# My milestone 1 solution to the Heritage Health Prize

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### 1 Introduction

My milestone 1 solution to the Heritage Health Prize with a RMSLE score of 0.457239 on the leaderboard consists of a linear blend of 21 result. These are mostly generated by relatively simple models which are all trained using stochastic gradient descent. First in section 2 I provide a description of the way the data is organized and the features that were used. Then in section 3 the training method and the post-processing steps are described. In section 4 each individual model is briefly described, all the relevant meta-parameter settings can be found in appendix Parameter settings. Finally the weights in the final blend are given in section 5.

### 2 The data

## 2.1 Data organization

Most models are build on only the release 2 data. In this dataset there is some basic information about the members like sex and age and there is claim data available for three years: Y1, Y2 and Y3. Finally there is Days-In-Hospital (DIH) data for Y2 and Y3. The goal is to predict Y4 DIH. One way to build a prediction model is using the following 'one-year-history' setup:

One year claims			
Training	member data, Y1 claim data $\rightarrow$ Y2 DIH		
Training	member data, Y2 claim data $\rightarrow$ Y3 DIH		
Prediction	member data, Y3 claim data $\rightarrow$ Y4 DIH		

Here one year of claim data is used to predict the days in hospital for next year. This organization has as disadvantage that you make the final Y4 predictions based only on the claim data of Y3. An alternative is the following 'two-year-history' setup:

Two years claims				
Training	member data, Y1 & Y2 claim data, Y2 DIH $\rightarrow$ Y3 DIH			
Prediction	member data, Y2 & Y3 claim data, Y3 DIH $\rightarrow$ Y4 DIH			

Using this data organisation there is more data available for the Y4 DIH prediction but only Y3 DIH to learn from instead of Y2 and Y3. Nineteen models are build using the 'one-year-history' data organization, two models (SigCatVec3c-Y3 and SigCatVec4) are build using the 'two-year-history' data organisation. Since I don't have a lot of experience with the second setup I can't say whether one is more effective then the other but using both certainly helps in the blend.

The last model (SigClaimVec7) also use the drug and lab data provided with the release 3 data. This data is also used using the 'one-year-history' organisation.

#### 2.2 Features

Some of the columns in the data files contain numeric values, others text values. Many columns also have some missing values. In table 1 all used columns are listed. It also lists the number of categories found for each column. Some models use each claim record separately, others use the set of distinct categories over all claim records for a member in a particular year. Some models also use the number of times a category occurs for a

File	Column	Number of categories	MC0	MC1	MC2	MC3
Members	AgeAtFirstClaim	10	•	•	•	•
Members	Sex	3	•	•	•	•
DaysInHospital	ClaimsTrunctated	2				
Daysiiiiiospitai	DaysInHospital	16				• (previous year)
	ProviderID	14700			•	
	Vendor	6388			•	
	PCP	1360			•	
	PCP (last claim)	1360			•	
	Specialty	13	•	•	•	•
	PlaceSvc	9	•	•	•	•
$\operatorname{Claims}$	PayDelay	- (not used)				
	LengthOfStay	11		•	•	•
	DSFS	13		•	•	•
	PrimaryConditionGroup	46		•	•	•
	CharlsonIndex	6		•	•	•
	$\operatorname{ProcedureGroup}$	18		•	•	•
	SupLOS	2		•	•	•
$\operatorname{DrugCount}$	DrugCount	7				
$\operatorname{LabCount}$	LabCount	10				

Table 1: Data columns

member. In the models three such sets are used,  $MC1_m$ ,  $MC2_m$  and  $MC3_m$  for each member m. The columns used to build each of these sets are listed in the table 1 in the columns MC1, MC2 and MC3.

MC0 is provided for an example: suppose we have a member x with age=40, sex=male who has two claims, claim 1 with Specialty=Emergency, PlaceSvc=Urgent Care and claim 2 with Specialty=Diagnostic Imaging, PlaceSvc=Urgent Care. This gives the following set and counts:

 $MC0_x = \{40, male, emergency, diagnostic imaging, urgent care\}$ 

 $count_{x,40} = 1$ 

 $count_{x,male} = 1$ 

 $count_{x,emergency} = 1$ 

 $count_{x,diagnostic\,imaging} = 1$ 

 $count_{x,urgent\ care} = 2$ 

In the describtions of the models the following variables are used to reference the columns in the data files:

 $\begin{array}{ccc} sex_m & & sex \ of \ member \ m \\ age_m & & age \ of \ member \ m \end{array}$ 

 $truncated_m$  1 if claims for member m were truncated, 0

otherwise

 $nclaims_m$  number of claims for member m

 $\begin{array}{ccc} provider_c & provider \ for \ claim \ c \\ vendor_c & vendor \ for \ claim \ c \end{array}$ 

 $pcp_c$  primary care physician for claim c

 $egin{array}{ll} specialty_c & specialty \ for \ claim \ c \ place_c & place \ of \ service \ for \ claim \ c \ los_c & length \ of \ stay \ for \ claim \ c \ \end{array}$ 

 $dsfs_c$  days since first service for claim c days till last service' (maximum days since first

service for the member minus days since first

service) for claim c

 $pcg_c$  primary condition group for claim c

 $charlsonIndex_c$  Charlson index for claim c procedure group for claim c

 $suplos_c$  1 if length of stay for claim c was truncated, 0

otherwise

## 3 Training and predicting

## 3.1 Training method

All models are trained to model  $\ln(DIH+1)$  instead of DIH. This simplifies the RMSLE scoring measure to the more standard RMSE. Only when a submission file is generated the  $\ln(DIH+1)$  values are converted back to DIH values.

The models are trained using a stochastic gradient descent<sup>1</sup> without mini-batches. For each parameter to learn there is a learning rate  $\eta$  and a shrinkage parameter  $\lambda$ . For each training case (a member, year combination) all applicable parameters are updated using the update rule:  $f_i \leftarrow (1 - \eta \lambda) \cdot f_i + \eta \cdot gradient$ .

