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# A New Diversity Technique for Imbalance Learning Ensembles

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#### Abstract

Data mining and machine learning techniques designed to solve classification problems require balanced class distribution. However, in reality sometimes the classification of datasets indicates the existence of a class represented by a large number of instances whereas there are classes with far fewer instances. This problem is known as the class imbalance problem. Classifier Ensembles is a method often used in overcoming class imbalance problems. Data Diversity is one of the cornerstones of ensembles. An ideal ensemble system should have accurrate individual classifiers and if there is an error it is expected to occur on different objects or instances. This research will present the results of overview and experimental study using Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) Method in handling class imbalance and at the same time expected to get better data diversity. This research will be conducted using 6 datasets with different imbalanced ratios and will be compared with SMOTEBoost which is one of the Re-Weighting method which is often used in handling class imbalance. This study shows that the data diversity is related to performance in the imbalance learning ensembles and the proposed methods can obtain better data diversity.

Keywords: Class Imbalance, Classifier Ensembles. Data Diversity, Hybrid Approach Redefinition

# 1. Introduction

In the classification, the dataset is said to be imbalanced when there is a class with a smaller amount of data than the other [1]. Class with larger amount of data is named as majority class whereas class with small amount of data is named as minority class. The problem of class imbalance in the classification process has been a challenge in the classification process and attracted the attention of a number of researchers [2]. Imbalanced data classification is difficult because standard classifier is driven by accuracy, where minority classes are often ignored [3] and traditional classifiers generally favor the majority class which has a large number of instances [4]. In clustering, this problem not only affects the accuracy of a prediction but also introduces bias in decisionmaking process [5].

in [6], the approaches to dealing with class imbalance problems can be divided into four categories: Algorithm-Level, Data-Level, Cost-Sensitive, and Classifier Ensembles. The main idea of ensemble learning is to train the pool of base classifiers on different versions of training datasets and aggregate their decisions to classify unknown instances. Ensemble methods for imbalanced learning tackle the imbalance problem using techniques like reweighting, Oversampling, and Undersampling. As one of the most popular ensemble approaches, boosting [7] re-samples adaptively the examples according to their weights, and produces a highly accurate ensemble of classifiers whose individual classifier holds a moderate accuracy and this method often called as Re-Weighting. Diversity is one of the cornerstones of ensembles [3].

An ideal ensemble system should have accurrate individual classifiers and if there is an error it is expected to occur on different objects or instances [3]. In this paper we propose Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) method which is basically a hybrid ensembles and argue that this method especially designed to increase diversity and have an impact to the performance of imbalance learning. This research will be conducted using 6 datasets with different imbalanced ratios and will be compared with SMOTEBoost which is one of the Re-Weighting method which is often used in handling class imbalance.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we will provide related works in increasing diversity. In Section 3 we describe the methodology used in this research and in Section 4 we provide the experimental process performed in this research. Results and discussion are given in Section 5 and finally, we conclude the research in Section 6.

## 2. Related Works

Ensemble of Classifiers is the process of combining multiple classifiers, termed as base classifiers. The purpose of the ensembles is to get better performance than using single classifiers [8]. In the process of generating good ensembles, it is important to not only generate good base classifiers, but also the resulting classifier must be diverse, this means that for the same instance, the base



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classifier may generate errors in the form of misclassification and the error should be in different instances. Diversity is essential in order to build an accurate ensemble of classifiers [3].

[9] and [10] using the method of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistic for the determination of data diversity. If only performance on positive samples is taken into account then F-Measure measurement is used and if the diversity problem will pay attention to positive samples or negative samples then use G-Mean [10]. F-Measure and G-Mean are used to describe performance trends in different degrees of diversity. Whereas Q-Statistics tends to be used for diversity measurement because its form is easy to understand [11].

## 3. Methodology

The data used in this research are Iris, Balanced Scale Weight & Distance Database, Haberman, Thyroid, New-Thyroid1, and New-Thyroid2 from KEEL-Dataset Repository and UCI Machine Learning Repository. This research will be done by Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) method. In general, the methodology consists of four stages: selection and preparation of dataset, pre-processing, processing, and testing and evaluation.

