

Budgeted stream-based active learning via adaptive submodular maximization

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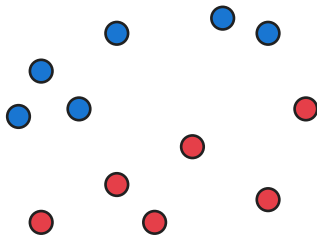
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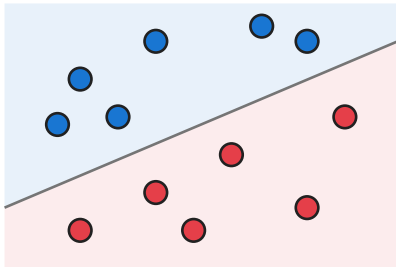
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Motivation for Active Learning

In some real world scenarios,

- there are a lot of **unlabeled** instances, but
- labeling needs a large **cost** (money or time).

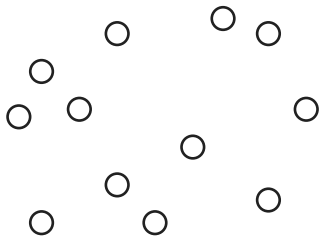


Active Learning

The learner selects which instances to label and can reduce the labeling cost.

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All unlabeled instances are given in advance



Unlabeled instances

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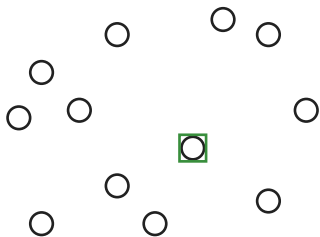


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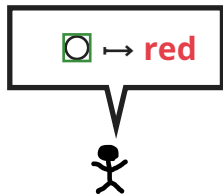
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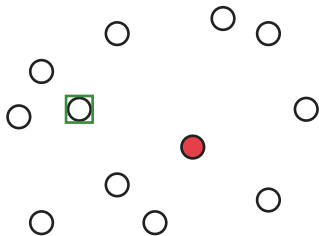


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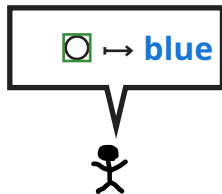
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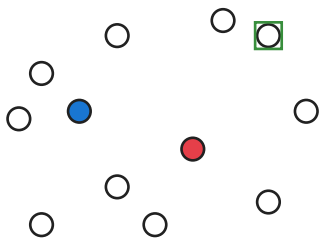


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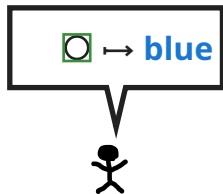
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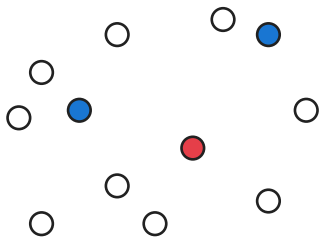


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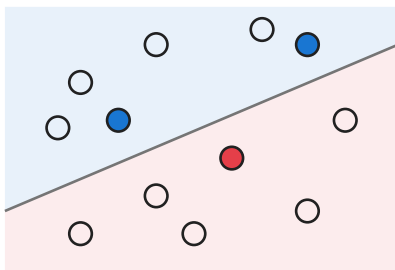


