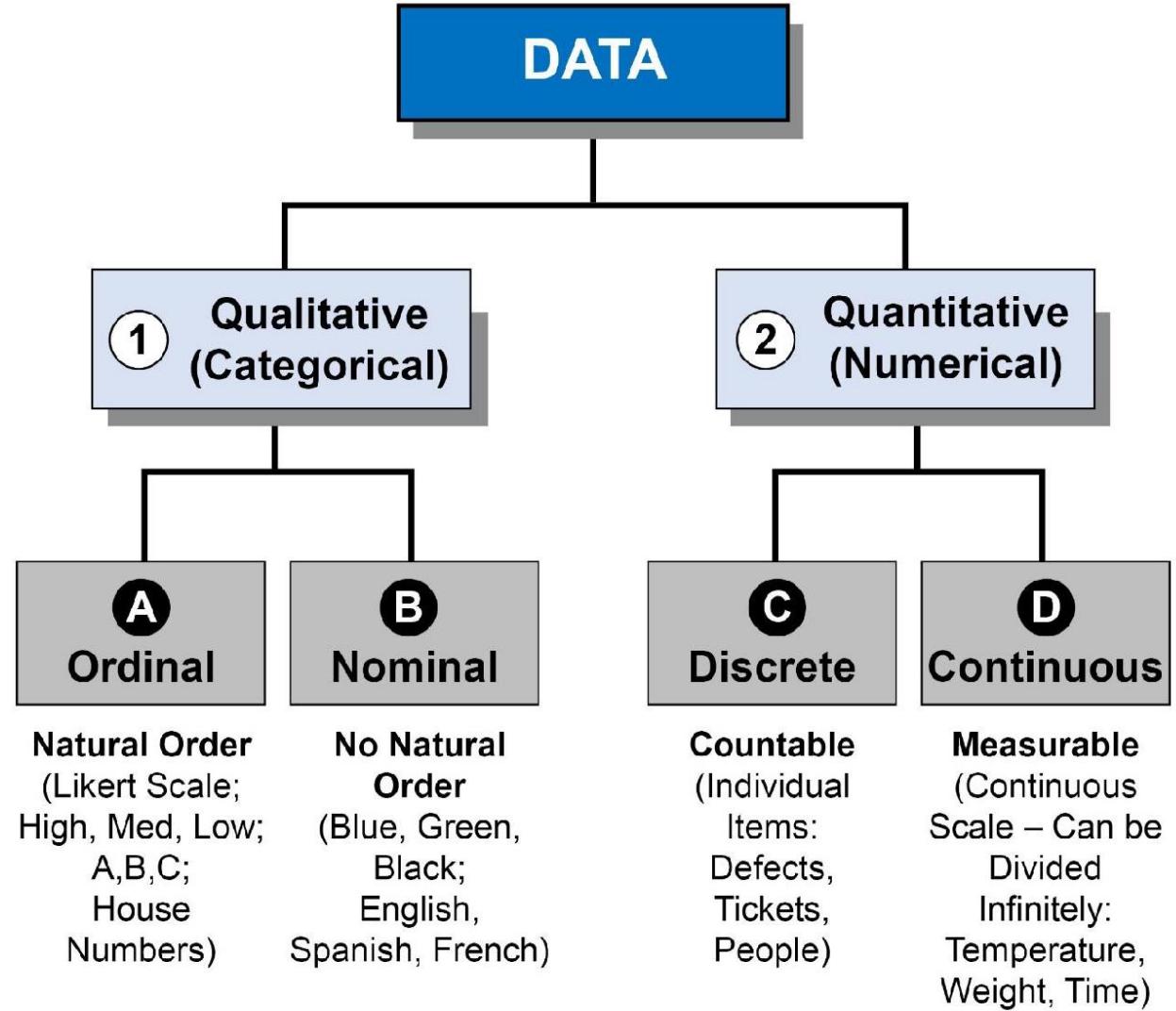


SEP 785: Machine Learning

Lecture 2: Data Mining

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Recap



Lecture Intended Learning Outcomes

Recognize effective strategies for examining and interpreting data.

1. Utilize **fundamental statistical** methods to analyze data.
2. **Select** suitable **data visualization** techniques based on the characteristics of the data.
3. Understand foundational concepts of **data scaling, normalization, and standardization**.
4. Apply appropriate **data encoding** techniques.
5. Overcome challenges associated with **imbalanced datasets and missing data**.

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Exploratory Data Analysis

- You should always “look” at the data first.
- But how do you “look” at features and high-dimensional examples?
 - Summary statistics.
 - Visualizations.
 - ML + DM.



Summary Statistics

- Measures of location for continuous features:
 - Mean: average value.
 - Median: value such that half points are larger/smaller.
 - Quantiles: value such that ‘k’ fraction of points are larger.
- Measures of spread for continuous features:
 - Range: minimum and maximum values.
 - Variance: measure of how far values are from mean.
- Square root of variance is “standard deviation”.
- Interquartile ranges: difference between quantiles.

**Population by year, by province and territory
(Number)**

	2014
Canada	35,540.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	527.0
Prince Edward Island	146.3
Nova Scotia	942.7
New Brunswick	753.9
Quebec	8,214.7
Ontario	13,678.7
Manitoba	1,282.0
Saskatchewan	1,125.4
Alberta	4,121.7
British Columbia	4,631.3
Yukon	36.5
Northwest Territories	43.6
Nunavut	36.6

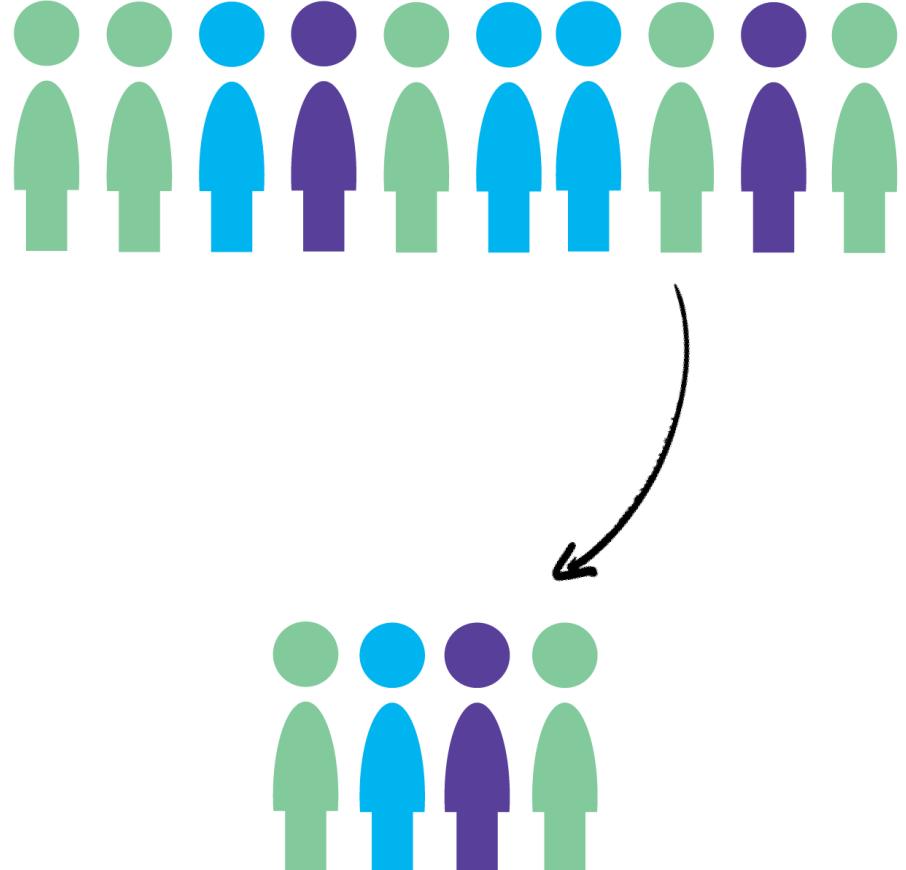
Population and Sample

Population:

- In statistics, the population comprises all observations (data points) about the subject under study.
 - An example of a population is studying the voters in an election.

Sample:

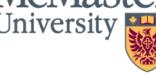
- In statistics, a sample is a subset of the population. It is a small portion of the total observed population.
 - An example of a sample is analyzing the first-time voters for an opinion poll.



Measures of Central Tendency

- Measures of central tendency are the measures that are used to describe the distribution of data using a single value.
- Mean, Median and Mode are the three measures of central tendency.

	Name	Salary
0	Adeola	50000
1	Minh	54000
2	Riya	50000
3	Sofia	189000
4	Hana	55000
5	Gao	40000
6	Hiroshi	59000



Measures of Central Tendency

- Mean: The arithmetic mean is the average of all the data points.

```
print(df['Salary'].mean())
```

```
71000.0
```

- Median: is the middle value that divides the data into two equal parts once it sorts the data in ascending order.

```
print(df['Salary'].median())
```

```
54000.0
```

- Mode: is the observation (value) that occurs most frequently in the data set. There can be over one mode in a dataset.

```
print(df['Salary'].mode())
```

```
0    50000
Name: Salary, dtype: int64
```

	Name	Salary
0	Ahmed	50000
1	Minh	54000
2	Riya	50000
3	Sofia	189000
4	Hana	55000
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Range:

- The Range in statistics is the difference between the maximum and the minimum value of the dataset.

```
import numpy as np

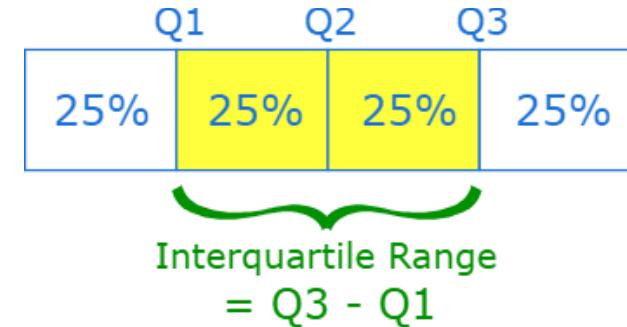
data = [10, 12, 13, 16, 16, 20, 25, 31, 34, 41, 43, 45, 50, 54, 60, 61, 68,
        75, 87, 91, 95]

range = max(data) - min(data)

print(range)
```

Interquartile Range (IQR) :

- The IQR is a measure of the distance between the 1st quartile (Q1) and 3rd quartile (Q3).



```
import numpy as np

data = [10, 12, 13, 16, 16, 20, 25, 31, 34, 41, 43, 45, 50, 54, 60, 61, 68,
        75, 87, 91, 95]

# First quartile (Q1)
Q1 = np.percentile(data, 25, interpolation = 'midpoint')

# Third quartile (Q3)
Q3 = np.percentile(data, 75, interpolation = 'midpoint')

# Interquartile range (IQR)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

print(IQR)
```



Variance and Standard Deviation

Variance is used to measure the variability in the data from the mean.

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

```
print(df['Grade'].var())
```

```
685.6190476190476
```

	Name	Salary	Hours	Grades
0	Ahmed	50000	41	50
1	Minh	54000	40	50
2	Riya	50000	36	46
3	Sofia	189000	17	95
4	Hana	55000	35	50
5	Gao	40000	39	5
6	Hiroshi	59000	40	57



Variance and Standard Deviation

Standard deviation in statistics is the square root of the variance. Variance and standard deviation represent the measures of fit, meaning how well the mean represents the data.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}}$$

```
print(df['Grade'].std())
```

26.184328282754315

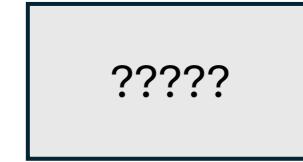
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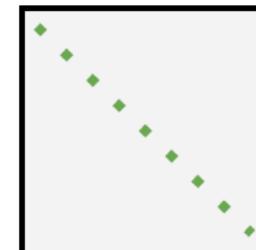
Covariance

- Covariance is a statistical term that refers to a systematic relationship between two random variables in which a change in the other reflects a change in one variable.
- The covariance value can range from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$, with a negative value indicating a negative relationship and a positive value indicating a positive relationship.

