

Optimization for Active Learning-based Interactive Database Exploration

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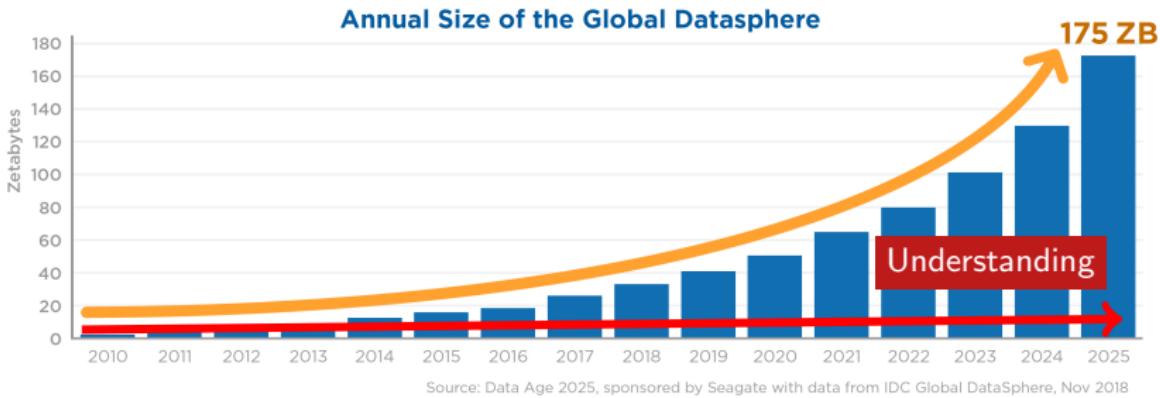
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Motivation

- Data is growing extremely fast
- Human ability to comprehend data remains limited



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– in an “explore-by-example” framework



