



# Dual Set Multi-Label Learning

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## Introduction



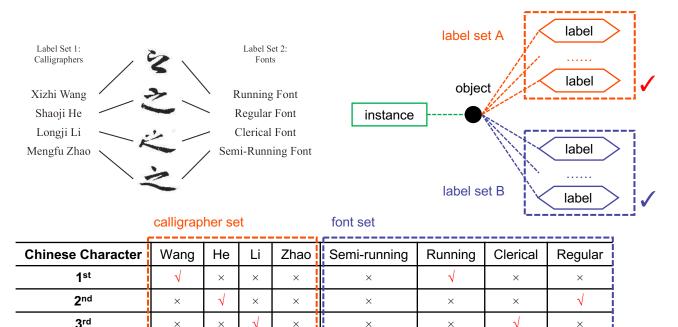
An example of traditional multi-label learning



## Introduction



An example different from traditional multi-label learning



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Introduction



### • Similar cases are popular among our lives, such as

### movie classification

Production Company Set	(
20 <sup>th</sup> Century Fox	
Warner Bros. Pictures	
Columbia Pictures	
Paramount Pictures	
Universal Pictures	Sc
Walt Disney Pictures	

Genre Set					
Action					
Adventure					
Comedy					
Horror					
Science Fiction					
War					

Production Company Set	Type Set
Audi	Economy
BMW	Family
Mercedes-Benz	Sedan
Opel	Luxury vehicle
Porsche	Sports
Volkswagen	Commercial

car classification









## **Problem Formulation**

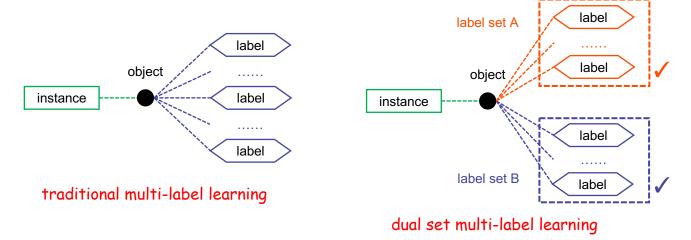




**Definition 1.** (Dual Set Multi-Label Learning) Given the training set D, the task is to learn a mapping function from the input space to the output space,

$$h: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}^a \times \mathcal{Y}^b.$$

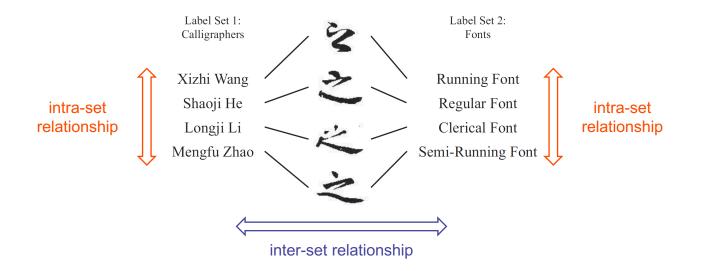
For an unseen instance  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , the mapping function  $h(\cdot)$  predicts  $h(x) \subseteq \mathcal{Y}^a \times \mathcal{Y}^b$  as the dual labels for x.



# **Problem Formulation**



- Key challenge: exploiting label relationships
  - Intra-set: the exclusive relationship within the same set
  - · Inter-set: the pairwise label set relationship



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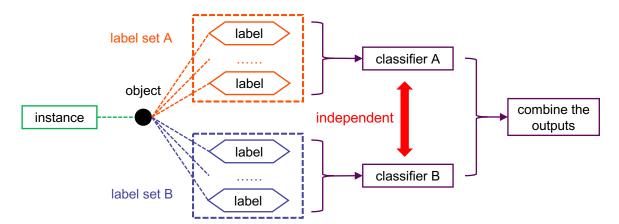
- Independent Decomposition
  - Decomposing the original problem into two classification problems

- Co-occurrence Based Decomposition
  - Decomposing the original problem into a new multi-class problem

- Label Stacking
  - Transforming the original problem into sequential problems



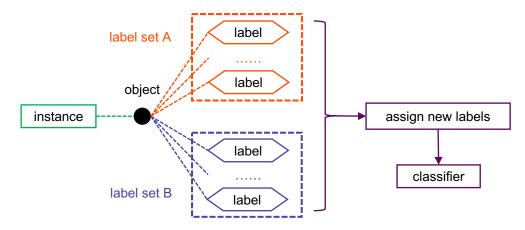
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Deficiency: Inter-set relationship is neglected.



