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# Do Your Data Analytics Team Members Speak the Same Language? BY NANCY BRAITHWAITE, FCAS, MAAA, CPCU

### Each member of the data analytics team brings professional strengths but may not define terms the same way as another team member.

he world is constantly changing, and as an actuary, I probably view these changes differently than most people. In my world, all of the advancements in new and innovative technology that have made our lives more convenient also present more complex risks.

From an insurance perspective, new and more prevalent technologies like mobile payments and drones require more complex risk-management tools. Previous methods for quantifying and managing risk — such as using past data to price insurance products — may no longer be sufficient. At the same time, the digital revolution, led by smartphones and wearable devices, is giving us more data than ever before. Insurers need to embrace and mine the increasing volume of data, finding new techniques to evaluate and produce insights.

The good news is that a lot of new data is readily available - the not-so-good news is that insurers and their analytical teams may not know what to do with this data.

Everything from the sheer volume of data to the nature of how it is stored and processed can make it hard to sift through and find information that will be useful. Due to this

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influx of data, the industry has seen the partnering of actuarial work with data science to perform predictive modeling. Despite the arrival of new techniques, however, insurance remains a highly specialized and highly regulated industry

- those handling the data in insurance companies need to fully understand the business context in which it lives. One variable of data may represent something that is not legal or socially acceptable to actually use in practice, or, data may

say something that makes no sense at all — for Data example, that women with red hair have more auto accidents (when anyone can dye their hair). So those working on data analytics teams need to have a رامش و دادعا کے strong sense of causality when evaluating data, knowing how it plays into the larger business context of the problem they're trying to solve. **Bridging the Communications Gap** There is no prescribed composition for an effective data analytics team — it can have a mix of data scientists, actuaries, statisticians, and others. Each professional brings something to the discussion, and increasingly the "team" approach to analytics results in success. However, those same professionals need to understand each other's perspectives — they need to be able to speak the same language in order to communicate and collaborate. Ideally, members Les données of the team will have a certified set of predictive analytics skills, which can help set a standard and Տվյայներ bridge the communication gap that exists. For employers, this lack of

common "language" in the predictive analytics environment can also affect their recruitment. Position titles such as "data scientist" or "modeler" do not have a consistent description or industry standard. Last year, when the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) conducted market research with insurance company executives on the subject, employers cited recruiting/hiring as one of their greatest challenges in predictive analytics. In fact, 76

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percent of those surveyed noted that a certification would be beneficial to employers seeking to hire specialists in predictive modeling.

#### **Becoming a Certified Predictive Analytics Specialist**

This is one of the many reasons that The CAS Institute, a subsidiary of the CAS, recently launched its Certified Specialist in Predictive Analytics (CSPA) credential. The credential, created for data professionals with several to many years' experience, requires that candidates demonstrate evidence of

applied knowledge in predictive analytics by passing a series of four assessments. The program draws from the history and strength of the CAS, whose high-quality educational standards and credentialing programs for actuaries have been recognized globally for over 100 years.

The curriculum of the CSPA credential is overseen by an expert panel comprising industry specialists working in predictive analytics. The four required assessments cover:

- The fundamentals of property and casualty insurance;
- How data works, including the forms it can take;
- How to present and work with data, including building models; and
- How to apply these skills to a real-life scenario.

The final assessment also asks candidates to complete data analysis

and a report based on an assigned scenario. The candidate is required to integrate and apply all knowledge from the previous three assessments in order to achieve success.

Final projects will vary so as to reflect real-world-type predictive analytics scenarios. For example, one project might have candidates working to improve claims department operations, such as identifying potential high-severity claims, or controlling claims department costs. A marketing-focused project could ask candidates to improve sales through methods such as matching product offerings to customer type, or targeting new or optimal customer segments. CSPA candidates may also use their predictive analytics skills in scenarios involving underwriting, pricing, or even operations. This "case study" project helps round out the CSPA curriculum by testing the candidates' ability to use their predictive analytics skills in the workplace.

#### A New Professional Community

CSPA credential holders are also required to complete an ethics course and adhere to a standard of professionalism and code of conduct, something not previously required of those in analytics roles.

