

Ordinal Regression Problem



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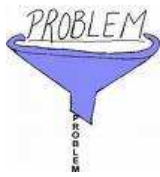
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Given some pairs (input x_n , rank y_n) with a total **order** associated with the **discrete** ranks, find a function $r(x)$ that predicts the rank of an unseen x well.

Our Contributions



*A new reduction framework that transforms ordinal regression to binary classification **systematically**, and ...*

- **reveals many new ordinal regression results** from well-known binary classification ones
- makes the design and implementation of ordinal regression algorithms **much easier**
- explains many existing ordinal regression algorithms **as special cases**
- enlightens **original methods** for proving new ordinal regression theorems
- leads to **promising experimental results**

Poster #12:
Ordinal Regression by
Extended Binary Classification