

Azure ML Tutorial

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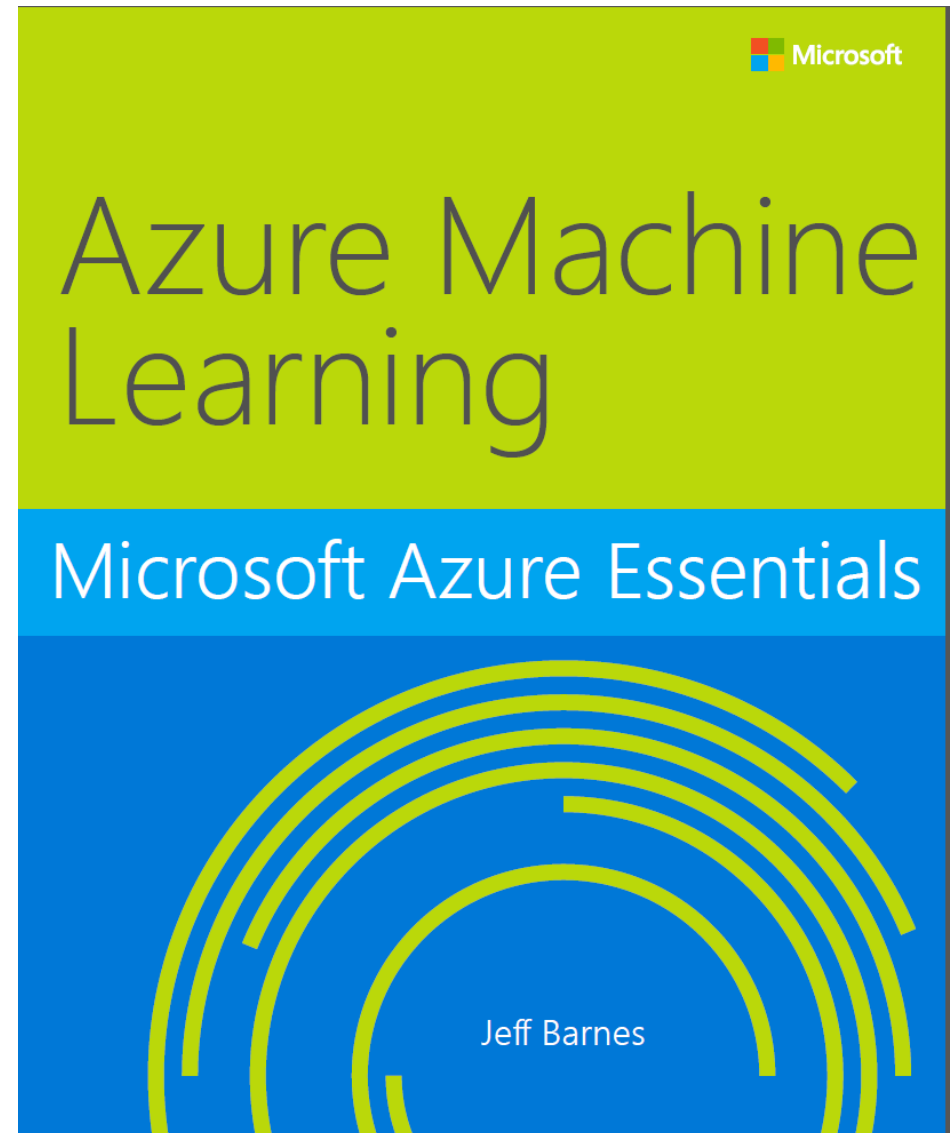
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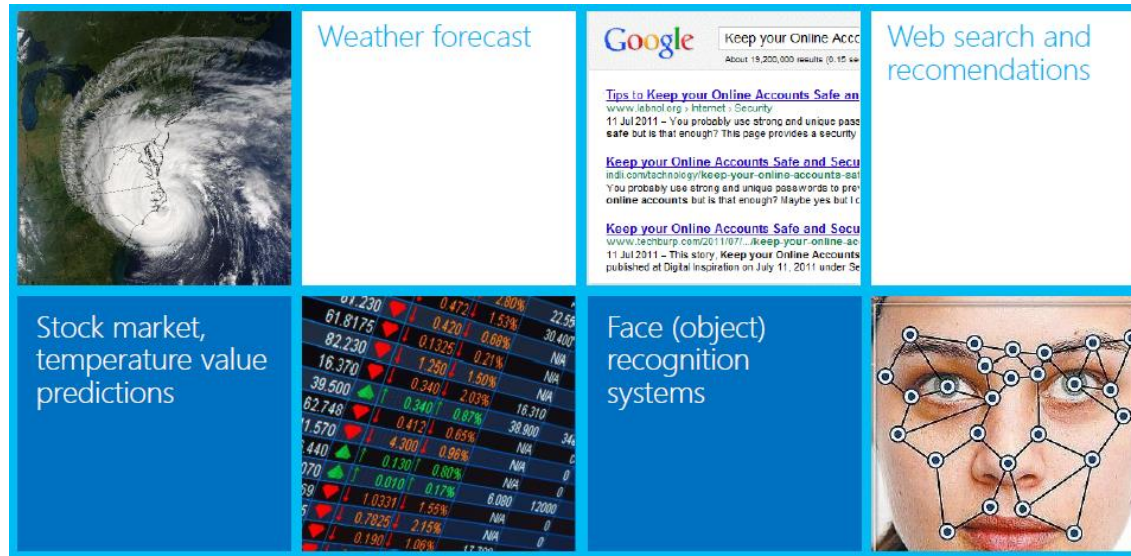


Book, Microsoft Azure Essentials: Azure Machine Learning,
<http://www.microsoftvirtualacademy.com/ebooks#9780735698178>

Part I What is Azure ML(Machine Learning)?

1. What is machine learning?

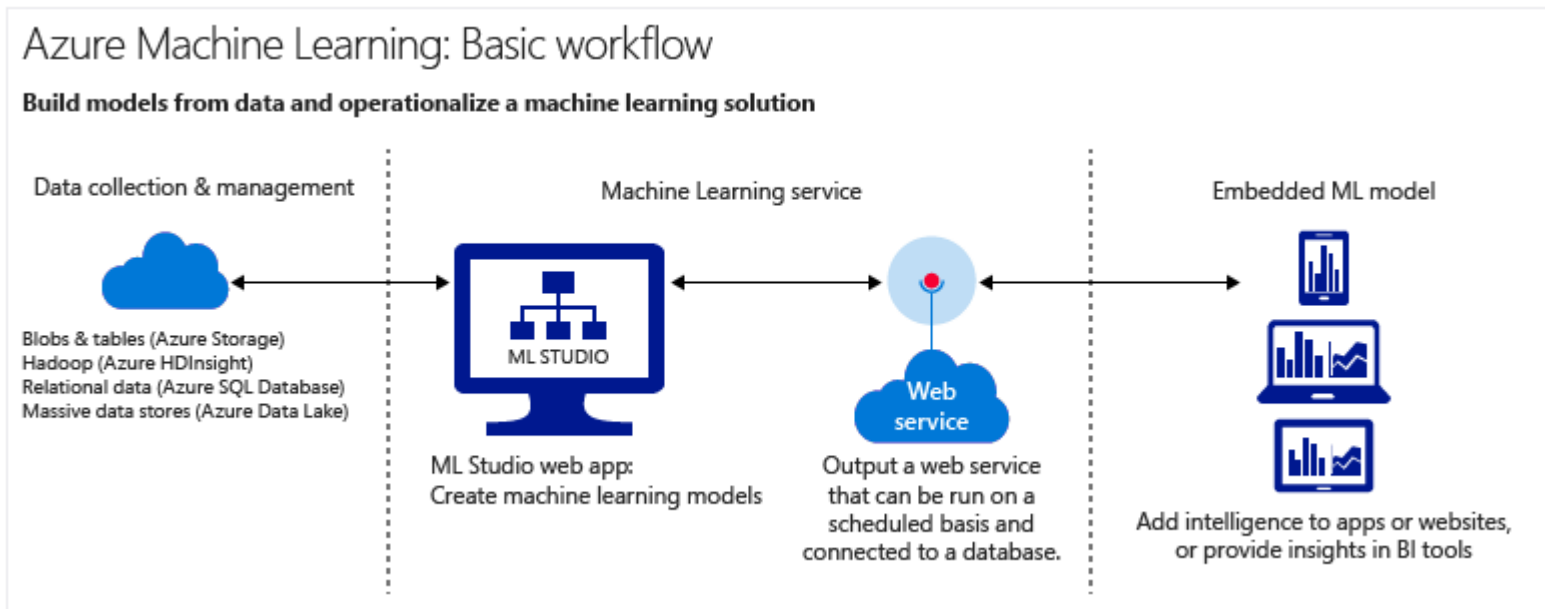
- Machine learning **uses computers to run predictive models that learn from existing data** in order to forecast future behaviors, outcomes, and trends.
- These forecasts or predictions from machine learning can make apps and devices smarter.
- When you shop online, machine learning helps recommend other products you might like based on what you've purchased.
- When your credit card is swiped, machine learning compares the transaction to a database of transactions and helps the bank do fraud detection.



Part I What is Azure ML(Machine Learning)?

2. What is Machine Learning on Microsoft Azure?

- a. Azure Machine Learning is a **cloud-based predictive analytics service** that makes it possible to quickly build and deploy predictive models as analytic solutions.
- b. Azure Machine Learning not only **provides tools to model predictive analytics**, but also provides a **fully-managed service you can use to deploy your predictive models** as ready-to-consume web services.
- c. Azure Machine Learning provides tools for creating complete predictive analytics solutions in the cloud: Quickly create, test, operationalize, and manage predictive models.

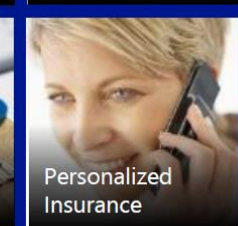
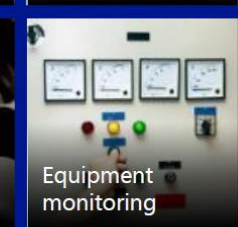
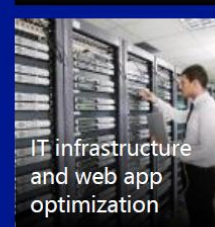
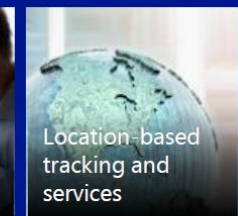
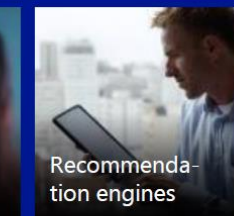


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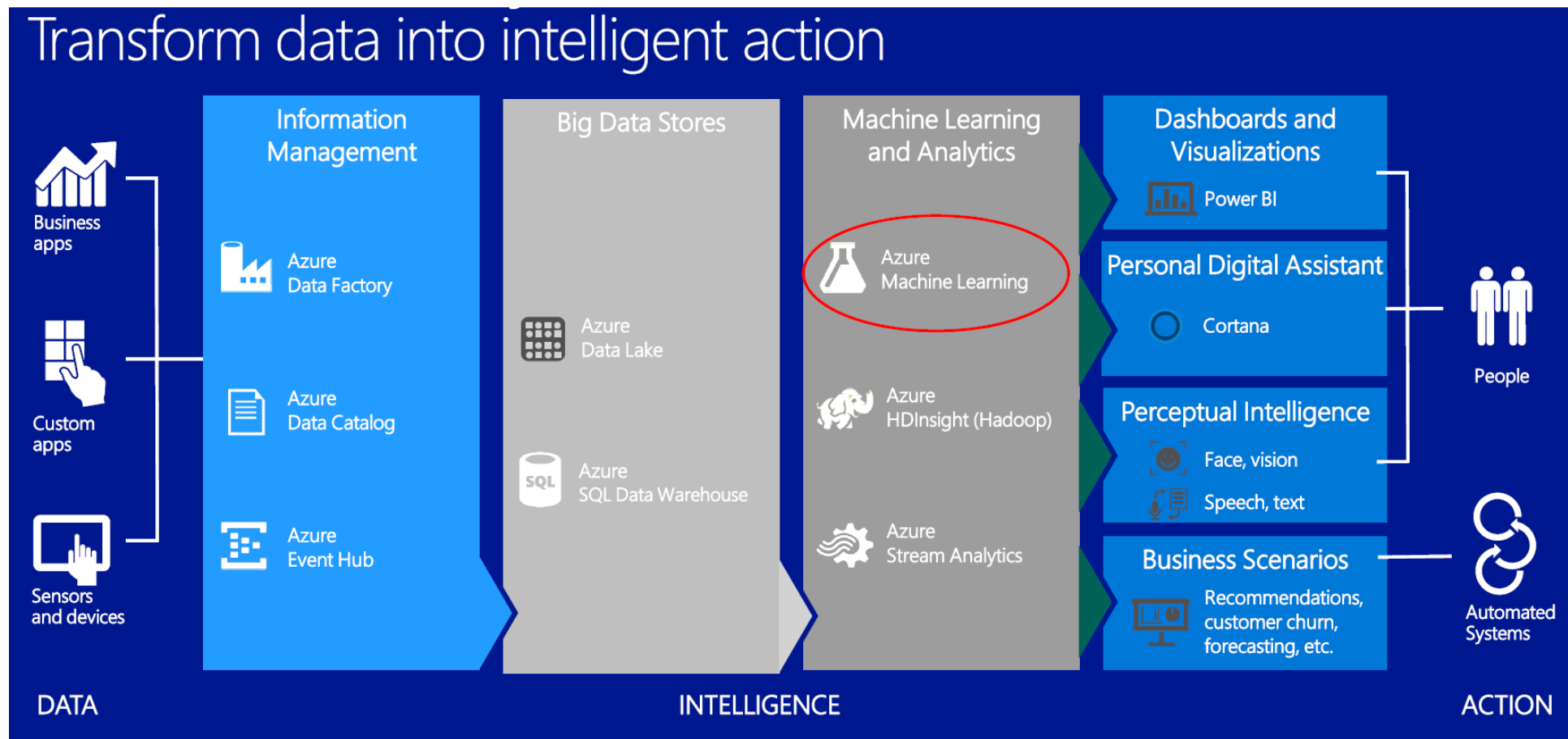
3. What is predictive analytics?

- a. Predictive analytics uses various statistical techniques – in this case, machine learning – **to analyze collected or current data for patterns or trends in order to forecast future events.**
- b. Azure Machine Learning is a particularly powerful way to do predictive analytics:
 - 1) You can work from a **ready-to-use library of algorithms, create models on an internet-connected PC** without purchasing additional equipment or infrastructure, and **deploy your predictive solution quickly.**
 - 2) You can also **find ready-to-use examples and solutions** in the Microsoft Azure Marketplace or Cortana Intelligence Gallery.

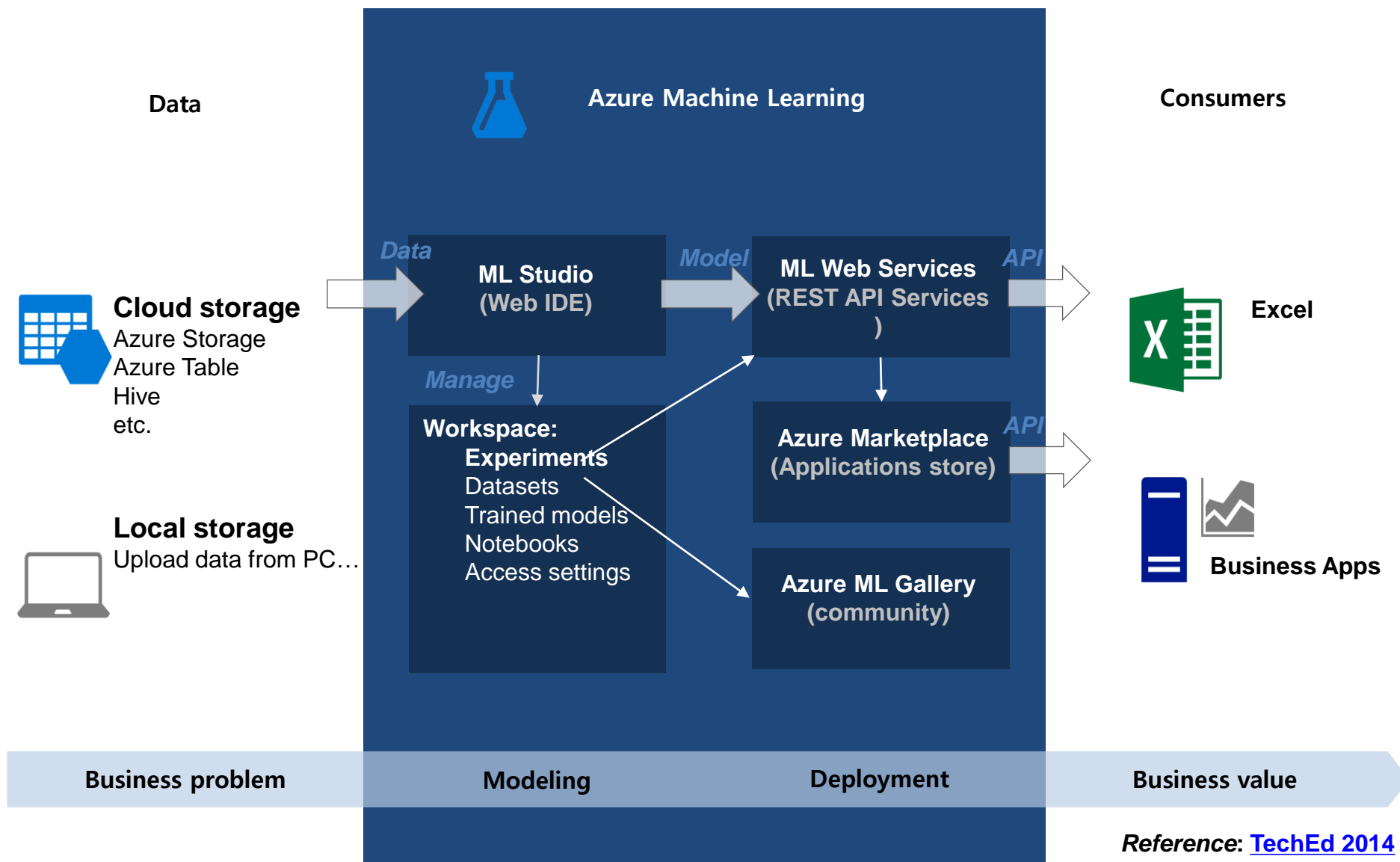
Predictive analytics should address the likelihood of something happening in the future, even if it is just an instant later...



