

Some Results on the use of UCS in Imbalanced Domains

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Outline

1. Why do we care about mining rarities?
2. The UCS Classifier System
3. Focusing the problem: Facet-wise analysis
4. Results on imbalanced data
5. Rebalancing the imbalanced data
6. Conclusions and further work

Is it usual to mine rarities?

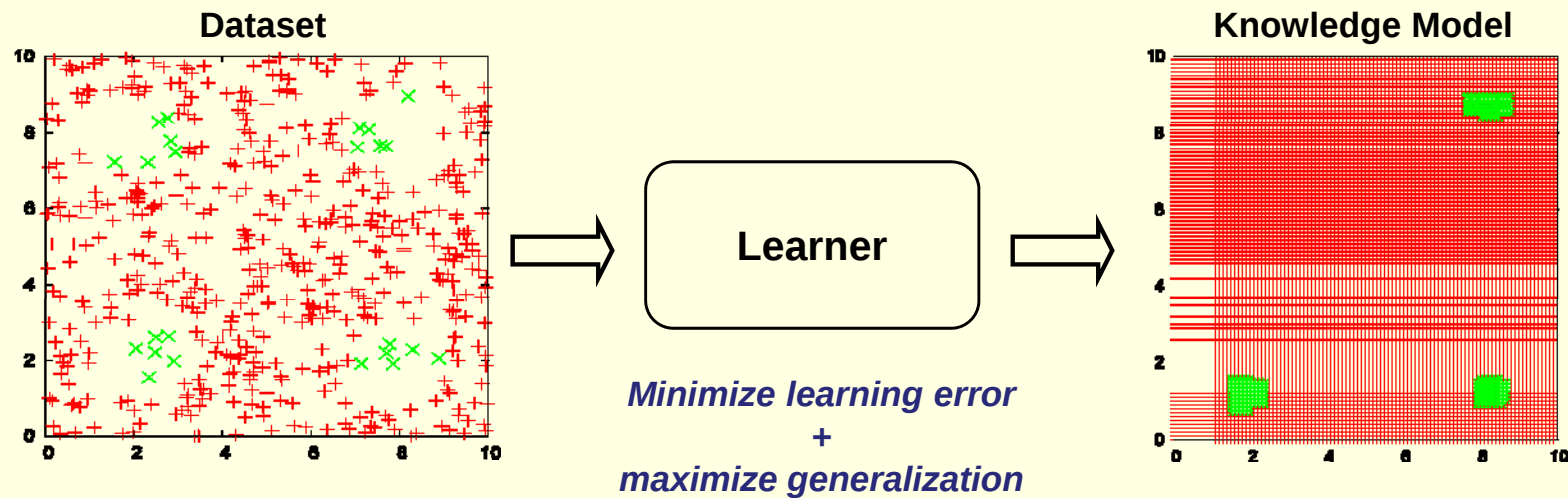
- ▶ The most interesting and novel knowledge tends to reside in the rarities
- ▶ Rarities in the classification realm:
 - E.g: Detection of infrequent diseases
 - **Imbalanced datasets:** Few ill patients and a high amount of healthy patients (luckily)
- ▶ Imbalanced real-world domains:
 - Fraudulent credit card transactions (Chan, P.K. and Stolfo, S.J., 1998)
 - Learning word pronunciation (Van den Bosch, A. et al, 1997)
 - Prediction of pre-term births (Grzymala-Busse, J.W. et al., 2000)
 - Prediction of telecommunications equipment failures (Grzymala-Busse, J.W. et al., 2000)
 - Detection oil spills from satellite images (Kubat, M. Et al., 1998)
 - Detection of Melanomas

Should we care about rarities?

- ▶ Typically, standard learners appear to be biased toward the majority class.
- ▶ Classifiers attempt to reduce global quantities as error rate
- ▶ Result:
 - Examples of the overwhelmed class well-classified.
 - Examples of the minority class bad-classified.
- ▶ This problem has been hidden by some tricky metrics:
 - I reached a performance rate of 99% in test. I'm a genius!
 - What is the distribution of the training dataset?
 - Performance per class?
 - Has my classifier generalized correctly?
 - What is the purpose of my model?



Should we care about rarities?



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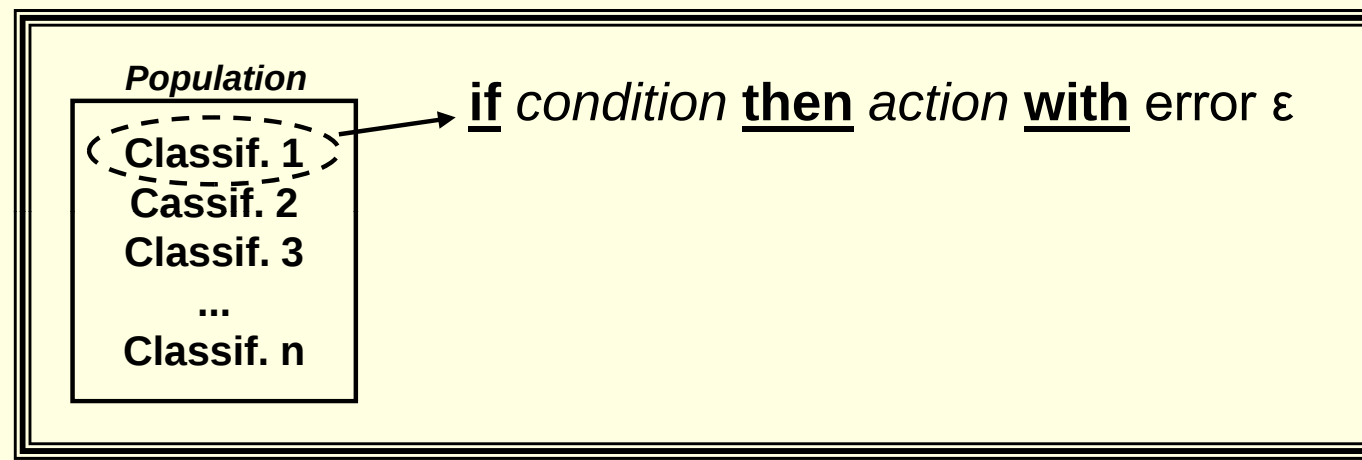
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Learning Classifier Systems

(Holland, 1976; Rolland & Reitman, 1978)

Rule Evaluation Procedure

Typically, Reinforcement Learning (Sutton & Barto, 1998)



