

Data Cleaning in Machine Learning

DATA CLEANING CHECKLIST

Up-to-date data



Data should be up-to-date in order to obtain maximum value from the data analysis.



Missing values



Count missing values and analyze where in the data they are missing. Missing values can disrupt some analyses and skew the results.



Duplicates



Duplicate IDs indicate multiple records for one person, e.g. someone holds multiple functions at the same time.



Numerical outliers



Numerical outliers are fairly easy to detect and remove. Define minimum and maximum to spot outliers easily.



Check IDs



Check data labels of all the fields to see whether some categorical values are mislabeled.



Define valid output



Define valid data labels for categorical data. Define data ranges for numerical variables. Non-matching data is presumably wrong.



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Finding Missing Values

What Are Missing Values?

Missing values are entries in your dataset where data is not available (e.g., NaN or None). Detecting and handling them is a crucial preprocessing step in any machine learning workflow.

Missing value

	loan_amnt	term	int_rate	sub_grade	emp_length	home_ownership	annual_inc	loan_status	addr_state	dti	mtbs_since_recent_linq	revol_util	bc_open_to_buy	bc_util	num_op_rev_tl
0	3600	36 months	14	C4	10+ years	MORTGAGE	55000	Fully Paid	PA	6	4	30	1506	37	4
1	24700	36 months	12	C1	10+ years	MORTGAGE	65000	Fully Paid	SD	0	19	57830	27	20	
2	20000	60 months	11	B4	10+ years	MORTGAGE	63000	Fully Paid	IL	10	56	2737	56	4	
3	35000	60 months	15	C5	10+ years	MORTGAGE	104483	Current	NJ	0	12	54962	12	10	
4	10400	36 months	12	F1	3 years	MORTGAGE	34000	Fully Paid	PA	10	64	4567	78	7	
5	20000	36 months	13	C3	4 years	RENT	34000	Fully Paid	GA	10	68	844	91	4	
6	20000	36 months	9	B2	10+ years	MORTGAGE	85000	Fully Paid	MN	15	10	84	103	9	
7	20000	36 months	8	B1	10+ years	MORTGAGE	85000	Fully Paid	SC	18	8	6	13674	6	3
8	20000	36 months	6	A2	6 years	RENT	85000	Fully Paid	PA	13	1	34	50	13	
9	20000	36 months	11	B5	10+ years	MORTGAGE	42000	Fully Paid	RI	35	10	39	9966	41	5

Common Methods to Detect Missing Values

1. `dataset.isnull()`

- **Description:** Returns a DataFrame of the same shape as `dataset`, showing `True` for missing (null) entries and `False` otherwise.

Example:

```
dataset.isnull()
```



2. dataset.isnull().sum()

- **Description:** Returns the total count of missing values **per column**.
- **Use Case:** Helps identify which columns have missing values and how many.

Example:

```
dataset.isnull().sum()
```

3. dataset.isnull().sum().sum()

- **Description:** Returns the **total number** of missing values in the entire dataset.
- **Use Case:** Provides a quick overview of how severe the missing value problem is.

Example:

```
dataset.isnull().sum().sum()
```

4. (dataset.isnull().sum() / dataset.shape[0]) * 100

- **Description:** Calculates the **percentage of missing values per column**.
- **Use Case:** Helps decide whether to drop or impute columns based on the missing data ratio.

Example:

```
(dataset.isnull().sum() / dataset.shape[0]) * 100
```



Visualizing Missing Data

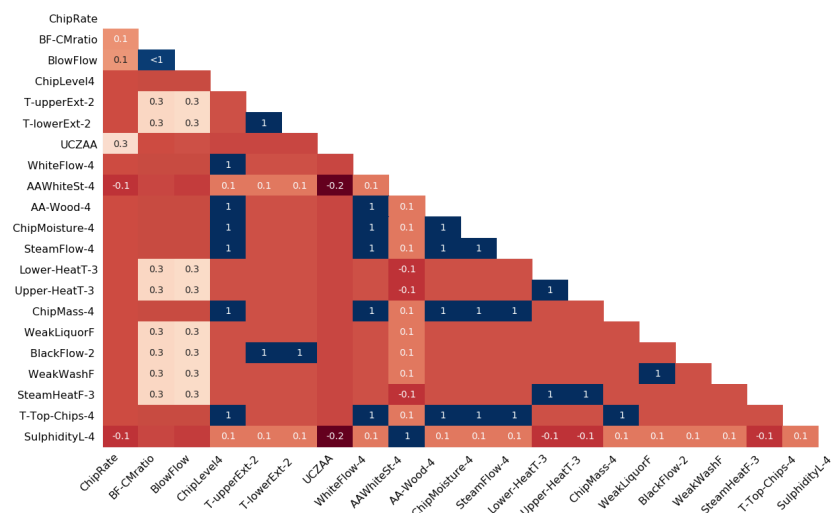
5. sns.heatmap(dataset.isnull()) + plt.show()

- **Description:** Shows a heatmap where missing values are visualized.
- **Use Case:** Easy to see patterns (e.g., if a whole row or column is missing values).

