Testing Your Model's Accuracy



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Overview



Evaluate the model against test data
Interpret results
Improve results



Statistic are only data. We define what is good or bad.





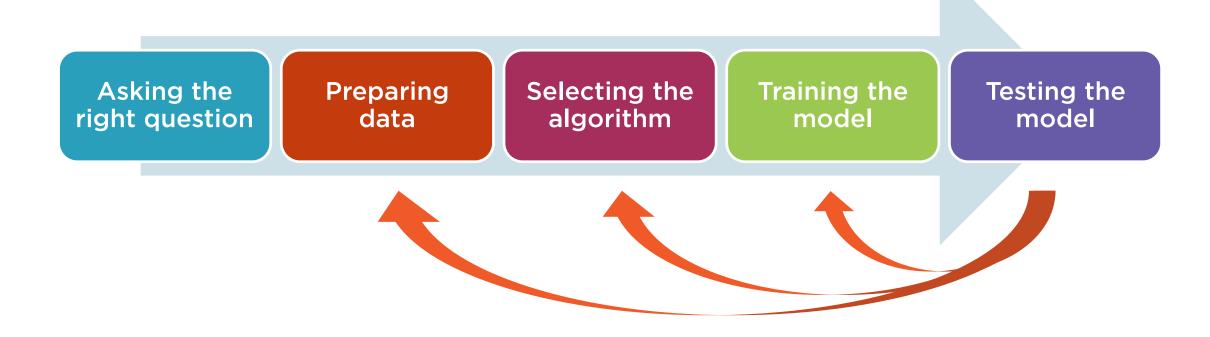
Delayed flights not being predicted

Need to increase prediction accuracy

What are our options?

Follow workflow







Options for Improving Performance

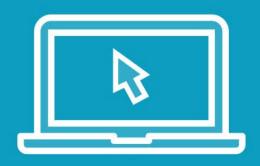
Add additional columns DEP_DEL15

- Will predict arrival delay
- Departure delay detected late
- May not be useful predictor

Adjust training settings
Select a better algorithm
Random Forest



Demo



Train and evaluate Random Forest



Options for Improving Performance (Round 2) Adjust training settings
Select a better algorithm
Rethink the problem
What causes delays?
Subject knowledge required?
Research shows weather is a delay factor



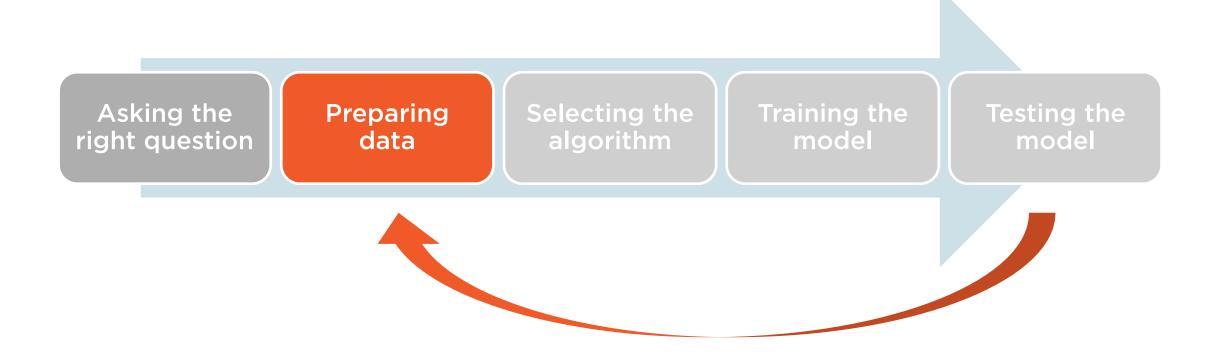
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Performance Improvement Cycle

Change data, settings, algorithm or all of the above

Improve each cycle

The difficult part is knowing when to stop



Summary



Evaluated Logistic Regression model

- predict()
- confusionMatrix()

Improved performance using Random Forest algorithm

Defined future improvements incorporating weather data

