# Package 'sparkxgb'

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## **Description**

XGBoost classifier for Spark.

#### Usage

```
xgboost_classifier(x, formula = NULL, eta = 0.3, gamma = 0,
 max_depth = 6, min_child_weight = 1, max_delta_step = 0,
 grow_policy = "depthwise", max_bins = 16, subsample = 1,
  colsample_bytree = 1, colsample_bylevel = 1, lambda = 1,
  alpha = 0, tree_method = "auto", sketch_eps = 0.03,
  scale_pos_weight = 1, sample_type = "uniform",
  normalize_type = "tree", rate_drop = 0, skip_drop = 0,
  lambda_bias = 0, tree_limit = 0, num_round = 1, num_workers = 1,
  nthread = 1, use_external_memory = FALSE, silent = 0,
  custom_obj = NULL, custom_eval = NULL, missing = NaN, seed = 0,
  timeout_request_workers = 30 * 60 * 1000, checkpoint_path = "",
  checkpoint_interval = -1, objective = "multi:softprob",
  base_score = 0.5, train_test_ratio = 1,
  num_early_stopping_rounds = 0, objective_type = "classification",
  eval_metric = NULL, maximize_evaluation_metrics = FALSE,
  num_class = NULL, base_margin_col = NULL, thresholds = NULL,
 weight_col = NULL, features_col = "features", label_col = "label",
  prediction_col = "prediction", probability_col = "probability",
  raw_prediction_col = "rawPrediction",
  uid = random_string("xgboost_classifier_"), ...)
```

## **Arguments**

X	A spark_connection, ml_pipeline, or a tbl_spark.
formula	Used when x is a tbl_spark. R formula as a character string or a formula. This is used to transform the input dataframe before fitting, see ft_r_formula for details.
eta	Step size shrinkage used in update to prevents overfitting. After each boosting step, we can directly get the weights of new features and eta actually shrinks the feature weights to make the boosting process more conservative. [default=0.3] range: [0,1]
gamma	Minimum loss reduction required to make a further partition on a leaf node of the tree. the larger, the more conservative the algorithm will be. [default=0]
max_depth	Maximum depth of a tree, increase this value will make model more complex / likely to be overfitting. [default=6]

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min\_child\_weight

Minimum sum of instance weight(hessian) needed in a child. If the tree partition step results in a leaf node with the sum of instance weight less than min\_child\_weight, then the building process will give up further partitioning. In linear regression mode, this simply corresponds to minimum number of instances needed to be in each node. The larger, the more conservative the algorithm will be. [default=1]

max\_delta\_step

Maximum delta step we allow each tree's weight estimation to be. If the value is set to 0, it means there is no constraint. If it is set to a positive value, it can help making the update step more conservative. Usually this parameter is not needed, but it might help in logistic regression when class is extremely imbalanced. Set it to value of 1-10 might help control the update. [default=0]

grow\_policy Growth policy for fast histogram algorithm.

max\_bins Maximum number of bins in histogram.

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Subsample ratio of the training instance. Setting it to 0.5 means that XGBoost randomly collected half of the data instances to grow trees and this will prevent

overfitting. [default=1] range:(0,1]

colsample\_bytree

subsample

Subsample ratio of columns when constructing each tree. [default=1] range: (0.1]

colsample\_bylevel

Subsample ratio of columns for each split, in each level. [default=1] range: (0,1]

L2 regularization term on weights, increase this value will make model more

conservative. [default=1]

alpha L1 regularization term on weights, increase this value will make model more

conservative, defaults to 0.

tree\_method The tree construction algorithm used in XGBoost. options: 'auto', 'exact', 'ap-

prox' [default='auto']

sketch\_eps This is only used for approximate greedy algorithm. This roughly translated

into O(1 / sketch\_eps) number of bins. Compared to directly select number of bins, this comes with theoretical guarantee with sketch accuracy. [default=0.03]

range: (0, 1)

scale\_pos\_weight

Control the balance of positive and negative weights, useful for unbalanced classes. A typical value to consider: sum(negative cases) / sum(positive cases).

[default=1]

sample\_type Parameter for Dart booster. Type of sampling algorithm. "uniform": dropped

trees are selected uniformly. "weighted": dropped trees are selected in propor-

tion to weight. [default="uniform"]

normalize\_type Parameter of Dart booster. type of normalization algorithm, options: 'tree',

'forest'. [default="tree"]

rate\_drop Parameter of Dart booster. dropout rate. [default=0.0] range: [0.0, 1.0]

skip\_drop Parameter of Dart booster. probability of skip dropout. If a dropout is skipped,

new trees are added in the same manner as gbtree. [default=0.0] range: [0.0,

1.0]

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lambda\_bias Parameter of linear booster L2 regularization term on bias, default 0 (no L1 reg

on bias because it is not important.)

