

Practical_Machine_Learning_Project

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Synopsis

The main section has three parts 1. Pre-analysis: Select meaningful variables to make a prediction. 2. Machine learning: Using a subset of training data (10% of the training set), we will compare accuracies of learning models using three methods - "CART", "GBM", and "Random Forest(RF)".

3. Final model: The RF showed best accuracy, so with a subset of training data (70% of the training set), we will make a final learning model and we will get the answer of testing set.

Pre-analysis (Exploring data)

First, we read csv files:

```
training0<-read.csv('pml-training.csv')
testing0<-read.csv('pml-testing.csv')
```

Next, columns with acceptable names are selected, and predictors with many NAs or near-zero variances are excluded.

```
library(caret)
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
```

```
## Loading required package: ggplot2
```

```
dcol <- colnames(training0)
training <- training0[,grep("belt|forearm|arm|dumbbell",dcol)] # column names
training <- training[,colSums(is.na(training)) < 19000] # columns with NAs are excluded
dnzv <- nearZeroVar(training) # variables with near-zero variance
training <- training[,-dnzv]
training <- cbind(training, classe = training0$classe); rm(training0) # Training set
```

Machine learning

CART method

First, we try "CART" method on the training data set.

We have two sets: mytrain to make a prediction model, and mytesting to test models.

```

set.seed(8484)
inTrain<- createDataPartition(training$classe, p=0.1, list=FALSE)
inTesting<-createDataPartition(training$classe, p=0.1, list=FALSE)
mytrain <- training[inTrain,]
mytesting <-training[inTesting,]
fit_rp<- train(classe ~., data = mytrain, method = "rpart")
      # predict
mypd <- predict(fit_rp, newdata = mytesting)
rpaccuracy <- confusionMatrix(mypd,mytesting$classe)$overall['Accuracy']

```

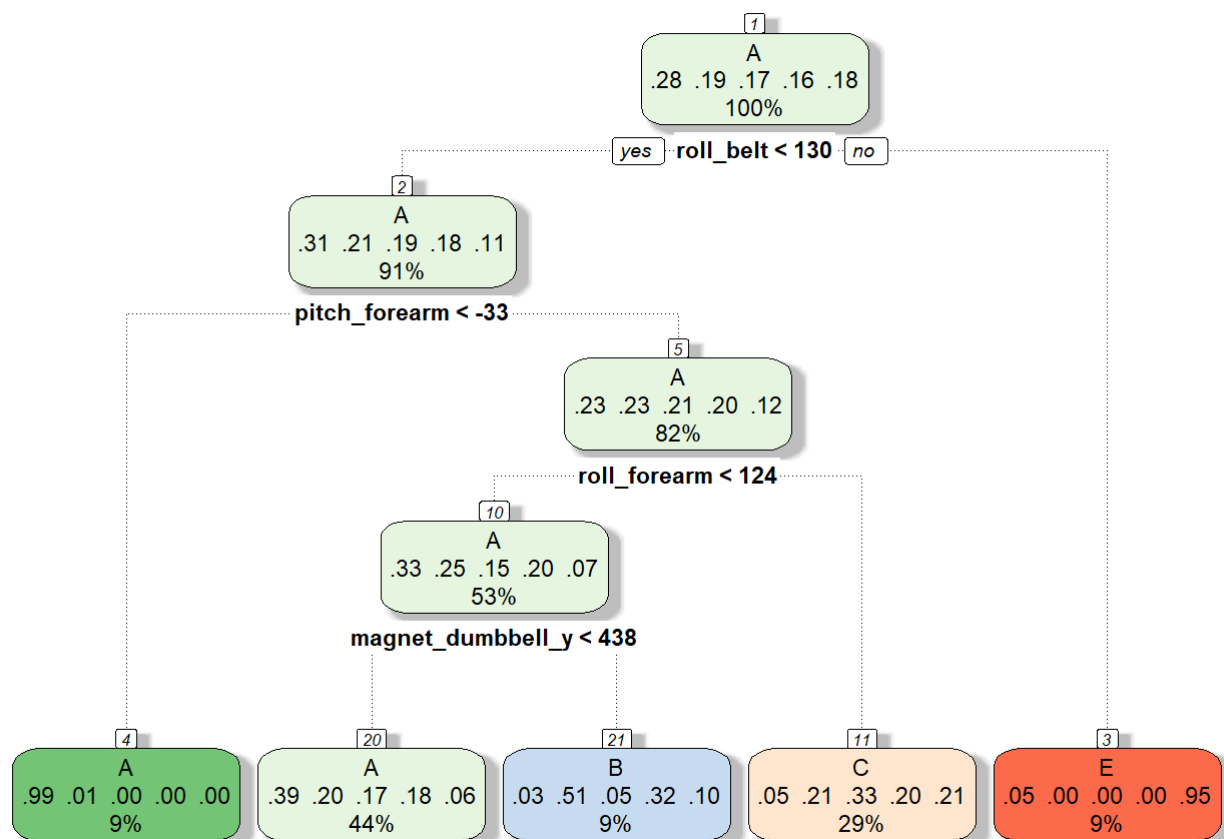
```
print(rpaccuracy)
```

```
## Accuracy
## 0.4602851
```

```

suppressMessages(library(rattle))
fancyRpartPlot(fit_rp$finalModel)

