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Binary Relevance for Multi-Label Learning

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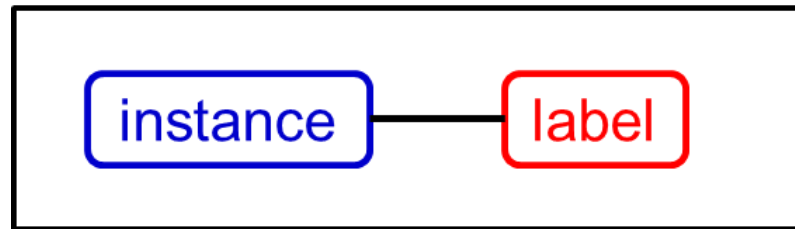
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- Multi-Label Learning (MLL)
- Binary Relevance for MLL
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 - Towards Class-Imbalance Aware MLL
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Traditional Supervised Learning

object



- **Input space**: represented by a **single instance** (feature vector) characterizing its properties
- **Output space**: associated with a **single label** characterizing its semantics

Basic assumption

real-world object has unique labeling

Multi-Label Objects



Sunset

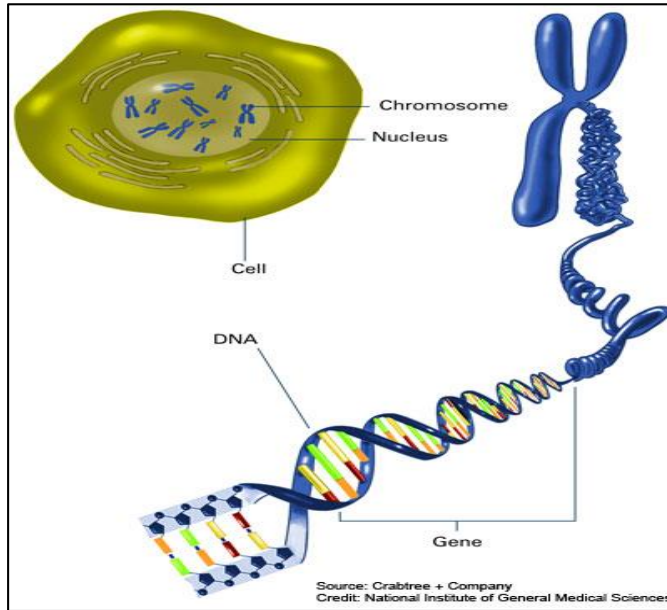
Clouds

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Countryside

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Multi-Label Objects



Metabolism

Transcription

Protein
synthesis

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Multi-Label Objects



Piano

Classical music

Mozart

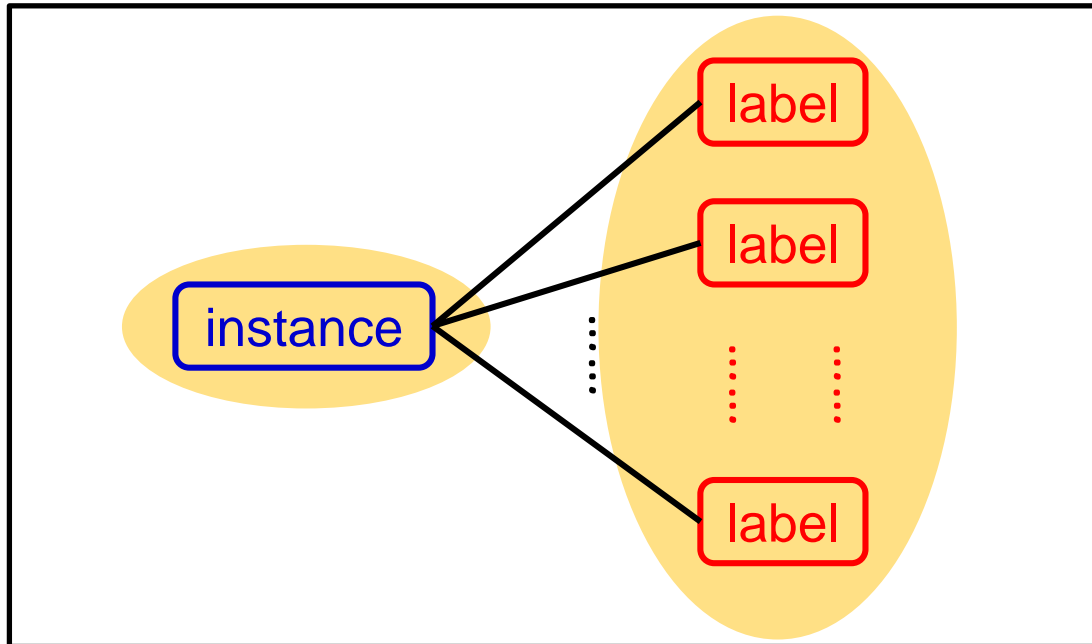
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Multi-label objects are ubiquitous !

Multi-Label Learning (MLL)

object



Multi-Label Learning (MLL)

Formal Definition of MLL

Settings

\mathcal{X} : d -dimensional feature space \mathbb{R}^d

\mathcal{Y} : label space with q labels $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_q\}$

Inputs

\mathcal{D} : training set with m examples $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, Y_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$

$\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{X}$ is a d -dimensional feature vector $(\mathbf{x}_{i1}, \mathbf{x}_{i2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{id})^T$

$Y_i \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ is the label set associated with \mathbf{x}_i

Outputs

h : multi-label predictor $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{Y}}$

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Binary Relevance (BR) [Boutell et al., PRJ04]

The most intuitive solution to MLL

decompose MLL into q independent binary problems

for $j=1$ to q **do**

Generate the *binary training set* \mathcal{D}_j from \mathcal{D} ;

Train binary classifier: $g_j \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_j)$

end

$$h(\mathbf{x}^*) = \{y_j \mid g_j(\mathbf{x}^*) > 0, 1 \leq j \leq q\}$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, Y_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

(MLL training set)



$$\mathcal{D}_j = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \phi(Y_i, y_j)) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$\text{where } \phi(Y_i, y_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y_j \in Y_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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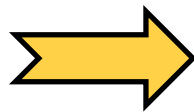
Pros:

conceptually simple, efficient and easy to implement

Cons:

