

Machine Learning in the **real** world



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Machine learning for **Insurance**



Machine Learning for **Retail** (jaggu.com)
B2B ML services (growthintel.com)



DAWN Project: **Deep Learning to Analyze**
Webb-detected Nascent-galaxies



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Simply Business Rating Engine



Please tell us about your business

What is your specific business / trade?

Or choose from the [full list of occupations](#)

Do you have a secondary business activity / secondary trade? ?

What is your business postcode?

How many years have you been running your own business in this industry? ?

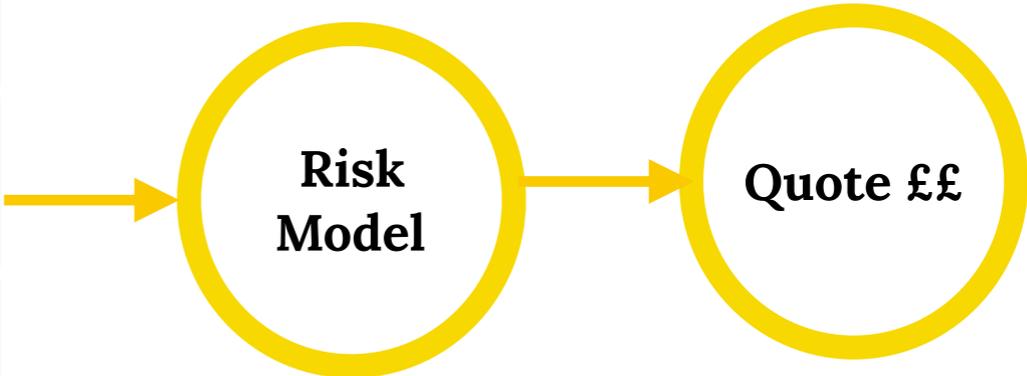
Please select

Which of these categories best describes your business?

 Sole trader

 Partnership

 Ltd company

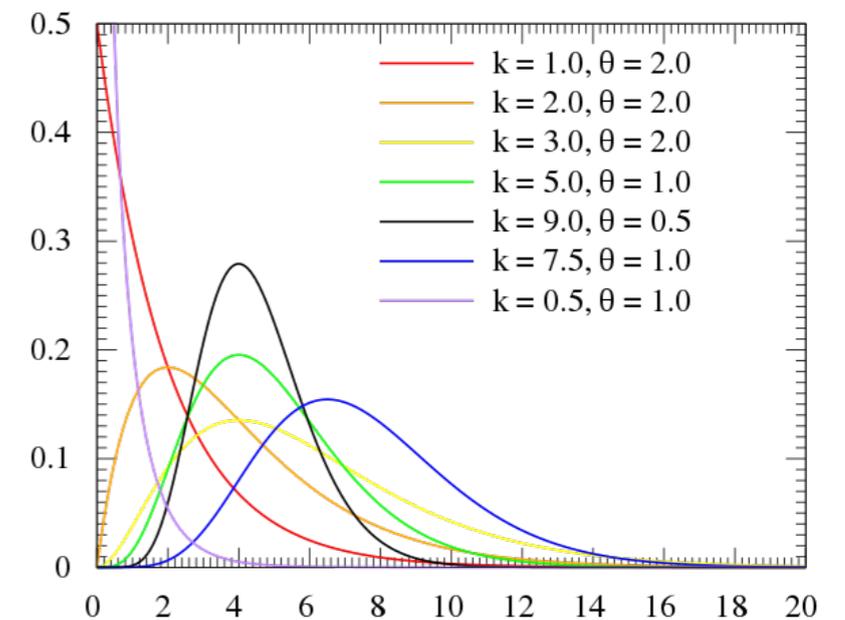
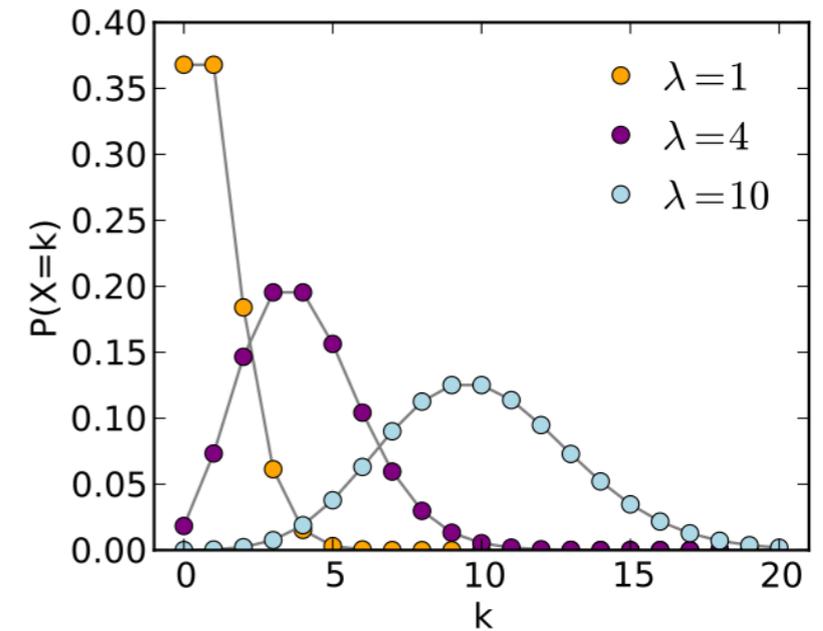




