

# Machine learning with H2O

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R



**Dr. Shirin Elsinghorst**  
Senior Data Scientist

# What is H2O?

```
library(h2o)
h2o.init()
```

```
H2O is not running yet, starting it now...
java version "1.8.0_351"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_351-b10)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.351-b10, mixed mode)
Starting H2O JVM and connecting: ... Connection successful!
R is connected to the H2O cluster:
  H2O cluster uptime:      1 seconds 620 milliseconds
  H2O cluster timezone:    UTC
  H2O data parsing timezone: UTC
  H2O cluster version:     3.38.0.1
  H2O cluster version age: 2 months and 25 days
  H2O cluster name:        H2O_started_from_R_repl_chk886
  H2O cluster total nodes: 1
  H2O cluster total memory: 0.98 GB
  H2O cluster total cores: 2
  H2O cluster allowed cores: 2
  H2O cluster healthy:     TRUE
  H2O Connection ip:       localhost
  H2O Connection port:     54321
  H2O Connection proxy:    NA
  H2O Internal Security:   FALSE
  R Version:                R version 4.2.1 (2022-06-23)
```

# New dataset: seeds data

```
glimpse(seeds_data)
```

```
Observations: 150
Variables: 8
$ area      <dbl> 15.26, 14.88, 14.29, 13.84 ...
$ perimeter <dbl> 14.84, 14.57, 14.09, 13.94 ...
$ compactness <dbl> 0.8710, 0.8811, 0.9050 ...
$ kernel_length <dbl> 5.763, 5.554, 5.291, 5.324 ...
$ kernel_width <dbl> 3.312, 3.333, 3.337, 3.379 ...
$ asymmetry  <dbl> 2.2210, 1.0180, 2.6990 ...
$ kernel_groove <dbl> 5.220, 4.956, 4.825, 4.805 ...
$ seed_type  <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...
```

```
seeds_data %>%
  count(seed_type)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 2
  seed_type      n
  <int> <int>
1         1     50
2         2     50
3         3     50
```

# Preparing the data for modeling with H2O

- Data as H2O frame

```
seeds_data_hf <- as.h2o(seeds_data)
```

- Define **features and target** variable

```
y <- "seed_type"  
x <- setdiff(colnames(seeds_data_hf), y)
```

- For classification target should be a **factor**

```
seeds_data_hf[, y] <- as.factor(seeds_data_hf[, y])
```

# Training, validation and test sets

```
sframe <- h2o.splitFrame(data = seeds_data_hf,  
                        ratios = c(0.7, 0.15),  
                        seed = 42)  
  
train <- sframe[[1]]  
valid <- sframe[[2]]  
test <- sframe[[3]]
```

```
summary(train$seed_type, exact_quantiles = TRUE)
```

```
seed_type  
1:36  
2:36  
3:35
```

```
summary(test$seed_type, exact_quantiles = TRUE)
```

```
seed_type  
1:8  
2:8  
3:5
```

# Model training with H2O

- Gradient boosted models with `h2o.gbm()` & `h2o.xgboost()`
- Generalized linear models with `h2o.glm()`
- Random forest models with `h2o.randomForest()`
- Neural networks with `h2o.deepLearning()`

# Model training with H2O

```
gbm_model <- h2o.gbm(x = x, y = y,  
                    training_frame = train,  
                    validation_frame = valid)
```

Model Details:

=====

H2OMultinomialModel: gbm

Model ID: GBM\_model\_R\_1540736041817\_1

Model Summary:

number_of_trees	number_of_internal_trees	model_size_in_bytes	min_depth	
50	150	24877	2	
max_depth	mean_depth	min_leaves	max_leaves	mean_leaves
5	4.72000	3	10	8.26667

- **Model performance**

```
perf <- h2o.performance(gbm_model, test)
h2o.confusionMatrix(perf)
```

```
Confusion Matrix: Row labels: Actual class; Column labels: Predicted class
      1 2 3 Error Rate
1      7 0 1 0.1250 = 1 / 8
2      0 8 0 0.0000 = 0 / 8
3      0 0 5 0.0000 = 0 / 5
Totals 7 8 6 0.0476 = 1 / 21
```

```
h2o.logloss(perf)
```

```
0.2351779
```

