# Lecture 18: Classification

Big Data and Machine Learning for Applied Economics Econ 4676

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#### Elastic Net

► Naive Elastic Net

$$\min_{\beta} NEL(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - x_i'\beta)^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_{s=2}^{p} |\beta_s| + \lambda_2 \sum_{s=2}^{p} \beta_s^2$$

$$(1)$$

► Elastic Net: reescaled version. Double Shrinkage introduces "too" much bias, final version "corrects" for this

$$\hat{\beta}_{EN} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2}} \hat{\beta}_{naive EN} \tag{2}$$

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#### Lasso for Causality

Inference with Selection among Many Controls

$$y_i = \underbrace{\alpha D_i}_{} + \underbrace{X_i' \theta_y}_{} + r_{yi} + \zeta_i$$



- We apply variable selection methods to each of the two reduced form equations and then use all of the selected controls in estimation of  $\alpha$ .
- ► We select
  - 1 A set of variables that are useful for predicting  $y_i$ , say  $X_{yi}$  and
  - 2 A set of variables that are useful for predicting  $\overline{D_{i}}$  say  $X_{di}$ .
- We then estimate  $\alpha$  by ordinary least squares regression of  $y_i$  on  $d_i$  and the union of the variables selected for predicting  $y_i$  and  $D_i$ , contained in  $X_{yi}$  and  $X_{di}$ .
- ► We thus make sure we use variables that are important for either of the two predictive relationships to guard against OVB

#### Classification



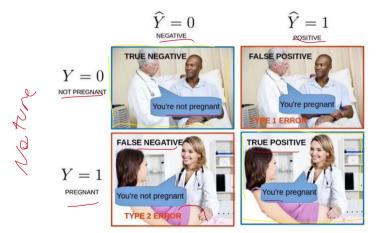
### Classification

#### Classification: Motivation

- ▶ Admit a student to *PEG* based on their grades and LoR
- Give a credit, based on credit history, demographics?
- ▶ Classifying emails: spam, personal, social based on email contents
- ightharpoonup Aim is to classify y based on X's
- ► *y* can be
  - qualitative (e.g., spam, personal, social)
  - ► Not necessarily ordered
  - ▶ Not necessarily two categories, but will start with the binary case

#### Motivation

- ▶ Two states of nature  $y \rightarrow n \in \{0,1\}$
- ► Two actions  $(\hat{y}) \rightarrow a \in \{0,1\}$

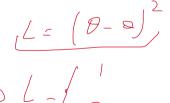


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- ► Two states of nature  $y \rightarrow n \in \{0,1\}$
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- Probabilities

$$\triangleright p = Pr(y = 1|X)$$

- ▶ Loss: L(a, n), penalizes being in bin (a, n)
- ▶ Risk: expected loss of taking action *a*







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taking action 
$$a$$

$$= \int_{a}^{b} \int_{a$$

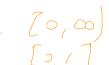
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- The objective is the same as before: minimize the risk
- $\blacktriangleright$  We have to define L(a, n)

$$L(\alpha,n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \alpha \neq n \\ 0 & \alpha = n \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{L} = (9-0) \\
\end{array}$$
(4)



▶ Which action do we choose?

- Which action do we choose?
- ► We can compare the risk of each action
- ▶ We are going to choose to take action 1 when the risk is lower:

$$\underbrace{R(1) < R(0)}_{1-p < p} \qquad \qquad \underbrace{R(1) < \frac{p}{2}}_{p}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{p}$$
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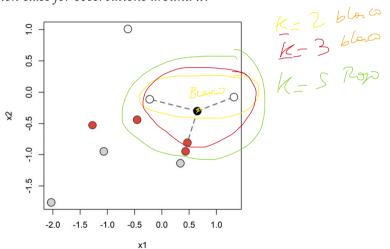
This is known as the Bayes Classifier, choose the estate that minimizes the risk

- ▶ Under a 0-1 penalty the problem boils down to finding p = Pr(y = 1|X)
- ▶ We then predict 1 if p > 0.5 and 0 otherwise (Bayes classifier)
- We can think 3 ways of finding this probability in binary cases
  - K-Nearest Neighbors
  - Logistic
  - ► LDA
- ▶ Why not  $p = X\beta$ ?



