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Using a "Duke GPA" dataset provided on Kaggle.com

Project Outline

- · Data cleaning and formatting
- Exploratory data analysis
- Feature engineering and selection
- Compare several machine learning models on a performance metric
- Perform hyperparameter tuning on the best model
- Evaluate the best model on the testing set
- Interpret the model results
- Draw conclusions and document work

Thanks to the below example for providing the outline and guidance for this project.

Example

Goal

Train model to predict GPA based on number of hours studied each week, number of hours sleep, gender, and how many nights they go out.

Response

GPA

Factors

- No. of hours slept (float)
- No. of hours studied each week (int)
- Nights out / not studying during sample period (float)
- Gender (0 = Female, 1 = Male, float)

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
   import numpy as np
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import seaborn as sns
   import scipy.stats as stats

#Read in data into a dataframe
   data = pd.read_csv('/content/sample_data/gpa.csv')
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#Display first 15 lines in dataframe data.head(15)

Out[1]:		gpa	studyweek	sleepnight	out	gender
	0	3.890	50	6.0	3.0	female
	1	3.900	15	6.0	1.0	female
	2	3.750	15	7.0	1.0	female
	3	3.600	10	6.0	4.0	male
	4	4.000	25	7.0	3.0	female
	5	3.150	20	7.0	3.0	male
	6	3.250	15	6.0	1.0	female
	7	3.925	10	8.0	3.0	female
	8	3.428	12	8.0	2.0	female
	9	3.800	2	8.0	4.0	male
	10	3.900	10	8.0	1.0	female
	11	2.900	30	6.0	2.0	female
	12	3.925	30	7.0	2.0	female
	13	3.650	21	9.0	3.0	female

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Data cleaning and formatting

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The above info indicates the "gender" data type is an object. This cannot be processed and needs to be changed to a data type that can be processed in the hereafter machine learning models.

Therefore "Female" will be transferred to 0 and Male will be transferred to 1. This will allow the model to process the input factor appropriately.

This indicates that data is of the correct data types for machine learning processing as well as all values are non-null (not blank).

We will now move to the exploritory efforts.

Exploratory data analysis & Feature engineering and selection

Analysis Plan

The below plan was established to help understand if engineered features could be established to help correlate the impact of the input factors on the intended response.

Line	Exploration Task	Purpose	Result
1	Correlation Heat Map	Determine if significant relationships exist between factors	TBD
2	Box Plot GPA by Gender	Determine if GPA differences between genders are statistically significant	TBD
3	Linear Regression Plot For GPA	Determine if meaningful relationships exist between factors	TBD

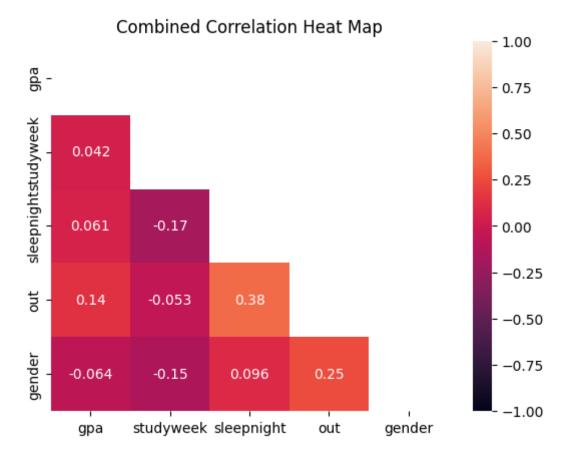
The charts will now be generated in accordance with the above plan.

Correlation Heat Map

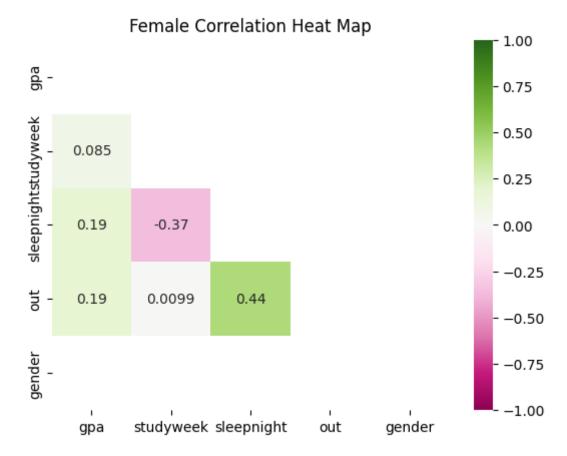
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In [5]: #Mask assigned to eliminate the "mirror effect" for the top part of the heatmap
mask = np.triu(np.ones_like(data_mod1.corr(), dtype=bool))
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#Heat map using the modified data frame for gender
sns.heatmap(data_mod1.corr(),vmin=-1,vmax=1,mask=mask, annot=True).set(title="(
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Out[5]: [Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Combined Correlation Heat Map')]



