

# Mixture-based probabilistic graphical models for the partial label ranking problem

Juan C. Alfaro<sup>1,3</sup>, Juan A. Aledo<sup>2,3</sup>, and José A. Gámez<sup>1,3</sup>  
{JuanCarlos.Alfaro, JuanAngel.Aledo, Jose.Gamez}@uclm.es

<sup>1</sup> Departamento de Sistemas Informáticos  
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

<sup>2</sup> Departamento de Matemáticas  
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

<sup>3</sup> Laboratorio de Sistemas Inteligentes y Minería de Datos  
Instituto de Investigación en Informática de Albacete

22nd International Conference on Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning

25-27 November 2021



Consejería de Educación,  
Cultura y Deportes



Funding: SBPLY/17/180501/000493

Funding: PID2019-106758GB-C3

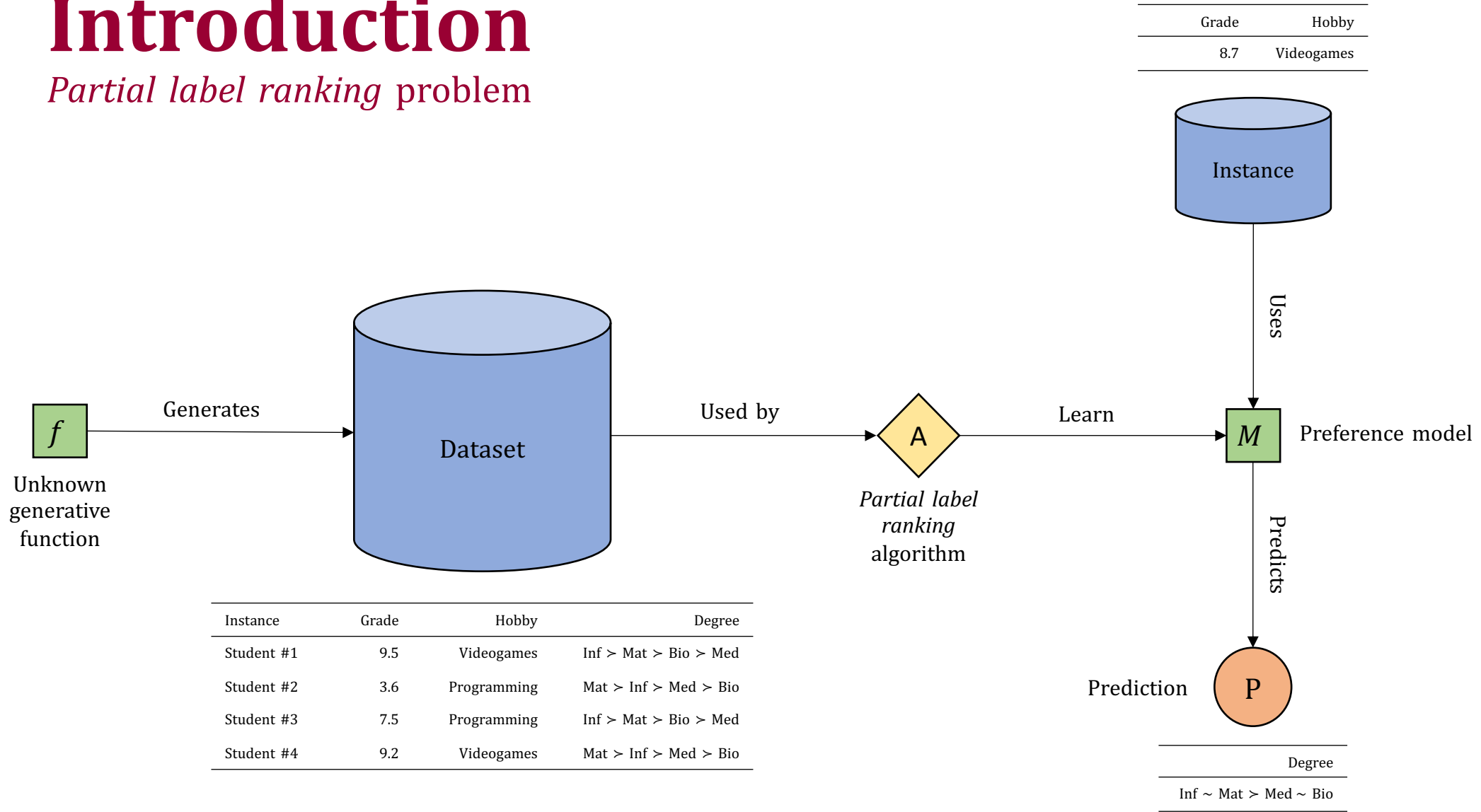
Funding: FPU18/00181

# Table of contents

1. Introduction
2. Background
3. Mixture models
4. Experiments
5. Conclusions

# Introduction

*Partial label ranking problem*



# Introduction

## Methods

- **Adaptation methods**

- *Instance based partial label ranking*
- *Partial label ranking trees*
  - ✓ Disagreements
  - ✓ Distance
  - ✓ Entropy
  - ✓ Gini

