Project Title *(fill in)*

Data Set(s) *(specify which)*: Adult, Dota2 Games Result, APS Failure at Scania Trucks

Author(s), email contacts

Date

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# Abstract

A brief, informative description of your project. Include the problem, dataset(s) you used, approach (naming the pattern recognition methods you used and how you compared them), and key results (be sure to include at least your best result and the method with which you obtained it, for each dataset).

The abstract should be considered a “stand alone” section – it should be understandable on its own and includes only information that is described (and supported) elsewhere in the report. The report should also be able to “stand alone” without the abstract.

Tip: many people find it works better to write the abstract last, even though it will be read first.

# Introduction

# Problem Statement and Goals

A brief description of the data set(s) you chose, and the goals you want to achieve.

# Literature Review (Optional)

If you have investigated previous or existing approaches to your problem, briefly describe them here.

# Approach and Implementation

Report your approach and implementation details in the following subsections. You should mention which libraries and functions you used but avoid including code in your report. Your description of what your system does should be readable and understandable to a reader that isn’t familiar with the functions and libraries you used but is familiar with the algorithms and techniques that were covered in EE 559. (For example, stating “we standardized all real-valued features, and recast all categorical features using one-hot encoding” and also stating the functions used in your code for this, is fine; stating only the functions used in your code is not fine.)

**If your project has more than one dataset:**

(i) We suggest that you follow the outline below, describing your work on all datasets in each subsection. If you used a similar approach for different datasets, you can describe it only once for one dataset and then take a paragraph to highlight the differences to the other dataset. However, if you think it would make more sense for your project to follow this sequence of subsections separately for each dataset (e.g., 3.1-3.5 for Adult, then 3.6-3.10 for Dota2; or create subsubsections such as 3.1.1: Preprocessing Adult, 3.1.2 Preprocessing Dota2), you may do that instead.

(ii) It is helpful to provide a table describing which classifiers and preprocessing methods were used on which dataset.

## Preprocessing

Describe in detail any pre-processing techniques you used. This could include for example, data normalization, re-casting different variable types, and dealing with missing data. Also try to justify or explain your choice of methods.

If you used different pre-processing for different pattern recognition methods, or if you tested the same pattern recognition method with different pre-processed inputs, state so. A table or plot can be useful in these cases.

## Compensation for unbalanced data (if applicable)

Describe the method(s) you chose, and why you chose it (or them). Describe and show any outcomes that relate specifically to the method used for dealing with unbalanced data (e.g., comparison of compensation methods, or comparison between using compensation and using unbalanced data).

## Feature extraction and dimensionality adjustment

Explain your approach and implementation. If you optimized over some parameter(s), or compared different methods, show and describe your work and outcomes.

## Dataset Usage

Describe the procedure you followed in the use of your dataset.

You should clearly state how many data points were used for training, validation set(s), and testing. For cross validation, also specify the number of folds and number of runs.

Describe how validation sets were used, and where in the process cross validation was used. If cross validation was used multiple times, specify how they were arranged (sequential loops or nested loops), and where decisions were made based on validation-set results.

Also describe where in the process the test set was used, and how many times the test set was used.

## Training and Classification

Describe how you trained your model(s), the classifiers you used, and the parameters you chose.

For each classifier or learning algorithm you used, include the following. (you can optionally use a separate subsection (3.5.1, 3.5.2, etc.) for each classifier/learning algorithm you used.)

* Describe your model and your algorithm. It generally isn’t necessary to repeat equations given in EE 559 just to describe the model and algorithm; however, you must give enough information to clearly define which model and algorithm (and which version of the model and algorithm) you are using. Also, if you want to refer to any equations (e.g., for your interpretation or analysis), you must include those equations in your report. If applicable, also explain what you did to adapt the method to your case.
* State the parameters of the model and how they were chosen. If a parameter is chosen by heuristics, state so. If a parameter is chosen by some model selection, optimization, or validation process, state so and describe the method.
* If you compared the number of learning variables with the number of constraints or data points you have, describe that here.
* If you have sets of results to show for this pattern recognition method, include them here. (For a comparison of results from different pattern recognition methods, use the next subsection.)

# Comparison, Results, and Interpretation

Present performance comparison of your different models and methods here. Include a comparison with the given baseline system(s), and with any results you found in the literature or internet. For each result, be sure to clearly state whether it is from training, cross-validation, or test set. Use table(s) and/or plots. **Do not paste print screen images.** If you used more than one dataset, you can either have different subsections for different datasets or you can directly compare how each classifier performed on each dataset.

Include your interpretation of these results. Can you explain what you observe? If not, any conjectures? Did you observe anything particularly unexpected?

# Contributions of each team member

If a team project, state here what the contribution of each team member was (i.e., who did what).

# Summary and conclusions

Briefly summarize key findings, and optionally state what would be interesting or useful to do as follow-on work. Optionally, summarize some of the key things you learned while doing the project.

# References

For each source cited above, include the reference here. Examples:

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| [1] | "Add citations in a Word document," 10 April 2019. [Online]. Available: https://support.office.com/en-ie/article/add-citations-in-a-word-document-ab9322bb-a8d3-47f4-80c8-63c06779f127. |
| [2] | F. P. C. S. a. C. S. Vitor Cerqueira, "Combining Boosted Trees with Metafeature," in *Advances in Intelligent Data Analysis XV: 15th International Symposium*, Stockholm, 2016. |