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#### Lecture 13: Dataset Shift

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#### Dataset shift / non-stationarity: *Models often do not generalize*



[Figure adopted from Jen Gong and Tristan Naumann]

#### Dataset shift / non-stationarity: *Diabetes Onset After 2009*



→ Automatically derived labels may change meaning

[Geiss LS, Wang J, Cheng YJ, et al. Prevalence and Incidence Trends for Diagnosed Diabetes Among Adults Aged 20 to 79 Years, United States, 1980-2012. JAMA, 2014.]

#### Dataset shift / non-stationarity: ICD-9 to ICD-10 shift



→ Significance of features may change over time (note, map from ICD10 to ICD9 isn't 1-1)

[Figure credits: (Left) Mike Oberst, (Right) http://www.icd10codesearch.com/]

## "Dropsy"

- "Dropsy was a term used to describe generalized swelling and was synonymous with heart failure. Its treatment options were scanty and were aimed to cause 'emptying of the system' or to relieve fluid retention. These remedies were rudimentary, erratic in action, and associated with inconvenient side effects." [J Card Fail]
- "'Dropsy' refers to swelling under the skin, and is generally known today as 'oedema' or 'edema'" [U Leeds]
- "Dropsy is the malfunction of the digestive power in the liver" [JAMA]
- Last reported as cause of death in 1949, IIRC.

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#### An Impossible Problem

Given  $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  from a source domain P(X, Y), find a model that performs well on some target domain Q(X, Y)

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(Y, f(X))]$$

Examples:

- P and Q are two different hospital systems
- P is the past, Q is the future

• ...

Not well-posed without further assumptions or information about Q!

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Example: Risk stratification for different patient populations

#### **Example: Label Shift Assumption**

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#### Symptoms

Disease

Example: Diagnostic testing under changes in disease prevalence.

#### Example: "Domain Shift"



Example: Changes in how features are derived (e.g., ICD-9 versus ICD-10)

We can also view the domain itself as a variable that influences others

Note: So far, we have not discussed how to mitigate these shifts. In this example, more information is required!

Quinonero-Candela et al., (2008). Dataset Shift in Machine Learning, MIT Press.

# Example: Using causal graphs to reason about shift



•  $P(O \mid D, S) \neq Q(O \mid D, S)$ 

More fine-grained shifts can be reasoned about as changes in marginal/conditional distributions

Example: Changes in lab ordering patterns across hospitals

P(D, S, O, V, L) = P(D)P(S|D)P(V|D, S)P(O|D, S)P(L|O, S)

Example from Subbaswany et al. (2021). Evaluating Model Robustness and Stability to Dataset Shift. AISTATS

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  - Compare feature means (repeat for each value of Y, assuming discrete)
  - However: means can be identical even if two distributions are different!

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Maximum mean discrepancy (MMD): *L* are functions with norm 1 in a RKHS: (Gretton et al., 2012) samples  $x_1, ..., x_m \sim p, x'_1, ..., x'_n \sim q$ 

$$\hat{\text{MMD}}_{k}^{2}(p,q) := \frac{1}{m(m-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} k(x_{i}, x_{j}) - \frac{2}{mn} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} k(x_{i}, x_{j}') + \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} k(x_{i}', x_{j}')$$

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  - Use kernel two-sample test such as maximum mean discrepancy/MMD (Gretton et al., JMLR '12)
  - (Attempt to) learn a classifier to distinguish one dataset from the other

samples  $x_1, ..., x_m \sim p, x'_1, ..., x'_n \sim q$ 

Binary classification (0 vs. 1)

 $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_1, 1), \dots, (x_m, 1), (x'_1, 0), \dots, (x'_n, 0)\}$ 

• Testing for covariate shift (wound healing):



Distinguish 2013 from pre-2013



Distinguish first 2/3 of 2013 from last 1/3 of 2013

(Figures from Ken Jung. See also Jung & Shah, Implications of non-stationarity on predictive modeling using EHRs, Journal of Biomedical Informatics, 2015)

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#### Some practical answers

- Domain shift transform features (e.g., imputation of missing values or artificially introduce noise/missingness during training, reprocess images, map to a common space), or drop features that do not transfer
- Concept drift / non-stationarity (eg, p(y|x) changes because of new medical treatments) – Retrain the model with most recent data

(Research question: how to automate the above?)

• Covariate shift?

# Covariate shift: nonparametric regression just "works"

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#### We never have infinite data!

