

SPS_Data607_Week2_2B

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Evaluating Classification Model Performance

Analyze the performance of a binary classification model and develop intuition for how probability thresholds affect model evaluation metrics.

Approach

I need to understand what a classification problem is and how classification is used. then apply classification performance metrics to evaluate whether the model performs well or poorly. According to the PDF and LLM there are a few common algorithms and evaluation metrics to use. like Accuracy, precision and recall etc.

Dataset

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/acatlin/data/refs/heads/master/penguin_predictions.csv

The dataset contains three columns:

```
.pred_female - Model-predicted probability that the observation belongs to the "female" class  
.pred_class - Predicted class label (1 if .pred_female > 0.5, otherwise 0)  
sex - Actual class label used during model training
```

Running Code

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
Attaching package: 'dplyr'
```

```
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
```

```
filter, lag
```

```
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
```

```
intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

```
library(ggplot2)
library(tidyverse)
```

```
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
```

```
vforcats    1.0.1      vstringr    1.6.0
v lubridate 1.9.4      vtibble     3.3.1
v purrr      1.2.1      vtidyrm    1.3.2
v readr      2.1.6
```

```
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
```

```
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()   masks stats::lag()
```

```
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become
```

```
mydata<- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/acatlin/data/refs/heads/master/penguin_
# print(mydata)
head(mydata)
```

	.pred_female	.pred_class	sex
1	0.9921746	female	female
2	0.9542394	female	female
3	0.9847350	female	female
4	0.1870206	male	female
5	0.9947012	female	female
6	0.9999891	female	female

```
glimpse(mydata)
```

```
Rows: 93
Columns: 3
$ .pred_female <dbl> 0.99217462, 0.95423945, 0.98473504, 0.18702056, 0.9947012~
$ .pred_class  <chr> "female", "female", "female", "male", "female", "female", ~
$ sex          <chr> "female", "female", "female", "female", "female", "female", "female"~
```

```
summary(mydata)
```

```
.pred_female      .pred_class       sex
Min.   :0.0000000  Length:93        Length:93
1st Qu.:0.0003508  Class :character Class :character
Median :0.1098907  Mode   :character Mode   :character
Mean   :0.4351396
3rd Qu.:0.9921746
Max.   :1.0000000
```

Grouping by the sex and count

```
#Getting each count by sex
mydata %>%
  group_by(sex) %>%
  summarise(total_count = n())
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 2
  sex     total_count
  <chr>       <int>
1 female        39
2 male          54
```

Task 1 Null Error Rate

```
tbl <- table(mydata$sex)
tbl
```

```
female    male
 39       54
```

```
majority_class <- names(tbl)[which.max(tbl)]
majority_count <- max(tbl)
majority_class
```

```
[1] "male"
```

```
majority_count
```

```
[1] 54
```

```
null_error_rate <- 1 - max(tbl) / sum(tbl)
null_error_rate
```

```
[1] 0.4193548
```

Then we will get the Null Error Rate is **0.4193548**

Task 2 Confusion Matrices at Multiple Thresholds

Our data set has predicted class label and actual class label.

the predicted label is looking for female, so TP will if predicted is female and the actual label is female. then follow the concept TP,FP,TN,FN to do calculation.

```
TP <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$.pred_class == "female")
FP <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$.pred_class == "female")
TN <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$.pred_class == "male")
FN <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$.pred_class == "male")

TP; FP; TN; FN
```

```
[1] 36
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
[1] 51
```

```
[1] 3
```

now moving to different probability thresholds to compute 0.2 / 0.5 / 0.8 into 3 confusion matrices.

```
mydata$pred_0.2 <- ifelse(mydata$.pred_female > 0.2,"female","male")
mydata$pred_0.5 <- ifelse(mydata$.pred_female > 0.5,"female","male")
mydata$pred_0.8 <- ifelse(mydata$.pred_female > 0.8,"female","male")
#print(mydata)
```

```
TP <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$pred_0.2 == "female")
FP <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$pred_0.2 == "female")
TN <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$pred_0.2 == "male")
FN <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$pred_0.2 == "male")
TP; FP; TN; FN
```

[1] 37

[1] 6

[1] 48

[1] 2

```
TP <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$pred_0.5 == "female")
FP <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$pred_0.5 == "female")
TN <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$pred_0.5 == "male")
FN <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$pred_0.5 == "male")
TP; FP; TN; FN
```

