Data Mining Project-3 (Report)

(Outlier Detection)

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Dataset Used:

For the purpose of the assignment,

http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Statlog+(German) has been used. The description of the dataset and its attributes are as follows:

Data Preprocessing:

Given dataset was already in a clean format, so much preprocessing was not required. For algorithms that need numerical attributes, Strathclyde University produced the file "german.data-numeric". This file has been edited and several indicator variables added to make it suitable for algorithms which cannot cope with categorical variables. Several attributes that are ordered categorical (such as attribute 17) have been coded as integer.

Algorithm Used:

The algorithm used is a Density based outlier detection, with Local Outlier Factor. Local outliers: Outliers comparing to their local neighborhoods, instead of the global data distribution.

- k-distance of an object o, dist_k(o): distance between o and its k-th NN
- k-distance neighborhood of o, $N_k(o) = \{o' | o' \text{ in D, dist}(o, o') \leq \text{dist}_k(o)\}$
 - N_k(o) could be bigger than k since multiple objects may have identical distance to o

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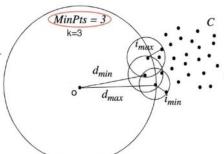
Local Outlier Factor: LOF

• Reachability distance from o' to o:

$$reachdist_k(o \leftarrow o') = \max\{dist_k(o), dist(o, o')\}$$

- where k is a user-specified parameter
- Local reachability density of o:

$$lrd_k(o) = \frac{\|N_k(o)\|}{\sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} reachdist_k(o' \leftarrow o)}$$



 LOF (Local outlier factor) of an object o is the average of the ratio of local reachability of o and those of o's k-nearest neighbors

$$LOF_k(o) = \frac{\sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} \frac{lrd_k(o')}{lrd_k(o)}}{\|N_k(o)\|} = \sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} lrd_k(o') \cdot \sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} reachdist_k(o' \leftarrow o)$$

- The lower the local reachability density of o, and the higher the local reachability density of the kNN of o, the higher LOF
- This captures a local outlier whose local density is relatively low comparing to the local densities of its kNN

Results:

Some of the results are compiled here.

Experiment	К	num_outliers	Precision	Recall	F-value
1	100	300	0.59	0.31	O.41
2	200	300	0.64	0.40	0.49
3	250	300	0.64	0.41	0.50