06_Practical; Trees

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Wipe all the damn variables to prevent mistakes

```
\label{eq:mise} $$ mise() $$ kabstr <- function(df){$ $ data.frame(variable = names(df), class = sapply(df, typeof), first_values = sapply(df, function(x) paste0(head(x), collapse = ",")), row.names = NULL) %>% kable() $$ $$ $$ # Pretty Structure Print $$
```

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# (Wk 6) Tree Based Methods
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## Classification Trees

Let's see what variables are predictive of high car sales, the number of sales is continuous, in order to fit a classification tree we will construct a binary variable.
```

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When using `tree` the response variable MUST be a factor, be mindful
   of that.
When transforming columns to factors:
* Don't use `as.factor` because it doesn't allow specifying order
* Use tibbles because theyll tell you whether or not the column is
   ordered
* feed the column into `factor()`, specify the `levels = c()` in
   ascending order, specify `ordered = TRUE`
### Preview the data:
```{r}
CSeat.tb <- as_tibble(Carseats)</pre>
thresh <- (mean(CSeat.tb$Sales)+0.5*sd(CSeat.tb$Sales)) %>% round()
CSeat.tb$CatSales <- ifelse(CSeat.tb$Sales > thresh, "High", "Low")
CSeat.tb$CatSales <- factor(x = CSeat.tb$CatSales, levels = c("Low",</pre>
 "High"), ordered = TRUE)
CSeat.tb <- CSeat.tb[,c(12, 2:11)]</pre>
 # Anotherway to reorder
 dplyr::select(CSeat.tb, CatSales, everything())
```

#### Fit

Now let's use all of the data to create a classification tree of the sales category.

Remember that we can use . to represent all the variables of a data frame;

• If Sales was still in the data frame we could pull it out by prefixing it with - but I think that's awfully confusing, instead I would recommend specifying a subset that pulls out undesired columns or just making another dataframe, it's way too easy to make a mistake like that IMO

```
CatSalesModTree <- tree(formula = CatSales ~ ., data =
 as.data.frame(CSeat.tb))</pre>
```

```
CatSalesModTree
nrow(CSeat.tb)

CatSalesModTree %>% summary()
```

#### Plot the Model

Base

This summary is next to useless so let's plot it, when plotting it it is necessary to call text afterwards in order order to have lables:

# Use rpart

The base plot looks truly awful, instead I would recommend using the rpart package, it creates a tree model using identical syntax to tree and then you can call rpart.plot directly over the model and it will work.

Be mindful that the tree package will split the data until each node has less than 20 observations, whereas the 'rpart' package automatically performs 10-fold cross validation  $^1$ , the ratio contained in the plot is the ratio of terms satisfying the specified condition and the percentage is the percentage of all observations thence contained  $^2$ 

#plot(CatSalesModTree)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>rpart.control has a default list entry of xval=10 which corresponds to the number of CV folds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Refer to the rpart Vignette

I have no clue if an rpart tree object behaves well so I'm just going to use one for plotting and the other for modelling up until I have time to look into them.

#### **Evaluate the tree by using a validation Split**

In order to very quickly evaluate the performance of this model, split the data and use the model on unseen data.

```
train <- sample(1:nrow(Carseats), 200)</pre>
#Create the Categorical variable
CSeat <- Carseats
CSeat$CatSales <- ifelse(Carseats$Sales <</pre>
 round(mean(Carseats$Sales)), "Low", "High")
CSeat$CatSales <- factor(CSeat$CatSales, levels = c("Low", "High"),</pre>
 ordered = TRUE)
#Create the model on the training data only
carseats.tree <- tree(CatSales ~ ., data = CSeat[train,names(CSeat)</pre>
 != "Sales"])
plot(carseats.tree) ;text(carseats.tree, pretty = 0, cex = 0.6)
carseats.tree.rpart <- rpart(CatSales ~ ., data = CSeat[train,-1],</pre>
 model = TRUE) # Model = True stops later errors
#rpart.plot(carseats.tree.rpart, nn = TRUE)
Create Predictions on the testing data
test.pred <- predict(object = carseats.tree, newdata =</pre>
 CSeat[-train,], type = "class")
Filter out the observations in the testing data
test.obs <- CSeat$CatSales[-train]</pre>
Now create the confusion Matrix
 # This package prevents making mistakes
 conf.mat <- caret::confusionMatrix(data = test.pred, reference =</pre>
 test.obs)
```