Code Example:

```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
sns.heatmap(dataset.isnull(), cbar=False, cmap='viridis')
plt.show()
```



Dropping a Specific Column with Missing Values

✓ Code:

```
dataset.drop(columns=["Credit_History"], inplace=True)
dataset.isnull().sum()
```

🔍 Explanation:

1. dataset.drop(columns=["Credit_History"], inplace=True)

- **Purpose:** Permanently deletes the column named "Credit_History" from the dataset.
- **Reason:** This is often done when:

- The column has too many missing values.
- It is not useful or relevant for the analysis.
- You prefer to remove rather than impute.

✅ `inplace=True` means the changes will directly modify the `dataset` without needing reassignment.

2. `dataset.isnull().sum()`

- **Purpose:** Re-checks the dataset to see how many missing values remain **after dropping the column**.
 - **Output:** A series showing missing value counts for each remaining column.
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Best Practice

Before dropping:

```
print(dataset["Credit_History"].isnull().sum())
```

After dropping:

```
print(dataset.columns)
print(dataset.isnull().sum())
```

`dataset.dropna()`

- **Description:** Removes rows with **any missing values**.
- **Example:**

```
cleaned_dataset = dataset.dropna()
```

	A	B	C	D
1	No.	Name	Date	salary
2	00001	ana varela	6/1/2016	20930
3	00002	Patricia King	6/1/2016	5410
4	00003	Charles Monaghan	6/1/2016	11350
5	00004		6/1/2016	
6	00005	John Botts	6/1/2016	25390
7	00008	Matthew Martin	6/1/2016	29520
8	00009	JP VAN BEUZEKOM	6/1/2016	
9	00010	Christian Faust	6/1/2016	23060
10	00011	Ricky Kwon	6/1/2016	20060
11	00012	Alfonso Gonzalez Pedregal	6/1/2016	28070
12	00013		6/1/2016	20710
13	00014	Simone Williams	6/1/2016	25020
14	00015	Michael Naidu	6/1/2016	12790
15	00016	Bill Waits	6/1/2016	30620
16	00017	Steffen Helmschrott	6/1/2016	
17	00018	Robert Lanza	6/1/2016	27240
18	00019	Mauro Claudio Coelho	6/1/2016	17560
19	00020	Wiebe Geldenhuys	6/1/2016	600
20	00021		6/1/2016	16280

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Filling Missing Value

✓ Clean & Proper Way to Fill Missing Values in All Categorical Columns Using Mode:

```
# Fill missing values in all categorical columns with their mode
for col in dataset.select_dtypes(include="object").columns:
    mode_value = dataset[col].mode()[0]
    dataset[col].fillna(mode_value, inplace=True)
```

🔍 Explanation:

- `dataset.select_dtypes(include="object")`: Selects all categorical (non-numeric) columns.
- `.columns`: Gets the column names.
- `mode()[0]`: Returns the most frequent value in that column.
- `fillna(..., inplace=True)`: Fills the missing values directly in the original dataset.

📘 Optional: Add a Print to Confirm What Was Filled

If you want to **see what value was used** to fill each column:

```
for col in dataset.select_dtypes(include="object").columns:
    mode_value = dataset[col].mode()[0]
    dataset[col].fillna(mode_value, inplace=True)
    print(f"Filled missing values in '{col}' with: {mode_value}")
```

Handling Missing Values Using Scikit-Learn

Import:

```
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
```

What is SimpleImputer?

`SimpleImputer` is a part of Scikit-learn's preprocessing module.

It is used to **automatically handle missing values** in numeric and categorical columns using strategies like:

- "mean" (default)
 - "median"
 - "most_frequent" (mode)
 - "constant" (custom value)
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Use Case 1: Filling Numeric Columns with Mean

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

# Create imputer object
imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')

# Select numeric columns only
numeric_cols = dataset.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns

# Apply the imputer
dataset[numeric_cols] = imputer.fit_transform(dataset[numeric_cols])
```

🌟 Use Case 2: Filling Categorical Columns with Most Frequent (Mode)

```
# Create imputer object for categorical data
cat_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')

# Select categorical columns
cat_cols = dataset.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns

# Apply imputer
dataset[cat_cols] = cat_imputer.fit_transform(dataset[cat_cols])
```

🌟 Use Case 3: Filling with a Constant Value

```
# Fill missing with a constant like 'Unknown' or 0
const_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='constant', fill_value='Unknown')

dataset[cat_cols] = const_imputer.fit_transform(dataset[cat_cols])
```

🔄 Summary Table

Strategy	Description	Best For
'mean'	Replaces with column mean	Numerical data
'median'	Replaces with column median	Skewed numeric data
'most_frequent'	Replaces with mode (most common)	Categorical data
'constant'	Replaces with a custom constant value	Missing flags, etc.

Example Dataset Workflow

```
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

num_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy="mean")
cat_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy="most_frequent")

