# Preprocessing Data for Machine Learning

PREPROCESSING FOR MACHINE LEARNING IN PYTHON



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#### What is data preprocessing?

- Beyond cleaning and exploratory data analysis
- Prepping data for modeling
- Modeling in Python requires numerical input



#### Refresher on Pandas basics

```
import pandas as pd
hiking = pd.read_json("datasets/hiking.json")
print(hiking.head())
```

```
Accessible Difficulty Length Limited_Access

O Y None O.8 miles N

1 N Easy 1.0 mile N

2 N Easy 0.75 miles N

3 N Easy 0.5 miles N

4 N Easy 0.5 miles N
```



#### Refresher on Pandas basics

```
print(hiking.columns)
```

print(hiking.dtypes)

```
Accessible
                   object
Difficulty
                   object
Length
                   object
Limited_Access
                   object
Location
                   object
                   object
Name
Other_Details
                   object
Park_Name
                   object
                   object
Prop_ID
                  float64
lat
                  float64
lon
dtype: object
```



#### Refresher on Pandas basics

print(wine.describe())

	Туре	Alcohol	• • •	Alcalinity of ash
count	178.000000	178.000000		178.000000
mean	1.938202	13.000618		19.494944
std	0.775035	0.811827		3.339564
min	1.000000	11.030000		10.600000
25%	1.000000	12.362500		17.200000
50%	2.000000	13.050000		19.500000
75%	3.000000	13.677500		21.500000
max	3.000000	14.830000	•••	30.000000



```
print(df)
```

```
print(df.dropna())
```

```
A B C
0 1.0 NaN 2.0
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
2 7.0 NaN NaN
3 NaN 7.0 NaN
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

```
A B C
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

```
print(df)
```

```
print(df.drop([1, 2, 3]))
```

```
A B C
0 1.0 NaN 2.0
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
2 7.0 NaN NaN
3 NaN 7.0 NaN
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

```
A B C
0 1.0 NaN 2.0
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

```
Print(df)

A B C

0 1.0 NaN 2.0

1 4.0 7.0 3.0

2 7.0 NaN NaN
```

NaN 7.0 NaN

5.0 9.0 7.0

```
print(df.drop("A", axis=1))
```

```
B C
0 NaN 2.0
1 7.0 3.0
2 NaN NaN
3 7.0 NaN
4 9.0 7.0
```

```
print(df)
```

```
A B C
0 1.0 NaN 2.0
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
2 7.0 NaN NaN
3 NaN 7.0 NaN
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

```
print(df[df["B"] == 7])
```

```
A B C
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
3 NaN 7.0 NaN
```

```
A B C
0 1.0 NaN 2.0
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
2 7.0 NaN NaN
3 NaN 7.0 NaN
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

```
A B C
1 4.0 7.0 3.0
3 NaN 7.0 NaN
4 5.0 9.0 7.0
```

print(df[df["B"].notnull()])

```
print(df["B"].isnull().sum())
```

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print(df)

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## Working With Data Types

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#### Why are types important?

print(volunteer.dtypes)

```
opportunity_id int64
content_id int64
vol_requests int64
... ...
summary object
is_priority object
category_id float64
```

- object: string/mixed types
- int64: integer
- float64: float
- datetime64 (or timedelta):
   datetime

#### Converting column types

```
A B C A in B object of the string 1.0 B object of the string 2.0 C object of the string 3.0 dtype: of the string and the string and the string are string as a string and the string are string as a string and the string are string as a string as a
```

```
A int64
B object
C object
dtype: object
```

print(df.dtypes)

print(df)

#### Converting column types

```
print(df)
```

```
A B C
0 1 string 1.0
1 2 string2 2.0
2 3 string3 3.0
```

```
df["C"] = df["C"].astype("float")
print(df.dtypes)
```

```
A int64
B object
C float64
dtype: object
```

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## Training and Test Sets

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#### Splitting up your dataset

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y)
```

```
X_train y_train
      1.0
0
                n
      4.0
                n
       . . .
5
      5.0
                n
6
      6.0
                n
  X_test y_test
     9.0
0
     1.0
          n
     4.0
              n
```



#### Stratified sampling

- 100 samples, 80 class 1 and 20 class 2
- Training set: 75 samples, 60 class 1 and 15 class 2
- Test set: 25 samples, 20 class 1 and 5 class 2



#### Stratified sampling

```
# Total "labels" counts
y["labels"].value_counts()
```

```
class1 80
class2 20
Name: labels, dtype: int64
```

```
X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(X,y, stratify=y)
```



#### Stratified sampling

y\_train["labels"].value\_counts()

```
class1 60
class2 15
Name: labels, dtype: int64
```

```
y_test["labels"].value_counts()

class1    20
class2    5
Name: labels, dtype: int64
```

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## Standardizing Data

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#### What is standardization?

- Scikit-learn models assume normally distributed data
- Log normalization and feature scaling in this course
- Applied to continuous numerical data



#### When to standardize: models

- Model in linear space
- Dataset features have high variance
- Dataset features are continuous and on different scales
- Linearity assumptions

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### Log normalization

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#### What is log normalization?

- Applies log transformation
- Natural log using the constant \_e\_ (2.718)
- Captures relative changes, the magnitude of change, and keeps everything in the positive space

Number	Log
30	3.4
300	5.7
3000	8

#### Log normalization in Python

