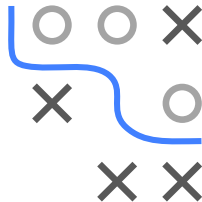


Imbalanced Learning: Cost Curves Part 2

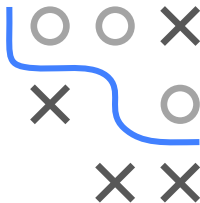


- CCs with cost matrices
- Comparing classifiers
- Wrap-Up comparison to ROC

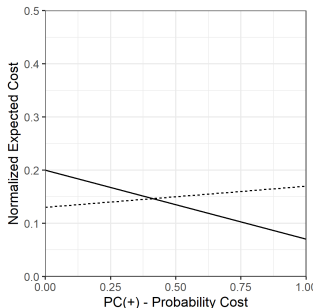
CCS WITH TRUE COSTS

To obtain cost lines, we need a function with slope $(FNR - FPR)$ and intercept $FPR \Rightarrow$ Rewrite $Costs_{norm}(\pi_+)$ as function of $PC(+)$:

$$\begin{aligned} Costs_{norm}(PC(+)) &= (1 - PC(+)) \cdot FPR + PC(+)) \cdot FNR \\ &= (FNR - FPR) \cdot PC(+) + FPR \\ &= \begin{cases} FPR, & \text{if } PC(+) = 0 \\ FNR, & \text{if } PC(+) = 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



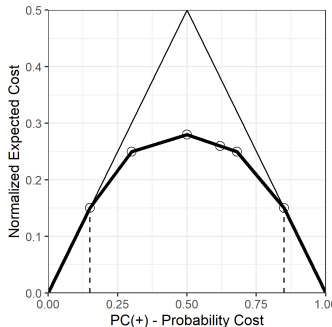
- Plot is similar to simplified case with $cost_{FN} = cost_{FP}$
- Axes' labels and their interpretation have changed
- Normalized cost vs. "probability times cost"



COMPARE WITH TRIVIAL CLASSIFIERS

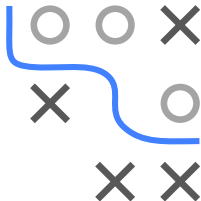
- Operating range of a classifier is a set of $PC(+)$ values (operating points) where classifier performs better than both trivial classifiers
- Intersection of cost curves and trivial classifiers' diagonals determine operating range
- At any $PC(+)$ value, the vertical distance of trivial diagonal to a classifier's cost curve within operating range shows advantage in performance (normalized costs) of classifier

Example: Dotted lines are operating range of a classifier (here: $[0.14, 0.85]$)

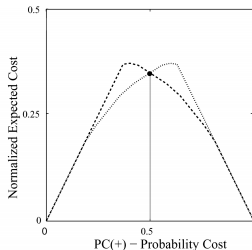


COMPARING CLASSIFIERS

- If classifier C1's expected cost is lower than classifier C2's at a $PC(+)$ value, C1 outperforms C2 at that operating point
- The two cost curves of C1 and C2 may cross, which indicates C1 outperforms C2 for a certain operating range and vice versa
- The vertical distance between the two cost curves of C1 and C2 at any $PC(+)$ value directly indicates the performance difference between them at that operating point



Example: Dotted cost curve has lower expected cost as dashed cost curve for $PC(+) < 0.5$ and hence outperforms dashed one in this operating range and vice versa



Chris Drummond and Robert C. Holte (2006): Cost curves: An improved method for visualizing classifier performance. *Machine Learning*, 65, 95-130 (URL)