



## SYNTHETIC MINORITY OVERSAMPLING TECHNIQUE

### **IMBALANCED DATSET**

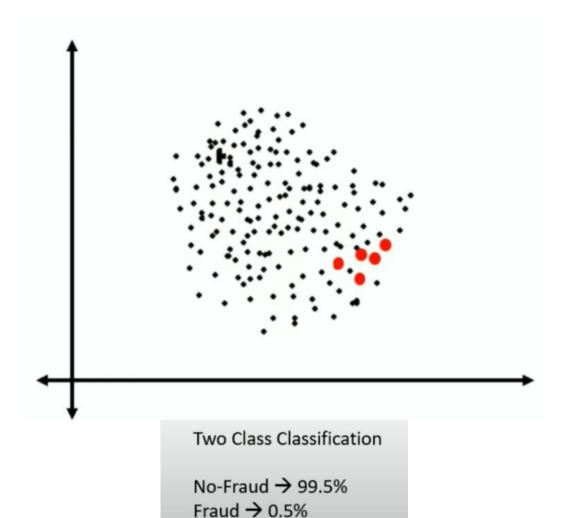
• This dataset is **unbalanced**.

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Before SMOTE: Counter({'unacc': 839, 'acc': 282, 'good': 48, 'vgood': 40})



#### **IMBALANCED DATSET**



- Presence of minority class in the dataset
- Challenges related Imbalanced Dataset
  - Biased predictions
  - · Misleading accuracy
- Some Examples
  - Credit card frauds
  - Manufacturing defects
  - · Rare diseases diagnosis
  - · Natural disasters
  - Enrolment to premier institutes



#### **HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?**

- Balance the classes by Increasing minority or decreasing majority
- Random Under-Sampling
  - · Randomly remove majority class observations
  - Helps balance the dataset
  - Discarded observations could have important information
  - May lead to bias
- Random Over-Sampling
  - Randomly add more minority observations by replication
  - No information loss
  - · Prone to overfitting due to copying same information

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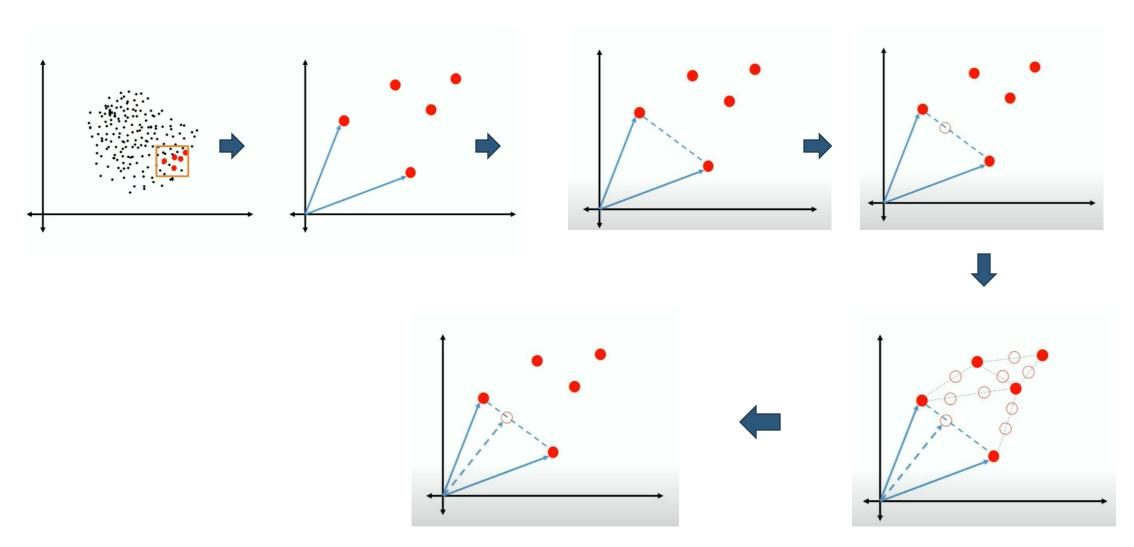
Reduce normal to 90 Fraudulent = 10 or 10%

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Increase fraudulent by 100 Fraudulent 110 or 10%



### **SMOTE**





#### **HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?**

- Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique
- Creates new "Synthetic" observations
- SMOTE Process
  - · Identify the feature vector and its nearest neighbour
  - Take the difference between the two
  - Multiply the difference with a random number between 0 and 1
  - Identify a new point on the line segment by adding the random number to feature vector
  - Repeat the process for identified feature vectors



#### **HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?**

#### x belongs to A

- Step 1: Setting the minority class set **A**, for each  $x \in A$ , the **k-nearest neighbors of x** are obtained by calculating the **Euclidean distance** between **x** and every other sample in set **A**.
- Step 2: The sampling rate N is set according to the imbalanced proportion. For each  $x \in A$ , N examples (i.e x1, x2, ...xn) are randomly selected from its k-nearest neighbors, and they construct the set  $A_1$ . x belongs to A
- Step 3: For each example  $x_k \in A_1$  (k=1, 2, 3...N), the following formula is used to generate a new example:

$$x' = x + rand(0, 1) * | x - x_k$$

in which rand (0, 1) represents the random number between 0 and 1.



#### SYNTHETIC MINORITY OVERSAMPLING TECHNIQUE

- **Imbalanced classification** involves developing predictive models on classification datasets that have a **severe** class imbalance.
- The challenge of working with imbalanced datasets is that most machine learning techniques will ignore, and in turn have poor performance on, the minority class, although typically it is **performance on the minority class that is most important.**
- One way to solve this problem is to oversample the examples in the minority class.
- The simplest approach involves duplicating examples in the minority class, although these examples don't add any new information to the model.
- This can balance the class distribution but does not provide any additional information to the model.
- An improvement on duplicating examples from the minority class is to **synthesize** new examples from the minority class.
- This is a type of data augmentation for tabular data and can be very effective and is referred to as the Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique or SMOTE for short.



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- SMOTE works by selecting examples that are close in the **feature space**, **drawing a line between the examples** in the feature space and **drawing a new sample at a point along that line**.
- Specifically, a random example from the minority class is first chosen.
- Then **k** of the nearest neighbors for that example are found (typically k = 5).
- A randomly selected neighbor is chosen and a synthetic example is created at a randomly selected point between the two examples in feature space.



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