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Evaluating a Classification Model

Summary: ROC, AUC, confusion matrix, and metrics

Topics

- 1. Review of model evaluation
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This tutorial is derived from Data School's Machine Learning with scikit-learn tutorial. I added my own notes so anyone, including myself, can refer to this tutorial without watching the videos.

1. Review of model evaluation

- · Need a way to choose between models: different model types, tuning parameters, and features
- Use a model evaluation procedure to estimate how well a model will generalize to out-of-sample data
- Requires a model evaluation metric to quantify the model performance

2. Model evaluation procedures

1. Training and testing on the same data

Rewards overly complex models that "overfit" the training data and won't necessarily generalize

2. Train/test split

- · Split the dataset into two pieces, so that the model can be trained and tested on different data
- Better estimate of out-of-sample performance, but still a "high variance" estimate
- · Useful due to its speed, simplicity, and flexibility

3. K-fold cross-validation

- Systematically create "K" train/test splits and average the results together
- Even better estimate of out-of-sample performance
- Runs "K" times slower than train/test split

3. Model evaluation metrics

- Regression problems: Mean Absolute Error, Mean Squared Error, Root Mean Squared Error
- Classification problems: Classification accuracy
 - There are many more metrics, and we will discuss them today

4. Classification accuracy

<u>Pima Indian Diabetes dataset</u> (https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Pima+Indians+Diabetes) from the UCI Machine Learning Repository

In [2]: # print the first 5 rows of data from the dataframe
pima.head()

Out[2]:

	pregnant	glucose	bp	skin	insulin	bmi	pedigree	age	label
0	6	148	72	35	0	33.6	0.627	50	1
1	1	85	66	29	0	26.6	0.351	31	0
2	8	183	64	0	0	23.3	0.672	32	1
3	1	89	66	23	94	28.1	0.167	21	0
4	0	137	40	35	168	43.1	2.288	33	1

- label
 - 1: diabetes
 - 0: no diabetes
- pregnant
 - number of times pregnant

Question: Can we predict the diabetes status of a patient given their health measurements?

```
In [3]: # define X and y
    feature_cols = ['pregnant', 'insulin', 'bmi', 'age']

# X is a matrix, hence we use [] to access the features we want in feature_cols
X = pima[feature_cols]

# y is a vector, hence we use dot to access 'label'
y = pima.label
```

```
In [4]: # split X and y into training and testing sets
    from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split
    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, random_state=0)
```

```
In [5]: # train a Logistic regression model on the training set
    from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

# instantiate model
    logreg = LogisticRegression()

# fit model
    logreg.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[5]: LogisticRegression(C=1.0, class weight=None, dual=False, fit intercept=True,
```

```
In [6]: # make class predictions for the testing set
y_pred_class = logreg.predict(X_test)
```

Classification accuracy: percentage of correct predictions

Classification accuracy is 69%

Null accuracy: accuracy that could be achieved by always predicting the most frequent class

We must always compare with this

```
Out[8]: 0 130
1 62
Name: label, dtype: int64
```

Out[9]: 0.3229166666666667

32% of the

```
In [10]: # calculate the percentage of zeros
1 - y_test.mean()

Out[10]: 0.677083333333333

In [11]: # calculate null accuracy in a single line of code
# only for binary classification problems coded as 0/1
max(y_test.mean(), 1 - y_test.mean())

Out[11]: 0.67708333333333333
```

This means that a dumb model that always predicts 0 would be right 68% of the time

- This shows how classification accuracy is not that good as it's close to a dumb model
- It's a good way to know the minimum we should achieve with our models

```
In [12]: # calculate null accuracy (for multi-class classification problems)
    y_test.value_counts().head(1) / len(y_test)

Out[12]: 0     0.677083
          Name: label, dtype: float64
```

Comparing the true and predicted response values

Conclusion:

- · Classification accuracy is the easiest classification metric to understand
- But, it does not tell you the **underlying distribution** of response values
 - We examine by calculating the null accuracy
- And, it does not tell you what "types" of errors your classifier is making

5. Confusion matrix

Table that describes the performance of a classification model

In [14]: # IMPORTANT: first argument is true values, second argument is predicted values
this produces a 2x2 numpy array (matrix)
print(metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_class))

