

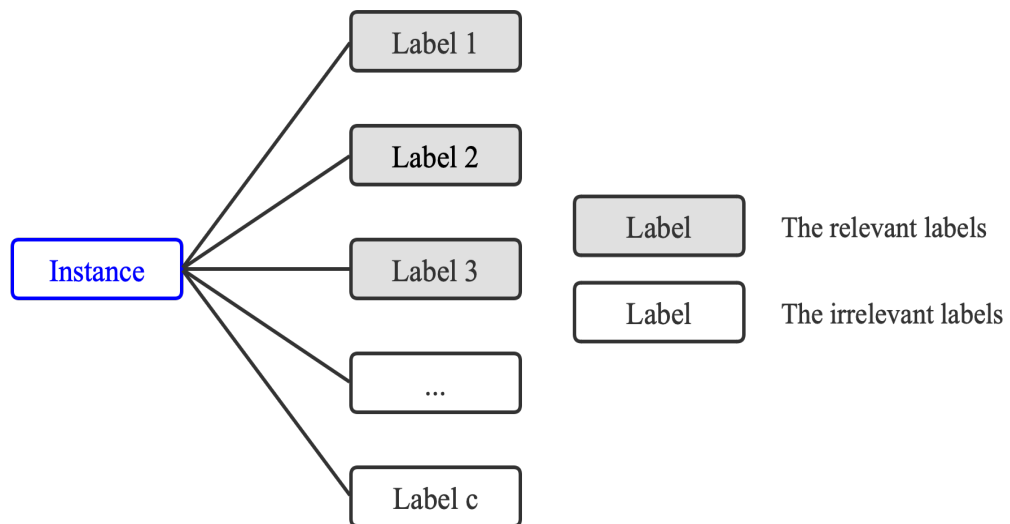
Can Class-priors Help Single-Positive Multi-Label Learning

