INFSCI 2595 Spring 2020: Homework 07

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Overview

This assignment focuses on applying multiple models to a regression problem and a binary classification problem. You will train and tune several models ranging from simple to complex. You will then compare those models with 5-fold cross-validation to identify the model that appears to generalize the best. You will also get a little extra practice with visualizations, and you will work with categorical inputs.

IMPORTANT: Please pay attention to the eval flag within the code chunk options. Code chunks with eval=FALSE will **not** be evaluated (executed) when you Knit the document. You **must** change the eval flag to be eval=TRUE. This was done so that you can Knit (and thus render) the document as you work on the assignment, without worrying about errors crashing the code in questions you have not started. Code chunks which require you to enter all of the required code do not set the eval flag. Thus, those specific code chunks use the default option of eval=TRUE.

Load packages

You will use caret to manage the resampling, tuning, and fitting of the various models. The code chunk below loads in dplyr, and caret, and is usually done, as well as caret. You will also need the coefplot, corrplot, and mlbench packages to complete this assignment. If you do not have either coefplot, corrplot, mlbench please download and install them. You may use the RStudio Install Packages GUI to do so. The caret package will prompt you to install the required packages for each of the methods you will consider in this assignment.

The second bonus questions requires the plotROC package. If you do not have the the plotROC package please download it.

```
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(caret)
```

Problem 01

The data set of interest is loaded for you in the code chunk below. The response y is continuous and there are six inputs. The first two, x1 and x2, are categorical or discrete inputs, while the remaining four inputs are continuous. Before the glimpse() function is called, to give a quick view of the data, the categorical inputs are converted from "character" classes to "factor" for you.

```
prob_01_df <- readr::read_csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jyurko/INFSCI_2595_Spring_2020/master/</pre>
```

`curl` package not installed, falling back to using `url()`

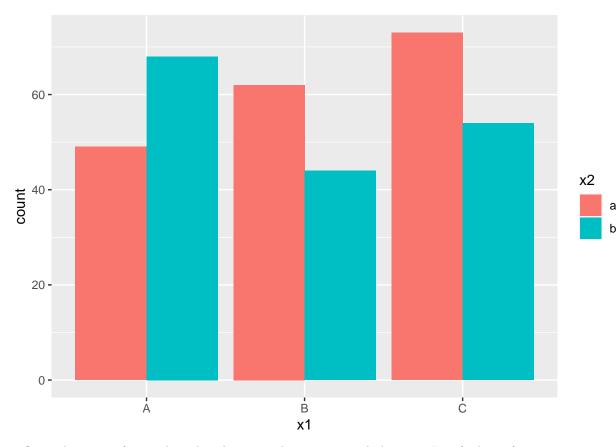
```
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##
    x1 = col character(),
##
    x2 = col_character(),
##
    x3 = col_double(),
    x4 = col double(),
##
    x5 = col double(),
##
##
     x6 = col_double(),
##
     y = col_double()
## )
prob_01_df <- prob_01_df %>%
 mutate_at(c("x1", "x2"), as.factor)
prob_01_df %>% glimpse()
## Rows: 350
## Columns: 7
## $ x1 <fct> C, B, B, C, B, B, B, B, A, B, C, B, C, B, C, B, B, C, A, B, A, C...
## $ x2 <fct> b, b, a, b, b, a, b, a, b, b, b, a, a, a, b, a, b, b, b, a, a, a...
## $ x3 <dbl> -4.4305418, 2.4612167, -1.3995810, -0.1730205, 1.6056858, -2.059...
## $ x4 <dbl> -1.91019553, 3.84940449, 2.35145439, -4.39345253, 1.13180505, -0...
## $ x5 <dbl> -0.09181755, 1.22868033, 0.44622505, 1.01273857, 1.04781499, -0....
## $ x6 <dbl> -0.7518888, 0.9029199, 1.6786596, -1.1314424, 1.2358925, 0.33449...
## $ y <dbl> -0.2350620, -2.3769196, 0.8064492, -2.9197783, -4.2733737, -2.82...
1a)
```

We should always start out any modeling task by exploring the data set. Since there are two categorical variables, x1 and x2, let's get an idea about the number of observations associated with the combinations of the two.

PROBLEM Pipe the prob_01_df data set into ggplot(). Set the x aesthetic equal to x1 and then add a bar graph layer with the geom_bar() function. Within geom_bar() set the fill aesthetic equal to x2. Within geom_bar() set the position argument equal to "dodge". Be careful about what needs to go inside the aes() function within the call to geom_bar()!

Your result should show a bar giving the number of observations for each level of x1 filled by the levels of x2. Is there a particular combination of the two variables that dominates the counts in the data set? Or is the data set fairly uniform between the two discrete variables?

```
prob_01_df %>% ggplot(aes(x = x1)) +
  geom_bar(aes(fill = x2), position = "dodge")
```



There is not a specific combination of x1 and x2 that dominate the count in each data set. It is fairly uniform between the two discrete varavbles.

1b)

Let's now take a look at the summary statistics of the continuous inputs for each combination of the discrete inputs. The code chunk below is completed for you. The prob_01_df data set is converted into a long-format data set and assigned to the lf_01 object. As shown by the print out of the first few rows, the continuous variables have been gathered into a new column, input_name with the value contained in the input_value column. The categorical inputs and the response were not gathered together, and so are still stored in separate columns.

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 6
                               y input_name input_value
##
     obs_id x1
                   x2
##
      <int> <fct> <fct>
                          <dbl> <chr>
                                                   <dbl>
## 1
          1 C
                         -0.235 x3
                                                  -4.43
                   b
## 2
          2 B
                         -2.38 x3
                                                   2.46
                   b
## 3
          3 B
                          0.806 x3
                                                  -1.40
                   a
          4 C
## 4
                   b
                         -2.92
                                 xЗ
                                                  -0.173
## 5
          5 B
                   b
                         -4.27
                                 xЗ
                                                   1.61
## 6
          6 B
                         -2.83 x3
                                                  -2.06
```

To confirm the continuous variables are contained in the input_name column, the code chunk below uses the count() function to count all rows associated with each unique value of the input_name column in lf_01. As you should see below, the number of rows associated with each unique input_name level corresponds to the number of rows in the prob_01_df data set, nrow(prob_01_df).

```
lf_01 %>% count(input_name)
```

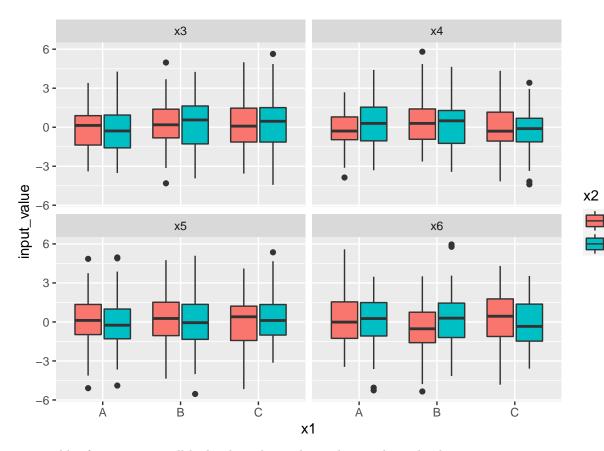
```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
## input_name n
## <chr> <int>
## 1 x3 350
## 2 x4 350
## 3 x5 350
## 4 x6 350
```

You will now use this long-format data set to study the behavior of the continuous input variables.

PROBLEM Summarize the distributions of the continuous inputs with boxplots for each combination of the discrete variables. To do so, pipe the lf_01 data set into ggplot(). Set the x aesthetic to x1 and the y aesthetic to input_value. Add the boxplot layer to the graphic with the geom_boxplot() function. Within geom_boxplot(), map the x2 variable to the fill aesthetic. Lastly, use facet_wrap() to create a separate facet (subplot) for each level of input_name.

Do any of the continuous input summaries change based on the discrete inputs?

