



# Label Distribution Learning and Its Applications

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# Learning with Ambiguity

Single-label  
Learning

Multi-label  
Learning

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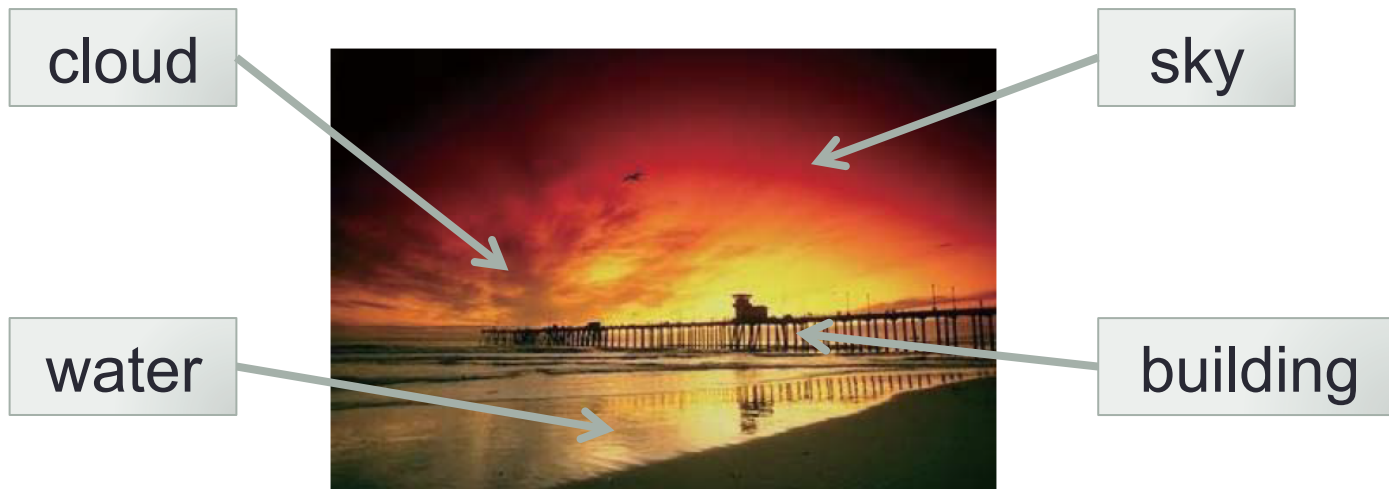
Less Ambiguity

**Label Ambiguity**

More Ambiguity

# Label Ambiguity

- “**What** describes the instance?”



**Multi-label Learning**

# More Ambiguity?

- “**How** to describe the instance?”



# How to learn?

- MLL

Thresholding → Positive labels → MLL

**Not a good choice!**

- Label Distribution Learning (LDL)

- Assign a real number to each label
  - Importance
  - Confidence
  - Probability
  - Level
  - .....

