#Summarize for us the goal of this project and how machine learning is useful in trying to accomplish it. As part of your answer, give some background on the dataset and how it can be used to answer the project question. Were there any outliers in the data when you got it, and how did you handle those? [relevant rubric items: "data exploration", "outlier investigation"] Enron Corporation was U.S. energy-trading and utilities company founded in 1985. It attained spectacular success in corporate world in very short period of time. This company claimed revenues of around

101billionin2000.Bythistime, itwasalreadynamedAmerica's MostinnovativeCompanyforsixconsecutiveyearsbyFortune500companystockwaspricedat90. However, this success of Enron was shortlived. It started falling off more rapidly and bankruptcy was filed on Dec.2, 2001. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission investigated after the company's collapse and approximately 600,000 emails generated by employees of the Enron Corporation was made public which is called enron corpus. In this project, main goal is to build a classification algorithm to predict a person of interest identifier (POI) based on email and financial features in the enron dataset involving 146 enron executives. A POI is anyone who is indicted, settled without admitting the guilt and testified in exchange for immunity. Predicted POI from this analysis and actual POI in the dataset will be compared to validate my prediction. Such model could be used to find additional suspects who were not indicted during the original investigation, or to find persons of interest during fraud investigations at other businesses. This study involves: - Exploration of Enron dataset -Selection of Features -Selection of Algorithms -Validation and Evaluation

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from IPython.display import Image
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import sys
import pickle
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score,precision_score
from time import time
from sklearn.grid_search import GridSearchCV

sys.path.append("../tools/")

from feature_format import featureFormat, targetFeatureSplit

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/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-packages/sklearn/grid\_search.py:43: DeprecationWarning: This module was depre cated in version 0.18 in favor of the model\_selection module into which all the refactored classes and fun ctions are moved. This module will be removed in 0.20.

DeprecationWarning)

```
In [3]: enron_data = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(data_dict, orient = 'index')
```

## **Exploration of Enron Dataset**

Dataset was investigated. First structure of the dataset was examined.

In [4]: enron\_data.head()

Out[4]:

	salary	to_messages	deferral_payments	total_payments	exercised_stock_options	bonus	restricted_stock	share
ALLEN PHILLIP K	201955	2902	2869717	4484442	1729541	4175000	126027	1407
BADUM JAMES P	NaN	NaN	178980	182466	257817	NaN	NaN	NaN
BANNANTINE JAMES M	477	566	NaN	916197	4046157	NaN	1757552	465
BAXTER JOHN C	267102	NaN	1295738	5634343	6680544	1200000	3942714	NaN
BAY FRANKLIN R	239671	NaN	260455	827696	NaN	400000	145796	NaN

5 rows × 21 columns

In [5]: #structure of enron\_data set

print "There were", len(enron data), "persons involved."

There were 146 persons involved.

