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Introduction to Supervised Learning and Linear Regression

Module 12 Day 1

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- 2 Explain the differences between regression and classification.
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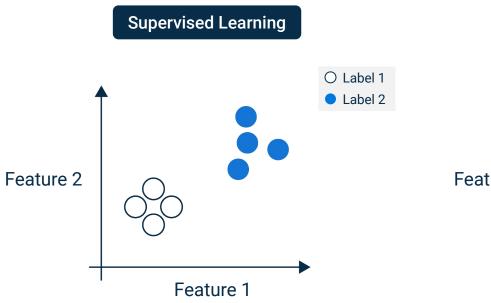


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Supervised Learning Concepts

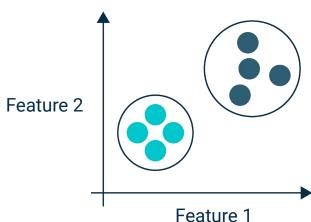
Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

These charts compare how supervised and unsupervised learning respectively label data or cluster patterns on a graph.



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- Uses training datasets
- Goal: Predict a class or value

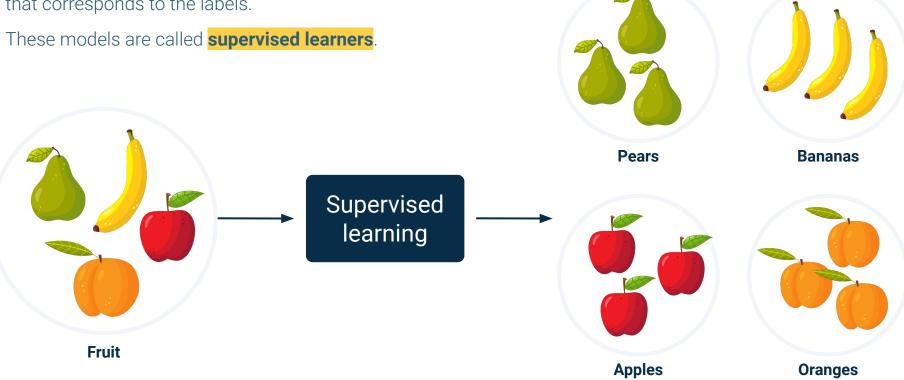




- Input data is unlabeled
- Uses just input datasets
- Goal: Determine patterns or grouping data

Introduction to Supervised Learning

In supervised learning, we take a set of known answers called **labels** and fit a model with a set of **features** (inputs) that corresponds to the labels.

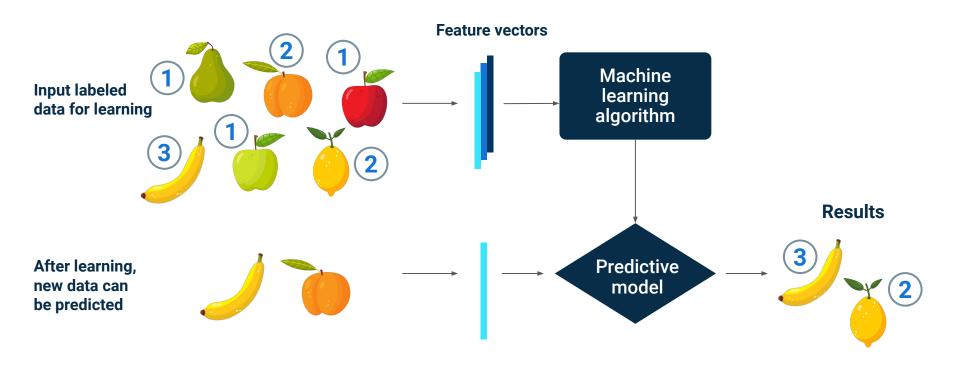


Supervised learning requires us to feed the correct answers to the model.



Introduction to Supervised Learning

The model learns from the data and answers. It becomes better at predicting the correct answer as we provide more data.



Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

The main differences between supervised and unsupervised learning:

| | Supervised Learning | Unsupervised Learning | | | |
|--------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Human Intervention | Needed | Limited | | | |
| Data | Labeled | Unlabeled | | | |
| Tools | Linear and logistic regression, decision trees, and support vector machines | Clustering and dimensionality reduction | | | |
| Models | Regression and classification | Clustering and association | | | |
| Action | Model is trained to use known results and update the model's parameters. | Model segments the data into groups or reduces the dimensionality of the data. | | | |
| Goal | Forecast and predict a predefined output. | Find hidden patterns in the data. | | | |
| Results | Results include metrics that reflect the model's ability to generalize the data. | Exploratory results that help identify groups or anomalies within the data | | | |
| Disadvantages | Labeled data is always required. Models may suffer from overfitting or underfitting. | May not produce meaningful results. The results are always subject to interpretation. | | | |



What is regression?

