Feature engineering

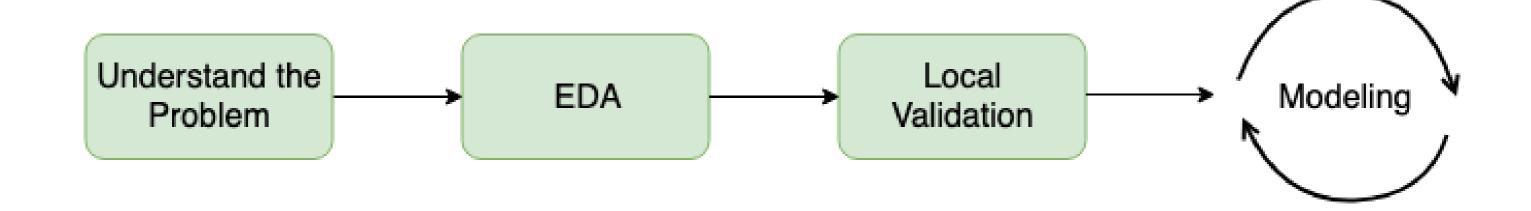
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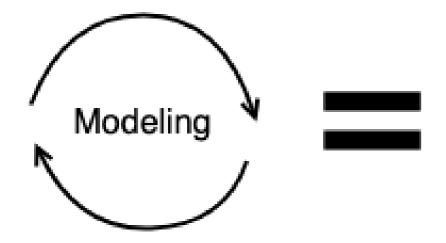
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Solution workflow

