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Data reduction: Obtain a reduced representation of the data set that is much smaller in volume but yet produces the same (or almost the same) analytical results

Why data reduction? — A database/data warehouse may store terabytes of data. Complex data analysis may take a very long time to run on the complete data set.

Data Reduction Strategies

Data reduction strategies

- Dimensionality reduction, e.g., remove unimportant attributes
 - Wavelet transforms
 - Principal Components Analysis (PCA)
 - Feature subset selection, feature creation
- Numerosity reduction (some simply call it: Data Reduction)
 - Regression and Log-Linear Models
 - Histograms, clustering, sampling
 - Data cube aggregation
- Data compression



Data Reduction 1: Dimensionality Reduction

Curse of dimensionality

- When dimensionality increases, data becomes increasingly sparse
- Density and distance between points, which is critical to clustering, outlier analysis, becomes less meaningful
- The possible combinations of subspaces will grow exponentially



Data Reduction 1: Dimensionality Reduction

Dimensionality reduction

- Avoid the curse of dimensionality
- Help eliminate irrelevant features and reduce noise
- Reduce time and space required in data mining
- Allow easier visualization

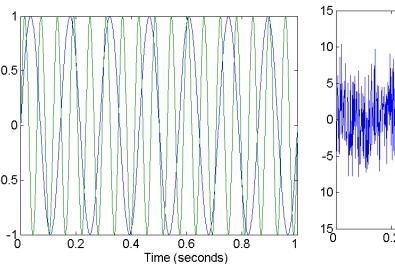
Dimensionality reduction techniques

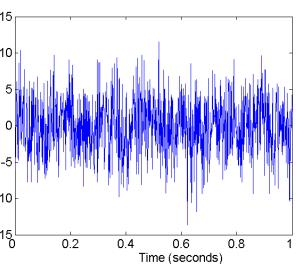
- Wavelet transforms
- Principal Component Analysis
- Supervised and nonlinear techniques (e.g., feature selection)

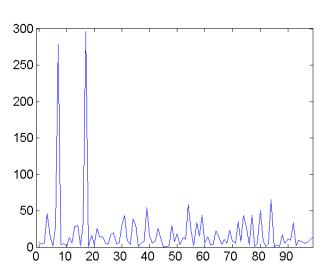


Mapping Data to a New Space

- Fourier transform
- Wavelet transform







Two Sine Waves

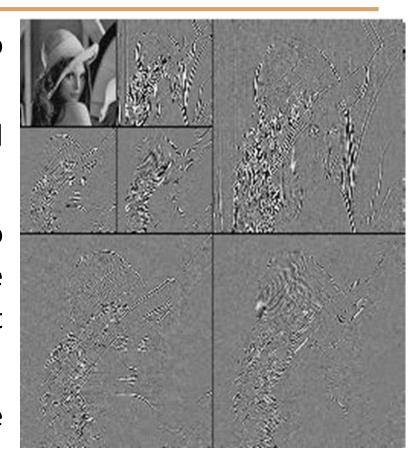
Two Sine Waves + Noise

Frequency



What Is Wavelet Transform?

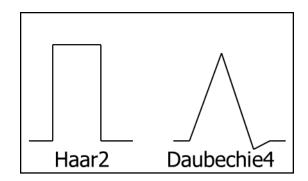
- Decomposes a signal into different frequency subbands
 - Applicable to n-dimensional signals
- Data are transformed to preserve relative distance between objects at different levels of resolution
- Allow natural clusters to become more distinguishable
- Used for image compression





Wavelet Transformation

- Discrete wavelet transform (DWT) for linear signal processing, multi-resolution analysis
- Compressed approximation: store only a small fraction of the strongest of the wavelet coefficients
- Similar to discrete Fourier transform (DFT), but better lossy compression, localized in space





Wavelet Transformation



Method:

- Length, L, must be an integer power of 2 (padding with 0's, when necessary)
- Each transform has 2 functions: smoothing, difference
- Applies to pairs of data, resulting in two set of data of length L/2
- Applies two functions recursively, until reaches the desired length

Wavelet Decomposition

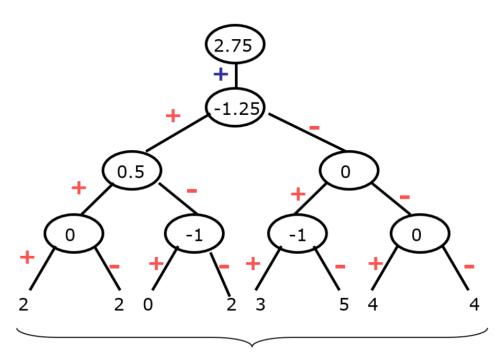
- Wavelets: A math tool for space-efficient hierarchical decomposition of functions
- S = [2, 2, 0, 2, 3, 5, 4, 4] can be transformed to $S_{\wedge} = [2^{3}/_{4}, -1^{1}/_{4}, 1^{1}/_{2}, 0, 0, -1, -1, 0]$
- Compression: many small detail coefficients can be replaced by 0's, and only the significant coefficients are retained