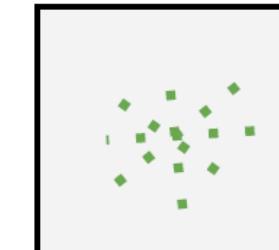
$$Covari(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n}$$



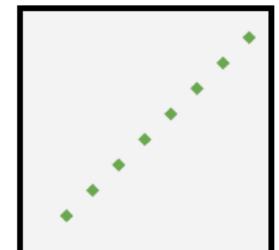
$$Covari(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n - 1}$$



Large Negative
Covariance



Nearly Zero
Covariance

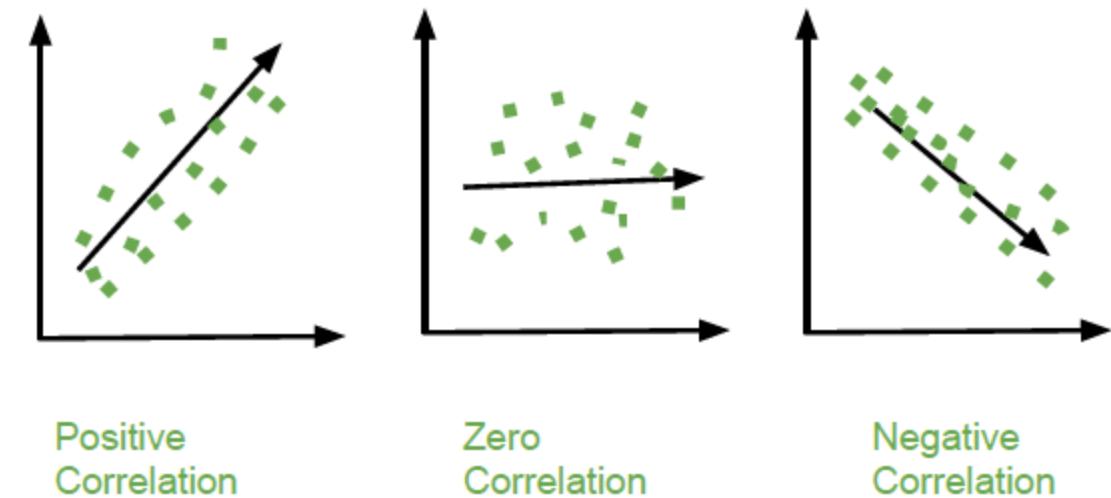


Large Positive
Covariance

Correlation

- The statistical relationship between two variables is referred to as their correlation.
- A correlation could be presented in different ways:
- Positive Correlation: both variables change in the same direction.
- Neutral Correlation: No relationship in the change of the variables.
- Negative Correlation: variables change in opposite directions.

$$\text{Corr}(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

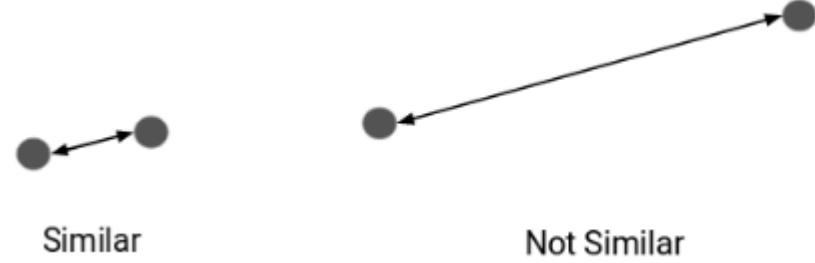


Covariance Vs Correlation

Covariance	Correlation
Covariance is a measure of how much two random variables vary together	Correlation is a statistical measure that indicates how strongly two variables are related.
Involves the relationship between two variables or data sets	Involves the relationship between multiple variables as well
Lie between -infinity and +infinity	Lie between -1 and +1
Measure of correlation	Scaled version of covariance
Provides direction of relationship	Provides direction and strength of relationship
Dependent on scale of variable	Independent on scale of variable
Have dimensions	Dimensionless

Distance Metrics

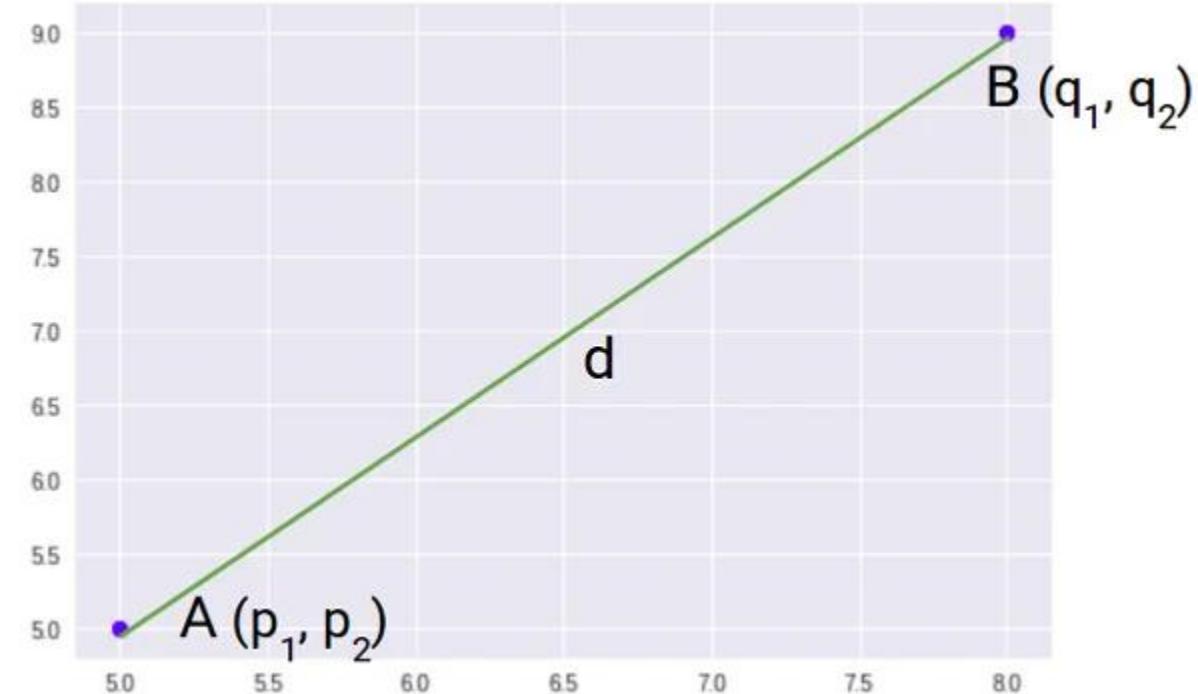
- Distance metrics deal with finding the proximity or distance between data points and determining if they can be clustered together.
 - Euclidean Distance
 - Manhattan Distance
 - Mahalanobis Distance
 - Hamming Distance





Euclidean Distance

- Euclidean Distance represents the shortest distance between two vectors. It is the square root of the sum of squares of differences between corresponding elements.

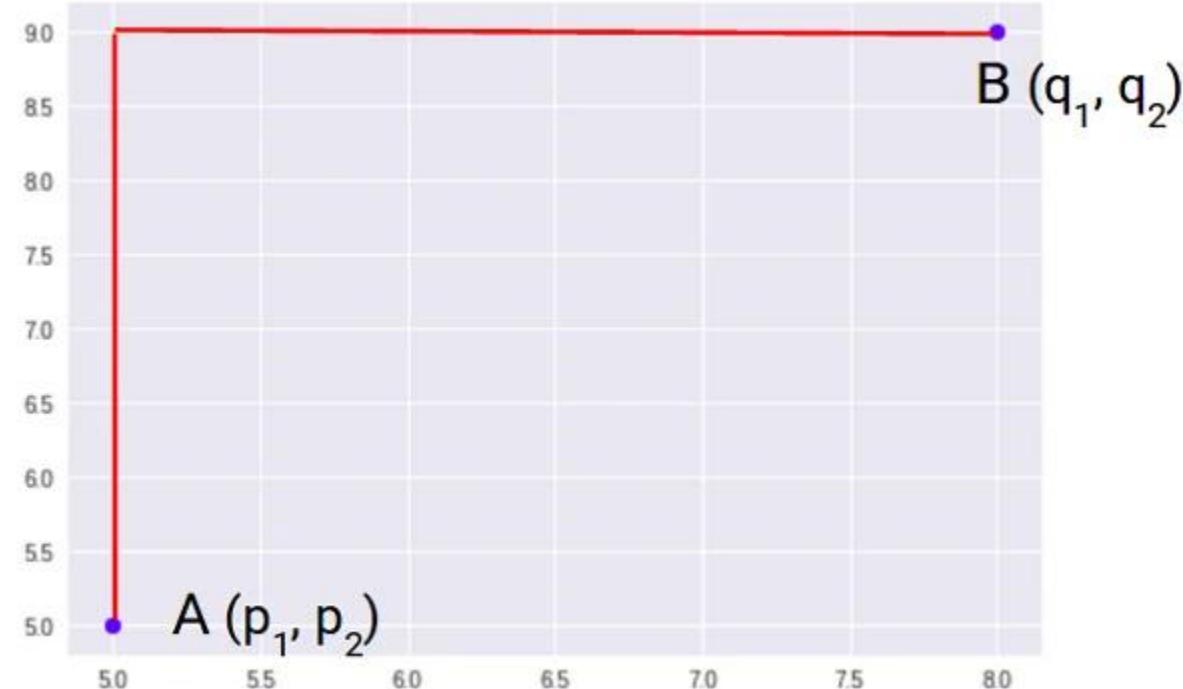




Manhattan Distance

- Manhattan Distance is the sum of absolute differences between points across all the dimensions

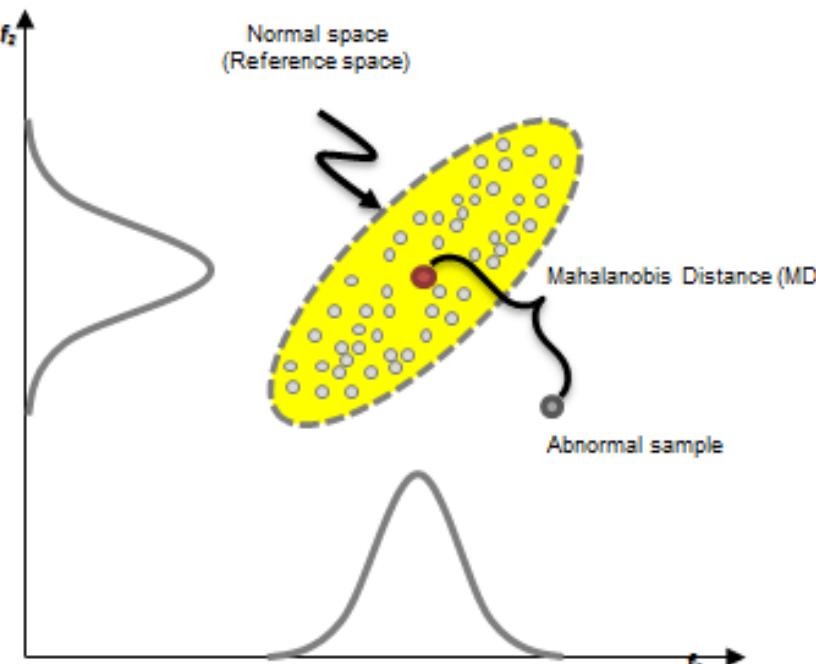
$$d = |p_1 - q_1| + |p_2 - q_2|$$





Mahalanobis distance

- Mahalonobis distance is the distance between a point and a distribution. And not between two distinct points. It is effectively a multivariate equivalent of the Euclidean distance.



$$D^2 = (x - m)^T \cdot C^{-1} \cdot (x - m)$$

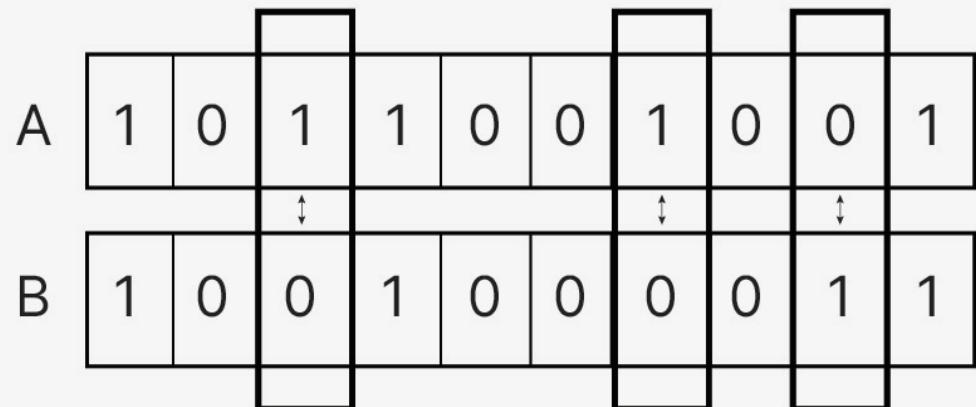
where,

D^2 is the square of the Mahalanobis distance.
 x is the vector of the observation (row in a dataset)
 m is the vector of mean values of independent variables (mean of each column),
 C^{-1} is the inverse covariance matrix of independent variables.



Hamming Distance

- The Hamming Distance Algorithm is a fundamental tool for measuring the dissimilarity between two pieces of data, typically strings or integers.



```
def hamming_distance(str1, str2):  
    if len(str1) != len(str2):  
        raise ValueError("Strings must be of equal length")  
    return sum(ch1 != ch2 for ch1, ch2 in zip(str1, str2))  
  
# Example  
string1 = "karolin"  
string2 = "kathrin"  
print(hamming_distance(string1, string2))
```

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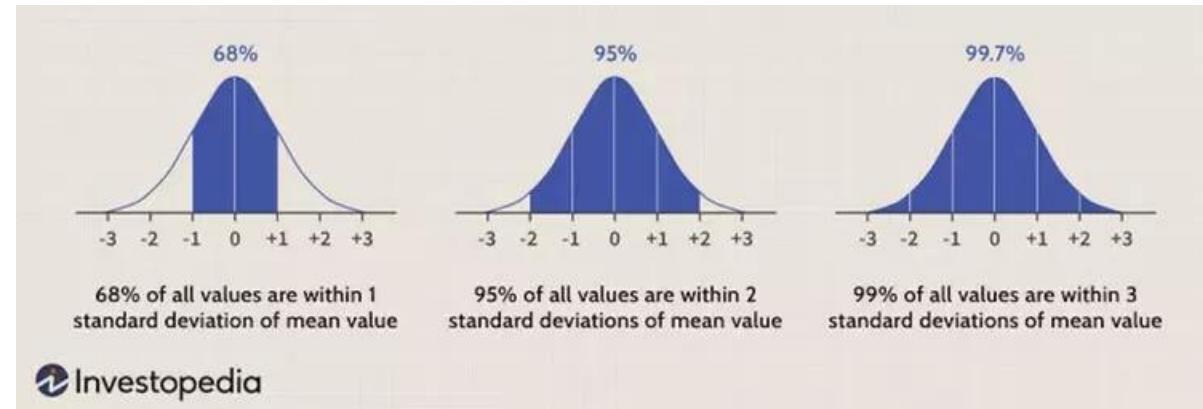
```
def hamming_distance(x, y):  
    return bin(x ^ y).count('1')  
  
# Example  
num1 = 2  
num2 = 7  
print(hamming_distance(num1, num2))
```

