Enron Machine Learning Project

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Introduction

Can machine learning be used to Identify Fraud in Enron? Using emails and financial data released during the Federal investigation, we'll attempt to identify executives that were persons of interest using machine learning. A person of interest (POI) is defined as a person who was indicted for fraud, settled with the government, or testified in exchange for immunity.

First, a brief background on Enron, before filing for bankruptcy in 2001, Enron Corporation was one of the largest integrated natural gas and electricity companies in the world. It marketed natural gas liquids worldwide and operated one of the largest natural gas transmission systems in the world, totaling more than 36,000 miles. It was also one of the largest independent developers and producers of electricity in the world, serving both industrial and emerging markets. Enron was also a major supplier of solar and wind renewable energy worldwide, managed the largest portfolio of natural gas-related risk management contracts in the world, and was one of the world's biggest independent oil and gas exploration companies. In North America, Enron was the largest wholesale marketer of natural gas and electricity. Enron pioneered innovative trading products, such as gas futures and weather futures, significantly modernizing the utilities industry. After a surge of growth in the early 1990s, the company ran into difficulties. The magnitude of Enron's losses was hidden from stockholders. The company folded after a failed merger deal with Dynegy Inc. in 2001 brought to light massive financial finagling. The company had ranked number seven on the Fortune 500, and its failure was the biggest bankruptcy in American history.

1.1 Import Modules

```
In [90]: %matplotlib inline
    import sys
    import pickle
    import numpy as np
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import pandas as pd
    pd.set_option('display.notebook_repr_html', True)

def _repr_latex_(self):
        return "{\centering %s}" % self.to_latex()

pd.DataFrame._repr_latex_ = _repr_latex_ # monkey patch pandas DataFrame
    sys.path.append("../tools/")

from feature_format import featureFormat, targetFeatureSplit
    from tester import test_classifier, dump_classifier_and_data

## Determine Best features
```

```
from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectKBest
from sklearn.feature_selection import f_classif,f_regression
## Classifiers
from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.cluster import MiniBatchKMeans
## Pipeline
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline, FeatureUnion
## Scalers
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler,MinMaxScaler,Imputer
## Component Reduction
from sklearn.lda import LDA
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from check import output_classifier
## Scoring
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score, precision_score, f1_score
from sklearn.metrics.scorer import make_scorer
## Split and validation
from sklearn.cross_validation import StratifiedShuffleSplit
## Search for best parameters for classifier
from sklearn.grid_search import GridSearchCV, RandomizedSearchCV
## Display pandas dataframe as HTML
from IPython.display import display
```

Data Overview

2.1 Import the data

Read the data and convert the data into pandas data frame.

2.2 Review and Clean the Data

In [92]: df.describe().transpose()

Out [92]:

	count	unique	top	freq
bonus	146	42	NaN	64
$deferral_payments$	146	40	NaN	107
$deferred_income$	146	45	NaN	97
$director_fees$	146	18	NaN	129
$email_address$	146	112	NaN	35
$exercised_stock_options$	146	102	NaN	44
expenses	146	95	NaN	51
$from_messages$	146	65	NaN	60
$from_poi_to_this_person$	146	58	NaN	60
$from_this_person_to_poi$	146	42	NaN	60
$loan_advances$	146	5	NaN	142
$long_term_incentive$	146	53	NaN	80
other	146	93	NaN	53
poi	146	2	False	128
$restricted_stock$	146	98	NaN	36
$restricted_stock_deferred$	146	19	NaN	128
salary	146	95	NaN	51
$shared_receipt_with_poi$	146	84	NaN	60
$to_messages$	146	87	NaN	60
$total_payments$	146	126	NaN	21
total_stock_value	146	125	NaN	20

A few things jump out, there appears to be 146 employees and the top value across all the fields is 'NaN'. A couple other items stand out, only a small number received loan_advances and paid direct fees. In addition, only 12% of the employees are person of interest. Based on the size and distribution of the dataset, stratified shuffle split to validate the precision and recall of the model.

