

# Package ‘SmartML’

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## Description

This package is a meta-learning based framework for automated selection and hyperparameter tuning for machine learning algorithms. Being meta-learning based, the framework is able to simulate the role of the machine learning expert. In particular, the framework is equipped with a continuously updated knowledge base that stores information about statistical meta features of all processed datasets along with the associated performance of the different classifiers and their tuned parameters. Thus, for any new dataset, SmartML automatically extracts its meta features and searches its knowledge base for the best performing algorithm to start its optimization process. In addition, SmartML makes use of the new runs to continuously enrich its knowledge base to improve its performance and robustness for future runs.

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## Imports

devtools, R.utils, stats, httr, UBL, imputeMissings, mice, RCurl, tictoc, e1071, mlbench, fastICA, RMySQL, BBmisc, rjson, ggplot2, RWeka, farff, pls, purrr, truncnorm, tidyr, dplyr, xgboost, ranger, fastNaiveBayes, KernSmooth, LiblineaR, data.table, randomForest, FNN, klaR, rpart, ipred, C50, mda, MASS, nnet, deepboost, iml, datasets, xts

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rmarkdown

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autoRLearn	<i>Run smartML function for automatic Supervised Machine Learning.</i>
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## Description

Run the smartML main function for automatic classifier algorithm selection, and hyper-parameter tuning.

## Usage

```
autoRLearn(
  maxTime,
  directory,
  testDirectory,
  classCol = "class",
  metric = "acc",
  vRatio = 0.3,
  preProcessF = c("standardize", "zv"),
  featuresToPreProcess = c(),
  nComp = NA,
  nModels = 5,
  option = 2,
  featureTypes = c(),
  interp = FALSE,
  missingOpr = FALSE,
  balance = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<b>maxTime</b>	Float numeric of the maximum time budget for reading dataset, preprocessing, calculating meta-features, Algorithm Selection & hyper-parameter tuning process only in minutes(Excluding Model Interpretability) - This is applicable in case of Option = 2 only.
<b>directory</b>	String Character of the training dataset directory (SmartML accepts file formats arff/(csv with columns headers) ).
<b>testDirectory</b>	String Character of the testing dataset directory (SmartML accepts file formats arff/(csv with columns headers) ).

<code>classCol</code>	String Character of the name of the class label column in the dataset (default = 'class').
<code>metric</code>	Metric of string character to be used in evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "acc" - Accuracy,</li> <li>• "avg-fscore" - Average of F-Score of each label,</li> <li>• "avg-recall" - Average of Recall of each label,</li> <li>• "avg-precision" - Average of Precision of each label,</li> <li>• "fscore" - Micro-Average of F-Score of each label,</li> <li>• "recall" - Micro-Average of Recall of each label,</li> <li>• "precision" - Micro-Average of Precision of each label.</li> </ul>
<code>vRatio</code>	Float numeric of the validation set ratio that should be splitted out of the training set for the evaluation process (default = 0.1 -i 10%).
<code>preProcessF</code>	vector of string Character containing the name of the preprocessing algorithms (default = c('standardize', 'zv') -i no preprocessing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "boxcox" - apply a Box-Cox transform and values must be non-zero and positive in all features,</li> <li>• "yeo-Johnson" - apply a Yeo-Johnson transform, like a BoxCox, but values can be negative,</li> <li>• "zv" - remove attributes with a zero variance (all the same value),</li> <li>• "center" - subtract mean from values,</li> <li>• "scale" - divide values by standard deviation,</li> <li>• "standardize" - perform both centering and scaling,</li> <li>• "normalize" - normalize values,</li> <li>• "pca" - transform data to the principal components,</li> <li>• "ica" - transform data to the independent components.</li> </ul>
<code>featuresToPreProcess</code>	Vector of number of features to perform the feature preprocessing on - In case of empty vector, this means to include all features in the dataset file (default = c()) - This vector should be a subset of <b>selectedFeats</b> .
<code>nComp</code>	Integer numeric of Number of components needed if either "pca" or "ica" feature preprocessors are needed.
<code>nModels</code>	Integer numeric representing the number of classifier algorithms that you want to select based on Meta-Learning and start to tune using Bayesian Optimization (default = 5).
<code>option</code>	Integer numeric representing either Classifier Algorithm Selection is needed only = 1 or Algorithm selection with its parameter tuning is required = 2 which is the default value.
<code>featureTypes</code>	Vector of either 'numerical' or 'categorical' representing the types of features in the dataset (default = c()) -i any factor or character features will be considered as categorical otherwise numerical).
<code>interp</code>	Boolean representing if model interpretability (Feature Importance and Interaction) is needed or not (default = FALSE) This option will take more time budget if set to 1.

<code>missingOpr</code>	Boolean variable represents either use median/mode imputation for instances with missing values (FALSE) or apply imputation using "MICE" library which helps you imputing missing values with plausible data values that are drawn from a distribution specifically designed for each missing datapoint (TRUE).
<code>balance</code>	Boolean variable represents if SMOTE class balancing is required or not (default FALSE).

## Value

List of Results

- "option=1" - Chosen Classifier Algorithms Names `clfs` with their parameters configurations `params`, Training DataFrame `TRData`, Test DataFrame `TEDData` in case of `option=2`,
- "option=2" - Best classifier algorithm name found `clfs` with its parameters configuration `params`, , Training DataFrame `TRData`, Test DataFrame `TEDData`, model variable `model`, predicted values on test set `pred`, performance on TestingSet `perf`, and Feature Importance `interpret$featImp` / Interaction `interpret$Interact` plots in case of interpretability `interp = TRUE` and chosen model is not `knn`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
autoRLearn(1, 'sampleDatasets/car/train.arff', \
'sampleDatasets/car/test.arff', option = 2, preProcessF = 'normalize')

result <- autoRLearn(10, 'sampleDatasets/shuttle/train.arff', 'sampleDatasets/shuttle/test.arff')

## End(Not run)
```

