

ECS 132 Final Project

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1 Forest Fire

In [Cortez and Morais, 2007], the total area a forest fire spreads to is analyzed using several environmental variables collected near the time of the fire. Then, several Data Mining methods were applied to produce the data set of interest. Our goal with this data is to predict the fire size given a particular set of regional data.

1.1 Preliminary analysis

The data set consists of several variables pertaining to the time, location, and weather conditions associated with each fire. There is also a variable—area—which tells us how much area the fire covered. This final variable we wish to predict using some, or all, of the remaining data.

A quick examination of the raw data reveals some important facts to us. First, there is a large quantity of observations where the area is a flat zero. Furthermore, there are very few instances of fires exceeding 100 hectares, among which several far surpass that number. This will certainly affect our regressions if left alone, so some trimming and/or splitting of the data will be necessary. Digging deeper into the data also shows some cases similar to this,

X	Y	month	day	FFMC	DMC	DC	ISI	temp	RH	wind	rain	area
3	4	sep	sun	90.5	96.7	750.5	11.4	20.6	55	5.4	0	24.59
4	3	sep	sun	90.5	96.7	750.5	11.4	20.4	55	4.9	0	3.64

which implies that there could be a high degree of variance in our estimate of the regression function.

Regardless of the above, we began our search for decent predictor variables with the raw data. This process consisted of merely running `lm` with area vs. each individual predictor variable and looking at the p-values and confidence intervals after each run. By eliminating each variable which had a coefficient estimate with a high p-value or with a confidence interval that shows little impact, the result is that not a single variable is a strong predictor. In fact, the best of the lot is temperature, which stands out with a p-value of 0.0261 and a 95% confidence interval of (0.1302, 2.0150)—a wide range consisting mostly of relatively insignificant values. Other top candidates include DMC and RH.

Using a forward stepping technique for adding terms to the linear model, where we continue to add the best individually performing terms and interaction terms to the formula and eliminate those that no longer contribute much, we built the formula,

$$\hat{m}_{area;RH,DMC}(t) = -7.108 + 0.1988 \cdot t_1 + 0.316772 \cdot t_2 - 0.004806 \cdot t_1 \cdot t_2 \quad (1)$$

which is obtained from the output of `lm`.

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-7.107959	15.710450	-0.452	0.6511
RH	0.198817	0.312079	0.637	0.5244
DMC	0.316772	0.128131	2.472	0.0138 *
RH:DMC	-0.004806	0.002431	-1.977	0.0485 *

It does not look like much, but this was, indeed, the model with the best R^2 which uses only the best individual terms. It appears from this result that the area of a fire will rise when either relative humidity or DMC rise. Considering that a substantial improvement to R^2 occurs when the interaction term is included, we see that the

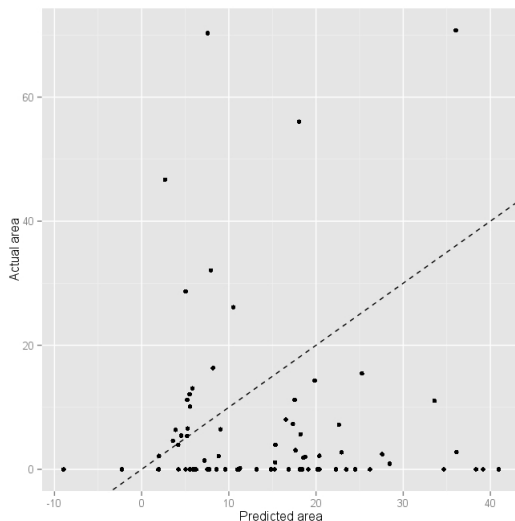


Figure 1: Raw data regression—predicted area versus actual area. Dotted line is the ideal case of perfect prediction

influence of DMC is diminished as RH becomes smaller, and vice-versa. This shows a dependence between the two variables in their contribution to the area of the fire.

To test the predictive power of this particular model, we employ the method of cross validation, using 440 samples for the training set and the remaining 77 for the validation set. The result of one of these trials is the plot of actual area vs. predicted area in Figure 1.

Clearly, our current model is not particularly accurate. In fact, the R^2 value for this run evaluates to a mere 0.0001555681. However, it will serve well as a benchmark for testing the predictive abilities of other models relative to this one. We now explore some possible transformations and/or restrictions on the data set in an attempt to improve our predictions.

1.2 Which data matters?

We approach the task of narrowing our data range always with our goal in mind: we are attempting to find the *mean* area given knowledge of a set of variables. Thus, it would make sense to remove the points which skew the mean considerably.

The idea we used to break it down involved attempting to find a segment of data where we have a relatively uniform amount of information for each range of area. The easiest visual way we could determine this is by trimming down outliers and showing the distribution of the area until it looks moderately close to uniform. The difference between the distribution of area in the original data and our trimmed data is shown in Figures 2 and 3.

We continued from this point using two different methods for choosing the predictors for our smaller data set. The first was to use the forward stepwise selection process suggested in the project specifications. The second attempt uses the backward stepwise selection process, which is briefly mentioned in the textbook. In addition, in the first selection attempt, we transformed the day and month variables using a sine function with the period equal to the number of days or months, as suggested by the project writeup. In the second attempt, these were instead converted to indicator random variables.

1.3 Predictor Selection 1

For the second predictor set we decided to use the attributes that are part of the Fire Weather Index (FWI) such as FFMFC, DMC, DC and ISI. Before we eliminated part of the data, these values did not have a good R^2 value compared to the other meteorological data such as temperature, wind, humidity and rain. However, once we eliminated the data the attributes that are part of FWI gave us a far better R^2 value than the other meteorological variables. Using forward step-wise selection, we started with the best-looking predictors we could initially find, which were the FWI attributes. Then we tested out different interaction terms between FWI attributes and found that $DMC \times FMC$

