xgboost with crossvalidation in R

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Setting the seed so that we get the same results each time we run the model

```
set.seed(123)
Importing the library mlbench for sonar dataset
library(mlbench)
## Warning: package 'mlbench' was built under R version 3.2.2
library(caret)
## Warning: package 'caret' was built under R version 3.2.3
## Loading required package: lattice
## Loading required package: ggplot2
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.2.5
Storing the data set named "Sonar" into DataFrame named "DataFrame"
data("Sonar")
DataFrame <- Sonar
Type help("Sonar") to know about the data set
help("Sonar")
## starting httpd help server ...
    done
Check the dimension of this data frame
dim(DataFrame)
## [1] 208 61
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Check first 3 rows

head(DataFrame,3)

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##
         V1
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## 1 0.0200 0.0371 0.0428 0.0207 0.0954 0.0986 0.1539 0.1601 0.3109 0.2111
## 2 0.0453 0.0523 0.0843 0.0689 0.1183 0.2583 0.2156 0.3481 0.3337 0.2872
## 3 0.0262 0.0582 0.1099 0.1083 0.0974 0.2280 0.2431 0.3771 0.5598 0.6194
               V12
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                             V14
                                     V15
                                            V16
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                                                          V18
                                                                  V19
## 1 0.1609 0.1582 0.2238 0.0645 0.0660 0.2273 0.3100 0.2999 0.5078 0.4797
## 2 0.4918 0.6552 0.6919 0.7797 0.7464 0.9444 1.0000 0.8874 0.8024 0.7818
## 3 0.6333 0.7060 0.5544 0.5320 0.6479 0.6931 0.6759 0.7551 0.8929 0.8619
        V21
               V22
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## 1 0.5783 0.5071 0.4328 0.5550 0.6711 0.6415 0.7104 0.8080 0.6791 0.3857
## 2 0.5212 0.4052 0.3957 0.3914 0.3250 0.3200 0.3271 0.2767 0.4423 0.2028
## 3 0.7974 0.6737 0.4293 0.3648 0.5331 0.2413 0.5070 0.8533 0.6036 0.8514
##
        V31
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## 1 0.1307 0.2604 0.5121 0.7547 0.8537 0.8507 0.6692 0.6097 0.4943 0.2744
## 2 0.3788 0.2947 0.1984 0.2341 0.1306 0.4182 0.3835 0.1057 0.1840 0.1970
## 3 0.8512 0.5045 0.1862 0.2709 0.4232 0.3043 0.6116 0.6756 0.5375 0.4719
        V41
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## 1 0.0510 0.2834 0.2825 0.4256 0.2641 0.1386 0.1051 0.1343 0.0383 0.0324
## 2 0.1674 0.0583 0.1401 0.1628 0.0621 0.0203 0.0530 0.0742 0.0409 0.0061
## 3 0.4647 0.2587 0.2129 0.2222 0.2111 0.0176 0.1348 0.0744 0.0130 0.0106
        V51
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                                                                         V60
## 1 0.0232 0.0027 0.0065 0.0159 0.0072 0.0167 0.0180 0.0084 0.0090 0.0032
## 2 0.0125 0.0084 0.0089 0.0048 0.0094 0.0191 0.0140 0.0049 0.0052 0.0044
## 3 0.0033 0.0232 0.0166 0.0095 0.0180 0.0244 0.0316 0.0164 0.0095 0.0078
##
     Class
## 1
         R.
## 2
         R.
## 3
         R
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Check the summary of data

summary(DataFrame)

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    Min.
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    1st Qu.:0.01335
                        1st Qu.:0.01645
                                           1st Qu.:0.01895
                                                               1st Qu.:0.02438
    Median :0.02280
                       Median :0.03080
                                           Median : 0.03430
                                                               Median: 0.04405
    Mean
            :0.02916
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                               :0.03844
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                                                   :0.04383
                                                               Mean
                                                                       :0.05389
##
    3rd Qu.:0.03555
                        3rd Qu.:0.04795
                                           3rd Qu.:0.05795
                                                               3rd Qu.:0.06450
##
    Max.
