HarvardX: PH125.9x Data Science: Second Capstone Project Predicting Age Group of Internet application

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Introduction

This is a second project of PH125.9x Data Science: Capstone course. We are encourage to take what we learnt from the course to the next level and solidify our knowledge with real life situation. This project does not provide us with any cleaned data set like the first project. We are free to select any data set publicly available for this project. Kaggle is a very popular Internet site for data scientists and machine learning professionals. In this project, we select one of the data set available in Kaggle to train our algorithm.

Overview

Trell is India's largest lifestyle videos and shopping app where you can discover latest fashion trends, makeup tutorials, fitness routines and etc. This application is very similar to another famous Chinese app named TikTok.

Trell has over 10 million downloads in Google play store. Predicting age group of users will help to identify appropriate content delivery to users.

We are trying to use machine learning method to predict the age group of users of the application.

Data wrangling

The data set is provided in this Kaggle website.

https://www.kaggle.com/aditvak80/trell-social-media-usage-data

We will download and identify any missing data in our data set. After an inspection of the training set and test set provided in the Kaggle web site. One major problem in the test set given in the website is that the outcome column "age_group" is missing. We have to use the training set as our major source data. The original training data set will split into two. A training set and a test set.

One common problem amount public data set is that data collection process may be not complete. Some missing value or NA will be introduced into data set. We need to make sure that it is not happening to our data set and make sure it is clean and well define.

```
if(!require(tidyverse)) install.packages("tidyverse", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(caret)) install.packages("caret", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(data.table)) install.packages("data.table", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(ggplot2)) install.packages("ggplot2", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(lubridate)) install.packages("lubridate", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(corrr)) install.packages("corrr", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(ggcorrplot)) install.packages("ggcorrplot", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(xgboost)) install.packages("xgboost", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(reshape2)) install.packages("reshape2", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(dplyr)) install.packages("dplyr", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(gridExtra)) install.packages("dplyr", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(randomForest)) install.packages("randomForest", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(e1071)) install.packages("e1071", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
# Loading
library(tidyverse)
library(caret)
library(data.table)
library(ggplot2)
library(lubridate)
library(corrr)
library(ggcorrplot)
library(xgboost)
library(reshape2)
library(dplyr)
library(gridExtra)
library(randomForest)
library(e1071)
dl <- tempfile()</pre>
## Read csv file
download.file("https://dphi.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/dataset/train_age_dataset.csv", dl)
## Store data into variable
my_data_org <- read.csv(dl, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)</pre>
glimpse(my_data_org)
# Remove temp file as placeholder for the zip file
rm(dl)
```

