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be reused from previous Excercises

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Assignment Description:

In this assignment you are to use Decision trees and Naive Bayes for classification. In addition, you are to explore your models to determine which feature vector attributes you can remove without "significantly hurting" classification importance. There is no single "right" answer for this question. Also, "significantly hurting" is a judgement call, please explain why you mean by that and provided numeric values. You should start with the full dataset and look at the decision tree features_importances_ and naive bayes permutation_importance to guid which attributes to remove. You will then want to iteratively remove attributes, possibly one at a time or several at a time. Again, there is no single "right way" to do this.

The goal is to predict whether it will rain tomorrow given the days weather statistics. The last column, "Rain Tomorrow" is the classification value for I have cleaned the data set for you. I removed a few attributes that were almost all zeros, and replaced missing values with the mean value for that column. Also, strings have been transformed into numeric values so the data set will work well for both decision trees and naive bayes.

What To Turn In:

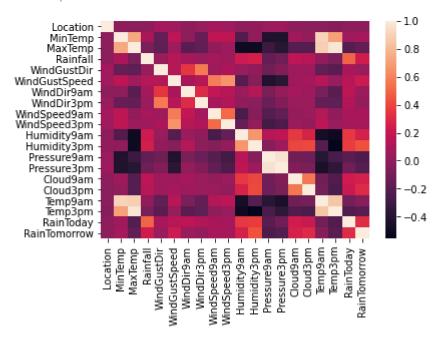
- 1). A report that explains which attributes you have eliminated, why those, and what effect this has on the quality of predictions compared to using the full dataset. Feel free to include a table of feature_importances and permutation_importances that show how any why you reduced the set of attributes.
- 2). Your code for creating the decision tree and naive bayes models and getting the feature/permuttion importances. Your code does not need to cover your whole experimental space, but should provide enough information to show how you made at least one decision about which attribute (column) to eliminate

```
from sklearn import tree
from sklearn.naive_bayes import *
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import *
from sklearn.inspection import permutation_importance
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

To start of this project I have decided to look at the correlations first to get a bit more of a grasp on how the data is related.

```
np.random.seed(0)
  df = pd.read_csv("assignment2_cleanInfile.csv")
  df.head()
  df_did_rain = df[df["RainTomorrow"] != 0]
  df_did_not_rain = df[df["RainTomorrow"] == 0]
  print(df_did_rain["RainTomorrow"].unique())
  print(df_did_not_rain["RainTomorrow"].unique())
  [1]
  [0]
558 sns.heatmap(df.corr())
```

558 <AxesSubplot:>



This Heat Map Correlation gives us some middle of the ground results. We can see that MinTemp and Temp9am are related, as well as with the max temp.

Location MinTemp MaxTemp Rainfall WindGustDir WindGustSpeed	Win
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	Location	MinTemp	MaxTemp	Rainfall	WindGustDir	WindGustSpeed	Win
Location	1.000000	0.006194	0.020490	0.003457	0.075197	0.069269	0.00
MinTemp	0.006194	1.000000	0.733919	0.103314	0.149557	0.173331	0.00
MaxTemp	0.020490	0.733919	1.000000	0.074202	0.176500	0.066329	0.18
Rainfall	0.003457	0.103314	0.074202	1.000000	0.033045	0.127250	0.08
WindGustDir	0.075197	0.149557	0.176500	0.033045	1.000000	0.129199	0.34
WindGustSpeed	0.069269	0.173331	0.066329	0.127250	0.129199	1.000000	0.10
WindDir9am	0.001938	0.002464	0.181369	0.083133	0.346856	0.105557	1.00
WindDir3pm	0.030553	0.145183	0.158061	0.042696	0.565715	0.142515	0.30
WindSpeed9am	0.077038	0.174946	0.014586	0.085977	0.063066	0.577864	0.18
WindSpeed3pm	0.064180	0.174187	0.050381	0.056762	0.111046	0.658377	0.14
Humidity9am	0.002065	0.232372	0.499777	0.221392	0.031133	0.209272	0.04
Humidity3pm	0.011066	0.005913	0.499725	0.249609	0.009683	0.025822	0.13
Pressure9am	0.036492	0.424357	0.309093	0.159676	0.120842	0.426600	0.06
Pressure3pm	0.046345	0.434034	0.397422	0.120366	0.042960	0.384642	0.01
Cloud9am	0.010908	0.061460	0.226776	0.171613	0.054864	0.052281	0.07
Cloud3pm	0.015860	0.015902	0.214469	0.145848	0.054884	0.080202	0.04
Temp9am	0.015596	0.897999	0.880087	0.011384	0.169948	0.146756	0.07
Temp3pm	0.022718	0.699828	0.969735	0.077553	0.188980	0.032274	0.19
RainToday	0.004146	0.055856	0.227421	0.500997	0.104836	0.148977	0.16
RainTomorrow	0.003579	0.083717	0.159087	0.236874	0.032470	0.225264	0.03