Regression

Regression is a method for predicting **continuous** valued variables.

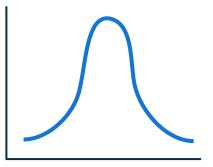
Continuous values

Can always be divided into smaller pieces



Continuous variables

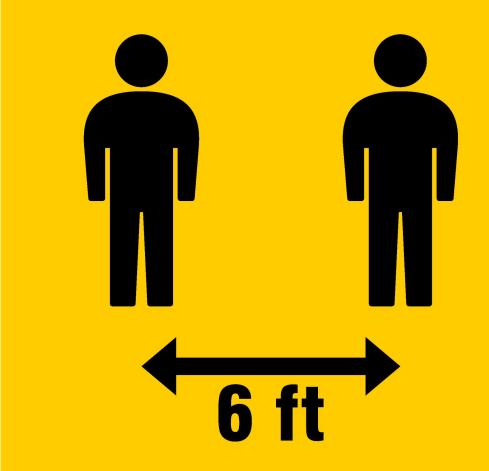
No matter how small, these will have a middle that we can find



Regression

A variable of distance is **continuous**.

We can always find a smaller distance by dividing the current distance by half.





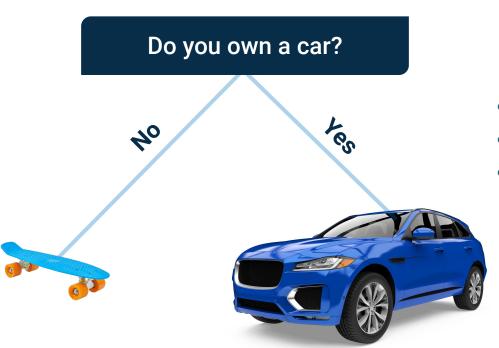
What is classification?

Classification is a method to predict discrete valued variables.

A discrete variable has no middle, and its values cannot be divided.

Classification

Consider a loan application that asks:



- The possible answers are yes or no.
- You either own a car or you don't.
- There is no middle value, so this type of variable, such as **car_ownership**, is discrete.

Classification

The difference between regression and classification plots for housing data:

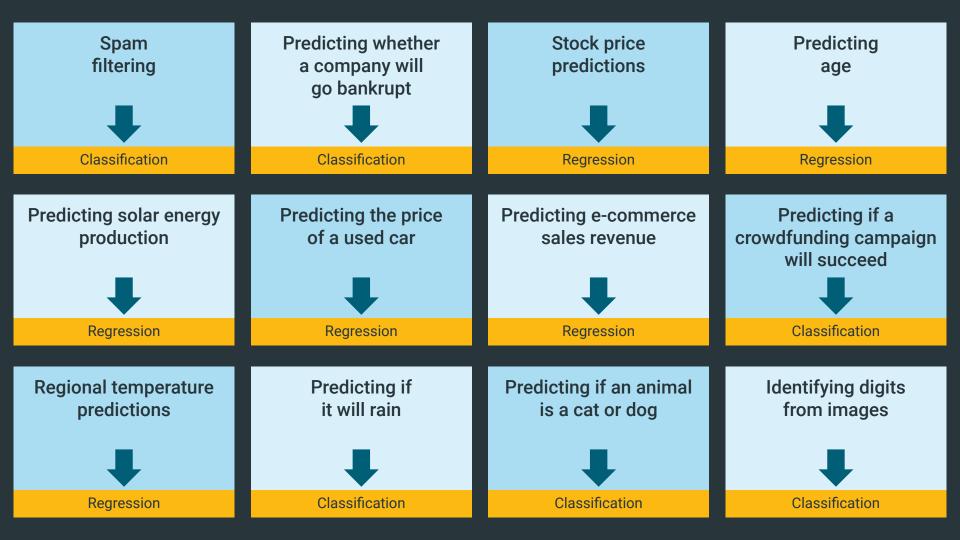


In this activity, you will determine when a regression or classification model is appropriate.



Suggested Time:

10 Minutes





Time's up!

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Supervised Learning Concepts (continued)

Features and Labels

In supervised learning, programmers categorize data into features and labels.

