## step02-prudential-kaggle-160124

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In [22]: %matplotlib inline
         import numpy as np
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import pandas as pd
         from ml_metrics import quadratic_weighted_kappa
         import xgboost as xgb
         import datetime as dt
         import sklearn
         from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split
         from sklearn.cross_validation import KFold
         import functools
         from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
In [2]: data = pd.read_csv('data_imputed.csv')
        pd.options.display.max_columns = None
        print(data['Response'].dtype)
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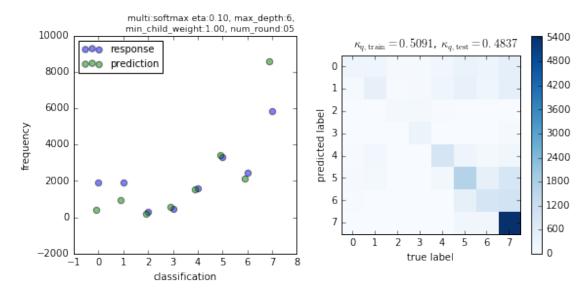
## 1 Define functions to train a model with xgboost

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In [72]: def xg_eval_pred(features, labels, test_features, test_labels, param, num_round):
             features = np.asarray(features)
             labels = np.asarray(labels)
             test_features = np.asarray(test_features)
             test_labels = np.asarray(test_labels)
             xg_train = xgb.DMatrix(features, labels)
             xg_test = xgb.DMatrix(test_features, test_labels)
             watchlist = [(xg_train, 'train'), (xg_test, 'test')]
             bst = xgb.train(param, xg_train, num_round)
             train_prediction = bst.predict(xg_train)
             test_prediction = bst.predict(xg_test)
             return (bst,
                     quadratic_weighted_kappa(labels,np.array(train_prediction)),
                     quadratic_weighted_kappa(test_labels,np.array(test_prediction)), test_labels, test
         def make_plot_eval(y, yhat, text, kappa_text):
             fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,2, figsize=(9., 4.))
             y = pd.Series(y)
             yhat = pd.Series(yhat)
             yhist = y.value_counts()
             yhathist = yhat.value_counts()
             ax[0].scatter(yhist.index, yhist.values, s=40, c='blue', alpha=0.5, label='response')
             ax[0].scatter(yhathist.index-0.1, yhathist.values, s=40, c='green', alpha=0.5, label='pred
             ax[0].legend(loc='upper left', prop={'size':10})
             ax[0].set_xlabel('classification')
             ax[0].set_ylabel('frequency')
             ax[0].text(0.99, 1.01, text, fontsize=9,
                     ha='right', va='bottom', transform=ax[0].transAxes)
             cm = confusion_matrix(y, yhat)
             print(cm)
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im = ax[1].imshow(cm, interpolation='nearest', cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
   ax[1].set_xlabel('true label')
   ax[1].set_ylabel('predicted label')
   plt.colorbar(im)
   ax[1].text(0.99, 1.01, kappa_text, fontsize=12,
            ha='right', va='bottom', transform=ax[1].transAxes)
   fname = 'plots/classification_' + text.replace(':', '').replace(', ', '_').replace(', ','')
   fig.savefig(fname, dpi=150)
def learning(data, eval_function, xgbparam, num_round, nsamples=[10000, 25000]):
   features = data[data['train?'] == True].drop(['train?', 'Id', 'Response'], axis=1)
   labels = data[data['train?'] == True]['Response'].astype('int') -1
   text = "{} eta:{:0.2f}, max_depth:{:d},\nmin_child_weight:{:0.2f}, num_round:{:02d}".forma
        xgbparam['objective'],
        xgbparam['eta'], xgbparam['max_depth'], xgbparam['min_child_weight'], num_round)
   # Xtest, ytest will be saved for evaluating over a constant sized set:
   Xtrain, Xtest, ytrain, ytest = train_test_split(features, labels, train_size=0.70, random_
    # The number of samples taken out of X for training will be varied
   nsamples.append(len(Xtrain))
   results = []
   for n in nsamples:
        print("Working on n = {:05d} at {:%H:%M:%S}".format(n, dt.datetime.now()))
        if n < len(Xtrain):</pre>
            Xsample, _, ysample, _ = train_test_split(Xtrain, ytrain, test_size=n, random_stat
        else:
            Xsample, ysample = Xtrain, ytrain
       model, train_qwk, test_qwk, y, yhat = eval_function(Xsample, ysample, Xtest, ytest, xg
        results.append([n, train_qwk, test_qwk])
        print("num categories = {:d}".format(len(np.unique(yhat))))
        print("train_qwk: {:0.4f}, test_qwk: {:0.4f}".format(train_qwk, test_qwk))
        if n == len(Xtrain):
            kappa_text = '$\kappa_{{q, \mathcal{t}ain}}} = {:0.4f}$, '.format(train_qwk) + \
            '$\kappa_{{q, \mathrm{{test}}}} = \{:0.4f}\$'.format(test_qwk)
            make_plot_eval(y, yhat, text, kappa_text)
   df = pd.DataFrame(results, columns=['num_samples', 'train_qwk', 'test_qwk'])
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if len(nsamples) > 1:
                 make_plot_learning(df, text, num_round)
             return model, df
         def make_plot_learning(df, text, num_round):
             fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
             ax.scatter(df['num_samples'], df['train_qwk'], s=40, c='blue', alpha=0.5, label='train set
             ax.scatter(df['num_samples'], df['test_qwk'], s=40, c='green', alpha=0.5, label='test set'
             ax.legend(loc='upper left', prop={'size':10})
             ax.set_xlabel('number of training samples')
             ax.set_ylabel('quadratic weighted kappa')
             ax.text(0.99, 1.01, text, fontsize=9,
                     ha='right', va='bottom', transform=ax.transAxes)
             fname = 'plots/learning_' + text.replace(':', '').replace(', ', '_').replace(', ', '') + '.p.
             fig.savefig(fname, dpi=150)
In [62]: data = pd.read_csv('data_imputed.csv')
         # xgboost parameters:
         param = \{\}
         \# use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'multi:softmax'
         # scale weight of positive examples
         param['eta'] = 0.1
         param['max_depth'] = 6
         param['min_child_weight'] = 1
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         param['num_class'] = len(pd.Series(data['Response']).value_counts())
         print(param['num_class'])
         results = []
         for num_round in [5]:
             print("\n" + "-"*40)
             print("num boosting rounds = ", num_round)
             results.append(learning(data, xg_eval_pred, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
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num boosting rounds = 5
Working on n = 41566 at 13:13:09
num categories = 8
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train_qwk: 0.5091, test_qwk: 0.4837
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# 1.0.1 Define a function that will use a reg:linear objective (as opposed to the multi:softmax typically used for classification in xgboost

