Why Mine Data? Commercial Viewpoint

- Lots of data is being collected and warehoused
  - Web data, e-commerce
  - Purchases at department/grocery stores
  - Bank/Credit Card transactions

- Computers have become cheaper and more powerful

- Competitive Pressure is Strong
  - Provide better, customized services for an edge (e.g. in Customer Relationship Management)
Why Mine Data? Scientific Viewpoint

- Data collected and stored at enormous speeds (GB/hour)
  - remote sensors on a satellite
  - telescopes scanning the skies
  - microarrays generating gene expression data
  - scientific simulations generating terabytes of data

- Traditional techniques infeasible for raw data
- Data mining may help scientists
  - in classifying and segmenting data
  - in Hypothesis Formation
What is Data Mining?

- **Many Definitions**
  - Non-trivial extraction of implicit, previously unknown and potentially useful information from data
  - Exploration & analysis, by automatic or semi-automatic means, of large quantities of data in order to discover meaningful patterns
What is (not) Data Mining?

**What is not Data Mining?**

- Look up phone number in phone directory

- Query a Web search engine for information about “Amazon”

**What is Data Mining?**

- Certain names are more prevalent in certain US locations (O’Brien, O’Rurke, O’Reilly… in Boston area)

- Group together similar documents returned by search engine according to their context (e.g. Amazon rainforest, Amazon.com,)
Data Mining Tasks

- Prediction Methods
  - Use some variables to predict unknown or future values of other variables.

- Description Methods
  - Find human-interpretable patterns that describe the data.

From [Fayyad, et.al.] Advances in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, 1996
Data Mining Tasks...

- **Classification** [Predictive]
- **Clustering** [Descriptive]
- **Association Rule Discovery** [Descriptive]
- **Sequential Pattern Discovery** [Descriptive]
- **Deviation Detection** [Predictive]
Classification: Definition

- Given a collection of records (*training set*)
  - Each record contains a set of *attributes*, one of the attributes is the *class*.

- Find a *model* for class attribute as a function of the values of other attributes.

- Goal: *previously unseen* records should be assigned a class as accurately as possible.
  - A *test set* is used to determine the accuracy of the model. Usually, the given data set is divided into training and test sets, with training set used to build the model and test set used to validate it.
## Classification Example

### Training Set

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### Learn Classifier

- **Training Set**: Data used for training the classifier.
- **Test Set**: Data used for testing the classifier's performance.
- **Model**: The classifier model learned from the training set.

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Introduction to Data Mining

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Classification: Application 1

- Direct Marketing
  - Goal: Reduce cost of mailing by targeting a set of consumers likely to buy a new cell-phone product.
  - Approach:
    - Use the data for a similar product introduced before.
    - We know which customers decided to buy and which decided otherwise. This \{buy, don’t buy\} decision forms the class attribute.
    - Collect various demographic, lifestyle, and company-interaction related information about all such customers.
      - Type of business, where they stay, how much they earn, etc.
    - Use this information as input attributes to learn a classifier model.

From [Berry & Linoff] Data Mining Techniques, 1997
Classification: Application 2

- Fraud Detection
  - Goal: Predict fraudulent cases in credit card transactions.
  - Approach:
    - Use credit card transactions and the information on its account-holder as attributes.
      - When does a customer buy, what does he buy, how often he pays on time, etc
    - Label past transactions as fraud or fair transactions. This forms the class attribute.
    - Learn a model for the class of the transactions.
    - Use this model to detect fraud by observing credit card transactions on an account.
Classification: Application 3

- Customer Attrition/Churn:
  - Goal: To predict whether a customer is likely to be lost to a competitor.
  - Approach:
    - Use detailed record of transactions with each of the past and present customers, to find attributes.
      - How often the customer calls, where he calls, what time-of-the day he calls most, his financial status, marital status, etc.
    - Label the customers as loyal or disloyal.
    - Find a model for loyalty.