- Co-occurrence Based Decomposition
  - Decomposing the original problem into a new multi-class problem



• How do we assign new labels by label co-occurrence?



- Co-occurrence Based Decomposition
  - An example showing how to assign new labels

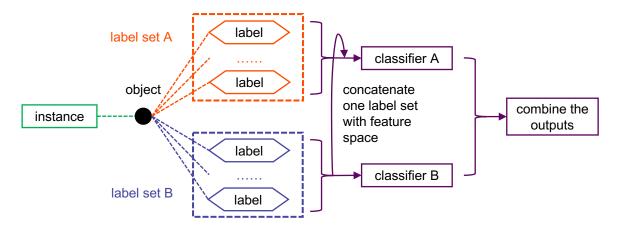
	label set A			label set B					
Instance	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	New multi-class label
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	4
5 <sup>th</sup>	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	3
6 <sup>th</sup>	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	2
7 <sup>th</sup>	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	1
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### **Deficiency:**

It is unable to handle new label co-occurrence cases.



- Label Stacking
  - Transforming the original problem into two sequential problems



• How do we train classifier A and B?

## An example showing how to train classifier A and B

Label Stacking

**Potential Solutions** 

#### new feature space label label feature classifier A space + space space В Α combine the outputs label feature classifier B + space space

### Deficiency:

Only one label set helps the other one.



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- Key Problem
  - How to find a better way to exploit intra-set and inter-set label relationship simultaneously?
- Key ideas
  - Multi-class classifiers are used to exploit intra-set label relationship.
  - Model-reuse mechanism and distribution adjusting mechanism are used to make label sets help each other, all of which exploit inter-set label relationship.
- Boosting framework is used to carry out these ideas.

## The DSML algorithm

How does it work?

Algorithm 1 The DSML algorithm

**Input:** Training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i^a, y_i^b) | 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ , base learning algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$ , number of rounds T, weight tuning parameter B

#### Training process:

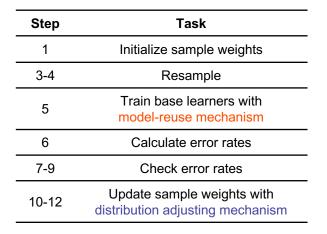
- 1:  $w_{1,i}^a = w_{1,i}^b = 1/m;$
- 2: for t = 1 to T do
- 3:
- 4:
- $\begin{array}{l} (X^a_s,y^a_s) \leftarrow Sample(\mathcal{D},w^a_t) \\ (X^b_s,y^b_s) \leftarrow Sample(\mathcal{D},w^b_t) \\ \text{Training three models } h^{raw}_t, h^a_t \text{ and } h^b_t \text{ with model-} \end{array}$ 5: reuse mechanism by Eq. (1), (2) and (3)
- Calculating error rate  $\epsilon_t^{\hat{a}}$  and  $\epsilon_t^{\hat{b}}$  by Eq. (4) and (5) 6:

7: **if** 
$$\epsilon_t^a > (L_1 - 1)/L_1$$
 or  $\epsilon_t^b > (L_2 - 1)/L_2$  then

- Break 8:
- 9: end if
- Updating model weight  $\alpha_t^a$  and  $\alpha_t^b$  by Eq. (6) and (7) Updating sample distribution  $w_{t+1}^a$  and  $w_{t+1}^b$  by  $\alpha_t^a$ , 10:
- 11:  $\alpha_t^b$  and B with distribution adjusting mechanism according to Eq. (8) and (9)
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#### 13: end for

