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SPOTIFY

Skip Prediction

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Introduction: The Objective & Dataset

- **Objective:** Predict if users will skip or listen to a track.
- **Dataset:** “Spotify Sequential Skip Prediction Challenge” mini dataset from Spotify R&D; 170,000 user sessions.
- **Methodology:**
 - Utilizes 46 features from session and track data.
 - Focus on three 'skip' features ('skip_1', 'skip_2', 'skip_3') combined using OR logic for skip prediction.
 - Use labels (1) skipped and (0) not skipped for classification prediction/hypothesis and accuracy calculation.
- **Tools Used:**
 - pandas and numpy libraries for data manipulation.
 - sklearn for modeling
 - matplotlib for plotting graphs and data visualization



Data Analysis + Processing

- **Reorganizing Data:**
 - Combining 'skip_1', 'skip_2', and 'skip_3'
 - Linking sessions data to track data
 - Extracting year, month, and day of week from date feature
- **Ordinal Encoding:** *categorical features are ordered in nature so we can use Ordinal Encoding*
- **One-Hot Encoding:** *no order to categorical features so we can use One-Hot Encoding*
 - Used sklearn's OneHotEncoder
 - i. 'context_type', 'hist_user_behavior_reason_start', 'hist_user_behavior_reason_end', and 'key' features
- **Standardization of Data:**
 - Used sklearn's StandardScaler



Supervised Analysis: Logistic Regression

Feature Transformation

- Polynomial. Degree of 2.
- Square Root

L1 and L2 Regularization

- C: [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10]

Best Accuracy: ~98%

Dataset	Square Root Transformation Degree	
	Original	Transformed
Train	0.9791592208720514	0.9791666666666666
Test	0.9791592208720514	0.9791666698776302

ROC-AUC Score: 0.98476



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Supervised Analysis: SVM

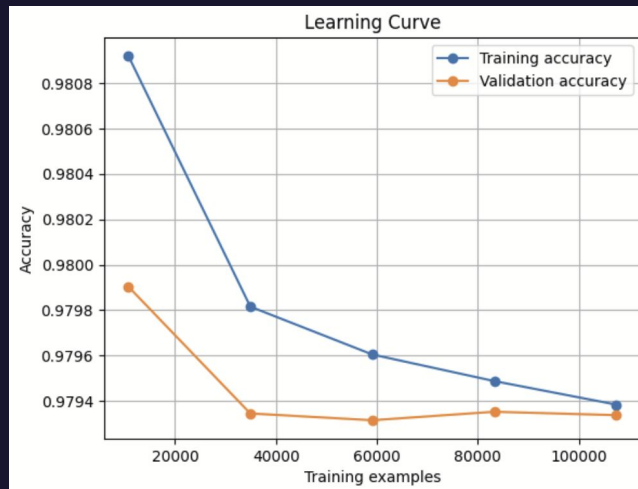
Kernel Functions

- Linear
- Polynomial. Degree of 2.

Regularization

- C: [100, 20, 5, 1, 0.01, 0.001]

Best Accuracy: 98%



Linear. C = 1.



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Supervised Analysis: Neural Network

Activation Functions

- ReLu
- Sigmoid

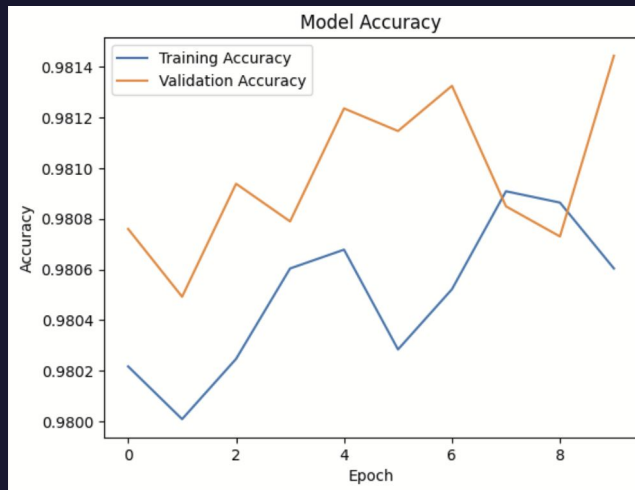
Regularization

- Ridge: 0.01, 0.001
- Lasso: 0.01, 0.001

Layers

- [64, 32, 16, 1]
- [64, 32, 1]

Best Accuracy: **98.14%**



4 Layers. No regularization.



Conclusions

- Neural Networks performed best.
- Regularization did not help (much)
- Generalized Question = Generalized Answer
- Massive Dataset



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Thank You!



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