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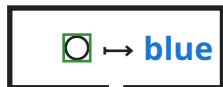
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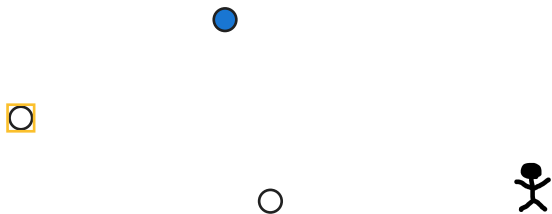
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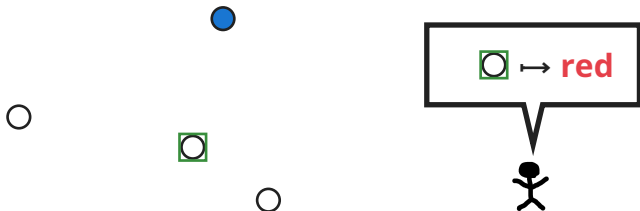
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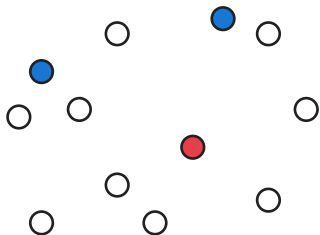
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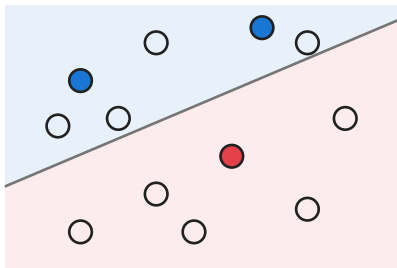
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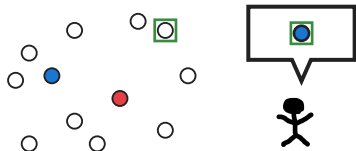
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Overview

A new framework for stream-based active learning

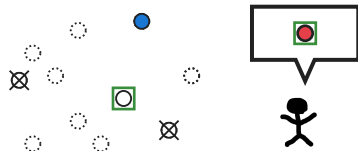
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Adaptive submodular maximization
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Submodular Maximization

Selection of a “good” subset of given finite set V

Maximize $f(S)$

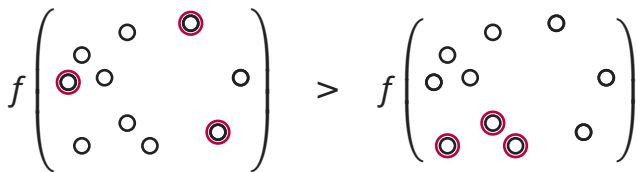
subject to $|S| \leq k$

$f : 2^V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
submodular

Data Summarization

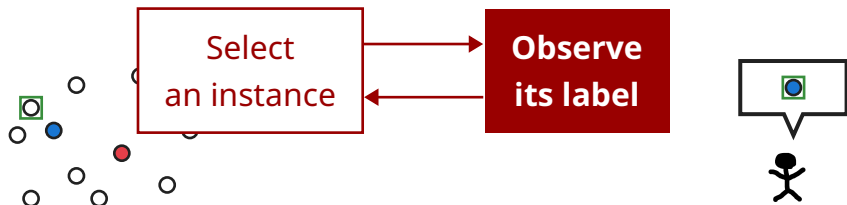
[Badanidiyuru+'14]

Select a small summary for given large dataset V



Adaptive Submodular Maximization

[Golovin-Krause'11]



The learner can select the next instance to label according to the labels observed so far

Adaptive Submodularity

An extension of submodularity to this adaptive setting

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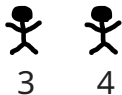
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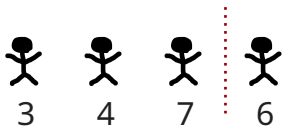
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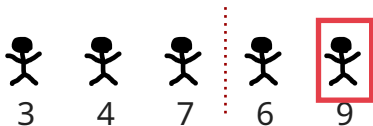
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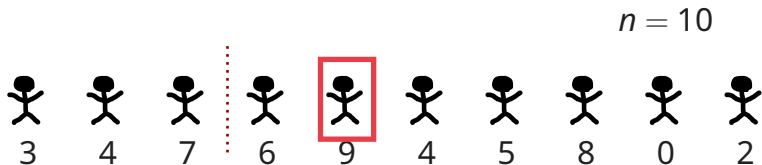
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Submodular Secretary Problem

[Bateni-Hajiaghayi-Zadimoghaddam'13]

A generalization of the classical secretary problem

- 1 multiple candidates can be selected
- 2 the objective function $f: 2^V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is submodular

$n = 10, k = 3$



Competitive Ratio

The **competitive ratio** of an algorithm is $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.