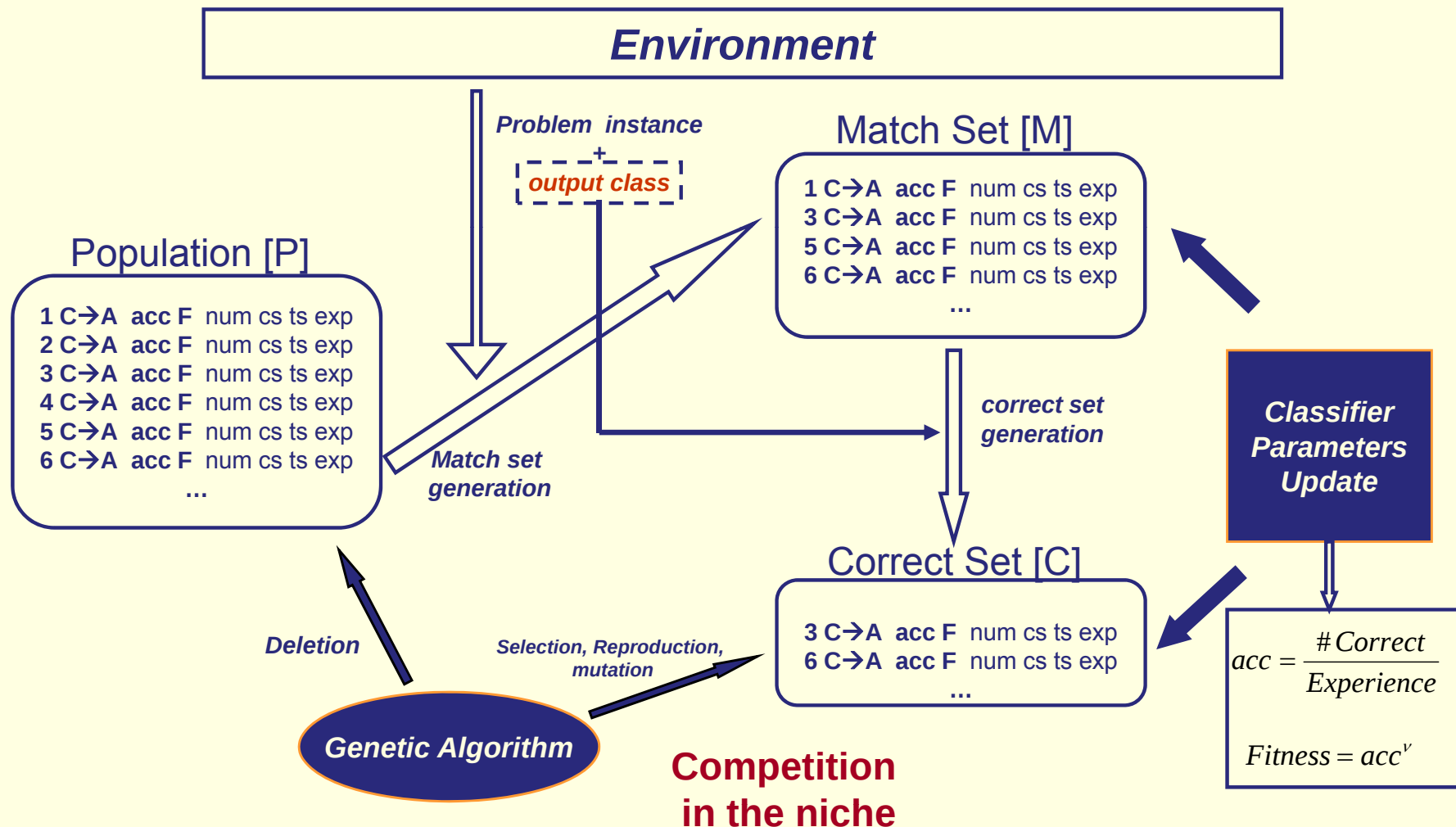
Three main pillars:

- Rule-based systems
- Rule evaluation
- Knowledge discovery

- XCS (Wilson, 1995 & 1998)
- UCS (Bernadó & Garrell, 2003)

