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Package for Tuning (2nd Generation)

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Background

The purpose of this package is to provide a sophisticated framework for Greedy tuning. *The Criteria of Second Generation Tuning is to not have to train every specified discrete combination to get the optimum discrete result – or close to the optimum.*

The package takes in X and y data for train, validate and test as DataFrame, as well as a dictionary of {hyperparameters name -> string: hyperparameter values as a list}, and autogenerates all combinations of these hyperparameters to be tuned.

Algorithm Description

YangZhou-B begins by train-searching (i.e. searching the field by training the combination) all *Cruise Combinations* (mathematical combinations of all *cruise indices* from each dimension: *cruise indices* being i.e. [0, 4], [0, 5], [0, 3, 6] or [0, 4, 7] for dimensions containing 5, 6, 7 and 8 values respectively. The maximum gap between two indices is 5, minimum is 3).

Then, starting with the median combination (median index of each dimension) as the initial core, the *Guidance Algorithm* is activated, in which the all the horizontal/vertical neighbouring combinations are searched (i.e. all the combinations which is same as the core except for one dimension being +1 or -1 compared to previously). If $\text{score}(\text{neighbour}) - \text{score}(\text{core}) \geq -0.005$, then the the neighbour is added as the new core.

The *Guidance Algorithm* is then repeated for each of the new cores. When no new cores need to be tested, the maximum scoring combination have all surrounding neighbours searched, and if a new maximum scoring combination is found, then it will also get its neighbours searched until no new maximum scoring combination can be found. The *Guidance Algorithm* is then terminated.

The *Cruise algorithm* is then subsequently activated, in which each of the cruise combinations scores will be compared to the current best scoring combination and its surrounding +1/-1 neighbour block (including itself). If a cruise combination's score is higher than the

$$\text{warning threshold} = \text{mean}(\text{best surrounding block}) - qt(0.95) * \frac{sd}{\sqrt{3^d}}$$

then the *Guidance Algorithm* will be restarted on that Cruise combination.

The *Cruise Algorithm* terminates once all cruise combinations have been compared to the warning threshold (which could change as the *Cruise Algorithm* goes on)

Once the *Cruise Algorithm* ends, the *Guidance Algorithm* gets activated one more time starting at the current maximum scoring combination, and the whole *YangZhou-B Algorithm* ends when this call of *Guidance Algorithm* is finished.

Note: although scores of certain combinations will undoubtedly be called upon multiple times, they can be stored and thus the expensive basic operation of train-searching a combination will only ever need to be completed once for each combination.

Algorithm Assumptions

1. The scores observed from the same {data, model, hyperparameter combination, split size} belongs to the same underlying population which are normally distributed around a theoretical value.

i.e. Accuracies of SVM on a fixed set of hyperparameters with 80-20 split size on the same set of data (but with random holdouts of 80% training data) is considered to be sampled from the same population (and thereby same distribution)

Class

<u>Class</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
YangZhouB	Object that performs greedy tuning

Methods:

<u>Methods</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
<i>YangZhouB()</i>	Initialisation
<code>read_in_data(train_x, train_y, val_x, val_y, test_x, test_y)</code>	<p>Read in Train Test Split data</p> <p>Parameters:</p> <p>train_x – pd.DataFrame train_y - pd.Series val_x - pd.DataFrame val_y - pd.Series test_x - pd.DataFrame test_y – pd.Series</p>
<code>read_in_model(model, type)</code>	<p>Read in the underlying model class that we want to tune to get optimal parameters for</p> <p>Parameters:</p> <p>model – any model class that allows .fit() and .predict()</p> <p>type – str – either “Classification” or “Regression”</p>
<code>set_hyperparameters(parameter_choices)</code>	<p>Read in the different values of each hyperparameters we want to try. Function will automatically generate each combination</p> <p>Parameters:</p> <p>parameter_choices – dict of str:list – str is hyperparameter</p>

	name (strictly as defined in model class), and list is sorted values of hyperparameter which we want to try out.
<code>set_non_tuneable_hyperparameters(non_tuneable_hyperparameter_choice)</code>	<p>Reads in values for non-tuneable hyperparameters (i.e. doesn't need to clog up the tuning output csv)</p> <p>Parameters: non_tuneable_hyperparameter_choices – dict of str:int</p>
<code>set_features(ningxiang_output)</code>	<p>Reads in feature combinations for tuning</p> <p>Parameters: ningxiang_output – dict of tuple:float</p>
<code>set_tuning_result_saving_address(address)</code>	<p>Set saving address for tuning output csv</p> <p>Parameters: Address – str - does not need to include '.csv'</p>
<code>tune(key_stats_only = False)</code>	<p>Begin tuning process</p> <p>If key_stats_only = True then don't calculate non important stats</p> <p>Parameters: key_stats_only – bool</p>
<code>tune_parallel(part, splits, key_stats_only = False)</code>	Begin tuning process, splitting all combinations into