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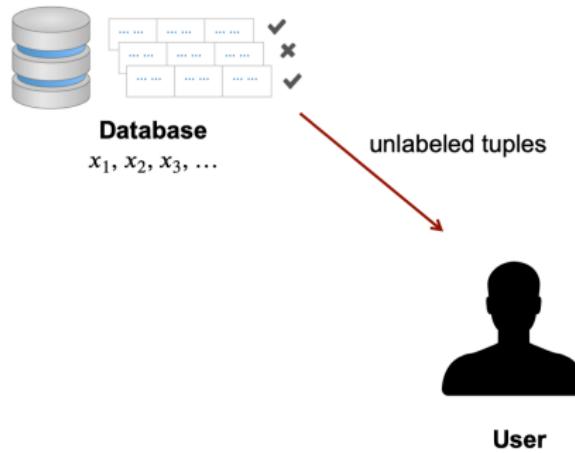
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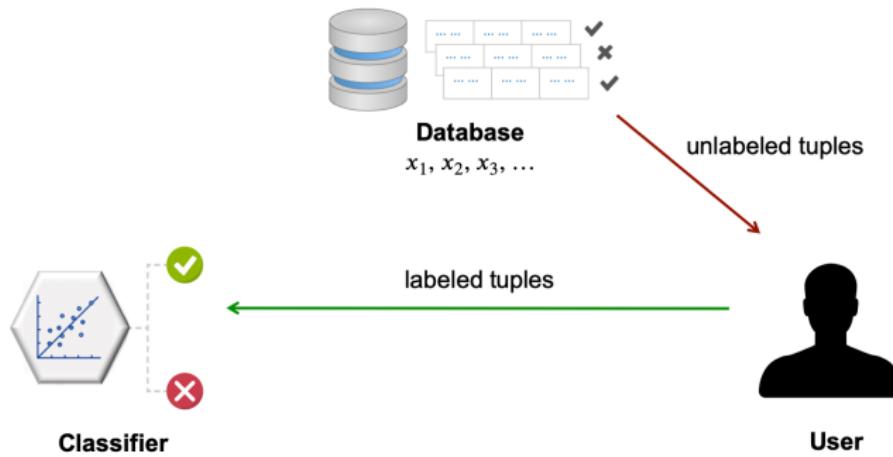
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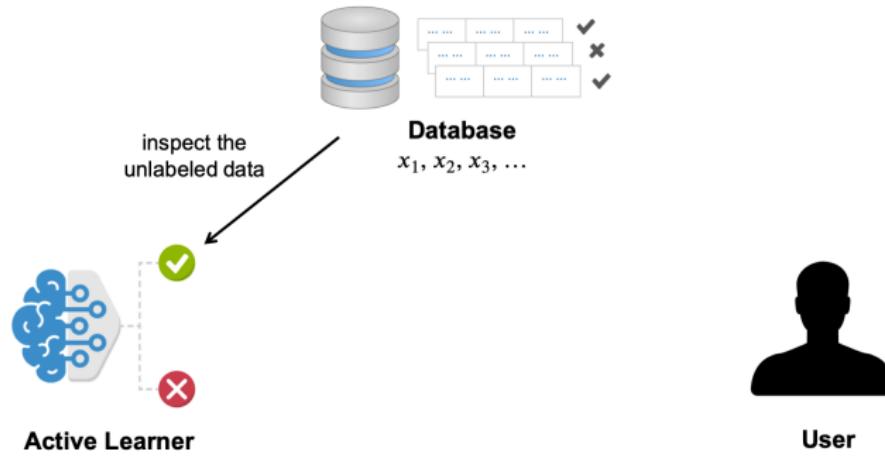
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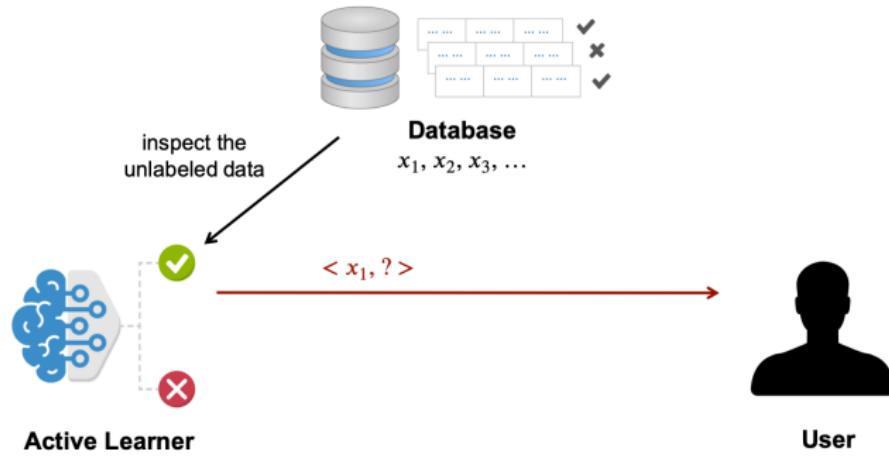
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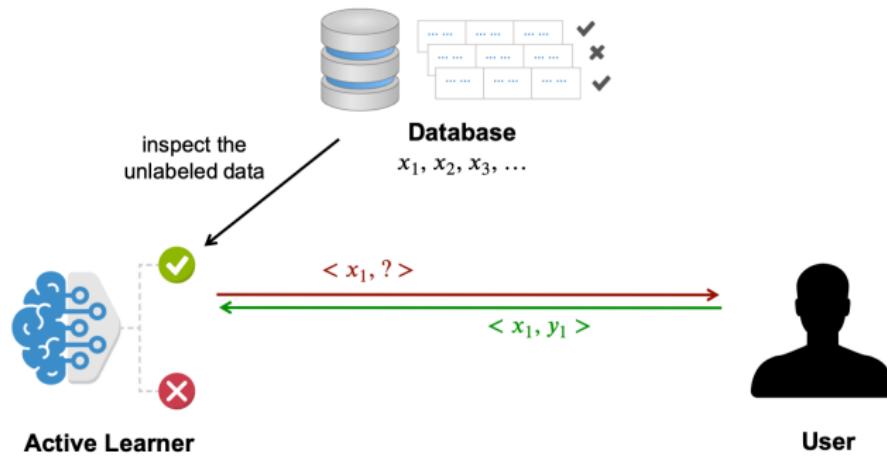