#### In [6]: print data dict.keys()

['METTS MARK', 'BAXTER JOHN C', 'ELLIOTT STEVEN', 'CORDES WILLIAM R', 'HANNON KEVIN P', 'MORDAUNT KRISTINA M', 'MEYER ROCKFORD G', 'MCMAHON JEFFREY', 'HORTON STANLEY C', 'PIPER GREGORY F', 'HUMPHREY GENE E', 'UMAN OFF ADAM S', 'BLACHMAN JEREMY M', 'SUNDE MARTIN', 'GIBBS DANA R', 'LOWRY CHARLES P', 'COLWELL WESLEY', 'MU LLER MARK S', 'JACKSON CHARLENE R', 'WESTFAHL RICHARD K', 'WALTERS GARETH W', 'WALLS JR ROBERT H', 'KITCHE N LOUISE', 'CHAN RONNIE', 'BELFER ROBERT', 'SHANKMAN JEFFREY A', 'WODRASKA JOHN', 'BERGSIEKER RICHARD P', 'URQUHART JOHN A', 'BIBI PHILIPPE A', 'RIEKER PAULA H', 'WHALEY DAVID A', 'BECK SALLY W', 'HAUG DAVID L', 'ECHOLS JOHN B', 'MENDELSOHN JOHN', 'HICKERSON GARY J', 'CLINE KENNETH W', 'LEWIS RICHARD', 'HAYES ROBERT E', 'MCCARTY DANNY J', 'KOPPER MICHAEL J', 'LEFF DANIEL P', 'LAVORATO JOHN J', 'BERBERIAN DAVID', 'DETMERI NG TIMOTHY J', 'WAKEHAM JOHN', 'POWERS WILLIAM', 'GOLD JOSEPH', 'BANNANTINE JAMES M', 'DUNCAN JOHN H', 'SH APIRO RICHARD S', 'SHERRIFF JOHN R', 'SHELBY REX', 'LEMAISTRE CHARLES', 'DEFFNER JOSEPH M', 'KISHKILL JOSE PH G', 'WHALLEY LAWRENCE G', 'MCCONNELL MICHAEL S', 'PIRO JIM', 'DELAINEY DAVID W', 'SULLIVAN-SHAKLOVITZ C OLLEEN', 'WROBEL BRUCE', 'LINDHOLM TOD A', 'MEYER JEROME J', 'LAY KENNETH L', 'BUTTS ROBERT H', 'OLSON CIN DY K', 'MCDONALD REBECCA', 'CUMBERLAND MICHAEL S', 'GAHN ROBERT S', 'MCCLELLAN GEORGE', 'HERMANN ROBERT J', 'SCRIMSHAW MATTHEW', 'GATHMANN WILLIAM D', 'HAEDICKE MARK E', 'BOWEN JR RAYMOND M', 'GILLIS JOHN', 'FITZ GERALD JAY L', 'MORAN MICHAEL P', 'REDMOND BRIAN L', 'BAZELIDES PHILIP J', 'BELDEN TIMOTHY N', 'DURAN WILL IAM D', 'THORN TERENCE H', 'FASTOW ANDREW S', 'FOY JOE', 'CALGER CHRISTOPHER F', 'RICE KENNETH D', 'KAMINS KI WINCENTY J', 'LOCKHART EUGENE E', 'COX DAVID', 'OVERDYKE JR JERE C', 'PEREIRA PAULO V. FERRAZ', 'STABLE R FRANK', 'SKILLING JEFFREY K', 'BLAKE JR. NORMAN P', 'SHERRICK JEFFREY B', 'PRENTICE JAMES', 'GRAY RODNEY ', 'PICKERING MARK R', 'THE TRAVEL AGENCY IN THE PARK', 'NOLES JAMES L', 'KEAN STEVEN J', 'TOTAL', 'FOWLER PEGGY', 'WASAFF GEORGE', 'WHITE JR THOMAS E', 'CHRISTODOULOU DIOMEDES', 'ALLEN PHILLIP K', 'SHARP VICTORIA T', 'JAEDICKE ROBERT', 'WINOKUR JR. HERBERT S', 'BROWN MICHAEL', 'BADUM JAMES P', 'HUGHES JAMES A', 'REYNO LDS LAWRENCE', 'DIMICHELE RICHARD G', 'BHATNAGAR SANJAY', 'CARTER REBECCA C', 'BUCHANAN HAROLD G', 'YEAP S OON', 'MURRAY JULIA H', 'GARLAND C KEVIN', 'DODSON KEITH', 'YEAGER F SCOTT', 'HIRKO JOSEPH', 'DIETRICH JAN ET R', 'DERRICK JR. JAMES V', 'FREVERT MARK A', 'PAI LOU L', 'BAY FRANKLIN R', 'HAYSLETT RODERICK J', 'FUG H JOHN L', 'FALLON JAMES B', 'KOENIG MARK E', 'SAVAGE FRANK', 'IZZO LAWRENCE L', 'TILNEY ELIZABETH A', 'MA RTIN AMANDA K', 'BUY RICHARD B', 'GRAMM WENDY L', 'CAUSEY RICHARD A', 'TAYLOR MITCHELL S', 'DONAHUE JR JEF FREY M', 'GLISAN JR BEN F']

#### In [7]: print data\_dict["GLISAN JR BEN F"]

{'salary': 274975, 'to\_messages': 873, 'deferral\_payments': 'NaN', 'total\_payments': 1272284, 'exercised\_s tock\_options': 384728, 'bonus': 600000, 'restricted\_stock': 393818, 'shared\_receipt\_with\_poi': 874, 'restricted\_stock\_deferred': 'NaN', 'total\_stock\_value': 778546, 'expenses': 125978, 'loan\_advances': 'NaN', 'fr om\_messages': 16, 'other': 200308, 'from\_this\_person\_to\_poi': 6, 'poi': True, 'director\_fees': 'NaN', 'def erred income': 'NaN', 'long term incentive': 71023, 'email address': 'ben.glisan@enron.com', 'from poi to this person': 52}

