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**ABSTRACT**

Data mining is the evolving process of identifying and extracting the hidden information from a data warehouse. Data Mining is widely used in business, medical, engineering and educational areas for analyzing existing data, identifying measures for improvement and also forecasting the future prospects. This study covers the application of data mining in education for predicting the academic performance of the Students. Educational Data Mining (EDM) plays a dominant role in the data mining era. There is an essential need to identify effective algorithms for predicting the Student’s performance. The dataset used in this research is taken from the University of Minho, Mathematics department which consists of 33 attributes and 650 observations. The algorithms used in this study to predict the academic performance of the Student is Decision tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted tree, Logistic Regression and Multilayer Perceptron. Two Ensemble model is created, first model with trees by combining Decision tree, C5.0 and Random Forest along with cross validation, second model combining Random forest, Logistic Regression and Gradient Boosting. The tree ensemble gave more accurate result compared to other algorithms. The use of effective EDM techniques and tools would enable educators to improve the process by identifying any existing lacunae. EDM helps in developing a warning system for identifying weak Student’s prior and give adequate training to improve the academic performance of the Students.

***Keywords:***

**Student’s Performance Prediction, Educational Data Mining, Data Mining Technique, Academic Performance, Decision tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted tree**

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# ABBREVIATION

**List of Abbreviations**

|  |  |
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| **Abbreviations** | **Explanations** |
| EDM | Educational Data Mining |
| MLP | Multilayer Perceptron |
| KDD | Knowledge Discovery in Databases |
| ID3 | Iterative Dichotomiser 3 |
| KNN | K-Nearest Neighbor |
| ANN | Artificial Neutral Network |
| SVM | Support Vector Machine |
| NB | Naïve Bayes |
| LR | Logistic Regression |
| WEKA | Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis |

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 OVERVIEW

Data Mining is a process of analyzing the important information from a large set of data and come up with a prediction model. Data Mining is also called as Knowledge Discovery in Databases (KDD). The data mining plays an important role in all the fields like medical, airline, banking sector, movies, scientific information and numerous new data types. Data mining can be used to solve real time problems. Educational Data Mining (EDM) is the emerging technique for developing a prediction model with the help of an available dataset, and transmit to predict Student’s academic performance using machine learning technique. The prediction model acts like a warning system which is used to identify the weak Student’s. EDM is a new field of research in data mining. The recent increase in online learning by the Students have led to the progression in development of EDM. The highly reputed educational institution mainly focuses on improving the performance of the Students in order to retain the standard rank of the institution, hence they train the Student’s in such a way that they perform well in academics and extra-curricular activities. The data mining technique are classified as follows:

Data Mining Techniques

Classification

Clustering

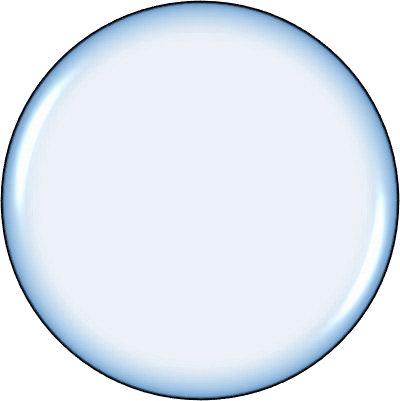
Association

Regression

**Figure 1 Data Mining Techniques**

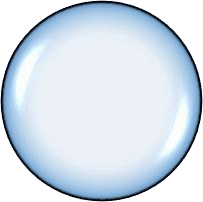
By using Educational data mining technique, the educational institutions can predict the performance of the Student and identify low performing Student’s early enough to overcome their difficulties in learning and improve their learning outcomes. Day by day the volume of the data is increasing, hence there are different data mining algorithms which are used for predicting the performance of the Students like supervised and unsupervised techniques to get the maximum accuracy.

The supervised method is categorized into Classification or Categorization and Regression. The unsupervised method is categorized into Clustering and Association. Some of the algorithms which are popularly used in prediction are Decision tree, Multilayer Perceptron, Logistic Regression, Random forest, Gradient boosted trees, ID3 and J48. This study comprises of implementing different data mining techniques which are used in predicting the academic performance of the Students. Two ensemble model is created, one model using Random Forest, Decision Tree and C5.0. Second model using Random Forest, Logistic Regression and Gradient Boosting. Major data mining techniques which are used for predicting the Student’s performance are shown below:



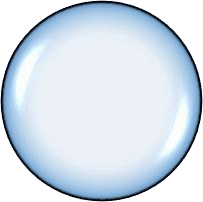
Data Mining

Algorithms

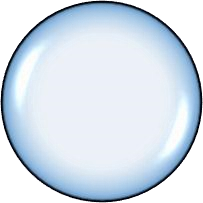


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**tree**

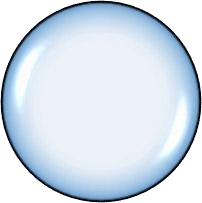


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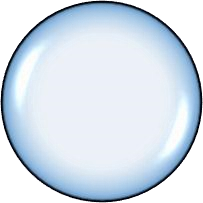
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**Boosted**



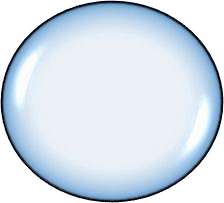
**Random**

**Forest**

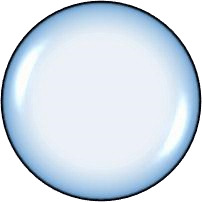


**Naive**

**Bayes**



**Regression**



**Artificial**

**Neural**

**Network**

**Figure 2 Data Mining Algorithms**

## 1.2 RELATED WORK

Student’s’ social activities and background details were used by Ching-Chieh Kiu [1] in the year 2018 for predicting the Student’s academic performance. This study used several data mining technique has been applied on predicting the accuracy of each dataset, of which decision tree J48 has given the best accuracy rate. The decision tree model has achieved 95% accuracy rate compared to other data mining technique. The dataset was divided into three subsets, Student’s background details, Student’s social activities and Student’s course work. The algorithms were implemented in WEKA tool. A comparative study on decision tree and random forest was done by Fergie Joanda and Reymon in the year 2018. The dataset was collected using questionaries’ from the computer science Student’s. It had 249 instances out of which 3 different classes of data are used. The study proves that decision tree gives more accurate result of 66.9% compared to random forest which gave 61.44%. The comparison was implemented using WEKA tool [2].

A comparative study was done on Naïve Bayes, Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbor and Discriminant Analysis by Samuel, Nor Bahiah and Siti Mariyam in the year 2019. The study was done to identify the best data mining technique for predicting the Student’s academic performance. It used 10 datasets from the University of California Irvine Repository. The decision tree out performed with the accuracy of 81.94% compared to other data mining techniques. The accuracy of other techniques was Naïve Bayes-73.61 %, KNN-80.56 % and Discriminant Analysis -77.78% accuracy rate. The tool used in the study was WEKA. In future hybrid metaheuristics algorithms will be for feature selection on the Student’s data [3].

According to the study of Nongnuch Ketui, Warawut Wisomka and Kanitha Homjun in year 2019, Gradient boosted trees has given the best accuracy compared to other classification data mining techniques like Decision Tree, Weighted Decision Tree, Iterative Dichotomiser 3 (ID3) and Random Tree. WEKA is the data mining tool which is used for implementing the data mining techniques. A raw dataset was collected from the Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna Nan. The gradient boosted tree and decision tree gave good accuracy rate of 92.31% and 91.03% compared to other techniques. The Weighted Decision Tree 84.14%, ID3-89.66% and Random Tree-84.14% accuracy rate. The classification technique is widely used in predicting the Student’s performance [4].

According to Romero, Cristóbal, et al [5] SMO gives more accurate result compared to other techniques like BayesNet, Naïve Bayes Simple and EM. The paper used four different datasets and each dataset produced its own accuracy. The algorithms were implemented using WEKA tool. The SMO produced 82.4% accuracy result and BayesNet produced accuracy result of 81.5% accuracy. The

Naïve Bayes Simple produced an accuracy of 82.4% and EM has 80.7% accuracy rate. All the algorithms performed equally good. In the year 2014 [6], Hu, Ya-Han, Chia-Lun Lo, and Sheng-Pao

Shih made a study on predict Student’s’ online learning using C4.5, CART and LGR. The WEKA tool was used for implementation. The dataset used was learning portfolio data and C4.5 produced more accurate result of 93.4%. Yu, Liang-Chih, et al [7] used Sentiment analysis in order to predict the Student’s academic performance in the year 2018. The study used unstructured dataset. The WEKA tool was used for implementing the sentiment analysis which produced an 76% accuracy rate.

