### APA-L8

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### 1 APA Laboratori 8 - Random Forests

## 1.1 Financial Example: classification model for deposit subscription

Direct marketing campaigns (phone calls) of a Portuguese banking institution. The classification goal is to predict if the client will subscribe a term deposit

#### In [5]: summary(deposit)

```
job
                                      marital
                                                        education
     age
Min.
      :18.00
               blue-collar:9732
                                  divorced: 5207
                                                   primary: 6851
1st Qu.:33.00
               management:9458
                                  married :27214
                                                   secondary:23202
Median :39.00
               technician:7597
                                  single :12790
                                                   tertiary:13301
      :40.94
                                                   unknown: 1857
Mean
               admin.
                          :5171
3rd Qu.:48.00
                          :4154
               services
       :95.00
                          :2264
Max.
               retired
                (Other)
                          :6835
default
               balance
                           housing
                                          loan
                                                         contact
no:44396
                  : -8019 no :20081
                                        no:37967
                                                    cellular:29285
           Min.
           1st Qu.:
yes: 815
                       72
                            yes:25130
                                        yes: 7244
                                                    telephone: 2906
```

Median: 448 unknown:13020

Mean : 1362 3rd Qu.: 1428 Max. :102127

day	month	duration	campaign
Min. : 1.00	may :13766	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 1.000
1st Qu.: 8.00	jul : 6895	1st Qu.: 103.0	1st Qu.: 1.000
Median :16.00	aug : 6247	Median : 180.0	Median : 2.000
Mean :15.81	jun : 5341	Mean : 258.2	Mean : 2.764
3rd Qu.:21.00	nov : 3970	3rd Qu.: 319.0	3rd Qu.: 3.000
Max. :31.00	apr : 2932	Max. :4918.0	Max. :63.000
	(Other): 6060		
pdays	previous	poutcome	У
Min. : -1.0	Min. : 0.000	0 failure: 4901	no :39922
1st Qu.: -1.0	1st Qu.: 0.000	0 other : 1840	yes: 5289
Median : -1.0	Median : 0.000	0 success: 1511	
Mean : 40.2	Mean : 0.580	3 unknown:36959	
3rd Qu.: -1.0	3rd Qu.: 0.000	0	
Max. :871.0	Max. :275.000	0	

This dataset needs a lot of pre-processing ... also it displays a good mixture of categorical and numeric variables

age seems OK job has 12 values, let's check their frequency seems  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{OK}}$ 

### In [6]: table(deposit\$job)

admin.	blue-collar	entrepreneur	housemaid	${\tt management}$
5171	9732	1487	1240	9458
retired	self-employed	services	student	technician
2264	1579	4154	938	7597
unemployed	unknown			
1303	288			

education has 4 values, let's check their frequency seems OK

### In [7]: table(deposit\$education)

primary secondary tertiary unknown 6851 23202 13301 1857

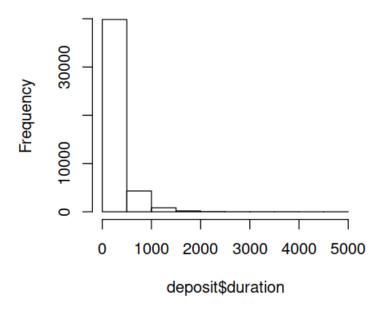
month looks very suspicious ... but is OK

In [8]: table(deposit\$month)

```
dec
                    feb
                           jan
                                  jul
                                        jun
                                               mar
                                                            nov
                                                                   oct
                                                                          sep
 apr
2932
      6247
              214
                   2649
                          1403
                                 6895
                                       5341
                                               477 13766
                                                           3970
                                                                   738
                                                                          579
```

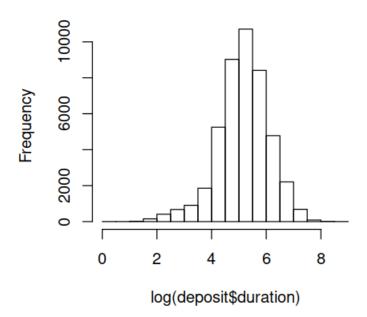
Duration is highly skewed ...