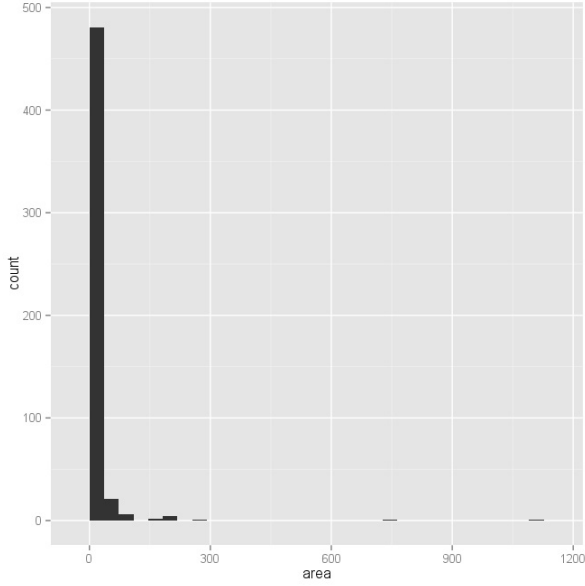


Figure 2: Distribution of area with raw data

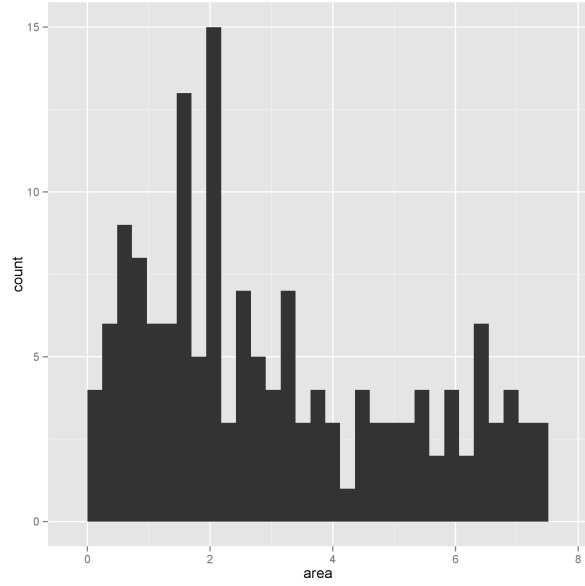


Figure 3: Distribution of area with trimmed data

and $DC \times ISI$ greatly increased the R^2 of our regression. The only non FWI attribute we decided to go with was month because we saw a strong correlation between the months and the area.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}_{area;FFMC,ISI,DC,month,DMC}(t) = & -23.1151201 - 0.2744283 \cdot t_1 + 0.3185786 \cdot t_2 \\ & + 0.0122545 \cdot t_3 + 2.5926093 \cdot t_4 \\ & - 0.2495317 \cdot t_5 - 0.0006686 \cdot t_2 \cdot t_3 + 0.0027410 \cdot t_1 \cdot t_5 \end{aligned}$$

which is obtained from the output of `lm`.

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	23.1151201	9.0213988	2.562	0.011419	*
FFMC	-0.2744283	0.1118159	-2.454	0.015301	*
ISI	0.3185786	0.1871206	1.703	0.090799	.
DC	0.0122545	0.0035439	3.458	0.000715	***
month	2.5926093	0.8779764	2.953	0.003673	**
DMC	-0.2495317	0.1012981	-2.463	0.014935	*
ISI:DC	-0.0006686	0.0002937	-2.277	0.024264	*
FFMC:DMC	0.0027410	0.0011059	2.479	0.014335	*

With this regression model we got an Adjusted R^2 value of 0.09632 which was by far the best value we achieved up to that point. Yet, this still is not very high, so instead of settling for this model we decided to search for another method of generating our predictor set.

1.4 Predictor Selection 2

In our final attempt, we discovered several new and improved ways to obtain our set of predictor variables. First, we replaced the month and day variables with indicators for each month and day (minus one each in order to avoid linear dependence). Second, we studied the backwards stepwise approach, where we begin with all of the first-order predictor variables in our model and remove, one by one, the variables which show little impact in the regression. We define “little impact” to be a combination of a high p-value and/or a confidence interval which results in the predictor having close to zero influence. Once the set is trimmed to a reasonable level, interaction terms are added

and Adjusted R^2 value is monitored. If an interaction term increases Adjusted R^2 , we keep it, otherwise it is thrown out.

Naturally, the danger in this stage is in adding too many terms. According to the text, a good rule of thumb is that the number of predictors be less than the square root of the number of data points. In our limited data set, we have a total of 153 points to work with, meaning that there should be twelve or fewer predictors. We strayed on the conservative side, and left out some predictors which only brought a modest increase in Adjusted R^2 . This brought us the final set of nine variables, as seen in this output of `lm`:

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	4.880875	0.660986	7.384	1.16e-11	***
X	-0.149919	0.069056	-2.171	0.031584	*
DC	0.004469	0.001830	2.442	0.015821	*
June	-2.632148	1.043833	-2.522	0.012778	*
July	-9.321820	2.764645	-3.372	0.000961	***
August	-3.541709	1.104434	-3.207	0.001656	**
September	-3.756403	1.250390	-3.004	0.003145	**
ISI	-0.079231	0.047007	-1.686	0.094070	.
DC:July	0.009353	0.004713	1.984	0.049124	*
ISI:July	0.345872	0.181849	1.902	0.059186	.

This can be further solidified in mathematical form:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{m}_{A;V}(t) = & 4.880875 - 0.149919 \cdot t_1 + 0.004469 \cdot t_2 \\ & - 0.079231 \cdot t_3 - 2.632148 \cdot t_4 \\ & - 9.321820 \cdot t_5 - 3.541709 \cdot t_6 \\ & - 3.756403 \cdot t_7 + 0.009353 \cdot t_2 t_5 + 0.345872 \cdot t_3 t_5\end{aligned}$$

where A is the area, V is the vector (X, DC, ISI, June, July, August, September) and t is the vector of inputs corresponding to each position in the V vector.

It is interesting to note that these are completely different predictors than we had when modeling using the raw data. Our estimate of mean fire size is now dependent on spatial and temporal values. It seems as though that now, since we have narrowed the scope we are analyzing, we have uncovered some finer details of the cause of larger fires. To summarize the equation above, our estimate of mean area decreases as coordinate X increases, it increases when DC increases, but decreases with ISI (except in July). The estimate in the summer months is lower than in the non-summer months, *ceteris paribus*. However, *ceteris paribus* is not a good assumption, since DC tends to be much higher in the summer. July has a much more negative $\hat{\beta}$, but that is compensated for with the positive relation between July and DC and ISI.

Using this set, the Adjusted R^2 is reduced to 0.1456—a huge improvement over the previously used predictors.