According to Deepika, K., and N. Sathvanaravana Support Vector Machine produces more accurate result compare to Linear Regression and Random forest. The study used Student’s dataset of various academic disciplines of higher educational institutions in Kerala, India. The Linear Regression produced 89.96% accuracy and Random forest produced 89.98% and Support Vector Machine produced 91.43% accuracy result [8]. A comparative study was done in the year 2018 by Uzel and Vahide Nida on Multilayer Perceptron, Random Forest, Naïve Bayes, Decision Tree and Voting classifiers. The study used an educational dataset (xAPI) which is generated from an e-learning system includes 480 instances and 16 attributes. The Voting classifiers has highest accuracy of 80.6% [9].

The Artificial Neutral Network outperformed the decision tree and Naïve Bayes. The study used dataset from Kalboard 360 e–learning system with 500 instances and 17 attributes. The Decision Tree has 71.1% accuracy, Naïve Bayes has 67.5% accuracy and ANN has highest accuracy of 78.1% [10]. According to Rawat, Keshav Singh, and I. V. Malhan a hybrid classification gives more accurate result for predicting the Student’s academic performance. The study used data set of Department of Computer Science with 27 instances and 11 attributes. The Decision Tree produced 86.7% and KNN produced 87.5%, ANN produced 81.3% and NB produced 87.5%, Hybrid produced highest accuracy rate of 93.3% [11].

**Table 1: Survey of EDM Techniques used**

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| **PAPER** | | **EDM TECHNIQUE** | **TOOLS** | **DATASET** | | **RESULT**  **ACCURACY** |
| [1] Kiu, Ching-Chieh. "Data Mining Analysis on Student’s  Academic Performance through  Exploration of Student’s Background and Social  Activities." *2018 Fourth*  *International Conference on*  *Advances in Computing,*  *Communication & Automation (ICACCA)*. IEEE, 2018. | | 1.Naïve Bayesian(NB)  2.Multilayer  Perceptron  3. Decision Tree(DT)  4.J48  5. Random Forest | WEKA | Used 395 instances with 33 attributes that described performance in Mathematics subjects | | DT-95%  NB-76% |
| [2] Kaunang, Fergie Joanda, and  Reymon Rotikan. "Student’s  Academic Performance  Prediction using Data  Mining." *2018 Third*  *International Conference on Informatics and Computing (ICIC)*. IEEE, 2018. | | 1.Decision Tree(DT)  2. Random Forest(RF) | WEKA | Used 249 records with 3 different classes | | DT -66.9% RF-61.14% |
| [3] Ajibade, Samuel-Soma M.,  Nor Bahiah Ahmad, and Siti  Mariyam Shamsuddin. "An  Heuristic Feature Selection  Algorithm to Evaluate Academic  Performance of Student" *2019 IEEE 10th Control and System Graduate Research Colloquium (ICSGRC)*. IEEE, 2019. | | 1.Naïve Bayes (NB)  2.Decision Tree (DT)   1. K-Nearest   Neighbor  (KNN)   1. Discriminant   Analysis (DISC) | WEKA | Used 10 different datasets that are gotten from the  University of  California  Irvine (UCI) Repository. | | NB-73.61%  DT-81.94 %  KNN-80.56%  DISC-77.78% |
| **PAPER** | | **EDM TECHNIQUE** | **TOOLS** | **DATASET** | | **RESULT**  **ACCURACY** |
| [4] Ketui, Nongnuch, Warawut Wisomka, and Kanitha Homjun. "Using Classification Data  Mining Techniques for Student’s  Performance Prediction." *2019*  *Joint International Conference on*  *Digital Arts, Media and*  *Technology with ECTI Northern*  *Section Conference on Electrical, Electronics, Computer and Telecommunications Engineering (ECTI DAMT-NCON)*. IEEE. | | 1.Decision Tree  2.Weighted Decision  Tree(WDT)  3.Iterative  Dichotomiser 3 (ID3)  4.Random Tree  5.Gradient Boosted  Trees | WEKA | Education  Division of  Rajamangala  University of  Technology  Lanna Nan (RMUTL Nan)  for gave the raw dataset | | DT-91.03%  WDT-84.14%  ID3-89.66%  RT-84.14%  GBT-92.31% |
| [5] Romero, Cristóbal, et al. "Predicting Student’s final performance from participation in on-line discussion forums." *Computers &*  *Education* 68 (2013): 458-472. | 1.SMO  2.BayesNet  3.NaiveBayesSimple  4.EM | | Meerkat  ED  SNAPP | | Used four different Student’s dataset | SMO -82.4%  BNet -81.5%  Naïve-82.4%  EM -80.7% |
| [6] Hu, Ya-Han, Chia-Lun Lo, and Sheng-Pao Shih. "Developing early warning systems to predict Student’s online learning performance." *Computers in Human Behavior* 36 (2014): 469478. | 1.C4.5  2. CART  3. LGR. | | WEKA | | Used learning portfolio data | C4.5-93.4%  CART-76.9%  LGR.-95% |
| **PAPER** | **EDM TECHNIQUE** | | **TOOLS** | | **DATASET** | **RESULT**  **ACCURACY** |
| [7] Yu, Liang-Chih, et al. "Improving early prediction of academic failure using sentiment analysis on self-evaluated comments." *Journal of Computer Assisted Learning* 34.4 (2018):  358-365. | 1.Sentiment Analysis | | WEKA | | Used unstructured data | Sentiment  Analysis-76% |
| [8] Deepika, K., and N.  Sathvanaravana. "Analyze and  Predicting the Student’s Academic  Performance Using Data Mining  Tools." *2018 Second*  *International Conference on*  *Intelligent Computing and Control Systems (ICICCS)*. IEEE, 2018. | 1.Linear Regression  2.Random forest  3.SVM | | WEKA | | Used Student’s dataset of various academic disciplines of higher educational institutions in Kerala, India | LR-89.96%  RF -89.98%  SVM-91.43% |
| [9] Uzel, Vahide Nida, Sultan Sevgi Turgut, and Selma Ayşe Özel. "Prediction of Student’s  Academic Success Using Data  Mining Methods." *2018*  *Innovations in Intelligent Systems and Applications Conference (ASYU)*. IEEE, 2018. | 1.Multilayer  Perceptron(MP)  2. Random Forest  3.NaïveBayes  4.Decision Tree 5.Voting classifiers(VC) | | WEKA | | Used an educational dataset which includes 480 instances and 16 attributes | MP -78.3 %  RF-76.6%  NB -67.7%  DT -75.8%  VC-80.6% |
| **PAPER** | **EDM TECHNIQUE** | | **TOOLS** | | **DATASET** | **RESULT**  **ACCURACY** |
| [10] Siddiqui, Isma Farrah, and  Qasim Ali Arain. "ANALYZING STUDENT’S ACADEMIC  PERFORMANCE THROUGH EDUCATIONAL DATA  MINING." *3C Tecnologia* (2019). | 1.Decision Tree  2.Naïve Bayes  3.Artificial Neural  Network | | WEKA | | Used dataset from Kalboard 360 e–learning system with 500 instances and 17 attributes | DT-71.1%  NB -67.5%  ANN -78.1% |
| [11]Rawat, Keshav Singh, and I. V. Malhan. "A Hybrid  Classification Method Based on  Machine Learning Classifiers to  Predict Performance in  Educational Data  Mining." *Proceedings of 2nd*  *International Conference on*  *Communication, Computing and Networking*. Springer, Singapore, 2019. | 1.Decision tree  2.KNN  3.Artificial neural network  4. Naïve Bayes  5.Hybird | | WEKA | | Used data set of  Department of  Computer  Science with 27 instances and 11 attributes | DT-86.7%  KNN-87.5%  ANN-81.3%  NB-87.5%  Hybird-93.3% |

Decision tree has accuracy level from 66.9% to 95% and Random Forest has accuracy level from 61.14% to 89.98%. Naïve Bayes has accuracy level from 67.5% to 82.4% and KNN has accuracy level from 80.56% to 87.5%. ANN has accuracy level from 78.1% to 81.3% and Discriminant Analysis has accuracy level from77.78%. ID3 has accuracy level from 89.66% Weighted Decision Tree has accuracy from 84.14%. Gradient Boosted Trees has accuracy level of

92.31% and Sentiment Analysis has accuracy level 76%. Linear Regression has accuracy level 89.96% and Support Vector Machine has accuracy level 91.43%. Multilayer perceptron has 78.3% accuracy and Voting classifier has 80.6% accuracy. CART has 76.9% accuracy and LGR has 95% accuracy.