Part I Cortana Analytics Suite



Part I Azure ML Workflow



Reference: [TechEd 2014 Conference](#)

Part I Key Machine Learning Terminology and Concepts

1. Data exploration:

- Process of gathering information about a large and often unstructured data set in order to **find characteristics for focused analysis**. Data mining refers to automated data exploration.

2. Descriptive analytics:

- Process of analyzing a data set in order to **summarize what happened**. The vast majority of business analytics – such as sales reports, web metrics, and social network analysis – are descriptive.

3. Predictive analytics:

- Process of building models from historical or current data in order **to forecast future outcomes**.

4. Supervised learning:

- **Algorithms are trained with labeled data** – in other words, data comprised of examples of the answers wanted. For instance, a model that identifies fraudulent credit card use would be trained from a data set in which data points indicating known fraudulent and valid charges were labeled.

5. Unsupervised learning:

- Is used on **data with no labels**, and **the goal is to find relationships in the data**. For instance, you might want to find groupings of customer demographics with similar buying habits.

Part I Key Machine Learning Terminology and Concepts

1. Machine learning model

- **Abstraction of the question you are trying to answer** or the outcome you want to predict. Models are trained and evaluated from existing data.

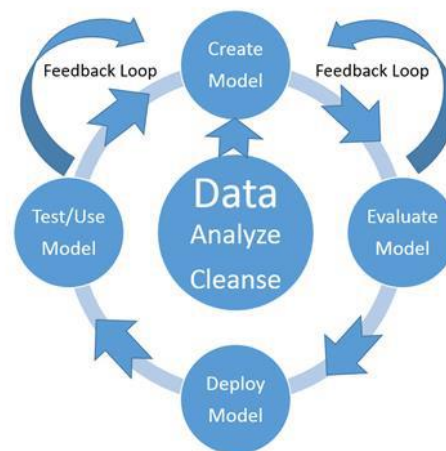
2. Training from data

- In Azure Machine Learning, a model is built from an algorithm module that processes training data and functional modules, such as a scoring module.
- In supervised learning, if you're training a fraud detection model, you'll use a set of transactions that are labeled as either fraudulent or valid. You'll split your data at randomly, and use part to train the model and part to test or evaluate the model.

3. Evaluation data

- Once you have a trained model, evaluate the model using the remaining test data. You use data you already know the outcomes for, so that you can tell whether your model predicts accurately.

Azure Machine Learning Workflow



Part I Key Machine Learning Terminology and Concepts

1. Classification:

- Organizing data points into categories based on a data set for which category groupings are already known.

2. Regression:

- Predicting a continuous value based on independent variables, such as predicting the price of a car based on its year and make.

3. Clustering:

- Partition items into homogeneous groups. Typically used to predict grouping classifications for a given variable.

4. Recommendation:

- The Netflix contest: Build a better recommender system from Netflix data. Use the crowd's votes to complete the missing entries.

5. Anomaly Detection:

- Forecast of a value or values from a machine learning model.

- **Occam's Razor:** The best models are simple models that fit the data well.
- William of Ockham, English friar, philosopher, and theologian (1287-1347) said that among hypotheses that predict equally well, we should choose the one with the fewest assumptions.

Part II Azure Machine Learning Studio

1. **Projects:** Sets of related Experiments, Trained Models, Datasets, Transforms.
2. **Experiments:** Experiments that have been created, run, and saved as drafts. These include a set of sample experiments that ship with the service to help jumpstart your projects.
3. **Web Services:** A list of experiments that you have published as web services.
4. **Notebooks:** Jupyter notebooks that you have created.
5. **Datasets:** A list of sample datasets that ship with the product, and uploaded data. You can use these datasets to learn about Azure Machine Learning.
6. **Trained Models:** List of any trained models that you saved from your experiments.
7. **Settings:** Configure your account and resources. Invite other users to share your workspace in Azure Machine Learning.

Microsoft Azure Machine Learning

Ingvy Lee-Free-Workspace

experiments

MY EXPERIMENTS SAMPLES

	NAME	AUTHOR	STATUS	LAST EDITED	PROJECT
	Recommendati...	InLee	Finished	4/7/2016 10:40:1...	None
	Customer Chur...	InLee	Finished	4/7/2016 10:27:2...	None
	Buyer Propensit...	Valentine Fonta...	Finished	4/7/2016 9:09:44...	None
	Regression: De...	Microsoft	Draft	4/7/2016 8:51:13...	None
	Decision Tree w...	InLee	Finished	4/7/2016 8:46:30...	None
	R Script Experim...	InLee	Finished	4/7/2016 8:36:49...	None
	Bank Experimen...	InLee	Finished	4/7/2016 8:14:15...	None
	Bank Experimen...	InLee	Finished	4/7/2016 6:58:06...	None
	Decoding Brain...	Microsoft	Finished	4/2/2016 9:42:37...	None
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	Time Series For...	Microsoft	Draft	4/1/2016 3:34:28...	First Project
	Experiment crea...	InLee	Finished	3/31/2016 10:59...	First Project
	Online Fraud De...	Microsoft	Draft	3/27/2016 10:18...	First Project
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	Visualize Data (...)	Graeme Malcolm	Draft	3/27/2016 10:09...	First Project
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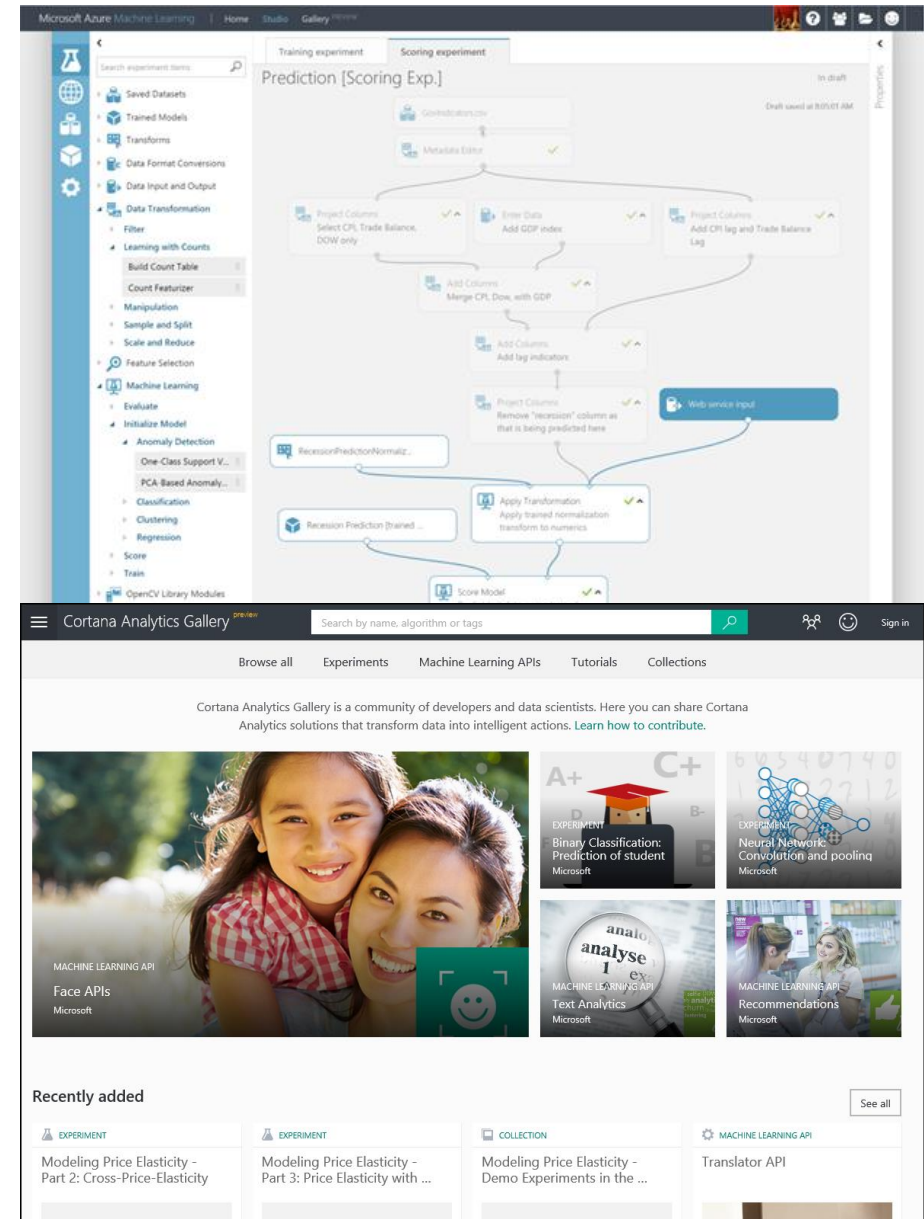
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Workflow diagram showing data flow from input datasets through various processing steps (like 'Import Columns', 'Split Data', 'Train Machine Learning Model', 'Evaluate Model') to output results.

Part II Azure Machine Learning Studio

With Azure Machine Learning Studio, you can

- Create predictive models in Machine Learning Studio, a **browser-based tool**, by dragging, dropping, and connecting modules.
- Use a **large library of Machine Learning algorithms and modules** in Machine Learning Studio to jump-start your predictive models.
- Choose from a **library of sample experiments, R and Python packages, and best-in-class algorithms** from Microsoft businesses like Xbox and Bing. Extend Studio modules with **your own custom R and Python scripts**.
- In Cortana Intelligence Gallery you can try **analytics solutions authored by others** or contribute your own using Azure services including Machine Learning, HDInsight (Hadoop), Stream Analytics, and Data Lake Analytics, as well as Azure big data stores and data management services.



Part II First Experiment with Azure ML

1. Goal

- Create a linear regression model that **predicts the price of an automobile** based on different variables such as make and technical specifications.

2. Steps

a. Create a model

Step 1: Get data

Step 2: Preprocess data

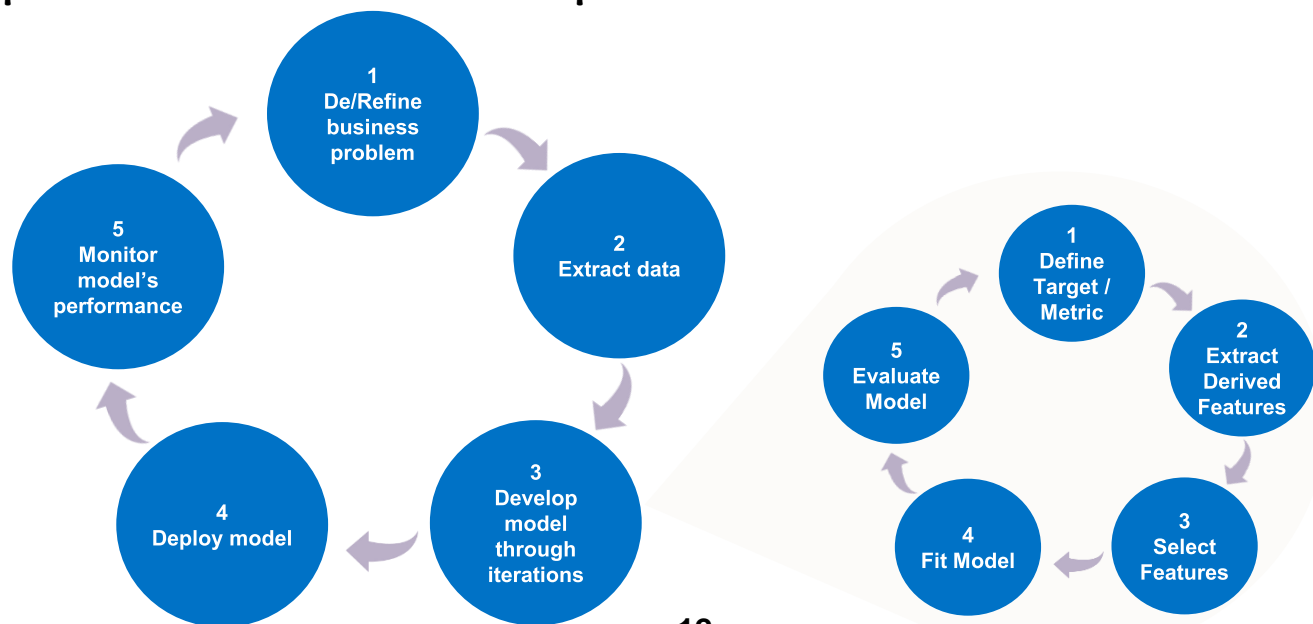
Step 3: Define features

b. Train the model

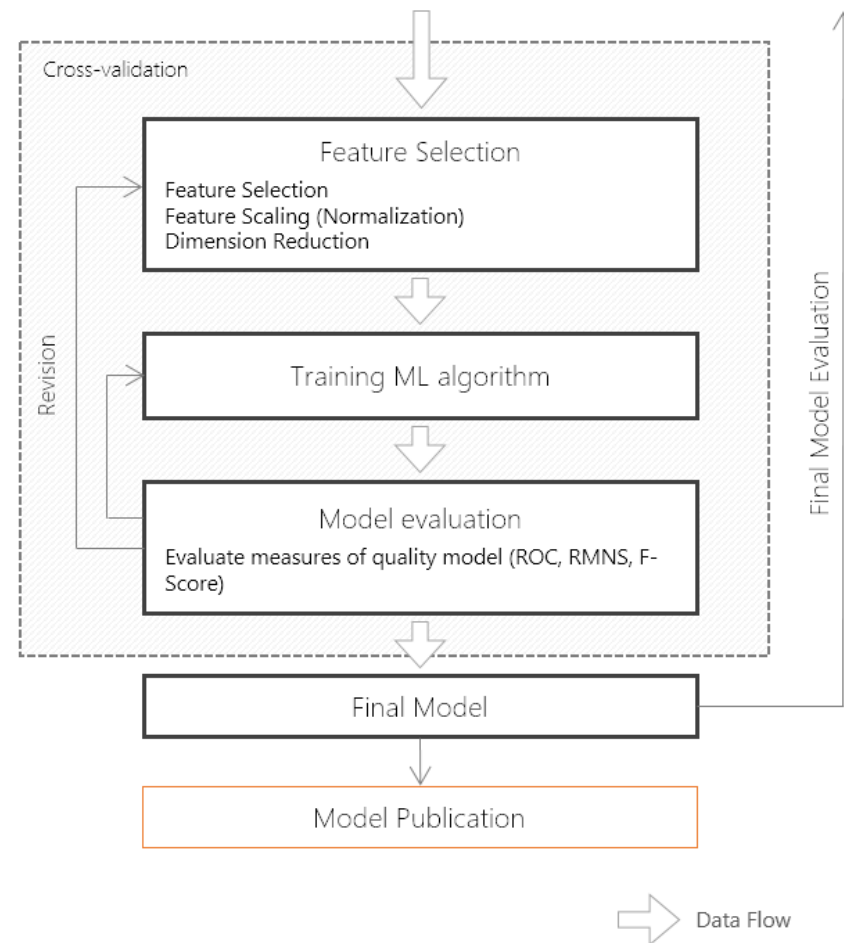
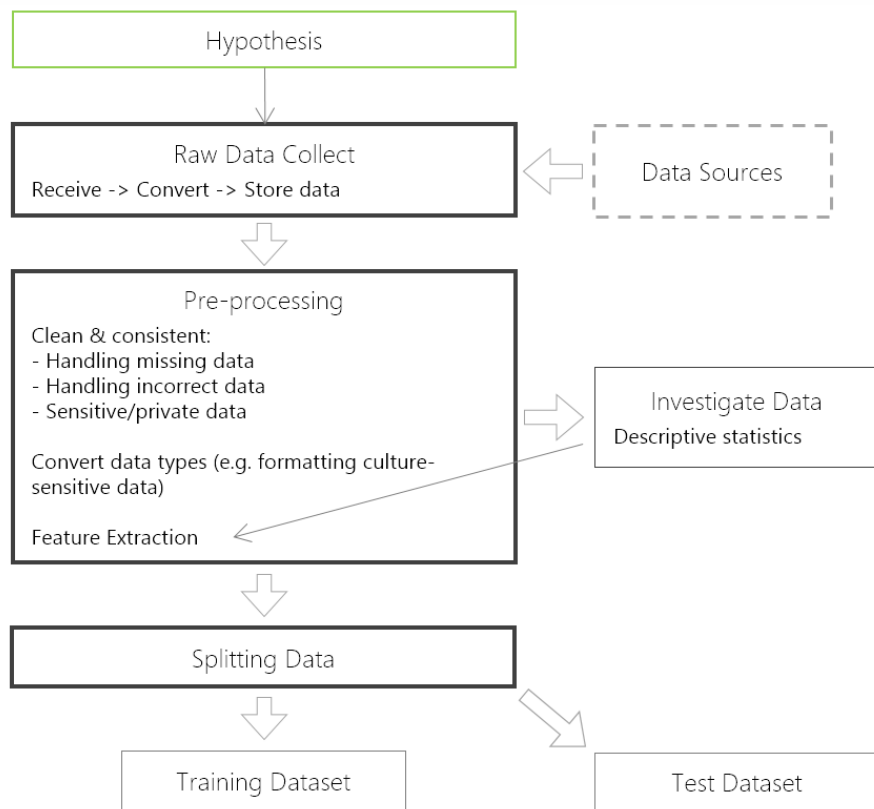
Step 4: Choose and apply a learning algorithm

