



Information Retrieval

Document Clustering

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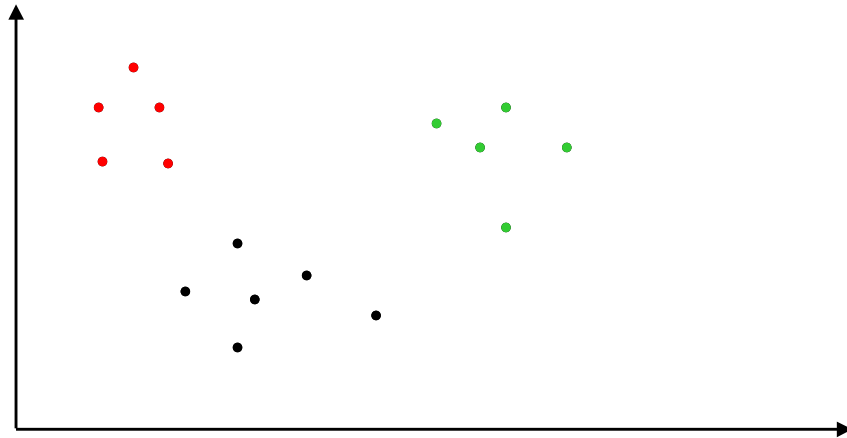


Clustering (Ομαδοποίηση): Εισαγωγή

- Στόχος: Ομαδοποίηση παρεμφερών αντικειμένων
 - Στην ΑΠ, για ομαδοποίηση εγγράφων και όρων
- Πολλές εφαρμογές
 - Ιατρικά και Κλινικά Δεδομένα, Φυτά, Ιστοσελίδες, Μεγάλα Εννοιολογικά Σχήματα κτλ
 - Πολλοί διαφορετικοί αλγόριθμοι και προσεγγίσεις
 - Graph theoretic, nearest means
- Τυπικά βασίζεται σε συγκρίσεις ζευγαριών χρησιμοποιώντας ένα μέτρο ομοιότητας
- Υπάρχουν πολλά δυνατά μέτρα ομοιότητας



Clustering Example



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Clustered Results

Cluster **Information Retrieval Group** contains 7 documents.

- Information Retrieval (250)**
- Software (30)**
- Information Retrieval System (26)**
- Processing, Natural Language (15)**
- Research Group (15)**
- Book (15)**
- SIGIR (11)**
- Program, Databases (12)**
- Computing (13)**
- Management, Information Retrieval (9)**
- Information Retrieval Group (7)**


