

## Comprehension Check: Caret Package

These exercises take you through an analysis using the `tissue_gene_expression` dataset.

### Q1

1/1 point (graded)

Use the `rpart` function to fit a classification tree to the `tissue_gene_expression` dataset. Use the `train` function to estimate the accuracy. Try out `cp` values of `seq(0, 0.1, 0.01)`. Plot the accuracies to report the results of the best model. Set the seed to 1991.

Which value of `cp` gives the highest accuracy?

✓ Answer: 0

### Explanation

The following code can be used to do generate the plot and get the value of `cp`:

```
library(caret)
library(dslabs)
set.seed(1991)
data("tissue_gene_expression")

fit <- with(tissue_gene_expression,
           train(x, y, method = "rpart",
                 tuneGrid = data.frame(cp = seq(0, 0.1, 0.01))))

ggplot(fit)
```

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### Q2

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Note that there are only 6 placentas in the dataset. By default, `rpart` requires 20 observations before splitting a node. That means that it is difficult to have a node in which placentas are the majority. Rerun the analysis you did in the exercise in Q1, but this time, allow `rpart` to split any node by using the argument `control = rpart.control(minsplit = 0)`. Look at the confusion matrix again to determine whether the accuracy increases. Again, set the seed to 1991.

What is the accuracy now?

✓ Answer: 0.9141

### Explanation

The following code can be used to re-run the analysis and view the confusion matrix:

```
set.seed(1991)
data("tissue_gene_expression")

fit_rpart <- with(tissue_gene_expression,
                  train(x, y, method = "rpart",
                        tuneGrid = data.frame(cp = seq(0, 0.10, 0.01)),
                        control = rpart.control(minsplit = 0)))

ggplot(fit_rpart)
confusionMatrix(fit_rpart)
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## Q3

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Plot the tree from the best fitting model of the analysis you ran in Q2.

Which gene is at the first split?

☐ B3GNT4

☐ CAPN3

☐ CES2

☐ CFHR4

☐ CLIP3

☒ GPA33

☐ HRH1



### Explanation

The first split is at GPA33  $\geq 8.794$ . The following code will give the tree:

```
plot(fit_rpart$finalModel)
text(fit_rpart$finalModel)
```

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## Q4

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We can see that with just seven genes, we are able to predict the tissue type. Now let's see if we can predict the tissue type with even fewer genes using a Random Forest. Use the `train` function and the `rf` method to train a Random Forest model and save it to an object called `fit`. Try out values of `mtry` ranging from `seq(50, 200, 25)` (you can also explore other values on your own). What `mtry` value maximizes accuracy? To permit small `nodesize` to grow as we did with the classification trees, use the following argument: `nodesize = 1`.

Note: This exercise will take some time to run. If you want to test out your code first, try using smaller values with `ntree`. Set the seed to 1991 again.

What value of `mtry` maximizes accuracy?

100

✓ Answer: 100

100

### Explanation

The following code can be used to do the analysis:

```
set.seed(1991)
library(randomForest)
fit <- with(tissue_gene_expression,
            train(x, y, method = "rf",
                  nodesize = 1,
                  tuneGrid = data.frame(mtry = seq(50, 200, 25))))

ggplot(fit)
```

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## Q5

1/1 point (graded)

Use the function `varImp` on the output of `train` and save it to an object called `imp`.

```
imp <- #BLANK
imp
```

What should replace #BLANK in the code above?

Do not include spaces in your answer.

varImp(fit)

✓ Answer: varImp(fit)

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## Q6

1/1 point (graded)

The `rpart` model we ran above produced a tree that used just seven predictors. Extracting the predictor names is not straightforward, but can be done. If the output of the call to train was `fit_rpart`, we can extract the names like this:

```
tree_terms <- as.character(unique(fit_rpart$finalModel$frame$var[!
(fit_rpart$finalModel$frame$var == "<leaf>")]))
tree_terms
```

Calculate the variable importance in the Random Forest call for these seven predictors and examine where they rank.

What is the importance of the CFHR4 gene in the Random Forest call?

Enter a number.

✓ Answer: 35.0

What is the rank of the CFHR4 gene in the Random Forest call?

Enter a number.

✓ Answer: 7

### Explanation

The following code can be used to calculate the rank and importance in the Random Forest call for the predictors from the `rpart` model:

```
data_frame(term = rownames(imp$importance),
            importance = imp$importance$Overall) %>%
  mutate(rank = rank(-importance)) %>% arrange(desc(importance)) %>%
  filter(term %in% tree_terms)
```

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