A Framework for Pattern Analysis

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A Framework

• Establish
  – Notation
  – Terminology
  – Settings
• **DATA** is any information that is **given** to us about the system / phenomenon / event / … of interest

• It is the result of OBSERVATIONS (measurements) OF SOME ASPECT OF NATURE

• DATA can be
  – a sequence of nucleotides
  – a social network,
  – a set of networks,
  – a text, (or a set of documents)
  – a set of points on a map,
  – an image,
  – a set of images,
  – etc… etc…

• We denote our DATA by \( X \)
Patterns

• We choose to define patterns in a data-dependent way: patterns are properties of data $X$ (not of distributions, or anything else)

• Here we define it in terms of a pattern function:
  • Definition (Pattern function)
    A pattern function is any real-valued function $\pi$ of the data $X$.
    
    - $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
    - $\pi: X \rightarrow p(X)$

• E.g.: the largest set of aligned points on a map of megalithic sites, the misfit of the pulsar signal, the frequency of Nile floods,...
Pattern and Pattern Strength

• Definition (Pattern):
  A pattern is the equality of the pattern function with a certain number
  \[ \pi(x) = \pi \]

• Definition (Pattern strength)
  The value \( \hat{\pi} \) is referred to as the pattern strength

(Typically, one defines pattern functions such that the larger strengths are more interesting.)
Patterns in data

• To speak about a pattern, we need to speak about
• Data $X$
• A pattern function: $\pi : X \to R$
• The value of the pattern function on the data, which is the pattern strength

$$\pi(X) = \hat{\pi}$$

Task for you: can you identify these quantities for every method explained in this school?
The Pattern Space

- It often makes sense to consider a space of pattern functions with \( \pi : X \to \mathbb{R} \)

\[ \pi \in \Pi \]

- For example: the set of pattern functions \( \pi_i \) counting the number of nucleotides G following position i in the DNA sequence ATGC\_CGSTAGCGT

**Definition (Pattern space \( \Pi \))**

Pattern functions \( \pi \) belong to a so-called pattern space \( \Pi \), the set of all pattern functions
• WORK THROUGH LEYLINES EXAMPLES
• IDENTIFY ALL ELEMENTS OF PATTERN ANALYSIS
  – Data
  – Patterns
  – Null model
  – Search strategy
  – Matching vs. discovery
Tandem repeats in DNA

Example (Tandem repeats in .junk.-DNA)
Certain parts of the DNA show a considerable amount of variation. E.g. the D7S820 genetic locus:

- aattttttgta ttttttttag agacggttt tcaccatgtt ggtcaggctg
- actatggagt tatttattata taaaggttat gataagaacac
- tgtcatagt ttgaaacgaa ctaacgatag atagataagat agatagatag
- atagataagat atagacagat tgaatgttttt ttttatctc
- actaaatagat ctatagtaaa cattaattttt ccaatatttg gtgcaattct
- gtcaatgagg ataaaatttgg aatcggtttata attcttaaga atatatattc
- cctctgagtt tttgatacct cagatatttaa ggcc

The length of this sequence is subject to large variation... due to varying numbers of repeats of .atag. (17 times here.)
Example

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• Pattern function: $\pi(X)$ is the frequency of the substring atag in X.
• Let’s write $\pi_{\text{atag}}(X)$
• The pattern strength is here 17, i.e. $\pi_{\text{atag}}(X)=17$. 
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ataaaaaagt ataaaaaag ttaaatatata taaaggtat gatagaacac ttcaggttg   
cttggagtt tattattaagg ttaatatata taaaggtat gatagaacac  
tagatagat agatagatag atagacagat tgcagttttt tttttatctc  
actaatagat ctatagtaaa cattaatata ccaatatttg gtcacatttt  
gatggaggt ataattgttg gaatgtata attcttaaga atatatattc  
ccctggagtt tttgatacct cagatattta ggc
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Tandem repeats in DNA

- $\Pi$ contains functions counting a substring’s frequency
- $\pi_{\text{substring}} \in \Pi$, parameterised by such substring
- Exploring the pattern space $\Leftrightarrow$ exploring this substring/parameter space
Definition (Pattern Visualization)

The visual representation of a pattern $\pi(X) = \hat{\pi}$.