# Histogram of deposit\$duration



In [10]: hist(log(deposit\$duration))

# Histogram of log(deposit\$duration)



### In [11]: deposit\$duration <- log(deposit\$duration+0.001)

what to do with 'pdays' and 'previous'? it is not clear how to best pre-process them; we shall need some financial expertise... we leave them as they are

The rest seem OK (but it would take a careful analysis, and a lot of domain knowledge) Let's rename the target ...

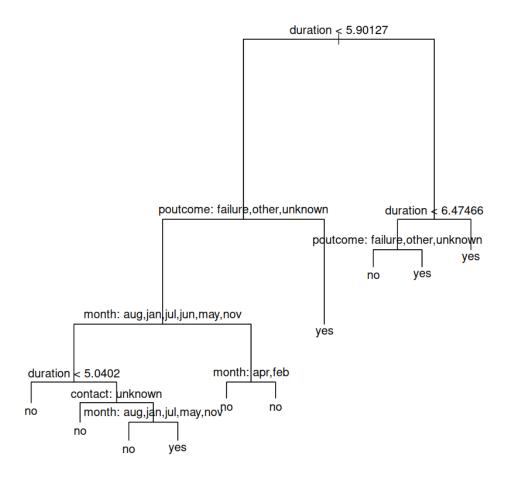
1. 45211 2. 17

In [13]: summary(deposit)