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Normal Distribution

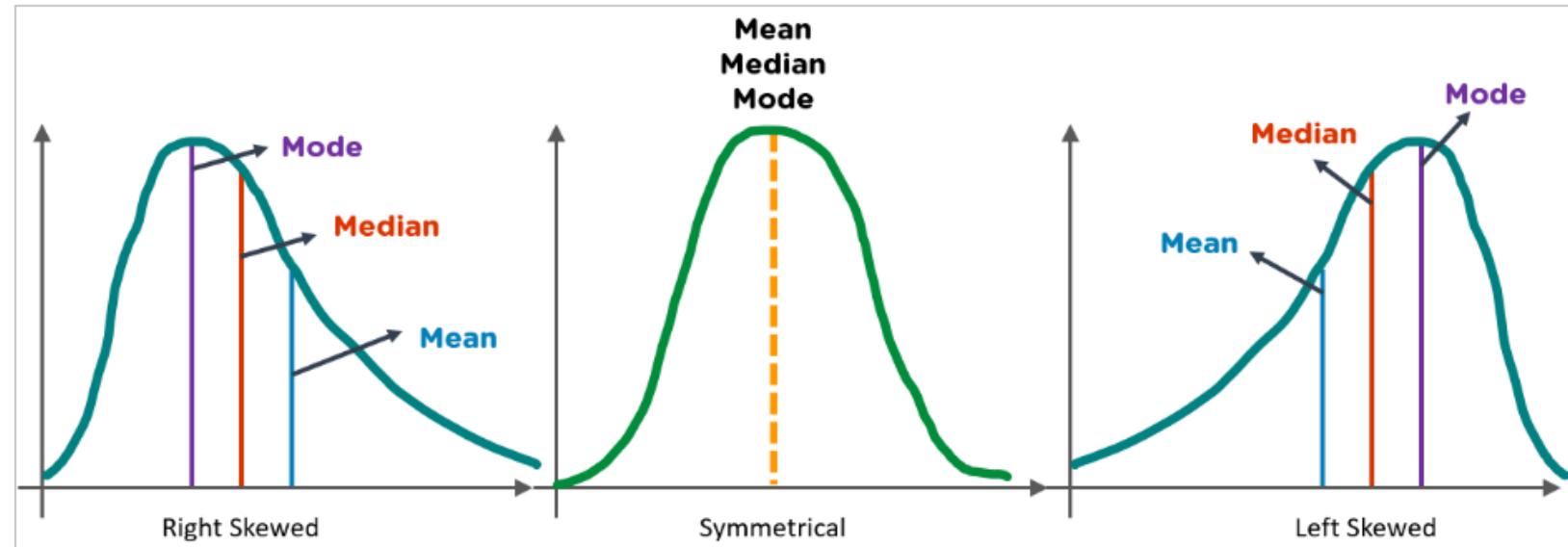
- The standard normal distribution has two parameters: the mean and the standard deviation. In a normal distribution, mean (average), median (midpoint), and mode (most frequent observation) are equal.
- For all normal distributions, 68.2% of the observations will appear within plus or minus one standard deviation of the mean; 95.4% will fall within +/- two standard deviations; and 99.7% within +/- three standard deviations.





Skewness:

- Skewness measures the shape of the distribution. A distribution is symmetrical when the proportion of data at an equal distance from the mean (or median) is equal. If the values extend to the right, it is right-skewed, and if the values extend left, it is left-skewed.



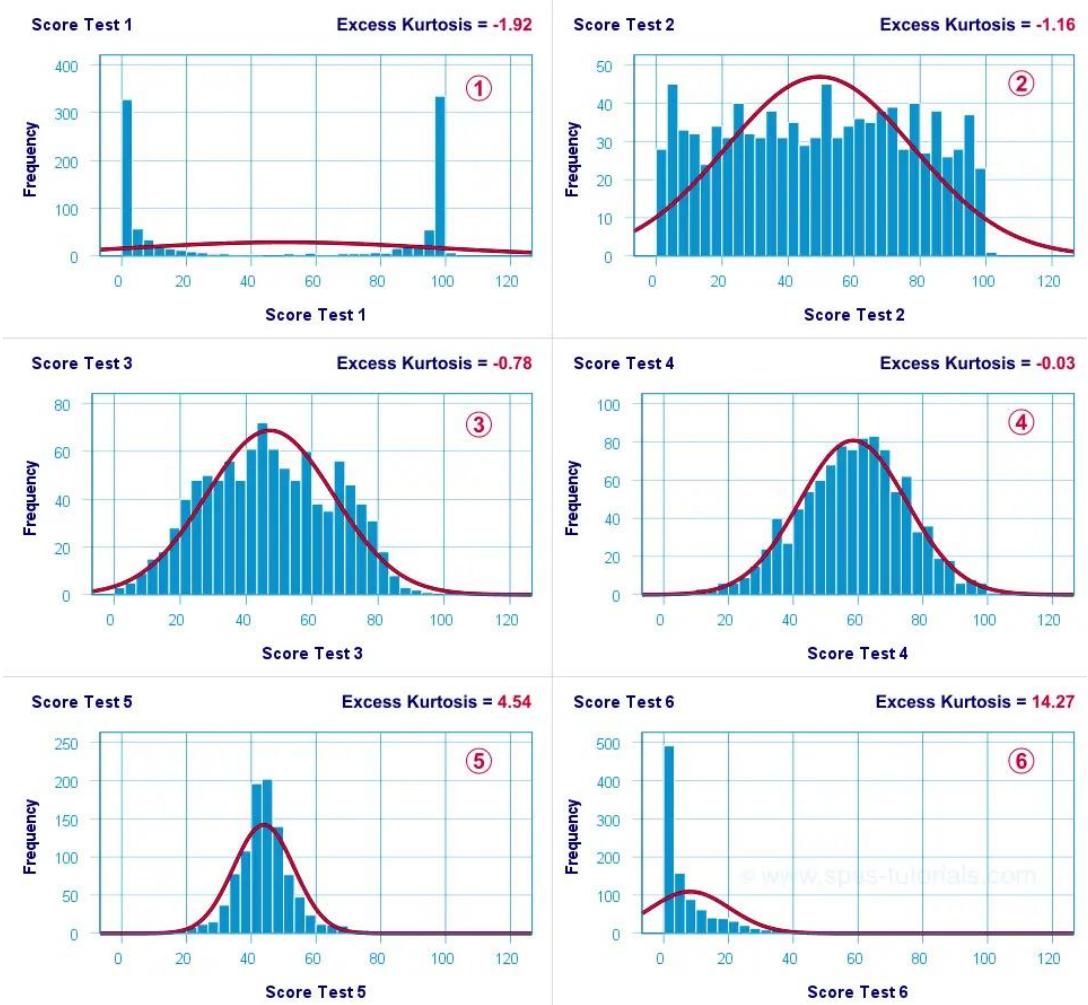
Kurtosis

- Kurtosis in statistics is used to check whether the tails of a given distribution have extreme values. It also represents the shape of a probability distribution.

$$K_p = \frac{M_4}{M_2^2}$$

$$M_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{N}$$

$$M_4 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^4}{N}$$



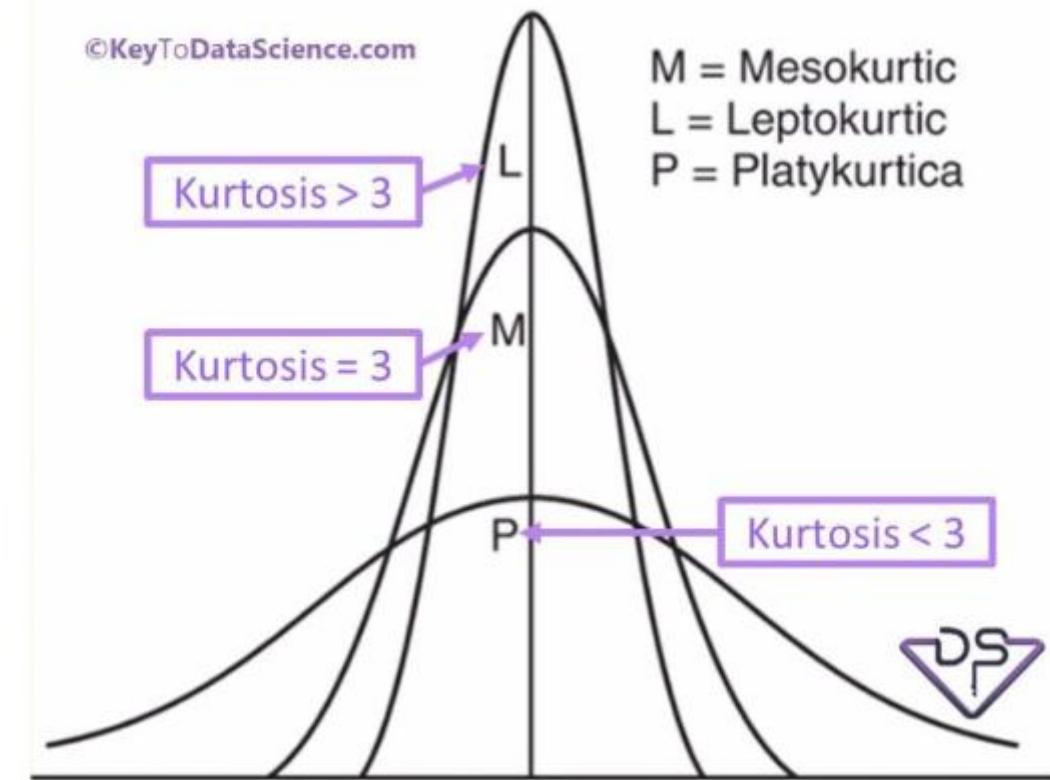


Excess Kurtosis

A normally distributed variable has a kurtosis of 3.0. Since this is undesirable, population excess kurtosis EK_p is defined as

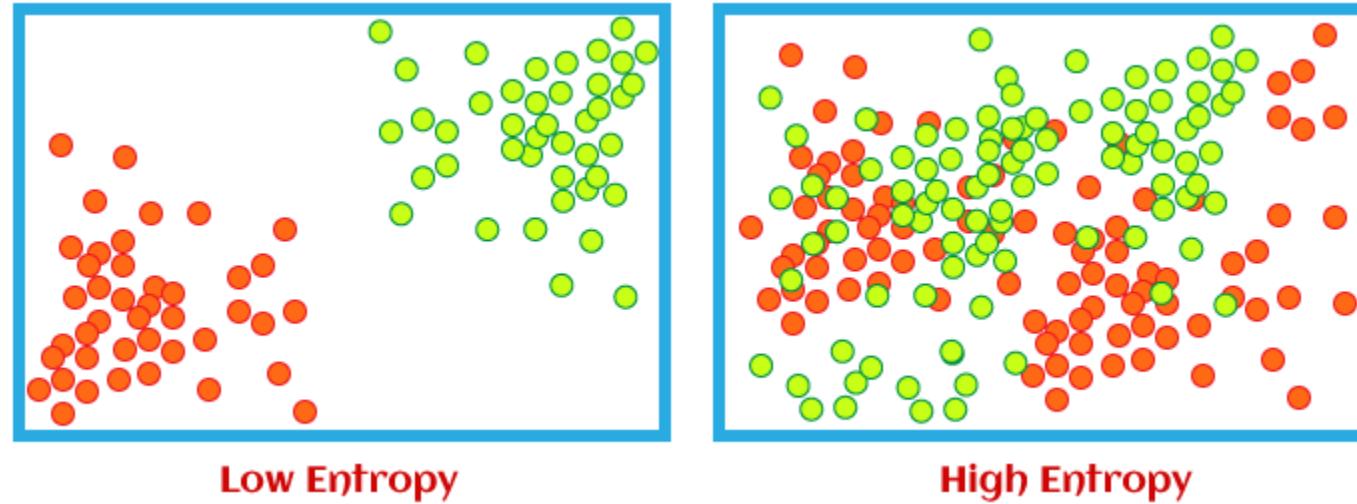
$$EK_p = K_p - 3$$

so that excess kurtosis is 0.0 for a normally distributed variable.



Entropy

- Entropy is the measurement of disorder or impurities in the information processed in machine learning. It determines how a decision tree chooses to split data.