Email_address column is unquie like the employees name and doesn't provide additional value. In addition, all email addresses in the dataset contain enron or nan. Therefore, I choose to drop the email_address field.

```
In [94]: df.drop('email_address', 1,inplace=True)
```

Drop all employees with three or less features (3 including poi). This includes the Travel Agency and Lockhart.

Describe provides concise overview of the dataset. The first item that jumps out... The top value in each column is 'NaN' which means the dataset contains a significant amount of missing data.

Let's convert the remaining fields to numbers.

Out [96]:

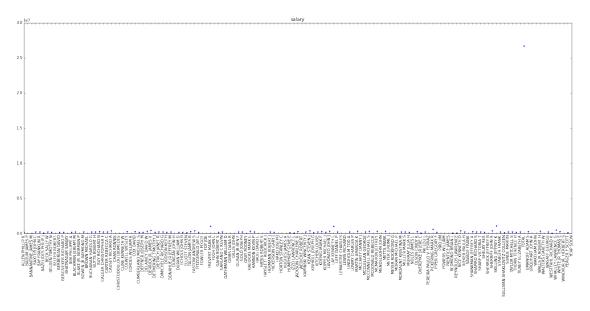
	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
bonus	82	2374235	10713328	70000	431250	769375	1200000	97343619
$deferral_payments$	39	1642674	5161930	-102500	81573	227449	1002672	32083396
$deferred_income$	49	-1140475	4025406	-27992891	-694862	-159792	-38346	-833
director_fees	16	169774	330140	3285	83674	106164	112815	1398517
$exercised_stock_options$	99	6158405	31517823	3285	596344	1362375	2576926	311764000
expenses	95	108729	533535	148	22614	46950	79952	5235198
$from_messages$	86	609	1841	12	23	41	146	14368
$from_poi_to_this_person$	86	65	87	0	10	35	72	528
$from_this_person_to_poi$	86	41	100	0	1	8	25	609
$loan_advances$	4	41962500	47083209	400000	1600000	41762500	82125000	83925000
long_term_incentive	66	1470361	5942759	69223	281250	442035	938672	48521928
other	91	933202	4638934	2	1203	51587	365380	42667589
poi	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
$restricted_stock$	110	2321741	12518278	-2604490	254018	451740	1002370	130322299
$restricted_stock_deferred$	18	166411	4201494	-7576788	-389622	-146975	-75010	15456290
salary	95	562194	2716369	477	211816	259996	312117	26704229
$shared_receipt_with_poi$	86	1176	1178	2	250	740	1888	5521
$to_messages$	86	2074	2583	57	541	1211	2635	15149
$total_payments$	122	5200982	29409585	148	484430	1121274	2099339	309886585
total_stock_value	123	6931067	39420569	-44093	503684	1118394	3082744	434509511

```
plt.figure(figsize=(26,10))
df[column].plot(style='.')
x = range(len(df[column]))
```

In [97]: column='salary'

plt.xticks(x,df.index)
locs, labels = plt.xticks()

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plt.setp(labels, rotation=90)
plt.title(column)
plt.show()
```

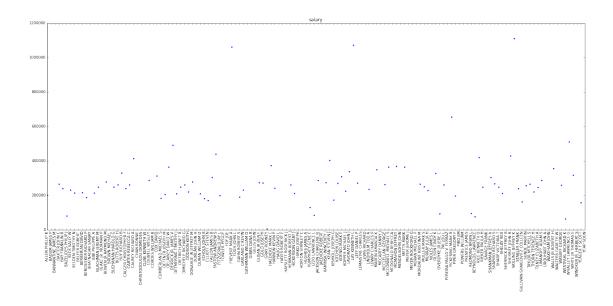


After plotting the employee salaries, it's clear the Total is an aggregate and it should be dropped as well.