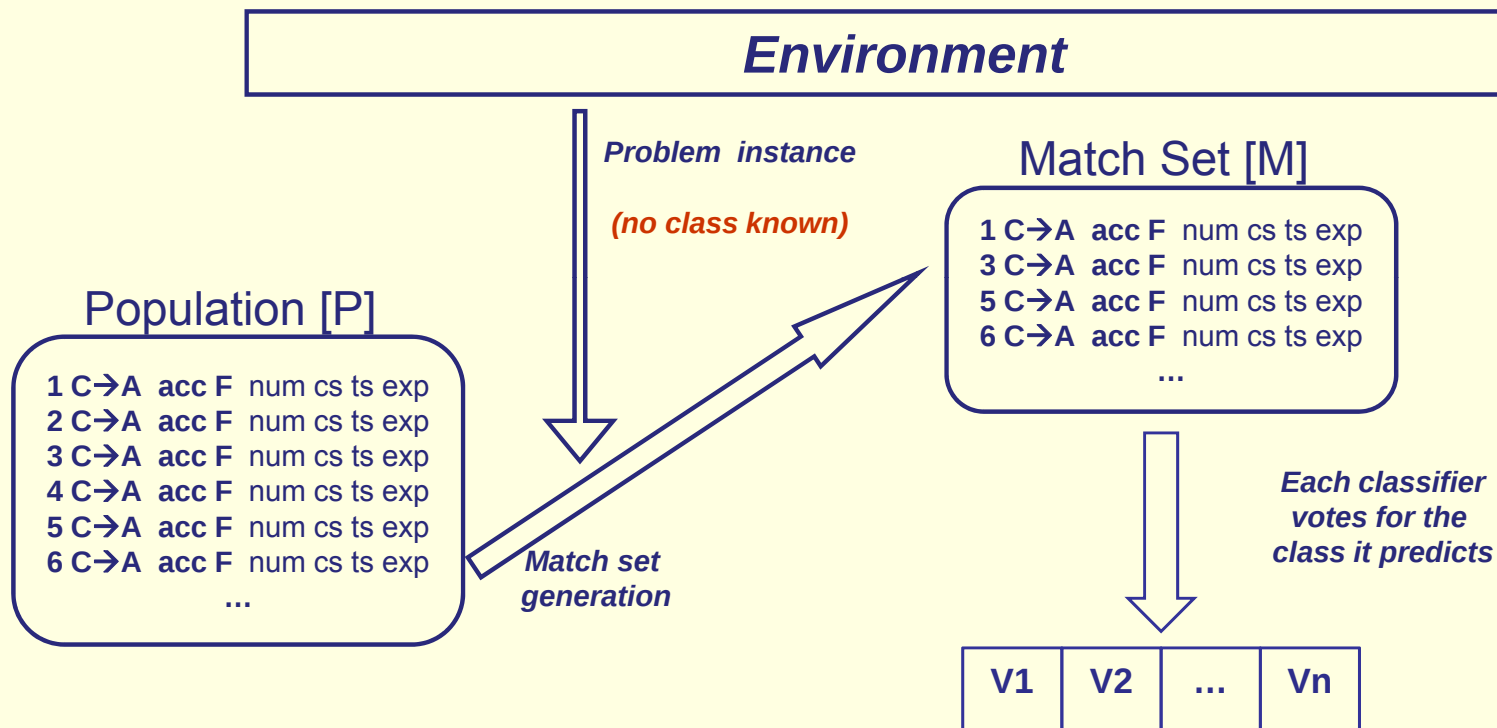
Description of UCS

➤ In training mode



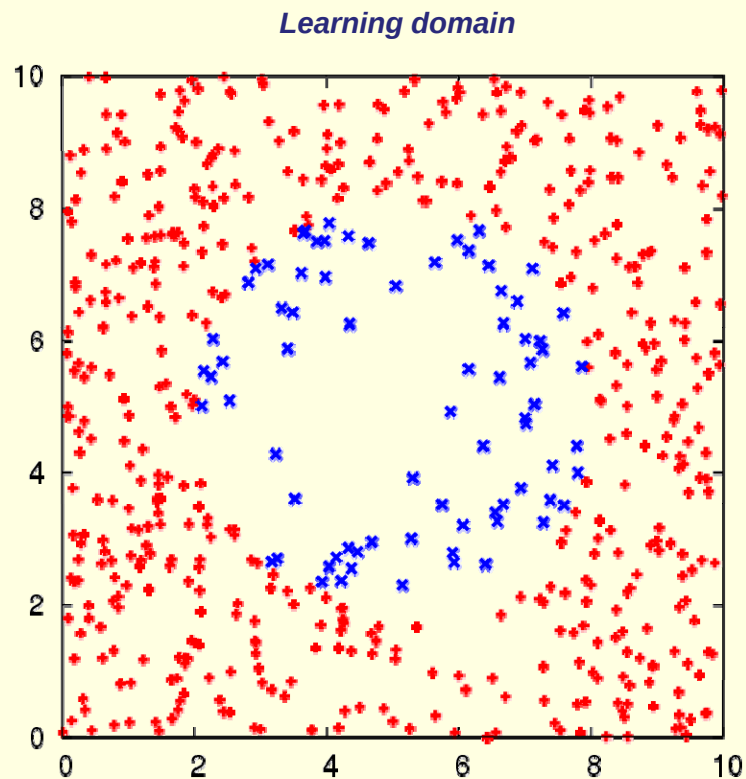
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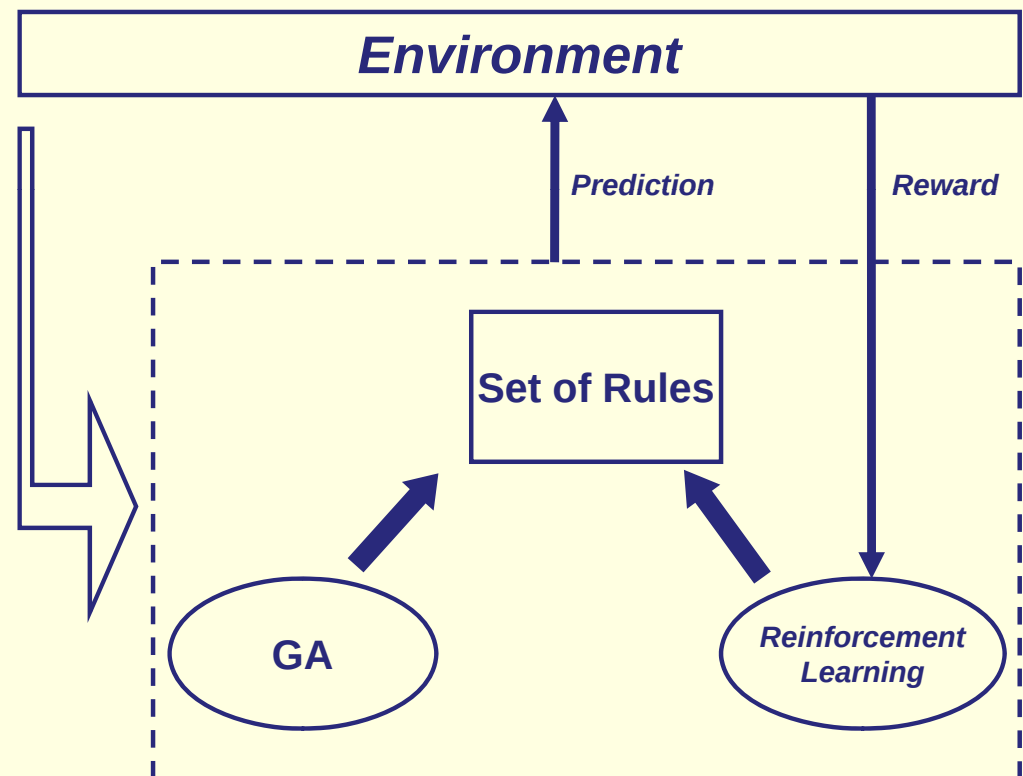
**Classifier/niches collaboration
to cover all the feature space
and define class boundaries**

Description of UCS



Imbalance ratio = Ratio of num. inst. majority class to num. inst. Minority class = 525:75

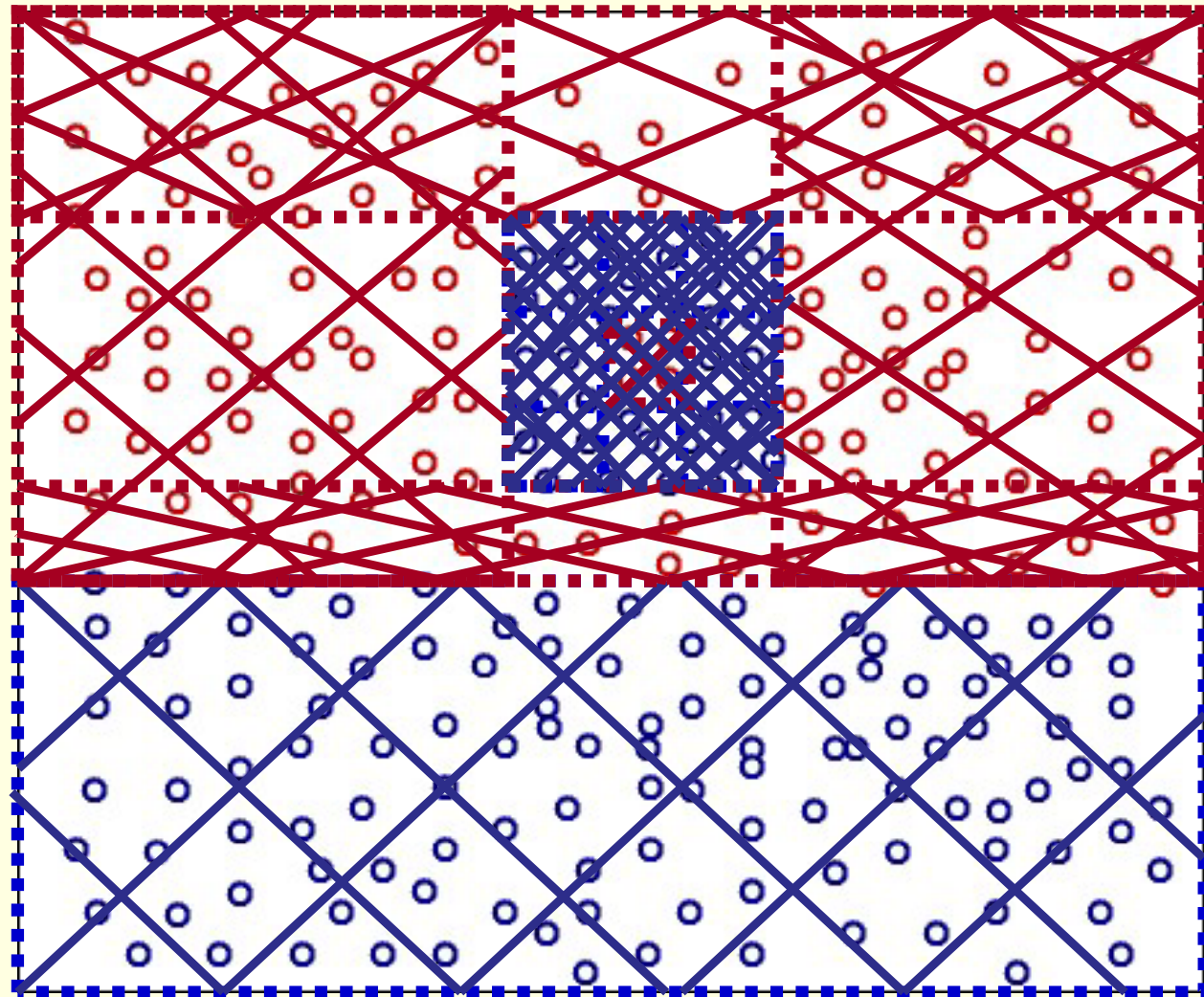
- ▶ 1 minority class example
- ▶ 7 majority class examples



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Focusing the problem



*Small Disjunct or
Starved niche*

*Again
more small disjuncts*

*Overgeneral
Classifier*

How to face this problem?