[1] 36

[1] 3

[1] 51

[1] 3

```
TP <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$pred_0.8 == "female")
FP <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$pred_0.8 == "female")
TN <- sum(mydata$sex == "male" & mydata$pred_0.8 == "male")
FN <- sum(mydata$sex == "female" & mydata$pred_0.8 == "male")
TP; FP; TN; FN
```

[1] 36

[1] 2

[1] 52

[1] 3

```
table(mydata$sex, mydata$pred_0.2)
```

	female	male
female	37	2
male	6	48

```
table(mydata$sex, mydata$pred_0.5)
```

	female	male
female	36	3
male	3	51

```
table(mydata$sex, mydata$pred_0.8)
```

	female	male
female	36	3
male	2	52

Task 3 Metrics table

It all depends on which class we choose as the positive class. If we swap it (Female = positive), then TP/FP/TN/FN swap meaning too.

```
# Thresholds to test
thresholds <- c(0.2, 0.5, 0.8)

# Prepare empty data frame to store metrics
metrics <- data.frame(
  Threshold = thresholds,
  TP = NA, FP = NA, TN = NA, FN = NA,
  Accuracy = NA,
  Precision = NA,
  Recall = NA
)

# Loop over thresholds
for (i in seq_along(thresholds)) {
  thresh <- thresholds[i]

  # Convert probabilities to predicted labels based on threshold
  pred <- ifelse(mydata$pred_female > thresh, "female", "male")

  # Confusion matrix
  cm <- table(mydata$sex, pred)

  # Extract TP, FP, TN, FN (make sure table has all levels)
  # TP <- ifelse("male" %in% rownames(cm) & "male" %in% colnames(cm), cm["male","male"], 0)
  # FP <- ifelse("female" %in% rownames(cm) & "male" %in% colnames(cm), cm["female","male"], 0)
  # TN <- ifelse("female" %in% rownames(cm) & "female" %in% colnames(cm), cm["female","female"], 0)
  # FN <- ifelse("male" %in% rownames(cm) & "female" %in% colnames(cm), cm["male","female"], 0)
  # as LLMs mentioned it all depends on which class you choose as the positive class. If you swap it

  TP <- ifelse("female" %in% rownames(cm) & "female" %in% colnames(cm), cm["female","female"], 0)
  FP <- ifelse("male" %in% rownames(cm) & "female" %in% colnames(cm), cm["male","female"], 0)

  TN <- ifelse("male" %in% rownames(cm) & "male" %in% colnames(cm), cm["male","male"], 0)
  FN <- ifelse("female" %in% rownames(cm) & "male" %in% colnames(cm), cm["female","male"], 0)

  # Store confusion metrics
  metrics$TP[i] <- TP
```

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metrics$FP[i] <- FP
metrics$TN[i] <- TN
metrics$FN[i] <- FN

# Compute performance metrics
metrics$Accuracy[i] <- (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)
metrics$Precision[i] <- ifelse((TP + FP) > 0, TP / (TP + FP), NA)
metrics$Recall[i] <- ifelse((TP + FN) > 0, TP / (TP + FN), NA)
# Add f1
metrics$F1[i] <- 2* metrics$Precision[i]*metrics$Recall[i] / (metrics$Precision[i]+metrics$Recall[i])
}

# Show final table
metrics

```

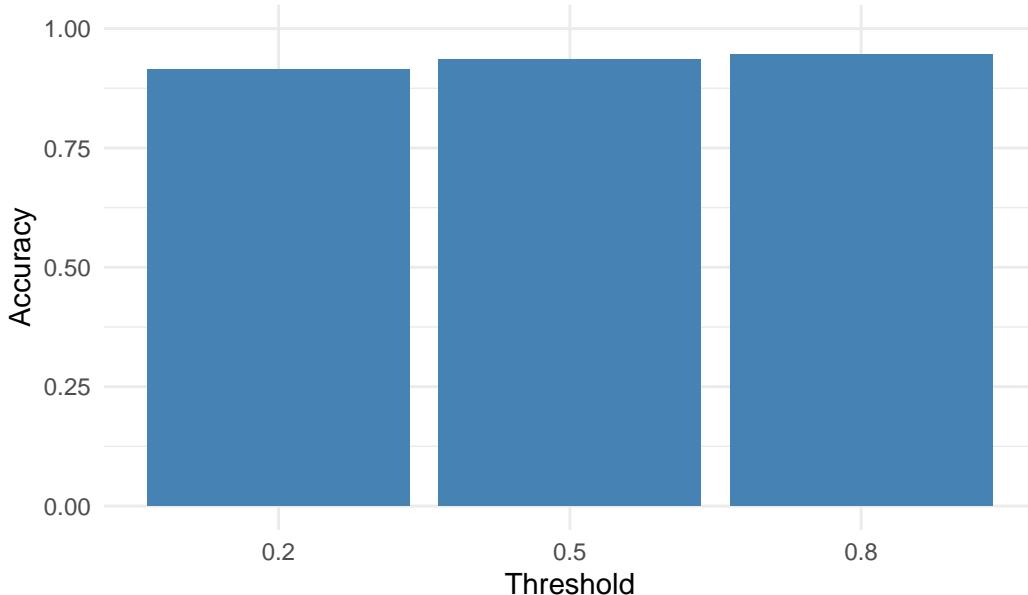
	Threshold	TP	FP	TN	FN	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1
1	0.2	37	6	48	2	0.9139785	0.8604651	0.9487179	0.9024390
2	0.5	36	3	51	3	0.9354839	0.9230769	0.9230769	0.9230769
3	0.8	36	2	52	3	0.9462366	0.9473684	0.9230769	0.9350649