Find in clusters:
Enter Keywords

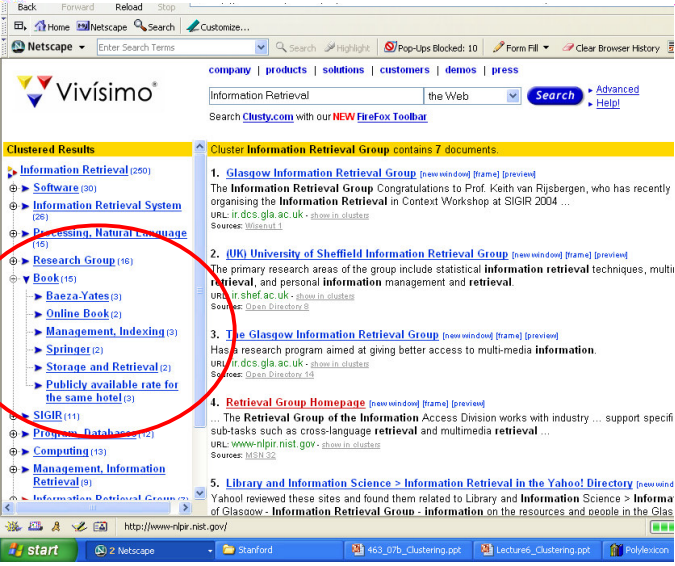
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The **Information Retrieval Group** Congratulations to Prof. Keith van Rijsbergen, who has recently ... Members organising the **Information Retrieval** in Context Workshop at SIGIR 2004 ...
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2. (UK) University of Sheffield Information Retrieval Group [new window] [frame] [preview]
The primary research areas of the group include statistical **information retrieval** techniques, multimedia browsing, and personal **information** management and **retrieval**.
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Has a research program aimed at giving better access to multi-media **information**.
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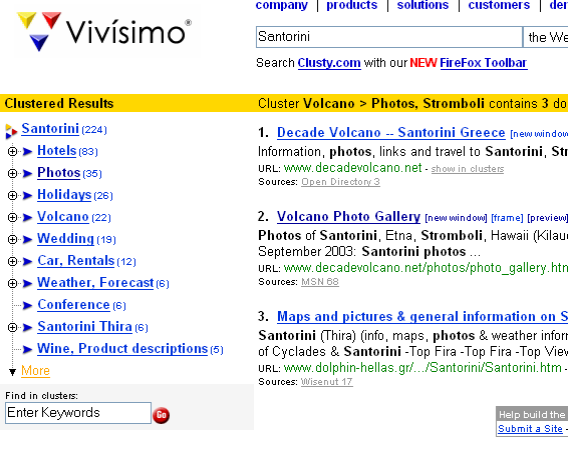
4. Retrieval Group Homepage [new window] [frame] [preview]
... The **Retrieval Group of the Information** Access Division works with industry ... support specific **information** sub-tasks such as cross-language **retrieval** and multimedia **retrieval** ...
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 **Πχ ομαδοποίησης αποτελεσμάτων**



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Τύποι Αλγορίθμων Ομαδοποίησης

- Ανάλογα με τη σχέση μεταξύ Ιδιοτήτων και Κλάσεων
 - Monothetic
 - Polythetic
- Ανάλογα με τη σχέση μεταξύ Αντικειμένων και Κλάσεων
 - Αποκλειστικά (exclusive)
 - Overlapping
- Ανάλογα με τη σχέση μεταξύ Κλάσεων
 - Με διάταξη (ιεραρχική)
 - Χωρίς διάταξη (απλή διαμέριση)



Monothetic vs. Polythetic

- **Monothetic**
 - Μια κλάση ορίζεται βάσει ενός συνόλου ικανών και αναγκαίων ιδιοτήτων που πρέπει να ικανοποιούν τα μέλη της (Αριστοτελικός ορισμός)
- **Polythetic**
 - Μια κλάση ορίζεται βάσει ενός συνόλου ιδιοτήτων $\Phi = \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$, τ.ω.
 - Κάθε μέλος της κλάσης πρέπει να έχει ένα μεγάλο αριθμό των ιδιοτήτων Φ
 - Κάθε ϕ του Φ χαρακτηρίζει πολλά αντικείμενα
 - Δεν είναι αναγκαίο να υπάρχει μια ϕ που να ικανοποιείται από όλα τα μέλη της κλάσης
- Στην ΑΠ, έχει δοθεί έμφαση σε αλγόριθμους για αυτόματη παραγωγή polythetic classifications.



Monothetic vs. Polythetic

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	+	+	+					
2	+	+		+				
3	+		+	+				
4		+	+	+				
5					+	+	+	
6					+	+	+	
7					+	+		+
8					+	+		+

Figure 3.1. An illustration of the difference between monothetic and polythetic

- 8 individuals (1-8) and 8 properties (A-H).
- The possession of a property is indicated by a plus sign. The individuals 1-4 constitute a polythetic group each individual possessing three out of four of the properties A,B,C,D.
- The other 4 individuals can be split into two monothetic classes {5,6} and {7,8}.