## K-Nearest Neighbors

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- ightharpoonup Algorithm: given an input vector  $x_f$  where you would like to predict the class label
  - Find the K nearest neighbors in the dataset of labeled observations,  $x_i$ ,  $y_{i=1}^n$ , the most common distance is the Euclidean distance (units):

$$d(x_i, x_f) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{p} (x_{ij} - x_{fj})^2}$$
 (6)

► This yields a set of the *K* nearest observations with labels:

$$[x_{i1}, y_{i1}], \dots, [x_{iK}, y_{iK}]$$
 (7)

ightharpoonup The predicted class of  $x_f$  is the most common class in this set

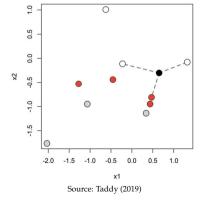
$$\hat{y}_f = mode\{y_{i1}, \dots, y_{iK}\} \tag{8}$$

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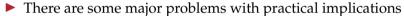
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- ▶ There are some major problems with practical applications
  - ► Knn predictions are unstable as a function of *K*

$$K = 1 \implies \hat{p}(white) = 0$$
  
 $K = 2 \implies \hat{p}(white) = 1/2$   
 $K = 3 \implies \hat{p}(white) = 2/3$   
 $K = 4 \implies \hat{p}(white) = 1/2$ 



- In this case
  - ► 1-Knn manages 70% accuracy
  - ► 5-Knn manages 60% accuracy
  - ► H.W. try for different seed, (Taddy's is 80% and 70%)



- ► Knn predictions are unstable as a function of *K*
- This instability of prediction makes it hard to choose the optimal K and cross validation doesn't work well for KNN
- ▶ Since prediction for each new *x* requires a computationally intensive counting, KNN is too expensive to be useful in most big data settings.
- ▶ KNN is a good idea, but too crude to be useful in practice



## Logit



We have a conditional probability

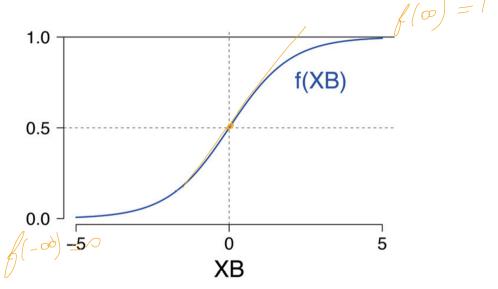
$$Pr(y=1|X) = f(X'\beta) \tag{9}$$

Logistic regression uses a *logit* (sigmoid, softmax) link function

$$\log\left(\frac{p(y=1|X)}{1-p(y=1|X)}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k \tag{10}$$



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Source: Taddy (2019)



We have a conditional probability

$$Pr(y=1|X) = f(X'\beta) \tag{11}$$

Can recover predictions:

$$p(y=1|X) = \frac{e^{X'\beta}}{1 + e^{X'\beta}} = \underbrace{\frac{exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k)}{1 + exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k)}}_{(12)}$$



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## Linear Discriminant Analysis

Reverend Bayes to the rescue: Bayes Theorem

$$p(y=1|X) = \frac{f(X|y=1)p(y=1)}{m(X)}$$

$$(13)$$

with m(X) is the marginal distribution of X, i.e.

$$m(X) = \int f(X|y=1)p(y=1)dy$$
 (14)

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Recall that there are two states of nature  $y \rightarrow i \in \{0, 1\}$ 

$$m(X) = f(X|y=1)p(y=1) + f(X|y=0)p(y=0)$$
  
=  $f(X|y=1)p(y=1) + f(X|y=0)(1-p(y=1))$  (15)

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- This is basically an empirical Bayes approach
- We need to estimate f(X|y=1), f(X|y=0) and p(y=1)
  - Let's start by estimating p(y=1). We've done this before

$$p(y=1) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1[y_i = 1]}{N}$$
 (16)

- Next f(X|y=i) with i=0,1.
  - if we assume one predictor and  $X|y \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i)$
  - the problem boils down to estimating  $\mu_i(\sigma_i)$ LDA makes it simpler, assumes  $\sigma_i = \sigma \ \forall j$