## 1.3 PROPOSED WORK

In this experiment, the dataset used consists of 650 instances with 33 attributes that describes the performance in Mathematics subjects. The attributes of the dataset are divided into four subsets:

1) Student’s background with 18 attributes

2) Student’s social activities with 12 attributes

3) Student’s coursework results with 2 attributes

4) Important values with 18 attributes

These subsets attributes will be used to predict final grade(G3). G3 is a Numeric datatype with range of 1 – 10 used to measure Student’s performance on their final grade. The subset attributes will be evaluated under models: 2-level classification (Pass / Fail). Important attributes are selected using variable Importance function in order to enhance the accuracy of the algorithm. Ensembling is applied on the Important attributes. The algorithms which are used in study are listed below

**DECISION TREE**

It’s one of the most powerful classification algorithm with tree like structure. Decision trees are a type of Supervised Machine Learning where the data is continuously split according to a certain parameter. A decision tree is a tree-shaped diagram used to determine a course of action. Each branch of the tree represents a possible decision, occurrence, or reaction. It has a root node, sub node and leaf node. The root node is the starting node of the tree followed by sub node which is used to make decisions and finally the leaf node which gives the end result of the classification.

**RANDOM FOREST**

Random forest is a supervised learning algorithm which is used for both classification as well as regression. As we know that a forest is made up of trees and more trees means more robust forest. Similarly, random forest algorithm creates decision trees on data samples and then gets the prediction from each of them and finally selects the best solution by means of voting. It is an ensemble method which is better than a single decision tree because it reduces the over-fitting by averaging the result.

**LOGISTIC REGRESSION**

Logistic regression is a statistical algorithm and it is mainly used for Binary classification problems (problems with two class values). Logistic regression is used to describe data and to explain the relationship between one dependent Binary variable and one or more Nominal, ordinal, interval or ratio-level independent variables.

**GRADIENT BOOSTING**

Gradient boosting is one of the most powerful techniques for building predictive models. The idea used in gradient boosting is a weak learner can be modified to become better. It uses a collection of decision tree which is built sequentially one after the other based on the result of the first tree the next tree performance is improved. Trees are constructed in a greedy manner, choosing the best split points based on purity scores like Gini or to minimize the loss

**MULTILAYER PERCEPTRON**

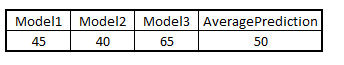
In the Multilayer perceptron, there can be more than one linear layer (combinations of neurons). If we take the simple example the three-layer network, first layer will be the input layer and last will be output layer and middle layer will be called hidden layer. The input data is provided into the input layer and take the output from the output layer. The number of the hidden layer can be increased as much as needed, to make the model more complex according to our task.

**ENSEMBLE WITH TREE**

Ensembling is a technique of combining two or more algorithms of similar or dissimilar types called base learners. This is done to make a more robust system which incorporates the predictions from all the base learners. Ensemble methods allows to produce better predictions compared to a single model. Popular technique used in Ensembling is Boosting and Bagging. This study uses two different Ensemble model. One ensemble model is created using Random Forest, logistic Regression and Gradient Boosting, other created using Decision tree, Random Forest and C5.0. Three types of concepts are used in Ensembling to combine the result which are listed below.

**AVERAGING**

It’s defined as taking the average of predictions from models in case of regression problem or while predicting probabilities for the classification problem.



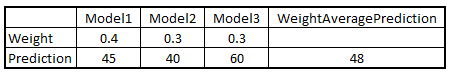
**MAJORITY VOTE**

It’s defined as taking the prediction with maximum vote / recommendation from multiple models predictions while predicting the outcomes of a classification problem.

https://cdn.analyticsvidhya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/14160531/voting.png

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE**

Different weights are applied to predictions from multiple models then taking the average which means giving high or low importance to specific model output.



# 2. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

## 2.1 ABOUT R TOOL

R is a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics. R is a programming language developed by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman in 1993. R possesses an extensive catalog of statistical and graphical methods. It includes machine learning algorithm, linear regression, time series, statistical inference to name a few. Most of the R libraries are written in R, but for heavy computational task, C, C++ and Fortran codes are preferred. R is an integrated suite of software facilities for data manipulation, calculation and graphical display. It includes

* An effective data handling and storage facility
* A suite of operators for calculations on arrays, in particular matrices
* A large, coherent, integrated collection of intermediate tools for data analysis
* Graphical facilities for data analysis and display either on-screen or on hardcopy
* A well-developed, simple and effective programming language which includes conditionals, loops, user-defined recursive functions and input and output facilities

Many users think of R as a statistics system. We prefer to think of it as an environment within which statistical techniques are implemented. R can be extended (easily) via packages. There are about eight packages supplied with the R distribution and many more are available through the CRAN family of Internet sites covering a very wide range of modern statistics. R is used for Statistical inference, Data analysis and Machine learning algorithm. Data science is shaping the way companies run their businesses.

## 2.2 REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

**HARDWARE**

Windows 10 /8.1/8 /7 /Vista /XP /2000 operating system with at least 256 MB of RAM

**SOFTWARE**

R studio is the software tool which is used for implementing the machine learning algorithms. R is an open source software which has lots of statistical packages installed. It also has different packages for implementing specific algorithms. The R version which is used in this study is version 3.6.2

**DATASET**

The dataset used in this study is taken from the University of Minho, Mathematics department which consists of 33 attributes and 650 observations. This dataset includes G1, G2, G3 major attributes and G3 containing the average grade of G1 and G2.

# 3. SYSTEM DESIGN

## 3.1 TAXONOMY OF SYSTEM

**Figure 3 Data Mining Techniques**

Data mining techniques comes in two forms: supervised and unsupervised techniques. The supervised technique is used when there is target variable. The target variables can have two or more possible outcomes, or even numeric values. Based on the target variables the data is trained for prediction. Unsupervised technique does not focus on predetermined attribute and finds the hidden structure and relation among the data. It’s mainly used for grouping the data of similar types which doesn’t have a target variable. This study covers supervised technique since the dataset has a target variable

**METHODOLOGY FOR EDM**

**Importing Data**

**Data Preprocessing**

**Feature Extraction**

**Select Data mining Algorithm**

**Partition the Data as Training and Testing Data**

**Train the Model using Training Data**

**Predict Using Testing Data**

**Analyze & Compare the Results with other Algorithms**

**YES**

**NO**

**Need to improve performance**

**Figure 4 Methodology of EDM**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **STUDENT’S BACKGROUND** | | | |
| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Type** | **Value** |
| sex | gender of Student’s | Binary | male | female |
| school | school of Student’s | Mousinho da Silveira | Gabriel Pereira |
| address | type of Student’s home address | rural | urban |
| Pstatus | cohabitation status of parent | living together | apart |
| famsize | size of family | ≤ 3 | > 3 |
| schoolsup | extra educational school support | yes | no |
| famsup | educational support from family | yes | no |
| Mjob | job of mother | Nominal | * at home * civil services * teacher * health care related * other |
| Fjob | job of father |
| reason | reason to choose this school | * close to home * school reputation * course preference * other |
| guardian | guardian of Student’s | * father |mother |other |
| Medu | education of mother | Numeric | 0# none  1# primary education  2# 5th to 9th grade  3# secondary education  4# higher education |
| Fedu | education of father |
| famrel | quality of family relationships | very bad (1) to excellent (5) |
| age | age of Student’s | 15 - 22 |
| traveltime | travel time from home to school | 1. < 15 min 2. 15 to 30 min 3. 30 min. to 1 hour 4. > 1 hour |
| studytime | weekly study time | 1. < 2 hours 2. 2 to 5 hours 3. 5 to 10 hours 4. > 10 hours |
| failures | number of failures in past class | n if 1 ≤ n < 3, else 4 |

