# Prediction on Poor Performance Students

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## 1 Prediction on Poor Performance Students

#### 1.1 Outline

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# 2 Part 0. Automation setup

- Select the metric to predict, the time to predict, the number of days to predict forward (for withdrawal), and algorithm
- Click on "run all below", the predictive model will be run automatically:)

```
In [4219]: # Metric need to be predicted
    metric = 'Fail' #'Withdrawn', 'Fail'
    # Cut-off day
    cutoff_i = 120
    # For withdrawal only: number of days to predict forward
    window_width = 7
    # Algorithm
    algorithm = 'Random Forest' #'Neural Network', 'XGBoost'
```

# 3 Part 1. Data Preparation

### 3.1 1.1 Load package

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix
from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
```

## 3.2 1.2 Read file

In [2185]: course\_student\_all = pd.read\_csv("~/Google Drive/MSBA@UMN/OULAD/course\_student\_all.
In [2186]: assessment\_student\_all = pd.read\_csv("~/Google Drive/MSBA@UMN/OULAD/course\_student\_all.

In [2187]: vle\_student\_all = pd.read\_csv("~/Google Drive/MSBA@UMN/OULAD/course\_student\_vle\_fine

# 3.3 1.3 Basic aggregation before joining

#### 3.3.1 1) Course student table

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In [4286]: course\_student\_all.shape

Out[4286]: (32446, 30)

In [4287]: course student all.describe()

In [4287]:	course	_student_all.d	escribe()				
Out[4287]:		Unnamed: 0	id_student	num_of_prev_a	attempts	studied_credits \	
	count	32446.000000	3.244600e+04	32446	6.000000	32446.000000	
	mean	16223.500000	7.062130e+05	(	0.163163	79.671916	
	std	9366.497754	5.486818e+05	(	0.479707	41.027368	
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	50%	16223.500000	5.900790e+05	(	0.000000	60.000000	
	75%	24334.750000	6.441362e+05	(	0.000000	120.000000	
	max	32446.000000	2.698591e+06	(	6.000000	655.000000	
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	std	49.2	7415	82.044471		13.182773	
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```

[8 rows x 21 columns]

#### Subset for cutting off point

- Remove those who registered after cut-off point
- Remove those who unregistered before cut-off point

#### 3.3.2 2) Assessment table

In [4291]: assessment\_student\_all.shape Out [4291]: (173912, 25) In [4292]: assessment\_student\_all.describe() Out [4292]: Unnamed: 0 id\_assessment id\_student date\_submitted 173912.000000 173912.000000 1.739120e+05 173912.000000 count mean 86956.500000 26553.803556 7.051507e+05 116.032942 std 50204.214345 8829.784254 5.523952e+05 71.484148 min 1.000000 1752.000000 6.516000e+03 -11.000000 25% 43478.750000 15022.000000 5.044290e+05 51.000000 86956.500000 50% 25359.000000 5.852080e+05 116.000000 75% 130434.250000 34883.000000 6.344980e+05 173.000000 173912.000000 37443.000000 2.698588e+06 608.000000 max is\_banked date weight score 173912.000000 173912.000000 173912.000000 173912.000000 count 0.010977 mean 75.724171 132.727006 12.743899 std 0.104194 18.940093 79.110198 17.877301 min 0.000000 0.000000 12.000000 0.000000 25% 0.00000 65.000000 54.000000 0.00000 50% 80.000000 131.000000 9.00000 0.000000 75% 0.000000 90.000000 222.000000 18.000000 269.000000 100.000000 max 1.000000 100.000000 CMA Exam course\_n\_assessment 173912.000000 173912.000000 173912.000000 count . . . 0.405533 0.028514 10.770614 mean std 0.490996 0.166438 2.680086 min 0.000000 0.000000 5.000000 25% 0.000000 0.000000 10.000000 50% 0.000000 0.000000 12.000000 75% 1.000000 0.000000 13.000000 . . . max1.000000 1.000000 14.000000 . . . course\_n\_Exam course\_n\_CMA course\_n\_TMA number\_of\_assess 173912.000000 173912.000000 173912.000000 count 173912.000000 1.108906 4.608710 5.052998 4.921518 mean 0.311522 2.672168 0.940125 3.146100 std min 1.000000 0.000000 3.000000 1.000000 25% 1.000000 4.000000 5.000000 2.000000 50% 1.000000 5.000000 5.000000 4.000000 7.000000 75% 1.000000 6.000000 7.000000 2.000000 7.000000 6.000000 14.000000 maxscore\_lag score\_dif \

number\_of\_assess\_r number\_of\_assess\_lag

count	173912.000000	173912.000000	148069.000000	148069.000000	
mean	4.921518	3.921518	76.729511	-0.515550	
std	3.146100	3.146100	18.085162	19.450793	
min	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	-100.000000	
25%	2.000000	1.000000	67.000000	-11.000000	
50%	4.000000	3.000000	80.000000	0.000000	
75%	7.00000	6.000000	90.000000	10.000000	
max	14.000000	13.000000	100.000000	100.000000	
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count	173912.000000				
mean	9.088426				

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[8 rows x 22 columns]

### Subset for cutting off point

Only keep the results happened before cut-off point

