Comparing and Tuning Machine Learning Algorithms to Predict Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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Abstract

The main goals of this work is to study and compare machine learning algorithms to predict the development of type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Four classification algorithms have been considered, studying and comparing the accuracy of each one to predict the incidence of type 2 diabetes mellitus seven years in advance. Specifically, the techniques studied are: Decision Tree, Random Forest, kNN (k-Nearest Neighbors) and Neural Networks.

The study not only involves the comparison among these techniques, but also, the tuning of the meta-parameters in each algorithm.

The algorithms have been implemented using the language R.

The data base used is obtained from the nation-wide cohort di@bet.es study [1].

The conclusions will include the accuracy of each algorithm and therefore the best technique for this problem. The best meta-parameters for each algorithm will be also provided.

References