**Table 2 Student’s Background Details**

## 3.2 DATASET ATTRIBUTES

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **STUDENT’S SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** | |  |  |
| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Type** | **Value** |
| activities | extra-curricular | Binary | yes | no |
| higher | plans for higher education |
| internet | home internet access |
| nursery | nursery school attended |
| paidclass | extra paid classes |
| romantic | in romantic relationship |
| absences | absences from school | Numeric | very low (1) to very high  (5) |
| health | status of current health |
| freetime | free time after school |
| goout | outing with friends |
| Dalc | consume alcohol in weekday |
| Walc | consume alcohol in weekend | 0 - 93 |

**Table 3 Student’s Social Activities**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **STUDENT’S COURSEWORK RESULT** | |  |  |
| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Type** | **Value** |
| GI | 1st grade period | Numeric | 0 - 20 |
| G2 | 2nd grade period |

**Table 4 Student’s Course Work**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES** | |  |  |
| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Type** | **Value** |
| failures | number of failures in past class | Numeric | n if 1 ≤ n < 3, else 4 |
| studytime | weekly study time | Numeric | 1# < 2 hours  2# 2 to 5 hours  3# 5 to 10 hours  4# > 10 hours |
| G2 | 2nd grade period | Numeric | 0 – 20 |
| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Type** | **Value** |
| absences | absences from school | Numeric | very low (1) to very high  (5) |
| goout | outing with friends | Numeric | very low (1) to very high  (5) |
| Wal–c | consume alcohol in weekend | Numeric | 0 – 5 |
| Dalc | consume alcohol in weekday | Numeric | 0 – 5 |
| traveltime | travel time from home to school | Numeric | 0# < 15 min  1# 15 to 30 min  2# 30 min. to 1 hour  3# > 1 hour |
| famrel | quality of family relationships | Numeric | very bad (1) to excellent (5) |
| Fedu | education of father | Numeric | 0# none  1# primary education  2# 5th to 9th grade  3# secondary education  4# higher education |
| reason | reason to choose this school | Nominal | * close to home * school reputation * course preference * other |
| guardian | guardian of Student’s | Nominal | * father |mother |other |
| Fjob | job of father | Nominal | * at home * civil services * teacher * health care related * other |
| Mjob | job of mother | Nominal |
| higher | plans for higher education | Binary | yes | no |
| internet | home internet access | Binary | yes | no |
| paidclass | extra paid classes | Binary | yes | no |

**Table 5 Important Attributes**

## 3.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF ALGORITHMS

* **Decision tree**

**library**(rpart)

**library**(rpart.plot)

stud <-read.table(file.choose(),header = TRUE,sep=';')

shuffle\_index <- sample(1:nrow(stud))

stud <- stud[shuffle\_index, ]

create\_train\_test <- **function**(data, size = 0.8, train = TRUE) {

n\_row = nrow(data)

total\_row = size \* n\_row

train\_sample <- 1: total\_row

**if** (train == TRUE) {

**return** (data[train\_sample, ])

} **else** {

**return** (data[-train\_sample, ])

}}

data\_train <- create\_train\_test(stud, 0.8, train = TRUE)

data\_test <- create\_train\_test(stud, 0.8, train = FALSE)

**tree<-rpart(class~sex+school+Pstatus+failures+studytime+Medu+Fedu+traveltime+Fjob+Mjob+famrel+reason+Pstatus+famsize+schoolsup+famsup+age+guardian, data=data\_train, method='class')**

**rpart.plot(tree,extra=106,cex=.8,roundint = FALSE)**

pred<-predict(tree, data\_test, type = 'class')

The libraries which are required to implement decision tree are rpart and raprt.plot. First the data is split into training and testing data with 80% for training and 20% for testing. The decision tree model is built using training data and with the help of rpart function, the method is class since its classification model. The rpart.plot() is used for plotting decision tree and predict function is used for predicting the test data with the trained tree model. Based on the prediction, confusion matrix is derived to find out the accuracy of the trained decision tree model.

print(paste('Accuracy for testing', accuracy\_Test))

## [1] "Accuracy for testing 0.792307692307692"

* **Random Forest**

library(randomForest)

stud <-read.table(file.choose(),header = TRUE,sep=';')

index<-sample(1:nrow(student),size=data1\_set\_size)

training<-student[index,]

testing<-student[-index,]

**rf<-randomForest(class~sex+school+address+Pstatus+failures+studytime+Medu+Fedu+traveltime+Fjob+Mjob+famrel+reason+Pstatus+famsize+schoolsup+famsup+age+guardian, data=training, mtry=10, ntree=300, importance=TRUE)**

result<-data.frame(testing$class, predict(rf, testing[,1:32], type="response"))

prediction<-predict(rf,testing,type="class")

ConfusionMatric<-table(prediction,testing$class)

ConfusionMatric

accuracy<-sum(diag(ConfusionMatric))/sum(ConfusionMatric)

The library which is required to implement Random forest is randomForest. First the data is split into training and testing data with 80% for training and 20% for testing. The random forest model is built using training data and with the help of randomForest function, ntree is the number of trees that needs to be built in the forest and mtry is number of attributes need to construct the tree. Predict function is used for predicting the test data with the trained model. Based on the prediction, confusion matrix is derived to find out the accuracy of the trained Random forest model.

print(paste("Accuracy of the test",accuracy))

## [1] "Accuracy of the test 0.769230769230769"

* **Multilayer Perceptron**

library(RSNNS)

stud <-read.csv(file.choose(),header = TRUE)

stud$school<-as.numeric(stud$school)

stud$address<-as.numeric(stud$address)

stud$sex<-as.numeric(stud$sex)

stud$famsize<-as.numeric(stud$famsize)

stud$Pstatus<-as.numeric(stud$Pstatus)

stud$Mjob<-as.numeric(stud$Mjob)

stud$Fjob<-as.numeric(stud$Fjob)

stud$reason<-as.numeric(stud$reason)

stud$guardian<-as.numeric(stud$guardian)

stud$schoolsup<-as.numeric(stud$schoolsup)

stud$famsup<-as.numeric(stud$famsup)

stud <- stud[sample(1:nrow(stud),length(1:nrow(stud))),1:ncol(stud)]

StudentValues <- stud[,1:18]

StudentTargets <- decodeClassLabels(stud[,19])

stud <- splitForTrainingAndTest(StudentValues, StudentTargets, ratio=0.20)

**model <- mlp(stud$inputsTrain, stud$targetsTrain, size=10, learnFuncParams=c(0.1), maxit=50, inputsTest=stud$inputsTest, targetsTest=stud$targetsTest)**

Predictions <- predict(model,stud$inputsTest)

confusionMatrix(stud$targetsTrain,fitted.values(model))

The library which is required to implement Multilayer Perceptron is RSNNS. First the non-numeric attributes are converted to numeric in order to perform MLP. Secondly data is split into training and testing data with 80% for training and 20% for testing. The Multilayer Perceptron model is built using training data and size is the number of hidden layers and maxit is number of iterations. Predict function is used for predicting the test data with the trained model. Based on the prediction, confusion matrix is derived to find out the accuracy of the trained MLP model.

print(paste('Accuracy for test', accuracy\_Test))

## [1] "Accuracy for test 0.784615384615385"

* **Gradient Boosting**

library(tidyverse)

library(caret)

create\_train\_test <- **function**(data, size = 0.8, train = TRUE) {

n\_row = nrow(data)

total\_row = size \* n\_row

train\_sample <- 1: total\_row

**if** (train == TRUE) {

**return** (data[train\_sample, ])

} **else** {

**return** (data[-train\_sample, ])

}

}

data\_train <- create\_train\_test(stud, 0.8, train = TRUE)

data\_test <- create\_train\_test(stud, 0.8, train = FALSE)