c. Score and test the model

Step 5: Predict new automobile prices

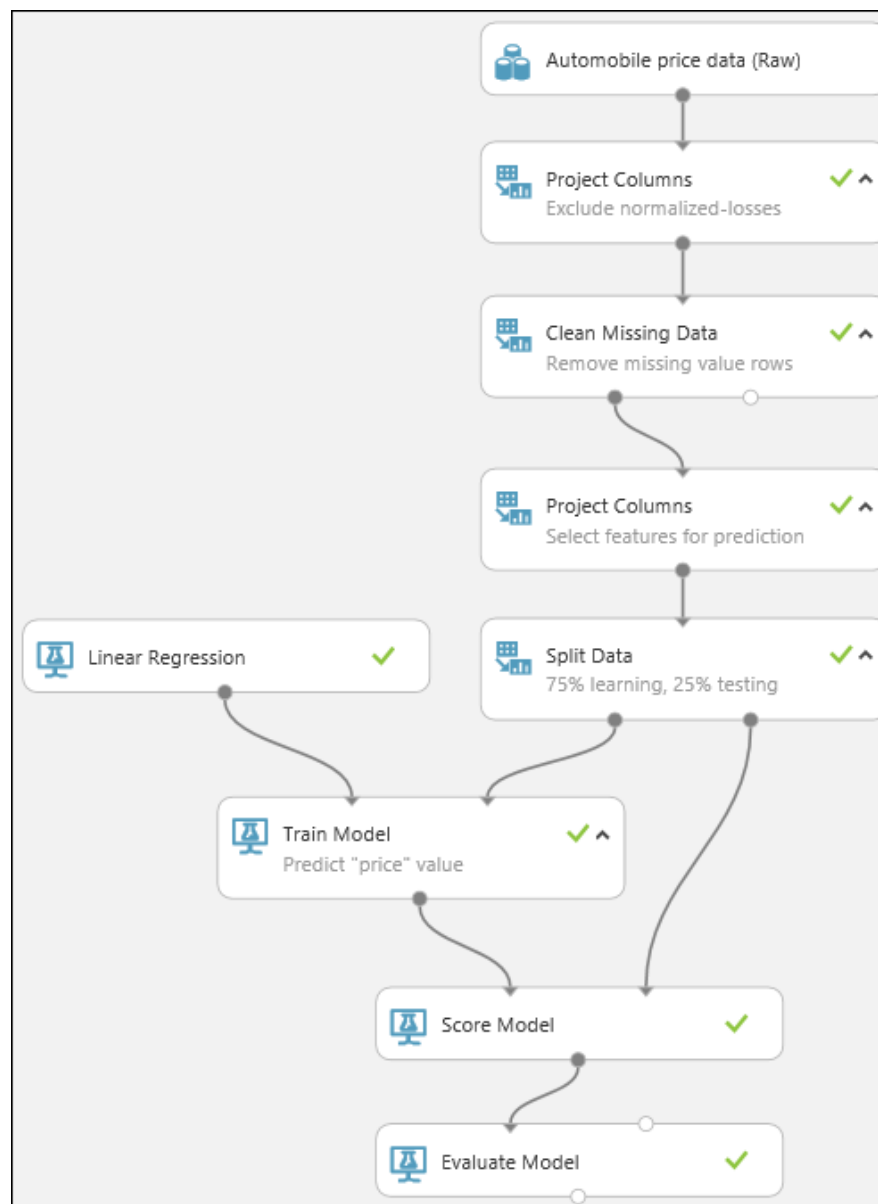


Part II First Experiment with Azure ML



Source: <http://0xCode.in/azure-ml-for-data-scientist>
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Part II First Experiment with Azure ML



Part II First Experiment with Azure ML

Step 1. Get Data

- Start a new experiments.
- Type automobile in the search box.
- Drag the dataset to the experiment canvas.
- Check the data with Visualize.

The screenshot illustrates the steps to find and visualize a dataset in Azure ML. On the left, a sidebar lists various data science tools. The main search bar at the top is updated from an empty state to containing the word 'automobile'. Below the search bar, two datasets are listed: 'Automobile price data (Raw)' and 'MPG data for various automobiles'. A large arrow points from the search bar to the dataset list. To the right, a canvas area shows a draft experiment titled 'Automobile price reduction'. Below the search bar, a detailed view of the 'Automobile price data (Raw)' dataset is shown, including a table of data and a 'view as' dropdown menu.

Automobile price reduction In draft

Automobile price data (Raw)

rows	columns	symboling	normalized-losses	make	fuel-type	aspiration	num-of-doors	body-style	peak-rpm	city-mpg	highway-mpg	price	
3				alfa-romero	gas	std	two	convertible	5000	21	27	13495	
3				alfa-romero	gas	std	two	convertible	5000	21	27	16500	
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2	164			audi	gas	std	four	sedan	102	5500	24	30	13950
2	164			audi	gas	std	four	sedan	115	5500	18	22	17450
2				audi	gas	std	two	sedan	110	5500	19	25	15250
1	158			audi	gas	std	four	sedan	110	5500	19	25	17710
1				audi	gas	std	four	sedan	110	5500	19	25	18920
1	158			audi	gas	turbo	four	sedan	140	5500	17	20	23875
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Part II First Experiment with Azure ML

Step 2. Preprocess Data

- Type project columns.
- Click Launch column selector. Select normalized-losses to remove.
- Drag the Clean Missing Data. Select remove for missing row.

The screenshot displays the Azure ML workspace interface. On the left, a workflow titled "Automobile price reduction" is shown, consisting of three steps: "Automobile price data (Raw)", "Project Columns" (with a green checkmark and an upward arrow), and "Clean Missing Data" (also with a green checkmark and an upward arrow). The "Clean Missing Data" step is currently selected, showing its configuration panel on the right. This panel includes a "Launch column selector" button, a "Minimum missing value ratio" set to 0, a "Maximum missing value ratio" set to 1, and a "Cleaning mode" dropdown menu set to "Remove entire row" (which is highlighted with a red rectangle). Above the workflow, a "Select columns" dialog box is open, showing a list of columns with "normalized-losses" selected for exclusion. The "Properties" panel on the right shows the "Project Columns" configuration, indicating that "All columns" are selected and "normalized-losses" is excluded.

Automobile price reduction

Finished running ✓

Automobile price data (Raw)

Project Columns
Exclude normalized-losses

Clean Missing Data
Remove missing value rows

Properties

Project Columns

Select columns

Selected columns:
All columns

Exclude column names:
normalized-losses

Launch column selector

Properties

Clean Missing Data

Columns to be cleaned

Selected columns:
All columns

Launch column selector

Minimum missing value ratio
0

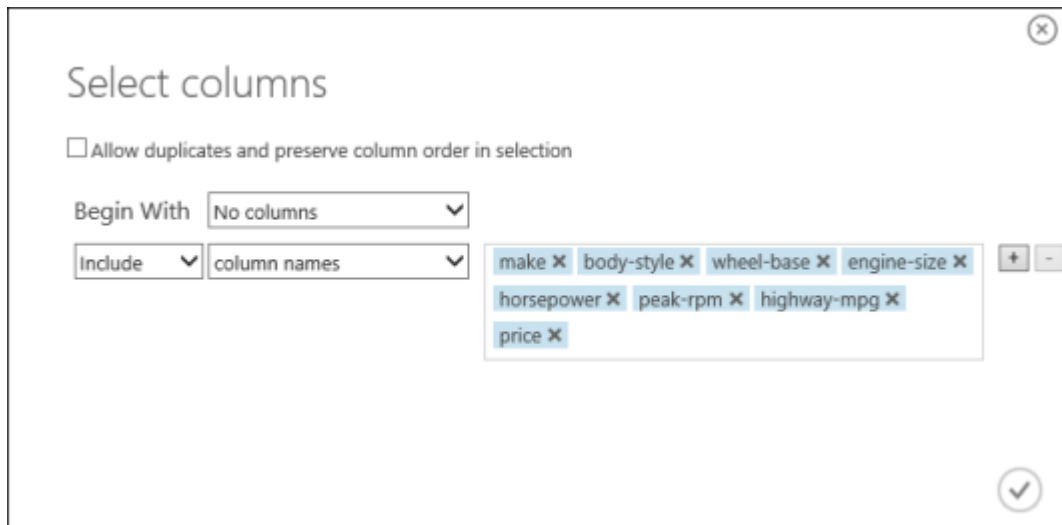
Maximum missing value ratio
1

Cleaning mode
Remove entire row ✓

Part II First Experiment with Azure ML

Step 3. Define features

- Drag Project Columns.
- Launch column selector.
- Select no columns for Begin with and then select include and column names.



Select columns

☐ Allow duplicates and preserve column order in selection

Begin With No columns

Include column names

make ✕ body-style ✕ wheel-base ✕ engine-size ✕
horsepower ✕ peak-rpm ✕ highway-mpg ✕
price ✕

+ -

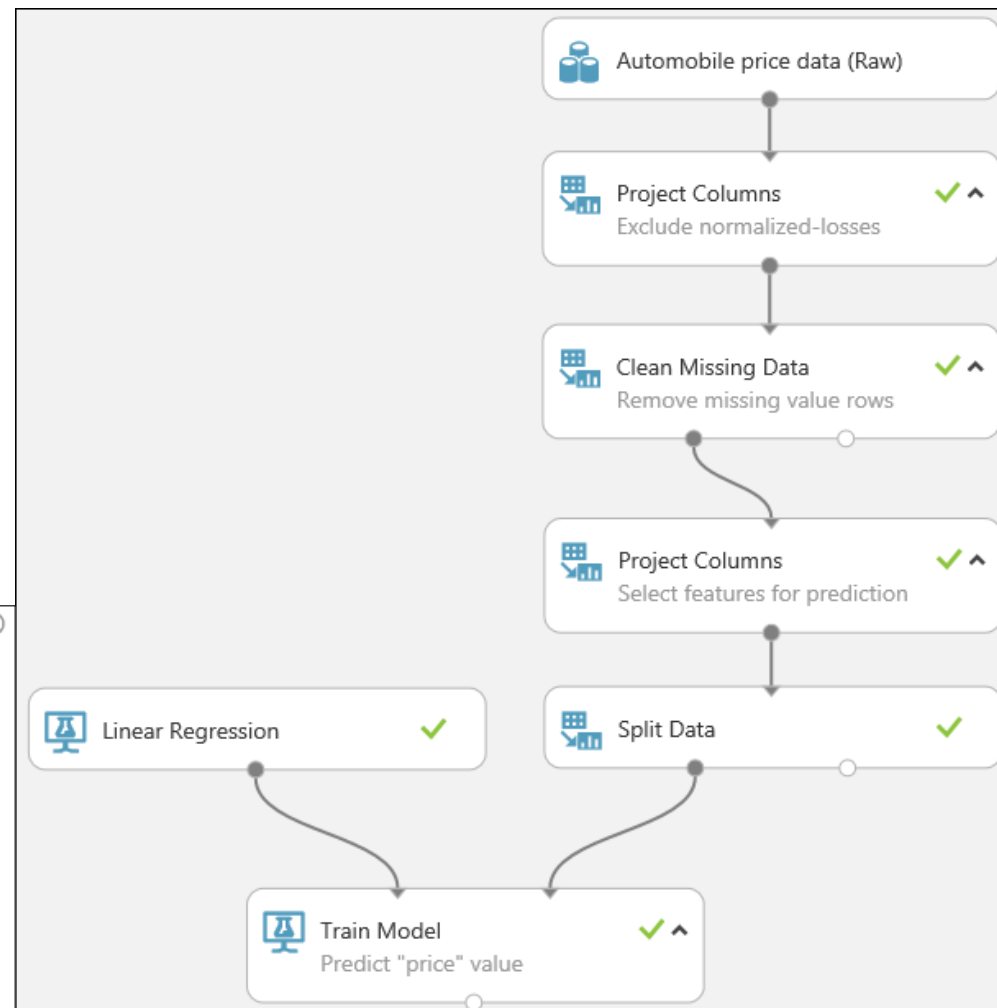
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Step 4. Choose and apply a learning algorithm

- Split data (80:20).
- Select learning algorithm (Linear Regression).
- Select Train Model with price column.
- Run the experiment.

Select a single column

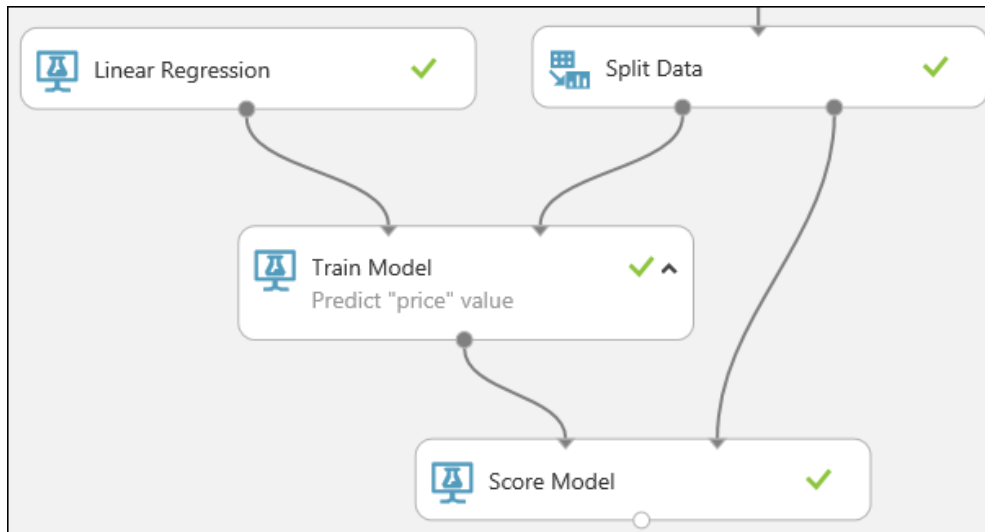
Include column names price



Part II First Experiment with Azure ML

Step 5. Predict new automobile prices

- Find and drag Score Model.
- Run the experiment.
- Visualize Score Model.
- Evaluate Model.

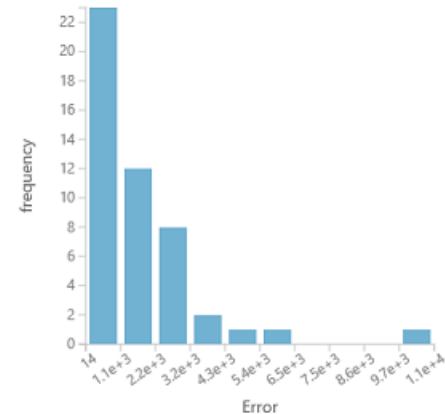


Automobile price prediction > Evaluate Model > Evaluation results

Metrics

Mean Absolute Error	1656.147651
Root Mean Squared Error	2456.983209
Relative Absolute Error	0.276606
Relative Squared Error	0.089608
Coefficient of Determination	0.910392