```
dtree = dtree.fit(x_train, y_train)
        y predicted = dtree.predict(x test)
        accuracy = accuracy score(y test, y predicted)
        important = dtree.feature importances
        df_importance_list = []
        for i, v in enumerate(important):
            df importance list.append([X.columns[i], v])
        df_importance = pd.DataFrame(df_importance_list, columns=["FName", "Score"])
        df_importance.sort_values(by=['Score'], ascending=False, inplace=True)
        decisionTree_Model_Features = df_importance["FName"].tolist()
        if yes print:
            print("DecisionTree Accuracy: ", accuracy)
            print("DecisionTree Confusion Matrix:")
            print(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_predicted))
            print("decision tree dtree feature importance:")
            print(df_importance)
        return accuracy, decisionTree_Model_Features
562 def GausianNB_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, yes_print=False):
        """This Function goes through the GausianNB model and calculates the accuracy, computes the confusion
        and then lists the Gaussian Model Features and their significance"""
        model2 = GaussianNB()
        model2.fit(x_train, y_train)
        gausianNB predicted = model2.predict(x test)
        accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, gausianNB_predicted)
        imps = permutation_importance(model2, x_test, y_test)
        df_Gausian_Feature_Importance_List = []
        Gausian_Feature_Importance_List = imps.importances_mean.tolist()
        for row in enumerate(Gausian Feature Importance List):
            df_Gausian_Feature_Importance_List.append([X.columns[row[0]], row[1]])
        df_Gausian_Feature_Importance = pd.DataFrame(df_Gausian_Feature_Importance_List, columns=["Feature",
        df_Gausian_Feature_Importance.sort_values(by=["Significance"], ascending=False, inplace=True)
        GausianND_Features = df_Gausian_Feature_Importance["Feature"].tolist()
        if yes_print:
            print('\nconfusion_matrix from Gaussian naive bayes:')
            print(confusion_matrix(y_test, gausianNB_predicted))
            print('accuracy = ' + str(accuracy))
            print("gausianNB feature importance:")
            print(df Gausian Feature Importance)
        return accuracy, GausianND Features
563 df = pd.read csv("assignment2 cleanInfile.csv")
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df)
    dt a, dt f = decisionTree Model(x train, x test, y train, y test, X, True)
    # train_data(df)
    gm a, gm f = GausianNB Model(x train, x test, y train, y test, X, True)
    DecisionTree Accuracy: 0.7843258600804524
    DecisionTree Confusion Matrix:
    [[23618 4005]
     [ 3662 4264]]
    decision tree dtree feature importance:
                FName Score
         Humidity3pm 0.268860
    11
    13
         Pressure3pm 0.072560
    3
            Rainfall 0.063940
    5 WindGustSpeed 0.060039
    1
            MinTemp 0.050088
```

dtree = tree.DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion="gini")