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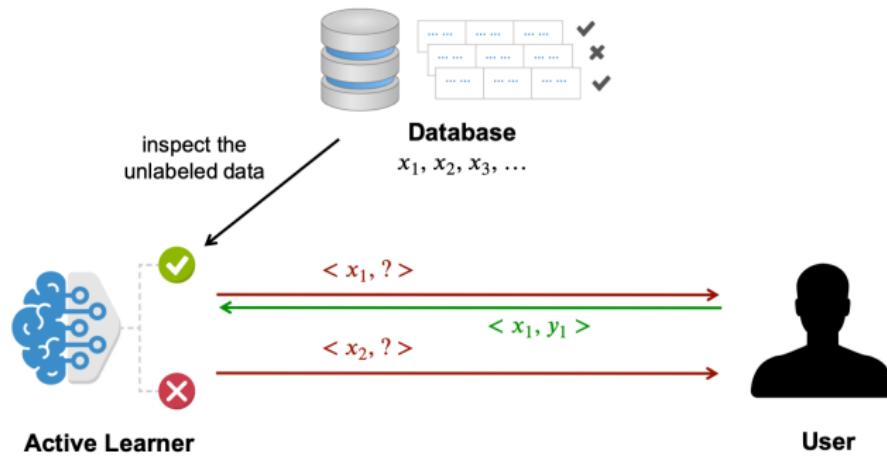
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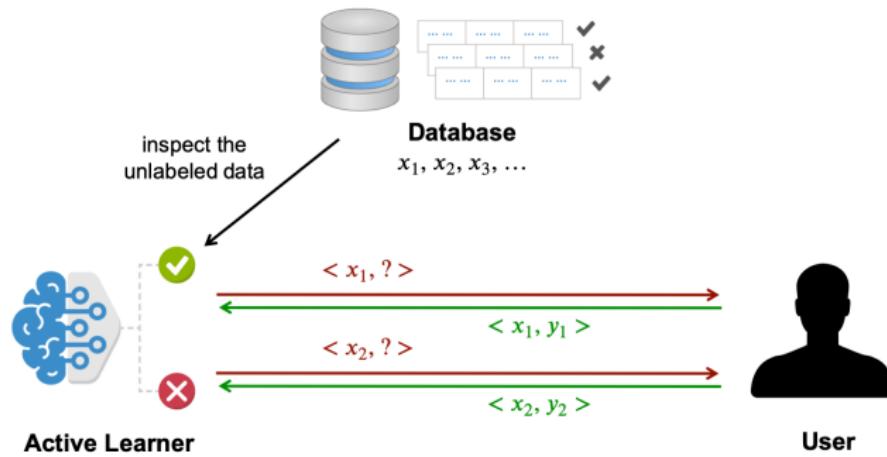
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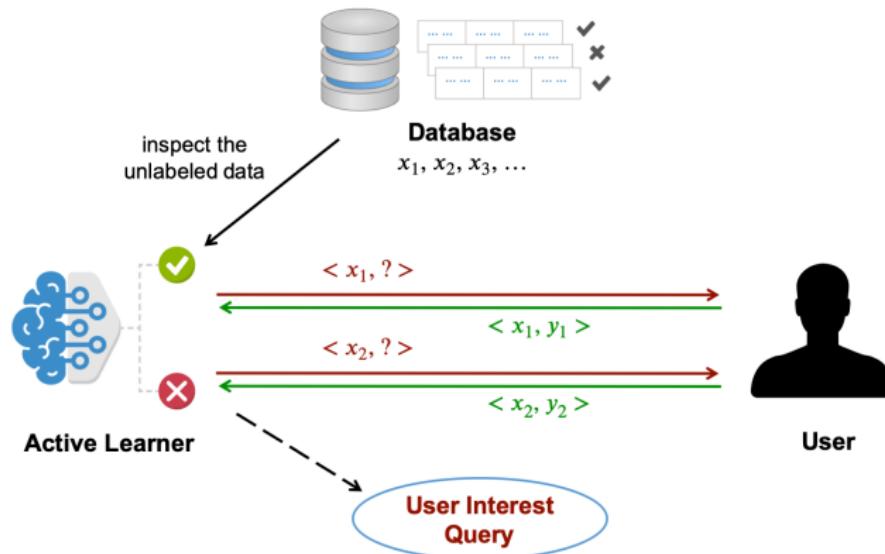
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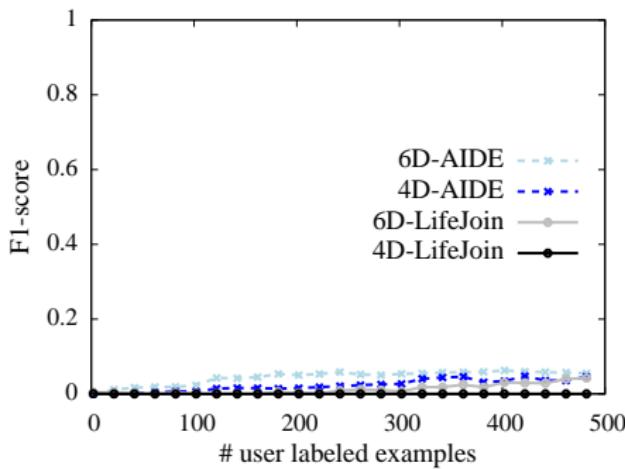
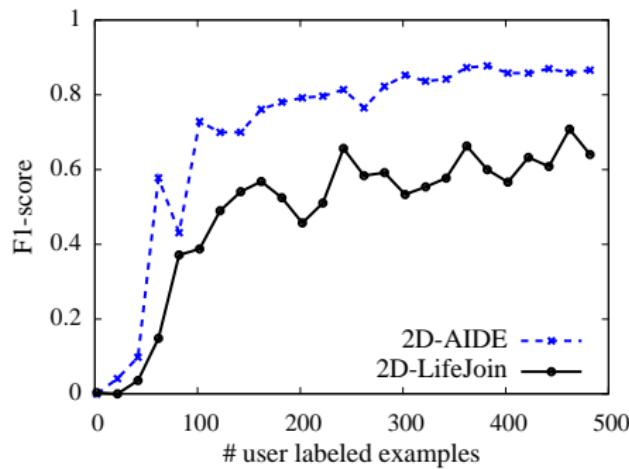


