

# Question3NewsArticles.R

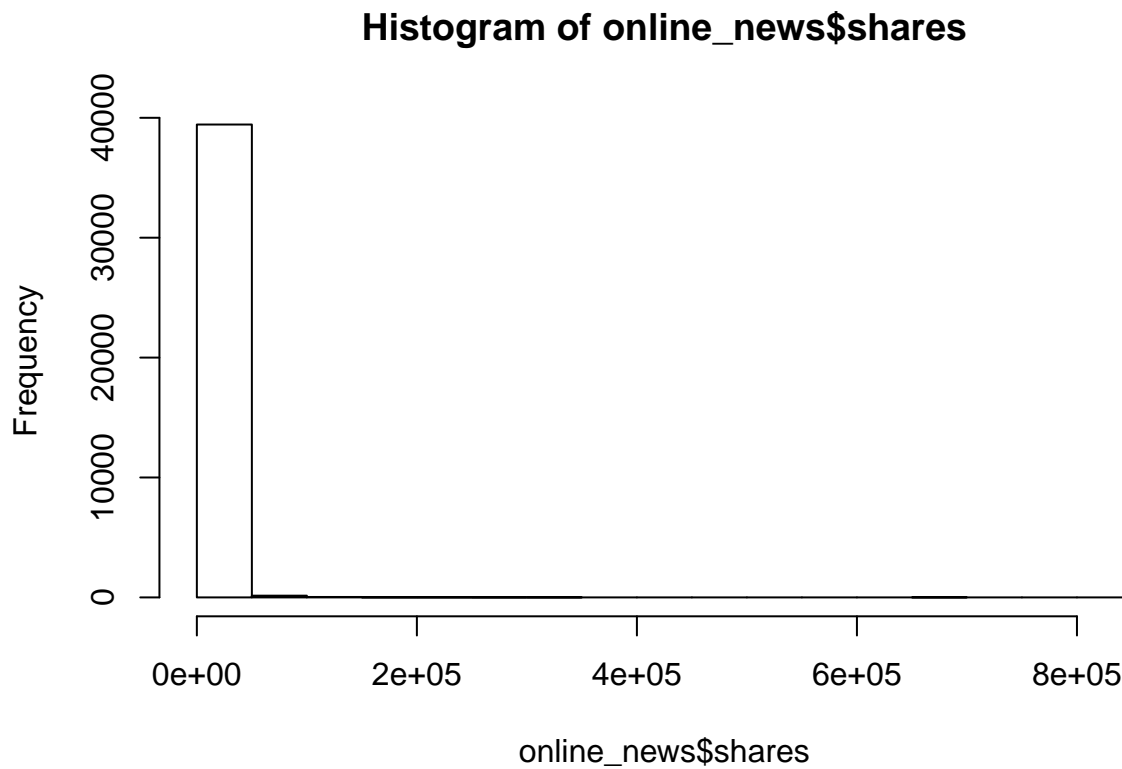
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##### Importing, viewing, and analyzing data
online_news <- read.csv("~/GitHub/SDS323_Spring2020/hw2/q3/online_news.csv")
View(online_news)
str(online_news)
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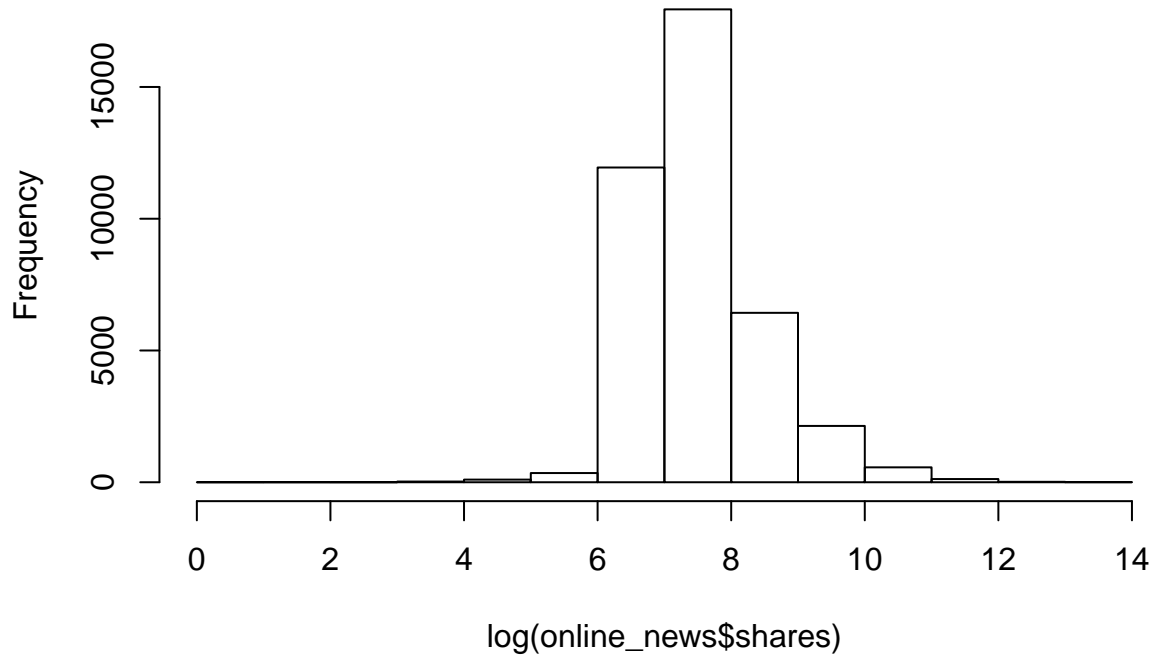
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## 'data.frame': 39644 obs. of 38 variables:
## $ url : Factor w/ 39644 levels "http://mashable.com/2013/01/07/amazon-inst...
## $ n_tokens_title : int 12 9 9 9 13 10 8 12 11 10 ...
## $ n_tokens_content : int 219 255 211 531 1072 370 960 989 97 231 ...
## $ num_hrefs : int 4 3 3 9 19 2 21 20 2 4 ...
## $ num_self_hrefs : int 2 1 1 0 19 2 20 20 0 1 ...
## $ num_imgs : int 1 1 1 1 20 0 20 20 0 1 ...
## $ num_videos : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 ...
## $ average_token_length : num 4.68 4.91 4.39 4.4 4.68 ...
## $ num_keywords : int 5 4 6 7 7 9 10 9 7 5 ...
## $ data_channel_is_lifestyle : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 ...
## $ data_channel_is_entertainment: int 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ data_channel_is_bus : int 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ data_channel_is_socmed : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ data_channel_is_tech : int 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 ...
## $ data_channel_is_world : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 ...
## $ self_reference_min_shares : num 496 0 918 0 545 8500 545 545 0 0 ...
## $ self_reference_max_shares : num 496 0 918 0 16000 8500 16000 16000 0 0 ...
