A study on “The Harm of class imbalance corrections for risk prediction models”

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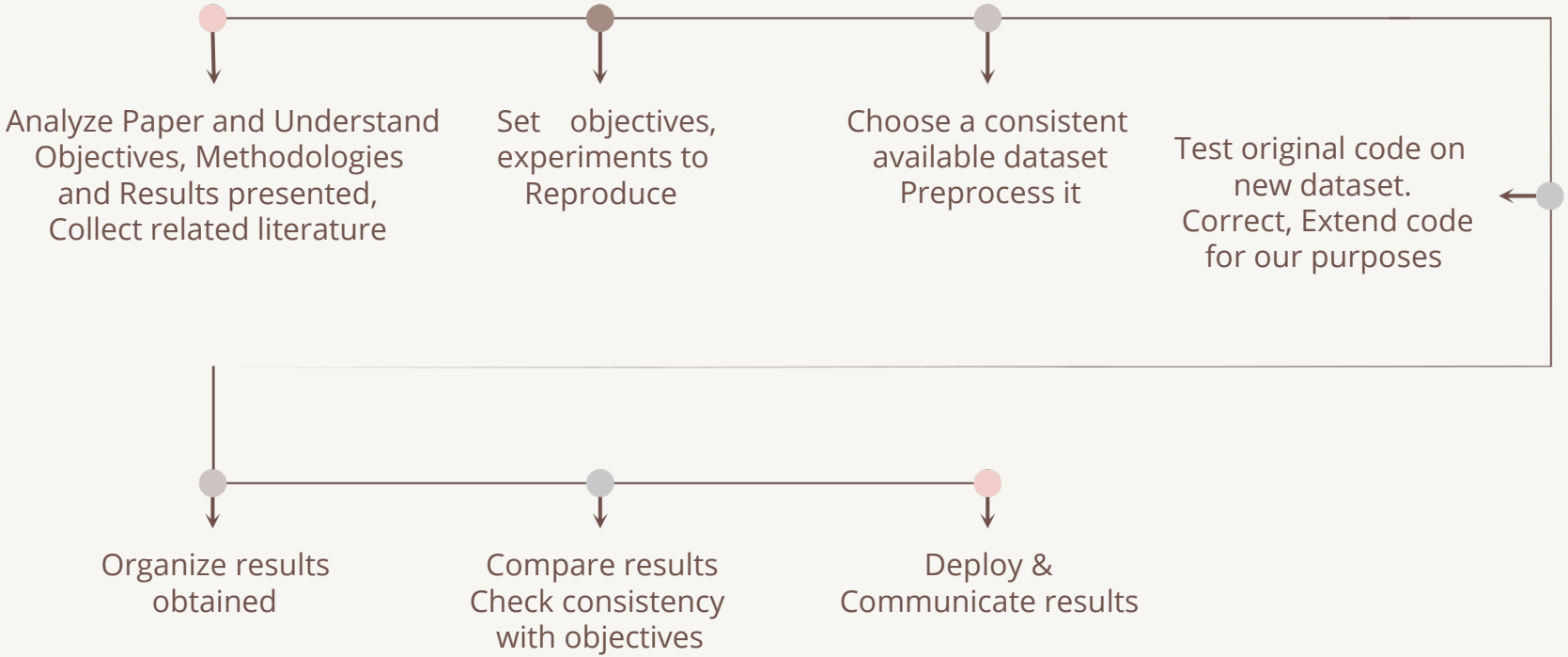
Project workflow



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Problem

Rebalance unbalanced dataset may worsen predictive model performances.

Minority class overestimation

Risk of overtreatment.

Hypothesis

(1) imbalance corrections distort models calibrations
(2) shifting probability threshold has similar impact on sensitivity and specificity as using imbalance correction methods

Case study

Estimate ovarian cancer malignancy probability using an imbalanced dataset.
Unbalance 20%.
Analisys of the performance and clinical utility.

02 - Original Experiments & Results

Dataset: from International Ovarian Tumor Analysis 1999 - 2012

3369 records, not available for privacy issues.