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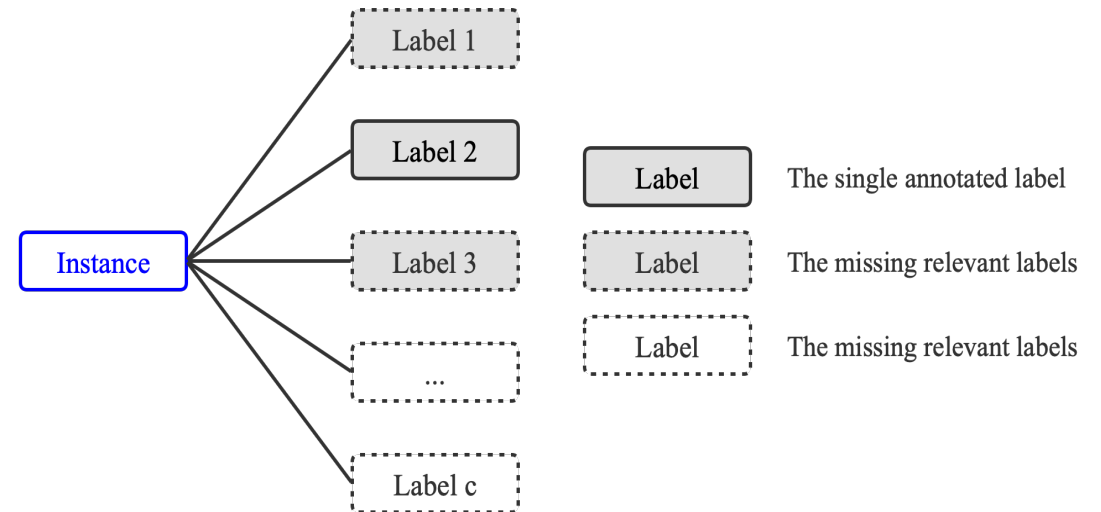
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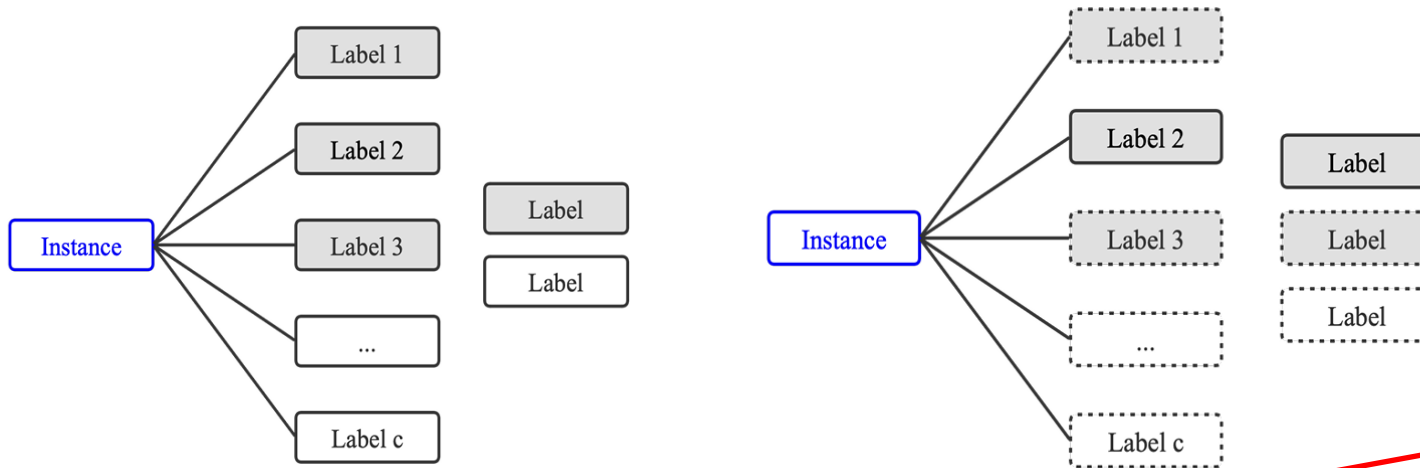
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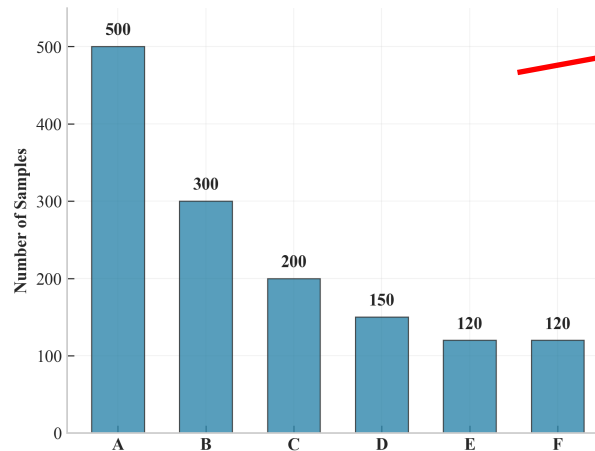
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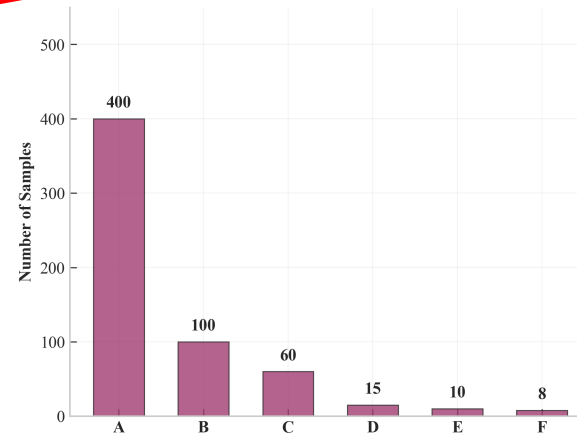
Class Imbalance in Single-Positive Multi-Label Learning



(a) Original Label Distribution



(b) Distribution After Random Masking



The problem of class imbalance is exacerbated

Class prior probability estimator

Estimating class prior probabilities with dynamic thresholds

Theorem. Define $z^* = \arg \min_{z \in [0,1]} q_j^n(z)/q_j^p(z)$, for every $0 < \delta < 1$, define $\hat{z} =$

$$\arg \min_{z \in [0,1]} \left(\frac{\hat{q}_j(z)}{\hat{q}_j^p(z)} + \frac{1+\tau}{\hat{q}_j^p(z)} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(4/\delta)}{2n}} + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4/\delta)}{2n_j^p}} \right) \right).$$