Active learning-based framework requires fewer labeled examples than a traditional learner

Slow convergence on large databases

Slow convergence problem of LifeJoin¹ and AIDE²

- a large number of labeled examples needed to achieve high accuracy
- exacerbated when the user interest query has **low selectivity** or **high dimensionality**



¹ A. Cheung, A. Solar-Lezama, and S. Madden. Using program synthesis for social recommendations. In Proceedings of the 21st ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management, CIKM'12, pages 1732–1736, New York, NY, USA, 2012. ACM

² K. Dimitriadou, O. Papaemmanoil, and Y. Diao. Aide: an active learning-based approach for interactive data exploration. IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, 28(11):2842–2856, 2016.

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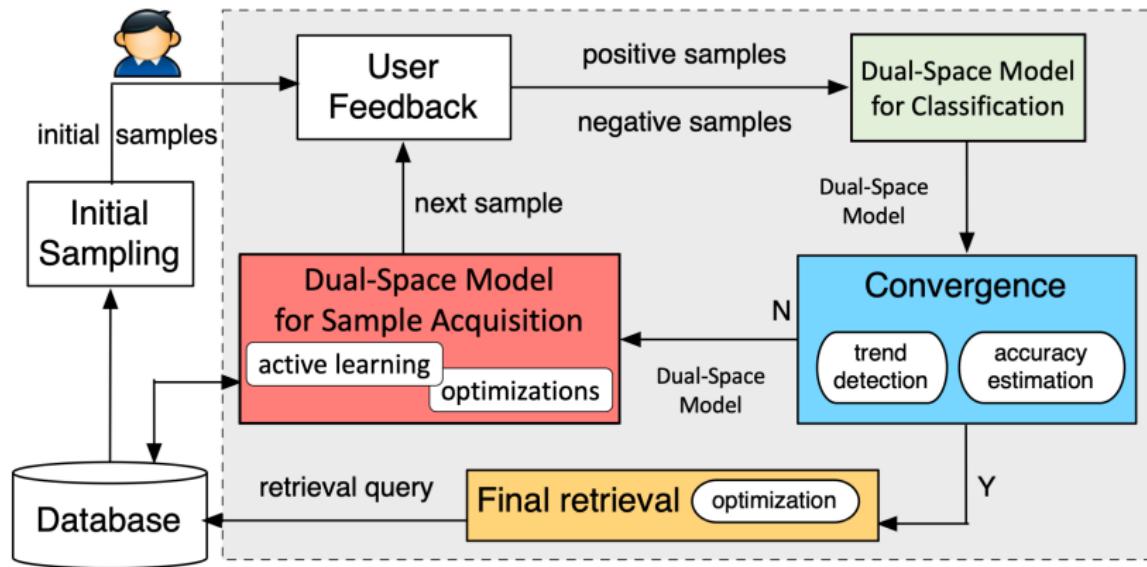
Objective

Leverage **query and data properties** from the database to overcome or alleviate the **slow convergence** problem when data exploration is performed with **high dimensionality** and **low selectivity** of the user interest query.

Main contributions

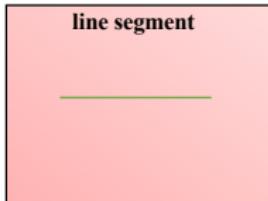
- ① **Dual-Space Model** \Leftarrow **Subspatial Convexity**
- ② **Factorization** for High-dimensional Exploration \Leftarrow **Conjunctivity**
- ③ Evaluation

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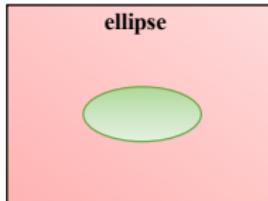


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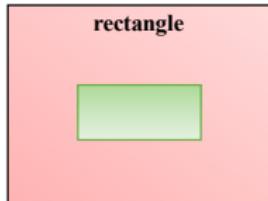
- In some lower-dimensional subspaces, the projected **user interest region** or its complement is convex.