  - then partition the sample in two y=0 and y=1, estimate the moments and get  $\hat{f}(X|y=i)$
- ► Plug everything into the Bayes Rule and you're done

#### Extensions

- ▶ If we have *k* predictors?
- ▶ then  $X|y \sim NM(\mu, \Sigma)$

$$f(X|y=j) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_j)'\Sigma_j(x-\mu_j))$$
(17)

- $\blacktriangleright$   $\mu_i$  is the vector of the sample means in each partition j=0,1
- $\triangleright (\Sigma_j)$  is the matrix of variance and covariances of each partition j = 0, 1
- ► Can we lift normality? ★



- ▶ Why is it call linear?
- ► Note

$$p > \frac{1}{2} \iff ln(\frac{p}{(1-p)}) \tag{18}$$

► Logit with one predictor

$$\beta_1 + \beta_2 X \tag{19}$$

- ► Classification: in the probability of space
- ▶ Discrimination: in the space of X
- $\triangleright$   $\beta_1 + \beta_2 X$  is the discrimination function for logit (it is lineal)

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- ► LDA?
- One predictor with  $\sigma_0 = \sigma_1$  (equal variance)

$$p(y=1|X) = \frac{f(X|y=1)p(y=1)}{f(X|y=1)p(y=1) + f(X|y=0)(1-p(y=1))}$$
(20)

▶ Then under the equal variance assumption

$$\frac{p(y=1|X)}{1-p(y=1|X)} = \frac{f(X|y=1)p(y=1)}{f(X|y=0)(1-p(y=1))}$$
(21)

$$= \frac{p(y=1)exp((x-\mu_1)^2)}{(1-p(y=1))exp((x-\mu_0)^2)}$$
 (22)



► Taking logs

$$\log\left(\frac{p(y=1|X)}{1-p(y=1|X)}\right) = \log\left(\frac{p(y=1)}{(1-p(y=1))} + (x-\mu_1)^2 - (x-\mu_0)^2\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{p(y=1)}{(1-p(y=1))} + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2 - 2(\mu_1 - \mu_0)x\right)$$
(23)

$$(1 \quad p(y-1))$$

$$= \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 X \tag{25}$$

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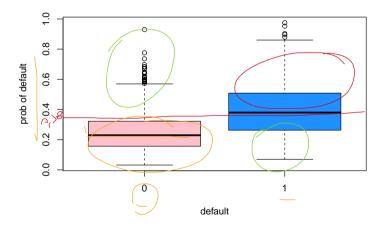
- under the assumption of equal variance the discrimination function is lineal
- ▶ Note: logit estimates  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$

#### Misclassification Rates

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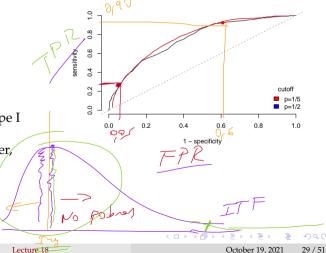
#### Misclassification Rates

▶ Predicted probabilities from Logit model



#### Misclassification Rates

- ► A classification rule, or cutoff, is the probability *p* at which you predict
  - $\hat{y}_i = 0 \text{ if } p_i < p$   $\hat{y}_i = 1 \text{ if } p_i > p$
- Measures of performance
  - ► 1-Specificity: False Positive Rate, Type I error
  - ► *Sensitivity:* True Positive Rate, power, (1-Type II error)



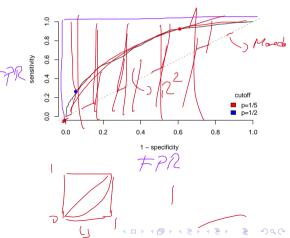
- ▶ ROC curve: Receiver operating characteristic curve
- ROC curve illustrates the trade-off of the classification rule
- Gives us the ability
  - Measure the predictive capacity of our model
  - ► Compare between models -> 1/2/ a pende co denostro casa

- Some definitions
  - $P = \sum y_i$  positives
  - $N = \sum (1 y_i)$  negatives
  - ightharpoonup T = P + N all observations
  - ► True Positives:  $TP = \sum \hat{y}_i y_i$ , True Positive Rate =  $\frac{TP}{R}$
  - False Positives:  $FP = \sum \hat{y}_i (1 y_i)$ , False Positive Rate =  $\frac{FP}{N}$

