

# Semi-Supervised Time Series Classification

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Introduction

- **Time series** are of interest to many communities:

- **Medicine**
- **Aerospace**
- **Finance**
- **Business**
- **Meteorology**
- **Entertainment**
- ....

- Current methods for time series classification:

**Large amount of labeled training data**

- Difficult or expensive to collect
  - Time
  - Expertise

Introduction

- On the other hand ...

Copious amounts of **Unlabeled data** are available

- For example: **PhysioBank archive**
  - More than 40 GBs of ECG
  - Freely available
  - In hospitals there are even more!

Semi-Supervised classification

→ takes advantage of large collections of **Unlabeled data**

Li Wei, Eamonn Keogh, Semi-Supervised time series classification, *In Proc. of ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, 2006*

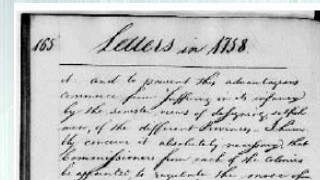
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- Indexing of handwritten documents

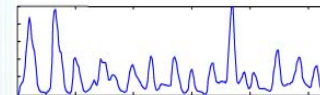
**Google** and **YAHOO!** are interested in making large archives of handwritten text searchable.

- For indexing first the words should be classified.
- Treating the words as **time series** is a competitive approach.

- a classifier for George Washington will not generalize to Isaac Newton
- Obtaining labeled data for each word is expensive
- Having **few training examples** and using **semi-supervised approach** would be great!



Alexandria



A sample of text written by George Washington

## Heartbeat Classification

### – PhysioBank

- More than 40 GBs of freely available medical data
- A potential goldmine for a researcher
- Again, Having **few training examples** and using **semi-supervised approach** would be great!



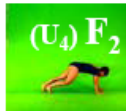
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Unlabeled Instances



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- Classification → supervised learning
- Clustering → unsupervised learning

Learning from both labeled and unlabeled data is called **semi-supervised learning**

**Less human effort**

**Higher accuracy**

– Five classes of SSL:

### 1. Generative models

- the oldest methods
- Assumption: the data are drawn from a mixture distribution that can be identified by large amount of unlabeled data.



Knowledge of the structure of the data can be naturally incorporate into the model



There has been no discussion of the mixture distribution assumption for time series data so far

– Five classes of SSL:

### 2. Low density separation approaches

- “**The decision boundary should lie in a low density region**” → pushes the decision boundary away from the unlabeled data
- To achieve this goal → maximization algorithms (e.g. TSVM)



“(abnormal time series) do not necessarily live in sparse areas of  $n$ -dimensional space” and “repeated patterns do not necessarily live in dense parts”. Keogh et. al. [1]

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### 3. Graph-based semi-supervised learning

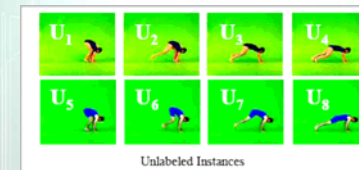
- “the (high-dimensional) data lie (roughly) on a low-dimensional manifold”
- Data → nodes  
distance between the nodes → edges
- Graph mincut [2], Tikhonov Regularization [3], Manifold Regularization [4]

**X** The graph encodes prior knowledge → its construction needs to be hand crafted for each domain. But we are looking for a general semi-supervised classification framework

– Five classes of SSL:

### 4. Co-training

- Features → 2 disjoint sets
  - assumption: features are independent
  - each set is sufficient to train a good classifier
- Two classifiers → on each feature subset
  - The predictions of one classifier are used to enlarge the training set of the other.



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color

**X** Time series have very high feature correlation

– Five classes of SSL:

### 5. Self-training

- Train → small amount of labeled data
- Classify → unlabeled data
  - Adds the most confidently classified examples + their labels into the training set
  - This procedure repeats → classifier refines gradually

**✓** The classifier is using its own predictions to teach itself → it's **general** with **few assumptions**

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- **Definition 1. Time Series:**

A time series  $T = t_1, \dots, t_m$  is an ordered set of  $m$  real-valued variables.

- Long time series
- Short time series  $\rightarrow$  subsequences of long time series

- **Definition 2. Euclidean Distance:**

$$D(Q, C) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - c_i)^2}$$

- Positive class
  - Some structure
  - positive labeled examples are rare, but unlabeled data is abundant.
  - Small number of ways to be in class
- Negative class
  - Little or no common structure
  - essentially infinite number of ways to be in this class

We focus on **binary** time series classifiers

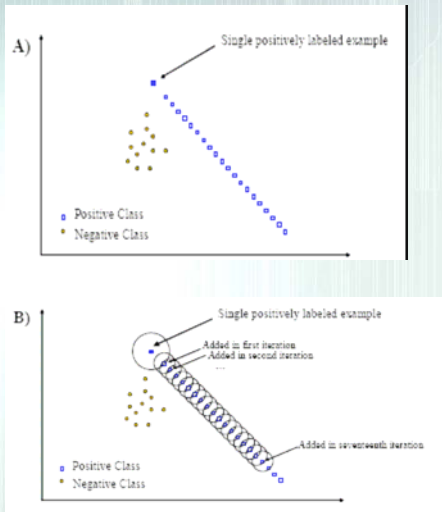
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- 1 nearest neighbor with Euclidean distance

