Building a Neural Network Model using R

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Case Study – Predicting Loan Defaulters

Background

• The bank possesses demographic and transactional data of its loan customers. If the bank has a robust model to predict defaulters it can undertake better resource allocation.

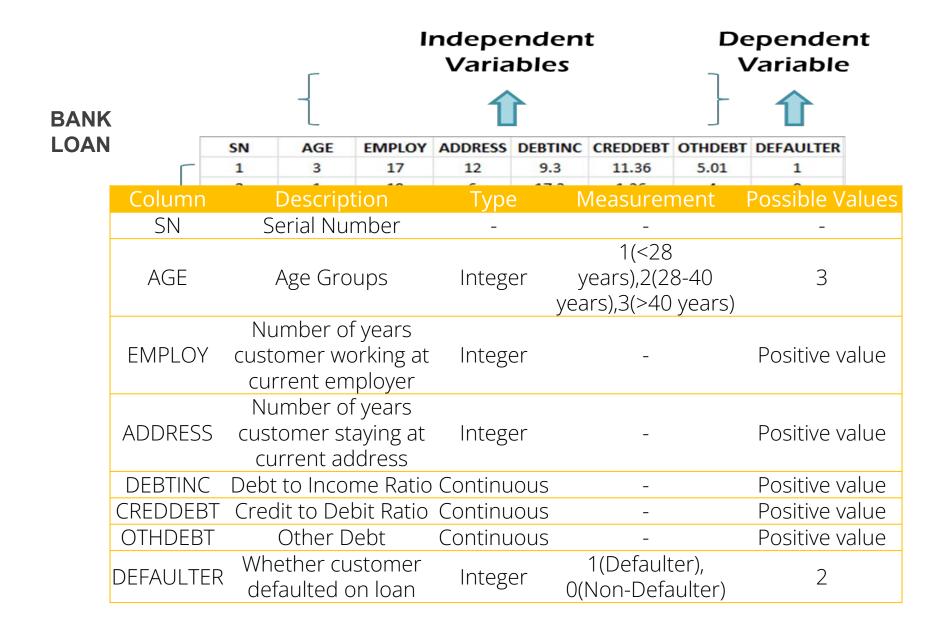
Objective

 To predict whether the customer applying for the loan will be a defaulter

Available Information

- Sample size is 700
- Age group, Years at current address, Years at current employer, Debt to Income Ratio, Credit Card Debts, Other Debts are the independent variables
- **Defaulter** (=1 if defaulter, 0 otherwise) is the dependent variable

Neural Network in R...Data Snapshot



Data Pre-Processing

- Since AGE is categorical variable, we create dummy variables before proceeding to neural network model.
- To set up a neural network to a dataset it is very important that we ensure a proper scaling of data. The scaling of data is essential because otherwise, a variable may have a large impact on the prediction variable only because of its scale.
- The common techniques to scale data are min-max normalization and Z-score normalization
- The min-max normalization transforms the data into a common range, thus removing the scaling effect from all the variables. Here we are using min-max normalization for scaling data.

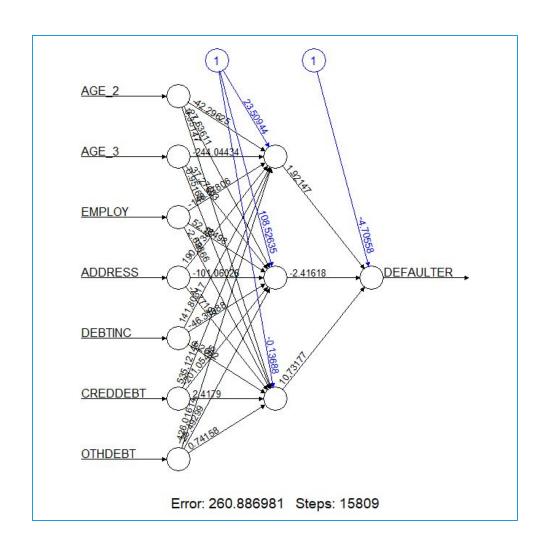
```
bankloan<-read.csv("BANK LOAN.csv")</pre>
library(fastDummies)
bankloan <- dummy cols(bankloan, select columns =</pre>
"AGE", remove_first_dummy = T)
normalize <- function(x) {</pre>
  return ((x - min(x)) / (max(x) - min(x)))
bankloan$EMPLOY<-normalize(bankloan$EMPLOY)</pre>
bankloan$ADDRESS<-normalize(bankloan$ADDRESS)</pre>
bankloan$DEBTINC<-normalize(bankloan$DEBTINC)</pre>
bankloan$CREDDEBT<-normalize(bankloan$CREDDEBT)</pre>
bankloan$OTHDEBT<-normalize(bankloan$OTHDEBT)</pre>
```

- neuralnet() takes formula interface. Here, case (status) is the variable of interest.
- hidden= Number of hidden neurons in each layer.
- err.fct= a differentiable function that is used for the calculation of the error. 'ce' stands for cross entropy.
- linear.output= FALSE ensures that the output is mapped by the activation function to the interval [0, 1].
- By default the command uses Resilient Backpropagation with Weight Backtracking

Output

plot(nn_bank)

Output



ROC Curve for NN output

```
library(ROCR)
# Convert 'out' to dataframe
outdf<-as.data.frame(out_bank)</pre>
pred<-prediction(outdf$`nn-output`,bankloan$DEFAULTER)</pre>
perf<-performance(pred, "tpr", "fpr")</pre>
plot(perf)
abline(0,1)
auc<-performance(pred, "auc")</pre>
auc@y.values
[1] 0.8606505
                                        True positive rate
                                           9.0
                                           0.4
                                                      0.2
                                                             0.4
                                                                     0.6
                                                                             0.8
                                                                                    1.0
                                                             False positive rate
```

More About ANN Work

- Applications in Artificial Intelligence Handwriting or Face Recognition, Voice Analysis
- The "building blocks" of neural networks are the neurons. In technical systems, we also refer to them as units or nodes.
- Basically, each neuron receives input from many other neurons, changes its internal state (activation) based on the current input, sends one output signal to many other neurons, possibly including its input neurons (recurrent network)
- Information is transmitted as a series of electric impulses, so-called spikes.
- The frequency and phase of these spikes encodes the information.
- In biological systems, one neuron can be connected to as many as 10,000 other neurons.
- Neurons of similar functionality are usually organized in separate areas (or layers).
- Often, there is a hierarchy of interconnected layers with the lowest layer receiving sensory input and neurons in higher layers computing more complex functions.

Quick Recap

Neural Networks i<u>n R</u> • Package "neuralnet" has neuralnet() that trains a neural network model