```
Humidity9am 0.048687
12 Pressure9am 0.047536
16 Temp9am 0.045614
17 Temp3pm 0.045001
0 Location 0.040346
2 MaxTemp 0.039299
9 WindSpeed3pm 0.036592
8 WindSpeed9am 0.034055
     WindDir3pm 0.031931
7
4 WindGustDir 0.031225
15
        Cloud3pm 0.030189
      WindDir9am 0.029780
14 Cloud9am 0.021221
18 RainToday 0.003038
confusion_matrix from Gaussian naive bayes:
[[24213 3410]
 [ 3488 4438]]
accuracy = 0.8059579735013643
gausianNB feature importance:
       Feature Significance
11 Humidity3pm 0.013919
      Rainfall
3
                         0.013587
13 Pressure3pm
                         0.005159
5 WindGustSpeed
                         0.004169
    Pressure9am
                         0.003713
12
15 Cloud3pm
1 MinTemp
14 Cloud9am
                         0.002729
                         0.001474
                         0.000090
10 Humidity9am
                         0.000090
8 WindSpeed9am 0.000011
0 Location -0.000096
9 WindSpeed3pm -0.000191
7 WindDir3pm -0.000326
4 WindGustDir -0.000433
16 Temp9am -0.000624
6 WindDir9am -0.000805
17 Temp3pm -0.001210
2 MaxTemp -0.001536
       RainToday
                        -0.002127
```

The Code above displays confusion matrix and accuracy of both the Decision Tree Model and the Gaussian Naive Bayes models with all of the features included. In this instance the Gaussian model was more accurate than the decision tree model. Both models show that rain today has the lowest score/significance in the models. One would assume that to make these models more accurate we would remove "RainToday" to improve the models.

I have set up the train_data function to drop features for retraining the data to be run back through the models.

```
564 # Dropping Rain Today
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df, "RainToday")
    # Decision Tree Model
    dt_a, dt_f = decisionTree_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, True)

DecisionTree Accuracy: 0.7815128414301387
DecisionTree Confusion Matrix:
    [[23533     4090]
       [ 3677     4249]]
    decision tree dtree feature importance:
```

```
FName
                       Score
    11 Humidity3pm 0.267915
    13 Pressure3pm 0.073500
    3
         Rainfall 0.065227
    5 WindGustSpeed 0.060248
    1 MinTemp 0.053279
    10 Humidity9am 0.049318
    12 Pressure9am 0.047377
          Temp9am 0.046591
Temp3pm 0.043340
    16
    17
         Location 0.040075
    0
    2
            MaxTemp 0.039315
      WindSpeed3pm 0.037006
    9
    8 WindSpeed9am 0.034378
    7
        WindDir3pm 0.031334
    4 WindGustDir 0.030908
    15 Cloud3pm 0.030401
        WindDir9am 0.029767
    6
         Cloud9am 0.020021
    14
565 # Gaussian Naive Bayes Model
    gm_a, gm_f = GausianNB_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, True)
    confusion_matrix from Gaussian naive bayes:
    [[24720 2903]
    [ 3617 4309]]
    accuracy = 0.8165911839995499
    gausianNB feature importance:
         Feature Significance
    11 Humidity3pm 0.023117
    3
         Rainfall
                       0.017109
    13 Pressure3pm
                       0.005840
                       0.005592
    5 WindGustSpeed
                       0.004923
       Pressure9am
    12
         Cloud3pm
                       0.003567
                       0.003483
    10 Humidity9am
    1
        MinTemp
                       0.002627
   14 Cloud9am 0.000647
0 Location -0.000304
4 WindGustDir -0.000636
16 Temp9am -0.000647
7 WindDir3pm -0.000720
        WindDir9am -0.000731
    6
    8 WindSpeed9am -0.000793
    9 WindSpeed3pm -0.000866
    17 Temp3pm -0.001243
           MaxTemp -0.001542
```

Now looking at both the models with Raintoday removed we notice something interesting. The accuracy for the Gaussian model went up. While the Accuracy for the Decision Tree went slightly down.

The Next Step is to work with the Gaussian model removing features that have a negative significance. I have set up the code so that we can look at the accuracy, followed by the features that are included

```
566 x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df, ["RainToday", "MaxTemp"]) gm_a, gm_f = GausianNB_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, True)
```

