homework 10-skel

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1 Homework 10: FORESTS AND BOOSTING

1.1 Assignment Overview

Follow the TODOs and read through and understand any provided code.

For all plots, make sure all necessary axes and curves are clearly and accurately labeled. Include figure/plot titles appropriately as well.

1.1.1 Task

For this assignment you will be exploring Random Forests and Boosting.

1.1.2 Data set

The dataset is based on cyclone weather data from NOAA.

You can obtain the data from the server and git under datasets/cyclones.

We will be predicting whether a cyclone status is a tropical depression (TD) or not.

Status can be the following types:

- * TD tropical depression
- * TS tropical storm
- * HU hurricane intensity
- * EX Extratropical cyclone
- * SD subtropical depression intensity
- * SS subtropical storm intensity
- * LO low, neither a tropical, subtropical, nor extratropical cyclone
- * WV Tropical Wave
- * DB Disturbance

1.1.3 Objectives

- DecisionTreeClassifiers
- RandomForests
- Boosting

1.1.4 Notes

• Do not save work within the mlp_2020 folder

1.1.5 General References

- Guide to Jupyter
- Python Built-in Functions
- Python Data Structures
- Numpy Reference
- Numpy Cheat Sheet
- Summary of matplotlib
- DataCamp: Matplotlib
- Pandas DataFrames
- Sci-kit Learn Trees
- Sci-kit Learn Ensemble Models
- Sci-kit Learn Metrics
- Sci-kit Learn Model Selection
- Sci-kit Learn Pipelines
- Sci-kit Learn Preprocessing

1.1.6 Hand-In Procedure

- Execute all cells so they are showing correct results
- Notebook:
 - Submit this file (.ipynb) to the Canvas HW10 dropbox
- PDF:
 - File/Print/Print to file -> Produces a copy of the notebook in PDF format
 - Submit the PDF file to the Gradescope HW10 dropbox

```
[1]: # Make sure to have these three custom python files in your
     # hw10 working directory
     import visualize
     import metrics_plots
     from pipeline_components import DataSampleDropper, DataFrameSelector
     from pipeline_components import DataScaler, DataLabelEncoder
     import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import seaborn as sns
     import scipy.stats as stats
     import os, re, fnmatch
     import pathlib, itertools, time
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import matplotlib.patheffects as peffects
     import matplotlib.image as mpimg
     import time as timelib
     from math import ceil, floor
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from matplotlib import cm
     from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
     from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
     from sklearn.base import BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin
     from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, PolynomialFeatures, u
      \rightarrowLabelEncoder
     from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score, cross_val_predict
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     from sklearn.metrics import explained variance score, confusion matrix
     from sklearn.metrics import f1 score, mean squared error, roc curve, auc
     import joblib
     from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, export graphviz
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, AdaBoostClassifier,
      \hookrightarrow Gradient Boosting Classifier
     FIGW = 5
     FIGH = 5
     FONTSIZE = 12
     plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (FIGW, FIGH)
     plt.rcParams['font.size'] = FONTSIZE
     plt.rcParams['xtick.labelsize'] = FONTSIZE
     plt.rcParams['ytick.labelsize'] = FONTSIZE
     %matplotlib inline
     plt.style.use('ggplot')
[2]: """
     Display current working directory of this notebook. If you are using
     relative paths for your data, then it needs to be relative to the CWD.
     HOME_DIR = pathlib.Path.home()
     pathlib.Path.cwd()
```

[2]: PosixPath('/home/nigel/Desktop/mlp/homework10')

2 LOAD DATA

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[3]: # TODO: set appropriately
  filename = '/home/nigel/Desktop/mlp/homework10/cyclones/atlantic.csv'

  cyclones_full = pd.read_csv(filename)
  nRows, nCols = cyclones_full.shape
  print(f'{nRows} rows and {nCols} columns')
```

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[4]: """ PROVIDED
not tropical depression (negative case = 0)
is tropical depression (positive case = 1)
"""

targetnames = ['notTropDepress', 'isTropDrepress']

# Determine the positive count
isTD = cyclones_full['Status'].str.contains('TD')
cyclones_full['isTD'] = isTD
npos = isTD.sum()
nneg = nRows - npos

# Compute the postive fraction
pos_fraction = npos / nRows
neg_fraction = 1 - pos_fraction
pos_fraction, neg_fraction

(npos, pos_fraction), (nneg, neg_fraction)
```

[4]: ((9891, 0.20142551674982181), (39214, 0.7985744832501782))