1.5 Cross validation

While the Adjusted R^2 value from `lm` is a useful indication of the fit of a model to the data it was built from, what we are really looking for is the power of the model to predict future outcomes. This prediction capability can be verified using cross validation. For this, we created a function named `cvlm`, which randomly splits an input data frame into training and testing sets of a specified size, runs `lm` on the training set, predicts the outcome of the testing set, and combines those outcomes with the real data in a matrix. We can then use this matrix for plotting and also for computing R^2 . We chose to run `cvlm` with 110 points for the training set and the remaining 43 for the testing set. The results of this run can be seen in Figure 4. The mean R^2 value over two thousand runs of `cvlm` turned out to be 0.1194353.

To further test the robustness of our model, we also created a second cross validation function—`cvlmmore`—to test our model built on the restricted data set against the raw data. Each time we tested our model against 150 points from the raw data collection. One run of this function can be seen in Figure 5. Not surprisingly, the mean R^2 value over two thousand runs of `cvlmmore` is significantly lower, at 0.005969264.

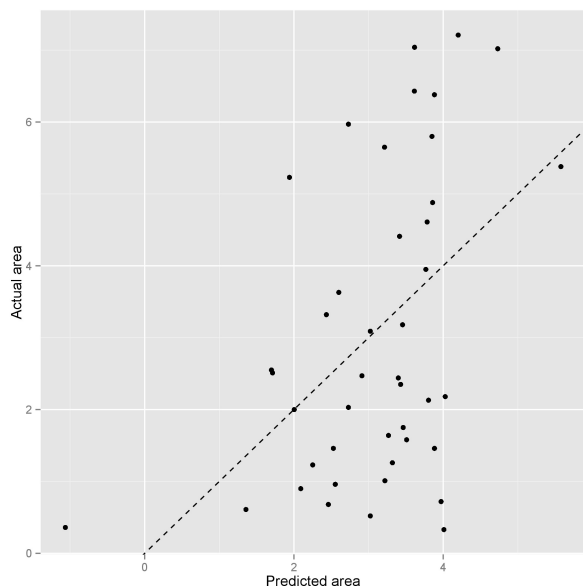


Figure 4: Actual area vs. predicted area with best regression model on trimmed data set

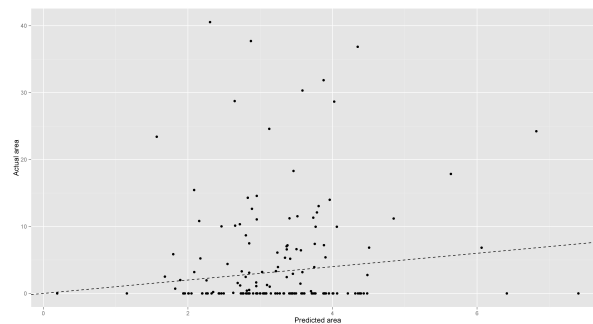


Figure 5: Actual area vs. predicted area with best regression model on raw data set

1.6 Multicollinearity

In a situation with many predictor variables, as we have, we have the risk of multicollinearity. Detecting and dealing with multicollinearity can help improve the accuracy of the model and the selection of predictor variables. One common method of detecting multicollinearity is through a condition number—a concept alluded to in section 14.17.4 in the book. Through a quick Internet search, we found that the condition number is formally defined as

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}}$$

where λ_{\max} is the largest eigenvalue of the correlation matrix of the predictors and λ_{\min} is the smallest. A rough rule of thumb, according to the textbook, is that κ should be less than 15 if there are no major multicollinearity problems.

Conveniently, R has a built-in function to compute this value for us—the **kappa** function. Using R’s **cor** function, we created the correlation matrix from our predictor vectors, and input the result into **kappa**. The number returned was 107.1714. Looking over the correlation matrix ourselves, we saw a relatively high correlation between some variables, for example, September and DC. Removing these variables would be a problem for us, since we already determined that these were the variables critical to a reasonable R^2 . However, the side effect of multicollinearity, as described in the textbook, is large standard errors. Looking back at the output from **lm**, we see that the standard errors are not drastic. We can conclude from this that we should not worry about the multicollinearity in our model and the independence assumption does not play a large role here.

1.7 Nonparametric methods

For our nonparametric analysis, we used the provided k-nearest neighbor function. We return to our original, completely intact data, to attempt regression with the nonparametric technique, using the same predictors we discovered initially. To aid in our inquiry, we created two functions: **cvknn** and **cvknnmore**. The former performs cross validation by training on some portion of the input data and validating on the rest. The latter takes two data sets as input: one for training and one for validating. They both generate output in a form useful for both plotting and finding R^2 .

Applying **cvknn** to our whole data set with our original predictors produced an almost sinusoidal R^2 for increasing k . This can be seen in Figure 6. The shape of the plot seems unusual, however, it makes sense given some thought.

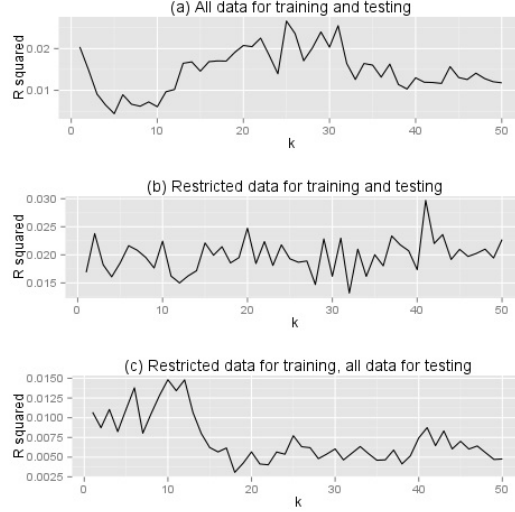


Figure 6: R^2 plotted against k for three sets of k-nearest neighbor regressions

Because the data is nearly random, picking a small number of nearest neighbors could still be off by a substantial margin. On the other hand, averaging too many neighboring values will force the mean to a certain value for any input. This creates a sweet spot for k , which can be seen in the peak in the graph.

Next, we ran `knn` with the best predictors from the smaller data set. In the first trial, we ran our cross validation between subsets of the smaller data set using `cvknn`. We sampled the mean R^2 values for $k = 1, 5, 10, 15$ with 110 samples in the training set and the rest in the validation set over 2000 iterations. R^2 did not appear to change substantially as k increased, changing from 0.01875791 at $k = 1$ to 0.02237041 at $k = 15$. Figure 6 shows the change in R^2 as k increases.

