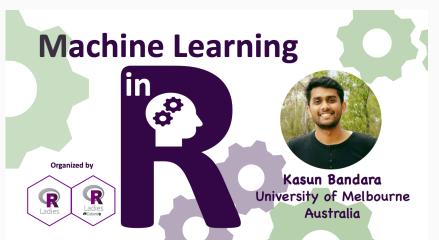
Machine Learning in R

R-Ladies Colombo

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About me

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 - Research Scientist at Turning Point, Melbourne, Australia
 - Data Science Tutor, Faculty of IT, Monash University
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About me (2)

- Research Interests
 - Global Forecasting Models
 - Hierarchical Forecasting
 - Retail sales/demand forecasting
 - Renewable energy production forecasting (solar)
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 - Air-Liquide Energy Forecasting Competition (4th Place)
 - ANZ Customer Segmentation Challenge (Top Performer)

Data Science

What is Data Science?

Data Science is an interdisciplinary field that permits you to extract information from organized or unstructured data.

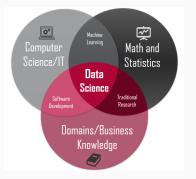


Figure 1: An intersection of many fields of science¹

I Image source:

Data Science Life Cycle

Known as the O.S.E.M.N. framework.

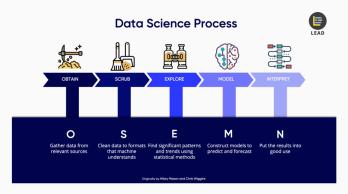


Figure 2: Data Science Process²

 $^{{\ }^2 \\ \\ \}text{Image source: https://towardsdatascience.com/5-steps-of-a-data-science-project-lifecycle-26c50372b492}$

Obtain (O)

- Retrieving data from multiple sources of inputs.
 - Structured Data: RDBMS, Tabular Data, CSV, TSV.
 - Unstructured Data: NoSQL Databases, API Data (Twitter, Facebook)
- Databases: {odbc}
- Scraping data from websites: {rvest}
- Data platforms: Kaggle, UCI, Competition Datasets,
 Government APIs

Example of {rvest}

```
library(rvest)
library(dplyr)
set.seed(1234)
# reading the HTML page (Lord of the Rings)
lor movie <- read html("https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120737/")</pre>
# Scraping the movie rating.
lor_movie %>%
 html_node("strong span") %>%
 html text() %>%
 as.numeric()
#[17 8.8
# Scraping the cast.
lor_movie %>%
 html_nodes("#titleCast .itemprop span") %>%
 html text()
# Scraping the movie poster.
lor movie %>%
  html nodes("#img_primary img") %>%
 html attr("src")
```

Pre-processing

Scrub (S)

- Also known as data pre-processing, data wrangling
- Converting the data into a unified, suitable format
 - Easier for the data exploration process
 - What your predictive algorithm expects ?
 - tidyverse
 {dplyr,tidyr,stringr,tibble,purr,ggplot2}
- Handles data issues
 - Cleaning: Missing values, Outliers, Noisy data
 - Transformation: Normalisation, Feature Discretization
 - Reduction: Feature selection, Dimensionality reduction

Missing Value Imputation

```
library(simputation)
set.seed(1234)
# Loading iris dataset and randomly inserting NAs.
df <- iris
df_NA <- as.data.frame(lapply(df, function(imp) imp[ sample(c(TRUE, NA),
        prob = c(0.85, 0.15), size = length(imp), replace = TRUE)]))
# Using median to impute the missing values.
median_imputed <- impute median(df_NA,
                                Sepal.Length ~ Species)
# Using linear regression to impute the missing values.
linear_imputed <- impute lm(df_NA, Sepal.Length ~ Sepal.Width + Species)
# Using CART algorithm to impute the missing values.
cart_imputed <- impute cart(df_NA, Species ~ .)
# Imputing multiple variables at once.
multivariable_imputed <- impute rlm(df_NA, Sepal.Length + Sepal.Width
                                    ~ Petal.Length + Species)
# Imputing using a pre-trained model.
model <- lm(Sepal.Length ~ Sepal.Width + Species, data=iris)
model_imputed <- impute(df_NA, Sepal.Length ~ model)
```

