2.4 Using Scikit-learn Interface

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The following notebook presents the alternative approach for using XGBoost algorithm.

What's included: - load libraries and prepare data, - specify parameters, - train classifier, - make predictions

1.0.1 Loading libraries

Begin with loading all required libraries.

print("\nTest possible labels: ")

print(np.unique(y_test))

1.0.2 Loading data

We are going to use the same dataset as in previous lecture. The scikit-learn package provides a convenient function load_svmlight capable of reading many libsvm files at once and storing them as Scipy's sparse matrices.

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Train possible labels:
[ 0. 1.]

Test possible labels:
[ 0. 1.]
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1.0.3 Specify training parameters

All the parameters are set like in the previous example - we are dealing with binary classification problem ('objective':'binary:logistic'), - we want shallow single trees with no more than 2 levels ('max_depth':2), - we don't any oupout ('silent':1), - we want algorithm to learn fast and aggressively ('learning_rate':1), (in naive named eta) - we want to iterate only 5 rounds (n_estimators)

1.0.4 Training classifier

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In [6]: bst = XGBClassifier(**params).fit(X_train, y_train)
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1.0.5 Make predictions

Error: 0.0062