**Keep more, learn more**

# LDL – Problem Formulation

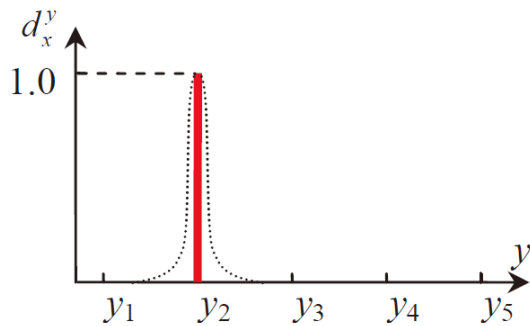
Description Degree

A real number  $d_x^y$  is assigned to the label  $y$  for the instance  $x$

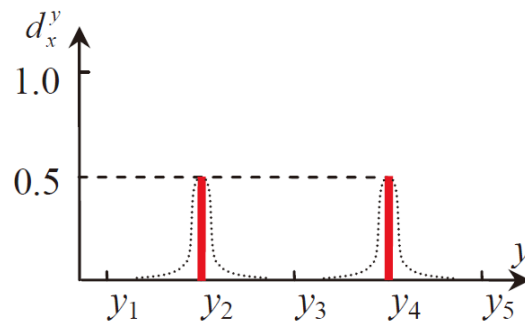
WLOG  $\Rightarrow d_x^y \in [0, 1]$

Complete label set  $\Rightarrow \sum_y d_x^y = 1$

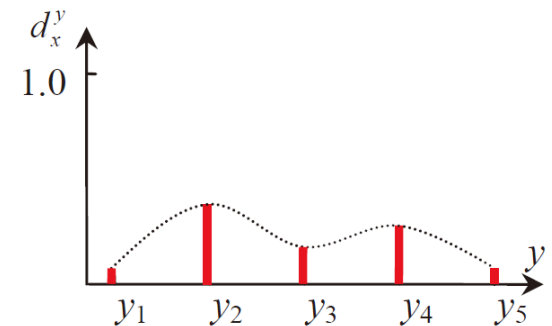
Label Distribution



(a) Single-label

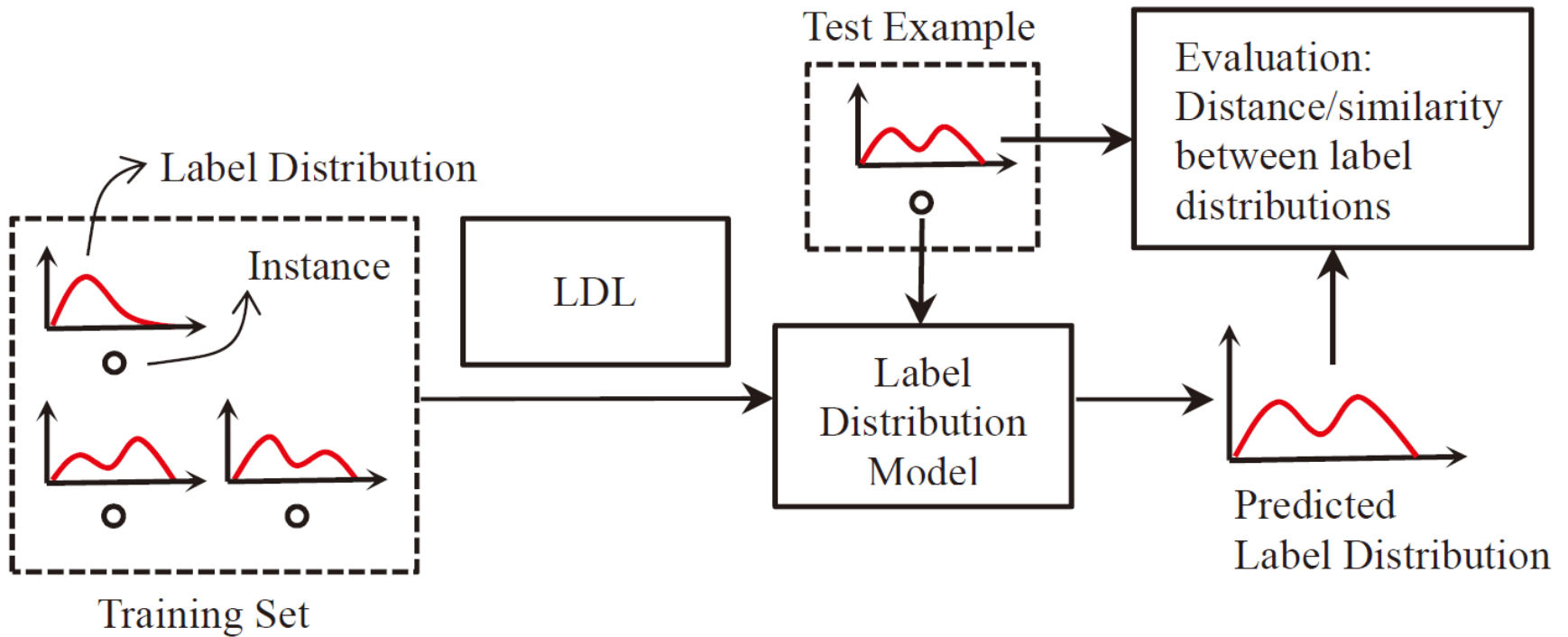


(b) Multi-label



(c) General case

# LDL – Problem Formulation





# LDL – Algorithms

- Two Categories

- Conditional Probability Mass Function (Classification)

Model the mapping from the instance  $x$  to the label distribution  $d$  via a conditional PMF  $p(y|x)$

- IIS-LLD [Geng, Smith-Miles and Zhou, AAI'10]
    - BFGS-LLD [Geng and Ji, ICDMW'13]
    - CPNN [Geng, Yin and Zhou, TPAMI'13]

- Multivariate Support Vector Regression (Regression)

Model the mapping from the instance  $x$  to the label distribution  $d$  via a multivariate support vector machine

- LDSVR [Geng and Hou, IJCAI'15]

**Reference and Matlab Code**

<http://cse.seu.edu.cn/PersonalPage/xgeng/LDL>





# Where are the Label Distributions?

- They come with the original data
  - Emotion Distribution [Zhou, Xue and Geng, ACMMM'15]
  - Movie Rating Distribution [Geng and Hou, IJCAI'15]
- They come from the prior knowledge
  - Facial Age Estimation [Geng, Yin and Zhou, TPAMI'13]
  - Head Pose Estimation [Geng and Xia, CVPR'14]
- They are learnt from the data
  - Multilabel Ranking for Natural Scene Images [Geng and Luo, CVPR'14]
  - Relative Labeling-Importance Aware Multi-label Learning [Li, Zhang and Geng, ICDM'15]

# Come with Original Data...

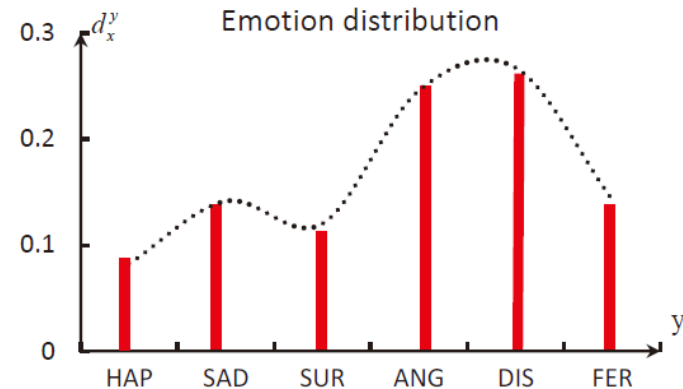
## • Emotion Distribution via Facial Expressions

[Zhou, Xue and Geng, ACMMM'15]

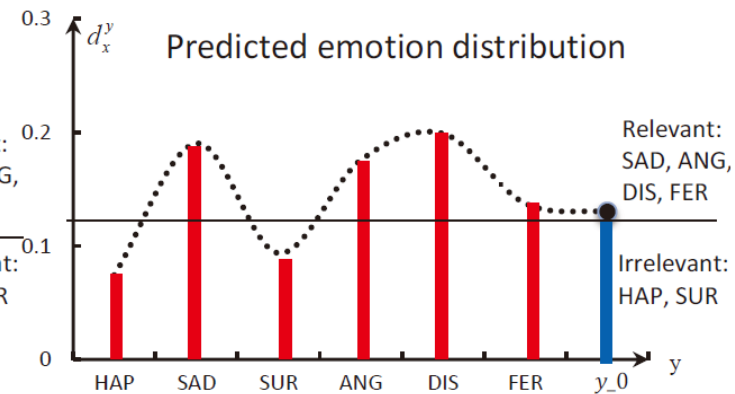
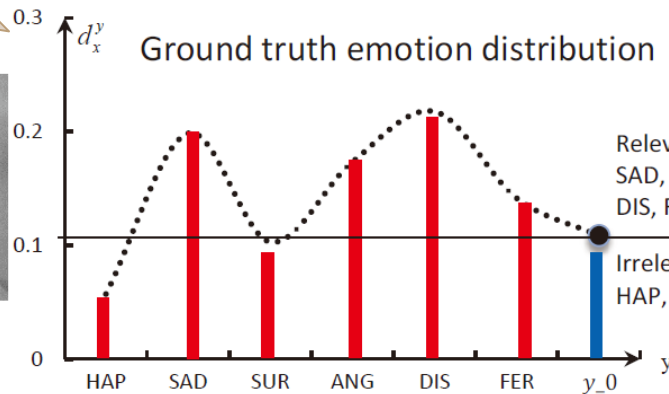
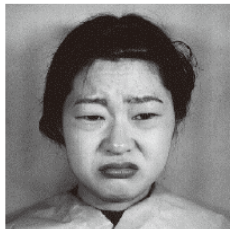
Emotion Distribution Recognition



emotion	score	Multi-label
HAP	1.35	-1
SAD	2.32	-1
SUR	1.97	-1
ANG	4.03	1
DIS	4.39	1
FER	2.35	-1



Multi-Emotion Recognition



# Come with Original Data...

- **Emotion Distribution via Facial Expressions**

[Zhou, Xue and Geng, ACMMM'15]