Assume $n_j^p \geq 2 \frac{\log 4/\delta}{q_j^p(z^*)}$, the estimated

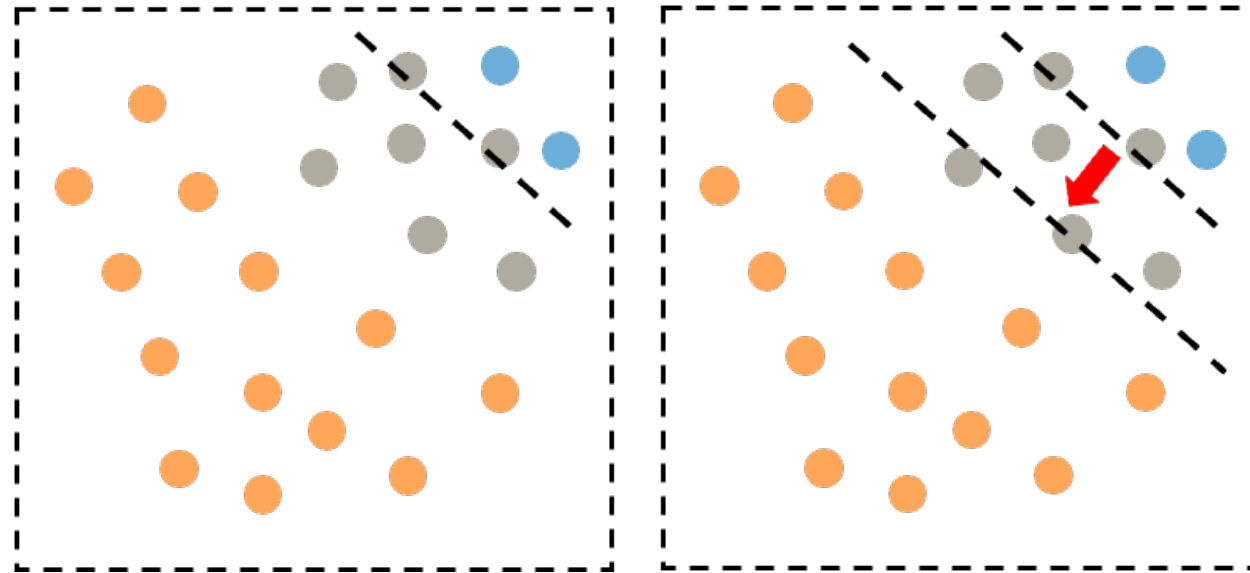
class-prior $\hat{\pi}_j = \frac{\hat{q}_j(\hat{z})}{\hat{q}_j^p(\hat{z})}$ satisfies with probability at least $1 - \delta$:

$$\pi_j - \frac{c_1}{q_j^p(z^*)} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(4/\delta)}{2n}} + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4/\delta)}{2n_j^p}} \right) \leq \hat{\pi}_j \leq \pi_j + (1 - \pi_j) \frac{q_j^n(z^*)}{q_j^p(z^*)} + \frac{c_2}{q_j^p(z^*)} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(4/\delta)}{2n}} + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4/\delta)}{2n_j^p}} \right)$$

Lower bound error

upper bound error

Calibrating the decision boundary



$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{sp}(f) = \sum_{j=1}^c \frac{2\pi_j}{|\mathcal{S}_{L_j}|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}_{L_j}} \left(1 - \frac{e^{g^j(\mathbf{x}) - \lambda b^j}}{e^{g^j(\mathbf{x}) - \lambda b^j} + 1} \right) + \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \tilde{\mathcal{D}}} (f^j(\mathbf{x}) - \pi_j) \right|$$

Experiments

Table 1: Predictive performance of each comparing method on four MLIC datasets in terms of *mean average precision (mAP)* (mean \pm std). The best performance is highlighted in bold (the larger the better).