            :0.13710
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                               :0.23390
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    1st Qu.:0.03805
                        1st Qu.:0.06703
                                           1st Qu.:0.0809
                                                              1st Qu.:0.08042
                                           Median :0.1070
    Median : 0.06250
                        Median :0.09215
                                                              Median :0.11210
##
            :0.07520
                               :0.10457
                                           Mean
                                                   :0.1217
                                                                     :0.13480
    Mean
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##
    3rd Qu.:0.10028
                        3rd Qu.:0.13412
                                           3rd Qu.:0.1540
                                                              3rd Qu.:0.16960
##
    Max.
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                        Max.
                               :0.38230
                                                   :0.3729
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    Min.
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                                                             Min.
                                                                     :0.0236
    1st Qu.:0.09703
                        1st Qu.:0.1113
                                          1st Qu.:0.1293
                                                             1st Qu.:0.1335
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Median: 0.15225
                     Median :0.1824
                                      Median :0.2248
                                                       Median :0.2490
   Mean :0.17800
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                     Mean :0.2083
                                      Mean :0.2360
                                                       Mean :0.2502
                                      3rd Qu.:0.3016
   3rd Qu.:0.23342
                     3rd Qu.:0.2687
                                                       3rd Qu.:0.3312
                     Max. :0.7106
   Max. :0.68280
                                      Max. :0.7342
                                                       Max. :0.7060
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         :0.0184
                    Min. :0.0273
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                                                      Min. :0.0162
   Min.
   1st Qu.: 0.1661
                    1st Qu.:0.1752
                                     1st Qu.:0.1646
                                                      1st Qu.:0.1963
                                                      Median : 0.3047
##
   Median : 0.2640
                    Median :0.2811
                                     Median: 0.2817
                    Mean :0.2966
                                                      Mean :0.3785
##
   Mean :0.2733
                                     Mean :0.3202
                                                      3rd Qu.:0.5357
##
   3rd Qu.:0.3513
                    3rd Qu.:0.3862
                                     3rd Qu.:0.4529
   Max. :0.7131
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                    Min. :0.0375
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   1st Qu.:0.2059
                    1st Qu.:0.2421
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   Median :0.3084
                    Median :0.3683
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                                                      Median :0.5425
##
                    Mean :0.4523
##
   Mean :0.4160
                                     Mean :0.5048
                                                      Mean :0.5630
   3rd Qu.:0.6594
                    3rd Qu.:0.6791
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   Max. :1.0000
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##
                    Min. :0.0219
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##
   Min. :0.0512
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   1st Qu.:0.3997
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                                                      1st Qu.:0.5407
   Median : 0.6177
                    Median :0.6649
                                     Median :0.6997
                                                      Median :0.6985
                    Mean :0.6243
                                     Mean :0.6470
                                                      Mean :0.6727
   Mean :0.6091
##
   3rd Qu.:0.8170
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##
                    1st Qu.:0.5442
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   1st Qu.:0.5258
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                    Median :0.7545
##
   Median :0.7211
                                     Median :0.7456
                                                      Median : 0.7319
##
   Mean :0.6754
                    Mean :0.6999
                                     Mean :0.7022
                                                      Mean :0.6940
                    3rd Qu.:0.8938
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   3rd Qu.:0.8737
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   1st Qu.:0.4637
                    1st Qu.:0.4114
                                     1st Qu.:0.3456
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##
                                     Median :0.4904
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   Median :0.6808
                    Median : 0.6071
##
   Mean :0.6421
                    Mean :0.5809
                                     Mean :0.5045
                                                      Mean :0.4390
   3rd Qu.:0.8521
                    3rd Qu.:0.7352
                                     3rd Qu.:0.6420
                                                      3rd Qu.:0.5803
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   Max. :1.0000
                    Max. :1.0000
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   Min. :0.0477
                    Min. :0.0212
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   1st Qu.:0.2579
                    1st Qu.:0.2176
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##
   Median :0.3912
                    Median : 0.3510
                                     Median: 0.3127
                                                      Median: 0.3211
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   Mean :0.4172
                    Mean :0.4032