**Table 1: Experimental results of Label Distribution Learning Methods**

database	Algorithm	Evaluation Criterion					
		Euclidean(↓)	Sørensen(↓)	Squared $\chi^2$ (↓)	K-L(↓)	Intersection(↑)	Fidelity(↑)
s-JAFFE	EDL	<b>0.0957±0.0068</b>	<b>0.1002±0.0059</b>	<b>0.0339±0.0043</b>	<b>0.0346±0.0045</b>	<b>0.8998±0.0059</b>	<b>0.9914±0.0011</b>
	AA-KNN [4]	0.1306±0.0117●	0.1273±0.0110●	0.0534±0.0086●	0.0556±0.0099●	0.8727±0.0110●	0.9863±0.0023●
	PT-Bayes [4]	0.1682±0.0219●	0.1644±0.0168●	0.0835±0.0215●	0.0916±0.0269●	0.8356±0.0168●	0.9784±0.0059●
	PT-SVM [4]	0.1696±0.0117●	0.1689±0.0099●	0.0812±0.0094●	0.0854±0.0110●	0.8311±0.0099●	0.9792±0.0025●
	AA-BP [4]	0.1908±0.0208●	0.1880±0.0195●	0.1139±0.0210●	0.1100±0.0273●	0.8120±0.0195●	0.9685±0.0058●
s-BU_3DFE	EDL	<b>0.1055±0.0023</b>	<b>0.1061±0.0025</b>	<b>0.0402±0.0017</b>	<b>0.0420±0.0020</b>	<b>0.8939±0.0043</b>	<b>0.9898±0.0046</b>
	AA-KNN [4]	0.1549±0.0036●	0.1464±0.0042●	0.0697±0.0036●	0.0743±0.0031●	0.8536±0.0008●	0.9821±0.0036●
	AA-BP [4]	0.1648±0.0076●	0.1595±0.0065●	0.0760±0.0061●	0.0808±0.0063●	0.8405±0.0017●	0.9804±0.0061●
	PT-Bayes [4]	0.1659±0.0044●	0.1606±0.0049●	0.0766±0.0039●	0.0830±0.0037●	0.8394±0.0010●	0.9803±0.0039●
	PT-SVM [4]	0.1701±0.0032●	0.1638±0.0047●	0.0799±0.0044●	0.0877±0.0029●	0.8362±0.0007●	0.9794±0.0044●

**Table 2: Experimental results of Multi-label Learning Methods**

database	Algorithm	Evaluation Criterion				
		Average Precision(↑)	Coverage(↓)	Hamming Loss(↓)	One Error(↓)	Ranking Loss(↓)
s-JAFFE	EDL	<b>0.9037±0.0300</b>	<b>2.6913±0.3680</b>	<b>0.2540±0.0352</b>	<b>0.1175±0.0687</b>	<b>0.1374±0.0316</b>
	ML-RBF [17]	0.8651±0.0738●	3.2675±0.4157●	0.2484±0.0810●	0.1810±0.1088●	0.2005±0.1085●
	ML-KNN [20]	0.8455±0.0605●	3.4310±0.3822●	0.2790±0.0617●	0.1976±0.0616●	0.2184±0.0878●
	LIFT [18]	0.8050±0.1042●	3.5397±0.3604●	0.3254±0.0777●	0.2690±0.1679●	0.2515±0.1268●
	Rank-SVM [20]	0.7516±0.0982●	3.9198±0.2844●	0.3356±0.1127●	0.3008±0.1390●	0.3276±0.1189●
	MLLOC [6]	0.7502±0.0998●	3.9127±0.2146●	0.5734±0.0639●	0.3214±0.1496●	0.3399±0.1275●
	BP-MLL [19]	0.7435±0.1009●	4.0786±0.2630●	0.3591±0.1133●	0.3444±0.1477●	0.3593±0.1210●
	ECC [12]	0.7380±0.0952●	3.9500±0.2305●	0.3591±0.1133●	0.3484±0.1130●	0.3424±0.1264●
	EDL	<b>0.7861±0.0216</b>	<b>0.5236±0.0758</b>	<b>0.1167±0.0069</b>	<b>0.3667±0.0349</b>	<b>0.1761±0.0178</b>
s-BU_3DFE	ML-RBF [17]	0.7157±0.0370●	0.6756±0.1139●	0.1271±0.0075●	0.4360±0.0559●	0.2165±0.0300●
	ML-KNN [20]	0.6224±0.0282●	0.9712±0.1103●	0.1387±0.0043●	0.5699±0.0362●	0.2947±0.0243●
	LIFT [18]	0.6062±0.0323●	1.0204±0.1225●	0.1443±0.0045●	0.5913±0.0413●	0.2515±0.0296●
	Rank-SVM [20]	0.6016±0.0321●	0.9876±0.1231●	0.2118±0.0164●	0.6101±0.0380●	0.3069±0.0338●
	MLLOC [6]	0.4970±0.0288●	1.4832±0.2538●	0.1453±0.0042●	0.7140±0.0247●	0.4352±0.0557●
	BP-MLL [19]	0.5367±0.0210●	1.1692±0.1043●	0.1817±0.0098●	0.7024±0.0280●	0.3480±0.0263●
	ECC [12]	0.4419±0.0185●	1.8396±0.0677●	0.1426±0.0046●	0.7484±0.0317●	0.5438±0.0105●

# Come with Original Data...

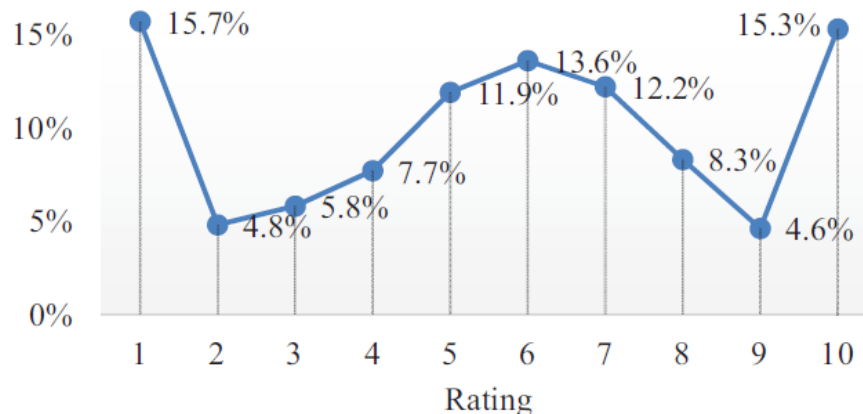
- Pre-release Prediction of Crowd Opinion on Movies

[Geng and Hou, IJCAI'15]



<b>Title</b>	Twilight
<b>Average Rating</b>	5.2/10
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 37 Million
<b>Gross</b>	\$ 191 Million

**Rating Distribution**



## Pre-release Metadata

Attribute	Type	$\theta$	#Values
Genre	C	0	24
Color	C	0	2
Director	C	5	402
1st Actor	C	5	386
2nd Actor	C	5	210
3rd Actor	C	5	103
Country	C	5	33
Language	C	5	23
Writer	C	10	16
Editor	C	10	115
Cinematographer	C	10	173
Art Direction	C	10	39
Costume Designer	C	10	110
Music By	C	10	157
Sound	C	10	26
Production Company	C	20	31
Year	N	-	-
Running Time	N	-	-
Budget	N	-	-