**model <- train(class~sex+school+address+Pstatus+failures+studytime+Medu+Fedu+traveltime+Fjob+Mjob+famrel+reason+Pstatus+famsize+schoolsup+famsup+age+guardian, data = data\_train, method ="xgbTree", trControl = trainControl("cv", number=10))**

model$bestTune

predicted.classes <-predict(model,data\_test)

The library which is needed to implement Gradient Boosting is tidyverse and caret. First the data is split into training and testing data with 80% for training and 20% for testing. The Gradient Boosting model is built using training data and method is xgbTree is used along with 10fold cross validation. BestTune is used for tuning the trained model. Predict function is used for predicting the test data with the trained model. Based on the prediction, confusion matrix is derived to find out the accuracy of the trained Gradient Boosting model.

mean(predicted.classes == data\_test$class)

## [1] 0.7923077

* **Logistic Regression**

**library**(caTools)

**library**(e1071)

set.seed(200)

pass\_train<-sample(1:nrow(pass),0.7\*nrow(pass))

fail\_train<-sample(1:nrow(fail),0.7\*nrow(fail))

train\_pass<-pass[pass\_train,]

train\_fail<-fail[fail\_train,]

train<-rbind(train\_pass,train\_fail)

table(train$class)

test\_pass <- pass[-pass\_train, ]

test\_fail <- fail[-fail\_train, ]

test<- rbind(test\_pass, test\_fail) *# row bind the pass and fail*

table(test$class)

**mymodel<-glm(class~sex+school+address+Pstatus+failures+studytime+Medu+Fedu+traveltime+Fjob+Mjob+famrel+reason+Pstatus+famsize+schoolsup+famsup+age+guardian, family='binomial', data=train,maxit=100)**

restest<-predict(mymodel,test,type="response")

confmatrix<-table(Actual\_Value=test$class,Predicted\_Value=restest>=0.5)

The library which is needed to implement Logistic Regression is caTools and e1071. First the data is split into training and testing data with 80% for training and 20% for testing. The Logistic Regression model is built using glm method. The model is trained using training data with maxit as 100 iterations. Logistic Regression is a binomial classification hence family is given as binomial. Predict function is used for predicting the test data with the trained model. Based on the prediction, confusion matrix is derived to find out the accuracy of the trained Logistic Regression model.

accuracy<-sum(diag(confmatrix))/sum(confmatrix)

print(paste("Accuracy of the test",accuracy))

## [1] "Accuracy of the test 0.871794871794872"

* **Ensemble**

**#RANDOM FOREST**

**model\_rf<-train(trainSet[,predictors],trainSet[,response],method='rf',trControl=fitControl,tuneLength=3)**

testSet$pred\_rf<-predict(object = model\_rf,testSet[,predictors])

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_rf)

#LOGSTIC REGRESSION

**model\_lr<-train(trainSet[,predictors],trainSet[,response],method='glm',trControl=fitControl,tuneLength=3)**

testSet$pred\_lr<-predict(object = model\_lr,testSet[,predictors])

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_lr)

#GRADIENT BOOSTING

**model\_gb<- train(trainSet[,predictors],trainSet[,response], method ='gbm', trControl = fitControl,tuneLength=3)**

testSet$pred\_gb<-predict(object = model\_gb,testSet[,predictors])

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_gb)

testSet$pred\_rf\_prob<-predict(object = model\_rf,testSet[,predictors],type='prob')

testSet$pred\_gb\_prob<-predict(object = model\_gb,testSet[,predictors],type='prob')

testSet$pred\_lr\_prob<-predict(object = model\_lr,testSet[,predictors],type='prob')

*#Taking average of predictions*

testSet$pred\_avg<-(testSet$pred\_rf\_prob$PASS+testSet$pred\_gb\_prob$PASS+testSet$pred\_lr\_prob$PASS)/3

testSet$pred\_avg<-as.factor(ifelse(testSet$pred\_avg>0.5,'PASS','FAIL'))

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_avg)

mean(testSet$pred\_avg == testSet$class)

testSet$pred\_majority<-as.factor(ifelse(testSet$pred\_rf=='PASS' & testSet$pred\_gb=='PASS','PASS',ifelse(testSet$pred\_rf=='PASS' & testSet$pred\_lr=='PASS','PASS',ifelse(testSet$pred\_gb=='PASS' & testSet$pred\_lr=='FAIL','FAIL','FAIL'))))

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_majority)

mean(testSet$pred\_majority == testSet$class)

*#Taking weighted average of predictions*

testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg<-(testSet$pred\_rf\_prob$PASS\*0.25)+(testSet$pred\_gb\_prob$PASS\*0.25)+(testSet$pred\_lr\_prob$PASS\*0.5)

*#Splitting into binary classes at 0.5*

testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg<-as.factor(ifelse(testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg>0.5,'PASS','FAIL'))

mean(testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg == testSet$class)

The libraries which are used for building the ensemble are caret, randomForest, xgboost and tidyverse. Gradient Boosting, Random Forest and logistic Regression are used for building ensemble model. The train function is used for training all the three algorithms and the method is changed based on the model that will be implemented. Each model’s prediction is added as a new column in the testing data sequentially. Finally average is taken between the three models predictions and end result is produced. Majority voting is done for all the prediction columns in the test data and end result is produced. Different weights are applied to prediction columns in the test data and average is taken to produces the end result.

**Accuracy of Weighted average**

## [1] 0.9534884

**Accuracy of Majority Voting**

## [1] 0.9534884

**Accuracy of Average**

## [1] 0.9534884

* **Ensemble with Tree algorithms**

**model\_cd<- train(trainSet[,predictors],trainSet[,response], method="C5.0",trControl=fitControl,tuneLength=3)**

***#Predicting using C5.0 model***

**testSet$pred\_cd<-predict(object = model\_gb,testSet[,predictors])**

**confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_cd)**

*#Predicting using Decision tree model*

**model\_dt<-train(trainSet[,predictors],trainSet[,response],method="rpart",trControl=fitControl,tuneLength=3)**

**testSet$pred\_dt<-predict(object = model\_dt,testSet[,predictors])**

**confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_dt)**

**model\_rf<-train(trainSet[,predictors],trainSet[,response],method='rf',ntree=450,trControl=fitControl,tuneLength=3)**

*#Predicting using randomforest model*

**testSet$pred\_rf<-predict(object = model\_rf,testSet[,predictors])**

**confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_rf)**

testSet$pred\_rf\_prob<-predict(object = model\_rf,testSet[,predictors],type='prob')

testSet$pred\_gb\_prob<-predict(object = model\_gb,testSet[,predictors],type='prob')

testSet$pred\_lr\_prob<-predict(object = model\_lr,testSet[,predictors],type='prob')

*#Taking average of predictions*

testSet$pred\_avg<-(testSet$pred\_rf\_prob$PASS+testSet$pred\_gb\_prob$PASS+testSet$pred\_lr\_prob$PASS)/3

*#Splitting into binary classes at 0.5*

testSet$pred\_avg<-as.factor(ifelse(testSet$pred\_avg>0.5,'PASS','FAIL'))

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_avg)

testSet$pred\_majority<-as.factor(ifelse(testSet$pred\_rf=='PASS' & testSet$pred\_gb=='PASS','PASS',ifelse(testSet$pred\_rf=='PASS' & testSet$pred\_lr=='PASS','PASS',ifelse(testSet$pred\_gb=='PASS' & testSet$pred\_lr=='FAIL','FAIL','FAIL'))))

confusionMatrix(testSet$class,testSet$pred\_majority)

*#Taking weighted average of predictions*

testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg<-(testSet$pred\_rf\_prob$PASS\*0.25)+(testSet$pred\_gb\_prob$PASS\*0.25)+(testSet$pred\_lr\_prob$PASS\*0.5)

*#Splitting into binary classes at 0.5*

testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg<-as.factor(ifelse(testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg>0.5,'PASS','FAIL'))

mean(testSet$pred\_weighted\_avg == testSet$class)

The library which is used for implementing tree Ensembling is caret which contains the train function. Decision tree, Random Forest and C5.0 are used for building the tree ensemble. The train function is used for training all the three algorithms and the method is changed based on the model that will be implemented. Each model’s prediction is added as a new column in the testing data sequentially. Finally average is taken between the three models predictions and end result is produced. Majority voting is done for all the prediction columns in the test data and end result is produced. Different weights are applied to prediction columns in the test data and average is taken to produces the end result.