The number of iterations through the dataset is not the same for all models. A common approach is to stop as soon as the score for a validation set starts to increase. I have taken a different approach; the learning rates are optimized for a fixed number of iterations. The iterations are split up in a number of phases, each phase has its own set of learning rates. For some models this leads to a large number of learning rates to optimize. This optimization process is vital to get good results but doing this manually is extremely time consuming. Therefore I used some automated procedures for the optimization process (along with some manual tuning). The methods used were Nelder-Mead<sup>2</sup> and a simplified Rosenbrock algorithm<sup>3</sup>. The rotation of the coordinate system that is used in this algorithm turned out to be ineffective in most cases so this function was removed from the algorithm. Also the the step sizes were adjusted to fit this particular problem. When a change is successful the stepsize is multiplied by 1.3, when a change is not successful the stepsize is multiplied by -0.5 and the initial stepsize is 0.1 times the current parameter value. When convergence of the automated procedure was going very slowly even though the accuracy was not near the expected optimum (close to the accuracy of a similar model) I set one or a few of the model parameters to a very different value to get out of the local minimum or plateau. After such a manual intervention the automated procedure was continued. The final model parameters for each model can be found in appendix A.

For each model in the section 4 all the learning rates are given for each phase. If the  $\lambda$  parameter is omitted the value is 0. The parameter values are written in the full numerical precision as they were used. Most of the time only the first two or three digits are significant, the rest is only included for completeness.

#### 3.2 Parameter initialization

The models use both scalar parameters and vector parameters. Scalar parameters are initialized to zero unless specified otherwise. For vectors it is a bit different. Vectors are usually used in a product with an other vector

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stochastic gradient descent

 $<sup>^2</sup> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nelder-Mead\_method$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.applied-mathematics.net/optimization/rosenbrock.html

parameter. When all vectors are initialized to zero all gradients would be zero and the gradient descent would be stuck right at the initial state. So at least one of the vectors in a vector product should be none zero. Therefore all elements of each vectors are initialized using samples from a uniform random distribution between -0.01 and +0.01 unless stated otherwise (some experimentation showed that for some vectors an initial value of  $\vec{0}$  or  $\vec{1}$  gives better results).

### 3.3 Making predictions

Each model can be used directly to make predictions for Y4 DIH. In practice however many models generate predictions with too much variance. To get better predictions the variance can be reduced by averaging the predictions of the model when trained on several different subsets of the data. Each of these subsets is used to generate a complete Y4 DIH prediction. The left-out set is always non-overlapping, so each data point is only excluded once. The final prediction for the model is the arithmetic mean of the  $\ln(DIH + 1)$  predictions for each of the training runs.

For each model exactly one of the methods in table 2 is used. The first three use only a single training run and may produce predictions with somewhat high variance. The last two method use multiple runs whose results are then averaged, these methods produce predictions with lower variance.

Method	Runs	Data used per run
Qualifying	1	100%
Qualifying (Y1 only)	1	50% (using only Y1)
Qualifying (70%)	1	70% (30% never used)
Qualifying (CV 4)	4	75 %
Qualifying (CV 10)	10	90%

Table 2: Prediction methods

## 3.4 Post processing

For some models an additional post-processing step is used. When a model predicts an extreme value it is almost always a good idea to adjust this prediction towards the mean. This idea was effectively used by Edward de Grijs in the Netflix Prize competition and proved to be useful here as well. The formula used is:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \tilde{p_m} & = & \min(cc_{max}, \max(cc_{min}, cc_{bias} + cc_{slope} \cdot p_m)) \\ \tilde{p_m} & = & 0.5 \left(2\tilde{p_m}\right)^{(cc_a + cc_b \cdot \tilde{p_m} + cc_c \cdot \tilde{p_m} \cdot \tilde{p_m})} \end{array}$$

Where  $p_m$  is the original prediction of the model and  $\hat{p_m}$  is the final prediction.  $cc_{bias}$ ,  $cc_{slope}$ ,  $cc_{min}$ ,  $cc_{max}$ ,  $cc_a$ ,  $cc_b$  and  $cc_c$  are parameters which are optimized using the simplified Rosenbrock algorithm. The used parameter values can be found in appendix A.

#### 4 The models

#### 4.1 CatVec1

The CatVec1 model learns two feature vectors of dimension 4 per distinct category in the MC2 set.

- $f_i$  vector of dimension 4 for category i
- $g_i$  vector of dimension 4 for category i

$$p_m = \left(\sum_{i \in MC2_m} f_i\right)^T \left(\sum_{i \in MC2_m} g_i\right)$$

The summation is over the elements in the set  $MC2_m$ , so if member m has an age 50-59 then the set will include "AgeAtFirstClaim=50-59" and the summation will include this category. If the member has a different age the set will not include "AgeAtFirstClaim=50-59" and the summation will not include this category.

To illustrate the stochastic gradient descent the complete update rules for this model are given here:

$$e_{m} = \ln(1 + DIH_{m}) - p_{m}$$

$$\hat{f}_{i} = (1 - \lambda_{f}\eta_{f})f_{i} + \eta_{f}e\left(\sum_{j \in MC2_{m}} g_{j}\right)$$

$$\hat{g}_{i} = (1 - \lambda_{g}\eta_{g})g + \eta_{g}e\left(\sum_{j \in MC2_{m}} f_{j}\right)$$

$$f_{i} \leftarrow \hat{f}_{i}$$

$$g_{i} \leftarrow \hat{g}_{i}$$

### 4.2 CatVec2

This model is identical to the CatVec1 model except for the parameter settings.

#### 4.3 CatVec3

This model is similar to the CatVec1 model but this time a log function is added.

$$p_m = \ln \left( 1 + \left( \sum_{i \in MC2_m} f_i \right)^T \left( \sum_{i \in MC2_m} g_i \right) \right)$$

Note the for this model the log function is not used in the calculation of the gradients, i.e. the update rules are identical to the update rules for CatVec1.