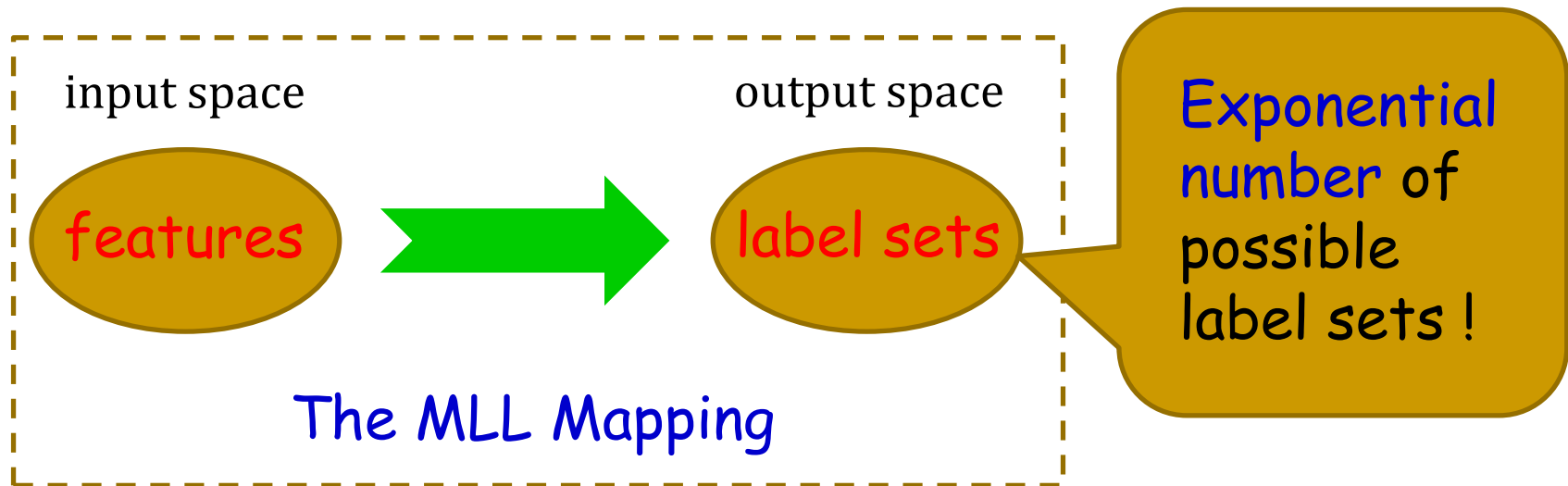
label correlations totally ignored

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Major Challenge – Huge Output Space



$q=5 \rightarrow 32$ label sets

$q=10 \rightarrow \sim 1\text{k}$ label sets

$q=20 \rightarrow \sim 1\text{M}$ label sets

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Common Strategy

Exploiting Label Correlations

e.g.: An image labeled as *lions* and *grassland* would be *likely* annotated with label *Africa*

Endow BR with Label Correlations (1)

Chaining-style methods

[Read et al., ECML PKDD'09/MLJ11; Dembczyński et al., ICML'10/ECAI'12; Kumar et al., ECML PKDD'12; Senge et al., Gfkl'13; Li & Zhou, MCS'13; Mena et al., MLJ17]

Step I: Specify a chaining order over all the class labels

$$\tau : \{1, \dots, q\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, q\}$$

Step II: Induce one binary classifier for each label along the chain, by treating preceding labels as extra features

$$f_j : \mathcal{X} \times y_{\tau(1)} \times \dots \times y_{\tau(j-1)} \rightarrow y_{\tau(j)} \quad (1 \leq j \leq q)$$

Random correlations among labels

Endow BR with Label Correlations (2)

Stacking-style methods

[Godbole & Sarawagi, PAKDD'04; Tsoumakas et al., MLD'09; Zhang & Zhou, KDD'10; Montañes et al., PRJ14; Loza Mencía et al., MLJ16]

Step I: Invoke the standard BR procedure

$$g_j : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow y_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq q)$$

Step II: Induce one binary classifier for each label, by treating BR classifiers' outputs as extra features

$$f_j : \mathcal{X} \times g_1(\cdot) \times \cdots \times g_q(\cdot) \rightarrow y_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq q)$$

Full-order correlations among labels

To Enhance BR...

Exploiting
Label Correlations

Necessary

But Not
Sufficient

Two Inherent Properties

- Class-imbalance
- Relative Labeling-importance

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Towards Class-Imbalance Aware Multi-Label Learning


Class-Imbalance for MLL

An inherent property for MLL: class-imbalance

For each class label $y_j \in \mathcal{Y}$:

\mathcal{D}_j^+ : the set of *positive* training examples w.r.t. y_j

\mathcal{D}_j^- : the set of *negative* training examples w.r.t. y_j


$$ImR_j = \frac{\max(|\mathcal{D}_j^+|, |\mathcal{D}_j^-|)}{\min(|\mathcal{D}_j^+|, |\mathcal{D}_j^-|)} \quad (\textit{imbalance ratio})$$

For the *rcv1* data set (with 42 class labels), we have:

minimum $ImR_j (\min_{1 \leq j \leq q} ImR_j)$: >3

average $ImR_j (\frac{1}{q} \sum_{j=1}^q ImR_j)$: >15

maximum $ImR_j (\max_{1 \leq j \leq q} ImR_j)$: >50

Existing Approaches Towards Class-Imbalance MLL

Binary Decomposition

Decompose MLL into q independent binary learning problems

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- ✓ Over-sampling/Under-sampling
apply over-sampling/under-sampling techniques [Spyromitros-Xioufis et al., IJCAI'11] [Tahir et al., PRJ12] [Charte et al., KBS15]
- ✓ Parameter tuning
optimizing the classification threshold [Fan & Lin, TechReport07] [Quevedo et al., PRJ12] [Pillai et al., PRJ13]
- ✓ Optimizing imbalance-specific metric
optimizing the F-measure [Pettersen & Caetano, NIPS'10] [Dembczyński et al., ICML'13]

Existing Approaches Towards Class-Imbalance MLL

Ignoring Label Correlations!

Sampling
Under-sampling

[Liu & Xiuoufis et al., IJCAI'11]

[K]12] [Charte et al., KBS15]

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The COCOA Approach

Basic Strategy

Cross-coupling + class-imbalance learner aggregation

Training Phase

Cross-coupling each label with other labels



Generate multi-class imbalance classifier

Testing Phase

Aggregate classifiers' outputs for each label



Predict by querying aggregation results

Training Phase

For each class label $y_j \in \mathcal{Y}$, induce a real-valued function $f_j : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by cross-coupling with other class labels

suppose y_k ($k \neq j$) is chosen to couple with y_j , a four-class training set \mathcal{D}_{jk} can be derived from \mathcal{D} as follows:

$$\mathcal{D}_{jk} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \psi(Y_i, y_j, y_k)) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

where $\psi(Y_i, y_j, y_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y_j \notin Y_i \text{ and } y_k \notin Y_i \\ +1, & \text{if } y_j \notin Y_i \text{ and } y_k \in Y_i \\ +2, & \text{if } y_j \in Y_i \text{ and } y_k \notin Y_i \\ +3, & \text{if } y_j \in Y_i \text{ and } y_k \in Y_i \end{cases}$

$\psi(Y_i, y_j, y_k)$ is determined by the joint assignment of y_j and y_k w.r.t. Y_i

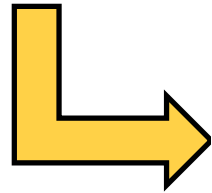
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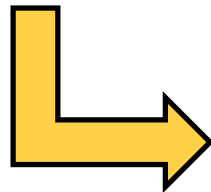
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 Merge

WLOG, suppose positive examples correspond to the *minority* class



For \mathcal{D}_{jk} , the first class ($\psi(Y_i, y_j, y_k) = 0$) would be largest and the fourth class ($\psi(Y_i, y_j, y_k) = +3$) would be smallest



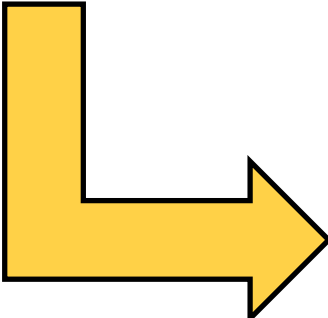
The worst imbalance ratio would roughly turn into $ImR_j * ImR_k$