```
In [98]: df.drop('TOTAL', 0,inplace=True)
In [99]: column='salary'

    plt.figure(figsize=(26,10))
    df[column].plot(style='.')
    x = range(len(df[column]))
    plt.xticks(x,df.index)
    locs, labels = plt.xticks()

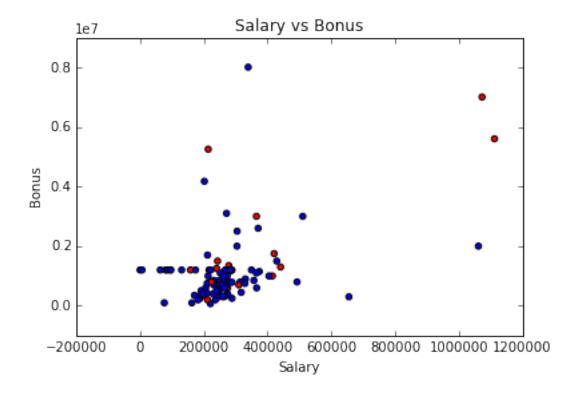
    plt.setp(labels, rotation=90)
    plt.title(column)
    plt.show()
```

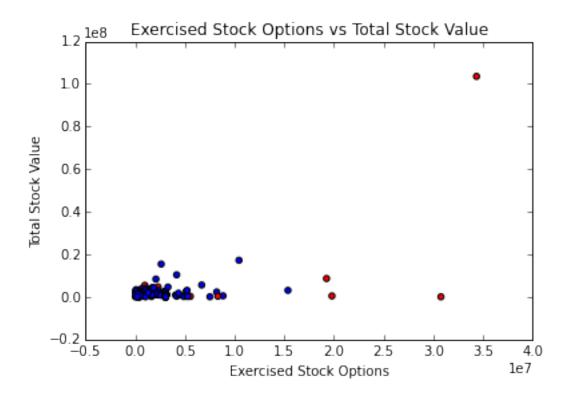


Now, we'll fill any NaNs with the mean.... I tried using Imputer but the model didn't perform as well.

