Introduction to Machine Learning

Evaluation Partial AUC





Learning goals

- Understand that entire AUC is not always relevant
- Learn about partial AUC

PARTIAL AUC

- TPR and FPR often treated asymmetrically in biomed contexts
- TPR = disease detection, is crucial
- But low FPR needed to avoid unnecessary treatments
- Common solution: Fix either TPR or FPR to a required value and optimize the other, but not easy to select exact point

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PARTIAL AUC / 2

- Can be useful to limit region under ROC curve
- E.g. FPR > 0.2 or TPR < 0.8 might not be acceptable for task, then we don't want to integrate over that region



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CORRECTED PARTIAL AUC

- Range of pAUC depends on cut-off values
- Normalize to [0, 1]:

$$\label{eq:pauc_corrected} \text{pAUC}_{\text{corrected}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\text{pAUC} - \text{pAUC}_{\text{min}}}{\text{pAUC}_{\text{max}} - \text{pAUC}_{\text{min}}} \right),$$

- pAUC is V+U = "A-B-C-D"
- pAUC_{min} is pAUC of random classifier, so U = "A-B-g-h"
- pAUC_{max} is U+V+W = "A-B-e-f"
- Compute percentage of V in V+W
- Rescale so random=0.5; optimal=1



2WAY PARTIAL AUC

- Can also limit both TPR and FPR
- 2way pAUC = compute area under 2way limited segment



