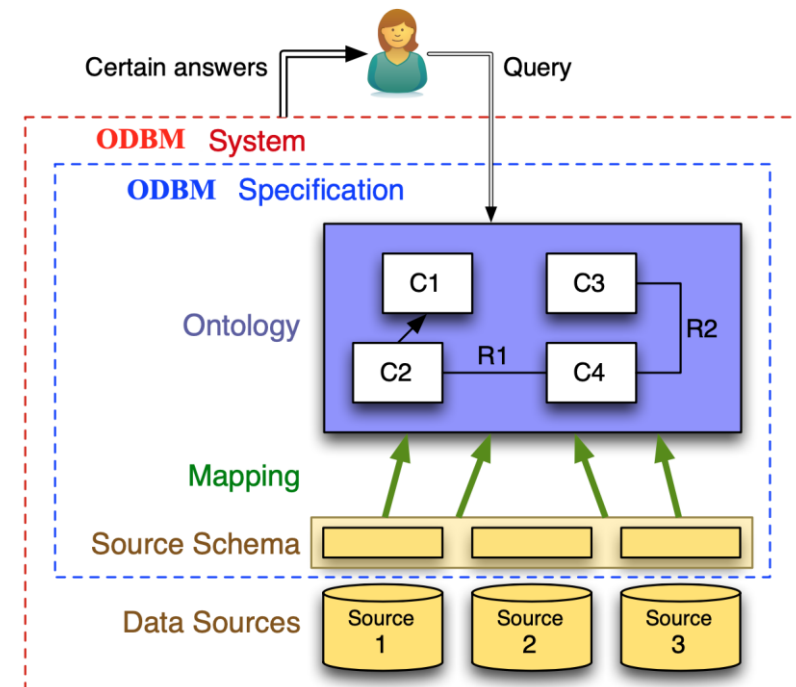
- **Our solution** is a form of *reverse engineering* of an Ontology-Based Data Management (OBDM) system: finding a query over the ontology that semantically describes the tagged individuals in the dataset

Preliminaries

Ontology-Based Data Management

It is a **three-layered architecture**:

- The **ontology** is a declarative and explicit representation of the domain of interest
- The **data layer** is constituted by the existing dataset
- The **mapping** layer is a set of declarative assertions specifying how the sources in the data layer relate to the ontology



The notion of *certain answers*

- Let \mathcal{O} be an ontology, \mathcal{S} a dataset, and \mathcal{M} a set of mappings, we call $\mathcal{J} = \langle \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$ an OBDM *specification*
- Let $q_{\mathcal{O}}$ be a query over \mathcal{O} , we define the *certain answers* of $q_{\mathcal{O}}$ w.r.t. \mathcal{J} and a database D , denoted by $\text{cert}_{q_{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{J}}^D$ as the set of tuples \vec{t} of \mathcal{S} -constants, such that

$\vec{t} \in q_{\mathcal{O}}^B$ for every possible interpretation B that satisfies \mathcal{J} for an \mathcal{S} -database D (called a *model* of \mathcal{J} w.r.t. D)

The Classifier

Given a dataset D , we consider a binary classifier:

$$\lambda : \text{dom}(D)^n \rightarrow \{+1, -1\}$$

Also, we will denote the set of tuples that have been classified positively (resp. negatively) as:

$$\lambda^+ = \{\vec{t} \in \text{dom}(D)^n \mid \lambda(\vec{t}) = +1\}$$

(resp. $\lambda^- = \{\vec{t} \in \text{dom}(D)^n \mid \lambda(\vec{t}) = -1\}$)

The Framework

The Notion of Border

- For each tuple $\vec{t} \in D$ and natural number r , we define $\mathcal{B}_{\vec{t}, r}(D)$ as the **Border** of radius r for t in D , representing all the atoms in D that are *reachable* from \vec{t} in at most r joins

Example: Let a database be $D = \{R(a, b), S(a, c), Z(c, d), W(d, e), W(e, h), R(f, g)\}$ and let $\mathbf{t} = \langle a \rangle$. By denoting with $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{t}, n}(D)$ the atoms in D that are reachable from \mathbf{t} in at most n joins, we have that:

- $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{t}, 0}(D) = \{R(a, b), S(a, c)\}$
- $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{t}, 1}(D) = \{Z(c, d)\}$
- $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbf{t}, 2}(D) = \{W(d, e)\}$

Therefore, the border of radius 2 of \mathbf{t} in D is:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{t}, 2}(D) = \{R(a, b), S(a, c), Z(c, d), W(d, e)\}$$

The \mathcal{J} -match

- A query q_0 \mathcal{J} -matches a Border $\mathcal{B}_{\vec{t},r}(D)$ of radius r of a tuple \vec{t} in a source database D , if \vec{t} is in the *certain answers* of q_0 w.r.t to \mathcal{J} and D , i.e. if

$$t \in \text{cert}_{q_0, \mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{B}_{t,r}(D)}$$

The goal of the framework

- The goal of our framework, is to find a semantic description of λ that is as close as possible to a set of user-defined criteria.
- Each criterion has a function associated to it, that returns a quantitative measure of how much a given query meets the criteria
- The user also defines an expression to compute, for a given query, a unique value out of all the measures returned by the functions of each criterion

The criteria, the functions and the expression

- δ_1 = “Maximize the number of tuples $\mathbf{t} \in \lambda^+$ such that q_O \mathcal{J} -matches $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{t},r}(D)$ ”
 - δ_2 = “Minimize the number of tuples $\mathbf{t} \in \lambda^-$ such that q_O \mathcal{J} -matches $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{t},r}(D)$ ”
 - δ_3 = “Minimize the number of disjuncts of the query q_O ”