**Crowd Rating Distribution**

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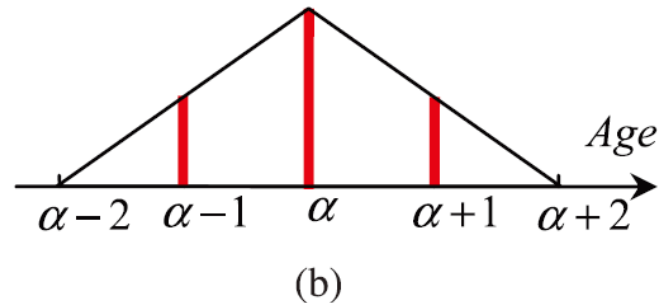
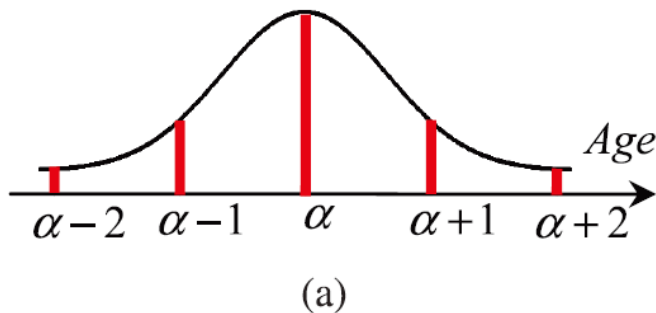
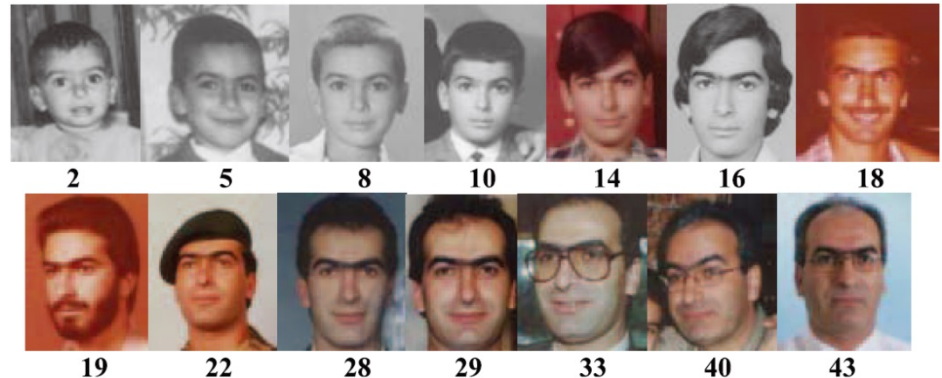
	Euclidean ↓	Sørensen ↓	Squared $\chi^2$ ↓	K-L ↓	Intersection ↑	Fidelity ↑
LDSVR	<b>.1587±.0026(1)</b>	<b>.1564±.0027(1)</b>	<b>.0887±.0031(1)</b>	<b>.0921±.0035(1)</b>	<b>.8436±.0027(1)</b>	<b>.9764±.0010(1)</b>
S-SVR	.1734±.0024(2)	.1723±.0023(2)	.1040±.0030(2)	.1059±.0036(2)	.8277±.0023(2)	.9722±.0009(2)
M-SVR <sub>p</sub>	.1843±.0031(3)	.1814±.0034(3.5)	.1084±.0033(3)	.1073±.0030(3)	.8186±.0034(3.5)	.9710±.0010(3)
BFGS-LLD	.1853±.0033(4)	.1814±.0033(3.5)	.1176±.0042(4)	.1265±.0050(4)	.8186±.0033(3.5)	.9683±.0012(4)
IIS-LLD	.1866±.0041(5)	.1828±.0044(5)	.1195±.0054(5)	.1288±.0070(6)	.8172±.0044(5)	.9676±.0014(5)
AA- <i>k</i> NN	.1917±.0045(6)	.1899±.0047(6)	.1246±.0062(6)	.1274±.0069(5)	.8101±.0047(6)	.9664±.0018(6)
CPNN	.2209±.0148(7)	.2153±.0150(7)	.1625±.0206(7)	.1826±.0274(7)	.7847±.0150(7)	.9551±.0061(7)

# Come from Prior Knowledge...

- Facial Age Estimation [Geng, Yin, and Zhou, TPAMI'13]  
[Geng, Smith-Miles, and Zhou, AAI'10]

## Prior Knowledge

- Aging is a slow and gradual progress
- The faces at close ages look quite similar



- **Centered at the chronological age**
- **Highest at the chronological age and gradually decrease on both sides**

# Come from Prior Knowledge...

- Facial Age Estimation [\[Geng, Yin, and Zhou, TPAMI'13\]](#)  
[\[Geng, Smith-Miles, and Zhou, AAAI'10\]](#)

