# Big Data: MLearning Classifiers Grid Search with Sparklyr and H2O-SWater

# WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

H2O is a product created by the H2O.ai company to combine the main algorithms of machine learning and statistical learning with **Big**Data. Thanks to its way of compressing and storing data, H2O can work with millions of records in a single computer (it uses all its cores) or in a cluster of many computers. Internally, H2O is written in Java and follows the Key / Value paradigm for storing data and Map / Reduce for its algorithms. Thanks to its APIs, it is possible to access all its functions from R, Python, or Scala, as well as through a web interface called Flow.

Although H2O's main advantage over other tools is its scalability, its algorithms are equally useful when working with a small volume of data. H2O is an open source, distributed machine learning platform for Everyone. H2O is an alternative open-source cross-platform for machine learning that supports the most widely used statistical & machine learning algorithms including gradient boosted machines, generalized linear models, deep learning and more.

The rsparkling extension package provides bindings to H2O's distributed machine learning algorithms via sparklyr. In particular, rsparkling allows you to access the machine learning routines provided by the H2O Sparkling Water Spark package. The main purpose of rsparkling is to provide a connector between sparklyr and H2O's machine learning algorithms. The rsparkling package uses sparklyr for Spark job deployment and initialization of Sparkling Water. After that, user can use the regular h2o R package for modeling.

This present work is about an application and practical exposition of how to apply two classic Grid Search methods for tunning four (Glm, RandomForest, Gbm, Deeplearning) of the most frequently used machine learning models for classification, by using Sparklyr, rsparkling and H2O-Sparkling Water. The main results obtained are presented here, providing a clear guideline that identifies the classic steps in the modeling process, possible to adapt to any other equivalent database. The key functions and scripts used are proporcionated, allowing the reader to consult the appropriate bibliography and tutorial examples clearly and directly.

You can get more specific information about the H2O machine learning models for classification used in this project in the following links:

Generalized Linear Model (Glm)

H2O documentation

R documentation

Random Forest (RandomForest)

H2O documentation

R documentation

Gradient Boosting Machine (Gbm) H2O documentation R documentation

Deep Learning - Neural Networks (Deeplearning)

H2O documentation

R documentation

An excellent clear practical explanation of the Grid Search methods used in this project can be found here. Even though in this video Kevin (the author) use examples based on Python, his concepts explanations are so clearly exposed that I decided to include it here without a doubt.

While in this project models are run on a small data set in a local spark cluster, these methods can be scaled, for the most part, for data analysis in a distributed Apache Spark cluster.

This project has been developed using sparklyr considering a local Spark cluster environment. The excellent online publications from the University of Chicago "MACS 305001 - Computing for the Social Sciences" in its derived chapter "Spark and sparklyr" and the great "Documentation About Sparkling Water" are both used as bibliographic source of support and consultation base.

# **DATA SOURCE**

In this project I use a prostate cancer dataset which is included in the H2O package. The data was collected by Dr. Donn Young at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center for a study of patients with varying degrees of prostate cancer. You can download the dataset here. The classification goal is to predict the incidence of penetration of the prostatic capsule (CAPSULE) (variable y)

Note that, the dataset is not significant [380 rows x 8 columns] and you may think that the computation takes a long time. Spark is designed to process a considerable amount of data. Spark's performances increase relative to other machine learning libraries when the dataset processed grows larger.

# LOADING THE DATA

```
# Clean memory and remove all fies
rm(list=ls())
# set working directory location for our project
mypath <- "path"
# set working directory
setwd(mypath)
# get current working directory
getwd()
# Load required minimum packages
library(rsparkling)
library(sparklyr)
library(tidyverse) # to get the whole tidyverse: dplyr, ggplot2 tibble, readr, tidyr, purrr
library(reshape2)
library(gridExtra) #viewing multiple plots together
library(grid) # To use with tables
library(h2o)
h2o.init(ip = "localhost",
# Number of threads -1 means use all cores on your machine.
nthreads = -1)
# max_mem_size = "12G") #max mem size is the maximum memory to allocate to H2O
#Cluster data is deleted in case it has already been started.
h2o.removeAll()
# Spark connection
sc <- spark_connect(master = "local")
# Read data from web
path <- "http://h2o-public-test-data.s3.amazonaws.com/smalldata/prostate/prostate.csv"
df_raw <- read.csv(path)
glimpse(df_raw)
```

```
# copy our R data frame onto spark

df <- copy_to(sc, df_raw, name = "df")
```

```
# to see tables in "sc"
src_tbls(sc)
```

```
Output:
[1] "df"
```

# READJUSTMENT DATASET

#### **GETTING DATASET INTO H20 FORMAT**

```
# Getting mydata_tbl into H2O format.
h2o_df <- as.h2o(df, destination_frame = "h2o_df")
h2o_df
```

```
Output:
ID CAPSULE AGE RACE DPROS DCAPS PSA VOL GLEASON
     0 65 1 2 1 1.4 0.0
1 1
                            6
22
     0 72 1 3 2 6.7 0.0
                            7
     0 70 1
              1
                2 4.9 0.0
                            6
4 4
     0 76 2 2
                 1 51.2 20.0
                           7
    0 69 1 1 1 12.3 55.9
5 5
                            6
6 6
    1 71 1 3 2 3.3 0.0
                            8
[380 rows x 9 columns]
```

#### TRANSFORM CATEGORICAL FEATURES INTO FACTORS

Now we have readjusted mydata\_tbl dataset to be incorporated into the H2o format for machine learning models. We isolate the model's dependent variable (y) and turn all the categorical features into numbers that represent factors.