                                     Mean :0.3926
                                                      Mean :0.3848
                    3rd Qu.:0.5961
                                     3rd Qu.:0.5934
                                                      3rd Qu.:0.5565
   3rd Qu.:0.5561
   Max. :1.0000
                    Max. :0.9647
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   1st Qu.:0.1601
                    1st Qu.:0.1743
                                                      1st Qu.:0.1865
##
   Median :0.3063
                    Median :0.3127
                                     Median :0.2835
                                                      Median :0.2781
                    Mean :0.3397
##
   Mean :0.3638
                                     Mean :0.3258
                                                      Mean :0.3112
                    3rd Qu.:0.4405
                                     3rd Qu.:0.4349
##
   3rd Qu.:0.5189
                                                      3rd Qu.:0.4244
##
   Max. :0.9497
                    Max. :1.0000
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                                                      Max. :0.9297
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Min. :0.0360
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   1st Qu.:0.1631
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                                                       1st Qu.:0.1269
   Median : 0.2595
                     Median : 0.2451
                                      Median :0.2225
                                                       Median : 0.1777
         :0.2893
                          :0.2783
##
   Mean
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                                            :0.2465
                                                       Mean
                                                              :0.2141
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   3rd Qu.:0.3875
                     3rd Qu.:0.3842
                                      3rd Qu.:0.3245
                                                       3rd Qu.:0.2717
         :0.8995
                          :0.8246
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##
   1st Qu.:0.09448
                      1st Qu.:0.06855
                                        1st Qu.:0.06425
                                                          1st Qu.:0.04512
   Median :0.14800
                     Median :0.12135
                                        Median :0.10165
                                                          Median :0.07810
   Mean :0.19723
                     Mean :0.16063
                                        Mean
                                             :0.12245
                                                          Mean :0.09142
                                                          3rd Qu.:0.12010
##
   3rd Qu.:0.23155
                      3rd Qu.:0.20037
                                        3rd Qu.:0.15443
##
   Max. :0.70340
                     Max. :0.72920
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                                                          Max. :0.33390
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##
    1st Qu.:0.02635
                      1st Qu.:0.01155
                                        1st Qu.:0.008425
                                                           1st Qu.:0.007275
##
   Median : 0.04470
                      Median :0.01790
                                        Median :0.013900
                                                           Median :0.011400
   Mean :0.05193
                      Mean :0.02042
                                        Mean :0.016069
                                                           Mean :0.013420
##
   3rd Qu.:0.06853
                      3rd Qu.:0.02527
                                        3rd Qu.:0.020825
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.016725
##
   Max.
         :0.19810
                      Max. :0.08250
                                        Max.
                                             :0.100400
                                                           Max. :0.070900
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        V53
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   Min.
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##
   1st Qu.:0.005075
                       1st Qu.:0.005375
                                          1st Qu.:0.00415
##
   Median :0.009550
                       Median :0.009300
                                          Median: 0.00750
##
   Mean :0.010709
                       Mean :0.010941
                                          Mean :0.00929
   3rd Qu.:0.014900
                       3rd Qu.:0.014500
                                          3rd Qu.:0.01210
   Max. :0.039000
                       Max. :0.035200
                                          Max. :0.04470
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        V56
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          :0.000400
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                                                :0.000300
   1st Qu.:0.004400
                       1st Qu.:0.00370
                                         1st Qu.:0.003600
##
   Median :0.006850
                       Median :0.00595
                                         Median :0.005800
##
   Mean :0.008222
                       Mean :0.00782
                                         Mean :0.007949
   3rd Qu.:0.010575
                       3rd Qu.:0.01043
                                         3rd Qu.:0.010350
   Max. :0.039400
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                       Max.
                             :0.03550
                                         Max.
                                                :0.044000
##
        V59
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##
          :0.000100
                             :0.000600
   Min.
                      Min.
                                         M:111
   1st Qu.:0.003675
                       1st Qu.:0.003100
                                         R: 97
   Median :0.006400
                       Median :0.005300
##
   Mean :0.007941
                       Mean
                              :0.006507
##
   3rd Qu.:0.010325
                       3rd Qu.:0.008525
##
          :0.036400
   Max.
                       Max.
                             :0.043900
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Lets check the data set again

str(DataFrame)

```
208 obs. of 61 variables:
## 'data.frame':
   $ V1
           : num 0.02 0.0453 0.0262 0.01 0.0762 0.0286 0.0317 0.0519 0.0223 0.0164 ...