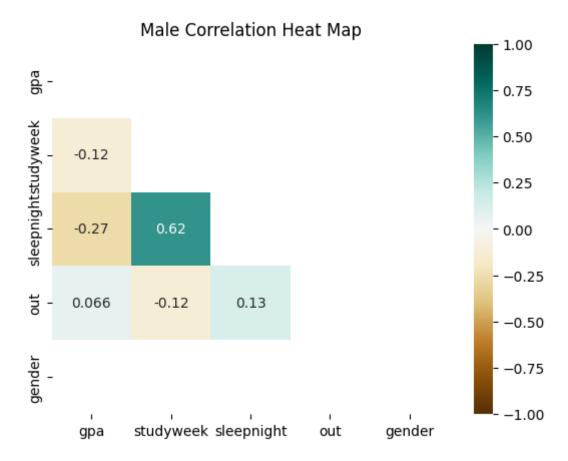
In [6]: #Mask assigned to eliminate the "mirror effect" for the top part of the heatmany
mask = np.triu(np.ones_like(data_mod1[(data_mod1['gender']==0)].corr(), dtype=1)
#Heatmap to use the modified data frame for gender while only calling the data
sns.heatmap(data_mod1[(data_mod1['gender']==0)].corr(),vmin=-1,vmax=1,mask=mas1.
Out[6]: [Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Female Correlation Heat Map')]



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In [7]: #Mask assigned to eliminate the "mirror effect" for the top part of the heatmage
mask = np.triu(np.ones_like(data_mod1[(data_mod1['gender']==1)].corr(), dtype=k

#Heatmap to use the modified data frame for gender while only calling the data
sns.heatmap(data_mod1[(data_mod1['gender']==1)].corr(),vmin=-1,vmax=1,mask=mask

Out[7]: [Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Male Correlation Heat Map')]
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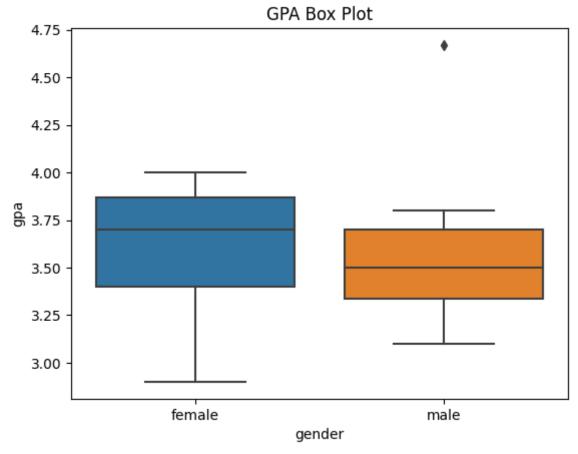
The above heatmaps show R^2 values for each of the factors. R^2 values can provide an estimate of "how well" a change in one factor can affect another. This index generally ranges between 0-1 (1 being a very strong estimator/relationship, and 0 being a very weak estimator/relationship) and is used in-conjunction with other statistical tools to help make informed decisions.

Looking at the "Combined Correlation Heat Map", most of the factors show low correlation, with the highest being +0.38, which is the number of nights out and the number of hours sleeping (more nights out *might* mean more time sleeping), but this is not an important factor to change GPA. The "Female Correlation Heat Map" shows this as the most important correlation factor at +0.44, but again, this is not important for the purposes of this study.

Looking at the "Male Correlation Heat Map", most of the factors show low correlation, with the hightest being +0.62, which is the number of hours spent studying and the number of hours sleeping (sleeping more *might* mean more studying), again, not important for our purposes.