**Accuracy of Weighted average**

## [1] 0.9612403

**Accuracy of Majority Voting**

## [1] 0.9612403

**Accuracy of Average**

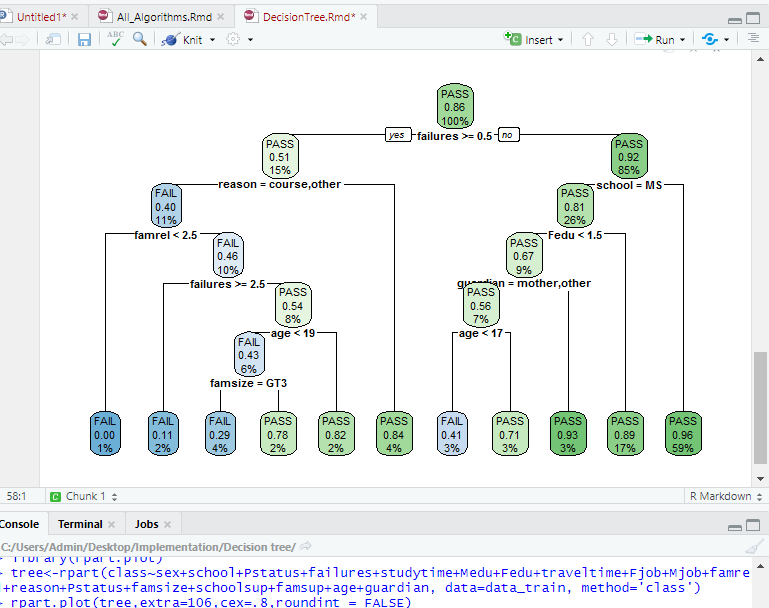
## [1] 0.9612403

## 3.4 REPORT

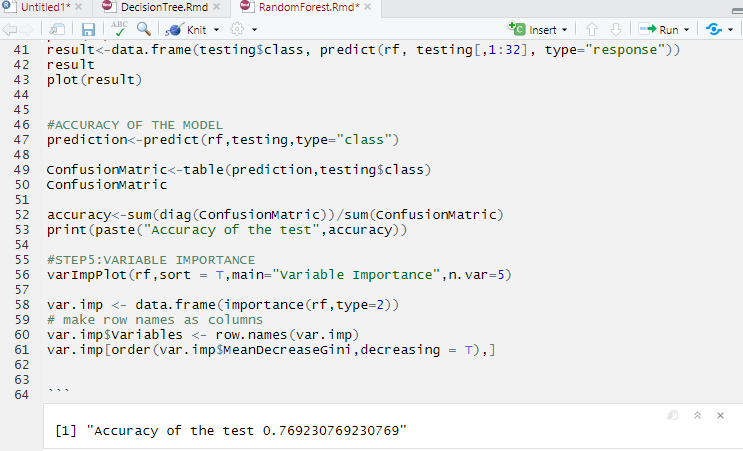
The implementation of decision tree with background details gave 73% accuracy, with social activities attributes 78% accuracy, with course work attributes 93% accuracy and with important attributes it gave 93% accuracy. The implementation of Random forest with background details gave 76% accuracy, with social activities attributes 78% accuracy, with course work attributes 91% accuracy and with important attributes it gave 91% accuracy. The implementation of Logistic Regression with background details gave 87% accuracy, with social activities attributes 83% accuracy, with course work attributes 93% accuracy and with important attributes it gave 92% accuracy. The implementation of Gradient Boosting with background details gave 79% accuracy, with social activities attributes 74% accuracy, with course work attributes 93% accuracy and with important attributes it gave 92% accuracy. The implementation of Logistic Regression with background details gave 83% accuracy, with social activities attributes 83% accuracy, with course work attributes 90% accuracy and with important attributes it gave 93% accuracy.