```
lf_01 %>% ggplot(aes(x1,input_value)) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill = x2)) +
  facet_wrap("input_name")
```



No, the continuous variables from x3 to x6 all look relatively similar with regards to the discrete inputs.

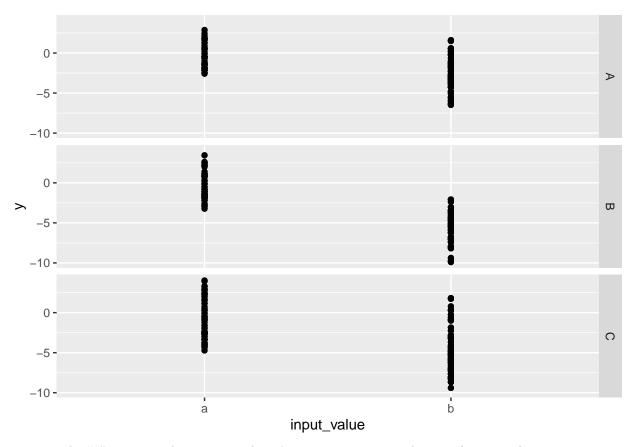
1c)

Let's now study the behavior of the response y with respect to each of the continuous inputs. Because of how the long-format object, lf_01, is structured we can also consider the impact of the discrete inputs. You will visualize the relationships between the response and each input with scatter plots below.

PROBLEM Pipe the lf_01 data set into ggplot(). Set the x aesthetic equal to input_value and the y aesthetic equal to y. Add a scatter plot with the geom_point() function, and set the color aesthetic equal to the x2 variable. Create separate facets with the facet_grid() function by faceting horizontally by the input_name and vertically by x1.

Describe the kind of relationships you observe. Do the trends of the response with the continuous inputs seem to be depend on the discrete inputs?

```
lf_01 %>% ggplot(aes(input_value,y)) +
  geom_point(aes(x2)) +
  facet_grid("x1")
```



It seem like when x2 is in the "a" category, the responses doesn't seem to vary even when x1 changes. This behavior cannot be said about when x2 is in category "b", as varition in the continuous response changes across different categories of x1.

1d)

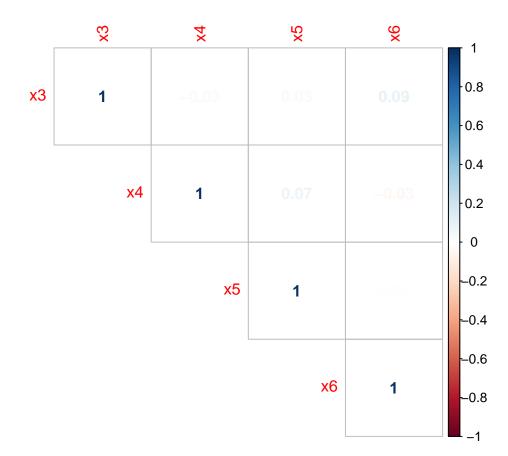
Lastly, let's study the correlation structure between the continuous inputs. We could break this up by each combination of the discrete inputs, but we will keep it simple for now and consider all observations together.

PROBLEM Pipe the original data set, prob_01_df, into dplyr::select() and remove the discrete inputs and the response. You can remove a column (a variable) by typing - within the select() call. For example, to remove the y variable you type dplyr::select(-y). Pipe to the cor() function and then pipe to corrplot::corrplot(). Set the method argument to be "number" and the type argument to be "upper".

Are continuous inputs correlated?

HINT: The concrete and ionosphere example markdowns from the applied machine learning portion of the course (weeks 04 and 05) may help with required syntax to create this figure.

```
prob_01_df %>%
  dplyr::select(-x1,-x2,-y) %>%
  cor() %>%
  corrplot::corrplot(method = "number", type = "upper")
```



No, the continuous inputs are not correlated at all.

Problem 02

With the basic EDA completed, it's time to build predictive models. You will use caret to train the models, rather than using the function calls directly. Thus, instead of using lm() to fit a linear model, you use the train() function from caret and set the method argument equal to "lm".

2a)

The first step in training models with caret is to specify the resampling scheme. You will use 5-fold cross-validation to assess the performance on the models. You must also specify a primary performance metric in order for caret to select the best tuning parameters (when tuning parameters are present). Since this is a regression problem, we will consider minimizing the root mean square error (RMSE) as our primary performance metric.

PROBLEM Use the trainControl() function to specify using 5-fold cross-validation. The result is assigned to the ctrl_k05 variable for you. Also, assign the character string "RMSE" to the variable metric_01.

```
ctrl_k05 <- trainControl(method = "cv", number = 5)
metric_01 <- "RMSE"</pre>
```

SOLUTION

2b)

You will now fit a linear model and assess its performance with 5-fold cross-validation. With this data set, you do not really need to standardize the continuous inputs, but you will do so to get practice using the preProc argument to train. The linear model will be a linear additive relationship between the response and the inputs. You could type out the complete formula by hand to do this. Instead though, you can use the shortcut y ~ . to represent that the response, y, is a function of "everything else in the data set". By default for linear models, "everything else" corresponds to creating linear additive relationships (no interactions and no non-linear basis functions).

PROBLEM Fit a linear model between the response y and all inputs. Set the data argument to be prob_01_df. To use a linear model, set the method argument equal to "lm". Set the metric argument to be metric_01. Tell caret to standardize the continuous inputs by setting the preProc argument to be c("center", "scale"). Lastly, set the trControl argument to be ctrl_k05.

The result is printed to screen for you. Approximately, how many observations are used to test the model each fold? What is the cross-validation averaged R-squared value?

SOLUTION

```
## Linear Regression
##
## 350 samples
    6 predictor
##
##
## Pre-processing: centered (7), scaled (7)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 281, 280, 279, 280, 280
## Resampling results:
##
##
    RMSE
                          MAE
               Rsquared
##
     2.191728 0.4391936 1.771226
##
## Tuning parameter 'intercept' was held constant at a value of TRUE
```

About 280 samples are used to test the model each fold. The cross-validation averaged R-squared value is 0.439, which is ok.

2c)

Once you have trained a model with caret you can access the model object directly as finalModel. Thus, we can perform all actions on $fit_01_lmfinalModel$ that we would do if we had fit the model with lm(). The code chunk below demonstrates this by printing the OLS model coefficients (the β parameters) for you.

However, rather than looking at print outs or summaries for the coefficients, lets visualize the OLS estimates and their confidence intervals. You will use the convenient coefplot::coefplot() function to create a visualization showing all of the parameter estimates and 95% confidence intervals. The syntax is simple, you just need to set the model object as the first argument to coefplot::coefplot(). For example, if the caret model object was my_model we can create the necessary figure with coefplot::coefplot(my_model\$finalModel).

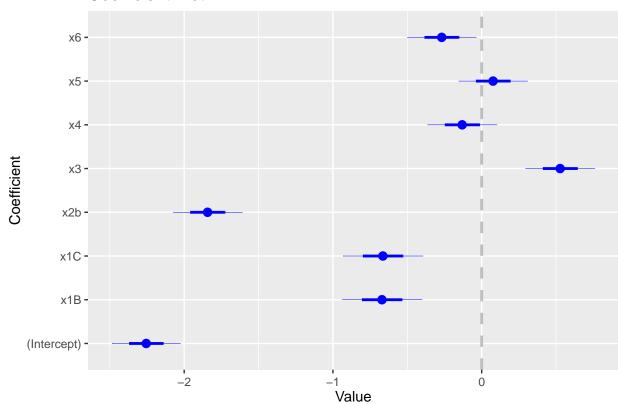
PROBLEM Create the coefficient plot for the linear model you fit in the Problem 2b). Do any of the coefficients have confidence intervals that contain zero? What does that mean if the confidence intervals contain zero?

```
coefplot::coefplot(fit_01_lm$finalModel)
```



0.07651872 -0.26894796

##



SOLUTION

Yes, three out of the eight coefficients have a confidence interval that contains zero. The meaning of a confidence interval containing zero is that there might be a chance where those specific coefficients have no effect on the model.

2d)

The prob_01_df data set contains ncol(prob_01_df) - 1 inputs and 1 response. Your coefficient plot figure in Problem 2c) however, should show 8 coefficients, including the intercept. If we simply used linear additive terms for our model, why does the number of coefficients not equal the number of inputs plus 1?

PROBLEM There are D=6 inputs. Why are there are D+1=7 coefficients (including the intercept)?

SOLUTION Because the discrete input of x1 is countned as well. The cross-validation fitting have determined that when x2 is in category "b", and x1 in bategory "B" and "C" will have the best performance.

2e)

Let's now consider fitting a linear model with all pair-wise interactions. Typing out all of the terms using the formula interface would be quite tedious. So we will use a short cut to help. The short cut in the formula interface to denote all pair-wise combinations of "everything else" is (.) 2 . Thus, with the response y the formula for all pair-wise combinations is $y \sim (.)^2$.

PROBLEM Use the model.matrix() function to check how many columns and thus how many parameters we would have in a model with all pair-wise interactions of the inputs.

SOLUTION How many columns are in the design matrix?

