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How to Generate Test Datasets in Python with scikit-learn

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Introduction

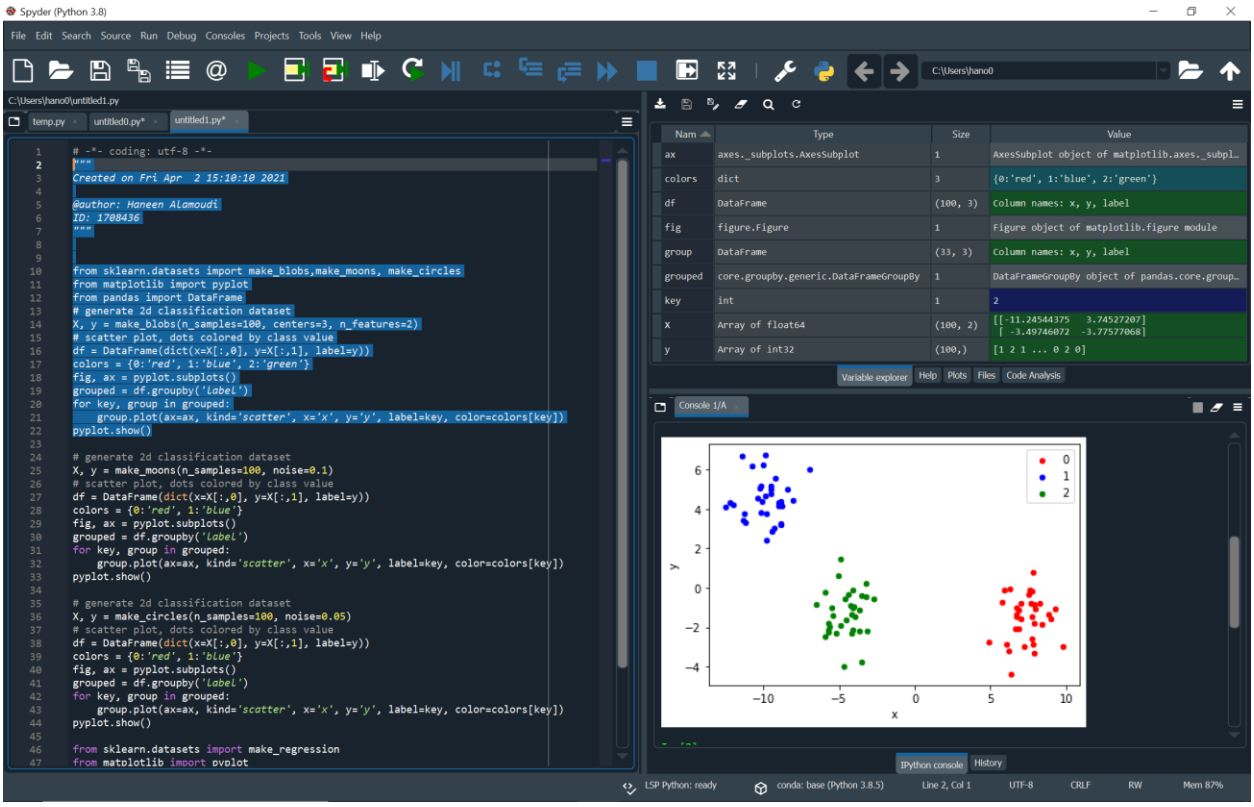
The first step in testing a new machine learning algorithm is to generate test data. Collecting data can be a tedious task, and often the best (and easiest) solution will be to use generated data rather than collecting it. Often, researcher simply want to compare different machine learning algorithms and you don't care about the origin of the data. The Python library, scikit-learn (sklearn), allows one to create test datasets fit for many different machine learning test problems. Sci-kit learn is a popular library that contains a wide-range of machine-learning algorithms and can be used for data mining and data analysis. This case study is divided into four problems, first blobs classification problem is discussed. Then, moon classification problem, circle classification problem and finally regression test problem is presented.

Blobs Classification Problem

Here, Gaussian distribution with the make_blobs() function can be used to generate blobs of points. In the function you can specify some properties including how many blobs to generate and the number of samples to generate. The problem is suitable for linear classification problems given the linearly separable nature of the blobs.

The figure below shows a 2D dataset of samples with three blobs as a multi-class classification prediction problem.