MAE (in Years) of Different Age Estimators

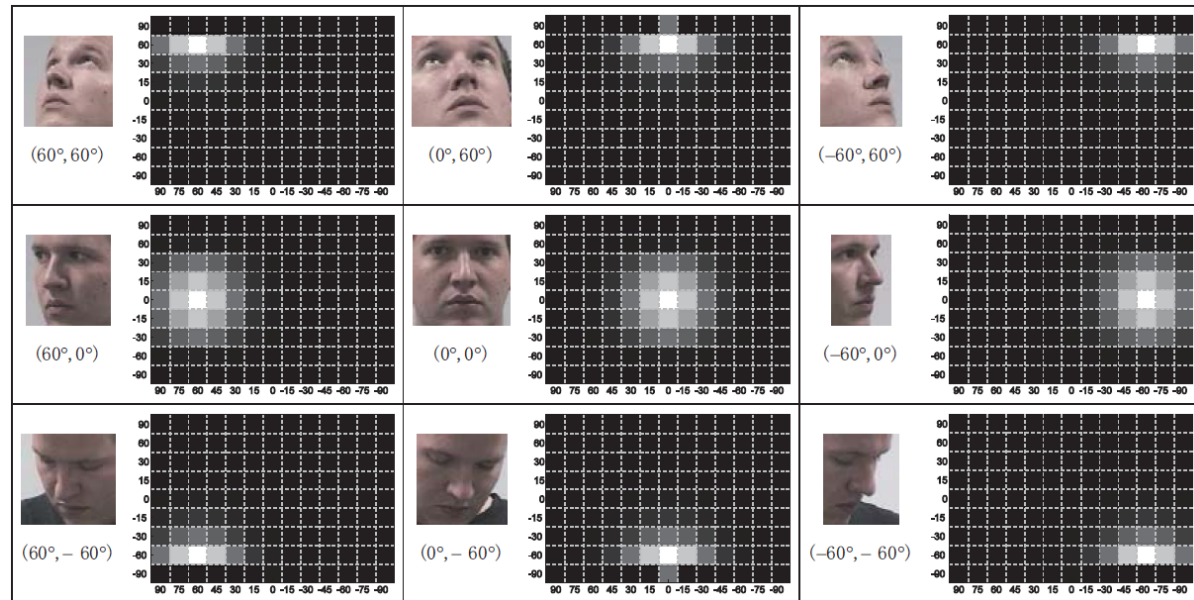
Method		Data Set	
		FG-NET	MORPH
IIS-LLD	Gaussian	<b>5.77</b> (1, 1)	<b>5.67±0.15</b> (1, 1)
	Triangle	<b>5.90</b> (1, 0)	<b>6.09±0.14</b> (1, 1)
	Single	<b>6.27</b> (1, 0)	<b>6.35±0.17</b> (1, 1)
CPNN	Gaussian	<b>4.76</b> (1, 1)	<b>4.87±0.31</b> (1, 1)
	Triangle	<b>5.07</b> (1, 1)	<b>4.91±0.29</b> (1, 1)
	Single	<b>5.31</b> (1, 1)	<b>6.59±0.31</b> (1, 1)
OHRank		<b>6.27</b> (1, 0)	<b>6.28±0.18</b> (1, 1)
AGES		<b>6.77</b> (1, 1)	<b>6.61±0.11</b> (1, 1)
WAS		<b>8.06</b> (0, 1)	9.21±0.16 (1, 1)
AAS		14.83 (1, 1)	10.10±0.26 (1, 1)
kNN		8.24 (0, 1)	9.64±0.24 (1, 1)
BP		11.85 (1, 1)	12.59±1.38 (1, 1)
C4.5		9.34 (1, 1)	<b>7.48±0.12</b> (1, 0)
SVM		<b>7.25</b> (1, 1)	<b>7.34±0.17</b> (1, 0)
ANFIS		8.86 (0, 1)	9.24±0.17 (1, 1)
Human Tests <sup>1</sup>	HumanA	8.13	8.24
	HumanB	6.23	7.23

# Come from Prior Knowledge...

- Head Pose Estimation [Geng and Xia, CVPR'14]

## Prior Knowledge

- Head orientation is intrinsically continuous
- The faces with close head orientations look quite similar



**Bivariate Label Distribution** 
$$d_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\Sigma|}Z} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})\right)$$

- **Centered at the approximate pose**
- **Highest at the approximate pose and gradually decrease around**



# Come from Prior Knowledge...

- Head Pose Estimation [Geng and Xia, CVPR'14]

Table 1. Head Pose Estimation Results on the Pointing'04 Database.

Method	MAE			Accuracy		
	Yaw	Pitch	Yaw+Pitch	Yaw	Pitch	Yaw+Pitch
MLD-wJ	<b>4.24° ± 0.17°</b>	<b>2.69° ± 0.15°</b>	<b>6.45° ± 0.29°</b>	<b>73.30% ± 1.36%</b>	<b>86.24% ± 0.97%</b>	<b>64.27% ± 1.82%</b>
MLD-J	5.02° ± 0.31°	3.54° ± 0.30°	7.94° ± 0.53°	67.96% ± 2.21%	81.51% ± 1.67%	55.66% ± 3.28%
Kernel PLS	5.79° ± 0.32°	4.83° ± 0.29°	9.66° ± 0.33°	64.48% ± 1.79%	78.35% ± 1.11%	51.47% ± 1.64%
Linear PLS	9.28° ± 0.48°	8.92° ± 0.56°	15.88° ± 0.79°	46.49% ± 2.80%	60.54% ± 2.52%	28.10% ± 3.28%
Kernel SVM	6.83° ± 0.36°	5.91° ± 0.31°	11.87° ± 0.39°	57.17% ± 2.12%	68.24% ± 1.71%	34.23% ± 2.05%
Linear SVM	8.30° ± 0.57°	8.16° ± 0.48°	14.91° ± 0.54°	50.54% ± 2.81%	57.67% ± 2.23%	23.80% ± 1.75%
Kernel SVR	6.89° ± 0.47°	6.59° ± 0.62°	11.99° ± 0.76°	60.22% ± 3.11%	71.72% ± 2.22%	44.73% ± 3.46%
Linear SVR	8.33° ± 0.55°	8.27° ± 0.35°	14.50° ± 0.68°	52.08% ± 3.16%	64.70% ± 1.38%	35.16% ± 3.08%
Stiefelhagen [17] <sup>1</sup>	9.5°	9.7°	—	52.0%	66.3%	—
Human Performance [8] <sup>2</sup>	11.8°	9.4°	—	40.7%	59.0%	—
Gourier (Associative Memories) [8] <sup>3</sup>	10.1°	15.9°	—	50.0%	43.9%	—
Tu (High-order SVD) [18] <sup>4</sup>	12.9°	17.97°	—	49.25%	54.84%	—
Tu (PCA) [18] <sup>4</sup>	14.11°	14.98°	—	55.20%	57.99%	—
Tu (LEA) [18] <sup>4</sup>	15.88°	17.44°	—	45.16%	50.61%	—
Voit [19]	12.3°	12.77°	—	—	—	—
Li (PCA) [12] <sup>5</sup>	26.9°	35.1°	—	—	—	—
Li (LDA) [12] <sup>5</sup>	25.8°	26.9°	—	—	—	—
Li (LPP) [12] <sup>5</sup>	24.7°	22.6°	—	—	—	—
Li (Local-PCA) [12] <sup>5</sup>	24.5°	37.6°	—	—	—	—
Li (Local-LDA) [12] <sup>5</sup>	19.1°	30.7°	—	—	—	—
Li (Local-LPP) [12] <sup>5</sup>	29.2°	40.2°	—	—	—	—
Foytik (Two-layer Phase Cong.) [4] <sup>6</sup>	13.0°	—	—	—	—	—



# Learnt from the Data...

- Multilabel Ranking for Natural Scene Images  
[Geng and Luo, CVPR'14]  
**Learnt from inconsistent rankings from different rankers**
- Relative Labeling-Importance Aware Multi-label Learning  
[Li, Zhang and Geng, ICDM'15]  
**Learnt from multi-label data**

# Multilabel Ranking for Natural Scene Images

[Geng and Luo, CVPR'14]

- Multilabel Ranking
  - A bipartition of the relevant (positive) and irrelevant (negative) labels
  - A proper ranking over relevant labels
- **Multiple Rankers:** Subjective Inconsistent “Ground Truth”