After traveling all over the U.S. sharing information

Employers are enthusiastic to see a program that can provide professional education and certification to members of their team who have previously been without these types of dedicated resources. Employers now have a reference point when they decide to add predictive analytics professionals to their staff. about our new CSPA credential with employers, we can say that the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Employers are enthusiastic to see a program that can provide professional education and certification to members of their team who have previously been without these types of dedicated resources. Employers now have a reference point when they decide to add predictive analytics professionals to their staff. The CAS Institute also provides its members with a professional community, where those working in this specialized field can connect.

Ultimately the expansion of predictive analytics within the insurance industry has opened doors for new opportunities to improve business performance. In order to maintain momentum and keep up with changes, predictive analytics teams need to make sure they are

well-equipped and collaborating effectively to adapt to new technologies and new data. It's only through the improvement and standardization of analytical skills, coupled with the willingness to learn, that we will remain ready to respond to the technological (and societal) changes that still await us. *I* 

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# The CAS Institute Grants Its First Certified Specialist in Predictive Analytics (CSPA) Credentials

#### **BY KATE NISWANDER**

he CAS Institute (iCAS) recognized 32 predictive analytics professionals as the first recipients of its Certified Specialist in Predictive Analytics (CSPA) credential during the 2017 CAS Ratemaking and Product Management Seminar in San Diego.

The CAS Institute is a CAS subsidiary that offers credentials and educational opportunities for professionals working in highly specialized quantitative practice areas. CSPA credential holders possess practical knowledge of applied predictive analytics and data science used in data-intensive industry sectors.

For a number of years, new CSPA Susan Poole, FCAS, MAAA, has seen the expansion of predictive analytics in the insurance industry. "The CSPA credential combines a solid insurance foundation with predictive analytics to allow the practitioner to effectively tackle insurance-specific challenges," said Poole, a data scientist at SECURA Insurance Companies. "Attaining the CSPA credential has helped me to tailor my career path to incorporate an emphasis on predictive analytics," she said.



From the moment he first learned of the CSPA designation, Ron Lettofsky, ACAS, knew that it was something he wanted to pursue. Lettofsky, a newly credentialed CSPA, is a senior actuarial manager of claims analytics at Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. "People who see the CSPA designation will know that I also have proven skills in predictive analytics and data management," he said.

The CAS Institute is accepting applications for the CSPA credential from experienced practitioners through November 30, 2017. For more information about the CSPA education program and the experienced practitioner application process, visit the iCAS website at thecasinstitute.org. *M* 

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#### Certified Specialists in Predictive Analytics Recognized in March 2017

Seated, left to right: Louise Francis, Susan Poole, Guangjin (Jim) Xiao, Stephen Stone, iCAS Leadership Advisory Council Chair Robert Miccolis, Ravi Kumar, Todd Lehmann and Cheng-Sheng Peter Wu.

Standing, left to right: CAS President-Elect Brian Brown, Christopher Monsour, William Frierson, Jeffrey Kinsey, Hernan Medina, Trent Goughnour, Gregory Hayward and Andrew Sutcliffe. Photo credit: Crown City Photography.

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#### The CAS Institute and its Community of Practice

The CAS Institute held its first-ever Community of Practice Event on March 27, 2017, in San Diego.

Designed to bring together advanced practitioners in predictive analytics and data science, the one-day event featured sessions on machine learning, external data, model design and deployment, ethics and risk governance.

Discussions at the event were led by distinguished practitioners in the disciplines of predictive analytics and data science, many of whom serve as subject matter experts for The CAS Institute.

In addition to the educational sessions, participants had opportunities to network and connect with others in the field.



Peter T. Bothwell speaks on a panel concerning ethics and risk governance at the Community of Practice Event. Bothwell is vice president, data science for The Hartford and a member of the iCAS Leadership Advisory Council.

# Keep Current: Join iCAS

For notices about future events for predictive analytics professionals hosted by The CAS Institute (iCAS), become a member of iCAS at TheCASInstitute.org/membership. Dues are waived through September 2017.



