



DEEP FEATURE SYNTHESIS ALGORITHMS : A REVIEW

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Abstract

This research explores the feasibility of automatically generating features that are not only interpretable at a human level but also align with human intuition. To achieve this, we harness the power of recursive algorithms, specifically Deep Feature Synthesis (DFS), which empowers us to craft intricate and meaningful features from raw data. In this study, we demonstrate how DFS can be adapted to accommodate novel mathematical operations, offering a flexible framework for feature engineering. By selecting suitable abstractions, we enhance the capability of DFS to generate features that resonate with human understanding, thereby bridging the gap between machine-generated insights and human intuition. This approach holds significant promise for advancing the field of automated feature extraction and interpretation, with potential applications in various domains, including machine learning, data analysis, and decision support systems. This abstract delves into the potential of DFS and its adaptability, shedding light on its capacity to bridge the gap between machine-driven data transformations and human understanding, ultimately enhancing the transparency and interpretability of complex data-driven systems.

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1. Introduction

In the era of data science, big data and artificial intelligence (AI), intelligent big data analysis is a pattern that is always changing. Any enterprise's foundation has always been and will continue to be its data. Data storage, extraction, and use have always been crucial to business operations (Agashe, 2019). Data would remain in one location and be consumed there when there were no networked systems. The ability and necessity to share and transform data have been fully utilized with the advent of Internet technology (Dalal *et al.*, 2005). The nature of data has altered with the growth of social media. According to Pedregosa *et al.* (2011), social media can have

billions of users who continuously and quickly leave digital footprints. Traditional relational databases struggle to manage the data's complexity and unstructured nature since it originates from so many different sources. Big data, which is unstructured, semi-structured, and unpredictable, is created as a result of the requirement to manage unstructured data (Domingos *et al.*, 2012). This data is generated in real-time, and it becomes more every day. These social media platforms can produce data in the form of text, photographs, videos, and documents. An RDBMS can only be used to process and store structured data. Big data is used to process extremely large volumes of data that are impossible to process within a reasonable amount of time using conventional relational databases and out-of-date database techniques.

2. Material and methods

Deep feature synthesis inspiration

We employ example data problems to describe various aspects of our system. We examine the dataset for the 2014 KDD Cup in this illustration. The nine linked elements in the dataset and their relationships. the things are assignments, classrooms, instructors, gifts, resources, suppliers, vendors, essays, and results. Projects are linked to a certain school, instructor, essay, and collection of funds. To accomplish this, data scientists first turn to producing features that can be utilized as model predictors. Asking questions that can be turned into features that describe a project is a good place to start if we're going to think like a data scientist. We may ask a number of questions, but some logical ones are: "How much money is this project requesting?" "Is that amount of money more or less than average?" and "Do projects started in some parts of the school year perform better than others?" We might also examine and inquire about companies connected to a project. Inquiries like "Do successful past projects by the same school or teacher make it more likely that this project will be successful?" are a good example. or "Is the success of projects related to the average family income at the school?" Following relationships, combining values, and computing additional features turns these queries into features. The Deep Feature Synthesis algorithm can provide the calculations that lead to these kinds of features or can act as a stand-in for these concepts.

Deep feature synthesis algorithm

A collection of related items serves as the input to deep feature synthesis. Every entity has a primary key, which serves as an exclusive identifier for every instance of that entity in the database. An entity may have a foreign key that specifically identifies a specific instance of a connected entity. Numeric, category, timestamp and free text fields are among the data kinds that can be found in an instance of the object. In terms of notation, we have entities for a specific database denoted by $E_1 \dots E_J$, and each entity table has fields denoted by $x_1 \dots |E_j|$. The array of values for field i in entity j is represented by x_{ij} . An instance of the entity j is represented by each value in this array. An array of feature values that were produced from the values of field i in entity j is represented by the string "f_{ij}." algebraic operators and functions

Our technique for generating features is based on mathematical operations and functions that data scientists frequently employ. Below, we formalize these kinds of mathematical operations. We enable extensibility with this formalization because other functions can be introduced. We will then go over how to use a library of these methods to synthesize features using examples from the aforementioned dataset.

Direct

These procedures translate a field directly into a feature. This straightforward translation frequently entails actions like converting a category string datatype to a distinct numeric value, which can then be used as a feature. Sometimes it is just a precise mirror of a numerical number.

Object level

These characteristics were determined by just taking into account the values of the fields in the table that relate to the entity j . On each of the table's fields in this case, we can do direct, simple, and cdf actions. Since we are not taking into account any of the relationships this item has with other entities in the dataset, we are unable to apply r-agg and r-dist operations at this level. Using Examples of these features for the project entity include the day of the week the project was uploaded or the percentile in relation to other projects of the total number of students reached.

Relationship degree

These characteristics are obtained through a joint analysis of an entity E_l that is connected to the entity E_j being examined. Relationships between these two things can be categorized as either forward or backward.

Forward

An instance of the entity E_j and a single instance of the other entity E_l have a forward relationship. As e_j explicitly depends on e_l , this relationship is regarded as being forward. In this situation, we can add the fields $x_1 \dots x_{|E_l|}$ in E_l as features of E_j by performing direct actions on those fields. This makes sense because all fields of e_l are also acceptable features for e_j because an instance of e_j uniquely corresponds to a single e_l .