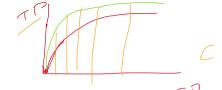


#### ROC

- ▶ Binary Classifier:  $\hat{y}_i = 1[p_i > c], c \in [0, 1]$
- ▶ Bayes fixes c = 0.5
- ► Ideally TPR = 1 and FPR = 0
- ▶ ROC curve give us the locus of all possible TPR and FPR for all possible  $c \in [0,1]$



#### ROC



- ► ROC Properties
  - ► Has positive slope
    - In (0,0), c=1. When  $c\downarrow$ ,  $TP\uparrow$  and  $FP\uparrow$ . Then

$$TPR = \sum \frac{\hat{y}_i y_i}{P} \quad FPR = \sum \frac{\hat{y}_i (1 - y_i)}{T - P}$$
 (26)

► Is easy to show

$$TPR = \frac{\sum \hat{y}_i}{P} - \frac{T - P}{P}FPR$$

▶ ROC is the locus of all possible *TPR* and *FPR* for all possible  $c \in [0,1]$ 

$$TPR = \frac{\sum \hat{y}_i(c)}{P} - \frac{T - P}{P}FPR(c)$$
 (28)

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#### **ROC: Summary**

- ▶ Ideal ROC curve
- ightharpoonup AUC: area under the curve, is like an  $R^2$
- ► Help us compare between classifiers
- Dominated classifiers?
- ► Which c? Choose a max FPR





#### Review & Next Steps

- ► Review Classification:
  - ► KNN
    - Intuitive
    - Not very useful in practice, curse of dimensionality
  - ► Logit
  - ► Linear Discriminant Analysis
  - Misclassification Rates: ROC curve
  - ▶ QDA? 6, ≠ 5.
- Ouestions? Ouestions about software?

# **Further Readings**

- ► Friedman, J., Hastie, T., & Tibshirani, R. (2001). The elements of statistical learning (Vol. 1, No. 10). New York: Springer series in statistics.
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- ➤ Zou, H. y Hastie, T., 2005, Regularization and variable selection via the elastic net, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, 67, 2, 301-320.

## 'data frame': 214 obs. of 10 variables:

```
#Load the required packages
library("class") #for KNN
library("MASS") # a library of example datasets
#Read the data
data(fgl) ## loads the data into R; see help(fgl)
str(fgl)
```

```
## $ RI : num 3.01 -0.39 -1.82 -0.34 -0.58 ...

## $ Na : num 13.6 13.9 13.5 13.2 13.3 ...

## $ A1 : num 4.49 3.6 3.55 3.69 3.62 3.61 3.6 3.61 3.58 3.6 ...

## $ Si : num 71.8 72.7 73 72.6 73.1 ...

## $ Si : num 0.06 0.48 0.39 0.57 0.55 0.64 0.58 0.57 0.56 0.57 ...

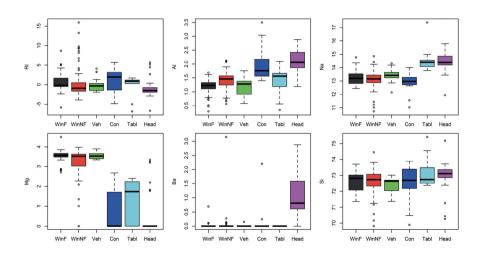
## $ Ba : num 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0...

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## $ Fe : num 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.011 ...

## $ type: Factor w/ 6 levels "WinF" "WinNF" ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

Refractive index and chemical composition for six possible glass types: float glass window (WinF), nonfloat glass window (WinNF), vehicle window (Veh), container (Con), tableware (Tabl), vehicle headlamp (Head)



- ► Units matter
  - ▶ Since distance is measured on the raw *x* values, units matter.
  - ▶ As we did for regularization, we will standarized observations.
  - ▶ R scale function does this, i.e., convert columns to mean-zero sd-one

```
x <- scale(fgl[,1:9]) # column 10 is the class label
apply(x,2,sd) # see ?apply</pre>
```