### 4.4 SigCatVec1

The model uses one feature vector of dimension 12 per distinct category. First these applicable vectors are summed. After that a sigmoid transformation is applied to each of the elements of the sum vector. Finally a single 'score' vector s is used as a weighting for each of the vector elements.

$$p_m = s^T \sigma \left( \sum_{i \in MC2_m} f_i \right)$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the sigmoid function defined as  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ .

### 4.5 SigCatVec2

This model is identical to the SigCatVec1 model except that the vector dimension is set to 40 for this model.

#### 4.6 SigCatVec3a

This model is similar to the SigCatVec1 model but adds a factor for the number of occurences of each category within the member.

$$p_m = s^T \sigma \left( \sum_{i \in MC1_m} (f_i + g_i \cdot count_{m,i}) \right)$$

### 4.7 SigCatVec3b

This model is the same as the SigCatVec3a model but uses different parameter settings.

#### 4.8 SigCatVec3c-Y3

This model is similar to the SigCatVec3a model but for this model the 'two-year-history' data organisation is used as described in section 2.1. Due to a bug in my code this model generated a prediction for Y3 which was used as the prediction for Y4.

### 4.9 SigCatVec4

This model is similar to the SigCatVec3c-Y3 model but without the bug and using the MC3 set instead of the MC1 set.

$$p_m = s^T \sigma \left( \sum_{i \in MC3_m} (f_i + g_i \cdot count_{m,i}) \right)$$

## 4.10 SigCatVec5

This model is similar to the SigCatVec3a model but adds an additional weighting vector h. This vector is initialized by setting each element to 1.

$$p_m = s^T \sigma \left( \sum_{i \in MC1_m} (f_i + g_i \cdot count_{m,i}) \circ h_i \right)$$

Where o denotes the Hadamard (pointwise) product<sup>4</sup>.

### 4.11 SigCatVec6

This model is similar to the SigCatVec5 model except that the square root of the count is used.

$$p_m = s^T \sigma \left( \sum_{i \in MC1_m} \left( f_i + g_i \sqrt{count_{m,i}} \right) \circ h_i \right)$$

### 4.12 SigCatVec7

This model is similar to the SigCatVec6 model except that set MC2 is used instead of set MC1.

$$p_m = s^T \sigma \left( \sum_{i \in MC2_m} \left( f_i + g_i \sqrt{count_{m,i}} \right) \circ h_i \right)$$

## 4.13 SigCatVec8

This model is the same as the SigCatVec7 model but with different parameters and an additional postprocessing step as described in section Post processing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix multiplication

#### 4.14 PerClaim

This model is very different from the previous models. In the previous models all variables (sex, age, place, specialty, etc) were traited equaly. In this model some variables have different learning rates and weightings then others. For example the claim parameters are scaled with the inverse square root of the number of claims but the member parameters are not scaled. In general variables are treated differently based on their meaning. The table below lists all the learned parameters. (Note: the double claim bias was an error and should not have a positive effect on the result).

Variable	Description	Learning rate
$ms_i$	scalar for member sex $i$	$\eta_1$
$ma_i$	scalar for member age $i$	$\eta_1$
mt	scalar	$\eta_1$
cbias1	scalar	$\eta_1$
cbias2	scalar	$\eta_1$
$cpr_i$	scalar for claim provider $i$	$\eta_1$
$cv_i$	scalar for claim vendor $i$	$\eta_1$
$cpcp_i$	scalar for claim primary care physician $i$	$\eta_1$
$cs_i$	scalar for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_1$
$cpl_i$	scalar for claim place $i$	$\eta_1$
$cl_i$	scalar for claim los $i$	$\eta_1$
$cpcg_i$	scalar for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_1$
charlson	scalar	$\eta_1$
$cpg_i$	scalar for claim procedure group $i$	$\eta_1$
$csl_i$	scalar for claim suplos $i$	$\eta_1$
$isp_{i,j}$	scalar for claim combination of specialty $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_1$
$ia_{i,j}$	scalar for claim combination of age $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_1$
$is_{i,j}$	scalar for claim combination of sex $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_1$
$ipl_{i,j}$	scalar for claim combination of place $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_1$
$vms1_i$	vector for member sex $i$	$\eta_2$
$vms2_i$	vector for member sex $i$	$\eta_3$
$vma1_i$	vector for member age $i$	$\eta_2$
$vma2_i$	vector for member age $i$	$\eta_3$
$vcs1_i$	vector for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_2$
$vcs2_i$	vector for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_3$
$vcp1_i$	vector for claim place of service $i$	$\eta_2$
$vcp2_i$	vector for claim place of service $i$	$\eta_3$
$vcpcg1_i$	vector for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_2$
$vcpcg2_i$	vector for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_3$

These parameters are combined into the following model

$$member_{m} = ms_{sex_{m}} + ma_{age_{m}} + mt \cdot truncated_{m}$$

$$base_{c} = cbias1 + cbias2 + cpr_{provider_{c}} + cv_{vendor_{c}} + cpcp_{pcp_{c}} + cs_{specialty_{c}} + cp_{place_{c}} + cl_{los_{c}} + cpcg_{pcg_{c}}$$

$$+ charlson \cdot charlsonIndex_{c} + cpg_{pg_{c}} + csl_{suplos_{c}}$$

$$interaction_{c} = isp_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ia_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + is_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ipl_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}}$$

$$claims_{m} = \sum_{c \in claims_{m}} \frac{(base_{c} + interaction_{c})}{\sqrt{nclaims_{m}}}$$

$$vec_{m} = \left(vms1_{sex_{m}} + vma1_{sex_{m}} + \sum_{c \in claims_{m}} (vcs1_{specialty_{c}} + vcp1_{place_{c}} + vcpcg1_{pcg_{c}})\right)^{T}$$

$$\left(vms2_{sex_{m}} + vma2_{sex_{m}} + \sum_{c \in claims_{m}} (vcs2_{specialty_{c}} + vcp2_{place_{c}} + vcpcg2_{pcg_{c}})\right)$$

$$p_{m} = \ln\left(1 + \text{clamp}\left(mean + member_{m} + claims_{m} + vec_{m}\right)\right)$$

Where the clamp function is defined as  $\operatorname{clamp}(x) = \min(15, \max(0, x))$ .