We exam the structure and data type of our data set. Information such as NA, data type, number of columns, row names, features and outcome have to be identify before we move one to visualization and algorithm process.

```
# Test NA of data
anyNA(my_data_org)

## [1] FALSE

# Display general structure of our data
str(my_data_org)
```

```
## 'data.frame':
                   488877 obs. of 27 variables:
   $ Unnamed..0
                                           265153 405231 57867 272618 251123 229892 18167 18705 498266
                                           48958844 51100441 6887426 50742404 45589200 41104551 328242
## $ userId
## $ tier
                                           2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 ...
##
   $ gender
                                    : int
                                           1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 ...
## $ following_rate
                                          00000...
                                    : num
                                           0000000000...
  $ followers_avg_age
                                    : num
##
   $ following_avg_age
                                    : num
                                           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
##
   $ max_repetitive_punc
                                    : int
                                           0000000000...
##
   $ num_of_hashtags_per_action
                                    : num
                                           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
   $ emoji_count_per_action
                                    : num
                                           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
##
   $ punctuations_per_action
                                           0 0.0769 0 0 0 ...
                                    : num
   $ number_of_words_per_action
                                           0 0.154 0 0 0 ...
                                    : num
                                           0.46333 \ 0.42947 \ 0.34166 \ 0.00574 \ 0.45655 \ \dots
  $ avgCompletion
                                    : num
   $ avgTimeSpent
                                           34.2 15.3 22 3 12.3 ...
                                    : num
##
   $ avgDuration
                                           54 96.2 83.1 523.1 53.8 ...
                                    : num
##
   $ avgComments
                                           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
                                    : int
## $ creations
                                           0 0.00847 0 0 0 ...
                                    : num
## $ content_views
                                    : num 0.2 0.09322 0.00279 0.0084 0.20492 ...
                                           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ num of comments
## $ weekends_trails_watched_per_day: num 0.0417 0.0127 0 0 0 ...
## $ weekdays_trails_watched_per_day: num
                                           0.025 0.018644 0.000557 0.001681 0.04918 ...
                                           0 0 0 0 0 ...
   $ slot1_trails_watched_per_day
                                    : num
   $ slot2_trails_watched_per_day
                                          0 0.08475 0.00279 0 0.0082 ...
                                    : num
## $ slot3_trails_watched_per_day
                                    : num 0.175 0 0 0 0.0574 ...
## $ slot4_trails_watched_per_day
                                    : num 0.0333 0.0339 0 0.0084 0.1803 ...
## $ avgt2
                                    : num 0 82.5 0 0 0 ...
                                    : int 121111341...
   $ age_group
```

