

DATA STRUCTURE FOR THE PREDICTION OF STUDENT RESULTS IN THE SABER PRO TEST

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ABSTRACT:

The objective of this paper is to analyze and to find a solution to the prediction of the Saber Pro marks which University Students across Colombia will achieve. Through the evaluation of different factors registered in the Saber 11 test. This hereby paper was motivated due to the necessity of seeing which factors will influence a student's professional training, thus education can be improved. Since this isn't the first-time student's data has been analyzed with such purposes, some of those other papers will be analyzed to provide a more accurate prediction.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

The national education and the academic quality of now-a-days professionals is a primary subject in almost every government, and in order to achieve a better educational system for the appearance of well-prepared professionals. It is necessary to figure out the multiple variables that affect the overall students' performance. That's why around the world other projects like this have taken place but most have been affected by the country's culture which can cause some alterations on the result of the predictions.

Taking into account the current Colombian environment and educational goals, we find ourselves in need of updating and creating an algorithm that predicts the professional success among Colombian population to be able to propose new educational goals as to improve the results according to the results of this.

2. PROBLEM:

The problem we face on this project is the creation of an algorithm capable of predicting accurate results on the Saber Pro test of the Colombian population according to some very concrete variables. Solving this problem would open a lot of opportunities of improvement on the Colombian educative system and could even be an example

for other future similar projects based on machine learning and its real-world applications.

3. RELATED WORK

3.1 Random Forest

Proposed and first executed by Tin Kam Ho in 1995, a random forest is the implementation of many decision trees solving the same problem with the same variables, then an average of all the results is made, producing generally extremely accurate results. Using this system for our problem would mean that our solution will depend on how many decision trees work to get an answer.

3.2 Perceptron

Invented in 1958 at the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory by Frank Rosenblatt, a perceptron is a type of supervised learning, it is generally called a "neuron" which consists of four main parts, the inputs, the weights, the bias and the output. It works similarly to a human neuron. It is trained by generations each slightly modified, or "evolved" from the past one.

- First it is given some inputs.
- The inputs are then multiplied by their respective weights (a value given randomly and improved through generations, this way the importance of certain variables of decision are determined).
- The sum of the bias and the product of the weights and the inputs is calculated

$$\sum_{i=1}^m W_i * X_i + b$$

- Generally, then an activation function (threshold) is used to determine a binary output.

3.3 Linear Regression:

First proposed to predict behavior by Francis Galton in the 1920s, linear regression is the relation between two given continuous variables, it consists from one or more independent variables and a dependent variable (output). According to the results on the type of relation and how related the variables are, a prediction can be mad. Applying this method to solve our problem would mean establishing the relation between each of the variables considering and the overall result.

3.4 Linear Discriminant Analysis

Formulated in 1936 by Ronald A. Fisher, linear discriminant analysis is a very common technique for dimensionality reduction problems as a pre-processing step for machine learning and pattern classification applications. This method maximizes the ratio of between class variance to the within-class variance in any particular data set thereby guaranteeing maximal separability

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