

Knowledge check

3 minutes

Check your knowledge

1. Why do we clean our data before training?

- ☐ Removing rows of data makes our model more powerful
- ☐ Cleaning data helps us select features that will be helpful for the model's performance

☒ Removing rows that have errors prevents these from misleading the training process ✓

Correct. Cleaning data helps prevent errors from incomplete or error-prone data points.

2. What kind of data are best encoded with one-hot vectors?

- ☐ Ordinal data
- ☐ Categorical data with two possible values

☒ Categorical data with three or more values ✓

Correct. One-hot vectors are best used with multiple classes or categories so models can better interpret them.

3. What is a data sample? What is a population?

- ☐ A sample is all possible data we care about. A population is the subset of that data which we actually have on hand
- ☐ Both population and sample mean data we train our model with.

☒ A population is all possible data we care about. A sample is the subset of that data which we actually have on hand. ✓

Correct. A population is all the possible data we could collect for a data set, and a sample is a portion of the data which we already have.

4. You have a model that isn't performing well. Which of these will definitely **not** help improve its performance?

- ☐ Adding additional samples (rows)
- ☐ Adding a small number of features (columns) that you know are related to what the model is trying to predict
- ☒ Adding a large number of features that you know aren't related to what the model is trying to predict. ✓

Correct. Adding additional features that aren't relevant will probably harm its performance

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