In the selection and preparation of dataset will be determined a number of datasets to be used. The dataset used is a dataset with varying degrees of imbalanced (imbalanced ratios). Instance on the dataset will then undergo clustering process with one of clustering algorithm that is K-Means Clustering. If the clustering results indicate a problem of class imbalance then the process will proceed with the handling of the class imbalance. In the preprocessing stage will be done by using Random Balance Ensemble Method. The method of Random Balance Ensemble Method is done by using Random Under Sampling method and also SMOTEBoost. The result of this pre-processing step is a preprocessing dataset which will then proceed to the processing stage. In the processing stage will be done by using Different Contribution Sampling (DCS) method. In this DCS method the number of classifier has been reduced because it has undergone the preprocessing stage. This DCS method divides the instances of the Minority Class and Majority Class into 2 (two) sections: Support Vector Sets (SV Sets) and Non Support Vector Sets (NSV Sets). Where NSV Sets in Majority Class will be processed Random Under Sampling and SV Sets on Minority Class will be done SMOTEBoost process so that the data diversity will be good enough. After undergoing Processing step will produce result dataset. Based on the post clustering result dataset using Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) it will be tested to compare post clustering results by using SMOTEBoost especially in Data Diversity.

The general architecture of the proposed method used is depicted in Fig. 1

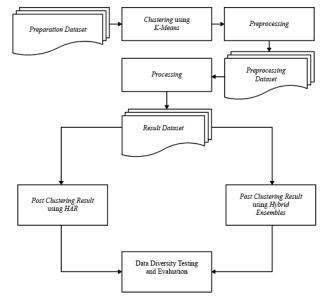


Fig. 1: The General Architecture

#### 3.1. Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) Method

The process in the selection and preparation of dataset and preprocessing stage can be seen in Fig. 2.

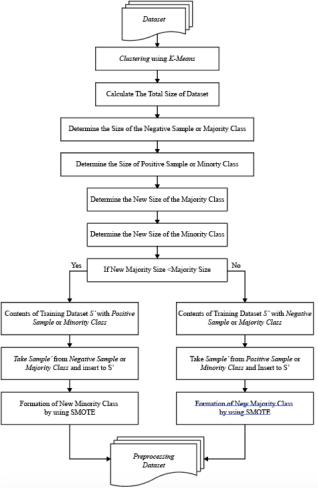


Fig. 2: The Process in The Selection and Preparation of Dataset and Preprocessing Stage in HAR Method

In Fig. 2. it can be seen that the selected dataset will experience clustering with K-Means. Clustering results that contain problems

of imbalance class will experience the process of handling class imbalance problem with Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) starting from Pre-processing stage. In the pre-processing stage, the Random Balance Ensemble Method using Random Under Sampling and SMOTEBoost is used. In this pre-processing stage, the first thing to do is to obtain the number of members of the Majority Class or Negative Samples stored in the SN variable as well as the number of members of the Minority Class or Positive Samples stored in the SP variable.

After that determined the size of the new Majority Class (Negative Samples) by generating random numbers from 2 to TotalSize-2. The size of the new Minority Class (Positive Samples) is equal to TotalSize minus the size of the new Majority Class.

If the size of the new Majority Class is smaller than the size of the old Majority Class then it means the size of the Majority Class is still larger than the Minority Class it will be established New Minority Class by filling the training dataset S' with Minority Class and then do the sampling process with Random Under Sampling to retrieve a number of samples from the Majority Class and then based on the S 'training dataset the Instance on Majority Class will undergo the SMOTE process and retrieve some data from the Majority Class to be entered into the S' training dataset based on data with the nearest proximity level to the Minority Class. Based on the results of the SMOTE process, a preprocessing dataset will be generated.

Conversely, if the size of the new Majority Class is larger than the size of the old Majority Class then it means that now the position is Minority Class has a larger amount of data than the Minority Class. So the process is to fill the train dataset S 'with Majority Class, then will do the sampling process to Minority Class by using Random Under Sampling to take some samples from Minority Class and then according on training dataset S' then the instance of minority class will undergo the SMOTE process and then some data with the nearest proximity level to the Majority Class will be incorporated into the Majority Class. Based on the results of the SMOTE process, a pre-processing dataset will be generated.