► First approach: Re-sampling techniques

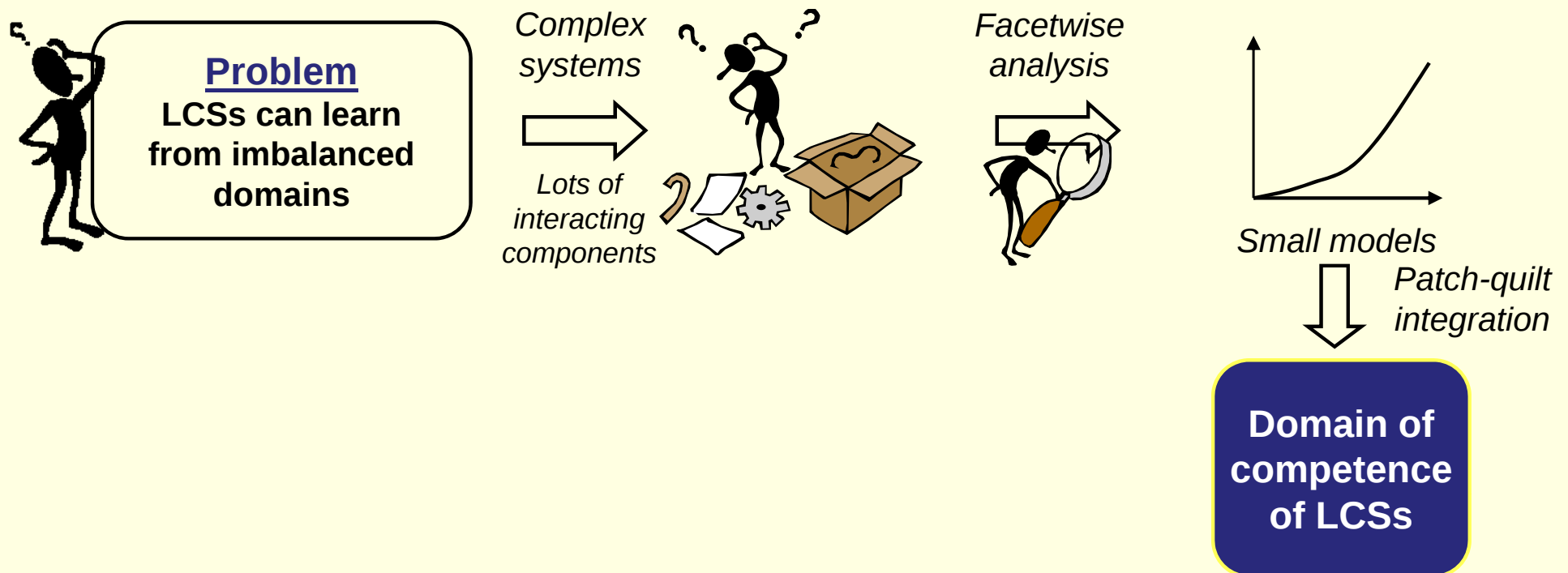
- Problem: few instances of the minority class
- Solution: resample to balance the data set
- Advantages:
 - Many authors have shown that learning improves in some limited domains (Holmes, 1998; Orriols & Bernadó 2005; Batista, 2004)
- Disadvantages:
 - Changing the learning domain with poor control
 - And still, we have not found the problems, limitations, and virtues of our LCSs.

How to face this problem?

► Second approach: Modeling principle

– Goldberg's way:

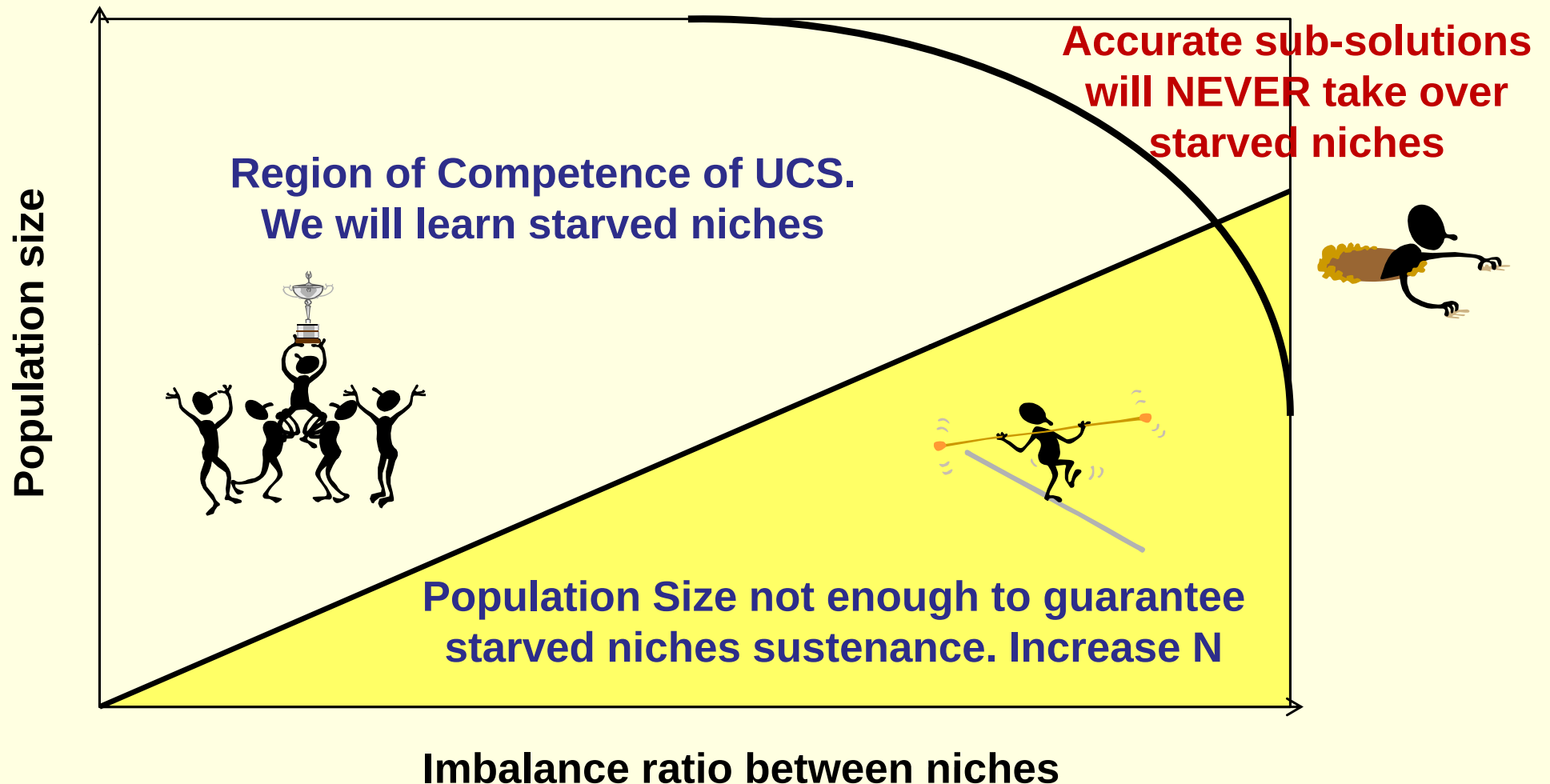
- Understand what your system is capable of
- Then, design approaches to improve it