Dealing with Outliers

- A data point that differs significantly from other observations
- Observations that distort your analysis
 - Boxplot visualisation: {ggplot2}
 - Grubbs's test, Dixon's test, Rosner's test: {outliers}
 - Outlier detection algorithms: {OutlierDetection}
 - outlierTest() from {car}
 - lofactor() from {DMwR} (Local Outlier Factor)
- Anomaly detection is itself a different research area!
 - One Class SVM, IsolationForest
 - Unsupervised algorithms (Clustering)
 - Time series: {tsoutliers,oddstream,stray}

Feature Selection

- Removing redundant features from the dataset
- Computational complexity, Address model overfitting

Filter Methods

- Features are selected based on a statistical score
- Independent of any machine learning algorithm
- Pearson's Correlation, Chi-Square, PCA

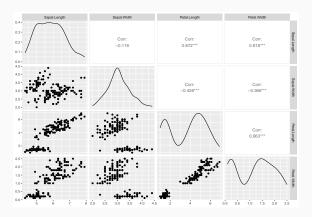
Wrapper Methods

- A subset of features are used to train a model
- Forward, Backward, Recursive elimination
- Inbuilt penalization functions: LASSO, RIDGE regression
- {Boruta,caret,glmnet}

Using Correlation

```
library(GGally)
library(dplyr)
set.seed(1234)

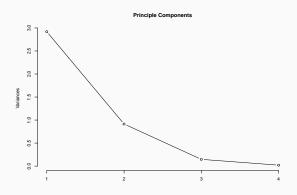
# Plotting the feature correlations.
iris %>% select(-Species) %>% ggpairs()
```



Using PCR

```
library(dplyr)
set.seed(1234)

# Plotting the feature importance.
pcomp_df <- iris %>%
    select(-Species) %>% prcomp(scale. = T, center = T) %>%
    plot(type="l", main = "Principle Components")
```

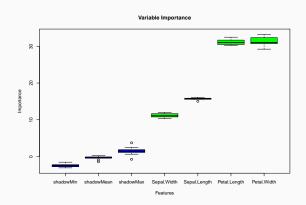


Example of {Boruta}

```
library(Boruta)
set.seed(1234)

# Boruta is a feature selection algorithm based on the random forests algorithm.
boruta_df <- Boruta(Species ~ ., data=iris, doTrace=0)

# Plotting the feature importance.
plot(boruta_df, xlab="Features", main="Variable Importance")</pre>
```

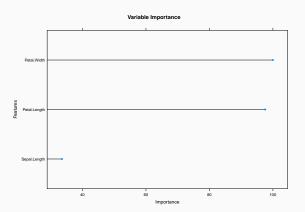


Example of {caret}

```
library(caret)
set.seed(1234)

# Build a decision tree model using rpart (Recursive Partitioning And Regression Trees)
rPart_df <- train(Species - ., data=iris, method="rpart")
rPart_imp <- varImp(rPart_df)

# Plotting the feature importance.
plot(rPart_imp, top = 3, main='Variable Importance', ylab = "Features")</pre>
```



Data Visualisation

Explore (E)

- Examination of data, features, and their characteristics
 - Data types: numerical, ordinal, and nominal data
 - Summary statistics
 - Feature distributions
 - Feature correlations (positive, negative)
 - Classification: class distribution (Class Imbalance?)
- Invest your time more on the data exploration process
 - Frequency distribution: Histograms
 - Outlier detection: Box plots
 - Feature correlation analysis: Scatter plots
 - Time series analysis: Trend and Seasonal plots