Backward

The relationship between an instance e_j and all instances e_i that have a forward relationship to e_j is known as a backward relation. We can use the r-agg and r-dist operations in the case of a backward relation. Every target entity in this connection has a set of values associated with it in the linked entity, making these functions acceptable in this relationship. Let's think of the entity school in terms of a project that has a reverse relationship to projects. In other words, schools and instructors might be involved in a variety of projects. The number of projects connected to each school, as determined by each school's evaluation, is an illustration of a relational level feature.

Count (Projects)

The typical and overall number of kids who were contacted by projects at this school could be another feature.

Recursion for relational features synthesis

If donor and donation features are created initially, we would include the following feature: The average amount donated by each donor to all initiatives, out of those who have contributed to this project. $AVG(Donations.Donor.COUNT(DONATIONS))$ is used to evaluate this. It is clear that computing features as described above for each connected entity prior to computing characteristics for each project may result in richer features. Let's think about three linked entities in general. That is, take into account entity E_j , which is connected to entity E_l , which is connected to entity E_p . We define a concept of depth to describe this relationship. In relation to entity E_j , E_p is at depth Language Expression and Intuition in Mathematics $SUM(DonationsDonor.COUNT(DONATIONS))$ The total amount of donations made to this project by donors across all of their projects $AVG(Donations.Donor.COUNT(DONATIONS))$ The average amount donated by each donor across all projects out of the donors to this project $SUM(Donations.Donor.SUM(Donations.amount))$ The total sum that donors have given to this initiative across all of their projects $AVG(Donations.Donor.SUM(Donations.amount))$ The average total amount provided across all projects for the contributors to this project is $AVG(Donations.Donor.AVG(Donations.amount))$ The average donation sum provided by contributors to this project overall.

Sense

Rich features are extracted from the KDD Cup 2014 dataset using the recursive feature synthesis approach. In this table, we provide a computational example, a straightforward English explanation and some intuition that might genuinely inspire a data scientist to extract a feature from a set of data for a specific project.

Deep feature synthesis

Recursive algorithm

The recursive algorithm used to create feature vectors for a target item is then described. Consider a dataset with M entities, represented by the letters E_1 through M . Let's assume that we want to gather features for the entity E_i . We first identify all the entities with which this entity has a forward relationship and all the entities with which this entity has a backward relationship in order to generate the characteristics for a particular entity E_i . Sets E_F and E_B stand for them. The feature generation for each entity E_B that is in a backward relationship must then be called recursively. Above is displayed the make Features algorithm pseudocode. To calculate the synthesized feature, the algorithm stores and returns sufficient data. Along with feature values, this data also contains metadata about combined basic features and functions. Next, we introduce R_{feat} , which explains how relational features are created given two entities with backward relationships to one another, E_i and E_j . We presume that a collection of relational level functions R is available for use. Deep Feature Synthesis examines all r -agg and r -dist functions that are defined in the Data Science Machine, denoted by the set R , in order to apply relational level features for entity E_i utilizing entity E_j . The columns to which these functions should be applied are then decided. It initially goes through each function in R one at a time to accomplish this. For every Each characteristic in E_j is examined to see if the function can be applied; this is done by function. When a function can be applied to a feature, it is done so and the new features are then included in the list of features that F_i has. For instance, a method to average

multiple columns is only intended to be used with numeric columns. This function adds the average of each numerical feature in E_j to the feature set of E_i when it is applied to a relationship between E_i and E_j in reverse. Deep Feature Synthesis will apply the function more than once, filtering for a different value from the second feature each time, if the object in question has a second feature that can be used for filtering.

4. Results and discussion

To address this issue, generalized feature extraction methods have received extensive research in a number of machine learning fields, including machine vision and natural language processing. There are numerous instances of algorithms that work effectively for a variety of issues in various fields. Scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT) was a pioneering idea in machine vision (Donald *et al.*, 2016). These types of characteristics were successful in generalizing to numerous machine vision issues and applications, including panorama stitching and object detection (Carrie *et al.*, 2019). In machine vision, further methods for generic feature extraction have also emerged, such as those that function well in other circumstances, like Histograms of directed gradients (Donald *et al.*, 2016). These generalized features have frequently saved machine vision researchers time by eliminating the need to develop descriptive features for every new challenge. Similar methods for generating generalized characteristics exist in natural language processing. Term frequency-inverse document frequency (tf-idf), which is the ratio of how frequently a word appears in a document to how frequently it appears in the entire corpus of documents, is one straightforward approach. Due to its performance and ease of calculation, this feature type has been crucial in text mining efforts (Fabian M Suchanek, 2016).

5. Conclusion

The Data Science Machine is a complete solution for performing data science on relational data that we have described. Deep Feature Synthesis, a technique for automatically synthesizing features for machine learning, is at the heart of the system. On three datasets from various fields, we showed the produced features expressiveness. We optimize the entire pathway automatically through the use of an autotuning technique, making it adaptable to various datasets.

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