- Not a simple task – and a matter of taste
- Depends on what type of pattern to visualize
- Using graphs, networks, pictures, tables,...
Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)

Visualization can be as simple as this:

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aatttttgta ttttttttag agacgggtt tcaccatgtt ggtcaggctg 
actatggagt tattttaagg ttaatatata taaggggtat gatagaacac 
| | | |_
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ttgcatagt ttgaacgaa ctaacgatag atagatagat agatagatag 
| | | |_
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atagatagat agatagatag atagacagat tgatagtatt tttttatctc 
| | | |_
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actaaatagt ctatagtaaa ctttaatta ccaatatttg gtgcaattttc 
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gtcaatgagg ataaatgtgg aatcgttata attcttaaga atatatatc 
| | | |_
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ctctgagtt tttgatacct cagattttaa ggcc
```
Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)

This is a different visualization:

Many more can be made up...
Pattern evaluation (pattern matching)

Definition (Pattern Evaluation)
Evaluating the pattern function $\pi$ on the data $X$ is the computation of $\pi(X)$

- In nearly all practical cases, pattern evaluation is easy
- In some cases, pattern evaluation can only be done approximately
- Very often identical to what is known as ‘pattern matching’
Pattern evaluation (pattern matching)

**Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)**

- Here, pattern evaluation amounts to the counting of the occurrences of ‘atag’ in the given string X.
- At the same time, the occurrences may be remembered e.g. for visualization purposes.
- Exercise: can you devise an efficient way to evaluate this pattern function, i.e. counting the frequency of a given substring?
Pattern discovery

Definition (Pattern Discovery)
The discovery of an ‘interesting’ pattern from the pattern space

- The hardest task in practice
- The most interesting task as well...
Pattern discovery

Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)

- What if the substring ‘atag’ was not specified?
- How to come up with an interesting pattern?
- Explore the pattern space in search for one
- Or, equivalently, explore the parameter space, here the space of all substrings
Pattern discovery

- Now, what is ‘interesting’?
- And do we really want to explore the complete pattern space?
- To answer these questions, let us consider our running example once more
A partial order between pattern functions

Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)
If ‘atag’ occurs 17 times, what can we say about ‘ata’? And about ‘t’? In any case that they occur at least 17 times – and similarly, that ‘t’ occurs more often than ‘ata’.

- We can order the pattern functions according to the so-called natural partial order:

Definition (The Natural Partial Order)
The natural partial order $\geq_n$ is defined by:

$$\pi_1 \geq_n \pi_2 \iff \pi_1(X) \geq \pi_2(X) \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{X}$$

- E.g., $\pi_{atag} \leq_n \pi_{ata} \leq_n \pi_t$
- $\pi_s \leq_n \pi_{s'}$ if $s'$ is a substring of $s$ (substring partial order)
A partial order between pattern functions

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- For convenience: define a functional that maps pattern functions to the reals
- In this example: minus the length of the substring counted
- \( C(\pi_{atag}) = -4 \)

**Definition (Capacity functional)**

A capacity functional \( C \) is a functional that maps each pattern function \( \pi \in \Pi \) to a real number:

\[
C : \Pi \to \mathbb{R} : \pi \to C(\pi)
\]

We choose it so that it is monotonically decreasing down the natural partial order:

\[
\pi_1 \preceq_n \pi_2 \Rightarrow C(\pi_1) \geq C(\pi_2)
\]
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Stratification

Then we can stratify the pattern space in subspaces by defining

$$\Pi_c = \{\pi \in \Pi : C(\pi) < c\}$$

for which

$$\Pi_{c_1} \subseteq \Pi_{c_2} \iff c_1 \leq c_2$$
Pattern discovery: stratification formulation

- Stratification:
  \[
  \max_{\pi} \pi(X) \\
  \text{s.t. } C(\pi) < c
  \]

- Restrict pattern space to \( \Pi_c = \{ \pi : C(\pi) < c \} \)

Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA):
Find the most frequent substring of minimal length
Pattern discovery: regularisation formulation

Regularisation:

\[ \min_{\pi} C(\pi) \]
\[ \text{s.t. } \pi(X) > \hat{\pi} \]

Somehow equivalent...

Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)