The process in the processing stage can be seen in Fig. 3.

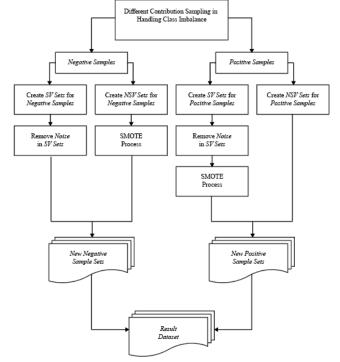


Fig. 3: The Process in Processing Stage in HAR Method

In Fig. 3. it can be seen that, once the pre-processing dataset has been generated, the pre-processing of the dataset will enter the processing stage. In the processing stages, the instance of the dataset in both the minority class and the majority class will be grouped into Support Vector (SV) Sets and Non Support Vector (NSV) Sets. Then SV Sets on Majority Class or Negative Samples will experience noise removal process while NSV Sets in Majority Class will undergo Multiple Random Under Sampling process, the instance in dataset which gives the biggest NSV value based on Multiple Random Under Sampling process will be inserted into NSV Sets on Minority Class.

The same is done in the Minority Class, where SV Sets on the Minority Class will experience the process of noise removal, then SV Sets in the Minority Class will undergo SMOTE process and instances in SV Sets with the lowest proximity will be entered into the Majority Class.

The proposed Hybrid Approach Redefiniton (HAR) Method algorithm is as follows.

### Preprocessing using Random Balance Ensemble Method

The algorithm of Random Balance Ensemble Method [12] **Require**: Set S of examples  $(x_1, y_1), ..., (x_m, y_m)$  where  $x_1 \in X$ and  $y_i \in Y = \{-1, +1\}$  (+1: positive or minority class, -1: negative or majority class), neighbours used in SMOTE, *k* **Ensure**: New set *S* of examples with Random Balance

- 1: *totalSize*  $\leftarrow$  |S|
- $2 \colon S_N \leftarrow \{(x_i,\,y_i) \mathrel{\epsilon} S | y_i = \text{-}1 \,\}$
- $3 \colon S_P \leftarrow \{(x_i,\,y_i) \mathrel{\epsilon} S | y_i = +1\}$
- $4: \textit{majoritySize} \leftarrow |S_N|$
- $5: \textit{minoritySize} \leftarrow |S_{P}|$

6: *newMajoritySize* ← Random integer between 2 and *totalSize*-2

- 7: newMinoritySize ← totalSize newMajoritySize
- 8: **if** *newMajoritySize* <*majoritySize* **then**
- 9:  $S' \leftarrow S_P$

10: Take a random sample of size *newMajoritySize* from  $S_N$ , add the sample to S'

11: Create *newMinoritySize* – *minoritySize* artificial using SMOTE

12: else

13:  $S' \leftarrow S_N$ 

14: Take a random sample of size *newMinoritySize* from  $S_P$ , add the sample to S'

15: create *newMajoritySize* – *majoritySize* artificial using SMOTE

- 16: end if
- 17: **return** S

#### **Processing using Different Contribution Sampling**

The algorithm of Different Contribution Sampling [7]

- 1: Input: S: Training Set;
- 2: *T*: Number of Iterations
- 3: *n*: Bootstrap Size
- 4: **Output:** Bagged Classifier: H(x) =
- 5:  $sign(\sum_{t=1}^{T} h_t(x))$  where  $h_t[-1, 1]$  are the induced classifiers 6: **Process:**
- 7: **for** t = 1 to T **do**
- 8: St Prepocessed Data Test using Random Balance
- 9: Ensemble Method (n,S)
- 10: Classifying *St* Using B-SVM
- 11: Identifying Negative Samples
- 12: Identifying Positive Samples
- 13: While (!EndofNegativeSamples) do
- 14: NewSVSets[]Deleting the Noise Samples in15: SV Sets
- 16: NewNSVSets[]Multiple Random Under-
- 17: Sampling in NSV Sets
- 18: end while
- 19: For All NewSVSets and NewNSVSets do
- 20: New NegativeSampleSets
- 21: End For
- 22: While (!EndofPositiveSamples) do
- 23: SMOTESets[]Deleting the Noise Samples in
- 24: SV Sets
- 25: end while