```
In [4293]: assessment_student = assessment_student_all[assessment_student_all['date_submitted']
```

## Create the last score variables

• Last score before cut-off point

```
In [4294]: assessment_student['number_of_assess_r'] = assessment_student.groupby(['code_module
           ['date_submitted'].rank(ascending=False, method='first')
In [4295]: last_score = assessment_student[assessment_student['number_of_assess_r'] == 1]
In [4296]: last_score = last_score[['code_module','code_presentation','id_student','score','CM.
In [4297]: last_score = last_score.rename(columns={'score': 'last_score', 'CMA': 'last_cma', 'T
```

#### Create aggregate attributes

```
In [4298]: agg_assess = {'score': {'mean_score': 'mean', 'sd_score': 'std', 'n_assess': 'count'}
                          'score_dif':{'ma_score':'mean'},\
                          'total_score': {'cum_total_score':'sum'},\
                          'Exam': {'n_exam':'sum'},\
                          'CMA': {'n_cma':'sum'},\
                          'TMA': {'n_tma':'sum'},\
                          'is_banked':{'is_banked':'mean'}}
```

```
In [4299]: assessment_student_final = assessment_student.groupby(['code_module','code_presentation])
           agg(agg_assess)
In [4300]: assessment_student_final.columns = assessment_student_final.columns.droplevel()
           assessment_student_final = assessment_student_final.reset_index()
In [4301]: # get the percentile for cumscore/meanscore
           assessment_student_final['percentile_cum_score'] = assessment_student_final.\
           groupby(['code_module','code_presentation'])['cum_total_score'].rank(pct = True)
           assessment_student_final['percentile_mean_score'] = assessment_student_final.\
           groupby(['code_module','code_presentation'])['mean_score'].rank(pct = True)
In [4302]: # match last score
           assessment_student_final = assessment_student_final.merge(last_score, how='left')
In [4303]: assessment_student_final.shape
Out [4303]: (25782, 18)
3.3.3 3) Interaction table
In [4304]: vle_student_all.shape
Out[4304]: (8459320, 18)
In [4305]: vle_student_all.describe()
Out [4305]:
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         4.953000e+03 3.580000e+02
max
```

### Subset for cutting off point

• Only keep the results happened before cut-off point

```
In [4306]: vle_student = vle_student_all[vle_student_all['date'] < cutoff_i]</pre>
```

#### Create aggregate attributes

### 3.4 1.4 Select variables for independent variables

## 3.4.1 Drop variables - used to fine-tune variables easily