A pioneer in data-mining, Louise Francis lends her expertise to a Community of Practice Event panel on external data. Francis serves as an iCAS subject matter expert and is president of Francis Analytics.

Participants of The CAS Institute's Community of Practice Event, held in San Diego on March 27.

# How Can Insurers Find Real Value in Their Predictive Models? BY CLAUDINE MODLIN, FCAS, MAAA

#### Experiment thoughtfully with practical implementation top of mind

here's a lot of conversation about new modeling approaches and novel sources of data poised to revolutionize insurance. This extraordinary industry transformation actually began about a decade ago. Analytical methods such as generalized linear models (GLMs) and decision trees were combined with new data sources, including credit attributes and prior insurance history,

to improve pricing and underwriting sophistication. More recent developments, including vastly improved technology (e.g., hyper-scale computing and distributed storage), and an influx of new talent and availability of opensource programming languages and libraries, are providing even greater opportunities to explore what insights can be extracted from an increasingly wide array of data sources and formats. Are these influences triggering a revolution or evolution in insurance analytics? And how can insurers find real value in their predictive models?

# Revolution or evolution? You decide.

Much of the buzz in insurance analytics circles is centered on investigating new analytical methods. Some of the tech-

niques that are getting the most attention right now include gradient boosting machines (GBMs), penalized regression methods, neural networks, genetic algorithms and ensembles of different methods (Figure 1). While these methods are quite exciting, it's equally important for insurers to recognize the potential impact of new data sources. Including more diverse yet relevant data assets to an analysis adds far more predictive power than using more complex algorithms on existing data, as evidenced by usage-based auto insurance.

Additionally, insurers need to explore what types of problems different methods can address. No single method is perfectly suited to every business problem, and a variety of methods can add value at different stages of the modeling process. For example, topic modeling can help create new data features from unstructured text such as claims adjuster notes. Elastic nets can be useful in selecting factors for consideration in modeling. GBMs can help detect higher order interactions, and multivariate adaptive regression splines can help identify model hierarchies that capture complexity via a greater number of simpler models on well-defined segments. The end result is a more robust analysis. In fact, many interviews with Kaggle competition winners suggest that they do not necessarily credit their successes to the primary model-

#### Figure 1

#### P&C insurers use a variety of modeling techniques

Non-GLM modeling methods are expected to gain momentum

	Now*	Two years
Generalized linear models (GLMs)	96%	100%
Decision trees	43%	63%
Model combining methods	37%	57%
Machine learning	17%	56%
Penalized regression methods	22%	46%
Random forest	19%	<b>41</b> %
Other ensemble methods	19%	41%
Gradient boosting machines (GBMs)	24%	39%
*Survey fielded September 7 - October 24, 2016		

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Source: Willis Towers Watson 2016 U.S. Predictive Modeling and Big Data Survey

ing method, but rather, to methods that enable better model inputs or corrections to the primary methods.

# The inevitable question from the top: Where's the value?

As insurance company management hears more about advanced analytical methods, it begs the question of how these new methods really add value — or more specifically, how you even measure value.

To provide a meaningful answer for management, the analytics team should examine both statistical and financial value measures. Statistical measures, such as the Gini coefficient or Mean Absolute Error (MAE), have meaning among actuaries and data scientists but often don't provide management with an intuitive sense for value added. Moreover, the measures themselves don't often agree when ranking the accuracy of various methods. Financial measures are imperative for getting buy-in and gaining confidence from management. For example, when exploring new methods or new data for pricing and underwriting, estimating the loss ratio on actual out-of-sample claims can more effectively engage company management. We work with companies to design the right financial measures, including sensible underlying assumptions, to provide forecasts that make sense. In fact, in areas of the insurance company where data-driven solutions are relatively new, it's even more important to prove the financial value of the models to leadership.