Tools available for Exploration

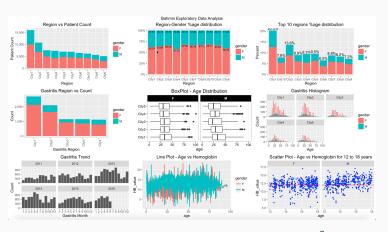


Figure 3: Plots available from {ggplot2}³

 $^{^{3}{\}sf Image \ source: \ https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/281686151677624808/}$

Seasonal plot from {feasts}

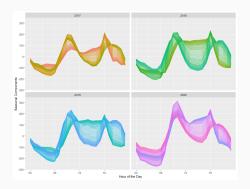


Figure 4: The presence of multiple seasonal cycles⁴

⁴ Github repo: https://github.com/kasungayan/Meldatathon2020

Model Prediction

Model Development (MD)

Model parameter estimation, Hyper-parameter tuning

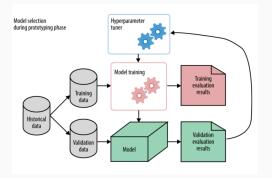


Figure 5: Model Training and Validation⁵

 $^{^{5}} Image\ source:\ https://towardsdatascience.com/5-steps-of-a-data-science-project-lifecycle-26c50372b492$

Model Development Techniques

- Supervised Learning or Unsupervised Learning
 - Regression: Linear-regression, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Lasso-Regression
 - Classification: Naive Bayes, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors
 - Clustering: K-Means, Fuzzy C-Means, Self Organising Maps (SOM)
- Neural Networks: Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), Recurrent Neural Network (RNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Different applications: Spam Detection, Market
 Segmentation, Image Classification, Time Series
 Forecasting, Language Translation

Naive Bayes classifier

##

##

benign malignant ## 0 6507177 0 3492823

```
library(mlbench) # multiple benchmark datasets for different machine learning tasks.
library(caret) # multiple inbuilt regression and classification algorithms.
library(rsample) # data splitting.
library(dplyr)
data(BreastCancer)
set.seed(1234)
# Splitting the data into train and test sets.
df_BreastCancer_split <- initial_split(BreastCancer, prop = .7)</pre>
# Similar splitting using caTools
# df BreastCancer split <- sample.split(BreastCancer.SplitRatio = 0.7)
df_BreastCancer_train <- training(df_BreastCancer_split)</pre>
df BreastCancer test <- testing(df BreastCancer split)
# Checking for class distribution.
table(df_BreastCancer_train$Class) %>% prop.table()
##
##
      benign malignant
## 0 6571429 0 3428571
table(df_BreastCancer_test$Class) %>% prop.table()
```

Naive Bayes classifier Cont.

```
# create feature and class attributes.
features <- setdiff(names(df_BreastCancer_train), "Class")</pre>
train features <- df BreastCancer train[, features]
train class <- df BreastCancer train$Class
# Define a 10-fold cross validation procedure.
train control <- trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10)
# train the naive bayes model
model nb1 <- train(x = train features, y = train class, method = "nb", trControl = train control)
#Show the confusion matrix.
confusionMatrix(model_nb1)
## Cross-Validated (10 fold) Confusion Matrix
##
  (entries are percentual average cell counts across resamples)
##
##
            Reference
## Prediction benign malignant
              63.5
##
    benign
                           0.4
    malignant 2.2 33.9
##
##
   Accuracy (average): 0.9735
```

Naive Bayes classifier Cont.

```
# hyper-parameter grid
hyper_search_grid <- expand.grid(usekernel = c(TRUE, FALSE), fL = 0:5, adjust = seq(0, 5, by = 1))
# train the naive bayes model using a hyper-parameter grid.
model nb2 <- train(x = train_features, y = train_class, method = "nb",
                  trControl = train control, tuneGrid = hyper search grid)
# Printing best models.
# model nb2$results %>%
# arrange(desc(Accuracy)) %>% head(4)
# results for best model
confusionMatrix(model nb2)
## Cross-Validated (10 fold) Confusion Matrix
##
  (entries are percentual average cell counts across resamples)
##
             Reference
##
## Prediction benign malignant
##
    benign
              63.5
                           0.8
##
    malignant 2.2 33.5
##
   Accuracy (average): 0.9694
```