BoxPlot GPA by Gender

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In [8]: sns.boxplot(data=data, x='gender', y='gpa').set(title='GPA Box Plot')
Out[8]: [Text(0.5, 1.0, 'GPA Box Plot')]
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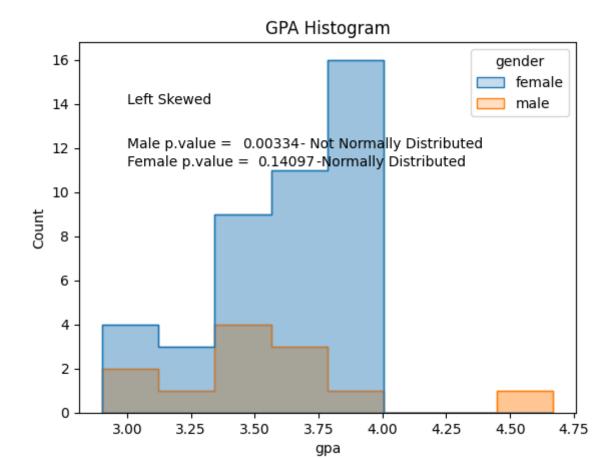
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In [9]: sns.histplot(data=data, x = 'gpa', hue='gender',element='step').set(title='GPA
    ax = sns.histplot(data=data, x = 'gpa', hue='gender',element='step')

ax.text(3,14,"Left Skewed")
    ax.text(3,12,"Male p.value = ")
    ax.text(3.45,12,"{:.5f}".format(round(stats.normaltest(data['gender']=='n')
    ax.text(3.68,12,"- Not Normally Distributed")

ax.text(3,11.2,"Female p.value = ")
    ax.text(3.51,11.2,"{:.5f}".format(round(stats.normaltest(data['gender']=='ax.text(3.74,11.2,"-Normally Distributed")

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    warnings.warn("kurtosistest only valid for n>=20 ... continuing "

Out[9]: Text(3.74, 11.2, '-Normally Distributed')
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Before understanding if the differences observed between the GPAs are statistically significant, the normality of the two gender gpa distributions should be understood. The above analysis indicates the male data is not normally distributed.

Looking at the dataset, the dataset is small (Male n = 13), so caution should be used in fully utilizing this dataset.

This would indicate the data needs to be transformed before a statistical difference can be determined. A common practice is to transform the data using Logarithmic, Square, or Reciprocal transformation.

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In [10]: # Logarithm transformation
    male_transform = np.log10(data[(data['gender']=='male')]['gpa'])
    female_transform = np.log10(data[(data['gender']=='female')]['gpa'])

#retest normality for male data after transformation
    print("Male p.value after Logarithm transformation:", stats.normaltest(male_transform("Female p.value after Logarithm transformation:", stats.normaltest(female)

# Square transformation
    male_transform = np.square(data[(data['gender']=='male')]['gpa'])
    female_transform = np.square(data[(data['gender']=='female')]['gpa'])

#retest normality for male data after transformation
    print("Male p.value after square transformation:", stats.normaltest(male_transformit("Female p.value after square transformation:", stats.normaltest(female_transformit("Female p.value after square transformation:", stats.normaltest("Female p.value after square transformation:")
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male_transform = np.reciprocal(data[(data['gender']=='male')]['gpa'])
female_transform = np.reciprocal(data[(data['gender']=='female')]['gpa'])

#retest normality for male data after transformation
print("Male p.value after reciprocal transformation:", stats.normaltest(male_tr print("Female p.value after reciprocal transformation:", stats.normaltest(femal

# Logarithm transformation
male_transform = np.log10(data[(data['gender']=='male')]['gpa'])
female_transform = np.log10(data[(data['gender']=='female')]['gpa'])

#Run t-test with logarithm transformation data:
print("T-Test Result Using Logarithm Data: ", stats.ttest_ind(a=male_transform,
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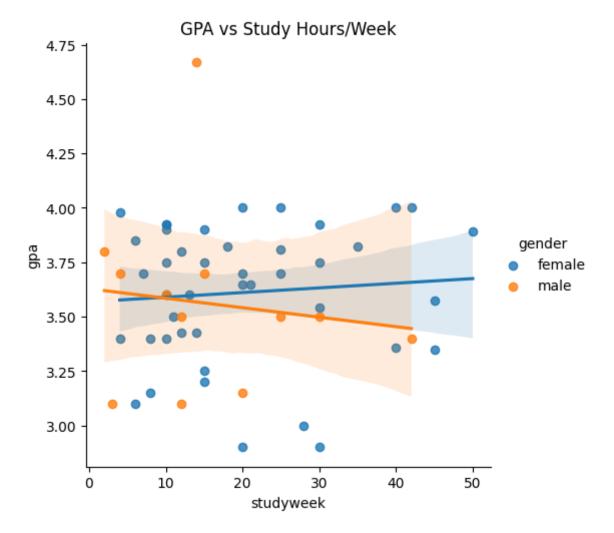
Male p.value after Logarithm transformation: 0.027970978442275866
Female p.value after Logarithm transformation: 0.06892880478622003
Male p.value after square transformation: 0.0003684620607813871
Female p.value after square transformation: 0.18130675950724842
Male p.value after reciprocal transformation: 0.16223763286414422
Female p.value after reciprocal transformation: 0.022267584341110737
T-Test Result Using Logarithm Data: 0.5983351772246618

