Car Accident Severity

Applied Data Science Capstone

Introduction

- description of problem, discussion of background
- road accidents are common leading to losses
- need to understand most common causes
- algorithm has to be designed

• WHY?

predict the severity of a possible accident

Business Problem

Conditions:

- current weather
- road condition
- visibility condition
- understanding of the factors and their correlations
- Beneficial
 - alert drivers to drive safe
 - inform police to enforce protocols

Data

dataset file Data-Collisions.csv

- size : ~ 1,90,000 collisions
- collisions at Seattle
- from 2004 to present, updated weekly

37 attributes

- ADDRTYPE
- SEVERITYCODE
- WEATHER, ROADCOND, LIGHTCOND

Methodology

- some features do not have numerical type
- label encoding
- normalizing the dataset
- splitting dataset:
 - 70% training
 - 30% testing

Modeling and Prediction

Modeling

- 1. k-Nearest Neighbours
- 2. Decision Tree
- 3. Logistic Regression

Prediction

- 1. Jaccard Index
- 2. F-1 Score
- 3. Logloss

Conclusion

- There is a correlation between the conditions studied and accident rate.
- IoT devices can be integrated with an APP for notifying drivers and also cops.