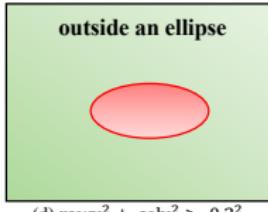
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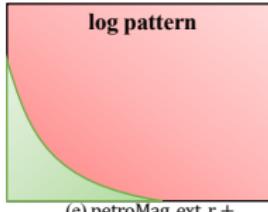
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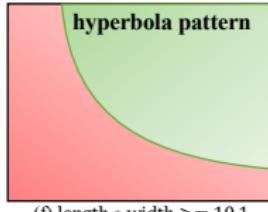
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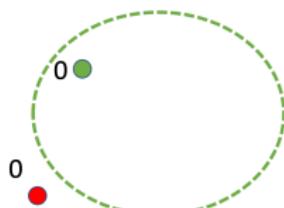


(e) $\text{petroMag_ext_r} + 2.5 * \log_{10}(\text{petroR50_r2}) < 23.3$



(f) $\text{length} * \text{width} \geq 10.1$

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The convex hull of positive examples

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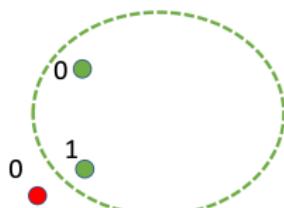
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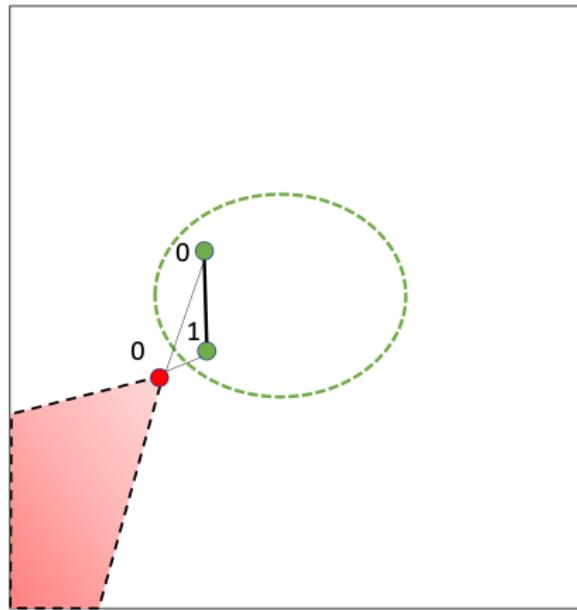
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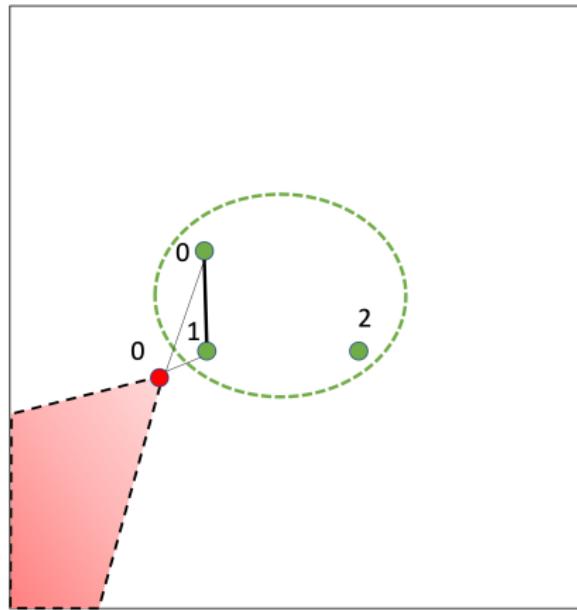
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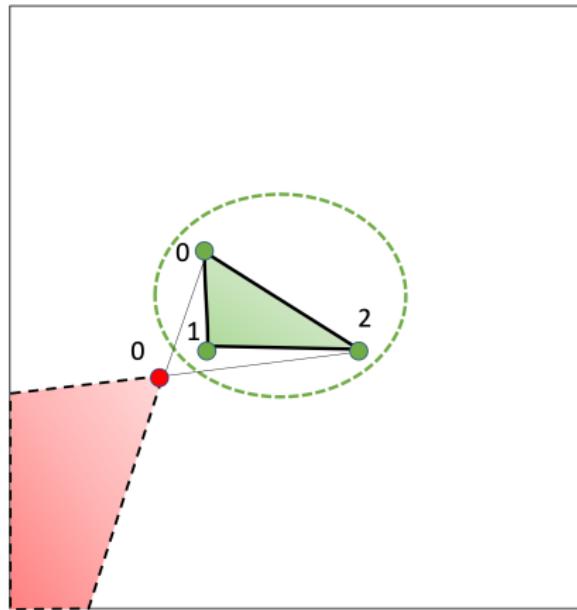
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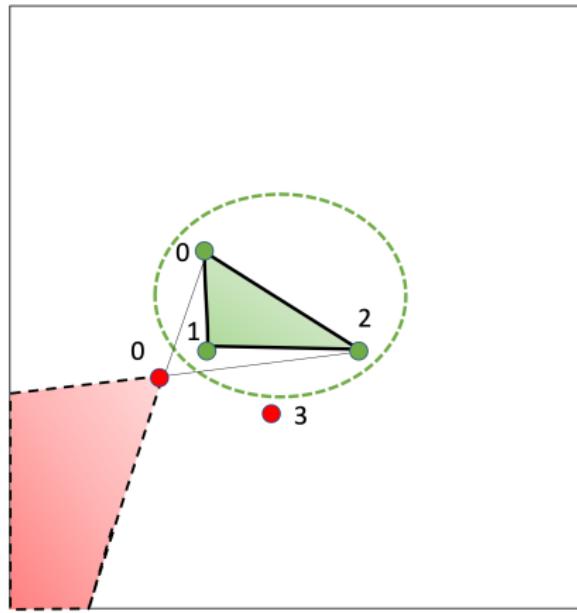
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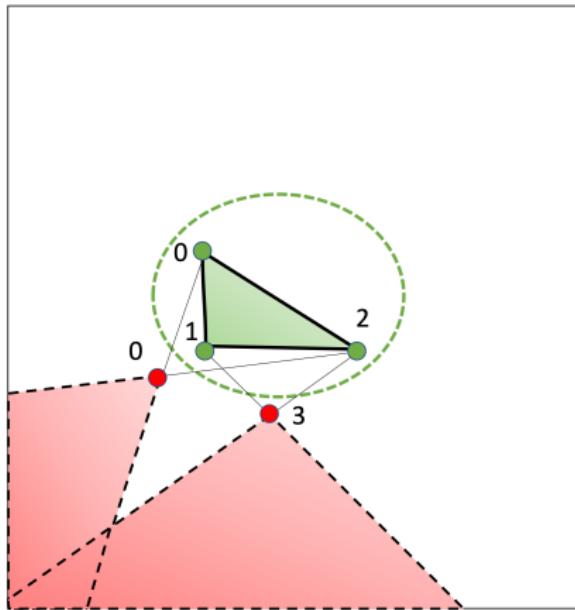
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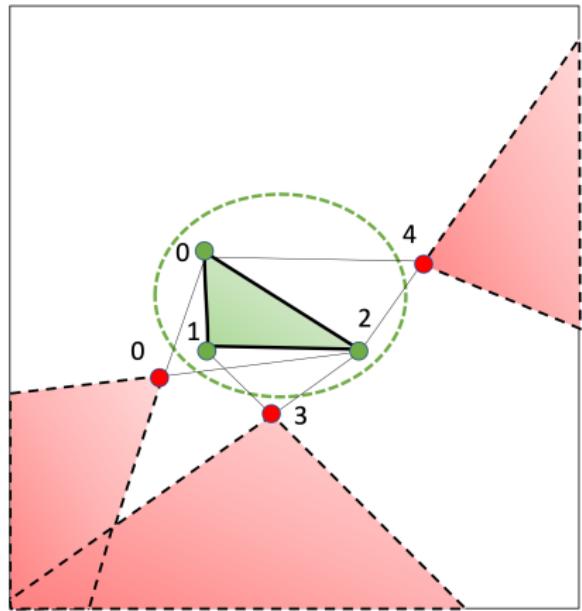
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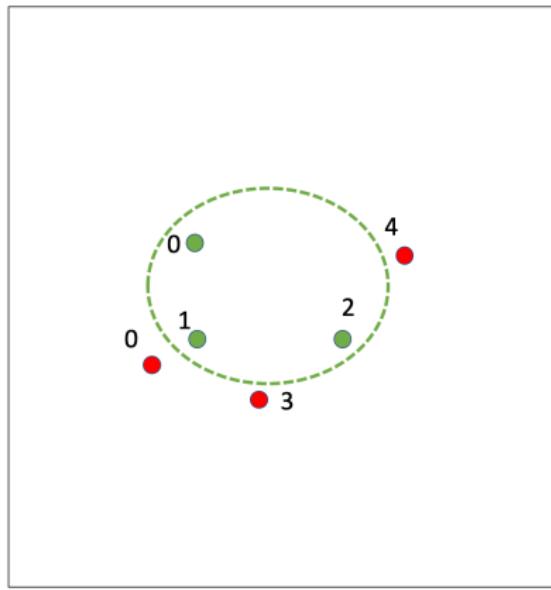
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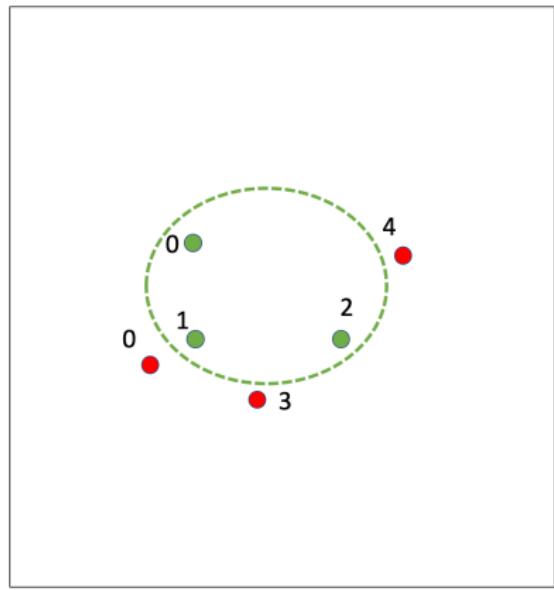
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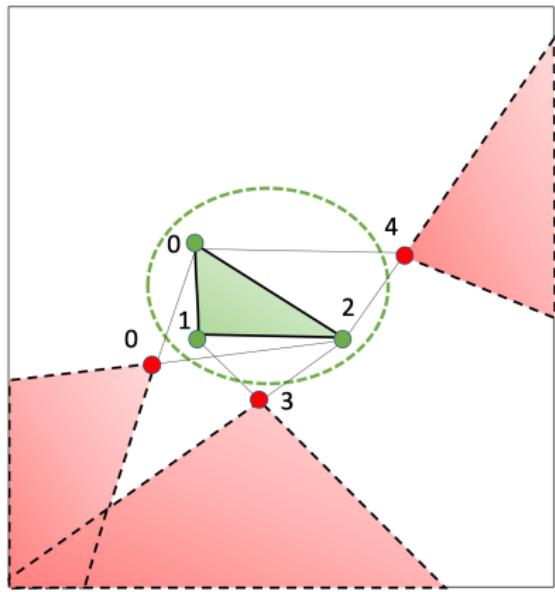