### 4.15 SigClaimVec1

This model is similar to the PerClaim model but uses vectors instead of scalars for most variables. The dimension of all vectors in this model is 12. (Note: the three claim bias vectors were accidentally introduced, one should be sufficient). Also it adds a set of parameters to further tune the learning rates, these new parameters are fixed over the phases in order to limit the total number of parameters.

Variable	Description	Learning rate
mbias	vector	$\eta_1$
$ms_i$	vector for member sex $i$	$\eta_1$
$ma_i$	vector for member age $i$	$\eta_1$
cbias1	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias1}$
cbias2	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias2}$
cbias3	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias3}$
$cpr_i$	vector for claim provider $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{provider}$
$cv_i$	vector for claim vendor $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{vendor}$
$cpcp_i$	vector for claim primary care physician $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcp}$
$cs_i$	vector for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{specialty}$
$cpl_i$	vector for claim place $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{place}$
$cl_i$	vector for claim los $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{los}$
$cdsfs_i$	vector for claim days since first service $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{dsfs}$
$cpcg_i$	vector for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcg}$
$cpg_i$	vector for claim procedure group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pg}$
$isp_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of specialty $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3$
$ia_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3$
$is_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3$
$ipl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of place $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3$
s	vector	$\eta_4$

These parameters are combined into the following model

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\begin{array}{rcl} member_m & = & mbias + ms_{sex_m} + ma_{age_m} \\ base_c & = & cbias1 + cbias2 + cbias3 + cpr_{provider_c} + cv_{vendor_c} + cpcp_{pcp_c} \\ & & + cs_{specialty_c} + cp_{place_c} + cl_{los_c} + cpcg_{pcg_c} + cpg_{pg_c} \\ interaction_c & = & isp_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + ia_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + is_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + ipl_{specialty_c,pcg_c} \\ claims_m & = & \sum_{c \in claims_m} \sigma \left( base_c + interaction_c \right) \\ p_m & = & \ln \left( 1 + \text{clamp} \left( s^T \sigma \left( member_m + claims_m \right) \right) \right) \end{array}
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## 4.16 SigClaimVec2

This model is the same as the SigClaimVec1 model except for the learning rates and an additional learning phase.

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Variable
              Description
                                                                                                                  Learning rate
mbias
              vector
                                                                                                                  \eta_1 \cdot w_{bias}
              vector for member sex i
ms_i
                                                                                                                  \eta_1 \cdot w_{sex}
                                                                                                                  \eta_1 \cdot w_{age}
ma_i
              vector for member age i
cbias1
              vector
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{bias1}
cbias2
              vector
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{bias2}
cbias3
              vector
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{bias3}
cpr_i
              vector for claim provider i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{provider}
              vector for claim vendor i
cv_i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{vendor}
              vector for claim primary care physician i
cpcp_i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{pcp}
              vector for claim specialty i
cs_i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{specialty}
              vector for claim place i
cpl_i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{place}
              vector for claim los i
cl_i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{los}
cdsfs_i
              vector for claim days since first service i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{dsfs}
              vector for claim primary condition group i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{pcg}
cpcg_i
cpg_i
              vector for claim procedure group i
                                                                                                                  \eta_2 \cdot w_{pg}
              vector for claim combination of specialty i and primary condition group j
isp_{i,j}
                                                                                                                  \eta_3 \cdot w_{isp}
              vector for claim combination of age i and primary condition group j
ia_{i,j}
                                                                                                                  \eta_3 \cdot w_{ia}
              vector for claim combination of sex i and primary condition group j
is_{i,j}
                                                                                                                  \eta_3 \cdot w_{is}
ipl_{i,j}
              vector for claim combination of place i and primary condition group j
                                                                                                                  \eta_3 \cdot w_{ipl}
              vector
                                                                                                                  \eta_4
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## 4.17 SigClaimVec3

This model is identical to the SigClaimVec2 model except this one has 4 phases again and adds a post-processing step as described in section 3.4.

## 4.18 SigClaimVec4

This model is similar to the SigClaimVec3 model but adds a few interaction variables and adds a weighting of the claims depending on the time until the last claim in the current year (dtls as described in section Features).

Variable	Description	Learning rate
mbias	vector	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{bias}$
$ms_i$	vector for member sex $i$	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{sex}$
$ma_i$	vector for member age $i$	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{age}$
$msa_{i,j}$	vector for member sex $i$ and age $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{sexage}$
$cbias  ilde{1}$	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias1}$
cbias2	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias2}$
cbias3	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias3}$
$cpr_i$	vector for claim provider $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{provider}$
$cv_i$	vector for claim vendor $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{vendor}$
$cpcp_i$	vector for claim primary care physician $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcp}$
$cs_i$	vector for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{specialty}$
$cpl_i$	vector for claim place $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{place}$
$cl_i$	vector for claim los $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{los}$
$cdsfs_i$	vector for claim days since first service $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{dsfs}$
$cpcg_i$	vector for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcg}$
$cpg_i$	vector for claim procedure group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pg}$
$isp_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of specialty $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{isp}$
$ia_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ia}$
$is_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{is}$
$ipl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of place $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ipl}$
$ispl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and place $j$ (initial value: 0)	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ispl}$
$iapl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and place $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{iapl}$
s	vector	$\eta_4$
$cdtls_i$	scalar for claim days till last service $i$ (initial value: $\vec{1}$ )	$\eta_5$