Training Phase – Cont'd

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 Merge


four-class to
tri-class

$$\mathcal{D}_{jk}^{\text{tri}} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \psi^{\text{tri}}(Y_i, y_j, y_k)) \mid 1 \leq i \leq N\}$$

$$\text{where } \psi^{\text{tri}}(Y_i, y_j, y_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y_j \notin Y_i \text{ and } y_k \notin Y_i \\ +1, & \text{if } y_j \notin Y_i \text{ and } y_k \in Y_i \\ +2, & \text{if } y_j \in Y_i \end{cases}$$

Training Phase – Cont'd

for $j=1$ to q **do**

Draw a *random* subset $\mathcal{I}_K \subset \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y_j\}$ containing K class labels;

for $y_k \in \mathcal{I}_K$ **do**

Form the tri-class training set $\mathcal{D}_{jk}^{\text{tri}}$;

$g_{jk} \leftarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}_{jk}^{\text{tri}});$

end

end



Multi-class
imbalance learner

Testing Phase

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imbalance learner

for $j=1$ to q **do**

$$f_j(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{y_k \in \mathcal{I}_K} g_{jk}(+2 | \mathbf{x})$$

predictive confidence that \mathbf{x} has positive assignment w.r.t. y_j

end

$$Y = \{y_j \mid \forall 1 \leq j \leq q : f_j(\mathbf{x}) > t_j\}$$

threshold obtained by optimizing empirical F-measure w.r.t. y_j

Testing Phase

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Form the tri-class training

$$g_{jk} \leftarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}_{jk}^{\text{tri}});$$

end

end

Multi-class
imbalance learner

Label
Cross-Coupling

for $j=1$ to q **do**

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Class-Imbalance
Learner
Aggregation

Experimental Setup – Data Sets

Table 2: Characteristics of the benchmark multi-label data sets.

Data set	\mathcal{S}	$dim(\mathcal{S})$	$L(\mathcal{S})$	$F(\mathcal{S})$	$LCard(\mathcal{S})$	$LDen(\mathcal{S})$	$DL(\mathcal{S})$	$PDL(\mathcal{S})$	Imbalance Ratio		
									min	max	avg
CAL500	502	68	124	numeric	25.058	0.202	502	1.000	1.040	24.390	3.846
Emotions	593	72	6	numeric	1.869	0.311	27	0.046	1.247	3.003	2.146
Medical	978	144	14	numeric	1.075	0.077	42	0.043	2.674	43.478	11.236
Enron	1702	50	24	nominal	3.113	0.130	547	0.321	1.000	43.478	5.348
Scene	2407	294	6	numeric	1.074	0.179	15	0.006	3.521	5.618	4.566
Yeast	2417	103	13	numeric	4.233	0.325	189	0.078	1.328	12.500	2.778
Slashdot	3782	53	14	nominal	1.134	0.081	118	0.031	5.464	35.714	10.989
Corel5k	5000	499	44	nominal	2.214	0.050	1037	0.207	3.460	50.000	17.857
Rcv1 (subset 1)	6000	472	42	numeric	2.458	0.059	574	0.096	3.344	50.000	15.152
Rcv1 (subset 2)	6000	472	39	numeric	2.170	0.056	489	0.082	3.215	47.619	15.873
Eurlex-sm	19348	250	27	numeric	1.492	0.055	497	0.026	3.509	47.619	16.393
Tmc2007	28596	500	15	nominal	2.100	0.140	637	0.022	1.447	34.483	5.848
Mediamill	43907	120	29	numeric	4.010	0.138	3540	0.079	1.748	45.455	7.092

Thirteen benchmark multi-label data sets

- ✓ average imbalance ratio ranges from **2.146** to **17.857**
- ✓ ten times of **random train/test splits** (50%/50%) + pairwise *t*-test
- ✓ imbalance-specific metrics: (macro-averaging) *F-measure* and *AUC*

Experimental Setup – Comparing Algorithms

COCOA: $K = \min(q - 1, 10)$

First Series Binary decomposition + imbalance learning techniques

USAM: under-sampling

USAM-EN, SMOTE-EN:

SMOTE: over-sampling

ensemble version

RML: optimizing F-measure [Pettersen & Caetano, NIPS'10]

Second Series Well-established MLL learning algorithms

ML-KNN: First-order approach [Zhang & Zhou, PRJ07]

CLR: Second-order approach [Fürnkranz et al., MLJ08]

ECC: High-order approach [Read et al., MLJ11]

RAKEL: High-order approach [Tsoumakas et al., TKDE11]

Experimental Results – F-measure

Table 3: Performance of each comparing algorithm (mean±std. deviation) in terms of *macro-averaging F-measure* (MACRO-F). In addition, ●/○ indicates whether COCOA is statistically superior/inferior to the comparing algorithm on each data set (pairwise *t*-test at 1% significance level).

Algorithm	Data Set							
	CAL500	Emotions	Medical	Enron	Scene	Yeast	Slashdot	
COCOA	0.207±0.009	0.662±0.013	0.690±0.015	0.324±0.009	0.732±0.013	0.457±0.015	0.327±0.009	
USAM	0.217±0.006○	0.591±0.016●	0.670±0.012●	0.266±0.011●	0.624±0.008●	0.432±0.010●	0.259±0.010●	
USAM-EN	0.246±0.004○	0.590±0.018●	0.665±0.025●	0.274±0.010●	0.620±0.011●	0.437±0.012	0.296±0.007●	
SMOTE	0.237±0.006○	0.584±0.020●	0.672±0.022	0.266±0.006●	0.619±0.007●	0.430±0.006●	0.326±0.005	
SMOTE-EN	0.239±0.004○	0.582±0.017●	0.672±0.022	0.275±0.004●	0.624±0.007●	0.431±0.005●	0.315±0.007	
RML	0.209±0.008	0.645±0.016	0.666±0.018	0.309±0.010●	0.684±0.013●	0.471±0.014	0.311±0.009●	
ML-KNN	0.074±0.002●	0.592±0.026●	0.474±0.031●	0.174±0.011●	0.715±0.011	0.380±0.008●	0.198±0.014●	
CLR	0.081±0.007●	0.595±0.017●	0.650±0.012●	0.229±0.006●	0.631±0.013●	0.413±0.010●	0.233±0.007●	
ECC	0.102±0.004●	0.642±0.014●	0.647±0.021●	0.241±0.006●	0.716±0.009	0.394±0.008●	0.250±0.007●	
RAKEL	0.193±0.003●	0.613±0.018●	0.576±0.014●	0.256±0.006●	0.686±0.008●	0.420±0.005●	0.248±0.006●	
Data Set								win/tie/loss
Algorithm	Core15k	Rcv1 (subset 1)	Rcv1 (subset 2)	Eurlex-sm	Tmc2007	Mediamill	counts for COCOA	
COCOA	0.195±0.004	0.363±0.008	0.337±0.009	0.703±0.007	0.669±0.002	0.459±0.004	/	
USAM	0.141±0.004●	0.318±0.005●	0.306±0.005●	0.562±0.007●	0.607±0.002●	0.337±0.003●	12/0/1	
USAM-EN	0.150±0.002●	0.317±0.005●	0.303±0.005●	0.563±0.004●	0.608±0.002●	0.337±0.003●	11/1/1	
SMOTE	0.125±0.003●	0.314±0.006●	0.305±0.004●	0.552±0.003●	0.566±0.003●	0.338±0.001●	10/2/1	
SMOTE-EN	0.126±0.002●	0.313±0.004●	0.304±0.004●	0.553±0.003●	0.567±0.003●	0.341±0.001●	10/2/1	
RML	0.215±0.009○	0.387±0.020○	0.363±0.029○	0.059±0.003●	0.568±0.039●	0.268±0.019●	6/4/3	
ML-KNN	0.028±0.004●	0.122±0.008●	0.103±0.008●	0.525±0.012●	0.479±0.008●	0.245±0.004●	12/1/0	
CLR	0.049±0.004●	0.227±0.007●	0.226±0.006●	0.599±0.006●	0.623±0.003●	0.268±0.004●	13/0/0	
ECC	0.064±0.004●	0.216±0.007●	0.199±0.004●	0.619±0.009●	0.642±0.003●	0.277±0.002●	12/1/0	
RAKEL	0.084±0.005●	0.272±0.007●	0.263±0.005●	0.632±0.008●	0.643±0.004●	0.378±0.002●	13/0/0	

