Mining Sequences with Exceptional Transition Behaviour of Varying Order

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We find exceptional subgroups with a Markov chain model with more (or less) parameters than the model estimated on the entire dataset, by using quality measures based on informationtheoretic scoring functions.







Figure 1 In a *first* order Markov chain, the *current* value predicts the next value.



Figure 2 In a second order Markov chain, every combination of two values predicts the next value.



Synthetic Data Experiment

Simulation: A ground truth subgroup of varying order. All other sequences a first order chain.



State-space 2 5 10



Real-World Data Experiment Blood glucose

Overall data. A second order Markov chain. **Exceptional subgroup. A first order** Markov chain.



21.3 – 35.7 ≤20 years HbA1c low





Figure 3 Percentage of repetitions where order of the true subgroup is found, for varying state-space.



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