```
In [4311]: assessment_student_final.columns
```

```
Out[4311]: Index([u'code_module', u'code_presentation', u'id_student', u'n_exam',
                  u'cum_total_score', u'is_banked', u'n_cma', u'n_tma', u'mean_score',
                  u'sd_score', u'n_assess', u'ma_score', u'percentile_cum_score',
                  u'percentile_mean_score', u'last_score', u'last_cma', u'last_tma',
                  u'last exam'],
                 dtype='object')
In [4312]: assessment_student_final = assessment_student_final.\
           drop(['sd_score', 'ma_score', \
                 'last_exam', 'n_cma', 'n_tma', 'n_exam', 'mean_score', 'cum_total_score'], axis=1
In [4313]: vle_student_final.columns
Out[4313]: Index([u'code_module', u'code_presentation', u'id_student', u'total_uni_site',
                  u'total_site', u'total_click_forumng', u'total_visit_forumng',
                  u'total_click_url', u'total_visit_url', u'total_click_resource',
                  u'total_visit_resource', u'total_active_day', u'total_click_subpage',
                  u'total_visit_subpage', u'total_click_oucontent',
                  u'total_visit_oucontent', u'total_visit_homepage',
                  u'total_click_homepage'],
                 dtype='object')
In [4314]: #vle_student_final = vle_student_final.\
           #drop(['mean_click_forumng', 'mean_click_resource', 'mean_click_url', \
                  'mean click_subpage', 'mean click_oucontent', 'mean click_homepage'], axis=1)
In [4315]: course_student_final.columns
Out[4315]: Index([u'Unnamed: 0', u'code_module', u'code_presentation', u'id_student',
                  u'gender', u'region', u'highest_education', u'imd_band', u'age_band',
                  u'num_of_prev_attempts', u'studied_credits', u'disability',
                  u'final_result', u'date_registration', u'date_unregistration',
                  u'module_presentation_length', u'Distinction', u'Fail', u'Pass',
                  u'Withdrawn', u'course_n_type', u'course_n_Exam', u'course_n_CMA',
                  u'course_n_TMA', u'course_weight_total', u'course_weight_Exam',
                  u'course_weight_CMA', u'course_weight_TMA', u'course_activity_n',
                  u'course_site_n'],
                 dtype='object')
In [4316]: course_student_final = course_student_final.\
           drop(['Unnamed: 0','region','final_result','module_presentation_length','Distinction
                'Pass','Withdrawn', u'course_n_type', u'course_weight_total', u'course_weight_i
                  u'course_weight_CMA', u'course_weight_TMA', u'course_activity_n',
                  u'course_site_n'], axis=1)
           #must keep 3 PK and 2 date
           if (metric == 'Withdrawn'):
               course_student_final = course_student_final.drop(['Fail'], axis=1)
```

#### 3.4.2 Merge all tables together

```
In [4317]: dataset = course_student_final.merge(vle_student_final, how='left', on=['code_module']
In [4318]: dataset = dataset.merge(assessment_student_final, how='left', on=['code_module', 'course_In [4319]: dataset['p_assess'] = dataset['n_assess']/ (dataset['course_n_Exam'] + dataset['course_In [4320]: dataset = dataset.drop(['n_assess','course_n_Exam','course_n_CMA','course_n_TMA'], in [4321]: dataset.shape
Out[4321]: (24678, 35)
```

### 3.4.3 Convert categorical data into dummy variables

- Here I've tried both one-hot encoding for all categorical variables, and converted some categorical variables into numeric when the relationship is ordinal (like age, region level and education)
- The results do not differ much. In reality, tree-based model is better to handle numeric variables than many categorical one, especially if the tree is shallow, categorical variables are less likely to be used up
- Reference: https://medium.com/data-design/visiting-categorical-features-and-encoding-in-decision-trees-53400fa65931

dataset\_final['Withdrawn'] = np.where((dataset\_final['date\_unregistration'] < c</pre>

In [4327]: dataset\_final = dataset\_final.fillna(0) #fill in all missing values with 0

### 3.5 1.5 Split train and test

• As I don't put the historical data (i.e. the information happen in previous term), the train test split is purly random, rather than leaving out results in 2014J.