[[118 12] [47 15]]

	Predicted:	Predicted:
n=192	0	1
Actual:		
0	118	12
Actual:		
1	47	15

- Every observation in the testing set is represented in exactly one box
- It's a 2x2 matrix because there are 2 response classes
- The format shown here is **not** universal
 - Take attention to the format when interpreting a confusion matrix

Basic terminology

- True Positives (TP): we correctly predicted that they do have diabetes
 - **15**
- True Negatives (TN): we *correctly* predicted that they *don't* have diabetes

In [15]: # print the first 25 true and predicted responses

- 118
- False Positives (FP): we incorrectly predicted that they do have diabetes (a "Type I error")
 - **12**
 - Falsely predict positive
 - Type I error
- False Negatives (FN): we incorrectly predicted that they don't have diabetes (a "Type II error")
 - **47**
 - Falsely predict negative
 - Type II error
- · 0: negative class
- · 1: positive class

	Predicted:	Predicted:	
n=192	0	1	
Actual:			
0	TN = 118	FP = 12	130
Actual:			
1	FN = 47	TP = 15	62
	165	27	

6. Metrics computed from a confusion matrix

Classification Accuracy: Overall, how often is the classifier correct?

```
In [17]: # use float to perform true division, not integer division
    print((TP + TN) / float(TP + TN + FP + FN))
    print(metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_class))
```

0.692708333333
0.6927083333333

Classification Error: Overall, how often is the classifier incorrect?

· Also known as "Misclassification Rate"

```
In [18]: classification_error = (FP + FN) / float(TP + TN + FP + FN)
    print(classification_error)
    print(1 - metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_class))
```

0.307291666667
0.307291666667

Sensitivity: When the actual value is positive, how often is the prediction correct?

- · Something we want to maximize
- How "sensitive" is the classifier to detecting positive instances?
- Also known as "True Positive Rate" or "Recall"
- · TP / all positive
 - all positive = TP + FN

```
In [19]: sensitivity = TP / float(FN + TP)
    print(sensitivity)
    print(metrics.recall_score(y_test, y_pred_class))
    0.241935483871
    0.241935483871
```

Specificity: When the actual value is negative, how often is the prediction correct?

- · Something we want to maximize
- How "specific" (or "selective") is the classifier in predicting positive instances?
- · TN / all negative
 - all negative = TN + FP

```
In [20]: specificity = TN / (TN + FP)
    print(specificity)
    0.907692307692
```

Our classifier

- · Highly specific
- · Not sensitive

False Positive Rate: When the actual value is negative, how often is the prediction incorrect?

```
In [21]: false_positive_rate = FP / float(TN + FP)
    print(false_positive_rate)
    print(1 - specificity)
    0.0923076923077
    0.0923076923077
```

Precision: When a positive value is predicted, how often is the prediction correct?

• How "precise" is the classifier when predicting positive instances?

```
In [22]: precision = TP / float(TP + FP)
    print(precision)
    print(metrics.precision_score(y_test, y_pred_class))

0.55555555556
    0.55555555556
```

Many other metrics can be computed: F1 score, Matthews correlation coefficient, etc.

Conclusion:

- Confusion matrix gives you a more complete picture of how your classifier is performing
- Also allows you to compute various classification metrics, and these metrics can guide your model selection

Which metrics should you focus on?

- · Choice of metric depends on your business objective
 - Identify if FP or FN is more important to reduce
 - Choose metric with relevant variable (FP or FN in the equation)
- Spam filter (positive class is "spam"):
 - Optimize for precision or specificity
 - precision
 - o false positive as variable
 - specificity
 - · false positive as variable
 - Because false negatives (spam goes to the inbox) are more acceptable than false positives (non-spam is caught by the spam filter)
- Fraudulent transaction detector (positive class is "fraud"):
 - Optimize for sensitivity
 - FN as a variable
 - Because false positives (normal transactions that are flagged as possible fraud) are more acceptable than false negatives (fraudulent transactions that are not detected)

7. Adjusting the classification threshold

```
In [23]: # print the first 10 predicted responses
# 1D array (vector) of binary values (0, 1)
logreg.predict(X_test)[0:10]
```

