Bagging Model with Cost Sensitive Analysis on Diabetes Data

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Abstract

Diabates patients might suffer from an unhealthy life, long-term treatment and chronic complicated diseases. The decreasing hospitalization rate is a crucial problem for health care centers. This study combines the bagging method with base classifier decision tree and cost sensitive analysis for diabetes patients' classification purpose. Real patients' data collected from a regional hospital in Thailand were analyzed. The relevance factors were selected and used to construct base classifier decision tree models to classify diabetes and non-diabetes patients. The bagging method was then applied to improve accuracy. Finally, asymmetric classification cost matrices were used to give more alternative models for diabetes data analysis.

Keyword: Rdiabetes, feature selection, classification, bagging, cost sensitive analysis.

1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes symptoms occur because the body cannot use glucose properly. The body cells normally use glucose for energy under the control of the hormone insulin. For people who have diabetes, the body cannot use glucose efficiently; as a result, their blood sugar levels rise. In the long term, if not treated properly, this will result in the destruction of blood vessels and may lead to serious complications. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) reported that over 371 million people have diabetes. However, 50% of people with diabetes are undiagnosed. In 2012, an estimated 4.8 million people died due to diabetes. They also point out that over 471 billion USD were spent on healthcare for diabetes [1]. The World Health Organization (WHO) also reported that diabetes is an increasing public health challenge for Thailand. One in thirteen adult Thais has diabetes. Moreover, diabetes can damage the heart, eyes, kidneys, nerves and blood vessels [2]. The Ministry of Public Health of Thailand reported that the non-communicable chronic diseases (including heart diseases, cancer and diabetes) have become the leading causes of morbidity and mortality among Thais [3]. In the past decade (2001-2010), the incidence of diabetes patients tends to continuously increase. The ratio of diabetes patient was 277.7 per 100 thousand in 2001 and 954.2 per 100 thousand in 2010. Therefore, the increasing rate of diabetes from 2001-2010 is 3.4 times within a ten year period.

Several researchers have widely applied classification models in medical data analysis and led to a substantial amount of useful researches. Classification is a technique used for discovering classes of unknown data. There are various methods for classification such as decision trees, naïve bayes, k-nearest neighbors, support vector machine, and back propagation neural network. These techniques have been applied on Diabetes Data [4, 5]. The results show that the highest accuracy is from decision tree algorithm. Decision tree supervised learning is one of the most popular classification techniques because it is easy to understand and interpret by end users [6, 7]. In high dimensional and large quantities of raw data, feature selection can help improve classification performance with minimal effort [8]. The basic idea of the algorithms is to search through all possible combinations of features in the data to find the subset of

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features that works best for prediction. The selection is done by reducing the number of features of the feature vectors, keeping the most meaningful discriminating ones, and removing the irrelevant or redundant ones [9, 10, 11]. Huang et al. [12] used feature selection and classification model construction on type 2 diabetic patients' data. The results revealed that feature selection via supervised model construction was used to rank the attributes affecting diabetes. In their experiment, naïve bayes processes the data fastest but decision tree is the most stable classifier.

To improve the accuracy of a single classifier, the ensemble methods such as bagging and boosting can be applied by combining the results of induced classifiers with different training subset. This methodology can be done easily parallelized. These independent methods aim either at improving the predictive power of classifiers or decreasing the total execution time [13]. In bagging method, each base classifier is trained on a sample subset taken with a replacement from the training set. Then, some kind of voting is used to combine all base classified outputs. Liang and Zhang [14] investigated the performance of the bagging method. The results showed that bagging performs well on most datasets, except extremely imbalanced and large datasets. Nai-arun and Sittidech [3] proposed ensemble learning model for diabetes classification by comparing bagging and boosting methods. It is found that the accuracy of bagging with decision tree is better.

Nevertheless, in some application domains, accuracy is less important than misclassification. Asymmetric classification cost has to be considered. Ghosh and Hasley [15] used asymmetric classification cost matrices in predicting diabetes with cost matrix learning methods by changing the classification probability value on the classification cost matrix and rebalancing the training set to introduce more negative cases. The results show comparable values of both predictive accuracy and expected classification cost. Kukar and Kononenko [16] presented methods for cost-sensitive learning and their experimental results show successfully minimized misclassification costs.