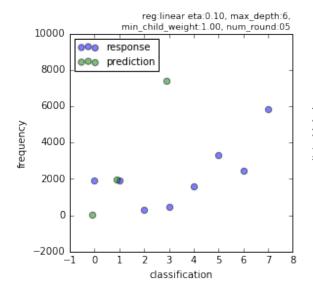
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In [64]: data = pd.read_csv('data_imputed.csv')
        # xqboost parameters:
        param = {}
        # use softmax multi-class classification
        param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
        # scale weight of positive examples
        param['eta'] = 0.1
        param['max_depth'] = 6
        param['min_child_weight'] = 1
        param['silent'] = 1
        param['nthread'] = 1
        def classify(score):
            return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
        evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
        results = []
        for num_round in [5, 25, 125]:
            print("\n" + "-"*40)
            print("num boosting rounds = ", num_round)
            results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
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num boosting rounds = 5
Working on n = 41566 at 13:13:48
num categories = 4
train_qwk: 0.1472, test_qwk: 0.1426
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num boosting rounds = 25
Working on n = 41566 at 13:13:50
num categories = 7
train_qwk: 0.5446, test_qwk: 0.5122
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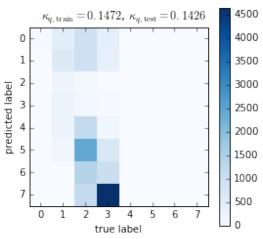
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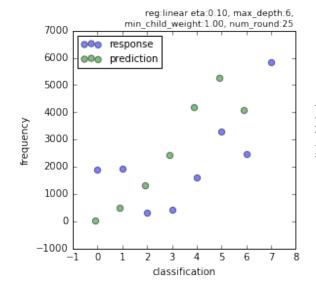
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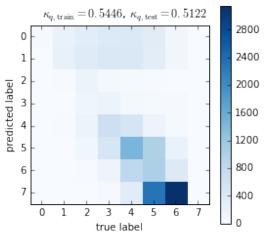
num boosting rounds = 125Working on n = at 13:13:55num categories =

