Privacy Preserving Data Analysis

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- What in general I am (was) doing!
- Privacy & Feature selection
- Privacy & Clustering
- Ongoing research
 - Privacy & indoor location data
 - Privacy & ML fairness
 - Game theory in federated learning



General overview





Mainly in federated learning setting







Privacy & Feature selection

Motivation



What is feature selection?



1) Private feature selection using LDP





Add Noise to Remove Noise: Local Differential Privacy for Feature Selection, Mina Alishahi, Vahideh Moghtadaiee, Hojjat Navidan, Computers&security, 2022

2) Feature selection on anonymized dataset



Feature Selection on Anonymized Datasets, Mina Alishahi, Vahideh Moghtadaiee, The 21st IEEE International Conference on Dependable, Autonomic & Secure Computing, (DASC 2023)

2) Feature selection on anonymized dataset



(a) Dataset size (b) Number of class labels (c) Number of features Fig. 7: The RMSE of Pearson correlation on the Optical Digits dataset when dataset properties are varied



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Findings:

- In general, all feature selection techniques <u>perform worse on anonymized versions of</u> <u>categorical datasets</u> rather than numerical and mixed ones.
- O The size of the dataset shows no impact on preserving the features' significance in anonymized datasets. The increment in the <u>number of class labels improves the accuracy of t-close</u> datasets, while it does <u>not show considerable effect on k-anonymous and l-diverse</u> datasets. Increasing the <u>number of features has a negative</u> impact on preserving the features' significance in anonymized datasets.
- While <u>increasing k after a threshold shows negligible influence</u> on preserving the features' importance in k anonymous dataset, the <u>increment of *l* has a direct impact in reducing</u> the accuracy. On the other hand, by increasing t, the error rate is reduced.
- O When it comes to training the accurate classifiers on a subset of features selected in anonymized datasets, the <u>multi-labeled datasets are not a desirable source</u> of input.



4) A survey on privacy-preserving feature







Privacy & Clustering

What is clustering?





1) Blockchain & Federated clustering





BC-FL k-means: A Blockchain-based Framework for Federated Clustering, Mina Alishahi, Wouter Leeuw, Nicola Zannone, TrustCom 2023

2) Geo-indistinguishability for clustering







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Ongoing research

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1) Privacy & indoor location positioning

- On the privacy protection of **indoor location** dataset using **anonymization**, Computers&security, 2022
- Indoor Geo-Indistinguishability: Adopting Differential Privacy for Indoor Location Data Protection, IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing, 2022
- Hide me Behind the Noise: Local Differential Privacy for Indoor Location Privacy, IEEE S&P workshop





- ivate evaluation of fairness
- enerate datasets that respect privacy and fairness requirements
- earn unbiased ML models over distributed private data (fair federated learning)



3) Game theory in federated learning



 Federated learning that balances utility, privacy, trust, and fairness





Question?

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