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[5]: """ PROVIDED
     Make some adjustments to the data.
     For wind speed, NaNs are current represented by -999.
     We will replace these with NaN.
     For Latitude and Longitude, these are strings such as
     28.0W. We will replace these with numerical values where
     positive directions are N and E, and negative directions
     are S and W.
     # Convert -999 values to NaNs. These are missing values
     NaNvalue = -999
     cyclones_nans = cyclones_full.replace(NaNvalue, np.nan).copy()
     # Set the datatype of the categorical attributes
     cate_attribs = ['Event', 'Status']
     cyclones_nans[cate_attribs] = cyclones_full[cate_attribs].astype('category')
     # Set the datatype of the Data attribute to datetime64[ns]
     cyclones_nans['Date'] = cyclones_nans['Date'].astype('datetime64[ns]')
     # Convert Latitude and Longitude into numerical values
     def to_numerical(coord):
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direction = re.findall(r'[NSWE]' , coord)[0]
         num = re.match('[\d]{1,3}.[\d]{0,1}', coord)[0]
         # North and East are positive directions
         if direction in ['N', 'E']:
             return np.float(num)
         return -1. * np.float(num)
     cyclones_nans['Latitude'] = cyclones_nans['Latitude'].apply(to_numerical)
     cyclones_nans['Longitude'] = cyclones_nans['Longitude'].apply(to_numerical)
     cyclones_nans[['Latitude', 'Longitude']].head(3)
[5]:
        Latitude Longitude
            28.0
                      -94.8
     0
     1
            28.0
                      -95.4
     2
            28.0
                      -96.0
[6]: """ PROVIDED
     Display the quantitiy of NaNs for each feature
     cyclones_nans.isna().sum()
[6]: ID
                             0
    Name
                             0
    Date
                             0
    Time
                             0
     Event
                             0
     Status
                             0
    Latitude
                             0
                             0
    Longitude
                             0
    Maximum Wind
    Minimum Pressure
                         30669
    Low Wind NE
                         43184
    Low Wind SE
                         43184
    Low Wind SW
                         43184
    Low Wind NW
                         43184
    Moderate Wind NE
                         43184
    Moderate Wind SE
                         43184
    Moderate Wind SW
                         43184
    Moderate Wind NW
                         43184
    High Wind NE
                         43184
    High Wind SE
                         43184
    High Wind SW
                         43184
    High Wind NW
                         43184
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0

isTD

dtype: int64

[7]: """ PROVIDED

Display summary statistics for each feature of the dataframe

cyclones_nans.describe()

[7]:		Time	La	atitude		Longitu	.de	Maximum Wind	\		
	count	49105.000000		.000000	49	105.0000		49105.000000			
	mean	910.125975	27	.044904		-65.6825	33	52.005091			
	std	671.043363	10	.077880		19.6872	40	27.681902			
	min	0.000000	7	.200000	-	359.1000	00	-99.000000			
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	50%	1200.000000	26	.400000		-68.0000	00	45.000000			
	75%	1800.000000	33	.100000		-52.5000	00	70.000000			
	max	2330.000000	81	.000000		63.0000	00	165.000000			
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	mean			81.8653					59.15		
	std			88.0979	87.563153 0.000000 0.000000 60.000000 120.000000 600.000000						
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	50%							40.00			
	75%							90.00 530.00			
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	mean							15.427293	18.	40314	1
	std	41.5923	337	42.01		17821		32.105372	35.411258		
	min	0.000000		C	0000		0.000000	0.000000			
	25%	0.0000	000	C	00000 00000 00000		0.000000	0.000000			
	50%	0.0000	000	C			0.000000	0.000000		0	
	75%	40.0000	000	35.00			20.000000	30.000000			
	max	360.0000	000	300	00.0	0000		330.000000	360.	00000	0
		High Wind NE	Uiah I	Jind CE	u.	ah Wind	CI.I	Uigh Wind NW			
	count	5921.000000	_	.000000		921.0000		5921.000000			
	mean	8.110117									
	std	19.792002		7.357710 18.730334 0.000000 0.000000				16.876623			
	min	0.000000						0.000000			
	25%	0.000000						0.000000			
	50%	0.000000		.000000		0.000000		0.000000			
	75%	0.000000		.000000		0.0000		0.000000			
	max	180.000000		.000000		150.0000		180.000000			
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3 PRE-PROCESS DATA