Approach	Error Rate
One-nearest-neighbor with Euclidean distance [22]	<b>1.3%</b>
First order logic rules with boosting [38]	3.6%
Multi layer perceptron neural network [30]	1.9%
Multiple classifier system [11]	7.2%
Multi-scale histogram approach [12]	6.0%

On Control-Chart Dataset

• Training the classifier (example)

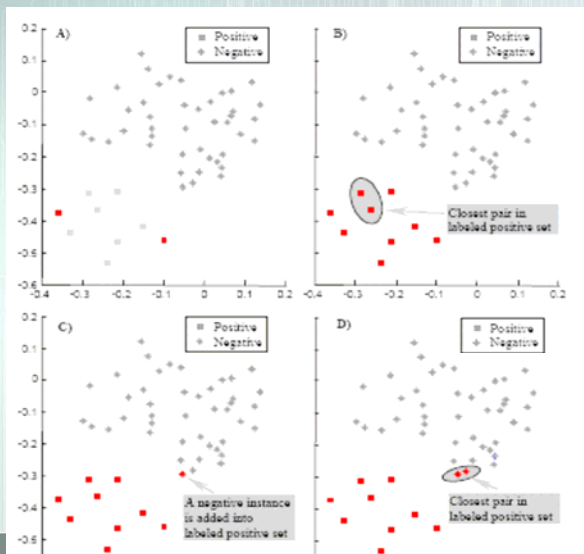


• Training the classifier (algorithm)

$P \rightarrow$  positively labeled examples  
 $U \rightarrow$  unlabeled examples

Function $[P] = \text{Semi\_Supervised\_Classification}(P, U)$	
1	<b>Until</b> (some stopping criterion)
2	use $P$ and $U$ to train the one-nearest-neighbor classifier $C$
3	use classifier $C$ to classify unlabeled set $U$
4	select the example that $C$ most confidently labels as positive
5	add this example into $P$
6	delete this example from $U$
7	<b>End</b>

• Stopping criterion (example)



• Stopping criterion

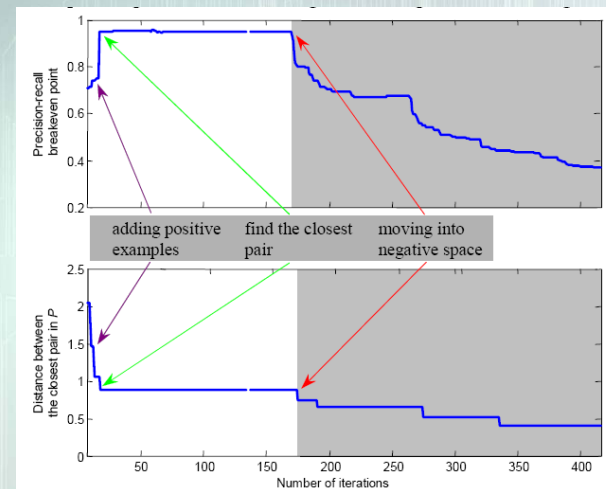


Figure 5: Statistics on ECG dataset

- Using the classifier
  - For each instance to be classified, check whether its nearest neighbor in the training set is labeled or not
  - the training set is huge
  - ✗ Comparing each instance in the testing set to each example in the training set is untenable in practice.

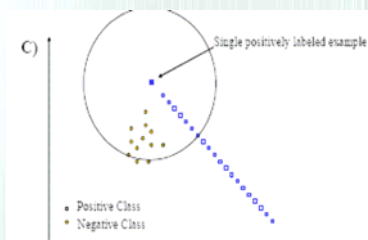
- Using the classifier
  - a modification on the classification scheme of the 1NN classifier
  - using **only** the labeled positive examples in the training set
  - To classify:
    - within  $r$  distance to any of the labeled positive examples  $\rightarrow$  positive
    - otherwise  $\rightarrow$  negative.
  - $r \rightarrow$  the average distance from a positive example to its nearest neighbor

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- Semi-supervised approach

Compared to:

- Naïve KNN approach
  - K nearest neighbor of positive example  $\rightarrow$  positive
  - Others  $\rightarrow$  negative
  - Find the best k





• Performance

– class distribution is skewed → accuracy is not good

96% negative

4% positive

if simply classify everything as negative

accuracy = 96%

– Precision-recall breakeven point

• Precision = recall

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{\# of correct positive predictions}}{\text{\# of positive predictions}}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{\# of correct positive predictions}}{\text{\# of positive examples}}$$

• Stopping heuristic

– Different from what was described before

Keep training until it achieves the highest precision-recall + few more iterations

