



# And The Winner Is...? Picking a Better Model – Part 1

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### Motivation

- Fit may not be good enough
- Fit may be too good to be true (training, test, holdout data)
- Results may not be stable across data subsets or over time
- Wrong distribution may have been chosen
- Results may be highly influenced by some records
- Model may underperform the current rating plan

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### Understanding and Validating a Model

- Model Lift
  - Differentiating between best and worst risks
  - Preventing adverse selection
  - Improving the rating plan
- Goodness of fit
  - Statistics, residual plots, actual versus predicted
- Internal Stability
  - Different data or time period
  - Reliability of parameter estimates

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### Graphical Representations of Model Lift

- Gini index plots
- Simple quantile plots (lift charts)
- Double quantile plots (double lift charts)
- Loss ratio charts

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### Gini Index Applied to Insurance Data

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| <p>Binary Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAS Proc Logistic</li> <li>• <math>t</math> = total pairs with different responses</li> <li>• <math>n_c</math> = concordant pairs</li> <li>• <math>n_d</math> = discordant pairs</li> <li>• <math>t - n_c - n_d</math> = tied pairs</li> <li>• Sommer's D<br/>= Gini's coefficient<br/>= <math>(n_c - n_d) / t</math></li> </ul> | <p>Lorenz Curve for non-binary insurance response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort holdout data by predicted value and random number</li> <li>• Calculate cumulative percentages for insurance measure and exposure</li> <li>• Plot                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cumulative exposure in horizontal axis</li> <li>– Cumulative insurance measure in vertical axis</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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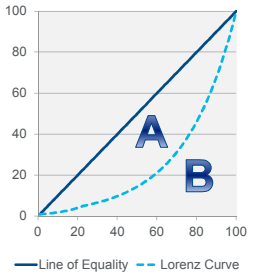
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### Gini Index Applied to Insurance Data

- Measure of how well model classifies risks based on expected pure premium
  - Sort holdout data by predicted pure premium and random number
  - Horizontal axis = cumulative percentage of earned car years
  - Vertical axis = cumulative percentage of reported loss
  - A = Area between line of equality and Lorenz Curve
  - B = Area beneath Lorenz Curve
  - Gini index =  $A / (A + B)$



Line of Equality — Lorenz Curve

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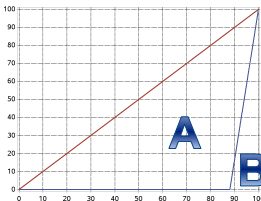
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### Lorenz Curve — Saturated (Completely Overfit) Model

- Simulated frequency = 12%
- Prediction = Actual
- Sort training data set by model prediction.
- Horizontal axis = percentage of total exposure.
- Vertical axis = Percentage of total claims.
- Gini Index =  $A / (A + B)$  is very high.



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### Lorenz Curve, Gini Index

- Exercise:
  - Model X prediction = expected loss cost
  - Model Y prediction = 0.5 (expected loss cost)
  - Model Z prediction = 2.0 (expected loss cost)
  - Which model has the highest Gini index?
- Model A has a Gini index of 15.9 and B has 15.4
  - Is that difference significant?

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### Code Used for Data Simulation

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set.seed(3)
m=1500000
d <- data.frame(year=c(rep(2017, m)), policy_number=c(1:m), exposure=rep(1, m))
p <- ( c(rep(30,30)) - seq(from=0, to=3, length.out = 30) )
p <- p / sum(p)
d$age <- sample(c(1:30), m, replace = TRUE, prob=p)
p <- 0.50 - ( d$age / 70 )
random_draw <- runif(m, min=0, max=1)
d$class <- ifelse( random_draw < p, 0, 1 )
d_lp <- -4.00 - 0.10 * d$class + 0.25 * d$age - 0.20 * d$class * d$age
expected_claim_prob <- exp(d_lp) / ( exp(d_lp) + 1 )
random_draw <- runif(m, min=0, max=1)
d$claim_ind <- ifelse( random_draw < expected_claim_prob, 1, 0 )
random_draw <- runif(m, min=0, max=1)
d$sample <- ifelse( random_draw < 0.6, "Train", "Test" )

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