Machine Learning in Advertising Technology

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Abstract

This project will explore the application of Machine Learning in Technology. Specifically, we will seek to develop a reliable process for developing a classification algorithm on given data.

Introduction

Background on Advertising Technology use cases. Background on Cafemom and the specific problem: classify hispanic users

Classifying Rare Events

(1, pg141) Rare events are more statistically informative that zeros is seen in the variance matrix (1, p142) When sampling, we must be careful not to select on X differently for the two samples. (2) The problem is that maximum likelihood estimation of the logistic method is well-known to suffer from small-sample bias. The penalized likelihood or Firth method are the general approach to reducing small-sample bias.

Classification Algorithms

Logistic Regression

(4) glmnet

Methods

Demdex has TraitsSegments, uuid and traitssegments collected Table generating enes language to determine hispanicnon-hispanic, 1 for es, 0 for en

- segment_hispanic: 80324851 total uuids

- segment_hispanic: 1698878 hispanic (2 percent)

- segment_hispanic2: 9733751 total uuids

- segment_hispanic2: 1868091 hispanic (19 percent)

Logistic Regression

We used `glmnet` to generate logistic regression model. Then `predict.glm` is used to predict on the validation sample. (3) We then determine the how low of a predicted probability is needed to accurately classify the hispanic division.

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> data(example)
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The above is a snippet of code used.

Results

Compare time for execution & accuracy between modelsmethods. ex.UnweightedNon-filteredLogistic Regression

The below is a sample graph of data.

Something like a plot centered.

Conclusion

We demonstrated the application of Machine Learning in Advertising Technology, in particular for rare events.

Cannot accept comparisons without consideration to the implementation. Some may provide more "tuning" than other algorithms and therefore appear more accurate. However, we demonstrate which algorithm will work best for our usage.

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References

We used `RStudio Sweave` to build this LaTeX document

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