# Multi-label classification using Scikit-multilearn

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### Scikit-multilearn

- Multi-Label Classification in Python
- Scikit-multilearn is a BSD-licensed library for multi-label classification that is built on top of the well-known scikit-learn ecosystem.
- Webpage
- Install with pip:
  - √ pip install scikit-multilearn

## Datasets available

There are some available datasets than can be loaded

### Datasets

```
X_train, y_train, feature_names, label_names = load_dataset('emotions',
→ 'train')
X_test, y_test, _, _= load_dataset('emotions', 'test')
```

The **feature\_names** variable contains list of pairs (feature name, type) that were provided in the original data set

### Datasets

Feature names

```
Feature names
>>> feature_names[:10]
[('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_Centroid', 'NUMERIC'),
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_Rolloff', 'NUMERIC'),
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_Flux', 'NUMERIC'),
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_MFCC_0'.
                                        'NUMERIC'),
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_MFCC_1'.
                                        'NUMERIC').
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_MFCC_2',
                                        'NUMERIC')
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_MFCC_3',
                                        'NUMERIC')
    ('Mean Acc1298 Mean Mem40 MFCC 4'.
                                        'NUMERIC').
    ('Mean Acc1298 Mean Mem40 MFCC 5'.
                                        'NUMERIC').
    ('Mean_Acc1298_Mean_Mem40_MFCC_6',
                                        'NUMERIC')1
```

### Datasets Label names

## Label names

```
>> label_names
('amazed-suprised', ['0', '1']), ('happy-pleased', ['0', '1']),

('relaxing-calm', ['0', '1']), ('quiet-still', ['0', '1']),

('sad-lonely', ['0', '1']), ('angry-aggresive', ['0', '1'])]
```

## Data representation

- scikit-multilearn expects on input:
  - ✓ X to be a matrix of shape (n\_samples, n\_features)
  - ✓ y to be a matrix of shape (n\_samples, n\_labels)

## Data

Available datasets

#### Datasets

### Datasets

To download a data set use the :meth:load\_dataset function.

```
Datasets
```

- The most common way for storing multi-label data is the ARFF file format created by the WEKA library. You can find many benchmark data sets in ARFF format on the MULAN data repository.
- Loading both dense and sparse ARFF files is simple in scikit-multilearn, just use :func:load\_from\_arff, like this:
- >>> from skmultilearn.dataset import load\_from\_arff
- Loading multi-label ARFF files requires additional information as the number or placement of labels, is not indicated in the format directly.

```
>> path_to_arff_file = '_static/example.arff'
>> label_count = 7
```

3 >> label\_location="end"

- The package offers 11 methods
- There are problem transformation and algorithm adaptation methods

- Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 1 parameter
- Complexity:  $O(n_{labels} \times n_{samples} \times n_{features} \times k)$
- BRkNN classifiers train a k Nearest Neighbor per label and use infer label assignment in one of the two variants.
- Strong sides
  - $\checkmark$  takes some label relations into account while estimating single-label classifers
  - √ works when distance between samples is a good predictor for label assignment. Often used in biosciences.
- Weak sides
  - ✓ trains a classifier per label
  - ✓ less suitable for large label space



### MLTSVM

- Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 2 parameters
- Complexity:  $O((n_{samples} \times n_{features} + n_{labels}) \times k)$
- Twin multi-Label Support Vector Machines
- Strong sides
  - ✓ estimates one multi-label SVM subclassifier without any one-vs-all or one-vs-rest comparisons, O(1) classifiers instead of  $O(l^2)$
  - $\checkmark$  works when distance between samples is a good predictor for label assignment
- Weak sides
  - √ requires parameter estimation



- Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 2 parameters
- Complexity:  $O((n_{samples} \times n_{features} + n_{labels}) \times k)$
- MLkNN builds uses k-NearestNeighbors find nearest examples to a test class and uses Bayesian inference to select assigned labels.
- Strong sides
  - ✓ estimates one multi-class subclassifier
  - $\checkmark$  works when distance between samples is a good predictor for label assignment
  - ✓ often used in biosciences.
- Weak sides
  - ✓ requires parameter estimation



- Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 2 parameters
- $\longrightarrow$  Complexity:  $O(n_{samples})$
- An ART classifier which uses clustering of learned prototypes into large clusters improve performance.
- Strong sides
  - ✓ linear in number of samples, scales well
- Weak sides
  - √ requires parameter estimation
  - ✓ ART techniques have had generalization limits in the past



## BinaryRelevance

- Parameter estimation needed: Only for base classifier
- Complexity:  $O(n_{labels} \times base\_single\_class\_classifier\_complexity)$
- Transforms a multi-label classification problem with L labels into L single-label separate binary classification problems.
- Strong sides
  - √ estimates single-label classifiers
  - √ can generalize beyond available label combinations
- Weak sides
  - √ not suitable for large number of labels
  - ✓ ignores label relations



- → Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 1 + parameters for base classifier
- $\rightarrow$  Complexity:  $O(n_{labels} \times base\_single\_class\_classifier\_complexity)$
- Transforms multi-label problem to a multi-class problem where each label combination is a separate class.
- → Strong sides
  - ✓ estimates single-label classifiers
  - √ can generalize beyond available label combinations
  - ✓ takes label relations into account
- Weak sides
  - ✓ not suitable for large number of labels
  - ✓ quality strongly depends on the label ordering in chain

### LabelPowerset

- Parameter estimation needed: Only for base classifier
- ightharpoonup Complexity:  $O(base\_multi\_class\_classifier\_complexity(n_{classes} = n_{label\_combinations}))$
- Transforms multi-label problem to a multi-class problem where each label combination is a separate class and uses a multi-class classifier to solve the problem.
- Strong sides
  - ✓ estimates label dependencies, with only one classifier
  - ✓ often best solution for subset accuracy if training data contains all relevant label combinations
- Weak sides
  - $\checkmark$  requires all label combinations predictable by the classifier to be present in the training data
  - ✓ very prone to underfitting with large label spaces

- Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 1 + base classifier's parameters
- Complexity:  $O(n_{partitions} \times base\_multi\_class\_classifier\_complexity(n_{classes} = n_{label\_combinations\_per\_partition}))$
- Randomly partitions label space and trains a Label Powerset classifier per partition with a base multi-class classifier.
- Strong sides
  - may use less classifiers than Binary Relevance and still generalize label relations while not underfitting like LabelPowerset
- Weak sides
  - ✓ using random approach is not very probable to draw an optimal label space division



- Parameter estimation needed: Yes, 2 + base classifier's parameters
- Complexity:  $O(n_{partitions} \times base\_multi\_class\_classifier\_complexity(n_{classes} = n_{label\_combinations\_per\_cluster}))$
- Randomly draw label subspaces (possibly overlapping) and trains a Label Powerset classifier per partition with a base multi-class classifier, labels are assigned based on voting
- Strong sides
  - $\checkmark$  may provide better results with overlapping models
- Weak sides
  - ✓ takes large number of classifiers to generate improvement, not scalable
  - ✓ random subspaces may not be optimal



- Parameter estimation needed: Only base classifier
- Complexity: O(n<sub>partitions</sub> × classifier\_complexity(n<sub>classes</sub> = n<sub>label\_combinations\_per\_partition</sub>))
- Uses clustering methods to divide the label space into subspaces and trains a base classifier per partition with a base multi-class classifier.
- Strong sides
  - √ accommodates to different types of problems
  - ✓ infers when to divide into subproblems or not and decide when to use less classifiers than Binary Relevance
  - √ scalable to data sets with large numbers of labels
  - ✓ generalizes label relations well while not underfitting like LabelPowerset
  - ✓ does not require parameter estimation
- Weak sides
  - $\checkmark$  requires label relationships present in training data to be representative of the problem
  - ✓ partitioning may prevent certain label combinations from being correctly classified, depends on base classifier