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COCOA significantly outperforms the first series of comparing algorithms in 46.2% (RML), 76.9% (SMOTE, SMOTE-EN), 84.6% (USAM-EN) and 92.3% (USAM) cases

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Experimental Results – AUC

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SMOTE-EN	0.513±0.004●	0.704±0.013●	0.874±0.019●	0.617±0.007●	0.777±0.011●	0.581±0.007●	0.686±0.008●	
RML	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
ML-KNN	0.516±0.007●	0.806±0.015●	0.909±0.008●	0.663±0.006●	0.926±0.005●	0.679±0.004●	0.676±0.006●	
CLR	0.561±0.004○	0.796±0.010●	0.948±0.008●	0.709±0.007●	0.894±0.005●	0.650±0.004●	0.698±0.009●	
ECC	0.549±0.007●	0.841±0.009	0.925±0.009●	0.723±0.006●	0.938±0.003●	0.689±0.006●	0.706±0.009●	
RAKEL	0.528±0.005●	0.797±0.015●	0.828±0.006●	0.640±0.003●	0.892±0.004●	0.640±0.004●	0.612±0.002●	
	Data Set							win/tie/loss
Algorithm	Core15k	Rev1 (subset 1)	Rev1 (subset 2)	Eurlex-sm	Tmc2007	Mediamill		counts for COCOA
COCOA	0.719±0.004	0.889±0.003	0.882±0.002	0.957±0.002	0.930±0.001	0.843±0.001		7
USAM	0.572±0.003●	0.674±0.010●	0.672±0.009●	0.788±0.009●	0.801±0.003●	0.655±0.004●		13/0/0/
USAM-EN	0.574±0.002●	0.676±0.010●	0.671±0.010●	0.789±0.006●	0.800±0.003●	0.654±0.006●		13/0/0/
SMOTE	0.597±0.004●	0.625±0.009●	0.620±0.008●	0.795±0.005●	0.793±0.003●	0.669±0.002●		13/0/0/
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RML	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
ML-KNN	0.590±0.005●	0.718±0.009●	0.710±0.009●	0.887±0.004●	0.849±0.003●	0.767±0.001●		13/0/0/
CLR	0.740±0.002○	0.891±0.003	0.882±0.002	0.944±0.001	0.906±0.001●	0.805±0.001●		8/3/2
ECC	0.697±0.006●	0.864±0.002●	0.855±0.003●	0.945±0.002●	0.921±0.001●	0.826±0.001●		12/1/0
RAKEL	0.552±0.002●	0.728±0.003●	0.721±0.003●	0.872±0.005●	0.859±0.002●	0.737±0.001●		13/0/0/

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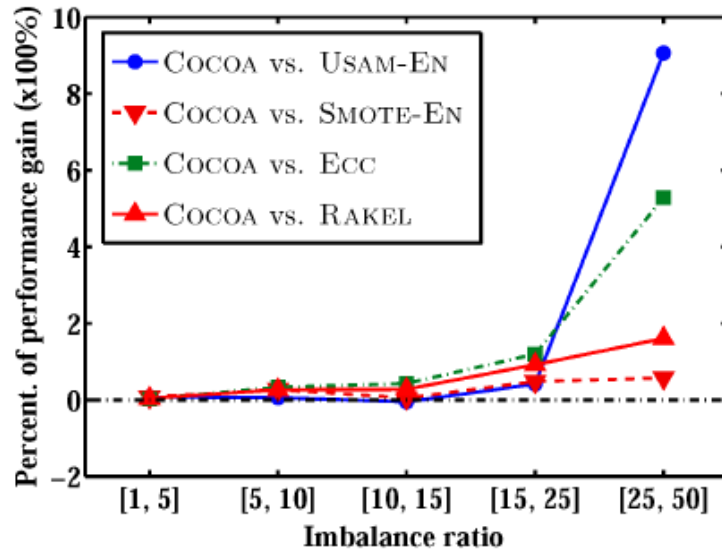
COCOA significantly outperforms the first series of comparing algorithms in all cases

COCOA is outperformed by CLR in only two cases, and achieves superior or at least comparable performance in the rest cases

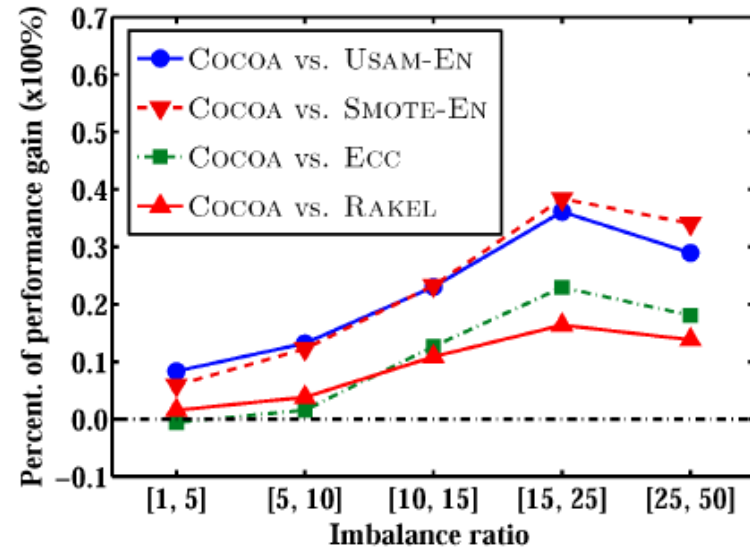
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Experimental Results – Further Analysis



(a) Enron



(b) Eurlex-sm

Figure 1: Performance gain between COCOA and the comparing algorithm (PG_k) changes as the level of imbalance ratio (I_k) increases. On either data set, the performance of each algorithm is evaluated based on F-measure.