These parameters are combined into the following model

```
 member_{m} = mbias + ms_{sex_{m}} + ma_{age_{m}} 
 base_{c} = cbias1 + cbias2 + cbias3 + cpr_{provider_{c}} + cv_{vendor_{c}} + cpcp_{pcp_{c}} 
 + cs_{specialty_{c}} + cp_{place_{c}} + cl_{los_{c}} + cpcg_{pcg_{c}} + cpg_{pg_{c}} 
 interaction_{c} = isp_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ia_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + is_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ipl_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ispl_{sex_{c},place_{c}} + iapl_{age_{c},place_{c}} 
 claims_{m} = \sum_{c \in claims_{m}} cdtls_{c} \cdot \sigma \left( base_{c} + interaction_{c} \right) 
 p_{m} = \ln \left( 1 + \text{clamp} \left( s^{T} \sigma \left( member_{m} + claims_{m} \right) \right) \right)
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## 4.19 SigClaimVec5

This model is identical to the SigClaimVec4 model except for the parameters.

## 4.20 SigClaimVec6

This model is very similar to the SigClaimVec4 model but adds the claims truncated variable.

Variable	Description	Learning rate
mbias	vector	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{bias}$
$ms_i$	vector for member sex $i$	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{sex}$
$ma_i$	vector for member age $i$	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{age}$
$msa_{i,j}$	vector for member sex $i$ and age $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{sexage}$
$mt_i$	vector for member claims truncated $i$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{truncated}$
cbias1	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias1}$
cbias2	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias2}$
cbias3	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias3}$
$cpr_i$	vector for claim provider $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{provider}$
$cv_i$	vector for claim vendor $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{vendor}$
$cpcp_i$	vector for claim primary care physician $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcp}$
$cs_i$	vector for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{specialty}$
$cpl_i$	vector for claim place $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{place}$
$cl_i$	vector for claim los $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{los}$
$cdsfs_i$	vector for claim days since first service $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{dsfs}$
$cpcg_i$	vector for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcg}$
$cpg_i$	vector for claim procedure group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pg}$
$isp_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of specialty $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{isp}$
$ia_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ia}$
$is_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{is}$
$ipl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of place $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ipl}$
$ispl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and place $j$ (initial value: 0)	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ispl}$
$iapl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and place $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{iapl}$
s	vector	$\eta_4$
$cdtls_i$	scalar for claim days till last service $i$ (initial value: $\vec{1}$ )	$\eta_5$
$mt2_i$	scalar for member claims truncated $i$	$\eta_6$

These parameters are combined into the following model

```
 member_{m} = mbias + ms_{sex_{m}} + ma_{age_{m}} + mt_{truncated_{m}} 
 base_{c} = cbias1 + cbias2 + cbias3 + cpr_{provider_{c}} + cv_{vendor_{c}} + cpcp_{pcp_{c}} 
 + cs_{specialty_{c}} + cp_{place_{c}} + cl_{los_{c}} + cpcg_{pcg_{c}} + cpg_{pg_{c}} 
 interaction_{c} = isp_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ia_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + is_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ipl_{specialty_{c},pcg_{c}} + ispl_{sex_{c},place_{c}} + iapl_{age_{c},place_{c}} 
 claims_{m} = \sum_{c \in claims_{m}} cdtls_{c} \cdot \sigma \left(base_{c} + interaction_{c}\right) 
 p_{m} = \ln\left(1 + \text{clamp}\left(s^{T}\sigma\left(member_{m} + claims_{m}\right)\right)\right)
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## 4.21 SigClaimVec7

This model is the similar to the SigClaimVec6 model but adds the supressed length of stay, charlson index, lab count and drug count variables.

