

Bump hunting using Patient Rule Induction Method for Matlab/Octave

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Introduction

The toolbox implements the Patient Rule Induction Method (PRIM) introduced by Friedman & Fisher, 1999. PRIM is a method for finding “interesting” regions (bumps) in high-dimensional data. The regions are described by hyper-rectangles (boxes) containing simple decision rules.

The toolbox can be used on regression-type as well as classification-type data. It accepts input variables to be continuous, binary, and categorical, as well as manages missing values.

Download the toolbox at <http://www.cs.rtu.lv/jekabsons/>.

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Available functions

The toolbox provides the following list of functions:

- `primparams` – creates configuration for the PRIM algorithm;
- `primbuild` – builds a sequence of boxes using PRIM;
- `primpredict` – predicts response values for the given query points;
- `primprint` – prints the rules of the boxes in a human-readable form.

For descriptions of all input and output arguments of the functions, refer to the `.m` files implementing the functions.

Citing the toolbox

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References

Friedman J.H. and Fisher N.I. Bump hunting for high-dimensional data. *Statistics and Computing*, 9, 1999, pp. 123-143.