Subject

Use NIPALS algorithm for dimensionality reduction in a proteins discrimination problem.

NIPALS is a possible implementation of singular value decomposition (SVD); it enables to compute factors (latent variable) of principal component analysis (PCA) without a correlation matrix diagonalization. The computing time is dramatically reduced on a huge dataset.

Dataset

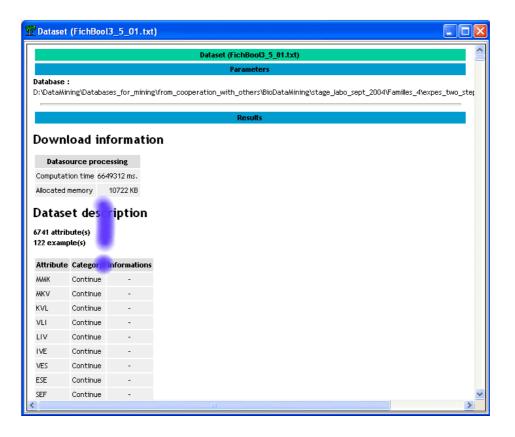
Proteins classification from their primary structures (Mhamdi et al., 2004).

There are 122 examples of 2 families {C1, C2}, and 6740 Boolean (1/0) descriptors (3-grams).

NIPALS

Download the dataset

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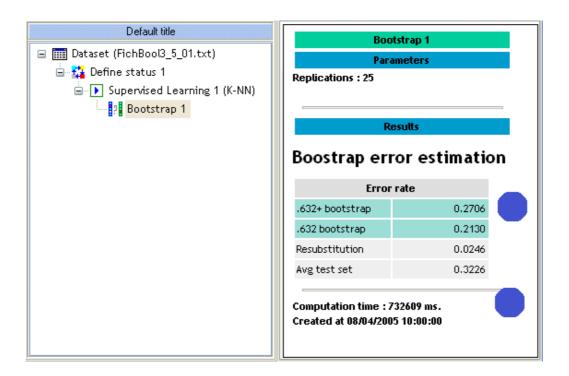


Supervised learning

Let us evaluate a 5-NN (nearest neighbor) on our dataset. Set as TARGET (*Classe*) and all the other descriptors as INPUT. The stream diagram is the following.

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We have used the "Bootstrap plus" error rate measurement (Efron & Tibshirani, 1997). Two main results are available: generalization error rate is **0.2706**; the computing time is **732** sec (PIV – 3 Ghz – 1024 MB RAM).



NIPALS

NIPALS calculates the p-first "latent variables " without a correlation matrix diagonalization. There are two parameters: the number of factor (default value: p = 5); data normalization (default: standardize attributes).

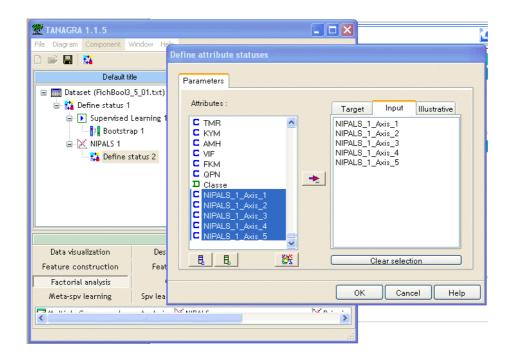
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The factors are computed in 3 sec. We did not test the PCA on this dataset, but on all our benchmarks, PCA and NIPALS give very similar results.

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Learning on the reduced space

The next step is to run learning on the factors. Select the right TARGET (*Classe*) and INPUT (*5 factors*) attributes.



Evaluation

Add the supervised learning component. In this case, because the factors are weighted, we have to use the standard Euclidian distance for the nearest neighbor algorithm.

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The bootstrap component enables us to evaluate the whole process (NIPALS + K-NN).

We see that the dimensionality reduction improves the error rate (0.1342) and reduces dramatically the computing time (106 sec.).

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