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Improving the reliability of photometric redshift with machine learning.
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Abstract:

In order to answer the open questions of modern cosmology and galaxy evolution theory, robust algorithms for calculating photometric redshifts (photo-z) for very large samples of galaxies are needed. Correct estimation of the various photo-z algorithms' performance requires attention to both the performance metrics and the data used for the estimation. In this work, we use the supervised machine learning algorithm MLPQNA (Multi-Layer Perceptron with Quasi-Newton Algorithm) to calculate photometric redshifts for the galaxies in the COSMOS2015 catalogue and the unsupervised Self-Organizing Maps (SOM) to determine the reliability of the resulting estimates. We find that for $z_{\text{spec}} < 1.2$, MLPQNA photo-z predictions are on the same level of quality as spectral energy distribution fitting photo-z. We show that the SOM successfully detects unreliable z_{spec} that cause biases in the estimation of the photo-z algorithms' performance. Additionally, we use SOM to select the objects with reliable photo-z predictions. Our cleaning procedures allow us to extract the subset of objects for which the quality of the final photo-z catalogues is improved by a factor of 2, compared to the overall statistics.

Description:

We present here a catalogue of photometric redshifts obtained with a supervised Machine Learning algorithm called Multi Layer Perceptron with Quasi Newton Algorithm software (MLPQNA, Brescia et al., 2013ApJ...772..140B, 2014A&A...568A.126B, Cat. J/A+A/568/A126) for more than 200000 galaxies from the COSMOS2015 catalogue (Laigle et al., 2016ApJS..224..24L, Cat. J/ApJS/224/24). Following the limitations imposed by the training sample, the photo-z are reported for the sources with presumed true redshifts < 1.2 . ML photo-z are obtained using 10-band IR, visual and UV photometry. For the test sample of galaxies ML photo-z have std of residuals ~ 0.048 and percentage of catastrophic outliers ~ 1.64 . In addition to this we provide reliability indicators for the photo-z obtained with Self-Organizing Maps. These indicators allow to detect anomalous spectral redshifts (in the train and test samples; the nature of these anomalous spec-z can be either physical (e.g. AGNs) or instrumental (e.g. misclassification of a spectral line)) and unreliable photo-z (in the whole dataset). Using these indicators it is possible to select highly reliable photo-z samples. The detailed description of the methodology for calculating and using the reliability indicators can be found in the paper.

The catalogue contains information for 214398 galaxies selected from the COSMOS2015 dataset (Laigle et al., 2016ApJS..224..24L, Cat. J/ApJS/224/24). The catalogue reports basic information about these galaxies according to the COSMOS2015: their sky coordinates (DEJ2000 and RAJ2000), their identifier within the COSMOS2015 (Seq) and SED

fitting photo-z (photoZ_SED). Additionally, the catalogue contains ML photo-z (photoZ_ML), residual between ML and SED photo-z, a flag, reporting whether the given galaxy was included in the train, test or run datasets during the training of the ML model, and reliability metrics for ML photo-z, SED photo-z and spec-z. The in-cell outlier coefficients (photoZ_ML_outlCoeff, photoZ_SED_outlCoeff, specZ_outlCoeff) have the meaning of the number of sigmas by which the redshift of a given galaxy differs from the mean redshift of all galaxies belonging to the same SOM cell as this galaxy (see paper for the details on these indicators). Occupation of the cell (trainMapOccupation) reports how many galaxies from the train set belong to the cell of the given galaxy; the higher this number, the higher is the reliability of the photo-z prediction. For a highly reliable dataset it is recommended to discard galaxies with trainMapOccupation<5.

File Summary:

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File Name      Lrecl  Records  Explanations
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ReadMe          80      .      This file
mlphotoz.dat    194    214398  COSMOS2015 machine learning photometric
redshifts
                                     with reliability indicators derived with
SOM
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See also:

J/ApJS/224/24 : The COSMOS2015 catalog (Laigle+, 2016)

Byte-by-byte Description of file: mlphotoz.dat

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Bytes Format Units  Label      Explanations
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 1- 18 F18.14 deg   RAdeg      [149.41/150.79] Right ascension (J2000)
20- 37 F18.16 deg   DEdeg      [1.61/2.82] Declination (J2000)
39- 44 I6    ---      Seq        Object ID in the original COSMOS2015
                                     catalog, Laigle et al., 2016,
                                     Cat. J/ApJS/224/24)
46- 50 A5    ---      dataset    [Run Test Train] A flag indicating
whether
                                     the object was included in the train,
test
                                     or run samples during MLPQNA training
52- 71 F20.18 ---      zphMl      [0.02/1.47] Photometric redshift
obtained
                                     with MLPQNA (photoZ_ML)
73- 95 E23.17 ---      zphMlCoeff ?=-99.99 In-cell outlier coefficient
for
                                     ML photo-z (photoZ_ML_outlCoeff) (1)
97-116 F20.18 ---      zphSED     [0.0/4.72] SED fitting photometric
redshift
                                     derived from the COSMOS2015
(photoZ_SED)
118-140 E23.17 ---      zphSEDCoeff ?=-99.99 In-cell outlier coefficient
for SED
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                                fitting photo-z (photoZ_SED_outlCoeff)
(1)
142-164 E23.17 ---      resML-SED  [-1.11/0.75] Residuals between ML and
SED
                                fitting photo-z calculated as
                                resid=(z_SED-z_ML)/(1+z_SED)
(residML_SED)
166-188 E23.17 ---      zspCoeff  ?=-99.99 In-cell outlier coefficient
for
                                spec-z (specZ_outlCoeff) (1)
190-194  F5.1  ---      tMO        Occupation of the SOM cell, to which
this
                                object belongs, by the train dataset
                                (trainMapOccupation)
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Note (1): objects are considered to be outliers if $|*Coeff|>3$.

History:

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Based on the COSMOS2015 catalogue presented in Laigle et al. (2016ApJS..224...24L, Cat. J/ApJS/224/24): "The COSMOS2015 catalog: exploring the $1<Z<6$ universe with half a million galaxies".

Based on data products from observations made with ESO Telescopes at the La Silla Paranal Observatory under ESO programme ID 179.A-2005 and on data products produced by TERAPIX and the Cambridge Astronomy Survey Unit on behalf of the UltraVISTA consortium."

Based on the main COSMOS spec-z sample, maintained within the COSMOS collaboration.

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