Error Histogram

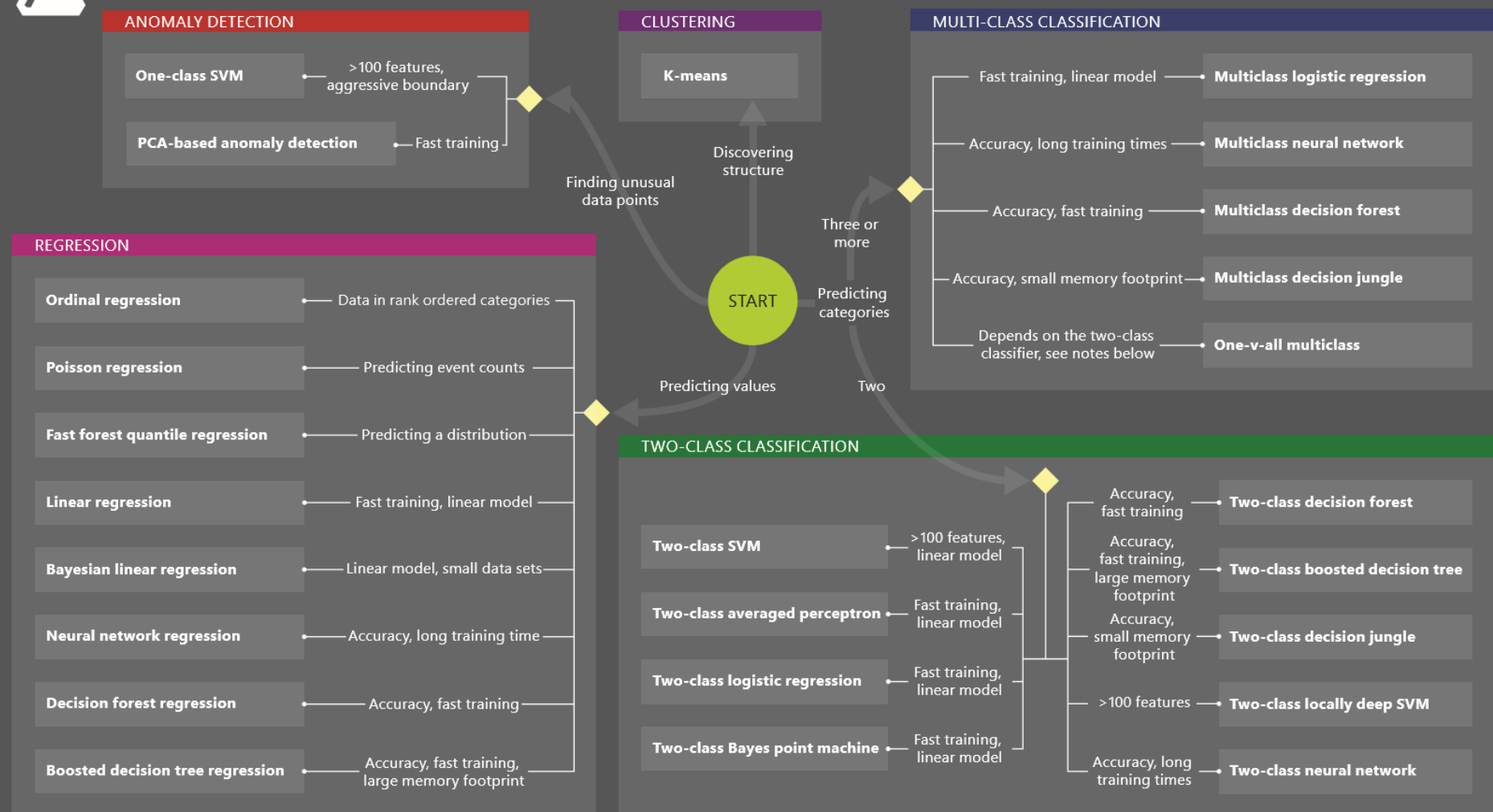


Part II Azure ML Algorithm Cheat Sheet



Microsoft Azure Machine Learning: Algorithm Cheat Sheet

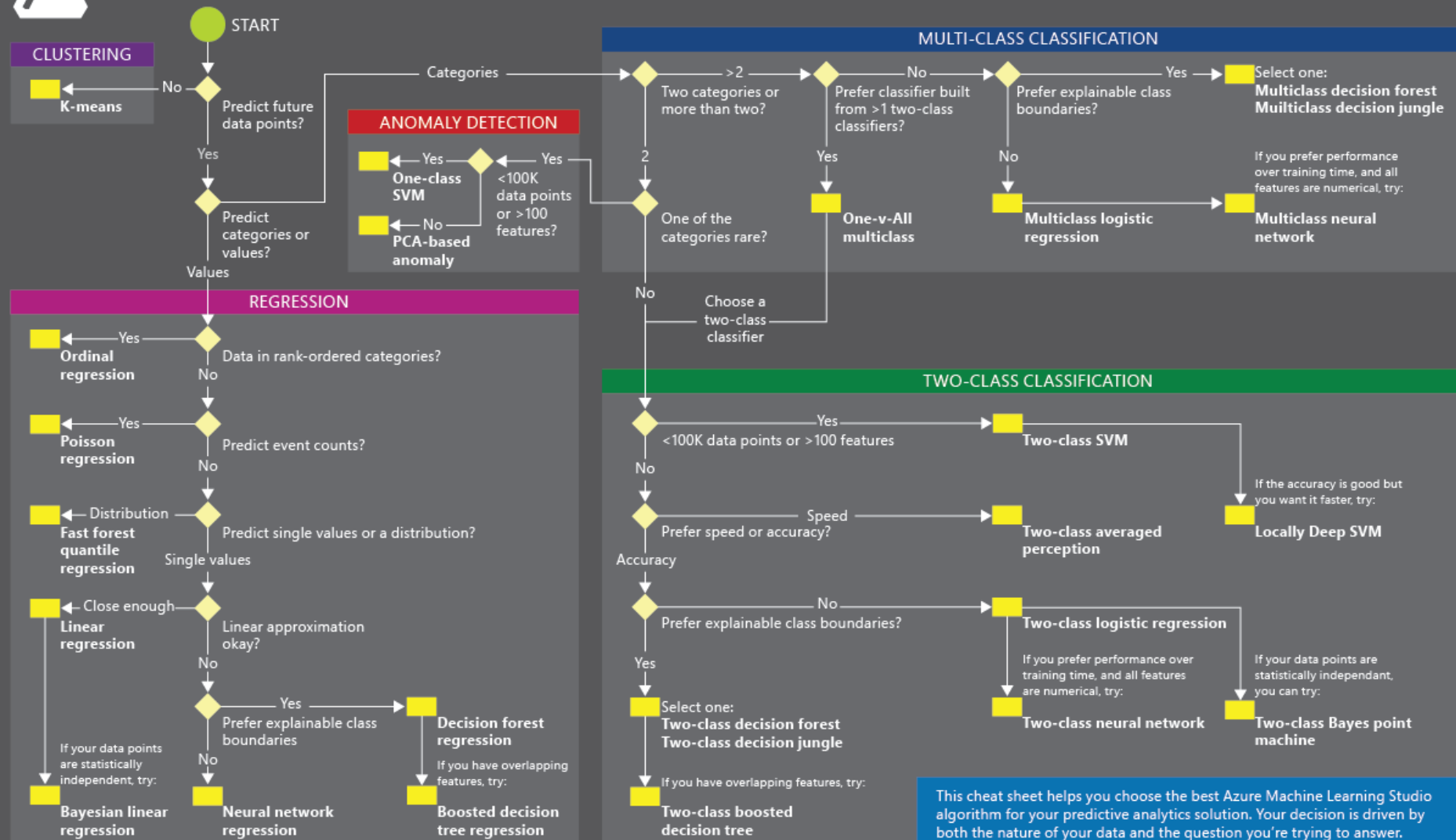
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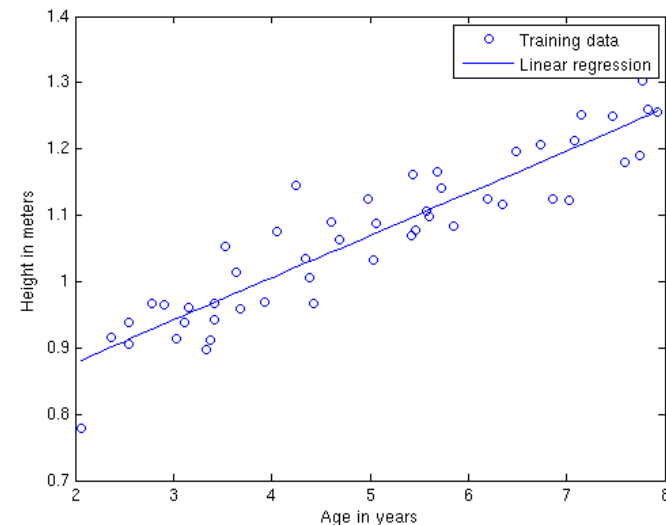
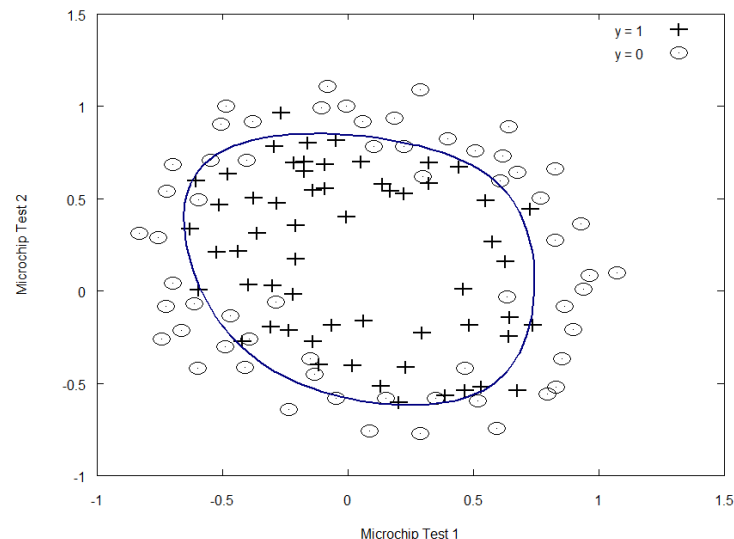


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Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

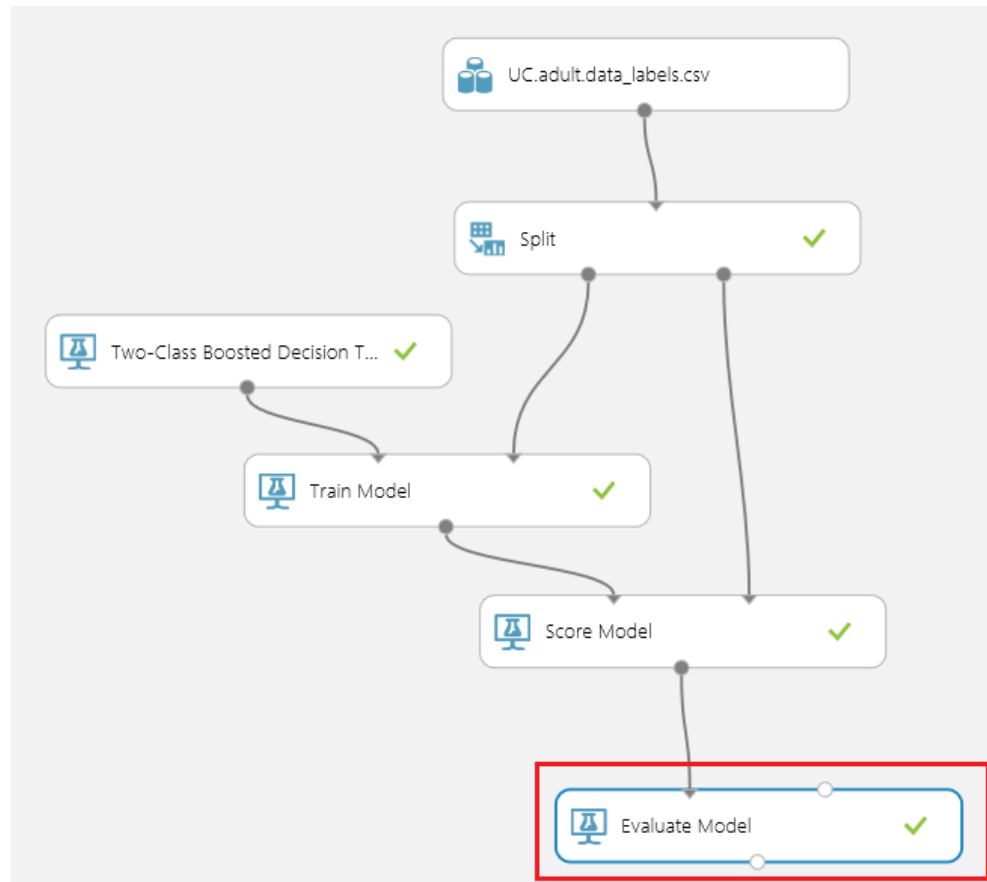
1. Supervised learning

- a. **Classification:** used for predicting responses that can have just a few known values, such as “married,” “single,” or “divorced,” based on the other columns in the dataset.
- b. **Regression:** predict one or more continuous variables, such as profit or loss, based on other columns in the dataset.
 - a. **Simple linear regression:** A single key variable is predicted based on one or more other variables in the dataset.
 - b. **Multiple linear regression:** More than one key variable is predicted based on one or more other variables in the dataset.
 - c. **Multivariate linear regression:** multiple correlated dependent key variables are predicted, rather than a single key variable.



Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

1. **Goal:** To predict whether a person's income exceeds \$50,000 per year based on his demographics or census data.
2. **Features:**
 - Age, Workclass, Fnlwgt, Education, Education-num, Marital-status, Occupation, Relationship, Race, Sex, Capital-gain, Capital-loss, Hours-per-week, Native-country, Income.



Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

Step 1: Get the data

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Microsoft Azure Machine Learning', 'Home', and 'Studio'. The left sidebar contains icons for 'EXPERIMENTS', 'WEB SERVICES', 'SETTINGS', 'NEW', 'DATASET', and 'EXPERIMENT'. The main area shows the 'experiments' page with a table of experiments. A dialog box titled 'Upload a new dataset' is open, prompting the user to select data to upload. The dialog includes a text input for the file path, a 'Browse...' button, a checkbox for 'This is the new version of an existing dataset', a text input for the dataset name ('adult.data.csv'), a dropdown for the dataset type ('Generic CSV File with a header (.csv)'), and a text input for an optional description ('Adult Income Data').

The 'NEW' section on the right side of the interface shows 'Microsoft Samples' with a grid of experiment templates. The 'Blank Experiment' template is highlighted with a red border. Other templates include 'Sample 1: Download dataset from UCI: Adult 2 class dataset', 'Sample 2: Dataset Processing and Analysis: Auto Imports Regression Dataset', 'Sample 4: Cross Validation for Regression: Auto Imports Dataset', 'Sample 5: Train, Test, Evaluate for Binary Classification: Adult Dataset', and 'Sample 6: Train, Test, Evaluate for Regression: Auto Imports Dataset'.

Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

Step 2: Visualize the data

The screenshot displays the Azure ML Studio interface for an experiment created on 2/1/2015. The left sidebar shows a list of experiment items, including Saved Datasets, Data Format Conversions, Data Input and Output, Data Transformation, Feature Selection, Machine Learning, OpenCV Library Modules, R Language Modules, Statistical Functions, and Text Analytics. The main workspace shows a flowchart with a dashed box labeled "Drag Items Here" and a "Visualize" button. The right sidebar shows a list of saved datasets, with "adult.data.csv" highlighted. Below the main workspace, a context menu is open for the "adult.data.csv" dataset, showing options: Download, Visualize, Delete, Copy, Cut, Paste, and Download. The bottom of the interface shows a toolbar with buttons for NEW, VIEW RUN HISTORY, SAVE, SAVE AS, and DISCARD CHANGES.

Experiment created on 2/1/2015

To create your experiment, drag and drop datasets and modules here

Drag Items Here

Search experiment items

Saved Datasets

- Adult Census Income...
- adult.data.csv**
- Airport Codes Dataset
- Automobile price dat...
- Bike Rental UCI dataset
- Bill Gates RGB Image
- Blood donation data
- Book Reviews from A...
- Breast cancer data
- Breast Cancer Features
- Breast Cancer Info
- CRM Appetency Labe...
- CRM Churn Labels Sh...
- CRM Dataset Shared
- CRM Upselling Labels...
- Energy Efficiency Req...
- Flight Delays Data

adult.data.csv

dataset (GenericCSV)

- Download
- Visualize
- Delete
- Copy
- Cut
- Paste
- Download

+ NEW

VIEW RUN HISTORY

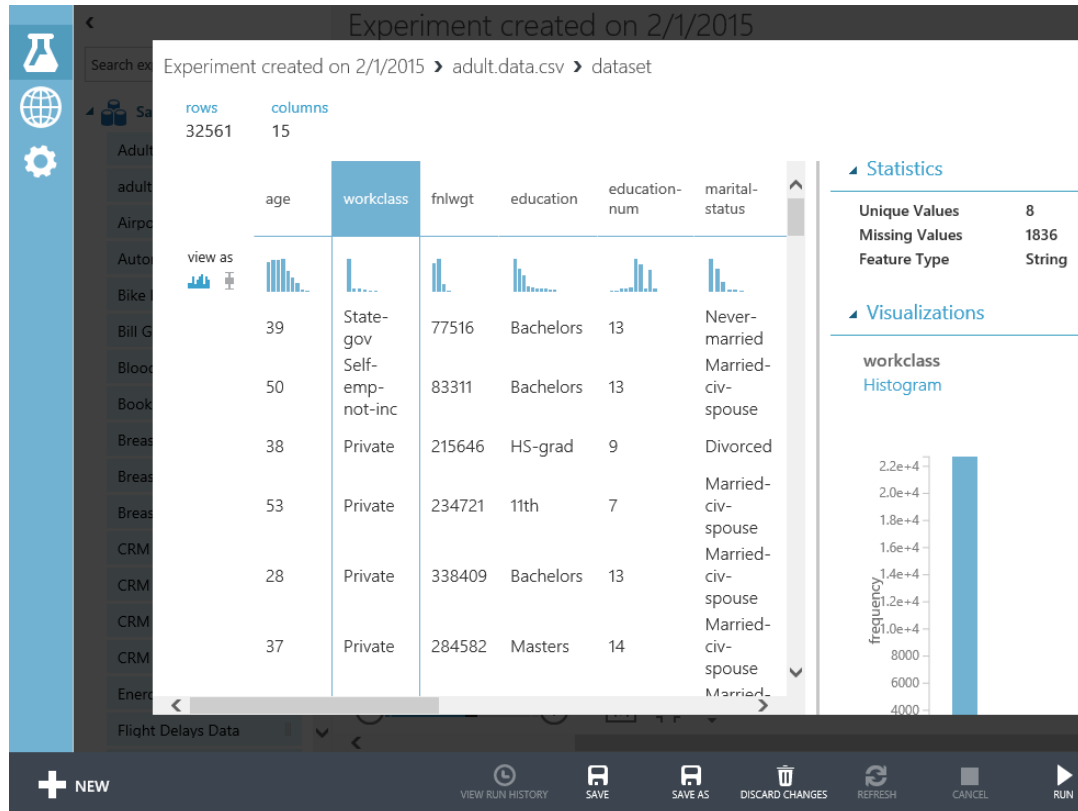
SAVE

SAVE AS

DISCARD CHANGES

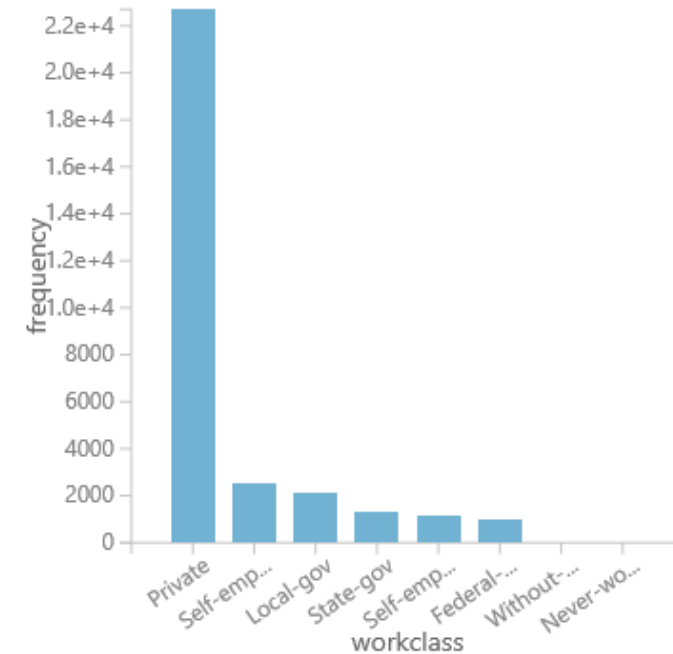
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Step 2: Visualize the data



Visualizations

workclass Histogram



Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

Step 3: Split the data

The screenshot displays the Azure ML Studio interface for an experiment named 'Income_Prediction_Split'. The left sidebar shows the 'Data Transformation' section expanded, with the 'Split' module selected. The main workspace shows a flowchart where the 'adult.data.csv' dataset is connected to the 'Split' module. The 'Split' module is highlighted with a red box. The right sidebar shows the 'Properties' panel for the 'Split' module, with the 'Fraction of rows in the first output dataset' set to 0.80. The 'Experiment Properties' section shows the status as 'InDraft'.

