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- ✓ Introduction to Imbalanced Data Sets
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Presentation

In a concept-learning problem, the data set is said to present a class imbalance if it contains many more examples of one class than the other. Such a situation poses challenges for typical classifiers such as decision tree induction systems or multi-layer perceptrons that are designed to optimize overall accuracy without taking into account the relative distribution of each class.



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As a result, these classifiers tend to ignore small classes while concentrating on cassifying the large ones accurately.

Such a problem occurs in a large number of practical domains and is often dealt with by using re-sampling or cost-based methods.

This talk introduce the "classification with imbalanced data sets" analyzing in depth the solutions based on re-sampling.

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Data sets are said to be balanced if there are, approximately, as many positive examples of the concept as there are negative ones. The positive examples are more interesting or their misclassification has a higher associate cost.



G. Cohen, M. Hilario, H. Sax, S. Hugonnet, A. Geisbuhler. Learning from Imbalanced Data in Surveillance of Nosocomial Infection. Artificial Intelligence in Medicine 37 (2006) 7-18

The classes of small size are usually labeled by rare cases (rarities).

The most important knowledge usually resides in the rare cases. These cases are common in classification problems: Ej.: Detection of uncommon diseases. Imbalanced data: Few sick persons and lots of healthy persons. Some real-problems: Fraudulent credit card transactions Learning word pronunciation Prediction of telecommunications equipment failures Detection oil spills from satellite images **Detection of Melanomas** Intrusion detection Insurance risk modeling Hardware fault detection

Problem:

- The problem with class imbalances is that standard learners are often biased towards the majority class.
- That is because these classifiers attempt to reduce global quantities such as the error rate, not taking the data distribution into consideration.

Result:

As a result

- examples from the overwhelming class are well-classified
- whereas examples from the minority class tend to be misclassified.

¿Why is difficult to learn in imbalanced domains?

Class imbalance is not the only responsible of the lack in accuracy of an algorithm.

The class overlapping also influences the behaviour of the algorithms, and it is very typical in these domains.



N.V. Chawla, N. Japkowicz, A. Kolcz. Editorial: special issue on learning from imbalanced data sets. SIGKDD Explorations 6:1 (2004) 1-6

Why Learning from Imbalanced Data Sets might be difficult? Four Groups of Negative Examples

- Noise examples
- Borderline examples Borderline examples are unsafe since a small amount of noise can make them fall on the wrong side of the decision border.
- **Redundant examples**
- **Safe examples**



Why Learning from Imbalanced Data Sets might be difficult?

Rare or exceptional cases correspond to small numbers of training examples in particular areas of the feature space. When learning a concept, the presence of rare cases in the domain is an important consideration. The reason why rare cases are of interest is that they cause small disjuncts to occur, which are known to be more error prone than large disjuncts.

In the real world domains, reare cases are unknown since high dimensional data cannot be visualized to reveal areas of low coverage.



T. Jo, N. Japkowicz. Class imbalances versus small disjuncts. SIGKDD Explorations 6:1 (2004) 40-49

Why Learning from Imbalanced Data Sets might be difficult?

Small disjunct: Focusing the problem



¿How can we evaluate an algorithm in imbalanced domains?



Imbalanced evaluation based on the geometric mean:

Positive true ratio: $a^+ = TP/(TP+FN)$ Negative true ratio: $a^- = TN / (FP+TN)$ Evaluation function: **True ratio**

 $q = \sqrt{(a^+ \cdot a^-)}$

Precision = TP/(TP+FP) Recall = TP/(TP+FN)

F-measure: (2 x precision x recall) / (recall + precision)

R. Barandela, J.S. Sánchez, V. García, E. Rangel. Strategies for learning in class imbalance problems. Pattern Recognition 36:3 (2003) 849-851



False Positives

"crisp" and "soft" classifiers:

A "crisp" classifier (discrete) predicts a class among the candidates.
 A "soft" classifier (probabilistic) predicts a class, but this prediction is

accompanied by a reliability value.