• Test and training sets

– For more experiments → distinct

– For small datasets → same

• still non-trivial → most data in training dataset are unlabeled

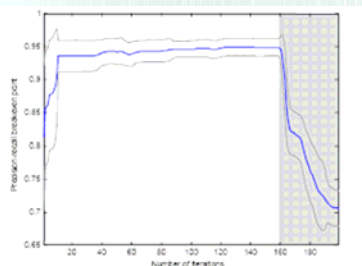
• ECG dataset from MIT-BIH arrhythmia Database

	Training Set	Testing Set
Positive (Abnormal)	208	312
Negative (Normal)	602	904
Total	810	1,216

– # of initial positive examples = 10

– Run 200 times

- Blue line → average
- Gray lines → 1 SD intervals



approach	P-R
Semi-supervised	94.97%
KNN (k = 312)	81.29%

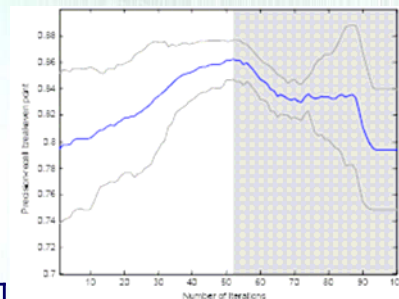
• Handwritten documents

	Training Set	Testing Set
Positive (Word "the")	109	109
Negative (Other words)	796	796
Total	905	905

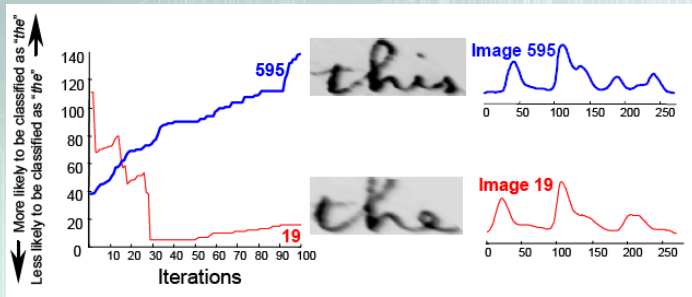
– # of initial positive examples = 10

– Run 25 times

- Blue line → average
- Gray lines → 1 SD intervals



approach	P-R
Semi-supervised	86.2%
KNN (k = 109)	79.52%

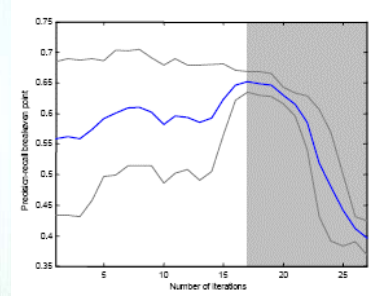


↑ distance from positive class → ↑ rank  
 → ↓ probability to be in positive class

- 2D time series extracted from video
- Class A: Actor 1 with gun
- Class B: Actor 1 without gun
- Class C: Actor 2 with gun
- Class D: Actor 2 without gun

	Training Set	Testing Set
Positive (Class A)	27	
Negative (Class B,C,D)	95	
Total	122	

- # of initial positive examples = 1
- Run 27 times

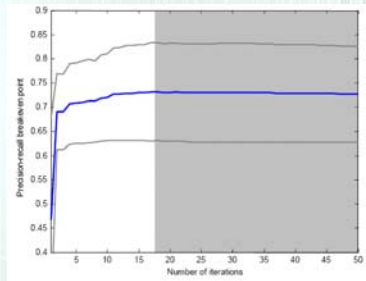


approach	P-R
Semi-supervised	65.19%
KNN (k = 27)	55.93%

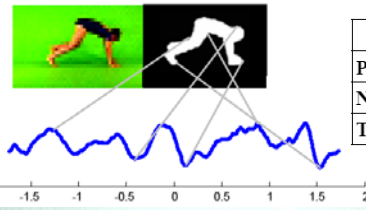
- a collection of time series containing a sequence of measurements recorded by one vacuum-chamber sensor during the etch process of silicon wafers for semiconductor fabrication

- # of initial positive examples = 1

	Training Set	Testing Set
Positive (Abnormal)	381	381
Negative (Normal)	3,201	3,201
Total	3,582	3,582

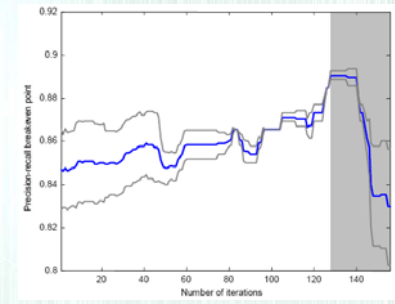


approach	P-R
Semi-supervised	73.17%
KNN (k = 381)	46.87%



	Training Set	Testing Set
Positive (Female)	156	156
Negative (Male)	150	150
Total	306	306

- # of initial positive examples = 1



approach	P-R
Semi-supervised	89.04%
KNN (k = 156)	82.95%

- An accurate semi-supervised learning framework for time series classification with small set of labeled examples
- Reduction in # of training labeled examples needed → dramatic

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“Thanks for your patience”

any question?