For any problem instance, the output S satisfies:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(S)] \geq \alpha \underbrace{\max_{S^* \subseteq V} f(S^*)}_{\text{the optimal achieved by the clairvoyant}}$$

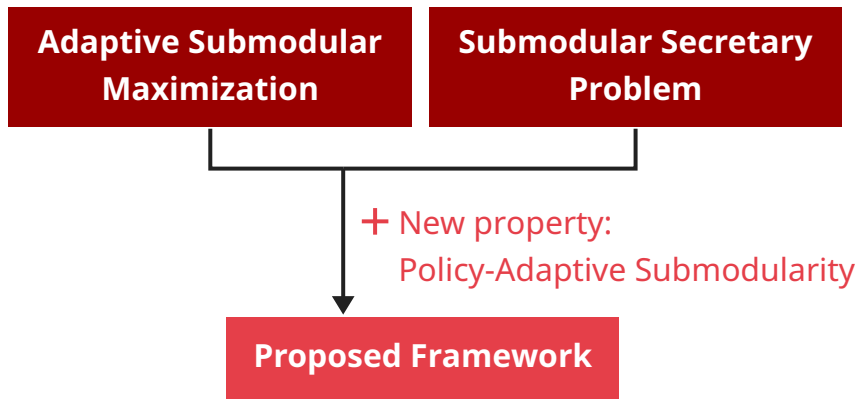
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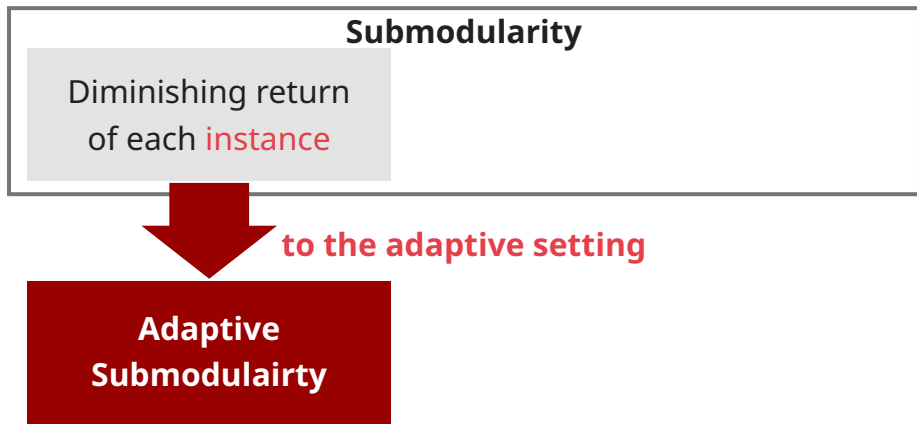
Proposed Framework

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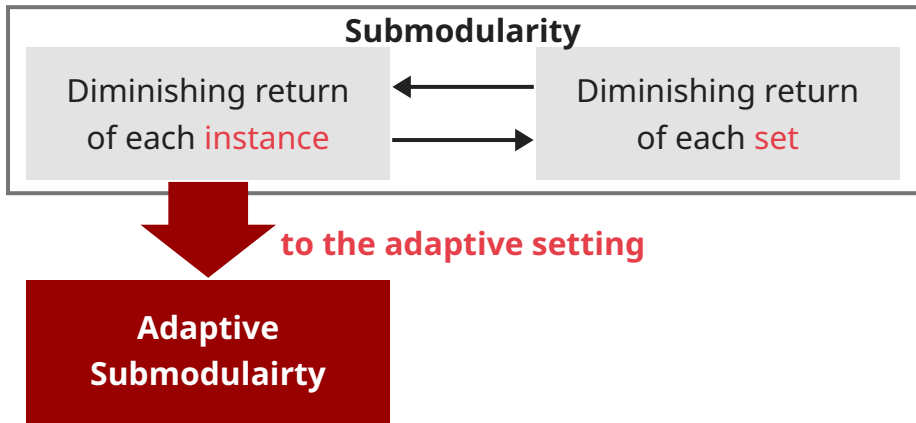
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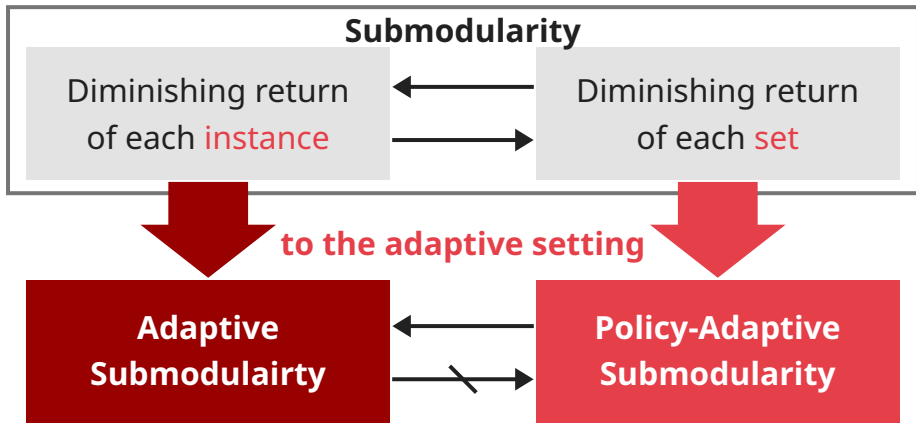
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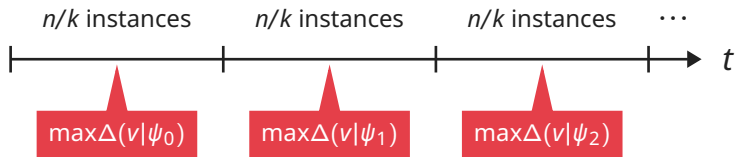