Naive Bayes results on the testset

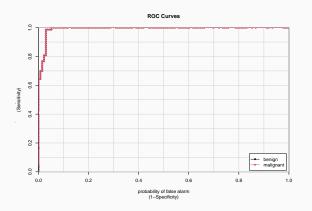
```
# Applying the best model to unseen (test) dataset.
prediction_test <- predict(model_nb2, newdata = df_BreastCancer_test)</pre>
# Printing the confusing matrix on the test set.
confusionMatrix(prediction_test, df_BreastCancer_test$Class)
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##
              Reference
## Prediction benign malignant
                132
##
     benign
     malignant 4
                             72
##
##
##
                  Accuracy: 0.9761
                    95% CI: (0.9451, 0.9922)
##
##
      No Information Rate : 0.6507
      P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16
##
##
##
                     Kappa : 0.9479
##
##
    Mcnemar's Test P-Value : 0.3711
##
               Sensitivity: 0.9706
##
               Specificity: 0.9863
##
           Pos Pred Value: 0.9925
##
##
            Neg Pred Value: 0.9474
##
                Prevalence : 0.6507
##
            Detection Rate: 0.6316
     Detection Prevalence: 0.6364
##
```

Generating the ROC curve

```
library(caTools) #to generate ROC curves

prob_results <- predict(model_nb2, df_BreastCancer_test, type = "prob")

# Generating the ROC curve for the test set.
caTools::colAUC(prob_results, df_BreastCancer_test[["Class"]], plotROC = TRUE)</pre>
```



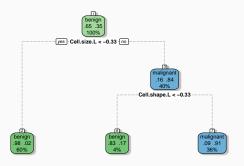
benign ws. malignant 0.9917405 0.9917405

Decision tree

```
library(caret)
library(rpart)
set.seed(1234)
# Remove incomplete records.
df BreastCancer train <- df BreastCancer train[complete.cases(df BreastCancer train), ]
# Define a 10-fold cross validation procedure.
train_control <- trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10)
# train the naive bayes model.
model dt <- train(Class ~ ., data=df BreastCancer train, method = "rpart", trControl = train control)
#Show the confusion matrix.
confusionMatrix(model dt)
## Cross-Validated (10 fold) Confusion Matrix
##
  (entries are percentual average cell counts across resamples)
##
##
             Reference
## Prediction benign malignant
    benign 62.2 3.3
##
    malignant 3.1 31.3
##
##
   Accuracy (average): 0.9357
```

Visualising the decision tree

```
library(rattle)
set.seed(1234)
# Generating the decision tree.
# You can also separately use the rpart and rpart.plot to reproduce this.
fancyRpartPlot(model_dt$finalModel)
```



Regression using {caret}

```
library(caret)
library(dplyr)
library(rsample)
set.seed(1234)
# Reading the data.
df_households <- read.csv("data/realestate.csv")</pre>
df_households_filtered <- df_households[, c(-1,-2)]
# Splitting the data.
colnames(df_households_filtered)[6] <- "price"</pre>
data_split <- initial_split(df_households_filtered, prop = .7)</pre>
train <- training(data_split)</pre>
test <- testing(data_split)</pre>
# Defining the feature variables.
x <- model.matrix(price~., train)
# Defining the class variable.
y <- train$price
```

Regression using {caret} (2)

```
# Linear regression model training.
model <- train(price ~ ., train, method = "lm", trControl = trainControl(method = "cv",
                                       number = 10))
# Model summary.
print(model)
## Linear Regression
##
## 290 samples
    5 predictor
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (10 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 260, 260, 261, 261, 262, 261, ...
## Resampling results:
##
## RMSE Rsquared MAE
## 8.862187 0.6199554 6.254035
##
```