Output



Code

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"""
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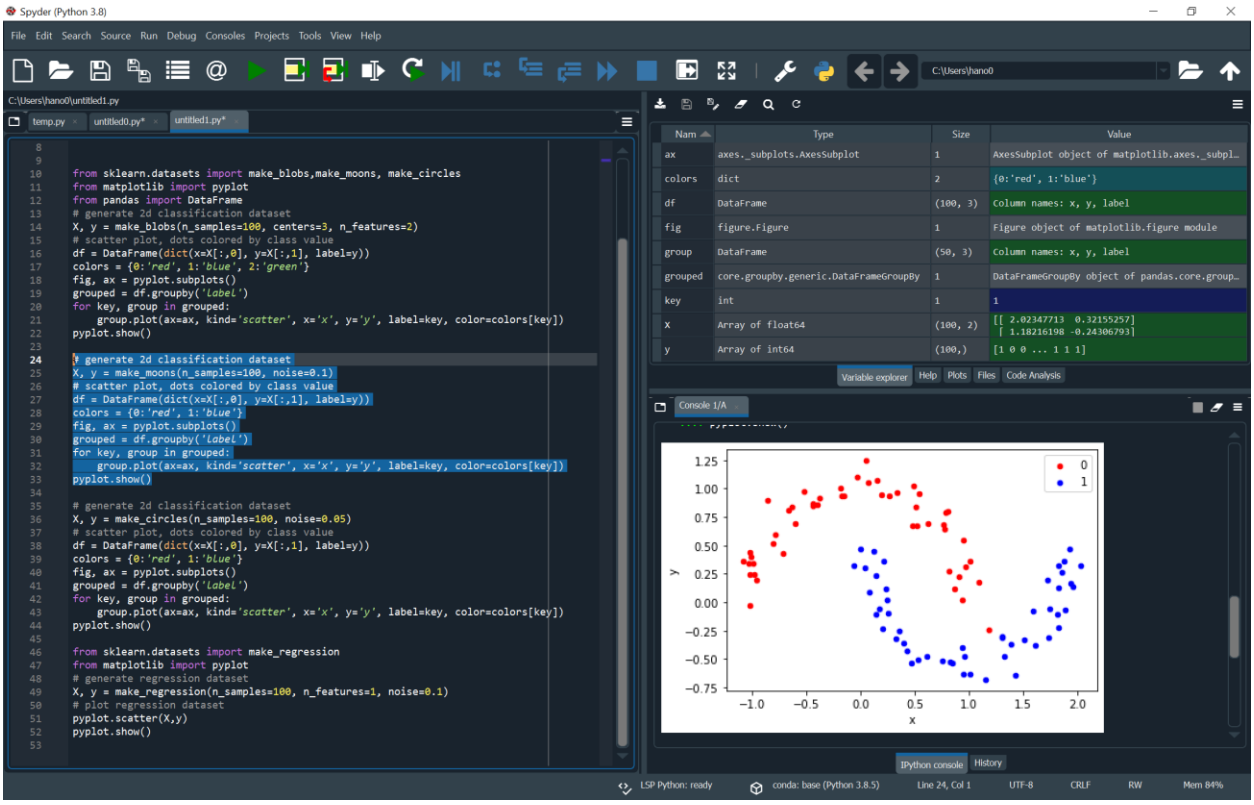
"""
from sklearn.datasets import make_blobs,make_moons, make_circles
from matplotlib import pyplot
from pandas import DataFrame
# generate 2d classification dataset
X, y = make_blobs(n_samples=100, centers=3, n_features=2)
# scatter plot, dots colored by class value
df = DataFrame(dict(x=X[:,0], y=X[:,1], label=y))
colors = {0:'red', 1:'blue', 2:'green'}
fig, ax = pyplot.subplots()
grouped = df.groupby('label')
for key, group in grouped:
    group.plot(ax=ax, kind='scatter', x='x', y='y', label=key, color=colors[key])
pyplot.show()
```

Moons Classification Problem

Here, the make_moons() function can be used for binary classification and will generate a swirl pattern, or two moons. In the function you can specify some properties including how noisy the moon shapes are and the number of samples to generate. The problem is suitable for algorithms that are capable of learning nonlinear class boundaries.

The figure below shows a 100 sample size moon dataset with 0.1 noise.

Output



Code

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"""
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"""
# generate 2d classification dataset
X, y = make_moons(n_samples=100, noise=0.1)
# scatter plot, dots colored by class value
df = DataFrame(dict(x=X[:,0], y=X[:,1], label=y))
colors = {0:'red', 1:'blue'}
```