```
model.matrix(y ~ (.)^2, prob_01_df) %>% ncol()
## [1] 28
```

2f)

Let's try fitting a linear model with all pair-wise interactions. Use caret to perform the training, and thus assess the model performance with 5-fold cross-validation. You will use the same settings as you did when you trained the fit_01_lm model. Thus, the only change that must be made is to the formula.

PROBLEM Train a linear model with all pair-wise interactions. Use the same specifications as you did in Problem 2b), but change the formula such that you are considering all pair-wise interactions.

The average cross-validation performance is printed to the screen for you. Does this model appear toperform better, as assessed by 5-fold cross-validation, compared to the linear model with linear additive terms?

SOLUTION

```
## Linear Regression
##
## 350 samples
    6 predictor
##
##
## Pre-processing: centered (27), scaled (27)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 281, 280, 279, 280, 280
## Resampling results:
##
##
     RMSE
               Rsquared MAE
##
     2.219731 0.429152 1.792783
##
## Tuning parameter 'intercept' was held constant at a value of TRUE
```

Yes, using pair-wise interaction provided a similiar R-squared value compared to that of the 5 fold cross-validation.

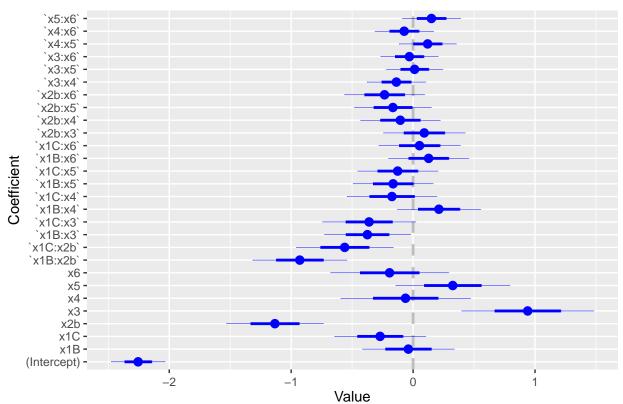
2g)

Visualize the coefficients on the model with all pair-wise interactions using coefplot::coefplot().

PROBLEM Visualize the coefficient plot for the model with all pair-wise interactions. Are any of the interaction terms significant?

```
coefplot::coefplot(fit_01_lm_pairs$finalModel)
```





The contribution from continuous input x3, discontinuous input x2b, pair-wise x1C:x2b, and pair-wise x1B:x3 is signinificant to the fitting of this model.

2h)

Let's now see what happens if we allow for all triplet interactions. Thus we will have a model with terms such as x3:x4:x5. Let's apply regularization with elastic net to see if we can effectively turn off terms that do not matter, since the number of parameters will now really start to grow.

You will use the glmnet package to fit the elastic net model. caret treats the penalty factor lambda and the mixing weight alpha as tuning parameters. By default caret uses a simple grid search to optimize these tuning parameters. We can supply a custom grid to find the optimal tuning parameters, but caret provides a simple default grid of tuning parameters that we can use. You will just use the default grid to keep things simple for now.

PROBLEM Train an elastic net model which considers all triplet interactions between the inputs. You can use the same settings that you used in Problem 2f), EXCEPT you must change the formula slightly and you must set the method argument to "glmnet".

Based the result from the default grid, is your trained elastic net model considered to be more like LASSO or RIDGE regression?

HINT: If y ~ (.)^2 allows you to try out all pair-wise interactions, what do you think you should do to try out all triplet or three-way interactions?

```
set.seed(3321)
fit_01_glmnet_trips <- train(y ~ (.)^3,</pre>
```

```
data = prob_01_df,
    method = "glmnet",
    metric = metric_01,
    preProc = c("center", "scale"),
    trControl = ctrl_k05)
```

```
## glmnet
##
## 350 samples
     6 predictor
##
##
## Pre-processing: centered (57), scaled (57)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 281, 280, 279, 280, 280
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
     alpha lambda
                         RMSE
                                   Rsquared
                                               MAE
##
     0.10
            0.003509359
                         2.474299
                                   0.3496508
                                               1.941549
##
     0.10
            0.035093591
                         2.430573
                                   0.3596107
                                               1.913115
##
     0.10
            0.350935911 2.281892 0.3982671
                                              1.827165
##
     0.55
            0.003509359 2.463810
                                   0.3522683
                                               1.934794
##
     0.55
            0.035093591
                         2.354247
                                   0.3824714
                                               1.868387
##
     0.55
            0.350935911
                         2.195470
                                   0.4443639
                                               1.770055
##
     1.00
            0.003509359
                         2.453181
                                   0.3551276
                                               1.927654
##
     1.00
            0.035093591
                         2.312431
                                   0.3948185
                                               1.845991
##
     1.00
            0.350935911
                         2.225719
                                   0.4469942
                                               1.795221
##
## RMSE was used to select the optimal model using the smallest value.
## The final values used for the model were alpha = 0.55 and lambda = 0.3509359.
```

Based on the result from the decault grid, the elastic net model is more on the Lasso regression side.

Problem 03

You will try out non-linear methods to see if you can improve upon the results from the linear models.

3a)

You will fit a neural network model with nnet. To tell caret to use nnet you must set the method argument equal to "nnet". Non-linear models will attempt to find non-linear relationships between the inputs and the response even if the simple formula y ~ . is used. This provides a simple and convenient approach to tell a complex model like a neural network to learn the relationships between the response and all inputs. You must just be careful to make sure that the data set you provide only contains the response and the inputs, and no other variables (such as index or identifier variables).

PROBLEM Train a neural net model by setting method equal to "nnet". You may continue to use the default tuning grid and you should also standardize the inputs with the preProc argument, as you have done in previous problems.

The code chunk below specifies the trace argument to be FALSE for you. Otherwise, all of the iterations results will be printed to the screen.

How do the RMSE and R-squared compare with the linear models? What are the tuning parmaters for the best performing neural network model, using the default search grid?

SOLUTION

```
## Neural Network
##
## 350 samples
##
    6 predictor
##
## Pre-processing: centered (7), scaled (7)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 281, 280, 279, 280, 280
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
          decay
                 RMSE
                            Rsquared
     size
                                       MAE
          0e+00
                            0.4413478
##
     1
                 2.202831
                                       1.7937456
##
           1e-04 2.211762 0.4344381
                                       1.7925839
     1
##
     1
          1e-01 2.202833
                           0.4384675
                                       1.7816349
          0e+00 2.060454
                           0.5078552
##
     3
                                       1.6159497
##
     3
          1e-04 1.947883 0.5458880
                                      1.5809284
##
     3
          1e-01 1.863911 0.5836970 1.5147935
##
     5
          0e+00 1.188181 0.8248368 0.8696638
          1e-04 1.494006 0.7298137
##
     5
                                       1.1905097
##
     5
          1e-01 1.416642 0.7540679 1.0639695
##
## RMSE was used to select the optimal model using the smallest value.
## The final values used for the model were size = 5 and decay = 0.
```

As the size increase, the Rsquared and RMSE value starts to get better and better compared to itself and the lm model.

3b)

Let's now try a random forest model. To train a random forest model, you must specify method equal to "rf". Up to this point you have performed standardization on the inputs. Do you need to consider standardization for a random forest?

PROBLEM Train a random forest model. Note that in the code chunk the importance argument has been set to TRUE for you. Does it matter if you apply preprocessing to the continuous inputs of a random forest model?

Which mtry value is considered the best, and what does the mtry parameter correspond to in the model?

SOLUTION

```
## Random Forest
##
## 350 samples
##
    6 predictor
##
## Pre-processing: centered (7), scaled (7)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 281, 280, 279, 280, 280
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
    mtry RMSE
                     Rsquared
##
     2
           1.378894 0.8370174 1.0604865
           1.082219 0.8759997 0.7821625
##
     4
##
           1.056450 0.8676836 0.7613596
## RMSE was used to select the optimal model using the smallest value.
## The final value used for the model was mtry = 7.
```

mtry = 7 was considered the best, and it corresponds to the number of variable randomly selected per split.

3c)

Now try training a boosted tree model with xgboost. You must set the method argument to xgbTree in order to tell caret to use the XGBoost implementation of the boosted tree algorithm. By default, many different tuning parameters are considered, so instead of printing out the results, the the best tuning parameters are printed out for you. Then, the performance results are plotted for you.

PROBLEM Train the boosted tree model with xgbTree. In XGBoost, the number of trees is denoted as the nrounds tuning parameter. How many trees gave the best results? Are decision stumps considered the best type of tree to use as the "base" or "weak" learner that gets sequentially improved?

NOTE: This may take a minute or two to complete.

SOLUTION The boosted tree model is fit below.

