IBM Data Science Capstone: Car Accident Severity Report Week 3

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Introduction

Business Problem

As the number of vehicles and transportation means are varying and increasing the number of road accidents are increased too, this project aimed to use the data science and ML methodologies and algorithms to study the historical circumstances recorded during car accident.

Targeted Audience

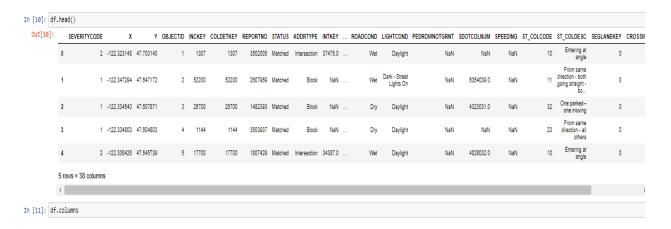
The improved model will participate in the effort to reduce the severity of car collisions in a community through alerting drivers and roads riders by police, media and local institutions to be more careful in certain bad circumstances (weather, road and visibility conditions).

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Data Understanding

A historical data for all types of collisions from (2004) until present recorded by "SDOT Traffic Management Division, Traffic Records Group" and provided by Coursera will be used to train and test the developed model.

Descriptive analysis performed to understand the data more, the irrelevant attributes dropped to decrease the computation cost and increase the models efficiency.



In the developed model the attribute 'SEVERITYCODE' selected as dependent (target) variable, because it is used to measure the severity of an accident and labelled as damage (category 1) or injury (category 2) in the dataset, and the attributes 'WEATHER', 'ROADCOND' and 'LIGHTCOND' selected as the model's independent variables.

n [9]: das	dasta.groupby(["SEVERITYCODE"]).count()							
Out[9]:		WEATHER	ROADCOND	LIGHTCOND	WEATHER_CAT	ROADCOND_CAT	LIGHTCOND_CAT	
	SEVERITYCODE							
	1	132488	132533	132405	138485	138485	138485	
	2	57104	57128	57098	58188	58188	58188	

Also in the sake of preparing the dataset for analysis, the unneeded attributes removed, and the independent variables encoded to convert the feature type from object to numerical type to be used in the data analysis process to predict the degree of severity.

```
In [31]: # 1. Data Preparation
          #Coding the independent variables
dasta["WEATHER_CAT"] = dasta["WEATHER"].cat.codes
dasta["NOADCOND_CAT"] = dasta["ROADCOND"].cat.codes
dasta["LIGHTCOND_CAT"] = dasta["LIGHTCOND"].cat.codes
          dasta.dtypes
   Out[31]: SEVERITYCODE
                                    int64
                                category
              WEATHER
             ROADCOND
              LIGHTCOND
                                category
              WEATHER_CAT
                                     int8
              ROADCOND CAT
                                     int8
              LIGHTCOND_CAT
              dtype: object
```

Also according to the descriptive analysis, number of records where SEVERITYCODE =1 counts (136485), while SEVERITYCODE =2 counts 58188.

We can fix this by downsampling the majority class (SEVERITYCODE =1).

Methodology

In order to predict the degree of severity, the following models used:

- K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN): to predict the severity code of an outcome by finding the most similar to data point within k distance.
- Decision Tree: this model will gives a layout of all possible outcomes, so we can fully analyze the consequences of a decision. The decision tree observes all possible outcomes of different weather conditions.

- Logistic Regression: As the dataset only provides two severity code outcomes, the model will only predict one of those two classes. This makes our data binary, which is perfect to use with logistic regression.

