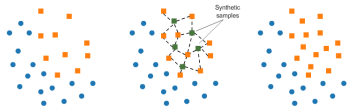


Advanced Machine Learning

Imbalanced Learning: Sampling Methods Part 2

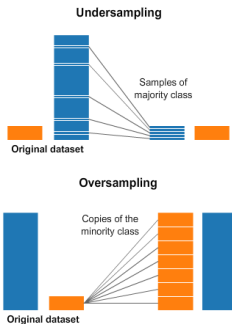


Learning goals

- Know the idea of sampling methods for coping with imbalanced data
- Understand the state-of-art oversampling technique SMOTE

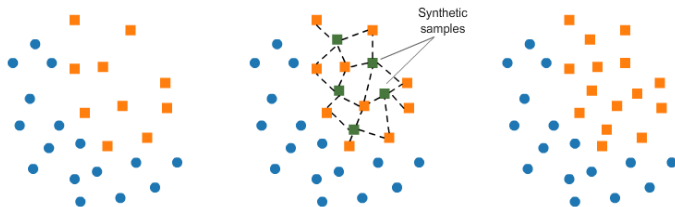
SAMPLING METHODS: OVERVIEW

- Balance training data distribution to perform better on minority classes.
- Independent of classifier \rightsquigarrow very flexible and general.
- Three groups:
 - Undersampling — Removing majority instances.
 - Oversampling — Adding/Creating new minority instances.
 - Oversampling is slower than undersampling but usually works better.
 - Hybrid approaches — Combining undersampling and oversampling.



OVERSAMPLING: SMOTE

- SMOTE operates by creating **new synthetic instances** of minority class.
- Interpolate between neighboring minority instances.
- Instances are created in \mathcal{X} rather than in $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$.
- Algorithm: For each minority class instance:
 - Find its k nearest minority neighbors.
 - Randomly select j of these neighbors.
 - Randomly generate new instances along the lines connecting the minority example and its j selected neighbors.



SMOTE: GENERATING NEW EXAMPLES

- Let $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ be the feature of the minority instance and let $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ be its nearest neighbor. The line connecting the two instances is

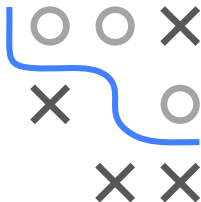
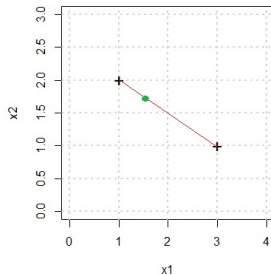
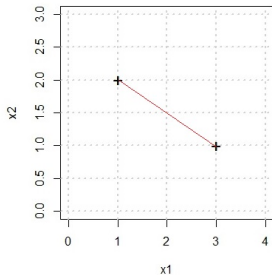
$$(1 - \lambda)\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + \lambda\mathbf{x}^{(j)} = \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + \lambda(\mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

- By sampling a $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, say $\tilde{\lambda}$, we create a new instance

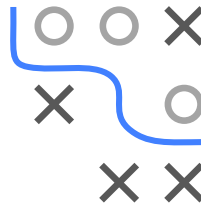
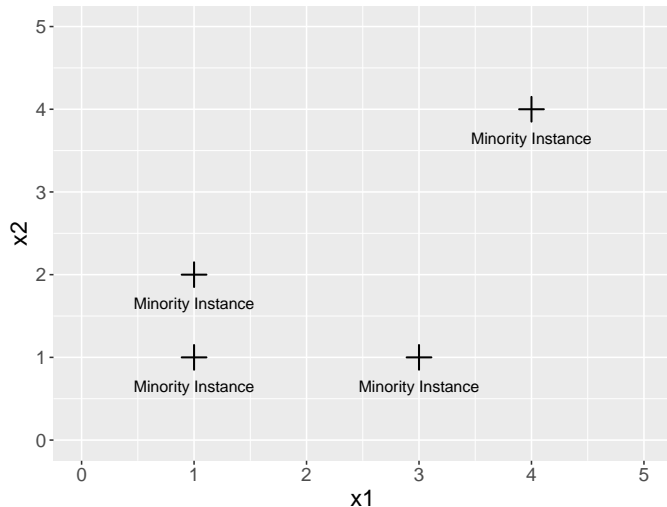
$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} = \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + \tilde{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

Example: Let $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (1, 2)^\top$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(j)} = (3, 1)^\top$. Assume $\tilde{\lambda} \approx 0.25$.



