

SMOTE VARIANT FOR UNBALANCED DATA IN CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS

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Introduction

Problem of **unbalanced data** in classification problems:

- Solutions at the algorithm level: cost-sensitive learning, ensemble methods
- Solutions at the data level: oversampling, undersampling, syntethic data (SMOTE, ROSE)

Aim of the project:

- Generate synthetic data using the variant SMOTE-DIRICHLET
- Compare models trained on unbalanced dataset, balanced with SMOTE and balanced with SMOTE-DIRICHLET



Data Generation Process

Parameter	Values	Description
n _{train}	600, 1000, 5000	Train set size
n_{test}	600	Test set size
π	0.10, 0.05, 0.025	Proportion of rare examples
IR	9, 19, 39	Imbalance ratio

Table: Parameters of the 100 simulations

$$(\mathbf{X}, y) \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \mathbf{X} \sim N_2 \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{if } y = 0, \\ \mathbf{X} \sim N_2 \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{if } y = 1. \end{cases}$$

Contour Plot of the Data Distribution

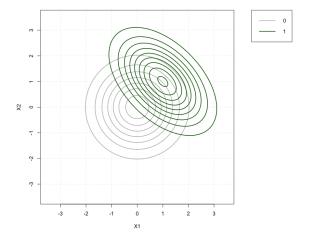


Figure: Contour plot of the data distribution

Example of Generated Data

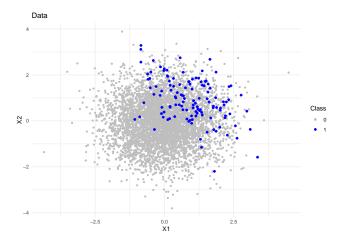


Figure: Data generated with size = 5000 and $\pi = 0.025$

Assessment Method

- 100 Static Train/Test Division
- Metrics: Balanced Accuracy, F1 Score
- Models: Decision Tree, Logistic Regression
- Comparisons with Boxplots

SMOTE

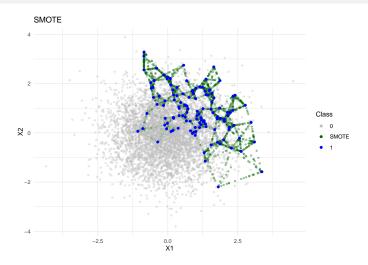


Figure: Synthetic data generated with SMOTE

SMOTE-DIRICHLET

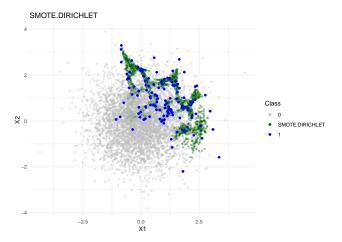
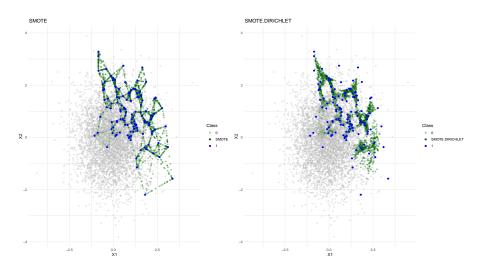


Figure: Synthetic data generated with Dirichlet SMOTE using Dirichlet distribution: $P(p|\alpha) \sim Dir(\alpha_1,...,\alpha_k) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_j \alpha_j)}{\prod_j \Gamma(\alpha_j)} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_j-1}$. $\alpha = 1, \ k = 3,5$. [3]

Comparison between SMOTE and Dirichlet SMOTE



Metrics of Tree Model

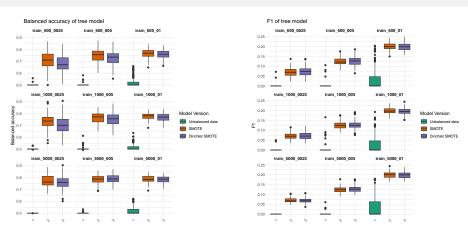
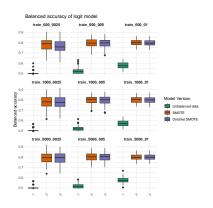


Figure: Distribution of the balanced accuracy and F1 for the classification tree. Each boxplot refers to a different couple of trainset and testset. The threshold for all models is left as default (0.5).

Metrics of Logistic Regression Model



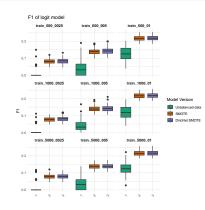
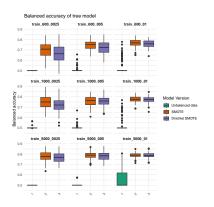


Figure: Distribution of the balanced accuracy and F1 for the logit model. Each boxplot refers to a different couple of trainset and testset. The threshold for all models is left as default (0.5).

Metrics of Tree Model with Optimized Threshold



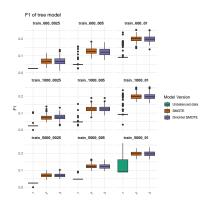
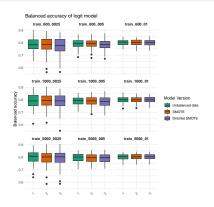


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Metrics of Logistic Regression Model with Optimized Threshold



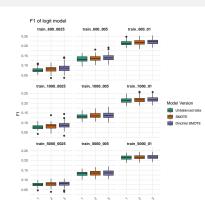
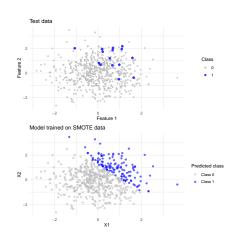
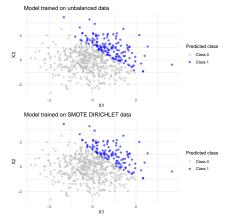


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Decision boundaries of logistic models





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