
A LARGE MARGIN DEEP NEURAL NETWORK FOR SEPSIS CLASSIFICATION

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ABSTRACT

Data in clinical medical often exhibit highly imbalanced class distribution. To mitigate this issue, current approaches based on deep neural networks typically follow the strategies such as re-sampling and cost-sensitive learning. However, these methods neglect the underlying data structure. To exploit the spatial relationship, we propose a novel sampling method which explicitly enforces constraints on the intra-class and inter-class margins. To achieve this goal, we elaborate our method in 4 steps. In step 1, we first apply K-means for each class to obtain the initial clusters. In step 2, we propose to ensure the following relationship holds for each sample in the training set.

$$D(f(x_i), f(x_i^a)) < D(f(x_i), f(x_i^b)) < D(f(x_i), f(x_i^c)) < D(f(x_i), f(x_i^d))$$

, where D is Euclidean distance, f is Euclidean embedding learned by CNN, x_i^a is x_i 's farthest intra-cluster sample, x_i^b is x_i 's nearest intra-class sample from another cluster, x_i^c is x_i 's farthest intra-class sample and x_i^d is x_i 's nearest inter-class sample. We construct a table to record all tuples $(x_i, x_i^a, x_i^b, x_i^c, x_i^d)$ in the training set. In step 3, we propose a large margin CNNs (LM-CNN) associated with a novel hinge loss, which ensures the above relationship holds. We train the LM-CNN by randomly sampling the tuples obtained in step. We show that more separable representation can be learned by our LM-CNN. In step 4, We further augment the LM-CNN with LSTM to capture the temporal dependencies. We conduct the experiment using training data of Physionet Challenge 2019 and obtain 0.863, 0.106, 0.862, 0.124 and 0.482 for AUROC, AUPRC, Accuracy, F-measure and Utility in the offline experiment. The experiment results demonstrate the promise of our method.

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