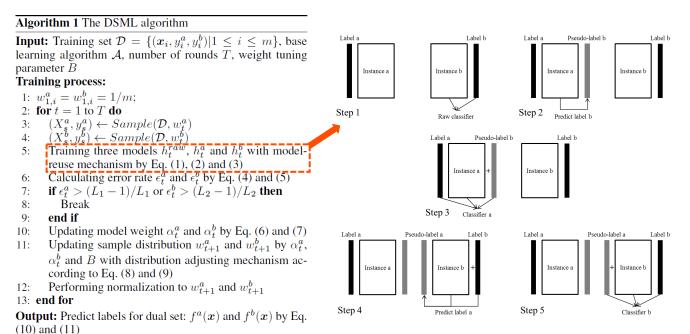
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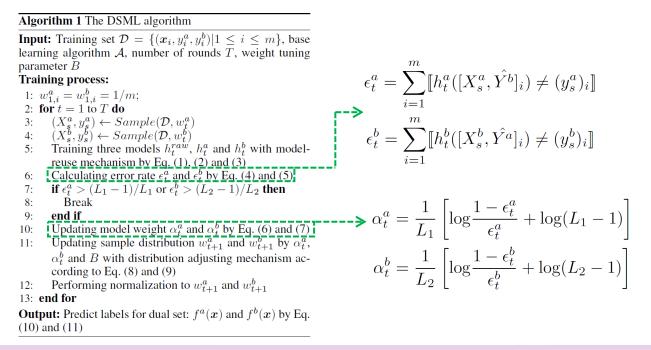


- The DSML algorithm
  - Training base learners with model-reuse mechanism





- The DSML algorithm
  - · Calculating error rate and updating model weight





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  - Updating sample weight with distribution adjusting mechanism

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# **Theoretical Results**



## • Superiority of learning by splitting the label set

**Theorem 1.** For dual-set multi-label learning problems,  $h^a$  and  $h^b$  are classifiers trained on the instance space  $\mathcal{X}$  and label space  $\mathcal{Y}^a$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}^b$  respectively. h is a classifier trained directly from  $\mathcal{X} \times [\mathcal{Y}^a \times \mathcal{Y}^b]$ , namely,

 $h: \boldsymbol{x} \rightarrow \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{y^a, y^b \in [\mathcal{Y}^a \times \mathcal{Y}^b]} h(\boldsymbol{x}, y),$ 

where  $y = [y^a, y^b]$ , then margin of learning from dual label set is larger than that of directly learning from all labels:

$$\min\{\bar{\rho}_{h^a}(\boldsymbol{x}, y^a), \bar{\rho}_{h^b}(\boldsymbol{x}, y^b)\} \geq \bar{\bar{\rho}}_h(\boldsymbol{x}, y).$$

margin of multiclass learning margin of learning directly from all labels

### Remark:

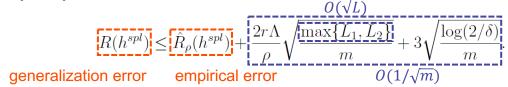
It shows the effectiveness of learning by splitting the label set into two disjoint label sets, which implies that we should explicitly considering the dual label sets.

# **Theoretical Results**



Generalization bound of learning by splitting the label set

**Theorem 2.** Let  $H = \{(x, y^a, y^b) \in \mathcal{X} \times [\mathcal{Y}^a \times \mathcal{Y}^b] \to \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x) | \sum_{\ell=1}^{L_1+L_2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2 \leq \Lambda^2 \}$  be a hypothesis set with  $y^a = 1, \dots, L_1, y^b = 1, \dots, L_2$ , where  $\phi : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{H}$  is a feature mapping induced by some positive definite kernel  $\kappa$ . Assume that  $S \subset \{x : \kappa(x, x) \leq r^2\}$ , and fix  $\rho > 0$ , then for any  $\delta > 0$ , with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ , the following generalization bound holds for all  $h^{spl} = [h^a, h^b] \in H$ :



### Remark:

The convergence rate of the generalization error is standard as  $O(1/\sqrt{m})$ . And the error bound exhibits a radical dependence on the maximal number of labels in dual label sets.

