
Classification and Similarity of Patient Records

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Patient Identification?

- Data Basis: a set of clinical data records (be aware of data protection)

Question: Identify patients based on their data records containing

- Demographic data: age, sex, ...
- Lab-Results: blood pressure, leucocytes (blood cells), HIV, ...
- Structured diagnoses (I21.2 - Akuter transmuraler Myokardinfarkt an sonstigen Lokalisationen) – for accounting purposes!!
- And Diagnoses, Medication etc. !!!

Note that e.g. diagnoses, medication etc. are only in written document

➔ Linguistic pipeline pulls these things from the doctors letters

Clinical Patient Records (structured)

Jane Doe: a sample feature set

Age	Sex	Leu	Crea	MCV	J.90	Z43.0	R32	KHS	cx
65	f	7.51	0.93	87.6	X	X	X	X	O

Whatever
come up here

Diagnosis
(structured)

Diagnosis (un-
structured)

So this feature vector is quite sparse

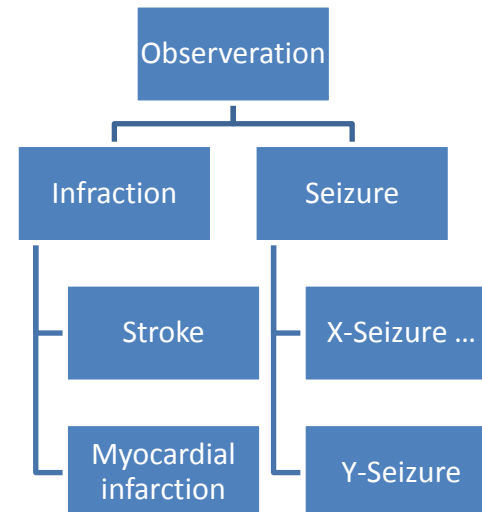
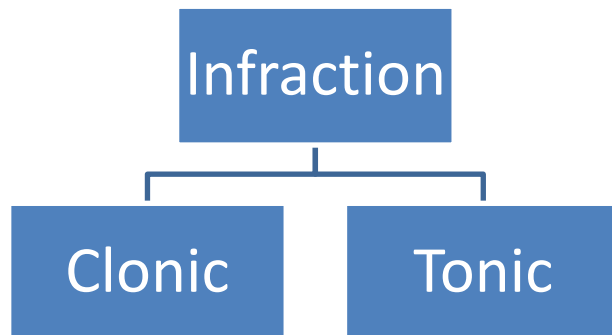
Clinical Patient Records (structured)

- Demographic/Visit data like age, sex and formal data like admission date, length of the clinic stay, etc.
- Laboratory results - one such result has the form: (**measurementType**, **value**, **unit**, **abnormalFlag**) where **measurementType** defines the kind of measurement (like blood pressure) and **abnormalFlag** is something like (very low, low, normal, high, very high).
- Structured diagnoses - these are ICD10-encoded diagnoses (e.g. **I20.8** stands for angina pectoris); these have a "prefix"-format, which means that **I25.16** is a refinement of **I25.1**

Clinical Patient Records (unstructured)

Semantic facts - formally, a semantic fact is represented as a small labelled tree with the nodes denoting instances of medical concepts and the relations denoting relationships. The tree

- hasObservation:Seizure[hasAttribute:Tonic, hasAttribute:Clonic] i.e. a parent with two children, represents the fact that the patient has had a tonic-clonic seizure. Perhaps it's important to know that these concepts are organized hierarchically with respect to
- a "subclass" relationship (actually it's some sort of taxonomy)



Questions – On our side

- given a patient and a selection of features, find me similar patients?? (whatever similarity means here?)
- given a condition (e.g. $30 < \text{age} < 70$) on a single feature or on a set of features, can we learn that condition (find a classifier?)
- given a condition as above, can we refine the condition in such a way that the set of eligible patients remains similar (e.g can we make the 70 above a 69?)
- could we generalize the conditions such that the number of eligible patients crosses a certain threshold (assume that we want to increase the number of eligible patients without giving up too much)