Tuning parameter 'intercept' was held constant at a value of TRUE

Regression using {glmnet}

```
library(glmnet)
library(dplvr)
library(rsample)
set.seed(1234)
# Reading the data.
df households <- read.csv("data/realestate.csv")
df households filtered <- df households[, c(-1,-2)]
# Splitting the data.
colnames(df households filtered)[6] <- "price"
data_split <- initial split(df_households_filtered, prop = .7)
train <- training(data_split)</pre>
test <- testing(data_split)</pre>
# Defining the feature variables.
x <- model.matrix(price~., train)
# Defining the class variable.
y <- train$price
# Use cross validation to determine the optimal lambda.
cv <- cv.glmnet(x, y, alpha = 1)
# Fit the final model (lasso regression) on the training data
best_model <- glmnet(x, y, alpha = 1, lambda = cv$lambda.min)
```

Regression using {glmnet} (2)

```
# Evaluating the model on the test data.
x.test <- model.matrix(price- ., test)
price_predictions <- best_model %>% predict(x.test) %>% as.numeric()

# Model performance summary.
data.frame(
   RMSE = RMSE(price_predictions, test$price),
   Rsquare = R2(price_predictions, test$price)
)

## RMSE Rsquare
## 1 8.916861 0.540294
```

Unsupervised Learning

- Learning patterns from unlabbled data
- Clustering ?
 - K means: Computationally efficient, Optimal K?, Outliers?
 - Elbow and Silhouette methods to determine the optimal
 K
 - DBSCAN: No restrictions on the cluster shapes
 - Features are categorical? Partitioning Around Medoids (PAM)
 - Hierarchical clustering: cluster dendrogram
- Auto-Encoders ?

Kmeans clustering

```
library(factoextra)

set.seed(1234)

# Removing the categorical class.
df <- iris[, -5]

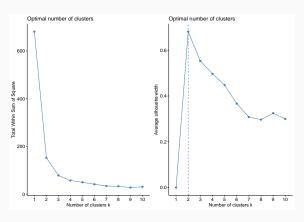
# Applying kmeans algorithm with k = 3.
cluster_output <- kmeans(df, centers = 3, nstart = 25)

# Illustrating the cluster distribution.
fviz_cluster(cluster_output, data = df)</pre>
```



Optimal K

```
library(gridExtra)
set.seed(1234)
# Different methods to determine the optimal K.
elbow <- fviz_nbclust(df, kmeans, method = "wss")
silhouette <- fviz_nbclust(df, kmeans, method = "silhouette")
grid.arrange(elbow, silhouette, nrow = 1)</pre>
```

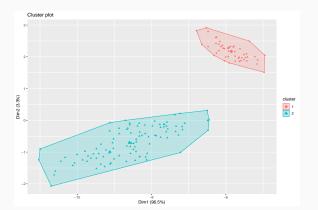


Clustering using DBSCAN

```
library(factoextra)
library(fpc)

set.seed(1234)
df <- iris[, -5]

# Using DBSCAN algorithm without setting the K.
db_output <- fpc::dbscan(df, eps = 0.95, MinPts = 5)
fviz_cluster(db_output, df, stand = FALSE, frame = FALSE, geom = "point")</pre>
```



Neural Networks

- Strong computational systems that mimic human brain.
- Hold the universal approximation property.
- Backpropagation algorithm for training.
- State-of-the-art for many prediction/classification applications.
- Different variants of neural networks.
 - Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLP): {nnet,neuralnet}
 - Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN): {rnn,RSNNS}
 - Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)
- Tensorflow, Keras, Torch APIs in R

