

Super Learning (Q)

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Set up working environment

```
library(dplyr)
library(SuperLearner)
rm(list = ls()); gc()
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## Ncells 418111 22.4      750400 40.1    592000 31.7
## Vcells 617719  4.8     1308461 10.0    801819  6.2
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set.seed(5000)
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Define convenience functions

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get_data <- function(dir, file_in){
  # Get the HR data in data-frame format
  #
  # Args:
  #   dir: working directory as character vector
  #   file_in: name of the file as character vector
  #
  # Returns:
  #   dataframe object with no transformations

  df <- read.csv(paste0(dir, file_in), stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
  return(df)
}

bucket_covariate <- function(x, k){
  # Approximate a single quantitative variable based off of the quantiles
  #
  # Args:
  #   x: The quantitative vector to be approximated
  #   k: The number of quantiles to use in the approximation
  #
  # Returns:
  #   Numeric vector with numbers corresponding to quantiles (e.g., 1 = 1st quantile)

  x_split <- cut(x, breaks = quantile(x, probs = seq(0, 1, 1/k)), include.lowest = TRUE)
  if(any(is.na(x_split))) stop('There are NA values in')
  return(as.numeric(factor(x_split, labels = 1:k)))
}

format_data <- function(df){
  # Handle all custodial details relating to the formatting of the data
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# This includeds apprixiimating covariates, and removing strata that
# violate the positivity assumption.
#
# Args:
#   df: observed data as a data-frame
#
# Returns:
#   Dataframe with variables ready for super learning

# Remove people with medium salary level
df <- df %>% filter(salary != 'medium')

# Approximate all five quantitative variables as dichotomous variables
df <- df %>%
  mutate(
    number_project = bucket_covariate(number_project, 2)
    , average_monthly_hours = bucket_covariate(average_monthly_hours, 5)
    , time_spend_company = bucket_covariate(time_spend_company, 2)
  )

# Check for violations of the positivity assumption
df <- df %>%
  group_by(
    number_project
    , average_monthly_hours
    , time_spend_company
    , Work_accident
    , promotion_last_5years
    , sales
  ) %>%
  mutate(
    both_treatments = (sum(salary == 'high') > 0) & (sum(salary == 'low') > 0)
    , salary = as.numeric(ifelse(salary == 'high', 1, 0))
  ) %>% ungroup()

# Count up and print number of removed observations
n_obs <- df %>% nrow()
n_dropped_obs <- df %>% filter(!both_treatments) %>% nrow()
cat('Number of positivity violations ', n_dropped_obs
    , ' (' , round(100*n_dropped_obs/n_obs, 2), '%)' , sep = '')

# Drop observations from sample with positivity assumption violations
df <- df %>% filter(both_treatments)

# Generate dummy variables
mm <- data.frame(model.matrix( ~ sales - 1, data = df))
# Treat technical department as reference level
mm <- mm[,!(colnames(mm) %in% 'salestechnical')]
df <- cbind(df, mm)

# Drop columns no longer needed
df <- df %>% dplyr::select(-both_treatments, -sales)

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# Create attribute to store columns
attr(df, 'x_cols') <- df %>%
  dplyr::select(-left, -satisfaction_level, -last_evaluation) %>%
  colnames()

return(df)
}

get_super_learner <- function(df, learning_library){
  # Train SuperLearner and create counterfactual outcomes
  #
  # Args:
  #   df: observed data as a data-frame
  #   learning_library: character vector of libraries used for ensembling
  #
  # Returns:
  #   model object with predictions, and other results (e.g., cvRisk)

  # Set treatment to 0, 1 for generating the counterfactual outcomes
  X <- df[,attr(df, 'x_cols')]
  X_0 <- X %>% mutate(salary = 0)
  X_1 <- X %>% mutate(salary = 1)

  # Run Super Learner
  model <- SuperLearner(Y = df$left
    , X = df[,attr(df, 'x_cols')]
    , newX = rbind(X, X_0, X_1)      # Note: this data is not used for training
    , SL.library = learning_library
    , cvControl = list(V = 5)
    , family = 'binomial'
    , verbose = FALSE)

  # Show some output
  print(model)
  run_time <- model$times$everything['elapsed'] %>% unname() / 60
  cat('Model training and predicting took', round(run_time, 2), 'minutes')

  return(model)
}

get_counterfact_outcomes <- function(df, model){
  # Retrieve Y_a under each potential outcome from the super learner object
  #
  # Args:
  #   df: observed data as a data-frame
  #   model: observed data as a data-frame
  #
  # Returns:
  #   model object with predictions, and other results (e.g., cvRisk)

  df$Q_bar_AW <- model$SL.predict[1:nrow(df)]

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df$Q_bar_0W <- model$SL.predict[(nrow(df)+1):(2*nrow(df))]
df$Q_bar_1W <- model$SL.predict[(2*nrow(df)+1):(3*nrow(df))]

return(df)
}

save_output <- function(df, model, dir, out_name, save_model = TRUE){
  # Write counterfactual outcomes, model summary results to local disk
  #
  # Args:
  #   df: observed data as a data-frame
  #   model: observed data as a data-frame
  #   dir: working directory as character vector
  #   out_name: name of output file with counterfactual outcomes as character vector
  #   save_model: Whether or not to save the full model as binary value
  #
  # Returns:
  #   Nothing to the R environment

  # 1. Write dataframe containing counterfactual outcomes to csv
  df %>% write.csv(paste0(dir, out_name), row.names = FALSE)

  # 2. Save some modeling results
  model_summary <- list(
    risk = model$cvRisk
    , coefficients = model$coef
    , times = model$times
  )
  saveRDS(model_summary, paste0(dir, 'SL_summary'))

  # 3. Save full (large) super learning object
  if(save_model) saveRDS(model, paste0(dir, 'SL_full.rds'))
}

