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| Method Used | Dataset Size | Testing-set predictive performance | Time taken for the model to be fit |
| XGBoost in Python via scikit-learn and 5-fold CV | 100 |  |  |
|  | 1000 |  |  |
|  | 10000 |  |  |
|  | 100000 |  |  |
|  | 1000000 |  |  |
|  | 10000000 |  |  |
| XGBoost in R – direct use of xgboost() with simple cross-validation | 100 | 0.931 | 0.81s |
|  | 1000 | 0.9398 | 1.95s |
|  | 10000 | 0.9703 | 3.17s |
|  | 100000 | 0.9814 | 11.5s |
|  | 1000000 | 0.9865 | 95.47s |
|  | 10000000 | 0.9897 | 450.49s |
| XGBoost in R – via caret, with 5-fold CV simple cross-validation | 100 | 0.9655 | 1.08s |
|  | 1000 | 0.9465 | 1.92s |
|  | 10000 | 0.9690 | 3.11s |
|  | 100000 | 0.9819 | 10.98s |
|  | 1000000 | 0.9859 | 90.20s |
|  | 10000000 | 0.9899 | 369.16s |

Using XGBoost through caret with 5-fold cross-validation produces better results than stand-alone XGBoost implementation because it delivers higher predictive performance across all dataset sizes and faster runtime on the largest 10-million record dataset attaining 0.9899 vs 0.9897 accuracy and running 18% quicker at 369.16 seconds versus 450.49 seconds. The caret implementation gives performance speed-ups alongside standardized interfaces and robust validation practices along with automated parameter tuning that enables its use in production machine learning applications.