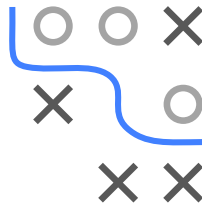
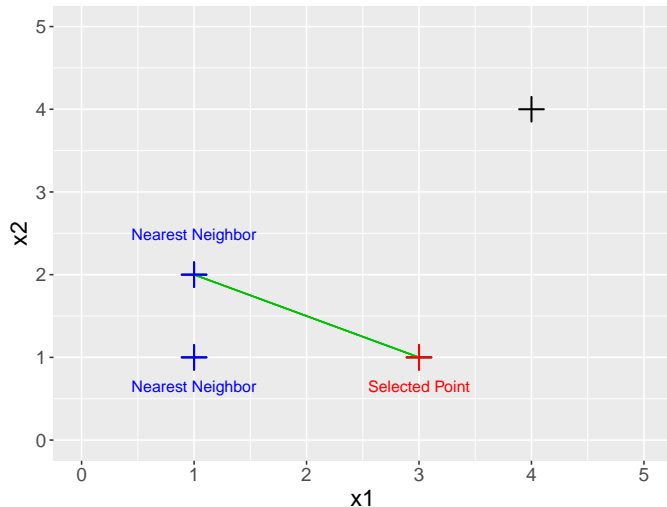
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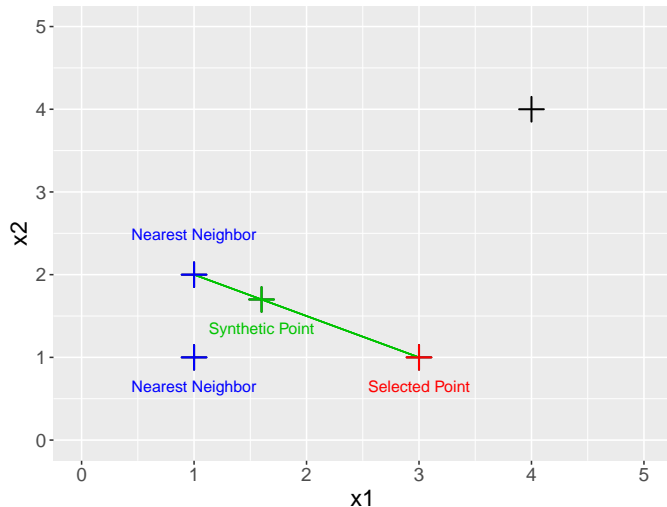
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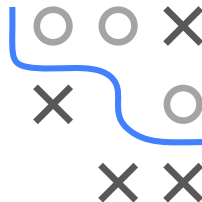
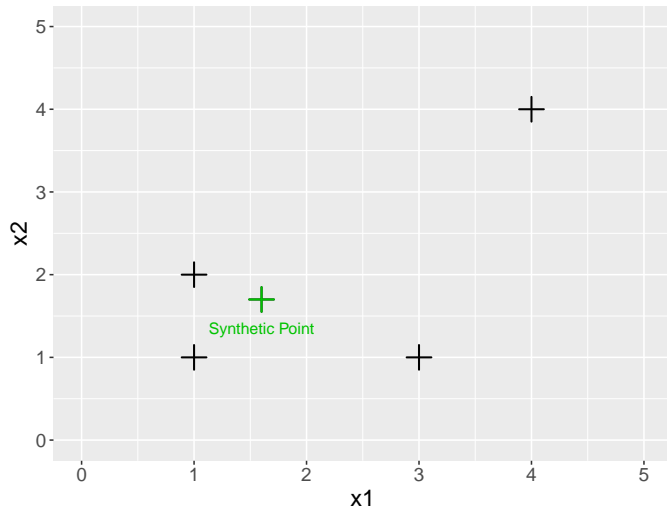
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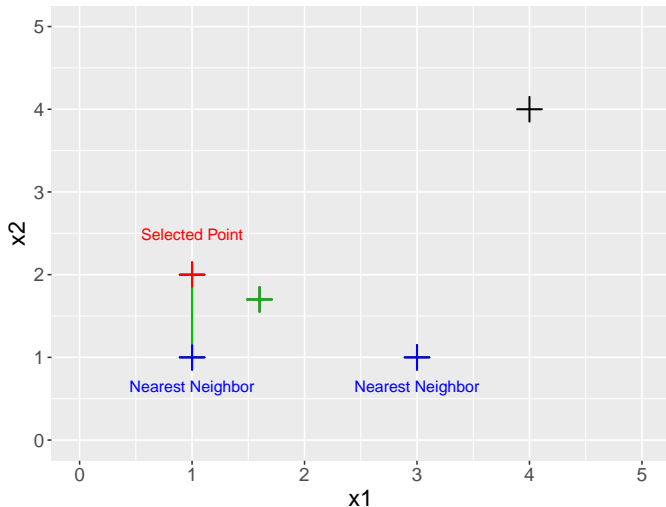