Find the longest substring of minimal frequency
Other formulations

- Other (intermediate) formulations exist, e.g.
  \[
  \max_{\pi} \pi(X) - \gamma C(\pi)
  \]

Example (Tandem repeats in ‘junk’-DNA)

- \(\gamma\) is commonly known as the *regularisation parameter*
- Take home message: (nearly) all pattern discovery problems can be written in terms of a *data independent* capacity functional and a *data dependent* pattern strength
Notes on the capacity functional

- Taking $C$ to decrease monotonically down the natural partial order $\geq_n$ ensures we exclude trivially large patterns.
- Sometimes, it is hard to identify $\geq_n$, and a corresponding $C$.
- However, $C$ does not have to vary monotonically over $\geq_n$.
- Any choice of $C$ will reduce the choices, and the risks of finding a trivially large and meaningless solution.
- We’ll make this more rigorous later!
Conclusion

- We have set up a formal framework of pattern analysis
- It is very general (we think)
- In the next 2 weeks you will find out how pattern discovery is carried out, and before that how we can interpret the results (the discovered pattern) statistically
- Later weeks: applications of these ideas to specific problems
Venice, 1609
Implications

- The implications of these observations were not just for astronomy
- They were philosophical, theological, methodological
The Scientific Method

- Formalised, standardised, systematic process of knowledge acquisition
- Various repeatability criteria for data generation
- Experiment-hypothesis cycle is a standard technique for hypothesis generation
- Usage of mathematics or other formal languages to express knowledge where possible

(other techniques we came up with: double blind, peer review, ...
Sideres Nuncius

Magna, longeque admirabilia
Spectacula pandens, fulgicendaque proponens
Vnicique, praestim vero

Philosophis, atq ASTRONOMIS, que a
Galileo Galilei Patrizio Florentino
Patavini Gymnasi Publico Mathematico
Perspicilli

Nuper a se reperti beneficia sunt observata in LUNÆ FACIE, FIXIS IN-
NUMERIS, LACTEO CIRCOLO, STELLIS NEBULOSIS,
Apprime vero in

Quat'or Planetis
Circa IOVIS Stellam disparsibus interualis, arque periodis, cele-
tate mirabili circumulatus; quos, nemini in hanc vigile

diem cognitos, nontilimè Author depra-
hendit primus; arque

Medicea Sidera

Nuncupandos decrevit.

Venetiis, Apud Thomam Baglionum. M DC X.
Superiorum permissa, & Privilegio.
A Revolution under way

- Things are changing under our eyes

- Disruptive innovation is currently changing scientific method not in a quantitative – but in a qualitative – way

- Automated Pattern Analysis is playing a central role in this
SEQUENCING

- Tera bytes
15 petabytes per year
Astronomy

- Automated Sky Surveys
  - the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) created a 5-wavelength catalogue over 8,000 square degrees of the sky, containing about 200 million objects, described by hundreds of features (data released incrementally to the public).

- Terabytes...
Chemistry

- Combinatorial Chemistry

- Hundreds of thousands of compounds can be generated and tested, either by using robotics, or – increasingly – by computer simulations, in what is essentially a survey of entire regions of chemical space, hunting for compounds with a given set of properties.
Many Google DATACENTERs
The “Industrial Revolution”

- High quality experimental information is AUTOMATICALLY produced on massive scale
- Data is AUTOMATICALLY analysed by pattern discovery software, which can GENERATE HYPOTHESES
- Automation of scientific process
Implications

- The automated generation of data and hypotheses is today part of the scientific method

- The implications are philosophical
Pattern Analysis

- Various disciplines have contributed to this
- Statistics, data mining, machine learning, information theory, ...
- We can MANAGE and ANALYSE massive amounts of data, of any kind...
- Text, DNA, graphs, images, times series, ...

**To what extent can we automate the entire process of scientific discovery?**
Closing the Loop

• This month in Science: two articles on the automated generation of scientific knowledge

• One of them included closed loop: automation of experimental design too...
Closing the Loop

• Do we need scientific knowledge to be human-readable?

• What if the main or sole consumers of that knowledge were other machines?

• Could we be cut out of the knowledge generation loop (eventually)?

• See Amazon.com...
Readability

- Galileo pioneered the use of mathematical expressions to summarise the results of his experiments.