- 26: For All SMOTESets and NewNSVSets do
- 27: New PositiveSampleSets
- 28: End For
- 29: For All NewNegativeSampleSets and New
- 30: PositiveSampleSets do
- 31: ResultDataSet
- 32: End For
- 33: End For

## **3.2. SMOTEBoost**

The SMOTEBoost algorithm is as follows [13]. **Input**: Number of Minority *SP* Number of SMOTE *N* 

Process:

- 1: if N < 100
- 2: then Randomize the T minority class samples
- 3: T = (N/100) \* T
- 4: N = 100
- 5: end if
- 6: N = (int)(N/100)
- 7: k = Number of nearest neighbors
- 8: numattrs = Number of attributes
- 9: Sample[ ][ ]: Minority Class Sample
- 10: newindex: 0
- 11: Synthetic[ ][ ]: array for synthetic samples
- 12: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $S_P$
- 13: Compute k nearest neighbors
- 14: Populate(N, i, nnarray)
- 15: end for
- 16: while  $N \neq 0$  do
- 17: Choose a random number between 1 and k, call it nn
- 18: for attr  $\leftarrow 1$  to numattrs
- 19: if attr == Continuous feature
- 20: dif = Sample[nnarray[nn]][attr] Sample[i][attr]
- 21: gap = random number between 0 & 1
- 22: Synthetic[newindex][attr] = Sample[i][attr] + gap \*
- dif
- 23: else

24: attr\_value = majority vote for the attr values between i and nn.

25: If no majority then choose at random.

- 26: Synthetic[newindex][attr] = attr\_value
- 27: end for
- 28: newindex++
- 29: N = N 1

30: end while

#### 3.3. Measurement of Data Diversity

The equations for calculating F-Measure, G-Mean, and Q-Statistics can be seen in (1) until (9) [10] and [11]

$$True \ Negative \ Rate \ (TNrate) = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$
(1)

False Negative Rate (F Nrate) = 
$$\frac{FN}{TP+FN}$$
 (2)

Positive Predictive Value (PPValue) = 
$$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$
 (3)  
Negative Predictive Value (NPValue) =  $\frac{TN}{TN}$  (4)

Negative Predictive Value (NPValue) = 
$$\frac{1}{\text{TN} + \text{FN}}$$

$$\underline{R}ecall = TPrate = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$Precision = PPValue = \frac{TP}{TP}$$
(5)

$$F-Measure = \frac{2RP}{R+P}$$
(7)

$$G-Mean = \sqrt{TPrate \cdot TNrate}$$
(8)

(9)

$$Q_{i,k} = \frac{N^{11}N^{00} - N^{01}N^{10}}{N^{11}N^{00} + N^{01}N^{10}}$$

## 4. Experimental Process

## 4.1. Dataset Description

The data used in this research are Iris, Balanced Scale Weight & Distance Database, Haberman, Thyroid, New-Thyroid1, and New-Thyroid2 from KEEL-Dataset Repository and UCI Machine Learning Repository. The description about the Dataset can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1: Dataset Description							
Dataset	#Ex	#Atts	(%Min;%Max)	IR			
Iris	150	4	(33.33,66.67)	2			
Haberman	306	3	(27.42,73.58)	2.68			
New-thyroid2	215	5	(16.28,83.72)	5.14			
New-thyroid1	215	5	(16.28,83.72)	5.14			
New-thyroid	215	5	(13.95,86.05)	6.17			
Balanced Scale	576	4	(7.84,92.16)	11.75			