Out[23]: array([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1])

```
# print the first 10 predicted probabilities of class membership
In [24]:
         logreg.predict_proba(X_test)[0:10]
Out[24]: array([[ 0.63247571,
                               0.36752429],
                [ 0.71643656,
                               0.28356344],
                [ 0.71104114,
                               0.28895886],
                              0.4141062 ],
                [ 0.5858938 ,
                [ 0.84103973, 0.15896027],
                [ 0.82934844, 0.17065156],
                [ 0.50110974, 0.49889026],
                [ 0.48658459, 0.51341541],
                [0.72321388, 0.27678612],
                [ 0.32810562, 0.67189438]])
```

- · Row: observation
 - Each row, numbers sum to 1
- Column: class
 - 2 response classes there 2 columns
 - column 0: predicted probability that each observation is a member of class 0
 - column 1: predicted probability that each observation is a member of class 1
- · Importance of predicted probabilities
 - We can rank observations by probability of diabetes
 - Prioritize contacting those with a higher probability
- predict proba process
 - 1. Predicts the probabilities
 - 2. Choose the class with the highest probability
- There is a 0.5 classification threshold
 - Class 1 is predicted if probability > 0.5
 - Class 0 is predicted if probability < 0.5

```
In [25]:
         # print the first 10 predicted probabilities for class 1
         logreg.predict_proba(X_test)[0:10, 1]
Out[25]: array([ 0.36752429,
                              0.28356344,
                                           0.28895886,
                                                                     0.15896027,
                                                        0.4141062 ,
                 0.17065156,
                              0.49889026,
                                           0.51341541,
                                                        0.27678612,
                                                                     0.67189438])
In [26]:
         # store the predicted probabilities for class 1
         y pred prob = logreg.predict proba(X test)[:, 1]
```

```
In [57]: # allow plots to appear in the notebook
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

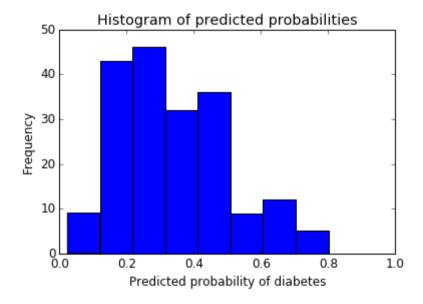
# adjust the font size
plt.rcParams['font.size'] = 12
```

```
In [58]: # histogram of predicted probabilities

# 8 bins
plt.hist(y_pred_prob, bins=8)

# x-axis limit from 0 to 1
plt.xlim(0,1)
plt.title('Histogram of predicted probabilities')
plt.xlabel('Predicted probability of diabetes')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
```

Out[58]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x11c2b1128>



- · We can see from the third bar
 - About 45% of observations have probability from 0.2 to 0.3
 - Small number of observations with probability > 0.5
 - This is below the threshold of 0.5
 - Most would be predicted "no diabetes" in this case
- Solution
 - Decrease the threshold for predicting diabetes
 - · Increase the sensitivity of the classifier
 - This would increase the number of TP
 - More sensitive to positive instances
 - · Example of metal detector
 - Threshold set to set off alarm for large object but not tiny objects
 - YES: metal, NO: no metal
 - · We lower the threshold amount of metal to set it off
 - It is now more sensitive to metal
 - It will then predict YES more often

```
In [29]: # predict diabetes if the predicted probability is greater than 0.3
from sklearn.preprocessing import binarize
# it will return 1 for all values above 0.3 and 0 otherwise
# results are 2D so we slice out the first column
y_pred_class = binarize(y_pred_prob, 0.3)[0]
```

/Users/ritchieng/anaconda3/envs/py3k/lib/python3.5/site-packages/sklearn/utils/v alidation.py:386: DeprecationWarning: Passing 1d arrays as data is deprecated in 0.17 and willraise ValueError in 0.19. Reshape your data either using X.reshape (-1, 1) if your data has a single feature or X.reshape(1, -1) if it contains a single sample.