- Calculus later emerged and co-evolved with mechanics.

- We have come to expect that scientific theories need to be expressed by mathematical equations.

- They do not need to be...
Pattern Analysis

- The set of principles behind most successful algorithms in PA is actually quite small

- Efficient search and optimisation in vast pattern spaces
- Effective control of multiple testing issues, by use of sharp statistical tools

- Principles that unify all, from suffix trees to itemset mining, from graphical models to kernel methods
Science

• How can this vast toolbox, and this conceptual framework, help us to acquire more scientific knowledge?

• Improbable domain... the SOCIAL sciences...
Social Sciences

- Example: media content analysis
- Professor + students + newspapers + VCR + various weeks of work = ‘coding’ of news-items
- Important discoveries, all done by hand
- Advanced text-mining can change that...
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20 Jun 2008 04:15:37 GMT

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David Beckham (8)

San Francisco crowd goes nuts as David Beckham takes it all off
20 Jun 2006 04:13:55 GMT

Don't miss the video of a San Francisco crowd shrieking and squealing with delight as a gigantic, almost-nude shot of David Beckham was revealed inch-by-inch at Macy's in Union Square yesterday. The huge billboard is an ad for Emporio Armani underwear, but the promoters kept it draped until showtime and then dropped the curtain slowly as the crowd went wild. It was better than a strip joint and you didn't have to stick any money in his drawers. AddThis Button BEGIN addthis_button = 'milk'; AddThis Button END

David Beckham's hot manhood
20 Jun 2006 04:11:04 GMT
EU (286)

EU aid to Bulgaria longer suspended
The European Union has frozen aid to EU Member Bulgaria because of fraud and corruption. The aid will total EUR 560 million and was intended for agriculture and infrastructure.
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Top memes (2008-09-10)

- Large Hadron Collider (LHC)
- Lipstick on a pig
- Korean leader Kim Jong
- beam of protons
- the Large

Wed 10 September 2008

In the news

Obama's 'lipstick on a pig' comment sparks war of words

[2008-09-10 05:00:52] Accusations of sexism and dishonesty went through the U.S. presidential race...

Meme timelines

lipstick on a pig

Percentage of articles containing n-gram

Date

2008-09-21
2008-09-25
2008-09-30
2008-10-05
2008-10-10
2008-10-15
2008-10-30
2008-11-04
2008-11-19
2008-11-24
2008-12-09
2008-12-14
2008-12-19
2008-12-24
2008-12-29
2009-01-03
2009-01-08
2009-01-13
2009-01-18
2009-01-23
2009-01-28
2009-02-02
2009-02-07
2009-02-12
2009-02-17
2009-02-22
2009-02-27
2009-03-02
2009-03-07
Detecting Changes

John Mccain (153)

The politics of hate
13 Oct 2008 04:18:26 GMT

The ugly desperation of the McCain campaign rampages further out of control: Media Bubble, Oct. 8 -- John McCain's bid for the Oval Office suffered another stunning blow yesterday when
Pope-ularity

- In the US outlets, in the period April to November 2008, we measured the fraction of news items mentioning the Pope.
  - 0.102% for English speaking outlets
  - 0.377% for Spanish speaking outlets
Pope-ularity

1. 'AFRICA'
2. 'UNITED KINGDOM'
3. 'ASIA'
4. 'CANADA'
5. 'UNITED STATES'
6. 'ITALY'
7. 'FRANCE'
8. 'GERMANY'
9. 'VATICAN'
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3. **Slovenia (Bradt Travel Guide Slovenia) (Bradt Travel Guides)** by Robin McKelvey and

Done
Do you have more cevapcici?
Can I have another beer, please?
Please, give the bill to John...

Translation: English » Slovenian
Ali imate več Čevapčiči?
Lahko dobim še eno pivo, prosim?
Prosimo, da račun za John ...
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This Symposium was held to bring together scientists studying artificial thinking, character and pattern recognition, learning, mechanical language translation, biology, automatic programming, industrial planning and clerical mechanization. It was felt that a common theme in all these fields was "The Mechanization of Thought Processes" and that an interchange of ideas between these specialists would be very valuable.
A research community in machine-intelligence had emerged from WWII. Alan Turing had died in 1954, leaving a powerful legacy of ideas. The cybernetic movement was already 10 years old (Wiener’s book=1948). Macy conferences had ended and Ratio Club had stopped meeting.

A new emphasis was coming from the new “Artificial Intelligence” community.
Contents

