

# Review of a Methodology for Indirect Discrimination Prevention in Data Mining Using Indirect Rule Protection

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## Abstract:

**D**ata mining is the most necessary technology for extracting useful data in giant collections of information. There are some negative social aspects about data processing, like, potential privacy invasion and potential discrimination. The latter comprises of discrimination among people on the basis of their origin from some specific group. automatic knowledge collection and data processing techniques like classification rule mining have paved the block to creating automatic selections, viz loan granting/denial, premium computation, etc. If the given data sets are biased with discriminatory (sensitive) attributes like gender, race, religion, etc., discriminatory decisions might result. For this purpose, antidiscriminatory techniques like discrimination discovery and prevention are introduced in data processing. Discrimination either direct or indirect. Direct discrimination happens when decisions are based on sensitive attributes. Indirect discrimination happens when decisions are based on non sensitive attributes that powerfully correlative with sensitive ones. Here, we tried to seek solution to prevent discrimination in data processing and will try to bring new techniques applicable for direct or indirect discrimination prevention separately or severally at the same time. we discussed a way to clean training data sets and outsourced data sets as such the way that direct and/or indirect discriminatory decision rules changed to form a legitimate (nondiscriminatory) classification rules. We also bring new metrics to gauge the utility of the planned approaches and moreover compare these approaches. The experimental outputs shows that the said techniques are capable of removing direct and/or indirect discrimination biases within the original data set keeping quality at the same time.

**Index Term:** Antidiscrimination, data mining, direct and indirect discrimination prevention, rule protection, rule generalization, Privacy

## I. INTRODUCTION

In study of society, discrimination is the detrimental treatment of an individual based on their membership in a particular group or category. it involves not to allow members of 1 cluster opportunities that are available to different teams. Here, is an list of antidiscrimination acts, these are laws designed to prevent discrimination on the idea of variety of attributes (e.g., race, religion, gender, position, disability, legal status, and age) in numerous settings (e.g., employment and coaching, access to public services, credit and insurance, etc.). The example, the UK Union implements the principle of equal treatment between men and girls within the access to and supplier of products and services in [3] or in matters of employment and occupation in [4]. If there are some laws against discrimination, these are reactive, not proactive. Technology will add proactively to legislation by contributory discrimination discovery and prevention techniques.

Services in the information society allow for automatic and routine collection of big amounts of data. Which data are often used to train association/classification rules in view of making automated decision, like loan granting/denial, insurance premium computation, personnel selection. Discrimination may be either direct or indirect (also called systematic). Direct discrimination involves rules or procedures that clearly mention minority or demerits teams supported sensitive discriminatory attributes associated with team membership. Indirect discrimination includes rules or procedures that, where it is not specially mentioning discriminatory attributes, purpose or accidentally might generate discriminatory selections. Redlining by financial establishments (refusing to grant mortgages or insurances in urban areas they supposed as deteriorating) is an example of indirect discrimination, which is not the sole one. With small abuse of language for the sake of compactness, into this paper indirect discrimination also will be referred as redlining and rules inflicting indirect discrimination is going to be known as redlining rules. Indirect discrimination may happen cause of some background information (rules), example that an explicit postal code corresponds to a deteriorating space or an area with largely black population. The background information can be accessible from in publicly available data (e.g., census knowledge) or it can be obtained from the initial data set itself cause of the existence of nondiscriminatory attributes that are extremely correlate with the sensitive ones within the initial data set.

## II. RELATED WORK

**Preprocessing.** This transform the source data in such away that the discriminatory biases contained in the initial data are removed so that no unfair decision rule can be mined from the transformed data and apply any of the standard data mining algorithm.