Out of curiosity, we also ran the cross validation with the smaller data as the training set and the whole data as the validation set. This employed the use of `cvknnmore`. What is odd about this case is that it predicts areas for low k better than the model using the whole data for training. Considering the majority of data has a relatively low area value and the training set also consists of observations with a small area, this *could* be explained by the lack of outliers in this model.

Plots of the predicted vs. actual are listed in the appendix as Figures 13, 14, and 15.

1.8 Comparison

Now we have two types of models to deal with: the parametric model and the nonparametric model. Scrutinizing the previous results, we came to the conclusion that the best model depends on the assumptions you are willing to make about the fires you are trying to predict. If you want to make no assumptions and guess that any size fire could happen at any time, then the nearest-neighbor model is likely the best bet, since it is the highest performer under cross validation for the entire data set.

However, if it is the middle of April, then large fires are unlikely, so using the parametric model on the restricted data set will probably offer decent predictions. Also, considering that most of the failures of that model occurred when the actual area is a zero, if your prediction is that either the size of the fire could follow the prediction from the model or it could be a zero. For the purpose of curiosity, we verified that adopting this approach does indeed improve R^2 using the function `cvlm_or`, where we choose the “prediction” to be a zero if the actual area is zero, otherwise we leave it as is. This gives us an R^2 of 0.07294934—much better than anything else we tried, but still not fantastic. A plot of these is shown in Figure 7.

1.9 Further possibilities

While experimenting with different perspectives on the data, a few other possible courses of action may have also revealed further insight into the true causes of forest fires. Unfortunately, in the more interesting cases, there simply

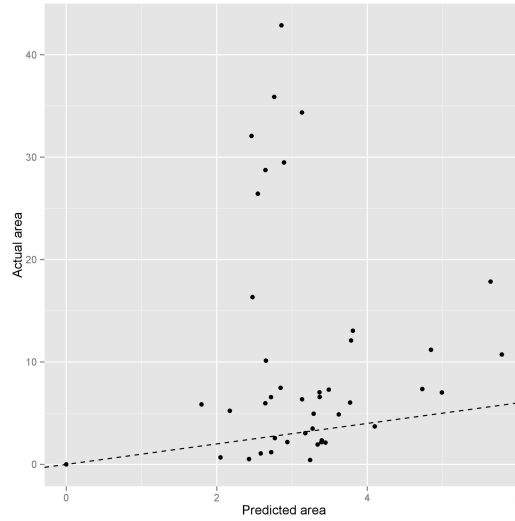


Figure 7: Actual area vs predicted area for the “either-or” prediction method

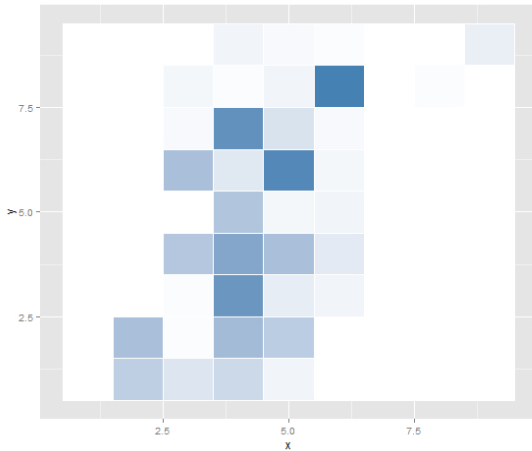


Figure 8: Frequency grid of forest data

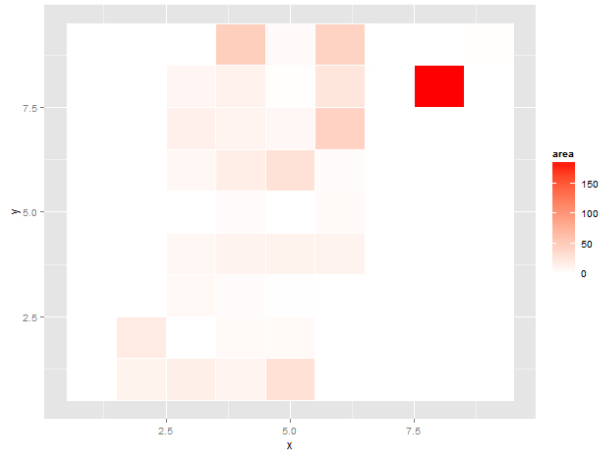


Figure 9: Area grid of forest data

was not enough data to form a reasonable analysis. One of these cases is illustrated visually in Figures 8 and 9.

The data for the park as a whole offers little in the form of predictive capacity. It seems as though any permutation of the predictor data could bring any possible fire size. This led us to consider whether the geography of the forest comes into play. We created two functions to assist us in our pursuit—`frequencyGrid` and `areaGrid`—which return the frequency of fires and the mean area burned, respectively, for each coordinate on a map of the park. To further the visual presentation of this data, we transformed the returned matrices into heat maps.

The two figures reveal several important trends about the forest:

1. Fires occur in some regions of the park substantially more than in others.
2. Locations with many fires usually have small mean areas.
3. Locations with few fires usually have large mean areas.

These trends suggest some relation between location in the park and size and frequency of fires. Are some areas of the park more heavily used for campfires? Could the presence of many fires in the past lead to the smaller mean area in areas with a high frequency of fires or is that trend only because fires tend to be small in the first place?

Much to our dismay, this seeming gold mine of information could not be excavated, as our data is spread much too thin to examine individual regions.

2 Parkinson's disease

The data set was created by Max Little of the University of Oxford to discriminate healthy people from those with PD, according to "status" column which is set to 0 for healthy and 1 for PD. Our goal with this data is to try to monitor patients with Parkinson's disease remotely, by simply analyzing their voices on the phone.

2.1 Possible Predictors

The first variable we looked at to see if it could be a good predictor variable was MDVP.Fo.Hz. We ran the following code to get a generalized linear model:

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glm(formula = parkinson$status ~ parkinson$MDVP.Fo.Hz., family = binomial)
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From this we got the following output:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	4.706084	0.775185	6.071	1.27e-09 ***
parkinson\$MDVP.Fo.Hz.	-0.022051	0.004446	-4.960	7.05e-07 ***

We then found the mean value of MDVP.Fo.Hz when the status was zero and got a mean of 181.9378 then we found the mean value if the status was one which was 145.1808. After we got these values we used the logistic equation and plugged the intercept value, the $\hat{\beta}$ and first the mean of MDVP.Fo.Hz when the status is zero to get a value of 0.6668947 which is not a good value for status of zero since we need it to be ≤ 0.5 . We did the same thing but now using the mean of MDVP.Fo.Hz with status one and got a value of 0.8182747 which is higher than 0.5 but since the value that we got for status zero was bad we decided not to use this as one of our predictor variable.