## $ self_reference_avg_sharess : num 496 0 918 0 3151 ...
## $ weekday_is_monday : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ weekday_is_tuesday : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ weekday_is_wednesday : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ weekday_is_thursday : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ weekday_is_friday : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ weekday_is_saturday : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ weekday_is_sunday : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ is_weekend : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ global_rate_positive_words : num 0.0457 0.0431 0.0569 0.0414 0.0746 ...
## $ global_rate_negative_words : num 0.0137 0.01569 0.00948 0.02072 0.01213 ...
## $ avg_positive_polarity : num 0.379 0.287 0.496 0.386 0.411 ...
## $ min_positive_polarity : num 0.1 0.0333 0.1 0.1364 0.0333 ...
## $ max_positive_polarity : num 0.7 0.7 1 0.8 1 0.6 1 1 0.8 0.5 ...
## $ avg_negative_polarity : num -0.35 -0.119 -0.467 -0.37 -0.22 ...
## $ min_negative_polarity : num -0.6 -0.125 -0.8 -0.6 -0.5 -0.4 -0.5 -0.5 -0.125 -0.5 ...
## $ max_negative_polarity : num -0.2 -0.1 -0.133 -0.167 -0.05 ...
## $ title_subjectivity : num 0.5 0 0 0 0.455 ...
## $ title_sentiment_polarity : num -0.188 0 0 0 0.136 ...
## $ abs_title_sentiment_polarity : num 0.188 0 0 0 0.136 ...
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## $ shares : int 593 711 1500 1200 505 855 556 891 3600 710 ...  
##### Model 1 Regress first and threshold second  
hist(online_news$shares)
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# We should apply the log transformation since shares is very skewed  
  