age	job	marital	education
Min. :18.00	blue-collar:9732	divorced: 5207	primary : 6851
1st Qu.:33.00	management :9458	married :27214	secondary:23202
Median :39.00	technician :7597	single :12790	tertiary :13301
Mean :40.94	admin. :5171		unknown : 1857
3rd Qu.:48.00	services :4154		
Max. :95.00	retired :2264		
	(Other) :6835		

```
default
                balance
                               housing
                                            loan
                                                             contact
                    : -8019
                               no :20081
 no:44396
             Min.
                                           no :37967
                                                        cellular :29285
 yes: 815
             1st Qu.:
                          72
                               yes:25130
                                           yes: 7244
                                                        telephone: 2906
             Median :
                                                        unknown:13020
                         448
             Mean : 1362
             3rd Qu.:
                       1428
             Max.
                    :102127
      day
                     month
                                     duration
                                                       campaign
                         :13766
Min.
       : 1.00
                 may
                                  Min.
                                         :-6.908
                                                   Min.
                                                          : 1.000
 1st Qu.: 8.00
                                  1st Qu.: 4.635
                                                    1st Qu.: 1.000
                 jul
                         : 6895
 Median :16.00
                                  Median : 5.193
                                                    Median : 2.000
                 aug
                        : 6247
       :15.81
                        : 5341
                                        : 5.162
                                                           : 2.764
Mean
                 jun
                                  Mean
                                                    Mean
                                  3rd Qu.: 5.765
 3rd Qu.:21.00
                 nov
                        : 3970
                                                    3rd Qu.: 3.000
Max.
        :31.00
                 apr
                       : 2932
                                  Max.
                                         : 8.501
                                                    Max.
                                                           :63.000
                 (Other): 6060
     pdays
                    previous
                                        poutcome
                                                      subscribed
Min. : -1.0
                 Min. : 0.0000
                                     failure: 4901
                                                      no:39922
 1st Qu.: -1.0
                 1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                     other : 1840
                                                      yes: 5289
Median : -1.0
                 Median : 0.0000
                                     success: 1511
                                     unknown:36959
 Mean : 40.2
                 Mean
                       : 0.5803
3rd Qu.: -1.0
                 3rd Qu.: 0.0000
 Max. :871.0
                 Max.
                      :275.0000
   Since we want to use different methods, we need CV and a separate test set:
In [14]: library(TunePareto)
   precalculate the TR/TE partition and the cross-validation partitions on the TR part
In [15]: N <- nrow(deposit)</pre>
         all.indexes <- 1:N
         learn.indexes <- sample(1:N, round(2*N/3))
         test.indexes <- all.indexes[-learn.indexes]</pre>
         learn.data <- deposit[learn.indexes,]</pre>
         nlearn <- length(learn.indexes)</pre>
         ntest <- N - nlearn
   First try a standard decision tree (CART)
In [16]: library(tree)
         model.tree <- tree (subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data)</pre>
         summary(model.tree)
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Classification tree:
tree(formula = subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data)
Variables actually used in tree construction:
[1] "duration" "poutcome" "month"
                                     "contact"
Number of terminal nodes: 10
Residual mean deviance: 0.4841 = 14590 / 30130
Misclassification error rate: 0.1072 = 3232 / 30141
  so training error rate is 10.72%
In [17]: model.tree
node), split, n, deviance, yval, (yprob)
      * denotes terminal node
 1) root 30141 21810.0 no ( 0.882519 0.117481 )
  2) duration < 5.90127 24030 11230.0 no ( 0.937578 0.062422 )
     4) poutcome: failure,other,unknown 23285 8590.0 no (0.954692 0.045308)
      8) month: aug, jan, jul, jun, may, nov 19663 4527.0 no (0.975487 0.024513)
        16) duration < 5.0402 10748
                                     904.1 no ( 0.992929 0.007071 ) *
        17) duration > 5.0402 8915 3302.0 no ( 0.954459 0.045541 )
          34) contact: unknown 3269
                                    124.1 no ( 0.997247 0.002753 ) *
          35) contact: cellular, telephone 5646 2873.0 no ( 0.929685 0.070315 )
            70) month: aug, jan, jul, may, nov 5456 2329.0 no (0.944831 0.055169) *
            71) month: jun 190 263.4 yes (0.494737 0.505263) *
      9) month: apr,dec,feb,mar,oct,sep 3622 3163.0 no ( 0.841800 0.158200 )
        18) month: apr,feb 2775 1824.0 no ( 0.898378 0.101622 ) *
        19) month: dec,mar,oct,sep 847 1090.0 no ( 0.656434 0.343566 ) *
    5) poutcome: success 745 1004.0 yes ( 0.402685 0.597315 ) *
  3) duration > 5.90127 6111 7785.0 no ( 0.666012 0.333988 )
     6) duration < 6.47466 3953 4323.0 no ( 0.763724 0.236276 )
      12) poutcome: failure,other,unknown 3761 3853.0 no (0.791279 0.208721) *
      13) poutcome: success 192 204.2 yes ( 0.223958 0.776042 ) *
     7) duration > 6.47466 2158 2990.0 yes ( 0.487025 0.512975 ) *
In [18]: options(repr.plot.width=8, repr.plot.height=8)
        plot (model.tree)
        text (model.tree,pretty=0)
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We define now a convenience function (the harmonic mean), to compute the F1 accuracy:

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In [20]: harm <- function (a,b) { 2/(1/a+1/b) }
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percent by class
In [21]: prop.table(ct, 1)
     Pred
Truth
             no
                      yes
 no 0.9458790 0.0541210
 yes 0.5131579 0.4868421
   total percent correct
In [22]: sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)
   0.892634372926344
   test error is
In [23]: round(100*(1-sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)),2)
   10.74
   not very good, because the 'yes' class is nearly ignored
In [24]: (F1 <- harm (prop.table(ct,1)[1,1], prop.table(ct,1)[2,2]))</pre>
   0.642823954390972
   Now a random Forest
In [25]: library(randomForest)
         model.rf1 <- randomForest(subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data, ntree=100, proximity=FALSE</pre>
         model.rf1
randomForest 4.6-14
Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.
 randomForest(formula = subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data, ntree = 100,
                                                                                proximity = FALSE)
               Type of random forest: classification
                     Number of trees: 100
No. of variables tried at each split: 4
        OOB estimate of error rate: 9.46%
Confusion matrix:
       no yes class.error
no 25612 988 0.03714286
yes 1864 1677 0.52640497
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We get an estimated test error (OOB) of 9.3%, so better; let's compute the real test error:

In [26]: pred.rf1 <- predict (model.rf1, deposit[test.indexes,], type="class")
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(ct <- table(Truth=deposit\$subscribed[test.indexes], Pred=pred.rf1))</pre>

Pred
Truth no yes
no 12813 509
yes 913 835

percent by class

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In [27]: prop.table(ct, 1)
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Pred

Truth no yes no 0.96179252 0.03820748 yes 0.52231121 0.47768879

total percent correct

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In [28]: sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)
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0.905640345056403 real test error is

In [29]: round(100\*(1-sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)),2)

9.44

and The F1-score

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In [30]: (F1 <- harm (prop.table(ct,1)[1,1], prop.table(ct,1)[2,2]))</pre>
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0.638337574357133

So OOB really works in estimating prediction error and the RF is better than a single tree; however, there is a big issue in unbalanced classes

one way to deal with this is to include class weights

model.rf2

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Call:
 randomForest(formula = subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data, ntree = 100,
                                                                                 proximity = FALSE,
                Type of random forest: classification
                      Number of trees: 100
No. of variables tried at each split: 4
        OOB estimate of error rate: 9.81%
Confusion matrix:
       no yes class.error
no 25727 873 0.03281955
yes 2084 1457 0.58853431
   which helps a little bit, but not much: we get estimated test error (OOB) of 9.86% with a better
balance; let's compute the real test error:
In [32]: pred.rf2 <- predict (model.rf2,</pre>
                                deposit[test.indexes,],
                                type="class")
         (ct <- table(Truth=deposit$subscribed[test.indexes],</pre>
                       Pred=pred.rf2))
     Pred
Truth
         no
              yes
  no 12885
               437
  yes 1030
              718
   percent by class
In [33]: prop.table(ct, 1)
     Pred
Truth
              no
                         yes
  no 0.96719712 0.03280288
  yes 0.58924485 0.41075515
   total percent correct
In [34]: sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)
   0.902654280026543
   real test error is
In [35]: round(100*(1-sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)),2)
```

