Stackin For Classification with Python

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1 Stacking For Classification with Python

Estimated time needed: 45 minutes

1.1 Objectives

After completing this lab you will be able to:

- Understand what Stacking is and how it works
- **Understand** that Random Forests have less Correlation between predictors in their ensemble, improving accuracy
- Apply Stacking
- Understand Hyperparameters selection in Stacking

Stacking takes several classification models called base learners and uses their output as the input for the meta-classifier. Consider the figure below the base learners $h_1(x)$, $h_2(x)$, $h_3(x)$, and $h_4(x)$ has the output $\hat{y}*1$, $\hat{y}*2$, $\hat{y}*3$, $\hat{y}*4$. These are used as an input to the meta classifier $H(\hat{y}*1, \hat{y}*2, \hat{y}*3, \hat{y}*4)$, makes the final prediction $\hat{y} = H(\hat{y}*1, \hat{y}*2, \hat{y}*3, \hat{y}*4)$.

Fig. 1 Stacking takes several classification models called base learners and uses their output as the input for the meta-classifier.

We can train all the models using all the data but this causes over-fitting. To get a better idea of how the algorithm works we use K-fold Cross-validation. We use K-1 folds to train the base classifiers and the last fold to train the meta classifier. We repeat the process using different combinations of each fold. This is shown in Fig 2 where the color-coded square represents the different runs and folds. Each row represents a different run of K fold cross-validation, each column is one of K folds where K=3. For each column, we use the same color columns to train the classifiers and the different color is used to train the meta classifier.

Fig. 2 K-fold Cross-validation to train Stacking classifier.

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     <!i><a>Cancer Data Example</a>
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First, let's install and import the required libraries:

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[19]: import pandas as pd
      # import pylab as plt
      import numpy as np
      import scipy.optimize as opt
      from sklearn import preprocessing
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      %matplotlib inline
      from sklearn import metrics
      from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
      import seaborn as sns
      from sklearn import preprocessing
      from sklearn.ensemble import StackingClassifier
      from sklearn.svm import SVC
      from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
      from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
      from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
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     55 from ...preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
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     57
                            ExtraTreeClassifier, ExtraTreeRegressor)
     58 from ...tree._tree import DTYPE, DOUBLE
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----> 6 from ._classes import BaseDecisionTree
      7 from ._classes import DecisionTreeClassifier
      8 from ._classes import DecisionTreeRegressor
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---> 40 from ._criterion import Criterion
     41 from ._splitter import Splitter
     42 from ._tree import DepthFirstTreeBuilder
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AttributeError: type object 'sklearn.tree._criterion.array' has no attribute
```

Ignore error warnings

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[3]: import warnings warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

This function will calculate the accuracy of the training and testing data given a model.

Apply Staking Using Wine Data

The class is an essential factor in determining the quality of the wine; this dataset uses chemical analysis of wines grown in the same region in Italy from three different cultivars. Your task is to determine the class of the wine using the features from the chemical analysis. The features or attributes include

For more info here ,let's load the dataset:

```
[5]: df = pd.read_csv("https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.
      ocloud/IBM-ML241EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/datasets/wine.data",names= ['Class',□
      'Alcalinity of ash' ,'Magnesium', 'Total phenols',
              'Flavanoids', 'Nonflavanoid phenols', 'Proanthocyanins',
                                                                            'Color<sub>II</sub>
      ⇔intensity', 'Hue', 'OD280/OD315 of diluted wines',
              'Proline'])
     df.head()
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We see all the dataset is comprised of numerical values using the method dtypes

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[6]: df.dtypes

[6]:	Class	int64
	Alcohol	float64
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	Ash	float64
	Alcalinity of ash	float64
	Magnesium	int64
	Total phenols	float64
	Flavanoids	float64
	Nonflavanoid phenols	float64
	Proanthocyanins	float64
	Color intensity	float64
	Hue	float64

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OD280/OD315 of diluted wines float64
Proline int64
dtype: object
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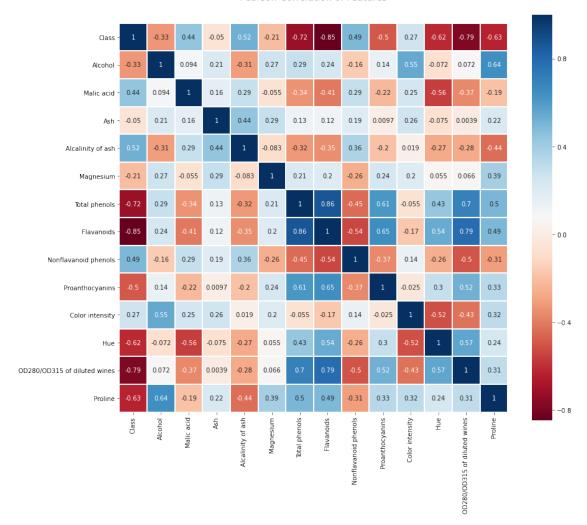
the column class has the class of the wine, we can use the method unique() to obtain the classes:

```
[7]: df['Class'].unique()
```

```
[7]: array([1, 2, 3])
```

We can examine the correlation between each feature and the class variable. By examining the first row or column we see the features are correlated with the class variable.