```
confusion matrix from Gaussian naive bayes:
[[24901 2722]
[ 3705 4221]]
accuracy = 0.8192072913443416
gausianNB feature importance:
        Feature Significance
10
   Humidity3pm 0.024124
     Rainfall
2
                  0.018369
                  0.005272
      Cloud3pm
14
   Humidity9am
                  0.004912
9
4 WindGustSpeed
                  0.004518
12 Pressure3pm
                  0.003972
                  0.002729
11 Pressure9am
16
       Temp3pm
                  0.001660
      Cloud9am
                  0.001384
       MinTemp
                  0.001170
1
       Temp9am
                  0.000281
15
    Location 0.000236
WindDir3pm -0.000006
0
6
3
   WindGustDir -0.000051
5
    WindDir9am -0.000411
7
  WindSpeed9am -0.000850
8 WindSpeed3pm -0.001176
```

The Gaussian Model continues to improve as we remove the features with the lowest significance until we start to remove features that have a positive significance. The Two following chunks of code show the reversal of accuracy improving.

```
567 x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df, ["RainToday",
                                                        "MaxTemp",
                                                       "WindSpeed3pm",
                                                       "WindGustDir",
                                                       "WindDir3pm",
                                                       "WindSpeed9am",
                                                       "WindDir9am",
                                                       "Temp9am",
                                                       "Location"])
    gm_a, gm_f = GausianNB_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, True)
    confusion_matrix from Gaussian naive bayes:
    [[25081 2542]
    [ 3683 4243]]
    accuracy = 0.8248895890179752
    gausianNB feature importance:
            Feature Significance
    4
       Humidity3pm 0.026285
        Rainfall
                       0.019106
    1
                       0.008945
    2 WindGustSpeed
                       0.005232
    8
        Cloud3pm
    6 Pressure3pm
                       0.005137
    5 Pressure9am
                       0.003994
      Humidity9am
                       0.003668
    3
    9
                       0.001890
         Temp3pm
    7
          Cloud9am
                        0.001885
            MinTemp
                        0.001710
568 x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df, ["RainToday",
                                                        "MaxTemp",
                                                       "WindSpeed3pm",
```

```
"WindGustDir",
                                                  "WindDir3pm",
                                                  "WindSpeed9am",
                                                  "WindDir9am",
                                                  "Temp9am",
                                                  "Location"
                                                  "MinTemp"])
gm_a, gm_f = GausianNB_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, True)
confusion_matrix from Gaussian naive bayes:
[[25075 2548]
[ 3722 4204]]
accuracy = 0.823623730625334
gausianNB feature importance:
       Feature Significance
3
  Humidity3pm 0.024563
                  0.018673
   Rainfall
0
1 WindGustSpeed
                  0.008996
5 Pressure3pm
                  0.005182
7
    Cloud3pm
                  0.004670
4 Pressure9am
                  0.004563
  Humidity9am 0.002678
Temp3pm 0.000675
2
     Cloud9am
                  0.000624
```

Accuracy stops improving after we remove every feature that has a negative significance value. The two models above show the point at which the model no longer improves when removing variables.

These results show model manipulation using siginficance. Leaving us with the best model for the Gaussian Naive Bayes Model using backward selection as the model that includes:

Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes Accuracy: 0.8248895890179752

Features: [Humidity3pm, RainFall, WindGustSpeed, Cloud3pm, Humidity9am, Preasure3pm,

Preasure9am, Temp3pm, Cloud9am, Mintemp]

Now to take a look at manipulating the decision tree model. If we note from above that when we removed the lowest score feature, "RainToday", the model actually lost accuracy. Because of this I have decided to code in a backward selection by removing one variable at a time until the accuracy improves.

This process is then repeated with the newly improved model. Until Accuracy no longer improves. To save space in the print out. I have included the first step, followed all the way to the last two steps.

Below is the function that is used for removing a feature at a time. The selection input represents the variables that will be removed from the model.