tree\_limit Limit number of trees in the prediction; defaults to 0 (use all trees.)

num\_round The number of rounds for boosting.

nthread Number of threads used by per worker. Defaults to 1.

use\_external\_memory

The tree construction algorithm used in XGBoost. options: 'auto', 'exact', 'ap-

prox' [default='auto']

silent 0 means printing running messages, 1 means silent mode. default: 0

custom\_obj Customized objective function provided by user. Currently unsupported.

custom\_eval Customized evaluation function provided by user. Currently unsupported.

missing The value treated as missing. default: Float.NaN

seed Random seed for the C++ part of XGBoost and train/test splitting.

timeout\_request\_workers

the maximum time to wait for the job requesting new workers. default: 30

minutes

checkpoint\_path

The hdfs folder to load and save checkpoint boosters.

checkpoint\_interval

Param for set checkpoint interval (>= 1) or disable checkpoint (-1). E.g. 10 means that the trained model will get checkpointed every 10 iterations. Note:

checkpoint\_path must also be set if the checkpoint interval is greater than 0.

objective Specify the learning task and the corresponding learning objective. options:

reg:linear, reg:logistic, binary:logistic, binary:logitraw, count:poisson, multi:softmax,

multi:softprob, rank:pairwise, reg:gamma. default: reg:linear.

base\_score Param for initial prediction (aka base margin) column name. Defaults to 0.5.

train\_test\_ratio

Fraction of training points to use for testing.

num\_early\_stopping\_rounds

If non-zero, the training will be stopped after a specified number of consecutive

increases in any evaluation metric.

objective\_type The learning objective type of the specified custom objective and eval. Corre-

sponding type will be assigned if custom objective is defined options: regres-

sion, classification.

eval\_metric Evaluation metrics for validation data, a default metric will be assigned accord-

ing to objective(rmse for regression, and error for classification, mean average precision for ranking). options: rmse, mae, logloss, error, merror, mlogloss, auc,

aucpr, ndcg, map, gamma-deviance

maximize\_evaluation\_metrics

Whether to maximize evaluation metrics. Defaults to FALSE (for minization.)

num\_class Number of classes.

base\_margin\_col

Param for initial prediction (aka base margin) column name.

thresholds

Thresholds in multi-class classification to adjust the probability of predicting each class. Array must have length equal to the number of classes, with values > 0 excepting that at most one value may be 0. The class with largest value p/t is predicted, where p is the original probability of that class and t is the class's

threshold.

weight\_col Weight column.

features\_col Features column name, as a length-one character vector. The column should

be single vector column of numeric values. Usually this column is output by

ft\_r\_formula.

label\_col Label column name. The column should be a numeric column. Usually this

column is output by ft\_r\_formula.

prediction\_col Prediction column name.

probability\_col

Column name for predicted class conditional probabilities.

raw\_prediction\_col

Raw prediction (a.k.a. confidence) column name.

uid A character string used to uniquely identify the ML estimator.

... Optional arguments; see Details.

#### **Examples**

```
library(sparkxgb)
library(sparklyr)

sc <- spark_connect(master = "local")
iris_tbl <- sdf_copy_to(sc, iris)
xgb_model <- xgboost_classifier(
    iris_tbl,
    Species ~ .,
    num_class = 3,
    num_round = 50,
    max_depth = 4
)</pre>
```

xgboost\_regressor

XGBoost Regressor

## Description

XGBoost regressor for Spark.