- **Ensemble methods**

- *Bootstrap aggregating*
- *Random forests*

# Background

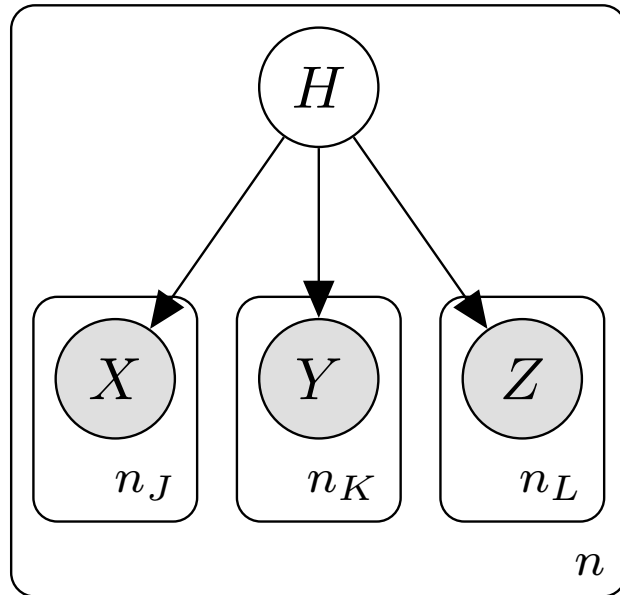
## *Rank aggregation problem*

- A **ranking** represents a **precedence relation** among a set of *items*

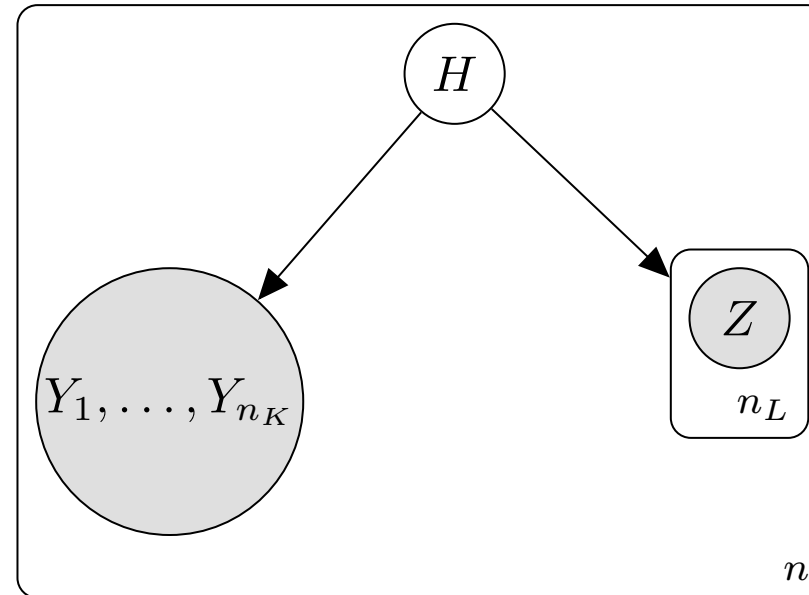
Ranking	Problem	Algorithm
<i>Without ties</i>	<i>Kemeny ranking problem</i>	<i>Borda count algorithm</i>
<i>With ties</i>	<i>Optimal bucket order problem</i>	<i>Bucket pivot algorithm</i>

# Mixture models

## Structure



*Hidden naive bayes*



*Gaussian mixture semi naive bayes*

# Mixture models

## Estimation

- ***E step***: Under the assumption that the **parameters** are **known**, we **compute** the **probability** of an **instance** being in a **mixture**
- ***M step***: Under the assumption that the **probabilities** of **belonging** to each **mixture** for all examples are **known**, the **parameters** of the model are **estimated** using **maximum likelihood estimation weighting** each **instance** by the **probability** of it being in the mixture
- **Stopping condition**: We use the ***log-likelihood*** of the model given the data with a **convergence value** of  **$\alpha = 0.001$**  or  **$\beta = 100$**  **máximum iterations**

