Model selection with Scikit-Learn

Training error

Test error

Issue: the training error is a **biased** estimate of the generalization error.

Solution: Divide data into two disjoint parts called training and test sets (usually using 70% for training and 30% for test).

- Use the training set for fitting the model;
- Use the test set for evaluation only, thereby yielding an unbiased estimate.
- The same data should not be used both for training and evaluation.

Cross-validation

Issue:

- When data is small, training on 70% of the data may lead to a model that is significantly different from a model that would have been learned on the entire set.
- Yet, increasing the size of the training set (resp. decreasing the size of the test set), might lead to an inaccurate estimate of the generalization error.

Solution: K-Fold cross-validation.

- Split data into K small disjoint folds.
- Train on K-1 folds, evaluate the test error one the held-out fold.
- Repeat for all combinations and average the K estimates of the generalization error.

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[24]: from sklearn.cross_validation import KFold
      scores = []
      for train, test in KFold(n=len(X), n_folds=5, random_state=42):
         X_train, y_train = X[train], y[train]
          X_test, y_test = X[test], y[test]
          clf = KNeighborsClassifier().fit(X_train, y_train)
          scores.append(zero_one_loss(y_test, clf.predict(X_test)))
      print("CV error = %f +-%f" % (np.mean(scores), np.std(scores)))
CV = 0.163000 + -0.010770
[25]: # Shortcut
      from sklearn.cross_validation import cross_val_score
      scores = cross_val_score(KNeighborsClassifier(), X, y,
                               cv=KFold(n=len(X), n_folds=5, random_state=42),
                               scoring="accuracy")
      print("CV error = %f +-%f" % (1. - np.mean(scores), np.std(scores)))
CV = 0.163000 + -0.010770
```

Metrics

Default score

Estimators come with a built-in default evaluation score

- Accuracy for classification
- R2 score for regression

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[26]: y_train = (y_train == "r")
    y_test = (y_test == "r")
    clf = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)
    clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
    print("Default score =", clf.score(X_test, y_test))
```

Default score = 0.84

Accuracy

Definition: The accuracy is the proportion of correct predictions.

Precision, recall and F-measure

$$Precision = rac{TP}{TP + FP}$$
 $Recall = rac{TP}{TP + FN}$ $F = rac{2*Precision*Recall}{Precision + Recall}$

ROC AUC

Definition: Area under the curve of the false positive rate (FPR) against the true positive rate (TPR) as the decision threshold of the classifier is varied.

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[29]: from sklearn.metrics import get_scorer
    roc_auc_scorer = get_scorer("roc_auc")
    print("ROC AUC =", roc_auc_scorer(clf, X_test, y_test))

from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve
    fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, clf.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1])
    plt.plot(fpr, tpr)
    plt.xlabel("FPR")
    plt.ylabel("TPR")
    plt.show()
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