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autoRLearn\_

*Advanced version of autoRLearn.*

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## Description

Tunes the hyperparameters of the desired algorithm/s using either hyperband or BOHB.

## Usage

```
autoRLearn_(
  df_train,
  df_test,
  maxTime = 10,
  models = c("randomForest", "naiveBayes", "boosting", "l2-linear-classifier", "svm"),
  optimizationAlgorithm = "hyperband",
  bw = 3,
```

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    max_iter = 81,
    kde_type = "single"
)

```

### Arguments

<code>df_train</code>	Dataframe of the training dataset. Assumes it is in perfect shape with all numeric variables and factor response variable named "class".
<code>df_test</code>	Dataframe of the test dataset. Assumes it is in perfect shape with all numeric variables and factor response variable named "class".
<code>maxTime</code>	Float representing the maximum time the algorithm should be run (seconds).
<code>models</code>	List of strings denoting which algorithms to use for the process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "randomForest" - Random forests using the randomForest package</li> <li>• "ranger" - Random forests using the ranger package (unstable)</li> <li>• "naiveBayes" - Naive bayes using the fastNaiveBayes package</li> <li>• "boosting" - Gradient boosting using xgboost</li> <li>• "l2-linear-classifier" - Linear primal Support vector machine from LibLinear</li> <li>• "svm" - RBF kernel svm from e1071</li> </ul>
<code>optimizationAlgorithm</code>	- String of which hyperparameter tuning algorithm to use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "hyperband" - Hyperband with uniformly initiated parameters</li> <li>• "bohb" - Hyperband with bayesian optimization as described on F. Hutter et al 2018 paper BOHB. Has extra parameters <code>bw</code> and <code>kde_type</code></li> </ul>
<code>bw</code>	- (only applies to BOHB) Double representing how much should the KDE bandwidth be widened. Higher values allow the algorithm to explore more hyperparameter combinations
<code>max_iter</code>	- (affects both hyperband and BOHB) Integer representing the maximum number of iterations that one successive halving run can have
<code>kde_type</code>	- (only applies to BOHB) String representing whether a model's hyperparameters should be tuned individually of each other or have their probability densities multiplied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "single" - each hyperparameter has its own expected improvement calculated</li> <li>• "mixed" - all hyperparameters' probability densities are multiplied and only one mixed expected improvement is calculated</li> </ul>

### Value

List of Results

- `perf` - accuracy of the best performing model on the test data
- `pred` - prediction on the test data using the best model
- `model` - best model object
- `best_models` - table with the best hyperparameters found for the selected models.

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datasetReader	<i>Read Dataset File into Memory.</i>
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## Description

Read the file of the training and testing dataset, and perform preprocessing and data cleaning if necessary.

## Usage