Facet-wise Analysis

- ▶ **Conditions to obtain classifiers that represent starved niches**
- ▶ **Estimation of the parameters of over-general classifiers**
- ▶ **The effect of the GA frequency on different niches**
- ▶ **Take-over time of starved niches**

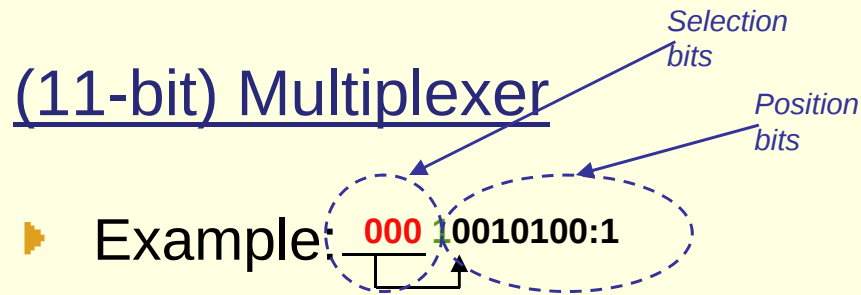
Patch-quilt integration



- Crucial for better understanding of the system
- Providing insights on how the system must be configured

see (Orriols et al, 2008)
(to be submitted in brief)

A brief example: The imbalanced multiplexer



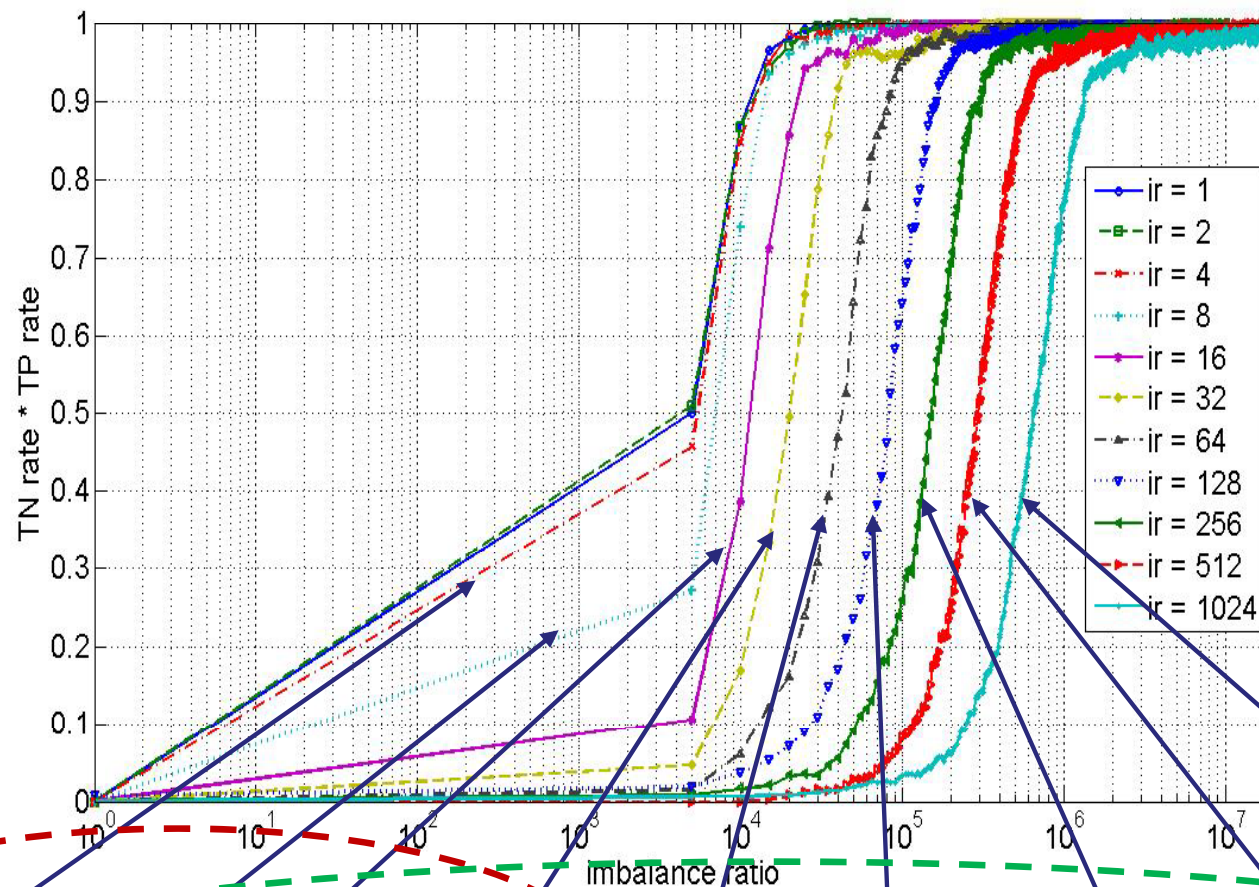
- ▶ Complexity related to the number of address bits
- ▶ Completely balanced
- ▶ UCS should evolve:

000 0#####:0	000 1#####:1
001 #0#####:0	001 #1#####:1
010 ##0#####:0	010 ##1#####:1
011 ###0#####:0	011 ###1#####:1
100 ####0####:0	100 ####1####:1
101 #####0##:0	101 #####1##:1
110 #####0#:0	110 #####1#:1
111 #####0:0	111 #####1:1

Imbalanced Multiplexer

- **We under-sampled class 1**
- ***ir***: Proportion between majority and minority class instances