dataset[numeric_cols] = num_imputer.fit_transform(dataset[numeric_cols])
dataset[cat_cols] = cat_imputer.fit_transform(dataset[cat_cols])
```



	date	fruit	price
0	2021-01-01	apple	0.8
1	2021-01-02	apple	NaN
2	2021-01-03	apple	NaN
3	2021-01-04	apple	1.2
4	2021-01-01	mango	NaN
5	2021-01-02	mango	3.1
6	2021-01-03	mango	NaN
7	2021-01-04	mango	2.8

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7	2021-01-04	mango	2.8

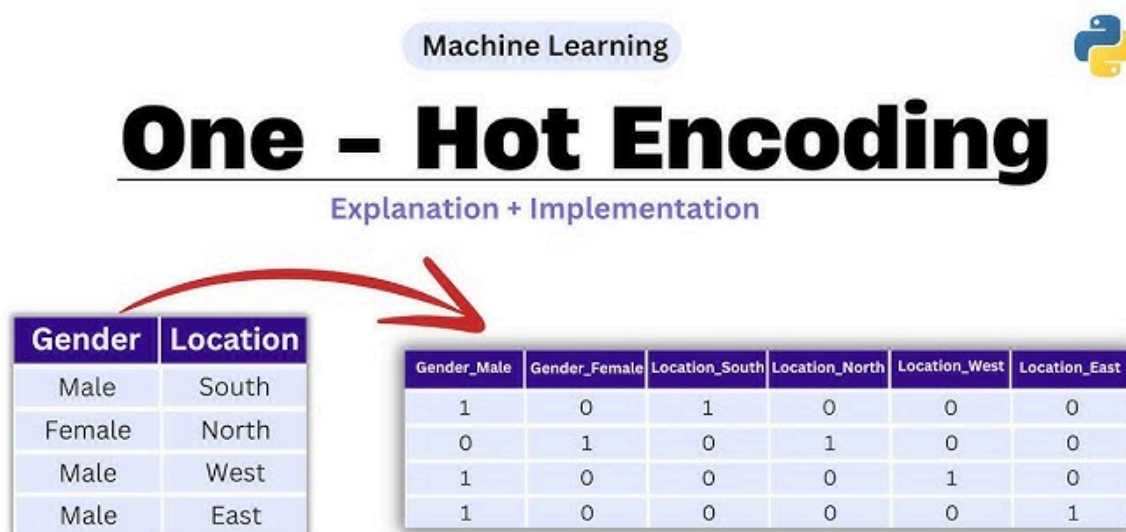
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One-Hot Encoding in Machine Learning

What is One-Hot Encoding?

One-Hot Encoding is a technique used to convert **categorical variables** into a form that can be provided to ML algorithms to do a better job in prediction.

It creates **binary (0 or 1)** columns for each unique category in the feature.



Why Use One-Hot Encoding?

Many ML models (like Linear Regression, Logistic Regression, etc.) **cannot handle categorical values directly**.

They require all features to be **numerical**.

Example

Original Categorical Data:

Country

India

USA

USA

Canada

After One-Hot Encoding:

Country_Canada	Country_India	Country_USA
0	1	0
0	0	1
0	0	1
1	0	0

Using Scikit-Learn: OneHotEncoder

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
import pandas as pd

# Sample data
data = pd.DataFrame({'Gender': ['Male', 'Female', 'Female', 'Male']})

# Create encoder object
encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse=False, drop=None)

# Fit and transform
encoded = encoder.fit_transform(data[['Gender']])

# Convert to DataFrame
encoded_df = pd.DataFrame(encoded, columns=encoder.get_feature_names_out(['Gender']))
print(encoded_df)
```



Label Encoding in Machine Learning

What is Label Encoding?

Label Encoding is the process of converting **categorical (text) values into numeric labels**. Each category is assigned an integer value starting from 0.

State (Nominal Scale)	State (Label Encoding)
Maharashtra	3
Tamil Nadu	4
Delhi	0
Karnataka	2
Gujarat	1
Uttar Pradesh	5

Example

Original Categorical Data:

Gender

Male

Female

Female

Male

After Label Encoding:

Gender Gender_Encoded

Male 1

Female 0

Female 0

Using Scikit-Learn: **LabelEncoder**

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
import pandas as pd

# Sample data
data = pd.DataFrame({'Gender': ['Male', 'Female', 'Female', 'Male']})

# Create encoder object
le = LabelEncoder()

# Fit and transform
data['Gender_Encoded'] = le.fit_transform(data['Gender'])
```




How It Works

- `le.fit(data['Gender'])`: Learns the mapping from categories to integers.
- `le.transform(...)`: Converts values to numerical labels.

You can check the mapping:


```
print(le.classes_) # Output: ['Female' 'Male']
```

When to Use Label Encoding

Use Case	Use Label Encoding?
Ordinal Data (with order)	 Yes
Nominal Data (no order)	 No (Use One-Hot)
Tree-based models (e.g. DecisionTree, RandomForest)	 Yes

Warning:

Label Encoding introduces an ordinal relationship (e.g., $0 < 1 < 2$), which can be misleading for nominal data like "Red", "Green", "Blue".

 Don't use for linear models unless the data has a natural order.

Decode Labels (Optional)

You can convert encoded values back to original labels:

```
data['Original'] = le.inverse_transform(data['Gender_Encoded'])
```

Full Example:

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

data = pd.DataFrame({'City': ['Delhi', 'Mumbai', 'Kolkata', 'Delhi']})

le = LabelEncoder()
data['City_Label'] = le.fit_transform(data['City'])

print(data)
```

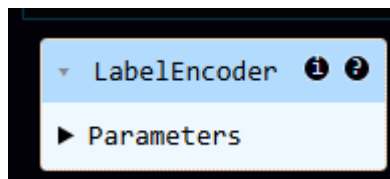
Output:

	City	City_Label
0	Delhi	0
1	Mumbai	2
2	Kolkata	1
3	Delhi	0

Alternative: Use **OrdinalEncoder** for multi-column categorical data

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder

encoder = OrdinalEncoder()
data[['City']] = encoder.fit_transform(data[['City']])
```





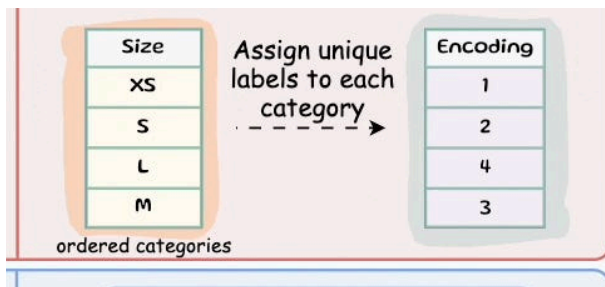
Ordinal Encoding in Machine Learning



What is Ordinal Encoding?

Ordinal Encoding converts **categorical features** into integer values **based on the rank/order** of the categories.

Unlike One-Hot or Label Encoding, **Ordinal Encoding is appropriate only when the categories have a meaningful order** (e.g., Low < Medium < High).



When to Use Ordinal Encoding?

Use Case	Ordinal Encoding?
Categorical with order	✓ Yes
Categorical with no order	✗ No (use One-Hot)
Examples: Education Level, Rank, Rating	✓ Yes



Example:

Original Data:

Education

High

Medium

Low

Medium

After Ordinal Encoding:

Education	Encoded
High	2
Medium	1
Low	0
Medium	1

Using Scikit-Learn: **OrdinalEncoder**

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder

# Sample data
data = pd.DataFrame({'Education': ['High', 'Medium', 'Low', 'Medium']})

# Define custom order
categories = [['Low', 'Medium', 'High']] # Must be nested list per column

# Create encoder
encoder = OrdinalEncoder(categories=categories)

# Transform
data['Education_Encoded'] = encoder.fit_transform(data[['Education']])

print(data)
```

```
   Education  Education_Encoded
0      High                2.0
1    Medium                1.0
2       Low                0.0
3    Medium                1.0
```

Important Notes:

- Always define the order explicitly using `categories=[['Low', 'Medium', 'High']]`
- If you **don't define order**, it will default to alphabetical: `High=0, Low=1`, etc. — which can be **incorrect**
- Returns **float** by default; you can cast to `int` if needed

```
data['Education_Encoded'] = data['Education_Encoded'].astype(int)
```

Decode Back (if needed)

```
decoded = encoder.inverse_transform(data[['Education_Encoded']])
print(decoded)
```

Full Example:

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder

df = pd.DataFrame({'Size': ['Small', 'Medium', 'Large', 'Medium']})

# Specify order
categories = [['Small', 'Medium', 'Large']]

encoder = OrdinalEncoder(categories=categories)
df['Size_Encoded'] = encoder.fit_transform(df[['Size']])

print(df)
```

Summary: Comparison with Other Encodings

Encoding Type	Preserves Order	Increases Dimensionality	Suitable For
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Label Encoding	 No	 No	Nominal (Tree models)
One-Hot Encoding	 No	 Yes	Nominal
Ordinal Encoding	 Yes	 No	Ordinal

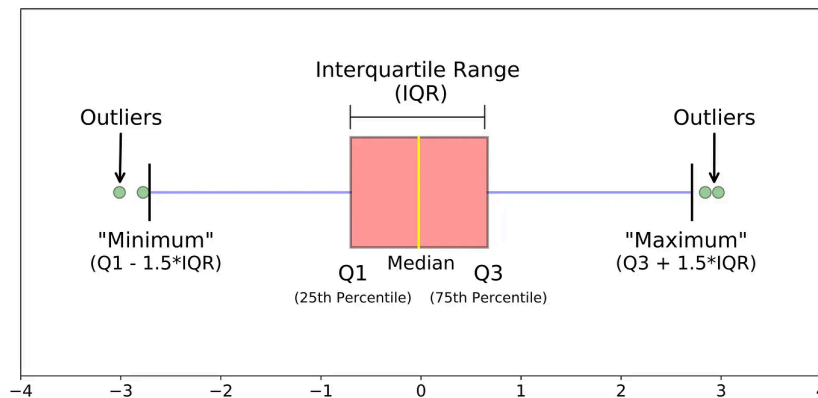
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Detecting and Removing Outliers in Python

What are Outliers?

Outliers are data points that **differ significantly** from other observations in a dataset. They can:

- Skew your model performance
- Mislead interpretation
- Affect statistics like mean and standard deviation



Sample Dataset

```
import pandas as pd

data = {
    'Name': ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J'],
    'Salary': [25000, 27000, 30000, 28000, 26000, 29000, 27500, 29500, 50000, 1000000]
}