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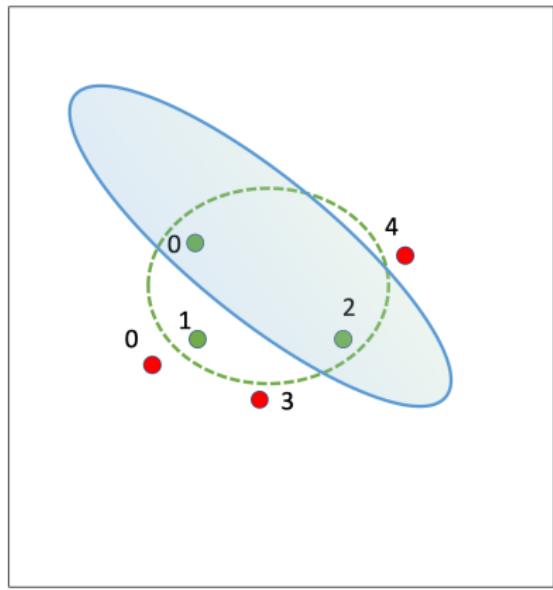


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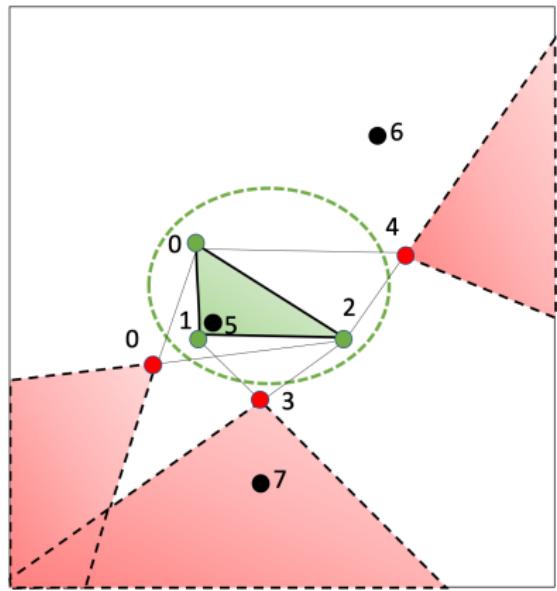


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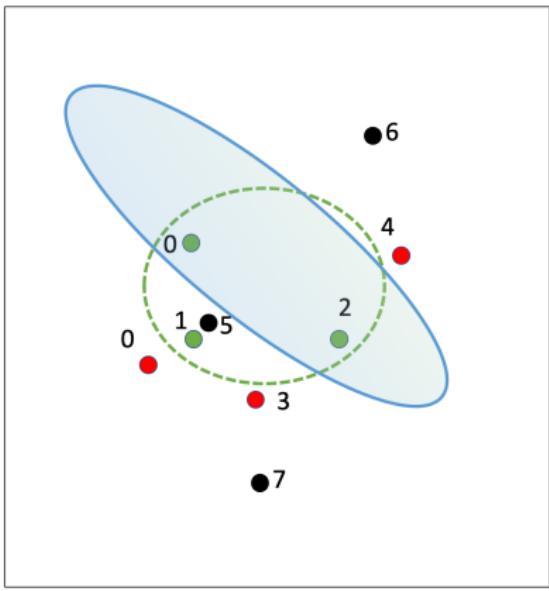


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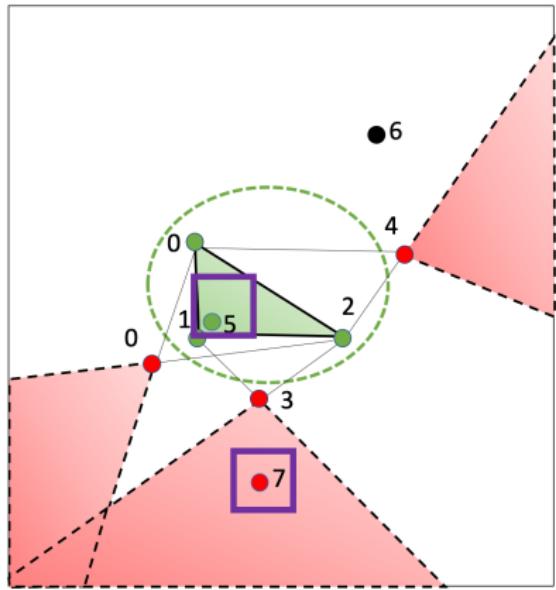


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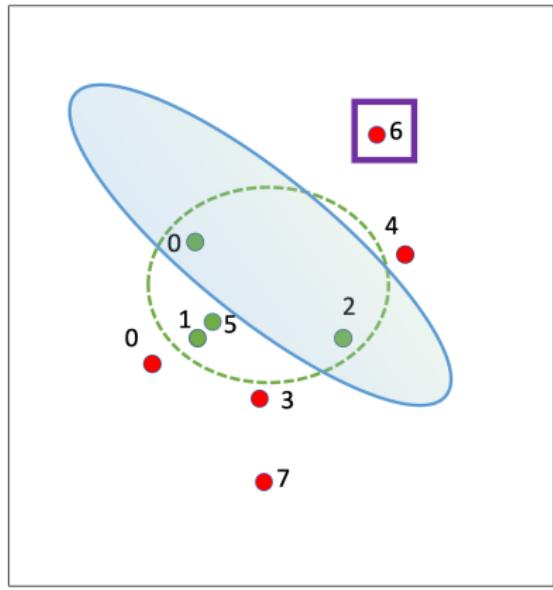


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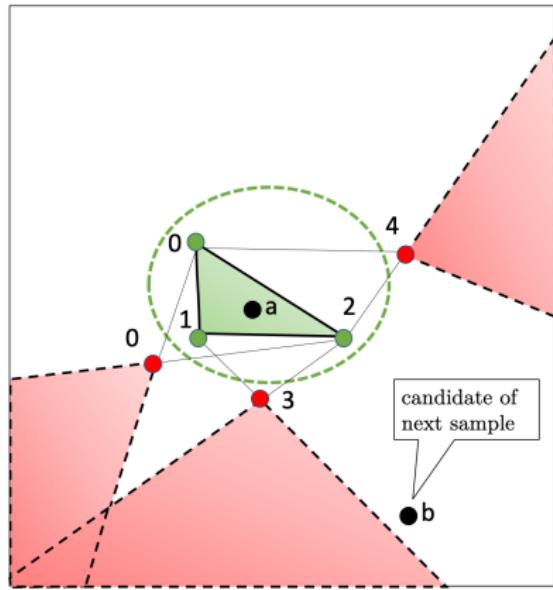