Variable	Description	Learning rate
mbias	vector	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{bias}$
$ms_i$	vector for member sex $i$	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{sex}$
$ma_i$	vector for member age $i$	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{age}$
$msa_{i,j}$	vector for member sex $i$ and age $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{sexage}$
$mt_i$	vector for member claims truncated $i$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_1 \cdot w_{truncated}$
cbias1	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias1}$
cbias2	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias2}$
cbias3	vector	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{bias3}$
$cpr_i$	vector for claim provider $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{provider}$
$cv_i$	vector for claim vendor $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{vendor}$
$cpcp_i$	vector for claim primary care physician $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcp}$
$cs_i$	vector for claim specialty $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{specialty}$
$cpl_i$	vector for claim place $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{place}$
$cl_i$	vector for claim los $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{los}$
$cdsfs_i$	vector for claim days since first service $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{dsfs}$
$cpcg_i$	vector for claim primary condition group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pcg}$
$cpg_i$	vector for claim procedure group $i$	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{pg}$
$csup_i$	vector for claim supressed length of stay $i$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{suplos}$
$cch_i$	vector for claim charlson index $i$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_2 \cdot w_{charlson}$
$isp_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of specialty $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{isp}$
$ia_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ia}$
$is_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{is}$
$ipl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of place $i$ and primary condition group $j$	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ipl}$
$ispl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of sex $i$ and place $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{ispl}$
$iapl_{i,j}$	vector for claim combination of age $i$ and place $j$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_3 \cdot w_{iapl}$
s	vector	$\eta_4$
$cdtls_i$	scalar for claim days till last service $i$ (initial value: $\vec{1}$ )	$\eta_5$
$mt2_i$	scalar for member claims truncated $i$	$\eta_6$
$lcnt_i$	vector for lab count $i$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_7 \cdot w_{lab}$
$dcnt_i$	vector for drug count $i$ (initial value: $\vec{0}$ )	$\eta_7 \cdot w_{drug}$
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These parameters are combined into the following model

```
 member_m = mbias + ms_{sex_m} + ma_{age_m} + mt_{truncated_m} 
 base_c = cbias1 + cbias2 + cbias3 + cpr_{provider_c} + cv_{vendor_c} + cpcp_{pcp_c} 
 + cs_{specialty_c} + cp_{place_c} + cl_{los_c} + cpcg_{pcg_c} + cpg_{pg_c} + csup_{suplos_c} + cch_{charlsonIndex_c} 
 interaction_c = isp_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + ia_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + is_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + ipl_{specialty_c,pcg_c} + ispl_{sex_c,place_c} + iapl_{age_c,place_c} 
 claims_m = \sum_{c \in claims_m} cdtls_c \cdot \sigma \left(base_c + interaction_c\right) 
 labs_m = \sum_{l \in labs_m} lcnt_l 
 drugs_m = \sum_{d \in drugs_m} dcnt_d 
 p_m = \ln \left(1 + \text{clamp} \left(s^T \sigma \left(member_m + claims_m + labs_m + drugs_m\right)\right)\right)
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## 5 Final blend

From the beginning of this contest I choose not to build a single very very good model but instead create different models each modeling the variation differently. Initially I did not expect to be required to reproduce all results almost perfectly. Therefore many of the early results could not be used. The models in the final blend are a selection of the models I could reproduce exactly. The final result is a linear combination of the log+1 predictions of all the 21 models described in section4. Unfortunately no probeset is provided in this competition. Because of the different trainingsets and prediction methods used by the different models it is hard to construct a dataset that can be used effectively for blending without introducing a bias. Therefore I choose to use the approach suggested by R. Bell and Y. Koren, and C. Volinsky in "The BellKor solution to the Netflix Prize", http://www.netflixprize.com/assets/ProgressPrize2007\_KorBell.pdf, 2007. The technique comes down to performing a ridge regression<sup>5</sup> based on the leaderboard scores. The regularization parameter α was chosen as 0.0015 \* 70492. (For a more complete describtion of the technique see section 7 of this paper: http://www.netflixprize.com/assets/GrandPrize2009\_BPC\_BigChaos.pdf). The final weights are:

Model	RMSLE (Leaderboard)	Weight
All mean	0.486459	-0.120177096860407
CatVec1	0.475757	0.0644039235679331
CatVec2	0.466581	-0.11197527538219
CatVec3	0.466570	-0.104862676479977
SigCatVec1	0.464373	0.162280493887463
SigCatVec2	0.465728	-0.0894110617494495
PerClaim	0.464028	0.0811531937177599
SigCatVec3a	0.463635	0.0813467144179884
SigCatVec5	0.462524	0.152820826103983
SigCatVec3c-Y3	0.475019	0.229896200534371
SigCatVec4	0.464062	0.153655337312371
SigCatVec3b	0.465550	-0.124937912869077
SigCatVec7	0.464516	0.132332995001435
SigCatVec6	0.463269	-0.0801709488833528
SigClaimVec1	0.461875	-0.108108296818349
