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# **Cramer's V Test Discretization Based Spatial Decision Tree Learning for Land Cover Classification**

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**Abstract-** Given learning samples from a raster data set for spatial data mining, spatial decision tree learning models is used to estimate the decision tree classifier that minimizes classification errors as well as salt-and-pepper noise. The problem has important societal applications such as land cover classification for natural resource management. However, the problem is challenging due to the fact that learning samples show spatial autocorrelation in class labels, instead of being independently identically distributed. Related work relies on local tests (i.e., testing feature information of a location) and cannot adequately model the spatial autocorrelation effect, resulting in salt-and-pepper noise. In similarity, we proposed a Cramer's V Test Discretization for feature selection in the land covers in which the images with noise can be reduced with morphological filter and extract the more feature descriptor for land cover classification with spatial auto correlation property for discrete features. Preliminary results showed that Cramer's V Test reduces classification errors and salt-and-pepper noise. This paper extends our recent work by introducing a new test approach with adaptive neighbourhoods that avoids over-smoothing in wedge-shaped areas. Cramer's V-based discretization (CVD) algorithm is proposed to optimally partition the continuous features into discrete ones. Two association-based feature selection indexes has integrated for spatial autocorrelation, the CVD-based association index (CVDAI) and the class-attribution interdependence maximization (CAIM)-based association index (CAIMAI), derived from the CV-test value, are then proposed to select the optimal feature subset. Experiment results on real world data sets show that proposed technique improves classification accuracy, and that our computational refinement significantly reduces training time.

**Keywords:** Spatial Data Mining, Decision Tree Learning, Raster Dataset, Spatial Auto correlation

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Given a spatial raster framework, as well as training and test sets, the spatial decision tree learning (SDTL) problem aims to find a decision tree model that minimizes classification errors as well as salt-and-pepper noise. The motivation example from a real world wetland mapping application is explaining the spatial learning from the decision tree classifiers. In those Input features are bands of three aerial images. Classification results by two existing decision tree classifiers will yield poor performance as it over smoothing and wedge shaped respectively[1][2]. Both predicted maps exhibit poor appearance accuracy with high levels of salt-and-pepper noise. The SDTL problem has many applications. In the field of remote sensing, a large amount of images of the earth surface are collected (e.g., NASA collects about 5TB data per day). SDTL can be used to classify remote sensing images into different land cover types [3]. For example, in wetland mapping [4], [5], explanatory features, including spectral bands (e.g., red, green, blue, nearinfrared) from remote sensors, are used to map land surface into wetland areas and dryland areas. Land cover classification is important for climate change research [6], natural resource management [7], [8]. A key challenge in the SDTL problem is that learning samples show spatial autocorrelation in class labels. A key challenge in the SDTL problem is that learning samples show spatial autocorrelation in class labels. We proposed a Cramer's V Test Discretization for feature selection in the land covers in which the images with noise can be reduced with morphological filter and extract the more feature descriptor for land cover classification with spatial auto correlation property for discrete features . Preliminary results showed that Cramer's V Test reduces classification errors and salt-and-pepper noise. This paper extends our recent work by introducing a new test approach with adaptive neighbourhoods that avoids over-smoothing in wedge-shaped areas. Cramer's V-based discretization (CVD) algorithm is proposed to optimally partition the image from continuous features into discrete ones. Two association based feature selection indexes has integrated for spatial autocorrelation, the CVD-based association index (CVDAI) and the class-attribution interdependence

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maximization (CAIM)-based association index (CAIMAI), derived from the CV-test value, are then proposed to select the optimal feature subset. The rest of paper is organized as follows; section 2 explains the background knowledge regarding the related work. Section 3 explains and formulates the proposed System. The experimental results are discussed in section 4; we conclude the work with future work of the paper at section 5.

### II. RELATED WORKS

#### A. Spatial Data Classification Using Decision Tree Learning –Local Test

The Spatial data Classification is carried out with help of spatial raster dataset in order to achieve the better classification accuracy in prediction with less salt and pepper noise. The spatial data of desertification land use is mainly through the interpretation of satellite images to get. Data based Supervised Classification and unsupervised classification is the traditional interpretation Methods but their classification precisions are low. And the result of Classification are low .Now, a image interpretation method, decision tree classification can be employed to classify the spatial data for map land cover classification into wetland and dry land. These classifiers follow the classic assumption that learning samples are independently and identically distributed. This assumption does not hold for spatial data and leads to salt-and-pepper noise in predictions.

#### B. Spatial Entropy Based Decision Tree classifiers

Entropy methods use spatial autocorrelation level as well as information gain to select candidate tree node tests , if there exists some feature that favors spatial autocorrelation will Produce largest information gain in the one tree node they still rely on local testing of information by tree nodes to handle the over smoothing area and wedge shaped Area .