In this paper, real diabetes patients' data set was analyzed using data mining techniques including feature selection for diabetes patients' classification purpose. The relevance factors were used to construct a decision tree model to classify diabetic and non-diabetic patients. Moreover, bagging method was applied to improve accuracy. Finally, asymmetric classification cost matrices were used to give more alternative models for diabetes data analysis. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Overviews of feature selection methods are introduced. Bagging method using base classifier decision tree classification with cost sensitive analysis is briefly described. Then, the experimental studies are presented and discussed. Finally, conclusions are drawn and further work is indicated.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Feature Selection Algorithms

Feature selection is one of the most essential and important preprocessing steps in pattern classification. It is to find a minimum set of attributes such that the resulting probability distribution of the data classes is as close as possible to the original distribution obtained using all attributes. Modeling on a reduced set of attributes has an additional benefit. It reduces the number of attributes appearing in the discovered patterns, helping to build the classification model easier [17, 18, 19]. It is also an effective dimensionality reduction technique in order to remove noise features. Therefore, it can reduce the cost of the classification [20]. This is normally achieved by combining attribute subset evaluators with a search method [7]. Feature selection, when used along with any learning model, can help improve model performance with minimal effort. Hence, by selecting useful features from the data set, we essentially reduce the number of features or attributes needed for the classification problem of interest.

There are many feature selection algorithms and also several approaches to evaluate the goodness of a feature subset. In this research experiment, three easy and popular feature selection techniques were applied to the data set as explained in the following sections.

2.1.1 Correlation Feature Selection

Correlation Feature Selection (CFS) evaluates the value of a subset of attributes by considering the individual predictive ability of each feature based on the degree of redundancy between them. It uses a search algorithm along with a function to evaluate the merits of feature subsets. Subsets of features that are highly correlated with the predicting class, while having low inter-correlation, are preferred. Hence, the heuristics by which CFS measures the goodness of feature subsets takes into account the usefulness of individual features for predicting the class label, along with the level of inter correlation among them [21, 22].

2.1.2 Information Gain Feature Selection

Information Gain Feature Selection (IGFS) evaluates attributes by measuring their information gain with respect to the predicting class [4]. It is used to select the test attribute at each node of the decision tree classification. A decision tree is a simple structure where non-terminal nodes represent tests on one or more attributes and terminal nodes reflect decision outcomes. To select a feature among all others, information gain of each attribute is computed. Then, expected information needed to classify a tuple in the data set is selected.

2.1.3 Gain Ratio Feature Selection

Gain Ratio Feature Selection (GRFS) has a similar methodology as Information Gain Feature Selection. The information gain measure prefers to select attributes that have a large number of values. GRFS solves the drawback of information gain applied to attributes that can take on a large number of distinct values. It is a modification of the information gain that reduces its bias by taking the number and size of branches into account when choosing the significant attributes [23]. Therefore, it is the ratio between the information gain and the intrinsic value. The attribute with the highest gain ratio is selected as the splitting attribute [4].

2.2 Decision Tree Model

Classification is an important task in data mining that involves decision or forecast in an unknown or a feature situation. It is the process of modeling different data classes or estimating target values to predict the class of objects or the expected value of unknown attribute [24, 25]. Among several classification algorithms, decision tree learning is one of the most popular methods. A model based tree was proposed by Quinlan [26]. Decision Tree is a supervised learning technique that uses the data which the answers have already known and used for building the tree [27]. Its quality is highly associated with the classification accuracy reached on the training data set, as well as the size of the tree [28] Decision tree algorithms are two-phase processes [4]; (1) Building phase and (2) Pruning phase. More details of these two steps follow.