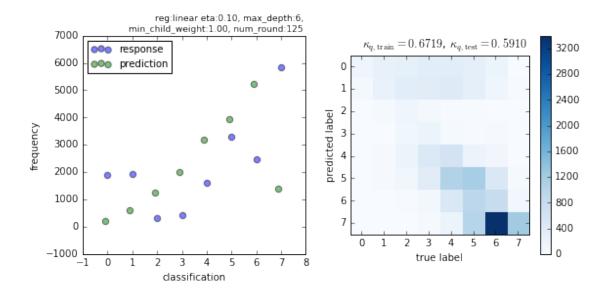
train\_qwk: 0.6719, test\_qwk: 0.5910 [[ 133 13] 15] 1] 7] 6] 383 1054 1173 42] [08 997 3402 1230]]











The reg:linear objective is better for this problem, since the evaluation metric is the quadratic weighted kappa, which takes into account the relative distance between categories. From now on we will stick to the reg:linear objective.

#### **1.0.2** Tuning:

If model has high variance (large diff in test-train at full dataset):

- decrease eta
- decrease max depth
- $\bullet\,$  increase min child weight

If model has high bias (small diff in test-train at full dataset):

- increase eta
- increase max depth
- decrease min child weight

## 2 Try to tune parameters by hand

Increase min child weight by two orders of magnitude:

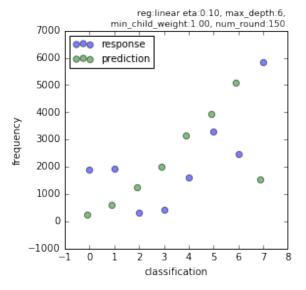
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In [65]: # xgboost parameters:
    param = {}

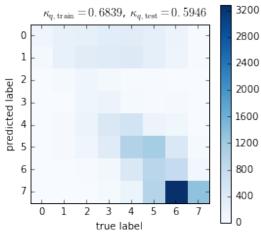
    # use softmax multi-class classification
    param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'

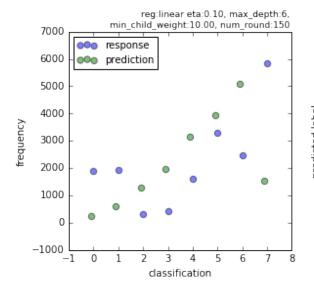
    # scale weight of positive examples
    param['eta'] = 0.1
    param['max_depth'] = 6
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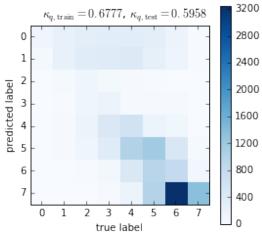
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param['min_child_weight'] = 1
       param['silent'] = 1
       param['nthread'] = 1
       def classify(score):
           return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
       evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
       results = []
       num_round = 150
       for val in [1, 10, 100]:
           param['min_child_weight'] = val
           print("\n" + "-"*40)
           print("min_child_weight = {}".format(val))
           results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
min_child_weight = 1
Working on n = 41566 at 13:20:48
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6839, test_qwk: 0.5946
[[ 141 254 281 351 361 305 181
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32 130 388 1039 1169 487
                                 49]
      5 24 100 473 942 815 100]
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min_child_weight = 10
Working on n = 41566 at 13:21:12
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6777, test_qwk: 0.5958
[[ 141 243 306 343 350 305 186
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[ 69 229 375 389 420 279 156
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[ 10 47 141 69 27 15
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      29 133 389 1018 1187 495
                                 42]
5 24 93 476 951 817
      2 3 31 199 1000 3251 1367]]
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min_child_weight = 100
Working on n = 41566 at 13:21:38
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6486, test_qwk: 0.5965
[[ 148 232 306 349 351 305 184
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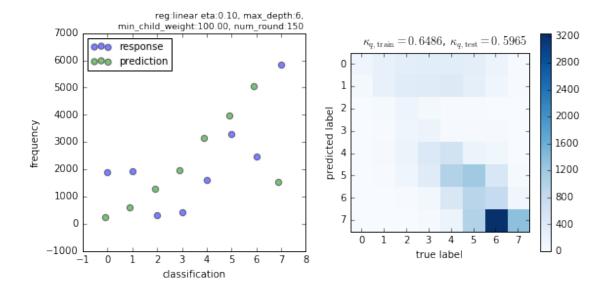
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Variance is getting better, so try even larger values of min\_child\_weight