In [8]: (enron\_data['poi'].value\_counts()[True])

Out[8]: 18

In [9]: enro

enron\_data.describe().transpose()

Out[9]:

	count	unique	top	freq
salary	146	95	NaN	51
to_messages	146	87	NaN	60
deferral_payments	146	40	NaN	107
total_payments	146	126	NaN	21
exercised_stock_options	146	102	NaN	44
bonus	146	42	NaN	64
restricted_stock	146	98	NaN	36
shared_receipt_with_poi	146	84	NaN	60
restricted_stock_deferred	146	19	NaN	128
total_stock_value	146	125	NaN	20
expenses	146	95	NaN	51
loan_advances	146	5	NaN	142
from_messages	146	65	NaN	60
other	146	93	NaN	53
from_this_person_to_poi	146	42	NaN	60
poi	146	2	False	128
director_fees	146	18	NaN	129
deferred_income	146	45	NaN	97
long_term_incentive	146	53	NaN	80
email_address	146	112	NaN	35
from_poi_to_this_person	146	58	NaN	60

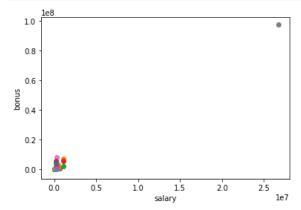
Enron dataset consists of lot of missing values (NaN). All the features have at least one missing values. Some features have more than 50% of their values missing, as shown by the table above. NaNs are replaced by 0 for training our algorithm later.

```
In [10]: enron_data.replace(to_replace='NaN', value=0.0, inplace=True)
```

Scatter plots are great tools for finding outliers. So first I plotted salary against bonus in a scatter plot and looked for the data distribution.

```
In [11]: from IPython.display import Image
    features = ["salary", "bonus"]
    #data_dict.pop('TOTAL', 0)
    data = featureFormat(data_dict, features)
    ### plot features
    for point in data:
        salary = point[0]
        bonus = point[1]
        plt.scatter( salary, bonus )

plt.xlabel("salary")
    plt.ylabel("bonus")
    plt.show()
```

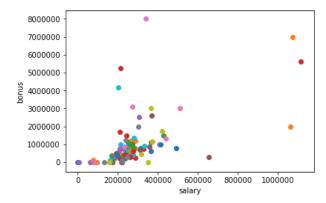


The above plot allowed to see an outlier named 'Total'which was sum of all the data points in the given plot(artifact in scatterplot). So this outlier was excluded from our analysis manually. There were several other high number values (outliers) which could possibly represent POIs, thus were included in the dataset. Scatter plot was drawn after removing outliers as below.

```
In [12]: ##2 removing outliers
    features = ["salary", "bonus"]
    data_dict.pop('TOTAL', 0)
    data = featureFormat(data_dict, features)

#remove NAN from dataset
    outliers = []
    for key in data_dict:
        val = data_dict[key]['salary']
        if val == 'NaN':
            continue
        outliers.append((key, int(val)))
    outliers_final = (sorted(outliers, key=lambda x:x[1], reverse = True)[:10])
    print outliers_final
```

[('SKILLING JEFFREY K', 1111258), ('LAY KENNETH L', 1072321), ('FREVERT MARK A', 1060932), ('PICKERING MAR K R', 655037), ('WHALLEY LAWRENCE G', 510364), ('DERRICK JR. JAMES V', 492375), ('FASTOW ANDREW S', 440698), ('SHERRIFF JOHN R', 428780), ('RICE KENNETH D', 420636), ('CAUSEY RICHARD A', 415189)]



# Selection of Feature/Feature engineering

What features did you end up using in your POI identifier, and what selection process did you use to pick them? Did you have to do any scaling? Why or why not? As part of the assignment, you should attempt to engineer your own feature that does not come ready-made in the dataset -- explain what feature you tried to make, and the rationale behind it. (You do not necessarily have to use it in the final analysis, only engineer and test it.) In your feature selection step, if you used an algorithm like a decision tree, please also give the feature importances of the features that you use, and if you used an automated feature selection function like SelectKBest, please report the feature scores and reasons for your choice of parameter values. [relevant rubric items: "create new features", "intelligently select features", "properly scale features"]