When fitting a model, H2O automatically identifies which variables are categorical and internally creates the corresponding dummy variables. It is highly recommended to allow H2O to carry out this process instead of doing it externally since its implementation is highly optimized. The behavior of the encoding of categorical variables can be controlled with the argument categorical\_encoding, by default, its value is "AUTO".

By default, H2O standardizes numerical predictors before adjusting the models so that they all have mean zero and variance one. This behavior can be controlled with the "standardize" argument

```
y <- "CAPSULE"

x <- setdiff(names(h2o_df), y)

h2o_df[,y] <- as.factor(h2o_df[,y])

h2o_df[,"RACE" ] <- as.factor(h2o_df[,"RACE" ])

h2o_df[,"DCAPS" ] <- as.factor(h2o_df[,"DCAPS" ])

h2o_df[,"DPROS" ] <- as.factor(h2o_df[,"DPROS" ])
```

Although the data set used in this project is small enough to load everything in memory and directly use the magnificent possibilities of exploratory analysis that R offers, to better represent the way to proceed with large volumes of data, now, by way of example, we use some of H2O's own functions.

#### **EXPLORING THE DATA**

h2o.colnames(h2o\_df)

Although the data set used in this example is small enough to load everything into memory and directly use the magnificent possibilities of exploratory analysis that R offers, to better represent the way to proceed with large volumes of data, H2O's functions are used.

```
# Data set dimensions
h2o.dim(h2o_df)

Output:
[1] 380 9

# Columns name
```

```
Output:
[1] "ID" "CAPSULE" "AGE" "RACE" "DPROS" "DCAPS" "PSA"
[8] "VOL" "GLEASON"
```

We can get a quick overview of the data and its structure. The "h2o.describe ()" function is very useful to obtain a quick analysis that shows the data type, the number of missing values, the minimum, maximum, mean value, standard deviation, and the number of categories (Cardinality) of each one of variables. H2O uses the name "enum" for data of type factor or character.

Output:

Label Type Missing Zeros PosInf NegInf Min Max Mean Sigma Cardinality

1 ID int 0 0 0 0 1.0 380.0 190.5000000 109.8407939 NA

2 CAPSULE enum 0 227 0 0 0.0 1.0 0.4026316 0.4910743 3 AGE int 0 0 0 043.0 79.0 66.0394737 6.5270713 NA RACE enum 0 3 0 0 0.0 2.0 0 99 0 0 0.0 3.0 NA 5 DPROS enum NA 6 DCAPS enum 0 339 0 0 0.0 1.0 0.1078947 0.3106564 2 PSA real 0 0 0 0 0.3 139.7 15.4086316 19.9975727 7 NA 8 VOL real 0 167 0 0 0.0 97.6 15.8129211 18.3476200 NA

To count the number of observations of each class in a categorical variable, as in this case the response variable CAPSULE, the h2o.table () function is used.

NA

# A table is created with the number of observations of each type. tabla\_CAPSULE <- as.data.frame(h2o.table(h2o\_df\$CAPSULE)) tabla\_CAPSULE

9 GLEASON int 0 2 0 0 0.0 9.0 6.3842105 1.0919534

Output:
CAPSULE Count
1 0 227
2 1 153

# Once the table is created, it can be loaded into the R environment to be able to graph. ggplot(data = tabla\_CAPSULE, aes(x = as.factor(CAPSULE), y = Count, fill = as.factor(CAPSULE))) + geom\_col() + scale\_fill\_manual(values = c("gray50", "yellow")) + theme\_bw() + labs(x = "CAPSULE", y = "Number of observations", title = "Distribution of the Salary variable") + theme(legend.position = "none")

# GETTING THE TRAIN AND TEST DATASET

#### **GETTING TRAIN AND TEST DATASETS**

The h2o.splitFrame () function performs random partitions, but it does not allow them to do them in a stratified way, so it does not ensure that the distribution of response variable classes is the same in all partitions. This can be problematic with very unbalanced data (some of the groups are very minority).

In the case of unbalanced data, the base should be adjusted in advance according to traditional methods that allow more effective modeling.

# split our data set into 'training', 'test'
partitions <- h2o.splitFrame(h2o\_df, 0.7, seed = 2020)

# Create table references train <-partitions[[1]] test <-partitions[[2]]

# **GRID SEARCH GENERALITIES**

# INTRODUCTION

Grid-searching is the process of scanning the data to configure optimal parameters for a given model. Grid-searching can be applied across

machine learning to calculate the best parameters to use for any given model. Grid-Search will build a model on each parameter combination possible. It iterates through every parameter combination and stores a model for each combination.

Even though grid-search is used to find the optimal hyperparameters of a model which results in the most 'accurate' predictions, It is important to note that it can be extremely computationally expensive and may take your machine quite a long time to run.

There are many hyperparameter optimization/tuning algorithms, but the two most common strategies are: cartesian grid search (or grid search) and random gid search.

#### CARTESIAN AND RANDOM GRID SEARCHING OF HYPERPARAMETERS

The cartesian grid search (or grid search, by short) methodically build and evaluate a model for each combination of algorithm parameters specified in a grid.

For instance, if you have three hyperparameters H1, H2, and H3, and each of them can take on 10, 20, and 10 values, respectively, your grid will contain a total of 10 \* 20 \* 10 = 2000 models.