Show basic stat of our data summary(my_data_org)

```
##
     Unnamed..0
                        userId
                                            tier
                                                           gender
##
                                             :1.000
                                                             :1.000
   1st Qu.:135779
                    1st Qu.:35375992
                                       1st Qu.:2.000
                                                       1st Qu.:1.000
   Median :271560
                    Median :43362702
                                       Median :2.000
                                                       Median :1.000
## Mean
         :271606
                                            :1.975
                    Mean
                          :42360955
                                       Mean
                                                       Mean
                                                              :1.213
   3rd Qu.:407431
                    3rd Qu.:53705229
                                       3rd Qu.:2.000
                                                       3rd Qu.:1.000
                           :79042026
                                                              :2.000
## Max.
          :543196
                    Max.
                                       Max.
                                              :3.000
                                                       Max.
  following_rate
                      followers_avg_age following_avg_age max_repetitive_punc
## Min.
         : 0.0000
                      Min.
                             :0.0000
                                      Min.
                                              :0.000
                                                         Min. : 0.0000
  1st Qu.: 0.0000
                      1st Qu.:0.0000
                                        1st Qu.:0.000
                                                         1st Qu.: 0.0000
## Median : 0.0000
                      Median :0.0000
                                                                  0.0000
                                        Median : 0.000
                                                         Median :
   Mean
         : 0.0822
                      Mean
                             :0.3475
                                        Mean
                                              :0.403
                                                         Mean : 0.7397
##
   3rd Qu.: 0.0086
                      3rd Qu.:0.0000
                                        3rd Qu.:0.000
                                                         3rd Qu.: 0.0000
          :895.3040
                                                                :624.0000
                      Max.
                             :4.0000
                                        Max.
                                               :4.000
                                                         Max.
   num_of_hashtags_per_action emoji_count_per_action punctuations_per_action
          :0.0000000
                              Min.
                                    :0.0000000
                                                    Min. : 0.00000
  1st Qu.:0.0000000
                              1st Qu.:0.0000000
                                                     1st Qu.: 0.00000
## Median :0.0000000
                                                    Median : 0.00000
                              Median :0.0000000
## Mean
           :0.0002772
                              Mean
                                     :0.0009814
                                                    Mean : 0.01281
## 3rd Qu.:0.0000000
                              3rd Qu.:0.0000000
                                                     3rd Qu.: 0.00000
          :2.3333333
                                     :3.0000000
                                                    Max. :27.33333
## number_of_words_per_action avgCompletion
                                                  avgTimeSpent
```

```
Min. : 0.0000
                                     :0.0006531
                                                  Min.
                                                                 1
##
   1st Qu.: 0.0000
                              1st Qu.:0.1996755
                                                  1st Qu.:
                                                                 6
  Median : 0.0000
                              Median :0.3297429
                                                  Median:
                                                                 8
          : 0.1792
                              Mean
                                     :0.3415820
                                                  Mean
                                                               109
## Mean
##
   3rd Qu.: 0.1502
                              3rd Qu.:0.4604917
                                                  3rd Qu.:
                                                                13
##
  Max.
                                     :1.0000000
                                                         :38266041
          :262.6667
                              Max.
                                                  Max.
    avgDuration
                       avgComments
                                           creations
                                                            content views
                                                            Min. : 0.00089
## Min.
          :
              0.233
                      Min.
                             :
                                 0.000
                                         Min.
                                                : 0.00000
##
   1st Qu.: 30.724
                      1st Qu.:
                                 0.000
                                         1st Qu.: 0.00000
                                                            1st Qu.: 0.04065
##
   Median: 62.501
                      Median :
                                 0.000
                                         Median : 0.00000
                                                            Median: 0.12403
  Mean
          : 83.105
                      Mean
                                 0.321
                                         Mean
                                                : 0.01707
                                                            Mean
                                                                  : 0.39101
                                         3rd Qu.: 0.00909
##
   3rd Qu.: 112.246
                                 0.000
                                                            3rd Qu.: 0.36449
                      3rd Qu.:
## Max.
          :7541.026
                             :3228.000
                                         Max.
                                                :63.38889
                                                            Max.
                                                                  :75.66228
                      Max.
   num_of_comments
                      weekends_trails_watched_per_day
## Min.
          :0.000000
                             : 0.000000
                      Min.
   1st Qu.:0.000000
                      1st Qu.: 0.000000
##
  Median :0.000000
                      Median: 0.003968
          :0.002009
                      Mean
                            : 0.074353
  3rd Qu.:0.000000
                      3rd Qu.: 0.060000
##
## Max.
          :8.196850
                      Max.
                             :17.201754
## weekdays_trails_watched_per_day slot1_trails_watched_per_day
          : 0.000000
                                   Min.
                                         : 0.00000
  1st Qu.: 0.002265
                                   1st Qu.: 0.00000
##
## Median: 0.015873
                                   Median: 0.00000
## Mean
          : 0.066927
                                   Mean
                                         : 0.03286
## 3rd Qu.: 0.059016
                                   3rd Qu.: 0.00000
## Max.
          :18.756140
                                   Max.
                                          :19.61290
## slot2_trails_watched_per_day slot3_trails_watched_per_day
## Min.
         : 0.00000
                                Min. : 0.00000
  1st Qu.: 0.00000
                                1st Qu.: 0.00000
## Median : 0.01183
                                Median: 0.01456
## Mean
         : 0.14170
                                Mean
                                      : 0.15040
## 3rd Qu.: 0.11719
                                3rd Qu.: 0.11864
          :27.90598
                                      :45.08333
## Max.
                                Max.
## slot4_trails_watched_per_day
                                    avgt2
                                                    age_group
## Min. : 0.00000
                                Min.
                                            0.0
                                                  Min.
                                                        :1.000
## 1st Qu.: 0.00000
                                1st Qu.:
                                            0.0
                                                  1st Qu.:1.000
## Median : 0.01587
                                Median :
                                            0.0
                                                  Median :1.000
## Mean : 0.15838
                                          164.8
                                                  Mean
                                Mean
                                                         :1.742
## 3rd Qu.: 0.12240
                                3rd Qu.:
                                          178.7
                                                  3rd Qu.:2.000
                                       :39304.0
## Max.
          :55.15385
                                Max.
                                                  Max.
                                                         :4.000
# Ensure no duplicated userId
n_occur <- data.frame(table(my_data_org$userId))</pre>
n_occur[n_occur$Freq > 1,]
```

```
## [1] Var1 Freq
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

There are no duplicated record in our data set and it is free from NA. We can move on to the next step.

Data visualization

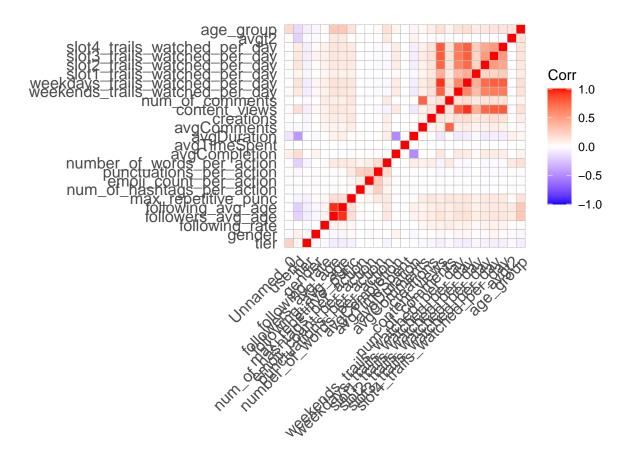
In the summary of our data set, we see that features in our data set are either Integer or Numeric. The variance of some features is very large. The features "tier" and "gender" should convert to categorical type, and the outcome should also be categorical, too.

Some of our features have a very similar named. Features such as "slot1_trails_watched_per_day", "slot2_trails_watched_per_day". Features as such may be highly correlated to each other.

The correlation graph shows their correlation.

