

Chapter 8.

Classification: Evaluation

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Introduction to Data Mining

Classification: Basic Concepts

- Classification: Basic Concepts
- Decision Tree Induction
- Bayes Classification Methods
- **Model Evaluation and Selection**
- Techniques to Improve Classification Accuracy: Ensemble Methods

Model Evaluation and Selection

- Evaluation metrics: How can we measure accuracy? Other metrics to consider?
- Use **validation test set** of class-labeled tuples instead of training set when assessing accuracy
- Methods for estimating a classifier's accuracy:
 - Holdout method
 - Cross-validation

Classifier Evaluation Metrics:

Confusion Matrix

Confusion Matrix:

Actual class\Predicted class	C_1	$\neg C_1$
C_1	True Positives (TP)	False Negatives (FN)
$\neg C_1$	False Positives (FP)	True Negatives (TN)

Example of Confusion Matrix:

Actual class\Predicted class	buy_computer = yes	buy_computer = no	Total
buy_computer = yes	6,954	46	7,000
buy_computer = no	412	2,588	3,000
Total	7,366	2,634	10,000

- Given m classes, an entry, $CM_{i,j}$ in a **confusion matrix** indicates # of tuples in class i that were labeled by the classifier as class j
 - May have extra rows/columns to provide totals

Classifier Evaluation Metrics: Accuracy, Error Rate, Sensitivity and Specificity

A\P	C	$\neg C$	
C	TP	FN	P
$\neg C$	FP	TN	N
	P'	N'	All

- **Classifier Accuracy**, or recognition rate: percentage of test set tuples that are correctly classified

$$\text{Accuracy} = (TP + TN) / \text{All}$$

- **Error rate**: $1 - \text{accuracy}$, or
 $\text{Error rate} = (FP + FN) / \text{All}$

- **Class Imbalance Problem**:
 - One class may be *rare*, e.g. fraud, or HIV-positive
 - Significant *majority of the negative class* and minority of the positive class
 - **Sensitivity**: True Positive recognition rate
 - **Sensitivity** = TP / P
 - **Specificity**: True Negative recognition rate
 - **Specificity** = TN / N

Classifier Evaluation Metrics: Precision and Recall, and F-measures

- **Precision:** exactness: what % of tuples that the classifier labeled as positive are actually positive

$$precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- **Recall:** completeness – what % of positive tuples did the classifier label as positive?

$$recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- Comment:
 - Perfect score is 1.0
 - Inverse relationship between precision & recall
- **F measure (or F-score):** harmonic mean of precision and recall
 - In general, it is the weighted measure of precision & recall

$$F = \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot \frac{1}{P} + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \frac{1}{R}} = \frac{(\beta^2 + 1)PR}{\beta^2 P + R}$$

Assigning β times as much weight to recall as to precision)

- **F1-measure (balanced F-measure)**

» That is, when $\beta = 1$,
$$F_1 = \frac{2PR}{P + R}$$

Classifier Evaluation Metrics: Example

Actual Class\Predicted class	cancer = yes	cancer = no	Total	Recognition(%)
cancer = yes	90	210	300	30.00 (<i>sensitivity</i>)
cancer = no	140	9,560	9,700	98.56 (<i>specificity</i>)
Total	230	9,770	10,000	96.40 (<i>accuracy</i>)

$$\textit{Precision} = 90/230 = 39.13\%$$

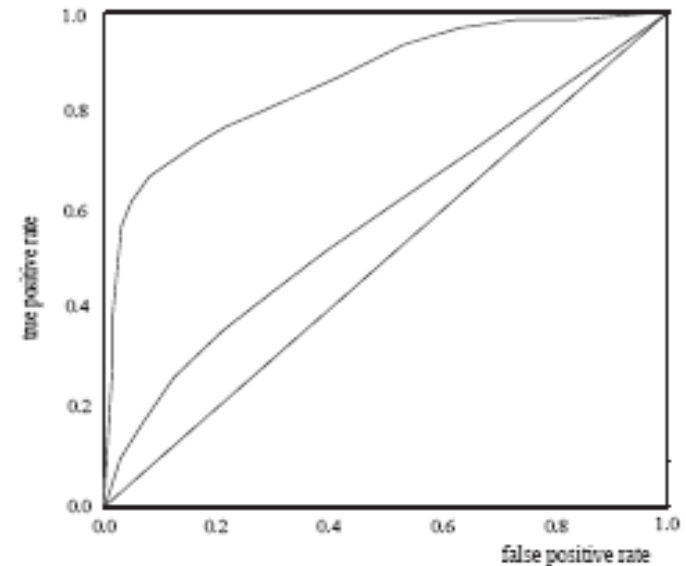
$$\textit{Recall} = 90/300 = 30.00\%$$

Evaluating Classifier Accuracy: Holdout & Cross-Validation Methods

- **Holdout method**
 - Given data is randomly partitioned into two independent sets
 - Training set (e.g., $2/3$) for model construction
 - Test set (e.g., $1/3$) for accuracy estimation
 - Random sampling: a variation of holdout
 - Repeat holdout k times, accuracy = avg. of the accuracies obtained
- **Cross-validation** (k -fold, where $k = 10$ is most popular)
 - Randomly partition the data into k *mutually exclusive* subsets, each approximately equal size
 - At i -th iteration, use D_i as test set and others as training set
 - Leave-one-out: k folds where $k = \#$ of tuples, for small sized data
 - ***Stratified cross-validation***: folds are stratified so that class dist. in each fold is approx. the same as that in the initial data