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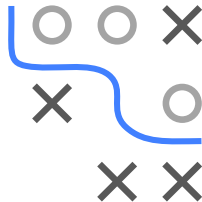
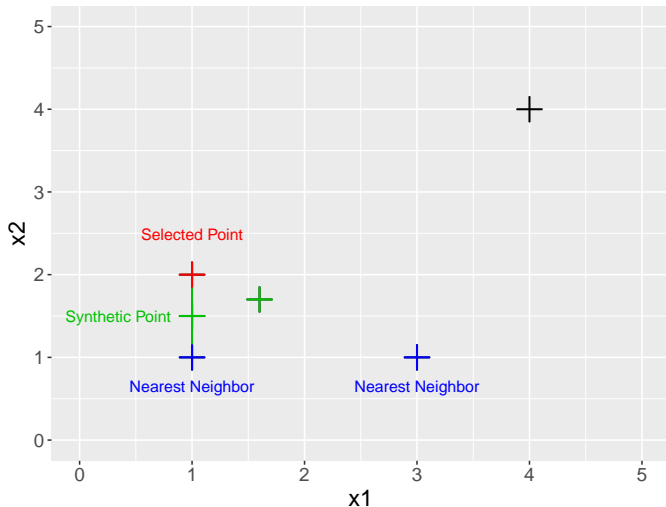
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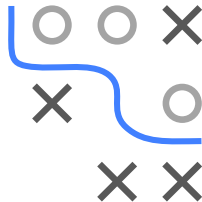
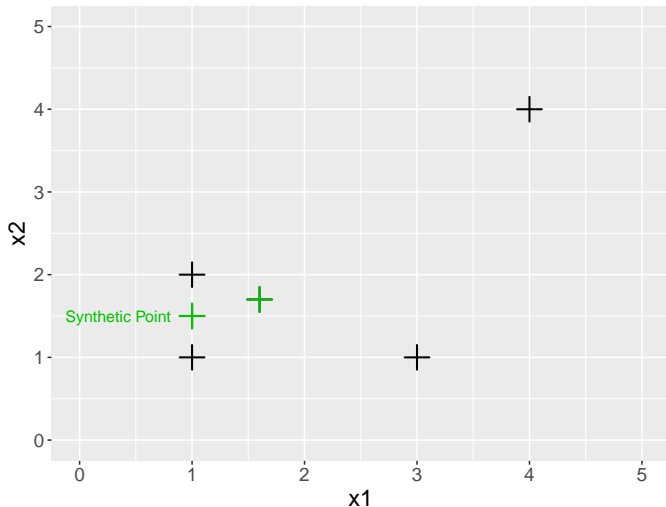
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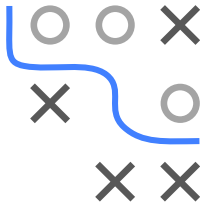
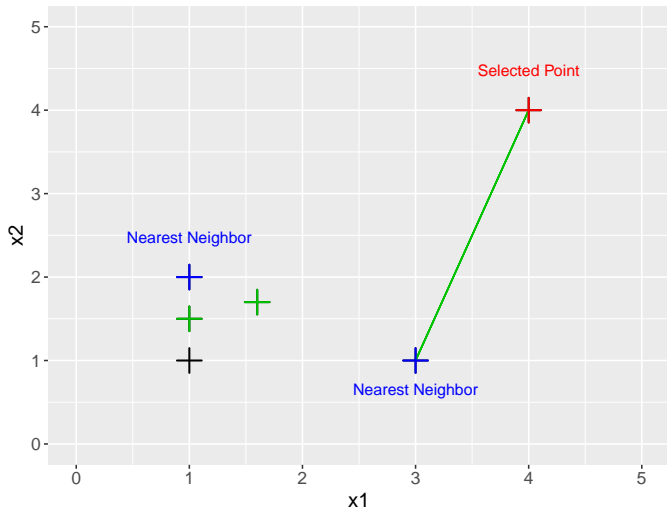
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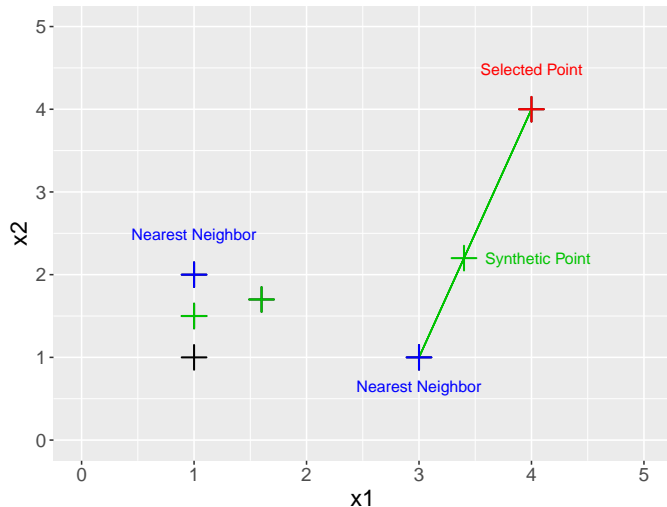
