CS 165 Project Abstract

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1 Topic

Domain adaption is often used under practical scenarios where source domain and

target domain have different but related data distributions. In this project, we are

interested in covariate shift and label shift, where assumes the conditional probability

does not change while the marginal probability changes.

Active learning is often used in the scenario where manual labelling is expensive. It

could help us select the data which includes more information. In this project, active

learning will be applied to obtain more information of target domain and help improve

the model trained from source domain.

2 Previous Approach

According to the previous work under label shift, the main approach is to estimate the

importance weights q(y)/p(y) and further regularize the influence of these estimated

weights, which shows good classification performance but with assumptions on

distributions made to simply the problem. Another approach is to formulate the label

shift problem as a mixture of the class conditional covariate distributions with unknown

mixture weights, which studies Bayesian approaches but with heavy computation

burden.

2 Discussion

As in practical applications, the information of target data is achievable but with

expensive cost. Active learning may help choose "useful" small samples of target data

to label and learn with good performance based on the additional information, which

gives more information on Q(Y). Therefore, combining P(Y), P(X|Y), Q(X|Y) and

Q(Y), we could map source domain to target domain more accurately, which promises

to improve the performance of classifier.