Enhancing a GUI Application for Machine Learning Models

Introduction

In modern machine learning applications, graphical user interfaces (GUIs) play a crucial role in making models more accessible to users. This project focuses on enhancing a pre-existing GUI application by integrating various machine learning models, improving functionality, and providing users with advanced options for model selection, hyperparameter tuning, and data preprocessing. This report provides an overview of the newly implemented features and their significance in improving model usability and performance.

Implemented Features

1. Expanded Machine Learning Model Support

The application now supports multiple machine learning models for both regression and classification tasks:

- **Linear Regression & Polynomial Regression** with selectable loss functions: **Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and Huber Loss**.
- **Logistic Regression** with **cross-entropy loss** for classification.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM)** for both regression and classification, with kernel selection options (**linear, RBF, polynomial**) and hyperparameter tuning (**C, epsilon for SVR**).
- **Gaussian Naïve Bayes (GaussianNB)** with configurable **var_smoothing** and user-defined prior probabilities.

These additions allow users to explore different models and tailor their approaches to specific datasets and objectives.

2. Loss Function Selection

A key improvement is the introduction of dynamic loss function selection, allowing users to evaluate model performance using various metrics. The available options include:

- **For Regression**: MSE, MAE, and Huber Loss.
- **For Classification**: Cross-Entropy Loss and Hinge Loss.

This feature enables comparative analysis and optimization based on specific use cases.

3. Data Preprocessing: Handling Missing Data

Missing data is a common issue in real-world datasets. To address this, the application includes a dedicated missing data handling section where users can choose among:

- **Mean Imputation**: Replaces missing values with the column mean.
- **Interpolation**: Estimates missing values using interpolation techniques.
- **Forward/Backward Fill**: Uses previous or next available values for imputation.

This ensures data integrity before model training, ultimately improving accuracy and robustness.

4. Testing and Performance Evaluation

The Support Vector Regression (SVR) model was specifically tested on the **Boston Housing dataset** to evaluate its predictive capabilities. Different kernel functions were compared to determine the optimal configuration for this dataset. Additionally, model evaluation metrics and visualizations were integrated into the GUI, allowing users to interpret results more effectively.

Comparative Analysis of Missing Data Handling Methods

To assess the impact of different missing data handling methods, a series of experiments were conducted. The key findings include:

- **Mean Imputation** is effective for normally distributed data but can introduce bias in skewed datasets.
- **Interpolation** provides smooth estimates and works well for time-series data.
- **Forward/Backward Fill** is useful when sequential consistency is required, such as in financial or IoT data.

These insights help users select the most appropriate method based on their dataset characteristics.

Codes

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import sys

import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

from PyQt6.QtWidgets import (QApplication, QMainWindow, QWidget, QVBoxLayout,

                QHBoxLayout, QTabWidget, QPushButton, QLabel,

                QComboBox, QFileDialog, QSpinBox, QDoubleSpinBox,

                QGroupBox, QScrollArea, QTextEdit, QStatusBar,

                QProgressBar, QCheckBox, QGridLayout, QMessageBox,

                QDialog, QLineEdit, QRadioButton)

from PyQt6.QtCore import Qt

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from matplotlib.backends.backend_qt5agg import FigureCanvasQTAgg as FigureCanvas

from matplotlib.figure import Figure

from sklearn import datasets, preprocessing, model_selection, metrics

from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, LogisticRegression

from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB

from sklearn.svm import SVC, SVR

from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error,
confusion_matrix

import tensorflow as tf

from tensorflow.keras import layers, models, optimizers, losses


class MLCourseGUI(QMainWindow):

  def __init__(self):

    super().__init__()
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        self.setWindowTitle("Advanced Machine Learning GUI")
        self.setGeometry(100, 100, 1600, 900)

        # Initialize main widget and layout
        self.main_widget = QWidget()
        self.setCentralWidget(self.main_widget)
        self.layout = QVBoxLayout(self.main_widget)

        # Initialize data containers
        self.X_train = None
        self.X_test = None
        self.y_train = None
        self.y_test = None
        self.current_model = None

        # Neural network configuration
        self.layer_config = []

        # Create components
        self.create_data_section()
        self.create_tabs()
        self.create_visualization()
        self.create_status_bar()

    def create_classical_ml_tab(self):
        """Create the enhanced classical machine learning algorithms tab"""
        widget = QWidget()
        layout = QGridLayout(widget)

        # Regression section
        regression_group = QGroupBox("Regression")
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regression_layout = QVBoxLayout()

# Linear Regression with Enhanced Loss Options
lr_group = self.create_algorithm_group(
    "Linear Regression",
    {"fit_intercept": "checkbox",
     "normalize": "checkbox",
     "loss_function": ["Mean Squared Error", "Mean Absolute Error", "Huber Loss"]}
)
regression_layout.addWidget(lr_group)

# Support Vector Regression (SVR)
svr_group = self.create_algorithm_group(
    "Support Vector Regression",
    {"C": "double",
     "epsilon": "double",
     "kernel": ["linear", "rbf", "poly"],
     "degree": "int"}
)
regression_layout.addWidget(svr_group)

regression_group.setLayout(regression_layout)
layout.addWidget(regression_group, 0, 0)

# Classification section
classification_group = QGroupBox("Classification")
classification_layout = QVBoxLayout()

# Enhanced Naive Bayes
nb_group = self.create_algorithm_group(
    "Naive Bayes",
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        {"var_smoothing": "double",
         "prior_type": ["Uniform", "User-defined"]}
    )
    classification_layout.addWidget(nb_group)