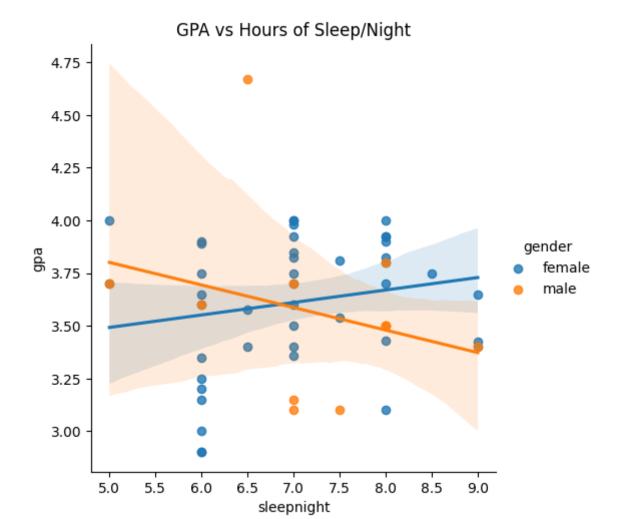
Looking at the various transformation types applied equally to both datasets, none of them provide the perfect transformation (p.value > 0.05), therefore we will choose the best choice - Logarithm (Male p.value = 0.03, Female p.value = 0.07).

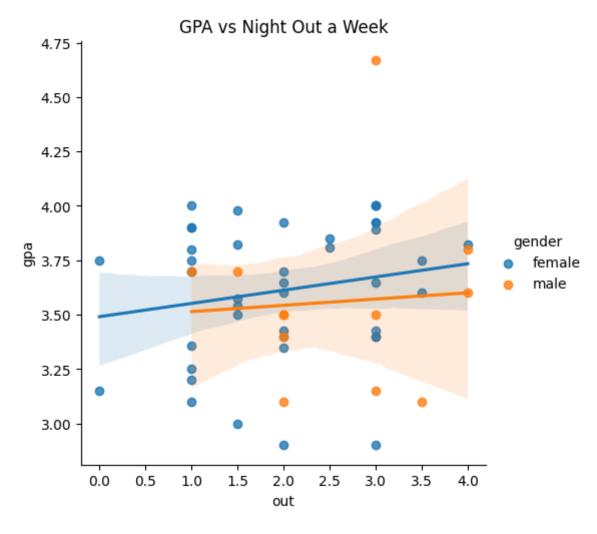
Running the 2-way t-test for the Logarithm Transformation data, the results show a p-value of 0.598. This indicates there is no statistical difference between the Male and Female GPA datasets given the limitations in the data and transformations.

Linear Regression Plot For GPA

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In [11]: sns.lmplot(data=data, x='studyweek', y='gpa', hue='gender',height=5).set(title=sns.lmplot(data=data, x='sleepnight', y='gpa', hue='gender',height=5).set(title=sns.lmplot(data=data, x='out', y='gpa', hue='gender',height=5).set(title='GPA v='out']: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7fc8dbd4ec20>
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Looking at the data above, the confidence intervals for each regression line is wide and shows little correlation between the factors - which matches our intial correlation matrix as above.

Analysis Results

Line	Exploration Task	Purpose	Result		
1	Correlation Heat Map	Determine if significant relationships exist between factors	No significant linear correlations exist in the dataset while linking Response to the provided input Factors		
2	Box Plot GPA by Gender	Determine if GPA differences between genders are statistically significant	After data transformation, there is no statistical differences between the genders		
3	Linear Regression Plot For GPA	Determine if meaningful relationships exist between factors	No meaningful linear correlations exist in the dataset while linking the Response to the provided input Factors		

This would indicate using Machine Learning models which are non-linear might yield more accurate predictions.

