

Hospital Mortality Prediction

Classification Machine Learning
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Problem

The predictors of in-hospital mortality for ICU admitted Heart Failure patients remain poorly characterized.

What are the most important metrics to look at when a patient is admitted to the ICU?



Dataset

- 1077 patients
- 51 different measurements
- Vital signs and laboratory test



Planning model

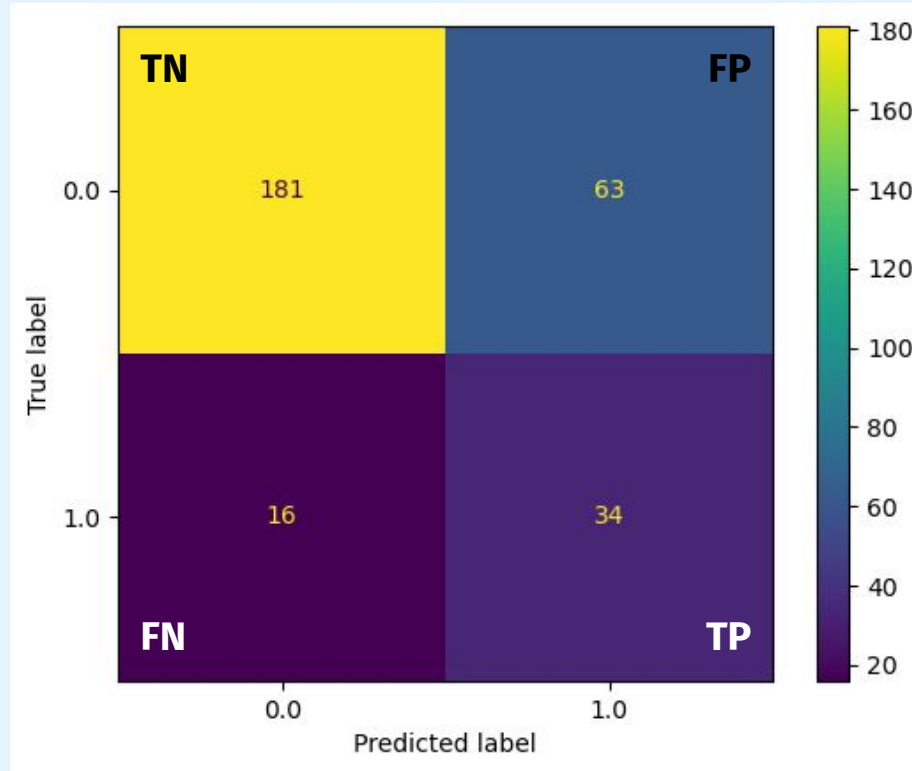
When working with high stakes issues like predicting the mortality risk of patients I concluded that minimizing false negative predictions is crucial