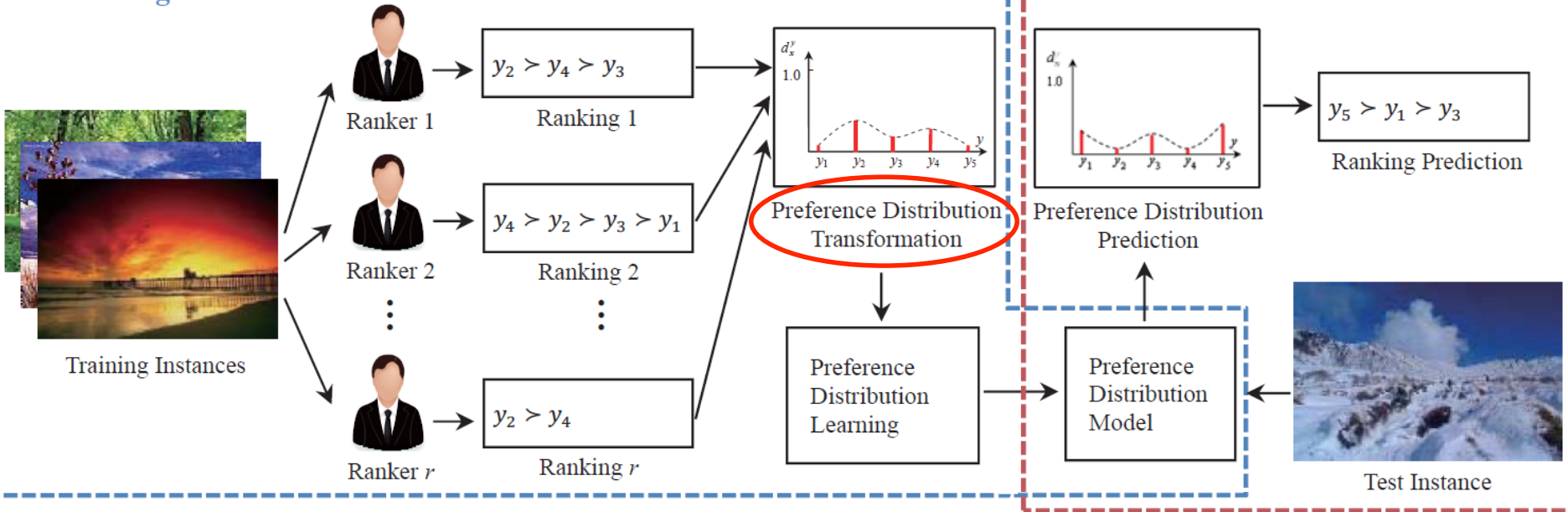
Ranker	Relevant Label Ranking
01	water $\succ$ cloud $\succ$ sky
02	cloud $\succ$ sky $\succ$ water $\succ$ building
03	water $\succ$ cloud $\succ$ sky $\succ$ building
04	water $\succ$ cloud $\succ$ sky
05	water $\succ$ sky $\succ$ cloud
06	water $\succ$ cloud $\succ$ sky
07	water $\succ$ cloud $\succ$ sky
08	sky $\succ$ water
09	water $\succ$ cloud
10	water $\succ$ cloud $\succ$ sky

# Multilabel Ranking for Natural Scene Images

[Geng and Luo, CVPR'14]

- Multilabel Ranking by Preference Distribution

Training Process



**Virtual labels** as **split point** between relevant and irrelevant labels

# Multilabel Ranking for Natural Scene Images

[Geng and Luo, CVPR'14]

- Preference Distribution Transformation

K-L Divergence

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \sum_{j=1}^c P_i^j \log \frac{P_i^j}{P_i^0} + v P_i^0 \log \frac{P_i^0}{P_i^j} \right)$$

*w.r.t.*  $P_i^j, P_i^0, i = 1, \dots, r, j = 0, \dots, c$

*s.t.*  $P_i^j \geq 0, P_i^0 \geq 0,$

$$\sum_{j=1}^c P_i^j + v P_i^0 = 1, \sum_{j=1}^c P_i^j + v P_i^0 = 1,$$

Distribution Constraints

$$P_i^j + \varepsilon \leq P_i^k, \text{ if } y_k \succ_{\mathbf{x},i} y_j,$$

Ranking Constraints

$$P_i^j = 0, \text{ if } y_0 \succ_{\mathbf{x},i} y_j,$$

Irrelevant Labels

$$i = 1, \dots, r, j = 0, \dots, c$$

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[Geng and Luo, CVPR'14]

