HDclassif: An R Package for Model-Based Clustering and Discriminant Analysis of High-Dimensional Data

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This paper presents the \texttt{R} package \textit{HDclassif} which is devoted to the clustering and the discriminant analysis of high-dimensional data. The classification methods proposed in the package result from a new parametrization of the Gaussian mixture model which combines the idea of dimension reduction and model constraints on the covariance matrices. The supervised classification method using this parametrization is called high dimensional discriminant analysis (HDDA). In a similar manner, the associated clustering method is called high dimensional data clustering (HDDC) and uses the expectation-maximization algorithm for inference. In order to correctly fit the data, both methods estimate the specific subspace and the intrinsic dimension of the groups. Due to the constraints on the covariance matrices, the number of parameters to estimate is significantly lower than other model-based methods and this allows the methods to be stable and efficient in high dimensions. Two introductory examples illustrated with \texttt{R} codes allow the user to discover the \textit{hdda} and \textit{hddc} functions. Experiments on simulated and real datasets also compare HDDC and HDDA with existing classification methods on high-dimensional datasets. \textit{HDclassif} is a free software and distributed under the general public license, as part of the \texttt{R} software project.

The \texttt{R} package \textit{HDclassif} (currently in version 1.2) implements these two classification methods for the clustering and the discriminant analysis of high-dimensional data. The package is available from the CRAN at \url{http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=HDclassif}.

Références