```
method = "xgbTree",
metric = metric_01,
preProc = c("center", "scale"),
trControl = ctrl_k05,
importance = TRUE)
```

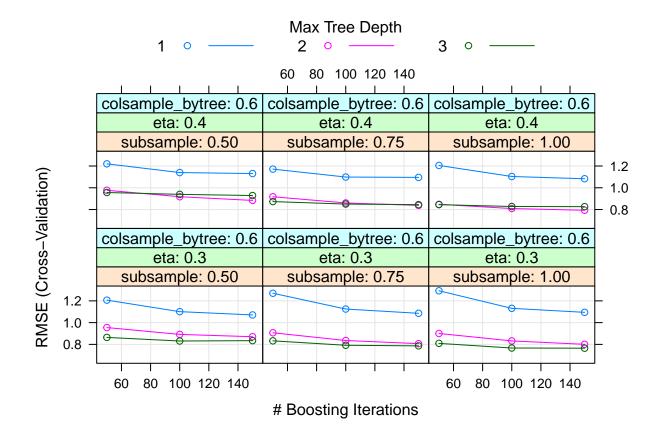
Print out the best tuning parameters.

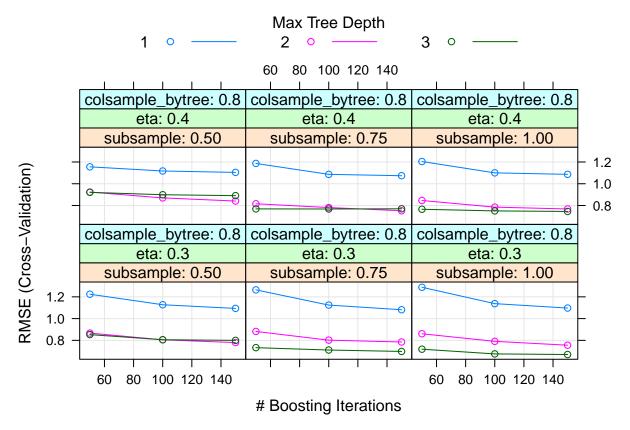
```
fit_01_xgb$bestTune
```

```
## nrounds max_depth eta gamma colsample_bytree min_child_weight subsample
## 54 150 3 0.3 0 0.8 1 1
```

Plot the cross-validation results for each of the tuning parameter combinations.

```
plot(fit_01_xgb)
```





150 tress showed the best result.

3d)

Let's now compare all of the methods we have trained. The code chunk below is started for you. You must complete it by assigning each of the caret objects to their corresponding names in the list below.

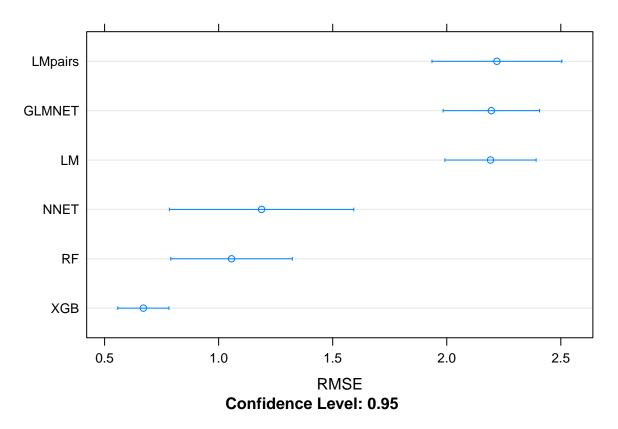
PROBLEM Complete the list below, by assigning the caret model objects to each name in the list. For example, you must assign fit_01_lm to the LM variable in the list.

The reg_mod_compare object can then be used to compare the resampling results across the models. The cross-validation averaged performance metrics and confidence intervals are plotted for you below using the dotplot() function. Which model is considered the best?

SOLUTION Compile all of the model cross-validation results together.

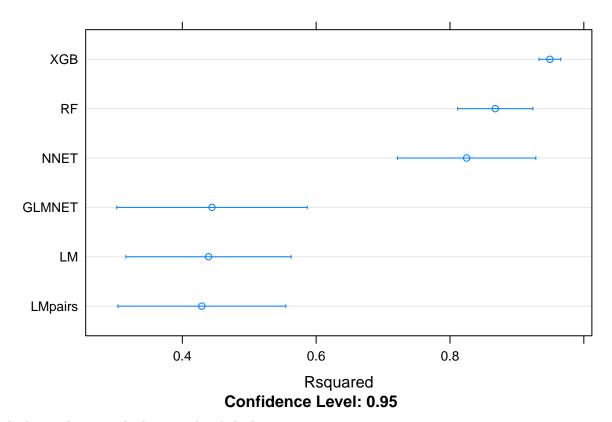
The cross-validation averaged root mean squared error (RMSE) with corresponding confidence intervals are shown in the plot below.

```
dotplot(reg_mod_compare, metric = "RMSE")
```



The cross-validation averaged R-squared with corresponding confidence intervals are shown below.

dotplot(reg_mod_compare, metric = "Rsquared")



The boosted tree method is considered the best.

3e)

Let's now make predictions with our trained models. The code chunk below defines an input grid for you. The expand.grid() function is used to create a grid to allow visualizing the predicted trends with respect to x3 for several unique values of x4, and all combinations of the discrete inputs, x1 and x2. The x5 and x6 inputs were set equal to their median values from the training set.

Predictions with caret model objects are simple to make. The basic syntax is:

```
predict(<model object>, <new data>)
```

Thus, you simply assign the caret model object as the first argument to the predict() function, and you provide the new data set you wish to make predictions with as the second argument. You do not have to worry about applying the preprocessing actions to the input variables in order to make the predictions. The caret model object will do that for you!

Regardless of the which model you identified to be the best, you will make predictions with the boosted tree

and the elastic net model. This way you can compare a linear model with a non-linear method.

PROBLEM Make predictions with the boosted tree model and the elastic net model. Assign the boosted tree predictions to the pred_test_01_xbg variable and the elastic net predictions to the pred_test_01_glmnet variable.

```
pred_test_01_xbg <- predict(fit_01_xgb, test_input_grid_01)
pred_test_01_glmnet <- predict(fit_01_glmnet_trips, test_input_grid_01)</pre>
```

SOLUTION

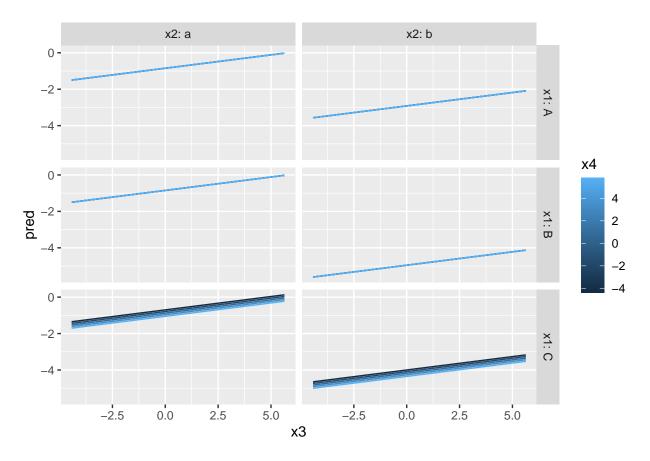
3f)

Let's now visualize the predictions. The two code chunks are started for you below. The test_input_grid_01 object is piped into mutate() where the new variable pred is assigned. In the first code chunk, the elastic net predictions are assigned, and the boosted tree predictions are assigned in the second code chunk. You must complete the code chunks to create the figures.

PROBLEM Pipe the result into ggplot() and set the x aesthetic equal to x3 and the y aesthetic equal to pred. Plot the predictions with the geom_line() function, and set the color aesthetic equal to x4 and the group aesthetic equal to interaction(x1, x2, x4, x5, x6). Create a separate facet for each combination of the discrete inputs using the facet_grid() function. Have the horizontal facets correspond to x1 and the vertical subplots correspond to x2. Set the labeller argumen within facet_grid() to be "label_both".

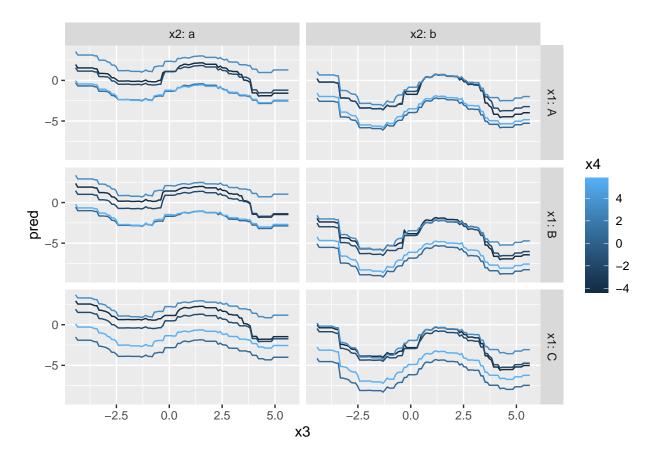
SOLUTION Plot the predictions from the elastic net model below.