Μέτρα Συσχέτισης (Association)

- **Μέτρα: Similarity, Association, Distance, Dissimilarity**
 - Pairwise measure
 - Similarity increases as the number or proportion of shared properties increase
 - Typically normalized between 0 and 1
 - $S(X,X)=1$, $S(X,Y)=S(Y,X)$
- **Παραδείγματα**
 - Οι περισσότερες είναι κανονικοποιημένες εκδόσεις του $|X \cap Y| / t??$
es? te? ??? μ???? (e?? ??? μεί εί a??μ???? ????)
 - **Dice's coefficient** $2|X \cap Y| / (|X| + |Y|)$
 - **Jaccard's coefficient** $|X \cap Y| / |X \cup Y|$
 - **Cosine correlation**
- ?e? ?p???e?t? «?a??te??» μ?t??



Παραδείγματα Μέτρων για Έγγραφα

- Dice's coefficient $2|X \cap Y|/|X| + |Y|$
- Jaccard's coefficient $|X \cap Y|/|X \cup Y|$
- Cosine correlation

$$\text{DiceSim}(d_j, d_m) = \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^l (w_{ij} \cdot w_{im})}{\sum_{i=1}^l w_{ij}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l w_{im}^2}$$

$$\text{JaccardSim}(d_j, d_m) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^l (w_{ij} \cdot w_{im})}{\sum_{i=1}^l w_{ij}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l w_{im}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^l (w_{ij} \cdot w_{im})}$$

$$\text{CosSim}(d_j, d_m) = \frac{\vec{d}_j \cdot \vec{d}_m}{|\vec{d}_j| \cdot |\vec{d}_m|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^l (w_{ij} \cdot w_{im})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^l w_{ij}^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^l w_{im}^2}}$$



Clustering as Representation

- Clustering is unsupervised learning
 - Για εκμάθηση της υποκείμενης δομής και κλάσεων
- Clustering can be used to transform representations
 - Documents are represented by class membership as well as individual terms
- Can be viewed as dimensionality reduction
 - Ειδικά το term clustering
 - Latent Semantic Indexing, Factor Analysis είναι παρόμοιες τεχνικές



Clustering for Efficiency

- Η ιδέα:
 - 1/ Cluster documents,
 - 2/ Represent clusters by mean or average document,
 - 3/ **compare query to cluster representatives**
- Σχόλια:
 - Faster than sequential search
 - Not as fast as optimized inverted file
 - An inverted list is also a form of cluster



Clustering for Effectiveness

- By transforming representation, clustering may also result in more effective retrieval
- Retrieval of clusters makes it possible to retrieve documents that may not have many terms in common with the query
 - E.g. LSI



Document Clustering Approaches

- **Graph Theoretic**
 - Defines clusters based on a graph where documents are nodes and edges exist if similarity greater than some threshold
 - Require at least $O(n^2)$ computation
 - Naturally hierarchic (agglomerative)
 - Good formal properties
 - Reflect structure of data
- **Based on relationships to cluster representatives or means**
 - Define criteria for separability of cluster representatives
 - Typically have some measure of goodness of cluster
 - Require only $O(n \log n)$ or even $O(n)$ computations
 - Tend to impose structure (e.g. number of clusters)
 - Can have undesirable properties (e.g. order dependence)
 - Usually produce partitions (no overlapping clusters)



Criteria of Adequacy for Clustering Methods

- The method produces a clustering which is unlikely to be altered drastically when further objects are incorporated (stable under growth)
- The method is stable in the sense that small errors in the description of objects lead to small changes in the clustering
- The method is independent of the initial ordering of the objects



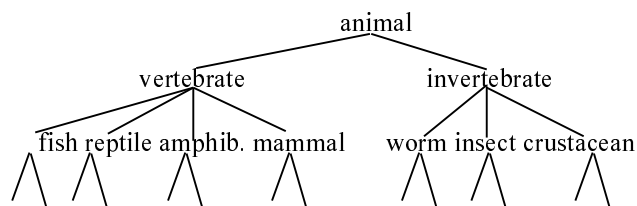
Graph Theoretic Approaches

- Given a graph of objects connected by links that represent similarities greater than some threshold, the following cluster definitions are straightforward:
 - **Connected Component**: subgraph such that each node is connected to at least one other node in the subgraph and the set of nodes is maximal with respect to that property
 - Called **single link** clusters
 - **Maximal complete subgraph**: subgraph such that each node is connected to every other node in the subgraph (clique)
 - **Complete link** clusters
- Others are possible and very common:
 - **Average link**: each cluster member has a greater average similarity to the remaining members of the cluster than it does to all members of any other cluster