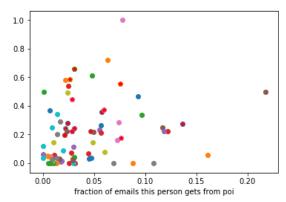
Feature selection in machine learning is selection of a feature which potentially would show some sort of pattern in the prediction analysis. Enron dataset consists two set of features - financial(salary, bonus, stock etc) and communication(to and from emails). Here I am more interested in emails those involve POIs. The assumption is that "Communication between POI and POI would be more frequent than between POI and non-POIs". I attempted to create two features, fractions of emails this person gets from POI(fraction\_from\_poi) and fraction of emails this person sends to POI(fraction\_to\_poi).

fraction\_from\_poi = number of emails this person gets from POI/total number of from messages

fraction\_to\_poi = number of emails this person sends to POI/total number sent messages

If email data is 'NaN', ratio is set to 0.

```
In [14]: #3 create new features
         #new features: fraction_to poi = fraction of emails sent to POIs, fraction_from_poi = fraction of emails rec
         eived from POI
         def dict to list(key,normalizer):
             new_list=[]
             for i in data_dict:
                 if data_dict[i][key]=="NaN" or data_dict[i][normalizer]=="NaN":
                     new_list.append(0.)
                 elif data_dict[i][key]>=0:
                     new_list.append(float(data_dict[i][key])/float(data_dict[i][normalizer]))
             return new list
         ### create two lists of new features
         fraction_from_poi = dict_to_list("from_poi_to_this_person","to_messages")
         fraction_to_poi = dict_to_list("from_this_person_to_poi", "from_messages")
         ### insert new features into data dict
         count=0
         for i in data_dict:
             data_dict[i]["fraction_from_poi"]=fraction_from_poi[count]
             data_dict[i]["fraction_to_poi"]=fraction_to_poi[count]
             count +=1
         features_list = ["poi", "fraction_from_poi", "fraction_to_poi"]
             ### store to my_dataset for easy export below
         my_dataset = data_dict
         ### these two lines extract the features specified in features_list
         ### and extract them from data_dict, returning a numpy array
         data = featureFormat(my_dataset, features_list)
         ### plot new features
         for point in data:
             from_poi = point[1]
             to_poi = point[2]
             plt.scatter( from_poi, to_poi )
             if point[0] == 1:
                 plt.scatter(from_poi, to_poi, color="r", marker="*")
         plt.xlabel("fraction of emails this person gets from poi")
         plt.show()
```



To select more impactful features for classification, 'feature\_importances' attribute of "Decision Tree" was used. Features were ranked and selection process was half manual process. First all the possible features were included in features\_list and then selection was done on the basis of feature ranking.

```
In [16]: features_list = ["poi", "salary", "bonus", "fraction_from_poi", "fraction_to_poi",
                           deferral_payments', 'total_payments', 'loan_advances', 'restricted_stock_deferred',
                           'deferred_income', 'total_stock_value', 'expenses', 'exercised_stock_options',
                           'long_term_incentive', 'shared_receipt_with_poi', 'restricted_stock', 'director_fees']
         data = featureFormat(my_dataset, features_list)
         ### split into labels and features (this line assumes that the first
         ### feature in the array is the label, which is why "poi" must always
         ### be first in features_list
         labels, features = targetFeatureSplit(data)
         ### split data into training and testing datasets
         #deploying feature selection
         from sklearn import cross_validation
         from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split
         features_train, features_test, labels_train, labels_test = cross_validation.train_test_split(features, label
         s, test_size=0.1, random_state=42)
         ##try Decision tree
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
         t0 = time()
         clf = DecisionTreeClassifier()
         clf.fit(features_train,labels_train)
         score = clf.score(features_test,labels_test)
         print'Decision Tree'
         print 'accuracy before tuning', score
         print "Decision tree algorithm time:", round(time()-t0, 3), "s"
         importances = clf.feature_importances_
         import numpy as np
         indices = np.argsort(importances)[::-1]
         print 'Feature Ranking:
         for i in range(16):
             print "{} feature {} ({})".format(i+1,features_list[i+1],importances[indices[i]])
```

```
Decision Tree
accuracy before tuning 0.666666666667
Decision tree algorithm time: 0.007 s
Feature Ranking:
1 feature salary (0.174317879326)
2 feature bonus (0.158290984378)
3 feature fraction_from_poi (0.14622972935)
4 feature fraction_to_poi (0.128198757764)
5 feature deferral_payments (0.118337314859)
6 feature total_payments (0.0955181169023)
7 feature loan advances (0.0879795396419)
8 feature restricted_stock_deferred (0.0534161490683)
9 feature deferred_income (0.0377115287109)
10 feature total_stock_value (0.0)
11 feature expenses (0.0)
12 feature exercised_stock_options (0.0)
13 feature long_term_incentive (0.0)
14 feature shared receipt with poi (0.0)
15 feature restricted_stock (0.0)
16 feature director_fees (0.0)
```