Pearson Correlation of Features

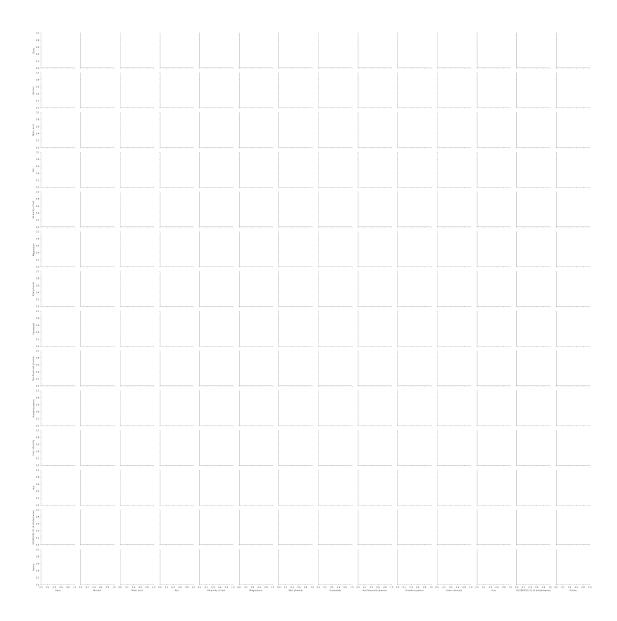


We can also examine the Pairplot between pairs of features and the histogram; color-coded to each class. We see the separation between different classes:

```
[9]: # May need to specify bandwidth (bw) in order to plot, else can ignore.
sns.pairplot(df, hue="Class") #, diag_kws={'bw': 0.2})
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                grid, y = kde.support, kde.cdf
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                         clip=clip,
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                         cut=cut,
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                     )
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                else:
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 →in kdensityfft(x, kernel, bw, weights, gridsize, adjust, clip, cut, retgrid)
            elif isinstance(bw, str):
                # if bw is None, select optimal bandwidth for kernel
    556
                bw = bandwidths.select_bandwidth(x, bw, kern)
--> 557
                # will cross-val fit this pattern?
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            else:
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                      "an alternative method."
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--> 182
                raise RuntimeError(err)
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            else:
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                return bandwidth
RuntimeError: Selected KDE bandwidth is 0. Cannot estimate density. Either
 sprovide the bandwidth during initialization or use an alternative method.
```



1.1.1 Data Pre-Processing and Selection

Let's examine the feature list

```
[11]: features=list(df)
  features[1:]

[11]: ['Alcohol',
    'Malic acid',
    'Ash',
    'Alcalinity of ash',
    'Magnesium',
    'Total phenols',
```

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'Flavanoids',
'Nonflavanoid phenols',
'Proanthocyanins',
'Color intensity',
'Hue',
'OD280/OD315 of diluted wines',
'Proline'
```

We assign the class variables to y and feature variables to X

```
[12]: y, X=df[features[0]], df[features[1:]]
```

We can standardize the data

```
[13]: scaler = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(X)
X = scaler.transform(X)
```

We can check if the data is standardized by checking the mean and standard deviation, which are approximately zero:

```
[14]: X.mean(axis=0)
```

```
[14]: array([-8.38280756e-16, -1.19754394e-16, -8.37033314e-16, -3.99181312e-17, -3.99181312e-17, 0.00000000e+00, -3.99181312e-16, 3.59263181e-16, -1.19754394e-16, 2.49488320e-17, 1.99590656e-16, 3.19345050e-16, -1.59672525e-16])
```

```
[15]: X.std(axis=0)
```

In Random Forest, we would use these data subsets to train each node of a tree.

1.1.2 Train/Test dataset

We split our dataset into train and test set:

```
Train set (124, 13) (124,)
Test set (54, 13) (54,)
```

Stacking consists of creating a Stacking Classifier object, but first, you require a dictionary of estimators (individual model objects or base learners). The key of the dictionary is a name that is up to you, we use the usual acronym for the model. The value is the model object in this case SVC for Support Vector Classifier, dt for Decision Tree Classifier and KNN for K Neighbors Classifier.

