

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF HPO

Choosing performance measure

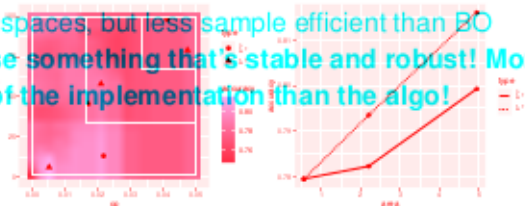
- Desired implications when applying the model in practice

Choosing a pipeline and search space

- Numeric HPs of arbitrary size should be tuned on log scale
- Size of search space results in different trade-offs:
 - too small may miss out well performing HPCs;
 - too large makes optimization more difficult

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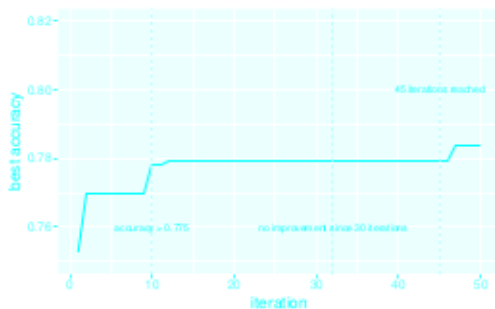


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When to terminate HPO

- Specify a certain amount of runtime/budget beforehand
- Set a lower bound regarding GE
- Terminate if performance improvement stagnates

Tuning `cp` and `minsplit` for a CART on the `titanic` data over 3 increasing rectangular search spaces with random search (candidates number fixed) and comparing the result with the optimal model (found with exhaustive grid search)



Different stopping points while tuning CART on the `titanic` data depending on which termination criterion is used

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- Choosing HPO algorithm
 - For few HPS (1-3), grid search can be used
 - BO with GPs for upto 10 numeric HPs (not worked well before)
- Control of execution
 - BO with RFs handle mixed HP spaces
 - Random search and Hyperband work well as long as the "effective" dimension is low
 - Parallelizability of HPO algorithms differs strongly
 - HPO execution can be parallelized at different levels (outer resampling, iteration, evaluation, inner resampling, model fit)
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