We repeated these steps for the other variables and came up with the data in Table 1.

name	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	mean0	mean1	logit0	logit1
MDVP.Fhi.Hz.	1.871388	-0.003694	223.6368	188.4415	0.6668947	0.8182747
MDVP.Flo.Hz.	3.476248	-0.019075	145.2073	106.8936	0.6696094	0.8080288
MDVP.Jitter.Abs.	-1.0556	66665.3255	2.3375e-05	5.068027e-05	0.6230941	0.9107654
spread1	15.8608	2.3966	-6.759264	-5.33342	0.416196	0.9560066
spread2	-2.4283	17.5354	0.160292	0.2481327	0.5944722	0.9996633
PPE	-4.2214	32.2906	0.1230171	0.2338282	0.438044	0.9654122
NHR	0.4717	39.8604	0.01148271	0.02921095	0.7169546	0.8369981
MDVP.Shimmer.dB	-1.497	12.353	0.1629583	0.3212041	0.6262175	0.9220717
HNR	7.0326	-0.2576	24.67875	20.97405	0.662701	0.8361264
RPDE	-2.4316	7.4058	0.4425519	0.5168159	0.699696	0.8015222
DFA	-6.151	10.233	0.6957156	0.7254079	0.7247721	0.7811019

Table 1: Individual estimates and performance of each variable in the Parkinson's data

Looking through these values we can see that spread 1 and PPE are the only ones that satisfy the condition in which we want logit of status zero to be ≤ 0.5 and logit of status 1 to be < 0.5 . This helped us start to figure out the predictor set by first including PPE and spread 1.

2.2 Predictor Selection 1

After choosing PPE and spread 1 as our predictor variables, we went ahead and ran cross-validation to figure out if the predictor set of both of them together is any good. Using our cross-validation function `cvglmprop` that is included in `p2.R` which returns the proportion of cases that were predicted correctly, and found that we correctly

predicted a patient's status 85.12577% of the time. The model using both spread 1 and PPE together.

$$m_{Y;X}(t) = P(Y = 1|X = t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(9.292+1.618t_1+10.760t_2)}} \quad (2)$$

We then tried each predictor variable by themselves and ran cross-validation on that model. First, using PPE we got that 85.46082% we are predicting correctly. This is better than using both predictor variables together as we did in the previous cross-validation. Then, we ran cross-validation on the model with just spread 1 as the predictor variable and we got that 85.4732% we are predicting correctly. After looking at this we decided that using spread 1 or PPE separately was better than using them together and settled that spread 1 was the predictor variable we are going to use for our model. However, before we continued we wanted to see if using spread 1 and PPE together with a mix of interaction variables could improve our model.

2.3 Predictor Selection 2

We first tried to add the interaction term $PPE \times spread1$ to our model and ran it through the cross-validation and got 84.97113% the model predicted correctly which is worse than we had before. Then, we thought adding $spread1^2$ as the interaction term might lead to better results but again we did not see improvement with 85.11031% predicted correctly. We then went ahead and tried PPE^2 as an interaction term and the model predicted 85.02371% correctly.

The model with the interaction term $PPE \times spread1$:

$$m_{Y;X}(t) = P(Y = 1|X = t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(10.449+1.896t_1-7.230t_2-3.563t_1t_2)}} \quad (3)$$

The model with the interaction term $spread1^2$:

$$m_{Y;X}(t) = P(Y = 1|X = t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(1.9284-1.7461t_1+12.9264t_2-0.2573t_1^2)}} \quad (4)$$

The model with the interaction term PPE^2 :

$$m_{Y;X}(t) = P(Y = 1|X = t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(5.928+1.349t_1+28.907t_2-43.498t_2^2)}} \quad (5)$$

2.4 Final predictor set

After testing various predictor selection we decided to stick with a simple model of just spread 1 as our only predictor variable.

The equation for our model is:

$$m_{Y;X}(t) = P(Y = 1|X = t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(15.8608+2.3966t_1)}} \quad (6)$$

When this regression model is cross-validated, 85.4732% were predicted correctly. We think this model is the best model for classifying the Parkinson status since we did not see any improvement by adding other predictor variables or adding interaction terms. Also, we do not have to worry about the independence assumption holding in this case because our model has only one predictor variable.

2.5 Nonparametric Analysis

For the nonparametric analysis we decided to use the nearest-neighbor function that was provided by Professor Matloff. We then went ahead and created two sets, a training set and a validation set. The total length of our set is 195 and we decided that our training set would be 150 values and 45 values will be the validation set. Then, we used the sample function to sample a training and validation set then using these sets we ran knn and found the proportion of successes. We decided to keep the size of our training and validation set constant while changing k and achieved the graph in Figure 10.

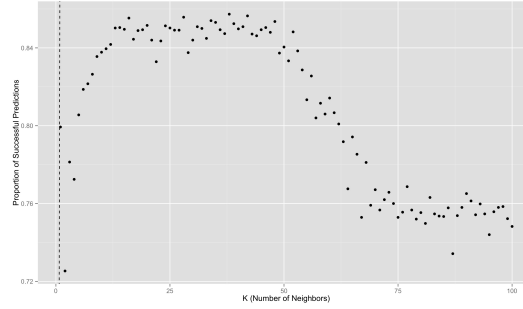


Figure 10: Proportion of Successful Predictions versus Number of Neighbors used in Nearest-Neighbor.

By looking at our data we decided to choose that k being equal to 15 gave us the best outcome with a proportion of 0.8445889 being predicted correctly. By looking at the graph, increasing the value of neighbors from the range of 10 to 40 gave us around the same proportion of successes. We think that using 15 for k is reasonable since it is not a big portion of our data set, we did not feel comfortable increasing the value of k greatly just to get a small increase of successes.

3 Beyond ECS 132

Professor Devanbu’s paper, “Clones: What is that smell?” assesses the validity of the “stink” that surrounds clones. This reputation stems from the long standing belief that clone’s require more project maintenance, as well as their tendency to create code bloat. One of the major problems that people face with software life cycles is maintenance costs, which can require around 80% of the total cost. As a result, Devanbu and others have invested time in research to minimize maintenance costs. One of the simplest ways to lower these costs involves reducing defects in code. Three tests were structured to analyze the relationship between clones and bugs. The first test determines the bug rate of cloned code; the second test compares the bug rate in cloned code to that of regular code; and the last test checks if prolific clone groups are buggier than the non-prolific clone groups. The results and conclusions of each test were formulated using statistical computation and analysis.