```

ggplot(metrics, aes(x = factor(Threshold), y = Accuracy)) +
  geom_col(fill = "steelblue") +
  labs(
    title = "Accuracy by Threshold",
    x = "Threshold",
    y = "Accuracy"
  ) +
  ylim(0, 1) +
  theme_minimal()

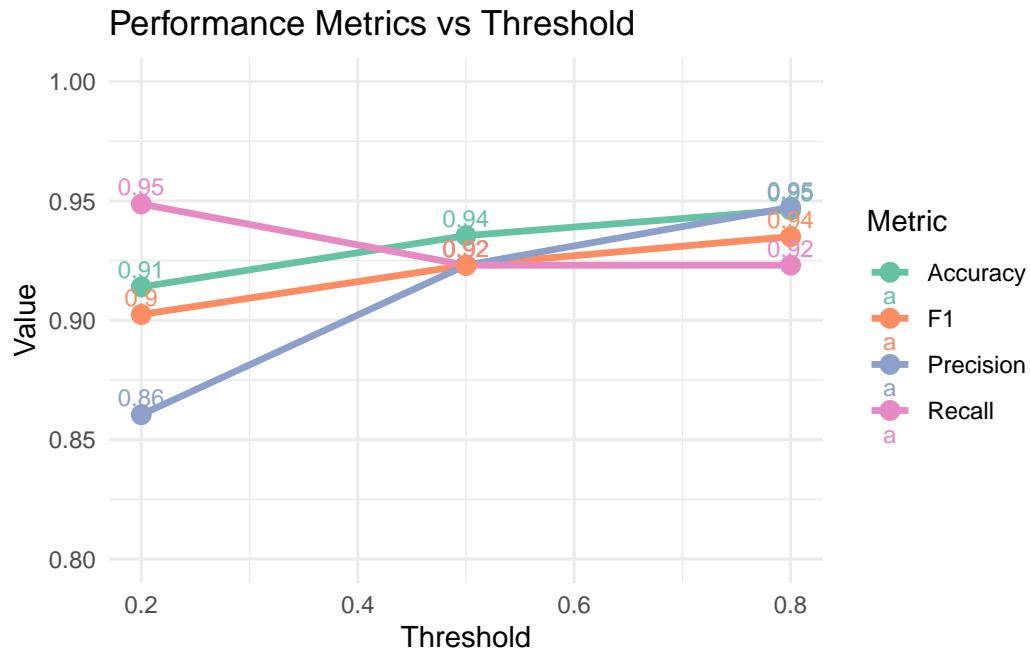
```

Accuracy by Threshold



```
metrics_long <- metrics %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = c(Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1),
               names_to = "Metric",
               values_to = "Value")

ggplot(metrics_long, aes(x = Threshold, y = Value, color = Metric)) +
  geom_line(linewidth = 1.2) +
  geom_point(size = 3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = round(Value, 2)),      # show values rounded to 2 decimals
            vjust = -0.5,                      # position above the point
            size = 3) +
  labs(
    title = "Performance Metrics vs Threshold",
    x = "Threshold",
    y = "Value"
  ) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0.8, 1)) +  # ylim(0,1) +
  theme_minimal() +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set2")
```



Task 4 Threshold Use cases

Threshold selection is a key decision because a lower threshold will classify more predictions as positive, while a higher threshold will classify fewer predictions as positive.

For example, in a company benefits policy, a lower threshold allows more employees to qualify for benefits. Conversely, in the hiring process, the company may increase the threshold to filter out more candidates.