```
accuracy of the model. Once any improvement is reached the function returns which feature that was dr
        that improves the model. The features that were included and the accuracy of the new model"""
        features loop = [word for word in features if word not in selection]
        accuracy start = accuracy
        for feature in features loop:
            x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df, [feature] + selection) # Dropping selection
            if model == 1: # 1 For decisionTree
                new accuracy, new features = decisionTree Model(x train, x test, y train, y test, X, False)
                new_accuracy, new_features = GausianNB_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, False)
            if new_accuracy >= accuracy_start:
                print("Accuracy:", new_accuracy, "\nFeatures:", new_features,"\nDropped Feature:", feature)
                return
        return "No Improvement"
570 # Starting the backward selection model with no drop features.
    features = df.columns.tolist()
    features.pop(-1)
    accuracy = 0.7815128414301387
    selection = []
    backward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 1)
    Accuracy: 0.7832569129933331
    Features: ['Humidity3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'Rainfall', 'WindGustSpeed', 'MinTemp', 'Humidity9am', 'Pressure
    Dropped Feature: Location
571 selection = ["Location"]
    accuracy = 0.7832569129933331
    backward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 1)
    Accuracy: 0.7865481448142001
    Features: ['Humidity3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Rainfall', 'MinTemp', 'Pressure9am', 'Humidity
    Dropped Feature: Cloud3pm
589 selection = ["Location", "Cloud3pm"]
    accuracy = 0.7865481448142001
    backward selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 1)
589 'No Improvement'
```

This process shows us that removing the [Location, Cloud3pm] leaves us with the best accuracy on the model.

Process: Backward Selection

Model: Decision Tree

Accuracy: 0.7865481448142001

Features:['Humidity3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Rainfall', 'MinTemp', 'Pressure9am', 'Humidity9am', 'Temp9am', 'MaxTemp', 'WindSpeed3pm', 'WindSpeed9am', 'WindDir9am', 'WindGustDir', 'WindDir3pm', 'Cloud9am', 'RainToday']

Using the same backward selection model methodology the next steps test the Gaussian Model to see if we can improve the model that we were left with by removing all the features with

negative significance.

Looking at the results above. We can slighly improve the Gaussian model that we were given. By dropping Humidity9am from the model we were able to improve the Accuracy to 0.8256491040535598

Process: Remove negative significance features, then backward selection model

Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes

Accuracy: 0.8256491040535598

Features Included: ['Humidity3pm', 'Rainfall', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Cloud3pm', 'Temp3pm', 'Cloud9am', 'Pressure3pm', 'Pressure9am', 'MinTemp', "Humidity9am"]

The next steps are the Gaussian Naive Bayes model using only Backward Model Selection. As noted, I will remove the steps in the middle to save space.

```
592 selection = []
    accuracy = 0
    backward selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 0)
    Accuracy: 0.8059861036878675
    Features: ['Humidity3pm', 'Rainfall', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Pressure9am', 'Cloud3pm', 'MinTemp
    Dropped Feature: Location
587 selection = ["Location", "MaxTemp", "WindGustDir", "WindDir9am", "WindSpeed9am", "MinTemp", "WindDir3pm",
                 "Humidity9am", "Temp9am", "RainToday", "Pressure9am"]
    accuracy = 0.8249177192044783
    backward selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 0)
    Accuracy: 0.8276744774817857
    Features: ['Humidity3pm', 'Rainfall', 'Cloud3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Pressure3pm', 'Temp3pm']
    Dropped Feature: Cloud9am
588 selection = ["Location", "MaxTemp", "WindGustDir", "WindDir9am", "WindSpeed9am", "MinTemp", "WindDir3pm",
                 "Humidity9am", "Temp9am", "RainToday", "Pressure9am", "Cloud9am"]
    accuracy = 0.8276744774817857
    backward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 0)
```

After that Long selection Process we were able to come out with a accuracy of

Process: Backward Selection Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes Accuracy: 0.8276744774817857

Included Features: ['Humidity3pm', 'Rainfall', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Cloud3pm', 'Pressure3pm',

'Temp3pm']

This Produces a slight improvement from our last most accurate model. Listed below to show the difference.

Process: Remove negative significance features, then backward selection model

Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes Accuracy: 0.8256491040535598

Features Included: ['Humidity3pm', 'Rainfall', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Cloud3pm', 'Temp3pm',

'Cloud9am', 'Pressure3pm', 'Pressure9am', 'MinTemp', "Humidity9am"]

The results from the backward model selection with the decision tree models left some room for improvement. It is beacuse of this reason that the next steps will test forward model selection.

Below is the function that is set up for forward model selection.