```

Define Functions for Super Learning

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# Get knn with different sizes
create_SL_knn <- function(k = c(20, 30)) {
  for(mm in seq(length(k))){
    eval(parse(text = paste('SL.knn.', k[mm], '<- function(..., k = ', k[mm],
      ') SL.knn(..., k = k)', sep = '')), envir = .GlobalEnv)
  }
  invisible(TRUE)
}

create_SL_knn(c(10, 15, 20, 25))

# Get Neural networks of different sizes
create_SL_nnet <- function(size = c(2, 3)) {
  for(mm in seq(length(size))){
    eval(parse(text = paste('SL.nnet.', size[mm], '<- function(..., size = ', size[mm],
      ') SL.nnet(..., size = size)', sep = '')), envir = .GlobalEnv)
  }
}

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}
invisible(TRUE)
}
create_SL_nnet(c(2, 3, 4, 5, 6))

# Get both the ridge and lasso regressions
SL.glmnet.0 <- function(..., alpha = 0) SL.glmnet(..., alpha = 0) # Ridge
SL.glmnet.1 <- function(..., alpha = 1) SL.glmnet(..., alpha = 1) # Lasso

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Define constants

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# Set constants
SL_LIBRARY <- c(

  # Linear methods
  'SL.glm'
  , 'SL.glmnet.0' # Ridge
  , 'SL.glmnet.1' # Lasso

  # Additive models, Trees and other methods
  , 'SL.gam'
  , 'SL.xgboost'
  , 'SL.randomForest'
  , 'SL.rpartPrune'
  , 'SL.polymars'

  # Neural Network Methods
  , 'SL.nnet.2'
  , 'SL.nnet.3'
  , 'SL.nnet.4'
  , 'SL.nnet.5'
  , 'SL.nnet.6'

  # Prototype Methods
  , 'SL.knn.10'
  , 'SL.knn.15'
  , 'SL.knn.20'
  , 'SL.knn.25'

  # Other
  , 'SL.mean'
)

DIR <- '/Users/josiahdavis/Documents/Berkeley/PH252D/data/' # <= UPDATE AS NEEDED
FILE_IN_NAME <- 'HR_comma_sep_2.csv'
FILE_OUT_NAME <- 'SL_output_2.csv'

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Estimate $Q_0(A, W)$

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# Preprocess data including bucketing
obs_data <- get_data(DIR, FILE_IN_NAME)
obs_data <- format_data(obs_data)

## Number of positivity violations 694 (8.11%)

# Estimate  $Q_0(A, W)$ 
q_hat_sl <- get_super_learner(obs_data, SL_LIBRARY)

## Warning: package 'xgboost' was built under R version 3.3.2

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##
## Call:
## SuperLearner(Y = df$left, X = df[, attr(df, "x_cols")], newX = rbind(X,
##   X_0, X_1), family = "binomial", SL.library = learning_library, verbose = FALSE,
##   cvControl = list(V = 5))
##
##

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##              Risk      Coef
## SL.glm_All    0.1697886 0.00000000
## SL.glmnet.0_All 0.1696695 0.00000000
## SL.glmnet.1_All 0.1695108 0.00000000
## SL.gam_All    0.1539264 0.00000000
## SL.xgboost_All 0.1091937 0.45210166
## SL.randomForest_All 0.1236473 0.00000000
## SL.rpartPrune_All 0.1145225 0.02960361
## SL.polymars_All 0.1097682 0.35135024
## SL.nnet.2_All  0.2445457 0.03773175
## SL.nnet.3_All  0.1585016 0.01050713
## SL.nnet.4_All  0.1482916 0.00000000
## SL.nnet.5_All  0.2080735 0.00000000
## SL.nnet.6_All  0.1462710 0.01121231
## SL.knn.10_All  0.1123217 0.08974739
## SL.knn.15_All  0.1143094 0.01774591
## SL.knn.20_All  0.1166216 0.00000000
## SL.knn.25_All  0.1181384 0.00000000
## SL.mean_All    0.1977303 0.00000000
## Model training and predicting took 4.43 minutes

# Calculate counterfactual outcomes
results <- get_counterfact_outcomes(obs_data, q_hat_sl)
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Estimate $g_0(A|W)$

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# Estimate propensity of treatment  $g_0(A|W)$ 
g_hat_sl <- SuperLearner(Y=obs_data$salary, X=obs_data[,attr(obs_data, 'x_cols')] %>% select(-salary)
, SL.library=SL_LIBRARY, family="binomial")

## warning - model size was reduced

g_hat1_W <- g_hat_sl$SL.predict
g_hat0_W <- 1 - g_hat1_W
g_hat_AW <- rep(NA, nrow(obs_data))
g_hat_AW[obs_data$salary==1] <- g_hat1_W[obs_data$salary==1]
g_hat_AW[obs_data$salary==0] <- g_hat0_W[obs_data$salary==0]

results$g_hat_AW <- g_hat_AW
```

Estimate the ATE using the simple substitution estimator and the inverse probability of treatment weighting (IPTW) estimator

```
# Simple substitution estimator of the ATE
psi_hat_ss <- mean(results$Q_bar_1W - results$Q_bar_0W)
psi_hat_ss

## [1] -0.1599435

# IPTW estimator of the ATE
psi_hat_iptw <- mean(as.numeric(obs_data$salary==1)*obs_data$left/g_hat_AW) - mean(as.numeric(obs_data$salary==0)*obs_data$left/g_hat_AW)
psi_hat_iptw
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## [1] -0.1927102
```

Save results

```
save_output(results, q_hat_sl, DIR, FILE_OUT_NAME)
```