```
[17]: estimators = content = content
```

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NameError Traceback (most recent call last)

/tmp/ipykernel_1275/196601360.py in <module>
----> 1 estimators =__

--[('SVM',SVC(random_state=42)),('KNN',KNeighborsClassifier()),('dt',DecisionTr ecClassifier())
2 estimators

NameError: name 'SVC' is not defined
```

To train the final model we create a Stacking Classifier, this combines the base estimators using the meta estimator. The meta-classifier is determined by the parameter final_estimator in this case we use Logistic Regression, we also input the base classifiers using the estimators parameter and fit the model.

```
[20]: clf = StackingClassifier( estimators=estimators, final_estimator=_

LogisticRegression())

clf.fit(X_train, y_train)

clf
```

```
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)

/tmp/ipykernel_1275/2258820003.py in <module>
----> 1 clf = StackingClassifier( estimators=estimators, final_estimator=

----> LogisticRegression())

2 clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
3 clf

NameError: name 'StackingClassifier' is not defined
```

We can make a prediction

We can obtain the training and testing accuracy, we see the model performs well.

```
[]: get_accuracy(X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, clf)
```

Note: Like most complex models Stacking is prone to overfitting

Practice

Create a Stacking Classifier object as before but exchange the Decision Tree Classifier with the SVM classifier. Calculate the accuracy on the training and testing data.

```
[]:
```

Click here for the solution

```
estimators = [('SVM',SVC(random_state=42)),('KNN',KNeighborsClassifier()),('lr',LogisticRegrescless clf = StackingClassifier( estimators=estimators, final_estimator= DecisionTreeClassifier())
clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
get_accuracy(X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, clf)
```

GridSearchCV and Stacking Classifiers

Imagine that you are a medical researcher compiling data for a study. You have collected data about a set of patients, all of whom suffered from the same illness. During their course of treatment, each patient responded to one of 5 medications, Drug A, Drug B, Drug c, Drug x and y.

Part of your job is to build a model to find out which drug might be appropriate for a future patient with the same illness. The features of this dataset are Age, Sex, Blood Pressure, and the Cholesterol of the patients, and the target is the drug that each patient responded to.

It is a sample of multiclass classifier, and you can use the training part of the dataset to build a decision tree, and then use it to predict the class of a unknown patient, or to prescribe a drug to a new patient. You will use GridSearchCV and Stacking Classifiers to find the best results.

```
[21]:
                        BP Cholesterol
                                          Na_to_K
                                                     Drug
          Age Sex
                                                    drugY
      0
           23
                F
                      HIGH
                                   HIGH
                                           25.355
      1
           47
                М
                       LOW
                                   HIGH
                                           13.093
                                                    drugC
      2
           47
                М
                       LOW
                                   HIGH
                                                    drugC
                                           10.114
      3
           28
                F
                                            7.798
                                                    drugX
                   NORMAL
                                   HIGH
                F
      4
           61
                                           18.043
                                                   drugY
                       LOW
                                   HIGH
```

Let's create the X and y for our dataset:

```
[22]: X = df[['Age', 'Sex', 'BP', 'Cholesterol', 'Na_to_K']].values X[0:5]
```

```
[23]: y = df["Drug"]
y[0:5]
```

```
[23]: 0 drugY
    1 drugC
    2 drugC
    3 drugX
    4 drugY
    Name: Drug, dtype: object
```

Now lets use a LabelEncoder to turn categorical features into numerical:

```
[24]: from sklearn import preprocessing
le_sex = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le_sex.fit(['F','M'])
X[:,1] = le_sex.transform(X[:,1])

le_BP = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le_BP.fit([ 'LOW', 'NORMAL', 'HIGH'])
X[:,2] = le_BP.transform(X[:,2])

le_Chol = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le_Chol.fit([ 'NORMAL', 'HIGH'])
X[:,3] = le_Chol.transform(X[:,3])
X[0:5]
```

```
[25]: scaler = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(X)
X= scaler.transform(X)
```

Split the data into training and testing data with a 80/20 split

```
[26]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split( X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=4)

print ('Train set:', X_train.shape, y_train.shape)

print ('Test set:', X_test.shape, y_test.shape)
```

```
Train set: (140, 5) (140,)
Test set: (60, 5) (60,)
```

We have our dictionary of estimators, the individual model objects or base learners.

```
[27]: estimators =_{\sqcup} \\ \hookrightarrow [('SVM',SVC(random_state=42)),('knn',KNeighborsClassifier()),('dt',DecisionTreeClassifier()) \\ estimators
```

```
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/tmp/ipykernel_1275/1530583448.py in <module>
----> 1 estimators =__

--[('SVM',SVC(random_state=42)),('knn',KNeighborsClassifier()),('dt',DecisionTreeClassifier())
2 estimators

NameError: name 'SVC' is not defined
```

We create a Stacking Classifier:

In order to alter the base models in the dictionary of hyperparameter values, we add the key value of each model followed by the parameter of the model we would like to vary.

We use GridSearchCV to search over specified parameter values of the model.

```
[]: search = GridSearchCV(estimator=clf, param_grid=param_grid,scoring='accuracy')
search.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

We can find the accuracy of the best model.

```
[]: search.best_score_
```

We can find the best parameter values:

```
[]: search.best_params_
```

We can find the accuracy test data:

```
[]: get_accuracy(X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, search)
```

```
[]: # We use sklearn version 0.20.1 for all other labs, please run this command_
after finishing the lab

!mamba install -c conda-forge -qy scikit-learn=0.20.1
```

1.1.3 Thank you for completing this lab!

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