Compare several machine learning models on a performance metric

```
In [12]: #Apply Log function to all Feature/Label data to "normalize the data" for model
         features = data.copy()
         #Select the non-string columns
         numberic_subset = data.select_dtypes('number')
         #Generate logrithmic data for features using non-string columns
         for col in numberic subset.columns:
           #Exclude gpa data row
           if col =='gpa':
             next
           else:
             numberic_subset['log_' + col] = np.log10(numberic_subset[col])
         #Select the string columns after being converted to one-hot encoding
         categorical subset = data mod1['gender']
         #Join the above data subsets into a completed feature dataframe
         features = pd.concat([numberic_subset, categorical_subset], axis = 1)
         #Seperate the data into the Features and Labels data for model processing
         features = features.drop(columns='gpa')
         targets = data['gpa']
         #print(data.shape)
         #print(data.head())
         #print(features.shape)
         #print(features.head())
         #print(targets.shape)
         #targets.head()
         /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/pandas/core/arraylike.py:402: RuntimeW
         arning: divide by zero encountered in log10
           result = getattr(ufunc, method)(*inputs, **kwargs)
In [13]: from sklearn.model selection import train test split
         #Split the data into 70% training and 30% testing subsets
         X, X_test, y, y_test = train_test_split(features, targets, test_size = 0.3, rar
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The dataset will need to be further analysed to ensure the data integrity is solid. It is observed in the dataset that some "inf" exist in the data set, these need to be removed before Machine Learning can be started.

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In [14]: print(X.info())
    print(X.shape)
    print(X.head(50))
    print(X_test.info())
    print(X_test.head(50))
    print(y.info())
    print(y.info(50))
    print(y_test.info())
    print(y_test.head(50))
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X.replace([np.inf, -np.inf], np.nan, inplace=True)
X.dropna(subset=["log_out"], how="all", inplace=True)
y=y.drop([0,1])
#y.shape

#print(X.info())
#print(X.shape)
#print(X.head(50))
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 38 entries, 4 to 38
Data columns (total 7 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	studyweek	38 non-null	int64
1	sleepnight	38 non-null	float64
2	out	38 non-null	float64
3	log_studyweek	38 non-null	float64
4	log_sleepnight	38 non-null	float64
5	log_out	38 non-null	float64
6	gender	38 non-null	int64
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dtypes: float64(5), int64(2)

memory usage: 2.4 KB

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	studyweek	sleepnight	out	log_studyweek	log_sleepnight	log_out	
4	25	7.0	3.0	1.397940	0.845098	0.477121	
47	25	8.0	2.0	1.397940	0.903090	0.301030	
27	14	9.0	3.0	1.146128	0.954243	0.477121	
46	42	9.0	2.0	1.623249	0.954243	0.301030	
45	3	7.0	2.0	0.477121	0.845098	0.301030	
53	30	7.5	1.5	1.477121	0.875061	0.176091	
15	14	6.5	3.0	1.146128	0.812913	0.477121	
9	2	8.0	4.0	0.301030	0.903090	0.602060	
16	12	7.5	3.5	1.079181	0.875061	0.544068	
24	35	8.0	4.0	1.544068	0.903090	0.602060	
30	8	6.5	2.0	0.903090	0.812913	0.301030	
37	15	6.0	1.0	1.176091	0.778151	0.000000	
25	10	8.0	3.0	1.000000	0.903090	0.477121	
11	30	6.0	2.0	1.477121	0.778151	0.301030	
0	50	6.0	3.0	1.698970	0.778151	0.477121	
48	20	6.0	2.0	1.301030	0.778151	0.301030	
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29	8	6.0	0.0	0.903090	0.778151	-inf	
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1	15	6.0	1.0	1.176091	0.778151	0.000000	
21	10	7.0	3.0	1.000000	0.845098	0.477121	
2	15	7.0	1.0	1.176091	0.845098	0.000000	
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35	10	7.0	2.0	1.000000	0.845098	0.301030	
23	13	6.0	3.5	1.113943	0.778151	0.544068	
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In [15]: # Function to calculate mean absolute error
         def mae(y true, y pred):
             return np.mean(abs(y_true - y_pred))