```
mydata.cor = round(cor(my_data_org), 3)

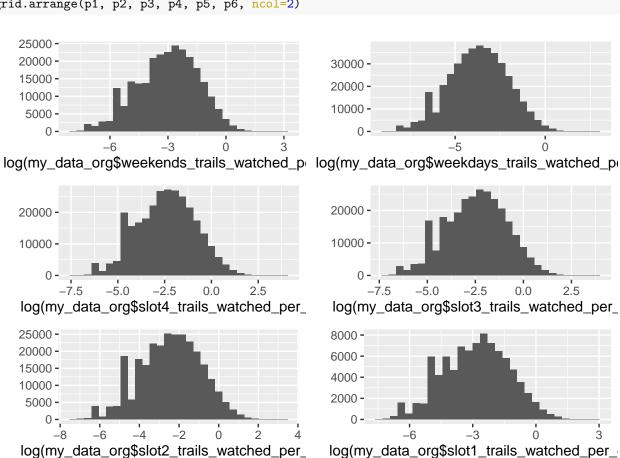
# Remove Username and user ID from the data set. They are not useful in our graph.
remove_cols <- c('Unnamed..0','userId')
trimmed_my_data.cor <- mydata.cor[, !(colnames(my_data_org)%in%remove_cols), drop=FALSE]
ggcorrplot(trimmed_my_data.cor)</pre>
```



We pick those columns that are highly correlated and plot their histograms. The variances of features tell us that the small value in graphs will be hard to detect. So we use logarithms to help us to express large numbers.

```
p1 <- qplot(log(my_data_org$weekends_trails_watched_per_day), bins = 30)
p2 <- qplot(log(my_data_org$weekdays_trails_watched_per_day), bins = 30)
p3 <- qplot(log(my_data_org$slot4_trails_watched_per_day), bins = 30)
p4 <- qplot(log(my_data_org$slot3_trails_watched_per_day), bins = 30)
p5 <- qplot(log(my_data_org$slot2_trails_watched_per_day), bins = 30)</pre>
```