## 3.5 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

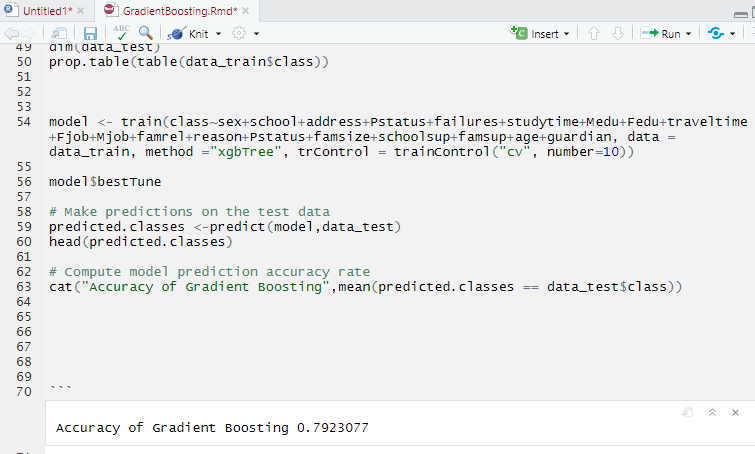
* **Output of the decision tree**



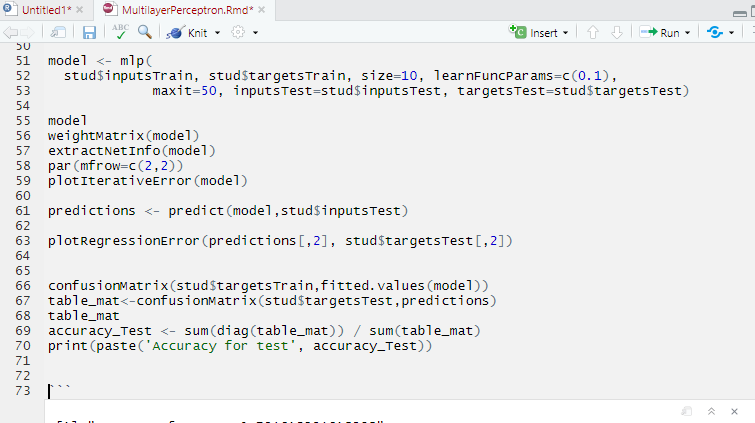
* **Output of Random forest**



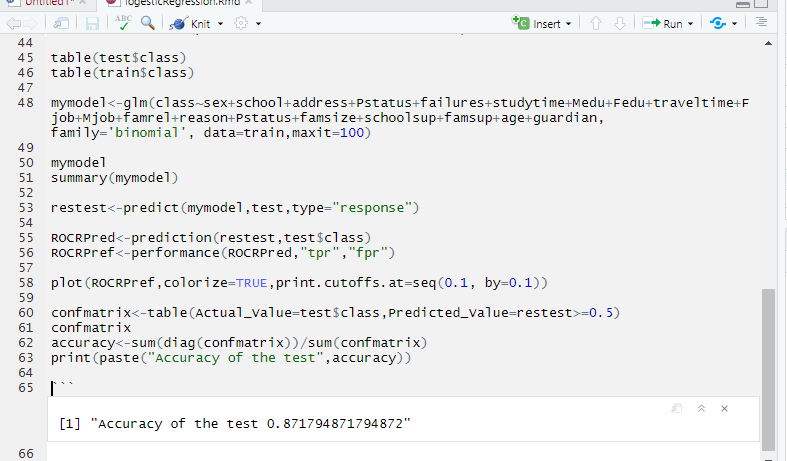
* **Output of Gradient Boosting**



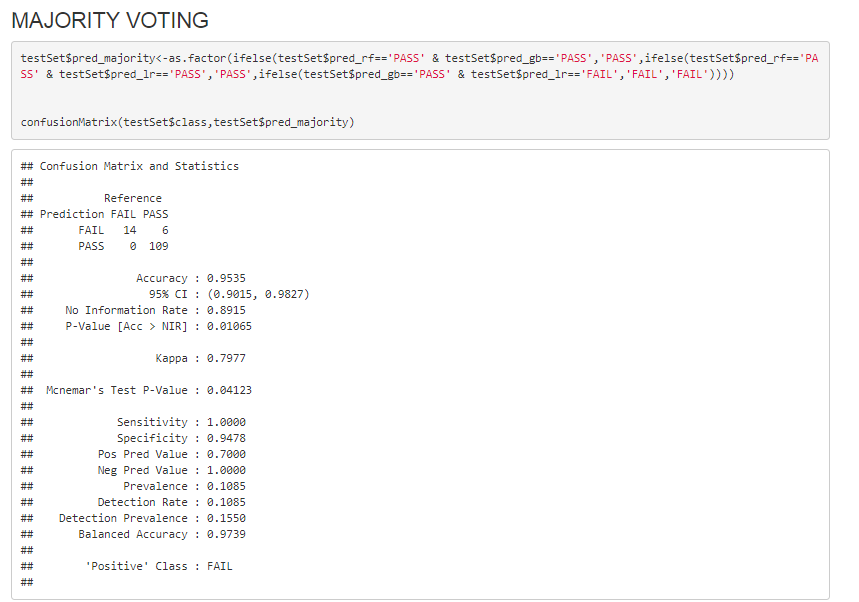
* **Output of Multilayer Perceptron**



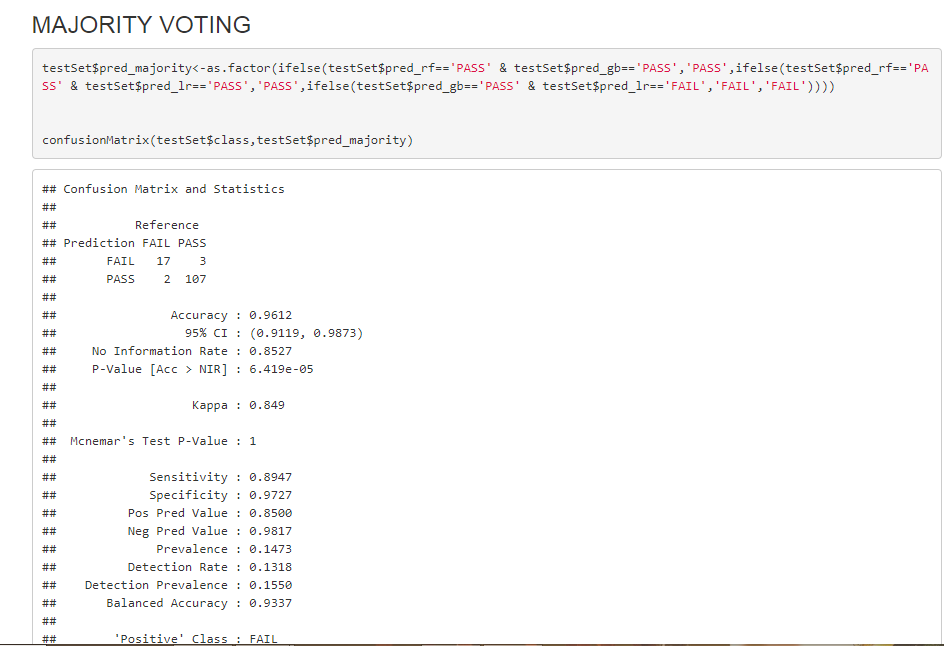
* **Output of Logistic Regression**



* **Output of Ensemble**



* **Output of Tree Ensemble**

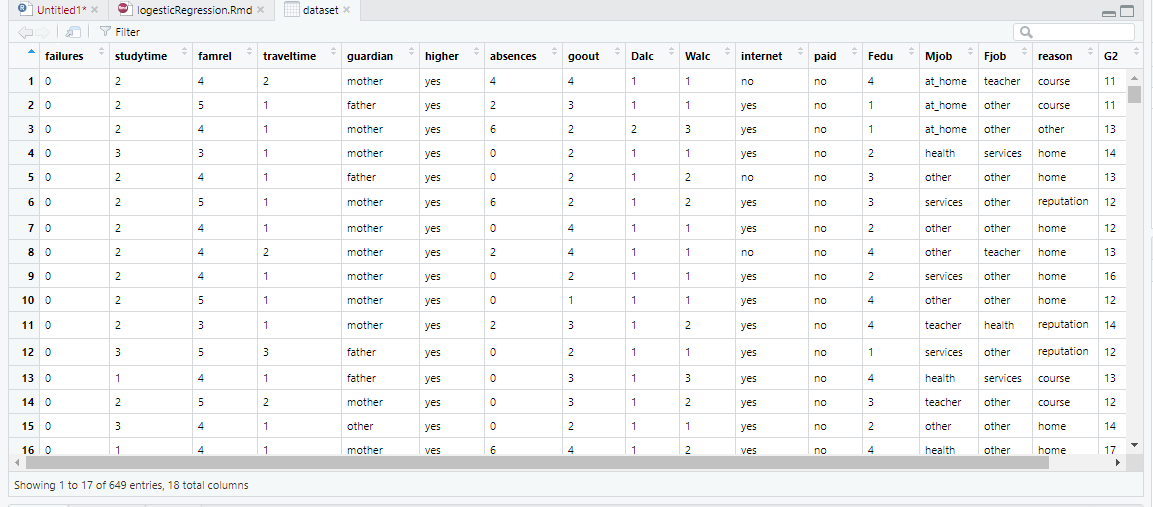


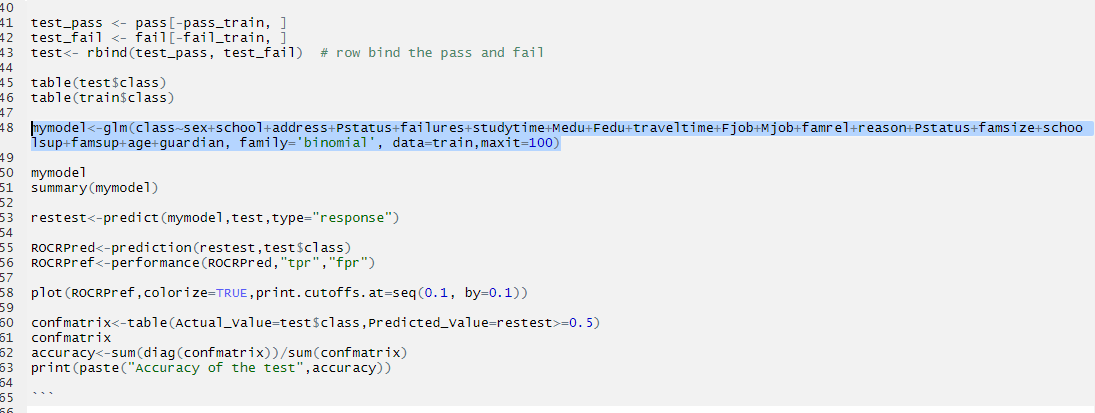
# 4. IMPLEMENTATION

## 4.1 FEATURE EXTRACTION

The dataset used in this study is taken from the University of Minho, Mathematics department which consists of 33 attributes and 650 observations. This dataset includes G1, G2, G3 major attributes and G3 containing the average grade of G1 and G2.  The response attribute class is created using G3 attribute. This class attribute contains only the pass and fail values, the Student’s who got more than 10 in G3 they are placed into pass class and Student’s who got less than 10 in G3 are placed in fail category.  The dataset is divided into three groups: Background details, Social activities and Course work. The Background details contain Sex, School, Address, Pstatus, famsize, schoolsup, famup, Mjob, Fjob, Fedu, Medu, Reason, Guardian, Famrel, Age, Travel time, Study time and Failures. The Social activities contain Activities, Higher, Internet, Nursery, Paid Class, Romantic, Absences, Health, Free time, Gout, Dalc and Walc. The course work contains G1 and G2 attribute. From the 33 attributes 14 attributes are selected as important attributes by using the Variable Importance function in order to improve the accuracy of the algorithms.

