

Error Metric

Suppose our data set contains K labels $\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m, \dots, Y_K\}$ that we are predicting.

Let us denote the training dataset labels as $\{Y_1^{train}, Y_2^{train}, \dots, Y_m^{train}, \dots, Y_K^{train}\}$. So each Y_m^{train} is a column vector containing entries $Y_{m,i}^{train}$ for each instance X_i . For each label, determine the following quantity

$$MaxMin_m := \max(Y_m^{train}) - \min(Y_m^{train}) = \max_i(Y_{m,i}^{train}) - \min(Y_{m,i}^{train}).$$

The purpose of this quantity will be to normalize errors for labels that are on different scales.

Now, suppose you have a test dataset of N instances, with given labels $\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m, \dots, Y_K\}$ and you predict labels $\{\hat{Y}_1, \hat{Y}_2, \dots, \hat{Y}_m, \dots, \hat{Y}_K\}$. The error metric is defined as:

$$error = \frac{1}{K} \left(\sum_{m=1}^K \left(\frac{\text{RMSE of } Y_m}{MaxMin_m} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{K} \left(\sum_{m=1}^K \left(\frac{\sqrt{\frac{\|Y_m - \hat{Y}_m\|_2^2}{N}}}{MaxMin_m} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{K} \left(\sum_{m=1}^K \left(\frac{\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (|Y_{m,i} - \hat{Y}_{m,i}|^2)}{N}}}{MaxMin_m} \right) \right)$$

This error metric will be used to judge your performance.