AUC: Área under ROC curve. Scalar quantity widle used for estimating classifiers performance.

ROC analysis oriented to data resampling in imbalanced domains

The resampling algorithm must allow to adjust the rate of under/over sampling.

Performance of the classifier is measured with *over/under Sampling* at 25%, 50%, 100%, 200%, 300%, etc.

It can be only used in resmapling techniques which allow the adjustment of this parameter.



N.V. Chawla, K.W. Bowyer, L.O. Hall, W.P. Kegelmeyer. SMOTE: synthetic minority over-sampling technique. Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research 16 (2002) 321-357

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Under-sampling: Tomek Links

- •To remove both noise and borderline examples of the majority class
- Tomek link

-E_i, E_j belong to different classes, d (E_i, E_j) is the distance between them.

-A (E_i, E_j) pair is called a Tomek link if there is no example E_i, such that $d(E_i, E_i) < d(E_i, E_j)$ or $d(E_j, E_i) < d(E_i, E_j)$.



Under-sampling: US-CNN

- •To remove both noise and borderline examples
- •Algorithm:
 - •Let E be the original training set
 - •Let E' contains all positive examples from S and one randomly selected negative example
 - •Classify E with the 1-NN rule using the examples in E'
 - •Move all misclassified example
 - from E to E'



Under-sampling: (OSS, CNN+TL, NCL)

One-sided selection

Tomek links + CNN

CNN + Tomek links

Proposed by the author
Finding Tomek links is

computationally demanding, it would be computationally cheaper if it was performed on a reduced data set.

•NCL

To remove majority class examples Different from OSS, emphasize more data cleaning than data reduction Algorithm:

- Find three nearest neighbors for each example E_i in the training set
- If E belongs to majority class, & the three nearest neighbors classify it to
- be minority class, then remove E
- If E_i belongs to minority class, and the three nearest neighbors classify it to be majority class, then remove the three nearest neighbors

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Over-sampling method:

•To form new minority class examples by interpolating between several minority class examples that lie together.

•in ``feature space" rather than ``data space"

•Algorithm: For each minority class example, introduce synthetic examples along the line segments joining any/all of the k minority class nearest neighbors.

•Note: Depending upon the amount of over-sampling required, neighbors from the *k* nearest neighbors are randomly chosen.

•For example: if we are using 5 nearest neighbors, if the amount of over-sampling needed is 200%, only two neighbors from the five nearest neighbors are chosen and one sample is generated in the direction of each.

State-of-the-art algorithm: SMOTE.

Smote: Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique

- Synthetic samples are generated in the following way:
 - Take the difference between the feature vector (sample) under consideration and its nearest neighbor.
 - Multiply this difference by a random number between 0 and 1
 - Add it to the feature vector under consideration.

Consider a sample (6,4) and let (4,3) be its nearest neighbor.

(6,4) is the sample for which k-nearest neighbors are being identified

(4,3) is one of its k-nearest neighbors.

Let:

f1_1 = 6 f2_1 = 4 f2_1 - f1_1 = -2

f1_2 = 4 f2_2 = 3 f2_2 - f1_2 = -1

The new samples will be generated as

(f1',f2') = (6,4) + rand(0-1) * (-2,-1)

rand(0-1) generates a random number between 0 and 1.

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... But what if there is a majority sample Nearby?

: Majority sample

: Minority sample

: Synthetic sample



Smote + Tomek links

Problem with Smote: might introduce the artificial minority class examples too deeply in the majority class space.