```



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As you see, the accuracy was not acceptable, try another model using “Gradient boost” method.

GBM method

```

fit_gb <- train(classe ~., data = mytrain, method="gbm", verbose=FALSE)
mypd <- predict(fit_gb, newdata = mytesting)
gbaccuracy <- confusionMatrix(mypd,mytesting$classe)$overall['Accuracy']

```

And we see the acceptable accuracy of GBM model :

```
print(gbaccuracy)
```

```
## Accuracy  
## 0.9424644
```

Random forset method

Next, we test the “Random Forest” method.

```
fitControl <- trainControl( method = "repeatedcv", number = 2)  
fit_rf <- train(classe ~., data = mytrain, method = "rf", fitControl = trainControl )  
mypd <- predict(fit_rf, newdata = mytesting)  
rfaccuracy <- confusionMatrix(mypd,mytesting$classe)$overall['Accuracy']
```

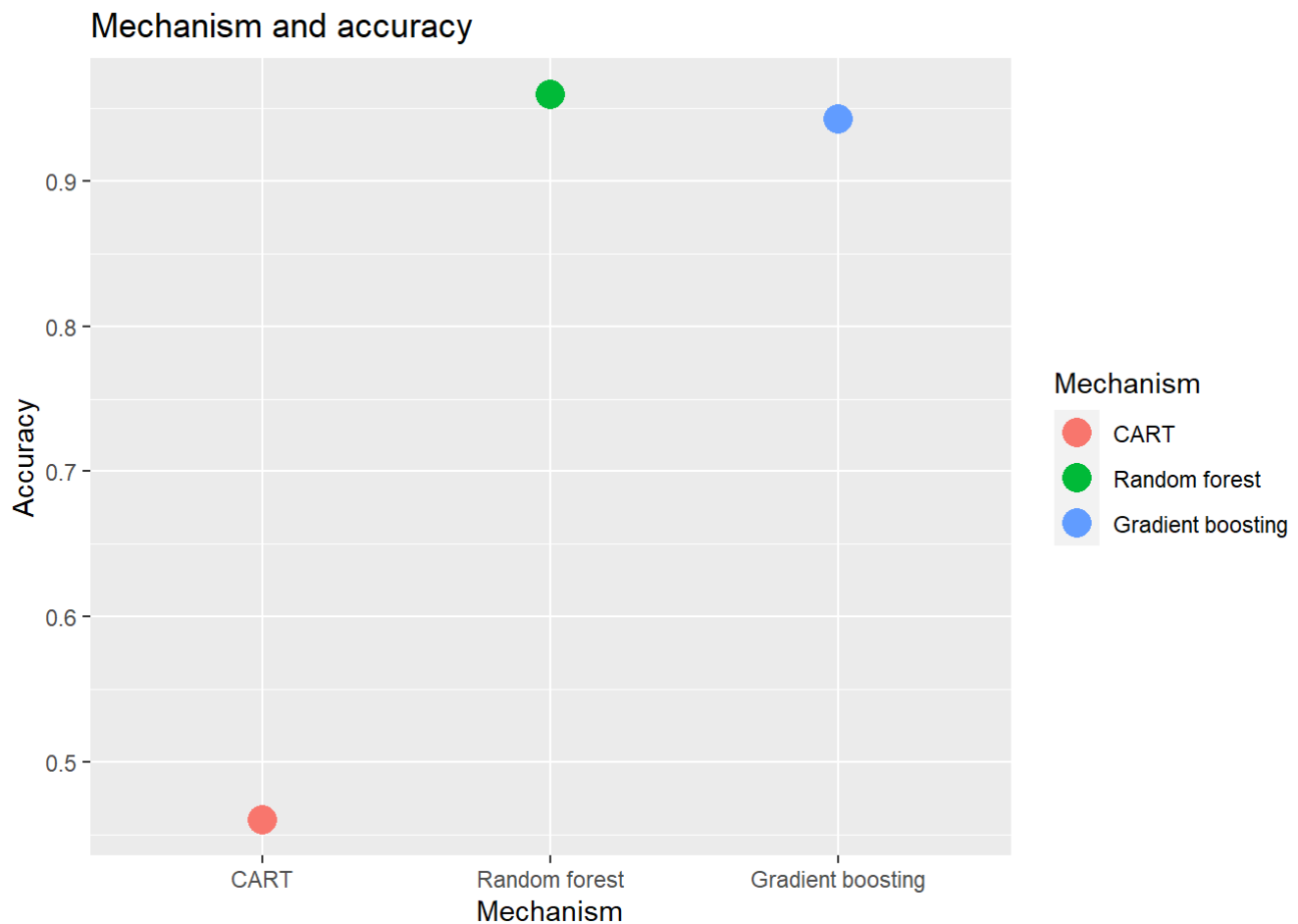
The accuracy of this model is:

```
print(rfaccuracy)
```

```
## Accuracy  
## 0.959776
```

We will simply compare accuracies of the three models.

```
miniaccu <- rbind( data.frame(Mechanism="CART", Accuracy = rpaccuracy),  
                  data.frame(Mechanism="Random forest",Accuracy=rfaccuracy),  
                  data.frame(Mechanism="Gradient boosting", Accuracy=gbaccuracy))  
library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(data=miniaccu, aes(x=Mechanism,y=Accuracy,colour=Mechanism)) +geom_point(size=5)+  
  ggtitle("Mechanism and accuracy")+xlab("Mechanism")+ylab("Accuracy")
```



So “Random forest” generates the best prediction model.

Final model

```
set.seed(8484)
inTrain<- createDataPartition(training$classe, p=0.7, list=FALSE)
mytrain <- training[inTrain,]
mylearn <- train(classe ~., data = mytrain, method = "rf", fitControl = trainControl )
```

‘mylearn’ is the last prediction model with the training set.

```
library(randomForest)
varImpPlot(mylearn$finalModel, main = "Importance of Features in The Final Model")
```

So we have the final answer:

```
testing<-testing0[,colnames(training)[1:52]] # To select appropriate columns
pdlearn <- predict(mylearn,testing) # Prediction of training samples
names(pdlearn)<-1:20
print(pdlearn)
```

```
##  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
##  B  A  B  A  A  E  D  B  A  A  B  C  B  A  E  E  A  B  B  B
## Levels: A B C D E
```