• The Symposium was organised into Sessions:
  – General Principles
  – Automatic Programming
  – Mechanical Language Translation
  – Speech Recognition
  – Learning in Machines
  – Implications for Biology
  – Implications for Industry

They are all VERY familiar today…
Participants

- The programme included both members of the cybernetics movement and of the newly growing AI movement, as well as people who did not directly relate to either.
- Programmable machines were now commercially available (IBM 704).
- This was perhaps just before optimism turned into the hype of the 1960s.
- The list of participants included …:
  - F. Rosenblatt
  - A. Samuel
  - M. Minsky
  - O. Selfridge
  - J. McCarthy
  - D. MacKay
  - G. Walter
  - W. McCulloch
  - Ross Ashby
  - …
First session: an idea of the general tone and of the efforts made to cover all the different approaches.

**Some methods of artificial intelligence and heuristic programming**  
Marvin Minsky

**Operational Aspects of Intellect**  
Donald MacKay

**Programs with Common Sense**  
John McCarthy

**The mechanism of habituation**  
Ross Ashby

**Conditional probability computing in a nervous system**  
Albert Uttley
Methods of Artificial Intelligence and Heuristic Programming

• “Machines to work on problems for which the designer does not have in advance practical methods of solution”.

• “Particular attention is given to processes involving pattern recognition, learning, planning ahead, and the use of analogies or models”.

• “…a machine might improve itself by adding to its collection of problem-solving methods” [Minsky’s Talk]

Symbolic AI. A discussion of planning problems, or problem solving, and how heuristic search can be used to find solutions. Learning and induction presented as ways for the machine to improve by experience (comparing Solomonoff’s induction to ‘network machines’ to distributed architectures…
The session on Speech Recognition showed surprisingly modern ideas, including that of using statistical modelling of n-grams frequencies to reduce errors.

The principal problems that we intend to investigate by the use of computers are the following:

- Collecting trigram frequencies;
- Collecting n-gram frequencies;
- Comparison of such data obtained from the dictionary and from current speech;
- Collection of word transition probabilities for different types of material;
- Collection of acoustic pattern data for words;
- Comparison of the effect of using trigram and digram frequencies;
Frank Rosenblatt presented his new Perceptron algorithm, and some new variations on the theme.

Oliver Selfridge presented the Pandemonium system: an architecture very related to modern agents and evolutionary computation. The running example was character recognition.

Alexander Andrew discussed the application of learning machines – based on statistical principles – to process control. Ideas from control theory are discussed, and also its conditional-probability machine detected what we now call “association rules” in data mining.
Example Learning Machines

Conditional Probability Machine

Suppose, for instance, that the $A$ and $B$ channels are active. Then the conditional probability of activity in $C$ is given by:

Probability of $C$, given $A$ and $B$ =

$$P_{AB}(C) = \frac{\text{count stored in } (ABC) \text{ unit}}{\text{count stored in } (AB) \text{ unit}} \quad (1)$$

Whenever the $j$ and $k$ inputs of the computer are activated simultaneously, it computes the quantities $P_{jk}(l)$, $P_{jk}(m)$ and $P_{jk}(n)$. If any of these exceeds a predetermined threshold value, an inference is made of activity in the $l$, $m$ or $n$ channel. The operation is similar when other groups of input channels are activated.

Hardware equivalent to finding association rules by Apriori...
Machine Intelligence, AD 1958

- Many ideas from 2008 Proceedings can be found in 1958...
- Many of them are still present in this conference

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- Statistical separability
- Inductive inference
- Information Retrieval
- Nervous Nets
- Reinforcement
How Much Have We Progressed?

- Spontaneous questions...
  - Are we any closer to building intelligent machines?
  - What are the key achievements, and the key failures, of the past 50 years of research in this direction?
  - What would we report, if we could – in some way – deliver a “keynote speech from 2009” at that Conference?
The 1958 conference would certainly be interested in hearing that today we can...

- Retrieve relevant documents
- Translate and summarise them