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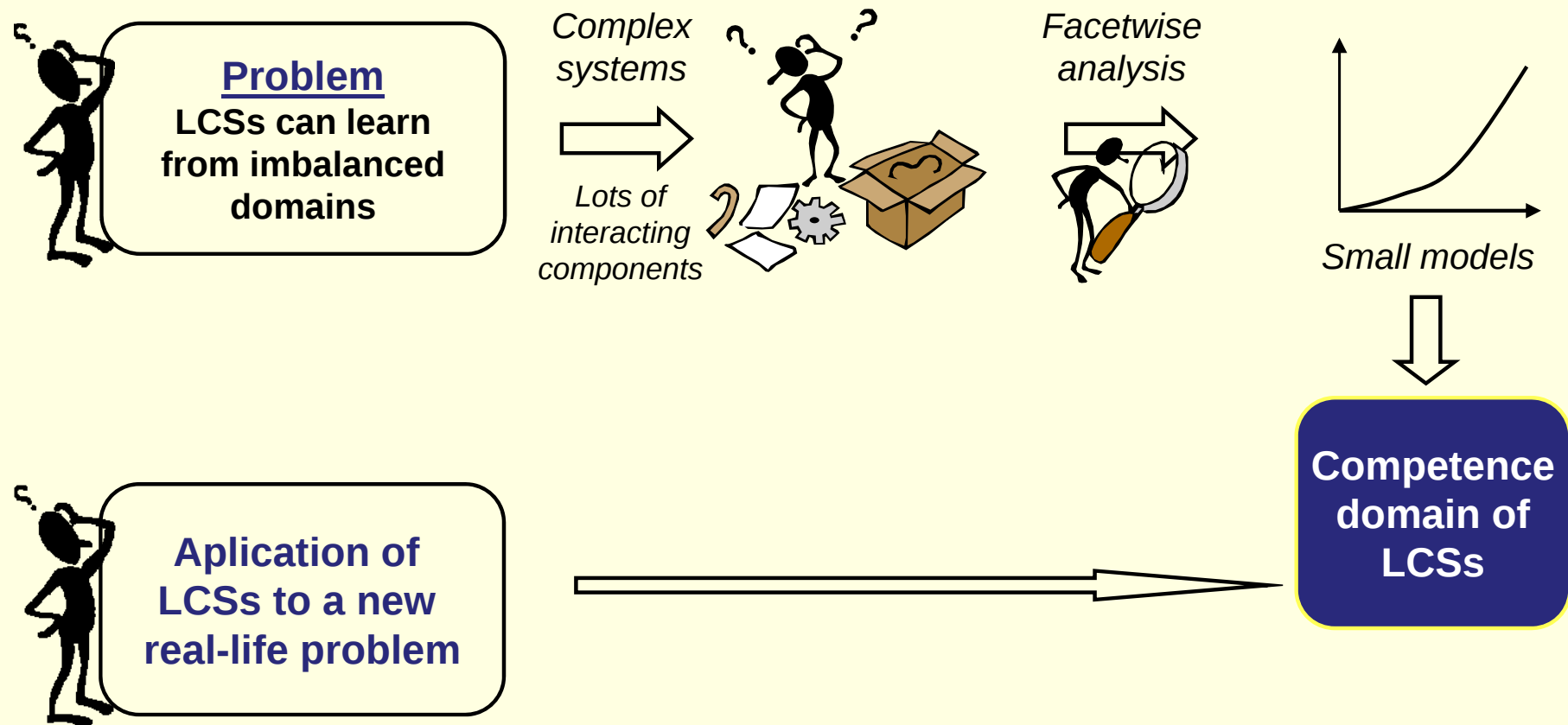


ir = 16:1 ir = 16:1 ir = 16:1 ir = 32:1 ir = 64:1 ir = 128:1 ir = 256:1 ir = 512:1 ir = 1024:1

Problems solved with first-order XCS
before the analysis

Problems solved following the guidelines
provided by the facet-wise analysis

What's next?



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Id.	Dataset	#Ins.	#At.	%Min.	%Maj.	ir
bald1	<i>balance-scale disc. 1</i>	625	4	7.84%	92.16%	11.76
bald2	<i>balance-scale disc. 2</i>	625	4	46.08%	53.92%	1.17
bald3	<i>balance-scale disc. 3</i>	625	4	46.08%	53.92%	1.17
bpa	<i>bupa</i>	345	6	42.03%	57.97%	1.38
glsd1	<i>glass disc. 1</i>	214	9	4.21%	95.79%	22.75
glsd2	<i>glass disc. 2</i>	214	9	6.07%	93.93%	15.47
glsd3	<i>glass disc. 3</i>	214	9	7.94%	92.06%	11.59
glsd4	<i>glass disc. 4</i>	214	9	13.55%	86.45%	6.38
glsd5	<i>glass disc. 5</i>	214	9	32.71%	67.29%	2.06
glsd6	<i>glass disc. 6</i>	214	9	35.51%	64.49%	1.82
h-s	<i>heart-disease</i>	270	13	44.44%	55.56%	1.25
pim	<i>pima-inidan</i>	768	8	34.90%	65.10%	1.87
tao	<i>tao-grid</i>	1888	2	50.00%	50.00%	1.00
thyd1	<i>thyroid disc. 1</i>	215	5	13.95%	86.05%	6.17
thyd2	<i>thyroid disc. 2</i>	215	5	16.28%	83.72%	5.14
thyd3	<i>thyroid disc. 3</i>	215	5	30.23%	69.77%	2.31
wavd1	<i>waveform disc. 1</i>	5000	40	33.06%	66.94%	2.02
wavd2	<i>waveform disc. 2</i>	5000	40	33.84%	66.16%	1.96
wavd3	<i>waveform disc. 3</i>	5000	40	33.10%	66.90%	2.02
wbcd	<i>Wis. breast cancer</i>	699	9	34.48%	65.52%	1.90
wdbc	<i>Wis. diag. breast cancer</i>	569	30	37.26%	62.74%	1.68
wined1	<i>wine disc. 1</i>	178	13	26.97%	73.03%	2.71
wined2	<i>wine disc. 2</i>	178	13	33.15%	66.85%	2.02
wined3	<i>wine disc. 3</i>	178	13	39.89%	60.11%	1.51
wpbc	<i>wine disc. 4</i>	198	33	23.74%	76.26%	3.21

	C4.5	SMO	IBk	XCS	UCS
<i>bald1</i>	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<i>bald2</i>	69,28 ..	83,98 ○○○	81,16 ○○○	71,22 ..	69,77 ..
<i>bald3</i>	71,21 ..	85,69 ○○○	82,11 ○○○	70,07 ..	73,65 ..
<i>bpa</i>	33,50 ...○	0,00	32,40 ...○	47,22 ○○○	47,21 ○○○
<i>glsd1</i>	79,60 ○○	0,00 ...	69,32 ○○	20,00 ..	59,11 ○
<i>glsd2</i>	33,95 .	15,00 ..	24,13 .	59,40 ○	74,25 ○○○
<i>glsd3</i>	28,78 ○○○	0,00 ..	0,00 ..	0,00 ..	19,39 ○○○
<i>glsd4</i>	73,36	80,33	77,07	80,33	83,61
<i>glsd5</i>	65,35 ○	9,58	62,26 ○	67,82 ○	64,45 ○
<i>glsd6</i>	52,03 ○	0,00	61,74 ○	61,08 ○	57,90 ○
<i>h-s</i>	63,70	68,80 ○	64,40 ○	60,32	54,87 ..
<i>pim</i>	44,96	48,36	46,91	46,06	47,88
<i>tao</i>	91,00 ...○○	70,57	94,25 ○○○○	82,90 ...○○	78,79 ...○○
<i>thyd1</i>	87,53	76,67	76,67	78,69	92,32
<i>thyd2</i>	93,12 ○	54,17	77,90 ○	82,50 ○	93,12 ○
<i>thyd3</i>	87,31 ○	33,81	81,12 ○	89,74 ○	87,97 ○
<i>wavd1</i>	67,80	78,65 ○○	72,28	80,43 ○○○	76,35 ...○
<i>wavd2</i>	62,54	72,35 ○○	67,49	73,48 ○○	71,50 ○○
<i>wavd3</i>	68,61	79,61 ○○	74,14 ...○	81,01 ○○○	76,62 ...○
<i>wbcd</i>	89,10 ...	92,72 ○	92,72 ○	92,29	94,11 ○
<i>wdbc</i>	88,83 ..	94,27 ○○○	93,47 ○	90,30 .	89,67 .
<i>wined1</i>	85,58 ...	98,46 ○	94,98	99,23 ○	99,23 ○
<i>wined2</i>	91,83 .	97,51	97,50	99,17 ○○	91,76 .
<i>wined3</i>	87,64 .	97,14 ○○	87,94	93,43 ○	85,36 ..
<i>wpbc</i>	33,96 ○	9,37 ..	28,98 ○	20,99	16,97
Avg.	66,02	53,88	65,64	60,17	68,23
Score	30-14	33-20	13-24	11-22	15-22
Score_{ir>5}	1-6	11-0	3-3	4-2	0-8