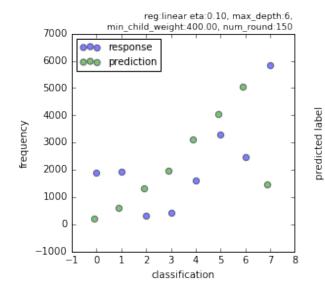
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In [66]: # xqboost parameters:
         param = \{\}
         \# use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         # scale weight of positive examples
         param['eta'] = 0.1
         param['max_depth'] = 6
         param['min_child_weight'] = 1
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         def classify(score):
             return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
         evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
         results = []
         num_round = 150
         for val in [400, 1600]:
             param['min_child_weight'] = val
             print("\n" + "-"*40)
             print("min_child_weight = {}".format(val))
             results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
min_child_weight = 400
Working on n = 41566 at 13:23:50
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num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6181, test_qwk: 0.5865
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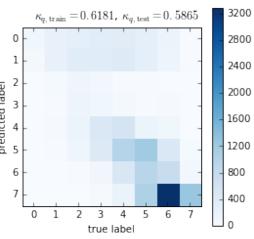
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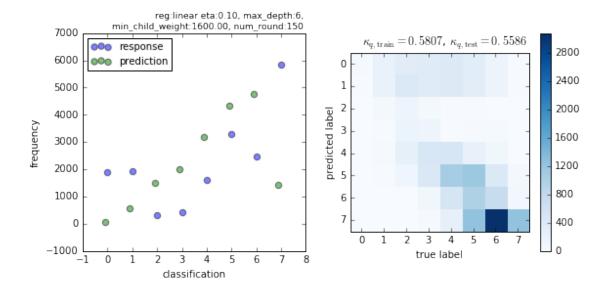
min\_child\_weight = 1600 Working on n = 41566 at 13:24:14num categories = 8 train\_qwk: 0.5807, test\_qwk: 0.5586 ]] 48 210 344 366 22] Γ 24] 2] 5] 3] Г 435 1078 1162 49] 94]

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In going from 100 to 400 for min\_child weight, the model started loosing some predictive power. Will fill in the blanks around that neighborhood:

```
In [67]: # xgboost parameters:
         param = {}
         # use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         # scale weight of positive examples
         param['eta'] = 0.1
         param['max_depth'] = 6
         param['min_child_weight'] = 1
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         def classify(score):
             return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
         evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
         results = []
         num_round = 150
         for val in [50, 200]:
             param['min_child_weight'] = val
             print("\n" + "-"*40)
             print("min_child_weight = {}".format(val))
             results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
min_child_weight = 50
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Working on n = 41566 at 13:26:13
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6599, test_qwk: 0.5949
[[ 143
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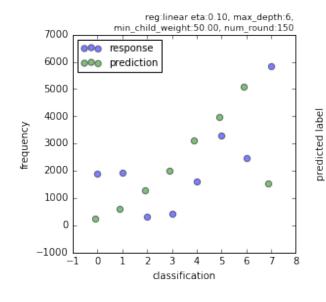
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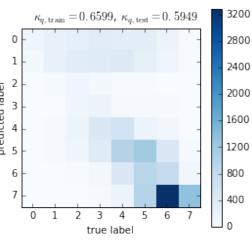
min\_child\_weight = 200 Working on n = 41566 at 13:26:38num categories = 8 train\_qwk: 0.6360, test\_qwk: 0.5945 [[ 138 17] 21] 2] 9] Г 5] 49] 392 1018 1172 

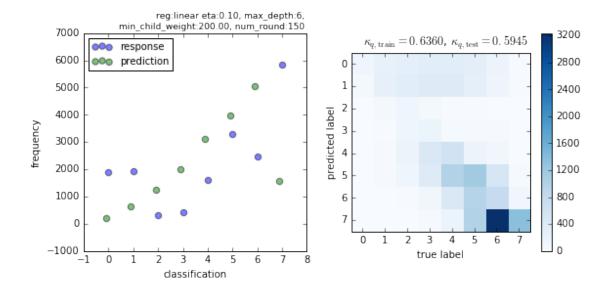
201 1023 3237 1354]]

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The value of min\_child\_weight that maximizes kappa for the test set is 100. Will now experiment with max\_depth

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In [68]: # xgboost parameters:
         param = {}
         # use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         # scale weight of positive examples
         param['eta'] = 0.1
         param['min_child_weight'] = 100
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         def classify(score):
             return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
         evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
         results = []
         num_round = 150
         for val in [4, 6, 8, 10, 12]:
             name = 'max_depth'
             param[name] = val
             print("\n" + "-"*40)
             print("{} = {}".format(name, val))
             results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
max_depth = 4
```