Model Selection: ROC Curves

- ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristics) curves: for visual comparison of classification models
- Originated from signal detection theory
- Shows the **trade-off between the true positive rate and the false positive rate**
- The area under the ROC curve is a measure of the accuracy of the model
- Rank the test tuples in decreasing order: the one that is most likely to belong to the positive class appears at the top of the list
- **The closer to the diagonal line (i.e., the closer the area is to 0.5), the less accurate is the model**



- **Vertical axis represents the true positive rate**
- **Horizontal axis rep. the false positive rate**
- The plot also shows a diagonal line
- **A model with perfect accuracy will have an area of 1.0**

Issues Affecting Model Selection

- **Accuracy**
 - classifier accuracy: predicting class label
- **Speed**
 - time to construct the model (training time)
 - time to use the model (classification/prediction time)
- **Robustness**: handling noise and missing values
- **Scalability**: efficiency in disk-resident databases
- **Interpretability**
 - understanding and insight provided by the model
- Other measures, e.g., goodness of rules, such as decision tree size or compactness of classification rules

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Ensemble Methods: Increasing the Accuracy

- Ensemble methods
 - Use a **combination of models** to increase accuracy
 - Combine a series of k learned models, M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k , with the aim of creating an improved model M^*
- Popular **ensemble methods**
 - Bagging: averaging the prediction over a collection of classifiers
 - Boosting: weighted vote with a collection of classifiers
 - **Ensemble: combining a set of heterogeneous classifiers**

Bagging

- Analogy: Diagnosis based on multiple doctors' majority vote
- Training
 - Given a set D of d tuples, at each iteration i , a training set D_i of d tuples is sampled with replacement from D
 - A classifier model M_i is learned for each training set D_i
- Classification: classify an unknown sample \mathbf{X}
 - Each classifier M_i returns its class prediction
 - The bagged classifier M^* counts the votes and assigns the class with the most votes to \mathbf{X}
- Prediction: can be applied to the prediction of continuous values by taking the average value of each prediction for a given test tuple
- Accuracy: Proved improved accuracy in prediction
 - Often significantly better than a single classifier derived from D
 - For noise data: not considerably worse, more robust

Boosting

- Analogy: Consult several doctors, based on a combination of weighted diagnoses—weight assigned based on the previous diagnosis accuracy
- How boosting works?
 - **Weights** are assigned to each training tuple
 - A series of k classifiers is iteratively learned
 - After a classifier M_i is learned, the weights are updated to allow the subsequent classifier, M_{i+1} , to **pay more attention to the training tuples that were misclassified** by M_i
 - The final **M^* combines the votes** of each individual classifier, where the weight of each classifier's vote is a function of its accuracy
- Boosting algorithm can be extended for numeric prediction
- Comparing with **bagging**: **Boosting** tends to have **greater accuracy**, but it also risks **overfitting** the model to misclassified data

Ensemble: Adaboost

(Freund and Schapire, 1997)

- Given a set of d class-labeled tuples, $(\mathbf{X}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{X}_d, y_d)$
- Initially, all the weights of tuples are set the same ($1/d$)
- Generate k classifiers in k rounds. At round i ,
 - Tuples from D are sampled (with replacement) to form a training set D_i of the same size
 - Each tuple's chance of being selected is based on its weight
 - A classification model M_i is derived from D_i
 - Its error rate is calculated using D_i as a test set
 - If a tuple is misclassified, its weight is increased, o.w. it is decreased
- Error rate: $err(\mathbf{X}_j)$ is the misclassification error of tuple \mathbf{X}_j . Classifier M_i error rate is the sum of the weights of the misclassified tuples:
$$error(M_i) = \sum_j w_j \times err(\mathbf{X}_j)$$
- The weight of classifier M_i 's vote is $\log \frac{1 - error(M_i)}{error(M_i)}$

Summary

- Classification: Extracting models describing important data classes
- Effective and scalable methods
 - **Decision tree induction, Naive Bayesian classification,** and many other classification methods
- Evaluation metrics:
 - **Accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, recall, F measure, and F_β measure**
 - Stratified k-fold cross-validation is recommended for accuracy estimation
- Ensemble: Bagging and boosting can be used to increase overall accuracy by learning and combining a series of individual models
 - **Adaboost**
- **No single method has been found to be superior over all others for all data sets**

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