```
In [100]: df = df.apply(lambda x: x.fillna(x.mean()),axis=0)
```

Next, we'll review the scatter plot for salary vs bonus, exercised_stock_options vs total_payments. Please see the final_project_plots.html to review all plots.





In [103]: df.drop('color', axis=1, inplace=True)

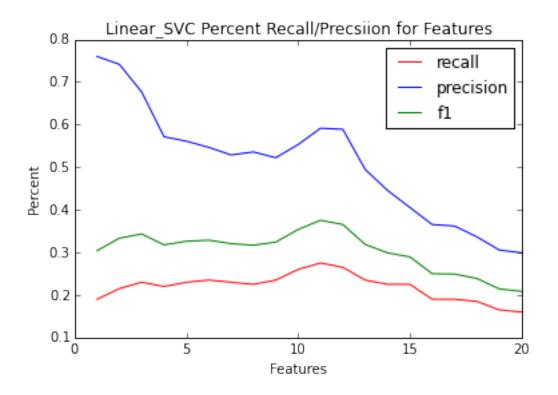
2.3 Create New Features and Create Feature List

First, I created a new feature to_poi_ratio. My belief is sending a high number emails to a POI likely means the person is also involved in fruad. Next, let's determine which feature should be included in the model.

2.4 Select Best Features for Models

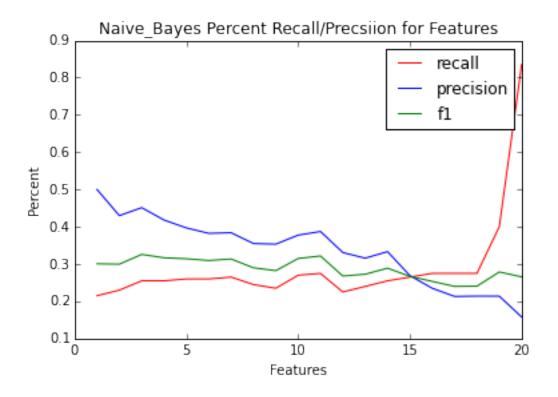
```
In [105]: names = ["Linear_SVC", "Naive_Bayes"
             , "KNeighborsClassifier", "DecisionTreeClassifier"]
          classifiers = [LinearSVC(),GaussianNB()
             ,KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=2),DecisionTreeClassifier()]
          for name, classifier in zip(names, classifiers):
              print "{} Percent Recall/Precsiion for Features".format(name)
              for i in range(1,len(features_list)):
                  clf = Pipeline([
                     ('scaler', StandardScaler()),
                     ('kbest', SelectKBest(k=i)),
                     ('classifier', classifier),
                  ])
                  results[i] = output_classifier( clf, my_dataset, features_list, folds = 100)
              results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).transpose()
              f_count = range(1,len(features_list))
              plt.plot(f_count, results.recall , color='r', label='recall')
              plt.plot(f_count, results.precision, color='b', label='precision')
                                           , color='g', label='f1')
              plt.plot(f_count, results.f1
             plt.xlabel('Features')
              plt.ylabel('Percent')
              plt.title( "{} Percent Recall/Precsiion for Features".format(name))
              plt.legend()
              plt.show()
              display(results)
```

Linear_SVC Percent Recall/Precsiion for Features



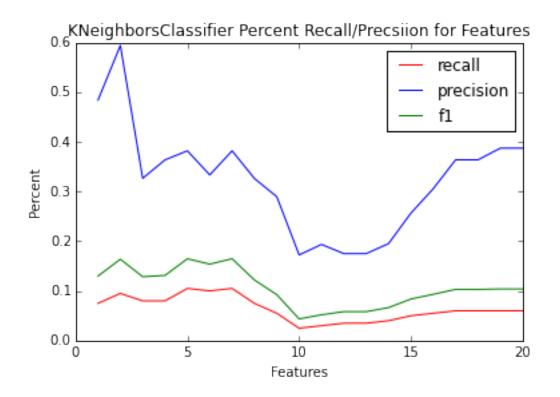
	accuracy	f1	f2	precision	recall
1	0.875714	0.304000	0.223529	0.760000	0.190
2	0.877143	0.333333	0.250583	0.741379	0.215
3	0.874286	0.343284	0.264977	0.676471	0.230
4	0.865000	0.317690	0.250855	0.571429	0.220
5	0.864286	0.326241	0.260771	0.560976	0.230
6	0.862857	0.328671	0.265237	0.546512	0.235
7	0.860714	0.320557	0.259301	0.528736	0.230
8	0.861429	0.316901	0.254525	0.535714	0.225
9	0.860000	0.324138	0.264045	0.522222	0.235
10	0.864286	0.353741	0.290828	0.553191	0.260
11	0.869286	0.375427	0.307951	0.591398	0.275
12	0.868571	0.365517	0.297753	0.588889	0.265
13	0.856429	0.318644	0.262570	0.494737	0.235
14	0.849286	0.299003	0.249723	0.445545	0.225
15	0.842143	0.289389	0.246981	0.405405	0.225
16	0.837143	0.250000	0.210177	0.365385	0.190
17	0.836429	0.249180	0.209945	0.361905	0.190
18	0.831429	0.238710	0.203297	0.336364	0.185
19	0.827143	0.214286	0.181718	0.305556	0.165
20	0.826429	0.208469	0.176406	0.299065	0.160