```
col1 col2
0 1.00 3.0
1 1.20 45.5
2 0.75 28.0
3 1.60 100.0
```

```
print(df.var())
```

print(df)

```
col1 0.128958
col2 1691.729167
dtype: float64
```

```
import numpy as np
df["log_2"] = np.log(df["col2"])
print(df)
```

```
      col1
      col2
      log_2

      0
      1.00
      3.0
      1.098612

      1
      1.20
      45.5
      3.817712

      2
      0.75
      28.0
      3.332205

      3
      1.60
      100.0
      4.605170
```

```
print(np.var(df[["col1", "log_2"]]))
```

```
col1 0.096719
log_2 1.697165
dtype: float64
```

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## Scaling data

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#### What is feature scaling?

- Features on different scales
- Model with linear characteristics
- Center features around 0 and transform to unit variance
- Transforms to approximately normal distribution

#### How to scale data

```
print(df)
  col1 col2
              col3
  1.00
        48.0 100.0
       45.5 101.3
  1.20
  0.75 46.2 103.5
  1.60 50.0 104.0
print(df.var())
col1
       0.128958
col2
       4.055833
col3
       3.526667
dtype: float64
```



#### How to scale data

```
print(df_scaled)
```

```
col1 col2 col3
0 -0.442127 0.329683 -1.352726
1 0.200967 -1.103723 -0.553388
2 -1.245995 -0.702369 0.799338
3 1.487156 1.476409 1.106776
```

```
print(df.var())
```

```
col1 1.333333
col2 1.333333
col3 1.333333
dtype: float64
```

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## Standardized data and modeling

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#### K-nearest neighbors

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
# Preprocessing first
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y)
knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
knn.score(X_test, y_test)
```





### Feature engineering

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#### What is feature engineering?

- Creation of new features based on existing features
- Insight into relationships between features
- Extract and expand data
- Dataset-dependent



#### Feature engineering scenarios

ld	Text
1	"Feature engineering is fun!"
2	"Feature engineering is a lot of work."
3	"I don't mind feature engineering."

user	fav_color
1	blue
2	green
3	orange

#### Feature engineering scenarios

ld	Date		
4	July 30 2011		
5	January 29 2011		
6	February 05 2011		

user	test1	test2	test3
1	90.5	89.6	91.4
2	65.5	70.6	67.3
3	78.1	80.7	81.8



# Encoding categorical variables

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#### Categorical variables

```
user subscribed fav_color

1 y blue

1 2 n green

2 3 n orange

3 4 y green
```



#### **Encoding binary variables - Pandas**

```
0  y
1  n
2  n
3  y
Name: subscribed, dtype: object
```

print(users["subscribed"])

```
print(users[["subscribed", "sub_enc"]])
```

```
      subscribed
      sub_enc

      0
      y
      1

      1
      n
      0

      2
      n
      0

      3
      y
      1
```

#### Encoding binary variables - scikit-learn

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
le = LabelEncoder()
users["sub_enc_le"] = le.fit_transform(users["subscribed"])
print(users[["subscribed", "sub_enc_le"]])
  subscribed sub_enc_le
```



#### One-hot encoding

fav\_color
blue
green
orange
green

Values: [blue, green, orange]

- blue: [1, 0, 0]
- green: [0, 1, 0]
- orange: [0, 0, 1]

fav_	color_enc
	1, 0, 0]
[	0, 1, 0]
	0, 0, 1]
[	0, 1, 0]

```
print(users["fav_color"])
0
       blue
      green
     orange
3
      green
Name: fav_color, dtype: object
print(pd.get_dummies(users["fav_color"]))
   blue
         green
                orange
0
3
                     0
```



## Engineering numerical features

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```
print(df)
    city day1 day2 day3
         68.3 67.9 67.8
     NYC
0
      SF 75.1 75.5 74.9
      LA 80.3 84.0 81.3
2
  Boston 63.0 61.0 61.2
columns = ["day1", "day2", "day3"]
df["mean"] = df.apply(lambda row: row[columns].mean(), axis=1)
print(df)
    city day1 day2 day3
                          mean
         68.3 67.9 67.8 68.00
     NYC
0
      SF 75.1 75.5 74.9 75.17
      LA 80.3 84.0 81.3 81.87
  Boston 63.0 61.0 61.2 61.73
```

#### **Dates**

```
print(df)
```

```
date purchase

July 30 2011 $45.08

February 01 2011 $19.48

January 29 2011 $76.09

March 31 2012 $32.61

February 05 2011 $75.98
```