Tomek links: data cleaning

Instead of removing only the majority class examples that form Tomek links, examples from both classes are removed


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SMOTE + ENN:

- ENN removes any example whose class label differs from the class of at least two of its three nearest neighbors.
- ENN remove more examples than the Tomek links does
- ENN remove examples from both classes

Table 6: Performance ranking for original and balanced data sets for pruned decision trees.											
Data set	1°	2°	3°	4°	5°	6°	7°	8°	9º	10°	11°
Pima	Smt	RdOvr	Smt+Tmk	Smt+ENN	Tmk	NCL	Original	RdUdr	CNN+Tmk	CNN*	OSS^*
German	RdOvr	Smt+Tmk	Smt+ENN	Smt	RdUdr	CNN	CNN+Tmk*	OSS*	Original*	Tmk*	NCL*
Post-operative	RdOvr	Smt+ENN	ISmt	Original	CNN	RdUdr	CNN+Tmk	OSS*	Tmk*	NCL*	Smt+Tmk*
Haberman	Smt+ENN	Smt+Tmk	Smt	RdOvr	NCL	RdUdr	Tmk	OSS*	CNN*	Original*	CNN+Tmk*
Splice-ie	RdOvr	Original	Tmk	Smt	CNN	NCL	Smt+Tmk	Smt+ENN*	CNN+Tmk*	RdUdr*	OSS^*
Splice-ei	Smt	Smt+Tmk	Smt+ENN	CNN+Tmk	OSS	RdOvr	Tmk	CNN	NCL	Original	RdUdr
Vehicle	RdOvr	Smt	Smt+Tmk	OSS	CNN	Original	CNN+Tmk	Tmk	NCL*	Smt+ENN*	RdUdr*
Letter-vowel	Smt+ENN	Smt+Tmk	Smt	RdOvr	Tmk*	NCL*	Original*	CNN*	CNN+Tmk*	RdUdr*	OSS^*
New-thyroid	Smt+ENN	Smt+Tmk	Smt	RdOvr	RdUdr	CNN	Original	Tmk	CNN+Tmk	NCL	OSS
E.Coli	Smt+Tmk	Smt	Smt+ENN	RdOvr	NCL	Tmk	RdUdr	Original	OSS	CNN+Tmk*	CNN*
Satimage	Smt+ENN	Smt	Smt+Tmk	RdOvr	NCL	Tmk	Original*	OSS^*	CNN+Tmk*	RdUdr*	CNN*
Flag	RdOvr	Smt+ENN	ISmt+Tmk	CNN+Tmk	Smt	RdUdr	CNN*	OSS^*	Tmk*	Original*	NCL*
Glass	Smt+ENN	RdOvr	NCL	Smt	Smt+Tmk	Original	Tmk	RdUdr	CNN+Tmk*	OSS*	CNN*
Letter-a	Smt+Tmk	Smt+ENN	ISmt	RdOvr	OSS	Original	Tmk	CNN+Tmk	NCL	CNN	RdUdr*
Nursery	RdOvr	Tmk	Original	NCL	CNN^*	OSS*	Smt+Tmk*	Smt^*	CNN+Tmk*	Smt+ENN*	RdUdr*

G.E.A.P.A. Batista, R.C. Prati, M.C. Monard. A study of the behavior of several methods for balancing machine learning training data. SIGKDD Explorations 6:1 (2004) 20-29

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Borderline-SMOTE: Genera ejemplos sintéticos entre ejemplos minoritarios y cercanos a los bordes.



Fig. 1. (a) The original distribution of Circle data set. (b) The borderline minority examples (*solid squares*). (c) The borderline synthetic minority examples (*hollow squares*).

H. Han, W. Wang, B. Mao. Borderline-SMOTE: A New Over-Sampling Method in Imbalanced Data Sets Learning. In: ICIC 2005. LNCS 3644 (2005) 878-887.