H-axis: Level of imbalance ratio

V-axis: Performance gain between COCOA and the comparing algorithm

Experimental Results – Further Analysis

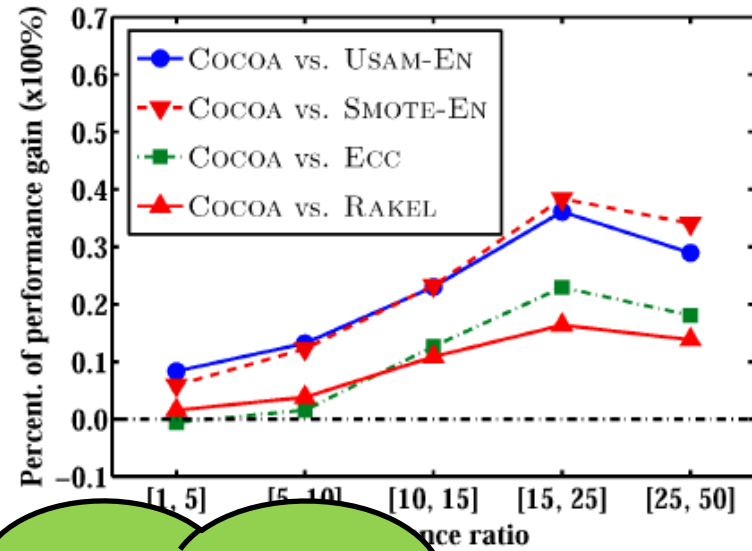
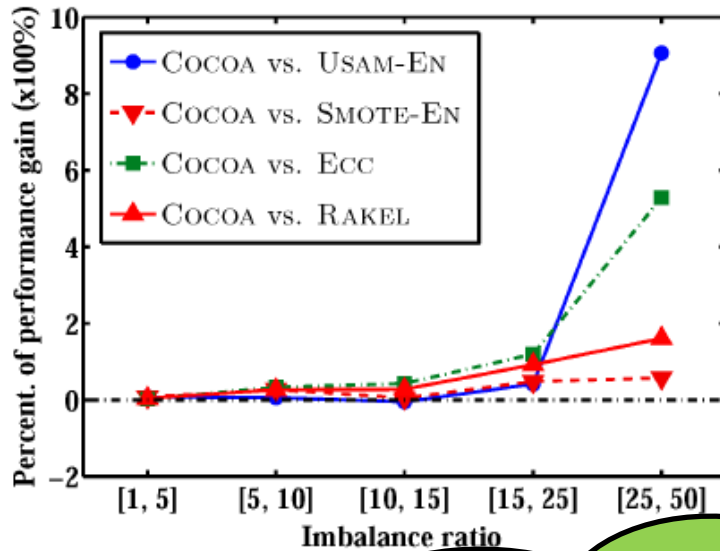


Figure 1: Performance gain of COCOA compared with other algorithms as the level of imbalance ratio (I_k) increases. On either side of the plot, the performance advantage of COCOA is more pronounced as the imbalance ratio increases.

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H-axis: Level of imbalance ratio

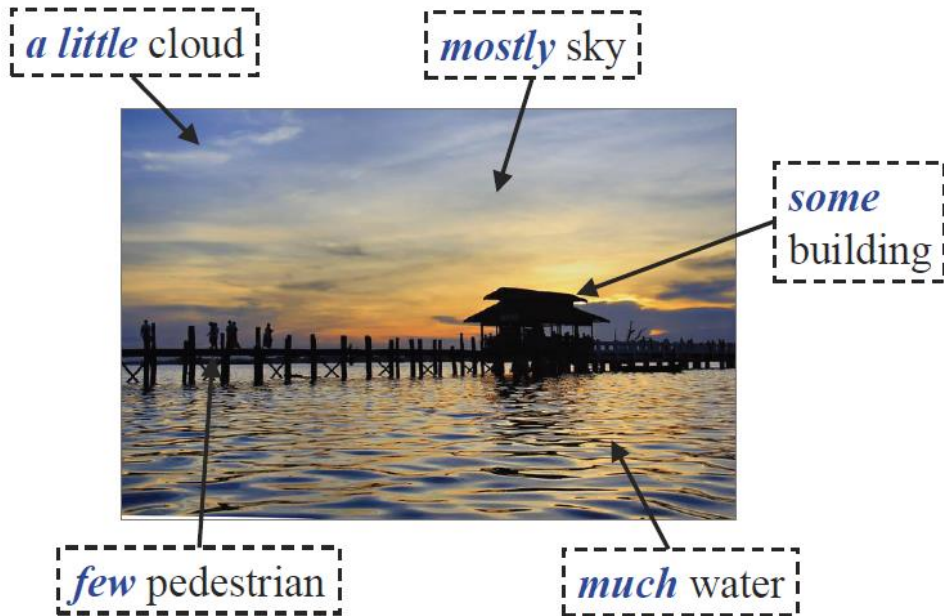
V-axis: Performance gain

Comparing algorithm

Leverage Relative Labeling- Importance for Multi-Label Learning

Labeling-Importance for MLL

Labeling-importance is **relative by nature**



An image annotated with multiple labels *sky*, *water*, *building* and *cloud*



(Implicit) **relative importance**

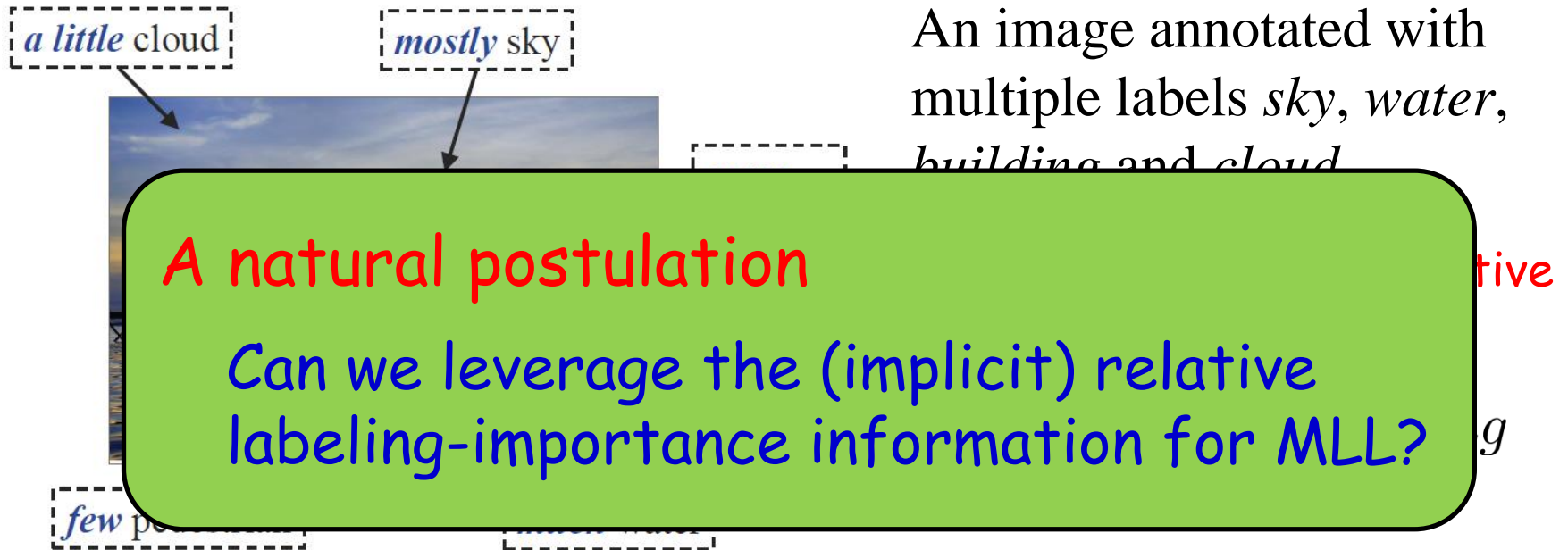
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Relative Labeling-Importance (RLI)