Features

- Also known as **independent variables**
- Can be used to **predict** changes in the target variable, but aren't necessarily influenced by other variables themselves
- Some features may have little to no impact on the label, but remain attributes of the label

Labels

- Also known as dependent variables
- **Depend** on the features
- The outcome that you want to predict
- Sometimes called **target variable**

Features and Labels

| | Features | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|---------------|---------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------|
| | goal | pledged | backers_count | country | staff_pick | spotlight | category | days_active | outcome |
| 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| 1 | 1400 | 14560 | 158 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 1 |
| 2 | 108400 | 142523 | 1425 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 1 |
| 3 | 4200 | 2477 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 40 | 0 |
| 4 | 7600 | 5265 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | 7600 | 13195 | 174 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 1 |
| 6 | 5200 | 1090 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 4500 | 14741 | 227 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 1 |
| 8 | 6200 | 3208 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 49 | 0 |
| 9 | 5200 | 13838 | 220 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 48 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | Labels |

The Pattern of Machine Learning

Model

Choose a model appropriate for the data

Fit

Let the model learn based on existing data

Predict

Have the model make predictions for new data



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Linear Regression

Linear regression is a model for describing the relationship between a numerical response and one or more variables that explains the response.

Linear Regression

In statistics and machine learning:

Dependent variable

The numerical response is known as the **dependent variable** because its value depends on other variables.



We can use the term **target variable** for the dependent variable.

Independent variable

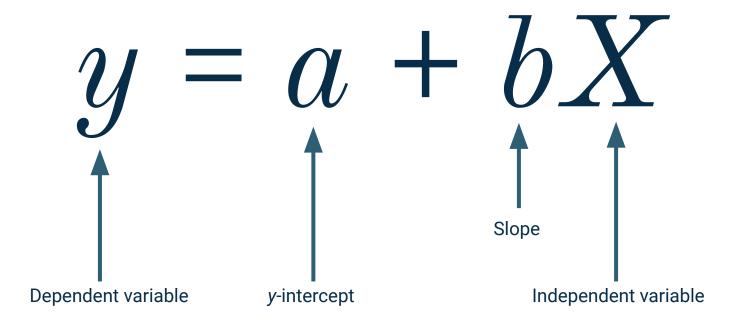
The other variables that explain the dependent variable are known as **independent variables**.



We can use the term **features** for independent variables.

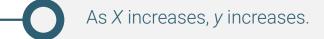
Linear Regression

A simple linear regression has one independent variable. This type of linear regression is represented by the following formula:



$y = \alpha + bX$

This linear relationship implies the following:





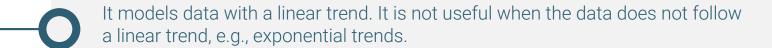
- The slope is represented by the letter *b* in the formula.
 - The value of y when X is 0 is called the y-intercept. It is represented by the letter a.



We consider a linear regression to be a supervised learning model, because it can predict the value of *y* based on historical data.



Key Points of Linear Regression Model

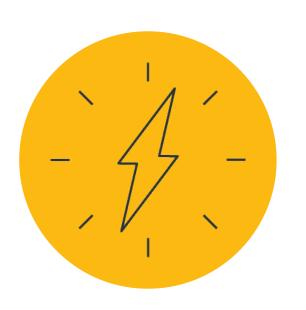




It does not do a good job of describing nonlinear patterns.



We will cover techniques to model nonlinear data later in this course.



Let's implement a simple linear regression model by using **scikit-learn**.

In this activity, you will train a linear regression model.



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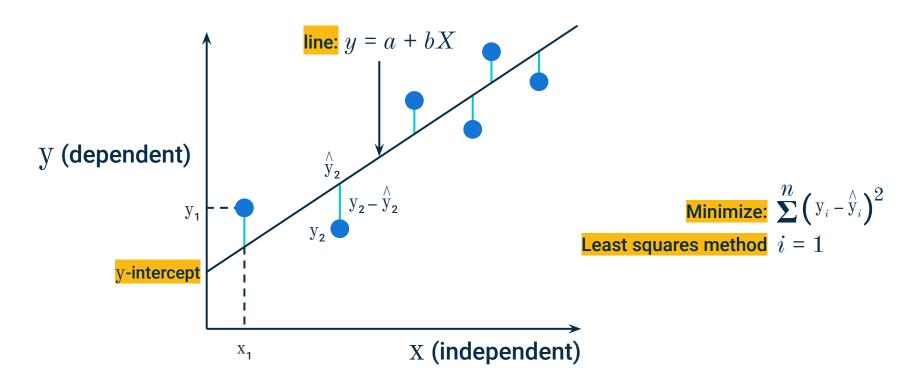


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Model Evaluation

Linear Regression Model

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One way to assess the accuracy of a linear regression model is to observe the errors.



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Mean squared error (MSE)

The average of the square of the errors of the dataset. It is the variance of the errors in the dataset.

