

# Bankruptcy prediction in Colombian case

## Using Decision trees, Random forest and Adaboost

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# Review

MDA model Altman 1968, Olhson 1980 (probit and logit, Survival models 1992, Hazard model (Shumway, 2001), and today the Neural networks, has been applied considerably in the field of bankruptcy. The models used to measure the risk, has been evolve to tackle empirical limitations, however the models more used are MDA, logit model by simplicity in spite of better performance of other models. (Smaranda, 2014)

# Theoretical framework

There is not a defined concept about bankruptcy. Notwithstanding, for empirical practice, has been consider the declaration for themselves for the legal entities, and the financial accounts made a important reference, to find patters or associations to predict the event.

# Justification

The financial distress is a term related with the situation of company insolvency, usually the term refer to the impossibility of payments, or its legal declaration of default, this situations have a negative impact in the economy, as reducing employment and raising prices. In summary, it could lead to reduce output and the improvements in living conditions of population.

# Goals

Determine the accuracy of the decision tree join the bagging and boosting techniques to predict bankruptcy.

- Identifying the Colombian companies that underwent bankruptcy in a longitudinal database with the retrieved information from 2012-2014.
- Estimate the True Positive Rate and Accuracy of the decision tree, random forest and adaBoost model to predict bankruptcy.

# Data

Retrieved from Super Intendencia de Sociedades the variables are *capital work/total assets*, *retained earnings/assets total*, *net utility/total assets* and *equity total liabilities* however, either limitations in model or the variables we could get low prediction as consequence but only estimate a pure Altman model due to be comparable results with another works.

# Decision trees

$k$  nodes that are constructed with the gain information of a measure of impurity, in this case entropy (spite of there is not the only measure, the other measures not produce significance difference ).

# Random Forest

Constructed over the concept of bootstrapping, of  $\mathbf{X}$  select choose  $n$  samples with the same length and with replacement and ensemble with the following criteria:

$h(X)$  it is a classification rule, then Majority Vote Classifier is defined as

$$C(x) = \text{mode}\{h(X_1)..h(X_n)\} \quad (1)$$

we can assign weights:

$$C(x) = \arg \max_i \sum_{j=1}^N w_j I(h_j(X) = i) \quad (2)$$

Note that if  $w_j = \frac{1}{N}$  then is equal to the mode defined previously.



# Adaboost

Constructed over the concept of weak learners, boosting propose learning of error in each training iteration, thus assume that we initialize with  $\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{N}$  the number of data points thus we train the model updating the weights and after normalize in each iteration thus each weight that correspond with a data point classify correctly then  $\Delta w_j < 0$  and the miss classify data points  $\Delta w_j > 0$ .

in general terms we hope a better performance of the Adaboost technique, because unlike random forest that only tackle variance problems, this techniques reduce bias too.

# Assessment of models

$$TPR = \frac{TP}{FP + TP} \quad (3)$$

The accuracy (ACC) is a measure of the overall prediction ability.

$$ACC = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FN + TP} \quad (4)$$

# Results

In training data 786 firms were classified as +1 and 24040 as -1. We perform a bivariate analysis of each financial ratio and found significant difference with the groups in medians due the variables are not distributed normally the test used was wilcoxon rank sum test. To test model in 2014 roughly the same size of classes were used but the failures were roughly the half of training.

According to the following table, there is not significant difference among the models, however AdaBoost outperforms the other two techniques.

Table: Performance of prediction

Model	TPR	ACC
Decision Trees	0.963	0.962
Random Forest	0.998	0.997
AdaBoost	0.999	0.999

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