                 0.0371 0.0523 0.0582 0.0171 0.0666 0.0453 0.0956 0.0548 0.0375 0.0173 ...
##
   $ V2
           : num
   $ V3
                 0.0428 0.0843 0.1099 0.0623 0.0481 ...
           : num
##
  $ V4
                 0.0207 0.0689 0.1083 0.0205 0.0394 ...
## $ V5
                 0.0954 0.1183 0.0974 0.0205 0.059 ...
           : num
##
   $ V6
           : num 0.0986 0.2583 0.228 0.0368 0.0649 ...
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: num 0.154 0.216 0.243 0.11 0.121 ...
##
    $ V8
                  0.16 0.348 0.377 0.128 0.247 ...
           : num
    $ V9
           : num
                  0.3109 0.3337 0.5598 0.0598 0.3564 ...
                  0.211 0.287 0.619 0.126 0.446 ...
   $ V10
          : num
    $ V11
           : num
                  0.1609 0.4918 0.6333 0.0881 0.4152 ...
##
    $ V12
                 0.158 0.655 0.706 0.199 0.395 ...
          : num
    $ V13
          : num
                  0.2238 0.6919 0.5544 0.0184 0.4256 ...
##
    $ V14
           : num
                  0.0645 0.7797 0.532 0.2261 0.4135 ...
##
    $ V15
           : num
                  0.066 0.746 0.648 0.173 0.453 ...
##
    $ V16 : num
                  0.227 0.944 0.693 0.213 0.533 ...
    $ V17
          : num
                  0.31 1 0.6759 0.0693 0.7306 ...
##
    $ V18
          : num
                  0.3 0.887 0.755 0.228 0.619 ...
##
          : num
                  0.508 0.802 0.893 0.406 0.203 ...
    $ V19
                  0.48 0.782 0.862 0.397 0.464 ...
##
    $ V20
          : num
                  0.578 0.521 0.797 0.274 0.415 ...
    $ V21
           : num
##
    $ V22
                  0.507 0.405 0.674 0.369 0.429 ...
           : num
    $ V23
##
                  0.433 0.396 0.429 0.556 0.573 ...
          : num
##
    $ V24
                  0.555 0.391 0.365 0.485 0.54 ...
          : num
   $ V25
##
                  0.671 0.325 0.533 0.314 0.316 ...
          : num
##
    $ V26
           : num
                  0.641 0.32 0.241 0.533 0.229 ...
##
    $ V27
                  0.71 0.327 0.507 0.526 0.7 ...
           : num
                  0.808 0.277 0.853 0.252 1 ...
    $ V28
          : num
                  0.679 0.442 0.604 0.209 0.726 ...
##
    $ V29
           : num
##
    $ V30
           : num
                  0.386 0.203 0.851 0.356 0.472 ...
##
    $ V31
          : num
                  0.131 0.379 0.851 0.626 0.51 ...
    $ V32 : num
                  0.26 0.295 0.504 0.734 0.546 ...
##
    $ V33
           : num
                  0.512 0.198 0.186 0.612 0.288 ...
                  0.7547 0.2341 0.2709 0.3497 0.0981 ...
##
    $ V34
          : num
    $ V35
          : num
                  0.854 0.131 0.423 0.395 0.195 ...
    $ V36
          : num
                  0.851 0.418 0.304 0.301 0.418 ...
##
    $ V37
           : num
                  0.669 0.384 0.612 0.541 0.46 ...
##
    $ V38
          : num
                  0.61 0.106 0.676 0.881 0.322 ...
##
    $ V39
                  0.494 0.184 0.537 0.986 0.283 ...
           : num
    $ V40
                  0.274 0.197 0.472 0.917 0.243 ...
##
          : num
##
                  0.051 0.167 0.465 0.612 0.198 ...
    $ V41
           : num
                 0.2834 0.0583 0.2587 0.5006 0.2444 ...
##
    $ V42
          : num
    $ V43
          : num
                  0.282 0.14 0.213 0.321 0.185 ...
##
           : num
                  0.4256 0.1628 0.2222 0.3202 0.0841 ...
    $ V44
                  0.2641 0.0621 0.2111 0.4295 0.0692 ...