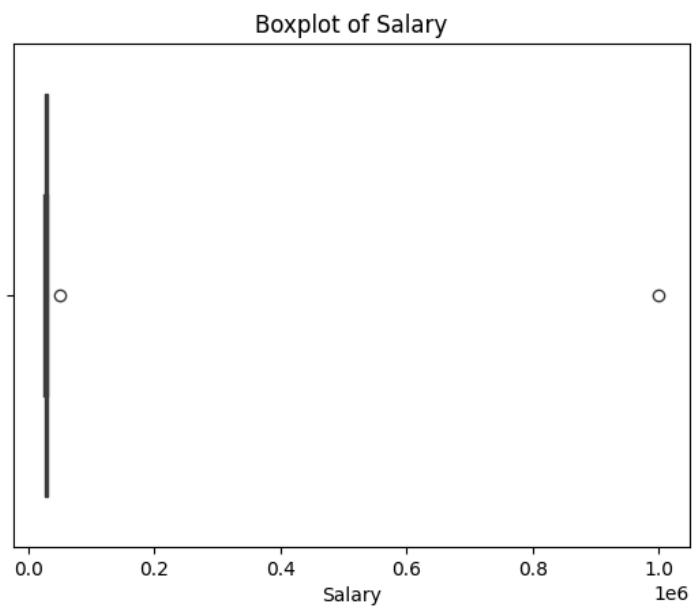
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print(df)
```

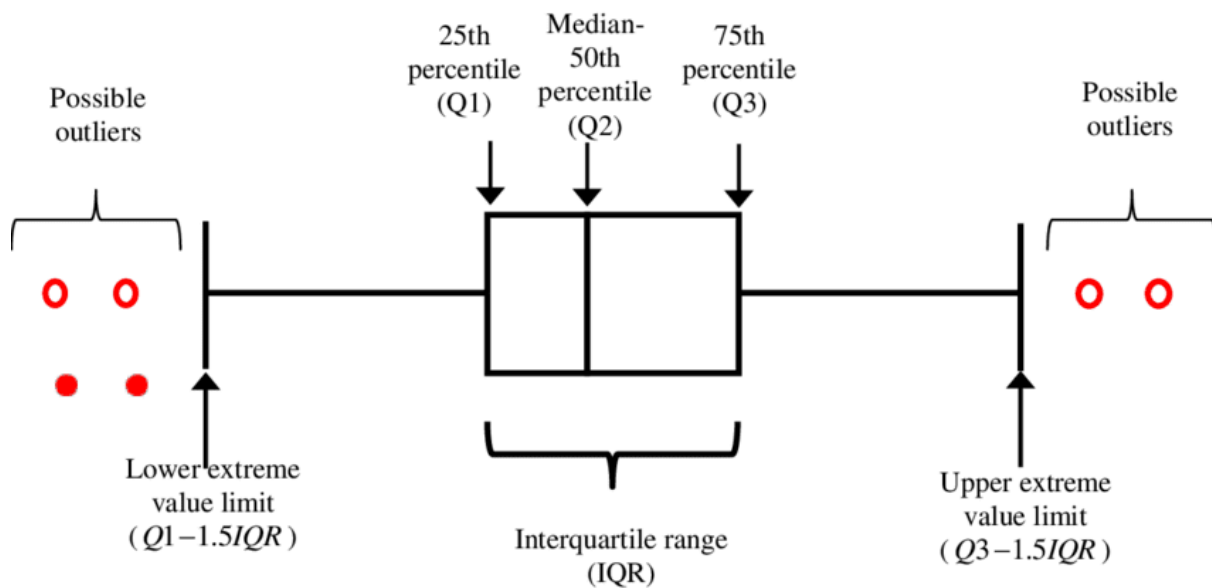
	Name	Salary
0	A	25000
1	B	27000
2	C	30000
3	D	28000
4	E	26000
5	F	29000
6	G	27500
7	H	29500
8	I	50000
9	J	1000000

Step 1: Visual Detection Using Boxplot

```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

sns.boxplot(x=df['Salary'])
plt.title('Boxplot of Salary')
plt.show()
```





Points far outside the boxplot whiskers are considered outliers.



Step 2: Detect Outliers Using IQR Method

```
Q1 = df['Salary'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['Salary'].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_limit = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_limit = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

print("Lower Limit:", lower_limit)
print("Upper Limit:", upper_limit)

# Detecting Outliers
outliers_iqr = df[(df['Salary'] < lower_limit) | (df['Salary'] > upper_limit)]
print("Outliers Detected (IQR):\n", outliers_iqr)
```

```
Lower Limit: 23000.0
Upper Limit: 34000.0
Outliers Detected (IQR):
  Name  Salary
8    I   50000
9    J  100000
```

✅ Step 3: Remove Outliers (IQR)

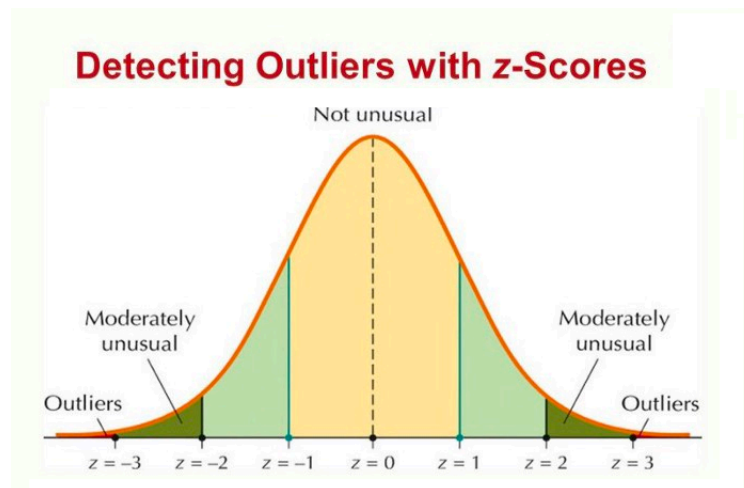
```
df_iqr_cleaned = df[(df['Salary'] >= lower_limit) & (df['Salary'] <= upper_limit)]  
print("Cleaned Dataset (IQR):\n", df_iqr_cleaned)
```