$$\text{Recall} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FN})$$

I decided to assume random guessing of survival/mortality

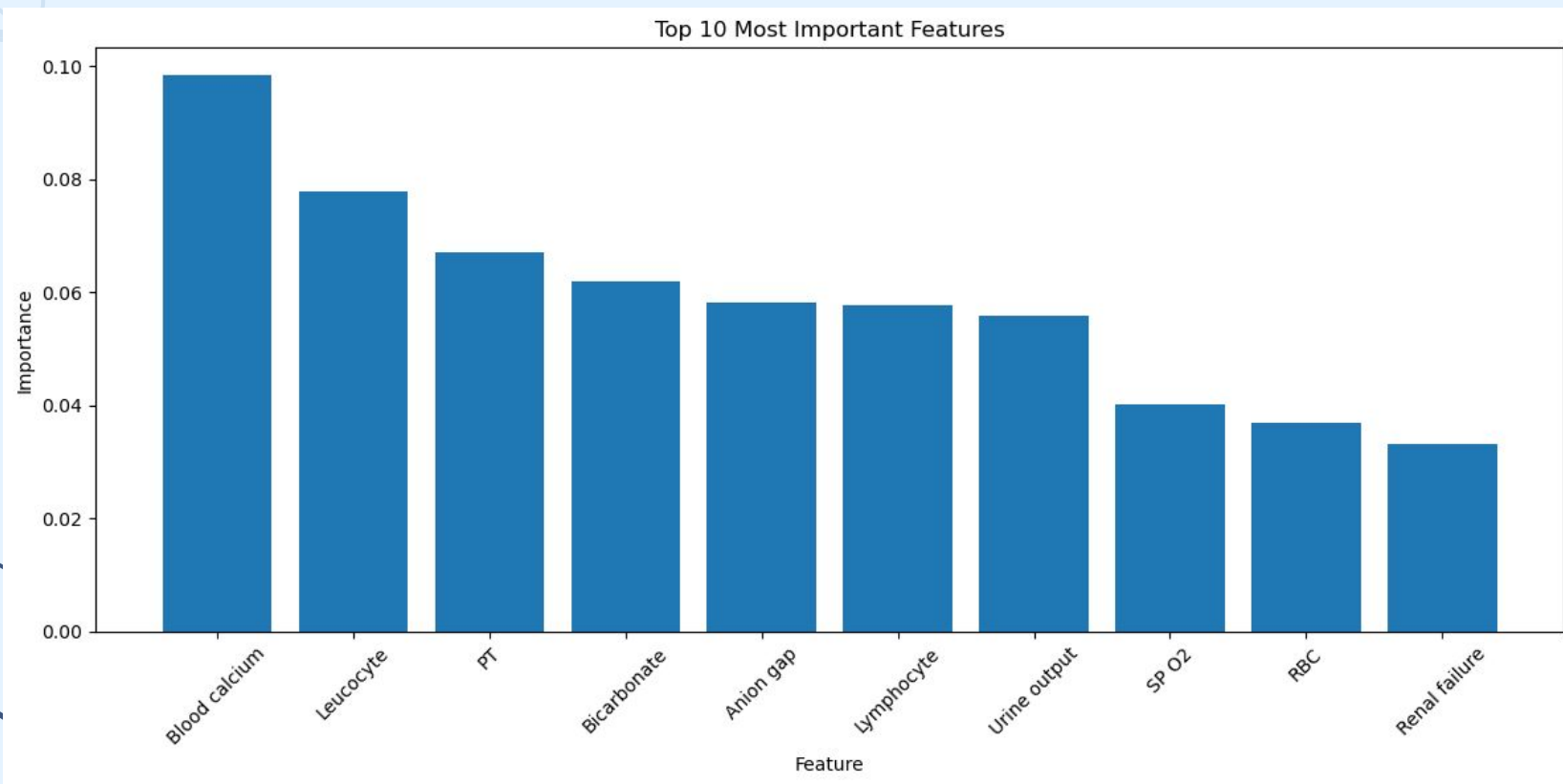
Recall baseline 0.13

Model Outcome



Test Recall (0.64) > Baseline recall (0.13)

Most Important Features



Understanding Features

Blood Homeostasis (Bicarbonate, Blood calcium, RBC count, SPO₂)

- Monitor acid-base balance, assess bone health, and evaluate oxygen-carrying capacity. Calcium is crucial for nerve function, blood clotting and muscle contraction.

Antibodies (Lymphocyte count, Leucocyte count)

- Critical indicators of a patient's immune system health. Increased values indicate infections and inflammatory conditions.

Renal Function (Renal failure, Urine output)

- Kidney function is critical for maintaining electrolyte balance, removing waste products, and regulating blood pressure.



Discussion

- Patients admitted to ICU - Already pretty ill
- Heart Failure - Result of wide range of problems
- Model Predicted a lot of FP (63) - Wasted resources?
- Better than baseline - Better survival rate

Understand what tests should be admitted first

Challenges & Learnings

- Finding the right model and tuning the parameters
- Overfitted?
 - Random Forest (min_leaf=10, min_split=5, trees=50)
 - Train model score Recall = 0.75
- Downsampling and understanding how it works
- Enjoyed working through the process