         baseline_guess = np.median(y)
         print('The baseline guess is a score of %0.2f' % baseline guess)
         print("Baseline Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.4f" % mae(y_test, baseling
         The baseline guess is a score of 3.57
         Baseline Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.2123
         This is the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) calculations, it shows our average estimate on the
         test set is off by 20 pts. The score being from 1-100 indicates that our average error is
         about 20%. This will serve as a baseline for testing with various Machine Learning Models.
In [16]: # Create local files for training data
         X.to csv('sample data/training features.csv', index = False)
         X test.to csv('sample data/testing features.csv', index = False)
         y.to csv('sample data/training labels.csv', index = False)
         y test.to csv('sample data/testing labels.csv', index = False)
In [17]: # Imputing missing values and scaling values
         from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
         # Machine Learning Models
         from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor
         from sklearn.svm import SVR
         from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
         # Hyperparameter tuning
         from sklearn.model selection import RandomizedSearchCV, GridSearchCV
In [18]: # Read in data into dataframes
         train features = pd.read csv('sample data/training features.csv')
         test features = pd.read csv('sample data/testing features.csv')
         train labels = pd.read csv('sample data/training labels.csv')
         test_labels = pd.read_csv('sample_data/testing_labels.csv')
         # Display sizes of data
         print('Training Feature Size: ', train_features.shape)
         print('Testing Feature Size: ', test_features.shape)
         print('Training Labels Size: ', train_labels.shape)
         print('Testing Labels Size: ', test_labels.shape)
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Training Feature Size: (36, 7) Testing Feature Size: (17, 7) Training Labels Size: (36, 1) Testing Labels Size: (17, 1)

In [19]: train_features.head(5)

Out[19]:		studyweek	sleepnight	out	log_studyweek	log_sleepnight	log_out	gender
	0	25	7.0	3.0	1.397940	0.845098	0.477121	0
	1	25	8.0	2.0	1.397940	0.903090	0.301030	1
	2	14	9.0	3.0	1.146128	0.954243	0.477121	0
	3	42	9.0	2.0	1.623249	0.954243	0.301030	1
	4	3	7.0	2.0	0.477121	0.845098	0.301030	1

In [20]: X

Out [20]: studyweek sleepnight out

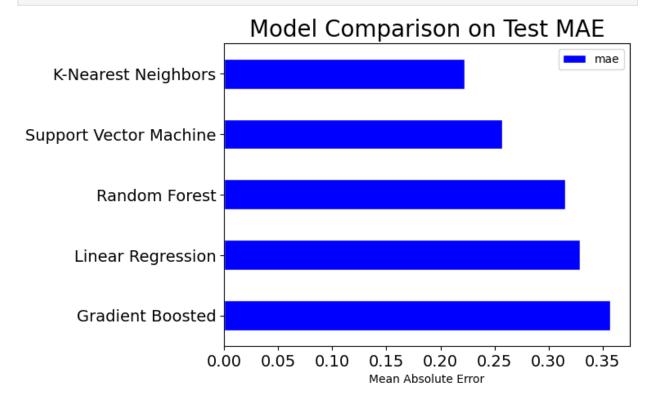
	studyweek	sleepnight	out	log_studyweek	log_sleepnight	log_out	gender
4	25	7.0	3.0	1.397940	0.845098	0.477121	0
47	25	8.0	2.0	1.397940	0.903090	0.301030	1
27	14	9.0	3.0	1.146128	0.954243	0.477121	0
46	42	9.0	2.0	1.623249	0.954243	0.301030	1
45	3	7.0	2.0	0.477121	0.845098	0.301030	1
53	30	7.5	1.5	1.477121	0.875061	0.176091	0
15	14	6.5	3.0	1.146128	0.812913	0.477121	1
9	2	8.0	4.0	0.301030	0.903090	0.602060	1
16	12	7.5	3.5	1.079181	0.875061	0.544068	1
24	35	8.0	4.0	1.544068	0.903090	0.602060	0
30	8	6.5	2.0	0.903090	0.812913	0.301030	0
37	15	6.0	1.0	1.176091	0.778151	0.000000	0
25	10	8.0	3.0	1.000000	0.903090	0.477121	0
11	30	6.0	2.0	1.477121	0.778151	0.301030	0
0	50	6.0	3.0	1.698970	0.778151	0.477121	0
48	20	6.0	2.0	1.301030	0.778151	0.301030	0
36	18	7.0	1.5	1.255273	0.845098	0.176091	0
40	28	6.0	1.5	1.447158	0.778151	0.176091	0
1	15	6.0	1.0	1.176091	0.778151	0.000000	0
21	10	7.0	3.0	1.000000	0.845098	0.477121	0
2	15	7.0	1.0	1.176091	0.845098	0.000000	0
50	6	8.0	1.0	0.778151	0.903090	0.000000	0
39	11	7.0	1.5	1.041393	0.845098	0.176091	0
35	10	7.0	2.0	1.000000	0.845098	0.301030	0
23	13	6.0	3.5	1.113943	0.778151	0.544068	0
44	42	5.0	1.0	1.623249	0.698970	0.000000	0
10	10	8.0	1.0	1.000000	0.903090	0.000000	0
22	12	8.0	2.0	1.079181	0.903090	0.301030	1
18	4	9.0	3.0	0.602060	0.954243	0.477121	0
54	20	6.0	3.0	1.301030	0.778151	0.477121	0
20	6	7.0	2.5	0.778151	0.845098	0.397940	0
7	10	8.0	3.0	1.000000	0.903090	0.477121	0
42	4	5.0	1.0	0.602060	0.698970	0.000000	1
14	10	8.5	3.5	1.000000	0.929419	0.544068	0
51	20	7.0	3.0	1.301030	0.845098	0.477121	0

	studyweek	sleepnight	out	log_studyweek	log_sleepnight	log_out	gender