```
p6 <- qplot(log(my_data_org$slot1_trails_watched_per_day), bins = 30)
grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, ncol=2)</pre>
```



Data Modeling

The outcome of our data set is age_group. It contains 1, 2, 3 and 4. Each of this value represents an age group of the mobile app user. Without doubt, this is a classification problem. The original data type of age_group provided in the data set is an Integer. We converted it in to factor in the above section. We will try to use Random Forest, KNN and XGBoost algorithm on this data set with basic fine turning of algorithm arguments.

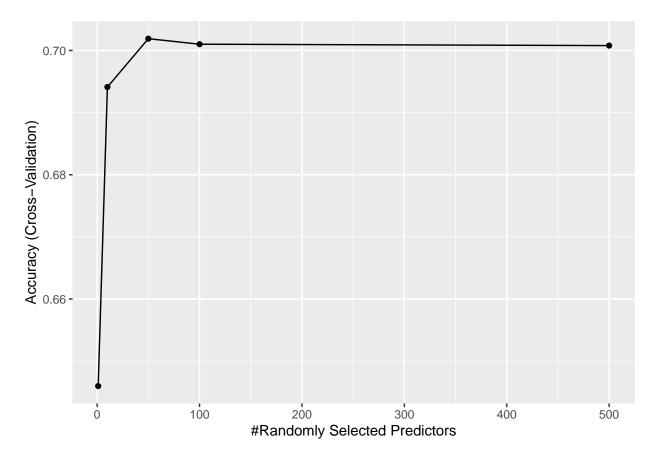
Random Forest model

The training set contains over 400k entries. RF algorithm requires powerful CPU to generate results within reasonable time. Random Forest model also provides different arguments for us to fine tune the execution in order to search for best result. This requires powerful CPU to run with a size of training set like this. A sample of 10,000 entries from the training set will be used to run the algorithm.

```
# Test with smaller set 10,000 obs
set.seed(1, sample.kind="Rounding")
index <- sample(1:nrow(my_data_org), 10000, replace = FALSE)</pre>
my_data_shortlist <- my_data_org[index,]</pre>
# Remove userId and username
remove_cols <- c('Unnamed..0', 'userId')</pre>
# define column number of outcome
n col <- 25
# make a copy of our sample data
my_data <- my_data_shortlist[, !(colnames(my_data_shortlist)%in%remove_cols), drop=FALSE]
# verify data set
# head(my_data)
# Change target variables and outcome into factor
my_data$tier <- as.factor(my_data$tier)</pre>
my_data$gender <- as.factor(my_data$gender)</pre>
my_data$age_group <- as.factor(my_data$age_group)</pre>
# Define test set and training set
test_index <- createDataPartition(y = my_data$age_group, times = 1, p = 0.1, list = FALSE)
train_set <- my_data[-test_index, ]</pre>
test_set <- my_data[test_index, ]</pre>
# Define predictors and response variables in the training set
train_x <- train_set[, -n_col]</pre>
train_y <- train_set[,n_col]</pre>
# Define predictors and response variables in the test set
test_x <- test_set[, -n_col]</pre>
test_y <- test_set[, n_col]</pre>
```

Random forest model allows us to fine tune the model for best result. We will try to find the best mtry value. mtry represents number of variables randomly sampled as candidates at each split.

```
control <- trainControl(method="cv", number=5, search ="grid")</pre>
grid \leftarrow data.frame(mtry=c(1,10,50,100,500))
# Run the model
train_rf <- train(age_group ~ .,</pre>
                  data = train_set,
                  method="rf",
                  trControl=control,
                  tuneGrid = grid,
                  metric = "Accuracy",
                  importance = TRUE)
## Warning in (function (kind = NULL, normal.kind = NULL, sample.kind = NULL) :
## non-uniform 'Rounding' sampler used
# Print the results
print(train_rf)
## Random Forest
##
## 8997 samples
     24 predictor
##
      4 classes: '1', '2', '3', '4'
##
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (5 fold)
## Summary of sample sizes: 7197, 7197, 7198, 7198
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
     mtry Accuracy
##
                      Kappa
##
       1
           0.6459929 0.1324726
##
      10
           0.6941191 0.4597086
      50 0.7018989 0.4750521
##
     100 0.7010095 0.4723499
##
##
     500
           0.7007877 0.4719727
## Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final value used for the model was mtry = 50.
ggplot(train_rf)
```