# After log transformation  
hist(log(online_news$shares))  
  
# Fitting lasso regression and doing cross validation of K=10 folds to automate finding independent var  
  
library(gamlr)  
  
## Warning: package 'gamlr' was built under R version 3.6.3  
## Loading required package: Matrix
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## Histogram of $\log(\text{online\_news}\$shares)$



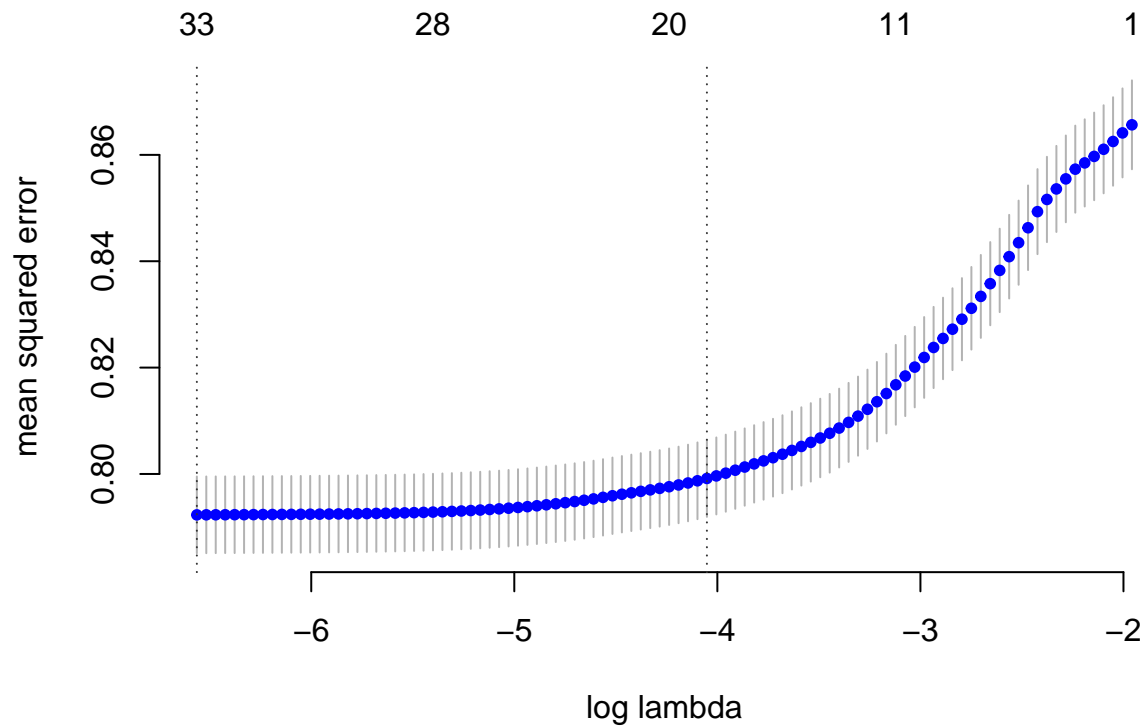
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# Creating a matrix of all the independent variables excluding url from online_news data using the sparse model matrix
x = sparse.model.matrix(log(shares) ~ . - url, data=online_news)[,-1] # -1 drops intercept

y = log(online_news$shares) # Pulling out `y` for convenience and taking the log of the dependent variable

# Fitting lasso regression to the data and doing cross validation of k=10 folds using the cv.gamlr command
# Verb = TRUE prints progress
cv1 = cv.gamlr(x, y, nfold=10, verb=TRUE)