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Working on n = 41566 at 13:30:28
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6104, test_qwk: 0.5813
[ 69 208 346 391 447 304 158
                              12]
[ 11
     46 140
             63 33 16 10
                               2]
Γ
  2 15 122 163 71 27 36
                               71
3 33 163 464 643 194 113
                              4]
Γ
   5
      25 122 374 1008 1271 461
                              321
0 2 14 83 506 1004 786
                              64]
[ 0 0
           2 24 198 1093 3528 1008]]
max_depth = 6
Working on n = 41566 at 13:30:46
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6486, test_qwk: 0.5965
[[ 148 232 306 349 351 305 184
[ 67 237 369 387 417 287 152
                              197
     47 153
[ 10
             62 22 15
                         10
                              21
Γ
  1 15 137 187 33 27
                         35
                              81
Γ
  4 35 180 455 629 193 115
  5 25 135 389 1009 1197 495
43]
Γ
  0 5 17 101 484 939 807 106]
[ 0
       0 4 31 202 1015 3245 1356]]
_____
max_depth = 8
Working on n = 41566 at 13:31:11
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6826, test_qwk: 0.6000
[[ 145 244 321 338 354 282 185
                              20]
[ 60 253 358 420 379 279 164
                              22]
                         9
     51 145
             79 14 16
                               2]
[ 5
14 161 173 24 24
                         34
                             11]
1
     40 187 496 585 185 115
                              81
[ 3 27 162 374 1002 1178 492
                              601
[ 0 8 21 113 471 903 805 138]
       0 7
             35 212 958 3096 1545]]
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max_depth = 10
Working on n = 41566 at 13:31:44
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.7080, test_qwk: 0.6040
[[ 139  267  315  347  336  280  177
                              28]
[ 60 257 374 402 389 277 149
                              27]
      56 143 71 17 16
                         8
8
                              2]
2
      16 168 173 14 22
                         35
                              13]
40 202 481 574 194 111
                              13]
2
     30 154 403 966 1185 491
                              67]
6 24 125 446 893 813 152]
Γ
     0 8
             48 222 930 2940 1705]]
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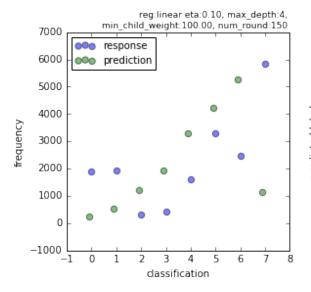
 $max_depth = 12$ 

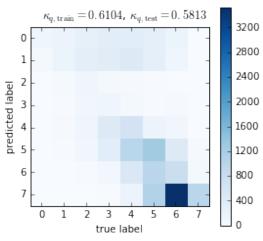
Working on n = 41566 at 13:32:26

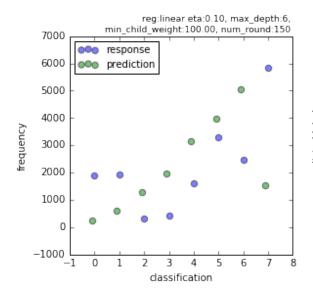
num categories = 8

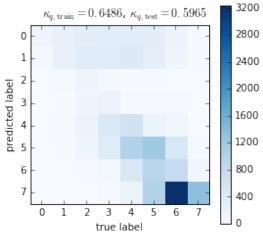
train\_qwk: 0.7303, test\_qwk: 0.6040

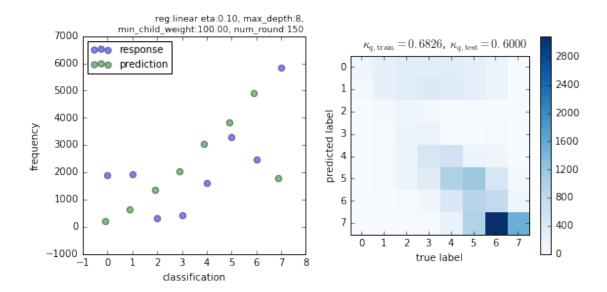
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]]	120	293	310	336	347	272	182	29]
[	65	252	387	416	371	261	151	32]
	6	64	149	57	20	13	10	2]
[	2	21	177	161	16	22	33	11]
[	1	34	207	497	556	200	110	12]
[	1	35	161	404	950	1179	493	75]
[	0	7	26	126	445	891	795	169]
[	0	0	5	45	259	925	2848	1771]]