```
best_mtry <- train_rf$bestTune
print(best_mtry)</pre>
```

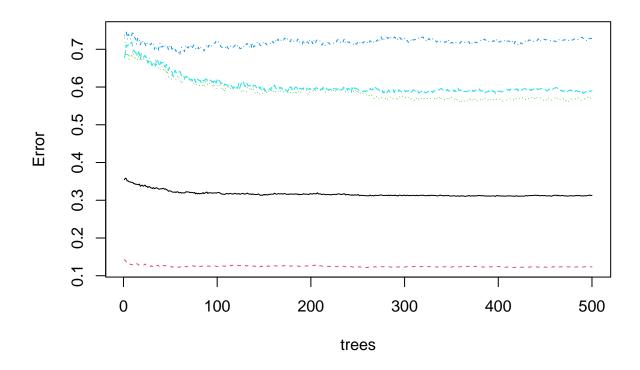
```
## mtry
## 3 50
```

The best value of mtry is 50. There are other parameters we can fine tune in RF model such as nTree, nodesize and maxnodes.

The nodesize controls the size of terminals nodes during node splitting while training a tree. Nodes with fewer than nodesize objects are not split, and therefore become terminal nodes.

The maxnodes controls the maximum number of terminal nodes trees in the forest can have. If not given, trees are grown to the maximum possible (subject to limits by nodesize).

fit_rf



```
y_hat_rf <- predict(fit_rf, test_set)
cm_rf <- confusionMatrix(y_hat_rf, test_y)
print(cm_rf$overall["Accuracy"])</pre>
```

Accuracy ## 0.6849452

KNN model

KNN model is another computing power hunger model. It will take extensive amount of time to execute with a size like 400k entries and over 20 features.

In KNN model we will normalize the features due to the scale of these features is very different. We use KNN model in this classification problem. It measures the distances between pairs of app uses and these distances are influenced by the measure of features. The big variance of scale as show in the data exploration section tell us that it is a prudent step to take.

```
# define column number of outcome
n_col <- 25

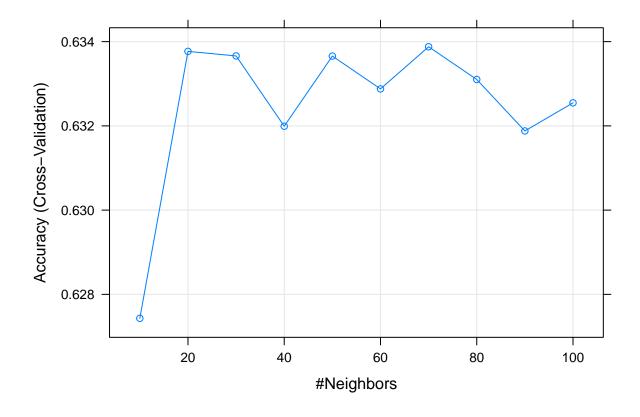
# make a copy of our sample data
my_data <- my_data_shortlist[, !(colnames(my_data_shortlist)%in%remove_cols), drop=FALSE]