#### **Dates**

```
df["date_converted"] = pd.to_datetime(df["date"])

df["month"] = df["date_converted"].apply(lambda row: row.month)

print(df)
```

```
date purchase date_converted month
      July 30 2011
                    $45.08
                              2011-07-30
0
  February 01 2011
                   $19.48
                              2011-02-01
                  $76.09
                              2011-01-29
   January 29 2011
     March 31 2012 $32.61
                              2012-03-31
                                             3
  February 05 2011
                    $75.98
                              2011-02-05
```





## Engineering features from text

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#### Extraction

```
\d+
import re
my_string = "temperature:75.6 F"
                                        +b/
pattern = re.compile("\d+\.\d+")
temp = re.match(pattern,
                      my_string)
print(float(temp.group(0))
75.6
```



#### Vectorizing text

- tf = term frequency
- idf = inverse document frequency



#### Vectorizing text

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
print(documents.head())
     Building on successful events last summer and ...
0
                Build a website for an Afghan business
     Please join us and the students from Mott Hall...
3
     The Oxfam Action Corps is a group of dedicated...
     Stop 'N' Swap reduces NYC's waste by finding n...
tfidf_vec = TfidfVectorizer()
```

text\_tfidf = tfidf\_vec.fit\_transform(documents)



#### **Text classification**

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$



#### Feature selection

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#### What is feature selection?

- Selecting features to be used for modeling
- Doesn't create new features
- Improve model's performance



#### When to select features

city	state	lat	long
hico	tx	31.982778	-98.033333
mackinaw city	mi	45.783889	-84.727778
winchester	ky	37.990000	-84.179722





## Removing redundant features

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#### Redundant features

- Remove noisy features
- Remove correlated features
- Remove duplicated features



#### Scenarios for manual removal

city	state	lat	long
hico	tx	31.982778	-98.033333
mackinaw city	mi	45.783889	-84.727778
winchester	ky	37.990000	-84.179722



#### **Correlated features**

- Statistically correlated: features move together directionally
- Linear models assume feature independence
- Pearson correlation coefficient

#### **Correlated features**

```
print(df)
       Α
             В
    3.06 3.92 1.04
    2.76
         3.40 1.05
    3.24 3.17 1.03
print(df.corr())
         Α
  1.000000
            0.787194
                      0.543479
  0.787194 1.000000
                      0.565468
  0.543479 0.565468 1.000000
```





## Selecting features using text vectors

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### Looking at word weights

```
print(tfidf_vec.vocabulary_)

{'200': 0,
    '204th': 1,
    '33rd': 2,
    'ahead': 3,
    'alley': 4,
    ...

print(text_tfidf[3].data)

[0.19392702 0.20261085 0.24915 0.31957651 0.18599931 ...]

print(text_tfidf[3].indices)

[31 102 20 70 5 ...]
```

### Looking at word weights

```
vocab = {v:k for k,v in
   tfidf_vec.vocabulary_.items()}
print(vocab)
```

```
{0: '200',

1: '204th',

2: '33rd',

3: 'ahead',

4: 'alley',

...
```

```
zipped_row =
dict(zip(text_tfidf[3].indices,
text_tfidf[3].data))
```

print(zipped\_row)

```
{5: 0.1597882543332701,
7: 0.26576432098763175,
8: 0.18599931331925676,
9: 0.26576432098763175,
10: 0.13077355258450366,
...
```

### Looking at word weights

```
def return_weights(vocab, vector, vector_index):
zipped = dict(zip(vector[vector_index].indices,
                         vector[vector_index].data))
return {vocab[i]:zipped[i] for i in vector[vector_index].indices}
print(return_weights(vocab, text_tfidf, 3))
{'and': 0.1597882543332701,
 'are': 0.26576432098763175,
 'at': 0.18599931331925676,
```





# Dimensionality reduction

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### Dimensionality reduction and PCA

- Unsupervised learning method
- Combines/decomposes a feature space
- Feature extraction here we'll use to reduce our feature space

- Principal component analysis
- Linear transformation to uncorrelated space
- Captures as much variance as possible in each component

#### **PCA** in scikit-learn

```
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
pca = PCA()
df_pca = pca.fit_transform(df)
print(df_pca)
[88.4583, 18.7764, -2.2379, \ldots, 0.0954, 0.0361, -0.0034],
[93.4564, 18.6709, -1.7887, \ldots, -0.0509, 0.1331, 0.0119],
[-186.9433, -0.2133, -5.6307, \ldots, 0.0332, 0.0271, 0.0055]
print(pca.explained_variance_ratio_)
[0.9981, 0.0017, 0.0001, 0.0001, ...]
```



### **PCA** caveats

- Difficult to interpret components
- End of preprocessing journey





# UFOs and preprocessing

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### Identifying areas for preprocessing



### Important concepts to remember

- Missing data: dropna() and notnull()
- Types: astype()
- Stratified sampling: train\_test\_split(X, y, stratify=y)



# 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()



# 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: .month or .hour attributes

Regex: \d and .group()

• Text: tf-idf and TfidfVectorizer



# 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





### Congratulations!

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