● → significant degradation with respect to another method

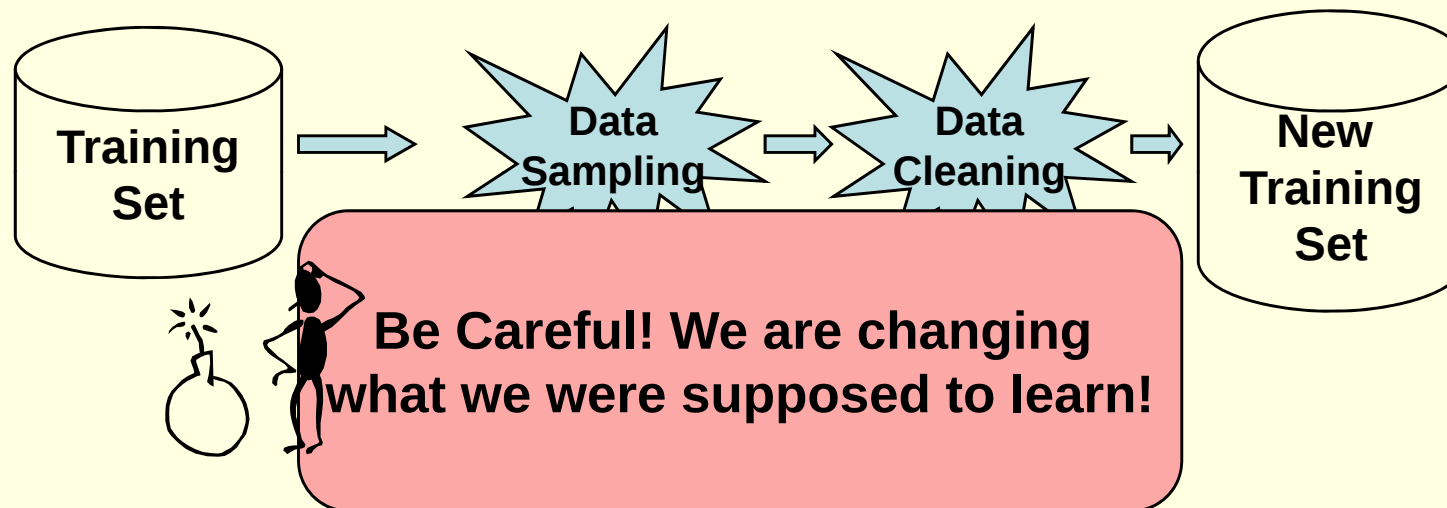
○ → Significant improvement with respect to another method

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Resampling techniques

▶ Resample methods

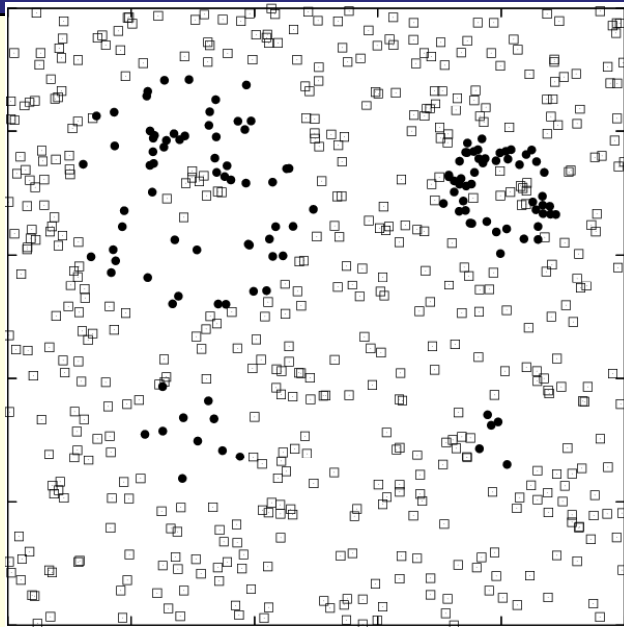


Lots of approaches in the literature:

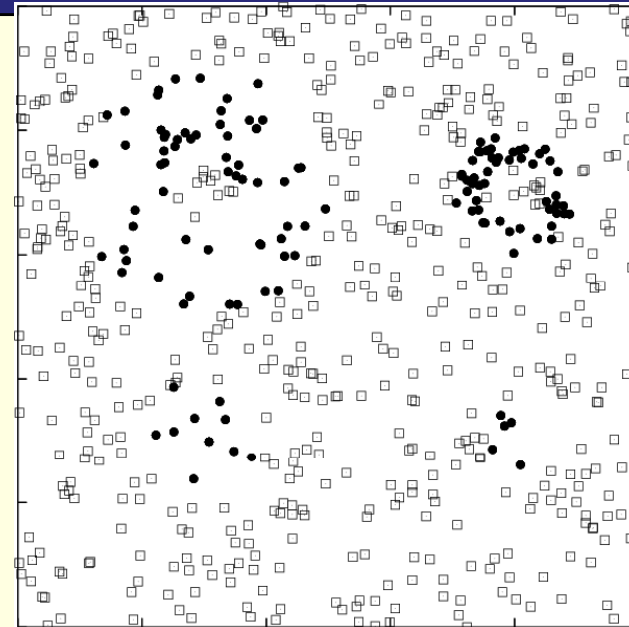
1. Oversampling
2. Undersampling
3. Tomek links
4. CNN
5. Smote
6. Any combination