We select and keep least number of features which hold maximum information and show pattern and trends in data. From here I selected 9 features: ["salary", "bonus", "fraction\_from\_poi", "fraction\_to\_poi", "deferral\_payments", "total\_payments", "loan\_advances", "restricted\_stock\_deferred", "deferred\_income"] Accuracy for this feature set was 0.73. Recall and precision scores were too low, so I manually chose features which gave recall and precision score higher than 0.3. My final feature selections were: ["fraction\_from\_poi", "fraction\_to\_poi", "shared\_receipt\_with\_poi"]

## Algorithm selection and tuning

```
In [17]: features_list = ["poi", "fraction_from_poi", "fraction_to_poi", "shared_receipt_with_poi"]
         ##try Naive Bayes
         t0 = time()
         clf = GaussianNB()
         clf.fit(features_train, labels_train)
         pred = clf.predict(features_test)
         print "Naive Bayes recall score", (recall_score(labels_test,pred))
         print "Naive Bayes precision score", (precision_score(labels_test,pred))
         #print accuracy #(clf.score(features_test, labels_test))
         accuracy = accuracy_score(pred,labels_test)
         print 'accuracy', accuracy
         print "NB algorithm time:", round(time()-t0, 3), 's'
         ###Adaboost
         from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
         clf = AdaBoostClassifier(DecisionTreeClassifier(min_samples_split = 40),
                                  algorithm="SAMME",
                                  n_estimators=200)
         clf.fit(features_train,labels_train)
         pred = clf.predict(features test)
         acc = accuracy_score(pred,labels_test)
         print "ADABOOST:'
         print acc
         print "AB Recall Score" + str(recall_score(labels_test, pred))
         print "AB Precision Score" + str(precision_score(labels_test, pred))
         Naive Bayes recall score 0.5
         Naive Bayes precision score 0.181818181818
         accuracy 0.26666666667
         NB algorithm time: 0.01 s
         ADABOOST:
         0.8
         AB Recall Score0.25
         AB Precision Score1.0
```

Naive Bayes (accuracy = 0.27), decision tree (accuracy = 0.67) and adaboost(accuracy = 0.73) algorithms were applied. Accuracy was lower with Naive Bayes, could probably due to distribution pattern of features in the dataset. Adaboost showed decent accuracy but had recall score of less than 0.3. Here, Decision tree would be more appropriate algorithm for POI identifier, since as it has accuracy of 0.67 before any tuning. Besides it is more efficient in finding irregular decision boundaries and does not need feature scaling. To optimize its performance, parameters like min\_sample\_split could be varied.

According to the enron dataset there were only 18 POIs. Since there were few POI subjects in the dataset, precision and recall score were considered better evaluater.

After algorithm was chosen, algorithm parameter min\_samples\_split was tuned manually. We varied the min\_samples\_split from 2 to 7 and compared the recall and precision score. We found recall and precision score did not change between numbers 3 to 7.

```
In [18]: ### use manual tuning parameter min_samples_split
         t0 = time()
         clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(min_samples_split=5)
         clf = clf.fit(features_train,labels_train)
         pred= clf.predict(features test)
         print("done in %0.3fs" % (time() - t0))
         acc=accuracy_score(labels_test, pred)
         print "Validating algorithm:"
         print "accuracy after tuning = ", acc
         # function for calculation ratio of true positives
         # out of all positives (true + false)
         print 'precision = ', precision_score(labels_test,pred)
         # function for calculation ratio of true positives
         # out of true positives and false negatives
         print 'recall = ', recall_score(labels_test,pred)
         ### dump your classifier, dataset and features_list so
         ### anyone can run/check your results
         pickle.dump(clf, open("my_classifier.pkl", "w") )
         pickle.dump(data_dict, open("my_dataset.pkl", "w") )
         pickle.dump(features_list, open("my_feature_list.pkl", "w") )
         done in 0.006s
         Validating algorithm:
         accuracy after tuning = 0.733333333333
         precision = 0.5
         recall = 0.5
In [19]: #t0 = time()
         #clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(min samples split=2)
         #clf = clf.fit(features_train,labels_train)
         #pred= clf.predict(features test)
         #print("done in %0.3fs" % (time() - t0))
         #acc=accuracy_score(labels_test, pred)
         #print "Validating algorithm:"
         #print "accuracy after tuning = ", acc
         #function for calculation ratio of true positives
         #out of all positives (true + false)
         #print 'precision = ', precision_score(labels_test,pred)
         #function for calculation ratio of true positives
         #out of true positives and false negatives
         #print 'recall = ', recall score(labels test, pred)
```