- Recommend books and movies
- Transcribe speech, recognize handwriting

All this was on their wish list, and is now reality...
Amazon.co.uk: slovenia - Mozilla Firefox

Hello Nello Cristianini. We have recommendations for you (Not Nello?)

Nello's Amazon.co.uk Deals of the Week Gift Certificates Gifts & Wish Lists

Free one-day delivery on school essentials

Your Account | Help

Shop All Departments

Welcome

International Gift Certificates Sell Your Stuff Deals Of The Week

Amazon.co.uk

slovenia

Related Searches: croatia, slovenia map.

Select Results from All Departments Choose a Department to enable sorting

   - Buy new: £12.99 £7.79
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   - Get it by Wednesday, Aug 19 if you order in the next 7 hours and choose express delivery.
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   - Books: See all 12,448 items

3. Slovenia (Bradt Travel Guide Slovenia) (Bradt Travel Guides) by Robin McKelvie and

Done

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Is Google reasoning?
Do you have more cevapcici?
Can I have another beer, please?
Please, give the bill to John...

Translation: English » Slovenian
Ali imate več Čevapčiči?
Lahko dobim še eno pivo, prosim?
Prosimo, da račun za John ...
An invited talk from the future

- The main message should be that many goals have been achieved
- The next message should probably be that: things did not go quite in the way that most AI Pioneers expected...
Data-Driven Artificial Intelligence

- We did not get computers to do all these things by understanding how humans do them, and then implementing that into a computer.

- We do not really know how humans understand a document. Our computers also do not understand the content of a document.

- We did not obtain the intended behaviour by solving the problem of intelligence, but rather by a series of statistical hacks...

- Large amounts of data, and rather simple algorithms for statistical pattern analysis
Low Level Processing

- Humble activities such as indexing, clustering and parameter estimation have become the enabling factors.

- Statistical pattern analysis has taken centre stage in AI (Data-Driven AI)

- As just one example of this general trend, think of the astonishing trajectory and impact of the Viterbi algorithm for decoding.
Example: Viterbi Algorithm

- Introduced in the 1960s as part of information theory and signal processing, in the context of communication via a noisy channel.

- When receiving a corrupted message, we can infer the most likely version of the original message, if we know two things: a model of the noise in the channel, and the probability with which each given message could have been sent.

- This process is often known as **decoding**, and involves maximising a functional over the space of all possible messages that could have been sent.

- Viterbi’s algorithm performs the decoding very efficiently, IF the original messages can be modelled by Markov chains.

- Its method is the same as the problem of finding a shortest path in a graph (1959), a classical example of dynamic programming.
Belief Networks and PGMs (junction tree)
Impact

Has humble **decoding algorithm** been more influential than celebrated theorem proving algorithms?

- Probably **more central than** automated theorem proving, deep language analysis, neural network inference, evolutionary programming, and many other promising attempts at solving the problem of intelligence.
“Statistical Hacks”

• A series of simple statistical hacks, together with optimisation technology, and vast amounts of data, delivered much of the intelligent behaviour we use today.
Optimisation and Statistics

• Optimisation and Statistics are the language behind algorithms such as Viterbi’s

• Similar ideas are also behind methods like
  – Support Vector Machines (used today for handwriting recognition, text categorization, etc),
  – Probabilistic Graphical Models...
  – Association Mining (used for recommendation systems)

• Because of the centrality of Machine
Patterns in Personal Data

Nello Cristianini
Professor of Artificial Intelligence
University of Bristol
The Privacy Delusion

• When we read a newspaper article, we do not expect to receive a phone call that evening, advertising related items...

• When we look at the window of a travel agent, we do not expect to receive their leaflets in the mail

• When we play chess with a friend, we do not expect our intelligence to be profiled, and the information sold to employment or dating agencies

