# Loans-Safety-Prediction

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# 1 Loan Safety Prediction

In this example, we are going to build a model to predict whether a loan request is safe to be assigned using the data downloaded from the Lending Club Corporation. The company provided files containing complete loan data for all loans issued over a certain time window, including the current loan status (Current, Late, Fully Paid, etc.) and latest payment information. We are going to use a small subset of the available data which were previously preprocessed. At the moment, it seems that the data are not available anymore though.

#### 1.1 Libraries

As the very first step, we load all the relevant libraries.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     # Statistical libraries
     from scipy import stats
     # Plotting libraries
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     %matplotlib inline
     # Preprocessing
     from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
     # Evaluation Procedures
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
     from sklearn.model selection import StratifiedKFold
     # Classification methods
     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
     from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
     from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
```

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from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import ExtraTreesClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
# Evaluation Metrics
from sklearn.metrics import precision score
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score
from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix
from sklearn.metrics import precision_recall_curve
from sklearn.metrics import average_precision_score
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score
from sklearn.metrics import f1_score
```

Next we define some utility functions.

#### 1.2 Data, Training, and Test Sets

We load the data, define the input data X and the target column y. Next, we set the random seed, define a training/test partition, and the crossvalidation procedure we will use to compare the models.

Note that in this notebook we don't perform any data exploration or preparation since we already performed it before.

```
[3]: loans = pd.read_csv('LoansNumerical.csv')
  target_variable = 'safe_loans'
  input_variables = loans.columns[loans.columns!=target_variable]
```

```
X = loans[input_variables]
y = loans[target_variable]
```

```
[4]: np.random.seed(1234)

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = \
    train_test_split(X, y,\
    test_size= 1/3.0, random_state =1234, shuffle=True)

crossvalidation = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=10, shuffle=True)
```

# 1.3 Baseline Performance (Majority Voting)

At first, let's check what is the class distribution. As we can see the dataset is quite imbalanced with 81.1% of loans that have been classified as safe with only 18/9% of the loans classified as risky. Thus, a very simple model classifying all the loans as safe would reach an 81.1% accuracy (an impressive result in many applications) however, it would be useless for the real goal of this analysis, that is, to create a model to identify risky loans.

```
[5]: print("Class %2d %.1f%%\nClass %2d %.1f%%\n"%((y.value_counts()/y.shape[0]).

→index[0],100*(y.value_counts()/y.shape[0]).values[0],(y.value_counts()/y.

→shape[0]).index[1],100*(y.value_counts()/y.shape[0]).values[1]))

Class 1 81.1%
Class -1 18.9%
```

#### 2 Model Evaluation

We now evaluate different models using some setup we investigated early. We will consider some basic methods (linear regression, naive bayes, and k-NN) as well as ensemble methods.

```
'Extremely Randomized Trees':
     'Ada Boost':
     →AdaBoostClassifier(DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=3),n_estimators=n_estimators)
[7]: xval_results = {}
    roc results = {}
    feature_importance_model = {}
    method = []
    accuracy mean = []
    accuracy_std = []
    precision = []
    recall = []
    f1 = []
    auc = []
    for method_name in methods:
        clf = methods[method_name];
        # evaluate the model using crossvalidation
        xval_score = cross_val_score(clf,X,y,cv=crossvalidation)
        # store the raw results of crossvalidation that we might want to use for
     \rightarrow t-test/mann-whitney comparison
        xval_results[method_name] = xval_score
        # compute the basic statistics
        accuracy_mean.append(np.average(xval_score))
        accuracy_std.append(np.std(xval_score))
        clf.fit(X_train,y_train)
        # if the mode can return an evaluation of feature importance we store it to \Box
     \rightarrow analyze it later
        if hasattr(clf, 'feature_importances_'):
                feature_importance_model[method_name] = (clf,clf.
     →feature_importances_)
         # compute the prediction which, for probabilistic classifiers, is using a_
     \hookrightarrow threshold of 0.5
        yp = clf.predict(X_test)
```

```
# ask for the probability values
  yprob = clf.predict_proba(X_test)
   # computes the data needed to draw the ROC curve
  fpr_nb, tpr_nb, thresholds = roc_curve(y_true=y_test, y_score = yprob[:,1],__
→pos_label=1)
   # computes the AUC
  roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_true=y_test, y_score = yprob[:,1])
  auc.append(roc_auc)
  # store the information to plot the ROC curves afterwards
  roc_results[method_name] = (fpr_nb, tpr_nb, thresholds, roc_auc)
  precision.append(precision_score(y_test,yp))
  recall.append(recall_score(y_test,yp))
  f1.append(f1_score(y_test, yp))
  print("%40s"%method name)
  print("======="")
  print("\t Accuracy (CV) %.3f %.3f"%(np.average(xval_score),np.

→std(xval_score)))
  print("\tAccuracy (Test) %.3f"%precision_score(y_test, yp))
                Precision %.3f"%precision_score(y_test, yp))
  print("\t
                 Recall %.3f"%recall_score(y_test, yp))
  print("\t
                         %.3f"%f1_score(y_test, yp))
  print("\t
                 F1
  print("\n")
  method.append(method_name)
```