```
In [4328]: X = dataset_final.drop([metric,'date_unregistration','id_student'], axis=1)
           y = dataset_final[metric]
In [4329]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y , test_size=.3, random_sta
In [4330]: X_train.shape, X_test.shape
Out[4330]: ((17274, 39), (7404, 39))
In [4331]: y_train.shape, y_test.shape
Out[4331]: ((17274,), (7404,))
In [4332]: np.mean(y_train), np.mean(y_test) #label % in two groups, for QC
Out [4332]: (0.28291073289336577, 0.29038357644516477)
In [4333]: X_train.columns #final labels, for QC
Out[4333]: Index([u'highest_education', u'imd_band', u'age_band', u'num_of_prev_attempts',
                  u'studied_credits', u'date_registration', u'total_uni_site',
                  u'total_site', u'total_click_forumng', u'total_visit_forumng',
                  u'total_click_url', u'total_visit_url', u'total_click_resource',
                  u'total_visit_resource', u'total_active_day', u'total_click_subpage',
                  u'total_visit_subpage', u'total_click_oucontent',
                  u'total_visit_oucontent', u'total_visit_homepage',
                  u'total_click_homepage', u'is_banked', u'percentile_cum_score',
                  u'percentile_mean_score', u'last_score', u'last_cma', u'last_tma',
                  u'p_assess', u'code_module_BBB', u'code_module_CCC', u'code_module_DDD',
                  u'code_module_EEE', u'code_module_FFF', u'code_module_GGG',
                  u'code_presentation_2013J', u'code_presentation_2014B',
                  u'code_presentation_2014J', u'gender_M', u'disability_Y'],
                 dtype='object')
```

# 4 Part 2. Model Building

#### 4.0.1 2.1 Random Forest

```
{'max_features': 12, 'n_estimators': 60, 'max_depth': 10}
```

#### 4.0.2 2.2 XGBoost

XGBoost has similar performance as random forest. Considering the calculation speed, random forest will be used as final model

#### 4.0.3 2.3 Neural Network

• Neural network provides slightly better performance. However as it is a black box model that cannot provide the feature importance, I didn't use it for final model