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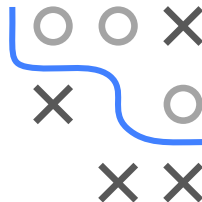
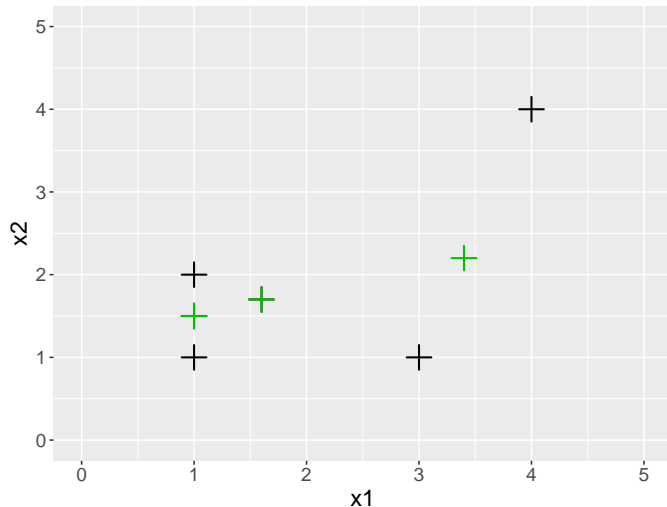
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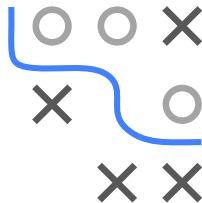
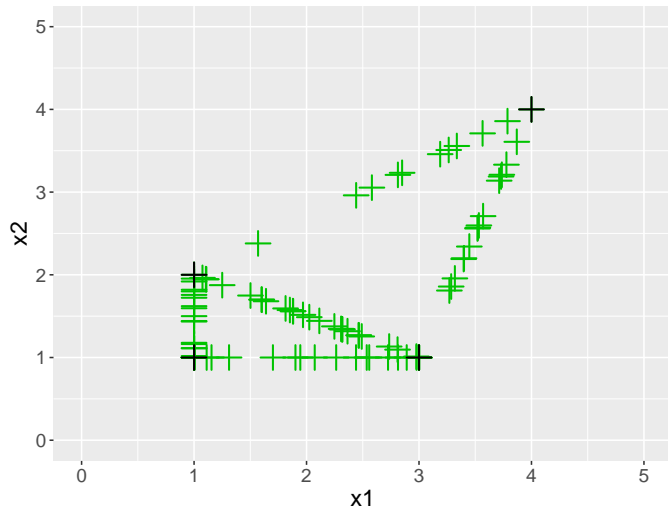
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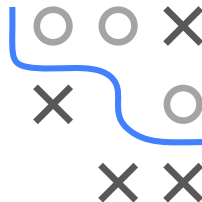
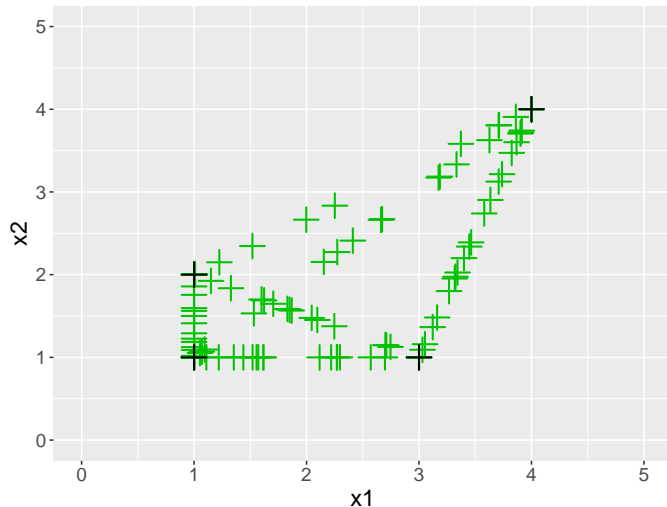
SMOTE: VISUALIZATION CONTINUED

