

Interactive Visual Exploration of Local Patterns in Large Scatterplot Spaces

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What is a pattern?





A global pattern.

Local pattern (Also a query).





Motivation

- Hidden information in local patterns.
- Finding redundant attributes.
- Finding local relationship in data.





Overview of the System and Dataset

Renewable energy	GDP	Unemployment	class	year
25.13	3.55	3.11	AT	1991
24 47	2 41	3 31	ΔΤ	1997
2	2.11	5151		1992
26.13	0.97	3.47	AT	1993
26.35	0.29	4.09	AT	1994





Regression Lens [1]



[1] Shao, Lin, et al. "Interactive Regression Lens for Exploring Scatter Plots." *Computer Graphics Forum*. Vol. 36. No. 3. 2017.





Collaborative Scatterplot Analysis [2]



[2] Mohammad Chegini, et al. "Interaction Concepts for Collaborative Visual Analysis of Scatterplots on Large Vertically-Mounted High-Resolution Multi-Touch Displays." Forum Media Technology & All Around Audio Symposium. 2017.





ScagExplorer [3]



[3] Dang, Tuan Nhon, and Leland Wilkinson. "Scagexplorer: Exploring scatterplots by their scagnostics." Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), 2014 IEEE Pacific. IEEE, 2014.











Initializing the Query (Step 1)

- Selecting a scatterplot from SPLOM.
- The user selects a region of interest inside a scatterplot as a query.





Sliding Window Approach (Step 2)

- Step size.
- Scale size.







Shape and Model-based Descriptors (Step 2)



Shape-based descriptor.



Model-based descriptor.





Purity Scores (Step 2)



User defined query pattern.



A matching pattern.





Ranking Algorithm (Step 2)

- Create a ranking of all patterns in the SPLOM, according to similarity with the query pattern.
- The ranking depends on the chosen weights for the descriptors.





Visualisation of Patterns (Step 3)







Aggregation

Best-Matches

Union





Relevance Feedback (Step 4)

- The user can select related local patterns from the highlighted matches in the SPLOM.
- Based on the patterns marked as relevant by the user, the system adapts the parameters (weights, thresholds, step and scale sizes).
- The system searches again with the new parameters.











Use Case 1: Finding Similar Patterns



Energy use, per capita (toe)

Income per person (fixed 2000 US\$)

Original query pattern.

Similar patterns to the query.





Use Case 2: Finding Positive Correlations



Original query pattern

A similar pattern

A local positive correlation





Use Case 3: Finding Negative Correlations



Original query pattern

A similar pattern

A local negative correlation





Future work

- Including more than two dimensions.
- Using production dataset.
- Adding other modalities for interaction.
- Conducting user studies.
- Considering other descriptors.





Questions?







Extra Slide: Ranking Formula

$$s(q, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } P_{precision} < P_{pmin} \text{ or } P_{recall} < P_{rmin} \\ w_m(1 - d_m) + s(1 - w_m)(1 - d_s), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{C_k} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{ranking}_{C_k}(q, u_i) \right)$$





Extra Slide: Scalability

- Step and scale size for slidingwindow (385).
- Number of dimensions (10 -> 34650).
- Number of descriptors (34650 x 3136 x t).



