Classifying NFL Plays

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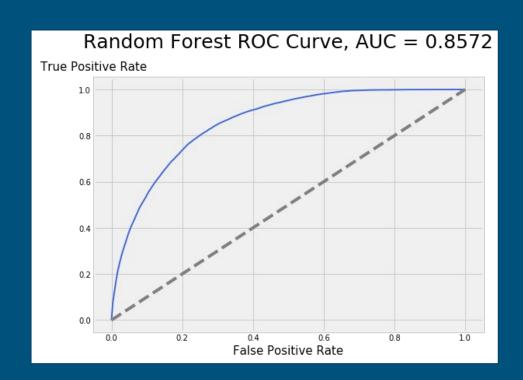
Background

- Adoption of data analytics in football
- Objective:Will a play be positive yards or not?



Data & Methodology

- Play by play data from 2009 through 2018 (week 15)
- PostgreSQL \rightarrow pandas
- Models tested:
 - Logistic Regression
 - KNN
 - Naive Bayes Gaussian
 - SVC
 - Decision Trees
 - Extra Trees
 - Random Forest



Results

- Feature importance
 - Improved AUC by 3.74%
- Adj threshold for F1 score

- Threshold: 0.39

- F1 score: 0.867

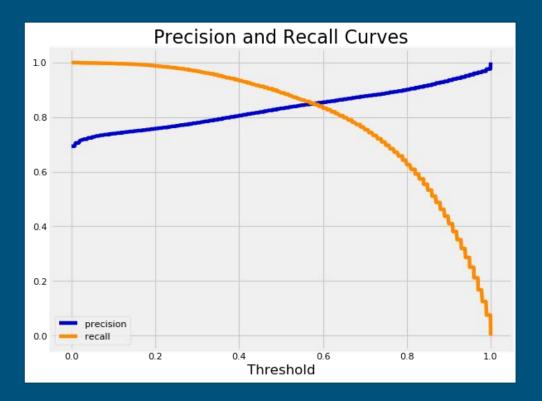


Tableau Dashboard Demo

Future Work

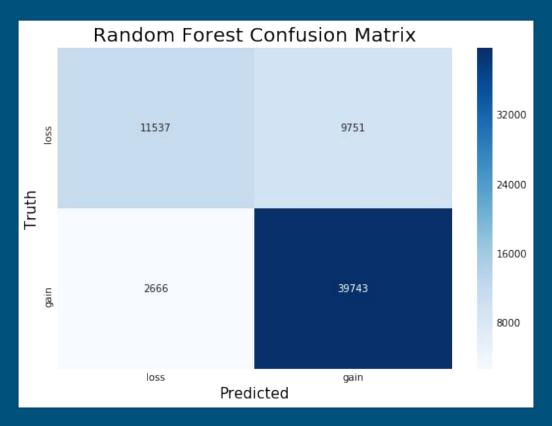
- Additional features from other sources
- Increase Tableau dashboard functionality
- Optimize for teams & coaches



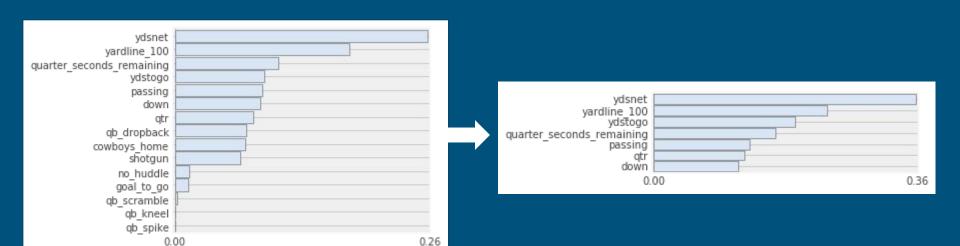
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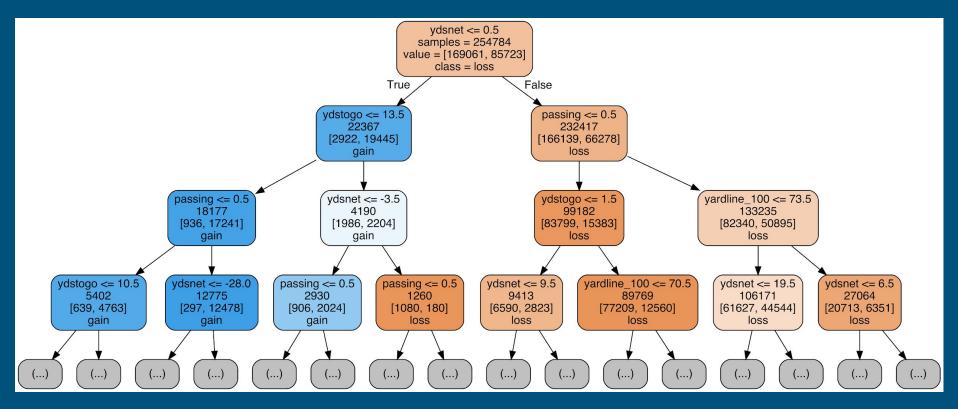
Appendix - Random Forest Confusion Matrix



Appendix - Important Features



Appendix - Sample Decision Tree



Appendix - Tools Used

- PostgreSQL
- Pandas
- Numpy
- Matplotlib
- Seaborn
- Scikit Learn
- rfpimp
- TabPy
- Tableau