Income_Prediction_Split In draft
Draft saved at 3:01:42 PM

Search experiment items

- Saved Datasets
- Data Format Conversions
- Data Input and Output
- Data Transformation**
 - Filter
 - Manipulation
 - Sample and Split**
 - Partition and Sample
 - Split**
 - Scale and Reduce
- Feature Selection
- Machine Learning
- OpenCV Library Modules
- R Language Modules
- Statistical Functions
- Text Analytics

adult.data.csv

Split

Properties

Split

Splitting mode
Split Rows

Fraction of rows in the first output dataset
0.80

☒ Randomized split

Random seed
0

Stratified split
False

Experiment Properties

STATUS CODE InDraft

☐ Disable upgrades

Split

Split the dataset by rows into two parts
(more...)

+ NEW VIEW RUN HISTORY SAVE SAVE AS DISCARD CHANGES REFRESH CANCEL RUN PUBLISH WEB SERVICE

Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

Step 4: Train Model. Choose Two-Class Boosted Decision Tree. The income will be dependent.

The screenshot displays the Azure ML Studio interface for training a model. The left sidebar shows the navigation pane with the following structure:

- Machine Learning (highlighted with a red box)
- Evaluate
- Initialize Model
 - Classification
 - Multiclass Decision Forest
 - Multiclass Decision Jungle
 - Multiclass Logistic Regression
 - Multiclass Neural Network
 - One-vs-All Multiclass
 - Two-Class Averaged Perceptron
 - Two-Class Bayes Point Machine
 - Two-Class Boosted Decision Tree (highlighted with a red box)
 - Two-Class Decision Forest
 - Two-Class Decision Jungle
 - Two-Class Locally-Deep Support...
 - Two-Class Logistic Regression
 - Two-Class Neural Network
 - Two-Class Support Vector Machine

The central workspace shows a flowchart titled "Income_Prediction_Train" (In draft). The flowchart consists of the following steps:

- adult.data.csv
- Split
- Two-Class Boosted Decision T... (highlighted with a red box)
- Train Model (highlighted with a red box)

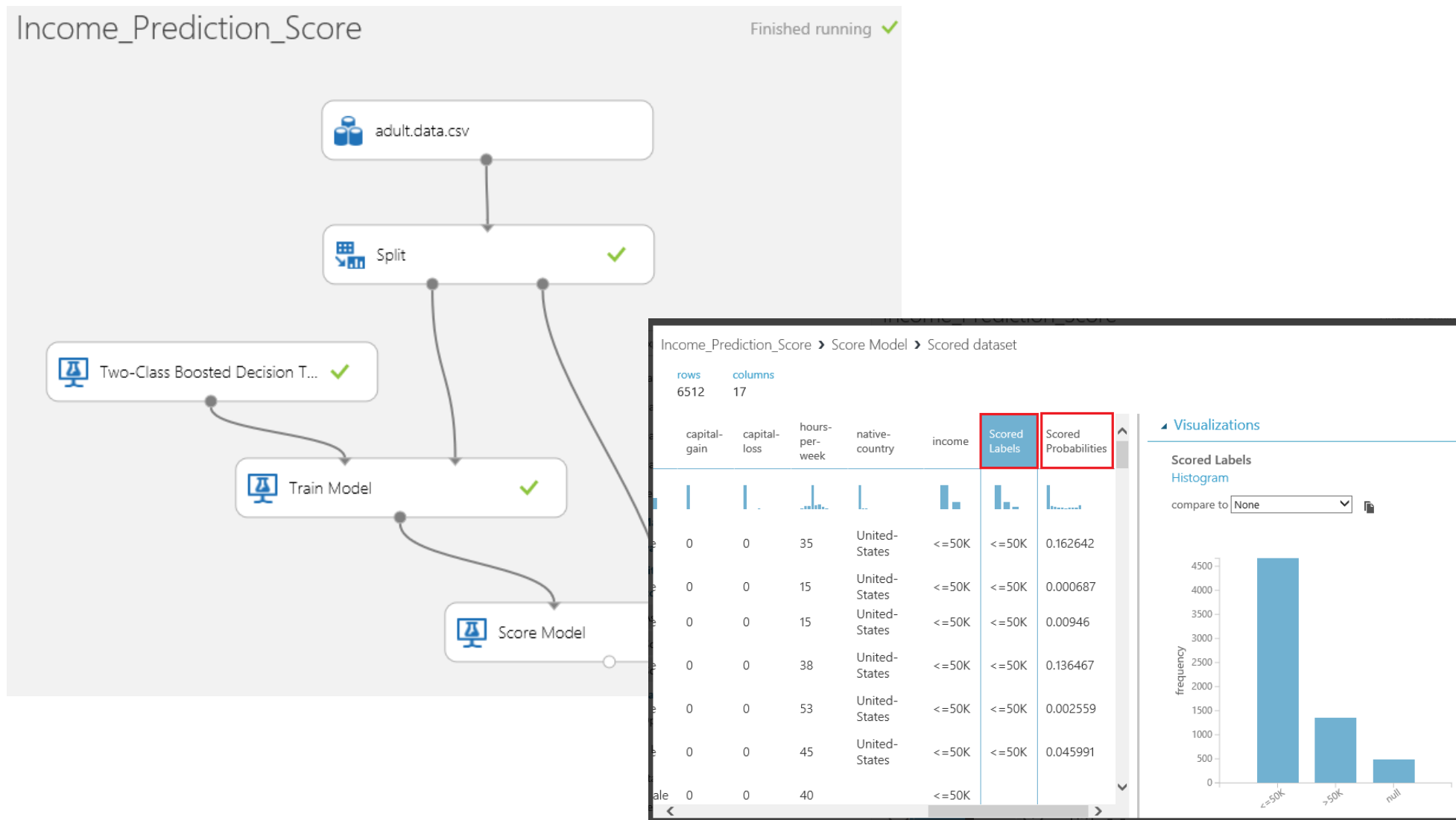
A "Select a single column" dialog box is open in the foreground, showing the "Include" dropdown set to "column names" and the "income" column selected. The dialog has a "Launch column selector" button (highlighted with a red box) and a "Train Model" button (highlighted with a red box).

The right sidebar shows the "Properties" panel with the following sections:

- Train Model**
 - Label column
 - Selected columns: Launch the selector tool to make a selection (highlighted with a red box)
- Experiment Properties**
 - STATUS CODE: InDraft
 - ☐ Disable upgrades
- Train Model**
 - Train a previously created classification or regression model (more...)

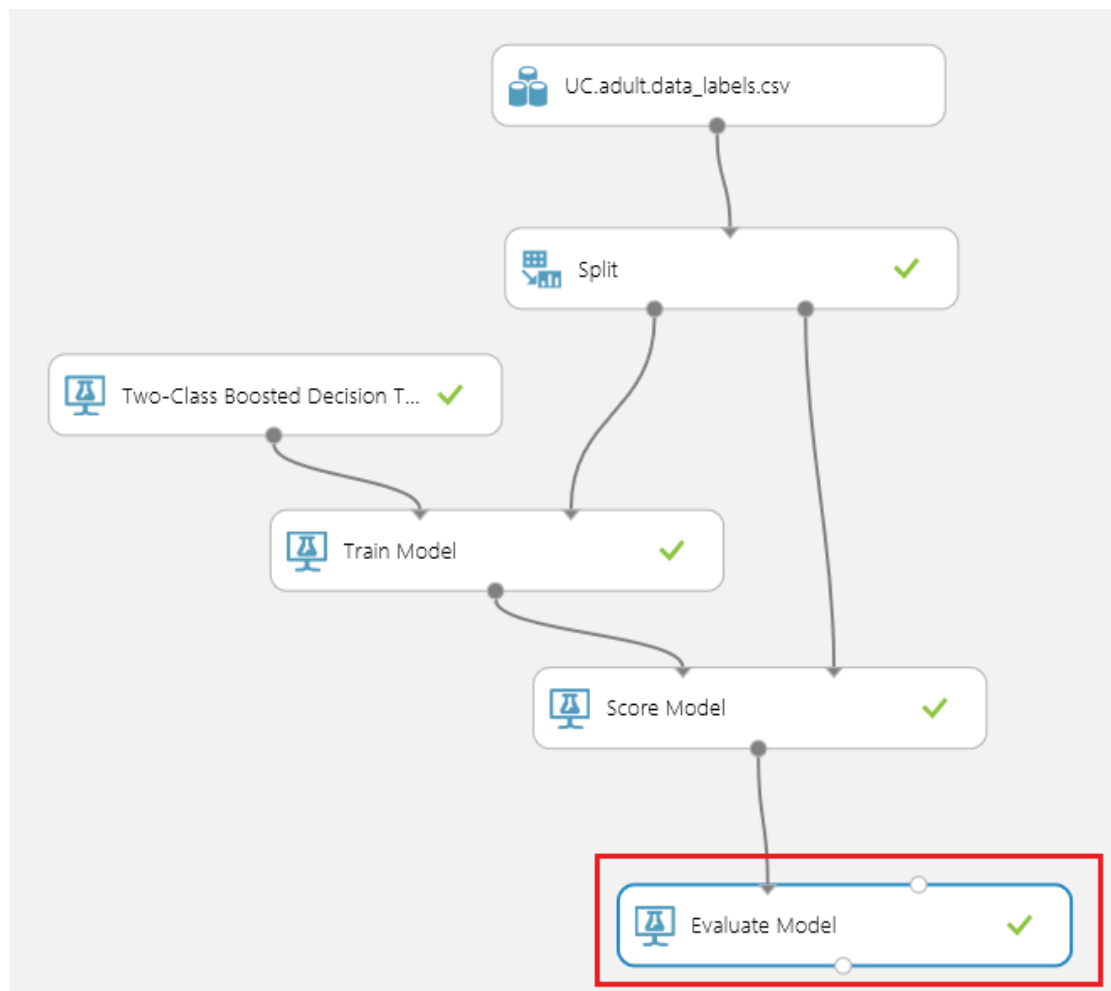
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Step 5: Score Model with Scored Labels and Probabilities.

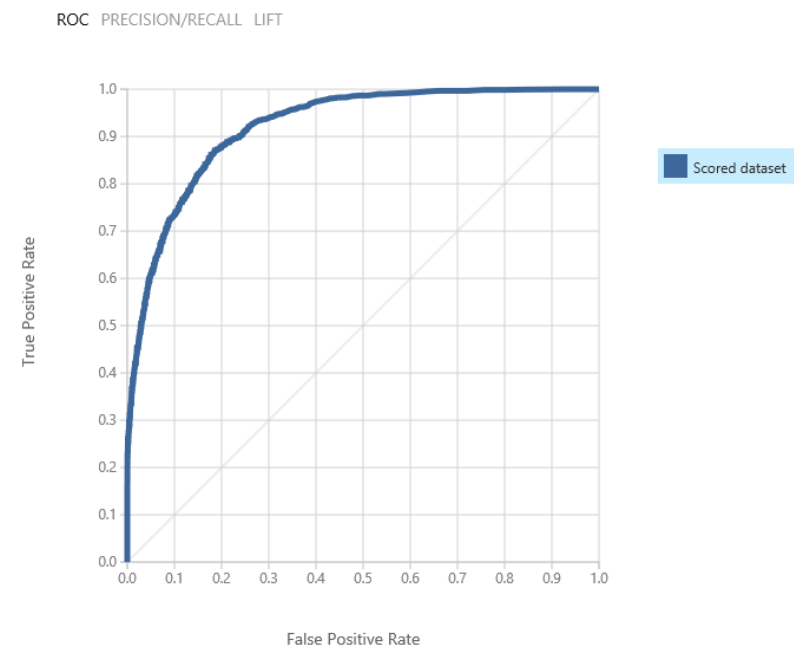


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Step 6: Evaluate Model. Check the ROC curve.

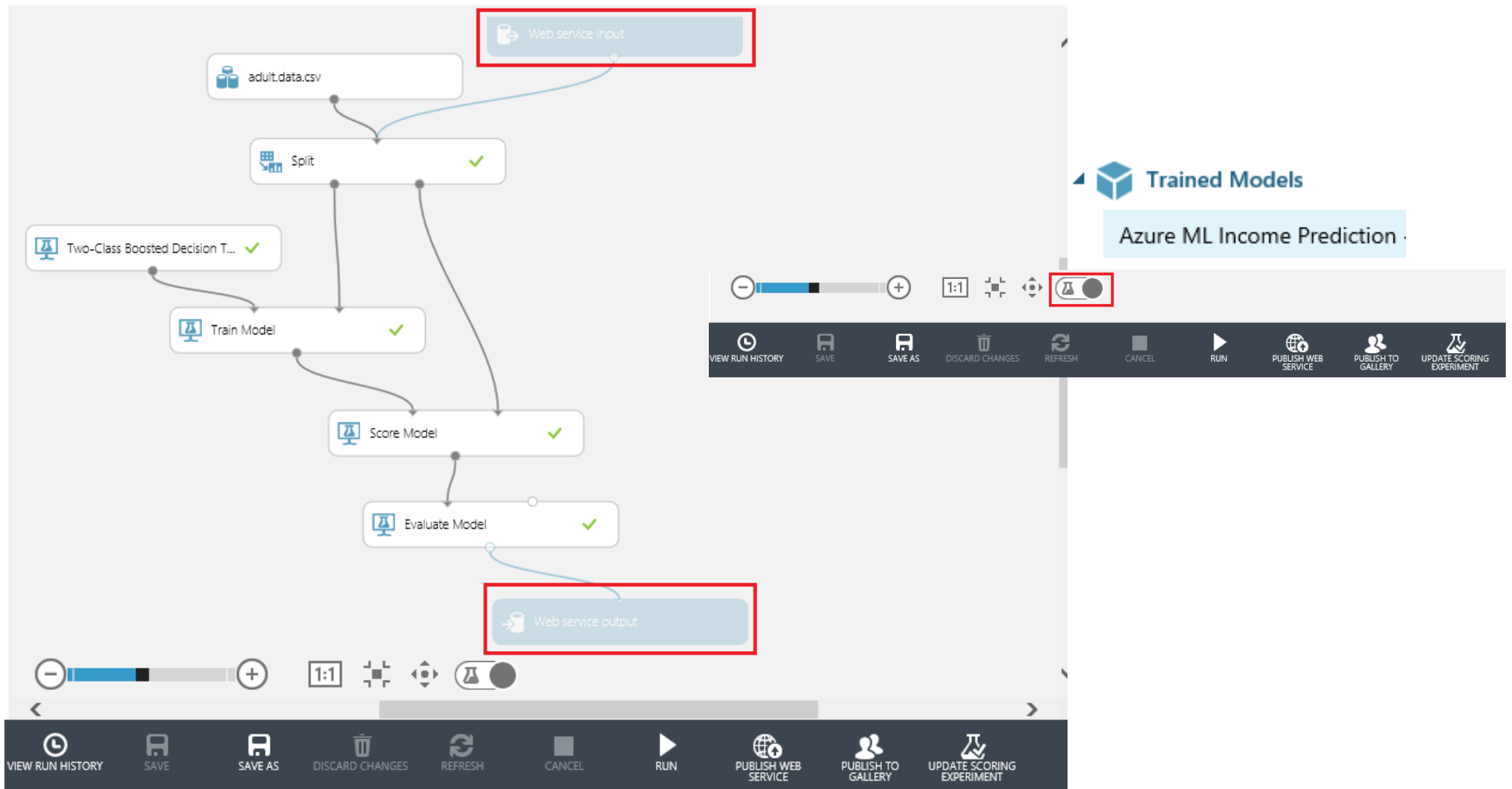


Income_Prediction_Evaluate > Evaluate Model > Evaluation results



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Step 7: Publish as a Web service.



Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Classification

Step 8: Test Web service.

azure ml income prediction web service

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General

Parent Experiment

[Azure ML Income Prediction - Train Score Evaluate 3 Before Publish as Web Service](#)

Description

No description provided for this web service.

API key

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Default Endpoint

URL	TYPE	LAST UPDATED	TEST	APPS
API help page	REQUEST/RESPONSE	3/1/2015 4:09:45 PM	Test	Download Excel Workbook
API help page	BATCH EXECUTION	3/1/2015 4:09:45 PM		

Additional endpoints

Number of additional endpoints created for this web service: 0

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NEW

DELETE

Test Income_Prediction_Web-Service Service

Enter data to predict

AGE

WORKCLASS

FNLWGT

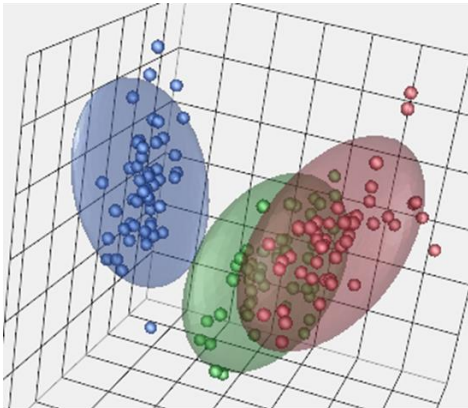
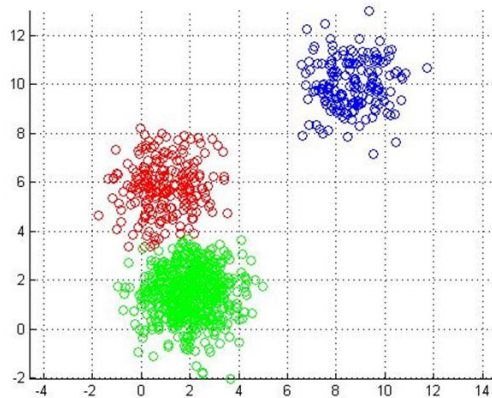
EDUCATION

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Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Clustering

1. **K-Means Clustering** module: The K-means method finds a specified number of clusters for a set of D-dimensional data points. It starts an initial set of K centroids, and then uses algorithms to iteratively refine the locations of the centroids. The algorithm terminates when the centroids stabilize or when a specified number of iterations are computed.
2. **Train Clustering Model** module: This module takes an untrained clustering model, such as that produced by the K-Means Clustering module, and an unlabeled data set. It returns a trained clustering model that can be passed to the Assign to Clusters module. It also returns labels for the training data.
3. **Assign to Clusters** module: This module takes a trained clustering model, produced by the Train Clustering Model module, and an unlabeled data set. The module then returns the cluster assignments (indexes) for the input data.