#### Usage

```
xgboost_regressor(x, formula = NULL, eta = 0.3, gamma = 0,
 max_depth = 6, min_child_weight = 1, max_delta_step = 0,
 grow_policy = "depthwise", max_bins = 16, subsample = 1,
 colsample_bytree = 1, colsample_bylevel = 1, lambda = 1,
 alpha = 0, tree_method = "auto", sketch_eps = 0.03,
 scale_pos_weight = 1, sample_type = "uniform",
 normalize_type = "tree", rate_drop = 0, skip_drop = 0,
 lambda_bias = 0, tree_limit = 0, num_round = 1, num_workers = 1,
 nthread = 1, use_external_memory = FALSE, silent = 0,
 custom_obj = NULL, custom_eval = NULL, missing = NaN, seed = 0,
 timeout_request_workers = 30 * 60 * 1000, checkpoint_path = "",
 checkpoint_interval = -1, objective = "reg:linear",
 base_score = 0.5, train_test_ratio = 1,
 num_early_stopping_rounds = 0, objective_type = "regression",
 eval_metric = NULL, maximize_evaluation_metrics = FALSE,
 base_margin_col = NULL, weight_col = NULL,
 features_col = "features", label_col = "label",
 prediction_col = "prediction",
 uid = random_string("xgboost_regressor_"), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A spark\_connection, ml\_pipeline, or a tbl\_spark.

formula Used when x is a tbl\_spark. R formula as a character string or a formula.

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details.

Step size shrinkage used in update to prevents overfitting. After each boosting step, we can directly get the weights of new features and eta actually shrinks the

feature weights to make the boosting process more conservative. [default=0.3]

range: [0,1]

gamma Minimum loss reduction required to make a further partition on a leaf node of

the tree. the larger, the more conservative the algorithm will be. [default=0]

max\_depth Maximum depth of a tree, increase this value will make model more complex / likely to be overfitting. [default=6]

min\_child\_weight

Minimum sum of instance weight(hessian) needed in a child. If the tree partition step results in a leaf node with the sum of instance weight less than min\_child\_weight, then the building process will give up further partitioning. In linear regression mode, this simply corresponds to minimum number of instances needed to be in each node. The larger, the more conservative the algorithm will be. [default=1]

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grow\_policy Growth policy for fast histogram algorithm. Maximum number of bins in histogram. max\_bins Subsample ratio of the training instance. Setting it to 0.5 means that XGBoost subsample randomly collected half of the data instances to grow trees and this will prevent overfitting. [default=1] range:(0,1] colsample\_bytree Subsample ratio of columns when constructing each tree. [default=1] range: colsample\_bylevel Subsample ratio of columns for each split, in each level. [default=1] range: (0,1] lambda L2 regularization term on weights, increase this value will make model more conservative. [default=1] alpha L1 regularization term on weights, increase this value will make model more conservative, defaults to 0. tree method The tree construction algorithm used in XGBoost. options: 'auto', 'exact', 'approx' [default='auto'] This is only used for approximate greedy algorithm. This roughly translated sketch\_eps into O(1 / sketch\_eps) number of bins. Compared to directly select number of bins, this comes with theoretical guarantee with sketch accuracy. [default=0.03] range: (0, 1) scale\_pos\_weight Control the balance of positive and negative weights, useful for unbalanced classes. A typical value to consider: sum(negative cases) / sum(positive cases). [default=1] Parameter for Dart booster. Type of sampling algorithm. "uniform": dropped sample\_type trees are selected uniformly. "weighted": dropped trees are selected in proportion to weight. [default="uniform"] normalize\_type Parameter of Dart booster. type of normalization algorithm, options: 'tree', 'forest'. [default="tree"] rate\_drop Parameter of Dart booster. dropout rate. [default=0.0] range: [0.0, 1.0] skip\_drop Parameter of Dart booster. probability of skip dropout. If a dropout is skipped, new trees are added in the same manner as gbtree. [default=0.0] range: [0.0, 1.0] lambda\_bias Parameter of linear booster L2 regularization term on bias, default 0 (no L1 reg on bias because it is not important.) tree\_limit Limit number of trees in the prediction; defaults to 0 (use all trees.) num round The number of rounds for boosting. number of workers used to train xgboost model. Defaults to 1. num workers

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prediction\_col Prediction column name.

uid A character string used to uniquely identify the ML estimator.

... Optional arguments; see Details.

#### **Details**

When x is a tbl\_spark and formula (alternatively, response and features) is specified, the function returns a ml\_model object wrapping a ml\_pipeline\_model which contains data pre-processing transformers, the ML predictor, and, for classification models, a post-processing transformer that converts predictions into class labels. For classification, an optional argument predicted\_label\_col (defaults to "predicted\_label") can be used to specify the name of the predicted label column. In addition to the fitted ml\_pipeline\_model, ml\_model objects also contain a ml\_pipeline object where the ML predictor stage is an estimator ready to be fit against data. This is utilized by ml\_save with type = "pipeline" to faciliate model refresh workflows.

#### Value

The object returned depends on the class of x.

- spark\_connection: When x is a spark\_connection, the function returns an instance of a ml\_estimator object. The object contains a pointer to a Spark Predictor object and can be used to compose Pipeline objects.
- ml\_pipeline: When x is a ml\_pipeline, the function returns a ml\_pipeline with the predictor appended to the pipeline.
- tbl\_spark: When x is a tbl\_spark, a predictor is constructed then immediately fit with the input tbl\_spark, returning a prediction model.
- tbl\_spark, with formula: specified When formula is specified, the input tbl\_spark is first transformed using a RFormula transformer before being fit by the predictor. The object returned in this case is a ml\_model which is a wrapper of a ml\_pipeline\_model.

#### See Also

See http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/ml-classification-regression.html for more information on the set of supervised learning algorithms.

## **Examples**

```
library(sparkxgb)
library(sparklyr)
sc <- spark_connect(master = "local")
mtcars_tbl <- copy_to(sc, mtcars)

xgb_model <- xgboost_regressor(
   mtcars_tbl,
   mpg ~ .
)</pre>
```

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