Entropy

- So how do we calculate Entropy? Well, Entropy is denoted with the variable “H”, and uses the following formula:

$$H = -\sum_i p_i (\log_2 p_i)$$

- So, lets say we have the following set of Heads (H) and Tails (T):
- $S = \{H, H, H, H, H, T, T, T, T, T, T, T\}$
- Here we have 5H's and 8T's This gives us a total of 13. If we substitute these values in we get:

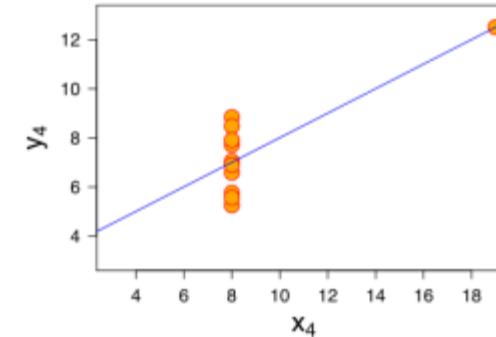
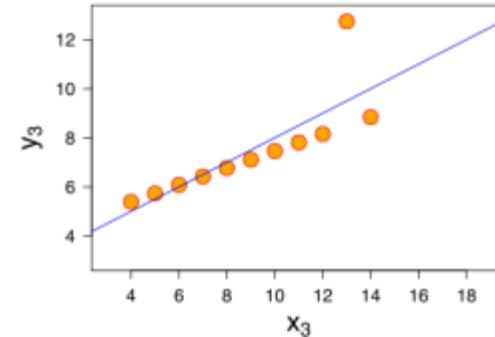
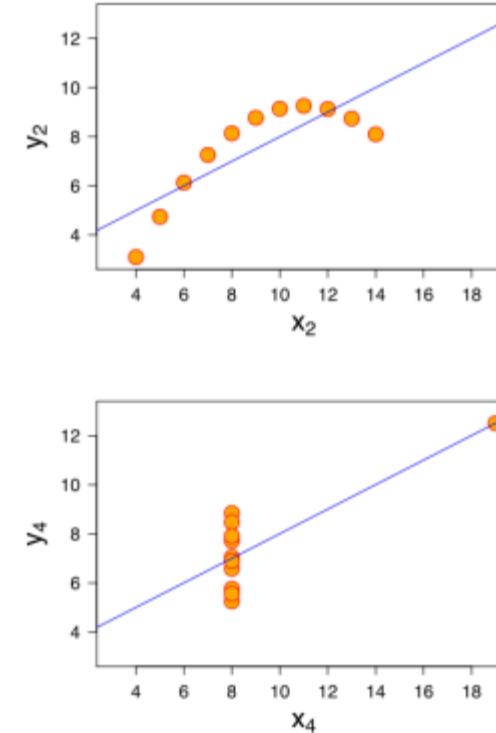
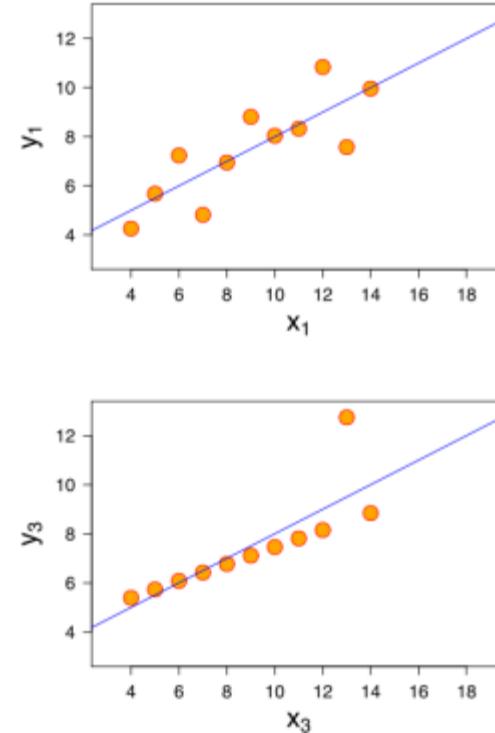
$$H(S) = -\left[\underbrace{\left(\frac{8}{13} \log_2 \frac{8}{13} \right)}_{\text{For the T's}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{5}{13} \log_2 \frac{5}{13} \right)}_{\text{For the H's}} \right] = 0.96124$$

- So, as you can see. “Pi” is the probability of that event happening. So for Heads say, the probability of a Heads appearing is $P(\text{head})=5/13$.
- And, we have a 0.96124 uncertainty as to whether the side will be a Heads or a Tails.



Limitations of Summary Statistics

- On their own summary statistic can be misleading.
- Why not to trust statistics
- Amcomb's quartet:
 - Almost same means.
 - Almost same variances.
 - Almost same correlations.
 - Look completely different.
- Datasaurus Dozon



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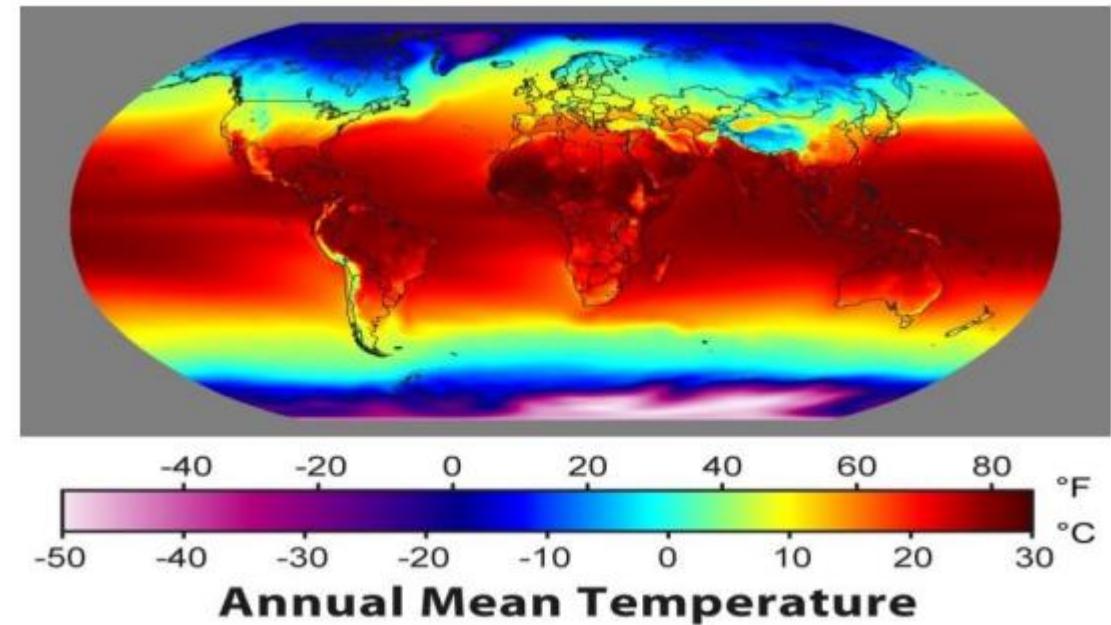


Visualization

You can learn a lot from 2D plots of the data: – Patterns, trends, outliers, unexpected behavior.

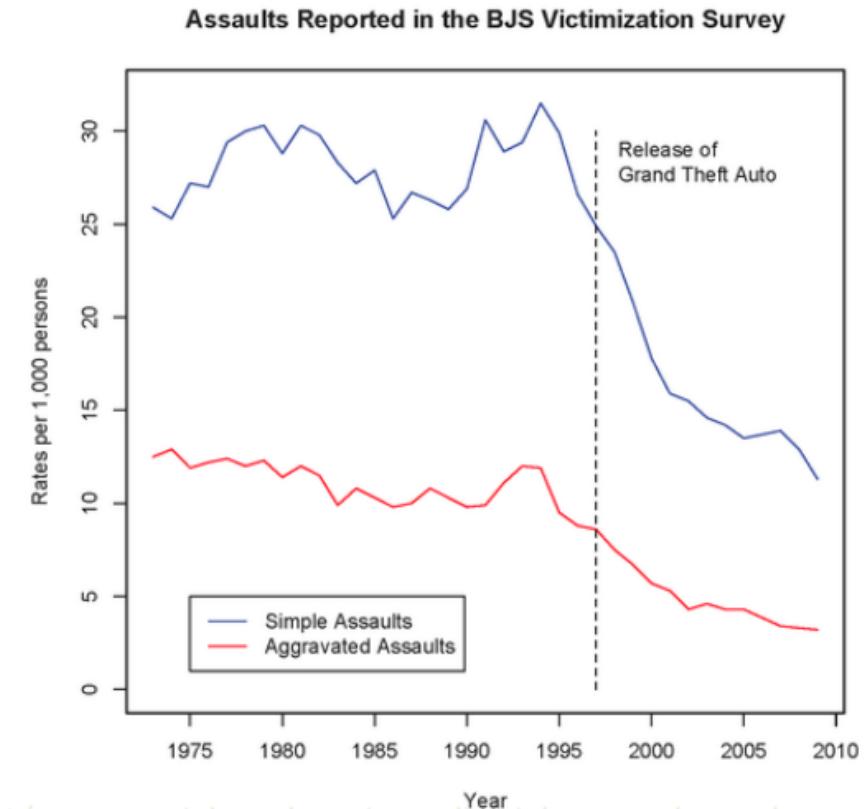
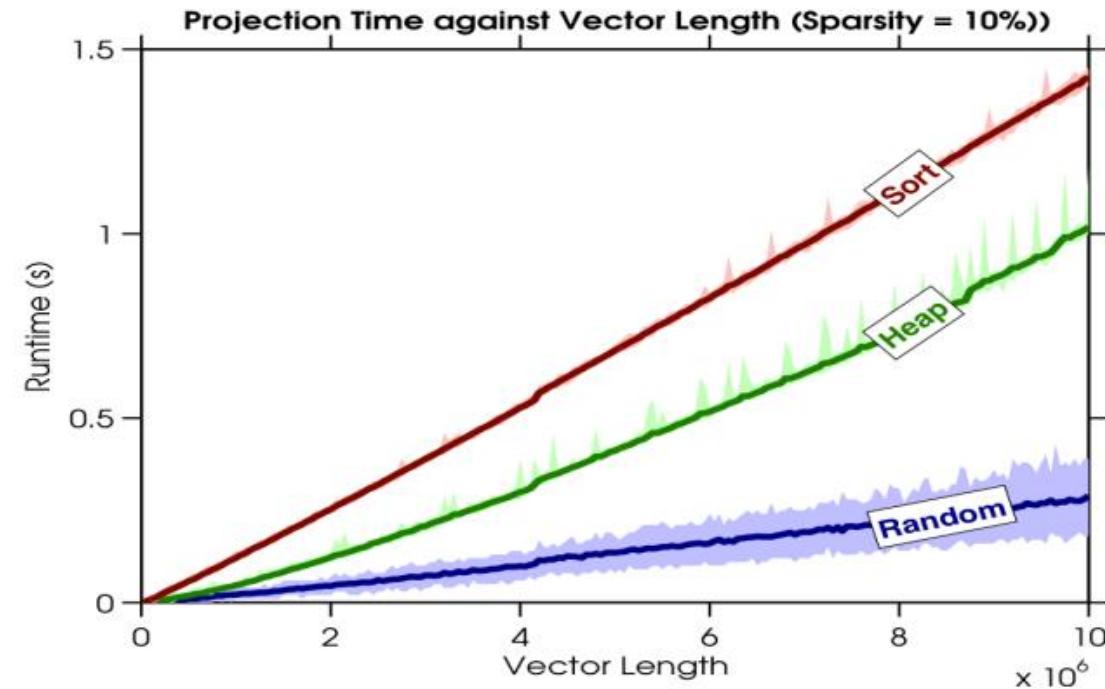
Lat	Long	Temp
0	0	30.1
0	1	29.8
0	2	29.9
0	3	30.1
0	4	29.9
...

vs.



Basic Line Plot

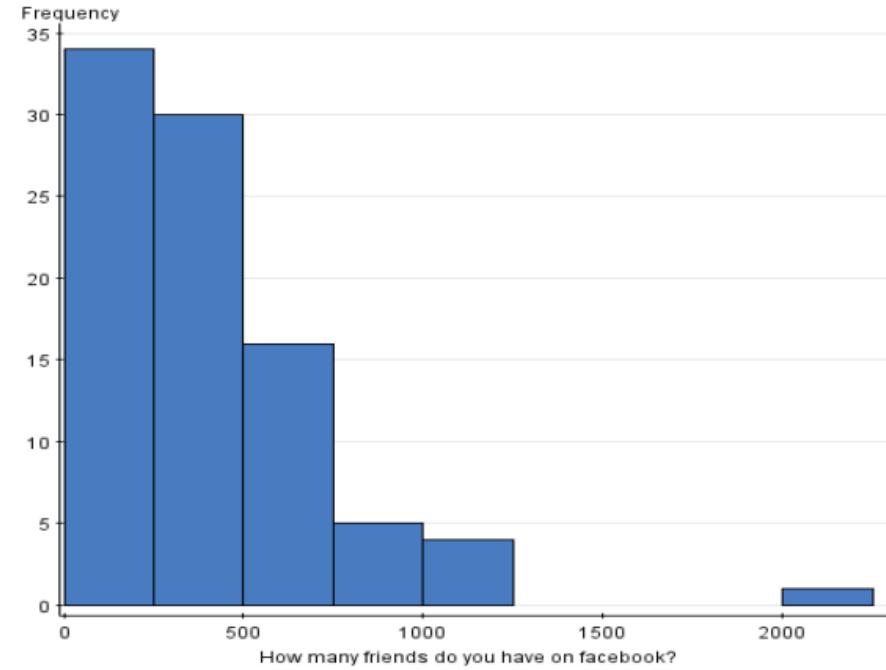
Visualize one variable as a function of another