#### 4.2. Testing

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The experimental process is done using R Language. Testing of diversity data is done by measuring the value of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics. The high F-Measure value indicates that the precision produced is good enough and the high G-Means value indicates that the balance of positive samples (minority class) and negative samples (majority class) is quite good. While the lower the value of Q-Statistics means the higher the value of diversity. The test results of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics for Class Imbalance Handling in Clustering Result of Iris Dataset can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2: Testing Result of Iris Dataset

Testing	Si	MOTEBoo	ost		HAR	
Num-	<i>F</i> -	<i>G</i> -	<i>Q</i> -	<i>F</i> -	<i>G</i> -	<i>Q</i> -
ber	Meas-	Mean	Statis-	Meas-	Mean	Statis-
	ure	S	tics	ure	S	tics
1	0.72	0.83	0.42	0.929	0.93	0.15
2	0.82	0.79	0.37	0.89	0.89	0.33
3	0.79	0.81	0.44	0.86	0.86	0.06
4	0.81	0.77	0.39	0.88	0.88	0.1
5	0.8	0.79	0.45	0.88	0.88	0.25
6	0.69	0.75	0.47	0.76	0.76	0.28
7	0.79	0.74	0.43	0.67	0.75	0.11
8	0.82	0.83	0.39	0.86	0.86	0.12
9	0.82	0.8	0.4	0.88	0.87	0.27
10	0.8	0.76	0.36	0.81	0.78	0.047
Aver-	0.786	0.787	0.412	0.842	0.846	0.1717
age						

The test results of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics for Class Imbalance Handling in Clustering Result of Haberman Dataset can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3: Testing Result of Haberman Dataset

Testing	Si	MOTEBoo	ost		HAR	
Num-	<i>F</i> -	<i>G</i> -	Q-	<i>F</i> -	<i>G</i> -	Q-
ber	Meas-	Mean	Statis-	Meas-	Mean	Statis-
	ure	S	tics	ure	S	tics
1	0.43	0.56	0.46	0.42	0.54	0.12
2	0.43	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.64	0.41
3	0.52	0.58	0.48	0.56	0.65	0.28
4	0.44	0.52	0.45	0.53	0.61	0.31
5	0.43	0.56	0.39	0.53	0.62	0.31
6	0.42	0.54	0.42	0.62	0.7	0.4
7	0.55	0.52	0.53	0.59	0.67	0.55
8	0.44	0.49	0.52	0.63	0.7	0.5
9	0.34	0.45	0.34	0.53	0.63	0.24
10	0.38	0.43	0.4	0.56	0.65	0.5
Aver-	0.438	0.514	0.451	0.552	0.641	0.362
age						

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Testing	S	MOTEBoo	ost		HAR	
Num-	<i>F</i> -	G-	<i>Q</i> -	<i>F</i> -	G-	<i>Q</i> -
ber	Meas-	Mean	Statis-	Meas-	Mean	Statis-
	ure	S	tics	ure	S	tics
1	0.41	0.49	0.59	0.74	0.87	0.33
2	0.5	0.48	0.42	0.8	0.81	0.94
3	0.42	0.46	0.52	0.65	0.77	0.36
4	0.4	0.48	0.57	0.7	0.83	0.76
5	0.47	0.49	0.58	0.67	0.79	0.44
6	0.4	0.52	0.57	0.8	0.81	0.57
7	0.43	0.5	0.53	0.86	0.88	0.23
8	0.42	0.53	0.56	0.65	0.8	0.15
9	0.48	0.51	0.5	0.79	0.81	0.94
10	0.47	0.52	0.51	0.74	0.84	0.57
Aver-	0.44	0.498	0.535	0.74	0.821	0.529
age						

Table 4: Testing Result of New-Thyroid2 Dataset

The test results of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics for Class Imbalance Handling in Clustering Result of New-Thyroid1 Dataset can be seen in Table 5.