Cartesian Grid Search, the default grid search method in H2o, exhaustively searches over all possible combinations of the hyperparameters. *If the search space is small, this should be your method of choice*.

Random search differs from a cartesian search in that you no longer provide a discrete set of values to explore for each hyperparameter; rather, you provide a statistical distribution for each hyperparameter from which values may be randomly sampled. That is to say, Random Search replaces the exhaustive enumeration of all combinations by selecting them randomly.

The idea of random searching of hyperparameters was proposed by James Bergstra & Yoshua Bengio. You can check the original paper here. [http://www.jmlr.org/papers/volume13/bergstra12a/bergstra12a.pdf]

In a random grid search a random combination of hyperparameters (H2O will sample uniformly from the set of all possible hyperparameter value combinations) are tested instead of exhaustively testing all possible combinations. Also, the user specifies a stopping criterion, which controls when the random grid search is completed. The user can tell the random grid search to stop by specifying a maximum number of models or the maximum number of seconds allowed for the search. The user may also specify a performance-metric-based stopping criterion, which will stop the random grid search when the performance stops improving by a specified amount. If your search space is large, this should be your method of choice.

# GRID SEARCH MODELING

MODEL: LOGISTIC REGRESSION (LR model)

CARTESIAN GRID SEARCH

Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

GLM hyperparameters

```
alpha_opts = list(list(0), list(.25), list(.5), list(.75), list(1))
lambda_opts = list(list(1), list(.5), list(.1), list(.001), list(.0001), list(.00001), list(.00001), list(0))
glm_params <- list(alpha = alpha_opts, lambda = lambda_opts)
```

Train and validate a grid of GLMs

```
Output:
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: glm_grid1
Used hyper parameters:
- alpha
 - lambda
Number of models: 40
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
 alpha lambda
                   model_ids
                                     auc
1 [0.0] [0.01] glm_grid1_model_16 0.7852855477855478
2 [0.75] [0.001] glm_grid1_model_24 0.7852272727272728
3 [1.0] [0.001] glm_grid1_model_25 0.78522727272728
4 [0.5] [0.001] glm_grid1_model_23 0.7851689976689976
5\ [0.5]\ [0.01]\ glm\_grid1\_model\_18\ 0.7848776223776223
  alpha lambda
                   model_ids auc
35 [0.25] [1.0] glm_grid1_model_2 0.5
36 [0.5] [1.0] glm_grid1_model_3 0.5
37 [0.75] [1.0] glm_grid1_model_4 0.5
38 [1.0] [1.0] glm_grid1_model_5 0.5
39 [0.5] [0.5] glm_grid1_model_8 0.5
40 [0.75] [0.5] glm_grid1_model_9 0.5
```

## **Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure**

Train and validate a grid of GLMs

```
Output:
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: glm_grid2
Used hyper parameters:
- alpha
 - lambda
Number of models: 40
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
 alpha lambda
                  model_ids
                                   auc
1 [0.0] [0.01] glm_grid2_model_16 0.7859549105986007
2 [0.0] [0.1] glm_grid2_model_11 0.7848895799141977
4 [0.5] [0.001] glm_grid2_model_23 0.7845728599809968
5 [1.0] [0.001] glm_grid2_model_25 0.7845440672597966
  alpha lambda
                  model_ids
                                    auc
35 [0.25] [1.0] glm_grid2_model_2 0.43675678788402295
36 [0.5] [1.0] glm_grid2_model_3 0.43675678788402295
37 [0.75] [1.0] glm_grid2_model_4 0.43675678788402295
38 [1.0] [1.0] glm_grid2_model_5 0.43675678788402295
39\ [0.5]\ [0.5]\ glm\_grid2\_model\_8\ 0.43675678788402295
40 [0.75] [0.5] glm_grid2_model_9 0.43675678788402295
```

#### RANDOM GRID SEARCH

# Random Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

## **GLM** hyperparameters

```
search_criteria <- list(strategy = "RandomDiscrete",
max_models = 50)
```

#### Train and validate a grid of GLMs

```
# Output
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: glm_grid3
Used hyper parameters:
- alpha
 - lambda
Number of models: 40
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
 alpha lambda
                   model_ids
                                      auc
1 [0.0] [0.01] glm_grid3_model_12 0.7852855477855478
2 [0.75] [0.001] glm_grid3_model_22 0.7852272727272728
3 [1.0] [0.001] glm_grid3_model_35 0.78522727272728
4 [0.5] [0.001] glm_grid3_model_1 0.7851689976689976
5\ [0.5]\ [0.01]\ glm\_grid3\_model\_28\ 0.7848776223776223
  alpha lambda
                    model_ids auc
35 [0.5] [1.0] glm_grid3_model_19 0.5
36 [1.0] [1.0] glm_grid3_model_24 0.5
37 [0.75] [1.0] glm_grid3_model_32 0.5
38 [0.75] [0.5] glm_grid3_model_34 0.5
39 [1.0] [0.5] glm_grid3_model_4 0.5
40 [0.5] [0.5] glm_grid3_model_5 0.5
```