Rebalance techniques

Uncorrected

Random Undersampling (RUS)

Random Oversampling (ROS)

SMOTE

Models

Standard Logistic Regression (SLR)

Penalized Ridge Logistic Regression (L2)

Selected Predictors

Age

Maximum diameter of lesion

Number of papillary structures

Performance Measures

Discrimination: AUROC

Calibration: Reliability of predictions

Classification: Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity

Clinical Utility: Net Benefit

02 - Original Experiments & Results

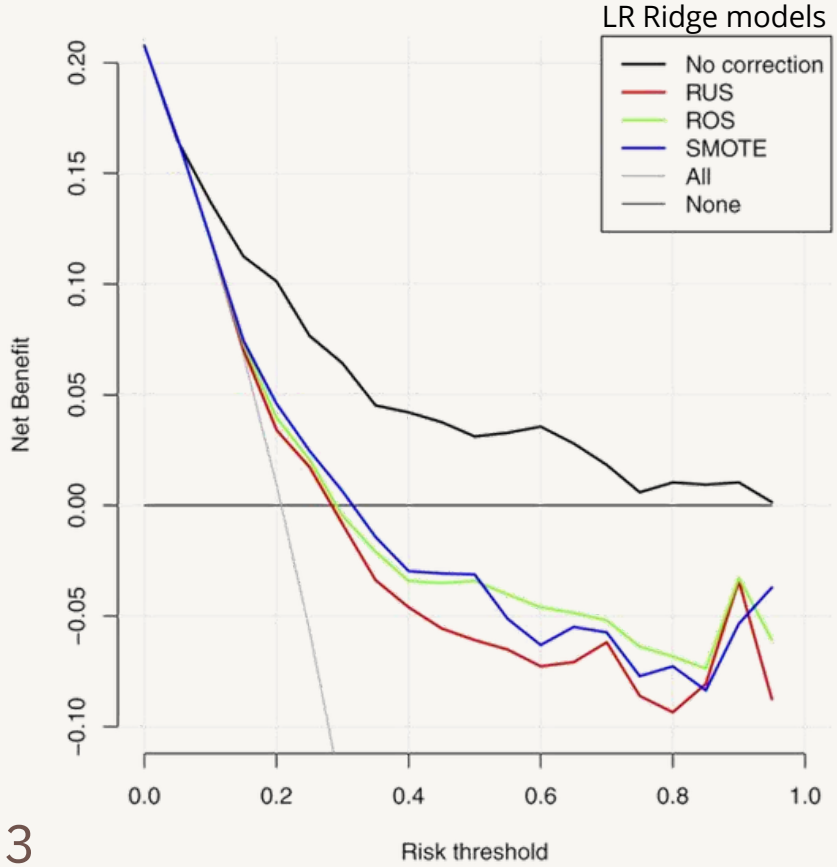
- **Clinical utility** of model in treatment decisions, while taking misclassification errors into account

- **Net Benefit** =

  Links and misclassification errors

- **Risk Threshold** : to select individuals for treatment

- **Default strategies:** treating none
  treating everyone



03 – Our Dataset & Experiments

Dataset: Framingham_heart disease 1948 - 2000s

Cardiovascular study on residents of Framingham, Massachusetts.