```
Cleaned Dataset (IQR):  
   Name  Salary  
0     A   25000  
1     B   27000  
2     C   30000  
3     D   28000  
4     E   26000  
5     F   29000  
6     G   27500  
7     H   29500
```

🧠 Step 4: Detect Outliers Using Z-Score

```
from scipy.stats import zscore  
  
df['z_score'] = zscore(df['Salary'])  
  
# Threshold typically used:  $\pm 3$   
df_z_cleaned = df[(df['z_score'] > -3) & (df['z_score'] < 3)]  
  
# Drop z_score column if not needed  
df_z_cleaned.drop(columns=['z_score'], inplace=True)  
  
print("Cleaned Dataset (Z-Score):\n", df_z_cleaned)
```


Cleaned Dataset (Z-Score):		
	Name	Salary
0	A	25000
1	B	27000
2	C	30000
3	D	28000
4	E	26000
5	F	29000
6	G	27500
7	H	29500
8	I	50000
9	J	1000000



Summary Table

Method	Good For	Threshold	Strength
Boxplot	Visualization	--	Easy to interpret
IQR	Skewed numeric data	$1.5 * IQR$	No assumption of normality
Z-Score	Normally distributed	± 3	Best for Gaussian data



When NOT to Remove Outliers:

- When they are **valid** observations (e.g., CEO salary)
- When you're building **robust models** (e.g., tree-based models)
- When the outliers indicate **important phenomena** (e.g., fraud detection)

[Full Code:- Github](#)



Feature Scaling in Machine Learning



Why Scale Features?

Machine learning algorithms (especially distance-based ones like KNN, K-Means, SVM, and Gradient Descent-based models) are **sensitive to the scale of features**.



Feature Scaling ensures:

- All features contribute equally to the model
 - Faster convergence in gradient-based models
 - Better performance and accuracy
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Types of Feature Scaling

1. Normalization (Min-Max Scaling)

- Scales data between 0 and 1
- Formula:

$$x' = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

- Good when data **doesn't follow a normal distribution**



Code (Using MinMaxScaler):

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
import pandas as pd

# Sample Data
data = pd.DataFrame({'Salary': [20000, 25000, 40000, 50000, 100000]})
```

```

scaler = MinMaxScaler()
data['Salary_Normalized'] = scaler.fit_transform(data[['Salary']])

print(data)

```

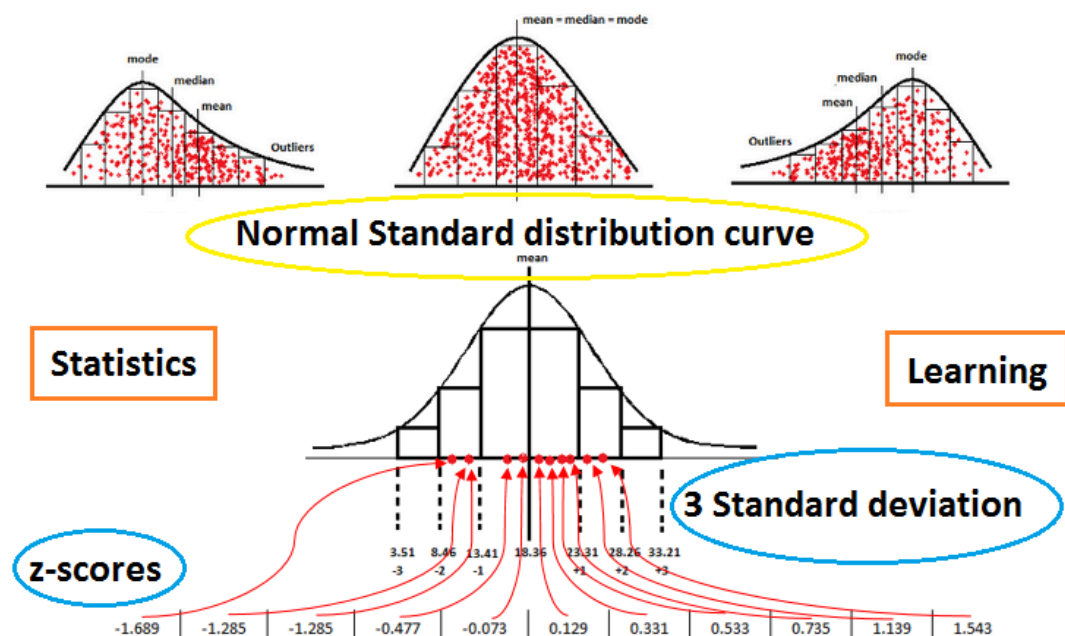
2. Standardization (Z-Score Scaling)

- Scales data to have **mean = 0** and **standard deviation = 1**
- Formula:

$$Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Score Mean SD

- Works well with **normally distributed data**



 **Code (Using StandardScaler):**

```

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()
data['Salary_Standardized'] = scaler.fit_transform(data[['Salary']])

print(data)

```



Comparison Table

Technique	Scales To	Preserves Outliers?	Use When
Normalization	0 to 1	✗ No	When features are not Gaussian
Standardization	Mean = 0, SD = 1	✓ Yes	When data is normally distributed
Robust Scaling	Median-based	✓ Yes	When outliers are present

3. RobustScaler (Bonus)

- Scales using **median and IQR**
- Good for **datasets with outliers**

```

from sklearn.preprocessing import RobustScaler

scaler = RobustScaler()
data['Salary_Robust'] = scaler.fit_transform(data[['Salary']])

```



Full Example: All Scalers

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler, StandardScaler, RobustScaler
import pandas as pd

df = pd.DataFrame({'Age': [20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 100]})

df['MinMax'] = MinMaxScaler().fit_transform(df[['Age']])
df['Standard'] = StandardScaler().fit_transform(df[['Age']])
df['Robust'] = RobustScaler().fit_transform(df[['Age']])

print(df)
```

Important Notes

Always **fit scalers only on training data**, then transform both train and test sets.