Hierarchical Clustering

- Build a tree-based hierarchical taxonomy (*dendrogram*) from a set of unlabeled examples.
- Recursive application of a standard clustering algorithm can produce a hierarchical clustering.



Hierarchical Clustering Methods

- **Agglomerative** (*αυσώρευσης*) (*bottom-up*) methods start with each example in its own cluster and iteratively combine them to form larger and larger clusters.
- **Divisive** (*διαίρεσης*) (*partitional, top-down*) separate all examples immediately into clusters.



An hierarchical clustering algorithm

- 1/ Βαλε κάθε έγγραφο σε ένα διαφορετικό cluster
2. Υπολόγισε την ομοιότητα μεταξύ όλων των ζευγαριών cluster
3. Βρες το ζεύγος $\{C_u, C_v\}$ με την υψηλότερη (inter-cluster) ομοιότητα
4. Συγχώνευσε τα clusters C_u, C_v
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single link: similarity of two most similar. = $\max\{\text{sim}(d, d') \mid d \in c, d' \in c'\}$

SIM(c, c') = *complete link*: similarity of two least similar. = $\min\{\text{sim}(d, d') \mid d \in c, d' \in c'\}$

average link: average similarity b. = $\text{avg}\{\text{sim}(d, d') \mid d \in c, d' \in c'\}$

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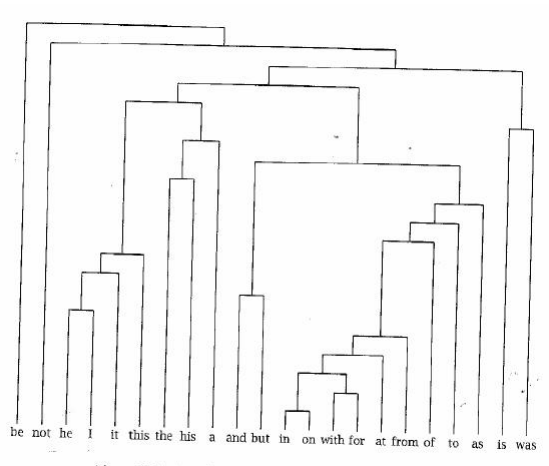
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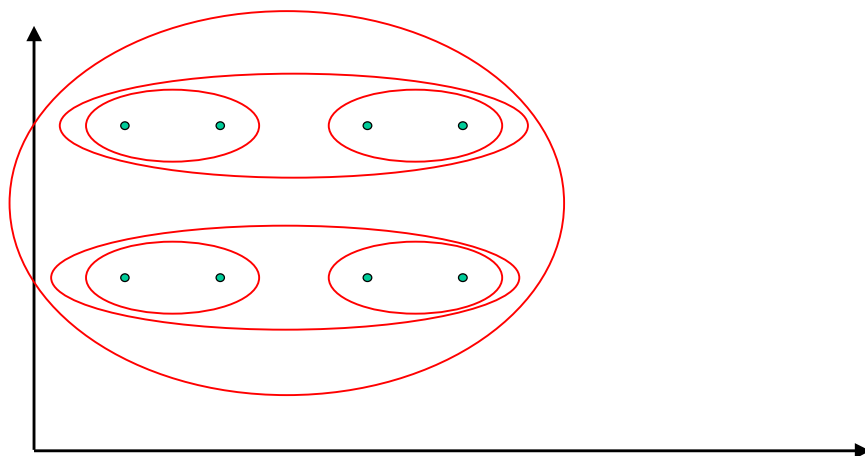
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Dendrogram or Cluster Hierarchy