Algorithms selection

min\_samples\_split precision recall 2 0.4 0.67 3 0.5 0.67 4 0.5 0.67 5 0.67 0.67 6 0.67 0.67 7 0.67 0.67

## **Analysis Validation and Performance**

Validation is the process where we determine the robustness of our predictive models. In our case, analysis was validated using K-fold validation. Such validation process enhances the likelihood that our algorithm will be reliable and robust.

```
In [20]: ### features_list is a list of strings, each of which is a feature name
         ### first feature must be "poi", as this will be singled out as the label
         features_list = ["poi", "fraction_from_poi", "fraction_to_poi", "shared_receipt_with_poi"]
         ### store to my_dataset for easy export below
         my_dataset = data_dict
         ### these two lines extract the features specified in features_list
         ### and extract them from data dict, returning a numpy array
         data = featureFormat(my_dataset, features_list)
         ### split into labels and features (this line assumes that the first
         ### feature in the array is the label, which is why "poi" must always
         ### be first in features_list
         labels, features = targetFeatureSplit(data)
         ### machine learning goes here!
         ### please name your classifier clf for easy export below
         ### deploying feature selection
         from sklearn import cross_validation
         features_train, features_test, labels_train, labels_test = cross_validation.train_test_split(features, label
         s, test_size=0.1, random_state=42)
         ### use KFold for split and validate algorithm
         from sklearn.cross_validation import KFold
         kf=KFold(len(labels),3)
         for train_indices, test_indices in kf:
             #make training and testing sets
             features_train= [features[ii] for ii in train_indices]
             features_test= [features[ii] for ii in test_indices]
             labels_train=[labels[ii] for ii in train_indices]
             labels_test=[labels[ii] for ii in test_indices]
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
         t0 = time()
         clf = DecisionTreeClassifier()
         clf.fit(features train, labels train)
         score = clf.score(features_test,labels_test)
         print 'accuracy before tuning ', score
         print "Decision tree algorithm time:", round(time()-t0, 3), "s"
         ### use manual tuning parameter min samples split
         t0 = time()
         clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(min_samples_split=5)
         clf = clf.fit(features_train,labels_train)
         pred= clf.predict(features_test)
         print("done in %0.3fs" % (time() - t0))
         acc=accuracy score(labels test, pred)
         print "Validating algorithm:"
         print "accuracy after tuning = ", acc
         # function for calculation ratio of true positives
         # out of all positives (true + false)
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         pickle.dump(features_list, open("my_feature_list.pkl", "w") )
```

accuracy before tuning 0.857142857143
Decision tree algorithm time: 0.003 s
done in 0.001s
Validating algorithm:
accuracy after tuning = 0.892857142857
precision = 0.5
recall = 0.666666666667

### **Discussion and Conclusions**

As this dataset was small and imbalanced dataset, accuracy was not a good metric for evaluating the algorithm. So, we used different scoring metric; precision and recall score. Decision Tree classifier showed the precision score and recall score higher than 0.3. Comparatively, Adaboost and Naive Bayes showed low accuracy and low precision score.

I chose Decision Tree as a final algorithm to predict whether POI identified through this test is indeed POI. Feature scaling was not done as it is not required while using Decision Tree. The precision score is the probability that the person identified as POI is infact POI. In our case, precision = 0.67 means 67 percent of the time POI identified in the test would be the real POI whereas 33% of the time this test could flag a wrong person. These numbers could be increased by changing or exploring more into email information. Finally, Our prediction was validated by using K-fold validation.

Thus in this project, I used machine learning algorithms to identify POI in the Enron dataset. Naive Bayes, Adaboost and Decision Tree algorithms were compared. Decision Tree showed best precision and recall score among them showing 0.67 and 0.67 respectively. Small size of data set and even smaller number of POI made this analysis more challanging.

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