4,240 records , 15 attributes, public availability, approved by reliable bodies

- **Rebalance techniques**

  Uncorrected
  RUS
  ROS
  SMOTE
  ADASYN

- **Models**

  SLR
  L2

- **Selected Predictors (3,6,8)**

  Age
  Sys BP
  Dia BP
  Glucose
  TotChol
  BMI
  CigsPerDay
  HeartRate

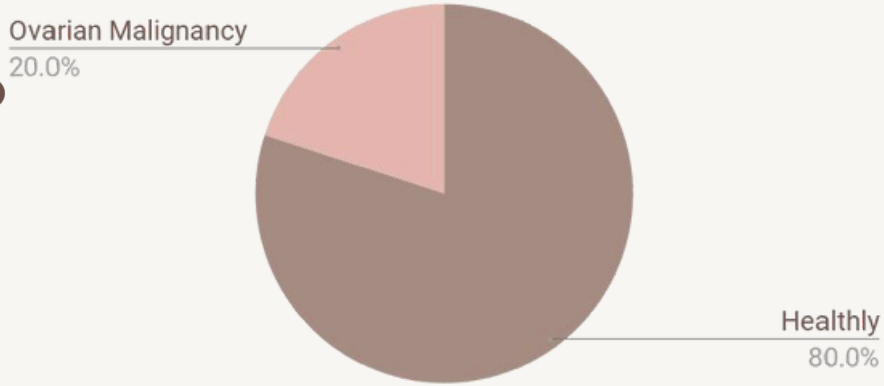
- **Performance Measures**

  Calibration Classification Clinical Utility

03 – Imbalancing

Imbalancing

Ovarian cancer dataset



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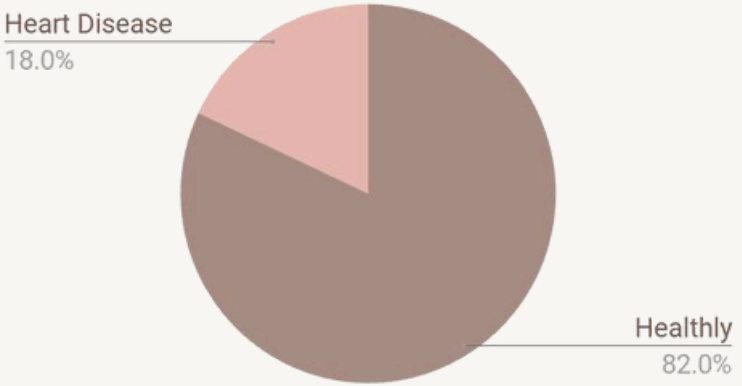