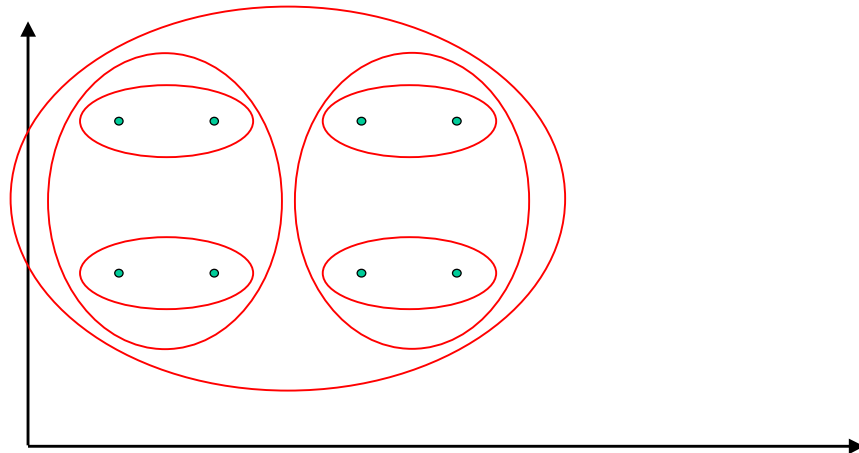


Single Link Example





Complete Link Example



Σύγκριση

- Single-link
 - is provably the only method that satisfies criteria of adequacy
 - however it produces “long, straggly (ανάκατα) string” that are not good clusters
 - Only a single-link required to connect
- Complete link
 - produces good clusters (more “tight,” spherical clusters), but too few of them (many singletons)
- Average-link
 - For both searching and browsing applications, average-link clustering has been shown to produce the best overall effectiveness



Ward's method (an alternative to single/complete/average link)

- Cluster merging:
 - Merge the pair of clusters whose merger minimizes the increase in the total within-group error sum of squares, based on the Euclidean distance between centroids
- Remarks:
 - this method tends to create symmetric hierarchies



Computing the Document Similarity Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & & & \\ d_2 & s_{21} & & & & \\ d_3 & s_{31} & s_{32} & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \\ d_n & s_{n1} & s_{n2} & \dots & s_{n,n-1} & \\ & d_1 & d_2 & \dots & d_{n-1} & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Empty because
 $\text{sim}(X,Y)=\text{sim}(Y,X)$

- Optimization: Compute $\text{sim}(d_i,d_j)$ only if d_i and d_j have at least one term in common (otherwise it is 0)
 - This is done by exploiting the inverted index



Fast Partition Methods

Single Pass

- Assign the document d_1 as the representative (**centroid, mean**) for c_1
- For each d_i , calculate the similarity Sim with the representative for each existing cluster
- If Sim_{Max} is greater than threshold value $simThres$, add the document to the corresponding cluster and recalculate the cluster representative; otherwise use d_i to initiate a new cluster
- If a document d_i remains to be clustered, repeat



Fast Partition Methods

K-means (or reallocation methods)

- Select K cluster representatives
- For $i = 1$ to N , assign d_i to the most similar centroid
- For $j = 1$ to K , recalculate the cluster centroid c_j
- Repeat the above steps until there is little or no change in cluster membership
- **Issues:**
 - How should K representatives be chosen?
 - Numerous variations on this basic method
 - cluster splitting and merging strategies
 - criteria for cluster coherence
 - seed selection