```
In [4336]: import keras
           from keras.layers import Dense
           from keras.models import Sequential
           from keras.utils import to_categorical
In [4337]: if algorithm == "Neural Network":
               # Save the number of columns in predictors: n_cols
               n_cols = X_train.shape[1]
               input_shape = (n_cols,)
               # Specify the model
               model = Sequential()
               model.add(Dense(60, activation='relu', input_shape = input_shape))
               model.add(Dense(30, activation='relu'))
               model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
               # Compile the model
               model.compile(optimizer='adam',loss = 'binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy
               # Define early_stopping_monitor
               #early_stopping_monitor = EarlyStopping(patience=2) #generally it's 2 to 3
               # Fit the model
               model.fit(X_train.values,y_train.values,epochs=30,validation_split=0.3) #,callb
               y_pred = model.predict_proba(X_test.values)
```

#### 4.0.4 2.4 Feature importance (from random forest)

## 5 Part 3. Model Evaluation

## 5.0.1 3.1 Basic model performance

• Here the basic performance is printed for easily refer. However for our case, cutting off the positive case at probability 0.5 (by default setting in classification problem) is not helpful for targeting. Thus I will use KS statistic to evaluate performance, and cumulative gain chart to show the % of positive cases among those who are targeted.

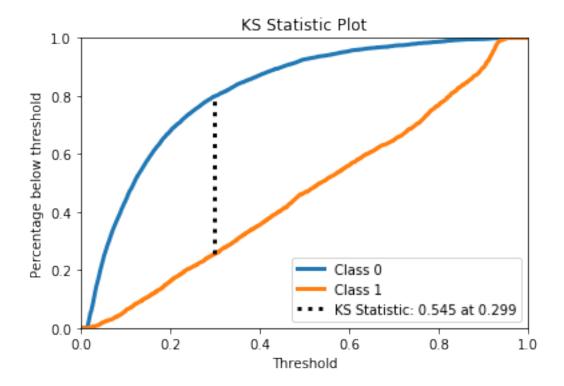
```
In [4339]: print 'Accuracy of model:', accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
           print 'Classification report of model:'
           print classification_report(y_test, y_pred)
           print 'Confusion matrix'
           tn, fp, fn, tp = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred).ravel()
           print (tn, fp, fn, tp)
Accuracy of model: 0.811993517018
Classification report of model:
             precision
                          recall f1-score
                                              support
          0
                  0.83
                            0.93
                                       0.87
                                                 5254
          1
                  0.75
                            0.53
                                       0.62
                                                 2150
avg / total
                  0.81
                            0.81
                                       0.80
                                                 7404
Confusion matrix
```

#### **5.0.2 3.2 KS statistics**

(4865, 389, 1003, 1147)

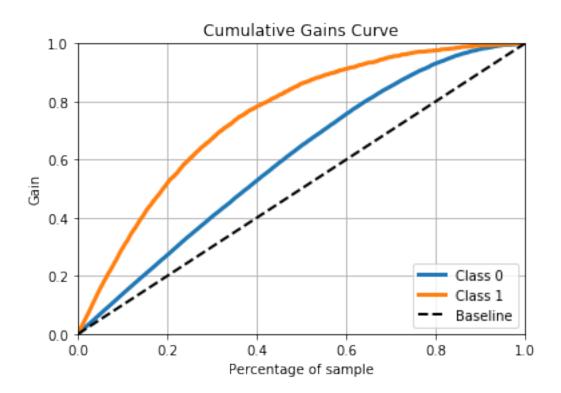
- K-S is a measure of the degree of separation between the positive and negative distributions. The K-S is 100, if the scores partition the population into two separate groups in which one group contains all the positives and the other all the negatives.
- Reference: https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2016/02/7-important-model-evaluation-error-metrics/

```
In [4340]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import scikitplot as skplt
```



## 5.0.3 3.3 Cumulative gain charts

- Gain chart shows that for different % of targeted samples, what is the % of positive cases among all samples targeted
- Reference: http://mlwiki.org/index.php/Cumulative\_Gain\_Chart



In [4343]:  $\#skplt.estimators.plot\_learning\_curve(rf\_final.best\_estimator\_, X\_train, y\_train) \\ \#plt.show()$ 

### Getting the data for charting...

- Reference: https://github.com/reiinakano/scikit-plot/blob/master/scikitplot/helpers.py
- Here I get the gain calculation directly from the code source from scikitplot package

```
y_true = (y_true == pos_label)

sorted_indices = np.argsort(y_score)[::-1]
y_true = y_true[sorted_indices]
gains = np.cumsum(y_true)

percentages = np.arange(start=1, stop=len(y_true) + 1)

gains = gains / float(np.sum(y_true))
percentages = percentages / float(len(y_true)))

gains = np.insert(gains, 0, [0])
percentages = np.insert(percentages, 0, [0])

return percentages, gains

In [4345]: percentages, gains = cumulative_gain_curve(y_test, y_pred_p[:, 1])

In [4346]: gain_result = DataFrame(gains)

In [4347]: percentages_result = DataFrame(percentages)

In [4348]: final_metric = pd.concat([percentages_result, gain_result], axis=1)

In [4349]: #final_metric.to_csv("-/Google Drive/MSBAGUMN/OULAD/cumulative_gain_withdraw.csv")
```