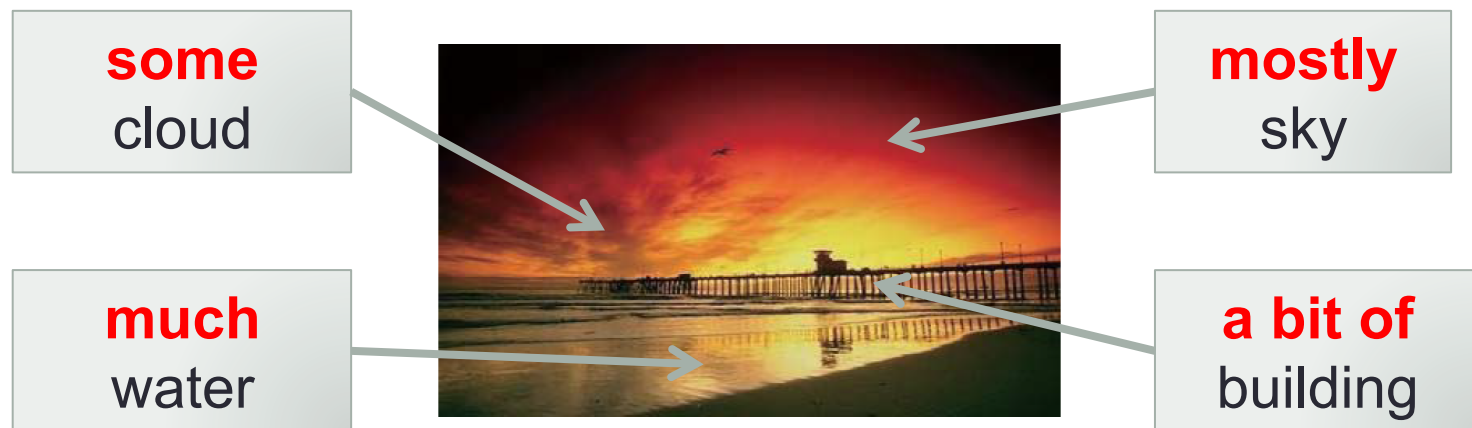
- Experiment

Measure		PDL	CRPC	CLRT	kNN-MLR
Ranking	Kendall's Tau-b $\uparrow$	<b>0.3869<math>\pm</math>0.0105</b>	0.3414 $\pm$ 0.0117 (1)	0.3120 $\pm$ 0.0109 (1)	0.3686 $\pm$ 0.0079 (1)
	Kendall's Tau-c $\uparrow$	<b>0.3405<math>\pm</math>0.0091</b>	0.3003 $\pm$ 0.0104 (1)	0.2750 $\pm$ 0.0095 (1)	0.3243 $\pm$ 0.0074 (1)
	Spearman's Rho $\uparrow$	<b>0.5660<math>\pm</math>0.0097</b>	0.5257 $\pm$ 0.0090 (1)	0.5025 $\pm$ 0.0141 (1)	0.5501 $\pm$ 0.0074 (1)
	Gamma $\uparrow$	<b>0.6241<math>\pm</math>0.0215</b>	0.5533 $\pm$ 0.0228 (1)	0.5002 $\pm$ 0.0212 (1)	0.5977 $\pm$ 0.0137 (1)
	SAG $\uparrow$	<b>0.2534<math>\pm</math>0.0073</b>	0.2227 $\pm$ 0.0088 (1)	0.2057 $\pm$ 0.0068 (1)	0.2404 $\pm$ 0.0077 (1)
Classification	Hamming loss $\downarrow$	<b>0.2090<math>\pm</math>0.0106</b>	0.2282 $\pm$ 0.0100 (1)	0.2336 $\pm$ 0.0147 (1)	0.2204 $\pm$ 0.0107 (1)
	One-error $\downarrow$	<b>0.3382<math>\pm</math>0.0262</b>	0.3922 $\pm$ 0.0248 (1)	0.4375 $\pm$ 0.0335 (1)	0.3700 $\pm$ 0.0252 (1)
	Coverage $\downarrow$	<b>2.9227<math>\pm</math>0.1573</b>	3.2790 $\pm$ 0.1475 (1)	3.3713 $\pm$ 0.1615 (1)	3.0663 $\pm$ 0.1113 (1)
	Ranking loss $\downarrow$	<b>0.1688<math>\pm</math>0.0110</b>	0.2086 $\pm$ 0.0110 (1)	0.2327 $\pm$ 0.0107 (1)	0.1837 $\pm$ 0.0069 (1)
	Average precision $\uparrow$	<b>0.7426<math>\pm</math>0.0162</b>	0.6974 $\pm$ 0.0142 (1)	0.6714 $\pm$ 0.0145 (1)	0.7215 $\pm$ 0.0151 (1)

# Relative Labeling-Importance Aware Multi-label Learning

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- **State-of-the-art:**  
Existing multi-label Learning methods usually assume equal label importance.
- **Fact:**  
When multiple labels are associated to the same instance, their importance to the instance can hardly be exactly same.

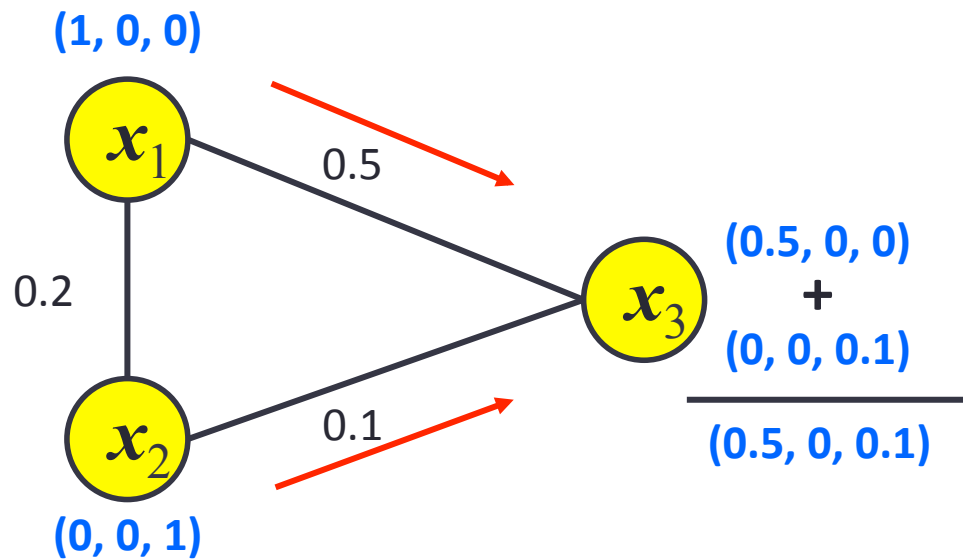


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$$G = (V, E) \quad V = \{\mathbf{x}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$\forall_{i,j=1}^m : w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \mathbf{D} = \text{diag}[d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m] \quad d_i = \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^{(0)} = \Phi \quad \forall_{i=1}^m \quad \forall_{l=0}^q : \phi_{il} = \begin{cases} \tau, & \text{if } y_l = y_0 \\ 1, & \text{if } y_l \in Y_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^{(t)} = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{F}^{(t-1)} + (1 - \alpha) \Phi$$

$$\mathbf{F}^* = (1 - \alpha)(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{P})^{-1} \Phi$$

$$\mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}^{y_l} = \frac{f_{il}^*}{\sum_{k=0}^q f_{ik}^*}$$

Propagation Matrix

Label Propagation

Converge to

Label Distribution

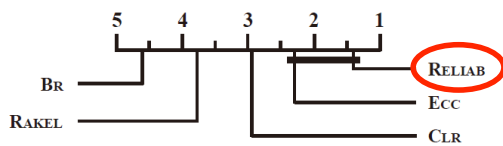
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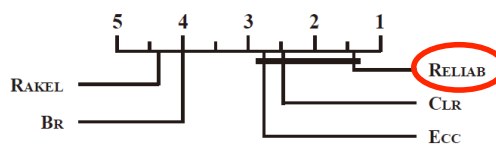
## • Experiments

Comparing algorithm	<i>One-error</i> ↓								
	cal500	emotions	medical	llog	msra	image	scene	yeast	slashdot
RELIAB	<b>0.129±0.019</b>	<b>0.273±0.019</b>	<b>0.160±0.012</b>	<b>0.745±0.007</b>	<b>0.066±0.014</b>	<b>0.348±0.016</b>	<b>0.248±0.007</b>	<b>0.223±0.011</b>	0.509±0.014
BR	0.906±0.025	0.375±0.027	0.306±0.031	0.885±0.013	0.362±0.013	0.527±0.011	0.472±0.016	0.284±0.010	0.731±0.014
CLR	0.375±0.118	0.356±0.030	0.706±0.149	0.883±0.023	0.152±0.009	0.502±0.016	0.367±0.017	0.272±0.012	0.978±0.003
ECC	0.255±0.028	0.353±0.040	0.187±0.016	0.794±0.011	0.211±0.011	0.475±0.011	0.378±0.015	0.261±0.010	<b>0.476±0.015</b>
RAKEL	0.672±0.029	0.394±0.027	0.252±0.025	0.876±0.015	0.288±0.014	0.498±0.013	0.440±0.016	0.297±0.012	0.596±0.011