Resolution	Averages	Detail Coefficients
8	[2, 2, 0, 2, 3, 5, 4, 4]	
4	[2,1,4,4]	[0,-1,-1,0]
2	$[1\frac{1}{2}, 4]$	$[\frac{1}{2}, 0]$
1	$[ilde{2}rac{3}{4}]$	$[-1\frac{1}{4}]$



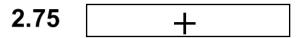
Haar Wavelet Coefficients

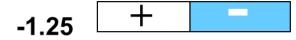
Hierarchical decomposition structure (a.k.a. "error tree")



Original frequency distribution

Coefficient "Supports"



















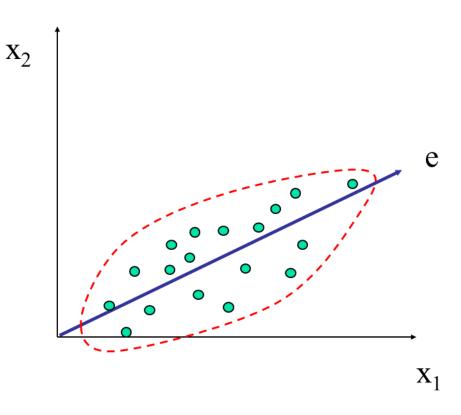
Why Wavelet Transform?

- Use hat-shape filters
 - Emphasize region where points cluster
 - Suppress weaker information in their boundaries
- Effective removal of outliers
 - Insensitive to noise, insensitive to input order
- Multi-resolution
 - Detect arbitrary shaped clusters at different scales
- Efficient
 - Complexity O(N)
- Only applicable to low dimensional data



Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Find a projection that captures the largest amount of variation in data
- The original data are projected onto a much smaller space, resulting in dimensionality reduction.
 We find the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix, and these eigenvectors define the new space





Principal Component Analysis (Steps)

- Given N data vectors from n-dimensions, find $k \le n$ orthogonal vectors (principal components) that can be best used to represent data
 - Normalize input data: Each attribute falls within the same range
 - Compute *k* orthonormal (unit) vectors, i.e., *principal components*
 - ullet Each input data (vector) is a linear combination of the k principal component vectors
 - The principal components are sorted in order of decreasing "significance" or strength
 - Since the components are sorted, the size of the data can be reduced by eliminating the *weak components*, i.e., those with low variance (i.e., using the strongest principal components, it is possible to reconstruct a good approximation of the original data)
 - Works for numeric data only



Attribute Subset Selection

- Another way to reduce dimensionality of data
- Redundant attributes
 - Duplicate much or all of the information contained in one or more other attributes
 - E.g., purchase price of a product and the amount of sales tax paid
- Irrelevant attributes
 - Contain no information that is useful for the data analysis task at hand
 - E.g., students' ID is often irrelevant to the task of predicting students' GPA



Heuristic Search in Attribute Selection

- There are 2^d possible attribute combinations of d attributes
- Typical heuristic attribute selection methods:
 - Best single attribute under the attribute independence assumption: choose by significance tests
 - Best step-wise feature selection:
 - The best single-attribute is picked first
 - Then next best attribute condition to the first, ...
 - Step-wise attribute elimination:
 - Repeatedly eliminate the worst attribute
 - Best combined attribute selection and elimination
 - Optimal branch and bound:
 - Use attribute elimination and backtracking



Heuristic Search in Attribute Selection

Forward selection	Backward elimination	Decision tree induction
Initial attribute set: $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6\}$	Initial attribute set: $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6\}$	Initial attribute set: $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6\}$
Initial reduced set: {} => $\{A_1\}$ => $\{A_1, A_4\}$ => Reduced attribute set: $\{A_1, A_4, A_6\}$	=> $\{A_1, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6\}$ => $\{A_1, A_4, A_5, A_6\}$ => Reduced attribute set: $\{A_1, A_4, A_6\}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$



Attribute Creation (Feature Generation)

- Create new attributes (features) that can capture the important information in a data set more effectively than the original ones
- Three general methodologies
 - Attribute extraction
 - Domain-specific
 - Mapping data to new space (see: data reduction)
 - E.g., Fourier transformation, wavelet transformation, manifold approaches
 - Attribute construction
 - Combining features
 - Data discretization



Exercise

- ☐ Mention and explain the different data reduction strategies.
- ☐ Explain how Wavelet transform and Principal Component

 Analysis are used in the process of data reduction.



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