Adaptive Stream Algorithm

Stream setting

A limited memory can be used

Partition the whole stream into k segments, and select the “best” instance from each segment



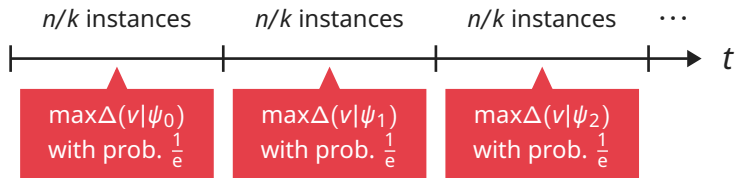
Theorem [Fujii-Kashima'16]

The competitive ratio is $(2 - \sqrt{3})(1 - 1/e) \approx 0.16$

Adaptive Secretary Algorithm

Secretary setting immediate decision at each arrival

Apply the classical secretary algo. to each segment, and select the “best” instance with probability $1/e$



Theorem [Fujii-Kashima'16]

The competitive ratio is $\frac{1-1/e}{2e\sqrt{1+2/e}} \approx 0.08$

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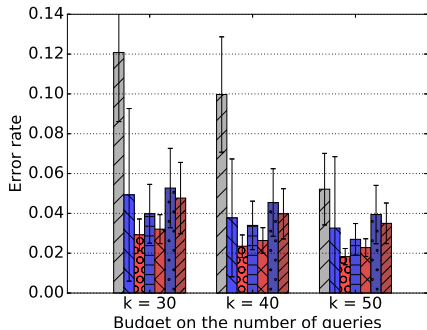
- WDBC ($n = 596$, 32-d)
- MNIST ($n = 14780$, reduced to 10-d by PCA)

Benchmarks

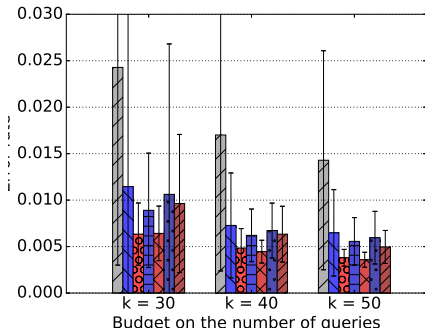
- Uncertainty sampling
- Random

The proposed method is based on ALuMA [Gonen+13]

Experimental Results

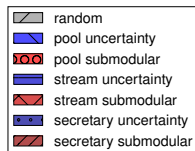


WDBC



MNIST

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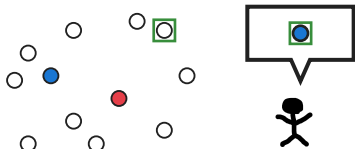


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