#### Lasso

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Accuracy (CV) 0.813 0.001
Accuracy (Test) 0.821
Precision 0.821
Recall 0.981
F1 0.894

#### NaiveBayes

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Accuracy (CV) 0.773 0.003
Accuracy (Test) 0.840
Precision 0.840
Recall 0.891
F1 0.865
```

#### k-NN(5)

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Accuracy (CV) 0.784 0.002

Accuracy (Test) 0.816

Precision 0.816

Recall 0.944

F1 0.875

### Decision Tree

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Accuracy (CV) 0.733 0.003

Accuracy (Test) 0.841

Precision 0.841

Recall 0.827

F1 0.834

# Bagging(Tree)

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Accuracy (CV) 0.815 0.000

Accuracy (Test) 0.818

Precision 0.818

Recall 0.989

F1 0.895

# Bagging(kNN)

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Accuracy (CV) 0.804 0.001

Accuracy (Test) 0.814

Precision 0.814

Recall 0.980

F1 0.889

#### Random Forest

Accuracy (CV) 0.811 0.000

Accuracy (Test) 0.810

Precision 0.810

Recall 1.000

F1 0.895

Extremely Randomized Trees

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```
Accuracy (CV) 0.811 0.000
Accuracy (Test) 0.810
Precision 0.810
Recall 1.000
F1 0.895
```

#### Ada Boost

Accuracy (CV) 0.820 0.002
Accuracy (Test) 0.833
Precision 0.833
Recall 0.968

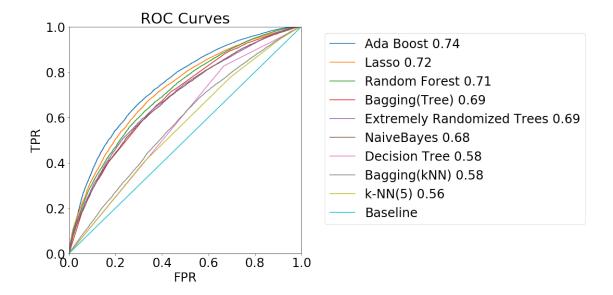
F1

# 2.1 Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curves

0.896

We can compare the classifiers using the area under the curve values and the corresponding ROC curves. This measure provides an overall evaluation of the model. But at the end we are interested in evaluating one specific performance (accuracy, precision, recall, etc.)

```
[8]: # we sort the AUC values so to have a better legend
     sorted_roc_results = sorted(roc_results.items(), key=lambda x: x[1][3],__
     →reverse=True)
     plt.figure(1, figsize=(8, 8));
     font = {'family':'sans', 'size':24};
     plt.rc('font', **font);
     plt.xlabel('FPR');
     plt.ylabel('TPR');
     for result in sorted_roc_results:
         plt.plot(result[1][0], result[1][1],label=result[0]+' %.2f'%result[1][3])
     # plt.plot(fpr, thresholds, label='Thresholds')
     plt.plot([0.0,1.0],[0.0,1.0],label='Baseline')
     plt.yticks(np.arange(0.0,1.01,.2))
     plt.title('ROC Curves')
     plt.ylim([0.0,1.0])
     plt.xlim([0.0,1.0])
     plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(2.25, 1.0))
     plt.show();
```