Definition: *Relative Labeling-Importance (RLI) Degree*

Given any instance $x \in \mathcal{X}$, the RLI degree of label $y_l \in \mathcal{Y}$ for x is denoted as $\mu_x^{y_l}$, which satisfies the following constraints:

(i) *non-negativity*: $\mu_x^{y_l} \geq 0$

(ii) *normalization*: $\sum_{y_l \in \mathcal{Y}} \mu_x^{y_l} = 1$

The RELIAB Approach

Implicit RLI
degree estimation

+

Prediction Model
Induction

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Iterative label propagation on weighted graph

Regularized maximum entropy with RLI degree

The RELIAB Approach

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Implicit RLI Degree Estimation

Weighted Graph Construction

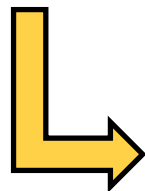
$$G = (V, E, W)$$

- $V = \{\mathbf{x}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$
- $E = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \mid j \neq i\}$
- $\mathbf{W} = [w_{ij}]_{m \times m}$



fully-connected graph over
all the training examples

$$\forall_{i,j=1}^m : w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$



$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}[d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m] \quad d_i = \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij}$$

Implicit RLI Degree Estimation (Cont.)

Iterative Label Propagation

Set the label propagation matrix: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Assume a matrix $\mathbf{F} = [f_{il}]_{m \times q}$ with non-negative entries

$f_{il} \geq 0$: proportional to the labeling-importance $\mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}^{y_l}$ ($1 \leq i \leq q$; $y_l \in \mathcal{Y}$)

initialize $\mathbf{F}^{(0)} = \mathbf{\Phi} = [\phi_{il}]_{m \times q}$: $\phi_{il} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y_l \in Y_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Update \mathbf{F} iteratively by propagating labeling-importance information

$$\mathbf{F}^{(t)} = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{F}^{(t-1)} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{\Phi} \quad \longrightarrow$$

Converges to:

$$\mathbf{F}^* = (1 - \alpha)(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}$$

Prediction Model Induction

Estimated RLI Information

$$\mathcal{U} = \{\mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}^{y_l} \mid 1 \leq i \leq q; y_l \in \mathcal{Y}\}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^* \longrightarrow \mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}^{y_l} = \frac{f_{il}^*}{\sum_{k=1}^q f_{ik}^*}$$

Maximum Entropy Classification Model

$$f(y_l \mid \mathbf{x}, \Theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{x})} \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_l^\top \mathbf{x})$$

$$\Theta = [\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_q]$$

$$Z(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^q \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^\top \mathbf{x})$$

Prediction Model Induction (Cont.)

Objective Function

$$V(f, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{D}) = V_{dis}(f, \mathcal{U}) + \beta \cdot V_{emp}(f, \mathcal{D})$$

How f fits the estimated RLI information

How f classifies training samples

KL divergence

$$V_{dis}(f, \mathcal{U}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^q \left(\mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}^{y_l} \ln \frac{\mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}^{y_l}}{f(y_l | \mathbf{x}_i, \Theta)} \right)$$

Empirical ranking loss

Minimized by the quasi-newton L-BFGS algorithm

Experimental Setup – Data Sets

Table III
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BENCHMARK MULTI-LABEL DATA SETS.

Data set	$ S $	$dim(S)$	$L(S)$	$F(S)$	$LCard(S)$	$LDen(S)$	$DL(S)$	$PDL(S)$	Domain
cal500	502	68	174	numeric	26.044	0.150	502	1.000	audio
emotions	593	72	6	numeric	1.868	0.311	27	0.046	audio
medical	978	1,449	45	nominal	1.245	0.028	94	0.096	text
llog	1,460	1,004	75	nominal	1.180	0.016	304	0.208	text
msra	1,868	898	19	numeric	6.315	0.332	947	0.507	image
image	2,000	294	5	numeric	1.236	0.247	20	0.010	image
scene	2,407	294	5	numeric	1.074	0.179	15	0.006	image
yeast	2,417	103	14	numeric	4.237	0.303	198	0.082	biology
slashdot	3,782	1,079	22	nominal	1.181	0.054	156	0.041	text
core15k	5,000	499	374	nominal	3.522	0.009	3,175	0.635	image
rcv1-s1	6,000	500	101	nominal	2.880	0.029	1,028	0.171	text
rcv1-s2	6,000	500	101	nominal	2.634	0.026	954	0.159	text
rcv1-s3	6,000	500	101	nominal	2.614	0.026	939	0.156	text
rcv1-s4	6,000	500	101	nominal	2.484	0.025	816	0.136	text
rcv1-s5	6,000	500	101	nominal	2.642	0.026	946	0.158	text
bibtex	7,395	1836	159	nominal	2.402	0.015	2,856	0.386	text
mediamill	43,907	120	101	numeric	4.376	0.043	6,555	0.149	video

Seventeen benchmark multi-label data sets

regular-scale: 9; # large-scale: 8

Experimental Setup – Algorithms & Evaluation

Comparing Algorithms

RELIAB versus **BR** (*first-order*)
CLR (*second-order*)
ECC, RAKEL (*high-order*)

Evaluation Metrics

Example-based: *one-error, coverage, ranking loss, average*

Label-based: *macro-averaging F1, micro-averaging F1*

Evaluation Protocol

N-fold cross-validation + Friedman test

Experimental Results – Regular-Scale

Table IV
PREDICTIVE PERFORMANCE OF EACH COMPARING ALGORITHM (MEAN±STD. DEVIATION) ON THE NINE REGULAR-SCALE DATA SETS.