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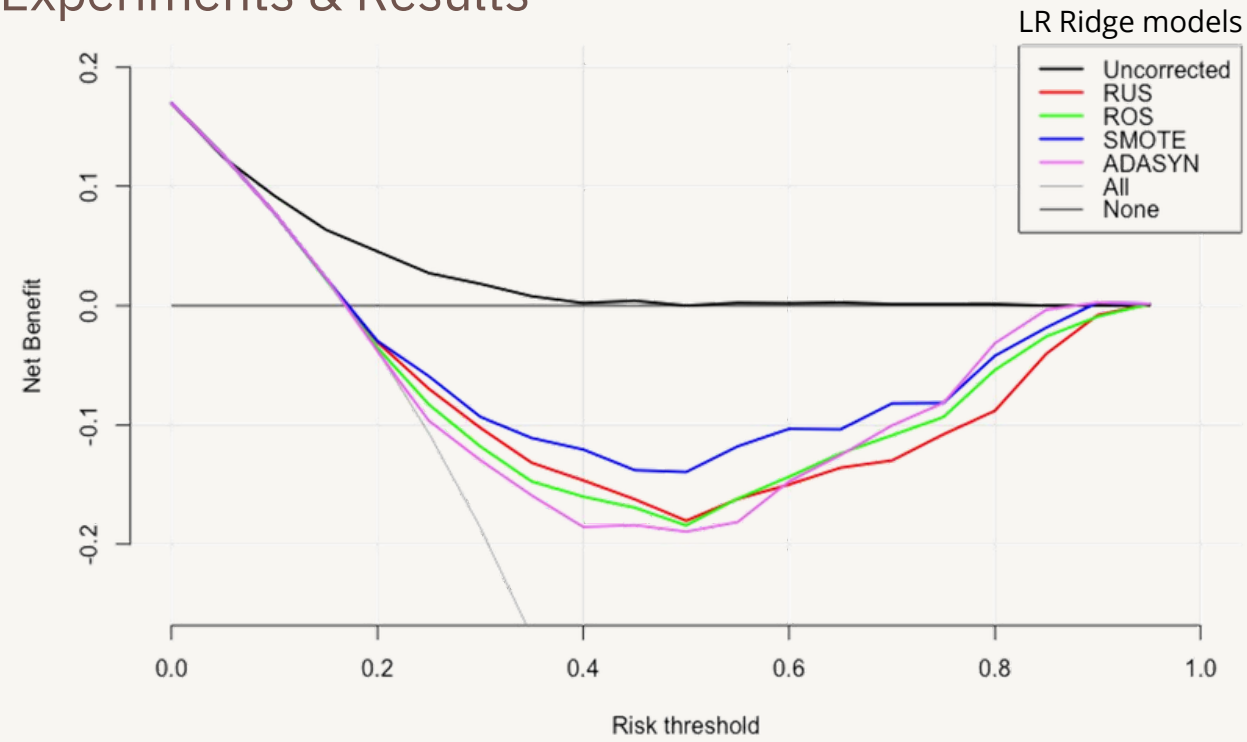
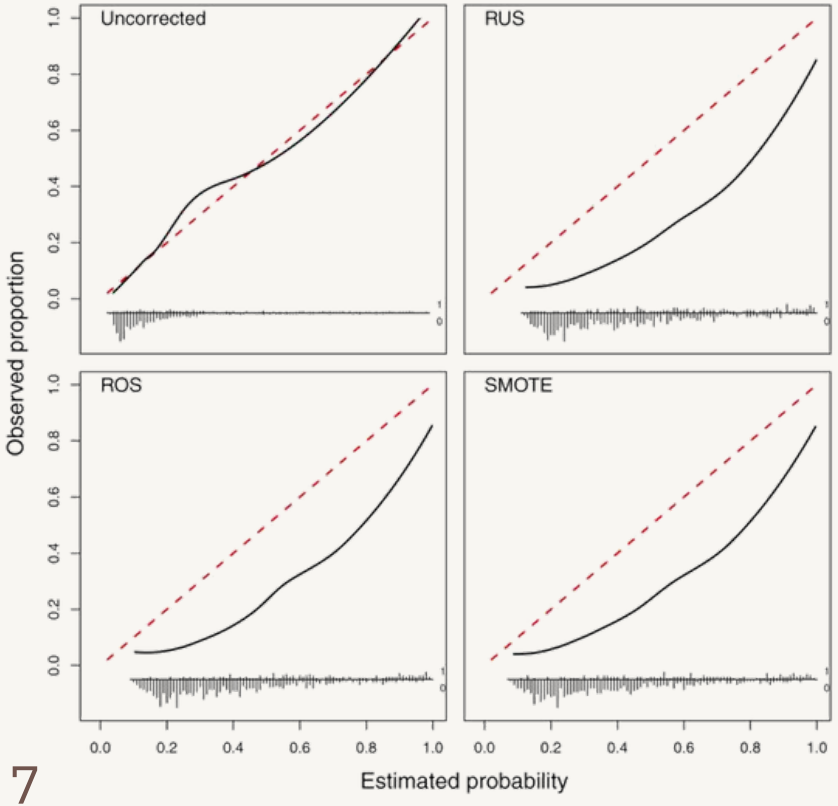


- Consistent with original results
- ADASYN doesn't improve Net Benefit

04 – Comparison

In ovarian cancer dataset, imbalance correction methods yield to overestimated probability estimates

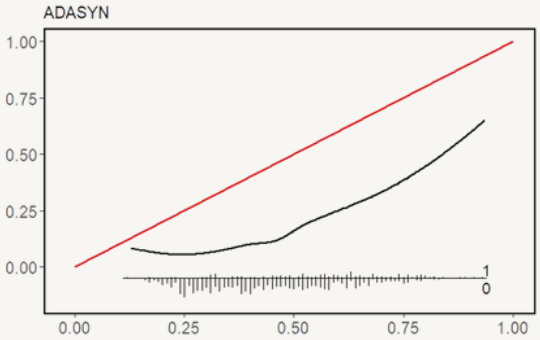
The uncorrected dataset does not lead to overestimation, unlike rebalancing techniques