```
616 def forward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, model):
        """This is a backward selection model that removes one feature at a time to see if we can improve the
        accuracy of the model. Once any improvement is reached the function returns which feature that was dr
        that improves the model. The features that were included and the accuracy of the new model"""
        features loop = [word for word in features if word not in selection]
        best_accuracy = accuracy
        for feature in features_loop:
            drop features = [word for word in features if word not in [feature] + selection]
            x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X = train_data(df, drop_features) # Dropping selection and fea
            if model == 1: # 1 For decisionTree
                new_accuracy, new_features = decisionTree_Model(x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test, X, False)
            else:
                new accuracy, new features = GausianNB Model(x train, x test, y train, y test, X, False)
            if new accuracy >= best accuracy:
                best_accuracy = new_accuracy
                add feature = feature
        if best_accuracy > accuracy:
                print("Accuracy:", best accuracy, "\nAdd Feature:", add feature, "\nModel Features", [add fea
        else:
            return "No Improvement"
```

```
617 features = df.columns.tolist()
    features.pop(-1)
    accuracy = 0
    selection = []
```

```
forward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 1)
   Accuracy: 0.8219921798081521
   Add Feature: Humidity3pm
   Model Features ['Humidity3pm']

618   selection = ['Humidity3pm']
        accuracy = 0.8219921798081521
        forward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 1)
        Accuracy: 0.8268868322596978
        Add Feature: Location
        Model Features ['Location', 'Humidity3pm']

619   selection = ['Location', 'Humidity3pm']
        accuracy = 0.8268868322596978
        forward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 1)

619   'No Improvement'
```

The Forward Selection with the decision tree has vastly improved our model. We only have two features that are being used, but the accuracy is much better. There are a lot of reasons for this. This appears to show that location and Humidity are the best predictors for rain tomorrow.

Process: Forward Model Selection

Model: Decision tree

Accuracy: 0.8268868322596978

Features: ['Location', 'Humidity3pm']

Next Process is to test the Gaussian Model using forward selection

```
621 accuracy = 0
    selection = []
    forward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 0)
    Accuracy: 0.8205012799234859
    Add Feature: Humidity3pm
    Model Features ['Humidity3pm']
624 accuracy = 0.8291372471799489
    selection = ['Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Humidity3pm']
    forward selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 0)
    Accuracy: 0.8298967622155334
    Add Feature: Cloud3pm
    Model Features ['Cloud3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Humidity3pm']
625 accuracy = 0.8298967622155334
    selection = ['Cloud3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Humidity3pm']
    forward_selection(accuracy, features, selection, df, 0)
625 'No Improvement'
```

Process: Forward Model Selection Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes Accuracy = 0.8298967622155334

Features: ['Cloud3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Humidity3pm']

Final Conclusion

The best results that we found for both

Process: Full Model Gaussian Naive Bayes Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes Accuracy:

0.8059579735013643 Features: All

Improved to:

Process: Forward Model Selection Model: Gaussian Naive Bayes Accuracy = 0.8298967622155334

Features: ['Cloud3pm', 'Pressure3pm', 'WindGustSpeed', 'Humidity3pm']

Process: Full Model Decision Tree Model: Decision Tree Accuracy: 0.7843258600804524 Features:

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Improved to:

Process: Forward Model Selection

Model: Decision tree

Accuracy: 0.8268868322596978

Features: ['Location', 'Humidity3pm']

First we looked at the Significance and the score values for the Gaussian and the Decision Tree. The Significance Values that were negative for the Gaussian model did have significant impact on decreasing the model accuracy. By removing them we were able to improve the accuracy score. When looking at the decision tree feature scores removing the lowest one did not necessarily improve the model.

To expand on these models we used both backward and forward model selection. Backward model selection process removed one features at a time until the accuracy was improved. It then proceeded by removing that feature and then looping all the other features until a greater accuracy was achieved.

The forward model selection added one feature at a time and took the feature that improved the accuracy the most, until adding features no longer improved the model.

The forward model selection produced the greatest improvements in accuracy on both the Decision tree and the Gaussian full models.