	VOC	COCO	NUS	CUB
AN	85.546 \pm 0.294	64.326 \pm 0.204	42.494 \pm 0.338	18.656 \pm 0.090
AN-LS	87.548 \pm 0.137	67.074 \pm 0.196	43.616 \pm 0.342	16.446 \pm 0.269
WAN	87.138 \pm 0.240	65.552 \pm 0.171	45.785 \pm 0.192	14.622 \pm 1.300
EPR	85.228 \pm 0.444	63.604 \pm 0.249	45.240 \pm 0.338	19.842 \pm 0.423
ROLE	88.088 \pm 0.167	67.022 \pm 0.141	41.949 \pm 0.205	14.798 \pm 0.613
EM	88.674 \pm 0.077	70.636 \pm 0.094	47.254 \pm 0.297	20.692 \pm 0.527
EM-APL	88.860 \pm 0.080	70.758 \pm 0.215	47.778 \pm 0.181	21.202 \pm 0.792
SMILE	87.314 \pm 0.150	70.431 \pm 0.213	47.241 \pm 0.172	18.611 \pm 0.144
PLC	88.021 \pm 0.121	70.422 \pm 0.062	46.211 \pm 0.155	21.840\pm0.237
LL-R	87.784 \pm 0.063	70.078 \pm 0.008	48.048 \pm 0.074	18.966 \pm 0.022
LL-CP	87.466 \pm 0.031	70.460 \pm 0.032	48.000 \pm 0.077	19.310 \pm 0.164
LL-CT	87.054 \pm 0.214	70.384 \pm 0.058	47.930 \pm 0.010	19.012 \pm 0.097
BOOSTLU+LL-R	89.224 \pm 0.017	73.272 \pm 0.006	49.590 \pm 0.021	19.136 \pm 0.009
BOOSTLU+LL-CP	88.358 \pm 0.212	70.820 \pm 0.030	47.810 \pm 0.166	18.166 \pm 0.063
BOOSTLU+LL-CT	88.528 \pm 0.053	71.742 \pm 0.006	48.216 \pm 0.021	17.952 \pm 0.007
CRISP	89.820\pm0.191	74.640\pm0.219	49.996\pm0.316	21.650 \pm 0.178

Experiments

Table 2: Predictive performance of each comparing method on MLL datasets in terms of *loss* (mean \pm std). The best performance is highlighted in bold (the smaller the better).

	Image	Scene	Yeast	Corel5k	Mirflickr	Delicious
AN	0.432 \pm 0.067	0.321 \pm 0.113	0.383 \pm 0.066	0.140 \pm 0.000	0.125 \pm 0.002	0.131 \pm 0.000
AN-LS	0.378 \pm 0.041	0.246 \pm 0.064	0.365 \pm 0.031	0.186 \pm 0.003	0.163 \pm 0.006	0.213 \pm 0.007
WAN	0.354 \pm 0.051	0.216 \pm 0.023	0.212 \pm 0.021	0.129 \pm 0.000	0.121 \pm 0.002	0.126 \pm 0.000
EPR	0.401 \pm 0.053	0.291 \pm 0.056	0.208 \pm 0.010	0.139 \pm 0.000	0.119 \pm 0.001	0.126 \pm 0.000
ROLE	0.340 \pm 0.059	0.174 \pm 0.028	0.213 \pm 0.017	0.259 \pm 0.004	0.182 \pm 0.014	0.336 \pm 0.007
EM	0.471 \pm 0.044	0.322 \pm 0.115	0.261 \pm 0.030	0.155 \pm 0.002	0.134 \pm 0.004	0.164 \pm 0.001
EM-APL	0.508 \pm 0.028	0.420 \pm 0.069	0.245 \pm 0.026	0.135 \pm 0.001	0.138 \pm 0.003	0.163 \pm 0.003
SMILE	0.260 \pm 0.020	0.161 \pm 0.045	0.167 \pm 0.002	0.125 \pm 0.003	0.120 \pm 0.002	0.126 \pm 0.000
LL-R	0.346 \pm 0.072	0.155 \pm 0.021	0.227 \pm 0.001	0.114 \pm 0.001	0.123 \pm 0.003	0.129 \pm 0.002
LL-CP	0.329 \pm 0.041	0.148 \pm 0.017	0.215 \pm 0.000	0.114 \pm 0.003	0.124 \pm 0.003	0.160 \pm 0.001
LL-CT	0.327 \pm 0.019	0.180 \pm 0.038	0.238 \pm 0.001	0.115 \pm 0.001	0.124 \pm 0.002	0.160 \pm 0.000
CRISP	0.164\pm0.027	0.112\pm0.021	0.164\pm0.001	0.113\pm0.001	0.118\pm0.001	0.122\pm0.000