2.2.1 Building Phase

Decision tree structures are built or constructed in top-down recursive divide-and-conquer strategy manner. Its structure includes nodes and branches modeling from the training data. The algorithm will find the most powerful feature that will be used to separate training data into two or more subsets based on the values of that feature. The first node is called the root node. Each data subset then continues separated until a termination criterion is satisfied [4, 5]. The resulting decision tree consists of four primary features which are (1) Root node: an attribute selected as the base to build the tree upon, (2) Internal node: attributes that resides on the inner part of the tree, (3) Branches descending from a node: possible values for the attribute the branch initiates, and (4) Leaf nodes: the predefined classes. The training data set is recursively expanded by greedily selecting the best attribute for splitting the data that has arrived in the current node. The data set is partitioned until all the instances in a partition belong to the same class or stop growing the tree early if the goodness measure is less than a threshold.

2.2.2 Pruning Phase

When a decision tree is built, many of the branches may

reflect anomalies in the training data due to noise or outlier. Tree pruning methods address this problem of over-fitting the data. Such methods typically uses statistical measures to remove the least reliable branches, generally resulting in faster classification and more generality, which is an improvement in the ability of the tree to correctly classify independent data set. There are two common pruning strategies; (1) Pre-pruning approach; a tree is pruned by halting its construction early. Upon halting, the node becomes a leaf. The leaf may hold the most frequent class among the others and (2) Post-pruning approach; a tree node is pruned by removing its branches from a fully grown tree. The pruned node becomes a leaf and is labeled by the most frequent class among its former branches. The process is recursively pruned back specific branches of the large tree in order to avoid over-fitting and make the tree model more generality.

2.3 Bagging

Bagging (bootstrap aggregating) is a well-known ensemble method introduced by Leo Breiman to reduce the variance of a predictor [11]. It aims to increase accuracy by generating multiple versions of a classifier and using these to get an aggregated classification. A training set which is generated by a random draw with the replacement of examples. Each of these data sets is used to train with the base classifiers. The outputs of the models are combined to create a single output. Mostly the aggregated classification come from the classified results that is the most often (voting method) in case of categorical data. The aggregation averages over the versions in case of numerical data. Bagging usually produces a combined model that often performs better than the single model built from the original single data [11, 29]. It has been applied by many researchers. Machová, et.al. [30] explored the bagging method on binary decision trees, which enable an improvement of the classification performance. Ling and Sheng [31] investigated the performance of bagging in terms of learning from imbalanced medical data. Their experiment indicated that bagging outperforms when using the base classifier decision tree.

2.4 Cost Sensitive Analysis

Accuracy is a popular evaluation performance of a classifier. However, in many medical applications which are an imbalanced class distribution problem and unequal costs of the misclassification errors in different classes are very crucial. Hence, accuracy might not be an only measurement to be considered in the performance of medical data sets [31]. Varying costs associated with misclassification is important for practical applications. Reweighting training instances according to the total cost assigned to each class with minimum expected misclassification. Performance can often be improved by using bagging method to improve the probability estimates of the base classifier [32, 33].

In cost-sensitive learning, the costs of true positive (TP), false positive (FP), false negative (FN) and true negative (TN) can be given in a cost matrix [34]. A cost matrix usually has the structure when there are two classes, as shown in Table 1. The annotation C(x,y) to represent the misclassification cost of classifying an instance from its actual class *y* into the predicted class *x* (positive is 1 and negative is 0). The cost of TP and TN are always diagnosed as important when an instance is predicted correctly. FP and FN are diagnosed as misclassify and, in some cases, it is worth to take account in adjusting the classification model to reduce FP and FN misclassification [12, 31].

Table 1.	Cost S	Sensitive	Matrix
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Actual Class	Predicted Class		
Actual Class	Class 1	Class 2	
Class 1	<i>C</i> (<i>1</i> , <i>1</i>) or TP	<i>C(1,0)</i> or FN	
Class 2	<i>C(0,1)</i> or FP	<i>C(0,0)</i> or TN	

3. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

The process of our experiments is shown in Figure 1. The following section describes the data set, the experimental settings and their results.



Figure 1. The process of experiments.

