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Preface

The 4th International Workshop on Knowledge Discovery in Inductive Databases (KDID 2005) was held in Porto, Portugal, on October 3, 2005 in conjunction with the 16th European Conference on Machine Learning and the 9th European Conference on Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases.

Ever since the start of the field of data mining, it has been realized that the integration of the database technology into knowledge discovery processes was a crucial issue. This vision has been formalized into the inductive database perspective introduced by T. Imielinski and H. Mannila (CACM 1996, 39(11)). The main idea is to consider knowledge discovery as an extended querying process for which relevant query languages are to be specified. Therefore, inductive databases might contain not only the usual data but also inductive generalizations (e.g., patterns, models) holding within the data. Despite many recent developments, there is still a pressing need to understand the central issues in inductive databases. Constraint-based mining has been identified as a core technology for inductive querying, and promising results have been obtained for rather simple types of patterns (e.g., itemsets, sequential patterns). However, constraint-based mining of models remains a quite open issue. Also, coupling schemes between the available database technology and inductive querying proposals are not yet well understood. Finally, the definition of a general purpose inductive query language is still an on-going quest.

This workshop aimed to bring together database, machine learning and data mining researchers/practitioners who were interested in the numerous scientific and technological challenges that inductive databases offers. The workshop followed the previous three successful workshops organized in conjunction with ECML/PKDD: KDID 2002 held in Helsinki, Finland, KDID 2003 held in Cavtat-Dubrovnik, Croatia, and KDID 2004 held in Pisa, Italy. Its scientific program included seven regular presentations and four short communications, an invited talk by Carlo Zaniolo, and an invited “workshop-closing talk” by Arno Siebes. During the workshop, only informal proceedings were distributed. Most of the papers within this volume have been revised by the authors based on the comments from the initial referring stage and the discussion during the workshop. A few are invited chapters.

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