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TERM PROJECT

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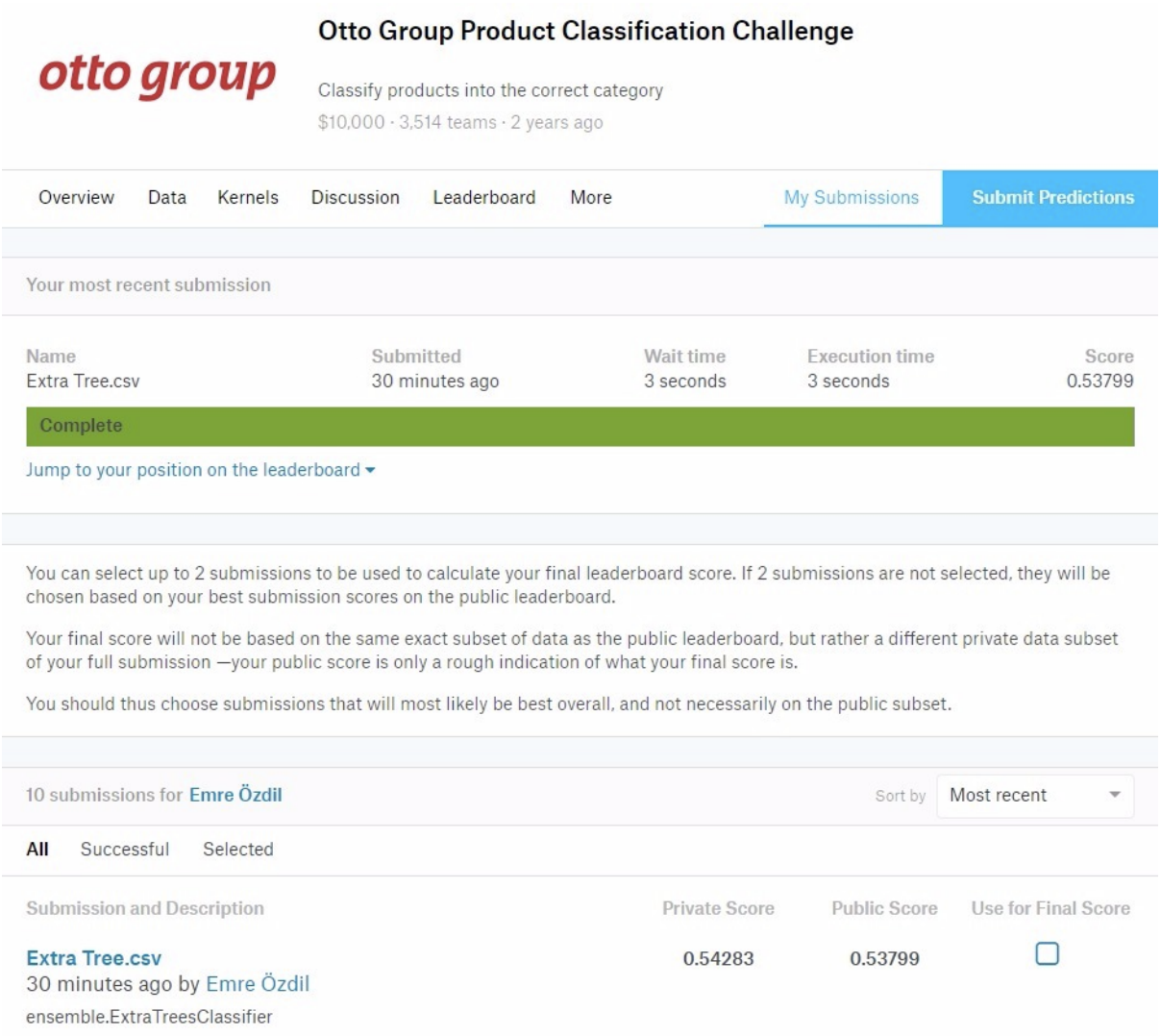
Kaggle Name

Our final submission is done from https://www.kaggle.com/emreozdil this account.

Kaggle Score



As can be seen from above, our best Kaggle score is 0.53799 and it is submitted on 31 May. Our rank is 1703. The other methods that we have used can be seen in below:

Dataset Description

In the given dataset, each row is a single product. There are 93 numerical features to represent counts of different events. There are nine class for all products. Each target category represents one of our most important product categories. The products for the training and testing sets are selected randomly.

File descriptions

- trainData.csv - the training datasets
- testData.csv - the test datasets
- sampleSubmission.csv – an example of submission file

Data fields

- id - unique id for product
- feat_1, feat_2, ..., feat_93 - features of a product
- target - class of the product

Methods Used

We have built a predictive model which is able to distinguish between 9 product categories. We tried different methods. However, Extra Trees Classifier is the best rank that we have get. We used ensemble methods which combine the predictions of several base estimators built with a given learning algorithm in order to improve generalizability over a single estimator. There are two types of ensemble methods which are averaging and boosting methods. Random Forest Classifier and Extra Trees Classifier are a kind of averaging method. Gradient Boosting is a kind of boosting method. The main difference between averaging and boosting method is the building style of base estimators. In averaging method, several estimators are created and the average of their predictions is found. In boosting method, base estimators are built sequentially and one of them tries to reduce the bias of the combined estimator.

Experiment Results

The results of the different classifier methods are as following:

- Extra Trees -> 0.53799
- Random Forest -> 0.56166
- Gradient Boosting -> 0.59586

Discussion

We have tried Extra Trees Classifier, Random Forest Classifier and Gradient Boosting Classifier. We took our best ranking in Extra Trees Classifier which is 1703.