Naive_Bayes Percent Recall/Precsiion for Features



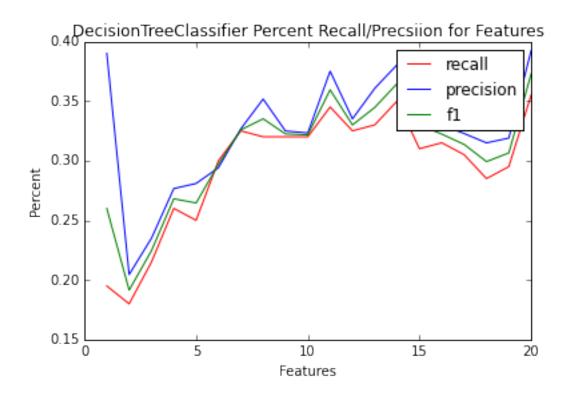
	accuracy	f1	f2	precision	recall
1	0.857143	0.300699	0.242664	0.500000	0.215
2	0.846429	0.299674	0.253583	0.429907	0.230
3	0.849286	0.325879	0.279299	0.451327	0.255
4	0.842857	0.316770	0.276573	0.418033	0.255
5	0.837857	0.314199	0.279270	0.396947	0.260
6	0.834286	0.309524	0.277778	0.382353	0.260
7	0.834286	0.313609	0.282516	0.384058	0.265
8	0.828571	0.289941	0.261194	0.355072	0.245
9	0.829286	0.282282	0.251876	0.353383	0.235
10	0.832143	0.314869	0.286320	0.377622	0.270
11	0.834286	0.321637	0.291932	0.387324	0.275
12	0.824286	0.267857	0.240385	0.330882	0.225
13	0.817143	0.272727	0.252101	0.315789	0.240
14	0.820714	0.288952	0.267576	0.333333	0.255
15	0.792143	0.267003	0.265797	0.269036	0.265
16	0.768571	0.253456	0.265957	0.235043	0.275
17	0.751429	0.240175	0.259924	0.213178	0.275
18	0.752143	0.240700	0.260170	0.214008	0.275
19	0.704286	0.278746	0.340716	0.213904	0.400
20	0.340714	0.265712	0.449650	0.157994	0.835

 ${\tt KNeighborsClassifier\ Percent\ Recall/Precsion\ for\ Features}$



	accuracy	f1	f2	precision	recall
1	0.856429	0.129870	0.090253	0.483871	0.075
2	0.861429	0.163793	0.114183	0.593750	0.095
3	0.845000	0.128514	0.094229	0.326531	0.080
4	0.848571	0.131148	0.094787	0.363636	0.080
5	0.847857	0.164706	0.122807	0.381818	0.105
6	0.842857	0.153846	0.116279	0.333333	0.100
7	0.847857	0.164706	0.122807	0.381818	0.105
8	0.845714	0.121951	0.088652	0.326087	0.075
9	0.845714	0.092437	0.065632	0.289474	0.055
10	0.843571	0.043668	0.030157	0.172414	0.025
11	0.843571	0.051948	0.036101	0.193548	0.030
12	0.838571	0.058333	0.041667	0.175000	0.035
13	0.838571	0.058333	0.041667	0.175000	0.035
14	0.839286	0.066390	0.047562	0.195122	0.040
15	0.843571	0.083682	0.059595	0.256410	0.050
16	0.847143	0.093220	0.065789	0.305556	0.055
17	0.850714	0.103004	0.072029	0.363636	0.060
18	0.850714	0.103004	0.072029	0.363636	0.060
19	0.852143	0.103896	0.072202	0.387097	0.060
20	0.852143	0.103896	0.072202	0.387097	0.060

DecisionTreeClassifier Percent Recall/Precsiion for Features



	accuracy	f1	f2	precision	recall
1	0.841429	0.260000	0.216667	0.390000	0.195
2	0.782857	0.191489	0.184426	0.204545	0.180
3	0.787857	0.224543	0.218718	0.234973	0.215
4	0.797143	0.268041	0.263158	0.276596	0.260
5	0.801429	0.264550	0.255624	0.280899	0.250
6	0.797143	0.297030	0.298805	0.294118	0.300
7	0.807857	0.325815	0.325325	0.326633	0.325
8	0.818571	0.335079	0.325866	0.351648	0.320
9	0.807857	0.322418	0.320963	0.324873	0.320
10	0.807143	0.321608	0.320641	0.323232	0.320
11	0.824286	0.359375	0.350610	0.375000	0.345
12	0.811429	0.329949	0.326962	0.335052	0.325
13	0.820714	0.344648	0.335707	0.360656	0.330
14	0.825714	0.364583	0.355691	0.380435	0.350
15	0.820000	0.329787	0.317623	0.352273	0.310
16	0.810714	0.322251	0.317861	0.329843	0.315
17	0.809286	0.313625	0.308392	0.322751	0.305
18	0.809286	0.299213	0.290520	0.314917	0.285
19	0.809286	0.306494	0.299492	0.318919	0.295
20	0.829286	0.372703	0.361876	0.392265	0.355

Using selectkbest and the plots found in final_project_plots.html, I selected the following features for my initial model.