K-Means

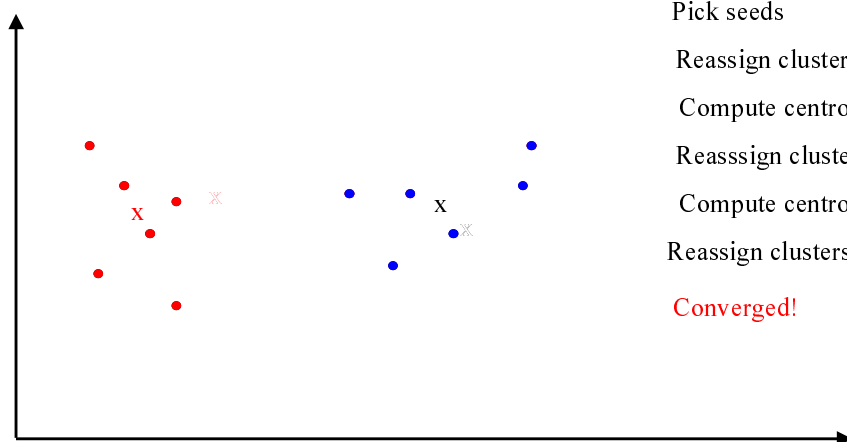
- Assumes instances are real-valued vectors.
- Clusters based on *centroids*, *center of gravity*, or mean of points in a cluster, c :
 - For example, the centroid of (1,2,3), (4,5,6) and (7,2,6) is **(4,3,5)**.

$$\bar{\mu}(c) = \frac{1}{|c|} \sum_{\vec{x} \in c} \vec{x}$$

- Reassignment of instances to clusters is based on distance to the current cluster centroids.



K Means Example (K=2)



Pick seeds

Reassign clusters

Compute centroids

Reassign clusters

Compute centroids

Reassign clusters

Converged!



Nearest Neighbor Clusters

- Cluster each document with its k nearest neighbors
- Produces overlapping clusters
- Called “star” clusters by Sparck Jones
- Can be used to produce hierarchic clusters
- cf. “documents like this” in web search



Complexity Remarks

- For computing the document matrix $O(n^2)$
- Simple reallocation clustering method with k clusters $O(kn)$
 - πιο γρήγορος από τους αλγορίθμους για ιεραρχική ομαδοποίηση
- Agglomerative or Divisive Hierarchical Clustering:
 - απαιτεί $n-1$ συγχωνεύσεις/διαιρέσεις
 - η πολυπλοκότητα του είναι τουλάχιστον $O(n^2)$



Cluster Searching Document Retrieval from a Clustered Data Set

- *Top-down* searching:
 - start at top of cluster hierarchy, choose one of more of the best matching clusters to expand at the next level
 - tends to get lost
- *Bottom-up* searching:
 - create inverted file of “lowestlevel” clusters and rank them
 - more effective
 - indicates that highest similarity clusters (such as nearest neighbor) are the most useful for searching



Cluster Searching (II)

- After clusters are retrieved in order, documents in those clusters are ranked
- Cluster search produces similar level of effectiveness to document search, finds different relevant documents
- Cluster search can be modeled as a Bayesian classification problem with multiple categories
 - rank clusters by $P(C_i|Q)$



Human Clustering

- Ερωτήματα
 - Is there a clustering that people will agree on?
 - Is clustering something that people do consistently?
 - Yahoo suggests there's value in creating categories
 - Fixed hierarchy that people like
- “Human performance on clustering Web pages”
 - Macskassy, Banerjee, Davison, and Hirsh (Rutgers)
 - KDD 1998, and extended technical report
- Αποτελέσματα: Μάλλον δεν υπάρχει μεγάλη συμφωνία
 - γενικά προτίμηση σε μικρά clusters
 - άλλοι χρήστες προτιμούν/δημιουργούν επικαλυπτόμενα, άλλοι αποκλειστικά clusters
 - τα περιεχόμενα των clusters διέφεραν αρκετά
 - γενική ομαδοποίηση (ανεξαρτήτου επερώτησης) δεν φαίνεται να είναι πολύ χρήσιμη



Text Clustering

- HAC and K-Means have been applied to text in a straightforward way.
- Typically use **normalized**, TF/IDF-weighted vectors and cosine similarity.
- Optimize computations for sparse vectors.
- Applications:
 - During retrieval, **add other documents** in the same cluster as the initial retrieved documents to improve recall.
 - **Clustering of results** of retrieval to present more organized results to the user (e.g. vivisimo search engine)
 - **Automated production of hierarchical taxonomies** of documents for browsing purposes (à la Yahoo & DMOZ).



