Dataset

Militarized Interstate Dispute (MID) data collection compiled by the Correlates of War Project provides information about conflicts in which one or more states threaten, display, or use force against one or more other states between 1816 and 2010.

By definition: *Militarized interstate disputes are united historical cases of conflict in which the threat, display or use of military force short of war by one member state is explicitly directed towards the government, official representatives, official forces, property, or territory of another state. Disputes are composed of incidents that range in intensity from threats to use force to actual combat short of war* (*Jones et al. 1996: 163*).

After preprocessing there are 4 numerical features and 6 categorical features plus 1 target category. There are 438 training observations and 1854 training observations.

Variables

Numerical variables

Name	Meaning
styear	Start year of dispute
maxdur	Maximum possible duration of dispute
numa	Number of states on side A
numb	Number of states on side B

Categorical variables

Name	Meaning	Values
stmon	Start month of dispute	Jan - Dec
settle	Settlement of dispute	Negotiated
		Imposed
		None
		Unclear
fatality	Fatality level of dispute	None
		1-25 deaths
		26-100 deaths
		101-250 deaths
		251-500 deaths
		501-999 deaths
		>999 deaths
hiact	Highest action in dispute	NoMilitarizedAction
		ForceThreat
		BlockadeThreat
		OccupyThreat
		WarThreat
		CBRWeaponsThreat
		JoinWarThreat
		ShowOfForce
		Alert
		NuclearAlert
		Mobilization
		FortifyBorder
		BorderViolation
		Blockade
		Occupation
		Seizure
		Attack
		Clash
		WarDeclaration
		CBRWeapons
		BeginWar
		JoinWar

Name	Meaning	Values
hostlev	Hostility level of dispute	`NoMilitarizedAction`
		`ForceThreat`
		`ForceDisplay`
		`ForceUse`
		`War`
recip	Reciprocated dispute?	`Yes - No`
outcome	Outcome of dispute	`Victory`
		`Yield`
		`Stalemate`
		`Compromise`
		`Released`
		`Unclear`
		`JoinsWar`

Original dataset

Our presented dataset comes from *MID-level* dataset, namely file `MIDA_4.2` (located at folder `Original`). Preprocessing included removal of several variables and assigning human readable values to categorical features.