Resampling techniques

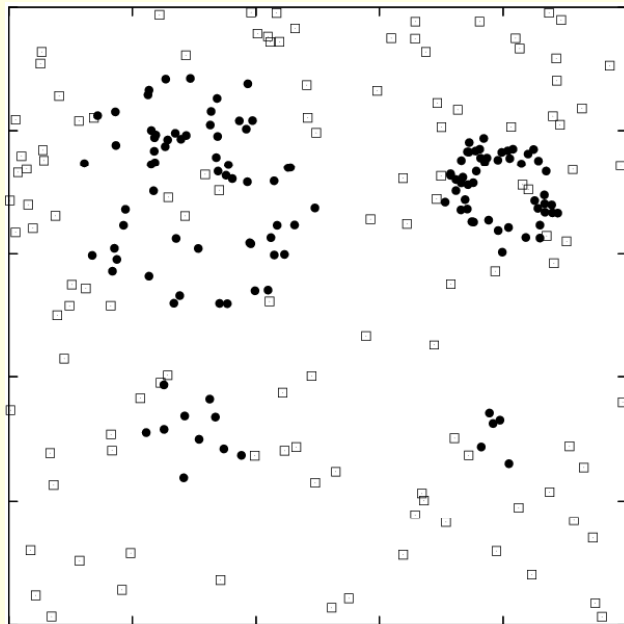
Original Domain



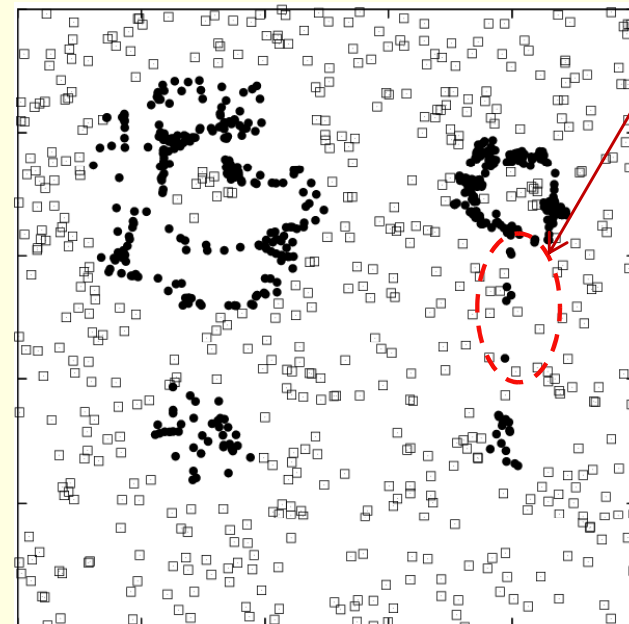
Oversampled Domain



Undersampled + TL Domain



SMOTED Domain



New small
disjuncts /
noise

	Resamp. Method	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
C4.5	<i>original</i>	6	2	5	9	3
	<i>oversampling</i>	7	4	8	4	2
	<i>undersampling TL</i>	0	5	7	6	7
	<i>smote</i>	10	8	3	2	2
	<i>csmote</i>	2	6	2	4	11
SMO	<i>original</i>	6	2	2	4	11
	<i>oversampling</i>	11	11	3	0	0
	<i>undersampling TL</i>	2	8	9	3	3
	<i>smote</i>	3	3	8	7	4
	<i>csmote</i>	3	1	3	11	7
IBk	<i>original</i>	6	6	2	6	5
	<i>oversampling</i>	4	8	11	1	1
	<i>undersampling TL</i>	4	2	5	4	10
	<i>smote</i>	10	4	2	7	2
	<i>csmote</i>	1	5	5	7	7
XCS	<i>original</i>	3	5	2	6	9
	<i>oversampling</i>	7	5	4	1	8
	<i>undersampling TL</i>	1	8	10	6	0
	<i>smote</i>	11	3	2	6	3
	<i>csmote</i>	3	4	7	6	5
UCS	<i>original</i>	2	4	8	5	6
	<i>oversampling</i>	6	5	5	7	2
	<i>undersampling TL</i>	5	4	7	7	2
	<i>smote</i>	7	11	4	1	2
	<i>csmote</i>	5	1	1	5	13

❑ Best resampling technique depends on each method

❑ Oversampling methodologies lead to improvements on average

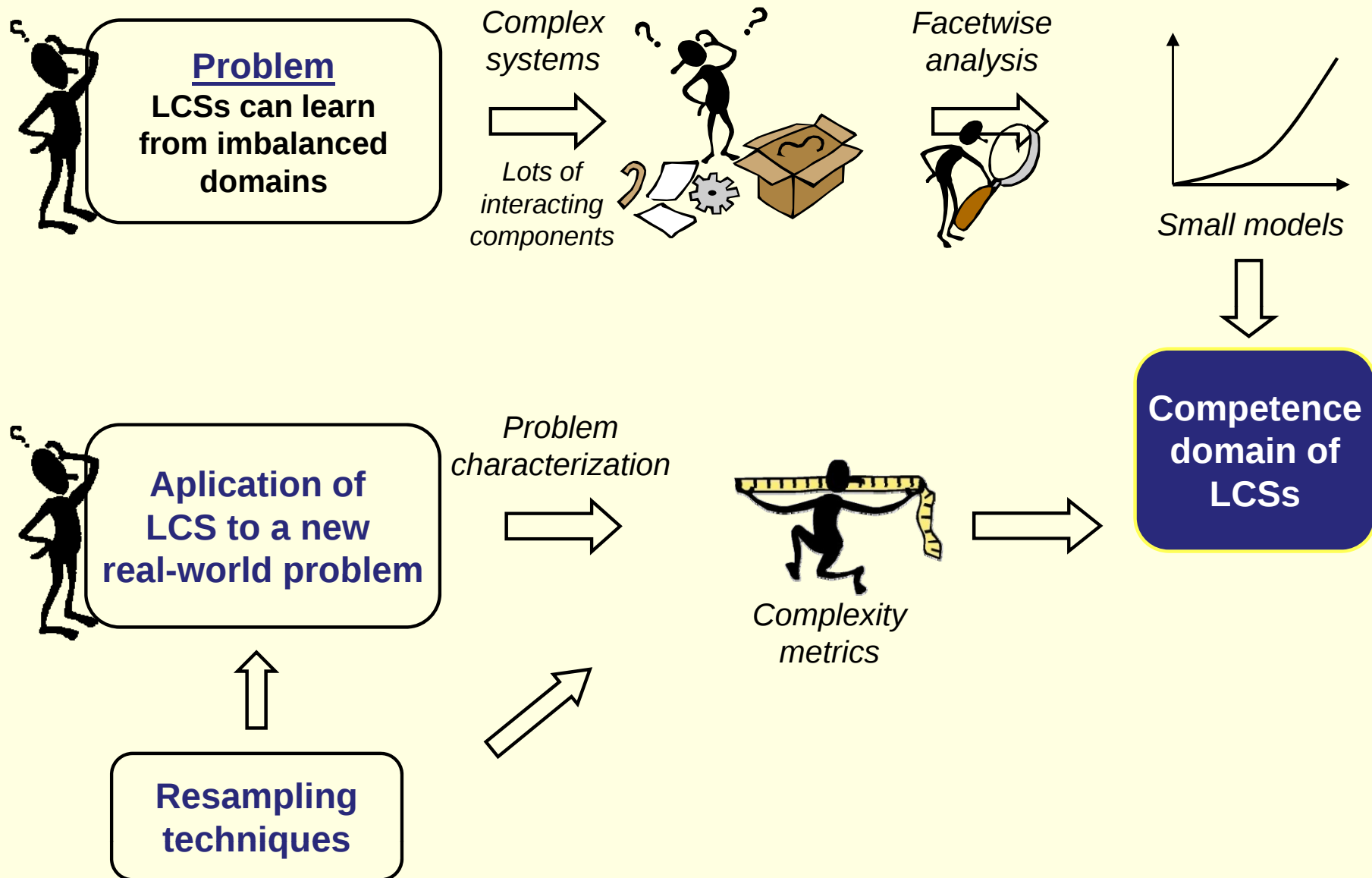
❑ Still, depends on the data set

❑ What are really these resampling techniques doing to my domain?

Overview

1. **Description of XCS**
2. **Facetwise analysis of LCSs**
3. **Resampling techniques**
4. **Real-world problems**
5. **Further work**

Current/Further work



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