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Source: García S, Herrera F (2008) Evolutionary Under-Sampling for Classification with Imbalanced Data Sets: Proposals and Taxonomy. Evolutionary Computation. In press. Some results on the use of evolutionary prototype selection for imbalanced data sets

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Evolutionary algorithms are good global search methods

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Previous results:

- a. J.R. Cano, F. Herrera, M. Lozano, Using Evolutionary Algorithms as Instance Selection for Data Reduction in KDD: An Experimental Study. *IEEE Trans. on Evolutionary Computation 7:6 (2003) 561-575, doi:* <u>10.1109/TEVC.2003.819265</u>
- b. J.R. Cano, F. Herrera, M. Lozano, Stratification for Scaling Up Evolutionary Prototype Selection. *Pattern Recognition Letters, 26, (2005), 953-963, doi: 10.1016/j.patrec.2004.09.043*
- c. J.R. Cano, F. Herrera, M. Lozano, On the Combination of Evolutionary Algorithms and Stratified Strategies for Training Set Selection in Data Mining. *Applied Soft Computing 6 (2006) 323-332, doi:* <u>10.1016/j.asoc.2005.02.006</u>
- d. J.R. Cano, F. Herrera, M. Lozano, Evolutionary Stratified Training Set Selection for Extracting Classification Rules with Trade-off Precision-Interpretability. *Data and Knowledge Engineering 60 (2007) 90-108,* <u>doi:10.1016/j.datak.2006.01.008</u>
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- f. J.R. Cano, F. Herrera, M. Lozano, S. García, Making CN2-SD Subgroup Discovery Algorithm scalable to Large Size Data Sets using Instance Selection. *Expert Systems with Applications*, <u>doi:10.1016/j.eswa.2007.08.083</u>, in press (2008)

What is a genetic algorithm?

Genetic algorithms

They are optimization algorithms, search and learning inspired in the process of

Natural and Genetic Evolution









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Evolutionary algorithm for re-sampling:

Representation:

Base Method: CHC Models:

- **EBUS:** Aim for an optimal balancing of data without loss of effectiveness in classification accuracy
- **EUSCM:** Aim for an optimal power of classification without taking into account the balancing of data, considering the latter as a subobjective that may be an implicit process.

It introduces different features to obtain a trade-off between exploration and exploitation; such as incest prevention, reinitialization of the search process when it becomes blocked and the competition among parents and offspring into the replacement process

Type of Selection:

- GS: Global Selection, the selection scheme proceeds over any kind of instance.
- MS: Majority Selection, the selection scheme only proceeds over majority class instances.

Evaluation Measures:

- GM: Geometric Mean
- AUC: Area under ROC Curve



Fitness function in EBUS model:

$$Fitness_{Bal}(S) = \begin{cases} g - |1 - \frac{n^+}{n^-}| \cdot P & \text{if } n^- > 0\\ g - P & \text{if } n^- = 0 \end{cases} \quad Fitness_{Bal}(S) = \begin{cases} AUC - |1 - \frac{n^+}{n^-}| \cdot P & \text{if } n^- > 0\\ AUC - P & \text{if } n^- = 0 \end{cases}$$

P: is a penalization factor that controls the intensity and importance of the balance during the evolutionary search.

P = 0.2 works appropriately.

Fitness function in EUSCM model:

Fitness(S) = g,

Fitness(S) = AUC,

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Data sets:

	Data set	#Examples	#Attributes	Class (min., maj.)	%Class(min.,maj.)	IR	
	GlassBWNFP	214	9	(build-window-non_float-proc,	(35.51, 64.49)	1.82	
				remainder)			
	EcoliCP-IM	220	7	(im,cp)	(35.00, 65.00)	1.86	
IR·	Pima	768	8	(1,0)	(34.77, 66.23)	1.9	
11	GlassBWFP	214	9	(build-window-float-proc,	(32.71, 67.29)	2.06	
				remainder)			
Imphalance notio.	German	1000	20	(1, 0)	(30.00, 70.00)	2.33	
Impalance ratio:	Haberman	306	3	(Die, Survive)	(26.47, 73.53)	2.68	
	Splice-ie	3176	60	(ie,remainder)	(24.09, 75.91)	3.15	
	Splice-ei	3176	60	(ei,remainder)	(23.99, 76.01)	3.17	
Number negative	GlassNW	214	9	(non-windows glass, remainder)	(23.93, 76.17)	3.19	
evamples /	VehicleVAN	846	18	(van,remainder)	(23.52, 76.48)	3.25	
examples /	EcoliIM	336	7	(im, remainder)	(22.92, 77.08)	3.36	
Number positive	New-thyroid	215	5	(hypo,remainder)	(16.28, 83.72)	4.92	
ovamplas	Segment1	2310	19	(1,remainder)	(14.29, 85.71)	6.00	
examples	EcoliIMU	336	7	(iMU, remainder)	(10.42, 89.58)	8.19	
	Optdigits0	5564	64	(0, remainder)	(9.90, 90.10)	9.10	
	Satimage4	6435	36	(4, remainder)	(9.73, 90.27)	9.28	
	Vowel0	990	13	(0, remainder)	(9.01, 90.99)	10.1	
	GlassVWFP	214	9	(Ve-win-float-proc, remainder)	(7.94, 92.06)	10.39	
	EcoliOM	336	7	(om, remainder)	(6.74, 93.26)	13.84	
	GlassContainers	214	9	(containers, remainder)	(6.07, 93.93)	15.47	
	Abalone9-18	731	9	(18, 9)	(5.75, 94.25)	16.68	
	GlassTableware	214	9	(tableware, remainder)	(4.2, 95.8)	22.81	
	YeastCYT-POX	483	8	(POX, CYT)	(4.14, 95.86)	23.15	
	YeastME2	1484	8	(ME2, remainder)	(3.43, 96.57)	28.41	
	YeastME1	1484	8	(ME1, remainder)	(2.96, 97.04)	32.78	
	YeastEXC	1484	8	(EXC, remainder)	(2.49, 97.51)	39.16	
	Car	1728	6	(good, remainder)	(3.99, 96.01)	71.94	
	Abalone19	4177	9	(19, remainder)	(0.77, 99.23)	128.87	
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Classical prototype selection is not recommendable for tackling imbalanced data sets. 1-NN without preprocessing behaves the best.

Part II: Comparison among the eight proposals of Evolutionary Under-Sampling



IR < 9



IR > 9

Part II: Comparison among the eight proposals of Evolutionary Under-Sampling

IR < 9:

- EUSCM behaves better than EBUS (P factor has little interest)
- Little differences between GM and AUC.
- IR > 9:

- GS mechanism has no sense due to the high imbalance ratio. MS is preferable.

- P factor is very useful in this case. EBUS outperforms EUSCM

Part III: Comparison with other under-sampling approaches



Considering all data sets

Part III: Comparison with other under-sampling approaches



Considering data sets with IR < 9

Part III: Comparison with other under-sampling approaches



Considering data sets with IR > 9

Part III: Comparison with other under-sampling approaches

- EUS models usually present an equal or better performance than the remaining methods, independently of the degree of imbalance of data.
- The best performing under-sampling model over imbalance data sets is EBUS-MSGM
- The tendency of the EUS models follows an improving of the behaviour in classification when the data turns to a high degree of imbalance.

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Conclusions and Future Work

- Prototype Selections methods are not useful when handling imbalanced problems.
- Evolutionary under-sampling is an effective model in instancebased learning.
- Majority selection mechanism obtains more accurate subsets of instances, but presents a lower reduction rate.
- No difference between GM and AUC (different evaluation measures) is observed.
- For dealing with low imbalance rates, EUSCM model is the best choice
- For dealing with high imbalance rates, EBUS model is the best.

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FUTURE WORK

- Use of evolutionary under-sampling in training set selection, in order to optimize the performance of other classification algorithms.
- Study the scalability of these models in very large data sets.
- Hybridize evolutionary under-sampling with SMOTE or other over-sampling approaches.



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Class Imbalance vs. Asymmetric Misclassification costs

- Class Imbalance: one class occurs much more often than the other
- Asymmetric misclassification costs: the cost of misclassifying an example from one class is much larger than the cost of misclassifying an example from the other class.
- One way to correct for imbalance: train a cost sensitive classifier with the misclassification cost of the minority class greater than that of the majority class.
- One way to make an algorithm cost sensitive: intentionally imbalance the training set.



