Introduction to Machine Learning Program Assignment #1

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What environments the members are using

Ans:

For both Iris dataset and googleplay dataset, we use python to implement Machine Learning.

Through the process, we install two packages, SKlearn and Pandas.

SKlearn package is for implement the decision tree model and random forest, and for scoring accuracy, precision and recall.

Pandas package is for the reading the CSV file.

Both packages are useful in preprocessing the data.

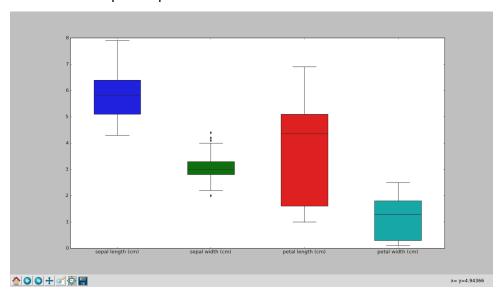
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Basic statistics visualization of the data

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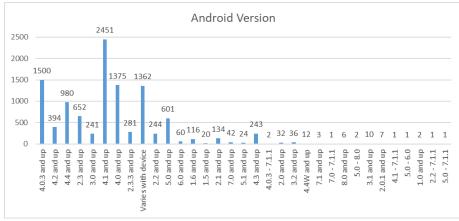
Iris dataset:

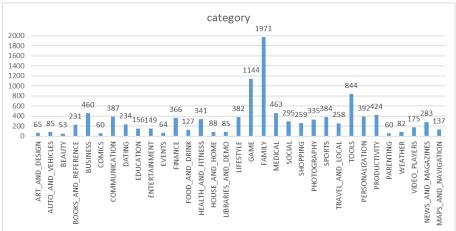
We use the boxplot to present basic statistic visualization.

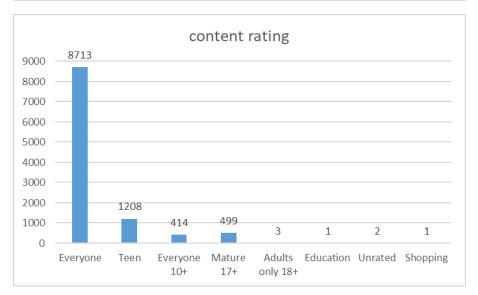


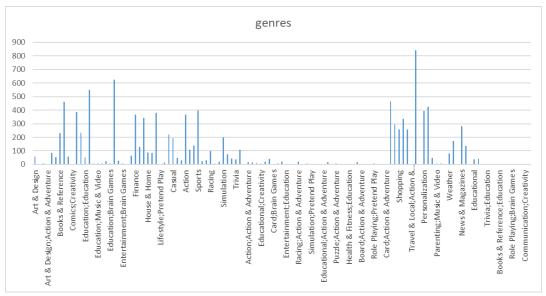
Googleplay dataset:

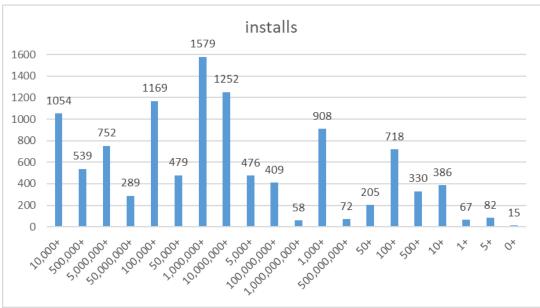
For the features which are not in numeral form, such as Android version, category, content rating, genres, installs and type, we use the bar plot to show the number of each classification in every features.

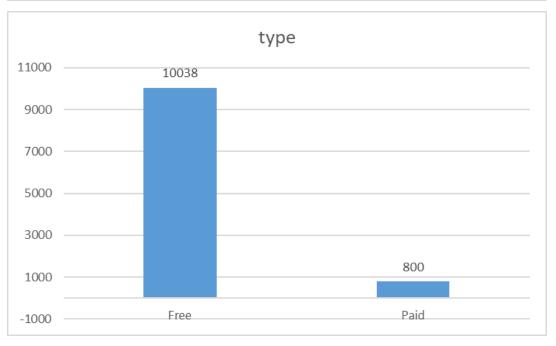




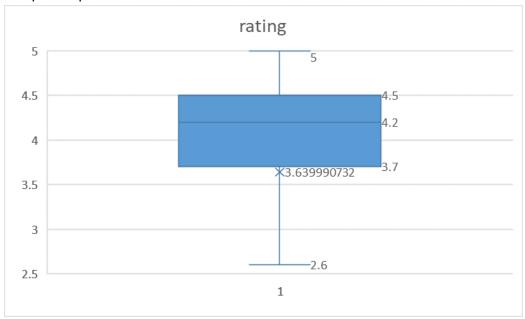


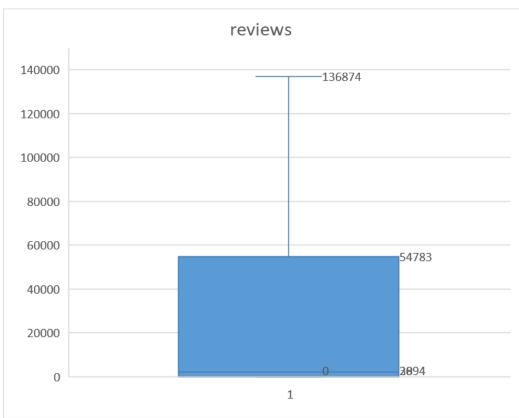






For the features which are in numeral form, such as reviews and rating, we use the box plot to present basic statistic visualization.