SigClaimVec2	0.461792	-0.0880275674421306
SigClaimVec3	0.460468	0.150244352469803
SigCatVec8	0.463125	0.0900888972980376
SigClaimVec4	0.461351	0.0730948061470501
SigClaimVec5	0.460345	0.131935900519871
SigClaimVec6	0.460402	0.122608906537375
SigClaimVec7	0.460564	0.200886991699764

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tikhonov regularization

# A Parameter settings

# A.1 CatVec1

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
number of iterations	20	50	20
$\eta_f$	0.0002649423	0.0002470584	4.470347E-06
$\lambda_f$	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\eta_g$	0.001985118	0.003892777	1.490114E-06
$\lambda_g$	0.1	0.1	0.1
Prediction method		Qualifying	

# A.2 CatVec2

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
number of iterations	20	50	20
$\eta_f$	1.112269E-06	3.853279E-05	2.598553E-07
$\eta_g$	0.0004327906	4.473469E-06	4.490988E-08
Prediction method		Qualifying	

# A.3 CatVec3

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	4.177898E-05	0.001355331	0	2.609307E-06
$\eta_g$	0.0004036372	0.0003165317	3.915297E-05	7.51259E-07
Prediction method	Qualifying			

# A.4 SigCatVec1

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.001578477	0.004677286	0.02737434	0
$\eta_s$	0.0004944247	0.0001497822	0	0.0004102637
Prediction method	Qualifying			

# A.5 SigCatVec2

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.316035	0.008788005	0.02413593	0.0004140852
$\eta_s$	0.0008625013	0	0	0
Prediction method	Qualifying			

# A.6 SigCatVec3a

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.02075013	0.08779071	0.01074343	0.0001728464
$\eta_g$	2.772494E-05	0.0001966873	0.0002280947	1.146167E-06
$\eta_s$	0.002876806	0.02247584	0	9.332498E-06
Prediction method	Qualifying			

# A.7 SigCatVec3b

	Phase 1
number of iterations	200
$\eta_f$	0.0003261481
$\eta_g$	8.437122E-05
$\eta_s$	0.0001342874
Prediction method	Qualifying

# A.8 SigCatVec3c-Y3

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.0003823006	0.002848325	0.004719815	2.123389E-05
$\eta_g$	6.396919E-05	0.000264585	0.0001864179	1.758224E-06
$\eta_s$	0.0001432812	0.0005024222	0.0008601856	7.672917E-06
Prediction method	Qualifying			

# ${\bf A.9 \quad SigCatVec 4}$

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.002148289	0.08317175	0.1350184	0.001309502
$\eta_g$	0.0001728866	0.0002815352	3.191739E-05	1.296711E-08
$\eta_s$	0.001004071	0.01075159	6.94342E-08	1.916467E-10
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)			

# A.10 SigCatVec5

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.02445947	0.06469206	0.002567296	0.0001044714
$\eta_g$	4.443048E-06	0.000822987	0.0005028971	8.60439E-06
$\eta_h$	1.315885E-05	0.005095374	0.01023562	2.814549E-06
$\eta_s$	0.002808467	0.01118349	0.001010632	1.378307E-08
Prediction method	Qualifying			

# A.11 SigCatVec6

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.02231786	0.02986512	2.271697 E-06	2.929901E-06
$\eta_g$	5.368412 E-05	0.008716031	2.843667E-11	4.453966E-05
$\eta_h$	4.310675E-06	6.237718E-06	0.05168699	1.182587E-05
$\eta_s$	0.0024299	0.009932901	4.058366E-07	6.896256E-07
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)			

# A.12 SigCatVec7

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.01983373	0.08431601	8.572736E-07	1.105661E-06
$\eta_g$	5.101598E-05	0.007684739	3.041355E-11	3.403341E-05
$\eta_h$	4.794967E-06	5.112884E-06	0.02255507	5.160553E-06
$\eta_s$	0.002150354	0.008940183	1.770982E-07	3.009375 E-07
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)			

# A.13 SigCatVec8

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
$\eta_f$	0.01983373	0.08431601	8.572736E-07	1.105661E-06
$\eta_g$	5.101598E-05	0.007684739	3.041355E-11	3.403341E-05
$\eta_h$	4.794967E-06	5.112884E-06	0.02255507	5.160553E-06
$\eta_s$	0.002150354	0.008940183	1.770982E-07	3.009375E-07
$cc_{bias}$	0.007125622			
$cc_{slope}$	0.9566299			
$cc_{min}$	0.02596347			
$cc_{max}$	1.408656			
$cc_a$	0.9043918			
$cc_b$	7.510946E-08			
$cc_c$	0.04633662			
Prediction method		Qualifyin	ıg (CV 4)	

# A.14 PerClaim

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
number of iterations	5	5	5	5
mean	0.02948345			
$\eta_1$	8.277983E-05	0.0001205155	0.000140215	9.492154E-06
$\eta_2$	9.338494E-06	7.199409E-05	8.916834E-06	5.106591E-08
$\eta_3$	1.333333E-05	0	2.724926E-05	8.670087E-06
Prediction method	Qualifying (Y1 only)			

# ${\bf A.15}\quad {\bf SigClaimVec 1}$

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	
number of iterations	5	5	5	5	
$\eta_1$	0.0001052431	0.0006378752	3.563327E-05	1.354099E-05	
$\eta_2$	0.02928185	0.02522659	0.02143314	0.01821492	
$\eta_3$	0.0312782	0.02925104	0.02465841	0.007686132	
$\eta_4$	0.002197431	0.003806778	0.02130464	3.2912E-05	
$w_{bias1}$		0.821	.0818		
$w_{bias2}$		0.9	595		
$w_{bias3}$		0.0	035		
$w_{provider}$	0.6516637				
$w_{vendor}$	1.652997				
$w_{pcp}$	0.1457351				
$w_{specialty}$	1.2495				
$w_{place}$	2.395576				
$w_{los}$	0.5993496				
$w_{dsfs}$	1.202				
$w_{pcg}$	1.652592				
$w_{pg}$	2.275508				
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)				

# A.16 SigClaimVec2

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5		
number of iterations	5	5	5	5	5		
$\eta_1$	7.446387E-05	0.003400406	8.276997E-06	5.207112E-05	5.96212E-06		
$\eta_2$	0.03044203	0.0312788	0.02010364	0.02208705	1.835545E-06		
$\eta_3$	0.03158253	0.006951657	0.03037333	0.003526475	0.0008743242		
$\eta_4$	0.002342561	0.007359345	0.02837753	6.777202E-05	2.96498E-07		
$w_{bias}$			0				
$w_{sex}$			3.260356				
$w_{age}$			0.1731932				
$w_{bias1}$			0.8647634				
$w_{bias2}$			0.9697571				
$w_{bias3}$			0.9358035				
$w_{provider}$			0.5224175				
$w_{vendor}$			1.467883				
$w_{pcp}$		0.1221808					
$w_{specialty}$	1.020472						
$w_{place}$	2.667761						
$w_{los}$	0.5817887						
$w_{dsfs}$	0.9628636						
$w_{pcg}$	1.831175						
$w_{pg}$	2.459197						
$w_{isp}$	0.7229536						
