h2omlgof — Compare goodness of fit for machine learning models

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Description

h2omlgof reports goodness of fit after the h2oml rf and h2oml gbm commands. This command creates a table with side-by-side performance metrics from selected machine learning methods or models for easy comparison.

Quick start

Goodness of fit for comparing stored estimation results myrf and mygbm h2omlgof myrf mygbm

Goodness-of-fit for comparing all stored estimation results using H2O frame mynewframe h2omlgof *, frame(mynewframe)

Menu

 $Statistics > H2O \ machine \ learning$

Syntax

h2omlgof namelist [, options]

namelist is a name of a stored estimation result, a list of names, _all, or *. _all or * requests all stored results. See [H2OML] h2omlest.

options	Description
Main	
$\underline{\text{ti}}\text{tle}(string)$	specify the title to be displayed above the table
train	specify that performance metrics be reported using training results
valid	specify that performance metrics be reported using validation results
CV	specify that performance metrics be reported using cross-validation results
test	specify that performance metrics be computed using the testing frame
test(framename)	specify that performance metrics be computed using data in testing frame <i>framename</i>
frame(framename)	specify that performance metrics be computed using data in H2O frame <i>framename</i>
<pre>framelabel(string)</pre>	label frame as string in the output

collect is allowed; see [U] 11.1.10 Prefix commands.

train, valid, cv, test, test(), frame(), and framelabel() do not appear in the dialog box.

Options

title(*string*) specifies the title to be displayed above the table.

The following options are available with h2omlgof but are not shown in the dialog box:

train, valid, cv, test, test(), and frame() specify the H2O frame for which performance metrics are reported. Only one of train, valid, cv, test, test(), or frame() is allowed.

- train specifies that performance metrics be reported using training results. This is the default when neither validation nor cross-validation is performed during estimation and when a postestimation frame has not been set with h2omlpostestframe.
- valid specifies that performance metrics be reported using validation results. This is the default when validation is performed during estimation and when a postestimation frame has not been set with h2omlpostestframe. valid may be specified only when the validframe() option is specified with $h2oml\ gbm$ or $h2oml\ rf$.
- cv specifies that performance metrics be reported using cross-validation results. This is the default when cross-validation is performed during estimation and when a postestimation frame has not been set with h2omlpostestframe. cv may be specified only when the cv or cv() option is specified with h2oml gbm or h2oml rf.

test specifies that performance metrics be computed on the testing frame specified with h2om1postestframe. This is the default when a testing frame is specified with h2omlpostestframe. test may be specified only after a testing frame is set with h2omlpostestframe. test is necessary only when a subsequent h2omlpostestframe command is used to set a default postestimation frame other than the testing frame.

test (framename) specifies that performance metrics be computed using data in testing framename and is rarely used. This option is most useful when running a single postestimation command on the named frame. If multiple postestimation commands are to be run on the same test frame, h2omlpostestframe provides a more convenient and computationally efficient process for doing this.

frame (framename) specifies that performance metrics be computed using the data in H2O frame framename.

framelabel (string) specifies the label to be used for the frame in the output. This option is not allowed with the cv option.

Remarks and examples

The h2omlgof command provides a concise table of performance metrics for comparing different machine learning methods or models.

After h2oml gbregress and h2oml rfregress, h2omlgof reports the deviance, mean squared error (MSE), root mean squared error (RMSE), root mean squared logarithmic error (RMSLE), mean absolute error (MAE), and R^2 . After h2oml gbbinclass and h2oml rfbinclass, it reports log loss, mean of per-class error rates, area under the curve (AUC), area under the precision-recall curve (AUCPR), Gini coefficient, MSE, and RMSE. Finally, after h2oml gbmulticlass and h2oml rfmulticlass, it reports log loss, mean of per-class error rates, MSE, and RMSE. See [H2OML] metric_option for more information on the reported metrics.

Example 1: Comparing performance in H2OML

In this example, we use h2omlgof to compare results of h2oml rf and h2oml gbm.

We start by opening the 1978 automobile data (auto.dta) in Stata and then putting the data into an H2O frame. Recall that h2o init initiates an H2O cluster, _h2oframe put loads the current Stata dataset into an H2O frame, and _h2oframe change makes the specified frame the current H2O frame. We then use the _h2oframe split command to randomly split the auto frame into a training frame (70% of observations), a validation frame (20% of observations), and a testing frame (10% of observations), which we name train, valid, and test, respectively. We also change the current frame to train. For details, see Prepare your data for H2O machine learning in Stata in [H2OML] h2oml and [H2OML] H2O setup.

```
. use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/auto
(1978 automobile data)
. h2o init
 (output omitted)
. h2oframe put, into(auto)
Progress (%): 0 100
. h2oframe split auto, into(train valid test) split(0.7 0.2 0.1) rseed(19)
. h2oframe change train
```