#### Need help unlocking your analytical potential?

Willis Towers Watson offers advice to hundreds of P&C insurers globally, including carriers of different sizes that write many products and operate through different distribution channels. We pioneered the use of GLMs in pricing, and continue to innovate, harnessing new techniques to meet new challenges. We help companies assess the suitability of methods across a variety of dimensions, including not only predictive power but interpretability, ease of implementation, relative effort and execution speed. Methods such as GLMs are well-accepted in areas such as pricing because of their transparency, ease of implementation (in traditional tablebased rating engines) and execution speed. Other insurance applications place different values on the various dimensions. For example, producing direct mailing lists based on expected profitability and likelihood to buy does not require high levels of transparency, and implementation requires a list of addresses rather than inputs to table-based engines.

We help companies explore and find value in new data, methods and applications in a variety of ways:

- Evaluate new data assets.
- Train client teams in machine learning techniques for a defined problem of choice.
- Deploy machine learning techniques to sharpen existing (traditional) models.
- Assist with machine learning in applications that may not require high transparency (e.g., topic modeling adjuster notes to create new structured fields, and examining voice data for opportunities in improved customer satisfaction).
- Streamline modeling processes and introduce hierarchies.

# Figure 2



Radar Live revolutionizes the way insurers can deliver prices to their customers.

### Software that addresses the entire pricing workflow

Willis Towers Watson's trusted pricing software, used by many of the world's largest insurance groups, can support your entire pricing workflow, including deployment. Radar Base, which is used to assess and compare model results and perform dynamic impact analysis on real customer data, can now import a variety of model forms built in other programming environments.

Adding to the Radar platform, Radar Live provides a single, holistic environment for analytics and deployment, undiluted by systems constraints (Figure 2). Radar Live is more than an external rating engine. It enables a wide range of analytics to be deployed in real time at point of sale — from traditional rating structures to complex pricing algorithms with sophisticated embedded risk models. Any risk classification, rule, model or calculation programmed in Radar Base can be uploaded into the Radar Live production environment via a preproduction and testing stage. This not only provides great pricing flexibility and responsiveness to market developments but also creates material operational efficiencies and reduces the risk of costly errors in programming rates in multiple environments.

#### What's needed to change?

Analytics are transforming the insurance industry. However, this requires thoughtful experimentation and constant consideration of implementation requirements.

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In a world where insurers are

looking for "what's next" ...

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be one of the answers.

# Predictive Analytics: What's Next?

BY ROOSEVELT C. MOSLEY JR., FCAS, MAAA, CSPA

few years ago I delivered a presentation entitled, "Beyond the Credit Score." By 2010, the use of credit-based insurance scores in personal lines insurance had become standard, yet these scores were still subject to significant regulatory and consumer scrutiny. As a result, many insurance companies began asking questions about alternatives to credit in an effort to develop a plan to move beyond the use of credit score if it ultimately became necessary.

My presentation answered insurers' questions as to why the use of credit scores was so successful. The three primary reasons were:

- Credit scores provided significant separation of indicated risk differences.
- There was a reasonable distribution of insured risks across the credit-score scale.
- There was not a significant overlap of credit score with existing risk characteristics.

Then, using these three criteria,

I identified the following areas that would provide benefits similar to those observed through the use of credit scores:

- Usage-based insurance (UBI).
- More refined territory definitions.
- More descriptive insured property information (vehicle characteristics, property characteristics, etc.).

Since 2010, significant progress has been made in each of these areas.

But one advancement I discussed has not moved as quickly — the use of predictive modeling techniques beyond Generalized Linear Modeling (GLM) in the development of rating plans.

Insurance companies began to use GLMs in rating plan development in the late 1990s and early 2000s. GLMs were a significant advancement over older techniques as they allowed companies to consider the impact of all factors at once, thus removing the distributional bias from the indication process. This provided a more accurate representation of the impact of each risk characteristic on loss costs.

However, GLMs have their limits. First, GLMs are linear models, despite being generalized. While this linear assumption is generally reasonable for insurance data, it tends to be less accurate at the extremes. GLMs tend to underestimate the risk potential of policyholders with the lowest expected loss costs, while they overestimate it for those with the highest.

GLMs also assume that the risk associated with a combination of factors is represented purely by the product of the risks associated with each individual underlying factor. For example, the initial assumption built into a GLM for an auto risk is that the percentage increase in expected loss cost for a driver with a prior accident is the same regardless of whether the driver is 17 or 47 years old. This concern can be addressed by the use of interactions, but higher-order interactions are

difficult to incorporate into a GLM, and including a full interaction is overkill if you are only interested in its significant portions.