#### C. Spatial Raster Framework

Spatial raster framework F is a tessellation of a 2-D plane into a regular grid. On a spatial raster framework, there may exist a set of explanatory feature maps, as well as a class label map.

### III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

#### A. Data Training Using Spatial Learning

Data training based spatial learning includes two sub-routines (Node-Split and Focal Function). it is a divide and conquer method with a greedy strategy (i.e., maximize information gain). If the training samples are less than the minimum tree node size, or all the class labels are identical, a leaf labeled with the majority class will be returned. The data enumerate through every candidate feature  $f$ , every neighborhood size  $s$ , and every candidate threshold.  $d$  to select the best setting for a model tree node. Candidate thresholds  $d$  are generated from distinct values of feature  $f$  in the training samples. Node- Split subroutine to split training samples.

#### B. Data Refining

This approach is based on the observation that when the candidate threshold value increases, only a small number of samples have their local and focal test results updated. In other words, once computation is completed for one candidate threshold, the test results of most samples will remain the same and can be reused for consecutive thresholds.

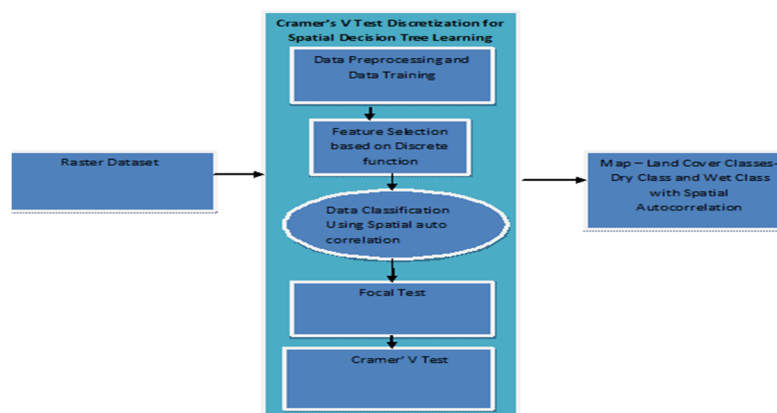


Figure 3.1. Architecture Diagram of Spatial decision Tree Learning

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### C. Group Combination Using Focal Test

FTSDT algorithm minimizes the access and evaluation of potential subsets of spatial data. The data points in FTSDT are hierarchically represented by data blocks, e.g., using R-tree. The algorithm process query by treating the blocks as points to find an intermediate solution in higher hierarchical level in order reduce the classification error and salt and Pepper noise. To refine the solution, the search space in lower hierarchical level is minimized by following the guided search direction.

### D. Subset Refinement Using Cramer' V Test Based On Feature Descritization And Spatial Auto Correlation

Subset Hierarchical Algorithm is a local search heuristic with support of the spatial database techniques. In higher hierarchical level, each block is treated as a point by region to replace every element in the subset using map Land function, and the resultant subset with the current best value is refined by visiting the class label with the spatial auto correlation in the class block. The solution of spatial auto correlation is usually close to the global optimum and guaranteed to be within a factor of at most close to the global optimum.

### E. Discretization with the Cramer's V-Test

Discretization generally falls into two distinct categories: unsupervised methods, such as EQW and k-means, which do not use any information in the class variable, and supervised ones based on entropy/minimum descriptive length [32], which partition continuous attributes into discrete variables involved with the class labels. Given the range of values of a continuous feature, a conceptually simple discretization approach is to place the splits in such a way that they maximize the purity of the intervals. In practice, however, such an approach requires a potentially arbitrary decision about the purity of an interval and the minimum size of an interval. Statistic-based approaches, which are often used to overcome these concerns, generally start with each attribute value as a separate interval and create larger intervals by merging the adjacent intervals that are similar, according to a statistical test

### F. Algorithm – Cramer V Test Based Descritization

Cramer -Train ( $T, C, S_{max}, N_0$ )

where

- $T$ : training samples where  $T[i][f]$  is  $f$  th feature value of the discerete function in  $i$  th sample
- $C$ : class labels where  $C[i]$  is class label of  $i$  th sample
- $S_{max}$ : maximum neighborhood size
- $N_0$ : minimum decision tree node size

Feature selection ()

- Root of an Decision model if  $|T| < N_0$  or  $C$  is unique class then  $L = \text{CreateLeaf}(\text{class}(C))$ ;

for each candidate neighborhood

size  $s \in \{0 \dots S_{max}\}$

do for each candidate feature

$f \in \{1 \dots F\}$  do Sort feature  $f$  values  $T[i][f]$  ( $i \in \{1 \dots N\}$ ) in ascending order

for each  $i \in \{1 \dots (N - 1)\}$  do if  $T[i][f] < T[i + 1][f]$

then

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$\delta = (T[i][f] + T[i + 1][f])/2$

$\{T1, T2\} = \text{Node-Split}(T, f, \delta, s);$

Split C into  $\{C1, C2\}$  according to  $\{T1, T2\}$  I

$G = \text{Information Gain}(C, C1, C2)$

if  $IG > IG0$  then  $IG0 = IG;$

$s0 = s; f0 = f;$

$\delta0 = \delta;$

*G. Spatial Correlation Check*

$I = \text{CreateInternalNode}(f0, \delta0, s0);$

$\{T1, T2\} = \text{Node-Split}(T, f0, \delta0, s0);$  Split C into C1 and C2 based on  $\{T1, T2\}$  I.