# 2.2 Comparing Classifier Performance using Statistical Tests

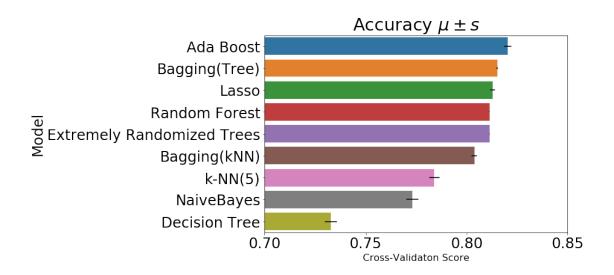
We can now compare the performance of the classifiers. First, we plot all the performance scores and then we focus on the most interesting ones (that is, the best performing ones) and we check check whether the difference in performance is is statistically significant.

```
f, axe = plt.subplots(1,1, figsize=(9,6))

result_summary.sort_values(by=['Accuracy (Mean)'], ascending=False,
inplace=True)

sns.barplot(x='Accuracy (Mean)', y='Model', data = result_summary,
inplace=True)

xerr=result_summary['Accuracy (Std)'], ax = axe)
axe.set_xlabel('Cross-Validaton Score', size=16)
axe.set_ylabel('Model')
axe.set_title("Accuracy $\mu\pm s$")
axe.set_title("Accuracy $\mu\pm s$")
axe.set_xlim(0.7,0.85)
plt.show()
```



```
[11]: df_crossvalidation = pd.DataFrame(xval_results)
[12]: df_crossvalidation.drop(columns=['NaiveBayes','Decision_
      →Tree','k-NN(5)'],inplace=True)
[13]: confidence level = 0.95
     no_variables = len(df_crossvalidation.columns)
     p_value = np.zeros((no_variables,no_variables))
     for first,first_model in enumerate(df_crossvalidation.columns):
         p_value[first,first] = 1.0
         for second in range(first+1,(len(df_crossvalidation.columns))):
             second_model = df_crossvalidation.columns[second]
             paired_test = stats.ttest_rel(df_crossvalidation[first_model],__
      →df_crossvalidation[second_model])
             p_value[first,second] = paired_test[1]
             p_value[second,first] = paired_test[1]
             if (paired_test[1]<(1-confidence_level)):</pre>
                 print("%15s vs %15s \Rightarrow Difference is statistically significant (cf<sub>\sqcup</sub>
      \rightarrow%3.2f p-value=%.
```

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Bagging(Tree) => Difference is statistically significant
          Lasso vs
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0003)
          Lasso vs
                      Bagging(kNN) => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
          Lasso vs
                     Random Forest => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0019)
          Lasso vs Extremely Randomized Trees => Difference is statistically
significant (cf 95.00 p-value=0.0013)
          Lasso vs
                         Ada Boost => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(Tree) vs
                      Bagging(kNN) => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(Tree) vs
                     Random Forest => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(Tree) vs Extremely Randomized Trees => Difference is statistically
significant (cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(Tree) vs
                         Ada Boost => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(kNN) vs
                     Random Forest => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(kNN) vs Extremely Randomized Trees => Difference is statistically
significant (cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
  Bagging(kNN) vs
                         Ada Boost => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
 Random Forest vs
                         Ada Boost => Difference is statistically significant
(cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
Extremely Randomized Trees vs
                                    Ada Boost => Difference is statistically
significant (cf 95.00 p-value=0.0000)
```

#### 2.3 Variable Importance

Ensembles generate models that are difficult to analyze but provide interesting ways to score the variable used by all the models in the ensembles. First, we fit each ensemble,

```
# indeces of the variables
indices = np.argsort(importances)[::-1]

plt.subplot(len(feature_importance_model),1,plot_idx)

#

plt.title("Feature importances - "+model_name)
plt.xticks(range(X.shape[1]),X.columns[indices],rotation='vertical')

plt.xlim([-1, X.shape[1]])

# if hasattr(model, 'estimators_'):
    std = np.std([tree.feature_importances_ for tree in model.
    --estimators_J, axis=0)

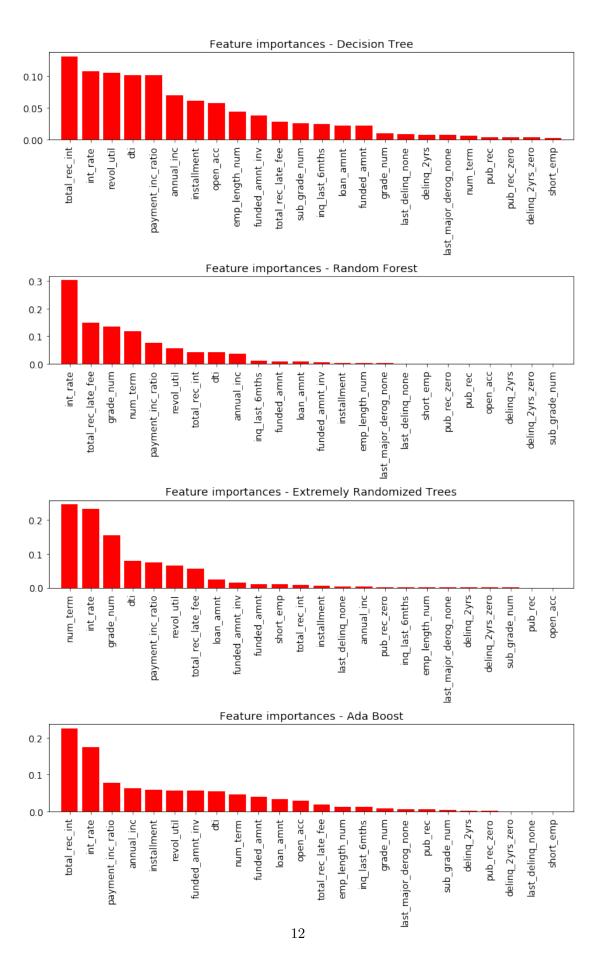
# plt.bar(range(X.shape[1]), importances[indices], color="r",u]
    --yerr=std[indices], align="center")# plt.xticks(range(X.shape[1]), indices)

