

Hospital Appointment No Show predication

Abstract

Hospital appointment no show is a common issue that causes problems for health organizations and health practices in both government and private sectors. It is affected by hospital slot scheduling and hospital revenue. The goal of this project is to use classification models for no-show prediction in order to help with this issue.

Design

The prediction of the patient who will not attend their appointment or the number of no-shows would help the organization in decision making and to reduce the no-show rate. Also, it would help to set a plan to manage the hospital appointments. The data will be explored to answer the following questions:

- What is the most factor that causes the patient not to attend their appointment?
- Is the patient with chronic disease like hypertension and diabetes not attending their appointment?
- Is the day of the week affected on patient attendance?
- Is the long waiting time to get the appointment affected on patient attendance?

Data

- Dataset used in this project is a patient appointment data with the status of the patient as show or no show
- The source of the data is from Kaggle. <https://www.kaggle.com/joniarroba/noshowappointments>
- The data consists of 110,527 records with 13 features. Scholarship, Hypertension, Diabetes, Alcoholism, Handicap, SMS_received are the features with values of 0 and 1.
- Patient ID and appointment ID is a database column that will not be included as a feature.
- Scheduled day and appointment day is a date-time type and it will be used to get an interesting feature which is the weekday and the waiting time that can be affected on the show or no show of the patient.
- The remaining features are gender, neighborhood and patient age which are interesting as well and it can show a relation with the no show of the patient.

Algorithms

❖ Data Preprocessing

As data preprocessing, the following actions have been applied:

- Convert date columns "ScheduledDay" and "AppointmentDay" from float to date-time type.
- Remove Age value = -1
- Adding Waiting time and Appointment Week day to the data
- Waiting time contains minus data, this is happening when ScheduledDay is greater than AppointmentDay. As data cleansing for these cases, the ScheduledDay is replaced by the AppointmentDay and vice versa. Assuming this is a data entry mistake.
- Remove Patient ID and Appointment ID since they are database columns and have no meaning to have them in the data
- Remove date columns: "ScheduledDay" and "AppointmentDay" after converting them to Day, month and year for better model performance

❖ EDA

Some exploratory data analysis was applied

- A graph for total Show & No Show cases

- A graph for No show cases by Diabetes, hypertension, day of the week and waiting time to find the relation between NoShow and these features.

❖ **Model**

- Data is imbalance and oversampling technique has been applied “SMOTE”.
- Random forest, Decision tree and Logistic regression were used.
- Logistic regression was best performance “high F1 score” than other techniques since in Noshow predication we need to balance between FP and FN.

❖ **Model Evaluation and Selection**

- The data was split into 70/30 training vs testing and below the scores
- Below the score of Logistic regression
 - **F1 Score:** 0.400
 - **Test Precision:** 0.366
 - **Test Recall:** 0.316

❖ **Tools**

- Numpy and Pandas for data manipulation.
- Scikit-learn for modeling.
- Matplotlib and Seaborn for plotting.