Table 5: Testing Result of New-Thyroid1 Dataset

Testing	Si	MOTEBoo	ost		HAR	
Num-	<i>F</i> -	G-	Q-	<i>F</i> -	G-	Q-
ber	Meas-	Mean	Statis-	Meas-	Mean	Statis-
	ure	S	tics	ure	S	tics
1	0.49	0.67	0.51	0.76	0.86	0.2
2	0.52	0.64	0.49	0.91	0.94	0.12
3	0.5	0.62	0.46	0.85	0.91	0.42
4	0.48	0.45	0.48	0.93	0.97	1
5	0.52	0.61	0.51	0.87	0.89	0.23
6	0.43	0.47	0.53	0.83	0.87	0.52
7	0.52	0.62	0.4	0.84	0.89	0.29
8	0.62	0.56	0.48	0.83	0.87	0.65
9	0.48	0.46	0.47	0.88	0.89	0.5
10	0.47	0.53	0.49	0.8	0.86	0.82
Aver-	0.503	0.563	0.482	0.85	0.895	0.475
age						

The test results of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics for Class Imbalance Handling in Clustering Result of New-Thyroid Dataset can be seen in Table 6.

Table 6: Testing Result of New-Thyroid Dataset

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Testing	S	MOTEBoo	ost		HAR	
Num-	<i>F</i> -	G-	Q-	<i>F</i> -	G-	<i>Q</i> -
ber	Meas-	Mean	Statis-	Meas-	Mean	Statis-
	ure	S	tics	ure	S	tics
1	0.49	0.55	0.49	0.67	0.79	0.265
2	0.51	0.52	0.52	0.73	0.76	0.295
3	0.47	0.54	0.42	0.48	0.64	0.086
4	0.61	0.63	0.37	0.75	0.79	0.66
5	0.53	0.56	0.48	0.44	0.67	0.044
6	0.52	0.54	0.51	0.62	0.73	0.43
7	0.49	0.55	0.56	0.79	0.8	0.85
8	0.39	0.5	0.39	0.58	0.71	0.205
9	0.49	0.47	0.46	0.43	0.57	0.43
10	0.5	0.48	0.45	0.53	0.64	0.82
Aver-	0.5	0.534	0.465	0.602	0.71	0.4085
age						

The test results of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics for Class Imbalance Handling in Clustering Result of Balance Scale Weight & Distance Database Dataset can be seen in Table 7.

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Table 7: Testing Result of Balance Scale Weight & Distance Database

			Dataset			
Testing	SMOTEBoost			HAR		
Num-	<i>F</i> -	<i>G</i> -	Q-	<i>F</i> -	<i>G</i> -	<i>Q</i> -
ber	Meas-	Mean	Statis-	Meas-	Mean	Statis-
	ure	S	tics	ure	S	tics
1	0.48	0.5	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.25
2	0.51	0.52	0.57	0.63	0.66	0.008
3	0.5	0.53	0.67	0.57	0.58	0.86
4	0.49	0.51	0.48	0.7	0.75	0.59
5	0.51	0.48	0.65	0.53	0.53	0.89
6	0.46	0.54	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.47
7	0.4	0.46	0.5	0.62	0.56	0.77
8	0.53	0.48	0.56	0.46	0.51	0.97
9	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.82	0.81	0.38
10	0.5	0.48	0.52	0.66	0.67	0.39
Aver-	0.49	0.504	0.567	0.612	0.616	0.5578
age						

# 5. Result and Discussion

The results showed that in general both the SMOTEBoost method and the HAR method can overcome the problem of class imbalance. When viewed from the side of data diversity which involves measurement of F-Measure, G-Means, and Q-Statistics then HAR Model also gives better result than SMOTEBoost method. This good data diversity is generated through the application of Different Contribution Sampling which effectively classifies both Majority and Minority Class into SV Sets and NSV Sets where processing both on NSV Sets from Majority Class and processing on SV Sets from Minority Class can provide Diversity data better.

# 6. Conclusion

The conclusion of this research are as follows. First, Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) can handle class imbalance problem. Second, it is confirmed that Hybrid Approach Redefinition (HAR) can get better data diversity compared to SMOTEBoost Our case study is using numerical datasets and in the future, it should be another study on non-numerical datasets and can apply it in handle class imbalance problem in Multi-Class Dataset. The importance of this research for future studies is that Diversity is essential in order to build an accurate ensemble of classifiers.

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