## CS 445 Introduction to Machine Learning

# Imbalanced Classes and Comparing Classifiers with ROC Curves Instructor: Dr. Kevin Molloy









### Learning Objectives

- Define class imbalance
- Utilize sampling and synthetic sample generation for addressing class imbalances
- Costs of incorrect classification

## Class Imbalance

Problems where the class occurrences are skewed:

- Credit card fraud
- Network intrusion detection
- Medical testing



Challenges:

• How to evaluate a model (accuracy is not well suited)

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• Precision is the percentage correct considering only the actual positive class

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$$F_1 \text{ measure} = \frac{2rp}{r+p} = \frac{2 \cdot TP}{(2 \cdot TP + FP + FN)} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{p}} \text{ Also known as the harmonic mean}$$

Conveys a balance between precision and recall that is sensitive to the skew of the classes.

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- More important examples of the over represented (negative) class could be omitted by random sampling
- Variance within the features may rise (since the number of examples is reduced)

#### Question #1:

Pick a classifier (Decision Tree, KNN, Bayes, ANN): How does oversampling directly influence the specific classifier that you selected.

#### Generating More Data

Idea: Generate synthetic examples of the under represented class. Introducing the Synthetic

Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE). The technique is as follows:

- Select a positive example (x) 1.
- Determine x's k-nearest neighbors 2.
- Randomly select one of these neighbors  $(x_k)$ 3.
- Random generate a new example that lies on the 4.



Chawla et al. SMOTE: Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique. Journal of Artificial Intelligence, 2002.

Plots from https://machinelearningmastery.com/smote-oversampling-for-imbalanced-classification/

#### Scoring

We can adapt the model to output a score, where higher scores indicate a strong tendency for the value to be in one class versus the other.

**Idea**: Find the optimal value where to set the scoring function. This can be found on the validation set (see 4.11.3 in the textbook).

### Evaluating All Scoring Thresholds

In some cases, there may be different costs associated with a FP than a FN.

**Idea**: Construct a method to evaluate all scores so that we can compare models across all levels of sensitivity.

The Receiver Operating Characteristic is a quantitative technique to evaluate the trade-off between detection rates (TPR) and the false alarm rate (FPR).

Precision/TPR =  $\frac{TP}{(TP+FN)}$  FPR =  $\frac{FP}{(FP+TN)}$ 

Notice that when we classify every instance as positive, both of these values are 1.





#### ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic) Example

- 1-dimensional data set containing 2 classes (positive and negative)
- Points located at s(x) > t are classified as positive





At threshold t:

TP = 0.5, FN = 0.5, FP = 0.12 and TN = 0.88 Points located at s(x) > t

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#### Evaluating ROC Curves



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 $M_1$  is better if you need low false positive rates.

 $M_2$  is better if higher false positive rates are OK.

Common quantitative metric is the area under the curve (AOC).

Requirement: Classifier must produce a score that resembles the posterior probability for each test instance (P (+ | A)).

- 1. Sort the instances according to P(+|A) in decreasing order
- 2. Apply threshold at each unique value of P(+ | A)
- 3. Count TP, FP, FN, TN
- 4. Plot FPR on X axis and TPR on y-axis



Class	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	
Thres >=	.25	.43	.53	.76	.85	.85	.85	.87	.93	.95	1.0
ТР	5										
FP	5										
TN	0										
FN	0										
TPR	1										
FPR	1										

	Inst	P(+ A)
	1	0.95
Precision/TPR = $\frac{TP}{(T=1,T)}$	2	0.93
(TP+FN)	3	0.87
FPR - FP	4	0.85
$FFIX = \frac{1}{(FP + TN)}$	5	0.85
	6	0.85
	7	0.76
	8	0.53
	9	0.43
	10	0.25

True

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FN	0	0										
TPR	1	0.8										
FPR	1	1										



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