Making Classifiers Cost-sensitive

- A solution would be to have a procedure that converted a broad variety of classifiers into costsensitive ones
 - Stratification: change the frequency of classes in the training data in proportion to their cost
 - distort the distribution of examples
 - If it is done by under-sampling, it reduces the data available for learning.
 - □ If it is done by over-sampling, it increase learning time
 - Cost modifying

Weighting versus Sampling

Two weighting

Up-weighting, analogous to over-sampling, increases the weight of one of the classes keeping the weight of the other class at one

Down-weighting, analogous to under-sampling, decreases the weight of one of the classes keeping the weight of the other class at one

Anomaly detection/outlier detection

- The problem of detecting anomalies (irregularities that cannot be explained by simple domain models and knowledge) in data.
- Much of the existing work focuses on detecting outliers solely for the purpose of removing them from the analysis to prevent them from unduly affecting the data mining process instead of treating them as interesting phenomena in their own right.
- Outlier detection and anomaly detection can be managed as classification of imbalanced data sets.

Learning in non-balanced domains

Anomaly detection/outlier detection/rare cases/small disjunts







- Conditions to obtain classifiers that represent starved niches
- Take-over time of starved niches

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CONCLUSIONS: Methods that deal with class imbalances and small disjuncts simultaneously, cluster-based oversampling, is shown to outperform all the class imbalance geared methods used in the study.


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Other studies with imbalanced data sets in the research group SCI²S.



Analysis of the use of fuzzy rule based classification systems (FRBCSs) for imbalanced data sets.

Fernandez, S. García, M.J. del Jesus, F. Herrera, A Study of the Behaviour of Linguistic Fuzzy Rule Based Classification Systems in the Framework of Imbalanced Data Sets. *Fuzzy Sets and Systems (2008)*. doi: 10.1016/j.fss.2007.12.023

To develop new learning algorithms for FRBCSs for imbalanced data sets.

 To analyze the data in terms of data complexity in order to guide EUS to a better selection of instances and obtain generalized subsets.



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Final Comments

Resampling is a good approach for managing imbalanced data sets and it is under evolution:

The following is an interesting paper analysing the balance for resampling.

Chawla NV, Cieslak DA, Hall LO, Joshi A (2008) Automatically countering imbalance and its empirical relationship to cost. Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, in press.

Cost-proportionate weighted sampling allow us to solve cost-sensitive learning, and hence learning from imbalanced dataset. It is necessary to manage algorithms for learning with weights. See the recent contibution

Y. Sun, M.S. Kamel, A.K.C. Wong, Y. Wang. Cost-sensitive boosting for classification of imbalanced data. Pattern Recognition 40:12 (2007) 3358-3378

Imbalanced data sets and related areas (cost-sensitive learning, anomaly detection, outlier detection) are important topics from the practical point of view in Data Mining, and they are important problems in Data Mining for the next years.

Classification with Imbalanced data sets

- **Final Comments**
- A list of bibliography in the topic can be found in the link:

http://sci2s.ugr.es/keel/specific.php?area=43

The following recent publications are two examples of the application in the field of medicine, an important area where we find imbalanced data sets.

- B. Lerner, J. Yeshaya, L. Koushnir. On the classification of a small imbalanced cytogenetic image database. IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics 4:2 (2007) 204-215
- Maciej A. Mazurowski, Piotr A. Habas, Jacek M. Zurada, Joseph Y. Lo, Jay A. Baker, Georgia D. Tourassi. Training neural network classifiers for medical decision making: The effects of imbalanced datasets on classification performance. Neural Networks Volume 21, Issue 2-3 (March, 2008) Pages 427-436





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- 11.Final talk: How must I Do my Experimental Study? Design of Experiments in Data Mining/Computational Intelligence. Using Nonparametric Tests. Some Cases of Study.