Sagemaker TalkingData

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

import boto3
from sagemaker import get_execution_role

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

from datetime import datetime
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Overview

Link

Fraud risk is everywhere, but for companies that advertise online, click fraud can happen at an overwhelming volume, resulting in misleading click data and wasted money. Ad channels can drive up costs by simply clicking on the ad at a large scale. With over 1 billion smart mobile devices in active use every month, China is the largest mobile market in the world and therefore suffers from huge volumes of fraudulent traffic.

TalkingData, China's largest independent big data service platform, covers over 70% of active mobile devices nationwide. They handle 3 billion clicks per day, of which 90% are potentially fraudulent. Their current approach to prevent click fraud for app developers is to measure the journey of a user's click across their portfolio, and flag IP addresses who produce lots of clicks, but never end up installing apps. With this information, they've built an IP blacklist and device blacklist.

While successful, they want to always be one step ahead of fraudsters and have turned to the Kaggle community for help in further developing their solution. In their 2nd competition with Kaggle, you're challenged to build an algorithm that predicts whether a user will download an app after clicking a mobile app ad. To support your modeling, they have provided a generous dataset covering approximately 200 million clicks over 4 days!

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[2]: # Pandas can only determine what dtype a column should have once the whole file

→is read.

# This means nothing can really be parsed before the whole file is read so

→don't guess dtypes here
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[4]: df.info()

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 61000000 entries, 0 to 60999999
Data columns (total 7 columns):
                 int64
ip
                 int64
app
                 int64
device
                 int64
channel
                 int64
click_time
                 datetime64[ns]
is_attributed
                 int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), int64(6)
memory usage: 3.2 GB
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Data fields

Each row of the training data contains a click record, with the following features.

- ip: ip address of click.
- app: app id for marketing.
- device: device type id of user mobile phone (e.g., iphone 6 plus, iphone 7, huawei mate 7, etc.)

- os: os version id of user mobile phone
- channel: channel id of mobile ad publisher
- click_time: timestamp of click (UTC)
- attributed_time: if user download the app for after clicking an ad, this is the time of the app download
- is_attributed: the target that is to be predicted, indicating the app was downloaded

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[5]: def sniff(df):
    with pd.option_context("display.max_colwidth", 20):
        info = pd.DataFrame()
        info['sample'] = df.iloc[0]
        info['data type'] = df.dtypes
        info['percent missing'] = df.isnull().sum()*100/len(df)
        return info.sort_values('data type')
sniff(df)
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[5]:
                                   sample
                                                 data type percent missing
                                   210014
                                                     int64
     ip
                                                                          0.0
                                        9
                                                     int64
                                                                          0.0
     app
     device
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                                       13
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     os
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     channel
                                      334
                                           datetime64[ns]
     click_time
                     2017-11-08 16:41:52
                                                                          0.0
     is_attributed
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                                                     int64
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[6]: # Convert datetime to usable columns

df['day'] = df['click_time'].dt.day# create train and test ofyear

df['dayofweek'] = df['click_time'].dt.dayofweek

df['hour'] = df['click_time'].dt.hour
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[7]: # Counting clicks by ip would probably be a good indicator of target

ip_clicks = df.groupby(['ip']).count().reset_index()
ip_clicks = ip_clicks[['ip','app']]
ip_clicks.columns = ['ip', 'clicks_per_ip']
df = pd.merge(df, ip_clicks, on='ip', how='left', sort=False)
df.head()
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[7]:
                     device os
                                 channel
                                                  click_time is_attributed
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                                     211 2017-11-08 16:41:52
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                 9
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                                     232 2017-11-08 16:41:52
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                                     137 2017-11-08 16:41:52
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dayofweek
               hour
                      clicks_per_ip
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                  16
                                  616
            2
1
                  16
                                15918
2
            2
                  16
                                  354
3
            2
                                 3030
                  16
4
            2
                  16
                                 1535
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[8]: del ip_clicks
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[9]: 0 60849867 1 150133

Name: is_attributed, dtype: int64

Side note

You may have noticed by now that I did not one-hot encode or .astype('category') on the categorical variables. OHE causes the instance to run into memory issues, and some reading has suggested that it is not vital in tree-based algorithms. Ideally the algorithm will see the categorical variables as multimodal and make decent splits anyways, so we'll see how the model performs. If anyone has any solutions to this issue other than not using Sagemaker built-in algorithms, please feel free to message me about it!