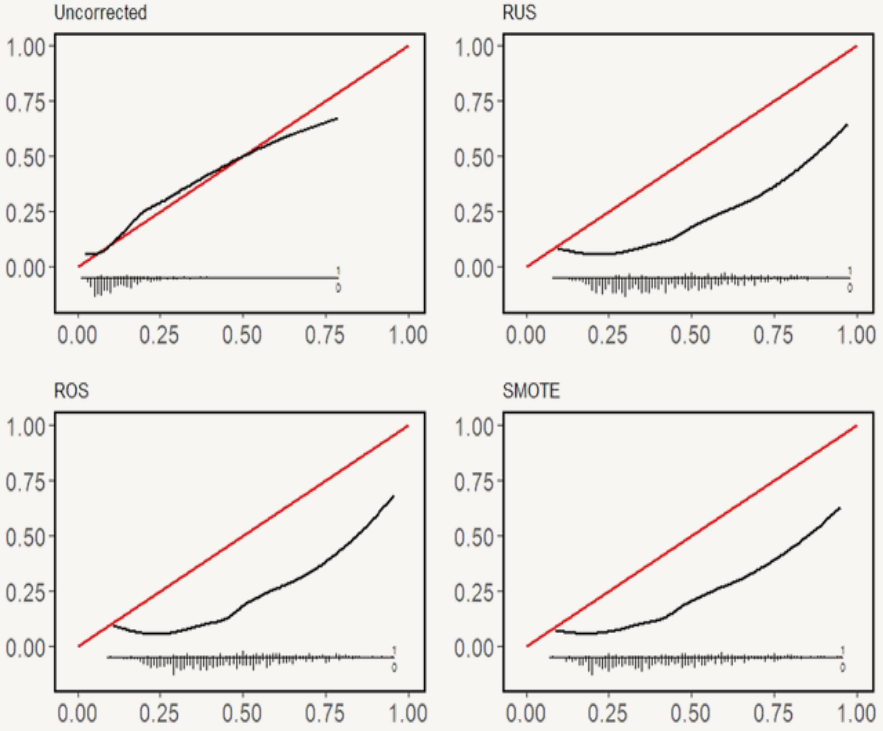


04 – Comparison

Our experiments, on coronary heart disease dataset, confirm the previous hypothesis.

As for the other rebalancing techniques, ADASYN also reports poor results in terms of calibration





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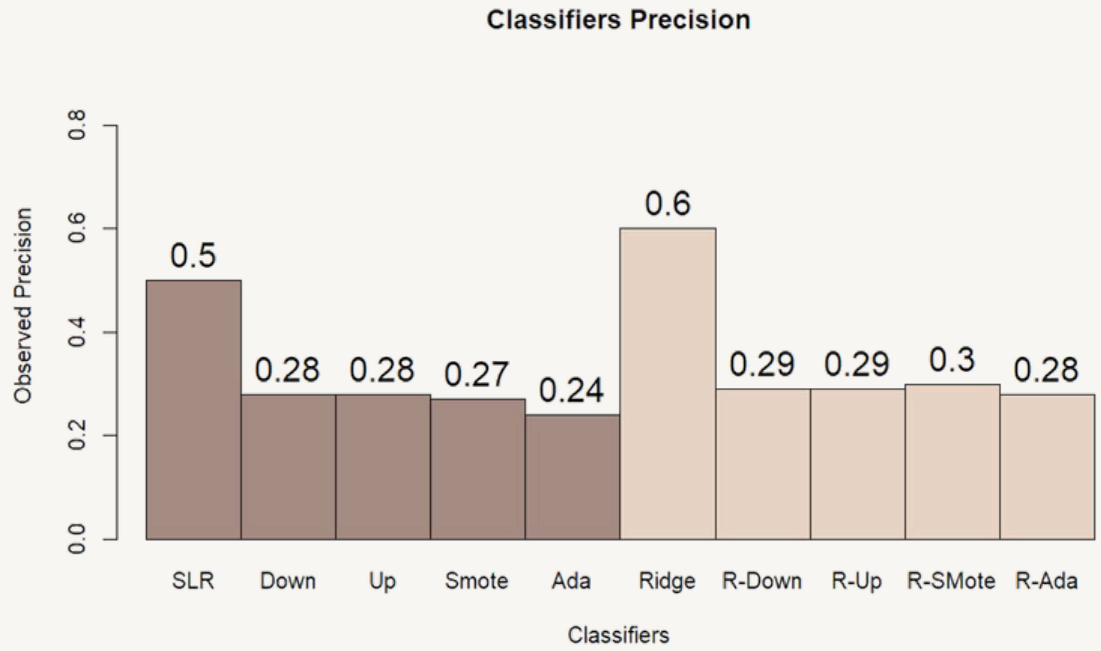