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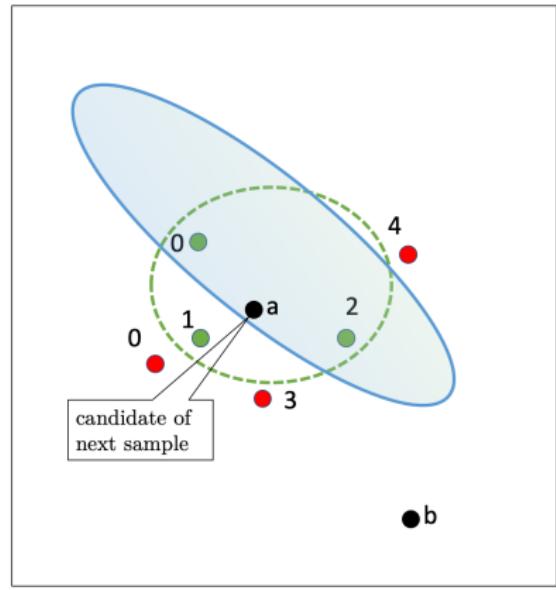


Dual-Space Model (DSM) for Sample Acquisition

Data Space Model (F_D)



Classification Model (F_V)



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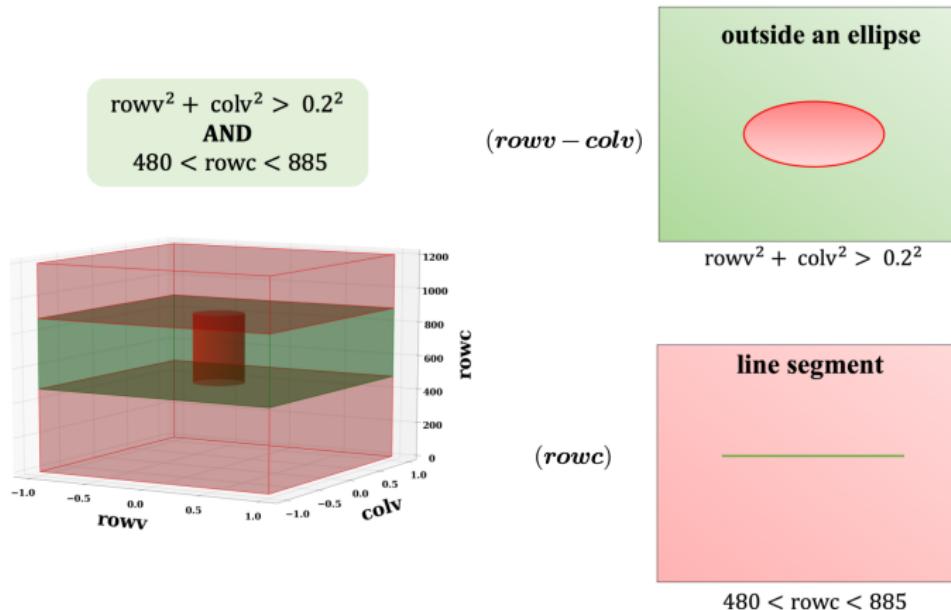
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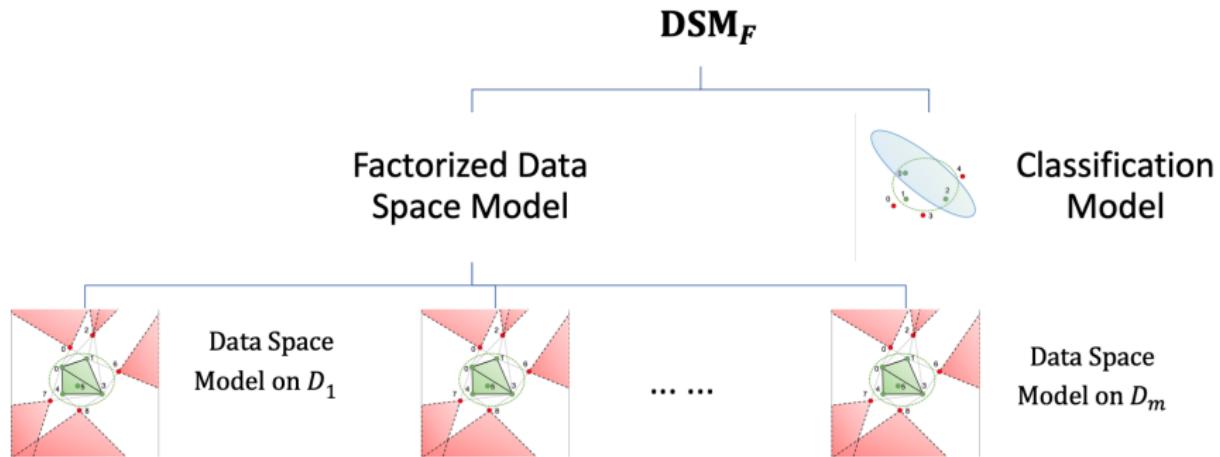
More details in our paper.

Data Space Model with factorization ($F_{\mathcal{D}_f}$)

- Conjunctive queries are a major class of database queries.



DSM with factorization (DSM_F)



Experimental Evaluation

- Datasets

- ▶ Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)
 - a large sky survey database
 - 1% sample: 1.9 million tuples, 4.9GB
 - user interest queries from the SDSS query release³
- ▶ Car database
 - extracted from <http://www.teoalida.com/>
 - 5,622 tuples
 - user interest queries from the user study

- Algorithms/Systems for comparison

- ▶ DSM_F , DSM
- ▶ AL-SVM(AL), AL-KNN⁺
- ▶ AIDE, LifeJoin

³Sloan digital sky survey: Dr8 sample sql queries. <http://skyserver.sdss.org/dr8/en/help/docs/reqlquery.asp>.