	<p><i>splits</i> parts and tune the <i>part</i>-th part (of Cruise).</p> <p>If <code>key_stats_only = True</code> then don't calculate non important stats</p> <p>Parameters: <code>key_stats_only</code> – bool</p>
<code>read_in_tuning_result_df(address)</code>	<p>Read in existing DataFrame from .csv consisting of tuning result.</p> <p>Automatically populates result array and checked array if csv columns match parameter choices</p> <p>Parameters: <code>address</code> – str – include '.csv'</p>
<code>set_tuning_best_model_saving_address(address)</code>	<p>Set address for exporting best model as a pickle</p> <p>Parameters: <code>address</code> – str – does not need to include '.pickle'</p>
<code>view_best_combo_and_score()</code>	<p>View the current best combination and its validation score</p>

Objects:

<u>Objects</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
train_x	DataFrame
train_y	Series
val_x	DataFrame
val_y	Series
test_x	DataFrame
test_y	Series
tuning_result	DataFrame
model	model class
parameter_choices	Dictionary -str:list – str is hyperparameter name (strictly as defined in model class), and list is sorted values of hyperparameter which we want to try out.
hyperparameters	list
feature_n_ningxiang_score_dict	Dictionary -str:float – str is hyperparameter name (strictly as defined in model class), and float is its NingXiang score
non_tuneable_parameter_choices	Dictionary -str:str/float/int - str is hyperparameter name (strictly as defined in model class), and values are valid hyperparameter values for model
checked	np.array
result	np.array
checked_core	np.array

	<p>value = 1: appended onto list of cores to be checked</p> <p>value = 2: actually checked as a core</p>
been_cruised	<p>np.array</p> <p>value = 1: been checked as core, so don't need to be appended as a cruise</p> <p>value = 2: actually checked as a cruise combo</p>
been_best	np.array
tuning_result_saving_address	str
best_model_saving_address	str
best_score = -np.inf	int
best_combo	list
best_clf	model object
clf_type	str – 'Regression' or 'Classification'
n_items	list - denoting how many values in each hyperparameter dimensions
<pre>regression_extra_output_columns = ['Train r2', 'Val r2', 'Test r2', 'Train RMSE', 'Val RMSE', 'Test RMSE', 'Train MAPE', 'Val MAPE', 'Test MAPE', 'Time']</pre>	List (pre-setted)
<pre>classification_extra_output_columns = ['Train accu', 'Val accu', 'Test accu', 'Train balanced_accu', 'Val balanced_accu', 'Test balanced_accu', 'Train f1', 'Val f1', 'Test f1', 'Train precision',</pre>	list (pre-setted)

<pre>'Val precision', 'Test precision', 'Train recall', 'Val recall', 'Test recall', 'Time']</pre>	
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Dependencies

pandas

numpy

scipy

sklearn

Test Result

1. Time

YangZhou-B's algorithm will undoubtedly take more time than JiXi on top of the required time for tuning; but from testing, the maximum time required to run YangZhou-B on a dataset modelled on real data was 2.07 seconds on Google Colab, which is approximately the time to train one combination for the average model.

Thus, YangZhou-B should be a time saver considering the amount of hyperparameter combinations it doesn't need to tune, especially if each hyperparameter combination takes a long time to tune.

2. Accuracy

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Percentage of test cases</u> <u>when Algorithm output ==</u> <u>Actual Max</u>	<u>Percentage of test cases</u> <u>Algorithm output >=</u> <u>Actual Max – 0.005</u>
1	93.35%	99.88%
2	86.15%	96.20%
3	88.33%	100.00%
7	77.50%	95.00%

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Algorithm output ==</u> <u>Actual Max</u>	<u>Algorithm output >=</u> <u>Actual Max – 0.005</u>
Real (4)	78.26%	91.30%

The maximum difference between algorithm output and actual max in batch 4 (real data) was 0.0007.

3. Percentage of Hyperparameter Combinations searched

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Max</u>
1	15.45%	5.87%	1%

2	12.51%	5.71%	73.47%
3	8.48%	1.35%	65.71%
7	10.60%	1.46%	83.33%

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Max</u>
Real (4)	23.29%	19.11%	52.92%

On average, YangZhou-B only tunes less than 25% of all designated hyperparameter combinations.

Test Result (Interact)

1. Time

YangZhouB's algorithm will undoubtedly take more time than JiXi on top of the required time for tuning; but from testing, the maximum time required to run YangZhouB on a dataset modelled on real data was 13.5435 seconds on Google Colab, which is approximately the time to train one combination for the average model.

Thus, YangZhouB should be a time saver considering the amount of hyperparameter combinations it doesn't need to tune, especially if each hyperparameter combination takes a long time to tune.

2. Accuracy

<u>Batch</u> (Interact)	<u>Percentage of test cases</u> <u>when Algorithm output ==</u> <u>Actual Max</u>	<u>Percentage of test cases</u> <u>Algorithm output >=</u> <u>Actual Max – 0.005</u>
1	92.71%	97.74%
2	88.33%	95.83%

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Algorithm output ==</u> <u>Actual Max</u>	<u>Algorithm output >=</u> <u>Actual Max – 0.005</u>
Real (3)	78.26%	91.30%

The maximum difference between algorithm output and actual max in batch 3 (real data) was 0.0007.

3. Percentage of Hyperparameter Combinations searched

<u>Batch</u> (Interact)	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Max</u>
1	21.75%	11.28%	100%
2	14.22%	5.99%	66.67%

<u>Batch</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Max</u>
Real (3)	23.29%	19.11%	52.92%

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