Amplemarket Challenge

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Predicting Company Type using Random Forest and Embeddings

Objective: To classify companies into B2B, B2C, or Hybrid categories based on various features.

Features: Utilizing embeddings of 'Technologies', 'Specialties', 'Company Hubs', 'Industry', and 'Categories'

Model: Random Forest

Simplifying Prediction Model Inputs

Rationale

- Focused Approach: Prioritizing key columns central to prediction objectives.
- Simplicity: Minimize complexity for ease of understanding and model interpretability.
- Relevance: Chosen columns directly contribute to crucial insights for accurate predictions.

Methodology

- Embeddings Creation: Transform categorical data into numerical representations.
- Training Data: Utilize the selected columns to train the model.
- Prediction: Leverage embeddings for predictions based on the simplified dataset.

Why Random Forest for this classification?

- After rigorous testing, Random Forest demonstrated superior performance, outperforming other models in terms of accuracy and efficiency
- **Ensemble Learning**: Random Forest is an ensemble learning method that combines multiple decision trees for robust predictions
- Advantages: High accuracy, robust to overfitting, inherent feature importance
- Flexibility in Tuning: Allows easy hyperparameter tuning for optimization

Optimizing Random Forest for Classification

Data Splitting: Split data into training and evaluation sets (80/20)

Standardization: Utilized StandardScaler to standardize features for consistent model training

Balanced weights: Initialized Random Forest model with balanced class weights

Hyperparameter Tuning: Employed RandomizedSearchCV to explore optimal hyperparameters

End-to-End Pipeline with Dockerized Model

Training Process: Jupyter Notebook for model training

Docker Containerization: Dockerized the entire workflow for portability and reproducibility

Task-Based Architecture: Divided the pipeline into tasks:

Preprocess Task: Handles data preprocessing before feeding it to the model.

Predict Task: Executes model predictions on preprocessed data.

API Integration:

Developed an API for easy integration into various applications

API tasks include preprocessing and model prediction, encapsulated for simplicity

Future Work

- Add Features: Considering incorporating more features
- Add unit tests
- Create train pipeline, using the already implemented entrypoint
- Keeping Random Forest as algorithm embeddings don't need to be created manually

Questions