Traditional Risk Models

Premium = $f(\text{frequency, severity})$

- Frequency – modeled with a **Poisson** distribution (or negative binomial distribution if data is over-dispersed)
- Severity – can be modeled with a **Gamma** distribution
- Data is model with a **GLM** (although some moving on to GBMs)





Traditional Risk Models

- ⦿ The conditional variance is equal to the conditional mean (solved with a Negative Binomial Distribution)
- ⦿ The occurrence of one event does not affect the probability that a second event will occur – events occur independently
- ⦿ The rate at which events occur is constant



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ML Risk Model

Towards an automated process

2 Simply Business ML Risk Model

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**Data
Collection**

Redshift+SQL

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**Data
Processing**

**Customers are
arrays of
50-150
numbers**

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**Classifier +
Optimizer +
Explainer**

***lightGBM +
hyperopt +
LIME***

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Calibration

***Prophet +
adjusting
function***

2 SB ML Risk Model: *lightGBM*

- **GOSS:** Gradient-based One-Side Sampling.

keeps all the instances with large gradients and performs random sampling on the instances with small gradients.

- **EFB:** Exclusive Feature Bundling

In a sparse feature space, many features are mutually exclusive. One can bundle exclusive features into a single feature (NP-Hard).

- **Natural Treatment of Categorical Features**

Split on a categorical feature by partitioning its categories into 2 subsets. To find the optimal partition *LightGBM* sorts the histogram according to its accumulated values ($sum_gradient / sum_hessian$) and then finds the best split on the sorted histogram.

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SB ML Risk Model: *hyperopt*

- **TPE**: tree-structured Parzen estimator (TPE): TPE **models $p(y)$ and $p(x|y)$**
Models $p(x|y)$ by replacing the distributions of the configuration prior with non-parametric densities.
- The configuration space is described using uniform, log-uniform, quantized log-uniform, and categorical variables.
- The TPE algorithm makes the following replacements: uniform \rightarrow truncated Gaussian mixture, log-uniform \rightarrow exponentiated truncated Gaussian mixture, categorical \rightarrow re-weighted categorical
- Using different observations $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(k)}\}$ in the non-parametric densities, these substitutions represent a learning algorithm that can produce a variety of densities over the configuration space \mathcal{X}



Some Code...

