Parameters vs hyperparameters

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R

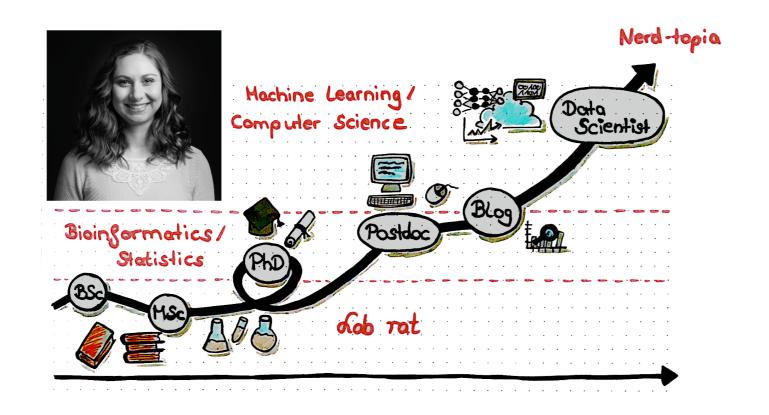


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"Hyper"parameters vs model parameters

• Let's look at an example dataset:

```
head(breast_cancer_data)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 11
  diagnosis concavity_mean symmetry_mean fractal_dimension
  <chr>
                                                      <dbl>
                     <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
1 M
                                    0.242
                    0.300
                                                     0.0787
                    0.0869
                                                     0.0567
                                   0.181
                    0.197
                                   0.207
                                                     0.0600
3 M
4 M
                    0.241
                                    0.260
                                                     0.0974
```

• And build a simple linear model.

Let's start simple: Model parameters in a linear model

```
# Create linear model
linear_model <- lm(perimeter_worst ~ fractal_dimension_mear</pre>
```

```
# Get coefficients
linear_model$coefficients
```

Let's start simple: Model parameters in a linear model

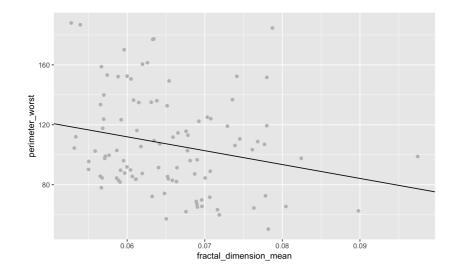
- Model parameters are being fit (i.e. found) during training.
- They are the **result** of model fitting or training.
- In a linear model, we want to find the coefficients.

```
linear_model$coefficients
```

```
(Intercept) fractal_dimension_mean
167.5972 -926.3866
```

• We can think of them as the **slope** and the **y-intercept** of our model.

Coefficients in a linear model



Model parameters vs hyperparameters in a linear model

- Remember: model parameters are being fit (i.e. found) during training; they are the result of model fitting or training.
- Hyperparameters are being set before training.
- They specify **HOW** the training is supposed to happen.

Parameters vs hyperparameters in machine learning

In our **linear model**:

Coefficients were found during fitting.

 method was an option to set before fitting. In **machine learning** we might have:

- Weights and biases of neural nets that are optimized during training => model parameters.
- Options like learning rate, weight decay and number of trees in a Random Forest model that can be tweaked
 hyperparameters.

Why tune hyperparameters?

- Fantasy football players ~
 Hyperparameters
- Football players' positions ~
 Hyperparameter values
- Finding the best combination of players and positions ~ Finding the best combination of hyperparameters



Let's practice!

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Recap of machine learning basics

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Machine learning with caret - splitting data

- Training set with enough power.
- Representative test set.

Train a machine learning model with caret

• Set up cross-validation:

```
library(caret)
library(tictoc)
fitControl <- trainControl(method = "repeatedcv", number = 3, repeats = 5)</pre>
```

• **Train** a Random Forest model:

```
1.431 sec elapsed
```

Automatic hyperparameter tuning in caret

```
Random Forest
Resampling results across tuning parameters:
                  Kappa
       Accuracy
 mtry
       0.9006783 0.8015924
  2
       0.9126645 0.8253289
  10
       0.8999389 0.7999386
Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the lar
The final value used for the model was mtry = 6.
```



Let's start modeling!

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Hyperparameter tuning with caret

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Automatic hyperparameter tuning in caret

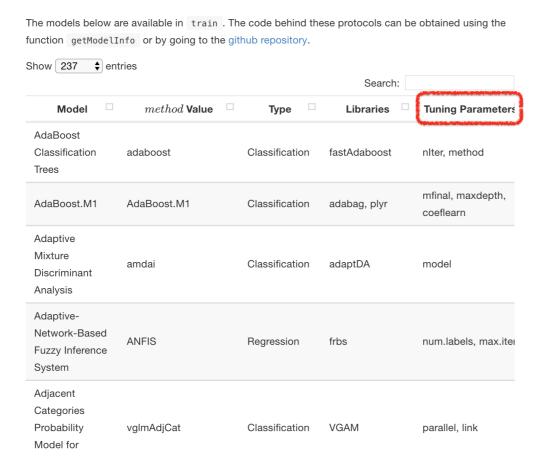
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Hyperparameters are specific to model algorithms

- modelLookup(model)
- https://topepo.github.io/caret/available-models.html

6 Available Models





Hyperparameters in Support Vector Machines (SVM)

```
3.836 sec elapsed
```

Hyperparameters in Support Vector Machines (SVM)

```
svm_model
```

```
Support Vector Machines with Polynomial Kernel
...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

degree scale C Accuracy Kappa
1 0.100 1.00 0.9104803 0.8211459

Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
```

Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest val The final values used for the model were degree = 1, scale = 0.1 and

Defining hyperparameters for automatic tuning

tuneLength

```
7.458 sec elapsed  
Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.  
The final values used for the model were degree = 1, scale = 1 and C = 1.
```

Manual hyperparameter tuning in caret

tuneGrid + expand.grid

```
0.691 sec elapsed
```

Manual hyperparameter tuning in caret

```
svm_model_3
```

```
Support Vector Machines with Polynomial Kernel
. . .
  Accuracy
             Kappa
  0.7772947 0.554812
Tuning parameter 'degree' was held constant at a value of 4
Tuning parameter 'scale' was held constant at a value of 1
Tuning parameter 'C' was
held constant at a value of 1
```



It's your turn! HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R