# else:
    plt.bar(range(X.shape[1]), importances[indices], color="r")

plot_idx = plot_idx + 1

plt.tight_layout(pad=0.4, w_pad=0.5, h_pad=1.0)

plt.show()
```



### 2.4 Voting Classifier

We can also build an heterogeneous ensemble classifier using a *VotingClassifier* available in Scikit-Learn that can be built either \* by specifying a set of methods I selected or \* by using all the methods we tested at once

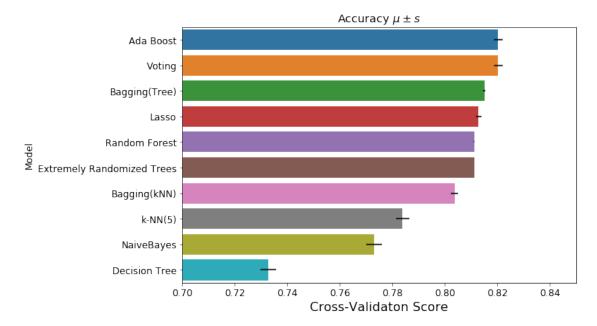
Let's try to use all the methods we examined so far and let's see how this new ensemble performs. VotingClassifier requires a list of pairs (name,method) so we initially convert the dictionary we used to a list of pairs. Next we apply the same procedure used for the other approaches.

```
[15]: estimators = [x for x in methods.items()]
[16]: %%time
      clf = VotingClassifier(estimators=estimators, voting='soft')
      method_name = 'Voting'
      # evaluate the model using crossvalidation
      cross val score(clf,X,y,cv=crossvalidation)
      # store the raw results of crossvalidation that we might want to use for t-test/
      → mann-whitney comparison
      xval_results['Voting'] = xval_score
      # compute the basic statistics
      accuracy mean.append(np.average(xval score))
      accuracy_std.append(np.std(xval_score))
      clf.fit(X_train,y_train)
      # compute the prediction which, for probabilistic classifiers, is using a_{\sqcup}
      \rightarrow threshold of 0.5
      yp = clf.predict(X_test)
      # ask for the probability values
      yprob = clf.predict_proba(X_test)
      # computes the data needed to draw the ROC curve
      fpr_nb, tpr_nb, thresholds = roc_curve(y_true=y_test, y_score = yprob[:,1],_
       →pos_label=1)
      # computes the AUC
      roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_true=y_test, y_score = yprob[:,1])
      auc.append(roc_auc)
```

```
# store the information to plot the ROC curves afterwards
      roc_results[method_name] = (fpr_nb, tpr_nb, thresholds, roc_auc)
      precision.append(precision_score(y_test,yp))
      recall.append(recall_score(y_test,yp))
      f1.append(f1_score(y_test, yp))
      print("%10s\tAccuracy %.3f %.3f"%(method_name,np.average(xval_score),np.