```
## RI Na Mg Al Si K Ca Ba Fe
## 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

- ► Before running Knn
  - Make sure you have numeric matrices of training data x values, with labels y
  - ▶ Also need to provide new *test* values where you would like to predict
  - Note that there's no model do fit, Knn, just counts neighbors for each observation in test

```
set.seed(1010101)
test <- sample(1:214,10)
nearest1 <- knn(train=x[-test,], test=x[test,], cl=fgl$type[-test], k=1)
nearest5 <- knn(train=x[-test,], test=x[test,], cl=fgl$type[-test], k=5)
data.frame(fgl$type[test],nearest1,nearest5)</pre>
```

```
fgl.type.test. nearest1 nearest5
## 1
                WinF
                          WinF
                                   WinNF
                Head
                                    Head
                          Head
               WinNF
                         WinNF
                                   WinNF
                WinF
                          WinF
                                    WinF
               WinNF
                         WinNF
                                   WinNF
               WinNF
                         WinNF
                                   WinNF
                Head
                                     Con
                           Con
                Head
                         WinNF
                                   WinNE
               WinNF
                                   WinNF
                         WinNF
## 10
               WinNF
                          WinF
                                    WinF
```

## Logit Demo

```
set.seed(101010) #sets a seed
credit<-readRDS("credit_class.rds")</pre>
#70% train
indic<-sample(1:nrow(credit),floor(.7*nrow(credit)))</pre>
#Partition the sample
train<-credit[indic,]</pre>
test<-credit[-indic,]</pre>
head(credit)
    Default duration amount installment age history
                                                     purpose foreign rent
## 1
                                   4 67 terrible goods/repair foreign FALSE
                     1169
## 2
                     5951
                                            poor goods/repair foreign FALSE
                                   2 49 terrible
## 3
                    2096
                                                         edu foreign FALSE
                                   2 45
## 4
                    7882
                                            poor goods/repair foreign FALSE
## 5
                    4870
                                   3 53
                                                      newcar foreign FALSE
                                            poor
## 6
                     9055
                                   2 35
                                            poor
                                                         edu foreign FALSE
dim(credit)
## [1] 1000
```

### Logit Demo

## factor(history)terrible
## factor(purpose)usedcar

## factor(purpose)edu

## factor(purpose)biz

## factor(rent)TRUE

## ---

## ## ...

## factor(foreign)german

```
mylogit <- glm(Default~duration + amount + installment + age</pre>
                + factor(history) + factor(purpose) + factor(foreign) + factor(rent),
                data = train, family = "binomial")
summary(mylogit)
##
## ...
##
## Coefficients:
                             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                            -3.285e-01 5.597e-01 -0.587 0.557264
## duration
                            1.625e-02 9.538e-03 1.704 0.088369 .
                            1.518e-04 4.325e-05 3.511 0.000447 ***
## amount
## installment
                            3.335e-01 9.216e-02 3.619 0.000296 ***
                            -1.762e-02 8.851e-03 -1.990 0.046554 *
## age
## factor(history)poor
                            -1.212e+00 3.126e-01 -3.876 0.000106 ***
```

-1.989e+00 3.552e-01 -5.598 2.17e-08 \*\*\*

-1.813e+00 4.067e-01 -4.459 8.23e-06 \*\*\*

-9.862e-01 3.440e-01 -2.867 0.004147 \*\*

2.355e-01

1.207e-01 3.858e-01

-2.057e+00 8.213e-01

7.554e-01

## Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1

2.254e-01 -3.177 0.001486 \*\*

0.313.0.754450

-2.505 0.012254 \*

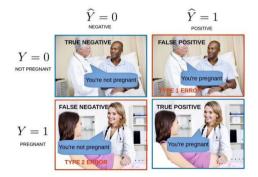
3.208 0.001337 \*\*

## factor(purpose)goods/repair -7.163e-01

## Logit Demo

```
test$phat<- predict(mylogit, test, type="response")
test$Default_hat<-ifelse(test$phat>.5,1,0)
with(test,prop.table(table(Default,Default_hat)))
```

```
## Default_hat
## Default 0 1
## 0 0.63666667 0.06666667
## 1 0.22666667 0.07000000
```