# The normalization function is created
nor <-function(x) { (x -min(x))/(max(x)-min(x)) }</pre>
```

```
# Normalized features for KNN
select_features <- seq(1:(n_col-1))</pre>
my_data_norm <- as.data.frame(lapply(my_data[, select_features], nor))</pre>
# Generated new normalized data set. Outcome is appended back.
my_data_norm <- data.frame(my_data_norm, my_data$age_group)</pre>
col_names <- colnames(my_data_norm[,select_features])</pre>
colnames(my data norm) <- c(col names, "age group")</pre>
my_data_norm$age_group <- as.factor(my_data_norm$age_group)</pre>
str(my_data_norm)
## 'data.frame': 10000 obs. of 25 variables:
                                    : num 0.5 0 0 0.5 0 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ tier
## $ gender
                                     : num 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ following_rate
                                     : num 0.00 0.00 1.10e-03 0.00 7.06e-05 ...
                                    : num 0 0 0.57 0 0 ...
## $ followers_avg_age
## $ following avg age
                                    : num 0 0 0.692 0 0 ...
## $ emoji_count_per_action : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ punctuations_per_action : num 0 0 0.00605 0 0 ...
## $ number_of_words_per_action : num 0.10168 0.20616 0.20616 0.03631 0.00807 ...
                                    : num 0.589 0.28 0.429 0.808 0.426 ...
## $ avgCompletion
## $ avgTimeSpent
                                    : num 0.002089 0.000587 0.003555 0.001076 0.091395 ...
## $ avgDuration
                                    : num 0.00808 0.00394 0.03997 0.00196 0.01009 ...
## $ avgComments
                                     : num 0 0 0.0469 0 0 ...
                                    : num 0.00135 0.00267 0.01021 0.00135 0.00534 ...
## $ creations
## $ content_views
                                    : num 0.003396 0.007223 0.004083 0.000805 0.009364 ...
## $ num of comments
                                    : num 0 0 0.0208 0 0 ...
## $ weekends_trails_watched_per_day: num 0.00661 0.00437 0.00198 0.00176 0 ...
## $ weekdays_trails_watched_per_day: num 0 0.00234 0.00163 0 0.00684 ...
## $ slot1 trails watched per day : num 0 0 0.00117 0 0.02138 ...
## $ slot2_trails_watched_per_day : num 0 0.00228 0.0012 0 0.00512 ...
## $ slot3_trails_watched_per_day : num 0 0.000501 0.000469 0.000505 0 ...
## $ slot4_trails_watched_per_day : num 0.00928 0.00798 0.00392 0.00124 0 ...
## $ avgt2
                                     : num 0.000113 0 0.008926 0.004223 0.004863 ...
                                     : Factor w/ 4 levels "1", "2", "3", "4": 3 3 4 1 1 1 1 3 1 1 ...
## $ age_group
# Create normalized test set and training set using test_index generated in the
# above to ensure consistency of our training and test data set
set.seed(1, sample.kind="Rounding")
## Warning in set.seed(1, sample.kind = "Rounding"): non-uniform 'Rounding' sampler
## used
train_set <- my_data_norm[-test_index, ]</pre>
test_set <- my_data_norm[test_index, ]</pre>
# Define predictors and response variables in the training set
train x <- train set[, -n col]</pre>
train_y <- train_set[,n_col]</pre>
```

Warning in (function (kind = NULL, normal.kind = NULL, sample.kind = NULL) :
non-uniform 'Rounding' sampler used

plot(train_knn)



```
best_tune_knn <- train_knn$bestTune

y_hat_knn <- predict(train_knn, test_set, type = "raw")
cm_knn <- confusionMatrix(y_hat_knn, test_y)$overall["Accuracy"]
print(cm_knn)</pre>
```

```
## Accuracy
## 0.6370887
```

XGBoost model

XBBoost is short for eXtreme Gradient Boosting package. It is a very popular model in Kaggle and data science professional because it is fast, and it tends to squeeze the juice from modern GPU to speed up its execution.

It has multiple features that make it interesting and attractive to data profession.

- XGBoost has option to penalize complex models via L1 and L2
- It can handle different types of sparsity patterns in the data
- It has algorithm to handle weighted data
- It can make use of multiple core of CPU to run faster
- It handle cache memory faster
- It optimizes usage of HDD space to handle large dataset.

Reader can find more information about XGBoost in the following two website,

- $\bullet \ \ https://xgboost.readthedocs.io/en/stable/tutorials/model.html$
- $\bullet \ \, \text{https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2018/09/an-end-to-end-guide-to-understand-the-math-behind-xgboost/} \\$

Due to the limitation of my hardware and i5 CPU without graphic card. Some basic arguments were tested before presented in this report.

The max depth option is used to control the depth of the tree. It will be over train the algorithm with depth of 6 and beyond.

Nrounds option is used to control the number of decision trees in the final model. Apparently, the more decision trees we generated, a fine grained node we will achieve. However, we have to aware of the over train problem we learnt during the course. Therefore, a range of 10 to 5000 is selected just do demonstrate the usage of this algorithm.

