

UFOs and preprocessing

PREPROCESSING FOR MACHINE LEARNING IN PYTHON



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Identifying areas for preprocessing



Important concepts to remember

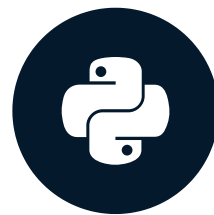
- Missing data: `.dropna()` and `.isna()`
- Types: `.astype()`
- Stratified sampling: `train_test_split(X, y, stratify=y)`

Let's practice!

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Categorical variables and standardization

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Categorical variables

	state	country	type
295	az	us	light
296	tx	us	formation
297	nv	us	fireball

- One-hot encoding: `pd.get_dummies()`

Standardization

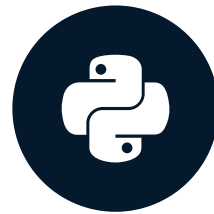
- `.var()`
- `np.log()`

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Engineering new features

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UFO feature engineering

date	length_of_time	desc
6/16/2013 21:00	5 minutes	Sabino Canyon Tucson Arizona night UFO sighting.
9/12/2005 22:35	5 minutes	Star like objects hovering in sky, slowly m...
12/31/2013 22:25	3 minutes	Three orange fireballs spotted by witness in E...

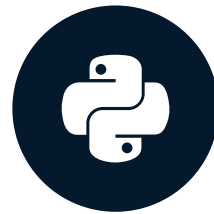
- Dates: `.dt.month` or `.dt.hour` attributes
- Regex: `\d` and `.group()`
- Text: tf-idf and `TfidfVectorizer`

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Feature selection and modeling

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Feature selection and modeling

- Redundant features
- Text vector

Final thoughts

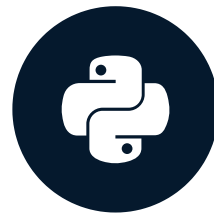
- Iterative processes
- Know your dataset
- Understand your modeling task

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Congratulations!

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What you've learned

- Preparing data for modeling:
 - Missing data
 - Incorrect types
 - Standardize numerical values
 - Process categorical values
 - Feature engineering
 - Select features for modeling

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