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[8]: cyclones_nans.columns
 [8]: Index(['ID', 'Name', 'Date', 'Time', 'Event', 'Status', 'Latitude',
             'Longitude', 'Maximum Wind', 'Minimum Pressure', 'Low Wind NE',
             'Low Wind SE', 'Low Wind SW', 'Low Wind NW', 'Moderate Wind NE',
             'Moderate Wind SE', 'Moderate Wind SW', 'Moderate Wind NW',
             'High Wind NE', 'High Wind SE', 'High Wind SW', 'High Wind NW', 'isTD'],
            dtype='object')
 [9]: """ PROVIDED
      Construct preprocessing pipeline
      dropped_features = ['ID', 'Name', 'Date', 'Time', 'Status', 'Event']
      #selected_features = cyclones_nans.columns.drop(dropped_features)
      selected features = ['Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Low Wind SW', 'Moderate Wind NE',
                           'Moderate Wind SE', 'High Wind NW', 'isTD']
      pipe = Pipeline([
          ('FeatureSelector', DataFrameSelector(selected features)),
          ('RowDropper', DataSampleDropper())
      ])
[10]: """ PROVIDED
      Pre-process the data using the defined pipeline
      11 11 11
      processed_data = pipe.fit_transform(cyclones_nans)
      nsamples, ncols = processed_data.shape
      nsamples, ncols
[10]: (5921, 7)
[11]: """ PROVIDED
      Verify all NaNs removed
      processed_data.isna().any()
[11]: Latitude
                          False
                          False
      Longitude
      Low Wind SW
                          False
                          False
      Moderate Wind NE
     Moderate Wind SE
                          False
     High Wind NW
                          False
      isTD
                          False
      dtype: bool
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4 VISUALIZE DATA

[12]: """ PROVIDED

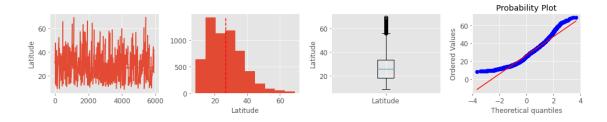
Display the distributions of the data use visualize. featureplots

to generate trace plots, histograms, boxplots, and probability plots for each feature.

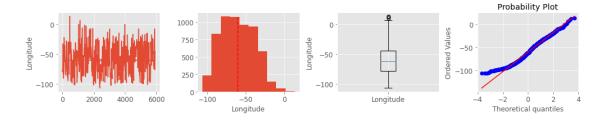
A probability plot is utilized to evaulate the normality of a distribution. The data are plot against a theoritical distribution, such that if the data are normal, they'll follow the diagonal line. See the reference above for more information.

cdata = processed_data.astype('float64').copy()
visualize.featureplots(cdata.values, cdata.columns)
You can right click to enable scrolling

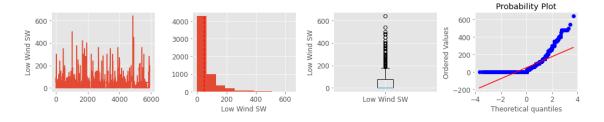
FEATURE: Latitude



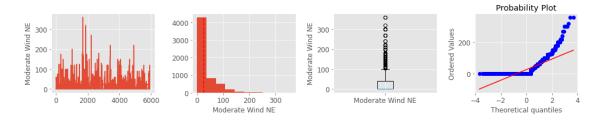
FEATURE: Longitude



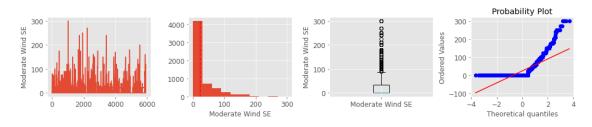
FEATURE: Low Wind SW



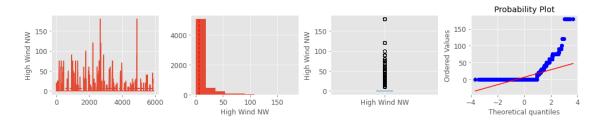
FEATURE: Moderate Wind NE



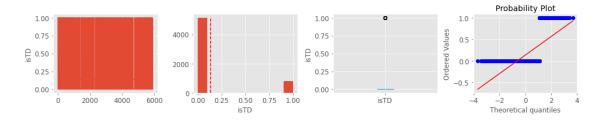
FEATURE: Moderate Wind SE

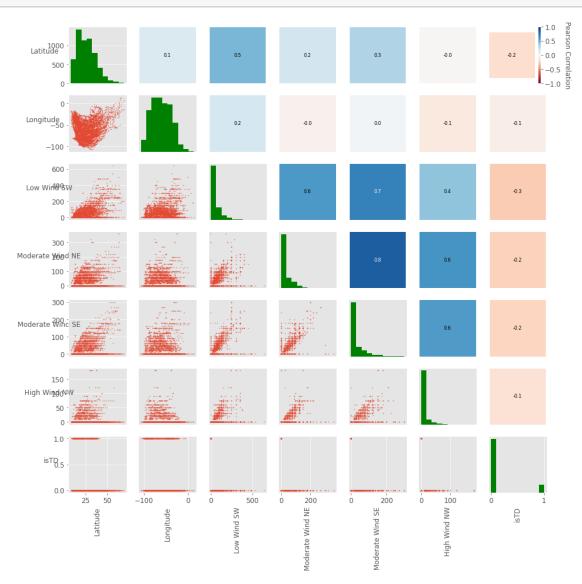


FEATURE: High Wind NW



FEATURE: isTD





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[14]: """ PROVIDED
Extract the positive and negative cases
"""