We perform random forest binary classification with default values, and we specify the validation frame in the validframe() option. We store the estimation results by using the h2omlest store command.

```
. h2oml rfbinclass foreign price length weight, validframe(valid)
> h2orseed(19)
Progress (%): 0 100
Random forest binary classification using H2O
Response: foreign
Frame:
                                     Number of observations:
 Training:
           train
                                                Training =
                                                               57
 Validation: valid
                                              Validation =
Model parameters
Number of trees
             actual = 50
Tree depth:
                                     Pred. sampling value =
                                                               -1
          Input max = 20
                                    Sampling rate =
                                                             .632
                min = 3
                                    No. of bins cat.
                                                       = 1.024
                                                       = 1,024
                                    No. of bins root
                avg = 5.7
                                                       =
                                    No. of bins cont.
                max = 8
                                                               20
Min. obs. leaf split =
                                    Min. split thresh. = .00001
Metric summary
```

Metric	Training	Validation
Log loss	.8466057	.3177202
Mean class error	.0625	.1666667
AUC	.9235294	.9047619
AUCPR	.6822189	.8512376
Gini coefficient	.8470588	.8095238
MSE	.0948292	.11421
RMSE	.3079434	.3379497

. h2omlest store RF

Next we perform gradient boosting binary classification and store the estimation results.

```
. h2oml gbbinclass foreign price length weight, validframe(valid)
> h2orseed(19)
Progress (%): 0 100
Gradient boosting binary classification using H20
Response: foreign
Loss:
         Bernoulli
Frame:
                                     Number of observations:
 Training: train
                                                Training =
                                                               57
 Validation: valid
                                              Validation =
                                                               10
Model parameters
Number of trees
                                     Learning rate
                                                               . 1
             actual = 50
                                     Learning rate decay =
                                                               1
                                     Pred. sampling rate =
Tree depth:
                                                               1
          Input max =
                                    Sampling rate
                min =
                      2
                                    No. of bins cat. = 1,024
                avg = 2.9
                                    No. of bins root = 1,024
                                    No. of bins cont. =
                max = 4
                                                               20
                                    Min. split thresh. = .00001
Min. obs. leaf split = 10
```

Metric summary

Metric	Training	Validation
Log loss	.1072901	.2774807
Mean class error	.0125	.0714286
AUC	.9955882	.952381
AUCPR	.9889171	.904106
Gini coefficient	.9911765	.9047619
MSE	.0261993	.1002502
RMSE	.161862	.3166232

. h2omlest store GBM

To compare random forest (RF) and gradient boosting machine (GBM) models, we type

. h2omlgof RF GBM

Performance metrics for model comparison using H2O

Training frame: train Validation frame: valid

	RF	GBM
Training		
No. of observations	57	57
Log loss	.8466057	.1072901
Mean class error	.0625	.0125
AUC	. 9235294	.9955882
AUCPR	.6822189	.9889171
Gini coefficient	.8470588	.9911765
MSE	.0948292	.0261993
RMSE	.3079434	.161862
Validation		
No. of observations	10	10
Log loss	.3177202	.2774807
Mean class error	.1666667	.0714286
AUC	.9047619	.952381
AUCPR	.8512376	.904106
Gini coefficient	.8095238	.9047619
MSE	.11421	.1002502
RMSE	.3379497	.3166232

In the output, the first section reports training results, and the second section reports validation results. Looking at the validation results, we see that the GBM method outperforms the RF method. The log loss, mean of per-class error rates, MSE, and RMSE are all smaller for GBM, while AUC, AUCPR, and the Gini coefficient are larger for GBM, all of which indicate better performance.

Example 2: Comparing performance in H2OML on a new frame

In example 1, we compared the performance of two methods on the validation frame. If we instead wish to compare methods on a new data frame, we can take one of two approaches. In the first, we specify the frame in the frame() option or, if it is a testing frame, in the test() option.

. h2omlgof RF GBM, test(test)

Performance metrics for model comparison using H20

Testing frame: test

	RF	GBM
Testing		
No. of observations	7	7
Log loss	.236301	.1155489
Mean class error	0	0
AUC	1	1
AUCPR	1	1
Gini coefficient	1	1
MSE	.0878302	.0364771
RMSE	. 2963615	.1909897

In the second approach, which we recommend, we use the h2omlpostestframe command to specify the postestimation frame to be used by this and other postestimation commands. With this approach, the new frame must be set for each set of estimation results. Thus, we first need to restore each set of estimates by using the h2omlest restore command. For the GBM results, we type

. h2omlest restore GBM (results GBM are active now)

. h2omlpostestframe test

(testing frame test is now active for h2oml postestimation)

Similarly, for the RF results, we type

. h2omlest restore RF (results RF are active now)

. h2omlpostestframe test

(testing frame test is now active for h2oml postestimation)

Finally, we compare the testing results by using the h2omlgof command.

. h2omlgof RF GBM

Performance metrics for model comparison using H2O

Testing frame: test

	RF	GBM
Testing		
No. of observations	7	7
Log loss	.236301	.1155489
Mean class error	0	0
AUC	1	1
AUCPR	1	1
Gini coefficient	1	1
MSE	.0878302	.0364771
RMSE	. 2963615	.1909897

Here GBM again outperforms RF for most of the performance metrics.

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Stored results

h2omlgof stores the following in r():

Macros

r(names) names of estimation results displayed

Matrices

r(table) matrix containing the values displayed

Also see

[H2OML] **h2oml** — Introduction to commands for Stata integration with H2O machine learning [H2OML] **h2omlestat metrics** — Display performance metrics

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