DeprecationWarning)

```
In [30]:
         # print the first 10 predicted probabilities
         y_pred_prob[0:10]
Out[30]: array([ 0.36752429,
                              0.28356344,
                                           0.28895886,
                                                       0.4141062 ,
                                                                    0.15896027,
                                                                    0.67189438])
                 0.17065156,
                              0.49889026,
                                          0.51341541, 0.27678612,
         # print the first 10 predicted classes with the lower threshold
In [40]:
         y_pred_class[0:10]
Out[40]: array([ 1., 0., 0.,
                                    0.,
                                1.,
                                         0.,
                                               1.,
                                                   1.,
                                                        0.,
```

```
In [41]: # previous confusion matrix (default threshold of 0.5)
print(confusion)

[[118    12]
      [ 47    15]]

In [42]: # new confusion matrix (threshold of 0.3)
print(metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_class))

[[80    50]
      [16    46]]
```

- · The row totals are the same
- · The rows represent actual response values
 - 130 values top row
 - 62 values bottom row
- · Observations from the left column moving to the right column because we will have more TP and FP

```
In [46]: # sensitivity has increased (used to be 0.24)
print (46 / float(46 + 16))

0.7419354838709677

In [44]: # specificity has decreased (used to be 0.91)
print(80 / float(80 + 50))

0.6153846153846154
```

Conclusion:

- Threshold of 0.5 is used by default (for binary problems) to convert predicted probabilities into class predictions
- Threshold can be adjusted to increase sensitivity or specificity
- · Sensitivity and specificity have an inverse relationship
 - Increasing one would always decrease the other
- · Adjusting the threshold should be one of the last step you do in the model-building process
 - The most important steps are
 - · Building the models
 - · Selecting the best model

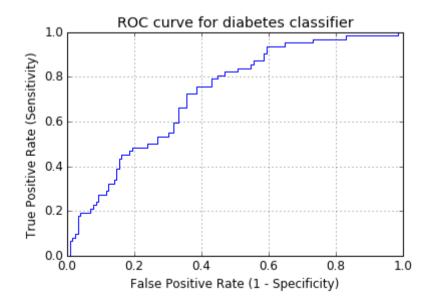
8. Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curves

Question: Wouldn't it be nice if we could see how sensitivity and specificity are affected by various thresholds, without actually changing the threshold?

Answer: Plot the ROC curve.

Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

```
In [59]:
         # IMPORTANT: first argument is true values, second argument is predicted probabi
         lities
         # we pass y_test and y_pred_prob
         # we do not use y_pred_class, because it will give incorrect results without gen
         erating an error
         # roc_curve returns 3 objects fpr, tpr, thresholds
         # fpr: false positive rate
         # tpr: true positive rate
         fpr, tpr, thresholds = metrics.roc curve(y test, y pred prob)
         plt.plot(fpr, tpr)
         plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
         plt.ylim([0.0, 1.0])
         plt.rcParams['font.size'] = 12
         plt.title('ROC curve for diabetes classifier')
         plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate (1 - Specificity)')
         plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate (Sensitivity)')
         plt.grid(True)
```



- ROC curve can help you to **choose a threshold** that balances sensitivity and specificity in a way that makes sense for your particular context
- You can't actually see the thresholds used to generate the curve on the ROC curve itself

```
In [63]: # define a function that accepts a threshold and prints sensitivity and specific
    ity
    def evaluate_threshold(threshold):
        print('Sensitivity:', tpr[thresholds > threshold][-1])
        print('Specificity:', 1 - fpr[thresholds > threshold][-1])

In [64]: evaluate_threshold(0.5)
    Sensitivity: 0.241935483871
    Specificity: 0.907692307692

In [65]: evaluate_threshold(0.3)
    Sensitivity: 0.725806451613
    Specificity: 0.615384615385
```

9. AUC

AUC is the percentage of the ROC plot that is underneath the curve:

```
In [67]: # IMPORTANT: first argument is true values, second argument is predicted probabi
lities
print(metrics.roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_prob))
0.724565756824
```

- AUC is useful as a single number summary of classifier performance
- Higher value = better classifier
- If you randomly chose one positive and one negative observation, AUC represents the likelihood that your classifier will assign a **higher predicted probability** to the positive observation
- AUC is useful even when there is high class imbalance (unlike classification accuracy)
 - Fraud case
 - Null accuracy almost 99%
 - · AUC is useful here

```
In [68]: # calculate cross-validated AUC
from sklearn.cross_validation import cross_val_score
cross_val_score(logreg, X, y, cv=10, scoring='roc_auc').mean()
```