```
# Assign train and test data set, with the same test index for consistency
train_set <- my_data[-test_index, ]

test_set <- my_data[test_index, ]

# Define predictors and response variables in the training set
train_x <- data.matrix(train_set[, -n_col])
train_y <- train_set[,n_col]

# Define predictors and response variables in the test set
test_x <- data.matrix(test_set[, -n_col]))
test_y <- test_set[, n_col]

# Define final training and testing sets for XGboost
# XGBoost package can use matrix dat. so we'll use matrix command to conver training and
# Test set into matrix.
set.seed(1, sample.kind="Rounding")</pre>
```

```
## Warning in set.seed(1, sample.kind = "Rounding"): non-uniform 'Rounding' sampler
## used
```

```
xgb_train <- xgb.DMatrix(data = train_x, label = train_y)</pre>
xgb_test <- xgb.DMatrix(data = test_x, label = test_y)</pre>
# Define watchlist
watchlist <- list(train=xgb_train, test=xgb_test)</pre>
# Tune number of rounds
N rounds \leftarrow seq(10, 5000, 250)
preds6 <- sapply(N_rounds, function(n){</pre>
  first_model <- xgb.train(data = xgb_train, max.depth = 6, watchlist=watchlist, nrounds = n, verbose =
  pred_y <- predict(first_model, as.matrix(as.integer(test_y)))</pre>
  pred_y_hat <- round(pred_y)</pre>
  u <- union(pred_y_hat, test_y)</pre>
  t <- table(factor(pred_y_hat, u), factor(test_y, u))
  cm <- confusionMatrix(t)</pre>
  cm_accuracy <- cm$overall["Accuracy"]</pre>
  result <- c(6, n, cm_accuracy)
preds6 <- t(preds6)</pre>
colnames(preds6) <- c('depths', 'rounds', 'Accuarcy')</pre>
preds6
```

```
##
         depths rounds Accuarcy
##
    [1,]
              6
                    10 0.6251246
   [2,]
##
              6
                   260 0.6251246
##
  [3,]
              6
                   510 0.6251246
## [4,]
                   760 0.6251246
              6
## [5,]
              6
                  1010 0.6251246
##
   [6,]
              6
                  1260 0.6251246
##
  [7,]
                  1510 0.6251246
## [8,]
                  1760 0.6251246
              6
## [9,]
              6
                  2010 0.6251246
                  2260 0.6251246
## [10,]
              6
## [11,]
                  2510 0.6251246
## [12,]
                  2760 0.6251246
              6
## [13,]
                  3010 0.6251246
## [14,]
              6
                  3260 0.6251246
## [15,]
                  3510 0.6251246
## [16,]
                  3760 0.6251246
              6
## [17,]
              6
                  4010 0.6251246
## [18,]
                  4260 0.6251246
## [19,]
              6
                  4510 0.6251246
## [20,]
                  4760 0.6251246
```

Conclusion

All three models provided accuracy approximately between 0.6 and 0.7. XGboost is the fastest within these three algorithms. KNN and RF took longer time complete. Now, we can understand that why XGBoost is such a beloved algorithm in many Kaggle competitions. The shortest execution time attribute of XGBoost prove itself for becoming a dominating algorithm in recent ML industry and data science profession.

All these three algorithms allow us to fine tune the model with various parameters. We can refine our results with their tuned parameters to achieve a higher accuracy than current level of 0.6 and 0.7.