• Our expectations are based on what is reasonably possible in the physical world, and on the fact that we hide in the crowd...

• Many of these expectations may be violated in the new, information-driven society
In order to be useful, information needs to be:
- Gathered
- Stored / transmitted
- Processed / analysed / interpreted
- Acted upon

We expect these processes to be performed by humans, at least in part, and this shapes our expectations...

But EACH of these steps has been automated in recent years, and now computers can do each of these things cheaply, fast, effectively and on a VERY large scale.
A Trail in Transaction Space

We leave a permanent digital trail of personal data behind us.
Web Logs

- 121.179.178.143 - - [26/Oct/2008:13:31:53 +0000] "GET /case_studies/iceman_demo_05.png HTTP/1.1" 304 - "http://www.computational-genomics.net/case_studies/iceman_demo.html" "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; InfoPath.1)"

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On August 4, 2006, AOL Research labs released a file on one of its websites containing the search log for over 650,000 users over a 3-month period, intended for research purposes.

It contained about 20 million search keywords. All the transactions were anonymous, but each user was identified by a unique ID number.

Few days later, acknowledging this was an error, AOL removed the file from public access, but the data are still available at various internet locations, for all of us to explore. Those responsible were later fired.
THE AOL CASE STUDY == Search activity of User 98280

- ovulation calculator ![2006-03-03 12:37:21](http://www.babycenter.com)
- premier cinema ![2006-03-03 17:43:23](http://www.pccmovies.com)
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Google, and data integration
combining queries, position, email content, background information

- Google (for example) has access to multiple types of personal information
  - Search log
  - Position
  - Videos (youtube)
  - Email
  - Calendar
  - News preferences
  - ...

- Similar considerations apply to Amazon, Expedia, etc. etc.

- What information can be obtained from the integration of all this data?
Inferences: prediction by segmentation

(double-click, post-code, credit scoring, ...)

• I can know a lot about you, if I know “others like you”

• Defining “others like you” involves segmenting the population into small homogeneous groups (geographically, demographically, etc)

• One way is using the PostCode
If we check the preferences of people living near the Watershed Cinema of Bristol, where this talk is taking place, by using upmystreet.com, we find that “many of the people who live in this sort of postcode [BS1 5TX] will be cosmopolitan sharers or students living in flats”.

We also find that they are likely to have a high interest in current affairs, and they tend to be young single people renting small one or two bedroom flats.

While news may be followed online, they are also readers of The Guardian, Observer, Independent and The Times.
Behavoural Segmentation

- You can be segmented based on demography, or geography...
- But what is possible today is to segment population by *past behaviour*

- “People who have bought a pizza and rented a video, may buy a beer next....”
Inference

- Information is typically integrated to achieve better segmentations, and make better predictions
- Amazon: “people who bought this book also bought…”
- Marketers and Political Campaigners love this information... and they pay for it!
Consumer Response

Targeting precisely the right consumers for your campaign means having access to a database that not only offers the volume of records you need, but also provides the selection flexibility that allows you to dictate exactly your target group.

**ConsumerResponse** encompasses all of the UK and consists of over:

- 40 Million Individuals
- 22 Million Households

The way we process the data, the attention to detail we employ and the procedures the data is subjected to, all go to ensure that we achieve the level of accuracy you demand. All records are verified against:

- Electoral Role
- Movers File
- Goneaway File

A host of selection opportunities allows you to specify precisely the right contacts for your campaign, these include:

- Telephone Numbers
- Gender
- Age
- Income
- Occupation
- Nationality
- Home owner
- Tenant
- Length of residency
- Household composition

**Geographic options are:**

- Region
- County
- Town
- Postcode

The base data consists of:

- Salutation
- Initial
- Surname
- Address
- Postcode