Left node =  $\text{Class-test}(T1, C1, S_{\max}, N_0)$  I.

Right Node =  $\text{Class-Test}(T2, C2, S_{\max}, N_0)$

Return I

If (data == Auto correlated)

The correctness of the proposed computationally refined algorithm is estimated . We also provide a cost model of computational complexity. The proof of correctness is nontrivial, because when the candidate threshold changes, multiple sample locations as well as their neighbors may need to update their Cramer V test Value

### IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, we describe the experimental part of the work, To evaluate classification performance, we compared the Cramers V test with Focal Test

#### A. Data Set Description

We used high resolution (3 m by 3 m) remote sensing imagery collected from the city of Chanhassen, MN, by the National Agricultural Imagery Program and Markhurd Inc. There were 12 continuous explanatory features including multi-temporal (for the years 2003, 2005, and 2008) spectral information (R, G, B, NIR) and Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI). Class labels (wet land and dry land) were created by a field crew and photo interpreters between 2004 and 2005. To evaluate classification performance, we selected two scenes from the city. On each scene, we used systematic clustered sampling to select a number of wetland and dryland

contiguous clusters of pixels as the training set and the remaining pixels as test sets. The Data points appears to over-smooth some areas (e.g., blue color in the white circles of Fig.4.1.



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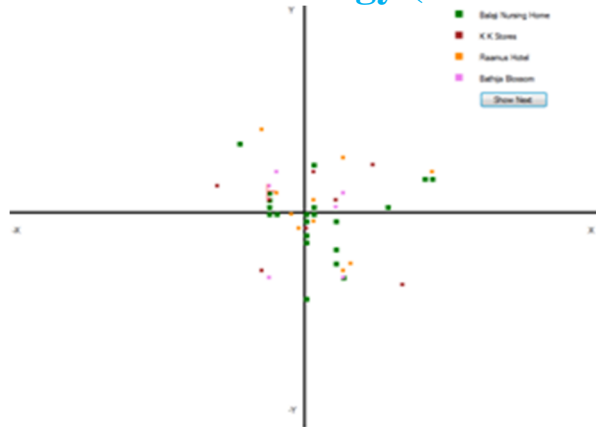


Figure 4.1. Prediction Results of Classes based on the Color Values.

## B. Performance based on minimum Tree node Size

As can be seen, as the minimum tree node size increases, the time cost of both algorithms decreases. The reason is that fewer tree nodes are constructed and thus less computation is needed. But our refined algorithm has persistently lower cost than our baseline algorithm.

## C. Performance Measures based Maximum node Size

When the maximum neighborhood size is very small (i.e., 1), the time cost of both algorithms is close, due to the low time cost when Smax is very small. However, as the maximum neighborhood size increases, the time cost of the baseline algorithm grows dramatically faster than the refined algorithm.

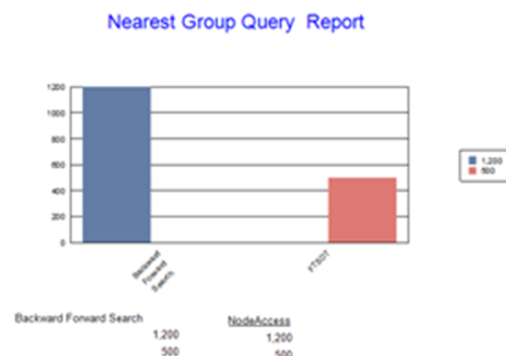


Figure 4.3. Performance Evaluation of the Cramer's Test against the Focal test .

Both theoretical analysis and experimental evaluation show that our refined algorithm is more scalable than our baseline algorithm. We also design a new focal test approach with adaptive neighbourhoods to avoid over-smoothing in wedge-shaped areas.

## V. CONCLUSION

In this work, we Designed and implemented a spatial decision tree classifier based on cramer v Test .This explores the spatial decision tree learning problem for raster image classification. The problem is challenging due to the spatial autocorrelation effect and computational cost. The Cramer V Test uses the spatial decision tree model and its learning algorithm for further estimate the feature and mapping of revalent feature to the particular class labels. We further conduct computational optimization and design a refined algorithm that selectively updates CV values, as it shows better spatial correlation than focal test.

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