```
This could otherwise be created by using, always go prediction,
 reference as a standard
table("prediction" = test.pred, "reference" = test.obs)
```

The Misclassification Rate for unseed testing data is r (1-conf.mat\$overall[1] )%>% round(2)%>% as.numeric()%>% percent() which is reasonably low, suggesting that the accuracy of this model is acceptable, particularly because this models primary purpose is interetability not predictive capacity.

#### **Tree Pruning**

This model may be overfit, it is necessary instead to determine whether or not to 'prune' the tree, that is reduce the model flexibility by reducing the number of nodes at the end of the tree. So, in this case, the number of nodes at the end of the tree is an indicator of the model flexibility, by default, the tree package creates nodes by choosing a threshold that minimises the RSS until the number of observations in each node is 20.

The problem with this strategy is that the model may be overfit, it may be to flexible and the results will suffer from very little model bias but far too much variance.

The process of reducing flexibility in order to improve the model by balancing bias and variation is called 'pruning'.

In order to prune the tree the best strategy to implement is 10-fold cross validation, fourtunately this is all built in and we don't really have to think about it, the cv.tree() function will do it automatically.

Using the the cv.tree() package

The cv.tree package minimises the deviance by default, the texbook provides <sup>3</sup> that the misclassification rate is preferable if preiction accuracy of the final purened tree is the goal, deviance is an analogy to RSS in the classification sence <sup>4</sup>, but this is outside the scope of this unit.

In order to specify to cv.tree that the cross validation process should aim to minimise the 'misclassification rate' rather than the 'deviance' specify the function as prune.misclass to cv.tree(); be super careful, because we are changing the function, the dev output in the list will NOT be deviance, the values will be misclassification

set.seed(3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>classref

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>What is Deviance

```
tree.mod.cv <- cv.tree(object = carseats.tree, FUN = prune.misclass)
tree.mod.cv <- cv.tree(object = CatSalesModTree, FUN =
 prune.misclass)
names(tree.mod.cv)[2] <- "misclassification"

tree.mod.cv #%>% str()
```

This gives us a correspondence between the limiting size of the final node (which is inversely proportional to the flexibility of the model) and the expected misclassification rate on testing data.

Because this is Cross Validation, the error will be an estimation of error unseen by the model, hence the size that reflects the minimum value should be returned.

Plot the Testing Error

The plot suggests that the minimum misclassification rate for this model will occur when the nodesize is limited to r minNode.

Prune the Tree

Prune the tree by using the prune.misclass function:

```
Cars.Clas.prunce.cv <- prune.misclass(CatSalesModTree, best =
 minNode)
plot(Cars.Clas.prunce.cv)
text(Cars.Clas.prunce.cv, pretty = 0, cex = 0.7)</pre>
```

Asess the pruned model against the test data

Compare the model returned by CV to the unseen testing data:

from this it can be determined that the misclassification rate for this pruned model is now r percent(round(mcr, 2))

This tree represents the best trade off between a model with too much variance and a model with too much bias.

# **Regression Trees**

Consider the Boston Data set:

```
kable(head(Boston))
head(Boston)
kabstr(Boston)
dim(Boston)
summary(Boston)
```

This data set is a measurement of the crime rate throughout the Boston area.

#### Seperate training Data

Split the data into a training and test set in order to evaulate the difference caused by the cross validation technique

```
set.seed(1)
train = sample(1:nrow(Boston), size = 0.52*nrow(Boston))
names(Boston)
```

#### Fit a Regression Tree to the Training Data

In order to fit the regression tree to the training data use the train variable as a subset:

Evalueate the Performance

```
modSum <- summary(bost.mod.tree)
rss <- modSum$dev
rmse <- sqrt(modSum$dev/length(length(bost.mod.tree$y)))
rmsernd <- signif(rmse, 1) * 1000
leaves <- summary(bost.mod.tree)$size</pre>
```

This model has r leaves terminal nodes, the performance of this model can be evaulated by measuring the RSSS which is evaulated by the mode, this provides that the average distance from data point to model prediction is  $\pm r signif(rmse, 1)$  K USD.

#### Prune the tree with CV

```
cvvals <- cv.tree(object = bost.mod.tree, K = 10)
error <- sqrt(cvvals$dev)/length(bost.mod.tree$y)
TermNodes <- factor(x = cvvals$size, ordered = TRUE)

dvdf <- tibble(TermNodes, error)

#Return the best number of leaves
minerror <- min(dvdf$error)
optn <- min(dvdf$TermNodes[dvdf$error==minerror]) #There could be
multiple optimum values</pre>
```

Visualise the validation Error

```
ggplot(dvdf, aes(x = TermNodes, y = error, group = 1)) +
 geom_point(col = "IndianRed", size = 3) +
 geom_line(col = "RoyalBlue") +
 geom_vline(xintercept = as.numeric(optn), col = "purple") +
 theme_classic() +
 labs(y = "Expected Error From model to Unseen Data ($50 K)", x =
 "Number of Terminal Nodes")
```

The model suggests that the appropriate number of terminal nodes to choose is r optn and hence the model ought to be left unchanged, however we will prune it for the sake of practice

Prune the Tree

In order to prune the tree use the prune.tree function and specify best= as the desired number of leaves:

```
prun.reg.mod <- prune.tree(tree = bost.mod.tree, best = 5)
plot(prun.reg.mod)
text(prun.reg.mod, pretty = 0, cex = 0.7)</pre>
```

### **Using rpart**

This could have all been done in one call to rpart like so, however here the data is not split in order to create a more accurate model.

```
BosnonSyn <- Boston
bosTree <- rpart(formula = medv ~ ., data = Boston)
rpart.plot(bosTree)

nicenames <- c("Crime Rate", "Large Zoning Proportion", "Proportion
 of Industry", "Near River?", "NO Polution Level PPM", "Number of
 Rooms", "Proportion of 'Old' Buildings", "Distance to CBD's",
 "Accessability of Highway", "Tax Rate", "Ratio of Teachers",
 "Number of Residents of African-Americans Descent", "Property
 Value")</pre>
```