Table 8: Predictive performance of each comparing method on MLL datasets in terms of *Precision* (mean \pm std). The best performance is highlighted in bold (the larger the better)

	Image	Scene	Yeast	Corel5k	Mirflickr	Delicious
AN	0.534 \pm 0.061	0.580 \pm 0.104	0.531 \pm 0.079	0.217 \pm 0.003	0.615 \pm 0.004	0.317 \pm 0.002
AN-LS	0.574 \pm 0.037	0.631 \pm 0.072	0.538 \pm 0.044	0.230 \pm 0.002	0.587 \pm 0.006	0.261 \pm 0.006
WAN	0.576 \pm 0.041	0.661 \pm 0.033	0.698 \pm 0.017	0.241 \pm 0.002	0.621 \pm 0.004	0.315 \pm 0.000
EPR	0.539 \pm 0.028	0.597 \pm 0.062	0.710 \pm 0.008	0.214 \pm 0.001	0.628 \pm 0.003	0.314 \pm 0.000
ROLE	0.606 \pm 0.041	0.700 \pm 0.040	0.711 \pm 0.013	0.203 \pm 0.003	0.516 \pm 0.027	0.130 \pm 0.003
EM	0.486 \pm 0.031	0.549 \pm 0.103	0.642 \pm 0.029	0.294 \pm 0.002	0.614 \pm 0.003	0.293 \pm 0.001
EM-APL	0.467 \pm 0.026	0.448 \pm 0.049	0.654 \pm 0.040	0.275 \pm 0.003	0.589 \pm 0.007	0.311 \pm 0.001
SMILE	0.670 \pm 0.021	0.722 \pm 0.071	0.751 \pm 0.004	0.295 \pm 0.004	0.629\pm0.003	0.318 \pm 0.001
LL-R	0.605 \pm 0.058	0.714 \pm 0.035	0.658 \pm 0.006	0.268 \pm 0.002	0.625 \pm 0.001	0.296 \pm 0.004
LL-CP	0.595 \pm 0.031	0.735 \pm 0.028	0.700 \pm 0.000	0.259 \pm 0.004	0.621 \pm 0.007	0.251 \pm 0.007
LL-CT	0.600 \pm 0.012	0.669 \pm 0.052	0.629 \pm 0.007	0.258 \pm 0.004	0.619 \pm 0.004	0.253 \pm 0.004
CRISP	0.749\pm0.037	0.795\pm0.031	0.758\pm0.002	0.304\pm0.003	0.628 \pm 0.003	0.319\pm0.001

Table 9: Predictive performance of each comparing method on MLL datasets in terms of *Coverage* (mean \pm std). The best performance is highlighted in bold (the smaller the better).

