Using classifiers for mail promotions. Business problem

Lab 2

Introducing business problem

- Imagine: you are working for a bank
- Last year you have sent a mass direct mailing offer to promote Personal Equity Plan (PEP)
- You have collected the information about the customers and their response to the mailing offer into the dataset with the following attributes:

Id, age, sex, region, income, married, children, car, save_act, current_act, mortgage, pep

bought Personal
Equity Plan after the
last mailing

Introducing business problem

- We want to use this data to design a new mailing campaign with higher response rate
- We want to spend less for the campaign, but increase the profit

Converting to a data mining problem

- We can build a classifier from the historical data and use it on new customers, to predict, who is more likely to respond
- Then we can selectively target only these customers

Lab consists of two parts: classification and business analysis

- Part I. Data mining: build the classifier and use it for the prediction of potential responders
- Part II. Business analytics: how to design the most profitable campaign

Plan

- Part I. Data Mining. Classification with WEKA.
 - 1. Prepare data
 - 2. Build several classifiers. Choose the most accurate one.
 - 3. Divide dataset into training and validation datasets
 - 4. Predict class in the validation dataset
 - 5. Prepare output for business analysis
- Part II. Business analysis
 - 1. Generate Lift chart(s)
 - 2. Cost-benefit analysis
 - 3. Recommendations