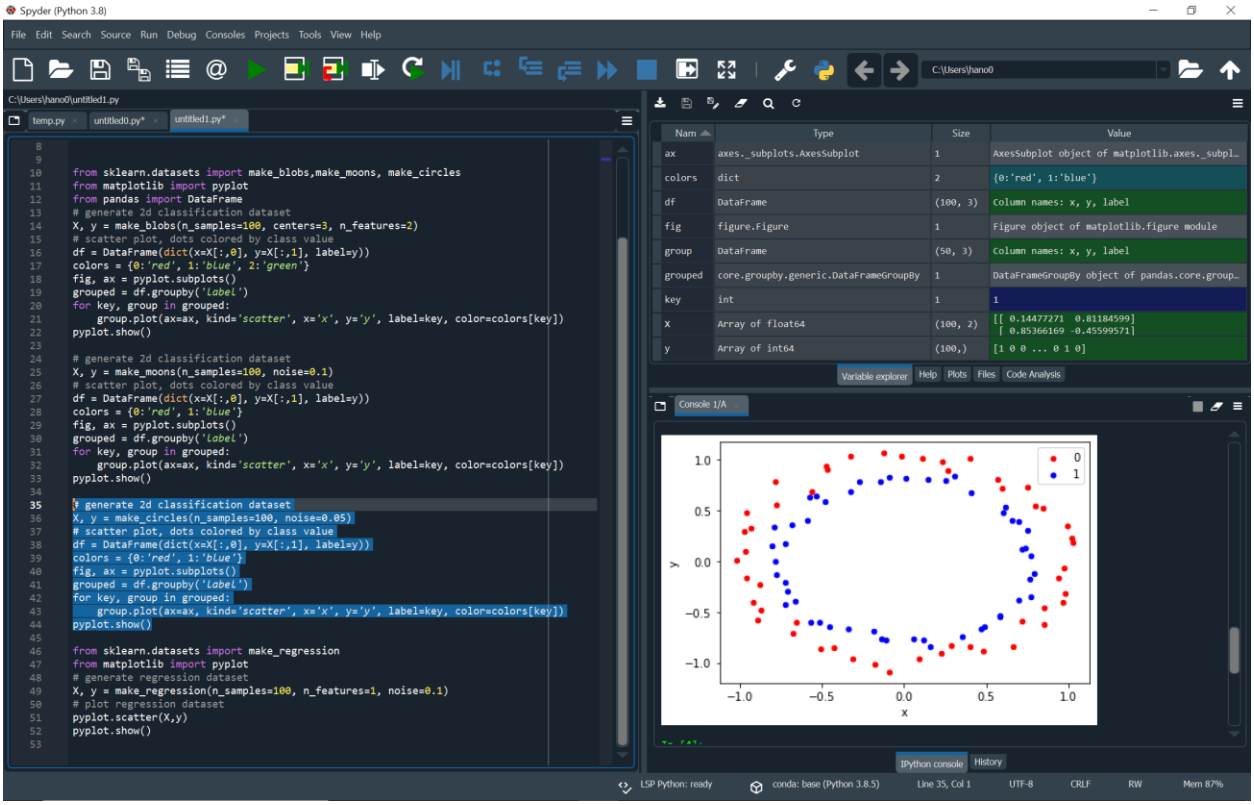
```
fig, ax = pyplot.subplots()
grouped = df.groupby('label')
for key, group in grouped:
    group.plot(ax=ax, kind='scatter', x='x', y='y', label=key, color=colors[key])
pyplot.show()
```

Circles Classification Problem

Here, make_circles() function can be used to generate a binary classification problem with datasets that fall into concentric circles. In the function you can specify some properties including the noise of the shape. The problem is suitable for algorithms that can learn complex non-linear manifolds.

The figure below shows a 100 sample size circles dataset with 0.05 noise.