# Get the positions of the positive and negative labeled examples
pos_inds = processed_data['isTD'] == 1
neg_inds = processed_data['isTD'] == 0
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# Get the actual corresponding examples
pos = processed_data[pos_inds]
neg = processed_data[neg_inds]

# Positive Fraction
npos = pos_inds.sum()
nneg = nsamples - npos
pos_frac = npos / nsamples
neg_frac = 1 - pos_frac
(npos, pos_frac), (nneg, neg_frac)
```

[14]: ((788, 0.13308562742779936), (5133, 0.8669143725722006))

5 CLASSIFICATION

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[15]: """ PROVIDED
      Functions for exporting trees to .dot and .pngs
      from PIL import Image
      def image_combine(ntrees, big_name='big_tree.png', fname_fmt='tree_%02d.png'):
          Function for combining some of the trees in the forest into on image
          Amalgamate the pngs of the trees into one big image
          PARAMS:
              ntrees: number of trees from the ensemble to export
              big_name: file name for the png containing all ntrees
              fname_fmt: file name format string used to read the exported files
          # Read the pngs
          imgs = [Image.open(fname_fmt % x) for x in range(ntrees)]
          # Determine the individual and total sizes
          widths, heights = zip(*(i.size for i in imgs))
          total_width = sum(widths)
          max_height = max(heights)
          # Create the combined image
          big_img = Image.new('RGB', (total_width, max_height))
          x_offset = 0
          for im in imgs:
              big_img.paste(im, (x_offset, 0))
              x offset += im.size[0]
          big_img.save(big_name)
          print("Created %s" % big_name)
          return big_img
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def export_trees(forest, ntrees=3, fname_fmt='tree_%02d'):
    Write trees into inidividual files from the forest
   PARAMS:
        forest: ensemble of trees classifier
        ntrees: number of trees from the ensemble to export
       fname_fmt: file name format string used to name the exported files
   for t in range(ntrees):
        estimator = forest.estimators_[t]
       basename = fname_fmt % t
       fname = basename + '.dot'
       pngname = basename + '.png'
       export_graphviz(estimator, out_file=fname, rounded=True, filled=True)
        # Command line instruction to execute dot and create the image
        !dot -Tpng {fname} > {pngname}
       print("Created %s and %s" % (fname, pngname))
Split the data into X (i.e. the inputs) and y (i.e. the outputs).
Recall we are predicting isTD.
```

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[42]:

""" TODO

Split the data into X (i.e. the inputs) and y (i.e. the outputs).

Recall we are predicting isTD.

Hold out a subset of the data, before training and cross validation using train_test_split, with stratification, and a test_size fraction of .2. See the sklearn API for more details

For this exploratory section, the held out set of data is a validation set.

"""

# TODO: Separate X and y. We are predicting isTD

X = processed_data[processed_data.columns.drop(['isTD'])]

y = processed_data['isTD']

# TODO: Hold out 20% of the data for validation

Xtrain, Xval, ytrain, yval = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, stratify=y)
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	Latitude	Longitude	Low Wind SW	Moderate Wind NE	Moderate Wind SE	\
43104	30.3	-78.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
43105	31.0	-78.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
43106	31.5	-79.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
43107	31.6	-79.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
43108	31.6	-79.2	50.0	0.0	0.0	
•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	
49100	41.3	-50.4	180.0	120.0	120.0	
49101	41.9	-49.9	180.0	120.0	120.0	
49102	41.5	-49.2	200.0	120.0	120.0	
49103	40.8	-47.5	180.0	0.0	0.0	

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40.7 -45.4
49104
                                  150.0
                                                       0.0
                                                                         0.0
       High Wind NW
43104
                0.0
                0.0
43105
43106
                0.0
43107
                0.0
43108
                0.0
49100
                0.0
                0.0
49101
49102
                0.0
                0.0
49103
49104
                0.0
[5921 rows x 6 columns]
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6 DECISION TREE CLASSIFIER

