Model Accuracy vs Model Complexity

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Problem



- Complex models require more computational power
 - Simple models can outperform complex models to a certain extent
 - Data is to complex for a simple model
- Balance between accuracy and computational power

Problem



- Passenger satisfaction and loyalty depends on a huge number of factors including pre-flight, in-flight and post-flight services (Namukasa, 2013)
 - O How can we determine which factors affect the most?
 - How can we predict customer satisfaction by changing certain factors

Dataset



- Airline Passenger Satisfaction from Kaggle
- 103904 surveys about customer satisfaction for training purposes
- 25976 surveys for testing purposes
- 26 features
- 2 classes ("neutral or dissatisfied" and "satisfied")

Features



- Gender
- Customer Type
- Age
- Type of Travel
- Class
- Flight distance
- Inflight wifi service:
- Departure/Arrival time convenient

- Ease of Online booking
- Food and drink
- Online boarding
- Seat comfort
- Inflight entertainment
- On-board service
- Leg room service
- Baggage handling:
- Check-in service:

Preprocessing



- 1. Data exploration
 - a. Check for missing values
 - i. Drop rows
- 2. Convert from categorical to numerical
 - i. Replace ["neutral or dissatisfied" and "satisfied"] with [O,1]
 - i. One hot encoding of the following columns 'Gender', 'Customer Type', 'Type of Travel', 'Class'

Trained Models

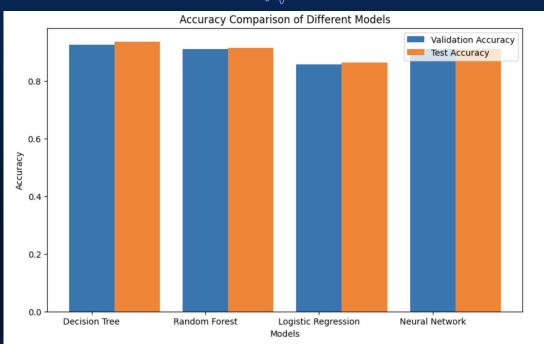
- Decision Tree
 - Max depth: 8
- Random Forest
 - Number of estimators: 500

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- Max leaf nodes: 16
- Logistic Regression
 - Trained for 500 epochs
- Neural Network
 - 20 epochs
 - 3 Layers (16, 16, 2)

Result _____





Conclusion



- Simple models can outperform complex models
 - This depends on the dataset
- This experiment requires way more analysis
 - CPU/GPU/RAM usage with each model
- Objective way to compare model complexity

References



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