Comparing algorithm	<i>One-error</i> ↓								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	0.129±0.019	0.273±0.019	0.160±0.012	0.745±0.007	0.066±0.014	0.348±0.016	0.248±0.007	0.223±0.011	0.509±0.014
BR	0.906±0.025	0.375±0.027	0.306±0.031	0.885±0.013	0.362±0.013	0.527±0.011	0.472±0.016	0.284±0.010	0.731±0.014
CLR	0.375±0.118	0.356±0.030	0.706±0.149	0.883±0.023	0.152±0.009	0.502±0.016	0.367±0.017	0.272±0.012	0.978±0.003
ECC	0.255±0.028	0.353±0.040	0.187±0.016	0.794±0.011	0.211±0.011	0.475±0.011	0.378±0.015	0.261±0.010	0.476±0.015
RAKEL	0.672±0.029	0.394±0.027	0.252±0.025	0.876±0.015	0.288±0.014	0.498±0.013	0.440±0.016	0.297±0.012	0.596±0.011
Comparing algorithm	<i>Coverage</i> ↓								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	0.744±0.008	0.304±0.014	0.045±0.007	0.156±0.005	0.545±0.012	0.204±0.005	0.099±0.003	0.453±0.007	0.138±0.002
BR	0.877±0.009	0.364±0.015	0.117±0.018	0.380±0.006	0.716±0.004	0.297±0.009	0.209±0.010	0.479±0.007	0.261±0.009
CLR	0.792±0.014	0.351±0.016	0.134±0.026	0.234±0.019	0.636±0.004	0.285±0.009	0.119±0.004	0.496±0.006	0.271±0.004
ECC	0.796±0.008	0.356±0.013	0.052±0.007	0.195±0.006	0.665±0.004	0.271±0.008	0.144±0.008	0.479±0.006	0.138±0.006
RAKEL	0.958±0.003	0.386±0.016	0.113±0.012	0.360±0.007	0.698±0.006	0.293±0.008	0.190±0.009	0.573±0.008	0.219±0.005
Comparing algorithm	<i>Ranking loss</i> ↓								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	0.179±0.003	0.165±0.011	0.030±0.006	0.121±0.004	0.134±0.008	0.185±0.006	0.081±0.002	0.171±0.006	0.122±0.002
BR	0.266±0.005	0.233±0.016	0.089±0.013	0.329±0.005	0.287±0.004	0.309±0.010	0.230±0.012	0.191±0.005	0.242±0.009
CLR	0.248±0.029	0.222±0.014	0.114±0.024	0.197±0.017	0.207±0.003	0.291±0.010	0.125±0.005	0.200±0.005	0.258±0.005
ECC	0.218±0.004	0.227±0.017	0.036±0.006	0.156±0.005	0.238±0.004	0.273±0.010	0.154±0.008	0.193±0.005	0.121±0.006
RAKEL	0.342±0.003	0.260±0.016	0.087±0.009	0.309±0.006	0.260±0.004	0.303±0.009	0.209±0.010	0.254±0.006	0.198±0.005
Comparing algorithm	<i>Average precision</i> ↑								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	0.503±0.007	0.796±0.011	0.876±0.010	0.394±0.009	0.816±0.012	0.774±0.008	0.853±0.004	0.760±0.007	0.613±0.010
BR	0.301±0.006	0.730±0.015	0.756±0.025	0.214±0.014	0.626±0.005	0.656±0.007	0.692±0.012	0.733±0.007	0.427±0.013
CLR	0.383±0.048	0.742±0.016	0.403±0.051	0.209±0.019	0.722±0.003	0.672±0.010	0.781±0.008	0.729±0.008	0.251±0.007
ECC	0.431±0.005	0.740±0.021	0.856±0.011	0.335±0.009	0.684±0.004	0.690±0.008	0.763±0.010	0.738±0.007	0.631±0.012
RAKEL	0.323±0.006	0.713±0.017	0.782±0.017	0.228±0.012	0.661±0.005	0.670±0.008	0.713±0.011	0.697±0.006	0.529±0.009
Comparing algorithm	<i>Macro-averaging F1</i> ↑								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	0.171±0.007	0.642±0.009	0.419±0.049	0.128±0.032	0.565±0.015	0.586±0.014	0.664±0.031	0.409±0.013	0.324±0.047
BR	0.172±0.003	0.564±0.022	0.422±0.032	0.110±0.022	0.454±0.005	0.473±0.006	0.541±0.011	0.392±0.006	0.290±0.011
CLR	0.108±0.037	0.575±0.018	0.175±0.048	0.105±0.032	0.481±0.007	0.472±0.007	0.581±0.008	0.398±0.008	0.104±0.003
ECC	0.116±0.005	0.557±0.022	0.464±0.039	0.121±0.026	0.455±0.007	0.473±0.012	0.575±0.015	0.393±0.006	0.399±0.012
RAKEL	0.174±0.004	0.569±0.021	0.443±0.040	0.119±0.020	0.435±0.010	0.486±0.011	0.556±0.014	0.420±0.006	0.346±0.009
Comparing algorithm	<i>Micro-averaging F1</i> ↑								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	0.468±0.006	0.642±0.008	0.695±0.013	0.182±0.014	0.683±0.012	0.577±0.016	0.644±0.029	0.637±0.004	0.430±0.010
BR	0.331±0.004	0.574±0.023	0.643±0.028	0.130±0.007	0.546±0.005	0.474±0.006	0.536±0.010	0.613±0.006	0.281±0.012
CLR	0.286±0.084	0.581±0.018	0.270±0.136	0.101±0.043	0.604±0.006	0.472±0.007	0.568±0.007	0.610±0.006	0.011±0.002
ECC	0.353±0.005	0.566±0.024	0.751±0.017	0.149±0.015	0.575±0.003	0.472±0.012	0.568±0.014	0.617±0.006	0.480±0.015
RAKEL	0.353±0.007	0.576±0.020	0.689±0.022	0.148±0.010	0.576±0.006	0.486±0.012	0.546±0.012	0.613±0.007	0.378±0.012

Across all evaluation metrics

RELIAB

ranks 1st in
83.3% cases

ranks 2nd in
11.1% cases

Experimental Results – Large-Scale

Table V
PREDICTIVE PERFORMANCE OF EACH COMPARING ALGORITHM (MEAN±STD. DEVIATION) ON THE EIGHT LARGE-SCALE DATA SETS.