The use of other modeling techniques allows companies to address these issues and find significant lift in their rating plans. These methods include, but are not limited to, Decision Trees, Neural Networks and Gradient Boosting. Applying

these approaches to supplement the power of a GLM yields a more predictive result than can be obtained from either independently.

In analyses including non-GLM techniques, we have been able to consistently achieve results showing a range of indicated relativities of at least 3 to 1. This additional lift was identified over and above what the GLM was able to achieve. This indicated lift rivals that of credit score and is achieved simply by using the information already being considered in a rating plan.

In a world where insurers are looking for "what's next" in order to gain or maintain a competitive advantage, non-GLM techniques should be one of the answers. Exploration of these approaches can provide insurance companies with a significant competitive advantage. In this case, the next significant move forward in rating could actually come from within. *«* 

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# The CAS Institute recently awarded the Certified Specialist in Predictive Analytics (CSPA) credential to the following 32 individuals:

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# Added Values: Breathe Life into P&C Projections

**BY STEPHEN URBROCK** 

ifetime value (LTV) style calculations may have made their name in life insurance but are now proving their worth to property and casualty (P&C) businesses. Neil Covington, director of solutions management for FIS's P&C business, explains the lure of LTVs — and how predictive analytics can extract even more value from P&C projections.

#### Why LTVs aren't just for life

Life insurance, term assurance and mortgage contracts typically span decades. So, it has traditionally made sense for life insurers to assign an LTV to their customers — and project the long-term, total value each customer or contract will represent.

P&C policies, by contrast, tend to last no more than a year. But in the first year, the upfront cost of selling a new policy may take a significant portion of income, as companies try more innovative ways to maximize policy retention. This "new business strain" may even exceed year-one profit margins, meaning the more new policies you sell, the bigger your loss over the year.

The answer for many P&C firms has been to look past the first-year accounting period to the income that a policy could bring in over a lifetime — its LTV. From year two onwards, income and margins will soon overtake the initial outgoings — and the longer the policy is renewed, the greater the LTV.

#### Value your customers

The LTV comes into its own when it is used to reflect the value of not just individual policies but also customers. If a customer has taken out home and auto policies with the same insurer, each contract will carry its own LTV. Added together they will reveal the total value of that customer's relationship with the company and help build a holistic view of their value beyond the balance sheet. This aggregated view will come backed with a wealth of policy rating data that is ripe for predictive analytics.

#### **Empower your projections**

Online sales channels, telematics technology and increasingly digital operations make it easier for today's insurers to gather behavioral information on their customers. Predictive analytics can extract more meaning from rating data and use information from all of a customer's policies and other products to forecast future value. Why, for example, is one customer's LTV higher than another? By applying predictive analytics techniques, you can drill down into the complex combination of factors involved — from age and location to lifestyle choices — and identify which customer segments to target with which products.

As well as informing new business marketing strategies, this approach can help you retain and cross-sell more effectively to existing customers. Given his or her profile, what are the chances of a customer renewing a policy or extending their cover?

#### "We've certainly seen growing interest from P&C insurers in LTV analysis — and predictive analytics systems are becoming an important part of their risk management toolkit." —Derek Chapman, Principal, Merlinos & Associates, Inc.

To answer such questions and build predictive models for LTVs, you can apply the same generalized linear modeling (GLM) techniques often used for pricing. You can also show how an LTV may evolve in the future and the best ways to improve or protect it. And with machine learning, a growing capability of advanced analytics systems, the accuracy (and value) of these projections will only improve over time.

#### Gain a platform for growth

Key to putting projections into practice will be a powerful integrated risk management platform that can support full capital modeling projections alongside individual LTV and customer value calculations. With built-in predictive analytics tools, it will need to handle both GLM and clustering analysis to derive full value from data.

Investing in a solution of this kind will soon pay dividends, by helping you better understand the dynamics of your business and its risks. Above all, it should give you the tools to help better meet the needs of your customers — and improve shareholder value and returns. *M* 



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