RELATED ISSUES

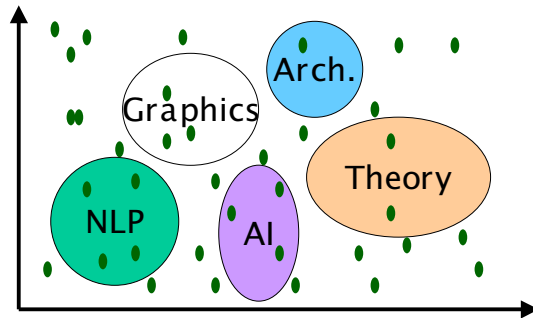


Clustering vs Classification

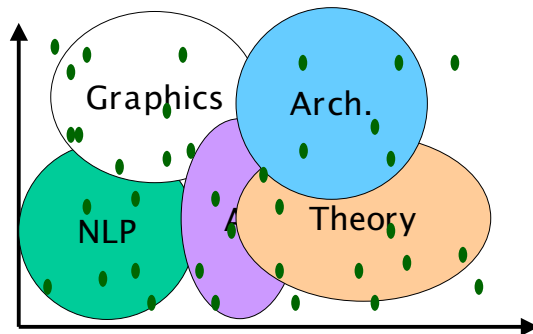
- **Clustering**
 - Unsupervised
 - Input
 - Clustering algorithm
 - Similarity measure
 - Number of clusters
 - No specific information for each document
- **Classification**
 - Supervised
 - Each document is labeled with a class
 - Build a classifier that assigns documents to one of the classes
- **Two types of partitioning: supervised vs unsupervised**



Text Classification Example



Text Classification Example





Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

- This setup is called *supervised learning* in the terminology of Machine Learning
- In the domain of text, various names
 - **Text classification, text categorization**
 - **Document classification/categorization**
 - **“Automatic” categorization**
 - **Routing, filtering ...**
- In contrast, the earlier setting of clustering is called *unsupervised learning*
 - Presumes no availability of training samples
 - Clusters output may not be thematically unified.



Text Categorization Examples

Assign labels to each document or web-page:

- Labels are most often **topics** such as Yahoo-categories
e.g., *"finance," "sports," "news>world>asia>business"*
- Labels may be **genres**
e.g., *"editorials" "movie-reviews" "news"*
- Labels may be **opinion**
e.g., *"like", "hate", "neutral"*
- Labels may be **domain-specific binary**
e.g., *"interesting-to-me" : "not-interesting-to-me"*
e.g., *"spam" : "not-spam"*
e.g., *"contains adult language" : "doesn't"*



Classification Methods

- **Manual classification**
 - Used by Yahoo!, Looksmart, about.com, ODP, Medline
 - very accurate when job is done by experts
 - consistent when the problem size and team is small
 - difficult and expensive to scale
- **Automatic document classification**
 - Hand-coded **rule-based systems**
 - Used by spam filters, Reuters, CIA, Verity, ...
 - E.g., assign category if document contains a given boolean combination of words
 - Commercial systems have complex query languages (everything in IR query languages + *accumulators*)
 - Accuracy is often very high if a query has been carefully refined over time by a subject expert
 - Building and maintaining these queries is expensive



Classification Methods (II)

- **Supervised learning of document-label assignment function**
 - Many new systems rely on machine learning (Autonomy, Kana, MSN, Verity, Enkata, ...)
 - k-Nearest Neighbors (simple, powerful)
 - Naive Bayes (simple, common method)
 - Support-vector machines (new, more powerful)
 - ... plus many other methods
 - No free lunch: requires hand-classified training data
 - But can be built (and refined) by amateurs