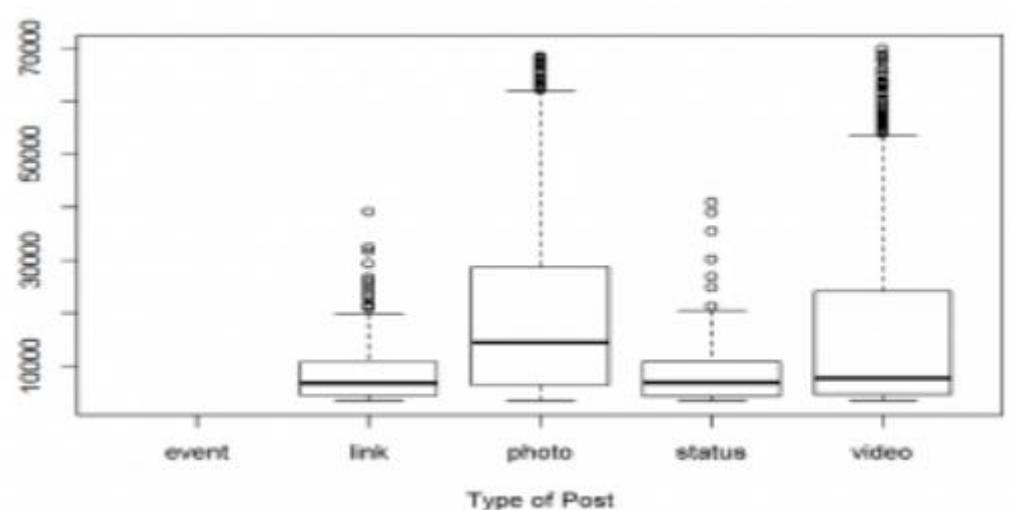
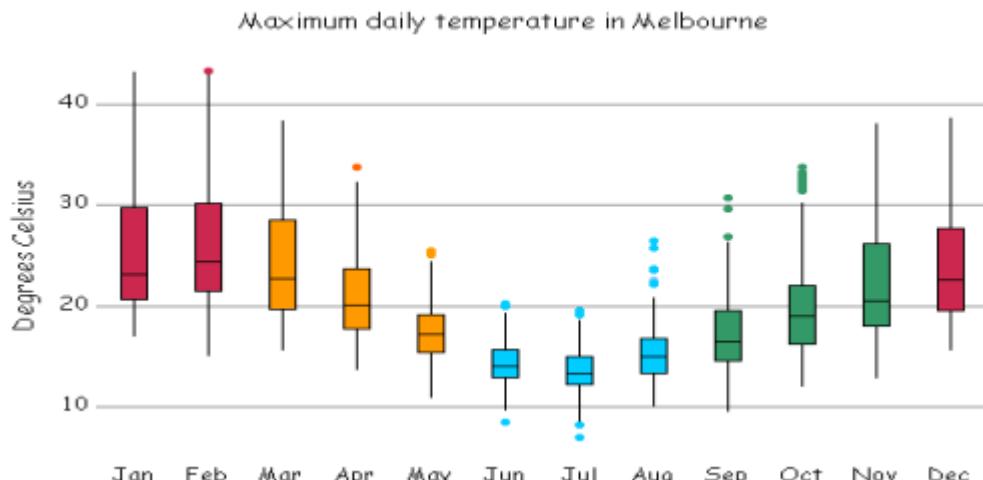
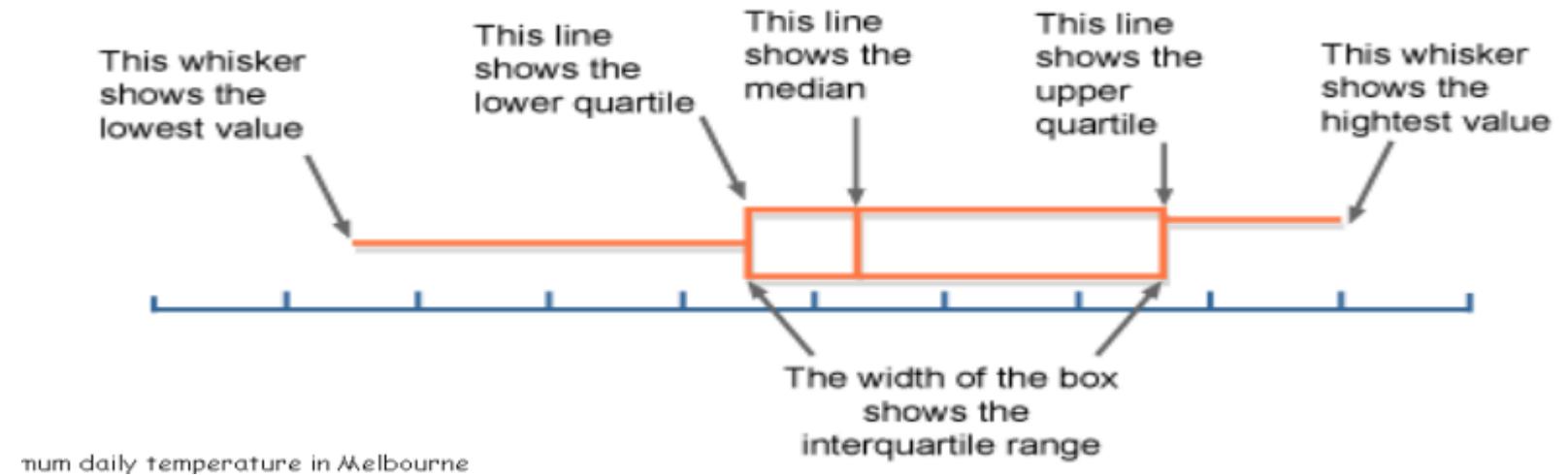


Histogram

Histograms display counts a variable, split into “bins”



Box Plot



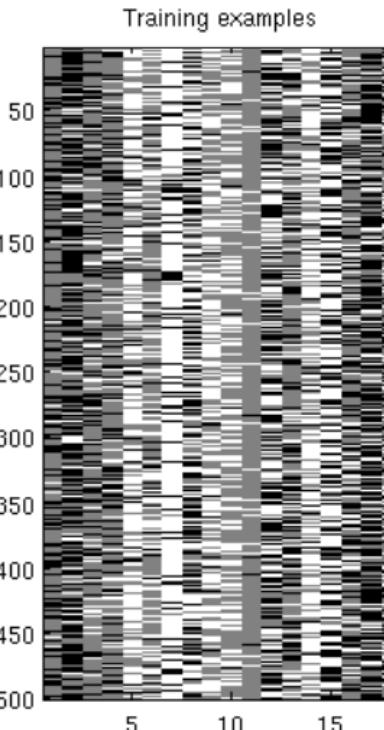


Matrix Plot

A matrix plot of all similarities (or distances) between features: Color reflects distance/similarity.

	BTC	ETH	XRP	XEM	ETC	LTC	DASH	XMR
BTC	1.00	0.61	0.36	0.51	0.60	0.56	0.55	0.66
ETH	0.61	1.00	0.28	0.49	0.68	0.43	0.70	0.64
XRP	0.36	0.28	1.00	0.48	0.08	0.35	0.40	0.44
XEM	0.51	0.49	0.48	1.00	0.40	0.43	0.47	0.52
ETC	0.60	0.68	0.08	0.40	1.00	0.47	0.56	0.53
LTC	0.56	0.43	0.35	0.43	0.47	1.00	0.59	0.67
DASH	0.55	0.70	0.40	0.47	0.56	0.59	1.00	0.74
XMR	0.66	0.64	0.44	0.52	0.53	0.67	0.74	1.00

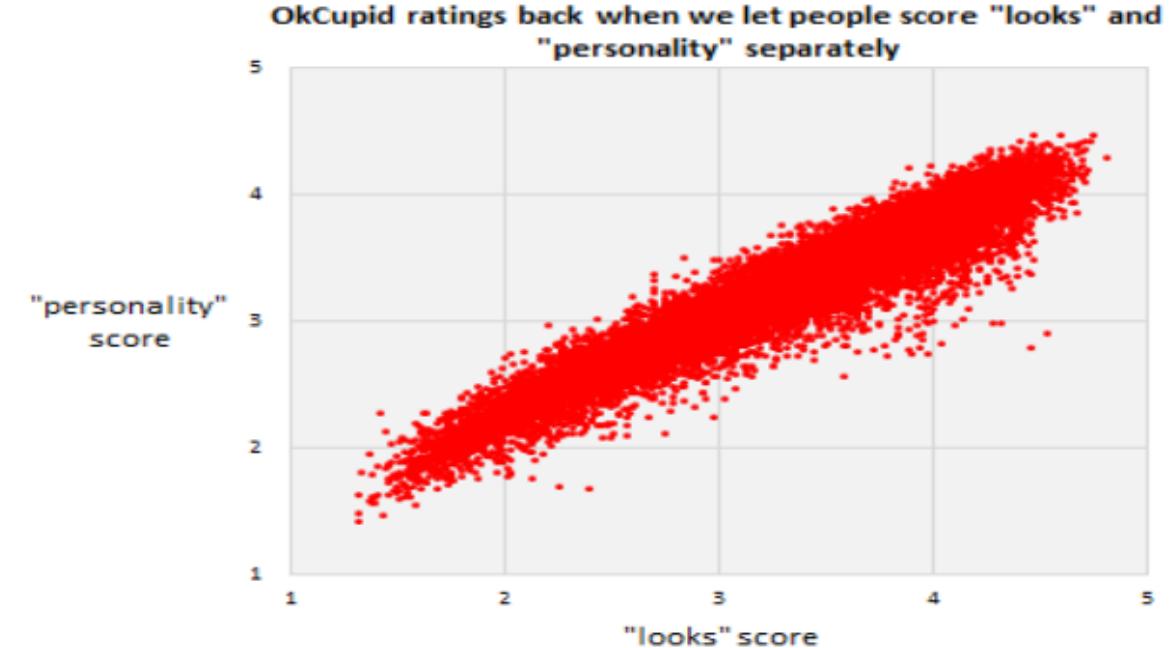
We can view (examples) x (features) data table as a picture to visualize trends





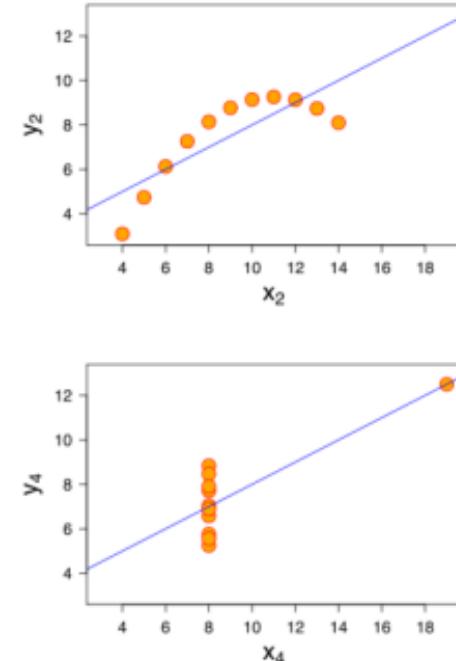
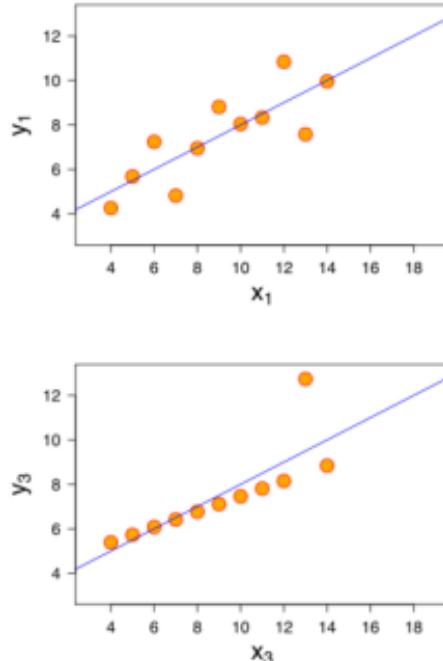
Scatterplot

- Look at distribution of two features:
 - Feature 1 on x-axis.
 - Feature 2 on y-axis.
 - Basically a “plot without lines” between the points.
- Shows correlation between “personality” score and “looks” score.

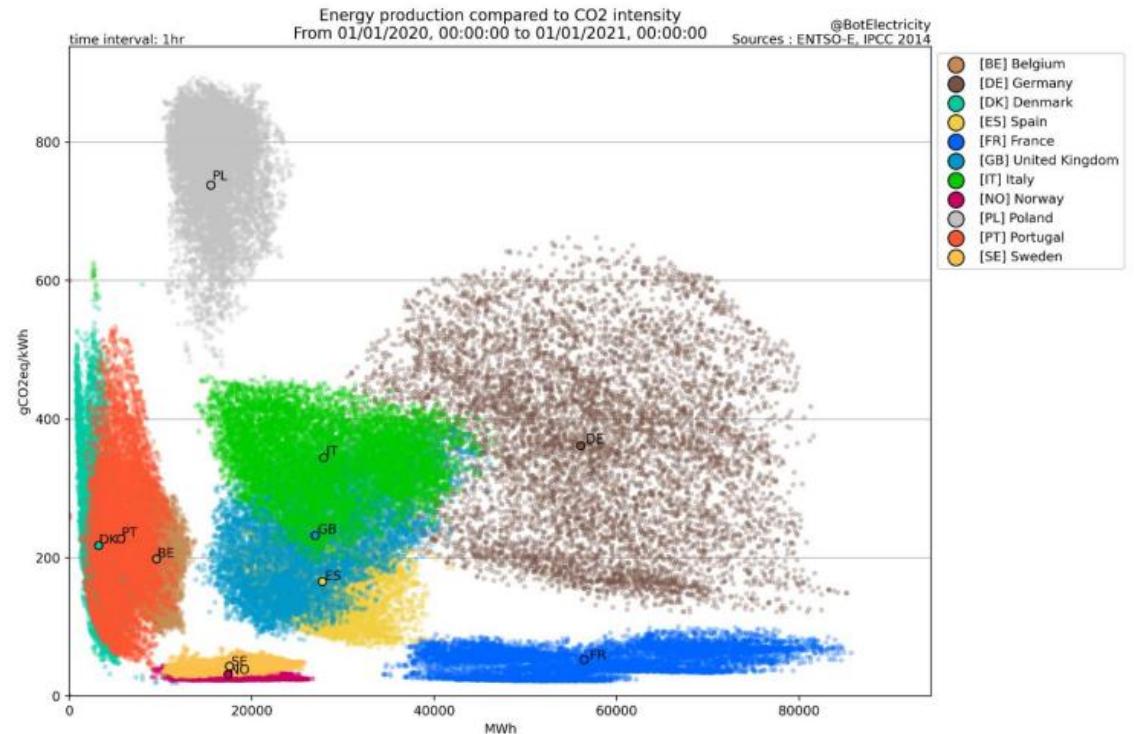


Scatterplot

Shows correlation between “personality” score and “looks” score. - But scatterplots let you see more complicated patterns.



