Decision-Tree for Classification

MACHINE LEARNING WITH TREE-BASED MODELS IN PYTHON



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Course Overview

- **Chap 1**: Classification And Regression Tree (CART)
- Chap 2: The Bias-Variance Tradeoff
- **Chap 3:** Bagging and Random Forests
- Chap 4: Boosting \bullet
- Chap 5: Model Tuning \bullet



Classification-tree

- Sequence of if-else questions about individual features.
- **Objective:** infer class labels.
- Able to capture non-linear relationships between features and labels. \bullet
- Don't require feature scaling (ex: Standardization, ..) \bullet



Breast Cancer Dataset in 2D



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Decision-tree Diagram



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Classification-tree in scikit-learn

```
# Import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
# Import train_test_split
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
# Split the dataset into 80% train, 20% test
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test= train_test_split(X, y,
                                                   test_size=0.2,
                                                   stratify=y,
                                                    random_state=1)
# Instantiate dt
dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=2, random_state=1)
```

Classification-tree in scikit-learn

Fit dt to the training set dt.fit(X_train,y_train)

Predict the test set labels y_pred = dt.predict(X_test) # Evaluate the test-set accuracy accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

0.90350877192982459





Decision Regions

Decision region: region in the feature space where all instances are assigned to one class label.

Decision Boundary: surface separating different decision regions.





Decision Regions: CART vs. Linear Model



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Classification-Tree Learning

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Building Blocks of a Decision-Tree

- **Decision-Tree**: data structure consisting of a hierarchy of nodes. \bullet
- Node: question or prediction.



Building Blocks of a Decision-Tree

Three kinds of nodes:

- **Root**: *no* parent node, question giving rise to *two* children nodes. \bullet
- Internal node: one parent node, question giving rise to two children nodes.
- Leaf: one parent node, no children nodes --> prediction.



Prediction



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15 benign, 152 malignant Predict -> malignant

Information Gain (IG)



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Information Gain (IG)

$$IG(\underbrace{f}_{feature}, \underbrace{sp}_{split-point}) = I(parent) - \left(\frac{N_{left}}{N} I(left) + \underbrace{Split-point}\right) = I(parent) - I(parent) - \left(\frac{N_{left}}{N} I(left) + \underbrace{Split-point}\right) = I(parent) - I(pare$$

Criteria to measure the impurity of a node I(node):

- gini index,
- entropy. ...



 $+ \frac{N_{right}}{N} I(right)$

Classification-Tree Learning

- Nodes are grown recursively.
- At each node, split the data based on:
 - feature f and split-point sp to maximize IG(node).
- If IG(node) = 0, declare the node a leaf. ...



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                                                    stratify=y,
                                                    random_state=1)
# Instantiate dt, set 'criterion' to 'gini'
dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion='gini', random_state=1)
```



Information Criterion in scikit-learn

Fit dt to the training set dt.fit(X_train,y_train)

Predict test-set labels y_pred= dt.predict(X_test)

Evaluate test-set accuracy accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

0.92105263157894735





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Decision-Tree for Regression

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Auto-mpg Dataset

| | mpg | displ | hp | weight | accel | origin |
|---|------|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| 0 | 18.0 | 250.0 | 88 | 3139 | 14.5 | US |
| 1 | 9.0 | 304.0 | 193 | 4732 | 18.5 | US |
| 2 | 36.1 | 91.0 | 60 | 1800 | 16.4 | Asia |
| 3 | 18.5 | 250.0 | 98 | 3525 | 19.0 | US |
| 4 | 34.3 | 97.0 | 78 | 2188 | 15.8 | Europe |
| 5 | 32.9 | 119.0 | 100 | 2615 | 14.8 | Asia |

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Auto-mpg with one feature



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Regression-Tree in scikit-learn

```
# Import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
# Import train_test_split
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Import mean_squared_error as MSE
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error as MSE
# Split data into 80% train and 20% test
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test= train_test_split(X, y,
                                                   test_size=0.2,
                                                    random_state=3)
# Instantiate a DecisionTreeRegressor 'dt'
dt = DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=4,
                           min_samples_leaf=0.1,
                           random_state=3)
```

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Regression-Tree in scikit-learn

```
# Fit 'dt' to the training-set
dt.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Predict test-set labels
y_pred = dt.predict(X_test)
# Compute test-set MSE
mse_dt = MSE(y_test, y_pred)
# Compute test-set RMSE
rmse_dt = mse_dt**(1/2)
# Print rmse_dt
print(rmse_dt)
```

5.1023068889









Prediction

 $\hat{y}_{pred}(\text{leaf}) = \frac{1}{N_{leaf}} \sum_{i \in leaf} y^{(i)}$



Linear Regression vs. Regression-Tree



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