Root mean squared error (RMSE)

The square root of the MSE. It is the standard deviation of the errors in the dataset.

R² or R-squared value

The square of the correlation coefficient. It describes the extent to which a change in one variable is associated with the change in the other variable. It ranges from 0 to 1.



Low MSE and RMSE scores indicate a more accurate model.

In this activity, you will evaluate a linear regression model by checking its R-squared, MSE, and RMSE scores.



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10 Minutes



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Break

15 mins



In this activity, you will use a linear regression model with real-world data.



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15 Minutes



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Preprocessing Data



Real-world data almost always needs to be processed before it can be used in a machine learning algorithm.

Preprocessing Data

Two major preprocessing steps are converting categorical data and scaling:

Converting categorical data

Categorical data that is non-numeric needs to be converted to numeric data.

Scaling

Some machine learning algorithms are sensitive to large data values, so features need to be scaled to standardized ranges.



One-Hot Encoding and Label Encoding

Label Encoding

Label encoding turns categorical variables into a series of integers.



It can cause problems though, because the difference between Saturday and Sunday is -6, but the difference for other consecutive days is +1.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

One-Hot Encoding

One-hot encoding creates new "dummy" features for each category with 0 and 1 as Boolean values.

So the Weekday feature becomes 6 new features:



One-Hot Encoding

isSaturday can be reconstructed from the other six. This means **isSaturday** is **collinear** with the other dummy features. Including **isSaturday** is an example of "the dummy trap," which can cause errors in the machine learning model.

isSunday isMonday isTuesday isWednesday isThursday isFriday



For each observation, only one of the new features will have a value of 1. This is why we call it "one-hot encoding."

One-Hot Encoding with Pandas

This requires the **get_dummies()** function.



In Pandas, the **get_dummies()** function performs one-hot encoding. It can be applied to an entire DataFrame at once and returns a DataFrame of dummy-coded data.



Setting the **drop_first** argument to **True** will automatically avoid the dummy trap.

Label Encoding with Pandas

This means using the df.astype("category").cat.codes method.



In pandas, a column can be label encoded using the astype() function, converting the column to the category data type, and then using .cat.codes to create the numerical labels.

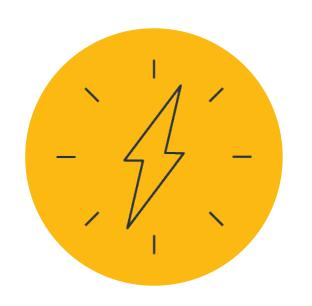


This is a nonbinary method of encoding data and more useful for encoding target variables for classification models rather than features.



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Training and Testing Data



Training and testing data can be used for **evaluating the performance** of any supervised learning algorithm.

Training and Testing Data

Splitting the data involves dividing the features and labels into two subsets.

Training dataset

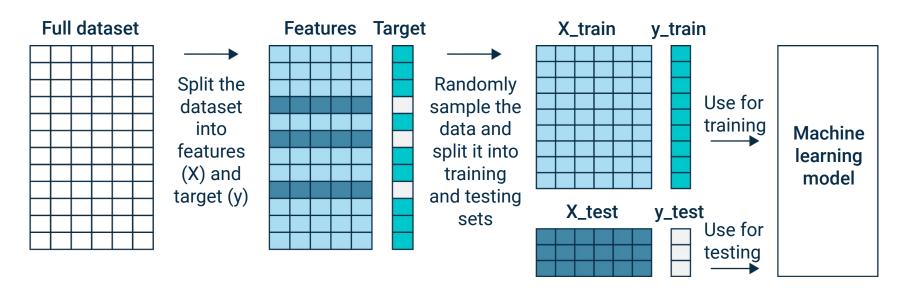
This first subset is used to fit the machine learning model to the data. The model learns from this dataset.

Testing dataset

This second subset is used to evaluate how well the machine learning model performs. It is used to test, rather than train, the model.

Splitting Training and Testing Data

The process of using the scikit-learn method train_test_split().



- Manually split data into features (X) and target (y)
- train_test_split(X, y) randomly samples the data to split it into training and testing sets.
- Default split is 75% training data and 25% testing data.
- X_train and y_train are used for training the model.
- X_test and y_test are used for evaluating the model.



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Multiple Linear Regression



In this activity, you will train a linear regression model with multiple features and use training data to train a model and testing data to evaluate a model.

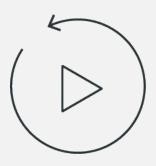


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Let's recap



Review the Class Objective

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Next

In the next lesson, you will learn advanced regression techniques to improve model performance.



Questions?