## **Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure**

Train and validate a grid of GLMs

```
Output:
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: glm_grid4
Used hyper parameters:
- alpha
 - lambda
Number of models: 40
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
 alpha lambda
                  model_ids
                                    auc
1 [0.0] [0.01] glm_grid4_model_13 0.7859549105986007
2 [0.0] [0.1] glm_grid4_model_8 0.7848895799141977
4 [0.5] [0.001] glm_grid4_model_33 0.7845728599809968
5 [1.0] [0.001] glm_grid4_model_30 0.7845440672597966
  alpha lambda
                   model_ids
                                     auc
35 [0.5] [1.0] glm_grid4_model_17 0.43675678788402295
36 [0.75] [1.0] glm_grid4_model_25 0.43675678788402295
37 [0.5] [0.5] glm_grid4_model_3 0.43675678788402295
38 \ [0.75] \ [0.5] \ glm\_grid4\_model\_31 \ 0.43675678788402295
39 \ [0.25] \ [1.0] \ glm\_grid4\_model\_32 \ 0.43675678788402295
40 [1.0] [0.5] glm_grid4_model_37 0.43675678788402295
```

#### MODEL: RANDOM FOREST (RForest\_model)

#### CARTESIAN GRID SEARCH

#### Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

RForest hyperparameters

### Train and validate a grid of RFs

```
Output:
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: rf_grid1
Used hyper parameters:
- mtries
- ntrees
- sample_rate
Number of models: 36
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
mtries ntrees sample_rate
                        model_ids
                                        auc
   3 50
            0.55 rf_grid1_model_2 0.6836247086247086
   3 100
            0.55 rf_grid1_model_5 0.6831876456876457
  2 100 0.632 rf_grid1_model_16 0.6830710955710956
3
  2 50
          0.632 rf_grid1_model_13 0.6821095571095571
4
5
  3 200
           0.55 rf_grid1_model_11 0.6809440559440559
 mtries ntrees sample_rate
                         model_ids
31 4 100
            0.75 rf_grid1_model_30 0.6580419580419581
32 2 50
             0.55 rf_grid1_model_1 0.6574009324009323
33 3 150 0.75 rf_grid1_model_32 0.6561771561771562
35
   4 150 0.75 rf_grid1_model_33 0.6528846153846154
   2 50
             0.75 rf_grid1_model_25 0.6500874125874126
```

# **Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure**

Train and validate a grid of RFs

```
Output:
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: rf_grid2
Used hyper parameters:
- mtries
- ntrees
- sample_rate
Number of models: 36
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
mtries ntrees sample_rate
                        model_ids
   2 200
            0.55 rf_grid2_model_10 0.7319973510696496
   2 150
            0.55 rf_grid2_model_7 0.7283694681984395
   2 100
            0.55 rf_grid2_model_4 0.7271025884656359
3
            0.55 rf_grid2_model_1 0.7248279634908296
4
   2 50
5
  3 200
            0.55 rf_grid2_model_11 0.7229420402522242
 mtries ntrees sample_rate
                        model_ids
31
   3 200
            0.75 rf_grid2_model_35 0.7043563387175722
32 3 150
             0.75 rf_grid2_model_32 0.7037372952117704
33 4 50
             35
   4 150 0.75 rf_grid2_model_33 0.7003973395525611
36
   4 200
             0.75 rf_grid2_model_36 0.6989577034925571
```

#### RANDOM GRID SEARCH

# Random Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

#### Train and validate a grid of RFs

```
# Output
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: rf_grid3
Used hyper parameters:
- mtries
- ntrees
- sample_rate
Number of models: 36
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
mtries ntrees sample_rate
                       model_ids
                                      auc
   3 50
           0.55 rf_grid3_model_18 0.6836247086247086
  3 100
           0.55 rf_grid3_model_4 0.6831876456876457
  2 100 0.632 rf_grid3_model_30 0.6830710955710956
3
  2 50
           0.632 rf_grid3_model_8 0.6821095571095571
4
5
  3 200
           0.55 rf_grid3_model_15 0.6809440559440559
 mtries ntrees sample_rate
                       model_ids
31 4 100
           0.75 rf_grid3_model_12 0.6580419580419581
32 2 50
             0.55 rf_grid3_model_26 0.6574009324009323
35
   4 150 0.75 rf_grid3_model_6 0.6528846153846154
            0.75 rf_grid3_model_5 0.6500874125874126
   2 50
```

# **Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure**

Train and validate a grid of RFs

```
Output:
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: rf_grid4
Used hyper parameters:
- mtries
- ntrees
- sample_rate
Number of models: 36
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
mtries ntrees sample_rate
                       model_ids
                                      auc
   2 200
           0.55 rf_grid4_model_14 0.7319973510696496
   2 150
            0.55 rf_grid4_model_35 0.7283694681984395
          0.55 rf_grid4_model_28 0.7271025884656359
  2 100
3
  2 50
            0.55 rf_grid4_model_30 0.7248279634908296
4
5
  3 200
           0.55 rf_grid4_model_36 0.7229420402522242
 mtries ntrees sample_rate
                        model_ids
31
   3 200 0.75 rf_grid4_model_15 0.7043563387175722
33 4 50 0.75 rf_grid4_model_2 0.701793786530765
35
   4 150 0.75 rf_grid4_model_26 0.7003973395525611
             0.75 rf_grid4_model_7 0.6989577034925571
   4 200
```

# **MODEL: GRADIENT BOOSTING MACHINE (GBM\_model)**

#### CARTESIAN GRID SEARCH

# Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

## GBM hyperparameters

```
gbm_params <- list(learn_rate = c(0.001, 0.05, 0.1),

max_depth = c(5, 10, 15, 20),

sample_rate = c(0.8, 1.0))
```