## fold 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,done.

# Plotting out-of-sample deviance as a function of log lambda
plot(cv1, bty="n")
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## CV minimum deviance selection
b.min = coef(cvl, select="min")
# value of lambda:
log(cvl$lambda.min)
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## [1] -6.563407
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sum(b.min!=0) # this gives the coefficient not 0
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## [1] 33
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# Predict number of shares
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lhat_shares = predict(cvl, x) # log value of shares
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hat_shares = exp(lhat_shares) # predicted values of shares
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head(hat_shares, 50)
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## 50 x 1 Matrix of class "dgeMatrix"
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##      seg46
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## 1  1384.947
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## 2  1510.924
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## 3  1642.271
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## 4  1448.017
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## 5  2055.786
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## 6  1907.179
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## 7  2094.412
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## 8  2190.403
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## 9 1749.785
## 10 1225.084
## 11 1360.751
## 12 1842.490
## 13 2262.892
## 14 2028.356
## 15 2076.880
## 16 1329.015
## 17 2076.533
## 18 1578.205
## 19 1836.502
## 20 2262.155
## 21 2091.808
## 22 1249.155
## 23 2030.371
## 24 1283.383
## 25 1657.094
## 26 1955.490
## 27 1845.993
## 28 2234.569
## 29 1826.857
## 30 1738.307
## 31 1653.661
## 32 1904.760
## 33 1925.759
## 34 1996.809
## 35 1881.210
## 36 1977.065
## 37 2235.823
## 38 2147.484
## 39 1268.322
## 40 1353.993
## 41 2062.179
## 42 1727.747
## 43 2217.209
## 44 2121.831
## 45 2037.720
## 46 1591.033
## 47 2086.201
## 48 1516.729
## 49 2066.284
## 50 2043.854
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# Changing predicted number of shares into viral prediction(t_viral)
threshold_viral = ifelse(hat_shares > 1400, 1, 0)
head(threshold_viral, 50)
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## [1] 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## [39] 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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# Creating new variable "viral"
viral = ifelse(online_news$shares > 1400, 1, 0)
head(viral, 20)
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## [1] 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1
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# Creating confusion matrix
confusion_1= table(y = viral, yhat = threshold_viral)
print(confusion_1)

##      yhat
## y      0      1
## 0  5058 15024
## 1  2104 17458

sum(diag(confusion_1))/sum(confusion_1) # This gives the sample accuracy for model 1

## [1] 0.5679548

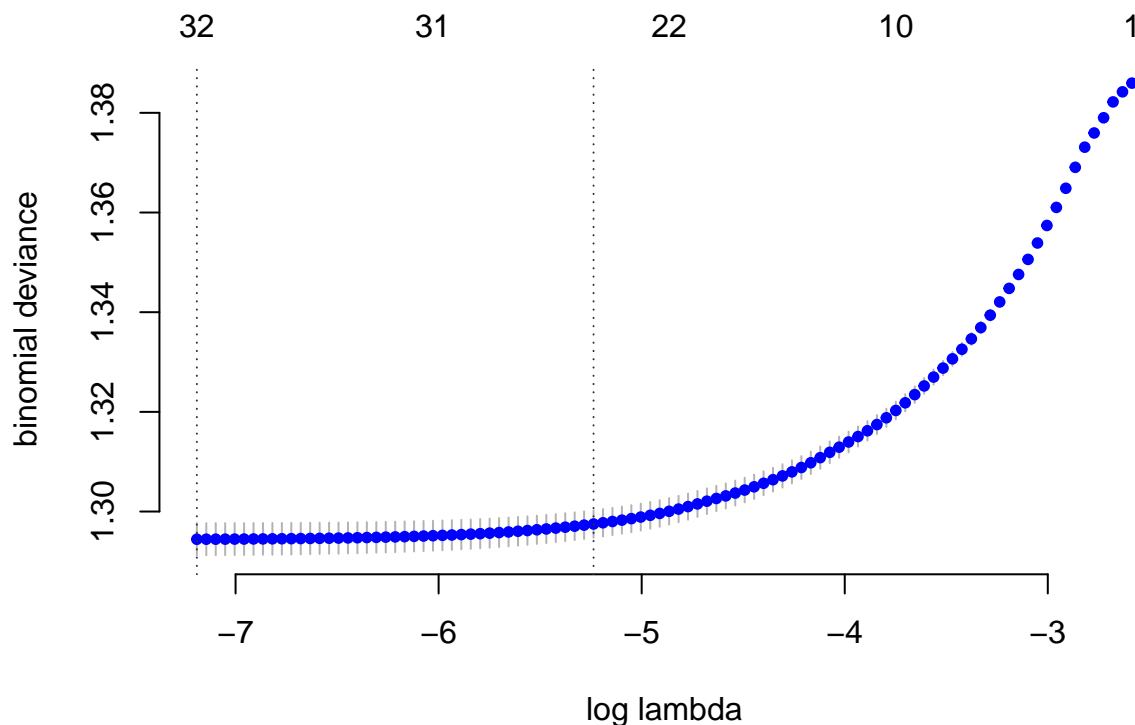
#### Model 2 Threshold first and regress/classify second.