# Mixture models

## Learning

1. We **divide** the **dataset** in **training**  $Tr$  and **validation**  $Tv$
2. We **evaluate** the **model** using  $r_H = 2^1, \dots, 2^{10}$
3. We **select** the **best** value  $r'_H$  according to  $\tau_X^{Tv}$
4. We **apply** a **binary search** in the **range**  $\left[\frac{r'_H}{2}, r'_H\right]$
5. We **select** the **best** value  $r_H^*$  according to  $\tau_X^{Tv}$
6. We **train** the **model** with the **dataset** using  $r_H^*$



# Mixture models

## Inference

1. We **obtain** the *a-posteriori probability* for the **objective variables**
2. We **compute** the **pair order matrix** for the **input instance**
3. We **solve** the **optimal bucket order problem** to **obtain** the **output ranking**

# Experiments

## Datasets

Dataset	#instances	#attributes	#labels	#rankings	#buckets
authorship	841	70	4	47	3.063
blocks	5472	10	5	116	2.337
breast	109	9	6	62	3.925
ecoli	336	7	8	179	4.140
glass	214	9	6	105	4.089
iris	150	4	3	7	2.380
letter	20000	16	26	15014	7.033
libras	360	90	15	356	6.889
pendigits	10992	16	10	3327	3.397

# Experiments

## Algorithms

- *Instance Based Partial Label Ranking*
- *Partial Label Ranking Trees*
- *Hidden Naive Bayes*
- *Gaussian Mixture Semi Naive Bayes*