$w_{ia}$	0.4556737						
$w_{is}$	1.119802						
$w_{ipl}$	1.74992						
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)						

# A.17 SigClaimVec3

	Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3			Phase 4	
number of iterations	5	5	5	5	
$\eta_1$	8.648005E-05	0.002775013	3.945398E-06	4.007937E-05	
$\eta_2$	0.03044203	0.03394	0.01884128	0.02271162	
$\eta_3$	0.03081222	0.009026892	0.02623151	0.003617873	
$\eta_4$	0.002342561	0.007313635	0.02750883	4.740497E-05	
$w_{bias}$			0		
$w_{sex}$			60356		
$w_{age}$			31932		
$w_{bias1}$			47634		
$w_{bias2}$			97571		
$w_{bias3}$			58035		
$w_{provider}$			24175		
$w_{vendor}$			57883		
$w_{pcp}$			21808		
$w_{specialty}$			20472		
$w_{place}$			57761		
$w_{los}$	0.5817887				
$w_{dsfs}$	0.9628636				
$w_{pcg}$	1.831175				
$w_{pg}$	2.459197				
$w_{isp}$	0.7229536				
$w_{ia}$	0.4556737				
$w_{is}$	1.119802				
$w_{ipl}$	1.74992				
$cc_{bias}$	3.633074E-07				
$cc_{slope}$	1.005121				
$cc_{min}$	0.04843435				
$cc_{max}$	1.008892				
$cc_a$	0.997853				
$cc_b$	0.02073831				
$cc_c$	0.4973778				
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)				

# A.18 SigClaimVec4

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	
number of iterations	5	5	5	5	
$\eta_1$	8.648005E-05	0.002775013	3.945398E-06	4.007937E-05	
$\eta_2$	0.03044203	0.03394	0.01884128	0.02271162	
$\eta_3$	0.03081222	0.009026892	0.02623151	0.003617873	
$\eta_4$	0.002342561	0.007313635	0.02750883	4.740497E-05	
$\eta_5$		0.001	453925		
$w_{bias}$		1E	E-05		
$w_{sex}$		2.22	22178		
$w_{age}$		0.13	90827		
$w_{sexage}$		0.098	376291		
$w_{bias1}$		0.86	47634		
$w_{bias2}$		0.96	97571		
$w_{bias3}$		0.93	58035		
$w_{provider}$			01757		
$w_{vendor}$		1.32	21095		
$w_{pcp}$			99627		
$w_{specialty}$		1.02	20472		
$w_{place}$	2.667761				
$w_{los}$	0.5817887				
$w_{dsfs}$	0.9628636				
$w_{pcg}$	1.648057				
$w_{pg}$	2.459197				
$w_{isp}$	0.7229536				
$w_{ia}$	0.3079063				
$w_{is}$	1.161035				
$w_{ipl}$	1.74992				
$w_{ispl}$	7.390157E-06				
$w_{iapl}$	8.737499E-06				
$cc_{bias}$	1.617096E-06				
$cc_{slope}$	1.030841				
$cc_{min}$	0.05591653				
$cc_{max}$	1.038396				
$cc_a$	1.023878				
$cc_b$	1.123463E-06				
$cc_c$	0.3876235				
Prediction method	Qualifying (70%)				

# A.19 SigClaimVec5

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	
number of iterations	5	5	5	5	
$\eta_1$	6.658964E-05	0.002934576	3.775358E-07	6.487648E-05	
$\eta_2$	0.03044203	0.03589155	0.02072541	0.02271162	
$\eta_3$	0.03081222	0.008124202	0.02360836	0.00397966	
$\eta_4$	0.002342561	0.007313635	0.02750883	5.830811E-05	
$\eta_5$		0.001	788328		
$w_{bias}$		1E	E-05		
$w_{sex}$		2.22	22178		
$w_{age}$		0.13	90827		
$w_{sexage}$		0.098	376291		
$w_{bias1}$		0.86	47634		
$w_{bias2}$		0.96	97571		
$w_{bias3}$		0.93	58035		
$w_{provider}$			01757		
$w_{vendor}$		1.32	21095		
$w_{pcp}$			99627		
$w_{specialty}$		1.02	20472		
$w_{place}$	2.667761				
$w_{los}$	0.5817887				
$w_{dsfs}$	0.9628636				
$w_{pcg}$	1.648057				
$w_{pg}$	2.459197				
$w_{isp}$	0.7229536				
$w_{ia}$	0.3079063				
$w_{is}$	1.161035				
$w_{ipl}$	1.74992				
$w_{isexpl}$	7.390157E-06				
$w_{iagepl}$	8.737499E-06				
$cc_{bias}$	1.617096E-06				
$cc_{slope}$	1.030841				
$cc_{min}$	0.05591653				
$cc_{max}$	1.038396				
$cc_a$	1.023878				
$cc_b$	1.123463E-06				
$cc_c$	0.3876235				
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)				

# A.20 SigClaimVec6

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4		
number of iterations	5	5	5	5		
$\eta_1$	6.658964E-05	0.002934576	3.775358E-07	6.487648E-05		
$\eta_2$	0.03044203	0.03589155	0.02072541	0.02271162		
$\eta_3$	0.03081222	0.008124202	0.02360836	0.00397966		
$\eta_4$	0.002342561	0.007313635	0.02750883	5.830811E-05		
$\eta_5$		0.001	788328			
$\eta_6$		0.0009	0236438			
$w_{bias}$		1E	C-05			
$w_{sex}$		2.22	22178			
$w_{age}$		0.13	90827			
$w_{sexage}$		0.098	376291			
$w_{truncated}$		0.5	5125			
$w_{bias1}$		0.86	47634			
$w_{bias2}$		0.96	97571			
$w_{bias3}$		0.93	58035			
$w_{provider}$		0.47	01757			
$w_{vendor}$		1.32	21095			
$w_{pcp}$		0.10	99627			
$w_{specialty}$		1.02	20472			
$w_{place}$		2.667761				
$w_{los}$	0.5817887					
$w_{dsfs}$	0.9628636					
$w_{pcg}$	1.648057					
$w_{pg}$	2.459197					
$w_{isp}$	0.7229536					
$w_{ia}$	0.3079063					
$w_{is}$	1.161035					
$w_{ipl}$	1.74992					
$w_{ispl}$	7.390157E-06					
$w_{iapl}$	8.737499E-06					
$cc_{bias}$	1.617096E-06					
$cc_{slope}$	1.030841					
$cc_{min}$	0.05591653					
$cc_{max}$	1.038396					
$cc_a$	1.023878					
$cc_b$	1.123463E-06					
$cc_c$	0.3876235					
Prediction method	Qualifying (CV 4)					

# A.21 SigClaimVec7

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	
number of iterations	5	5	5	5	
$\eta_1$	7.507981E-05	0.002970341	1.163757E-06	6.278235E-05	
$\eta_2$	0.03044203	0.03678884	0.02971972	0.0206776	
$\eta_3$	0.03237209	0.004879199	0.03153681	0.001866457	
$\eta_4$	0.002342561	0.007496476	0.02959606	3.110381E-05	
$\eta_5$		0.0014	121447		
$\eta_6$	0.0009120983				
$\eta_7$	0	1.038187E-05	1.445651E-05	1.247214E-06	
$w_{bias}$			-05		
$w_{sex}$			2178		
$w_{age}$			00827		
$w_{sexage}$		0.098			
$w_{truncated}$		0.716	59875		
$w_{bias1}$			17634		
$w_{bias2}$			26583		
$w_{bias3}$		0.935			
$w_{provider}$			25756		
$w_{vendor}$			1095		
$w_{pcp}$			0959		
$w_{specialty}$			5181		
$w_{place}$		2.66			
$w_{los}$	0.5817887				
$w_{charlson}$	0.08875125				
$w_{dsfs}$	1.184322				
$w_{pcg}$	1.648057				
$w_{pg}$	2.459197				
$w_{suplos}$	0.08986406				
$w_{isp}$	0.7229536				
$w_{ia}$	0.3079063				
$w_{is}$	1.161035				
$w_{ipl}$			1992		
$w_{ispl}$	6.651141E-06				
$w_{iapl}$	7.863749E-06				
$w_{lab}$	0.9524652				
$w_{drug}$	1.763486				
$cc_{bias}$	1.499392E-06				
$cc_{slope}$	1.052047				
$cc_{min}$	0.05411786				
$cc_{max}$	1.040149				
$cc_a$	1.028764				
$cc_b$	8.419494E-07				
$cc_c$	0.3670921				
Prediction method	Qualifying(CV 10)				