38	30	8.0	3.0	1.477121	0.903090	0.477121	1

The below Machine Learning Models will be used to test various parameters to ensure the most accurate model is chosen.

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In [21]: # Function to calculate mean absolute error
         def mae(y_true, y_pred):
             return np.mean(abs(y_true - y_pred))
         # Takes in a model, trains the model, and evaluates the model on the test set
         def fit_and_evaluate(model):
             # Train the model
             model.fit(X, y)
             # Make predictions and evalute
             model pred = model.predict(X test)
             model_mae = mae(y_test, model_pred)
             # Return the performance metric
             return model_mae
In [22]: | lr = LinearRegression()
         lr mae = fit and evaluate(lr)
         print('Linear Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.4f' % lr mae)
         Linear Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.3292
In [23]: from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
         # Create the model
         gradient boosted = GradientBoostingRegressor()
         # Fit the model on the training data
         gradient boosted.fit(X, y)
         # Make predictions on the test data
         predictions = gradient boosted.predict(X test)
         # Evaluate the model
         mae1 = np.mean(abs(predictions - y test))
         print('Gradient Boosted Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.4f' % mael)
         Gradient Boosted Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.3594
In [24]: svm = SVR(C = 1000, gamma = 0.1)
         svm mae = fit and evaluate(svm)
         print('Support Vector Machine Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.
         Support Vector Machine Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.2574
In [25]: random forest = RandomForestRegressor(random state=60)
         random forest mae = fit and evaluate(random forest)
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print('Random Forest Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.4f' % rar
         Random Forest Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.3152
In [26]: gradient boosted = GradientBoostingRegressor(random state=60)
         gradient_boosted_mae = fit_and_evaluate(gradient_boosted)
         print('Gradient Boosted Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.4f' %
         Gradient Boosted Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.3572
In [27]: knn = KNeighborsRegressor(n neighbors=10)
         knn_mae = fit_and_evaluate(knn)
         print('K-Nearest Neighbors Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = %0.4f'
         K-Nearest Neighbors Regression Performance on the test set: MAE = 0.2223
In [28]:
         # Dataframe to hold the results
         model_comparison = pd.DataFrame({'model': ['Linear Regression', 'Support Vector
                                                     'Random Forest', 'Gradient Boosted',
                                                      'K-Nearest Neighbors'],
                                           'mae': [lr_mae, svm_mae, random_forest_mae,
                                                   gradient_boosted_mae, knn_mae]})
         # Horizontal bar chart of test mae
         model comparison.sort_values('mae', ascending = False).plot(x = 'model', y = 'm
                                                                     color = 'blue', edge
         # Plot formatting
         plt.ylabel(''); plt.yticks(size = 14); plt.xlabel('Mean Absolute Error'); plt.x
         plt.title('Model Comparison on Test MAE', size = 20);
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The above comparison represents the Mean Absolute Error calculations using the tested Machine Leaning Models. This index represents the difference (or loss) between the

calculated and actual values. The lower the number the less error (or loss) the model demonstrates. In our case, the K-Nearest Neighbors model has the lowest error.

There are optimizers within each machine learning model that can be untilized, however for the purpose of this study, it will be determined on the above calucations.