**In-processing.** In this change the data mining algorithms in such a way that the resulting models do not contain unfair decision rules. The example, an alternative approach to cleaning the discrimination from the initial data set is proposed in

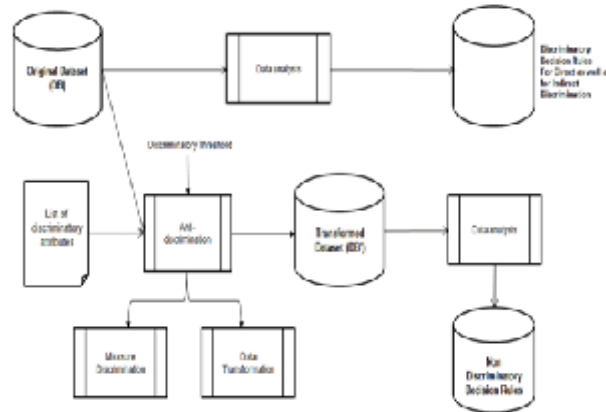
[2] whereby thenon-discriminatory constraint is embedded into adecision tree learner by changing its splittingcriterion and pruning strategy through a novel leaf rrelabeling approach.

**Postprocessing.** Its modify the output data models, instead of cleaning initial data set or changing the data mining algorithms.Its not allowed the data set to publish. onlymodified data can be published, so we can say that the data mining can be performed by the data holder only.

### III. BACKGROUND

In this section, we just review the background information required in the remainder of this paper. First we see some basic definition related to data mining.

#### A. System Architecture



#### B. Basic Definitions

- A data set is a collection of data objects (records) and their attributes. Let DB be the original data set. An item is an attribute along with its value, e.g., Race= black.
- .An item set, i.e., X, is a collection of one or more items, e.g., {Foreign worker =Yes, City = NYC}.
- A classification rule is an expression  $X \rightarrow C$ , where C is a class item (a yes/no decision), and X is an itemset containing no class item, e.g., {Foreign worker = Yes; City = NYC}  $\rightarrow$  Hire = no. X is called the premise of the rule.
- The support of an item set,  $\text{supp}(X)$ , is the fraction of records that contain the item set X. We say that a rule  $X \rightarrow C$  is completely supported by a record if both X and C appear in the record.
- The confidence of a classification rule,  $\text{conf}(X \rightarrow C)$ , measures how often the class item C appears in records that contain X. Hence, if  $\text{supp}(X) \rightarrow 0$  then

$$\text{conf}(X \rightarrow C) = \frac{\text{supp}(X, C)}{\text{supp}(X)}.$$

Support and confidence range over [0,1].

### IV. A PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT

#### A. The Approach

Our approach for direct and indirect discrimination prevention can be described in terms of two phases:

**Discrimination measurement.** Identification of direct and indirect-discriminatory rules and redlining rules. To this end, first, based on predetermined discriminatory items in DB, frequent classification rules in FR are divided in two groups: PD and PND rules. Second, direct discrimination is measured by identifying \_-discriminatory rules among the PD rules using a direct discrimination measure (elite) and a discriminatory threshold. Third, indirect discrimination is measured by identifying redlining rules among the PND rules combined with background knowledge, using an indirect discriminatory measure (elb), and a discriminatory threshold(\_). Let MR be the database of direct \_-discriminatory rules obtained with the above process. In addition, let RR be the database of redlining rules and their respective indirect \_-discriminatory rules obtained with the above process.

#### Data transformation.

Transform the original data DB in such a way to remove direct and/or indirect discriminatory biases, with minimum impact on the data and on legitimate decision rules, so that a nonfair decision rule can be mined from the transformed data. In the following sections, we present the data transformation methods that can be used for this purpose.

#### B. Data Transformation for Indirect Discrimination

In order to turn a redlining rule into a nonredlining rule, based on the indirect discriminatory measure (i.e., elb in Theorem 1), we should enforce the following inequality for each redlining rule  $r : D, B \rightarrow C$  in RR. The discriminatory item set (i.e., A) is not removed from the original database DB and the rules  $rb1 : A, B \rightarrow D$  and  $rb2 : D, B \rightarrow A$  are

obtained from DB, so that their confidences might change as a result of data transformation for indirect discrimination prevention. Clearly, in this case Inequality (12) can be satisfied by decreasing the confidence of rule  $rb1 : A, B \rightarrow D$  to values less than the right-hand side of Inequality (14) without affecting either the confidence of the redlining rule or the confidence of the  $B \rightarrow C$  and  $rb2$  rules. Since the values of both inequality sides are dependent, a transformation is required that decreases the left-hand side of the inequality without any impact on the right-hand side. A possible solution for decreasing