The first test was an attempt to discover to what extent cloned code contributed to bugs. The graph plots the cumulative bug convergence on the Y-axis against the clone ratio on the X-axis. According the vertical line, which represents the average clone ratio across all snapshots, both of the projects had that about 80% of bugs have a lower clone ratio than the overall project clone ratio. The test shows that in each case the bugs contained little cloned code.

The second test finds whether clones occur more often in buggy code than elsewhere. A box and whisker plot simply illustrates for all four projects that buggy code had a lower clone ratio. This provides strong evidence that clones are not a large contributor of bugs. To further support this claim, a second table displays the adjusted p values in which a Wilcoxon paired test is used as the null hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis is set to “snapshot clone ratio > bug clone ratio”. Since the p values shown are between 0.01 and 0.05, this provides moderate evidence against the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis. In each of the four projects, clones were not a major source of bugs. This suggests that clones are less buggy than regular code.

The third test assesses whether prolific clone groups are buggier than non-prolific clone groups. This was accomplished by finding the defect density in prolific clone groups and comparing it to those found in non-prolific clone groups. Figure 2 utilizes the resulting data in a box and whisker plot. The graph shows that in each case the bug density in prolific clone groups is lower than that of the non-prolific clone group. In addition, table three utilizes a Wilcoxon test with the alternative hypothesis set to “defect density in non-prolific groups > defect density of prolific group” provides p values that are below 0.5. These p values reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative, providing evidence in that more prolific clone groups are less buggy than non-prolific clone groups.

In each of the three tests, the clones were falsely attributed to a bad trait. Since the four projects used were medium to large open source projects, this data should be applicable in most situations. One area of contention over these results is how cloned code is identified. To address this issue, the tests were applied to two separate data sets. The first data set uses a conservative clone detector, while the second employs a more liberal one. Both

detectors require 50 tokens in length to consider a code segment to be cloned, but the liberal detector allows for 1% less similarity than that of the conservative detector. Since analyzing both data sets led to the same conclusion, the difference in detection methods is negligible. Ultimately, the evidence from each test shows that clones may have unfairly garnered a bad reputation.