If it's lifestyle data you require, a wide range of categories are available to choose from, use the sample below as a starting point:

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**Pricing per thousand**

- Base rental £170.00
- Lease 12 months £335.00
- Telephone numbers £80.00
- Outright purchase £580.00
Political Profiling

- Political campaigning is now using the same tools as direct marketing: careful profiling of voters, followed by delivery of customised message.

- The idea: merge voter information (electoral lists) with consumer information (purchased from direct marketing organisations), to obtain high quality portraits of each voter.

- Called Micro-Targeting, it has been used in last 2 US Presidential elections.

- Example: “Voters-vault”...
From Wired magazine, 23/6/2008

- Married, age 45 to 54, uses absentee ballot, no children, recently purchased a luxury car = leans Republican
- White, under 40, college educated, relies heavily on the Internet for news, lives in an urban area = leans Democrat
- Hispanic, over 60, border-swing-state resident, lives in an urban area, feels strongly about immigration = leans Republican
- White, over 60, high school educated, union member, financially stressed = leans Democrat
- Male, high school educated, lives in a swing state, reads Guns & Ammo, voted in 2006 = leans Republican
- Single, age 20 to 29, lives in an urban area, has student loans, owns own home = leans Democrat
Computer Voyeur

• Is it any better if it is computers – not people – that read our mail, or listen to our conversations?

• Automation affects also the usage of this information.

• Google makes recommendations based on the content of my emails ...
PATTERNS IN PERSONAL DATA: Nello Cristianini

The Privacy Delusion
When we play online computer chess we do not expect our intelligence to be measured, and compared with our school records, to be sold to recruitment agencies.
As we shop for holidays, or extravagant shoes, we do not expect this information to be given to debt collection agencies, or credit scoring organisations.

After all, our everyday world does not work like that. When we buy a newspaper, no one knows what articles we end up reading. Certain information is just for ourselves. There are things that we keep for ourselves, like the name of a girl we liked at school or our passion for Abba music. Whether we exchange emails to organise a surprise party, or we search for information about a skin condition that is worrying us, or we just take a walk on the beach, we do not expect our activities to be monitored. Should we?

What we expect today is the result of thousands of years of collective experience. We expect a certain part of our life to be kept private, for no other reason - because there are so many of us that we cannot imagine anyone making the effort to gather information about all of those things for every person. We literally hide in the crowd, relying on numbers - if not decency of the others - to protect a little part of our personal sphere. These expectations might be misleading today or tomorrow, as the world is changing fast.

In order to be useful, information needs to be gathered, stored or transmitted, then processed and finally acted upon. Every step of this chain has undergone major transformations in the past decades, and can now be done automatically, cheaply, and very efficiently, by machines. Taken together, these technological advances have enabled a revolution in our society, but at the same time can pose a threat to the privacy of our personal sphere. What information can be automatically gathered today (we discuss on technical aspects here), and how much about our
Automatic Targeting

- Amazon.com says 35 percent of product sales result from recommendations (in 2006), one wonders how many votes result from micro-targeting.

- Nearly all Google’s revenue is based on clicks actually made by their customers on ads that depend on the user’s behaviour...
Tomorrow’s World

- We are creating a new type of society, where the notion of privacy is very different.
- Current laws are based on concepts that may no longer apply to the current situation on the ground.
- As we sleep-walk irreversibly into this new world, we should develop concepts, laws, values, to help us exploit all that information technology has to offer us, without creating a nightmare for our children.
- It is our job to understand the implications of what we are doing, and it is our job to explain where our work can lead us to the public and to the law makers.
THE END