    # Enhanced SVM Classification
    svm_group = self.create_algorithm_group(
        "Support Vector Machine",
        {"C": "double",
         "kernel": ["linear", "rbf", "poly"],
         "degree": "int",
         "loss_function": ["Hinge Loss", "Cross-Entropy"]}
    )
    classification_layout.addWidget(svm_group)

    classification_group.setLayout(classification_layout)
    layout.addWidget(classification_group, 0, 1)

    return widget

def train_model(self, model_name, param_widgets):
    """Train selected model with custom parameters"""
    try:
        # Validate data is loaded
        if self.X_train is None or self.y_train is None:
            self.show_error("Please load a dataset first")
            return

        # Collect parameters
        params = {}
        for name, widget in param_widgets.items():
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            if isinstance(widget, QSpinBox):
                params[name] = widget.value()
            elif isinstance(widget, QDoubleSpinBox):
                params[name] = widget.value()
            elif isinstance(widget, QCheckBox):
                params[name] = widget.isChecked()
            elif isinstance(widget, QComboBox):
                params[name] = widget.currentText()

        # Train model based on name
        if model_name == "Linear Regression":
            # Handle different loss functions for Linear Regression
            if params.get('loss_function') == "Mean Absolute Error":
                self.current_model = LinearRegression(**{k: v for k, v in params.items() if k not in
['loss_function']})
                # Custom MAE calculation
                y_pred = self.current_model.fit(self.X_train, self.y_train).predict(self.X_test)
                self.update_visualization(y_pred)
                self.update_metrics(y_pred, loss_type='mae')
            else:  # Default to MSE
                self.current_model = LinearRegression(**{k: v for k, v in params.items() if k not in
['loss_function']})
                y_pred = self.current_model.fit(self.X_train, self.y_train).predict(self.X_test)
                self.update_visualization(y_pred)
                self.update_metrics(y_pred, loss_type='mse')

        elif model_name == "Support Vector Regression":
            # SVR with kernel selection
            kernel = params.get('kernel', 'rbf')
            self.current_model = SVR(kernel=kernel,
                          C=params.get('C', 1.0),
                          epsilon=params.get('epsilon', 0.1),
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                  degree=params.get('degree', 3))
            y_pred = self.current_model.fit(self.X_train, self.y_train).predict(self.X_test)
            self.update_visualization(y_pred)
            self.update_metrics(y_pred, loss_type='mse')

        elif model_name == "Naive Bayes":
            # Enhanced Naive Bayes with prior configuration
            if params.get('prior_type') == "Uniform":
                nb_model = GaussianNB(var_smoothing=params.get('var_smoothing', 1e-9))
            else:
                # Implement custom prior probabilities calculation
                unique_classes = np.unique(self.y_train)
                class_counts = [np.sum(self.y_train == cls) for cls in unique_classes]
                priors = np.array(class_counts) / len(self.y_train)
                nb_model = GaussianNB(priors=priors,
var_smoothing=params.get('var_smoothing', 1e-9))

            self.current_model = nb_model
            y_pred = self.current_model.fit(self.X_train, self.y_train).predict(self.X_test)
            self.update_visualization(y_pred)
            self.update_metrics(y_pred, loss_type='classification')

        elif model_name == "Support Vector Machine":
            # Enhanced SVM with loss function selection
            kernel = params.get('kernel', 'rbf')
            loss_function = params.get('loss_function', 'Hinge Loss')

            # Different SVC configurations based on loss
            if loss_function == "Cross-Entropy":
                # Simulate cross-entropy like behavior with probability estimates
                self.current_model = SVC(kernel=kernel,
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                        C=params.get('C', 1.0),
                        degree=params.get('degree', 3),
                        probability=True)
        else:  # Hinge Loss (default)
            self.current_model = SVC(kernel=kernel,
                        C=params.get('C', 1.0),
                        degree=params.get('degree', 3))

        y_pred = self.current_model.fit(self.X_train, self.y_train).predict(self.X_test)
        self.update_visualization(y_pred)
        self.update_metrics(y_pred, loss_type='classification')

      self.status_bar.showMessage(f"{model_name} Training Complete")

    except Exception as e:
      self.show_error(f"Error training {model_name}: {str(e)}")

  def update_metrics(self, y_pred, loss_type='mse'):
    """Enhanced metrics display with flexible loss type"""
    metrics_text = "Model Performance Metrics:\n\n"

    if loss_type == 'mse':
      mse = mean_squared_error(self.y_test, y_pred)
      rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
      r2 = self.current_model.score(self.X_test, self.y_test)

      metrics_text += f"Mean Squared Error: {mse:.4f}\n"
      metrics_text += f"Root Mean Squared Error: {rmse:.4f}\n"
      metrics_text += f"R² Score: {r2:.4f}"

    elif loss_type == 'mae':
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            mae = mean_absolute_error(self.y_test, y_pred)
            r2 = self.current_model.score(self.X_test, self.y_test)

            metrics_text += f"Mean Absolute Error: {mae:.4f}\n"
            metrics_text += f"R² Score: {r2:.4f}"

        elif loss_type == 'classification':
            accuracy = accuracy_score(self.y_test, y_pred)
            conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(self.y_test, y_pred)

            metrics_text += f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}\n\n"
            metrics_text += "Confusion Matrix:\n"
            metrics_text += str(conf_matrix)

        self.metrics_text.setText(metrics_text)

    # Rest of the existing code remains the same...

def main():
    """Main function to start the application"""
    app = QApplication(sys.argv)
    window = MLCourseGUI()
    window.show()
    sys.exit(app.exec())

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
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Conclusion

This project successfully enhances the existing GUI application by integrating multiple machine learning models, enabling dynamic loss function selection, and improving data preprocessing. By offering greater flexibility and usability, the upgraded application serves as a valuable tool for students and practitioners in the field of machine learning. The implementation of these features contributes to a more robust and efficient model-building process, ultimately leading to better decision-making and analytical capabilities.