A Plots

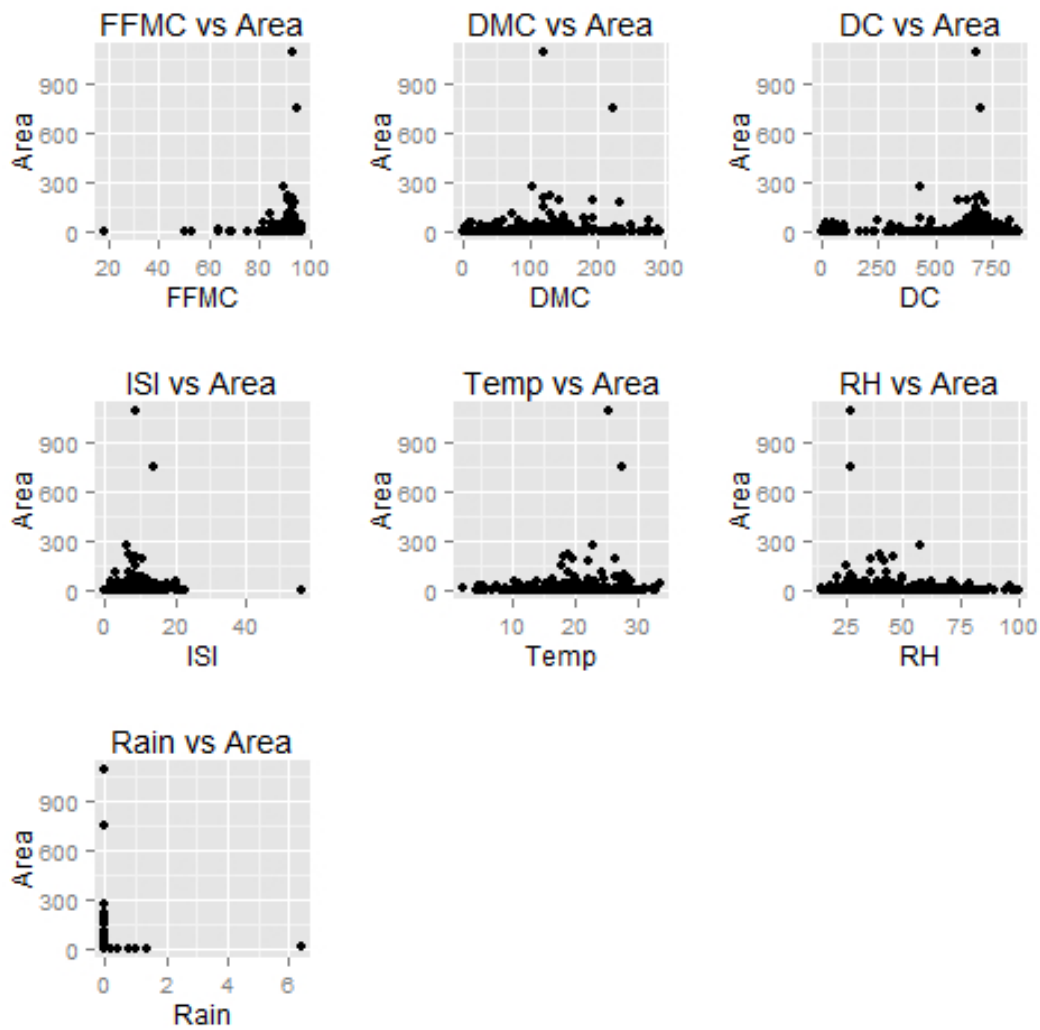


Figure 11: Scatter plots for forest fire data

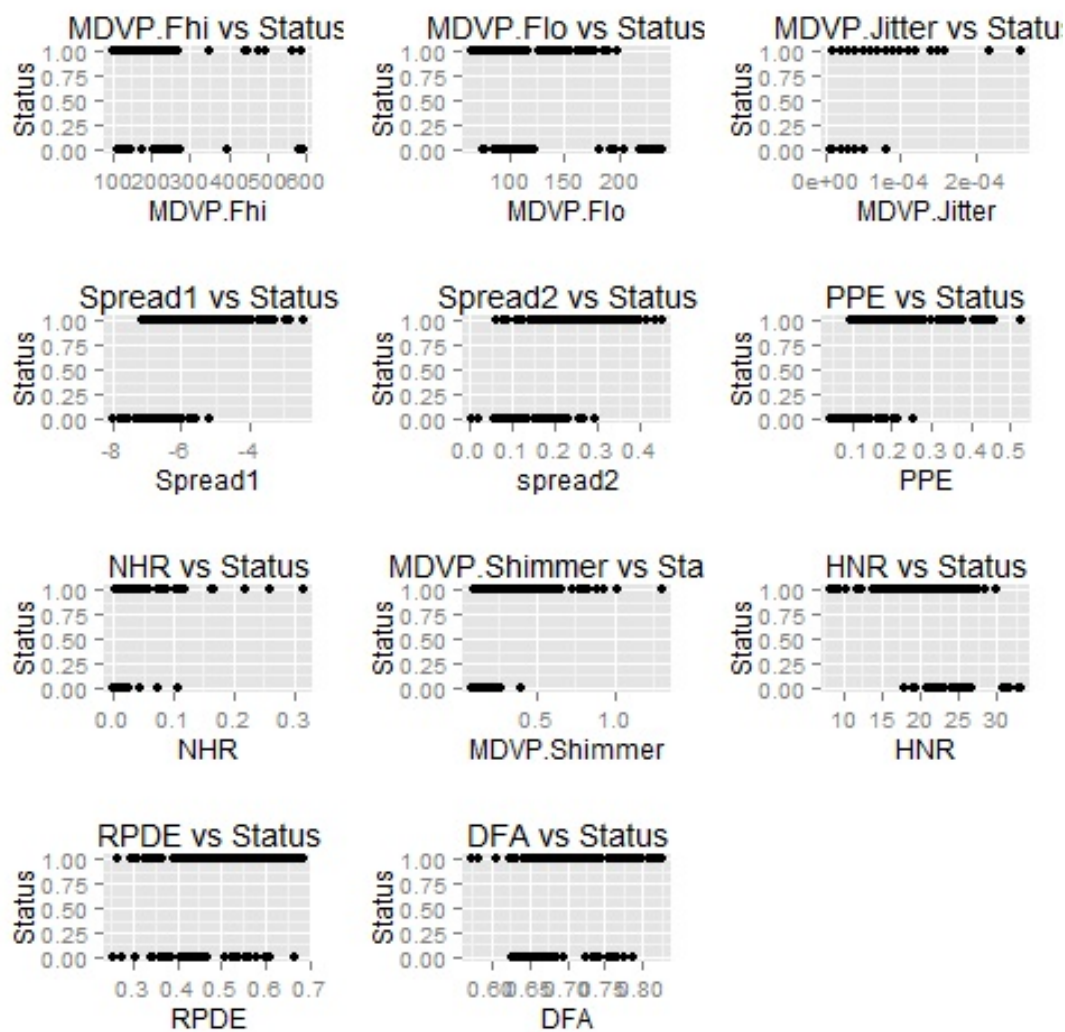


Figure 12: Scatter plots for Parkinson data

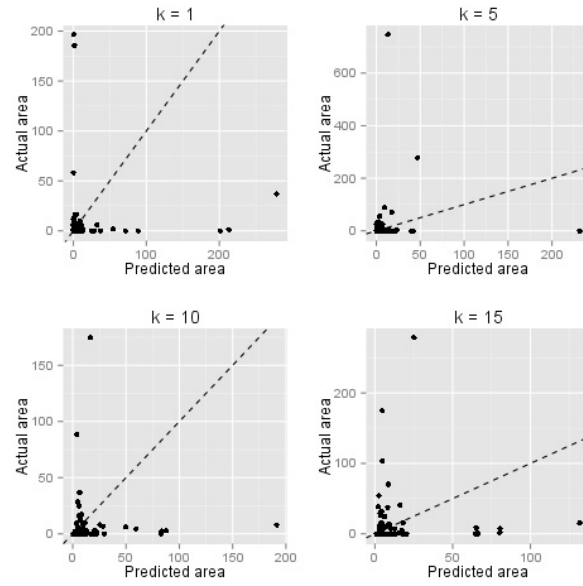


Figure 13: Plot of prediction vs real for nearest-neighbor with all data for training and testing

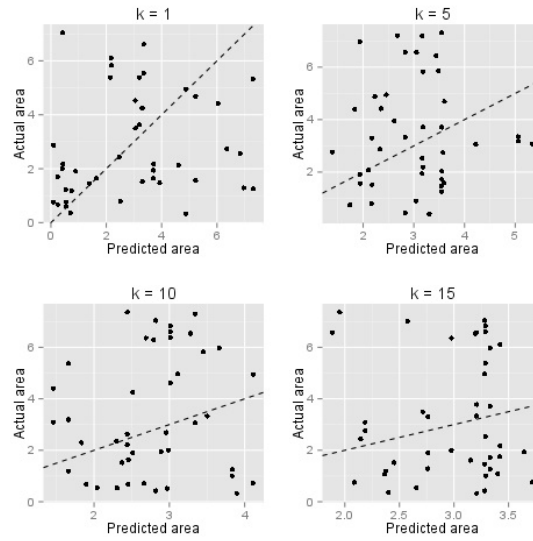


Figure 14: Plot of prediction vs real for nearest-neighbor with restricted data for training and testing

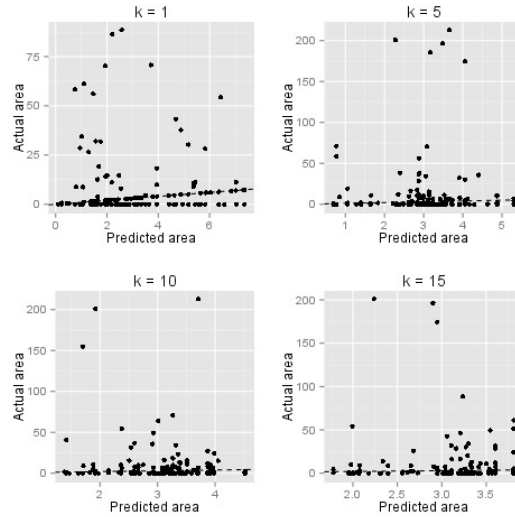


Figure 15: Plot of prediction vs real for nearest-neighbor with restricted data for training and all data for testing