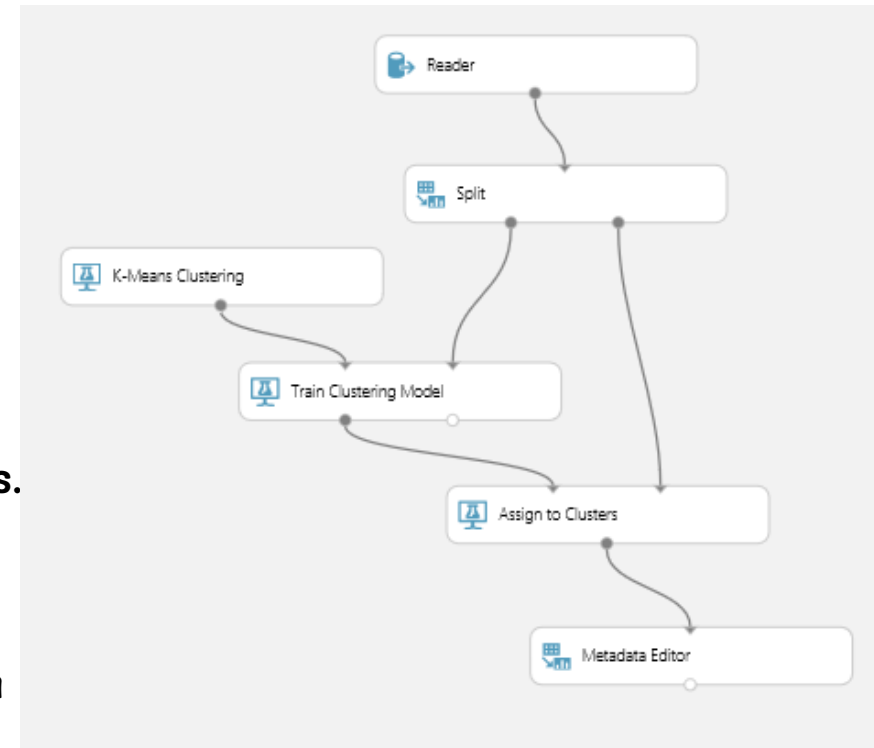
Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Grouping wholesale customers

1. Datasets

- Wholesale customers dataset from the UCI Machine Learning Repository located at <http://mlr.cs.umass.edu/ml/datasets/Wholesale+customers>

2. It includes the annual spending on the following product categories

- a. Channel: Retail channel types such as hotel/restaurant/café.
- b. Region: Customer region code.
- c. Fresh: Annual spending on fresh products.
- d. Milk: Annual spending on milk products.
- e. Grocery: Annual spending on grocery products.
- f. Frozen: Annual spending on frozen products.
- g. Detergents-Paper: Annual spending on detergents and paper products
- h. Delicatessen: Annual spending on delicatessen products.



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Step 1: Get the data from URL and explore the data.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Machine Learning interface. On the left, the 'Data Input and Output' section is expanded, and the 'Reader' module is highlighted. Below it, the 'OpenCV Library Modules' section is also expanded, showing the 'Image Reader' module. A context menu is open over the 'Reader' module, with the 'Visualize' option highlighted. On the right, the 'Properties' pane for the 'Reader' module is shown. The 'Data source' is set to 'Web URL via HTTP', the 'URL' is 'http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning', and the 'Data format' is 'CSV'. Below the properties, the 'Results dataset' is displayed as a table with 440 rows and 8 columns. The table contains data for various wholesale customers, including Channel, Region, Fresh, Milk, Grocery, Frozen, Detergents_Paper, and Delicassen.

Microsoft Azure Machine Learning | Home

reader

Data Input and Output

Reader

OpenCV Library Modules

Image Reader

Reader

Download

Save as Dataset

Save as Trained Model

Save as Transform

Visualize

Generate Data Access Code...

Properties

Reader

Data source

Web URL via HTTP

URL

http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning

Data format

CSV

Wholesale Customers 01 > Reader > Results dataset

rows 440 columns 8

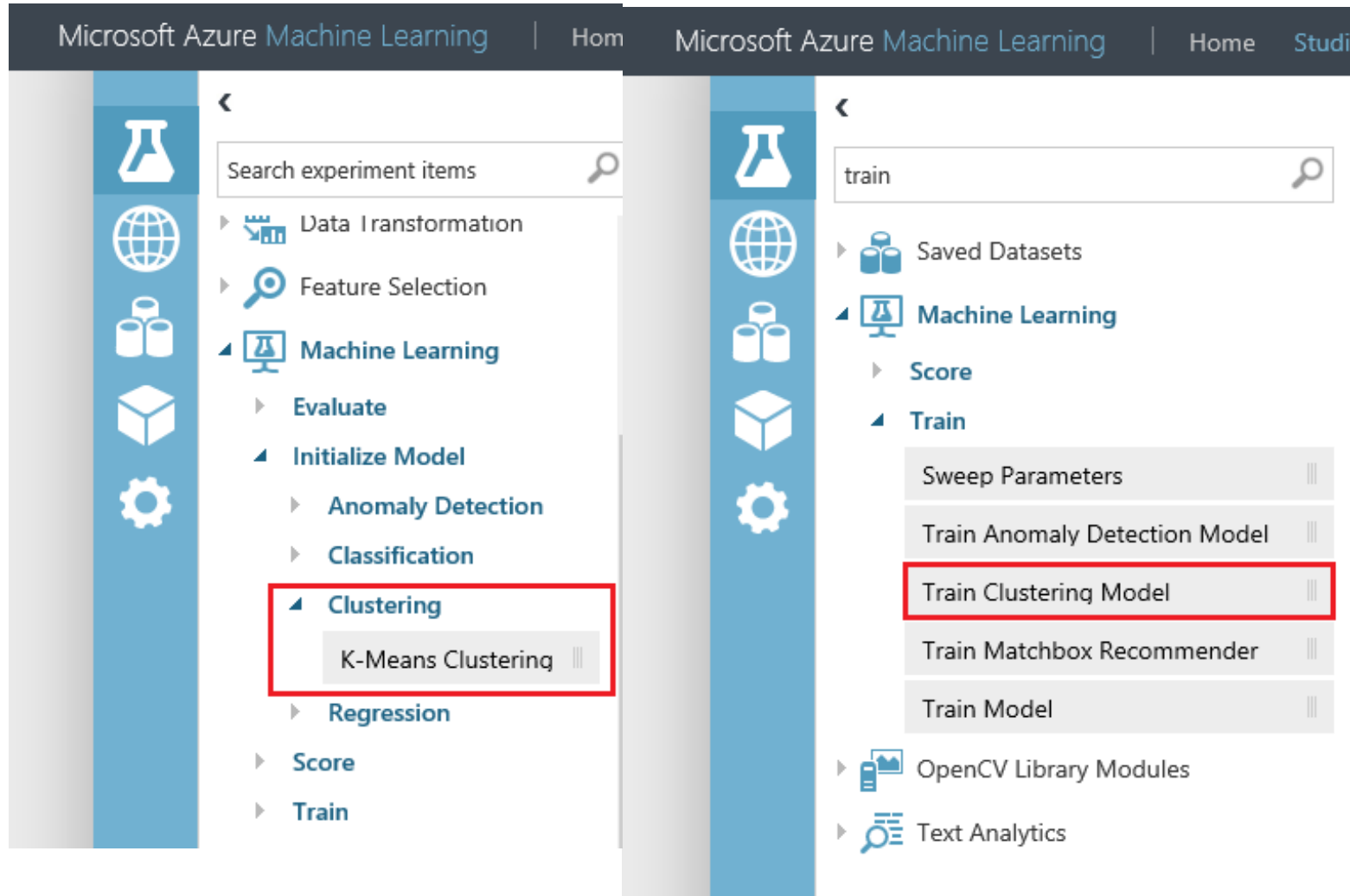
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1	3	13265	1196	4221	6404	507	1788
2	3	22615	5410	7198	3915	1777	5185
2	3	9413	8259	5126	666	1795	1451
2	3	12126	3199	6975	480	3140	545
2	3	7579	4956	9426	1669	3321	2566
1	3	5963	3648	6192	425	1716	750
2	3	6006	11093	18881	1159	7425	2098
2	3	3366	5403	12974	4400	5977	1744
2	3	13146	1124	4523	1420	549	497
2	3	31714	12319	11757	287	3881	2931
2	3	21217	6208	14982	3095	6707	602

Statistics

Visualizations

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Step 2: Choose the K-Means Clustering Model and Train the Clustering Model.



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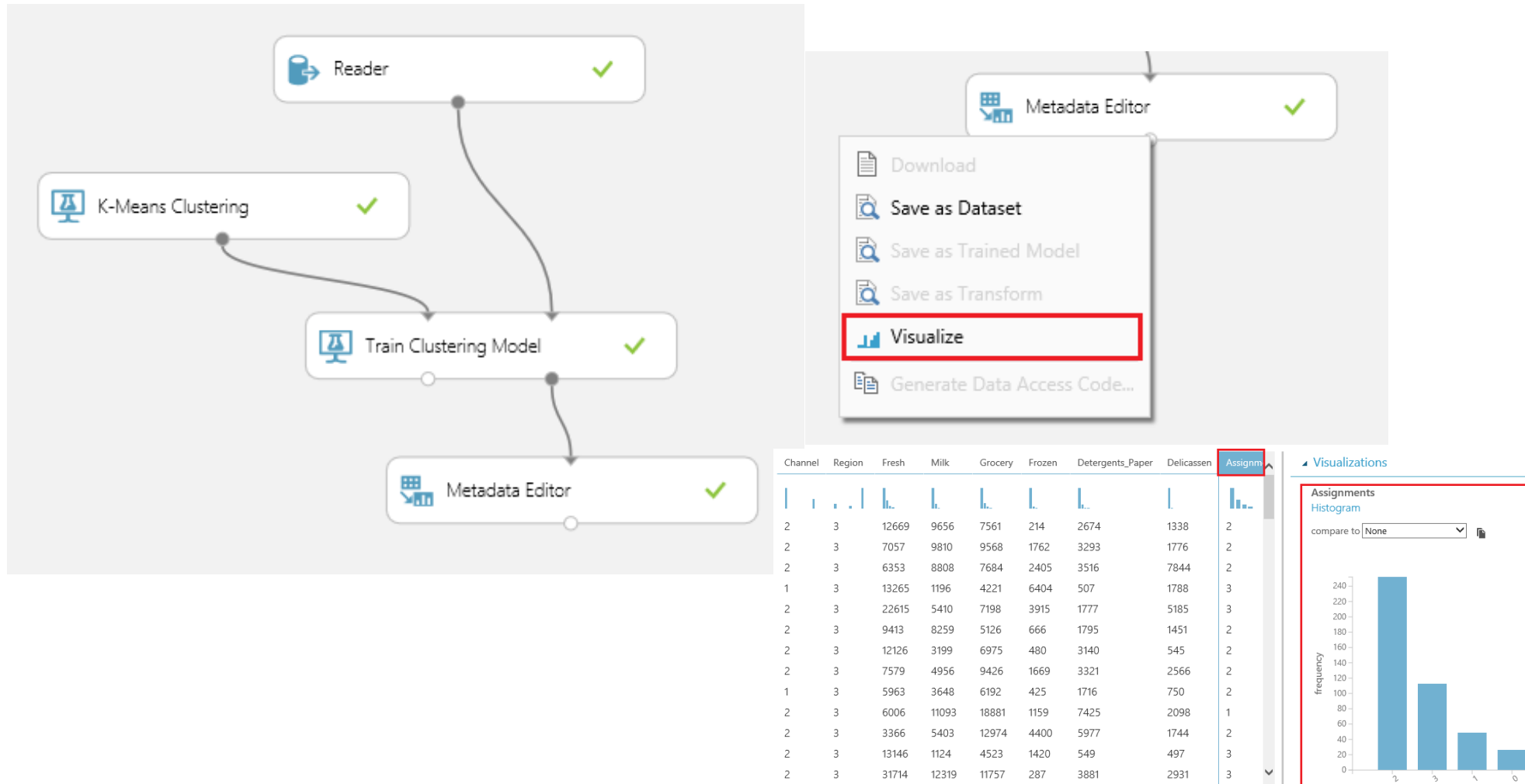
Step 3: Setup the K-Means Clustering properties.

The screenshot displays the Azure ML Studio interface. On the left, the 'Machine Learning' workspace is shown with a search bar containing 'k-means'. The 'Initialize Model' section is expanded, and 'K-Means Clustering' is selected and highlighted with a red box. In the center, the 'Properties' pane for 'K-Means Clustering' is visible, showing the following settings: 'Number of Centroids' set to 2, 'Metric' set to 'Euclidean' (indicated by a dropdown arrow), 'Initialization' set to 'K-Means++', and 'Iterations' set to 100. On the right, the 'Data Transformation' section is expanded, and 'Manipulation' is selected. 'Metadata Editor' is highlighted with a red box. Below the 'Metadata Editor' box, a 'Select columns' dialog is open. It has a search bar with 'metadata editor'. The 'Allow duplicates and preserve column order in selection' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Begin With' dropdown is set to 'All columns'. The 'Include' dropdown is set to 'all features', and the 'Exclude' dropdown is empty. There are '+' and '-' buttons between the 'Include' and 'Exclude' dropdowns. A checkmark icon is in the bottom right corner of the dialog.

- **Euclidean:** distance between two points is the length of line segment connecting them.
- **Cosine:** Measure of similarity between two vectors of an inner space that measure the cosine of the angles between them.

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Step 4: Visualize the Training Results.



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Step 5: Split the data and set up for testing.

The screenshot displays the Azure ML workspace interface. On the left, a sidebar contains icons for a lab flask, a globe, two cylinders, a cube, and a gear. The main area is divided into three panels. The left panel shows a search bar with 'split' and a list of modules under 'Data Transformation' > 'Sample and Split', with 'Split' highlighted. The middle panel shows the 'Split' module configuration: 'Splitting mode' is 'Split Rows', 'Fraction of rows in the first output dataset' is '0.90', 'Randomized split' is checked, 'Random seed' is '0', and 'Stratified split' is 'False'. The right panel shows a search bar with 'assign to clusters' and a list of modules under 'Machine Learning' > 'Score', with 'Assign to Clusters' highlighted.

Select columns

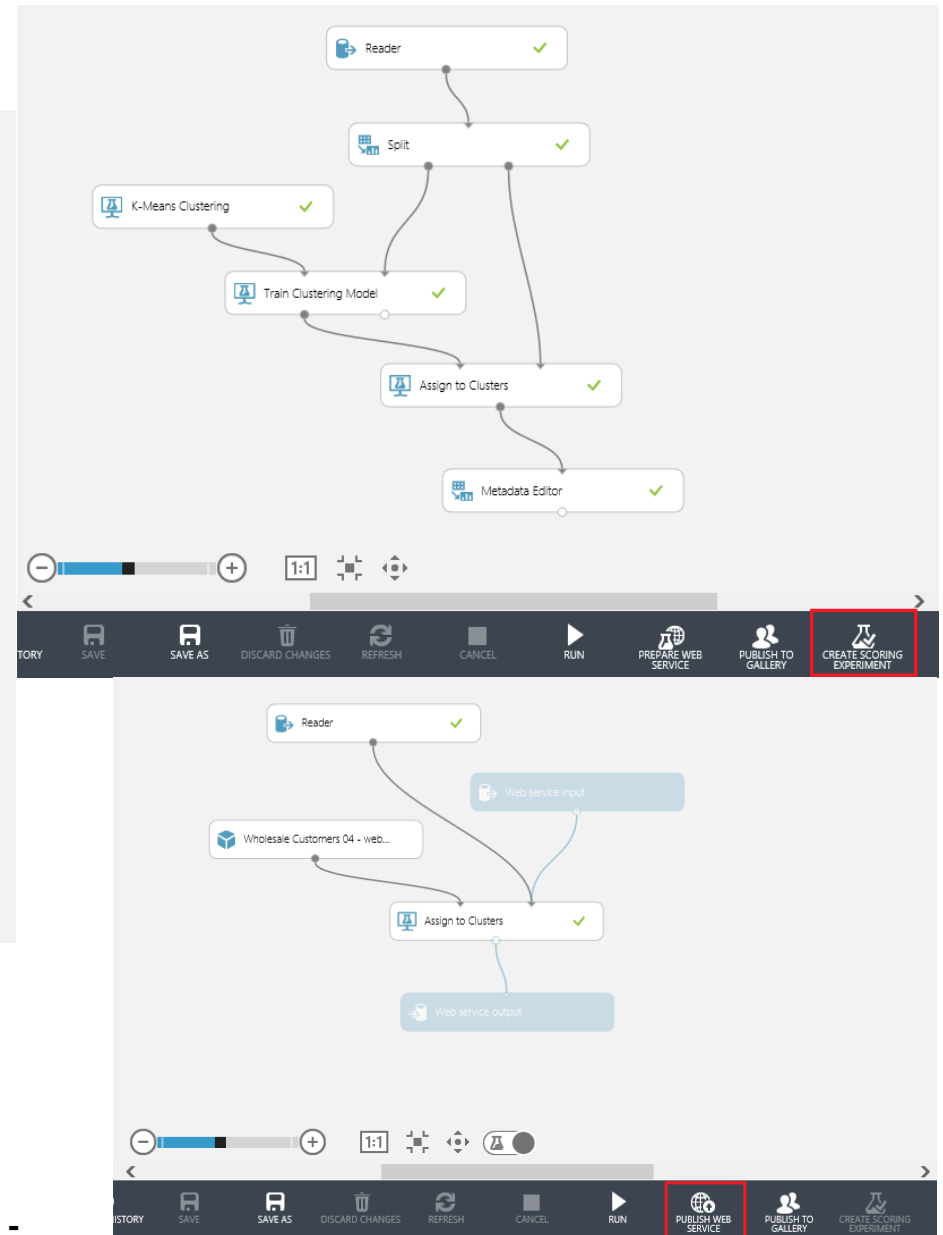
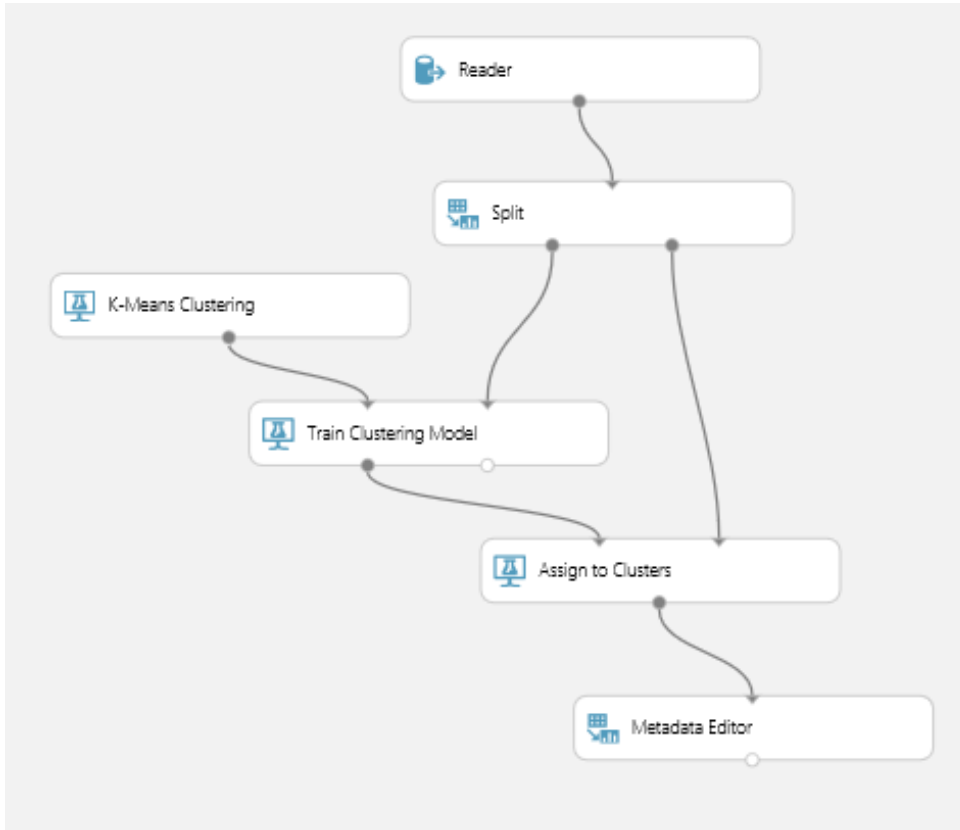
☐ Allow duplicates and preserve column order in selection