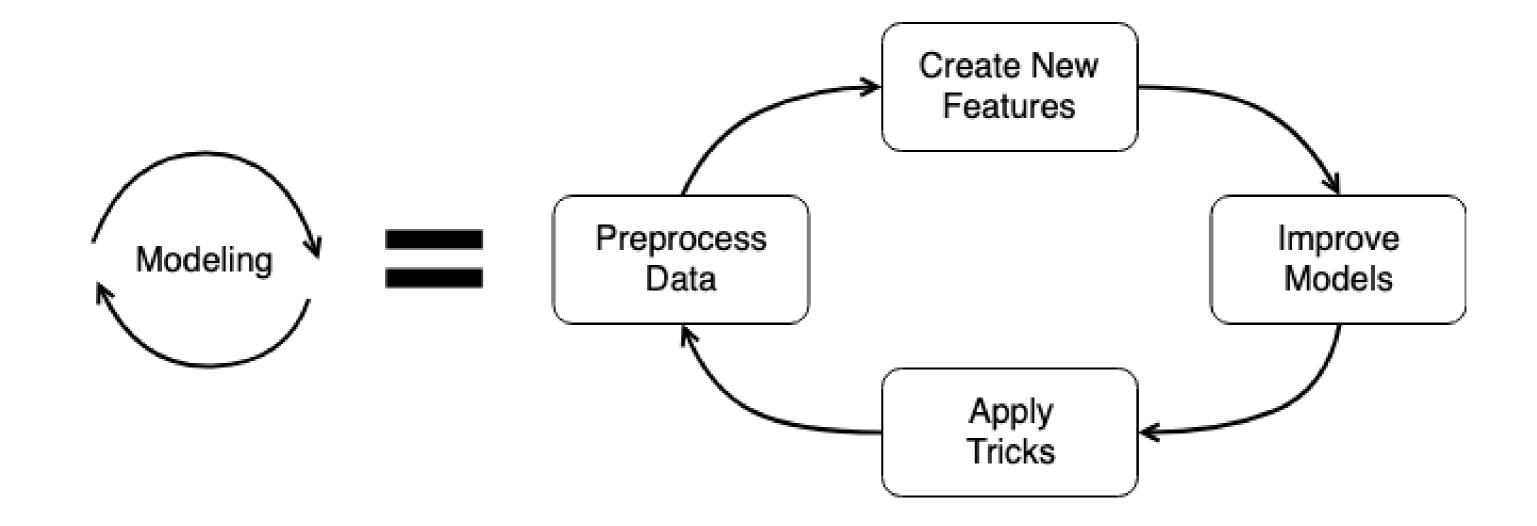


Modeling stage



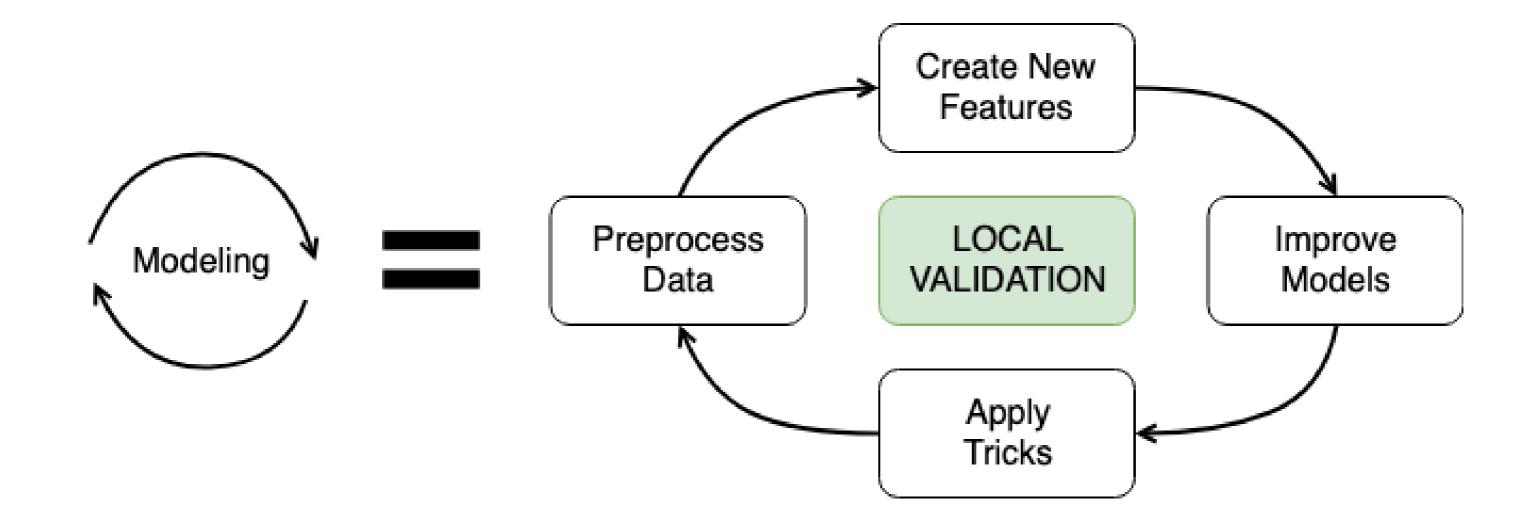
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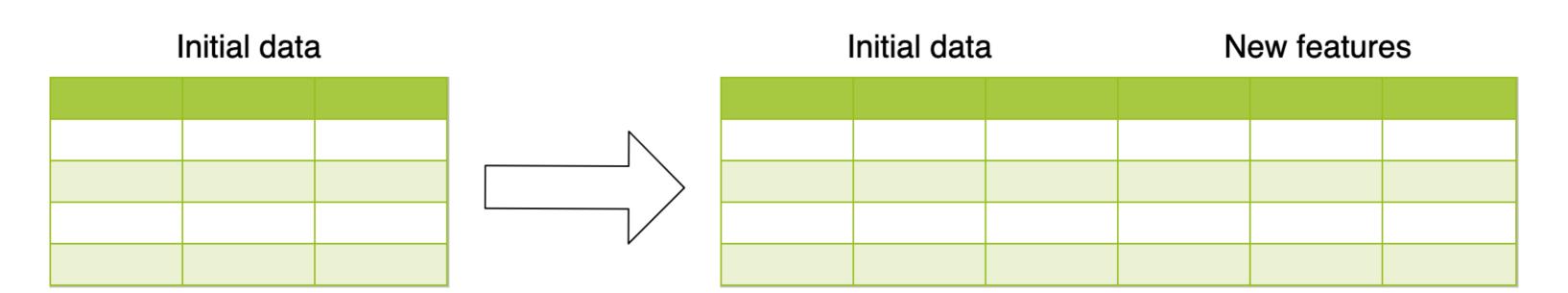
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Feature engineering