You can add color to display a 3rd variable:



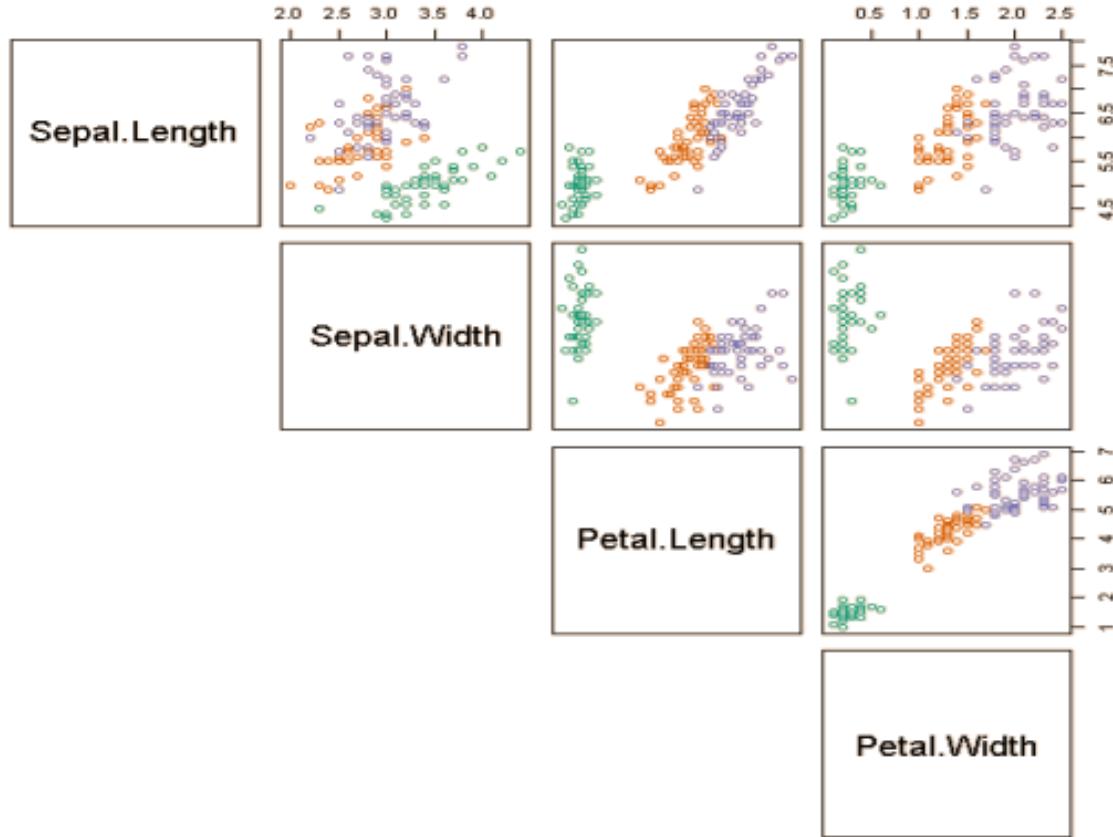


Scatterplot Arrays

For multiple variables, you can use scatterplot arrays.

Fisher's Iris Data [hide]

Sepal length	Sepal width	Petal length	Petal width	Species
5.0	2.0	3.5	1.0	<i>I. versicolor</i>
6.0	2.2	4.0	1.0	<i>I. versicolor</i>
6.2	2.2	4.5	1.5	<i>I. versicolor</i>
6.0	2.2	5.0	1.5	<i>I. virginica</i>
4.5	2.3	1.3	0.3	<i>I. setosa</i>
5.0	2.3	3.3	1.0	<i>I. versicolor</i>
5.5	2.3	4.0	1.3	<i>I. versicolor</i>
6.3	2.3	4.4	1.3	<i>I. versicolor</i>
4.9	2.4	3.3	1.0	<i>I. versicolor</i>
5.5	2.4	3.7	1.0	<i>I. versicolor</i>
5.5	2.4	3.8	1.1	<i>I. versicolor</i>
5.1	2.5	3.0	1.1	<i>I. versicolor</i>



Why Not to Trust Plots

- We've seen how summary statistics can be mis-leading.
- Note that plots can also be mis-leading, or can be used to mis-lead.

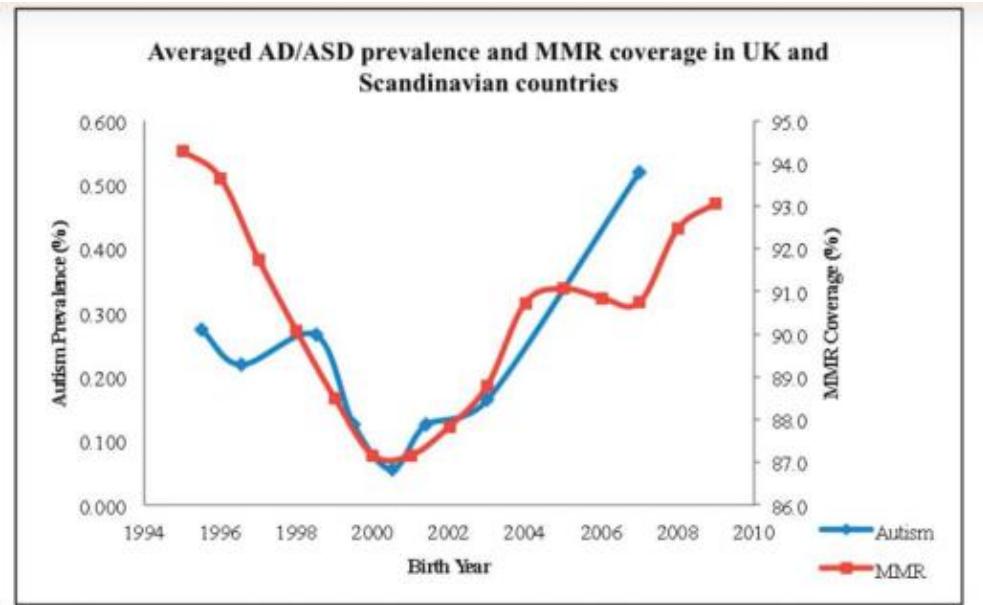
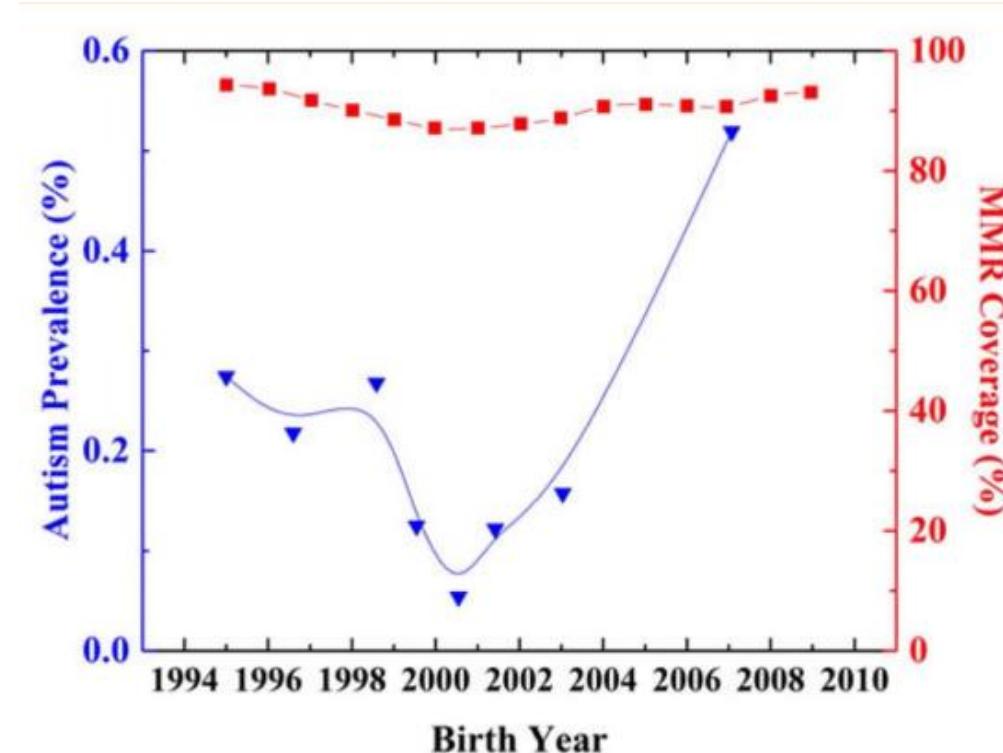


Figure 1-Averaged AD/ASD prevalence and MMR coverage in UK, Norway and Sweden. Both MMR and AD/ASD data are normalized to the maximum coverage/prevalence during the time period of this analysis.



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Mis-Leading Axes

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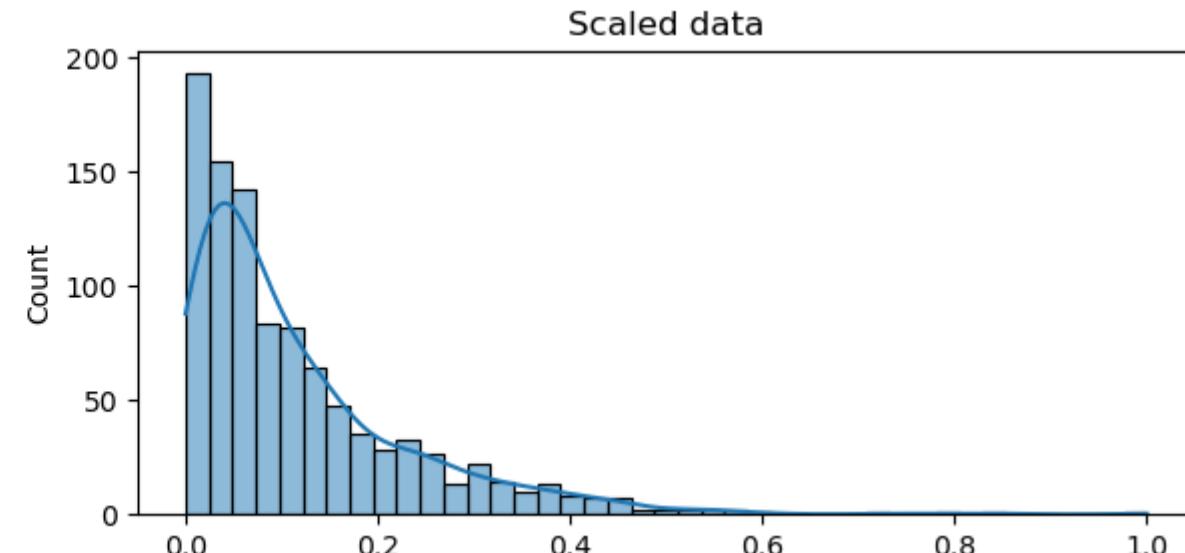
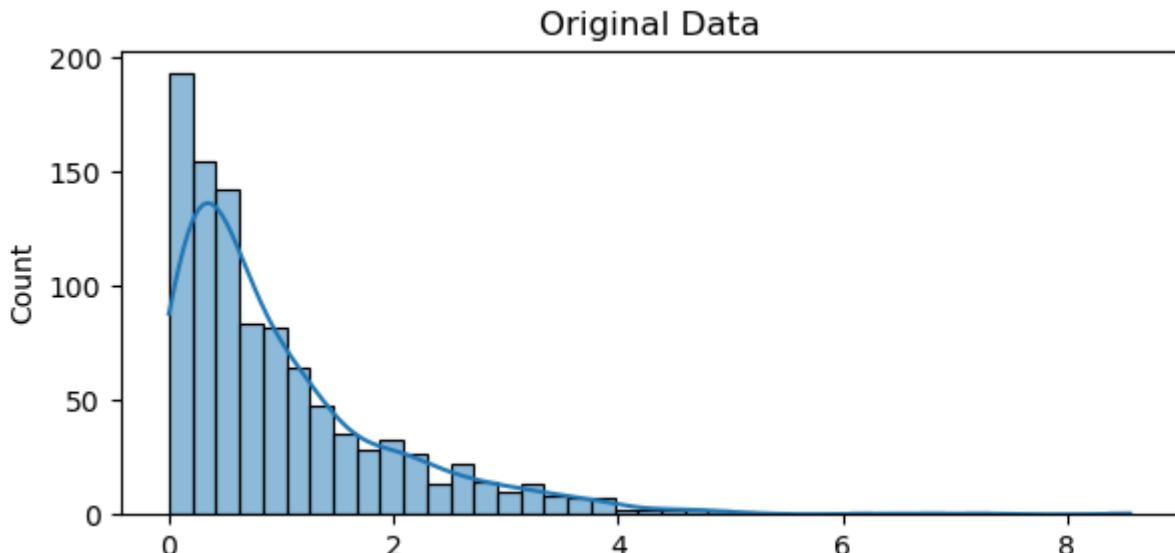
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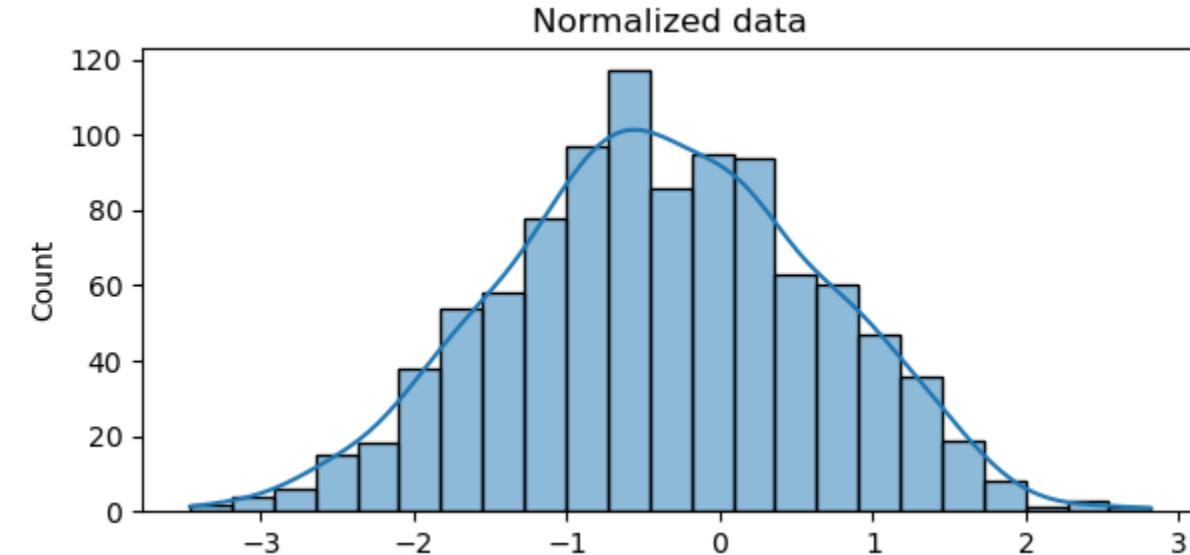
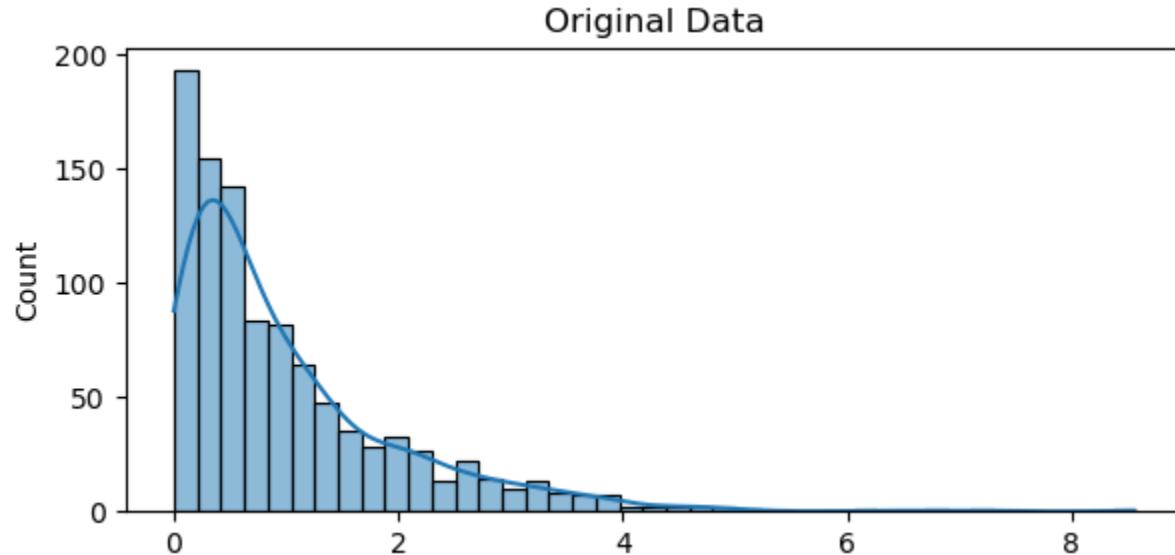
Scaling