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X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X_train, y_train, test_size=0.
       →20, stratify=y_train)
[136]: # Convert train and validation data sets to a format per AWS documentation:
      # 1. Move the target attribute to the first position
      # 2. No index and headers
      pd.concat([y_train, X_train], axis=1).to_csv('xgb_train.csv', index=False,__
       →header=False)
      pd.concat([y_val, X_val], axis=1).to_csv('xgb_validation.csv', index=False,__
       →header=False)
      # Upload csv files to S3
      boto3.Session().resource('s3').Bucket(bucket).Object('xgb_train.csv').
       →upload_file('xgb_train.csv')
      boto3.Session().resource('s3').Bucket(bucket).Object('xgb_validation.csv').
        [144]: # We will be using the built-in XGBoost algorithm
      from sagemaker.amazon.amazon_estimator import get_image_uri
      import sagemaker
      s3_input_train = sagemaker.s3_input(s3_data='s3://{}/xgb_train.csv'.

→format(bucket), content_type='csv')
      s3_input_validation = sagemaker.s3_input(s3_data='s3://{}/xgb_validation.csv'.
       →format(bucket), content_type='csv')
      # Create a training job name
      job_name = 'talkingdata-xgboost-job-{}'.format(datetime.now().

→strftime("%Y%m%d%H%M%S"))
      container = get_image_uri(boto3.Session().region_name, 'xgboost', '0.90-1')
      # Store model artifact in the s3 bucket
      output_location = 's3://{}/xgboost_output'.format(bucket)
[145]: sess = sagemaker.Session()
      xgb = sagemaker.estimator.Estimator(container,
                                          role,
                                          train_instance_count=1,
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train_instance_type='ml.m4.2xlarge',

