

Exploration & Exploitation Challenge on Yahoo! dataset

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Thank You!















Contextual Bandits Setting for News Recommandation

User in Context x



Context is made from 136 boolean features + Timestamp. (Drawing from xkcd.com)



 $\label{eq:Goal:policy} \mbox{Goal: optimize the choice of policy} \\ \mbox{π for the main news.}$

Logs

Yahoo! provided some data of their frontpage with random uniform allocation of news.

Context	Pool of current	displayed	Clic
(137 features)	articles (around 30)	article	
<i>x</i> ₁	P_1	a_1	r_1
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Computation of the score

For an allocation policy π we compute an estimator of the CTR by rejection sampling simulating an online setting as proposed by :

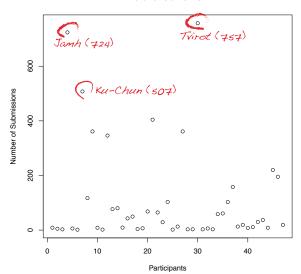
Lihong Li, Wei Chu, John Langford, and Xuanhui Wang
Unbiased offline evaluation of contextual-bandit-based news article
recommendation algorithms. In Proceedings of the fourth ACM
international conference on Web search and data mining (WSDM '11).

Reported score is an estimator of the $CTR * 10\ 000$. There is two Phases only one submission is allowed for phase 2.



Number of Submissions

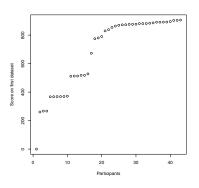
Grand total: 5125





Results of Phase 1

NAME	AFFILIATION	BEST SCORE	RANK
		(CTR * 10 000)	
Ku-Chun	NTU	905.9	1
tvirot	MIT	903.9	2
edjoesu	MIT	903.4	3
Francis	ULg	895.4	4
jamh	UCM	891.9	5
exploreit	untitled	891.4	6
EpsilonGreedyRocks	U of A	890.9	7

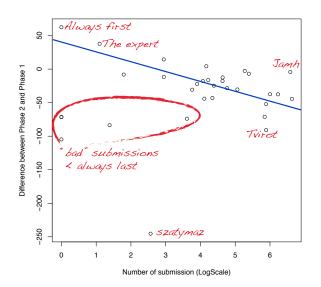


Complete list:

http://explochallenge.inria.fr/leaderboard/

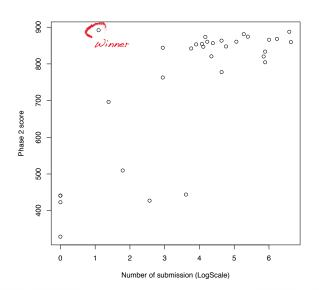


Difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2 Scores



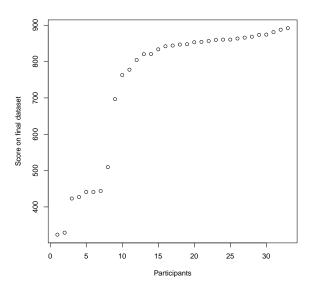


Phase 2 Scores

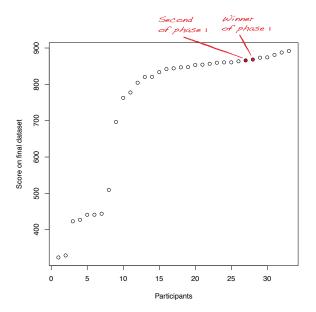




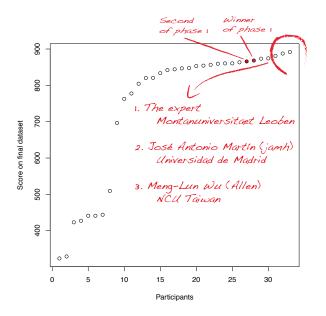
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