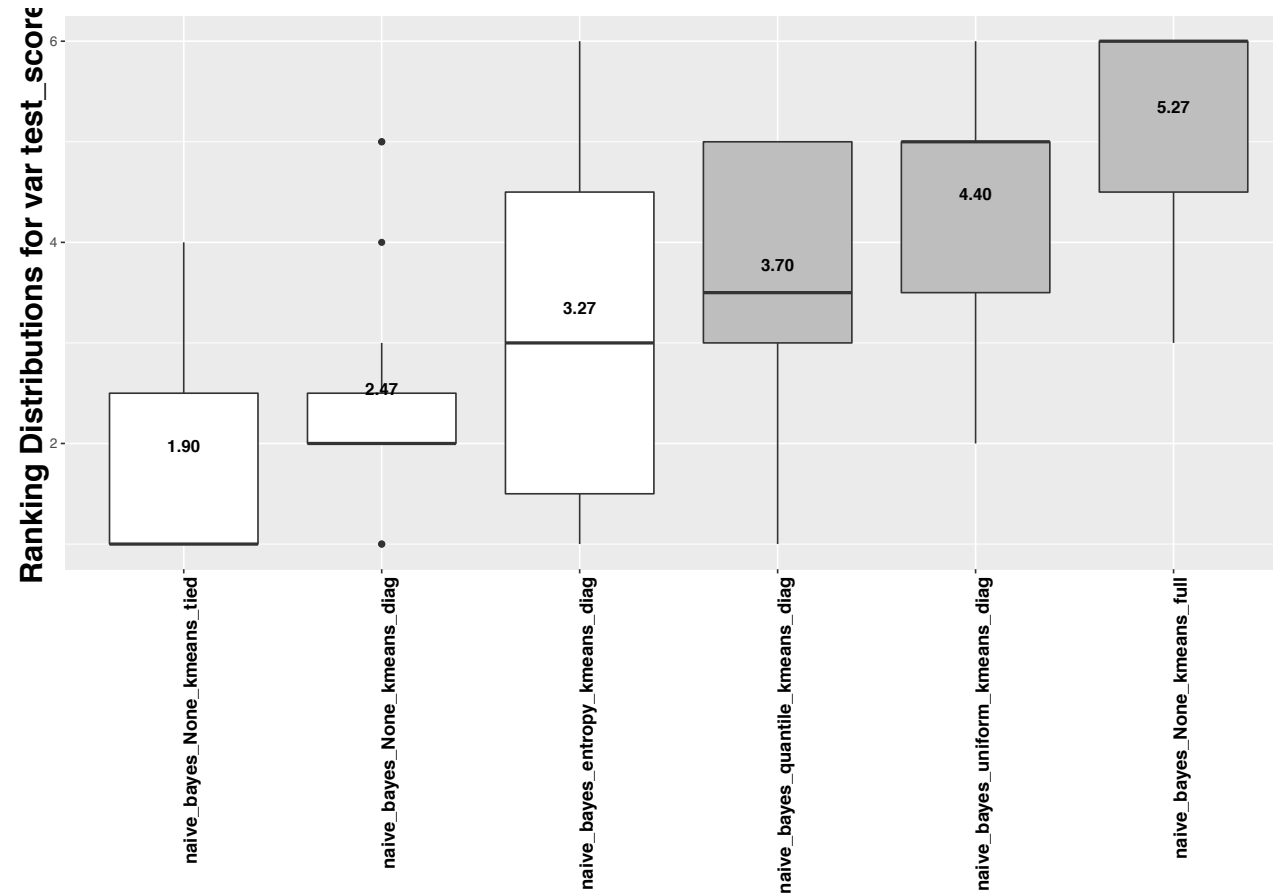
# Experiments

## Methodology

- The algorithms were evaluated with a  **$5 \times 10 - cv$**
- The accuracy was measured with the  **$\tau_X$  rank correlation coefficient**
  1. *Friedman test*
  2. *Post-hoc test*
- The **training and validation time** was measured (in seconds)