##
    $ V45
           : num
##
                  0.1386 0.0203 0.0176 0.3654 0.0528 ...
    $ V46
          : num
    $ V47
           : num
                  0.1051 0.053 0.1348 0.2655 0.0357 ...
##
                  0.1343 0.0742 0.0744 0.1576 0.0085 ...
    $ V48
           : num
    $ V49
           : num
                  0.0383 0.0409 0.013 0.0681 0.023 0.0264 0.0507 0.0285 0.0777 0.0092 ...
##
                  0.0324\ 0.0061\ 0.0106\ 0.0294\ 0.0046\ 0.0081\ 0.0159\ 0.0178\ 0.0439\ 0.0198\ \dots
    $ V50
          : num
    $ V51
           : num
                  0.0232\ 0.0125\ 0.0033\ 0.0241\ 0.0156\ 0.0104\ 0.0195\ 0.0052\ 0.0061\ 0.0118\ \dots
##
                  0.0027 \ 0.0084 \ 0.0232 \ 0.0121 \ 0.0031 \ 0.0045 \ 0.0201 \ 0.0081 \ 0.0145 \ 0.009 \ \dots
    $ V52
           : num
##
    $ V53
           : num
                  0.0065 0.0089 0.0166 0.0036 0.0054 0.0014 0.0248 0.012 0.0128 0.0223 ...
                  0.0159 0.0048 0.0095 0.015 0.0105 0.0038 0.0131 0.0045 0.0145 0.0179 ...
##
    $ V54
           : num
##
    $ V55
           : num
                  0.0072 0.0094 0.018 0.0085 0.011 0.0013 0.007 0.0121 0.0058 0.0084 ...
##
    $ V56
                  0.0167 \ 0.0191 \ 0.0244 \ 0.0073 \ 0.0015 \ 0.0089 \ 0.0138 \ 0.0097 \ 0.0049 \ 0.0068 \ \dots
           : num
                  0.018\ 0.014\ 0.0316\ 0.005\ 0.0072\ 0.0057\ 0.0092\ 0.0085\ 0.0065\ 0.0032\ \dots
##
    $ V57
           : num
    $ V58
           : num
                  0.0084 0.0049 0.0164 0.0044 0.0048 0.0027 0.0143 0.0047 0.0093 0.0035 ...
           : num
                  0.009 0.0052 0.0095 0.004 0.0107 0.0051 0.0036 0.0048 0.0059 0.0056 ...
    $ V59
    $ V60 : num 0.0032 0.0044 0.0078 0.0117 0.0094 0.0062 0.0103 0.0053 0.0022 0.004 ...
```

```
## $ Class: Factor w/ 2 levels "M", "R": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
```

Lets create the train and test data set. Target variable is Class

```
library(caTools)
library(caret)
ind = createDataPartition(DataFrame$Class, p = 2/3, list = FALSE)
trainDF<-DataFrame[ind,]
testDF<-DataFrame[-ind,]</pre>
```

We will be using the caret package for crossvalidation. Function named train in caret package is used for crossvalidation. Let's choose the parameters for the train function in caret number = 5(It means we are using 5 fold cross-validation) method="cv" (Means we are using cross-validation. You can also choose other like LOOCV or repeated CV, etc.) classProbs=TRUE(It will give the probabilities for each class. Not just the class labels)

We will put the above paramter in the model below in trControl argument

Following are the Tuning parameters which one can tune for xgboost model in caret:

- 1. nrounds (# Boosting Iterations) It is the number of iterations the model runs before it stops. With higher value of nrounds model will take more time and vice-versa.
- 2. max_depth (Max Tree Depth) Higher value of max_depth will create more deeper trees or we can say it will create more complex model. Higher value of max_depth may create overfitting and lower value of max_depth may create underfitting. All depends on data in hand. Default value is 6. range: [1,infinity]
- 3. eta (Shrinkage) It is learning rate which is step size shrinkage which actually shrinks the feature weights. With high value of eta, model will run fast and vice versa. With higher eta and lesser nrounds, model will take lesser time to run. With lower eta and higher nrounds model will take more time. range: [0,1]
- 4. gamma (Minimum Loss Reduction) It is minimum loss reduction required to make a further partition on a leaf node of the tree. The larger value will create more conservative model.