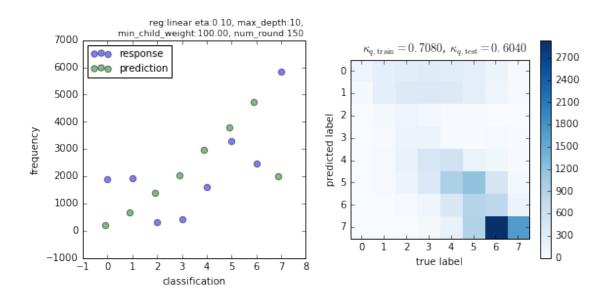


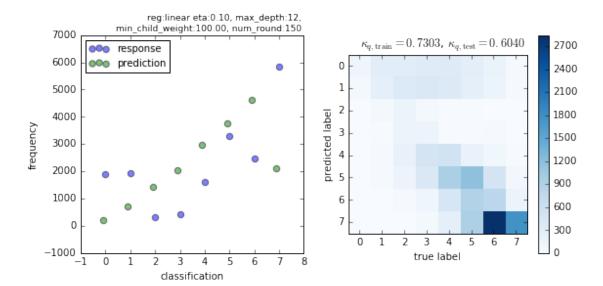












At a max\_depth of 10, I will now vary eta:

```
In [69]: # xqboost parameters:
         param = \{\}
         \# use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         param['max_depth'] = 10
         param['min_child_weight'] = 100
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         def classify(score):
             return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
         evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
         results = []
         num_round = 150
         for val in [0.05, 0.2, 0.4]:
             name = 'eta'
             param[name] = val
             print("\n" + "-"*40)
             print("{} = {}".format(name, val))
             results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
eta = 0.05
Working on n = 41566 at 13:35:21
num categories = 8
```

```
train_qwk: 0.6648, test_qwk: 0.5951
[[ 89 272 325 358 352 296 177
                               20]
[ 41 247 377 405 410 275 160
                               20]
      45 162
              67
                          9
                               2]
[ 3
                 18 15
Γ
   1
      9 173 178
                  13 21
                          39
                               9]
Γ
  0 35 194 498 595 174 113
                              8]
[ 1 23 147 399 990 1219 472
                              471
  0 0 27 107 488 929 802 106]
Γ
      0
          4
Γ
              39 204 961 3226 1419]]
eta = 0.2
Working on n = 41566 at 13:36:04
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.7570, test_qwk: 0.6017
[[ 160 256 329 320 342 272 180
                               30]
[ 84 248 378 383 376 280 153
                               33]
      57 144
              60 24 15
[ 11
                          8
                               2]
[ 4
      28 161 164 19 22
                          33
                              127
[ 5
      59 189 490 540 216 100
                               18]
[ 3 43 170 414 924 1137 523
                               84]
[ 0 6 32 139 429 820 835 198]
              55 282 904 2730 1871]]
[ 0
      2 9
_____
eta = 0.4
Working on n = 41566 at 13:36:46
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.8306, test_qwk: 0.5828
[[ 191 266 294 320 325 265 164
                               64]
      234 330 406 361 269 147
[ 129
                               59]
      67 117
              60 31 20
[ 17
                          7
                               2]
       37 147 142 41 21
                          27
                               17]
[ 11
[ 11
      59 220 444 491 254 107
                               31]
```

46 184 477 840 1029 562 144]

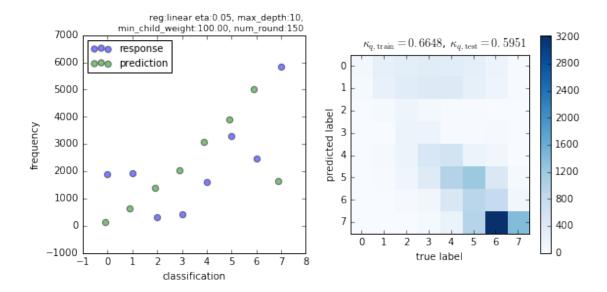
7 52 183 401 781 732 298]