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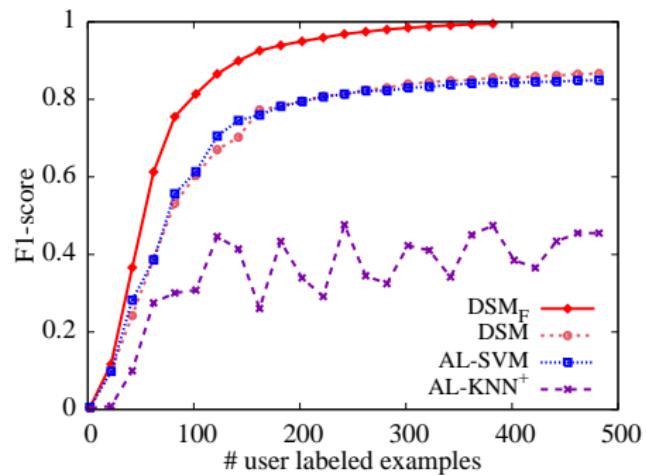


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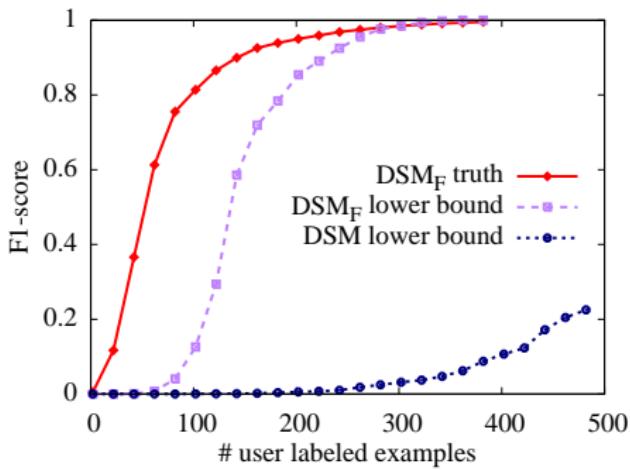


Figure: Lower bound for 4D (0.1%) query

- DSM_F outperforms other algorithms
- DSM_F improves the lower bound of F_1 score

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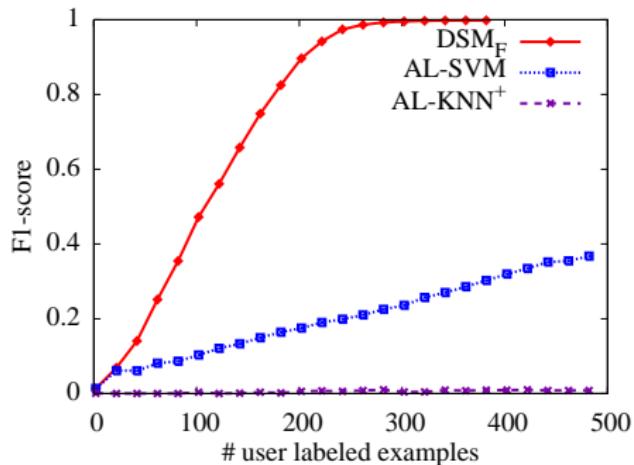


Figure: F_1 score for 6D (0.01%) query

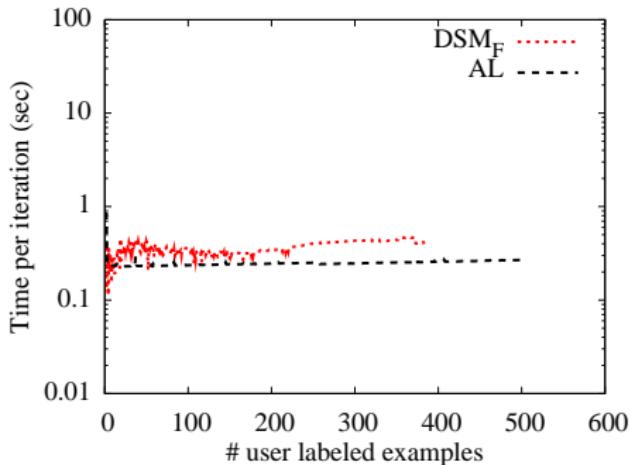


Figure: Time for 6D (0.01%) query

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- interactive performance: within 1-2 seconds per iteration

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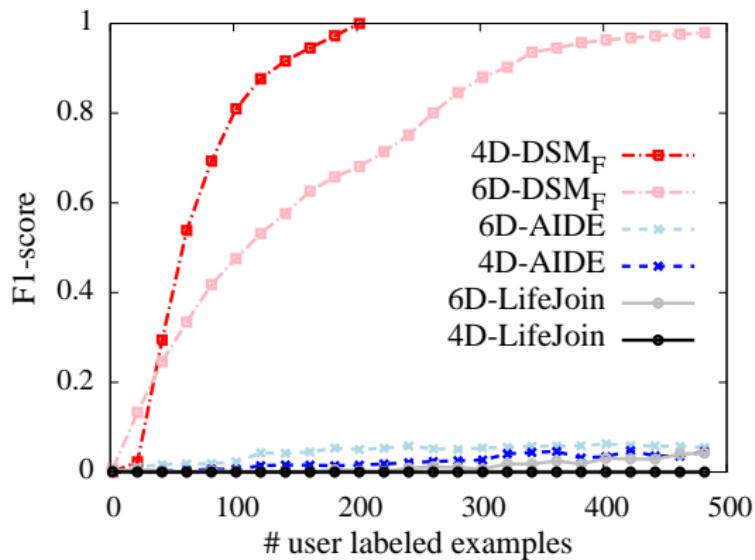


Figure: DSM_F vs. AIDE and LifeJoin

- DSM_F consistently wins against AIDE and LifeJoin

Summary

- Take-away messages
 - ▶ design new algorithms for IDE in the active learning framework
 - ▶ leverage the **subspatial convex and conjunctive properties of database queries** to overcome the **slow convergence problem**
 - ▶ our DSM algorithm significantly outperforms the existing IDE systems in **accuracy** and **convergence speed**, while maintaining the per-iteration time within 1-2 seconds.

- Future work
 - ▶ address **inconsistent labeling** by extending our DSM model to a probabilistic model
 - ▶ extend query patterns to **multiple disjoint areas** using exploration versus exploitation
 - ▶ leverage **data properties** to further improve accuracy

Thank you!

Questions ?