 One can play with this parameter also but mostly other parameters are used for model tuning. range: [0,infinity]
- 5. colsample_bytree (Subsample Ratio of Columns) Randomly choosing the number of columns out of all columns or variables at a time while tree building process. You can think of mtry paramter in random forest to begin understanding more about this. Higher value may create overfitting and lower value may create underfitting. One needs to play with this value. range: (0,1]
- 6. min_child_weight (Minimum Sum of Instance Weight) You can try to begin with thinking of min bucket size in decision tree(rpart). It is like number of observations a terminal node. If the tree partition step results in a leaf node with the sum of instance weight less than min_child_weight, then the building process will give up further partitioning. In linear regression mode, this simply corresponds to minimum number of instances needed to be in each node range: [0,infinity]

Why do we need model tuning? As we have already seen there are lot of parameters in xgboost model like eta,colsample_bytree,etc. You do not know which values of each parameters would give you the best predictive model. So you need to create a grid of several combinations of parameters which you think that can deliver best results. You can start by your intuition and later on keep on modifying the parameters till you are satisfied with the results. Here, for demonstration purpose I'm only choosing two values of colsample_bytree and two values of max_depth. For rest of the parameters single value is taken.

To check how this grid looks like type as below. It gives four combinations of parameters. You can choose more combinations if you need or want.

parametersGrid

```
eta colsample bytree max depth nrounds gamma min child weight
## 1 0.1
                       0.5
                                    3
                                           100
                                                    1
## 2 0.1
                        0.7
                                    3
                                           100
                                                    1
## 3 0.1
                                                                      2
                        0.5
                                    6
                                           100
                                                    1
## 4 0.1
                        0.7
                                    6
                                           100
```

Let's now do the 5-fold crossvalidation for the xboost the model with the chosen parameters grid using train function. We will put the parameters Grid in the tuneGrid argument and controlParameters in trControl argument of train function. To know more about the train function type and run ?train in the console

```
## Loading required package: xgboost
## Warning: package 'xgboost' was built under R version 3.2.5
## Loading required package: plyr
## Warning: package 'plyr' was built under R version 3.2.5
```

Let's check the crossvalidation results for parameters tuning for xgboost model. We can easily see that there are four rows with each having the combination and their corresponding accuracy and kappa, etc. For $\max_{depth=3}$ and $colsample_{bytree=0.5}$ (rest values are fixed as we choose), the value of accuracy and kappa is 0.8203 and 0.6375 (approx) respectively. As the $\max_{depth=3}$ and $colsample_{bytree=0.7}$ gives the best accuracy, the final model is choosen for [nrounds = 100, $\max_{depth=3}$, eta = 0.1, $\max_{depth=3}$, colsample_bytree = 0.7 and $\min_{depth=2}$. You can choose any customized metric other than accuracy. You have to put that in trainControl function.

modelxgboost

```
## eXtreme Gradient Boosting
## 139 samples
## 60 predictor
    2 classes: 'M', 'R'
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 111, 111, 112, 111, 111
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
    max_depth colsample_bytree Accuracy
                                           Kappa
                                                      Accuracy SD
##
               0.5
                                 0.8211640 0.6387160 0.10367114
##
    3
               0.7
                                ##
    6
               0.5
                                0.8423280 0.6826879 0.10234625
##
               0.7
                                0.7994709 0.5956444 0.11664837
##
    Kappa SD
##
    0.2096112
    0.1942108
##
    0.2064117
##
##
    0.2360170
##
## Tuning parameter 'nrounds' was held constant at a value of 100
## Tuning parameter 'gamma' was held constant at a value of 1
## Tuning parameter 'min_child_weight' was held constant at a value of 2
## Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final values used for the model were nrounds = 100, max_depth = 6,
## eta = 0.1, gamma = 1, colsample_bytree = 0.5 and min_child_weight = 2.
```

Let's check the predictions on the test data set

```
predictions<-predict(modelxgboost,testDF)</pre>
```

Let's check the confusion matrix

```
t<-table(predictions=predictions,actual=testDF$Class)
t</pre>
```

```
## actual
## predictions M R
## M 33 6
## R 4 26
```