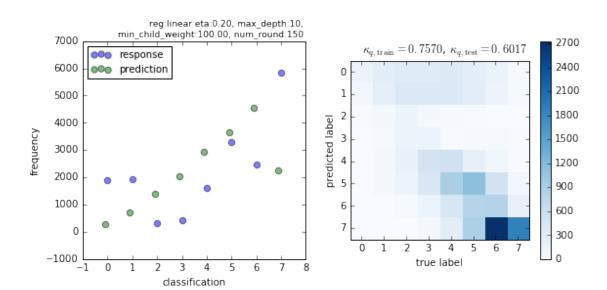
95 323 1013 2366 2040]]

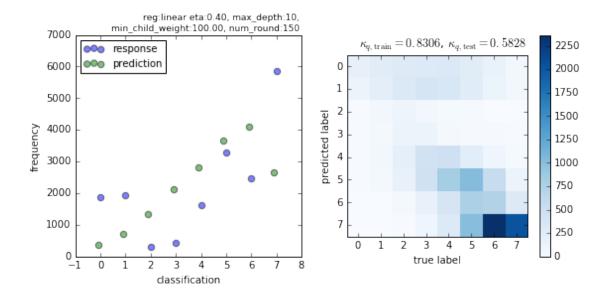
[ 16

[ 5

[ 0



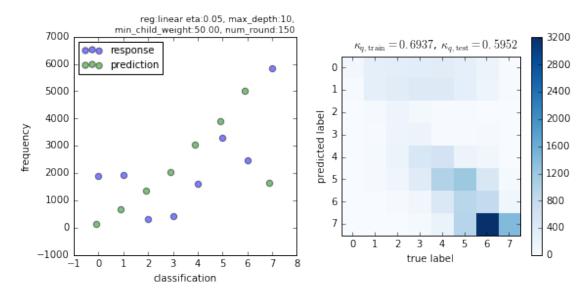




Let's keep a small eta and decrease the min child weight:

```
In [70]: # xgboost parameters:
         param = \{\}
         # use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         param['eta'] = 0.05
         param['max_depth'] = 10
         param['min_child_weight'] = 50
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         def classify(score):
             return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
         evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
         results = []
         num_round = 150
         results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
Working on n = 41566 at 13:40:34
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6937, test_qwk: 0.5952
       282 317
   94
                  348
                       353
                            295
                                        19]
181
 25
        281
             357
                  409
                       406
                            278
                                  160
                                        19]
 4
         43
             153
                   74
                        20
                             14
                                   11
                                        2]
 2
             154
                  187
                        17
                             24
                                   35
                                        10]
 Г
                                 112
     0
             195
                  491
                       589
                            183
                                        7]
         40
```

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29
            136
                 388
                      995 1216
                                 483
Г
   0
         3
             26
                 101
                       469
                            927
                                819 114]
949 3216 1426]]
                       210
```



I want to increase the number of rounds, but for that I need to set the parameters to have a model with less variance:

```
In [71]: # xgboost parameters:
         param = {}
         # use softmax multi-class classification
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         param['eta'] = 0.05
         param['max_depth'] = 8
         param['min_child_weight'] = 200
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['nthread'] = 1
         def classify(score):
             return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
         evalfun = functools.partial(xg_eval_linear_pred, classify_function=classify)
         results = []
         for num_round in [150, 250, 500]:
             print("\n" + "-"*40)
             print("{} = {}".format("num_round", num_round))
             results.append(learning(data, evalfun, param, num_round, nsamples=[]))
num\_round = 150
```