# Train and validate a grid of GBMs

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: gbm_grid1
Used hyper parameters:
- learn rate
- max_depth
- sample_rate
Number of models: 24
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                                 model_ids
    0.1
                 1.0 gbm_grid1_model_24 0.9996794871794872
2
    0.1
           15
                  1.0 gbm_grid1_model_21 0.9994463869463869
         10
                  3
    0.1
         20
                  0.8 gbm_grid1_model_12  0.995425407925408
4
    0.1
         15
5
     0.1
                 0.8 gbm_grid1_model_9 0.995425407925408
 learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                                  model_ids
19
    0.001
                   0.8 gbm_grid1_model_7 0.8703088578088579
20
    0.001
                   0.8 gbm_grid1_model_1 0.867511655011655
21
    0.001
             5
                   1.0 gbm_grid1_model_13 0.8423368298368299
22
    0.001
             10
                   1.0 gbm_grid1_model_16 0.8423368298368299
23
    0.001
             15
                   1.0 gbm_grid1_model_19 0.8423368298368299
     0.001
                   1.0 gbm_grid1_model_22 0.8423368298368299
```

# **Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure**

# Train and validate a grid of GBMs

```
gbm_grid <- h2o.grid("gbm", y = "CAPSULE", x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "gbm_grid2",
             training_frame= h2o_df,
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             nfolds = 10,
             fold_assignment="Stratified", # can be "AUTO", "Modulo", "Random" or "Stratified"
             # Early stop
             score tree interval = 100,
             stopping_rounds = 3,
             stopping_tolerance = 0.001,
             # Fixed hyperparameters
             ntrees = 100,
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = gbm_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = list(strategy = "Cartesian"),
             seed = 2020)
```

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: gbm_grid2
Used hyper parameters:
- learn_rate
- max_depth
- sample_rate
Number of models: 24
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                                 model_ids
    0.05
                 2
   0.001
            5
                 0.8 gbm_grid2_model_1 0.7371224554432639
         5
                 0.8 gbm_grid2_model_2 0.7367193573464629
3
    0.05
                 0.8 gbm_grid2_model_5 0.7359995393164609
4
    0.05
           10
5
    0.05
           20
                  0.8 gbm_grid2_model_11 0.7358843684316605
 learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                                  model_ids
19
    0.001
                   1.0 gbm_grid2_model_19 0.7140882784831994
20
    0.001
            20
                   1.0 gbm_grid2_model_22 0.7140882784831994
           10
21
     0.1
                  1.0 gbm_grid2_model_18 0.7123607152111947
     0.1
22
            20
                  1.0 gbm_grid2_model_24 0.7085888687339841
     0.1
23
            10
                  0.8 gbm_grid2_model_6 0.7085888687339841
24
                  1.0 gbm_grid2_model_21 0.7068037200195791
     0.1
            15
```

#### RANDOM GRID SEARCH

# Random Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

```
search_criteria <- list(strategy = "RandomDiscrete",
max_models = 50)
```

#### Train and validate a grid of GBMs

```
gbm_grid <- h2o.grid("gbm", y = "CAPSULE", x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "gbm_grid3",
             training_frame= train,
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             #nfolds = 10,
             #fold_assignment="Stratified", # can be "AUTO", "Modulo", "Random" or "Stratified"
             # Early stop
             score_tree_interval = 100,
             stopping_rounds = 3,
             stopping_tolerance = 0.001,
             # Fixed hyperparameters
             ntrees = 100,
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = gbm_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = search_criteria,
             seed = 2020)
```

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: gbm_grid3
Used hyper parameters:
- learn_rate
- max_depth
- sample_rate
Number of models: 24
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                            model_ids
    0.1
              1.0 gbm_grid3_model_13 0.9996794871794872
2
    0.1
         15
               0.1 10
               1.0 gbm_grid3_model_10  0.999067599067599
3
    0.1 15
               4
    0.1
         20
5
              learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                            model_ids
19
   0.001
                0.8 gbm_grid3_model_6 0.8703088578088579
20
    0.001
                5
21
   0.001
                1.0 gbm_grid3_model_11 0.8423368298368299
22
   0.001
           10
                1.0 gbm_grid3_model_12 0.8423368298368299
23
   0.001
           15
                1.0 gbm_grid3_model_16 0.8423368298368299
24
    0.001
                1.0 gbm_grid3_model_23 0.8423368298368299
```

# Random Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure

```
search_criteria <- list(strategy = "RandomDiscrete",
max_models = 50)
```

#### Train and validate a grid of GBMs