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9.73
   and the F1-score
In [36]: (F1 <- harm (prop.table(ct,1)[1,1], prop.table(ct,1)[2,2]))</pre>
   0.57662548348027
   another way is to stratify the sampling in the boostrap resamples
   'yes' is the less represented class, so we upsample it
In [37]: n.yes <- table(learn.data$subscribed)["yes"]</pre>
         n.no <- table(learn.data$subscribed)["no"]</pre>
         model.rf3 <- randomForest(subscribed ~ .,</pre>
                                      data = learn.data,
                                      ntree=100,
                                      proximity=FALSE,
                                      sampsize=c(yes=3000, no=3000),
                                      strata=learn.data$subscribed)
         model.rf3
Call:
 randomForest(formula = subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data, ntree = 100,
                                                                                   proximity = FALSE,
                Type of random forest: classification
                       Number of trees: 100
No. of variables tried at each split: 4
        OOB estimate of error rate: 14.52%
Confusion matrix:
       no yes class.error
   22682 3918
                  0.1472932
      459 3082
                  0.1296244
yes
   which seems to help much more: we get estimated test error (OOB) of 14.4% with a very good
balance let's compute the real test error:
In [38]: pred.rf3 <- predict (model.rf3, deposit[test.indexes,], type="class")</pre>
          (ct <- table(Truth=deposit$subscribed[test.indexes], Pred=pred.rf3))</pre>
     Pred
Truth
         no
               yes
  no 11347
              1975
  yes
        217 1531
   percent by class
```

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In [39]: prop.table(ct, 1)
     Pred
Truth
              no
                        yes
  no 0.8517490 0.1482510
  yes 0.1241419 0.8758581
   total percent correct
In [40]: sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)
   0.854545454545454
   real test error is
In [41]: round(100*(1-sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)),2)
   14.55
   and F1-score
In [42]: (F1 <- harm (prop.table(ct,1)[1,1],</pre>
                        prop.table(ct,1)[2,2]))
   0.863635330951826
   Now we can try to optimize the number of trees, guided by OOB:
In [43]: (ntrees <- round(10^seq(1,3,by=0.2)))</pre>
   1. 10 2. 16 3. 25 4. 40 5. 63 6. 100 7. 158 8. 251 9. 398 10. 631 11. 1000
   prepare the structure to store the partial results
In [44]: rf.results <- matrix (rep(0,2*length(ntrees)),</pre>
                                  nrow=length(ntrees))
         colnames (rf.results) <- c("ntrees", "OOB")</pre>
         rf.results[,"ntrees"] <- ntrees
         rf.results[,"00B"] <- 0</pre>
         ii <- 1
         for (nt in ntrees)
            print(nt)
            model.rf <- randomForest(subscribed ~ .,</pre>
                                        data = learn.data,
                                       ntree=nt,
                                        proximity=FALSE,
                                        sampsize=c(yes=3000, no=3000),
                                        strata=learn.data$subscribed)
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# get the 00B
rf.results[ii,"00B"] <- model.rf$err.rate[nt,1]

ii <- ii+1
}

[1] 10
[1] 16
[1] 25
[1] 40
[1] 63
[1] 100
[1] 158
[1] 251
[1] 398
[1] 631
[1] 1000</pre>
```