Begin With All columns

Include all features + -






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Step 6: Publish as a Web Service.



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Step 7: Test the Web Service.



wholesale customers

DASHBOARD CONFIGURATION

General

Parent Experiment

[Wholesale Customers 10 - transform to Web Svc 4](#)

Description

No description provided for this web service.

API key

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Default Endpoint

URL	TYPE	LAST UPDATED	TEST
API help page	REQUEST/RESPONSE	3/18/2015 12:38:05 AM	Test
API help page	BATCH EXECUTION	3/18/2015 12:38:05 AM	

Additional endpoints

Number of additional endpoints created for this web service: 0

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Part III Azure ML Hands-On: Recommendation

1. **Create a model:** A model is a container of your usage data, catalog data, and the recommendation model.
2. **Import catalog data:** This is an optional step. A catalog contains metadata information on the items, if you do not upload catalog data, the recommendation's services will learn about your catalog from the usage data.
3. **Import usage data**
 - By uploading a file that contains the usage data.
 - By sending data acquisition events. Usually you upload a usage file to be able to create an initial recommendation model (bootstrap). You would use this usage until the system gathers enough data by using the data acquisition format.
4. **Building a recommendation model:**
 - This is an asynchronous operation in which the recommendation system takes all the usage data and creates a recommendation model. This operation can take several minutes or several hours depending on the size of the data and the build configuration parameters. When triggering the build, you will get a build ID. Use it to check when the build process has ended before starting to consume recommendations.

Part III Azure ML: Building the restaurant ratings recommender

1. Data sets

- a. **Restaurant features:** This includes information about each restaurant, such as placeID, location, name, address, state, whether alcohol is served, smoking policy, dress code, accessibility, and price.
- b. **Restaurant customers:** This includes a wide variety of personal attributes include userID, smoker, drink level, dress preference, marital status, birth year, interests, personality traits, religion, favorite color, weight, and budget.
- c. **Restaurant ratings:** This includes key fields like userID, placeID, and rating.

The screenshot displays the Azure ML Studio interface for an experiment titled "01 - Restaurant Ratings Experiment". On the left sidebar, there is a search bar containing the text "Restaurant". Below it, under the "Saved Datasets" section, three datasets are listed: "Restaurant customer data", "Restaurant feature data", and "Restaurant ratings". The main workspace area shows three data assets, each represented by a database icon and a progress indicator: "Restaurant feature data", "Restaurant customer data", and "Restaurant ratings".

Part III Azure ML: Building the restaurant ratings recommender

2. Select Columns

- We can filter out unnecessary columns in the Restaurant Feature Data and Restaurant Customer Data datasets.
- Restaurant** features: placeID, latitude, longitude, price.
- Customer** Data: userID, latitude, longitude, interest, personality.

3. Split Module

- Specify that half of this dataset is to be used for training and the other half of scoring the new recommendation model.

Select columns

☐ Allow duplicates and preserve column order in selection

Begin With

Include

placeID × latitude × longitude × price ×

Select columns

☐ Allow duplicates and preserve column order in selection

Begin With

Include

userID × latitude × longitude × interest ×
personality ×

Properties

Split

Splitting mode

Recommender Split

Fraction of training-onl...

0.5

Fraction of test user rati...

0.25

Fraction of cold users

0

Fraction of cold items

0

Fraction of ignored users

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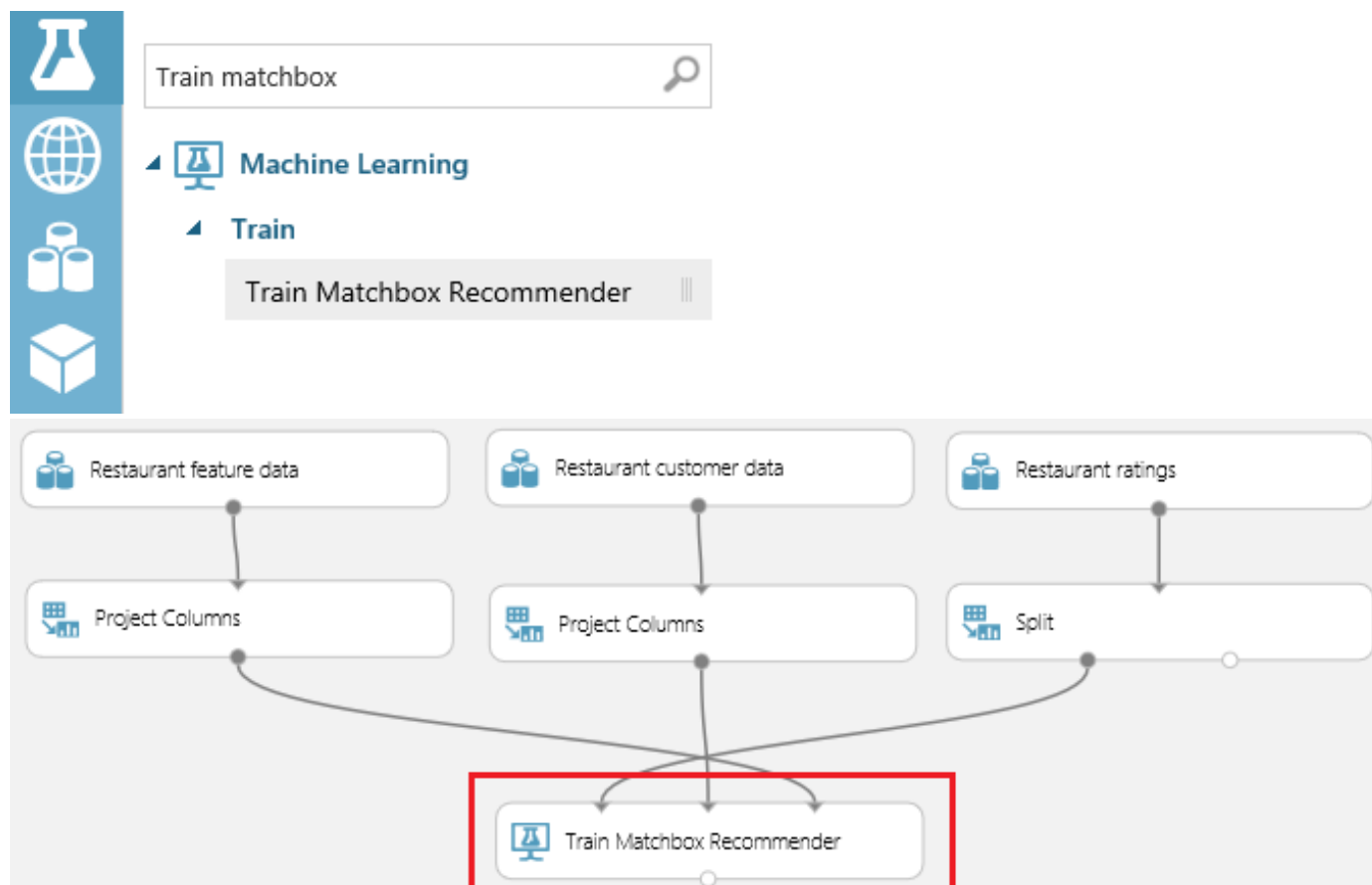
Fraction of ignored items

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Part III Azure ML: Building the restaurant ratings recommender

4. Train Matchbox Recommender module

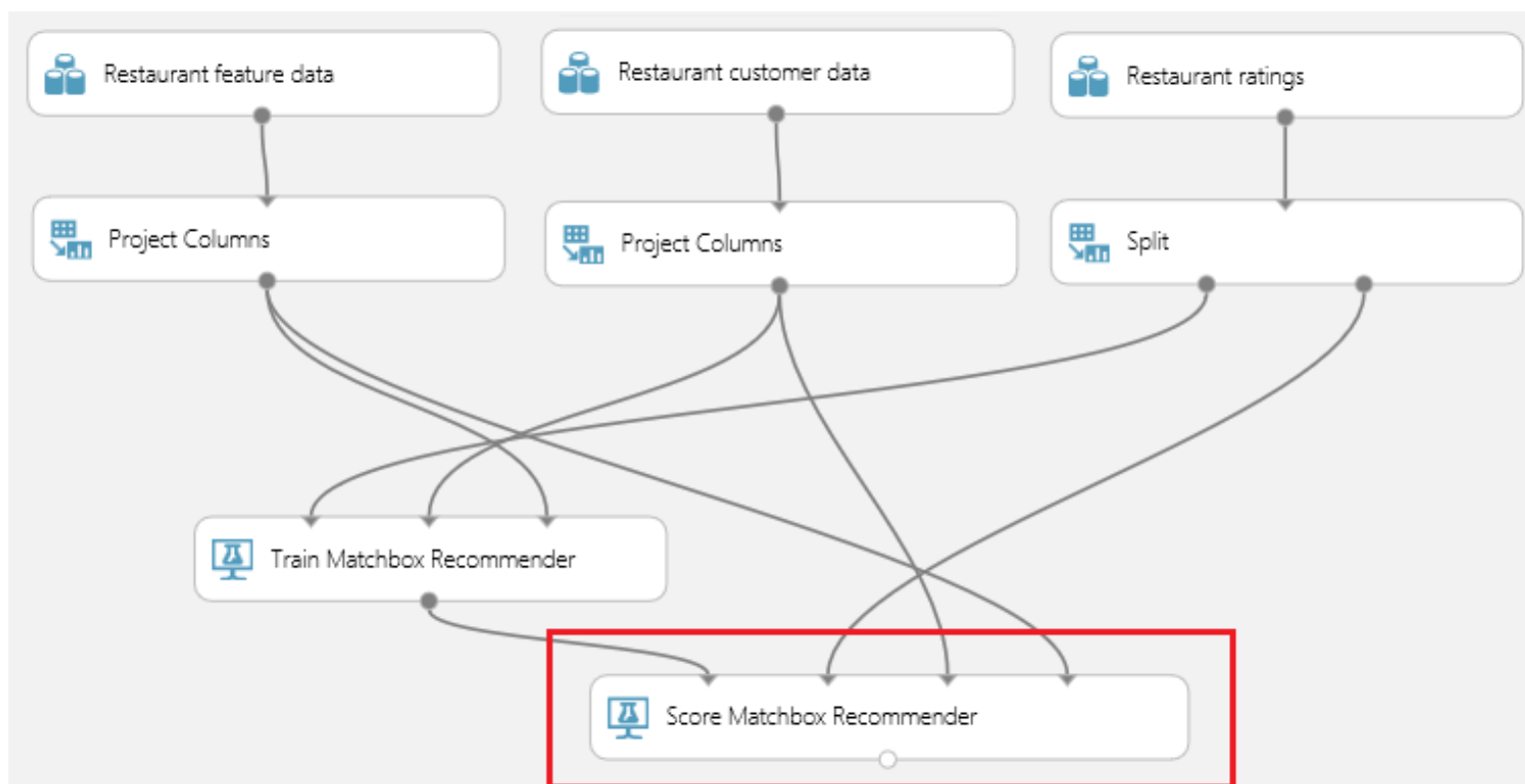
- Training dataset of user-item-rating triples: Ratings of items by users, expressed as a triple (Use, Item, Rating).
- Training dataset of user features: Dataset containing features that describe users.
- Training dataset of item features: Dataset containing features that describe items.



Part III Azure ML: Building the restaurant ratings recommender

5. Score Matchbox

- Trained Matchbox recommender.
- Dataset to score.
- User features: Dataset containing features that describe users.
- Item features: Dataset containing features that describe items.



Part III Azure ML: Building the restaurant ratings recommender

5. Score Matchbox

- a. **Rating Prediction:** Predict the rating that a customer will give a particular restaurant.
- b. **Item Recommendation:** Predict which restaurants will be most highly rated by the user.
- c. **Related Users:** Predict which customers (users) are most like this customer.
- d. **Related Items:** Predict which restaurants (items) are most like this restaurant.

▲ Score Matchbox Recommender

Recommender prediction kind

Item Recommendation ▼

Recommended item selection

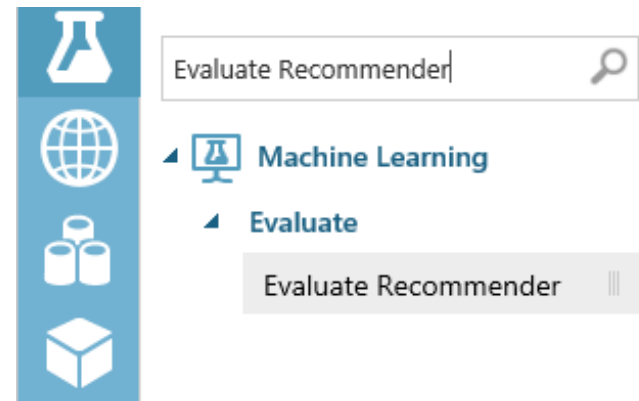
From Rated Items (for model evaluation) ▼

