

ETC3250 Business Analytics Project

By Tennis Pros



I. Introduction

★ Motivation

- Creating a model that predicts the outcomes of professional tennis matches
- Objective: to provide the most accurate predictions for the outcomes

★ Data description

- 49,914 observations and 32 variables
- Variables
 - Response: 'outcome' with three classes (F, U, W)
 - Predictors: categorical and numerical
- Issues: Subjectivity created when classifying unforced and forced errors.

II. Methodology



- ★ **Models attempted:**
 - **XGBoost**
 - GBM
 - Neural Network, K-means clustering, SVM
- ★ **XGBoost Improvements**
 - Variable Conversion
 - Removing Outliers
 - Feature Engineering
 - Variable Importance

III. Findings and Discussion

★ Precision:

- Forced errors: 0.839
- Unforced errors: 0.897
- Winner: 0.992

★ Sensitivity:

- Forced errors: 0.872
- Unforced errors: 0.871
- Winner: 0.989

★ Overall error: 0.091

★ Room for future improvements:

- Variable measurements
- Subjective counting of outcomes
- Separate models for Men's and Women's matches
- Specific model for F and U errors





IV. Conclusion

★ **Summary:**

- Model performance
- Motivation - objective achieved?
- What can be done differently?

Thank you! Q&A time...