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Clustering Definition

- Given a set of data points, each having a set of attributes, and a similarity measure among them, find clusters such that
  - Data points in one cluster are more similar to one another.
  - Data points in separate clusters are less similar to one another.

- Similarity Measures:
  - Euclidean Distance if attributes are continuous.
  - Other Problem-specific Measures.
Illustrating Clustering

- Euclidean Distance Based Clustering in 3-D space.

Intracluster distances are minimized

Intercluster distances are maximized
Clustering: Application 1

Market Segmentation:
- Goal: subdivide a market into distinct subsets of customers where any subset may conceivably be selected as a market target to be reached with a distinct marketing mix.

Approach:
- Collect different attributes of customers based on their geographical and lifestyle related information.
- Find clusters of similar customers.
- Measure the clustering quality by observing buying patterns of customers in same cluster vs. those from different clusters.
Document Clustering:

- **Goal:** To find groups of documents that are similar to each other based on the important terms appearing in them.

- **Approach:** To identify frequently occurring terms in each document. Form a similarity measure based on the frequencies of different terms. Use it to cluster.

- **Gain:** Information Retrieval can utilize the clusters to relate a new document or search term to clustered documents.
Illustrating Document Clustering

- Clustering Points: 3204 Articles of Los Angeles Times.
- Similarity Measure: How many words are common in these documents (after some word filtering).

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Association Rule Discovery: Definition

- Given a set of records each of which contain some number of items from a given collection;
  - Produce dependency rules which will predict occurrence of an item based on occurrences of other items.

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<td>Beer, Coke, Diaper, Milk</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Coke, Diaper, Milk</td>
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Rules Discovered:
- \{Milk\} --> \{Coke\}
- \{Diaper, Milk\} --> \{Beer\}
Association Rule Discovery: Application 1

- Marketing and Sales Promotion:
  - Let the rule discovered be
    \{Bagels, \ldots\} \rightarrow \{Potato Chips\}
  - **Potato Chips as consequent** \rightarrow Can be used to determine what should be done to boost its sales.
  - **Bagels in the antecedent** \rightarrow Can be used to see which products would be affected if the store discontinues selling bagels.
  - **Bagels in antecedent and Potato chips in consequent** \rightarrow Can be used to see what products should be sold with Bagels to promote sale of Potato chips!
Association Rule Discovery: Application 2

- Supermarket shelf management.
  - Goal: To identify items that are bought together by sufficiently many customers.
  - Approach: Process the point-of-sale data collected with barcode scanners to find dependencies among items.
  - A classic rule --
    - If a customer buys diaper and milk, then he is very likely to buy beer.
    - So, don’t be surprised if you find six-packs stacked next to diapers!
Sequential Pattern Discovery: Definition

- Given is a set of objects, with each object associated with its own timeline of events, find rules that predict strong sequential dependencies among different events.

- Rules are formed by first discovering patterns. Event occurrences in the patterns are governed by timing constraints.
Sequential Pattern Discovery: Examples

- In telecommunications alarm logs,
  - (Inverter_Problem Excessive_Line_Current)
    (Rectifier_Alarm) -->(Fire_Alarm)

- In point-of-sale transaction sequences,
  - Computer Bookstore:
    (Intro_To_Visual_C) (C++_Primer) -->(Perl_for_dummies,Tcl_Tk)
  - Athletic Apparel Store:
    (Shoes) (Racket, Racketball) -->(Sports_Jacket)
Deviation/Anomaly Detection

- Detect significant deviations from normal behavior
- Applications:
  - Credit Card Fraud Detection
  - Network Intrusion Detection

Typical network traffic at University level may reach over 100 million connections per day
Challenges of Data Mining

- Scalability
- Dimensionality
- Complex and Heterogeneous Data
- Data Quality
- Data Ownership and Distribution
- Privacy Preservation
- Streaming Data