Comparing algorithm	One-error ↓							
	core15k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.795±0.009	0.510±0.005	0.479±0.006	0.487±0.007	0.466±0.008	0.467±0.012	0.418±0.007	0.192±0.007
BR	0.921±0.004	0.736±0.006	0.758±0.008	0.755±0.003	0.737±0.010	0.763±0.008	0.880±0.004	0.185±0.004
CLR	0.748±0.011	0.503±0.006	0.549±0.006	0.549±0.025	0.584±0.076	0.678±0.092	0.514±0.003	0.147±0.002
ECC	0.911±0.004	0.490±0.005	0.515±0.007	0.512±0.006	0.485±0.004	0.495±0.005	0.907±0.003	0.158±0.002
RAKEL	0.867±0.004	0.626±0.008	0.622±0.008	0.637±0.008	0.618±0.010	0.614±0.013	0.779±0.015	0.200±0.003
Comparing algorithm	Coverage ↓							
	core15k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.342±0.008	0.158±0.002	0.128±0.004	0.130±0.004	0.118±0.005	0.123±0.004	0.113±0.003	0.198±0.002
BR	0.757±0.007	0.411±0.004	0.377±0.006	0.366±0.003	0.314±0.005	0.366±0.004	0.434±0.007	0.136±0.001
CLR	0.311±0.011	0.123±0.002	0.122±0.004	0.130±0.018	0.152±0.044	0.204±0.041	0.136±0.002	0.127±0.001
ECC	0.889±0.004	0.176±0.002	0.168±0.006	0.166±0.003	0.148±0.003	0.160±0.004	0.460±0.006	0.132±0.001
RAKEL	0.855±0.005	0.457±0.011	0.387±0.009	0.370±0.005	0.354±0.009	0.380±0.010	0.401±0.008	0.503±0.001
Comparing algorithm	Ranking loss ↓							
	core15k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.152±0.005	0.069±0.001	0.054±0.002	0.055±0.002	0.050±0.002	0.051±0.001	0.063±0.002	0.058±0.001
BR	0.416±0.006	0.214±0.002	0.213±0.004	0.207±0.002	0.169±0.004	0.204±0.004	0.280±0.002	0.036±0.001
CLR	0.147±0.007	0.052±0.001	0.055±0.002	0.063±0.015	0.083±0.037	0.125±0.035	0.080±0.002	0.033±0.001
ECC	0.600±0.005	0.079±0.000	0.079±0.003	0.078±0.002	0.070±0.001	0.074±0.002	0.307±0.006	0.036±0.001
RAKEL	0.547±0.004	0.245±0.008	0.225±0.007	0.216±0.003	0.204±0.007	0.220±0.005	0.250±0.006	0.190±0.001
Comparing algorithm	Average precision ↑							
	core15k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.221±0.007	0.532±0.003	0.583±0.006	0.583±0.005	0.607±0.002	0.589±0.007	0.562±0.003	0.676±0.003
BR	0.122±0.003	0.334±0.003	0.340±0.008	0.340±0.002	0.372±0.007	0.342±0.007	0.186±0.005	0.738±0.001
CLR	0.222±0.007	0.555±0.004	0.542±0.004	0.527±0.040	0.459±0.013	0.312±0.014	0.469±0.002	0.758±0.001
ECC	0.093±0.004	0.528±0.004	0.536±0.004	0.538±0.005	0.565±0.001	0.547±0.004	0.151±0.004	0.750±0.001
RAKEL	0.125±0.002	0.371±0.005	0.401±0.006	0.398±0.004	0.425±0.006	0.405±0.003	0.249±0.007	0.573±0.001
Comparing algorithm	Macro-averaging F1 ↑							
	core15k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.089±0.008	0.253±0.003	0.260±0.009	0.266±0.021	0.258±0.015	0.271±0.006	0.300±0.009	0.053±0.001
BR	0.073±0.006	0.187±0.004	0.167±0.006	0.171±0.008	0.170±0.006	0.167±0.004	0.127±0.003	0.197±0.003
CLR	0.074±0.012	0.233±0.008	0.221±0.006	0.213±0.032	0.157±0.073	0.088±0.079	0.247±0.003	0.171±0.002
ECC	0.062±0.009	0.198±0.009	0.174±0.004	0.174±0.015	0.185±0.013	0.184±0.009	0.101±0.002	0.163±0.002
RAKEL	0.079±0.007	0.194±0.007	0.174±0.005	0.174±0.005	0.180±0.009	0.188±0.003	0.177±0.007	0.206±0.002
Comparing algorithm	Micro-averaging F1 ↑							
	core15k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.178±0.008	0.428±0.012	0.459±0.007	0.449±0.010	0.472±0.005	0.462±0.007	0.378±0.015	0.502±0.005
BR	0.120±0.002	0.291±0.002	0.282±0.005	0.279±0.002	0.298±0.002	0.289±0.005	0.128±0.003	0.576±0.001
CLR	0.113±0.023	0.392±0.005	0.365±0.004	0.358±0.027	0.305±0.010	0.182±0.121	0.260±0.003	0.585±0.001
ECC	0.102±0.005	0.359±0.005	0.338±0.006	0.337±0.006	0.368±0.002	0.364±0.009	0.102±0.003	0.568±0.001
RAKEL	0.134±0.003	0.311±0.002	0.309±0.003	0.306±0.005	0.326±0.004	0.320±0.005	0.174±0.007	0.576±0.001

Across all evaluation metrics

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16.7% cases

Experimental Results – Friedman Test

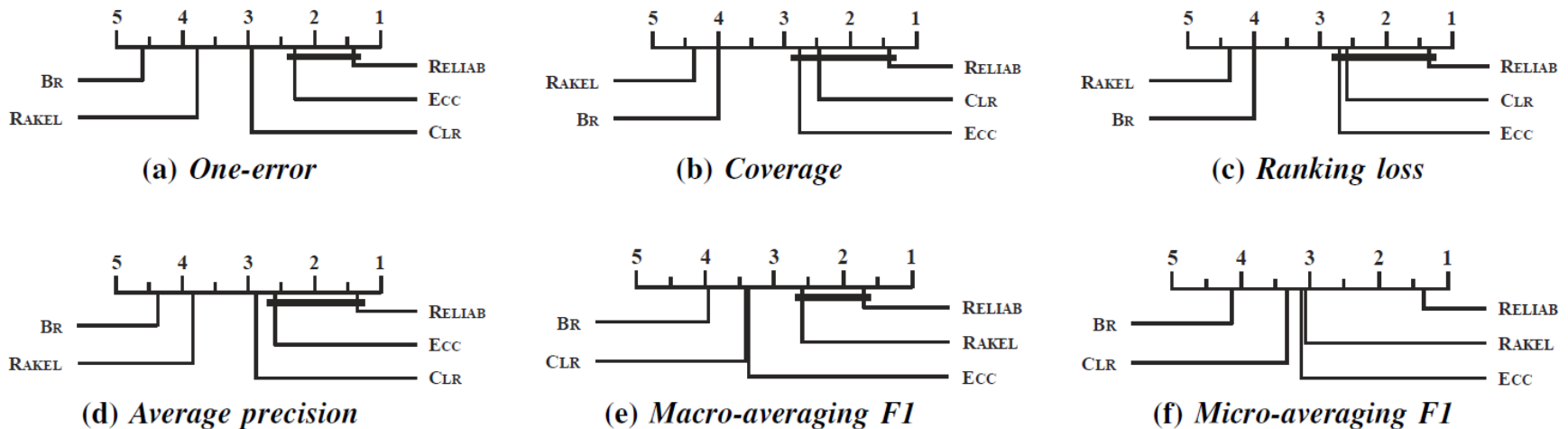


Figure 2. Comparison of RELIAB (control algorithm) against other comparing algorithms with the *Bonferroni-Dunn test*. Algorithms not connected with RELIAB in the CD diagram are considered to have significantly different performance from the control algorithm ($CD=1.3547$ at 0.05 significance level).

RELIAB

- ✓ achieves **optimal (lowest) rank** in terms of each metric
- ✓ significantly **outperforms BR** on all metrics
- ✓ significantly **outperforms CLR, ECC and RAKEL** on 4, 2 and 5 metrics respectively

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Conclusion

BR is arguably the most popular approach towards MLL

seminal papers on:

BR: **1370+ citations**

chaining-style BR: **1200+ citations**

stacking-style BR: **540+ citations & PAKDD 10-Year BPA**

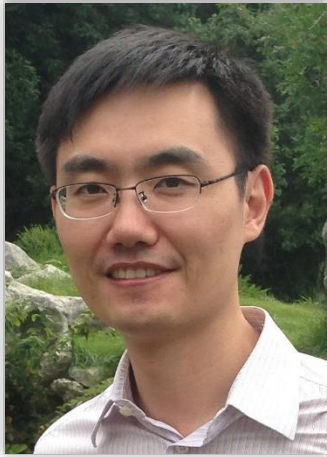
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Exploiting
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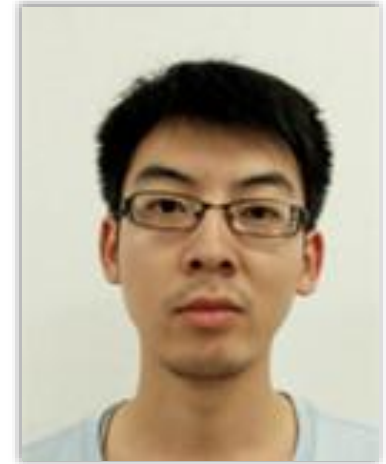
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