```
gbm_grid <- h2o.grid("gbm", y = "CAPSULE", x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "gbm_grid4",
             training_frame= h2o_df,
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             nfolds = 10,
             fold_assignment="Stratified", # can be "AUTO", "Modulo", "Random" or "Stratified"
             # Early stop
             score_tree_interval = 100,
             stopping_rounds = 3,
             stopping_tolerance = 0.001,
             # Fixed hyperparameters
             ntrees = 100,
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = gbm_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = search_criteria,
             seed = 2020)
```

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
_____
Grid ID: gbm_gri4
Used hyper parameters:
- learn_rate
- max_depth
- sample_rate
Number of models: 24
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                             model_ids
              5
5
   0.05
   0.001
                0.8 gbm_grid4_model_23 0.7371224554432639
         5 0.8 gbm_grid4_model_9 0.7367193573464629
3
   0.05
         10
               0.8 gbm_grid4_model_6 0.7359995393164609
4
    0.05
    0.05 20 0.8 gbm_grid4_model_17 0.7358843684316605
5
 learn_rate max_depth sample_rate
                                model_ids
19
    0.001
                  1.0 gbm_grid4_model_18 0.7140882784831994
20 0.001 20
                  1.0 gbm_grid4_model_22 0.7140882784831994
21 0.1 10 1.0 gbm_grid4_model_5 0.7123607152111947
22
    0.1 20 1.0 gbm_grid4_model_19 0.7085888687339841
23
     0.1 10 0.8 gbm_grid4_model_7 0.7085888687339841
24
     0.1 15 1.0 gbm_grid4_model_14 0.7068037200195791
```

# **MODEL: DEEP LEARNING - NEURAL NETWORKS (DL\_model)**

#### CARTESIAN GRID SEARCH

Grid Search Train / Test dataset procedure

#### DL hyperparameters

```
dl_params <- list(hidden = list(c(64), c(128), c(256), c(512), c(1024), c(64,64), c(128,128), c(256,256), c(512,512)))
```

Train and validate a grid of DLs

```
dl_grid <- h2o.grid(
             # Algorithm
             algorithm="deeplearning",
             activation=c("RectifierWithDropout"),
             epochs=500,
             #adaptive_rate = FALSE,
             # Response variable and predictors
             y = "CAPSULE",
             x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "dl_grid1",
             # Training data
             training_frame= train,
             shuffle_training_data = FALSE,
             # Preprocessed
             standardize = TRUE,
             missing_values_handling = "Skip",
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             # Early stop
             stopping_metric="AUC",
             stopping_tolerance= 0.01,
             stopping_rounds = 3,
             # Regularization
             I1=1e-5,
             I2=1e-5,
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = dl_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = list(strategy = "Cartesian"),
             seed = 2020)
```

# Get the grid results, sorted by validation AUC

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
===========
Grid ID: dl_grid1
Used hyper parameters:
 - hidden
Number of models: 9
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
             model_ids
   hidden
                               auc
   [1024] dl_grid6_model_5 0.8193181818181818
1
2
   [512] dl_grid6_model_4 0.8131410256410256
   [256] dl grid6 model 3 0.8083041958041959
4 [256, 256] dl_grid6_model_8 0.8052156177156178
5 [128] dl_grid6_model_2 0.8037004662004663
6 [512, 512] dl_grid6_model_9 0.8035256410256411
7 [128, 128] dl_grid6_model_7 0.8032342657342657
     [64] dl_grid6_model_1 0.8026515151515151
9 [64, 64] dl_grid6_model_6 0.8010780885780886
```

#### Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure

Train and validate a grid of GBMs

```
dl_grid <- h2o.grid(
             # Algorithm
             algorithm="deeplearning",
             activation=c("RectifierWithDropout"),
             epochs=500,
             #adaptive_rate = FALSE,
             # Response variable and predictors
             y = "CAPSULE",
             x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "dl_grid2",
             # Training data
             training_frame= h2o_df,
             shuffle_training_data = FALSE,
             # Cross Validation
             nfolds = 10,
             fold_assignment="Stratified", # can be "AUTO", "Modulo", "Random" or "Stratified"
             # Preprocessed
             standardize = TRUE,
             missing_values_handling = "Skip",
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             # Early stop
             stopping_metric="AUC",
             stopping_tolerance= 0.01,
             stopping_rounds = 3,
             # Regularization
             I1=1e-5,
             I2=1e-5,
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = dl_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = list(strategy = "Cartesian"),
             seed = 2020)
```

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
Grid ID: dl grid2
Used hyper parameters:
 - hidden
Number of models: 9
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
   hidden
             model ids
                               auc
1 [64, 64] dl_grid2_model_6 0.7866171431862025
2
    [64] dl_grid2_model_1 0.7848319944717975
3
   [256] dl_grid2_model_3 0.7813192824853876
   [128] dl_grid2_model_2 0.7697446085629552
5 [512] dl_grid2_model_4 0.765022602286142
6 [128, 128] dl_grid2_model_7 0.7602718032881288
7 [512, 512] dl_grid2_model_9 0.7557513460597161
8 [1024] dl_grid2_model_5 0.7545996372117129
9 [256, 256] dl_grid2_model_8 0.7353373067288589
```

#### Train and validate a grid of DLs

```
dl grid <- h2o.grid(
             # Algorithm
             algorithm="deeplearning",
             activation=c("RectifierWithDropout"),
             epochs=500,
             #adaptive rate = FALSE,
             # Response variable and predictors
             y = "CAPSULE",
             x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "dl_grid3",
             # Training data
             training_frame= train,
             shuffle_training_data = FALSE,
             # Preprocessed
             standardize = TRUE,
             missing_values_handling = "Skip",
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             # Early stop
             stopping_metric="AUC",
             stopping_tolerance= 0.01,
             stopping_rounds = 3,
             # Regularization
             I1=1e-5,
             I2=1e-5,
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = dl_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = search_criteria,
             seed = 2020)
```