3.1 Data Set

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In this study, a data set was collected from Sawanpra charak regional hospital, Thailand, which consists of 26 primary care units (26 PCU) during 2011-2013 (24 months). The data were cleaned by outlier elimination, inconsistent data transformation, and incomplete data imputation. Then, these data were integrated. The final data set consists of 48,763 instances, diabetes (20,743 instances) and non-diabetes (28,020 instances) and there are 15 input attributes as shown in Table 2.

3.2 Feature Selection

The original data set, which consists of 15 input attributes, was analyzed using simple decision tree algorithm. The classification performance is 93.90% accurate. It is quite a good result at this beginning stage. However, sometimes, input attributes may be irrelevant features; defined as those features not having any influence on the output classes. Therefore, we further analyzed the data set using feature selection algorithms to remove some irrelevant predictors from these 15 attributes.

The three feature selection algorithms used in this paper were: (1) Correlation feature selection (CFS), (2) Gain Ratio feature selection (IGFS), and (3) Info Gain feature selection (GRFS), combined with ranker method. The results displayed in Table 3 show a comparison of the ranked attributes of all the original 15 attributes. From the results, only first 11 ranked attributes can be used as the input attributes to model decision tree and the accuracy is increased from 93.90% to 93.98%.

Table 2. Attributes Description

No	Attributes	Description	Values
1	SEX	Sex	1: Male 2: Female
2	MSTATUS	Status	1: Single, 2: Married
3	EDUCATE	Education	1: No degree 2: Have degree
4	BGROUP	Blood group	1: Group A 2: Group B 3: Group AB 4: Group O
5	SMOKE	Smoke	1: No smoke 2: Smoke
6	ALCOHOL	Drink Alcohol	1: No drink 2: Drink
7	DMFAMILY	Diabetes Mellitus History Family	1: Yes 2: No
8	HTFAMILY	Hypertension History Family	1: Yes 2: No
9	AGE	Age (Year)	Mean(49.44), S.D.(18.43), Min/Max (16/109)
10	BMI	Body Mass Index (kg/m ²)	Mean(26.51), S.D.(6.05), Min/Max (15/59)
11	WEIGHT	Weight (kg)	Mean(68.00), S.D.(16.10), Min/Max (36/160)
12	HEIGHT	Height (cm)	Mean(160.12), S.D.(7.79), Min/Max (130/190)
13	WAIST_CM	Waist Circumference (cm)	Mean(90.83), S.D.(14.72), Min/Max (50/183)
14	BPH	Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)	Mean(119.86), S.D.(15.28), Min/Max (70/198)
15	BPL	Diastolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)	Mean(76.03), S.D.(10.35), Min/Max (41/149)

Attribute Ranking	CFS	IGFS	GRFS
1	WAIST_CM	WAIST_CM	WAIST_CM
2	BMI	BMI	BMI
3	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT
4	AGE	AGE	DMFAMILY
5	DMFAMILY	DMFAMILY	AGE
6	HTFAMILY	BPH	HTFAMILY
7	BPH	HTFAMILY	ALCOHOL
8	EDUCATE	BPL	EDUCATE
9	ALCOHOL	EDUCATE	BPH
10	SMOKE	ALCOHOL	SMOKE
11	BPL	SMOKE	BPL
12	MSTATUS	HEIGHT	HEIGHT
13	BGROUP	MSTATUS	MSTATUS
14	SEX	BGROUP	BGROUP
15	HEIGHT	SEX	SEX

Table 3. Feature Selection Results

3.3 Bagging with Decision Tree Base Classifier

The data set consisted of 48,763 instances of two classes; diabetes (20,743 instances) and non-diabetes (28,020 instances) and only 11 first ranked input attributes were used to implement the bagging with decision tree base classifier model. Cross-validation (10-fold) was performed on each modeling in order to avoid the over-fitting problem and obtain more reliable experimental results. Pre-pruning approach was applied by setting the confidence factor and minimum number of instances in the leaf nodes. Each classifier is trained on a sample of instances taken with a replacement from the training set. In this experiment, we also test various bag sizes from 60% to 100% of the original training set. The accuracy (94.56%) when using 90% bag size was the best among others as shown in Table 4. Then, bagging models were tested in various number of iteration until the model was stable at 70 iterations with the accuracy of 94.74% as

shown in Table 5.

