Washington University in St. Louis

Assignment # 5

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1 NLP on Medical Transcripts

Understand medical notes is a challenging NLP problem. Lots of good application can be made if a machine can read doctors' notes and interpret the underlying medical conditions and severity. In this excercise, you are presented a simple data of 5000 medical cases "**medicaltranscriptions.csv**". Each case has the trascript and the associated medical specialty. Please

(1) Do a tf-idf analysis on the terms that appear in all transcripts, identify the terms that has the highest tf-idf score.

(2) Build a classification model and use the transcipts to predict the medical specialty by considering of the followings:

- Find a way to convert each transcript into structured vector

- Use log-loss as your error measure

- Build a multi-class classification model using random forest

- Build a multi-class classification model using glm

(3) Compare the model performance use corss-validation methods. Which model would you recommend?