# Get the grid results, sorted by validation AUC

```
Output
H2O Grid Details
===========
Grid ID: dl_grid3
Used hyper parameters:
 - hidden
Number of models: 9
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
   hidden
             model ids
                               auc
  [1024] dl_grid6_model_5 0.8193181818181818
   [512] dl_grid6_model_4 0.8131410256410256
   [256] dl_grid6_model_3 0.8083041958041959
4 [256, 256] dl_grid6_model_8 0.8052156177156178
5 [128] dl_grid6_model_2 0.8037004662004663
6 [512, 512] dl_grid6_model_9 0.8035256410256411
7 [128, 128] dl_grid6_model_7 0.8032342657342657
    [64] dl_grid6_model_1 0.8026515151515151
9 [64, 64] dl_grid6_model_6 0.8010780885780886
```

#### Random Grid Search KFold Cross Validation procedure

```
dl grid <- h2o.grid(
             # Algorithm
             algorithm="deeplearning",
             activation=c("RectifierWithDropout"),
             epochs=500,
             #adaptive_rate = FALSE,
             # Response variable and predictors
             y = "CAPSULE",
             x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
             grid_id = "dl_grid4",
             # Training data
             training_frame= h2o_df,
             shuffle_training_data = FALSE,
             # Cross Validation
             nfolds = 10,
             fold_assignment="Stratified", # can be "AUTO", "Modulo", "Random" or "Stratified"
             # Preprocessed
             standardize = TRUE,
             missing_values_handling = "Skip",
             ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
             # Early stop
             stopping_metric="AUC",
             stopping_tolerance= 0.01,
             stopping\_rounds = 3,
             # Regularization
             I1=1e-5.
             I2=1e-5.
             # Optimized hyperparameters
             hyper_params = dl_params,
             # Search type
             search_criteria = search_criteria,
             seed = 2020)
```

```
===========
Grid ID: dl_grid4
Used hyper parameters:
- hidden
Number of models: 9
Number of failed models: 0
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing auc
  hidden
            model_ids
                            auc
  [1024] dl_grid4_model_5 0.8020500417494457
2 [64, 64] dl_grid4_model_2 0.7836227001813941
   [64] dl_grid4_model_3 0.7834787365753938
4 [128, 128] dl_grid4_model_9 0.7688808269269529
5 [512, 512] dl_grid4_model_8 0.7673260199821486
6 [128] dl_grid4_model_1 0.7659151766433446
   [256] dl_grid4_model_7 0.7584578618525237
9 [256, 256] dl_grid4_model_6 0.7539661973453111
```

The models are compared based on the method (Train/Test or KFold) and the AUC metric obtained in each case.

These metric values are arranged in a table and then arranged in a possible format to process with ggplot2, generating the respective comparative visualization.

The Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) algorithm performed the best and had a comparatively better AUC metric in the Train/Test method for both the Cartesian and Random procedures. Meantime, on the other hand, the Deep Learning-Neural Network (DL) model got a better AUC result for the KFold method in the two procedures applied.

#### Characterization of the best models

## Best model by Train/Test method

The selected model is the Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) algorithm with AUC = 0.9996794871794872 and Hyper-Parameter:

```
learn_rate = 0.1
max_depth = 20
sample_rate = 1.0
```

The characterization of the model can be obtained using the print command as follows.

```
Output:
Model Details:
_____
H2OBinomialModel: gbm
Model ID: GBM_model_R_1598310950573_1
Model Summary:
number_of_trees number_of_internal_trees model_size_in_bytes min_depth
1
                      100
                                  32264
                                             5
max_depth mean_depth min_leaves max_leaves mean_leaves
   16 10.04000 19 24 20.96000
1
H2OBinomialMetrics: gbm
** Reported on training data. **
MSE: 0.03192855
RMSE: 0.1786856
LogLoss: 0.1498627
Mean Per-Class Error: 0.009090909
AUC: 0.9996795
AUCPR: 0.9898817
Gini: 0.999359
R^2: 0.8653624
Confusion Matrix (vertical: actual; across: predicted) for F1-optimal threshold:
    0 1 Error Rate
    162 3 0.018182 = 3/165
1
    0 104 0.000000 =0/104
Totals 162 107 0.011152 =3/269
Maximum Metrics: Maximum metrics at their respective thresholds
            metric threshold value idx
             max f1 0.389477 0.985782 104
1
            max f2 0.389477 0.994264 104
2
3
         max f0point5 0.469360 0.994094 99
4
         max accuracy 0.469360 0.988848 99
5
         max precision 0.999511 1.000000 0
6
         max recall 0.389477 1.000000 104
7
        max specificity 0.999511 1.000000 0
8
        max absolute mcc 0.389477 0.976878 104
9 max min_per_class_accuracy 0.430621 0.987879 102
10 max mean_per_class_accuracy 0.389477 0.990909 104
            max tns 0.999511 165.000000 0
11
             max fns 0.999511 103.000000 0
12
             max fps 0.001804 165.000000 265
13
            max tps 0.389477 104.000000 104
14
15
             max tnr 0.999511 1.000000 0
16
             max fnr 0.999511 0.990385 0
17
             max fpr 0.001804 1.000000 265
18
             max tpr 0.389477 1.000000 104
Gains/Lift Table: Extract with `h2o.gainsLift(, )` or `h2o.gainsLift(, valid=, xval=)`
```

#### **Making Predictions**

The Train/Test method train the models using the "train" data as the training data. So, to use the model to predict we have to train the model using all data (h2o\_df) and the best-known parameters.