```
Working on n = 41566 at 13:45:41
num categories = 8
train_qwk: 0.6251, test_qwk: 0.5873
[[ 92 240 342 358 352 306 188
[ 31 241 387 398 414 283 163
                                18]
[
   3 44 153 74 20 14
                           11
                                 2]
Γ
   1 10 151 183 29 27
                           34
0 25 196 501 588 190 114
                                 3]
Γ
   1
       18 151 387 997 1223 484
                                371
0 0 17 101 505 928 831
                                77]
[
        0 0
              36 205 1018 3439 1155]]
```

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 $num\_round = 250$ Working on n = 41566 at 13:46:13num categories = 8 train\_qwk: 0.6501, test\_qwk: 0.5979 [[ 120 246 332 341 347 302 186 [ 51 249 385 403 395 272 159 21] Γ 5 52 150 69 22 11 10 2] 9] 2 18 153 185 16 23 37 Γ 1 31 196 503 573 193 114 6]

[ 4 21 159 394 956 1221 492 51] [ 0 0 19 110 479 913 830 108]

[ 0 0 2 39 212 987 3170 1443]]

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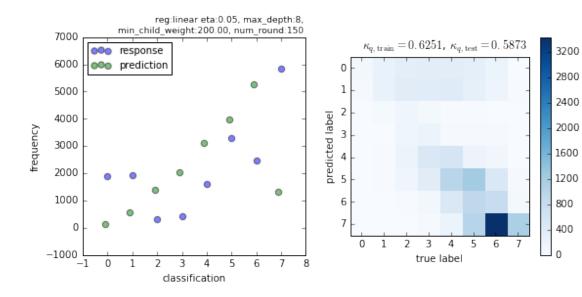
num\_round = 500

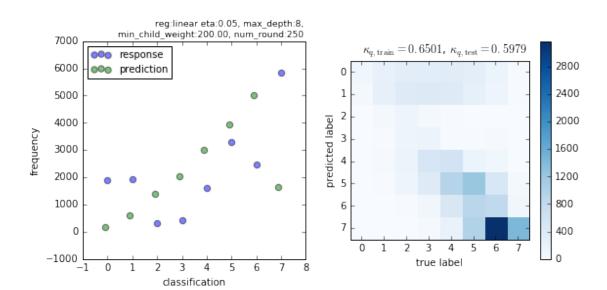
Working on n = 41566 at 13:47:10

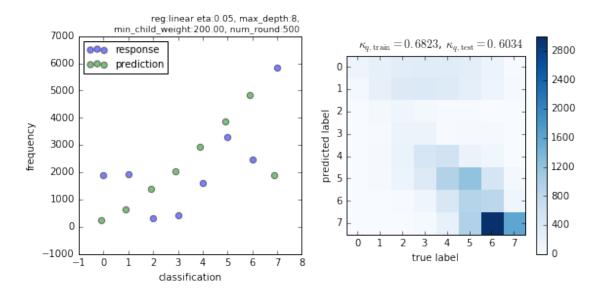
num categories = 8

train\_qwk: 0.6823, test\_qwk: 0.6034

[[ 147 251 311 346 344 289 180 21] [ 68 237 393 412 373 275 143 34] [ 9 62 138 67 19 16 8 2] 18 167 172 14 26 33 3 10] 2 34 199 487 576 196 113 10] 28 164 389 934 1211 507 60] 0 2 22 118 451 896 836 134] [ 42 234 958 3005 1611]]







### 2.1 Conclusion of this step:

A model with eta=0.05, max\_depth=8, min\_child\_weight=200 and num\_round=150 provides a good bias-variance balance and is fast enough that I can go ahead and start trying to do other explorations.

The next thing I will explore is the optimization of the cutoff points that are used to classify the continuous output of this model into categories.

#### 2.2 Submission

```
In [81]: data = pd.read_csv('data_imputed.csv')
    features = data[data['train?'] == True].drop(['train?', 'Id', 'Response'], axis=1)
    labels = data[data['train?'] == True]['Response'].astype('int') -1
    submission_features = data[data['train?'] == False].drop(['train?', 'Id', 'Response'], axis=1)

# xgboost parameters:
    param = {}

# use softmax multi-class classification
    param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'

param['eta'] = 0.05
    param['max_depth'] = 8
    param['min_child_weight'] = 200

param['silent'] = 1
    param['nthread'] = 1

def classify(score):
    return np.rint(np.clip(score, -0.49, 7.49))
```

```
num_round = 150
        xg_train = xgb.DMatrix(features, labels)
        print("\n" + "-"*40)
        print("{} = {}".format("num_round", num_round))
        model = xgb.train(param, xg_train, num_round)
         xg_submission = xgb.DMatrix(submission_features)
         submission_prediction = model.predict(xg_submission)
         submission = classify(submission_prediction)
num_round = 150
In [84]: submission_ids = data[data['train?'] == False]['Id']
         submission_df = pd.DataFrame({"Id": submission_ids, "Response": submission.astype('int') + 1})
         submission_df = submission_df.set_index('Id')
         submission_df.to_csv('step02_submission.csv')
In [86]: submission_df.describe()
Out[86]:
                   Response
        count 19765.000000
                   5.619833
        mean
         std
                   1.583783
                   1.000000
        min
         25%
                   5.000000
         50%
                   6.000000
        75%
                   7.000000
                   8.000000
        max
In []:
```