- In scaling, you're changing the range of your data
- Methods like KNN and SVM compute distances (e.g., Euclidean distance) to determine similarity or decision boundaries.
- Without scaling, features with larger ranges disproportionately affect these distances.



Normalization

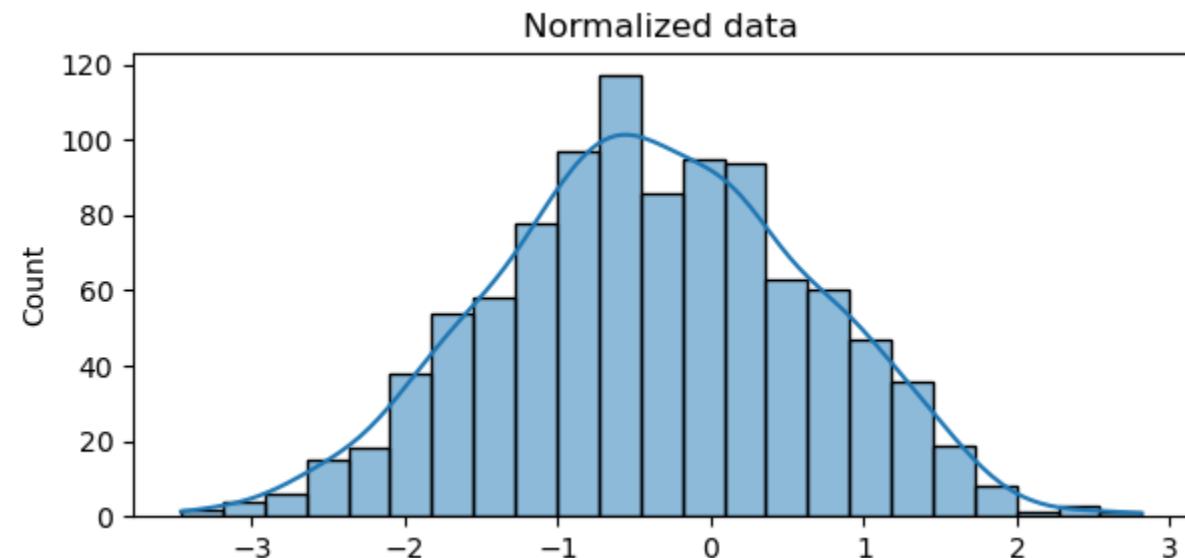
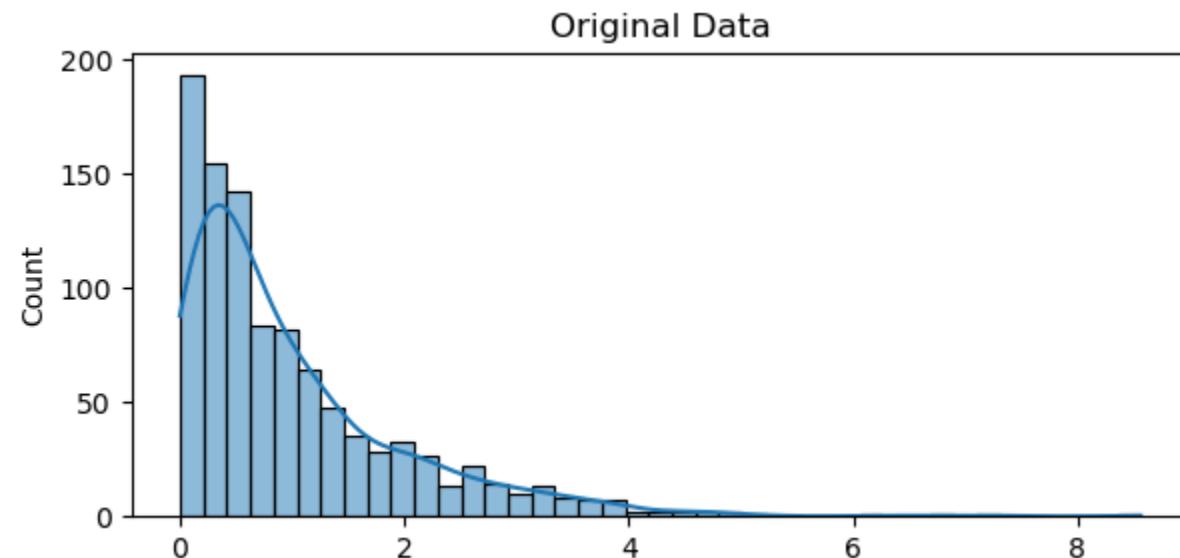
- In normalization, you're changing the shape of the distribution of your data.
- Scaling just changes the range of your data.
- The point of normalization is to change your observations so that they can be described as a normal distribution.





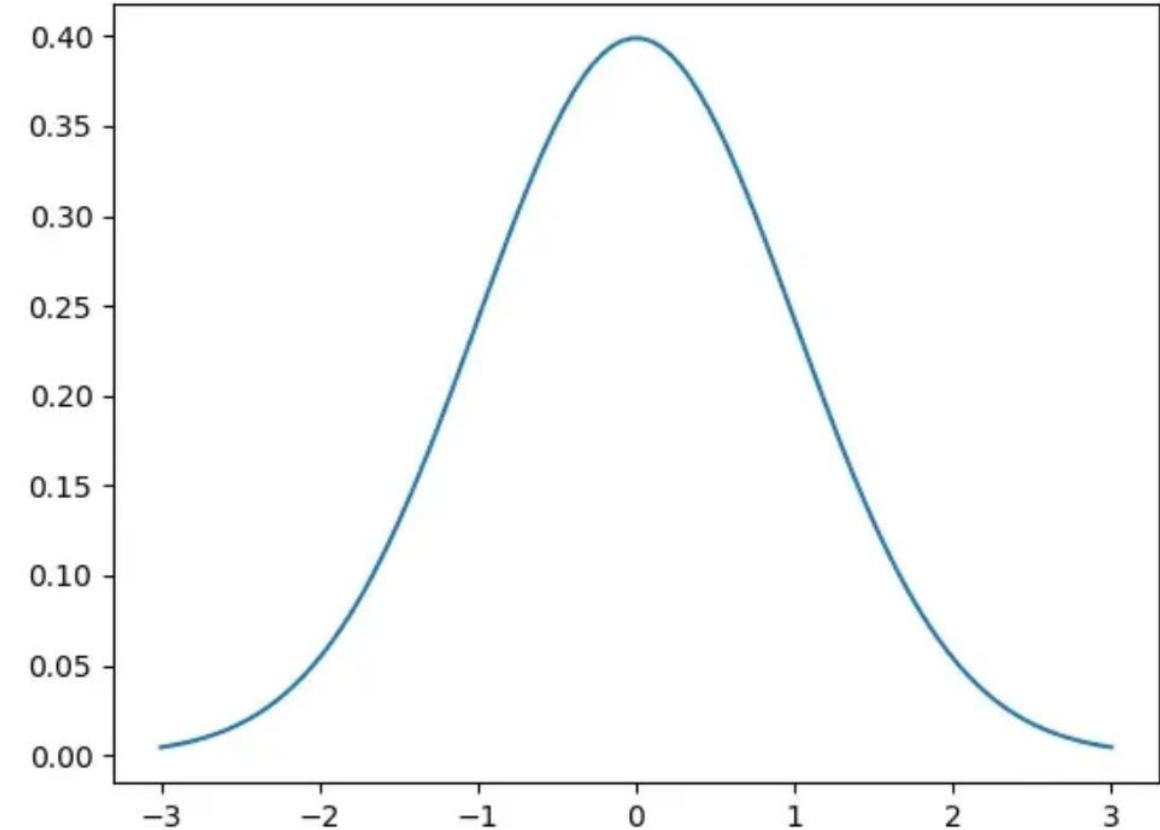
Normalization

- In general, you'll normalize your data if you're going to be using a machine learning or statistics technique that assumes your data is normally distributed.
- Some examples of these include linear discriminant analysis (LDA) and Gaussian naive Bayes.



Standardization

- Unlike Normalization, it is important to know that Standardization will make assumptions about your raw dataset:
- Your raw set of values display a Gaussian Distribution; and
- The Mean and Standard deviation are non-anomalous.
- If the dataset has **outliers**, these values can be distorted, leading to incorrect scaling.



Normalization and Standardization Example

#	Emp	Age	Salary
1	Emp1	44	73000
2	Emp2	27	47000
3	Emp3	30	53000
4	Emp4	38	62000
5	Emp5	40	57000
6	Emp6	35	53000
7	Emp7	48	78000

Age Range: 27-48

Salary Range: 47000-78000

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$$\text{Distance between Emp2 and Emp1} = \sqrt{(27 - 44)^2 + (47000 - 73000)^2} = 31.06$$

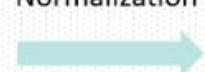
$$\text{Distance between Emp2 and Emp3} = \sqrt{(30 - 27)^2 + (53000 - 47000)^2} = 6.70$$

Normalization and Standardization Example

$$x_{\text{norm}} = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

#	Emp	Age	Salary
1	Emp1	44	73000
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Normalization



Age	Normalized Age	Salary	Normalized Salary
44	0.80952381	73000	0.838709677
27	0	47000	0
30	0.142857143	53000	0.193548387
38	0.523809524	62000	0.483870968
40	0.619047619	57000	0.322580645
35	0.380952381	53000	0.193548387
48	1	78000	1

Range 0-1

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How to calculate Normalized value?
 $X = 35$, $\min = 27$, $\max = 48$ for column Age.

$$X_{\text{norm}}(\text{for } 35) = \frac{35-27}{48-27} = 0.3809$$

After Normalization

$$\text{Distance between Emp2 and Emp1} = \sqrt{(0 - .80)^2 + (0 - .83)^2} = 1.15$$

$$\text{Distance between Emp2 and Emp3} = \sqrt{(.14 - 0)^2 + (.19 - 0)^2} = 0.23$$

Comparison will be
more significant

Normalization and Standardization Example

$$x_{\text{stand}} = \frac{x - \text{mean}(x)}{\text{standard deviation } (x)}$$

#	Emp	Age	Salary
1	Emp1	44	73000
2	Emp2	27	47000
3	Emp3	30	53000
4	Emp4	38	62000
5	Emp5	40	57000
6	Emp6	35	53000
7	Emp7	48	78000

Mean = 37.42857
Std. Dev. = 6.883876

Mean = 60428.5714
Std. Dev. = 10499.7570

Age	Standardized Age	Salary	Standardized Salary
44	0.954611636	73000	1.197306616
27	-1.514927162	47000	-1.278941158
30	-1.079126198	53000	-0.707499364
38	0.083009708	62000	0.149663327
40	0.373543684	57000	-0.326538168
35	-0.352791257	53000	-0.707499364
48	1.535679589	78000	1.673508111

Mean = 0
Std. dev. = 1

Mean = 0
Std. dev. = 1

Standardization

How to calculate Standardized value?
 $X = 35$, mean = 37.42, Std. Dev. = 6.88
 for column Age.
 $X_{\text{std}}(\text{for } 35) = \frac{35 - 37.42}{6.88} = -0.3527$

After Standardization

Distance between Emp2 and Emp1 = $\sqrt{(-1.51 - 0.95)^2 + (-1.27 - 1.19)^2} = 3.47$

Distance between Emp2 and Emp3 = $\sqrt{(-1.07 + 1.51)^2 + (-0.70 + 1.27)^2} = 0.71$

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Encoding

- Encoding categorical data is an essential step in preparing data for machine learning models.
- Choosing the right encoding technique depends on the type of categorical data and the model's requirements:
 - Label Encoding is suitable for nominal data with no order.
 - One-Hot Encoding works best for nominal data where categories have no ranking.
 - Ordinal Encoding preserves the order of ordinal data.
 - Target Encoding is effective when there's a relationship between the categorical feature and the target variable.
 - Frequency Encoding is useful for handling high-cardinality features.