- ➡ Parameter estimation needed: Only base classifier
- $\rightarrow$  Complexity:  $O(n_{clusters} \times classifier\_complexity(n_{classes} = n_{label\_combinations\_per\_cluster}))$
- Uses clustering methods to divide the label space into subspaces (possibly overlapping) and trains a base classifier per partition with a base multi-class classifier, labels are assigned based on voting.
- Strong sides
  - √ accommodates to different types of problems
  - √ infers when to divide into subproblems or not and decide when to use less classifiers than Binary Relevance
  - ✓ scalable to data sets with large numbers of labels
  - ✓ generalizes label relations well while not underfitting like LabelPowerset
  - ✓ does not require parameter estimation
- → Weak sides
  - ✓ requires label relationships present in training data to be representative of the problem



- Parameter estimation needed: Only for embeder
- Complexity: depends on the selection of embeder, regressor and classifier
- Embeds the label space, trains a regressor (or many) for unseen samples to predict their embeddings, and a classifier to correct the regression error
- Strong sides
  - ✓ improves discriminability and joint label probability distributions
  - √ good results with low-complexity linear embeddings and weak regressors/classifiers
- Weak sides
  - ✓ requires some parameter estimation while rule-of-thumb ideas exist in papers



Metrics

- Package sklearn.metrics implements several measures
- Some of them are useful for multi-label learning
  - √ Hamming loss
  - √ Accuracy score
  - √ Coverage
  - ✓ A few others...
- The remaining ones must be programmed

- The method is available for all classifiers with MultiOutputClassifier() and OneVsRestClassifier()
- This strategy consists of fitting one classifier per target.
- This allows multiple target variable classifications.
- The purpose of this class is to extend estimators to be able to estimate a series of target functions  $(f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n)$  that are trained on a single X predictor matrix to predict a series of responses  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n)$
- This method implements both multi-label and multi-output classification.



#### BR method

MultiOutputClassifier()

```
#! /usr/bin/python
     from sklearn.datasets import make_classification
     from sklearn.multioutput import MultiOutputClassifier
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
     from sklearn.utils import shuffle
     import numpy as np
     X, y1 = make_classification(n_samples=10, n_features=100, n_informative=30, n_classes=2.

    random state=1)

     y2 = shuffle(y1, random_state=1)
     v3 = shuffle(v1, random state=2)
     Y = np.vstack((y1, y2, y3)).T
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     n samples, n features = X.shape # 10.100
11
     n outputs = Y.shape[1] # 3
     n classes = 2
     forest = RandomForestClassifier(random state=1)
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     multi target forest = MultiOutputClassifier(forest, n jobs=-1)
15
     yhat = multi_target_forest.fit(X, Y).predict(X)
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     print(yhat)
17
```

## BR method

```
#! /usr/bin/pvthon
     from sklearn, datasets import make classification
     from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier
     from sklearn.utils import shuffle
     import numpy as np
     X. v1 = make classification(n samples=10, n features=100, n informative=30, n classes=2.
     \hookrightarrow random_state=1)
     y2 = shuffle(y1, random_state=1)
     v3 = shuffle(v1, random state=2)
     Y = np.vstack((v1, v2, v3)).T
10
     n_samples, n_features = X.shape # 10,100
     n_{outputs} = Y.shape[1] # 3
     n classes = 2
13
     multi_label = OneVsRestClassifier(LogisticRegression(solver='sag'), n_jobs=-1)
14
     yhat = multi_label.fit(X, Y).predict(X)
15
     print(yhat)
16
```

## Miscellaneous tools

Generation of a random problems

- Generate a random multi-label classification problem
- sklearn.datasets.make\_multilabel\_classification()
- sklearn.datasets.make\_multilabel\_classification(n\_samples=100, n\_features=20, n\_classes=5, n\_labels=2, length=50, allow\_unlabeled=True, sparse=False, return\_indicator='dense', return\_distributions=False, random\_state=None)

Useful functions from scikit-learn

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## Miscellaneous tools

Confusion matrix

- Compute a confusion matrix for each class or sample
- sklearn.metrics.multilabel\_confusion\_matrix()
- sklearn.metrics.multilabel\_confusion\_matrix(y\_true, y\_pred, sample\_weight=None, labels=None, samplewise=False)