**SCREENSHOT**





## 4.2 SAMPLE CODE

chisq.test(class,Fjob)

chisq.test(class,Mjob)

chisq.test(class,paid)

chisq.test(class,guardian)

cor(Fedu,G3)

cor(traveltime,G3)

cor(absences,G3)

cor(Walc,G3)

cor(Dalc,G3)

*#STEP2:DATA PREPROCESSING*

stud<-na.omit(stud)

stud$class[stud$G3>=10]<-'PASS'

stud$class[stud$G3<10]<-'FAIL'

*#CONVERTIG TO NUMERIC*

stud$school<-as.numeric(stud$school)

stud$address<-as.numeric(stud$address)

stud$sex<-as.numeric(stud$sex)

stud$famsize<-as.numeric(stud$famsize)

stud$Pstatus<-as.numeric(stud$Pstatus)

stud$Mjob<-as.numeric(stud$Mjob)

stud$Fjob<-as.numeric(stud$Fjob)

as.factor(stud)

create\_train\_test <- **function**(data, size = 0.8, train = TRUE) {

n\_row = nrow(data)

total\_row = size \* n\_row

train\_sample <- 1: total\_row

**if** (train == TRUE) {

**return** (data[train\_sample, ])

} **else** {

**return** (data[-train\_sample, ])

}}

data\_train <- create\_train\_test(stud, 0.8, train = TRUE)

data\_test <- create\_train\_test(stud, 0.8, train = FALSE)

rf<-randomForest(class~failures+studytime+G2+higher+absences+goout+Walc+famrel+reason+Fedu+internet+Fjob,data=data\_train, mtry=12, ntree=500, importance=TRUE)

mymodel<-glm(class~failures+studytime+G2+higher+absences+goout+Walc+famrel+reason+Fedu+internet+Fjob, family='binomial', data=data\_train,maxit=100)

model <- mlp(stud$inputsTrain, stud$targetsTrain, size=5, learnFuncParams=c(0.1), maxit=50, inputsTest=stud$inputsTest, targetsTest=stud$targetsTest)

# 5. COMPARISON OF RESULTS OF THE ALGORITHMS

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Individual Algorithm Accuracy** | | | | | |
| **S.no** | **Algorithm** | **Result** | **Background Details** | **Social Activities** | **Course** |
| 1 | Decision Tree | Precision | 0.93 | 1 | 0.85 |
| Recall | 0.83 | 0.79 | 0.92 |
| F-Measure | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Accuracy | 0.79 | 0.78 | 0.93 |
| 2 | Random Forest | Precision | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.87 |
| Recall | 0.92 | 0.86 | 0.95 |
| F-Measure | 0.94 | 0.91 | 0.93 |
| Accuracy | 0.76 | 0.83 | 0.93 |
| 3 | Logistic Regression | Precision | 0.92 | 0.96 | 0.87 |
| Recall | 0.9 | 0.86 | 0.95 |
| F-Measure | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| Accuracy | 0.87 | 0.83 | 0.93 |
| 4 | Gradient Boosting | Precision | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.82 |
| Recall | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.95 |
| F-Measure | 0.96 | 0.94 | 0.93 |
| Accuracy | 0.79 | 0.74 | 0.93 |
| 5 | Multilayer Perceptron | Precision | 1 | 0.99 | 0.86 |
| Recall | 0.79 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| F-Measure | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Accuracy | 0.83 | 0.83 | 0.9 |

**Table 6 Individual Algorithm Accuracy**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Individual Algorithms Accuracy with Important attributes** | | | | | |
| **S.no** | **Algorithm** | **Accuracy** | **Precision** | **Recall** | **F-measure** |
| 1 | Decision Tree | 0.93 | 0.88 | 0.93 | 0.91 |
| 2 | Random Forest | 0.915 | 0.89 | 0.97 | 0.92 |
| 3 | Logistic Regression | 0.923 | 0.88 | 0.93 | 0.9 |
| 4 | Gradient Boosting | 0.923 | 0.88 | 0.93 | 0.91 |
| 5 | Multilayer Perceptron | 0.93 | 0.9 | 0.92 | 0.91 |

**Table 7 Individual Algorithms Important Attributes**

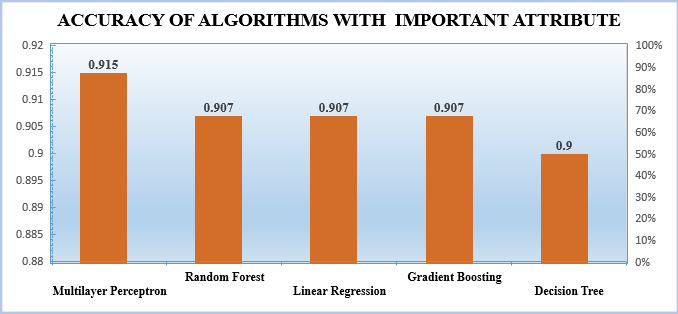
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| **Ensembling with Important attributes** | | |
| **S.no** | **Algorithm** | **Accuracy** |
| 1 | Random Forest | 0.937 |
| 2 | Logistic Regression | 0.945 |
| 3 | Gradient Boosting | 0.953 |
| **Averaging** | Precision | 0.88 |
| Recall | 1 |
| F-Measure | 0.93 |
| **Accuracy** | **0.953** |
| **Majority Voting** | Precision | 0.88 |
| Recall | 0.94 |
| F-Measure | 0.91 |
| **Accuracy** | **0.953** |
| **Weighted Average** | Precision | 0.88 |
| Recall | 1 |
| F-Measure | 0.93 |
| **Accuracy** | **0.953** |

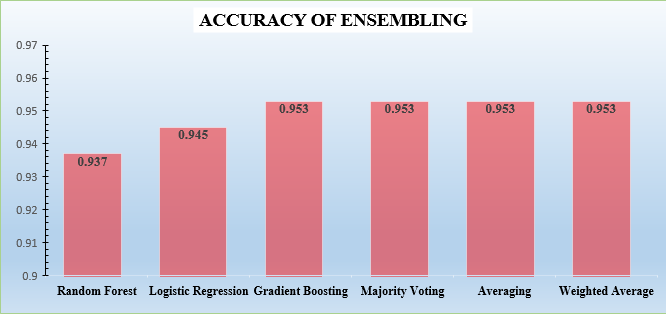
**Table 8 Ensemble with Important Attributes**

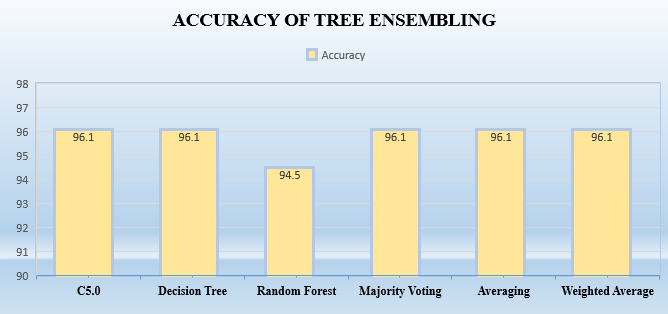
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| **Ensembling Trees with important attributes** | | |
| **S.no** | **Algorithm** | **Accuracy** |
| 1 | C5.0 | 0.961 |
| 2 | Decision Tree | 0.961 |
| 3 | Random Forest | 0.945 |
| **Averaging** | Precision | 0.87 |
| Recall | 1 |
| F-Measure | 0.93 |
| **Accuracy** | **0.961** |
| **Majority Voting** | Precision | 0.86 |
| Recall | 0.97 |
| F-Measure | 0.91 |
| **Accuracy** | **0.961** |
| **Weighted Average** | Precision | 0.87 |
| Recall | 1 |
| F-Measure | 93 |
| **Accuracy** | **0.961** |

**Table 9 Tree Ensemble**

**ANALYSIS OF RESULTS**



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# 6. CONCLUSION

Educational data mining is the interesting field of research for educationalist. With the help of EDM the educational institutions can be benefitted by identifying the weak Student’s and give adequate training for improving the performance of the Students. The classification technique is the popular data mining technique used in Educational Data Mining. This study implemented five classification algorithms which are Decision tree, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Gradient Boosting and Multilayer Perceptron. The Logistic Regression out performed other algorithms with an accuracy of 87% using Background, Social with an accuracy of 83.5% and Course work attributes with 93%. And Multilayer Perceptron and Decision tree out performed other algorithms with an accuracy of 93% using Important attributes. Ensembling with Gradient Boosting, Random Forest and Logistic Regression gave accuracy of 95%. The Tree Ensembling using Decision tree, Random forest and C5.0 gave accuracy of 96%. As the age increases the failure rate also increases, the female Student’s face less failures compared to male. If the study time is greater than equal to 3 hours the Students can escape from failure.

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# 8.APPENDIX