Below is a brief view of the predictions obtained based on the dataset.

```
# Generate the predictions on a test set (if necessary):
pred <- h2o.predict(GBM_model, newdata = test)
pred
Output:
predict
         p0
                  p1
   1 0.5893065 0.410693521
1
     1 0.3543368 0.645663223
    1 0.5505129 0.449487099
   0 0.9556726 0.044327425
4
5
   0 0.9905264 0.009473623
6
    0 0.8623784 0.137621574
[111 rows x 3 columns]
```

#### Best model by KFold method

The selected model is the Deep Learning-Neural Network (DL) algorithm with AUC = 0.7920589674930177 and Hyper-Parameter:

```
hidden = [1024]
```

The characterization of the model can be obtained using the print command as follows.

```
DL_model <- h2o.deeplearning(
           # Algorithm
           activation=c("RectifierWithDropout"),
           epochs=500,
           #adaptive_rate = FALSE,
           hidden = c(1024),
           input_dropout_ratio = 0.0,
           # Response variable and predictors
           y = "CAPSULE",
           x = c("AGE", "RACE", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
           # Training data
           training_frame= h2o_df,
           # Preprocessed
           standardize = TRUE,
           missing values handling = "Skip",
           ignore_const_cols = TRUE,
           # Early stop
           stopping_metric="AUC",
           stopping_tolerance= 0.01,
           stopping_rounds = 3,
           # Regularization
           I1=1e-5,
           I2=1e-5,
           seed = 2020)
print(DL_model)
Output:
Model Details:
==========
H2OBinomialModel: deeplearning
Model ID: DeepLearning_model_R_1598718661326_672
Status of Neuron Layers: predicting CAPSULE, 2-class classification, bernoulli distribution, CrossEntropy loss, 10.242 weights/biases, 135,0 KB, 19
0.000 training samples, mini-batch size 1
               layer units
             Input 0.00 % NA
1 1 7
   2 1024 RectifierDropout 50.00 % 0.000010 0.000010 0.193687 0.343031
3 3 2 Softmax NA 0.000010 0.000010 0.009714 0.009128
momentum mean_weight weight_rms mean_bias bias_rms
    NA NA NA
                         NA
                                 NA
2 0.000000 -0.052502 0.262709 -0.056548 0.279210
3 0.000000 0.008416 0.148099 0.056109 0.140763
H2OBinomialMetrics: deeplearning
```

```
** Reported on training data. **
** Metrics reported on full training frame **
MSE: 0.1659942
RMSE: 0.4074238
LogLoss: 0.4883401
Mean Per-Class Error: 0.2623161
AUC: 0.825329
AUCPR: 0.7819455
Gini: 0.6506579
Confusion Matrix (vertical: actual; across: predicted) for F1-optimal threshold:
     0 1 Error
                  Rate
0
    145 82 0.361233 =82/227
     25 128 0.163399 =25/153
1
Totals 170 210 0.281579 =107/380
Maximum Metrics: Maximum metrics at their respective thresholds
             metric threshold
              max f1 0.319374 0.705234 207
2
             max f2 0.134448 0.821545 304
          max f0point5 0.737796 0.724947 77
3
4
          max accuracy 0.554822 0.771053 136
5
          max precision 0.999995 1.000000 0
6
           max recall 0.036747 1.000000 339
7
         max specificity 0.999995 1.000000 0
8
        max absolute_mcc 0.554822 0.518132 136
9 max min_per_class_accuracy 0.443643 0.726872 171
10 max mean_per_class_accuracy 0.554822 0.754038 136
             max tns 0.999995 227.000000 0
11
12
             max fns 0.999995 152.000000 0
13
              max fps 0.000000 227.000000 376
14
              max tps 0.036747 153.000000 339
              max tnr 0.999995 1.000000 0
15
              max fnr 0.999995 0.993464 0
16
              max fpr 0.000000 1.000000 376
17
              max tpr 0.036747 1.000000 339
18
Gains/Lift Table: Extract with `h2o.gainsLift(, )` or `h2o.gainsLift(, valid=, xval=)`
```

## **Making Predictions**

The KFold method trains the models using all data (h2o\_df) as the training data. So we can use directly the selected model which already considers the best-known parameters.

```
# Best model chosen by AUC:
best_model <- h2o.getModel(dl_gridperf4@model_ids[[1]])
```

Below is a brief view of the predictions obtained based on the dataset.

```
# Generate the predictions on a test set (if necessary):
pred <- h2o.predict(best_model, newdata = test)
pred
```

```
Output:
predict p0 p1
1 1 0.66265631 3.373437e-01
2 1 0.36200723 6.379928e-01
3 1 0.08907328 9.109267e-01
4 0 0.99992892 7.107996e-05
5 0 0.98164801 1.835199e-02
6 1 0.20583521 7.941648e-01

[111 rows x 3 columns]
```

This project is about a practical exposition of how to apply two classic Grid Search methods for tunning four of the most frequently used machine learning models for classification, by using Sparklyr and H2O-SWater.

The tune processes can obviously be optimized either by modifying the current hyperparameter values or by incorporating others. However, it should be noted that incorporating more hyperparameter into the tune will require a greater amount of process time and, in some cases, will not be feasible to carry out.

Data can be loaded directly into the H2O cluster, or -as was done in this project- by first loading it into memory in the R session and then transferring it. The second option is not recommended if the data volume is very large.

While these models ran on a small data set in a local spark cluster, these methods can be scaled, for the most part, for data analysis in a distributed Apache Spark cluster.

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