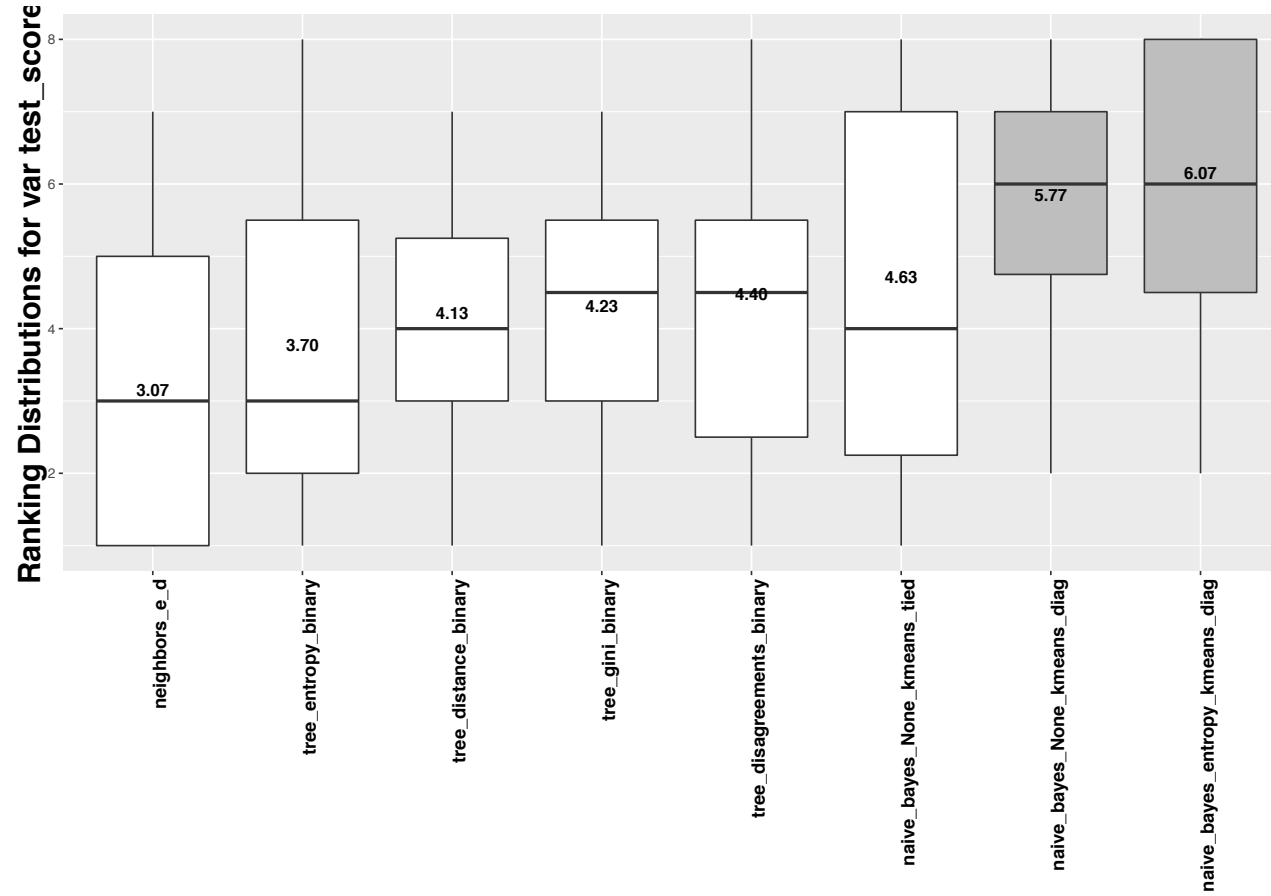
# Experiments

## Accuracy



# Experiments

## Accuracy



# Experimental evaluation

Number of mixtures

Dataset	HNB-PLR-G	HNB-PLR-F	HNB-PLR-W	HNB-PLR-E	GMSNB-PLR-F	GMSNB-PLR-T
authorship	36.340 ± 36.988	24.58 ± 18.377	31.380 ± 21.813	40.840 ± 52.281	3.020 ± 0.141	35.420 ± 41.952
blocks	167.440 ± 76.169	238.400 ± 168.220	81.300 ± 33.121	<b>341.660 ± 147.979</b>	68.520 ± 23.693	213.200 ± 97.692
breast	15.960 ± 7.284	29.120 ± 19.157	19.800 ± 19.078	17.720 ± 12.795	4.520 ± 2.288	20.320 ± 8.110
ecoli	31.000 ± 14.321	25.820 ± 21.930	31.140 ± 26.869	39.900 ± 20.928	12.920 ± 6.552	47.040 ± 27.871
glass	17.220 ± 9.951	66.020 ± 32.922	27.920 ± 23.357	45.520 ± 23.603	5.180 ± 2.164	39.760 ± 16.577
iris	17.020 ± 15.946	34.820 ± 20.457	24.180 ± 17.253	9.560 ± 4.739	7.960 ± 4.000	32.320 ± 22.709
libras	47.660 ± 12.967	40.940 ± 14.621	43.960 ± 13.425	121.760 ± 38.154	<b>218.080 ± 39.608</b>	56.200 ± 10.900
pendigits	<b>388.800 ± 108.298</b>	204.680 ± 67.601	266.480 ± 95.088	261.520 ± 98.865	93.800 ± 27.355	<b>405.840 ± 102.542</b>
satimage	326.660 ± 101.758	283.660 ± 96.820	198.720 ± 108.040	272.060 ± 108.377	29.620 ± 14.246	392.460 ± 110.909
segment	140.400 ± 56.351	202.580 ± 158.267	196.300 ± 154.706	230.320 ± 141.072	42.680 ± 21.920	337.380 ± 121.548
vehicle	73.320 ± 35.361	<b>292.600 ± 151.414</b>	<b>346.300 ± 144.20</b>	172.420 ± 126.264	12.260 ± 2.448	66.480 ± 60.716
vowel	75.320 ± 26.250	169.260 ± 55.564	186.260 ± 49.278	95.640 ± 42.740	7.640 ± 2.884	174.580 ± 52.597
wine	6.700 ± 9.033	11.980 ± 15.213	17.120 ± 19.256	24.960 ± 23.206	3.800 ± 1.030	14.480 ± 17.117
yeast	103.500 ± 56.536	46.000 ± 18.553	127.660 ± 97.812	159.040 ± 113.482	30.300 ± 16.656	219.880 ± 93.535

# Conclusions

- The *gaussian mixture semi naive bayes* algorithm is **competitive** in **accuracy** with respect to the *instance based partial label ranking* and *partial label ranking trees* methods
- The *gaussian mixture semi naive bayes* algorithm is **faster** during the **inference** phase than the *instance based partial label ranking* method
- The gaussian and entropy *hidden naive bayes* algorithms are **competitive** in **accuracy** with respect to the *gaussian mixture semi naive bayes* method



# Future research lines

- We plan to **allow** training **datasets** labeled with (**possibly incomplete**) **partial rankings**
- We plan to **adapt** and **use *multilabel* algorithms** to the partial label ranking problem
- We plan to **reduce** the **problem** using **clustering techniques**

# Mixture-based probabilistic graphical models for the *partial label ranking* problem

Juan C. Alfaro<sup>1,3</sup>, Juan A. Aledo<sup>2,3</sup>, and José A. Gámez<sup>1,3</sup>  
{JuanCarlos.Alfaro, JuanAngel.Aledo, Jose.Gamez}@uclm.es

<sup>1</sup> Departamento de Sistemas Informáticos  
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

<sup>2</sup> Departamento de Matemáticas  
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha

<sup>3</sup> Laboratorio de Sistemas Inteligentes y Minería de Datos  
Instituto de Investigación en Informática de Albacete

22nd International Conference on Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning

25-27 November 2021



Consejería de Educación,  
Cultura y Deportes



Funding: SBPLY/17/180501/000493  
Funding: PID2019-106758GB-C3  
Funding: FPU18/0018