	Image	Scene	Yeast	Corel5k	Mirflickr	Delicious
AN	0.374 \pm 0.050	0.279 \pm 0.094	0.707 \pm 0.045	0.330 \pm 0.001	0.342 \pm 0.003	0.653 \pm 0.001
AN-LS	0.334 \pm 0.033	0.217 \pm 0.052	0.703 \pm 0.012	0.441 \pm 0.009	0.433 \pm 0.015	0.830 \pm 0.016
WAN	0.313 \pm 0.040	0.192 \pm 0.019	0.512 \pm 0.045	0.309 \pm 0.001	0.334 \pm 0.002	0.632 \pm 0.001
EPR	0.352 \pm 0.043	0.254 \pm 0.046	0.506 \pm 0.011	0.328 \pm 0.001	0.332 \pm 0.002	0.637 \pm 0.001
ROLE	0.306 \pm 0.049	0.157 \pm 0.023	0.519 \pm 0.026	0.551 \pm 0.007	0.448 \pm 0.028	0.887 \pm 0.004
EM	0.407 \pm 0.036	0.281 \pm 0.096	0.575 \pm 0.042	0.382 \pm 0.005	0.359 \pm 0.010	0.753 \pm 0.004
EM-APL	0.438 \pm 0.022	0.360 \pm 0.057	0.556 \pm 0.045	0.335 \pm 0.005	0.369 \pm 0.005	0.765 \pm 0.006
SMILE	0.242 \pm 0.014	0.146 \pm 0.037	0.462 \pm 0.003	0.308 \pm 0.007	0.328 \pm 0.004	0.628 \pm 0.003
LL-R	0.311 \pm 0.059	0.141 \pm 0.017	0.512 \pm 0.002	0.274 \pm 0.002	0.335 \pm 0.006	0.622 \pm 0.001
LL-CP	0.296 \pm 0.031	0.136 \pm 0.016	0.518 \pm 0.001	0.272\pm0.008	0.337 \pm 0.005	0.708 \pm 0.004
LL-CT	0.297 \pm 0.017	0.161 \pm 0.031	0.509 \pm 0.001	0.277 \pm 0.005	0.335 \pm 0.003	0.708 \pm 0.002
CRISP	0.164\pm0.012	0.082\pm0.018	0.455\pm0.002	0.276 \pm 0.002	0.324\pm0.001	0.620\pm0.001

Table 10: Predictive performance of each comparing methods on MLL datasets in terms of *Hamming loss* (mean \pm std). The best performance is highlighted in bold (the smaller the better).

	Image	Scene	Yeast	Corel5k	Mirflickr	Delicious
AN	0.229 \pm 0.000	0.176 \pm 0.001	0.306 \pm 0.000	0.010\pm0.000	0.127 \pm 0.000	0.019\pm0.000
AN-LS	0.229 \pm 0.000	0.168 \pm 0.004	0.306 \pm 0.000	0.010\pm0.000	0.127 \pm 0.000	0.019\pm0.000
WAN	0.411 \pm 0.060	0.299 \pm 0.035	0.285 \pm 0.016	0.156 \pm 0.001	0.191 \pm 0.006	0.102 \pm 0.000
EPR	0.370 \pm 0.043	0.220 \pm 0.026	0.234 \pm 0.007	0.016 \pm 0.000	0.136 \pm 0.002	0.020 \pm 0.000
ROLE	0.256 \pm 0.018	0.176 \pm 0.017	0.279 \pm 0.010	0.010\pm0.000	0.128 \pm 0.000	0.019\pm0.000
EM	0.770 \pm 0.001	0.820 \pm 0.003	0.669 \pm 0.025	0.589 \pm 0.003	0.718 \pm 0.010	0.630 \pm 0.005
EM-APL	0.707 \pm 0.088	0.780 \pm 0.082	0.641 \pm 0.032	0.648 \pm 0.006	0.754 \pm 0.017	0.622 \pm 0.006
SMILE	0.219 \pm 0.009	0.182 \pm 0.021	0.208\pm0.002	0.010\pm0.000	0.127 \pm 0.001	0.081 \pm 0.008
LL-R	0.220 \pm 0.013	0.162 \pm 0.005	0.312 \pm 0.001	0.015 \pm 0.001	0.124 \pm 0.002	0.019\pm0.000
LL-CP	0.218 \pm 0.016	0.164 \pm 0.002	0.306 \pm 0.000	0.016 \pm 0.001	0.126 \pm 0.001	0.019\pm0.000
LL-CT	0.246 \pm 0.031	0.176 \pm 0.019	0.321 \pm 0.001	0.018 \pm 0.001	0.124 \pm 0.001	0.019\pm0.000
CRISP	0.165\pm0.023	0.140\pm0.013	0.211 \pm 0.001	0.010\pm0.000	0.121\pm0.002	0.019\pm0.000