

Optimization of Nearest Neighbors: Run Time and Accuracy

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Abstract

Ligands can react with a particular receptor in one of three ways: bind and activate the receptor, bind and inhibit the receptor, and not bind at all. Whether a ligand is likely to bind to a receptor can be determined by considering the features such as ligand and receptor shapes, charges, and molecular forces. All of the factors can be accounted via FRED (Fast Rigid Exhaustive Docking) which calculates the Chemgauss4 (cg4) scoring function.

Since the relative positions of both the ligand and receptor affect the likelihood of binding, the FRED scores for 500 receptor frames crossed with each of 710 ligands were taken to create a system for predicting whether a particular ligand will bind with the receptor. These 500 frames were used as the features for feature vectors with the ligands as an instances.

The labeled ligand instances and their 500-FRED-score-long feature vectors were used to train a basic ϵ -sphere, nearest neighbors algorithm with low precision and recall results. The algorithm was then improved by selecting features with information gain and testing with different ϵ values. However, the original dataset proved to be too small and limited to get conclusive results. Synthetic data was then generated for testing and improving the nearest neighbors algorithm. Then, the nearest neighbors algorithm was improved using a Lambda Means EM (Expectation Maximization) algorithm to cluster the data points with highly positive results.

1 Introduction

The ϵ -sphere nearest neighbors algorithm is a close relative of the K-nearest neighbors algorithm; both are clustering algorithms designed with the purpose of categorizing data into a certain number of categories, or labels. As an example, for the ligand-receptor data used, the ligands would be labeled with whether or not they bind with the given receptor.

Clustering algorithms work by using nearby points to determine which cluster or label a given point should be placed in based on the labels of the points around it. The only difference between the above-mentioned ϵ -sphere and K nearest neighbors is how to choose the points around the test point to help determine the test point's label. In the K nearest neighbors algorithm, the number K of points closest to the test point are taken, and the test point is assigned the majority label amongst those points; in the ϵ -sphere algorithm, all points that are within a Euclidean distance of ϵ or less from the test point are used and the majority label is used as the prediction.

The general structure of the ϵ -sphere clustering algorithm is the same as any machine learning algorithm: teaching the algorithm using a training dataset, and testing the accuracy of the algorithm with a development dataset. During training of ϵ -sphere clustering, the training data points are simply read in and stored.

During testing, data points are input individually, and the algorithm attempts to predict their label. It does so by taking all data points within Euclidean distance ϵ of the test point and calculating the ma-

jority label amongst those points. The test point is then assigned to that majority label.

There has been some previous research into speeding up K nearest neighbors by using ϵ -sphere. Indyk and Rajeev (1998) first implemented and tested a kd-tree for the ϵ -sphere algorithm and recommended it only for low-dimensional data. More recently, Muja and Lowe attempted to find fast approximates for the nearest neighbors algorithm.

For receptor ligand docking,

2 Methods

Which ML techniques we picked and why they are suited for our data

3 Results

- output
 - what tests did we run
 - what do these results mean

4 Comparison

The original project proposal suggested three milestones for the optimization of nearest neighbors: minimum, expected, and stretch deliverables. The minimum deliverable was to implement a functional ϵ -sphere nearest neighbor algorithm to predict whether or not a ligand will potentially respond and bind to a given receptor and to implement feature selection via information gain. This implementation was achieved and presented in the class SphereNearestNeighborPredictor.java in the "sphere" package of the "neighbors" project; the results and analysis of the run time and accuracy of this implementation is provided above in the Results section.

The expected deliverable was to implement a faster ϵ -sphere algorithm by using divide-and-conquer in lieu of a linear search for the *epsilon* closest points to a test point, similar to a kd tree. However, this was not implemented because it was found via additional research (Indyk and Rajeev) that usage of kd trees in higher dimensions are no better than brute-force search since most nodes in the kd tree would need to be evaluated anyways.

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