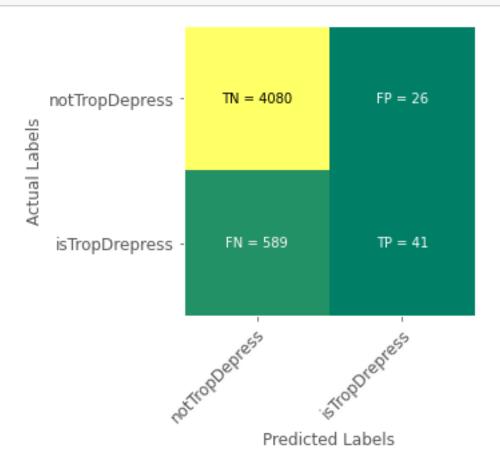
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[17]: """ PROVIDED
    Create and train DecisionTree for comparision with the ensemble methods
    """
    tree_clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=200, max_leaf_nodes=10)
    tree_clf.fit(Xtrain, ytrain)
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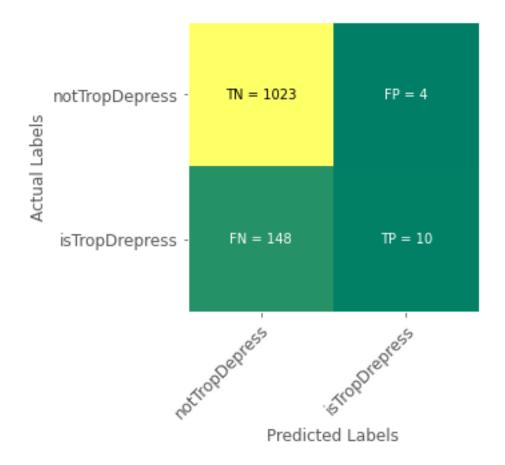
[17]: DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=200, max_leaf_nodes=10)

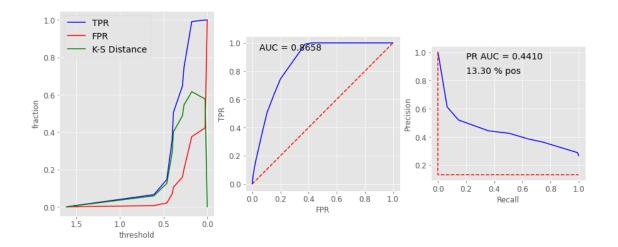
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[18]: """ PROVIDED
      Compute the predictions, prediction probabilities, and the accuracy scores
      for the trianing and validation sets
      n n n
      # Compute the model's predictions
      dt_preds = tree_clf.predict(Xtrain)
      dt_preds_val = tree_clf.predict(Xval)
      # Compute the prediction probabilities
      dt_proba = tree_clf.predict_proba(Xtrain)
      dt_proba_val = tree_clf.predict_proba(Xval)
      # Compute the model's mean accuracy
      dt_score = tree_clf.score(Xtrain, ytrain)
      dt_score_val = tree_clf.score(Xval, yval)
      # Confusion Matrix
      dt_cmtx = confusion_matrix(ytrain, dt_preds)
      dt_cmtx_val = confusion_matrix(yval, dt_preds_val)
      metrics_plots.confusion_mtx_colormap(dt_cmtx, targetnames, targetnames)
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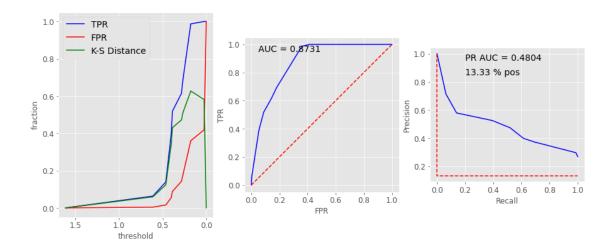
```
metrics_plots.confusion_mtx_colormap(dt_cmtx_val, targetnames, targetnames)

# KS, ROC, and PRC Curves
dt_roc_prc_results = metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot(ytrain, dt_proba[:,1])
dt_roc_prc_results_val = metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot(yval, dt_proba_val[:,1])
```









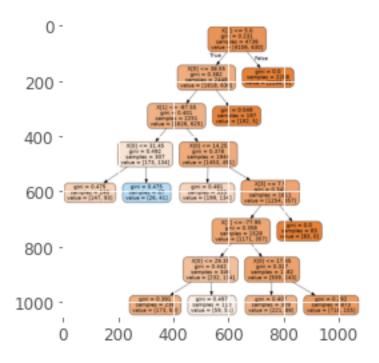
```
[19]: """ PROVIDED

Export the tree as a .dot file and create the png
"""

fname = 'tree.dot'
pngname = 'tree.png'
export_graphviz(tree_clf, out_file=fname, rounded=True, filled=True)

# If the following command does not work, you can manually convert
# the dot file into a png here: https://onlineconvertfree.com/convert-format/
_dot-to-png/
!dot -Tpng {fname} > {pngname}
```