Maximum number of items to recommend to a user

5

Minimum size of the recommendation pool for a single user

2



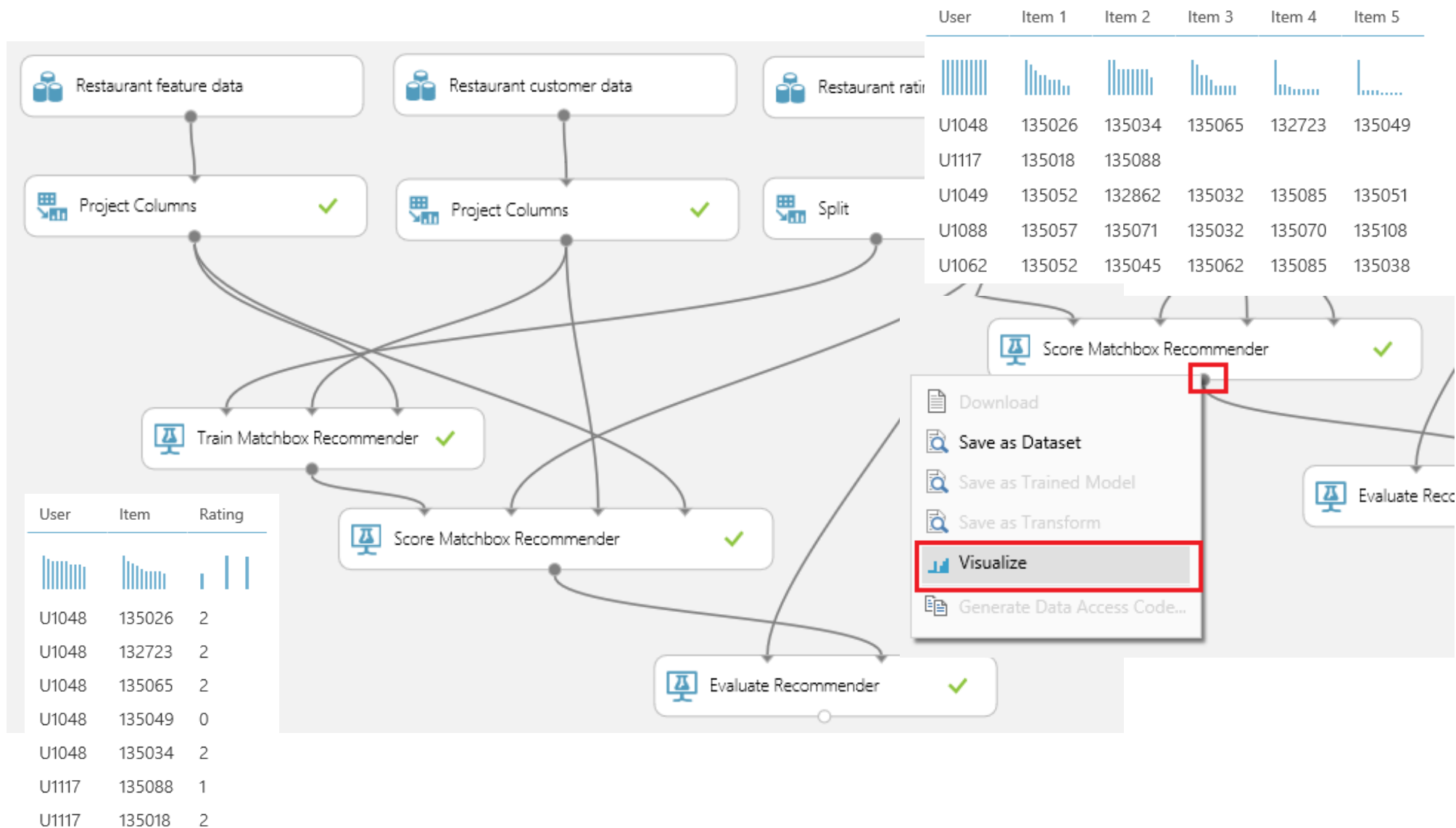
▲ Score Matchbox Recommender

Recommender prediction kind

Rating Prediction ▼

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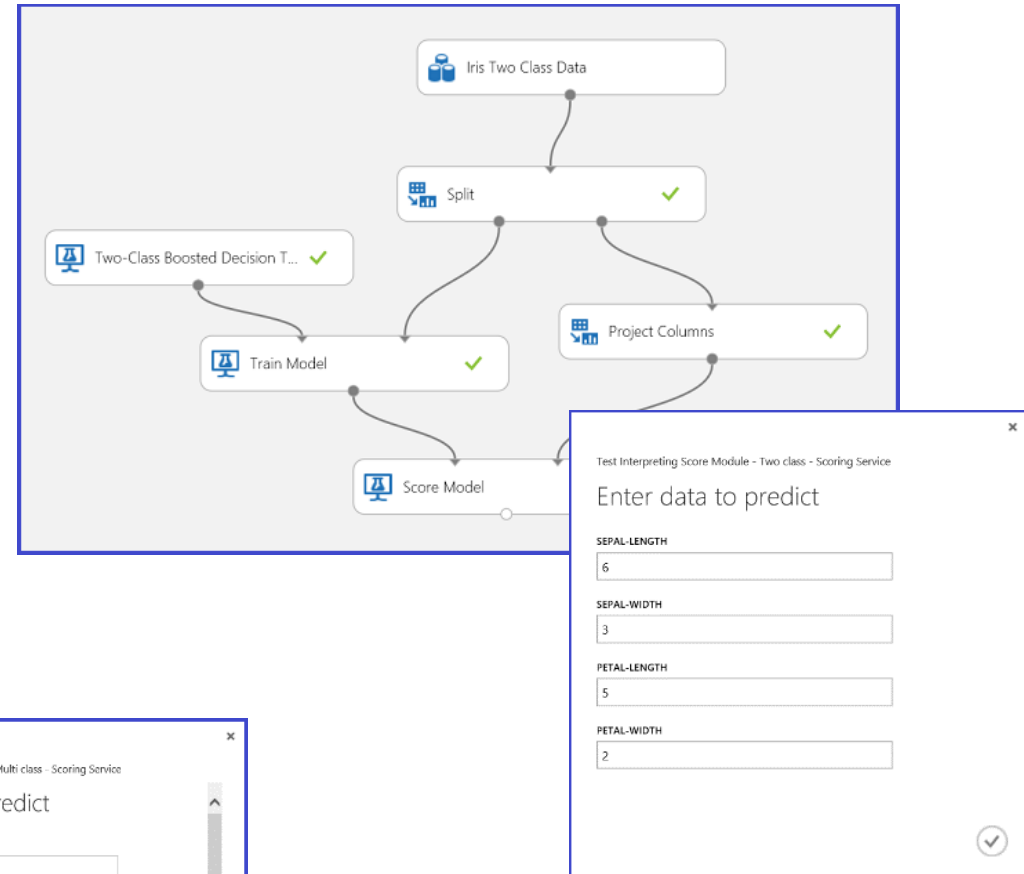
5. Evaluate Recommender



Part III Azure ML Exercises: Classification

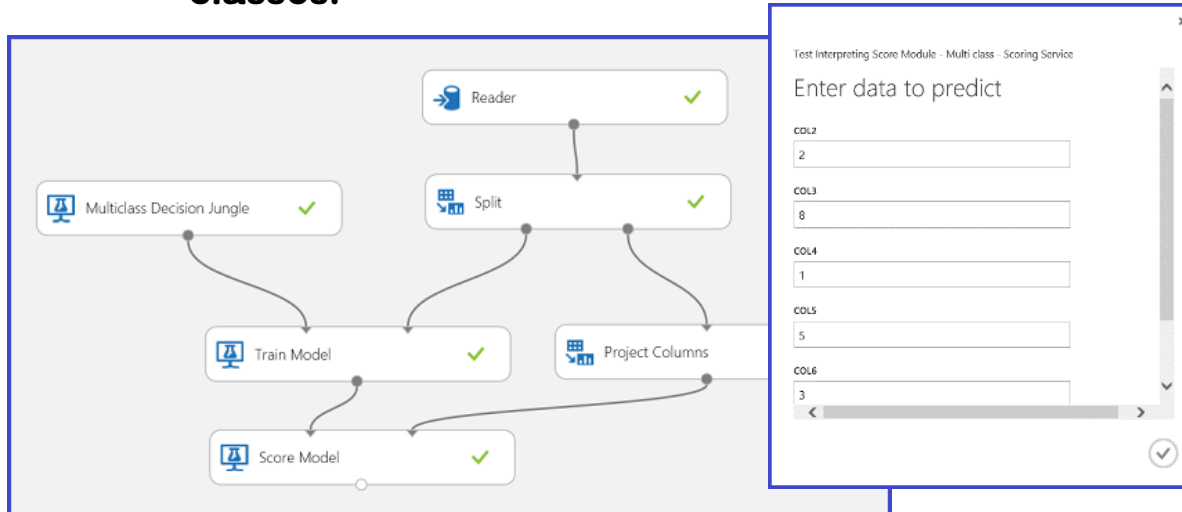
1. Two-class classification

- To classify Iris flowers based on their features.
- Two flower species (classes 0 and 1).
- Four features for each flower (sepal length, sepal width, petal length, and petal width)



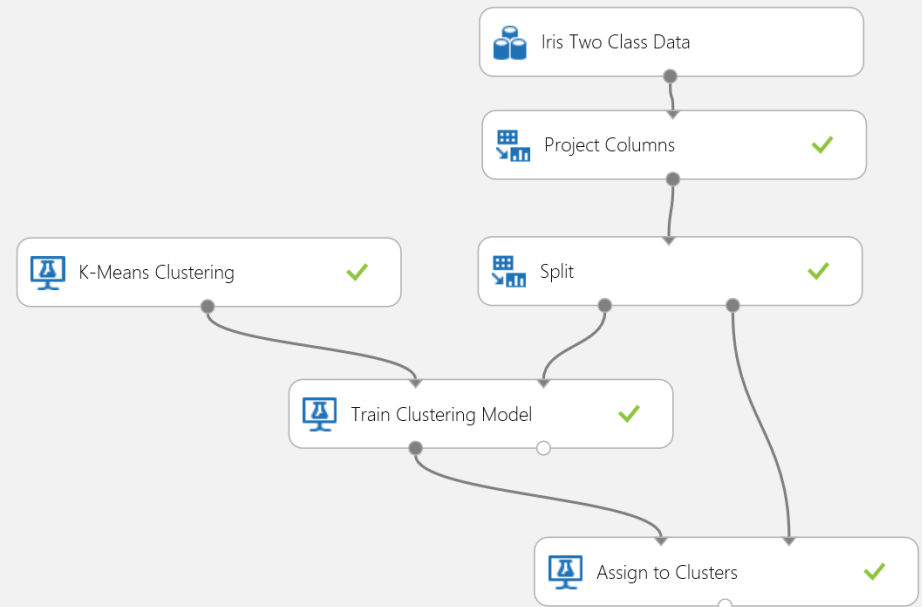
2. Multi-class classification

- To classify a letter (class), given some attribute values extracted from the hand-written letter images.
- Twenty-six letters form twenty-six classes.








Part III Azure ML Exercises: Clustering






















































































- Clustering differs from classification in that the training dataset does not have ground-truth labels by itself.
- Group the training dataset instances into distinct clusters.
- During the training process, the model labels the entries by leaning the differences between their features.



Interpret Scoring Module - Clustering > Assign to Clusters > Results dataset

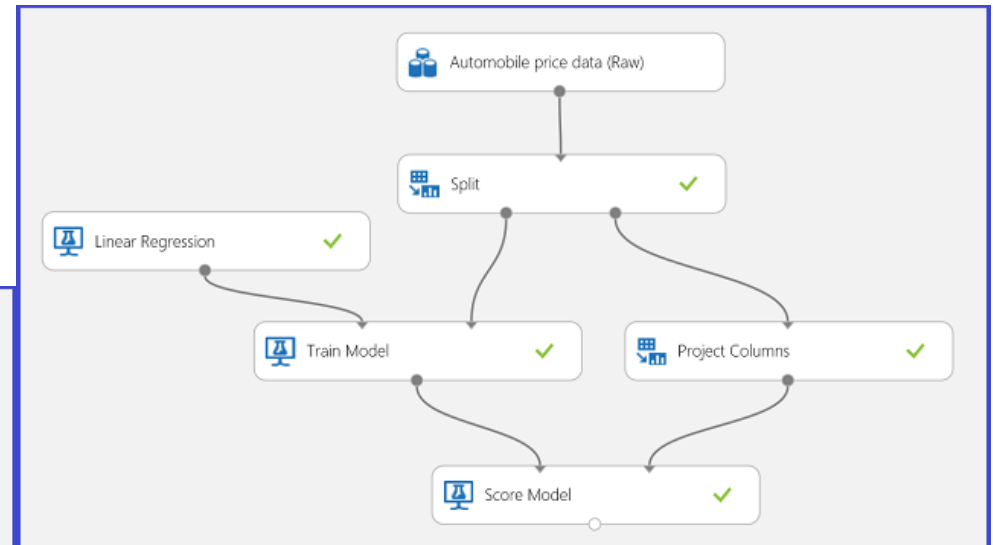
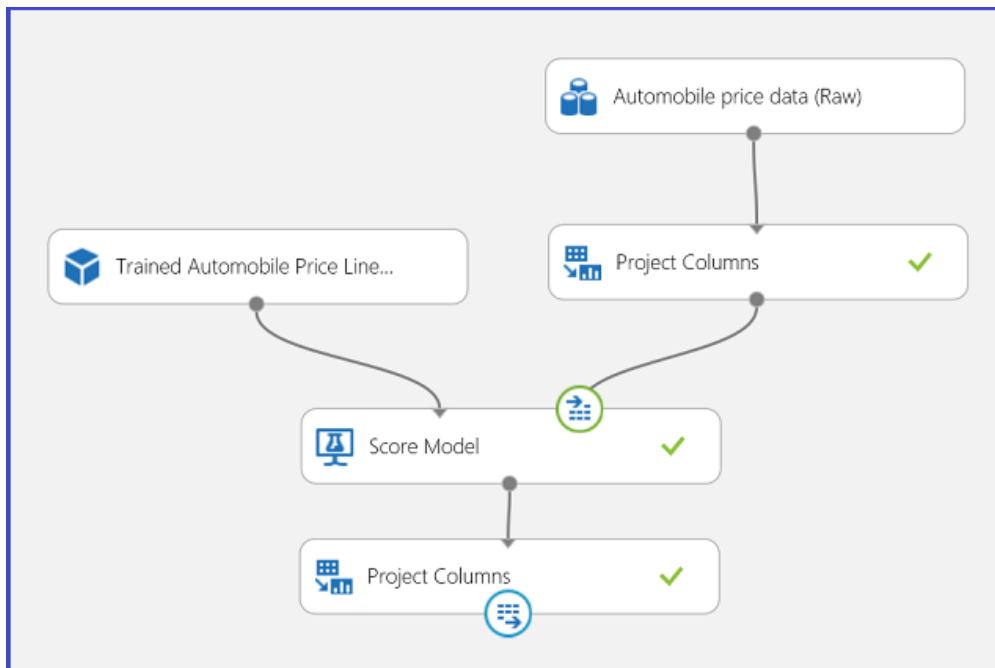
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	4.7	3.2	1.6	0.2	1
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	5.5	4.2	1.4	0.2	1

Interpret Scoring Module - Clustering > Train Clustering Model > Results dataset

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5.1					1
5					1
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4.9					1

Part III Azure ML Exercises: Regression

- To predict the price of a car based on its features including make, fuel type, body type, drive wheel, etc.



Model > Scored dataset

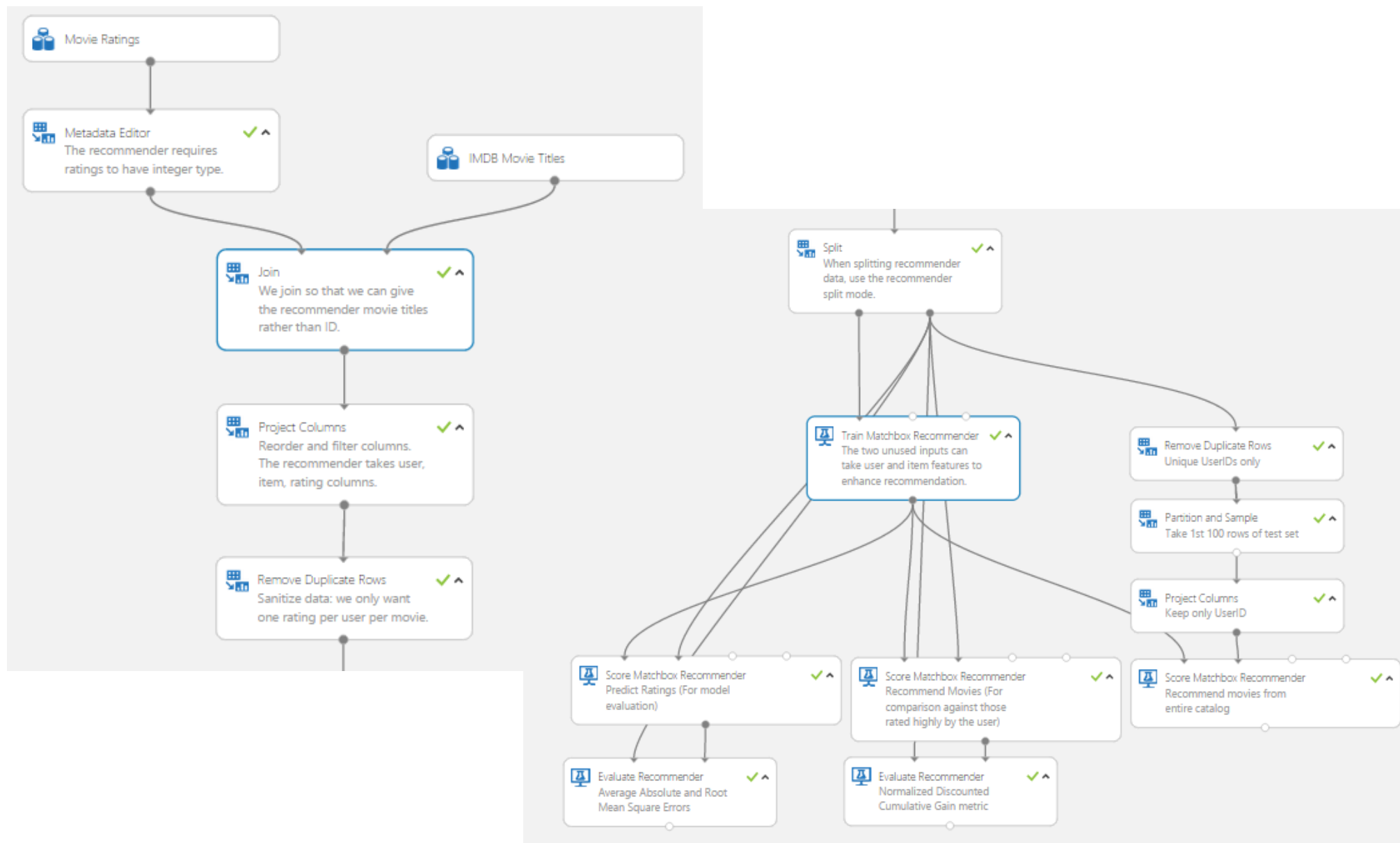
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Statistics

Visualizations

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Part III Azure ML Exercises: Recommendation



Part IV Lessons and Resources

1. Data wrangling is important
 - a. More time is spent on data wrangling than model building.
 - b. Different sources, formats, schemas, missing values and noisy data.
 - c. Data manipulation modules are very popular: Execute R script, SQL Transform, etc.
2. Azure ML Modeling
 - a. Modeling depends on the Business Application Domain and Data.
 - b. Feature Engineering is essential.
 - c. Parameter Tuning is needed.
 - d. Learn R or Python Script.
3. Resources
 - a. Getting Started: <https://studio.azureml.net>
 - b. Gallery: <http://gallery.azureml.net/>
 - c. Site/ML Studio/Docs: <http://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/machine-learning/>
 - d. Blog: <http://blogs.technet.com/b/machinelearning/>
 - e. edX: Microsoft DAT203X Data Science and Machine Learning Essentials <https://course.s.edx.org/courses/course-v1:Microsoft+DAT203x+3T2015/info>
 - f. Microsoft Virtual Academy: <https://mva.microsoft.com/>