In order to build and run these models, the independent and dependent variables defined as X and Y and then dataset normalized.

```
In [35]: from sklearn import preprocessing
         # determine x = the independent variables and y as the dependent variable
         x = np.asarray(data_bal[['WEATHER_CAT', 'ROADCOND_CAT', 'LIGHTCOND_CAT']])
y = np.asarray(data_bal['SEVERITYCODE'])
         print ('The value of x before preporcessing ',x[0:5])
         print ('The value of x before preporcessing ',y[0:5])
         x=preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(x).transform(x)
         print ('The value of x after preporcessing ',x[0:5])
            The value of x before preporcessing [[ 6 8 5]
             [1 0 5]
             [6 8 5]
             [10 7
                     81
             [6 8 5]]
            The value of x before preporcessing [1 1 1 1 1]
The value of x after preporcessing [[ 1.15109535 1.53056569 0.42621151]
             [-0.67433413 -0.67001234 0.42621151]
             2.61143893 1.25549344 2.07234651
```

Then the dataset splitted into (80%) used for training the models and (20%) for testing.

```
In [36]: # Split the data set into train (80%) and test (20%)
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.20, random_state=0)
```

After that the three models built:

- Logistic Regression model

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In [37]: # Logistic regression
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix

LR = LogisticRegression(C=0.01, solver='liblinear').fit(x_train,y_train)
LR
yhat_LR = LR.predict(x_test)
print('Logistic regression = ',yhat_LR)

yhat_prob_LR = LR.predict_proba(x_test)
print('Logistic regression probability = ',yhat_prob_LR)

Logistic regression = [2 1 2 ... 2 2 2]
Logistic regression probability = [[0.47262299 0.52737701]
[0.68377027 0.31622973]
[0.4655792 0.5344208]
...
[0.47262299 0.52737701]
[0.47262299 0.52737701]
[0.47262299 0.52737701]
[0.47262299 0.52737701]
```

KNN model

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In [38]: # KNW
    from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
    k = 15
    #Train Model and Predict
    neigh = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors = k).fit(x_train,y_train)
    neigh
    yhat_KNN = neigh.predict(x_test)
    yhat_KNN[0:5]
Out[38]: array([2, 1, 1, 1, 1])
```

- Decision Tree

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In [39]: # DecisionTreeClassifier
    from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
    DecTree = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion="entropy", max_depth = 4)
    DecTree
    DecTree.fit(x_train,y_train)
    pred_DT = DecTree.predict(x_test)
    print (pred_DT [0:5])
    print (y_test [0:5])
    [2 1 2 2 2]
    [2 1 2 1 2]
```

Results

The results gained from the above models evaluated using the logloss, F1_Score and Jaccard simulirity_score:

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In [40]: # Evaluate the three models to see which one is more accurate
        from sklearn.metrics import jaccard_similarity_score
        from sklearn.metrics import f1_score
        from sklearn.metrics import log_loss
        #1.Evaluate LR model
       #2. Evaluate KNN model
        #3.Decision Tree Model
        DTjaccard = jaccard_similarity_score(y_test, pred_DT)
        print ('Decision Tree jaccard_similarity_score = ',DTjaccard)
        DT_f1_score= f1_score(y_test, pred_DT, average='macro')
print ('Decision Tree F1 score = ',DT_f1_score)
           LR jaccard_similarity_score = 0.5295583433579653
           LR log_loss = 0.6843902239068189
           LR F1 Score = 0.5142657138878495
           KNN jaccard_similarity_score = 0.5566248496305207
           KNN F1 score = 0.5449387158254655
           Decision Tree jaccard_similarity_score = 0.5648307269290256
          Decision Tree F1 score = 0.48361182945584147
```

Discussion

In the beginning of the project notebook, we had categorical data that need to encoded because they not a data type that we could have fed through an algorithm, so label encoding was used to created new classes that were of type int8; a numerical data type.

After that issue we were presented with another imbalanced of data. As mentioned earlier, class 1 was nearly three times larger than class 2, so the solution to this was downsample the majority class (1) to (58188) record each.

Once we analysed and cleaned the data, it was then fed through three ML models; K-Nearest Neighbor, Decision Tree and Logistic Regression. Although the first two are ideal for this project, logistic regression made most sense because of its binary nature.

Evaluation metrics used to test the accuracy of our models were jaccard index, F1_score and logloss for logistic regression.

Conclusion

Based on historical data from weather conditions pointing to certain classes, we can conclude that particular weather conditions have a somewhat impact on whether or not travel could result in property damage (class 1) or injury (class 2).

Farther studies to select different attributes may result in determining independent attribute that influence strongly the predicting of Serveritycode, as the best evaluation for logistic regression did not exceed 0.68.