Data Mining in Naturalistic Driving

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Example Research Goal

Are there differences in driver following behavior in urban areas during clear weather versus severe rain?

Selection and Addition

- **Acquiring Samples**
- Understanding the data
- Explore

Precipitation

- **Evaluate quality**
- Select interesting subsets
- Plan integration of datasets
- Selecting fields/attributes
- Sampling design



Speed

Data Preparation

- Organizing
 - Accumulating files
 - Domain specific applications
 - Connections to large datasets
 - Definitions, units, sign, coding
- Storage/processing strategy
 - RAM vs reduced for later
 - Flat table, mixed format, relational
 - Read/write speeds, subsequent analysis
- Transforming
 - Format, creating composite variables, separating
- Cleaning
 - Missing values, noise, outliers, incorrect values
- Prepare data set from raw for use in all subsequent stages



Naturalistic Data Mining (DM)

- Three DM Algorithm Components
- Event Parsing Component
- Crunching

DM Algorithm Components

- 1. Stream processing
 - Numerical methods
 - Filters
 - Splines
 - FFTs
- 2. Event parsing
 - Triggers boolean logic, thresholds and combinations
 - Algorithms
 - Custom scenario recognition code
 - Kinematic models
 - Neural Nets
 - Machine vision
- 3. Descriptive Data Capture IVs and DVs
 - Within event counts, summaries etc (steering reversals)
 - Aggregation, trends descriptive statistics (max, mean, dominant frequencies)
 - Classification (lead vehicle braking, intersection turn)
 - References used for subsequent stages (Target ID, road segment)
 - Temporal landmarks within data (sync of max brake, sync of glance up)











Pitfalls

- Not familiarizing with domain and details of data
 - Faulty from start
 - Imbedding assumptions early too narrow
- Starting analysis before the data is clean
 - If detected, rework
 - If not detected, faulty conclusions
 - Data versioning difficulty
- Not designing a DM sampling strategy and monitoring successes.
 - Sampling bias
 - Incorrect exposure estimates
 - Insufficient data
- Evaluating on the same data used for developing a model
 - Optimistic estimates of performance





Hidden Bias



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Stratified Evaluation Approach

Bias present in proportion of valid events across variable of interest



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