Feedforward Neural Networks using {nnet}

```
library(caret)
library(rsample)
library(nnet)
# Reading the data.
df households <- read.csv("data/realestate.csv")</pre>
df_households_filtered <- df_households[, c(-1,-2)]
# Splitting the data.
colnames(df_households_filtered)[6] <- "price"</pre>
data_split <- initial split(df_households_filtered, prop = .7)
train <- training(data_split)</pre>
test <- testing(data_split)</pre>
# You can directly use the nnet function from the nnet package
# mlp fit <- nnet(price \sim ... train. size = 2, rang = 0.1, decay = 5e-4, maxit = 200)
# You can use the nnet as the method in the caret function.
mlp_fit <- train(price ~ ., train, method = "nnet",trControl = trainControl(method = "cv",</pre>
                                          number = 10))
#print(mlp fit)
```

Deep Neural Netowrks using {keras}

```
library(keras)
library(rsample)
library(dplyr)
set.seed(1234)
# Reading the data.
df households <- read.csv("data/realestate.csv")</pre>
df_households_filtered <- df_households[, c(-1,-2)]
# Splitting the data.
colnames(df households filtered)[6] <- "price"
data_split <- initial_split(df_households_filtered, prop = .7)</pre>
train <- training(data_split)</pre>
test <- testing(data split)
features <- setdiff(names(train), "price")</pre>
train features <- train[, features]
train_class <- train$price
```

Model definition

```
# Defining the model
MLP_model <- keras model_sequential() %>%
# The overall neural network architecture
layer_dense(units = 10, activation = "relu", input_shape = ncol(train_features)) %>%
layer_batch_normalization() %>% layer_dense(units = 5, activation = "relu") %>%
layer_batch_normalization() %>% layer_dropout(rate = 0.02) %>% layer_dense(units = 1) %>%

# Defining the optimization algorithm and loss function.
# Use binary and multi-categorical cross entropy for classification.
compile(optimizer = optimizer_rmsprop(),loss = "mse",metrics = c("mae"))
```

Model Summary

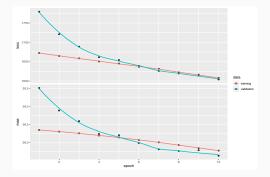
```
# print the summary of the model
summary(MLP_model)
```

```
## Model: "sequential"
## ______
## Layer (type)
               Output Shape
                             Param #
## -----
## dense 2 (Dense)
               (None, 10)
## _____
## batch normalization 1 (BatchNormali (None, 10)
## _____
## dense_1 (Dense)
               (None, 5)
## ______
## batch normalization (BatchNormaliza (None, 5)
## ______
## dropout (Dropout)
               (None, 5)
## _____
## dense (Dense)
               (None 1)
## ______
## Total params: 181
## Trainable params: 151
## Non-trainable params: 30
```

Model Training

```
# train the model
learn <- MLP_model %>% fit(
    x = as.matrix(train_features),
    y = as.matrix(train_class),
    epochs = 10,
    batch_size = 10,
    validation_split = .2,
    verbose = TRUE
)

plot(learn)
```



Model Results

```
# Defining the real test features and actual test output.
test features <- test[, features]
test_class <- test$price
# Generating predictions for the first 5 records in the test set.
model_predictions <- MLP_model %>% predict(as.matrix(test_features[1:5,]))
model_predictions[model_predictions < 0] <- 0
# Generating error summary statistic.
model_results <- MLP model %>% evaluate(as.matrix(test_features), as.matrix(test_class))
# Model performance summary.
data.frame(
MSE= as.numeric(model_results[1]), MAE = as.numeric(as.numeric(model_results[2]))
print(model_results)
```

Hyper-parameter Tuning

Hyper-parameter optimization

- Determining the optimal hyper-parameters for a machine learning algorithm
- Important for models with large number of hyper-parameters (neural networks)
 - Random search
 - Grid search
 - Bayesian optimization: {rBayesianOptimization,mlrMBO}
 - Genetic algorithm: {GA}
- An intelligent hyper-parameter search ?

