

Preface

The papers published in this book were presented at the second workshop on Machine Learning and Data Mining in Pattern Recognition MLDM. Those of you familiar with the first workshop will notice that the ideas related to this topic are spreading to many researchers. We received several excellent papers on subjects ranging from basic research to application oriented research. The subjects are Case-Based Reasoning, Rule Induction, Grammars, Clustering, Data Mining on Multimedia Data, Content-Based Image Retrieval, Statistical and Evolutionary Learning, Neural Networks, and Learning for Handwriting Recognition. The whole spectrum of topics in MLDM was represented at the workshop with emphasis on images, text, and signals, and temporal spatial data. We also took a step in the direction of our decision made at the last TC3 Machine Learning meeting in Barcelona, to introduce the field to researchers outside the computer science or pattern recognition community. We welcomed medics, specialists of data base marketing, and mechanical engineers to our workshop. These researchers reported their experience and the problems they have in applying Data Mining. By sharing their experience with us they give new impulses to our work.

The workshop was organized by the Leipzig Institute of Computer Vision and Applied Computer Sciences. Many thanks to Maria Petrou for co-chairing MLDM 2001 with me.

It is my pleasure to thank the invited speakers for accepting our invitation to give lectures and contribute papers to the proceedings. I would also like to express my appreciation to the reviewers for their precise and highly professional work. I appreciate the help and understanding of the editorial staff at Springer-Verlag, and in particular Alfred Hofmann, who supported the publication of these proceedings in the LNAI series.

Last but not least, I wish to thank all the speakers and participants for their interest in this workshop. I hope you enjoyed the workshop and that you will return to present your new ideas at MLDM 2003.

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The Aim of the Workshop

The aim of the workshop was to bring together researchers from all over the world dealing with machine learning and data mining in order to discuss the recent status of the research and to direct further developments. All kinds of application were welcome. Special preference was given to multimedia related applications.

It was the second workshop in a series of workshops dealing with this specific topic. The first workshop was published in *P. Perner and M. Petrou, Machine Learning and Data Mining in Pattern Recognition MLDM99, LNAI 1715, Springer Verlag 1999* and in a special issue of *Pattern Recognition Letters*.

The topics covered include:

- inductive learning including decision trees
- rule induction learning
- conceptual learning
- case-based learning
- statistical learning
- neural net based learning
- organisational learning
- evolutionary learning
- probabilistic information retrieval

Applications include but are not limited to medical, industrial, and biological applications.

Researchers from the machine learning community were invited to present new topics in learning, pertinent to our research field.