AML Hw0: Iris Flowers

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1 Iris Flowers Dataset Structure

The data set is 3 different iris plant classes of 50 instances each. This means that the data includes 3 different species, and 50 samples for each species.

For each instance, there are 4 attributes. They are numerical measurements to be used for prediction (sepal length, sepal width, petal length, petal width). There is also the label for each sample, being the actual Iris species.

2 Parsing the Dataset

The dataset was parsed for the 4 attributes using pandas, resulting in an $N \times p$ array. Where N is 150, the number of samples, and p is 4, the number of attributes.

```
attributes = pd.read_csv(file_path, usecols=[0,1,2,3], header=None, names=[#array of headers names])
```

```
%run index.py
   3.2s
                                                                                Python
attributes:
                          sepal width in cm petal length in cm
     sepal length in cm
                     5.1
                     4.9
                                          3.0
                                                               1.4
                                                               1.3
                     4.7
                                          3.2
                     4.6
                                         3.1
                                                               1.5
4
                     5.0
                                          3.6
                                                               1.4
145
                     6.7
                                          3.0
                                                               5.2
146
                                         2.5
                                                               5.0
                     6.3
147
                     6.5
                                         3.0
                                                               5.2
148
                     6.2
                                                               5.4
                                         3.4
149
                     5.9
                                         3.0
                                                               5.1
```

	petal width in cm
0	0.2
1	0.2
2	0.2
3	0.2
4	0.2
145	2.3
146	1.9
147	2.0
148	2.3
149	1.8
[150	rows x 4 columns]

With a similar approach, the same data file was parsed for the N-dimensional label vector. $\,$

```
label (species):
             species
        Iris-setosa
0
1
        Iris-setosa
2
        Iris-setosa
        Iris-setosa
3
        Iris-setosa
4
145
     Iris-virginica
     Iris-virginica
146
     Iris-virginica
147
     Iris-virginica
148
     Iris-virginica
149
[150 rows x 1 columns]
```

3 Visualizing the Dataset

With 4 attributes, but only 2D representations that can show 2 attributes at a time, a series of 2D plots were created. Each plot has the x and y dimensions as two different pairs of attributes. With 12 plots, all possible pairs of two attributes from the 4 attributes were represented.

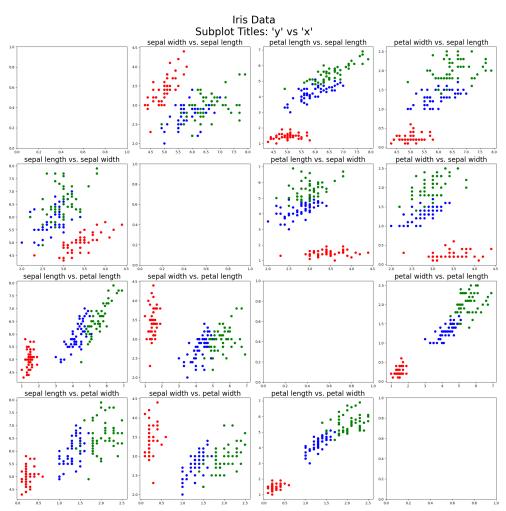
In code, this was performed by the following nested loop algorithm to create all pairs of different attributes.

In the above code, axes[x_index, y_index] is responsible for creating a subplot on the position of (x_index, y_index). And the variable attribute_arr is an $p \times N$ array (constructed transpose of the parsed attributes data array), where the n-th element of attribute_arr will give the nth attribute's N-dimension vector. Lastly, color_vector is an N-dimension vector of assigned colors for each sample based on the label (species). The code for this is shown below.

```
# get each attribute vector
```

```
attributes_matrix = attributes.to_numpy()
sepal_length = attributes_matrix[:,0:1]
sepal_width = attributes_matrix[:,1:2]
petal_length = attributes_matrix[:,2:3]
petal_width = attributes_matrix[:,3:4]
# create a graph using 2 attribute vector
# (for non-same attributes) for all possible pairs
# red is Iris—setosa, green is Iris—virginica, blue is Iris—versicolor
color_map = {
    'Iris—setosa': 'red',
    'Iris-virginica': 'green',
'Iris-versicolor': 'blue'
}
labels_array = labels.to_numpy().tolist()
color_vector = [color_map[species[0]] for species in labels_array]
attribute_arr = [sepal_length, sepal_width, petal_length, petal_width]
attribute_category_strings = ["sepal length", "sepal width",
            "petal length", "petal width"]
```

The final result is shown below. Red is Iris-setosa, green is Iris-virginica, and blue is Iris-versicolor.



As seen, the Iris dataset was properly visualized. Based on visuals, it seems that Iris-setosa is the distinguishable species from the other two species (separated well on most dimensions). And Iris-virginica and Iris-versicolor are poorly distinguishable (not well separated on most dimensions). This aligns with the description of the dataset by R.A. Fischer in the UC Irvine Machine Learning.

4 Source Code

The source code can be found at GitHub in the /hw-0 directory. In case link does not work, the source code for the plotting can be seen below.