```
scaler.fit(X_train)
X_train_scaled = scaler.transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

- **Don't scale categorical variables** directly – encode them first (One-Hot, Label).

[Source Code:- Github](#)

Handling Duplicate Values in a Dataset

Why Remove Duplicates?

Duplicate rows can:

- Mislead data analysis and model performance
- Inflate the importance of certain patterns
- Affect accuracy, especially in classification/regression tasks



Step-by-Step Guide

1. Check for Duplicate Rows

```
# Returns True/False for each row if it is duplicated  
dataset.duplicated()
```

✓ See the count of duplicates:

```
dataset.duplicated().sum()
```

📌 This tells you how many **duplicate rows** exist (excluding the first occurrence).

2. View Duplicate Rows

```
# Display only duplicate rows
duplicates = dataset[dataset.duplicated()]
print(duplicates)
```

3. Remove Duplicate Rows

```
# Drop all duplicate rows and keep the first occurrence
dataset.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
```

Optional Parameters:

Parameter	Description
<code>keep='first'</code>	(default) keeps the first occurrence
<code>keep='last'</code>	keeps the last occurrence
<code>keep=False</code>	removes all duplicates (no exceptions)

```
dataset.drop_duplicates(keep=False, inplace=True)
```

4. Remove Duplicates Based on Specific Columns

```
# Drop duplicates considering only selected columns
dataset.drop_duplicates(subset=['Name', 'Email'], inplace=True)
```

5. Reset Index (Optional)

After removing duplicates, you might want to reset the index:

```
dataset.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
```



[Source Code:- Github](#)

Replacing Values & Changing Data Types in Pandas


1. Replacing Values in a Dataset

Why Replace Values?


- To clean dirty data (e.g., "Male " → "Male")
- To encode categorical strings as numbers (e.g., "Yes" → 1)
- To unify formats (e.g., "N/A" → `np.nan`)

 **Pandas DataFrame Replace Values in Columns**

	Name	Age	City
0	John	45	New York
1	Emma	30	London
2	Michael	35	Paris



	Name	Age	City
0	John	45	NY
1	Emma	30	London
2	Michael	40	Paris



Replace Single Value

```
dataset['Gender'].replace('M', 'Male', inplace=True)
```

Replace Multiple Values

```
dataset['Gender'].replace({'M': 'Male', 'F': 'Female'}, inplace=True)
```

✓ Replace Missing/Custom Strings with NaN

```
import numpy as np

dataset.replace(['N/A', 'na', 'unknown'], np.nan, inplace=True)
```

✓ Replace in Entire DataFrame

```
dataset.replace({'Yes': 1, 'No': 0}, inplace=True)
```

Example:

```
data = {'Gender': ['M', 'F', 'F', 'M', 'M'],
        'Status': ['Yes', 'No', 'Yes', 'No', 'Yes']}

import pandas as pd
df = pd.DataFrame(data)

df.replace({'M': 'Male', 'F': 'Female', 'Yes': 1, 'No': 0}, inplace=True)
```

2. Changing Data Types

Check Data Types

```
print(dataset.dtypes)
```

Convert Column to Integer

```
dataset['Age'] = dataset['Age'].astype(int)
```

Convert to Float

```
dataset['Salary'] = dataset['Salary'].astype(float)
```

Convert to String

```
dataset['ID'] = dataset['ID'].astype(str)
```

Convert to Datetime

```
dataset['Join_Date'] = pd.to_datetime(dataset['Join_Date'])
```

Handle Conversion Errors

```
# If some values can't be converted, force errors to NaT (missing datetime)  
dataset['Join_Date'] = pd.to_datetime(dataset['Join_Date'], errors='coerce')
```

[Source Code:- Github](#)