```
test_input_grid_01 %>%
  mutate(pred = pred_test_01_glmnet) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x3, pred)) +
  geom_line(aes(color = x4, group = interaction(x1, x2, x4, x5, x6))) +
  facet_grid(rows = vars(x1), cols = vars(x2), labeller = "label_both")
```



Plot the predictions from the boosted tree model below.

```
test_input_grid_01 %>%
mutate(pred = pred_test_01_xbg) %>%
ggplot(aes(x3, pred)) +
geom_line(aes(color = x4, group = interaction(x1, x2, x4, x5, x6))) +
facet_grid(rows = vars(x1), cols = vars(x2), labeller = "label_both")
```



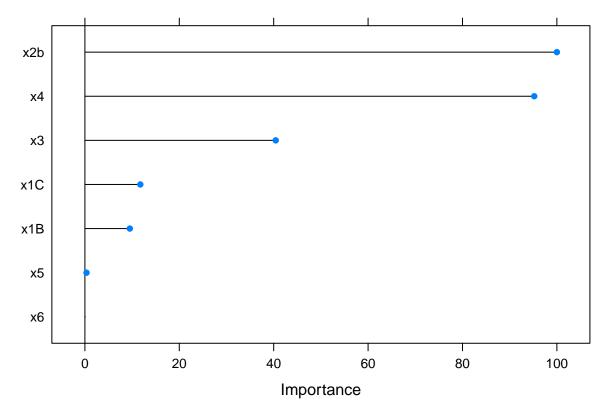
3g)

The importance argument was set equal to TRUE in each of the two tree based methods. This instructs the methods to keep track of the variables that are selected at each split, and provides a metric for ranking variable importances. Regardless of which model you found to be the best, you will rank the inputs using the boosted tree algorithm.

The variable importances are accessed by calling the varImp() function and can be plotted by simply wrapping plot() around the varImp() call. Thus, to plot the variable importances, simply use plot(varImp(<caret model>)).

PROBLEM Plot the variable importance rankings for the boosted tree model. Which is the most important variable? Which variable is considered the least importance?

```
plot(varImp(fit_01_xgb))
```



The most inportant value is discrete input variable x2b, and the least important is continuous input variable x6

Problem 04

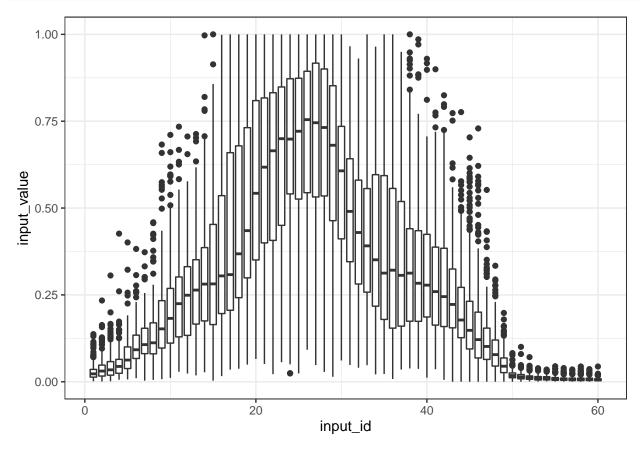
You will work with the Sonar data set contained in the mlbench package as a binary classification data set. As long as you have the mlbench package downloaded and installed, the code chunk below loads in the Sonar data set for you.

```
data("Sonar", package = "mlbench")
```

The input features of the Sonar data set correspond to sonar signal (as the name suggests). Your task is to classify the binary outcome, Class, as either "M" for metal or "R" for rock. The Sonar data set has relatively few observations compared with with the number of input features.

4a)

We will perform a short exploration of the features in this data set. First, let's look at summary statistics for each of the input variables. The code chunk below creates a boxplot for each input feature. All of the input features are signals which are between 0 and 1, so all inputs can be summarized with the same vertical axis.



PROBLEM Even though all of the inputs are between 0 and 1, do you think you should still pre-process these inputs? If so, why?

SOLUTION Yes, because you have some inputs in the middle that have confidence interval of greater than 1.

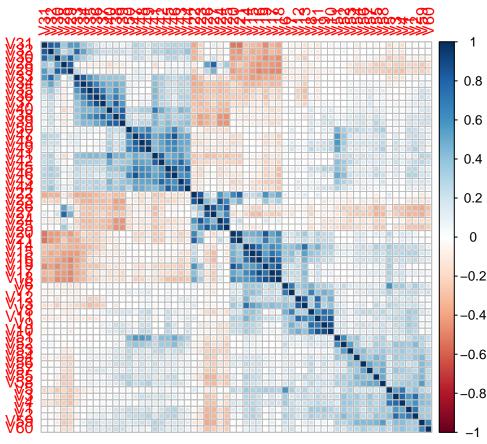
4b)

Let's now consider the correlation structure of the inputs. Use the correlation::corrplot() function to create the correlation plot matrix associated with all 60 input features. However, rather than using the default ordering, instruct corrplot() to reorder inputs such that all highly correlated inputs are grouped together. corrplot() will use a hierarchical clustering method and group all inputs for you.

PROBLEM Pipe the Sonar data into the dplyr::select() function and remove the Class variable. Pipe the result into cor() and pipe the result into corrplot::corrplot(). Set the method argument equal to "square" and the order argument equal to "hclust".

Is there a correlation structure between the inputs?

```
Sonar %>%
dplyr::select(-Class) %>%
cor() %>% corrplot::corrplot(method = "square", order = "hclust")
```



There isn't a huge correlation between the inputs, but towards the begining of the input there is some correlation and some anticorrelation.

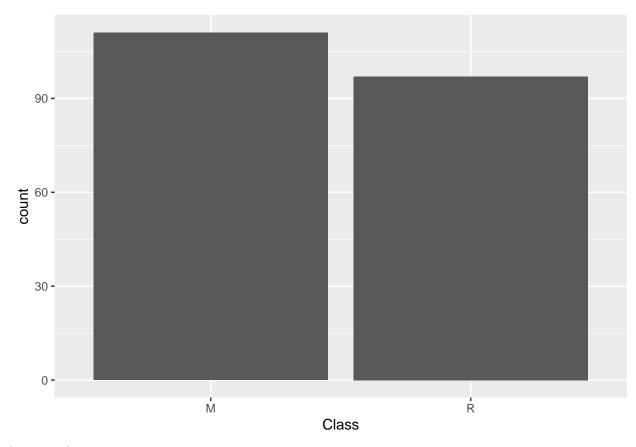
4c)

The last visualization you will make as part of a quick exploratry data analysis (EDA) is to count the number of observations per level of the binary outcome Class. This is important to do before training any binary classification model, in order to check if there is a severe imbalance between either of the two classes.

PROBLEM Pipe the Sonar data set into ggplot() and set the x aesthetic equal to Class. Use the goem_bar() function to show a bar chart giving the number of observations per level of Class.

Do you think we should be concerned about an imbalance between the "M" and "R" levels?