- **Predict new data**

```
h2o.predict(gbm_model, test)
```



# Let's practice!

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R

# Grid and random search with H2O

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R



**Dr. Shirin Elsinghorst**  
Senior Data Scientist

# Hyperparameters in H2O models

- Hyperparameters for **Gradient Boosting**:

```
?h2o.gbm
```

- `ntrees` : Number of trees. Defaults to 50.
- `max_depth` : Maximum tree depth. Defaults to 5.
- `min_rows` : Fewest allowed (weighted) observations in a leaf. Defaults to 10.
- `learn_rate` : Learning rate (from 0.0 to 1.0) Defaults to 0.1.
- `learn_rate_annealing` : Scale the learning rate by this factor after each tree (e.g., 0.99 or 0.999) Defaults to 1.

# Preparing our data for modeling with H2O

- Convert to H2O frame

```
seeds_data_hf <- as.h2o(seeds_data)
```

- Identify **features and target**

```
y <- "seed_type"  
x <- setdiff(colnames(seeds_data_hf), y)
```

- **Split** data into train, test & validation set

```
sframe <- h2o.splitFrame(data = seeds_data_hf, ratios = c(0.7, 0.15), seed = 42)  
train <- sframe[[1]]  
valid <- sframe[[2]]  
test <- sframe[[3]]
```

# Defining a hyperparameter grid

- GBM hyperparameters

```
gbm_params <- list(ntrees = c(100, 150, 200), max_depth = c(3, 5, 7), learn_rate = c(0.001, 0.01, 0.1))
```

- `h2o.grid` function

```
gbm_grid <- h2o.grid("gbm",  
                    grid_id = "gbm_grid",  
                    x = x,  
                    y = y,  
                    training_frame = train,  
                    validation_frame = valid,  
                    seed = 42,  
                    hyper_params = gbm_params)
```

- Examine results with `h2o.getGrid`

# Examining a grid object

- **Examine results** for our model `gbm_grid` with `h2o.getGrid` function.
- Get the grid results sorted by validation accuracy

```
gbm_gridperf <- h2o.getGrid(grid_id = "gbm_grid", sort_by = "accuracy", decreasing = TRUE)
```

```
Grid ID: gbm_grid
```

```
Used hyper parameters:
```

- learn\_rate
- max\_depth
- ntrees

```
Number of models: 27
```

```
Number of failed models: 0
```

```
Hyper-Parameter Search Summary: ordered by decreasing accuracy
```

# Extracting the best model from a grid

- Top GBM model chosen by **validation accuracy** has id position 1

```
best_gbm <- h2o.getModel(gbm_gridperf@model_ids[[1]])
```

- These are the **hyperparameters** for the best model:

```
print(best_gbm@model[["model_summary"]])
```

Model Summary:

```
number_of_trees  number_of_internal_trees  model_size_in_bytes  min_depth
           200                600           100961           2
max_depth  mean_depth  min_leaves  max_leaves  mean_leaves
       7    5.22667      3         10    8.38833
```

# Extracting the best model from a grid

- `best_gbm` is a **regular H2O model** object and can be treated as such!

```
h2o.performance(best_gbm, test)
```

```
MSE: (Extract with `h2o.mse`) 0.04761904
```

```
RMSE: (Extract with `h2o.rmse`) 0.2182179
```

```
Logloss: (Extract with `h2o.logloss`)
```



# Random search with H2O

- In addition to hyperparameter grid, add **search criteria**:

```
gbm_params <- list(ntrees = c(100, 150, 200),
                  max_depth = c(3, 5, 7),
                  learn_rate = c(0.001, 0.01, 0.1))
search_criteria <- list(strategy = "RandomDiscrete",
                       max_runtime_secs = 60,
                       seed = 42)

gbm_grid <- h2o.grid("gbm",
                   grid_id = "gbm_grid",
                   x = x, y = y,
                   training_frame = train,
                   validation_frame = valid,
                   seed = 42,
                   hyper_params = gbm_params,
                   search_criteria = search_criteria)
```

```
search_criteria <- list(strategy = "RandomDiscrete",
                        stopping_metric = "mean_per_class_error",
                        stopping_tolerance = 0.0001,
                        stopping_rounds = 6)

gbm_grid <- h2o.grid("gbm", x = x, y = y, training_frame = train, validation_frame = valid,
                   seed = 42, hyper_params = gbm_params, search_criteria = search_criteria)
```

## H2O Grid Details

=====

Grid ID: gbm\_grid

Used hyper parameters:

- learn\_rate
- max\_depth
- ntrees

Number of models: 30

Number of failed models: 0

# Time to practice!

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R

# Automatic machine learning with H2O

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R



**Dr. Shirin Elsinghorst**  
Senior Data Scientist

# Automatic Machine Learning (AutoML)

- **Automatic tuning of algorithms**, in addition to hyperparameters
- AutoML makes model tuning and optimization much **faster and easier**
- AutoML only needs a **dataset**, a **target** variable and a **time or model number limit** for training

# AutoML in H2O

AutoML compares

- **Generalized Linear Model (GLM)**
- **(Distributed) Random Forest (DRF)**
- **Extremely Randomized Trees (XRT)**
- **Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)**
- **Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM)**
- **Deep Learning** (fully-connected multi-layer artificial neural network)
- **Stacked Ensembles** (of all models & of best of family)

## GBM Hyperparameters

- `histogram_type`
- `ntrees`
- `max_depth`
- `min_rows`
- `learn_rate`
- `sample_rate`
- `col_sample_rate`
- `col_sample_rate_per_tree`
- `min_split_improvement`

## Deep Learning Hyperparameters

- `epochs`
- `adaptive_rate`
- `activation`
- `rho`
- `epsilon`
- `input_dropout_ratio`
- `hidden`
- `hidden_dropout_ratios`

```
# Using h2o.automl function
automl_model <- h2o.automl(x = x, y = y,
                          training_frame = train,
                          validation_frame = valid,
                          max_runtime_secs = 60,
                          sort_metric = "logloss",
                          seed = 42)
```

- returns a **leaderboard** of all models, **ranked** by the chosen metric (here "logloss")

```
Slot "leader":
Model Details:
=====

H2OMultinomialModel: gbm
Model Summary:
 number_of_trees number_of_internal_trees model_size_in_bytes min_depth
           189             567             65728             1
max_depth mean_depth min_leaves max_leaves mean_leaves
      5     2.96649         2         6     4.20988
```



# Viewing the AutoML leaderboard

```
lb <- automl_model@leaderboard
```

```
              model_id mean_per_class_error
1 GBM_grid_0_AutoML_20181029_144443_model_6      0.01851852
2 GBM_grid_0_AutoML_20181029_144443_model_30     0.02777778
3 GBM_grid_0_AutoML_20181029_144443_model_18     0.02777778
4 GBM_grid_0_AutoML_20181029_144443_model_9      0.03703704
```

- Per default, the leaderboard is calculated on 5-fold cross-validation.

<https://docs.h2o.ai/h2o/latest-stable/h2o-docs/automl.html>

# Extracting models from AutoML leaderboard

```
# List all models by model id
```

```
model_ids <- as.data.frame(lb)$model_id
```

```
[1] "GBM_grid_0_AutoML_20181029_144443_model_6"  
[3] "GBM_grid_0_AutoML_20181029_144443_model_18"  
[19] "XRT_0_AutoML_20181029_144443"  
[20] "DRF_0_AutoML_20181029_144443"  
[24] "DeepLearning_0_AutoML_20181029_144443"  
[41] "StackedEnsemble_BestOfFamily_0_AutoML_20181029_144443"  
[42] "StackedEnsemble_AllModels_0_AutoML_20181029_144443"
```

```
# Get the best model
```

```
aml_leader <- automl_model@leader
```

- `aml_leader` is again a regular **H2O model** object and can be treated as such!

**Get ready for your  
last round of  
exercises!**

**HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R**

# Congratulations!

HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R



**Dr. Shirin Elsinghorst**  
Senior Data Scientist

# What you've learned in this course

- What **hyperparameters** are
- How they are different from **model parameters**
- And **why** to tune them
- **How** tuning works in three R packages:
  - `caret`
  - `mlr`
  - `h2o`

# Terms you can understand and apply

- Cartesian Grid Search
- Random Search
- Adaptive Resampling
- Automatic Machine Learning
- Evaluating tuning results with performance metrics
- Stopping criteria

# How you can use this knowledge

- Find best hyperparameter set for your models
- Compare and contrast R packages => **favorite**

## Where to go from here?

- Package manuals & vignettes
- Try it out!
- [UC Irvine Machine Learning Repository](#)
- [Kaggle](#)

**Thank you and have  
fun!**

**HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN R**