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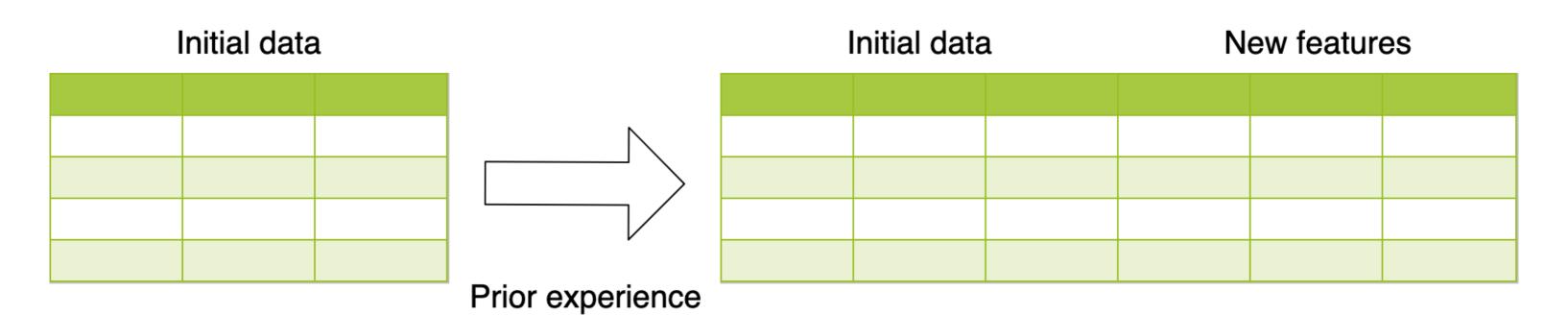
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Feature engineering

feature

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Domain knowledge

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Feature types

feature 가 .

- Numerical
- Categorical
- Datetime
- Coordinates
- Text
- Images

Creating features

```
# Concatenate the train and test data concat
data = pd.concat([train, test])

# Create new features for the data DataFrame...

# Get the train and test back
train = data[data.id.isin(train.id)]
test = data[data.id.isin(test.id)]
```

Arithmetical features

```
id bathrooms bedrooms price interest_level
0 10 1.5 3 3000 medium
```

```
# Arithmetical features
two_sigma['price_per_bedroom'] = two_sigma.price / two_sigma.bedrooms
two_sigma['rooms_number'] = two_sigma.bedrooms + two_sigma.bathrooms
```

Datetime features

```
# Demand forecasting challenge
dem.head(1)
```

```
id date store item sales
0 100000 2017-12-01 1 1 19
```

```
# Convert date to the datetime object
dem['date'] = pd.to_datetime(dem['date'])
```

feature to_datetime() datetime .



```
# Year features
dem['year'] = dem['date'].dt.year
# Month features
dem['month'] = dem['date'].dt.month
# Week features
dem['week'] = dem['date'].dt.weekofyear
```

```
date
                      month
                              week
                year
2017-12-01
                         12
                2017
                                 48
2017-12-02
               2017
                                 48
                         12
2017-12-03
               2017
                         12
                                 48
2017-12-04
               2017
                         12
                                 49
```

```
# Day features
dem['dayofyear'] = dem['date'].dt.dayofyear
dem['dayofmonth'] = dem['date'].dt.day
dem['dayofweek'] = dem['date'].dt.dayofweek
```

date	dayofyear	dayofmonth	dayofweek
2017-12-01	L 335	1	4
2017-12-02	2 336	2	5
2017-12-03	3 3 3 7	3	6
2017-12-04	4 338	4	0