```
datasetReader(
  directory,
  testDirectory,
  selectedFeats = c(),
  classCol = "class",
  preProcessF = "N",
  featuresToPreProcess = c(),
  nComp = NA,
  missingVal = c("NA", "?", " "),
  missingOpr = 0
)
```

## Arguments

<b>directory</b>	String of the directory to the file containing the training dataset.
<b>testDirectory</b>	String of the directory to the file containing the testing dataset.
<b>selectedFeats</b>	Vector of numbers of features columns to include from the training set and ignore the rest of columns - In case of empty vector, this means to include all features in the dataset file (default = c()).
<b>classCol</b>	String of the name of the class label column in the dataset (default = 'class').
<b>preProcessF</b>	string containing the name of the preprocessing algorithm (default = 'N' → no preprocessing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "boxcox" - apply a Box-Cox transform and values must be non-zero and positive in all features,</li> <li>• "yeo-Johnson" - apply a Yeo-Johnson transform, like a BoxCox, but values can be negative,</li> <li>• "zv" - remove attributes with a zero variance (all the same value),</li> <li>• "center" - subtract mean from values,</li> <li>• "scale" - divide values by standard deviation,</li> <li>• "standardize" - perform both centering and scaling,</li> <li>• "normalize" - normalize values,</li> <li>• "pca" - transform data to the principal components,</li> <li>• "ica" - transform data to the independent components.</li> </ul>

**featuresToPreProcess**

Vector of number of features to perform the feature preprocessing on - In case of empty vector, this means to include all features in the dataset file (default = c()) - This vector should be a subset of **selectedFeats**.

**nComp**

Integer of Number of components needed if either "pca" or "ica" feature preprocessors are needed.

**missingVal**

Vector of strings representing the missing values in dataset (default: c('NA', '?', ' ')).

**missingOpr**

Boolean variable represents either delete instances with missing values or apply imputation using "MICE" library which helps you imputing missing values with plausible data values that are drawn from a distribution specifically designed for each missing datapoint- (default = 0 -i delete instances).

**Value**

List of the TrainingSet Train and TestingSet Test.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
dataset <- datasetReader('/Datasets/irisTrain.csv', '/Datasets/irisTest.csv')

## End(Not run)
```

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runClassifier

*Fit a classifier model.*


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**Description**

Run the classifier on a training set and measure performance on a validation set.

**Usage**

```
runClassifier(
  trainingSet,
  validationSet,
  params,
  classifierAlgorithm,
  metric = "acc",
  interp = 0
)
```

**Arguments**

<b>trainingSet</b>	Dataframe of the training set.
<b>validationSet</b>	Dataframe of the validation Set.
<b>params</b>	A string character of parameter configuration values for the current classifier to be tuned (parameters are separated by #) and can be obtained from <b>params</b> out of resulted list after running <b>autoRLearn</b> function.
<b>classifierAlgorithm</b>	String character of the name of classifier algorithm used now. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "svm" - Support Vector Machines from e1071 package,</li> <li>• "naiveBayes" - naiveBayes from e1071 package,</li> <li>• "randomForest" - randomForest from randomForest package,</li> <li>• "lmt" - LMT Weka classifier trees from RWeka package,</li> <li>• "lda" - Linear Discriminant Analysis from MASS package,</li> <li>• "j48" - J48 Weka classifier Trees from RWeka package,</li> <li>• "bagging" - Bagging Classifier from ipred package,</li> <li>• "knn" - K nearest Neighbors from FNN package,</li> <li>• "nnet" - Simple neural net from nnet package,</li> <li>• "C50" - C50 decision tree from C5.0 package,</li> <li>• "rpart" - rpart decision tree from rpart package,</li> <li>• "rda" - regularized discriminant analysis from klaR package,</li> <li>• "plsda" - Partial Least Squares And Sparse Partial Least Squares Discriminant Analysis from caret package,</li> <li>• "glm" - Fitting Generalized Linear Models from stats package,</li> <li>• "deepboost" - deep boost classifier from deepboost package.</li> </ul>
<b>metric</b>	Metric string character to be used in evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "acc" - Accuracy,</li> <li>• "avg-fscore" - Average of F-Score of each label,</li> <li>• "avg-recall" - Average of Recall of each label,</li> <li>• "avg-precision" - Average of Precision of each label,</li> <li>• "fscore" - Micro-Average of F-Score of each label,</li> <li>• "recall" - Micro-Average of Recall of each label,</li> <li>• "precision" - Micro-Average of Precision of each label</li> </ul>
<b>interp</b>	Boolean representing if interpretability is required or not (Default = 0).

**Value**

List of performance on validationSet named **perf**, model fitted on trainingSet named **m**, predictions on test set **pred**, and interpretability plots named **interpret** in case of **interp** = 1



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
result1 <- autoRLearn(10, 'sampleDatasets/shuttle/train.arff', 'sampleDatasets/shuttle/test.arff')
dataset <- datasetReader('/Datasets/irisTrain.csv', '/Datasets/irisTest.csv')
result2 <- runClassifier(dataset$Train, dataset$Test, result1$params, result1$clfs)

## End(Not run)
```

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