```
Sonar %>%
  ggplot(aes(Class)) +
  geom_bar(aes(Class))
```



No, that's just the input data.

Problem 05

You will train several models to predict the binary outcome Class. You will try logistic regression and more complex non-linear methods.

5a)

You must start, as you did with the regression problem, by specifying the resampling scheme and the primary performance metric. You will continue to use 5-fold cross-validation, but in this problem you will compare models by maximizing the Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC). You must specify the metric to be "ROC" in order to tell caret to maximize the AUC (the naming convention is a little confusing). The code chunk below is started for you, and provides some arguments to the trainControl() function which are required in order to use "ROC" as the primary performance metric.

PROBLEM Complete the code chunk below. Finish the trainControl() call such that you will use 5-fold cross-validation. Assign "ROC" to the metric_sonar variable.

5b)

You will start with a logistic regression model using linear additive terms for all input features. Remember that the short cut operator . denotes using "everything in the data set". So you do not have to type out all 60 input variable names in the formula interface. The formula requires the name of the response variable, and so remember that the outcome is the Class variable, not y as in Problem 1.

You will still use the train() function to train the logistic regression model. You must specify the formula interface, and specify the data as you did in the regression problem before. However, you must change the arguments to correspond to the values for the binary classification task. To use the base R logistic regression method in glm(), you must set the method argument equal to "glm". You must also specify the metric argument to be the metric_sonar variable you assigned Problem 4d) in order for caret to identify the best model by maximizing the area under the ROC curve. You must also specify the trControl argument to be the ctrl_k05_roc.

You must set the preProc argument based on your answer to Problem 4a). If you do not feel you need to pre-process the inputs then you do not need to include the preProc argument. If you feel you should, then you should set the preProc argument to your desired pre-processing operation.

PROBLEM Specify the arguments to the train() function in order to train a logistic regression model for the Sonar data set with 5-fold cross-validation and calculate the area under the ROC curve.

The area under the ROC curve is referred to by caret as "ROC". The cross-validation averaged performance merics are printed to the screen for you. What is the area under the ROC curve for your logistic regression model?

HINT: You can ignore warnings displayed during the training of the logistic regression model.

SOLUTION Train the logistic regression model in the code chunk below.

```
## Generalized Linear Model
##
## 208 samples
    60 predictor
##
     2 classes: 'M', 'R'
##
## Pre-processing: centered (60), scaled (60)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 166, 167, 165, 167, 167
## Resampling results:
##
##
     ROC
                Sens
                           Spec
##
     0.7690207 0.7747036 0.7036842
```

The arear under the curve is 0.769.

5c)

Since there are relatively few observations based on the number of inputs in Sonar, let's apply regularization to the linear additive features. The glmnet package will fit a logistic regression model with the elastic net penalty term. The syntax is identical to how you fit the elastic net model in Problem 2h) for the regression problem. You simply need to set method to "glmnet". However, for this problem you will use linear additive terms just as you did in Problem 4e), instead of using all triplet interactions.

PROBLEM Train an elastic net model and tune the hyperparameters with 5-fold cross-validation to maximize the area under the ROC curve. You can use the default tuning grid from caret and so you do not need to set the tuneGrid argument.

Based on the training results, does the elastic net model favor LASSO or RIDGE more?

SOLUTION Train the elastic net model below.

```
## glmnet
##
## 208 samples
   60 predictor
##
    2 classes: 'M', 'R'
##
## Pre-processing: centered (60), scaled (60)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 166, 167, 165, 167, 167
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
    alpha lambda
                        ROC
                                   Sens
                                              Spec
##
    0.10
           0.0004318733 0.8381527
                                   0.8019763 0.7221053
##
    0.10
           0.0043187332 0.8567839
                                   0.8118577
                                             0.7526316
##
    0.10
           0.0431873324 0.8528271
                                  0.7762846
                                             0.7531579
##
    0.55
           0.7928854
                                             0.7026316
##
    0.55
           0.0043187332 0.8543437
                                   0.8118577
                                             0.7426316
##
    0.55
           0.0431873324   0.8367568
                                  0.8027668 0.7226316
##
    1.00
           0.7837945
                                            0.6931579
##
    1.00
           0.0043187332 0.8511889
                                   0.7940711
                                             0.7321053
##
    1.00
           0.0431873324 0.8319097
                                  0.8027668 0.7226316
##
## ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final values used for the model were alpha = 0.1 and lambda = 0.004318733.
```

Based on the training results, the elastic net significantly favors ridge regression.

5d)

5e)

Let's now try a neural network model with the nnet package. You must specify the method argument equal to "nnet", just as you did in Problem 3a). However, the rest of the arguments to the train() function must be consistent with the binary classification arguments of Problem 5. You can use the default tuning grid, and so you do not need to specify the tuneGrid argument to train().

PROBLEM Train a neural network binary classifier using the "nnet" package with caret. Does the neural network model achieve a higher area under the ROC curve compared to the elastic net model?

SOLUTION Train the neural network with "nnet" below.

```
set.seed(4321)
fit_nnet_sonar <- train(Class ~ .,</pre>
                   data = Sonar,
                   method = "nnet",
                   metric = metric_sonar,
                   preProc = c("center", "scale"),
                   trControl = ctrl_k05_roc,
                   trace = FALSE)
fit nnet sonar
## Neural Network
##
## 208 samples
   60 predictor
##
    2 classes: 'M', 'R'
##
## Pre-processing: centered (60), scaled (60)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 166, 167, 165, 167, 167
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
     size
          decay ROC
                             Sens
                                        Spec
##
     1
           0e+00 0.7778292 0.7316206
                                        0.7547368
##
           1e-04 0.8127554
                             0.7403162 0.7547368
     1
##
     1
           1e-01
                  0.8423237
                             0.7675889
                                        0.7226316
##
     3
           0e+00 0.7896229 0.7675889 0.7542105
##
     3
           1e-04 0.8533061 0.8031621 0.7526316
##
           1e-01 0.8659455 0.7948617 0.7115789
     3
##
    5
           0e+00 0.8013990 0.7494071 0.7631579
##
     5
           1e-04 0.8471281 0.7766798 0.7415789
##
     5
           1e-01 0.8859871 0.8122530
                                       0.7736842
## ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final values used for the model were size = 5 and decay = 0.1.
Yes.
```

Now use a random forest model. You can use the default tuning grid to the mtry tuning parameter.

PROBLEM Train a random forest binary classifer by setting the method argument equal to "rf". The code chunk below includes the importance=TRUE argument for you.

What value of mtry was selected as the best, based on the cross-validation results? Why do you think that value was selected?

SOLUTION Train the random forest below.

```
## Random Forest
##
## 208 samples
##
  60 predictor
##
    2 classes: 'M', 'R'
##
## Pre-processing: centered (60), scaled (60)
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 166, 167, 165, 167, 167
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##
    mtry ROC
                     Sens
                               Spec
##
     2
          0.9436322 0.9371542 0.7847368
##
    31
          0.9074516 0.8648221
                               0.7326316
##
          ##
## ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final value used for the model was mtry = 2.
```

mtry = 2 was selected as the best, it was picked because $mtry = \sqrt(D)$, and D corresponds to classes, and is 2 in our case.

5f)

Lastly, train a boosted tree model with XGBoost. You must specify the method argument to be "xgbTree". You can use the default tuning grid to train the model. Since a lot of tuning parameter combinations are attempted, the results are plotted for you, rather than printing the results to the screen. Also the best tuning parameter values are displayed for you. Note that the importance=TRUE flag is set for you.

PROBLEM Train the XGBoost model with 5-fold cross-validation to maximize the area under the ROC curve.

NOTE: The following code may take a few minutes to complete.

SOLUTION Train the boosted tree model below.

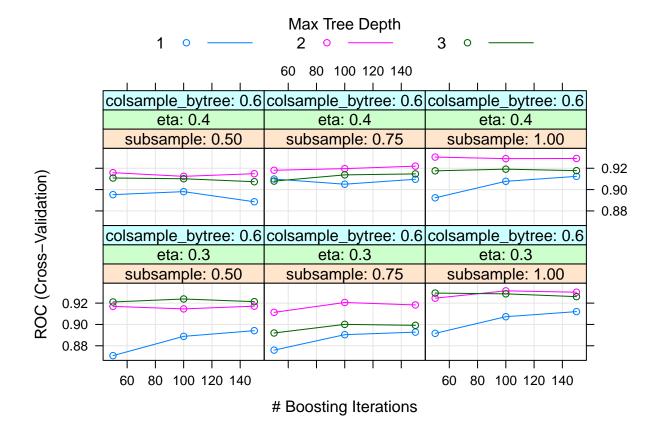
The best identified tuning parameters are given below.

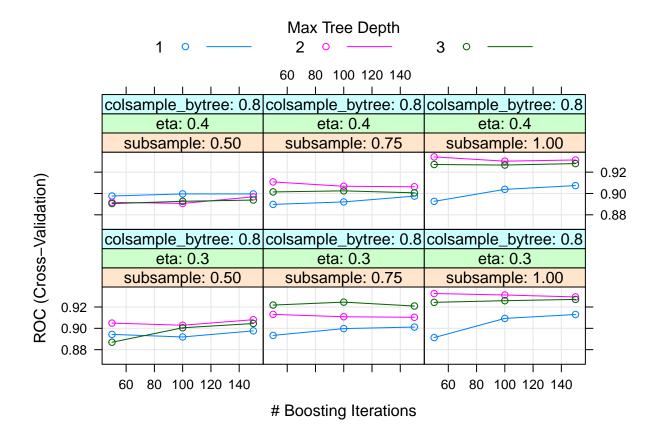
```
fit_xgb_sonar$bestTune
```

```
## nrounds max_depth eta gamma colsample_bytree min_child_weight subsample
## 88 50 2 0.4 0 0.8 1 1
```

The cross-validation results are printed to the screen for you below.