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Categorical features

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Label encoding

ID	Categorical feature
1	A
2	В
3	С
4	A
5	D
6	Α

ID	Label-encoded
1	0
2	1
3	2
4	0
5	3
6	0

feature

Label encoding

```
# Import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
# Create a LabelEncoder object
le = LabelEncoder()
# Encode a categorical feature
df['cat_encoded'] = le.fit_transform(df['cat'])
```

One-Hot encoding

ID	Categorical feature
1	A
2	В
3	С
4	A
5	D
6	Α

encoding	가	0
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ID	Cat == A	Cat == B	Cat == C	Cat == D
1	1	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	0
3	0	0	1	0
4	1	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	1
6	1	0	0	0

One-Hot encoding

Binary Features

```
# DataFrame with a binary feature
binary_feature
      binary_feat
      Yes
      No
le = LabelEncoder()
binary_feature['binary_encoded'] = le.fit_transform(binary_feature['binary_feat'])
  binary_feat binary_encoded
0
      Yes
      No
              0
```



Other encoding approaches

- Backward Difference Coding
- BaseN
- Binary
- CatBoost Encoder
- Hashing
- Helmert Coding
- James-Stein Encoder
- Leave One Out

- M-estimate
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Target encoding

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High cardinality categorical features

- Label encoder provides distinct number for each category
- One-hot encoder creates new feature for each category value
- Target encoding to the rescue!

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Mean target encoding

Train ID	Categorical	Target
1	Α	1
2	В	0
3	В	0
4	Α	1
5	В	0
6	Α	0
7	В	1

Test ID	Categorical	Target
10	Α	?
11	Α	?
12	В	?
13	Α	?

