

ADS 506 Module 5 Exercises: Chapter 8

This assignment is due on Day 7 of the learning week. The assignment for this module is a mixture of programming and written work. Complete this entire assignment in R Markdown. You will need to include the question and number that you are answering within your submitted assignment. **Once completed, you will knit your deliverable to a Word/PDF file.**

Chapter 8: Forecasting Binary Outcomes (Pages 187-188): #4-7

For predicting whether the agricultural epidemic of powdery mildew in mango will erupt in a certain year in the state of Uttar Pradesh in India, Misra et al. (2004) records during 1987-2000. The epidemic typically occurs in the third and fourth week of March, and hence outbreak status is known by the end of March of a given year. The authors used a logistic regression model with two weather predictors (maximum temperature and relative humidity) to forecast an outbreak. The data is shown in the table below and are available in `PowderyMildewEpidemic.csv`, located in your assignment prompt in Blackboard.

Year	Outbreak	MaxTemp	RelHumidity
1987	Yes	30.14	82.86
1988	No	30.66	79.57
1989	No	26.31	89.14
1990	Yes	28.43	91
1991	No	29.57	80.57
1992	Yes	31.25	67.82
1993	No	30.35	61.76
1994	Yes	30.71	81.14
1995	No	30.71	61.57
1996	Yes	33.07	59.76
1997	No	31.5	68.29
2000	No	29.5	79.14

4. Compute naive forecasts of epidemic status for years 1995-1997 using next-year forecasts ($F_{t+1} = F_t$). What is the naive forecast for the year 2000? Summarize the results for these four years in a classification matrix.
5. Partition the data into training and validation periods, so that years 1987-1994 are the training period. Fit a logistic regression to the training period using the two predictors and report the outbreak probability as well as a forecast for year 1995 (use a threshold of 0.5).
6. Generate outbreak forecasts for years 1996, 1997 and 2000 by repeatedly moving the training period forward. For example, to forecast year 1996, partition the data so that years 1987-1995 are the training period. Then fit the logistic regression model and use it to generate a forecast (use threshold 0.5).
7. Summarize the logistic regression's predictive accuracy for these four years (1995-1997, 2000) in a classification matrix.