Out[68]: 0.73782336182336183

Use both of these whenever possible

1. Confusion matrix advantages:

- · Allows you to calculate a variety of metrics
- Useful for multi-class problems (more than two response classes)

2. ROC/AUC advantages:

- Does not require you to set a classification threshold
- · Still useful when there is high class imbalance

10. Confusion Matrix Resources

- Blog post: <u>Simple guide to confusion matrix terminology</u>
 (http://www.dataschool.io/simple-guide-to-confusion-matrix-terminology/) by me
- Videos: Intuitive sensitivity and specificity (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4_3fditnWg) (9 minutes) and The tradeoff between sensitivity and specificity (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtYDyGGeQyo) (13 minutes) by Rahul Patwari
- Notebook: <u>How to calculate "expected value"</u>
 (https://github.com/podopie/DAT18NYC/blob/master/classes/13-expected_value_cost_benefit_analysis.ipynb) from a confusion matrix by treating it as a cost-benefit matrix (by Ed Podojil)
- Graphic: How <u>classification threshold</u> (https://media.amazonwebservices.com/blog/2015/ml_adjust_model_1.png) affects different evaluation metrics (from a <u>blog post</u> (https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/amazon-machine-learning-make-data-driven-decisions-at-scale/) about Amazon Machine Learning)

11. ROC and AUC Resources

- Lesson notes: <u>ROC Curves</u> (http://ebp.uga.edu/courses/Chapter%204%20-%20Diagnosis%20I/8%20-%20ROC%20curves.html) (from the University of Georgia)
- Video: <u>ROC Curves and Area Under the Curve</u> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAl6eAyP-yo) (14 minutes) by me, including <u>transcript and screenshots</u> (http://www.dataschool.io/roc-curves-and-auc-explained/) and a <u>visualization</u> (http://www.navan.name/roc/)
- Video: ROC Curves (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21Igj5Pr6u4) (12 minutes) by Rahul Patwari
- Paper: An introduction to ROC analysis (http://people.inf.elte.hu/kiss/13dwhdm/roc.pdf) by Tom Fawcett
- Usage examples: <u>Comparing different feature sets</u>
 (http://research.microsoft.com/pubs/205472/aisec10-leontjeva.pdf) for detecting fraudulent Skype users, and <u>comparing different classifiers</u> (http://www.cse.ust.hk/nevinZhangGroup/readings/yi/Bradley_PR97.pdf) on a number of popular datasets

12. Other Resources

• scikit-learn documentation: Model evaluation (http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/model evaluation.html)

- Guide: <u>Comparing model evaluation procedures and metrics</u> (https://github.com/justmarkham/DAT8/blob/master/other/model_evaluation_comparison.md) by me
- Video: <u>Counterfactual evaluation of machine learning models</u>
 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWCSxAKR-h0) (45 minutes) about how Stripe evaluates its fraud detection model, including <u>slides</u>
 (http://www.slideshare.net/MichaelManapat/counterfactual-evaluation-of-machine-learning-models)

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This is excellent explanation on evaluation of models.

Thank you for writing and sharing this code. It really help me:)

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Amazing work !!!

I was desperately looking for these performance matrix.

Thanks a ton Ritchie:)

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Alfredo Contreras • a year ago

This is a great post! Thanks very much for sharing it.



Arjun Anil • a year ago

Hi Ritchie,

Thank you for sharing this.

I have a query related to multi class classification models.

Will the confusion matrix, precision and recall, ROC and AUC still be relevant when taking the case of multi class classification?



Ritchie Ng Moderator Arjun Anil • a year ago

For confusion matrix, it is highly relevant for multi-class problems. For example you can see if you predict class 0 when the ground truth is class 4. And that side gap may be severe and you can look at minimizing this versus predicting class 0 and ground truth being 1. This is highly relevant for say cancer detection where the higher classes may be more severe cases.

For AUC, you need to compare by 2 classes and analyse accordingly.



Arjun Anil → Ritchie Ng • a year ago

Hi Ritchie.

Thanks for the reply. The concept has become more clear.

It would be helpful if you could make clarity on the below mentioned point:

- Is the confusion matrix only used for a train-test split method?

Can it be used in a situation where the whole data is subjected to a K-fold cross validation method?

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