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Mean target encoding

- 1. Calculate mean on the train, apply to the test
- 2. Split train into K folds. Calculate mean on (K-1) folds, apply to the K-th fold
- 3. Add mean target encoded feature to the model

```
feature
, train data

test

train data k fold

train set

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```



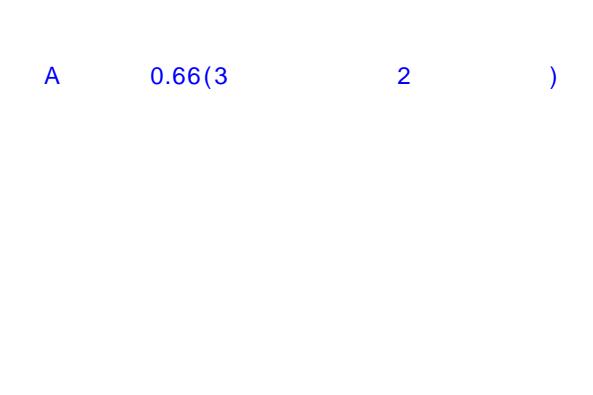
Calculate mean on the train

Train ID	Categorical	Target
1	Α	1
2	В	0
3	В	0
4	Α	1
5	В	0
6	Α	0
7	В	1

test data train data 가

Calculate mean on the train

Train ID	Categorical	Target
1	Α	1
2	В	0
3	В	0
4	Α	1
5	В	0
6	Α	0
7	В	1



Calculate mean on the train

Train ID	Categorical	Target
1	Α	1
2	В	0
3	В	0
4	Α	1
5	В	0
6	Α	0
7	В	1

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Test encoding

Test ID	Categorical	Target	Mean encoded
10	Α	?	0.66
11	Α	?	0.66
12	В	?	0.25
13	Α	?	0.66



Train ID	Categorical	Target	Fold
1	Α	1	1
2	В	0	1
3	В	0	1
4	Α	1	1
5	В	0	2
6	Α	0	2
7	В	1	2

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Train ID	Categorical	Target	Fold	Mean encoded
1	Α	1	1	
2	В	0	1	
3	В	0	1	
4	Α	1	1	
5	В	0	2	
6	Α	0	2	
7	В	1	2	

Train ID	Categorical	Target	Fold	Mean encoded	
1	Α	1	1	0	시가 0
2	В	0	1	0.5	
3	В	0	1	0.5	
4	Α	1	1	0	
5	В	0	2		
6	A	0	2		
7	В	1	2		

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Train ID	Categorical	Target	Fold	Mean encoded
1	A	1	1	0
2	В	0	1	0.5
3	В	0	1	0.5
4	A	1	1	0
5	В	0	2	
6	Α	0	2	
7	В	1	2	

Train ID	Categorical	Target	Fold	Mean encoded
1	A	1	1	0
2	В	0	1	0.5
3	В	0	1	0.5
4	A	1	1	0
5	В	0	2	0
6	Α	0	2	1
7	В	1	2	0



Practical guides

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Practical guides

Smoothing

$$mean_enc_i = rac{target_sum_i}{n_i} \ smoothed_mean_enc_i = rac{target_sum_i + lpha * global_mean}{n_i}$$

$$lpha \in [5;10]$$

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global mean (train data

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Practical guides

Smoothing

$$mean_enc_i = rac{target_sum_i}{n_i} \ smoothed_mean_enc_i = rac{target_sum_i + lpha * global_mean}{n_i + lpha} \ lpha \in [5;10]$$

New categories

• Fill new categories in the test data with a *global_mean*

Practical guides

Train ID	Categorical	Target
1	Α	1
2	В	0
3	В	0
4	Α	0
5	В	1

Test ID	Categorical	Target	Mean encoded
10	Α	?	0.43
11	В	?	0.38
12	С	?	0.40

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Missing data

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Missing data

ID	Categorical feature	Numerical feature	Binary target
1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	NaN	1
5	NaN	2.6	0
6	Α	5.3	0

Numerical data

Mean/median imputation

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1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	NaN	1
5	NaN	2.6	0

Numerical

feature

5.3

Binary

target

0

Categorical

feature

6

Numerical data

- Mean/median imputation
- Constant value imputation

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ID	Categorical feature	Numerical feature	Binary target
1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	4.72	1
5	NaN	2.6	0
6	Α	5.3	0

Numerical data

- Mean/median imputation
- Constant value imputation

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ID	Categorical feature	Numerical feature	Binary target
1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	-999	1
5	NaN	2.6	0
6	Α	5.3	0

Numerical data

- Mean/median imputation
- Constant value imputation

Categorical data

Most frequent category imputation

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ID	Categorical feature	Numerical feature	Binary target
1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	-999	1
5	NaN	2.6	0
6	Α	5.3	0

Numerical data

- Mean/median imputation
- Constant value imputation

Categorical data

- Most frequent category imputation
- New category imputation

ID	Categorical feature	Numerical feature	Binary target
1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	-999	1
5	Α	2.6	0
6	Α	5.3	0

Numerical data

- Mean/median imputation
- Constant value imputation

Categorical data

- Most frequent category imputation
- New category imputation

ID	Categorical feature	Numerical feature	Binary target
1	Α	5.1	1
2	В	7.2	0
3	С	3.4	0
4	Α	-999	1
5	MISS	2.6	0
6	Α	5.3	0

Find missing data

```
df.isnull().head(1)
         ID
                                      target
                   cat
                              num
0
      False
                 False
                            False
                                       False
df.isnull().sum()
                              가
                    isnull
ID
cat
num
target
```



Numerical missing data

```
strategy:
                                                        "median"( ), "most_frequent"(
                                                                                    : 가
                                                   ), "constant"(
# Import SimpleImputer
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
# Different types of imputers
mean_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')
constant_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='constant', fill_value=-999)
# Imputation
df[['num']] = mean_imputer.fit_transform(df[['num']])
```

```
SimpleImputer module
sklearn
        - 999
```



mean ,

Categorical missing data

```
# Import SimpleImputer
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

# Different types of imputers
frequent_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')
constant_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='constant', fill_value='MISS')
# Imputation
df[['cat']] = constant_imputer.fit_transform(df[['cat']])
```

Miss .

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