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[20]:
    PROVIDED
    Display the tree file
    '''
    img = mpimg.imread('tree.png')
    plt.imshow(img)
    plt.show()
```



7 RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

[21]: RandomForestClassifier(max_depth=10, min_samples_split=5, n_estimators=600, random_state=1)

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[22]: """ PROVIDED

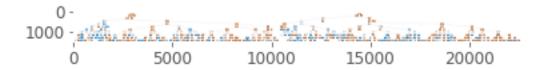
Export some trees from your favorite model as a .dot file

We can use the estimators_ attribute of the forest to get a list of the trees

Amalgamate the pngs of the trees into one big image
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Created e_rf_model_00.dot and e_rf_model_00.png Created e_rf_model_01.dot and e_rf_model_01.png Created e_rf_model.png

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[23]:
    PROVIDED
    Display the tree file
    '''
    img = mpimg.imread('e_rf_model.png')
    plt.imshow(img)
    plt.show()
```



7.0.1 TRAINING AND VALIDATION RESULTS

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[27]: """ TODO
Compute the predictions, prediction probabilities, and the accuracy scores
for the training and validation sets for the learned instance of the model
"""

# TODO: Compute the model's predictions. use model.predict()
forest_preds = forest_clf.predict(Xtrain)
forest_preds_val = forest_clf.predict(Xval)
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# TODO: Compute the prediction probabilities. use model.predict_proba()
      forest_proba = forest_clf.predict_proba(Xtrain)
      forest_proba_val = forest_clf.predict_proba(Xval)
      # TODO: Compute the model's mean accuracy. use model.score()
      forest_score = forest_clf.score(Xtrain, ytrain)
      forest_score_val = forest_clf.score(Xval,yval)
[28]: """ TODO
      Display the confusion matrix, KS plot, ROC curve, and PR curve for the training
      and validation sets using metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot
      The red dashed line in the ROC and PR plots are indicative of the expected
      performance for a random classifier, which would predict postives at the
      rate of occurance within the data set
      # TODO: Confusion Matrix
      forest_cmtx = confusion_matrix(ytrain, forest_preds)
      forest_cmtx_val = confusion_matrix(yval, forest_preds_val)
      metrics_plots.confusion_mtx_colormap(forest_cmtx, targetnames, targetnames)
      metrics_plots.confusion_mtx_colormap(forest_cmtx_val, targetnames, targetnames)
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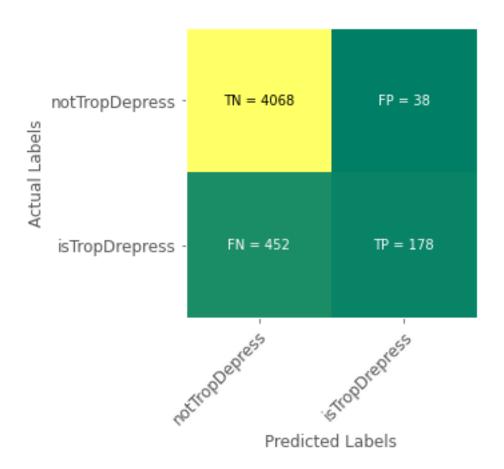
forest_roc_prc_results = metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot(ytrain, forest_proba[:

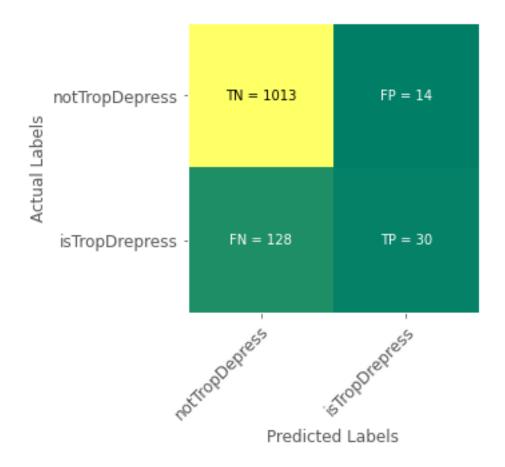
forest_roc_prc_results_val = metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot(yval,__