# Running logistic lasso regression and cross validate with viral as the dependent variable
# family = "binomial" in this code is used to do a logistic regression instead of normal regression
#(verb just prints progress)
viral_cvl = cv.gamlr(x, viral, nfold=10, family="binomial", verb=TRUE)

## fold 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,done.

# Plotting the out-of-sample deviance as a function of log lambda
plot(viral_cvl, bty="n")

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## CV minimum deviance selection
b.min = coef(viral_cvl, select="min")
log(viral_cvl$lambda.min)

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## [1] -7.190693
sum(b.min!=0) # This is random because of the CV randomness.
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## [1] 32
# Predicting number of viral
hat_viral = predict(viral_cvl, x)
head(hat_viral, 50)
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## 50 x 1 Matrix of class "dgeMatrix"
##           seg58
## 1  -0.806036245
## 2  -0.306495533
## 3  -0.197025558
## 4  -0.636672330
## 5   0.287729093
## 6   0.267381944
## 7   0.232062574
## 8   0.441257472
## 9   0.003015464
## 10 -0.930727830
## 11 -0.627332818
## 12  0.002005387
## 13  0.221529289
## 14 -0.068788221
## 15  0.280495932
## 16 -0.728941148
## 17  0.116286719
## 18 -0.155685938
## 19 -0.090096075
## 20  0.411246666
## 21  0.360994853
## 22 -0.816135071
## 23  0.232071090
## 24 -0.740972838
## 25 -0.303035759
## 26  0.315942294
## 27  0.174611100
## 28  0.463443592
## 29  0.068548980
## 30  0.050480711
## 31 -0.089338564
## 32  0.161757428
## 33  0.241719449
## 34  0.250117687
## 35  0.054164746
## 36  0.197157633
## 37  0.390700923
## 38  0.626732150
## 39 -0.838422912
## 40 -0.725630089
## 41  0.297426583
## 42  0.069749522
## 43  0.335642931
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## 44 0.389270145
## 45 0.253451798
## 46 -0.283255610
## 47 0.182205840
## 48 -0.527086388
## 49 0.298406511
## 50 0.258746663

# Changing hat_viral to true/false prediction
b_hat_viral = ifelse(hat_viral > 0, 1, 0)
head(b_hat_viral, 50)

## [1] 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## [39] 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1

# Creating confusion matrix
confusion_2 = table(y = viral, yhat = b_hat_viral)
print(confusion_2)

##      yhat
## y      0      1
## 0 12237  7845
## 1  6814 12748

sum(diag(confusion_2))/sum(confusion_2) # This is the sample accuracy of model 2

## [1] 0.6302341
##### Comparison of models

table(viral) # The actual number of viral or not viral articles

## viral
##      0      1
## 20082 19562

20082/39644 # 50.66 percent of articles were not viral which is the null hypothesis

## [1] 0.5065584
print(confusion_1)

##      yhat
## y      0      1
## 0  5058 15024
## 1  2104 17458

sum(diag(confusion_1))/sum(confusion_1) # The sample accuracy for model 1 is 56.8 percent

## [1] 0.5679548

# Hence model 1 is (56.8-50.66) about a 6 percent improvement to the null model
17458/(17458+5058) # True positive rate of model 1 is 77.54 percent

## [1] 0.7753597

15024/(5058+15024) # False positive rate of model 1 is 74.81 percent

## [1] 0.7481327

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15024/(15024+17458)# False discovery rate of model 1 is 46.25 percent

## [1] 0.4625331
print(confusion_2)

##      yhat
## y      0      1
## 0 12237  7845
## 1  6814 12748

sum(diag(confusion_2))/sum(confusion_2) # The sample accuracy of model 2 is 63 percent

## [1] 0.6302341
# Hence model 2 is 12.5 percent improvement to null model and about 6.2 percent improvement to model 1
12704/(12705+6857) # True positive rate is 64.95 percent which is worst than model 1

## [1] 0.6494223
7811/(7811+12271) # False positive rate is 38.9 percent which is better than model 1 because lower is b

## [1] 0.3889553
7811/(7811+12705) # False discovery rate is 38.07 percent which is better than model 1 because lower is

## [1] 0.3807272
# In conclusion based on True Positive Rate, False Positive Rate, False Discovery Rate, and general acur

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