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- Datasets
  - We collected or adapted three real-world dataset. Now take Calligrapher-Font dataset for example
    - We collected 23195 calligraphic images
    - We transformed each of them into 512-dimensional feature vector
    - There are 14 calligraphers and 5 kinds of fonts

### · Statistics of three datasets

Dataset	No. of instances	No. of dimensions	Size of label set A	Size of label set B
Calligrapher-Font	23195	512	14	5
Brand-Type	2247	4096	7	3
Frequency-Gender	3157	19	5	2



- Evaluation Measures
  - · Accuracy of the label set A
  - · Accuracy of the label set B
  - Overall accuracy

**Definition 4.** Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \{z_i, y_i^a, y_i^b | 1 \le i \le n\}$  denote the testing set where *n* is the total number of testing instances and let  $h^a, h^b$  be the underlying classifiers learned from the training process associated with two label sets respectively. Three accuracies are defined to evaluate the performance,

$$\begin{aligned} Accuracy_{a} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \llbracket h^{a}(\boldsymbol{z}_{i}) = y_{i}^{a} \rrbracket, \\ Accuracy_{b} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \llbracket h^{b}(\boldsymbol{z}_{i}) = y_{i}^{b} \rrbracket, \\ Accuracy_{all} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \llbracket h^{a}(\boldsymbol{z}_{i}) = y_{i}^{a} \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket h^{b}(\boldsymbol{z}_{i}) = y_{i}^{b} \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$



- Comparing DSML with other algorithms
  - Multi-class RBF neural networks are used as base learner for DSML and potential solutions.
  - The outputs of classical multi-label learning approaches are modified to fit dual set multi-label learning.
  - 5-fold cross-validation performance of these algorithms (mean±std.)

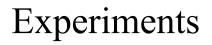
Dataset	Measure	Algorithms									
		DSML	Ind. Dec.	Co-Occ. Dec.	Label Stacking	ML-KNN	ML-RBF	BP-MLL	RankSVM		
CalFont	$\begin{array}{c} Accy{a} \\ Accy{b} \\ Accy{all} \end{array}$	$\textbf{.7223} \pm \textbf{.0079}$	$.5967 \pm .0082$ $.6751 \pm .0040$ $.4836 \pm .0099$	N/A N/A .5609 ± .0050	$.6019 \pm .0088$ $.6801 \pm .0078$ $.4889 \pm .0094$	$.7101 \pm .0030$	$\begin{array}{c} .6372 \pm .0045 \\ .7100 \pm .0087 \\ .5396 \pm .0066 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .1493 \pm .0051 \\ .4104 \pm .0670 \\ .0764 \pm .0077 \end{array}$	N/A N/A N/A		
Brand-Type	$Accy_{.a}$ $Accy_{.b}$ $Accy_{.all}$	$\textbf{.7730} \pm \textbf{.0249}$	$\begin{array}{c} .5661 \pm .0129 \\ .7677 \pm .0092 \\ .4744 \pm .0105 \end{array}$	N/A N/A .4784 ± .0294	<b>.5968</b> ± <b>.0254</b> .7637 ± .0225 .4735 ± .0302	$.7245 \pm .0115$	$\begin{array}{c} .5207 \pm .0223 \\ .7405 \pm .0126 \\ .4201 \pm .0160 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .1206 \pm .0182 \\ .3000 \pm .0509 \\ .0538 \pm .0053 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .5238 \pm .0352 \\ .7517 \pm .0137 \\ .4183 \pm .0345 \end{array}$		
FreqGndr.	$Accy_{.a}$ $Accy_{.b}$ $Accy_{.all}$	.8521 ± .0091 .9547 ± .0061 .8220 ± .0082		N/A N/A .8068 ± .0187		$.6953 \pm .0196$	$\begin{array}{c} .7570 \pm .0144 \\ \textbf{.9661} \pm .0047 \\ .7387 \pm .0134 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .4004 \pm .1464 \\ .5014 \pm .0271 \\ .1704 \pm .0847 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .0326 \pm .0135 \\ .5382 \pm .0643 \\ .0127 \pm .0116 \end{array}$		