05 – Performance analysis

Probability of being sick
$P(C)$

Sensitivity
$P(+ \mid C) = TP/TP+FN$

Specificity
$P(- \mid C^{C}) = TN/TN+FP$

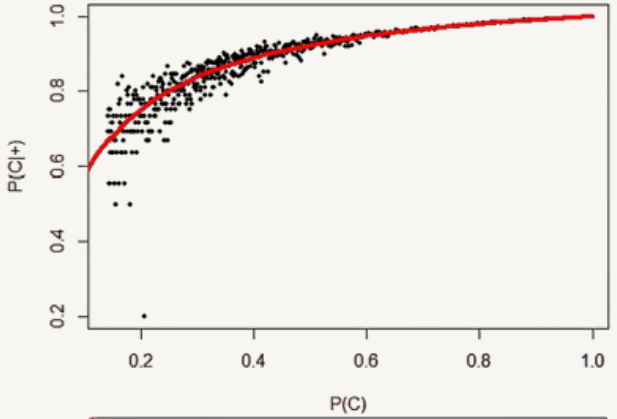
Precision
$P(C \mid +) = P(+|C)P(C)/P(+)$

Accuracy
$P(\hat{Y} = Y) = P(+ \mid C)P(C)+P(- \mid CC)(1-P(C))$

We analyzed the precision and accuracy as the probability of being sick varies.
The model used for prediction was a Ridge classifier

05 – Performance analysis

The x axis represent the percentage of positive class in the test set.
The y axis represent the precision obtained in the different rebalancing percentage
The red curve represent the theoretical precision



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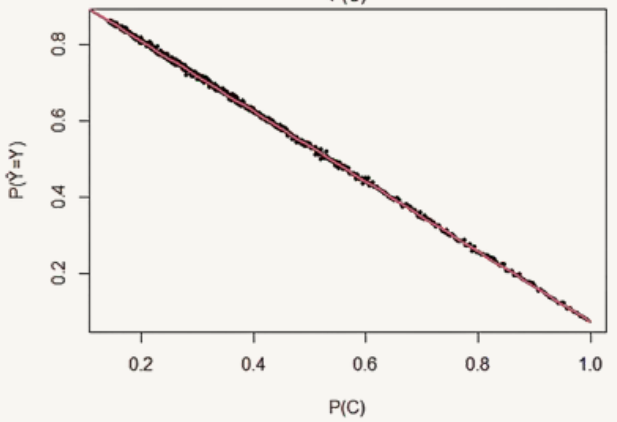
The y axis represent the accuracy obtained in the different rebalancing percentage
The red line represent the theoretical accuracy



06 – Conclusion

Model	Sensitivity (0.5)	Specificity (0.5)	Sensitivity (0.18)	Specificity (0.18)
SLR	0.05	0.99	0.56	0.74
Up	0.62	0.68	0.99	0.10
Down	0.68	0.65	0.98	0.08
Smote	0.65	0.64	0.95	0.22
RIDGE	0.05	0.99	0.55	0.77
Up	0.69	0.65	0.98	0.03
Down	0.71	0.65	0.98	0.02
Smote	0.62	0.71	0.98	0.07

06 – Conclusions

- Our work confirmed the two hypothesis advanced in the study:

  (1) Rebalancing techniques distort model calibration

  (2) Using the "imbalance ratio" probability threshold & imbalance correction methods have the same impact on sensitivity and specificity

- The clinical utility of the classifier was studied as a function of the risk of overtreatment.

  It emphasized that inaccurate model decisions could lead to unjustified overtreatment.

- It was also shown how precision and accuracy could vary according to the probability of being really sick

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