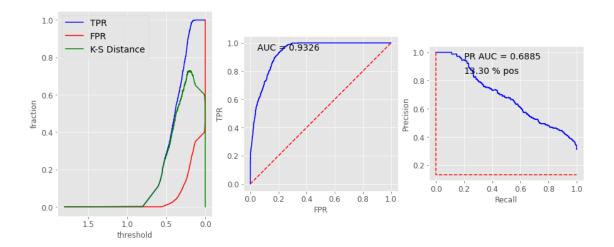
TODO: KS, ROC, and PRC Curves

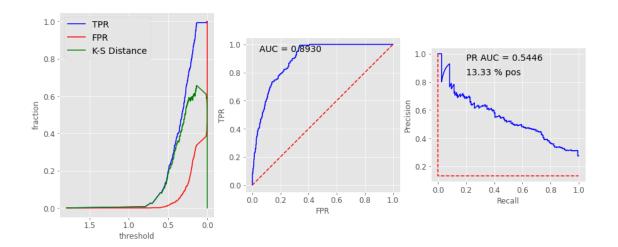
→forest_proba_val[:,1])

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8 ADABOOSTING

8.0.1 TRAINING AND VALIDATION RESULTS

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[30]:

""" TODO

Compute the predictions, prediction probabilities, and the accuracy scores
for the trianing and validation sets

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# TODO: Compute the model's predictions

ABC_preds = ABC.predict(Xtrain)

ABC_preds_val = ABC.predict(Xval)

# TODO: Compute the prediction probabilities

ABC_proba = ABC.predict_proba(Xtrain)

ABC_proba_val = ABC.predict_proba(Xval)
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# TODO: Compute the model's scores
ABC_score = ABC.score(Xtrain, ytrain)
ABC_score_val = ABC.score(Xval,yval)
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[31]: """ TODO

Display the confusion matrix, KS plot, ROC curve, and PR curve for the training and validation sets using metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot

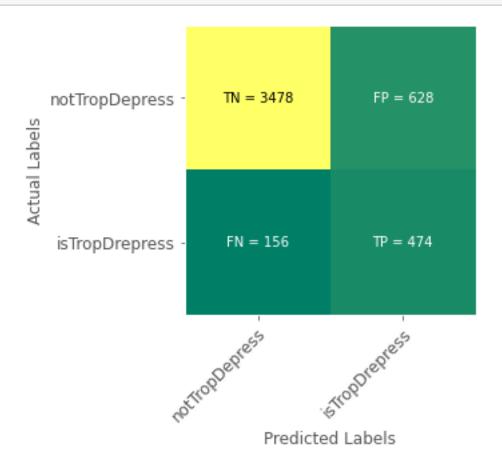
TODO: Confusion Matrix

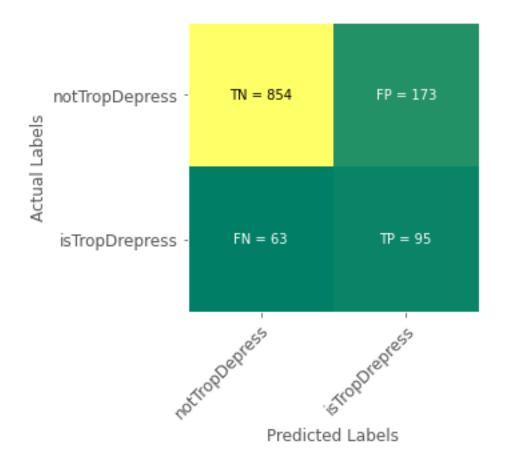
ABC_cmtx = confusion_matrix(ytrain, ABC_preds)
ABC_cmtx_val = confusion_matrix(yval, ABC_preds_val)
metrics_plots.confusion_mtx_colormap(ABC_cmtx, targetnames, targetnames)
metrics_plots.confusion_mtx_colormap(ABC_cmtx_val, targetnames, targetnames)

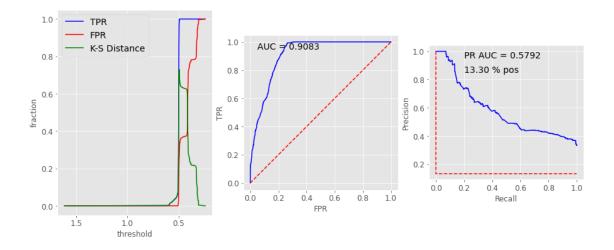
TODO: KS, ROC, and PRC Curves

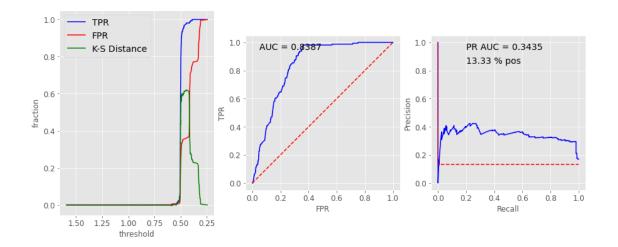
ABC_roc_prc_results = metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot(ytrain, ABC_proba[:,1])
ABC_roc_prc_results_val = metrics_plots.ks_roc_prc_plot(yval, ABC_proba_val[:

,1])



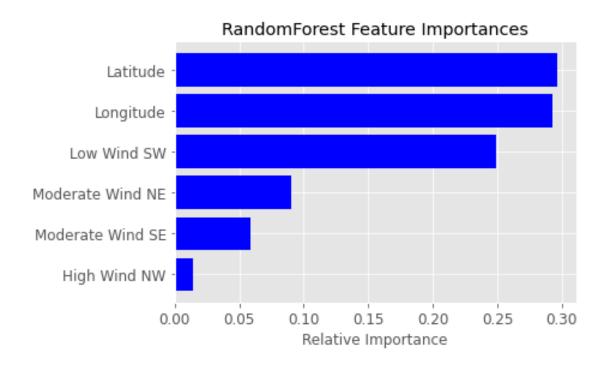




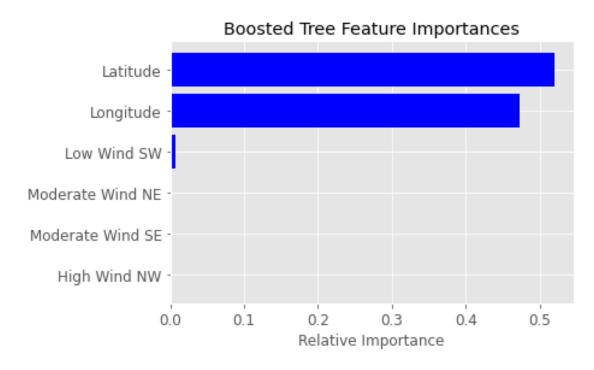


9 FEATURE IMPORTANCE

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[51]: """ TODO
     Display the feature imporantances
      see the API for RandomForests and boosted tree
     you can create a DataFrame to help with the display
     forest_importances = forest_clf.feature_importances_
     forest_indices = np.argsort(forest_importances)
     plt.title('RandomForest Feature Importances')
     plt.barh(range(len(forest_indices)), forest_importances[forest_indices],__
      plt.yticks(range(len(forest_indices)), [selected_features[i] for i in__
      →forest_indices])
     plt.xlabel('Relative Importance')
     plt.show()
     print(forest importances)
     ABC_importances = ABC.feature_importances_
     ABC_indices = np.argsort(ABC_importances)
     plt.title('Boosted Tree Feature Importances')
     plt.barh(range(len(ABC_indices)), ABC_importances[ABC_indices], color='b',__
      →align='center')
     plt.yticks(range(len(ABC_indices)), [selected_features[i] for i in ABC_indices])
     plt.xlabel('Relative Importance')
     plt.show()
     print(ABC importances)
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10 DISCUSSION

- 1. In a few paragraphs, discuss and interpret the report of your results for the RandomForest-Classifier. Describe their meaning in terms of the context of predicting tropical depressions and the potential impact of various features. Talk about how you selected the hyper parameters. Describe how performance changes over the hyper-parameter space.
- 2. Describe the impact of boosting in 1 or 2 paragraphs
- 1. Going off of the previous homeworks, we know that the higher the AUC is, the more accurate the model is. The RFC that I used had an AUC of .9326, which is excellent. Also, based off the definition of what a tropical depression is from weather.gov, "A tropical depression is a tropical cyclone that has maximum sustained surface winds (one-minute average) of 38 mph (33 knots) or less." we know that location and wind speed is important. Comparing this to my RFC feature importances, it is correct in looking at latitude, longitude, and low wind speed for predicting if there is a tropical depression. As for picking parameters, I just played around with different values until I found an AUC that I was comfortable with. Since yyperparameters directly control the behaviour a training algorithm, they significantly impact the performance of the model is being trained. For example, a low learning rate will miss important patterns in the data, while hight learning rate may have collisions.
- 2. With boosting, we can take a model and its predictions and make it a base for making more accurate predictions. This is seen by looking at tree_clf AUC .8658 and PR AUC .4410, This is decent, but using tree_clf as a base_estimator, we can improve these scores to AUC .9083 and PR AUC .5792. Clearly, boosting helps create more accurate predictions vs non-boosting.

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