## V. ALGORITHMS

We describe in this section our algorithms based on the direct and indirect discrimination prevention methods. There are some assumptions common to all algorithms in this section. First, we assume the class attribute in the original data set DB to be binary (e.g., denying or granting credit). Second, we consider classification rules with ergative decision (e.g., denying credit) to be in FR. Third, we assume the discriminatory item sets (i.e., A) and the non-discriminatory item sets (i.e., D) to be binary or no binary categorical.

Direct discrimination prevention algorithms, we start with direct rule protection. Algorithm 1 details Method 1 for DRP. For each direct  $\neg$ -discriminatory rule  $r_0$  in MR (Step 3), after finding the subset  $DB_c$  (Step 5), records in  $DB_c$  should be changed until the direct rule protection requirement (Step 10) is met for each respective rule (Steps 10-14).

### Direct And Indirect rule protection (Associative generalization)

Inputs: DB, FR, TR,  $p \geq 0.8, \alpha, Dis$

Output: DB' (transformed data set)

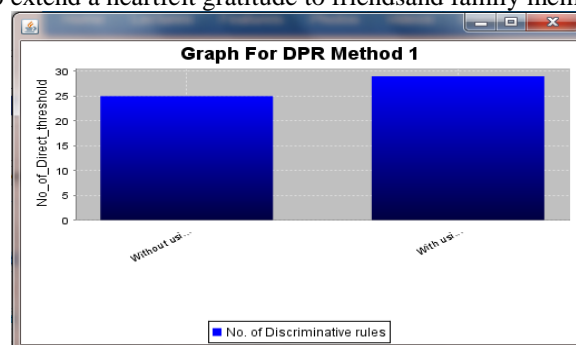
1. for each  $r: A, B \rightarrow C \in TR$  do
2.  $FR \leftarrow FR - \{r\}$
3. if  $Tr_r = RG$  then
4. // Rule Generalization  
 $DB_c \leftarrow$  All records completely supporting  $A, B, \neg D \rightarrow C$
5. Steps 6-9 Algorithm 1
6. while  $conf(r') > conf((r_{b,D,B} \rightarrow C)/p)$  do
7. Select first record in  $DB_c$
8. Modify class item  $fb_c$  from C to  $\neg C$  in DB
9. Recompute  $conf(r')$
10. end while
11. end if
12. if  $Tr = DRP$  then
13. // InDirect Rule Protection
14. Steps 5-14 Algorithm 1 or Steps 4-9 Algorithm 2
15. end i
16. end for
17. Output: Transformed DB

## VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

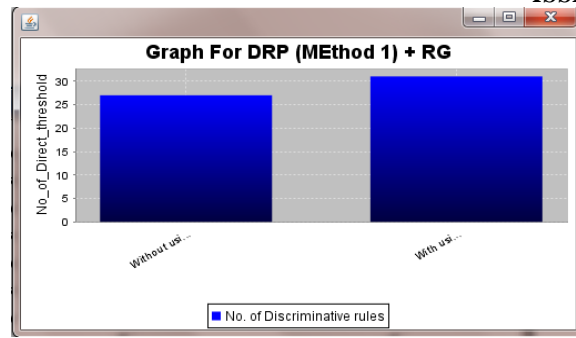
We obviously know that most of the people do not want to be discriminated only because of their gender, religion, nationality, age, race condition and so on, and it is very especially when those attributes are used for making decisions about them when giving them a job, loan, insurance, etc. The purpose of this paper was to build a new pre-processing discrimination prevention methodology including different data transformation methods that can prevent direct and indirect discrimination or both of them simultaneously.

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Direct Protection of Rules



Direct Rule Protection with Rule Generalization

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