std(xval score)))
      print("
                       \tPrecision %.3f"%precision_score(y_test, yp))
      print("
                       \tRecall
                                   %.3f"%recall_score(y_test, yp))
      print("
                       \tF1
                                   %.3f"%f1_score(y_test, yp))
      method.append(method_name)
                     Accuracy 0.820 0.002
         Voting
                     Precision 0.817
                     Recall
                               0.993
                     F1
                               0.897
     CPU times: user 12min 14s, sys: 10.4 s, total: 12min 24s
     Wall time: 18min 15s
[17]: result_summary_extra = pd.DataFrame({'Model':method,'Accuracy (Mean)':
       -accuracy_mean, 'Accuracy (Std)':accuracy_std, 'Precision':precision, 'Recall':
       →recall, 'F1':f1, 'AUC':auc})
      result_summary_extra.to_csv('LoanSafety-Summary-Extra.csv')
[18]: result_summary_extra
[18]:
                              Model Accuracy (Mean) Accuracy (Std)
                                                                      Precision \
      0
                              Lasso
                                            0.812832
                                                            0.001073
                                                                       0.820863
      1
                         NaiveBayes
                                            0.773056
                                                            0.002890
                                                                       0.840115
      2
                            k-NN(5)
                                            0.783908
                                                            0.002491
                                                                       0.816393
      3
                      Decision Tree
                                            0.732733
                                                            0.003036
                                                                       0.841176
                      Bagging(Tree)
      4
                                            0.815102
                                                            0.000484
                                                                       0.817868
      5
                       Bagging(kNN)
                                            0.803727
                                                            0.001406
                                                                       0.813719
      6
                      Random Forest
                                            0.811264
                                                            0.000152
                                                                       0.810171
      7
        Extremely Randomized Trees
                                            0.811190
                                                            0.000026
                                                                       0.810171
      8
                          Ada Boost
                                            0.820369
                                                            0.001767
                                                                       0.833372
      9
                             Voting
                                            0.820369
                                                            0.001767
                                                                       0.817144
           Recall
                         F1
                                  AUC
      0 0.981253 0.893921 0.721683
      1 0.891479 0.865035 0.682258
      2 0.943547 0.875377 0.557943
      3 0.826984 0.834019 0.580287
      4 0.988752 0.895228 0.688886
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5 0.979923 0.889121 0.578200
6 1.000000 0.895132 0.707711
7 1.000000 0.895132 0.687081
8 0.968463 0.895853 0.744297
9 0.993015 0.896536 0.696573
```



#### 2.5 Stacking

Alternatively, we can build a stacking classifier by training a meta classifier to learn how to predict whether a loan is safe based on the prediction of other classifiers. Note that, with respect to the voting classifier, in this case we replace the hard/soft voting with another model. Further examples of stacking can be found at - http://rasbt.github.io/mlxtend/user\_guide/classifier/StackingClassifier/ - https://medium.com/@rrfd/boosting-bagging-and-stacking-ensemble-methods-with-sklearn-

and-mlens-a455c0c982de

We build a dataframe containing the prediction of each model we want to use. Next we train a meta learner on the dataset of predictions we generated. In this case, we use as a meta learner a logistic regression.

# 2.5.1 Building the Training Data

The training data are collected by fitting all the models we considered in the stack.

```
[20]: stack_train = pd.DataFrame()
stack = {}

for method_name in methods:
    clf = methods[method_name]
    clf.fit(X_train,y_train)
    stack[method_name] = clf
    stack_train[method_name] = clf.predict(X_train)
```

#### 2.5.2 Training the Meta Learner

Next, the output collected from the stacked models is used to train the meta learner.

```
[21]: meta = LogisticRegression(penalty="l1",C=100, random_state=1234, max_iter=300, 

→solver="liblinear")
meta.fit(stack_train,y_train)
```

```
[22]: stack_train.head()
```

[22]:		Lasso	NaiveBayes	k-NN(5)	Decision Tree	<pre>Bagging(Tree)</pre>	<pre>Bagging(kNN)</pre>	\
	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1	1	1	1	-1	1	1	
	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	

	Random Forest	Extremely	${\tt Randomized}$	Trees	Ada Boost
0	1			1	1
1	1			1	1
2	1			1	1
3	1			1	1
4	1			1	1

#### 2.5.3 Evaluation on the Test Set

To evaluate the performance on the test set we generate a data set containing the output of the fitted models on the test set. The resulting data set (contained in stack\_test) is used as the input for the meta model.

```
[23]: stack_test = pd.DataFrame()

for method_name in stack:
    stack_test[method_name] = methods[method_name].predict(X_test)

yp = meta.predict(stack_test)
```

```
[24]: print("Accuracy %.3f"%(accuracy_score(y_test, yp)))
print("Precision %.3f"%precision_score(y_test, yp))
print("Recall %.3f"%recall_score(y_test, yp))
```

Accuracy 0.731 Precision 0.841 Recall 0.824

#### 2.6 Final Remarks

We evaluated several classification approaches for predicting the safety of loans. We built a pipeline to evaluate each classifier using cross-validation and holdout. We collected several metrics of performance (accuracy, prediction, recall, f1, AUC). Note that some methods would not have required crossvalidation since they could have been used out-of-bag evaluation, yet we preferred to apply the same evaluation to all the methods to have a uniform comparison. In addition, we applied crossvalidation using accuracy as a metric but accuracy is not the most adequate metric since it does not distinguish between false positive and false negative errors. Depending on the problem we should have used another metric to improve our performance on a specific type of error. There are several other ways to extend the current analysis for example by including other methods or by performing an in-depth exploration analysis which might result in a different data set (e.g., we might apply normalization to the input variables)