```
for score, feature in sorted(zip(selector, features_list[1:]), reverse=True):
    print feature,score
```

exercised_stock_options 27.6300165058 total_stock_value 20.2386111807 to_poi_ratio 15.3323918413 bonus 11.0278729552 salary 9.06155550947 total_payments 7.3433576332 restricted_stock 6.60730691505 loan_advances 6.04841019442 long_term_incentive 5.74943809023 shared_receipt_with_poi 5.524340357 deferred_income 5.40792037439 from_poi_to_this_person 2.92653569833 other 1.80626877577 from_this_person_to_poi 1.31157326324 from_messages 0.564677533178 expenses 0.461224464842 deferral_payments 0.366498924661 to_messages 0.35488527817 director_fees 1.23951588535e-31 restricted_stock_deferred 3.94738593348e-32

2.5 Create Final Feature List

Analysis Validation and Performance

Using an example for the sklearn documenation, I decided to test LinearSVC and GaussianNB using Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA). PCA identifies the combination of attributes (principal components, or directions in the feature space) that account for the most variance in the data. Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) tries to identify attributes that account for the most variance between classes. In particular, LDA, in contrast to PCA, is a supervised method, using known class labels.

http://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/decomposition/plot_pca_vs_lda.html

Based on the size and distribution of the dataset, Sklearn's StratifiedShuffleSplit function was used to perform validation and capture performance measures. For 1000 folds, StratifiedShuffleSplit splits the dataset into two parts: training and testing sets. First, the training dataset is passed to the algorithm using fit. Then, the test dataset is passed to predict. Last, the results of predict is evaluated for each employee to determine if the outcome is a true positive, true negative, false positive, or false negative. After all 1000 folds are completed, the precision and recall is calculated.

3.1 Run the models using StandardScaler

Out [109]:

	recall	f1	f2	precision	accuracy
DecisionTreeClassifier	0.2395	0.240160	0.239764	0.240825	0.783500
KNeighborsClassifier	0.0795	0.121560	0.092270	0.258117	0.835857
$Linear_SVC$	0.2335	0.336334	0.266036	0.601030	0.868357
Naive_Bayes	0.3105	0.378197	0.334446	0.483645	0.854143

3.2 Run the models using StandardScaler and PCA

Out[110]:

	recall	f1	f2	precision	accuracy
DecisionTreeClassifier	0.3565	0.356233	0.356393	0.355966	0.815929
KNeighborsClassifier	0.1700	0.258555	0.196987	0.539683	0.860714
Linear_SVC	0.2190	0.334479	0.254090	0.707593	0.875500
Naive_Bayes	0.2275	0.328283	0.259348	0.589378	0.867000

3.3 Run the models using StandardScaler and LDA

Out[111]:

	recall	f1	f2	precision	accuracy
DecisionTreeClassifier	0.3415	0.358154	0.347972	0.376516	0.825143
KNeighborsClassifier	0.1835	0.273472	0.211308	0.536550	0.860714
Linear_SVC	0.2375	0.339893	0.270040	0.597484	0.868214
Naive_Bayes	0.3275	0.400857	0.353366	0.516562	0.860143

Using the features selected, I wasn't able build a model with recall and precision great than 30%. Next, I'll attempt to use performance tuning to build a model that meets the 30/30 goal.

3.4 Performance Tuning and Validation

John Meyers, in a stack overflow post, defined performance tuning as the following, In the abstract sense of machine learning, tuning is working with / "learning from" variable data based on some parameters which have been identified to affect system performance as evaluated by some appropriate1 metric. Improved performance reveals which parameter settings are more favorable (tuned) or less favorable (untuned). Translating this into common sense, tuning is essentially selecting the best parameters for an algorithm to optimize its performance given a working environment such as hardware, specific workloads, etc. And tuning in machine learning is an automated process for doing this.

To put performance tuning into even simpler terms, Performance tuning in machine learning is similar to performance tuning your car. In car, you might put in new spark plugs, brake pads, exhaust system, or computer chip to make the car accelerate or stop more quickly. In machine learning, performance tuning is the ability to increase the performance, in this case precise and recall, without additional data.

Cross-validation definition from Wikipedia: Cross-validation, sometimes called rotation estimation, is a model validation technique for assessing how the results of a statistical analysis will generalize to an independent data set. It is mainly used in settings where the goal is prediction, and one wants to estimate how accurately a predictive model will perform in practice. In a prediction problem, a model is usually given a dataset of known data on which training is run (training dataset), and a dataset of unknown data (or first seen data) against which the model is tested (testing dataset). The goal of cross validation is to define a dataset to "test" the model in the training phase (i.e., the validation dataset), in order to limit problems like overfitting, give an insight on how the model will generalize to an independent dataset (i.e., an unknown dataset, for instance from a real problem), etc.

One round of cross-validation involves partitioning a sample of data into complementary subsets, performing the analysis on one subset (called the training set), and validating the analysis on the other subset (called the validation set or testing set). To reduce variability, multiple rounds of cross-validation are performed using different partitions, and the validation results are averaged over the rounds.

Cross-validation is important in guarding against testing hypotheses suggested by the data, especially where further samples are hazardous, costly or impossible to collect.

Furthermore, one of the main reasons for using cross-validation instead of using the conventional validation (e.g. partitioning the data set into two sets of 70% for training and 30% for test) is that the error (e.g. Root Mean Square Error) on the training set in the conventional validation is not a useful estimator of model performance and thus the error on the test data set does not properly represent the assessment of model performance. This may be because there is not enough data available or there is not a good distribution and spread of data to partition it into separate training and test sets in the conventional validation method. In these cases, a fair way to properly estimate model prediction performance is to use cross-validation as a powerful general technique.

In summary, cross-validation combines (averages) measures of fit (prediction error) to correct for the optimistic nature of training error and derive a more accurate estimate of model prediction performance.

Simply put, Cross-validation is model validation technique used to determine how well the statistical analysis perform on an independent dataset and is used to prevent over-fitting.

3.5 GridSearch CV

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'lda__solver' : ('svd','eigen')
}

cv = StratifiedShuffleSplit(labels,n_iter=200,test_size=.30)
gs = GridSearchCV(clf,parameters,n_jobs=-1,cv=cv,scoring=scorer)
gs.fit(features, labels)
clf = gs.best_estimator_
```