In [45]: rf.results

ntrees	OOB
10	0.1561618
16	0.1483743
25	0.1507913
40	0.1444212
63	0.1442885
100	0.1452175
158	0.1441558
251	0.1435586
398	0.1443880
631	0.1445208
1000	0.1449852
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choose best value of 'ntrees'

### ntrees: 251

we could also try to optimize the number of variables in the same way, though the default values work quite well in general

Now refit the RF with the best value of 'ntrees'

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let's compute the real test error:
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In [48]: pred.rf.final <- predict (model.rf,</pre>
                                     deposit[test.indexes,],
                                     type="class")
         (ct <- table(Truth=deposit$subscribed[test.indexes],</pre>
                       Pred=pred.rf.final))
     Pred
Truth
         no
              yes
  no 11354 1968
        206 1542
  yes
   percent by class
In [49]: prop.table(ct, 1)
     Pred
Truth
             no
                       yes
  no 0.8522744 0.1477256
  yes 0.1178490 0.8821510
   total percent correct
In [50]: sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)
   0.855739880557399
   real test error is
In [51]: round(100*(1-sum(diag(ct))/sum(ct)),2)
   14.43
   and the F1-score
In [52]: (F1 <- harm (prop.table(ct,1)[1,1], prop.table(ct,1)[2,2]))</pre>
   0.866955409692999
   And this is the final model
In [53]: print(model.rf)
Call:
 randomForest(formula = subscribed ~ ., data = learn.data, ntree = ntrees.best,
                                                                                          proximity =
                Type of random forest: classification
                      Number of trees: 251
No. of variables tried at each split: 4
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OOB estimate of error rate: 14.39% Confusion matrix:

no yes class.error

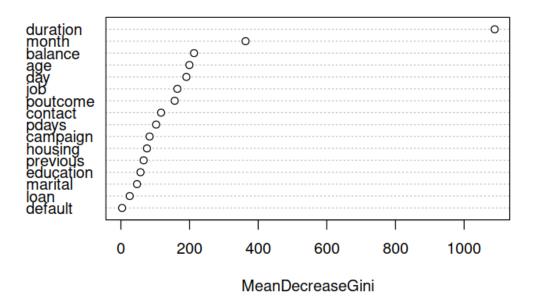
no 22708 3892 0.1463158

yes 445 3096 0.1256707
```

## The importance of variables

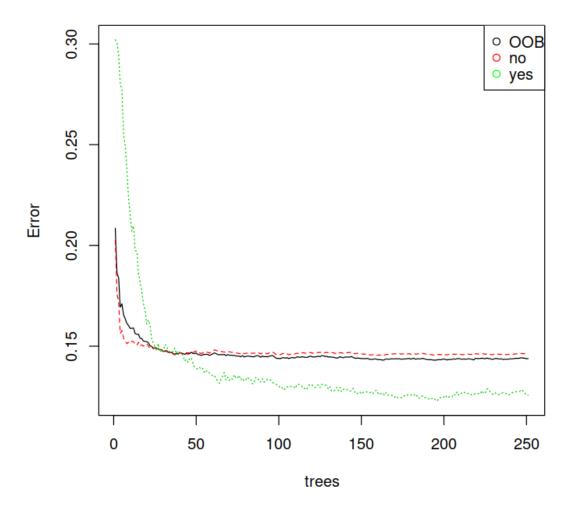
	MeanDecreaseGini
age	199.57025
job	164.54935
marital	46.93062
education	57.05297
default	3.43785
balance	213.05313
housing	75.90687
loan	25.63931
contact	116.96853
day	190.73564
month	363.12813
duration	1089.08848
campaign	83.62327
pdays	102.66704
previous	66.19663
poutcome	156.71577

### model.rf



'duration' is the most important variable, then month, etc plot error rate: black = out of bag (OOB), red = label 1 ('no'), green = label 2 ('yes') as a function of the number of trees used

# model.rf



What variables are being used in the forest (their counts)

In [56]: varUsed(model.rf, by.tree=FALSE,count = TRUE)

1. 28586 2. 20921 3. 8893 4. 11181 5. 775 6. 31606 7. 4472 8. 4179 9. 4772 10. 27592 11. 19392 12. 35243 13. 16017 14. 8860 15. 5939 16. 3651