Large Margin Hierarchical Classification

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Abstract

In this talk, we will present a large margin method for hierarchical classification. The main focus here is to utilize the dependency structure among classes to improve the classification performance of flat classification. In such a situation, flat classification is infeasible in the presence of a large number of dependent classes, whichoccurs often in gene function discovery. Various hierarchical losses will be discussed, in addition to an application to gene function prediction.

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