#### LDA: Demo

$$p(y=1) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1[y_i = 1]}{N}$$
 (29)

```
p1<-sum(train*Default)/dim(train)[1]
p1
```

## [1] 0.3014286

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i:y_i = k} x_i \tag{30}$$

```
mu1<-mean(train$duration[train$Default==1])
mu1</pre>
```

## [1] 24.78673

```
mu0<-mean(train$duration[train$Default==0])
mu0</pre>
```

## [1] 19.79346

#### LDA: Demo

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N - K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{i:\nu_i = k} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_k)^2$$
(31)

```
g1<-sum((train$duration[train$Default==1]-mu1)^2)
g0<-sum((train$duration[train$Default==0]-mu0)^2)
sigma<-sqrt((g1+g0)/(dim(train)[1]-2))</pre>
```

$$\hat{f}_k \sim N(\hat{\mu}_k, \hat{\sigma}) \tag{32}$$



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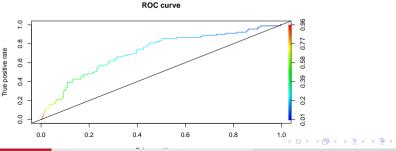
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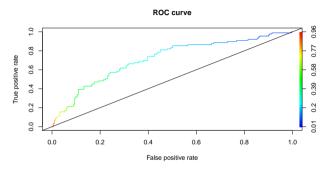
```
library("MASS")  # LDA
lda_simple <- lda(Default~duration, data = train)
lda_simple_pred<-predict(lda_simple,test)
names(lda_simple_pred)

## [1] "class" "posterior" "x"

posteriors<-data.frame(lda_simple_pred$posterior)
posteriors$hand<-f1*p1/(f1*p1+f0*(1-p1))
head(posteriors)</pre>
```

```
## X0 X1 hand
## 1 0.8013656 0.1986344 0.1986344
## 3 0.7668614 0.2331386 0.2331386
## 14 0.6861792 0.3138208 0.3138208
## 15 0.7668614 0.2331386 0.2331386
## 33 0.7283950 0.2716050 0.2716050
```





```
auc_ROCR <- performance(pred, measure = "auc")
auc_ROCR@y.values[[1]]</pre>
```

## [1] 0.714415



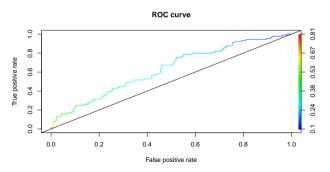
## age

```
mylda <- lda(Default~duration + amount + installment + age , data = train)</pre>
mylda
## Call:
## lda(Default ~ duration + amount + installment + age, data = train)
## Prior probabilities of groups:
          0 1
## 0 6985714 0 3014286
## Group means:
    duration amount installment
## 0 19.79346 3062.888 2.885481 36.40900
## 1 24.78673 4057.791 3.109005 33.85782
##
## Coefficients of linear discriminants:
                       LD1
## duration
              0.0296041361
## amount
              0.0002055164
## installment 0.4821242957
```

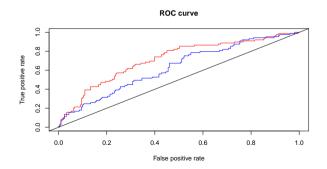
-0.0386710882

```
phat_mylda<- predict(mylda, test, type="response")
pred_mylda <- prediction(phat_mylda$posterior[,2], test$Default)

roc_mylda <- performance(pred_mylda, "tpr", "fpr")
plot(roc_mylda, main = "ROC curve", colorize = T)
abline(a = 0, b = 1)</pre>
```



```
plot(roc_ROCR, main = "ROC curve", colorize = FALSE, col="red")
plot(roc_mylda,add=TRUE, colorize = FALSE, col="blue")
abline(a = 0, b = 1)
```



► Area under the curve (AUC)

```
auc_ROCR <- performance(pred, measure = "auc")
auc_ROCR_lda_simple <- performance(pred_mylda, measure = "auc")
auc_ROCR@y.values[[1]]

## [1] 0.714415
auc_ROCR_lda_simple@y.values[[1]]</pre>
```

```
## [1] 0.6291602
```