B Code

B.1 Problem 1

Listing 1: Analysis for Forest Fire Data Set

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1 # Construct matrix with mean area for each coordinate
2 areaGrid <- function( data ) {
3   # For a general dataset of the same format, since I'm in the mood
4   origin <- min( data$X,data$Y )
5   maximum <- max( data$X,data$Y )
6   # Generate all possible coordinates. Use various transformations to create a
7   # list of the desired form
8   coords <- as.list( as.data.frame( t( expand.grid( origin:maximum, origin:maximum ) ) ) )
9   # Create map with mean areas
10  t( matrix( sapply( coords,
11    function(x) mean( data[ which( data$X == x[1] & data$Y == x[2] ), ]$area ) ),
12    maximum, maximum ) )
13 }
14
15 # Modification of above to show number of fires per location
16 frequencyGrid <- function( data ) {
17   origin <- min( data$X,data$Y )
18   maximum <- max( data$X,data$Y )
19   coords <- as.list( as.data.frame( t( expand.grid( origin:maximum, origin:maximum ) ) ) )
20   # Create map with fire frequencies
21   t( matrix( sapply( coords,
22     function(x) length( data[ which( data$X == x[1] & data$Y == x[2] ), ]$area ) ),
23     maximum, maximum ) )
24 }
25
26 # Find the mean area for each unique entry in dataVector, e.g. the mean area
27 # for each value of DC would be found with meanArea( data, data$DC ).

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28 # Returns a matrix where the first column is the value in the vector and the
29 # second is the mean area for that value.
30 meanArea <- function( data, dataVector ) {
31   uniques <- unique( dataVector )
32   cbind( uniques, lapply( uniques, function(x)
33     mean( data[dataVector == x,]$area ) ) )
34 }
35
36 # Function for plugging stuff into linear function
37 linear <- function(t,b) { b%*%c(1,t) }
38
39 # Cross validate. Variables data frame must have area first and all predictors
40 # afterwards. Output is a matrix with a column of predicted values and a column
41 # of actual values.
42 cvlm <- function( variables, ntest ) {
43   v <- sample( 1:nrow(variables), ntest )
44   model <- lm( area ~ ., variables[v,] )
45   cbind( apply( as.matrix( variables[-v,-1] ), 1, linear, model$coefficients
46     ), variables[-v,1] )
47 }
48
49 # Same as above, but different data for training and testing.
50 # Both data frames must have same columns
51 cvlmmore <- function( trainers, testers, ntest ) {
52   v <- sample( 1:nrow(testers), ntest )
53   model <- lm( area ~ ., trainers )
54   cbind( apply( as.matrix( testers[v,-1] ), 1, linear, model$coefficients
55     ), testers[v,1] )
56 }
57
58 # Like cvlmmore, but picks the best of the prediction or a zero
59 cvlm_or <- function( trainers, testers, ntest ) {
60   v <- sample( 1:nrow(testers), ntest )
61   model <- lm( area ~ ., trainers )
62   m <- cbind( apply( as.matrix( testers[v,-1] ), 1, linear, model$coefficients
63     ), testers[v,1] )
64   m[m[,2] == 0,1] <- 0
65   m
66 }
67
68 # Same as above, but calls knn instead
69 cvknn <- function( set, ntrain, k ) {
70   v <- sample(1:nrow(set), ntrain)
71   r <- data.frame( cbind( knn( set[v,-1], set[v,1], k, set[-v,-1] )$predyvals,
72     set[-v,1] ) )
73   r
74 }
75
76 cvknnmore <- function( trainers, testers, ntest, k ) {
77   v <- sample(1:nrow(testers), ntest);
78   r <- data.frame( cbind( knn( trainers[, -1], trainers[, 1], k, testers[v, -1])$predyvals,
79     testers[v, 1] ) )
80   colnames(r) <- c("pred", "actual")
81   r

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82 }
83
84 data <- read.csv('forestfires.csv', head=TRUE)
85 # Reorder months and days
86 data$month <- factor(data$month,
87   levels=c('jan', 'feb', 'mar', 'apr', 'may', 'jun',
88     'jul', 'aug', 'sep', 'oct', 'nov', 'dec'))
89 data$day <-
90   factor(data$day, levels=c('mon', 'tue', 'wed', 'thu', 'fri', 'sat', 'sun'))
91 # The following lines are the sine transform of month and day
92 #data$month <- sin( as.integer( data$month ) * pi / 6 )
93 #data$day <- sin( as.integer( data$day ) * 2 * pi / 7 )
94 ordata <- data[order(data$area),][248:400,]

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B.2 Problem 2

Listing 2: Analysis for Parkinson's Data Set

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1 parkinson <- read.csv('parkinsons.data', header=TRUE)
2
3 # Generalized logit function. Inputs are the input variables (the t's in the
4 # book) and the coefficients (the betas in the book). Both inputs are in vector
5 # form. Naturally, the vector t should have one less element than the vector b.
6 logit <- function(t,b) {1/(1+exp(-(b %*% c(1,t)))) }
7
8 # Generalized glm cross validation. Takes as input a data frame where the first
9 # column is status and the remaining columns are predictors. Returns proportion
10 # of successful predictions.
11 # Call the function with cvglmprop( parkinson[,c("status","var1","var2",...)] )
12 # If you want to add interaction terms, perform the multiplication beforehand:
13 # temp <- parkinson[,c("status","var1","var2")]
14 # temp$v1v2 <- temp$var1 * temp$var2
15 # cvglmprop( temp )
16 cvglmprop <- function( variables ) {
17   v <- sample( 1:(nrow(variables) - 1), (nrow( variables ) - 1) * 0.5 )
18   notv <- setdiff( 1:(nrow(variables) - 1), v )
19   model <- glm( status ~ ., data = variables[v,], family = binomial )
20   pred <- apply( as.matrix( variables[notv,-1] ), 1, logit ,
21     model$coefficients )
22   pred <- pred > 0.5
23   mean( pred == variables[notv,1] )
24 }
25
26 #Nonparametric
27 #mean( sapply( 1:4000, function(n) {v <- sample(1:195, 150); mean( parkinson$status[-v] == kn

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C Who did what

Aaron - implemented R functions for Problem 1 and 2 and did initial analysis; generated plots and worked on write up for Problem 1

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