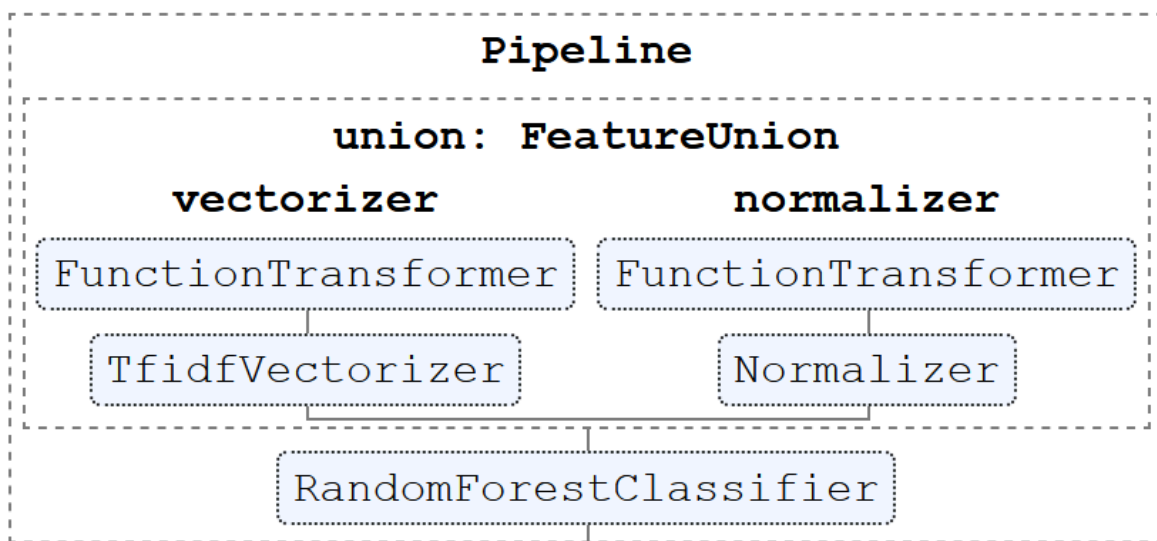
FunctionTransformer in Scikit-Learn



What is FunctionTransformer?

`FunctionTransformer` is a utility in **Scikit-learn** that allows you to wrap a custom or existing function (like `log`, `sqrt`, etc.) and apply it consistently in preprocessing pipelines.

It is especially useful in pipelines where transformations need to be **repeatable**, **fitted**, and **applied consistently** on train/test splits.



Syntax

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import FunctionTransformer

transformer = FunctionTransformer(func, inverse_func=None, validate=True)
```

Parameter

Description

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| <code>func</code> | Function to apply (e.g., <code>np.log1p</code>) |
| <code>inverse_func</code> | Function to inverse-transform (optional) |

`validate` Validates input shape (ensure 2D)

Why Use It?

- Compatible with **Pipeline** and **ColumnTransformer**
 - Useful for **log**, **square root**, **power** transformations
 - Allows **custom preprocessing** steps
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Example 1: Apply **log1p** to a Column

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import FunctionTransformer

data = pd.DataFrame({'Income': [10000, 25000, 40000, 100000, 150000]})

# Apply log transformation: log(1 + x)
log_transformer = FunctionTransformer(np.log1p, validate=True)

data['Income_Log'] = log_transformer.fit_transform(data[['Income']])
print(data)
```

	Income	Income_Log
0	10000	9.210440
1	25000	10.126671
2	40000	10.596660
3	100000	11.512935
4	150000	11.918397

Visualizing Before & After (Optional)

```
import seaborn as sns
```

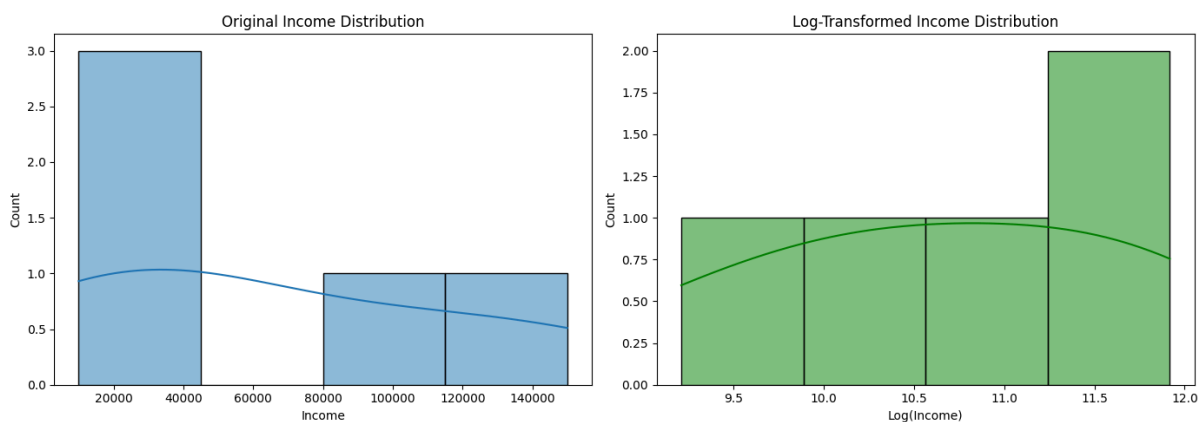
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Create subplots: 1 row, 2 columns
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))

# Plot original distribution
sns.histplot(data['Income'], kde=True, ax=axes[0])
axes[0].set_title("Original Income Distribution")
axes[0].set_xlabel("Income")

# Plot log-transformed distribution
sns.histplot(data['Income_Log'], kde=True, color='green', ax=axes[1])
axes[1].set_title("Log-Transformed Income Distribution")
axes[1].set_xlabel("Log(Income)")

# Improve layout
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Example 2: Custom Transformation (e.g., Square Root)

Use Case in a Pipeline

```
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

pipeline = Pipeline(steps=[
    ('log_transform', FunctionTransformer(np.log1p)),
    ('model', LinearRegression())
])
```

Inverse Transformation

You can use `inverse_func` to recover the original values:

```
log_trans = FunctionTransformer(np.log1p, inverse_func=np.expm1)
X_log = log_trans.transform(data[['Income']])
X_original = log_trans.inverse_transform(X_log)
```

[Source Code :- Github](#)