After 100 iterations of SMOTE for $K = 2$ we get:



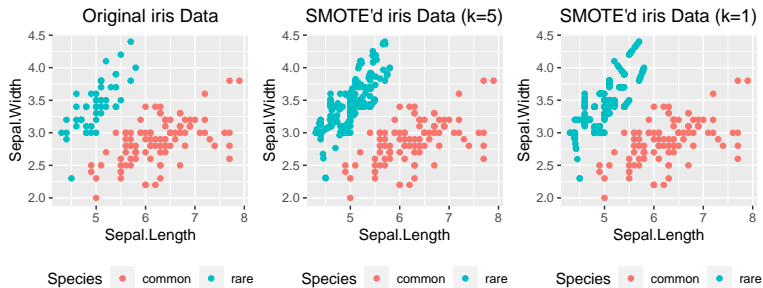
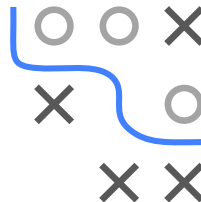
SMOTE: VISUALIZATION CONTINUED

For 100 iterations of SMOTE with $K = 3$ and randomly selecting neighbors:



SMOTE: EXAMPLE

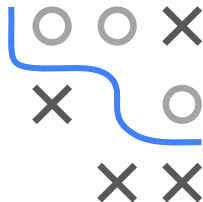
- Iris data set with $\mathcal{Y} = \{\text{setosa}, \text{versicolor}, \text{virginica}\}$, and 50 instances for each class.
- Make the data set “imbalanced”:
 - relabel one class as positive
 - relabel two other classes as negative



The new minority instances slightly increase the difficulty of separating the two classes with a hyperplane.

SMOTE: DIS-/ADVANTAGES

- Generalize decision region for minority class instead of making it quite specific, such as by random oversampling.
- Well-performed among the oversampling techniques and is the basis for many oversampling methods: Borderline-SMOTE, LN-SMOTE, . . . (over 90 extensions!)
- Prone to overgeneralizing as it pays no attention to the majority class.



COMPARISON OF SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

- Compare different sampling techniques on the Optdigits dataset for optical recognition of handwritten digits.
- Use random forest with 100 trees, 5-fold cv and employ F_1 -Score. The pos./neg. class-ratios are 0.11, 0.68, 0.68 and 0.79:

Learner	F1-Score
Base RF	0.9239
Undersample RF	0.9538
Oversample RF	0.9538
SMOTE RF	0.9576

- Sampling techniques outperform base learner.
- SMOTE leads sampling techniques, although by a small margin.