One-Hot Encoding

- The idea behind one-hot encoding is to represent each category as a binary vector. Here's how it works:

The diagram illustrates the process of generating a one-hot encoding matrix from a simple categorical dataset. A blue arrow labeled "One-Hot code" points from the left table to the right table, indicating the transformation.

Index	Animal	Index	Dog	Cat	Sheep	Lion	Horse
0	Dog	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	Cat	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	Sheep	2	0	0	1	0	0
3	Horse	3	0	0	0	0	1
4	Lion	4	0	0	0	1	0



Label Encoding

- Label Encoding assigns a unique integer to each category. However, it does not respect the order of the categories, making it more suitable for nominal data where the order doesn't matter.

Original Data:

Color	Size	Price
Blue	L	100
Green	M	150
Red	S	200
Green	XL	120
Red	M	180

Label
Encoding

Label Encoded Data:

Color	Size	Price
0	0	100
1	1	150
2	2	200
1	3	120
2	1	180

Ordinal Encoding

- Ordinal Encoding is used for ordinal data, where categories have a natural order. It converts categorical values into numeric values, preserving the inherent order.

Original Encoding	Ordinal Encoding
Poor	1
Good	2
Very Good	3
Excellent	4



Target Encoding

- A target encoding is any kind of encoding that replaces a feature's categories with some number derived from the target.
- This kind of target encoding is sometimes called a mean encoding.

Animal Type	Year 1 Cost	Year 2 Cost	Year 3 Cost
Cat	\$80	\$90	\$110
Dog	\$210	\$200	\$190
Bird	\$40	\$50	\$60

Animal Type	Year 1 Cost	Year 2 Cost	Year 3 Cost
\$93.33	\$80	\$90	\$110
\$200	\$210	\$200	\$190
\$50	\$40	\$50	\$60



Frequency Encoding

- It gives each category a number based on how often it appears in the data.
- The numbers add up to 1.

Animal Type	Frequency Encoding
Dog	0.6
Cat	0.3
Bird	0.1

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Handling missing data

Missing values

PassengerId	Survived	Pclass	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
1	0	3	male	22	1	0	A/5 21171	7.25		S
2	1	1	female	38	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	C
3	1	3	female	26	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.925		S
4	1	1	female	35	1	0	113803	53.1	C123	S
5	0	3	male	35	0	0	373450	8.05		S
6	0	3	male		0	0	330877	8.4583		Q

	Height	Weight	Country	Place	Number of days	Some column
0	12.0	35.0	India	Bengaluru	1.0	NaN
1	NaN	36.0	US	New York	2.0	NaN
2	13.0	32.0	UK	London	NaN	NaN
3	15.0	NaN	France	Paris	4.0	NaN
4	16.0	39.0	US	California	5.0	12.0
5	NaN	NaN	NaN	Mumbai	NaN	NaN
6	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	6.0	NaN

NaN (Not a Number)

NULL or None: if data is coming from SQL

Empty Strings:

Empty Strings: -999, 9999

Blanks or Spaces:



How to Handle Missing Data

- **Deletion:** This involves removing rows or columns with missing values. This is a straightforward method, but it can be problematic if a significant portion of your data is missing. Discarding too much data can affect the reliability of your conclusions.
- **Imputation:** This replaces missing values with estimates. There are various imputation techniques, each with its strengths and weaknesses. Here are some common ones:
 - Mean/Median/Mode Imputation
 - K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN Imputation)
 - Model-based Imputation
- **Interpolation:** interpolation estimates the value of missing values based on the surrounding trends and patterns. This approach is more feasible to use when your missing values are not scattered too much.

Handling imbalanced data

- Imbalanced data refers to datasets where the target class has an uneven distribution of observations, i.e., one class label has a very high number of observations, and the other has a deficient number of observations.



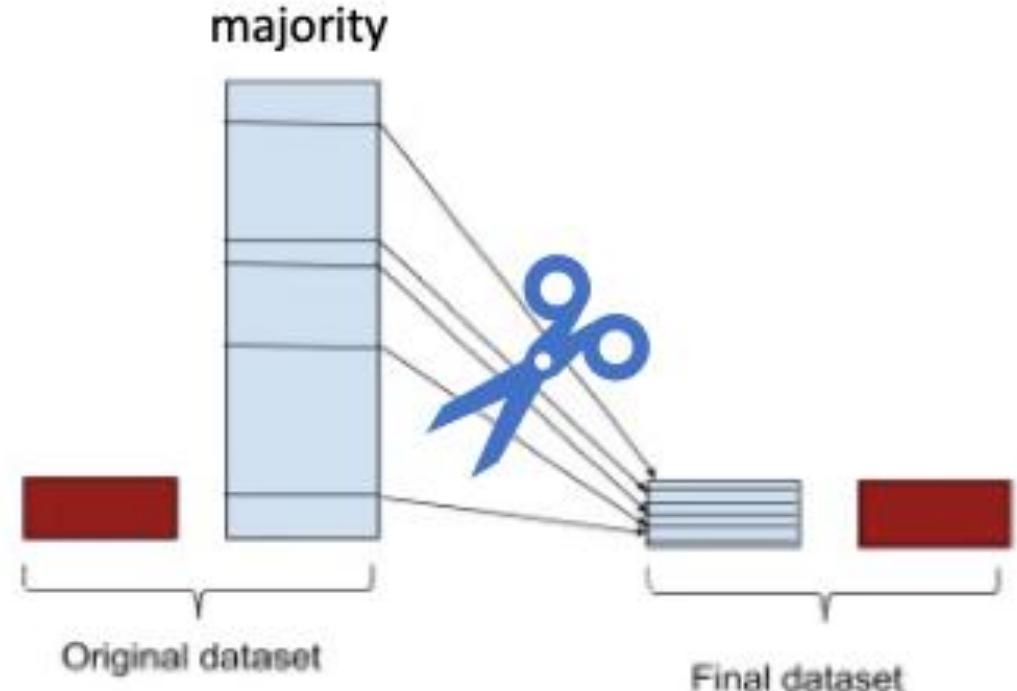
Handling imbalanced data

- There are quite a few ways to handle imbalanced data in machine classification problems.
 - Random under-sampling
 - Random over-sampling
 - Synthetic over-sampling: SMOTE
 - Choose the algorithm wisely
 - Play with the loss function
 - Solve an anomaly detection problem



Random under-sampling

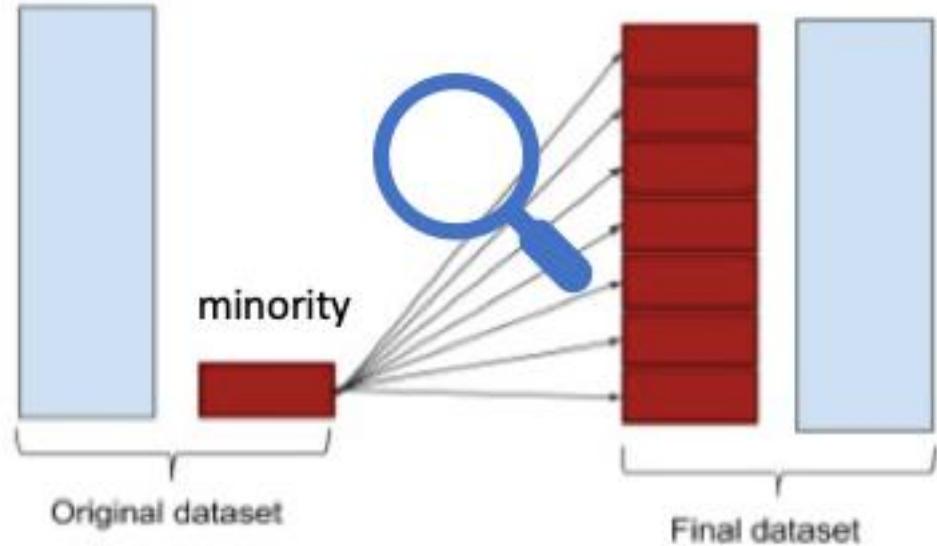
- This approach is generally used when you have a huge amount of training data with you. The random under-sampling technique works by randomly eliminating the samples from the majority class until the classes are balanced in the remaining dataset.



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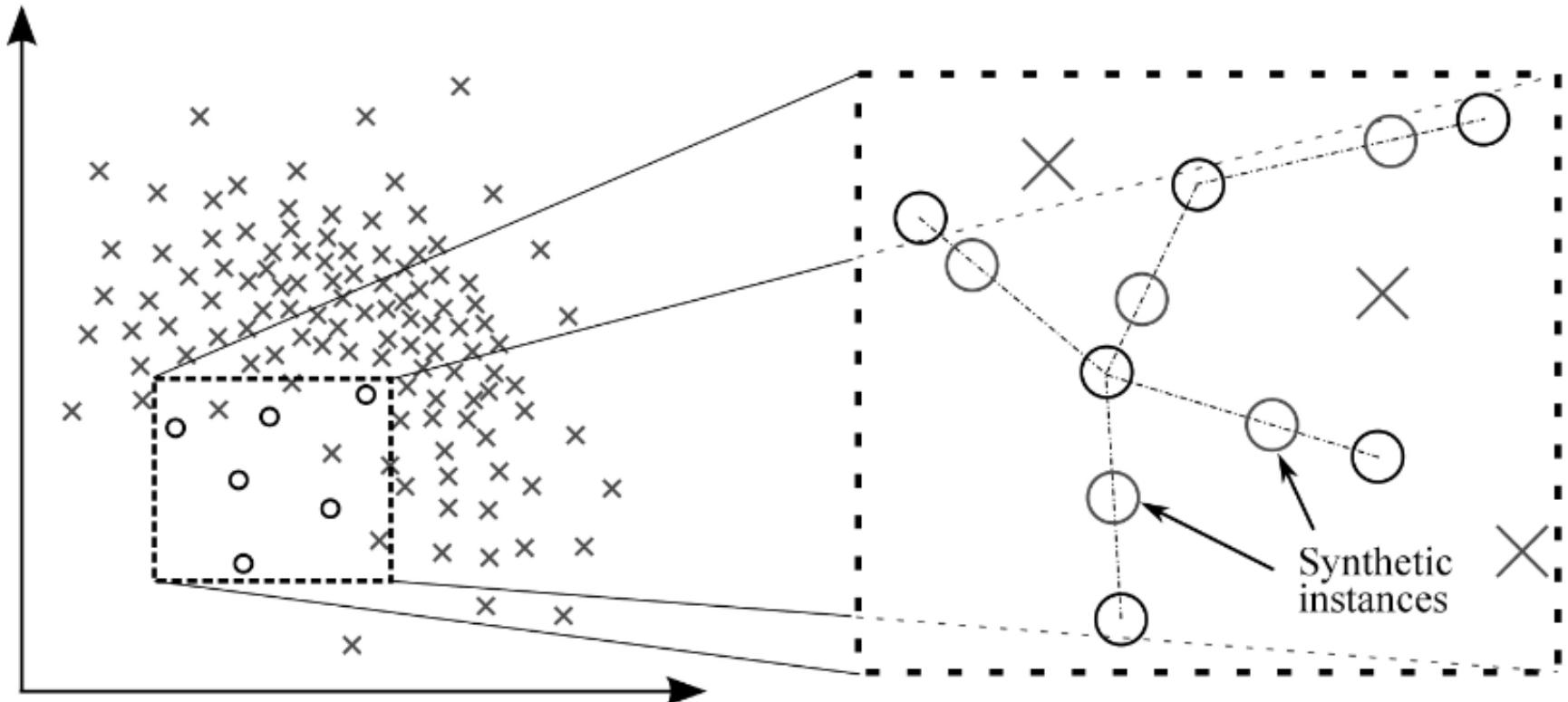
Random over-sampling

- In this technique, we try to increase the instances of the minority class by random replication of the already present samples.
- This technique is better than under-sampling as there is no information loss here and it outperforms the under-sampling in practice.



Synthetic over-sampling: SMOTE

- In SMOTE, a subset of minority class is taken, and new synthetic data points are generated based on it. These synthetic data points are then added to the original training dataset as additional examples of the minority class.



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