Output



Code

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"""
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"""
# generate 2d classification dataset
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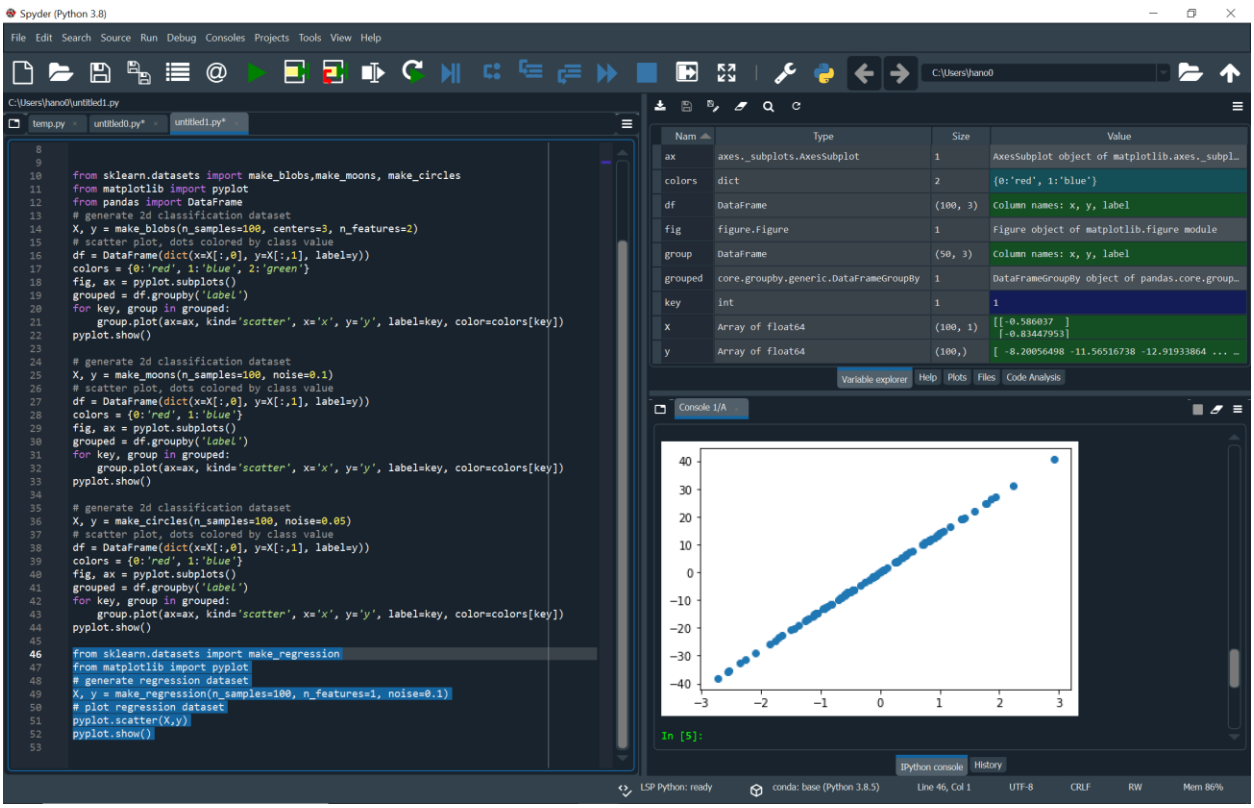
```
X, y = make_circles(n_samples=100, noise=0.05)
# scatter plot, dots colored by class value
df = DataFrame(dict(x=X[:,0], y=X[:,1], label=y))
colors = {0:'red', 1:'blue'}
fig, ax = pyplot.subplots()
grouped = df.groupby('label')
for key, group in grouped:
    group.plot(ax=ax, kind='scatter', x='x', y='y', label=key, color=colors[key])
pyplot.show()
```

Regression Test Problems

Here, the dataset will be created to have a linear relationship between inputs and outputs by using make_regression() function. . In the function you can specify some properties including the number of samples, number of inputs feature and level of noise. The problem is suitable for algorithms that can learn a linear regression function.

The figure below shows a 100 sample size dataset with 0.1 noise and one input.

Output



Code

```
"""
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"""
from sklearn.datasets import make_regression
from matplotlib import pyplot
# generate regression dataset
X, y = make_regression(n_samples=100, n_features=1, noise=0.1)
# plot regression dataset
pyplot.scatter(X,y)
pyplot.show()
```

Conclusion

During this case study multiple method were discussed and learned including how to generate a multi-class classification prediction test, this is done through the use of make_blobs() function. Next, how to generate a binary classification prediction test, and this can be achieved using make_moons() and make_circle() functions. Finally, linear regression prediction test. These methods can be used to generate test datasets that can be used to test new machine learning algorithms.