```
plot(fit_xgb_sonar)
```





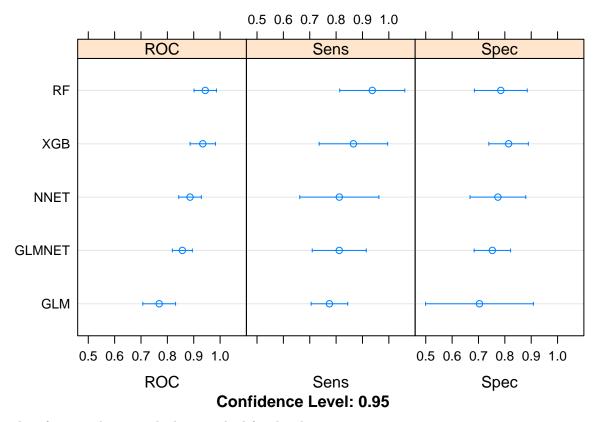
5g)

The resampling results are compiled together using the resamples() function. You must complete the first code chunk below by assigning the model object to the corresponding name in the list. For example, you must set the fit_glm_sonar object to the GLM variable in the list.

PROBLEM Complete the first code chunk below, by assigning the caret trained model objects to their appropriate variables in the list.

The results are then plotted for you using dotplot() which model is the best?

SOLUTION Complete the list below. Discuss which model is the best.



Random forest is shown as the best method for this data set.

Problem 06

It can be a little challenging to visualize prediction trends of the binary outcome with the Sonar data set because there are just so many inputs. However, we can use the variable importance rankings to consider which inputs to focus on. The importance argument was set to TRUE for you in the tree based methods for you. Regardless of which model you found to be the best, plot the variable importance rankings for the random forest model. After inspecting the variable importance rankings you will make predictions on a test set.

6a)

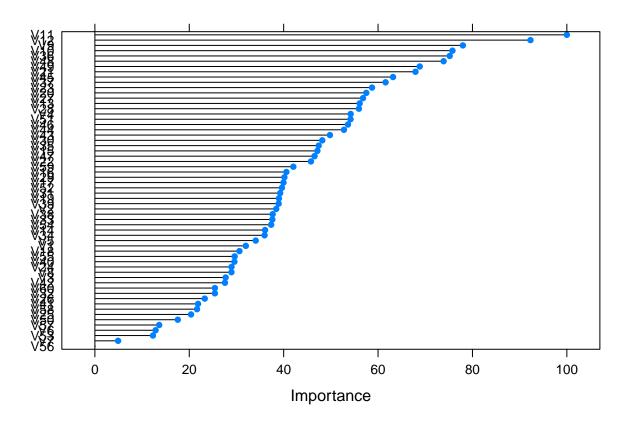
There are a lot of inputs to the Sonar data set. Thus, the variable importance rankings plot might be very cluttered and difficult to read. After plotting it in the first code chunk below, plot the variable importance rankings again, but this time set the top argument to 20 to focus just on the top 20 ranked inputs. The syntax is plot(varImp(<caret model>), top = <number of show>).

PROBLEM Plot the variable importance rankings for all inputs based on the random forest model in the first code chunk below. Then plot the variable importance rankings for just the top 20 inputs in the second code chunk.

How many inputs are within 70% of the importance of the top ranked input?

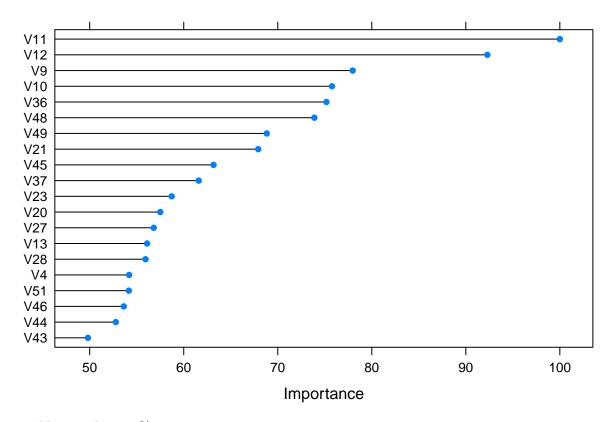
SOLUTION Plot the variable importance rankings for all inputs below.

plot(varImp(fit_rf_sonar))



Plot the top 20 ranked inputs below.

plot(varImp(fit_rf_sonar), top = 20)



6 variables are above 70% importance.

6b)

We will now make predictions over a test grid. The grid is created for you in the code chunk below. Regardless of the top ranked variables you identified in Problem 6a), you will make predictions to study the behavior with respect to V11, V12, V9, and V10.

The code chunk creates the test grid in a few steps. The make_sonar_input_grid() function checks to see if an input is one of the 4 inputs we wish to visualize trends over. If it is one of the first 2 listed variables in the viz_input_names argument, then 25 evenly spaced values over bounds of the Sonar data set are created. If the variable is one of the last two listed names in viz_input_names, then 5 quantiles of that variable from the Sonar data set are calculated. Otherwise, the input is set to a single value equal to the median value from the Sonar data set.

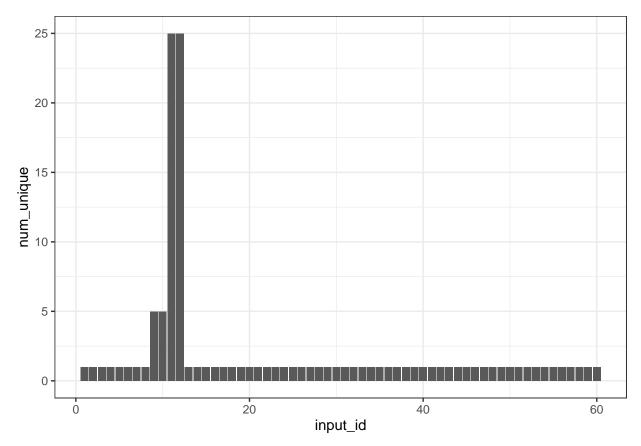
The make_sonar_input_grid() is applied to all inputs in the Sonar data set by iterating with the purrr::map() function. The result is a list with elements containing specific values to use for each input. That list is then passed into the expand.grid() function in order to create the grid of input values to make predictions with.

```
### make a test input grid to visualize trends
make_sonar_input_grid <- function(var_name, viz_input_names, all_data)
{
    xvar <- all_data %>% select(var_name) %>% pull()

    if (var_name %in% viz_input_names[1:2]){
        # use 25 unique values
        xgrid <- seq(min(xvar), max(xvar), length.out = 25)</pre>
```

```
} else if (var_name %in% viz_input_names[3:4]){
    # use specific quantiles
    xgrid <- quantile(xvar,</pre>
                       probs = c(0.05, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.95),
                       na.rm = TRUE)
    xgrid <- as.vector(xgrid)</pre>
  } else {
    # set to median
    xgrid <- median(xvar, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
 return(xgrid)
all_input_names <- Sonar %>%
  select(-Class) %>%
  names()
### inputs to visualize
viz_sonar_names <- c("V11", "V12", "V9", "V10")</pre>
### create the list of the inputs
test_sonar_list <- purrr::map(all_input_names,</pre>
                               make_sonar_input_grid,
                               viz_input_names = viz_sonar_names,
                               all_data = Sonar)
## Note: Using an external vector in selections is ambiguous.
## i Use `all_of(var_name)` instead of `var_name` to silence this message.
## i See <https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/faq-external-vector.html>.
## This message is displayed once per session.
### use the list of inputs to create the prediction grid
test_sonar_grid <- expand.grid(test_sonar_list,</pre>
                                KEEP.OUT.ATTRS = FALSE,
                                stringsAsFactors = FALSE) %>%
  purrr::set_names(all_input_names)
```

To help understand what happened in the code chunk above, the number of unique values per input is displayed for each input in the test_sonar_grid object with the bar chart below. As you should see below, the 11th and 12th inputs have 25 unique values. The 9th and 10th inputs have 5 unique values. All other inputs have just a single unique value. You will therefore study the trends associated with the 25 by 25 grid of points in V11 and V12 for 25 different combinations of V9 and V10, with all other inputs set to their median value from the Sonar data set.



Predictions from binary classification models can be performed in one of two ways. The default prediction method is to return the predicted classification based on a threshold value of 0.5. The syntax is identical to making predictions with the regression models. You specify the first argument to the predict() function to be the caret model object, and the second argument as the prediction or test data set. The result will be a factor (categorical variable) with levels equal to the levels of the discrete outcome from the model.

Make predictions with the random forest and elastic net models. The head() function is used to print out the first few predictions so you can see what the predicted classifications look like. The class() of the variables are also shown to you.

PROBLEM Make predictions with the random forest and elastic net models on the provided test data set test_sonar_grid. Assign the predictions for the elastic net model to the pred_test_sonar_glmnet variable and the predictions for the random forest model to the pred_test_sonar_rf variable.

