

Choose the good metric

TASK: Classification of skin cancer tumors (based on images)

- Decide between two models A and B to predict $y \in \{\text{malignant}, \text{benign}\}$

	<i>Precision</i>	<i>Recall</i>
<i>Model A</i>	93%	85%
<i>Model B</i>	86%	95%

- Precision:** Of examples classified as malignant, what % are actually malignant?
- Recall:** What % of malignant examples are actually classified as malignant?
- F1-score: **Average** of P and R : $\frac{2}{1/P+1/R}$

What a good evaluation metrics is depends on your problem

Changing evaluation metrics

- **Metric:** Classification error = 1 - classification accuracy
 - Model A: 5%
 - Model B: 8%
- **Model A** seems to do better but you prefer model B since it is doing better on malignant melanoma tumors which you are especially interested in.
- What to do ?
 - Change the metrics

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{w}_i} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{1}_{\{\hat{y}_i \neq y_i\}}, \quad \mathbf{w}_i = \begin{cases} 10 & \text{if malignant melanoma} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- and/or your validation/test dataset distribution (by including more malignant melanoma examples).

Changing evaluation metrics

- How do we make sure that we train our model towards this metric?
- If we have reweighed the metric, we can do the same for our training objective.

$$\text{Metric} := \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^m w_i} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \mathbf{1}_{\{\hat{y}_i \neq y_i\}}, \quad \text{Loss Function} := \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^m w_i} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i L(\hat{y}_i \neq y_i)$$

Key point:

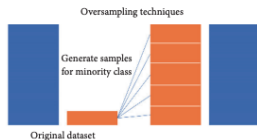
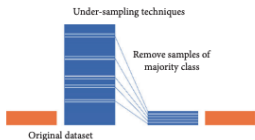
- 1 Define your problem by choosing metric and validation/test dataset.
- 2 Adapt your learning algorithm to do well on your metric

Imbalanced Dataset

Class imbalance problem in multiple areas: telecommunication managements, bioinformatics, fraud detection, medical diagnosis, . . .

Accuracy is not the good metric to look at: why ?

- A survey on **Resampling approach**



Drawback

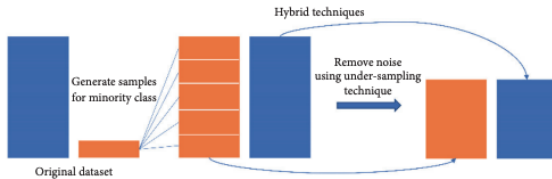
leave out important instances that provide important differences between the two classes.

Drawback

lead to model overfitting by introducing duplicate instances, drawing from a pool of instances that is already small.

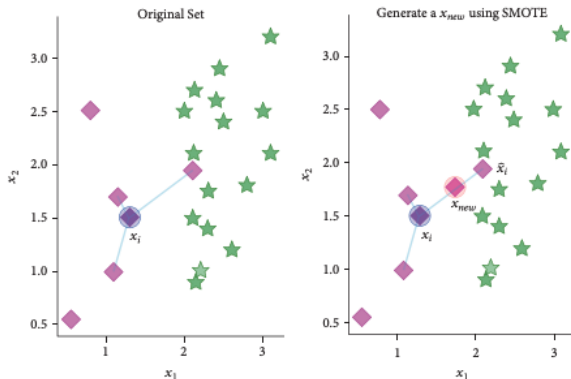
Hybrid approach

- Combining Oversampling and Undersampling



SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique)

- Creates new instances of the **minority class** by creating convex combinations of neighboring instances.



Edited Nearest Neighbor (ENN)

Edited Nearest Neighbor undersampling of the majority class is done by removing points whose class label differs from a majority of its k nearest neighbor.

- Combine SMOTE and ENN: **SMOTE-ENN**

