Pipelines, feature & text preprocessing

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The pipeline workflow

- Repeatable way to go from raw data to trained model
- Pipeline object takes sequential list of steps
 - Output of one step is input to next step
- Each step is a tuple with two elements
 - Name: string
 - Transform: obj implementing .fit() and .transform()
- Flexible: a step can itself be another pipeline!

Instantiate simple pipeline with one step

```
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier
```

Train and test with sample numeric data

```
sample_df.head()
```

```
label
           numeric
                       text
                             with_missing
         -4.167578
                        bar
                                -4.084883
0
        -0.562668
                                 2.043464
      a -21.361961
                               -33.315334
        16.402708
                    foo bar
                                30.884604
      a -17.934356
                        foo
                               -27.488405
```



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```
accuracy = pl.score(X_test, y_test)
print('accuracy on numeric data, no nans: ', accuracy)
```

accuracy on numeric data, no nans: 0.44

Adding more steps to the pipeline

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: Input contains NaN, infinity or a value too large for dtype('float64').
```



Preprocessing numeric features with missing data

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```
pipeline.fit(X_train, y_train)
accuracy = pl.score(X_test, y_test)
print('accuracy on all numeric, incl nans: ', accuracy)
```

```
accuracy on all numeric, incl nans: 0.48
```

No errors!

Let's practice!

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Text features and feature unions

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Preprocessing text features

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```
pl.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
Pipeline(steps=[('vec', CountVectorizer(analyzer='word', binary=False,
decode_error='strict', dtype=<class 'numpy.int64'>, encoding='utf-8',
input='content', lowercase=True, max_df=1.0, max_features=None, min_df=1,
ngram_range=(1, 1), preprocessor=None, stop_words=None, strip_...=None,
solver='liblinear', tol=0.0001, verbose=0, warm_start=False), n_jobs=1))])
```

```
accuracy = pl.score(X_test, y_test)
print('accuracy on sample data: ', accuracy)
```

```
accuracy on sample data: 0.64
```



Preprocessing multiple dtypes

- Want to use all available features in one pipeline
- Problem
 - Pipeline steps for numeric and text preprocessing can't follow each other
 - e.g., output of CountVectorizer can't be input to Imputer
- Solution
 - FunctionTransformer() & FeatureUnion()

FunctionTransformer

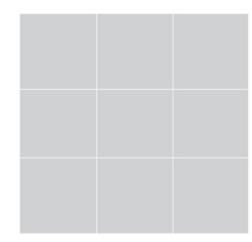
- Turns a Python function into an object that a scikit-learn pipeline can understand
- Need to write two functions for pipeline preprocessing
 - Take entire DataFrame, return numeric columns
 - Take entire DataFrame, return text columns
- Can then preprocess numeric and text data in separate pipelines

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FeatureUnion Text and Numeric Features

Text Features

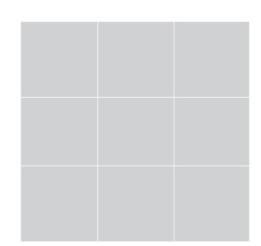


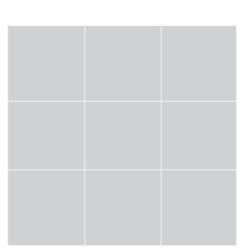
from sklearn.pipeline import FeatureUnion

FeatureUnion Text and Numeric Features

Text Features

Numeric Features

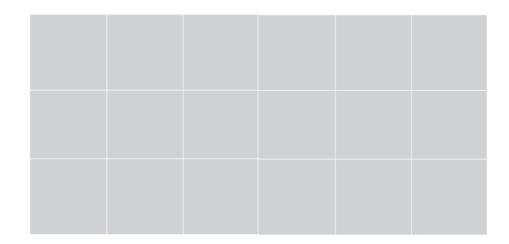




from sklearn.pipeline import FeatureUnion

FeatureUnion Text and Numeric Features

Text Features Numeric Features



Putting it all together

```
numeric_pipeline = Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_numeric_data),
                         ('imputer', Imputer())
text_pipeline = Pipeline([
                          ('selector', get_text_data),
                          ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer())
                     ])
pl = Pipeline([
         ('union', FeatureUnion([
             ('numeric', numeric_pipeline),
             ('text', text_pipeline)
         ])),
         ('clf', OneVsRestClassifier(LogisticRegression()))
          ])
```

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Choosing a classification model

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Main dataset: lots of text

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Using pipeline with the main dataset

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```
get_text_data = FunctionTransformer(combine_text_columns,
                                         validate=False)
get_numeric_data = FunctionTransformer(lambda x:
                        x[NUMERIC_COLUMNS], validate=False)
pl = Pipeline([
             ('union', FeatureUnion([
                     ('numeric_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_numeric_data),
                         ('imputer', Imputer())
                     ])),
                     ('text_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_text_data),
                         ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer())
                     ]))
                  ])
             ('clf', OneVsRestClassifier(LogisticRegression()))
```

Performance using main dataset

```
pl.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
Pipeline(steps=[('union', FeatureUnion(n_jobs=1,
    transformer_list=[('numeric_features', Pipeline(steps=
    [('selector', FunctionTransformer(accept_sparse=False,
    func=<function <lambda> at 0x11415ec80>, pass_y=False,
    validate=False)), ('imputer', Imputer(axis=0, copy=True,
    missing_valu...=None, solver='liblinear', tol=0.0001,
    verbose=0, warm_start=False),n_jobs=1))])
```

Flexibility of model step

- Is current model the best?
- Can quickly try different models with pipelines
 - Pipeline preprocessing steps unchanged
 - Edit the model step in your pipeline
 - Random Forest, Naïve Bayes, k-NN

Easily try new models using pipeline

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
pl = Pipeline([
             ('union', FeatureUnion(
                 transformer_list = [
                     ('numeric_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_numeric_data),
                         ('imputer', Imputer())
                     ])),
                     ('text_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_text_data),
                         ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer())
                     ]))
             )),
             ('clf', OneVsRest(RandomForestClassifier()))
```

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