3.6 Final Output from Tune Classifier

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In [114]: clf = Pipeline(
              steps=[
                 #('scaler', StandardScaler()),
                 #('kbest', SelectKBest(k=5, score_func=f_classif)),
                 ('lda', LDA(n_components=1, priors=None
                          ,shrinkage=None, solver='svd'
                          , store_covariance=False, tol=0.0001)),
                 #('kmeans', MiniBatchKMeans(n_clusters=20, n_init=10
                                              , max_no_improvement=10, verbose=0),
                 ('classifier', GaussianNB())
              ])
          output = test_classifier(clf, my_dataset, features_list,folds=1000)
          dump_classifier_and_data(clf, my_dataset, features_list)
Pipeline(steps=[('lda', LDA(n_components=1, priors=None, shrinkage=None, solver='svd',
  store_covariance=False, tol=0.0001)), ('classifier', GaussianNB())])
Accuracy: 0.86014
Precision: 0.51656
Recall: 0.32750
F1: 0.40086
F2: 0.35337
Total predictions: 14000
True positives: 655
False positives: 613
False negatives: 1345
True negatives: 11387
```

Discussion and Conclusions

Recall and precision measure the quality of your result. The algorithm results are one of the following:

Classified Correctly	Description
true positive (TP)	a POI predicted as a POI
true negative (TN)	a non-POI predicted as a non-POI

Classified Incorrectly	Description
false positive (FP) false negative (FN)	a non-POI which is predicted as a POI a POI which is predicted as a non-POI

Formula Name	Formula
precision	TP/TP+FP
recall	TP/TP+FN

The precision can be interpreted as the likelihood that a person who is identified as a POI is actually a true POI. Based on the final model, this means 50% POI are correctly identified and 50% would be incorrect. Unfortunately, the recall on this model is 31%. This means 78% of the time POI's would not be caught.

So, Can machine learning be used to Identify Fraud in Enron? Based on my findings, yes. With additional time, a better understanding of the dataset, and a few additional data points, the performance still could be improved.

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