Objective Function →

```
def lgb_objective(params):  
  
    lgb_objective.i+=1  
  
    # hyperopt casts as float  
    params['num_boost_round'] = int(params['num_boost_round'])  
    params['num_leaves'] = int(params['num_leaves'])  
  
    # need to be passed as parameter  
    params['is_unbalance'] = True  
    params['verbose'] = -1  
    params['seed'] = 1  
  
    lgtrain = lgb.Dataset(X_train, label=y_train)  
    cv_result = lgb.cv(  
        params,  
        lgtrain,  
        num_boost_round=params['num_boost_round'],  
        metrics='binary_logloss',  
        nfold=3,  
        stratified=True,  
        early_stopping_rounds=20)  
  
    error = cv_result['binary_logloss-mean'][-1]  
    print("INFO: iteration {} error {:.3f}".format(lgb_objective.i, error))  
  
    return error
```

lightGBM native methods →

parameter space →

```
lgb_parameter_space = {  
    'learning_rate': hp.uniform('learning_rate', 0.01, 0.5),  
    'num_boost_round': hp.quniform('num_boost_round', 50, 500, 50),  
    'num_leaves': hp.quniform('num_leaves', 30, 1024, 5),  
    'min_child_weight': hp.quniform('min_child_weight', 1, 50, 2),  
    'colsample_bytree': hp.uniform('colsample_bytree', 0.5, 1.),  
    'subsample': hp.uniform('subsample', 0.5, 1.),  
    'reg_alpha': hp.uniform('reg_alpha', 0.01, 1.),  
    'reg_lambda': hp.uniform('reg_lambda', 0.01, 1.),  
}
```

running hyperopt →

```
lgb_objective.i = 0  
best = fmin(fn=lgb_objective,  
            space=lgb_parameter_space,  
            algo=tpe.suggest,  
            max_evals=200)
```

2 SB ML Risk Model: LIME

- Explains the predictions of *any* classifier by learning an interpretable model locally around the prediction

$$\xi(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) = \sum_{z, z' \in \mathcal{Z}} \pi_x(z) (f(z) - g(z'))$$

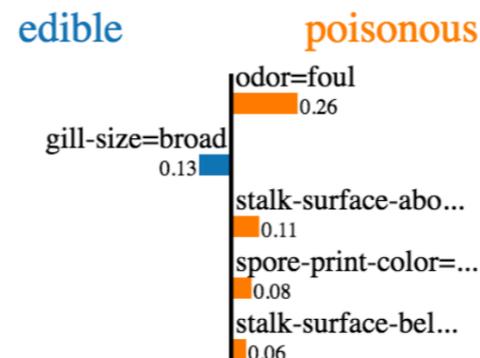
Where ξ is referred as “the explanation”, \mathcal{L} is measure of how unfaithful g is in approximating f in the locality defined by π_x and $\Omega(g)$ is measure of complexity

Example: classifying mushrooms as “edible” or “poisonous”

Tabular data

Prediction probabilities

edible	0.00
poisonous	1.00



Feature	Value
odor=foul	True
gill-size=broad	True
stalk-surface-above-ring=silky	True
spore-print-color=chocolate	True
stalk-surface-below-ring=silky	True

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SB ML Risk Model Results

Test results:

In an scenario where ~10% of the customers claim the f_1 score is:

$f1_score(\text{real}, \text{predicted}) = 0.37$

$f1_score(\text{real}, \text{predicted}, \text{average}='weighted') = 0.84$

	<i>Claim Probability</i>	<i>Severe Probability</i>	<i>Net Premium</i>
Marisa	0.81	0.08	76
Mark	0.83	0.25	709
Javier	0.81	0.31	161
Dani	0.81	0.34	675

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The “fight” with the business

“Let’s see if the algorithm works and then we see how we put it in production”

Managing Director - MGA

“Until I feel comfortable we won’t use it”

Head of Underwriting

“We need to understand it to use it” ; “I am not sure we need this”

Senior Underwriter Analyst



Thanks!

Any questions ?

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