Using Data Mining Tools of Decision Trees in Quality and Reliability Applications *Brief Example on Modern Engineered Wood*

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Data Mining (DM)

An Important Tool for Industrial Processes and Real-Time Decision-Making



Data Mining (DM) Philosophy of Reducing Variation

□ If you cannot quantify variation, how will you reduce variation?



- □ Once variation is quantified, what are sources of variation?
- DM and Decision Trees powerful methods for identifying sources of variation.

<u>Decision Trees (DT)</u> "Real-time Supervised Classification Learning"







Philosophy of Data Mining

- DM tools find hidden structures & helpful patterns
- DM provides exploratory data analysis with little human interactions
- □ Is that good or bad?
- Yes, that is good & it is bad! Both ... ! Need balance of both automation & human interactions.
- Win/win old time Deming strategy and modern process of thinking deeper....
- □ DT is aligned well with the DM philosophy

Data Mining (DM) & Trees

 Decision trees (classification and regression) are a popular method among DM tools
 Quick ref: Guidici (2003) Applied Data Mining: Stat Methods for Bus. & Indus.

We will discuss results of a case study using "GUIDE", one of many DT methods.

GUIDE

(Generalized, Unbiased, Interaction Detection and Estimation) Loh (2002)

<u>http://www.stat.wisc.edu/~loh/guide.html</u>
Fit one regression model at each node – multiple regression, stepwise, etc.

- 1. Use residuals to select split variable (negligible bias)
- 2. Select split point or split set
- 3. Prune tree as in CART

See also Kim & Loh (2003) take a "CRUISE" with another DT tool <u>http://web.utk.edu/~hjkim/</u> & 2004 work ...

GUIDE

(Key features: sensitivity to curvature and interactions)



Case Study Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF)





Case Study MDF

- Medium density fiberboard (MDF): a highly used engineered wood composite
- Interested in the tensile strength (psi) or "internal bond" (IB) of MDF
- Destructive testing is performed during the manufacturing process (Goal: maximize & improve product quality and reliability)
- Prevention of unacceptable reliability can result in millions of dollars saving
- □ Young & Guess (2002) & Guess et al. (2003) *IJRA*

Predictors and Response (IB)

- Predictors: describe types and manufacturing conditions
 - panel density (lbs/ft³)
 - panel thickness (inches)
 - and others (moisture, line speed, temperature, etc.)
 - day of the week (Sunday through Saturday)
 - shift (morning, afternoon, night)
 - week of the month (first through fourth week)
- □ Response variable is the strength of IB
- Next comparing regression only vs. GUIDE?

Automated Real-Time Relational Databases



□ Mills collect a lot of data, how much knowledge is gained?

"Regression Only" Analysis



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length		0.003	0.015	Day	Sunday	0.873	1.171
density		21.371	0.476		Monday	5.123	1.168
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GUIDE Regression Tree



Why split, e.g., panel density?



GUIDE identifies location of split very easily and quickly (not simply along pre-defined product type set points)

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Density ≤ 46.5

Source		Coef	S.E.	Source		Coef	S.E.
length		0.009	0.012	Day	Sunday	0.037	0.903
density		3.889	0.708		Monday	-1.770	0.971
thickness		-11.063	3.765		Tuesday	-2.466	0.892
width		0.0362	0.087		Wednesday	0.806	0.997
week	1	1.762	0.629		Thursday	0.455	1.062
	2	-1.516	0.625		Friday	1.754	0.995
	3	0.286	0.569	01:0	Morning	-1.035	0.495
				Shift	Afternoon	0.922	0.497

Not desirable to have "Day", "Shift" as source of variation!

Density > 46.5 and Thickness > 0.53



Sou	irce	Coef	S.E.	Source		Coef	S.E.
length		-0.019	0.022	Day	Sunday	0.692	1.803
density		22.561	4.834		Monday	-1.866	1.829
thickness		1.320	14.81		Tuesday	3.100	3.411
width		0.089	0.181		Wednesday	1.603	2.602
week	1	3.614	1.245		Thursday	0.269	2.808
	2	-4.913	1.270		Friday	-0.331	1.928
	3	-0.936	1.153	<u>01</u> :C	Morning	-0.777	0.990
				Shift	Afternoon	-0.171	0.990

Again, not desirable to have "Day" as source of variation!

GUIDE vs. Regression Only

"Regression Only" Coefficient of Determination: $R^2 = 62.4\%$

"Guide" Coefficient of Determination; $R^2 = 83.0\%$



GUIDE vs. Regression only



Note

 GUIDE detected useful partitions
 Automatic procedure – little human interaction: wonderful exploratory tool!

- Easy Interpretation
 - follow the tree !
 - important variables appear in the tree

Better fitted model & better predictions
 Missing data, simpler, interactions, etc.

Decision Trees may be more helpful in analyzing industrial processes than "Global Modeling"

Loess

Smoothing Spline

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CART (Breiman *et al.* 1984) "Classification and Regression Tree"



Some Limitations of CART: mean function fit

DT Modeling

- Assume different (multiple) correlation structure exists within database
- Tree-based model = data partitioning + statistical modeling + pruning
- □ Intermediate nodes = partition data space
- Terminal nodes = fit the Node model (example: linear regression, loess, mean)
- Pruning = prevent over-fitting
- Given a Node model, how to find the partition (heterogeneity) of the data space?"

Conclusions

 Decision Trees, e.g., GUIDE, etc., helpful
 Note there are data mining approaches other than decision trees, such as neural nets, genetic algorithms, etc. (dependent on problem and data heterogeneity)

Decision Trees are attractive because they show clearly how to reach a decision, and easy to interpret by practitioners

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Links & Future work

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