

Model evaluation under Non-constant Class Imbalance: Supplementary Material

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Theorem 1. *Let $TPR \in (\widehat{TPR} - \sigma_{TPR}, \widehat{TPR} + \sigma_{TPR})$ and $FPR \in (\widehat{FPR} - \sigma_{FPR}, \widehat{FPR} + \sigma_{FPR})$. Let further $\widehat{TPR} > \sigma_{TPR}$ and $\widehat{FPR} > \sigma_{FPR}$. Then*

$$\Delta \leq \max\{CV_{TPR}, CV_{FPR}\}$$

and the equality is attain iff $CV_{TPR} = CV_{FPR}$.

PROOF: The value of Δ is defined as the maximal width of the interval $(LB(\eta), UB(\eta))$ w.r.t. η , that is,

$$\Delta = \max_{\eta \in (0,1)} (UB(\eta) - LB(\eta)),$$

where

$$LB(\eta) = \min_{\substack{TPR \in \mathcal{I}_{TPR} \\ FPR \in \mathcal{I}_{FPR}}} \text{Prec}(\eta, TPR, FPR),$$

$$UB(\eta) = \max_{\substack{TPR \in \mathcal{I}_{TPR} \\ FPR \in \mathcal{I}_{FPR}}} \text{Prec}(\eta, TPR, FPR),$$

and

$$\text{Prec}(\eta, TPR, FPR) = \frac{\eta \cdot TPR}{\eta \cdot TPR + (1 - \eta) \cdot FPR} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\eta} \frac{FPR}{TPR}}. \quad (1)$$

The equation (1) shows that $\text{Prec}(\eta, TPR, FPR)$ is a monotonically decreasing function of the ratio $\frac{FPR}{TPR}$ which together with $FPR \in (\widehat{FPR} - \sigma_{FPR}, \widehat{FPR} + \sigma_{FPR})$ and $TPR \in (\widehat{TPR} - \sigma_{TPR}, \widehat{TPR} + \sigma_{TPR})$ implies that

$$UB(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\eta} \frac{\widehat{FPR} - \sigma_{FPR}}{\widehat{TPR} + \sigma_{TPR}}} \quad \text{and} \quad LB(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(1-\eta)}{\eta} \frac{\widehat{FPR} + \sigma_{FPR}}{\widehat{TPR} - \sigma_{TPR}}}.$$

Using $x = \frac{1-\eta}{\eta} \in (0, \infty)$, we can re-parametrize $UB(\eta)$ and $LB(\eta)$ as

$$UB(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x \cdot r_1} \quad \text{and} \quad LB(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x \cdot r_2}$$

where $r_1 = \frac{\widehat{\text{FPR}} - \sigma_{\text{FPR}}}{\widehat{\text{TPR}} + \sigma_{\text{TPR}}}$ and $r_2 = \frac{\widehat{\text{FPR}} + \sigma_{\text{FPR}}}{\widehat{\text{TPR}} - \sigma_{\text{TPR}}}$. The value of Δ can be then equivalently defined as

$$\Delta = \max_{x \in (0, \infty)} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \text{UB}(x) - \text{LB}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x \cdot r_1} - \frac{1}{1 + x \cdot r_2}.$$

The maximum of $f(x)$ can be found analytically by solving $f'(x) = 0$ for x which yields

$$x^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_1 \cdot r_2}},$$

and hence

$$\Delta = f(x^*) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r_1}{\sqrt{r_1 \cdot r_2}}} - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r_2}{\sqrt{r_1 \cdot r_2}}} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{\frac{r_1}{r_2}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{r_1}{r_2}}}.$$

It is seen that Δ is monotonically decreasing with the ratio

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{\widehat{\text{FPR}} - \sigma_{\text{FPR}}}{\widehat{\text{TPR}} + \sigma_{\text{TPR}}} \cdot \frac{\widehat{\text{TPR}} - \sigma_{\text{TPR}}}{\widehat{\text{FPR}} + \sigma_{\text{FPR}}} = \frac{1 - \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}}}{1 + \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}}} \cdot \frac{1 - \text{CV}_{\text{TPR}}}{1 + \text{CV}_{\text{TPR}}}.$$

If $\text{CV}_{\text{TPR}} = \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}} = C$ then

$$\Delta = \frac{1 - \sqrt{\frac{(1-C)^2}{(1+C)^2}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{(1-C)^2}{(1+C)^2}}} = C = \max\{\text{CV}_{\text{TPR}}, \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}}\}.$$

Decreasing either CV_{TPR} or CV_{FPR} increases the ratio $\frac{r_1}{r_2}$ resulting in the decrease of Δ . Hence $\Delta \leq \max\{\text{CV}_{\text{TPR}}, \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}}\}$ and $\Delta = \max\{\text{CV}_{\text{TPR}}, \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}}\}$ iff $\text{CV}_{\text{TPR}} = \text{CV}_{\text{FPR}}$. ■