our approach

potential solutions

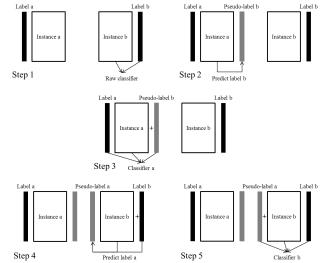
classical multi-label approaches

• DSML is better than others





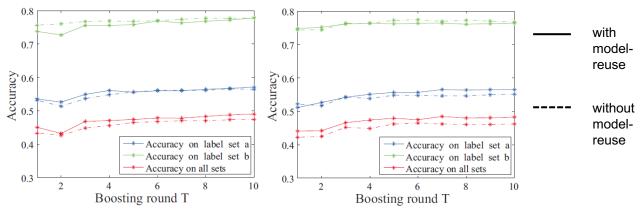
Study on model-reuse mechanism



- 5-fold cross-validation performance of DSML on the *Brand-Type* dataset (mean)
  - Boosting round increases to 10
  - Distribution adjusting parameter is set to 1.00 and 1.10



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- It validates the effectiveness of model-reuse mechanism
  - · Similar phenomena can be observed in other datasets

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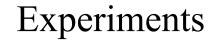
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  - *B* is the distribution adjusting parameter

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- When *B* = 1.00, algorithms perform without distribution adjusting mechanism
- 5-fold cross-validation performance of DSML algorithm (mean±std.)

Dataset	Measure	Distribution Adjusting Parameter B								
		1.00	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	
CalFont	$\begin{array}{c} Accy{a} \\ Accy{b} \\ Accy{all} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .6536 \pm .0054 \\ .7225 \pm .0060 \\ .5656 \pm .0078 \end{array}$	.6576 ± .0064 .7244 ± .0062 .5697 ± .0062	$\begin{array}{c} .6567 \pm .0051 \\ .7249 \pm .0043 \\ .5674 \pm .0043 \end{array}$		$.6562 \pm .0059$ $.7223 \pm .0079$ $.5672 \pm .0087$	$.7246 \pm .0041$	$\begin{array}{c} .6546 \pm .0076 \\ .7210 \pm .0037 \\ .5659 \pm .0078 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .6528 \pm .0060 \\ .7230 \pm .0054 \\ .5660 \pm .0045 \end{array}$	
Brand-Type	$\begin{array}{c} Accy{a} \\ Accy{b} \\ Accy{all} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .5710 \pm .0296 \\ .7784 \pm .0142 \\ .4905 \pm .0324 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .5657 \pm .0259 \\ .7668 \pm .0185 \\ .4847 \pm .0227 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .5706 \pm .0303 \\ .7659 \pm .0193 \\ .4856 \pm .0257 \end{array}$	$.7650\pm.0212$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{.5723} \pm \textbf{.0226} \\ \textbf{.7730} \pm \textbf{.0249} \\ \textbf{.4949} \pm \textbf{.0227} \end{array}$	$.7641 \pm .0107$	$.5710 \pm .0201$ $.7788 \pm .0182$ $.4922 \pm .0228$	$.5603 \pm .0343$ $.7699 \pm .0182$ $.4833 \pm .0340$	
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• Best result appears when B = 1.05





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- Dual Set Multi-Label Learning is proposed as a novel learning framework.
- A boosting-like DSML approach is designed to address this kind of problem which outperforms other compared algorithms.
- Theoretical and empirical analyses are presented to show it is better to learn with dual label sets than to learn directly from all labels.





# Thank you for listening.

**Q & A**