3.4 Classification Modeling with Cost Sensitive Analysis

Even though the accuracy is more than 90%, we considered in focusing of misclassification cost. The wrong prediction cases are still important criteria expected in medical diagnostics situation. Since in the case of diabetes, the cost of false negatives is higher than false positive, as the disease can progress very rapidly when the patient was left untreated [15]. If the diabetes patients are diagnosed as non-diabetes patients, they will be untreated for years resulting being bad health and may lose their lives. It is much more serious than the non-diabetes patients are diagnosed as diabetes patients. Therefore, asymmetric classification cost was considered in this paper. The corrected prediction cases are fine. However, the patient who could delay in the correct treatment must have some cost penalty. The cost matrix given with this experiment is as in Table 6. The asymmetric classification costs ratio of FN over those of FP at 5:1, 10:1, 15:1, 20:1, 25:1, and 30:1. The evaluation of classification models used these cost ratios including 1:1 ratio (symmetric cost) presented in Table 7. Figure 2 demonstrates that classification model accuracy decreases when asymmetric cost ratio of FN:FP increases. These can be alternative choices based on certain situations. However, an appropriate cost sensitive ratio depends on discretion of doctors.

Table 4. Bag Size Adjustment Results

Bag Size	Accuracy (%)	Confusion Matrix	
60	04.45	19543	1200
00	94.45	1504	26516
70	94.49	19549	1194
70	94.49	1493	26527
80	94.52	19558	1185
80	94.52	1487	26533
90	94.56	19550	1193
90	94.30	1456	26564
100	94.49	19559	1184
100		1502	26518

Table 7. Classification with Cost Sensitive

Table 5. Iteration of Bagging Training

Iterations	Accuracy (%)	Confusion Matrix	
10	94,56	19550	1193
10	94.30	1456	26564
20	94.68	19591	1152
20	94.08	1442	26578
30	94,54	19561	1182
30	94.94	1477	26543
40	94.57	19565	1178
40	94.37	1469	26551
50	94.69	19611	1132
50	94.09	1453	26567
60	94.71	19610	1133
00	94./1	1445	26575
70	94.74	19617	1126
/0	94./4	1439	26581
80	94.64	19587	1156
80		1454	26566

Cost Ratio	Accuracy(%)	Cost Matrix		Confusion Matrix	
	04.74	0	1	19617	1126
1:1	94.74	1	0	1439	26581
5.1	02.08	0	5	20361	382
5:1	92.98	1	0	3038	24982
10.1	01.20	0	10	20520	223
10:1	91.26	1	0	4037	23983
15.1	20.20	0	15	20573	170
15:1	89.89	1	0	4757	23263
20.1	20:1 88.69	0	20	20609	134
20:1		1	0	5379	22641
25:1 8	97 (5	0	25	20632	111
	87.65	1	0	5909	22111
30:1	86.79	0	30	20650	93
		1	0	6346	21674

Table 6. Diabetes Cost Sensitive Matrix

Actual Class	Predicted Class		
Actual Class	Diabetes	Non-diabetes	
Diabetes	0	FN = 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30	
Non-diabetes	FP = 1	0	

4. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we introduced some feature selection algorithms to take into account for selecting relevance factors on the sample data. Among various classification techniques, decision tree model gave the highest accuracy. Then, bagging method was used to get aggregated results from decision tree base classifier to improve classification accuracy. Alternative models using asymmetric classification cost ratios were presented when misclassification problem addresses more serious than accuracy value. The models are helpful for doctors to diagnose patient hospitalization probability and to suggest some possible treatments to help improve health care quality.



Figure 2. Classification with Cost Sensitive performances

Many relevant methods and concepts could be added for increasing in medical informatics and for improving the decision making. Visualization tools can help extract some hidden information from high dimensional and large data sets. Repeating the experiments on different datasets with varying settings is also suggested as future work.

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