May have to use a more restricted model to prevent overfitting (e.g. a linear model despite true one being non-linear) Effect of covariate shift when (naively) learning with misspecified models

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We only needed to know q(x) to figure out how to reweight the training data! Example of *unsupervised* domain adaptation

Goal of learning:

$$\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim q} L(x,y;\theta)$$

Example – squared loss, linear model  $L(x,y;\theta) = (y-\theta\cdot x)^2$ 

But, suppose all we have are samples  $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_m, y_m) \sim p(x, y)$ 

Learn using: 
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Approach 2: density estimation of q and p

# When importance reweighting is not enough

- Importance reweighted estimator can be high variance
- If there is no *overlap*, then in general impossible even with infinite data

#### Current state of research on dataset shift

 Seek "invariant" representations that will work well even after dataset shift



What properties should a representation have?

Here, the domain only influences (some) features. But, how do we know which ones?

**Observe**: The distribution  $P(Y | X_I)$  does not depend on D. Can we encourage our representation to recover  $X_I$ ?

**Potential approach**: Given multiple source environments, learn a representation such that

 $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\boldsymbol{X}) \perp \boldsymbol{D}$ 

**Caveat**: The right "invariance" depends on the generative structure, and how D impacts X, Y

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What properties should a representation have?

Here, the domain influences all features.

**Observe**: The distribution  $P(Y | X_C)$  does not depend on D. Can we encourage our representation to recover  $X_C$ ?

**Potential approach**: Given multiple source environments, learn a representation such that

 $Y \perp D \mid \phi(X)$ 

**Note:** Under this generative structure, it no longer makes sense to seek  $\phi(X) \perp D$ 

## Current state of research on dataset shift: benchmarking



worst-region accuracy = 32.8%

#### WILDS: A Benchmark of in-the-Wild Distribution Shifts

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# TL;DR: Existing algorithms don't substantially improve over ERM

Table 2: The out-of-distribution test performance of models trained with different baseline algorithms: CORAL, originally designed for unsupervised domain adaptation; IRM, for domain generalization; and Group DRO, for subpopulation shifts. Evaluation metrics for each dataset are the same as in Table 1; higher is better. Overall, these algorithms did not improve over empirical risk minimization (ERM), and sometimes made performance significantly worse, except on CIVILCOMMENTS-WILDS where they perform better but still do not close the in-distribution gap in Table 1. For GLOBALWHEAT-WILDS, we omit CORAL and IRM as those methods do not port straightforwardly to detection settings; its ERM number also differs from Table 1 as its ID comparison required a slight change to the OOD test set. Parentheses show standard deviation across 3+ replicates.

Dataset	Setting	ERM	CORAL	IRM	Group DRO
IWILDCAM2020-WILDS	Domain gen.	31.0(1.3)	32.8(0.1)	15.1(4.9)	23.9(2.1)
CAMELYON17-WILDS	Domain gen.	70.3 (6.4)	59.5(7.7)	64.2(8.1)	68.4(7.3)
RxRx1-wilds	Domain gen.	29.9 (0.4)	28.4(0.3)	8.2(1.1)	23.0(0.3)
OGB-MOLPCBA	Domain gen.	27.2(0.3)	17.9(0.5)	15.6(0.3)	22.4(0.6)
GLOBALWHEAT-WILDS	Domain gen.	51.2(1.8)			47.9(2.0)
CIVILCOMMENTS-WILDS	Subpop. shift	56.0(3.6)	65.6(1.3)	66.3(2.1)	70.0 (2.0)
FMoW-wilds	Hybrid	<b>32.3 (1.3</b> )	31.7(1.2)	30.0(1.4)	30.8(0.8)
PovertyMap-wilds	Hybrid	0.45(0.06)	0.44(0.06)	0.43(0.07)	0.39(0.06)
AMAZON-WILDS	Hybrid	53.8 (0.8)	52.9(0.8)	52.4(0.8)	53.3(0.0)
Py150-wilds	Hybrid	67.9 (0.1)	65.9(0.1)	64.3(0.2)	65.9(0.1)

**Note:** These are *blind* implementations (with no domain knowledge injected) that do not attempt to understand the causal nature of the dataset shifts.

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#### Current state of industry on dataset shift



#### Source: <u>https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/machine-learning/how-to-monitor-datasets</u>

#### See also:

https://cloud.google.com/solutions/machine-learning/ml-modeling-monitoring-identifying-training-server

### Conclusion

- Dataset shift happens all the time with healthcare data
- It doesn't always hurt performance
- Interpretability methods can help with detecting and mitigating dataset shift
- Safe deployments should include automated checks for dataset shift
- Active area of research in ML



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