Cheat Sheet - Imbalanced Data in Classification



Classifier that always predicts label blue yields prediction accuracy of 90%

Accuracy doesn't always give the correct insight about your trained model

Accuracy: %age correct prediction Precision: Exactness of model

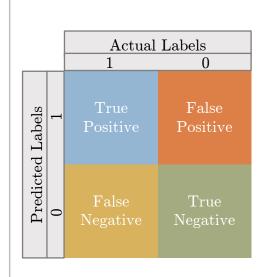
Recall: Completeness of model F1 Score: Combines Precision/Recall

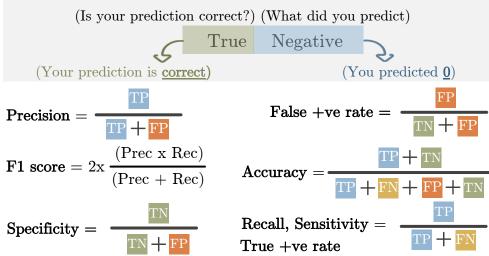
Correct prediction over total predictions From the detected cats, how many were actually cats

Correctly detected cats over total cats Harmonic mean of Precision and Recall One value for entire network Each class/label has a value

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Performance metrics associated with Class 1



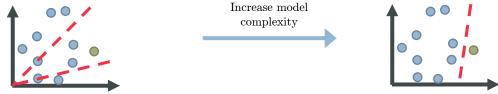


Possible solutions

- 1. Data Replication: Replicate the available data until the number of samples are comparable
- 2. Synthetic Data: Images: Rotate, dilate, crop, add noise to existing input images and create new data
- **3. Modified Loss:** Modify the loss to reflect greater error when misclassifying smaller sample set
- Blue: Label 1
 Green: Label 1
 Green: Label 0
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$$loss = a * loss_{green} + b * loss_{blue}$$
 $a > b$

4. Change the algorithm: Increase the model/algorithm complexity so that the two classes are perfectly separable (Con: Overfitting)



No straight line (y=ax) passing through origin can perfectly separate data. **Best solution:** line y=0, predict all labels blue

Straight line (y=ax+b) can perfectly separate data. Green class will no longer be predicted as blue

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