```
pred_test_sonar_glmnet <- predict(fit_glmnet_sonar, test_sonar_grid)
pred_test_sonar_rf <- predict(fit_rf_sonar, test_sonar_grid)</pre>
```

SOLUTION The class (data type) for the predictions.

```
class(pred_test_sonar_rf)

## [1] "factor"

The first few predictions from the random forest model are shown below.

pred_test_sonar_rf %>% head()

## [1] R R R R R R

## Levels: M R

6c)
```

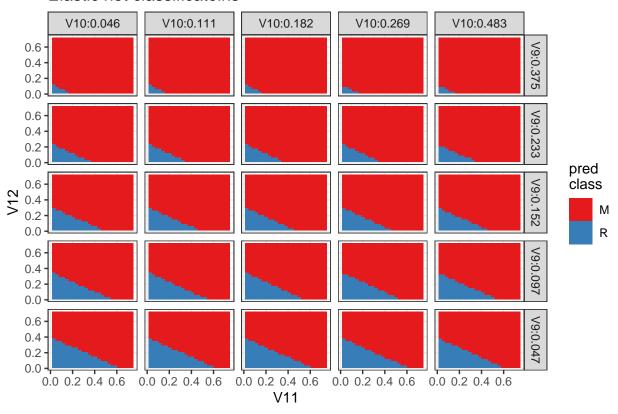
Let's now visualize the predicted classifications over the test grid. Visualizing the predicted classification surface takes a little extra effort than visualizing the predicted regression trends. Thus, the two code chunks are completed for you below. The <code>geom_raster()</code> function is used to visualize the surface of classifications between the two possible levels, "M" and "R". Red areas correspond to predicted classifications of metal and blue areas correspond to predicted classifications of rock. Each surface corresponds to the 25 by 25 grid of points between V11 and V12 and each facet (subplot) is a combination of V9 and V10. There are a few extra steps in the code chunks to help make the labels easy to read for the subplots.

The first code chunk visualizes the predicted classifications from the elastic net model and the second code chunk visualizes the predicted classifications from the random forest model.

PROBLEM Discuss the behavior in the classifications between the two models. Essentially why do elastic net predicted surfaces look the way they do compared to the random forest classification surfaces? Are there any similarities between the two predictions?

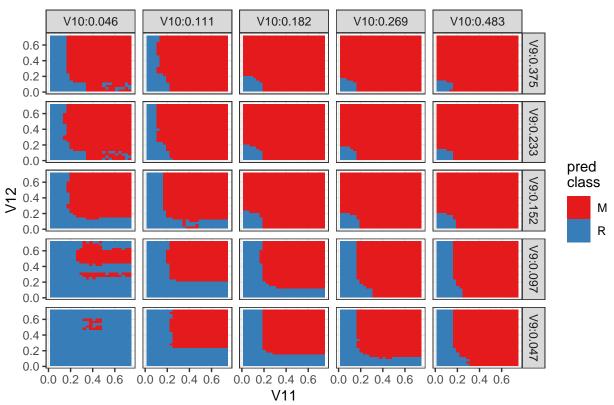
SOLUTION Elastic net predicted classifications are shown below.

Elastic net classificatoins



Random forest predicted classifications are shown below.

Random forest classifications



The elastic net shows almost a linear relationship between variable V11 and v12 with the prediction of the outcome. As both variable increases, the more metal classification appears. This behavior is also shown in the random forest classification, where V11 and V12 increases, the number of prediction for metal detection increases.

6d)

We might be interested in the predicted probability per level of Class, in addition to just a classification. Probability predictions are still made the with predict() function, but we must include a third argument which tells the model to return the predicted probability per Class level. The syntax is:

```
predict(<model object>, <new data>, type = "prob")
```

The result will no longer be a "regular" vetor, but will be a data.frame. Each column in the data.frame is named for the levels of the outcome Class. The data type for the random forest based predictions and the first few rows of the predictions are printed to the screen, to show you the structure of the objects.

PROBLEM Make predictions with the random forest and elastic net models on the provided test data set test_sonar_grid and return the probabilities rather than the classifications. Assign the predictions for the elastic net model to the pred_test_prob_sonar_glmnet variable and the predictions for the random forest model to the pred_test_prob_sonar_rf variable.

SOLUTION Make predictions for the class probabilities for the elastic net and random forest models.

pred_test_prob_sonar_glmnet <- predict(fit_glmnet_sonar, test_sonar_grid, type = "prob")

pred_test_prob_sonar_rf <- predict(fit_rf_sonar, test_sonar_grid, type = "prob")

The random forest predicted probabilities are shown in the code chunks below.

```
pred_test_prob_sonar_rf %>% class()

## [1] "data.frame"

pred_test_prob_sonar_rf %>% head()

## M R

## 1 0.338 0.662

## 2 0.344 0.656

## 3 0.394 0.606

## 4 0.412 0.588

## 5 0.412 0.588

## 6 0.346 0.654

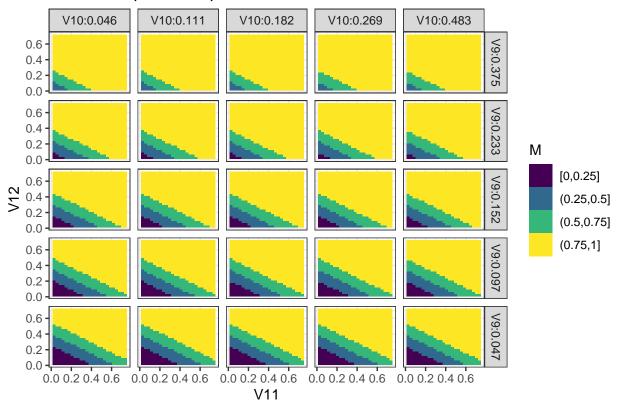
6e)
```

The predicted class probabilities can now be visualized in a surface, similar to the classification surface. The predicted probabilities of the "M" level are shown discretized into interval of 0.25 to help make easier to focus on low, medium, and high predicted probabilities. The surfaces are created for you for both sets of predictions.

PROBLEM Discuss how the predicted probabilities for the "M" level are consistent with the classification surfaces visualized in Problem 6c).

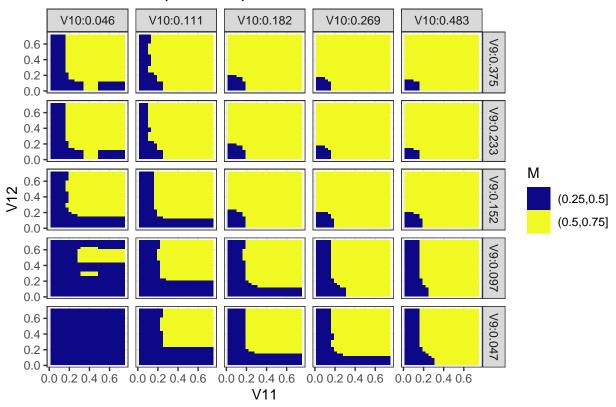
SOLUTION Elastic net predicted probabilities are shown below.

Elastic net predicted probabilities



The random forest predicted probabilities are shown below.

Random forest predicted probabilities



The predicted probabilities for the "M" level are consistent with the classification surfaces visualized in Problem 6c) as they look the same, and follows the general linear profile for elastic net, and nonlinear profile for random forest.