 - $f_{\delta_1}(q_O) = \frac{|\{\mathbf{t} \in \lambda^+ \text{ s.t. } q_O \text{ } \mathcal{J}\text{-matches } \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{t},r}(D)\}|}{|\lambda^+|}$
 - $f_{\delta_2}(q_O) = 1 - \frac{|\{\mathbf{t} \in \lambda^- \text{ s.t. } q_O \text{ } \mathcal{J}\text{-matches } \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{t},r}(D)\}|}{|\lambda^-|}$
 - $f_{\delta_3}(q_O) = \frac{1}{|\text{CQs in } q_O|}$

 - $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{F}}(q_O) = \frac{\alpha f_{\delta_1}(q_O) + \beta f_{\delta_2}(q_O) + \gamma f_{\delta_3}(q_O)}{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}$ (we call this the \mathcal{Z} score of q_O under \mathcal{F})
- where α, β, γ represents the importance of criterion $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$ respectively

The Algorithm

Example (1/7)

Consider the following database D

STUD		λ	LOC		ENR	
λ^+	A10	+1	Sap	Rome	A10	Math TV
	B80	+1	TV	Rome	B80	Math Sap
	C12	+1	Pol	Milan	C12	Science Norm
	D50	+1			D50	Science TV
λ^-	E25	-1			E25	Arts Pol

Example (2/7)

Let the ontology be:

$$\mathcal{O} = \{\text{MathStudent} \sqsubseteq \text{ScientificStudent}, \\ \text{ScienceStudent} \sqsubseteq \text{ScientificStudent}\}$$

And the mappings:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{array}{l} \text{ENR}(x, \text{Math}, z) \rightsquigarrow \text{MathStudent}(x) \\ \text{ENR}(x, \text{Science}, z) \rightsquigarrow \text{ScienceStudent}(x) \\ \text{ENR}(x, y, z) \rightsquigarrow \text{enrolledIn}(x, z) \\ \text{LOC}(x, y) \rightsquigarrow \text{locatedIn}(x, y) \end{array}$$

Example (3/7)

The corresponding borders of radius 1, for each tuple are:

$$\mathcal{B}_{A10,1}(D) = \{\text{STUD}(A10), \text{ENR}(A10, \text{Math}, \text{TV}), \text{LOC}(\text{TV}, \text{Rome})\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{B80,1}(D) = \{\text{STUD}(B80), \text{ENR}(B80, \text{Math}, \text{Sap}), \text{LOC}(\text{Sap}, \text{Rome})\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{C12,1}(D) = \{\text{STUD}(C12), \text{ENR}(C12, \text{Science}, \text{Norm})\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{D50,1}(D) = \{\text{STUD}(D50), \text{ENR}(D50, \text{Science}, \text{TV}), \text{LOC}(\text{TV}, \text{Rome})\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{E25,1}(D) = \{\text{STUD}(E25), \text{ENR}(E25, \text{Arts}, \text{Pol}), \text{LOC}(\text{Pol}, \text{Milan})\}$$

Example (4/7)

Consider each border associated to the tuples in λ^+ as a CQ, and compute the complete s-to-o rewriting of each query, as described in [3]. In a nutshell, this means to apply all the mappings to the queries.

$q_1(A10) \leftarrow \text{MathStudent}(A10) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(A10, \text{TV}) \wedge \text{locatedIn}(\text{TV}, \text{Rome})$

$q_2(B80) \leftarrow \text{MathStudent}(B80) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(B80, \text{Sap}) \wedge \text{locatedIn}(\text{Sap}, \text{Rome})$

$q_3(C12) \leftarrow \text{ScienceStudent}(C12) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(C12, \text{Norm})$

$q_4(D50) \leftarrow \text{ScienceStudent}(D50) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(D50, \text{TV}) \wedge \text{locatedIn}(\text{TV}, \text{Rome})$

[3] Cima, G., Lenzerini, M., & Poggi, A. (2019). Semantic Characterization of Data Services through Ontologies. In *IJCAI*.

Example (5/7)

- To reduce the number of queries generated, we introduce the notion of **query patterns**
- We say that two CQs have the same *pattern*, if they are conjunctions of the same set of atoms
- Our intuition is that similar tuples of the database will be described by similar properties, and will form similar *query patterns* when processed by the previous steps of the algorithm
- For each *pattern*, we only keep the constants that are shared by all the queries of the pattern. All the other constants will be substituted by new variables.

Example (6/7)

- The query patterns of the example are:

$q_5(x) \leftarrow \text{MathStudent}(x) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(x, y) \wedge \text{locatedIn}(y, \text{Rome})$

$q_6(C12) \leftarrow \text{ScienceStudent}(C12) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(C12, \text{Norm})$

$q_7(D50) \leftarrow \text{ScienceStudent}(D50) \wedge \text{enrolledIn}(D50, \text{TV}) \wedge \text{locatedIn}(\text{TV}, \text{Rome})$

Example (7/7)

- Let k be the highest number of atoms appearing in a query pattern. We enumerate and compute the \mathcal{Z} score of all the possible UCQs such that:
 - i. Each CQ only uses atoms that either belong to a query pattern, or are implied by one of such atoms and the ontology
 - ii. Each CQ has at most k atoms

One can verify that the query $q(x) \leftarrow \mathbf{ScientificStudent}(x)$ achieves the highest \mathcal{Z} score of 1.0, and is therefore the best explanation of the classifier λ .

Conclusions

- Our framework uses the Ontology-Based Data Management paradigm to provide an explanation to the behavior of a classifier
- The short-term goal is to explore possible optimizations of the algorithm drafted in this presentation
- The future work includes an evaluation of the framework to real world scenarios, as well as comparison with other similar works