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output_path=output_location,
                                     sagemaker_session=sess)
# Remember to set objective and evaluation metric to a parameter appropriate_
 → for our target
# We will be using area under the curve for evaluation as this is a
 →classification problem
xgb.set_hyperparameters(objective='binary:logistic', eval_metric='auc',_u
 \rightarrownum round = 1)
data channels = {
    'train':s3_input_train,
    'validation':s3_input_validation
}
xgb.fit(data_channels, job_name = job_name)
2020-03-05 21:54:09 Starting - Starting the training job...
2020-03-05 21:54:12 Starting - Launching requested ML instances...
2020-03-05 21:55:13 Starting - Preparing the instances for training...
2020-03-05 21:55:55 Downloading - Downloading input data...
2020-03-05 21:56:28 Training - Downloading the training
image..INFO:sagemaker-containers:Imported framework
sagemaker_xgboost_container.training
INFO:sagemaker-containers:Failed to parse hyperparameter eval_metric value
auc to Json.
Returning the value itself
INFO:sagemaker-containers:Failed to parse hyperparameter objective value
binary:logistic to Json.
Returning the value itself
INFO:sagemaker-containers:No GPUs detected (normal if no gpus
installed)
INFO: sagemaker xgboost container.training: Running XGBoost Sagemaker in
algorithm mode
INFO:root:Determined delimiter of CSV input is ','
INFO:root:Determined delimiter of CSV input is ','
INFO:root:Determined delimiter of CSV input is ','
2020-03-05 21:56:48 Training - Training image download completed. Training in
progress.[21:56:59] 43920000x8 matrix with 351360000 entries loaded from
/opt/ml/input/data/train?format=csv&label_column=0&delimiter=,
INFO:root:Determined delimiter of CSV input is ','
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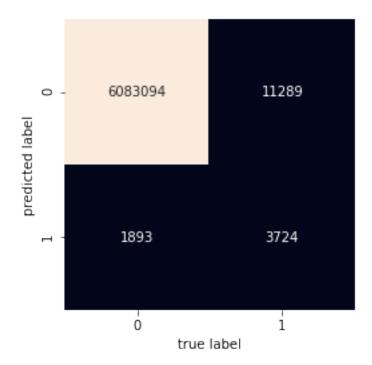
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/opt/ml/input/data/validation?format=csv&label_column=0&delimiter=,
      INFO:root:Single node training.
      INFO:root:Train matrix has 43920000 rows
      INFO:root:Validation matrix has 10980000 rows
      [21:57:01] WARNING: /workspace/src/learner.cc:686: Tree method is
      automatically selected to be 'approx' for faster speed. To use old behavior
      (exact greedy algorithm on single machine), set tree method to 'exact'.
      2020-03-05 21:58:09 Uploading - Uploading generated training model
      2020-03-05 21:58:09 Completed - Training job completed
      [0]#011train-auc:0.932636#011validation-auc:0.934052
      Training seconds: 134
      Billable seconds: 134
      We can see that the auc score is .934, which is generally considered outstanding, without one hot
      encoding the categorical variables too!
[146]: | model = xgb.deploy(initial_instance_count=1, instance_type='ml.m4.xlarge')
      ----!
[148]: from sagemaker.predictor import json_deserializer, csv_serializer
       model.content_type = 'text/csv'
       model.serializer = csv_serializer
       model.deserializer = None
       test_X = X_test.values
       # Not sure why connection is ending prematurely for predictions and would only u
       →accept around 1/100 of the test data at a time
       # If anyone knows how to fix this issue, please feel free to email me! This is i_{\perp}
       → my current workaround:
       block size = len(test X)//100
       def predict_decode_test(test_data):
           results = model.predict(test data)
           # Results are returned as bytes so we need to decode it
           results = np.fromstring(results.decode('utf-8'), sep=',')
           return results
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[21:57:01] 10980000x8 matrix with 87840000 entries loaded from

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results = np.array([])
for num in range(100):
    start = block_size*num
    end = block_size*(num+1)
    results = np.append(results,predict_decode_test(test_X[start:end]))
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[149]: # In-depth look at our precision and accuracy score
       from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, accuracy_score, precision_score,
       →recall_score, roc_auc_score
       threshold = 0.50
       predicted = results >= threshold
       accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, predicted)
       precision = precision_score(y_test, predicted)
       recall = recall_score(y_test, predicted)
       auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, predicted)
       print("accuracy:", accuracy)
       print("precision:", precision)
       print("recall:", recall)
       mat = confusion_matrix(y_test, predicted)
       sns.heatmap(mat.T, square=True, annot=True, fmt='d', cbar=False)
       plt.xlabel('true label')
       plt.ylabel('predicted label')
      print("auc score:", auc)
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accuracy: 0.9978390163934426 precision: 0.6629873598006053 recall: 0.24805168853660162 auc score: 0.6238702975103537



Final Thoughts

This exercise should demonstrate how to train and deploy a model without the need of a local machine. Interesting to note that my data for testing the deployed model has a significant lower auc score than the validation auc score. I would investigate this further to find out why that is when the validation data yields a higher score during training, unless it's just a matter of the target inequality.

There are probably more interesting features that I can extract from the data, such as time between clicks for IPs or performing cartesian product transformations on the app/device/os variables.

Another algorithm could also be used to increase the AUC score such as LightGBM which allows you to select columns as categorical for one of its parameters. It is unfortunate that AWS does not have LGBM as a built-in algorithm for Sagemaker, but we can use ECS to load our own algorithms or simply install it in Jupyter if you don't require the ability of scaling instances for training.

Lastly, it is possible to grid search through a wide range of parameters and values and run training jobs in parallel with each other to optimize the model, but this is all coming out of my pocket and I'm not trying to incur too much costs with this.

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