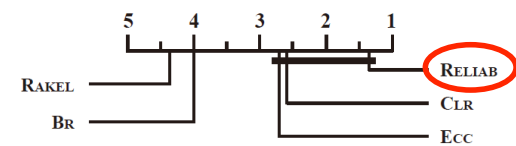
Comparing algorithm	<i>One-error</i> ↓							
	corel5k	rcv1-s1	rcv1-s2	rcv1-s3	rcv1-s4	rcv1-s5	bibtex	mediamill
RELIAB	0.795±0.009	0.510±0.005	<b>0.479±0.006</b>	<b>0.487±0.007</b>	<b>0.466±0.008</b>	<b>0.467±0.012</b>	<b>0.418±0.007</b>	0.192±0.007
BR	0.921±0.004	0.736±0.006	0.758±0.008	0.755±0.003	0.737±0.010	0.763±0.008	0.880±0.004	0.185±0.004
CLR	<b>0.748±0.011</b>	0.503±0.006	0.549±0.006	0.549±0.025	0.584±0.076	0.678±0.092	0.514±0.003	<b>0.147±0.002</b>
ECC	0.911±0.004	<b>0.490±0.005</b>	0.515±0.007	0.512±0.006	0.485±0.004	0.495±0.005	0.907±0.003	0.158±0.002
RAKEL	0.867±0.004	0.626±0.008	0.622±0.008	0.637±0.008	0.618±0.010	0.614±0.013	0.779±0.015	0.200±0.003



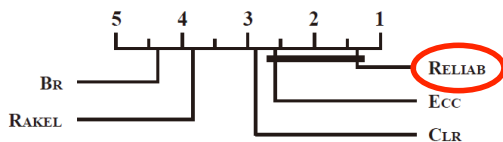
(a) *One-error*



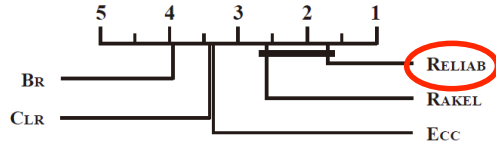
(b) *Coverage*



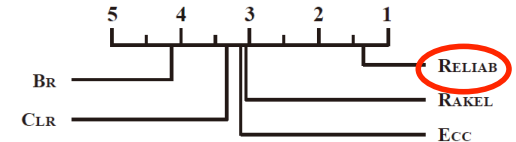
(c) *Ranking loss*



(d) *Average precision*



(e) *Macro-averaging F1*



(f) *Micro-averaging F1*

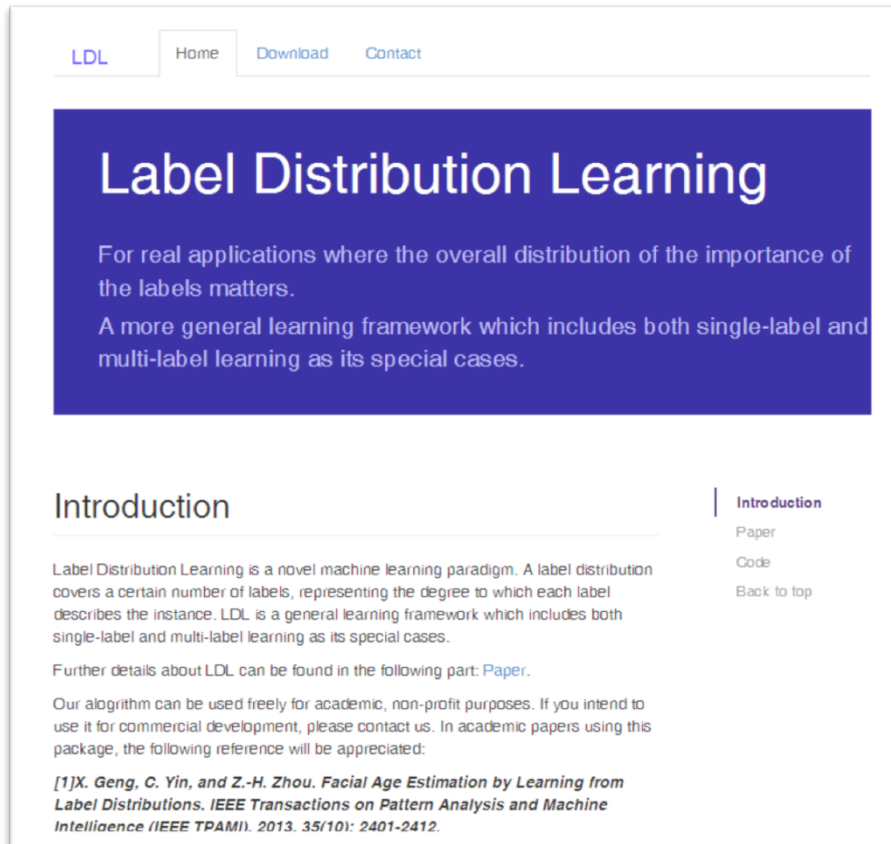
# Conclusion

- Label distribution learning
  - More general framework than single-label and multi-label learning
  - Deals with different importance of labels
  - Matches certain problems better
  - Needs special design
- **Label distribution comes into play when**
  - **There is a natural measure of description degree**
  - **The labels are correlated to each other**
  - **There are multiple labeling sources for one instance**
  - **Multiple labels are associated to the same instance with different importance**
  - .....

15 real-world  
datasets collected

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The screenshot shows a web page for 'Label Distribution Learning'. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'LDL', 'Home', 'Download', and 'Contact'. The main content area has a dark blue background with the title 'Label Distribution Learning' in white. Below the title, there is a paragraph: 'For real applications where the overall distribution of the importance of the labels matters. A more general learning framework which includes both single-label and multi-label learning as its special cases.' Below this, there is an 'Introduction' section. The introduction text reads: 'Label Distribution Learning is a novel machine learning paradigm. A label distribution covers a certain number of labels, representing the degree to which each label describes the instance. LDL is a general learning framework which includes both single-label and multi-label learning as its special cases. Further details about LDL can be found in the following part: [Paper](#). Our algorithm can be used freely for academic, non-profit purposes. If you intend to use it for commercial development, please contact us. In academic papers using this package, the following reference will be appreciated: [1] X. Geng, C. Yin, and Z.-H. Zhou. Facial Age Estimation by Learning from Label Distributions. IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (IEEE TPAMI). 2013. 35(10): 2401-2412.' On the right side of the page, there is a vertical menu with the following items: 'Introduction', 'Paper', 'Code', and 'Back to top'.



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