(Ps: Because the distribution of data of the reviews is too wide, the minimum and Q1 are almost invisible.)

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Data preprocessing methods

Ans:

Iris dataset:

Preprocess data

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input_data.replace(['Iris-setosa', 'Iris-versicolor', 'Iris-virginica'], [0, 1, 2], inplace = True)
iris_data = input_data.drop("class", axis = 1)
iris_target = input_data['class']
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We use data.replace to transfer Iris category into integers and then split the data into features and targets base on columns

Googleplay dataset:

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# Transfer the data to make it readable for DecisionTreeClassifier
    le = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
    input_data['Category'] = le.fit_transform(input_data['Category'])
    input_data['Type'] = le.fit_transform(input_data['Type'])
    input_data['Content Rating'] = le.fit_transform(input_data['Content Rating'])
    input_data['Android Ver'] = le.fit_transform(input_data['Android Ver'])
    input_data.replace(['0', '0+', '1+', '5+', '10+', '50+'], 0, inplace = True)
    input_data.replace(['100+', '500+', '1,000+', '5,000+', '10,000+'], 1, inplace = True)
    input_data.replace(['50,000+', '100,000+', '500,000+', '1,000,000+', '5,000,000+'], 2,
inplace = True)
    input_data.replace(['10,000,000+', '50,000,000+', '100,000,000+', '500,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,000,000,000+', '1,
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Because there are too many labels in each column, we use LabelEncoder to encode string-type label into integers, also we split the data into features and targets base on columns.

By the way, there's too many kinds of 'Installs', which is our target, which will cause our accuracy pretty low, so we accumulated part of them. That is, there are 20 kinds of Installs first, after our preprocessing, there only left four, whick will make our prediction more reasonable and ideal.

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How do you generate decision tree and random forest models
Ans:
For both dataset, we use the same methods:
# Get tree's prediction
def getTreePrediction(train, test, target):
     clf = tree.DecisionTreeClassifier()
     plot = clf.fit(train, target) # Generate the tree
     predict = clf.predict(test) # Generate prediction
     return plot, predict
# End
# Get forests' prediction
def getForestPrediction(train, test, target):
     predict = []
     for i in range(11):
          clf = tree.DecisionTreeClassifier()
          n_features = np.random.randint(4, size = np.random.randint(low = 2, high = 5)) #
Generate random features
          clf.fit(train.iloc[:, n features], target) # Generate the tree
          predict.append(clf.predict(test.iloc[:, n_features]))
     return getFinalPrediction(predict)
# End
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For decision tree, we simply used a package in scikit-learn, 'DecisionTreeClassifier' to build a decision tree, we can get the tree by feed the classifier with our features and targets.

For random forest, we define a function to randomly select some features in our total features to build a tree, and use for loop in range(k) times to build k trees in our random forest.

By the way, for Iris dataset, we built trees in the forest with 2~4 features and the result is pretty ideal, but that does not do the same performance for Googleplay dataset because the data is too large, if we choose too less features to buil a tree, it may be really useless and misleading, so for Googleplay dataset, we randomly select 4~6 features to build a tree in our random forest.

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Performance

Ans:

Iris:

1.Decision tree

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2.Random forest

For Iris dataset, both decision tree and random forest predictions are ideal, all accuracies, precisions, and recalls are very high. We thought that's because the dataset is small and the features are petty high related to our targets.

Googleplay

1.Decision tree

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Resubstitution part is about 98% accuracy and each fold(average) in K-fold validation is about $80^{\circ}90\%$ accuracy, which is better than we thought because the dataset is too large and features are not so related to our target. Also, reducing the category of our target from $20 \rightarrow 4$ (mentioned in preprocessing step) really helps because we first did not do this and get pretty low accuracy.

2.random forest:

Resubstitution part is about 97% accuracy and each fold(average) in K-fold validation is about 80~90% accuracy, that means our random forest does not help a lot for our accuracy. Maybe it's becease we drop some important features in some trees in the random forest and make that tree misleading, but the accuracy is still pretty high, so it's accetable.

(6)Conclusion

In this project we face a lot of problem, especially for googleplay dataset, so we experiences many times to get the conclusion below:

- 1. The dataset is too large and our target is too diverse. So finally we merge some sorts of our target to decrease the diversity to make the result more reasonable.
- 2. Before we build a random forest, we can test the relativity between each two features(target) to choose a better target to predict, also we can think how to avoid building useless tree in the random forest by this step.
- 3. When the dataset is large, we should not put too less features to the classifier to build a tree, it may cause low fidelity.
- 4. When doing k-fold validation, we should keep a appropriate rate betwwn training data and testing data, if the rate is disordered(like1:1), the accuracy will be pretty bad because of training too less and testing too much.
- 5. In this project we've learn a lot of knowledge and skills about maching learning and we believe that we can do much better next time.

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