Bayesian optimization

```
library(caret)
library(rBayesianOptimization)
set.seed(1234)

df_households <- read.csv("data/realestate.csv")
df_households_filtered <- df_households[, c(-1,-2)]
colnames(df_households_filtered)[6] <- "price"

# Data splitting.
data_split <- initial_split(df_households_filtered, prop = .7)
train <- training(data_split)
test <- testing(data_split)

# Define a 10-fold cross validation procedure.
train_control <- trainControl(method = "cv", number = 5)</pre>
```

Bayesian optimization

Gradient Boosting Trees

Light Gradient Boosting Machine (LightGBM)

- Gradient boosting framework that uses tree based learning algorithms
- Used for both classification and regression tasks
- Leading algorithm in many machine learning competitions (Kaggle)
 - Faster training speed and higher efficiency
 - Lower memory usage
 - Highly scalable
 - Highly parallelizable
 - Better accuracy than any other boosting algorithms

LightGBM using {lightgbm}

```
library(lightgbm)
set.seed(1234)
data("iris")
df <- iris
# Data preparation.
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species)) - 1
# Data splitting.
data_split <- initial split(df, prop = .7)
train <- training(data_split)</pre>
test <- testing(data split)
# Transforming to lightqbm data input format.
dtrain <- lgb.Dataset(data = as.matrix(train[1:4]), label = as.matrix(train[.5]))
dtest <- lgb.Dataset.create.valid(dtrain, data = as.matrix(test[, 1:4]), label = as.matrix(test[, 5]))
valids <- list(test = dtest)
# Defining the objective function for a multi-class problem.
params <- list(objective = "multiclass", metric = "multi_error", num_class = 3)</pre>
# Training lightqbm model.
lightgbm model <- lgb.train(params, dtrain, 100, valids, min data = 1, learning rate = 1.0
    ,early_stopping_rounds = 10)
# Lightqbm predicts all probabilities for the 3 classes; use argmax() to get the classified class.
lightgbm predictions <- predict(lightgbm model, as.matrix(test[, 1:4]), reshape = TRUE)
```

Model Interpretability

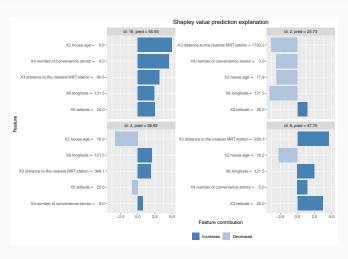
Model Explainability

- Majority of the machine learning models are black-box.
- Interpreting and explaining model predictions.
- Explainable machine learning (GDPR law: Right for explanation)
 - Global and Local Interpretable models
 - LIME (Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations): {limer}
 - SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations): {shapr}
 - LORE (Rule-based Explanations)
 - Anchor

Model Explainability using {shapr}

```
library(xgboost)
library(shapr)
set.seed(1234)
# We are explaining the prediction of household prices.
df_households <- read.csv("data/realestate.csv")</pre>
df_households_filtered <- df_households[, c(-1,-2)]
colnames(df households filtered)[6] <- "price"
data_split <- initial split(df_households_filtered, prop = .7)
train <- training(data split)
test <- testing(data split)
features <- setdiff(names(train), "price")</pre>
train features <- as.matrix(train[, features])
train_class <- as.matrix(train$price)</pre>
test_features <- as.matrix(test[, features])</pre>
# Fitting a basic xaboost model to the training data
xgboost model <- xgboost(data=train features, label=train class, nround=10, verbose = FALSE)
# Prepare the data for explanation
model_explainer <- shapr(train_features, xgboost_model)
# Expected value without the prediction.
expected_price <- mean(train_class)</pre>
```

Model Explainability (2)



Highlights

- Key steps in the data science life cycle.
- Processes before the modeling step are super important
- Supervised vs Unsupervised
- Measuring prediction accuracy
- Simple models to complex deep neural networks
- Hyper-parameter optimization
- Model Explainability

Thank You

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