

Output in Comparing

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# load dataset
iris = load_iris()

# convert dts and rename col
df = pd.DataFrame(iris.data, columns=iris.feature_names)
df.columns = [col.replace(' (cm)', '').replace(" ", "_") for col in df.columns]
df
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✓ 0.0s

	sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2
...
145	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3
146	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9
147	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0
148	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3
149	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8

150 rows × 4 columns

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df.info()
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 150 entries, 0 to 149
Data columns (total 4 columns):
#   Column          Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   sepal_length    150 non-null   float64
1   sepal_width     150 non-null   float64
2   petal_length    150 non-null   float64
3   petal_width     150 non-null   float64
dtypes: float64(4)
memory usage: 4.8 KB
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# measure training time
start = time.time()
clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
time_full = time.time() - start

# measure prediction time
pred_start = time.time()
y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
time_pred = time.time() - pred_start

# accuracy
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

# result
print(f'Feature used in full model: {X.columns.tolist()}')
print(f'Train Time (Full Feature): {time_full:.4f} s')
print(f'Prediction Time (Full Feature): {time_pred:.4f} s')
print(f'Accuracy (Full Feature): {accuracy:.4f}\n')

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Feature used in full model: ['sepal_length', 'sepal_width', 'petal_length', 'petal_width']
Train Time (Full Feature): 0.0905 s
Prediction Time (Full Feature): 0.0040 s
Accuracy (Full Feature): 1.0000

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# example
new_flower = np.array([[5.5, 3.0, 4.5, 1.3]])

# predict
new_pred = clf.predict(new_flower)
print(f'Predicted Species: {new_pred[0]}')

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✓ 0.0s
Predicted Species: versicolor

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# measure feature selection time
fs_start_time = time.time()
mi = mutual_info_classif(X_train, y_train)
fs_time = time.time() - fs_start_time

# store feature score
mi_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X.columns, 'Score': mi}).sort_values(by='Score', ascending=False)

# select the top 2 most important features
selected_features = mi_df['Feature'].iloc[:2].tolist()
X_train_sel = X_train[selected_features]
X_test_sel = X_test[selected_features]

# measure training time
train_start = time.time()
clf.fit(X_train_sel, y_train)
train_sel = time.time() - train_start

# measure predict time
pred_start = time.time()
y_pred_sel = clf.predict(X_test_sel)
time_pred_sel = time.time() - pred_start

# accuracy
accuracy_sel = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_sel)

# result
print(f'Selected Features: {selected_features}')
print(f'Feature Selection Time: {fs_time:.4f} s')
print(f'Training Time (Selected Feature): {train_sel:.4f} s')
print(f'Prediction Time (Selected Feature): {time_pred_sel:.4f} s')
print(f'Feature Selection Accuracy: {accuracy_sel:.4f}\n')

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Selected Features: ['petal_length', 'petal_width']
Feature Selection Time: 0.1305 s
Training Time (Selected Feature): 0.1126 s
Prediction Time (Selected Feature): 0.0040 s
Feature Selection Accuracy: 1.0000

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# result
print(f'\n--Model Performance Comparison--\n')

print(f'Feature used in full model: {X.columns.tolist()}')
print(f'Train Time (Full Feature): {time_full:.4f} s')
print(f'Prediction Time (Full Feature): {time_pred:.4f} s')
print(f'Accuracy (Full Feature): {accuracy:.4f}\n')

print(f'Selected Features: {selected_features}')
print(f'Feature Selection Time: {fs_time:.4f} s')
print(f'Training Time (Selected Feature): {train_sel:.4f} s')
print(f'Prediction Time (Selected Feature): {time_pred_sel:.4f} s')
print(f'Feature Selection Accuracy: {accuracy_sel:.4f}\n')

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--Model Performance Comparison--

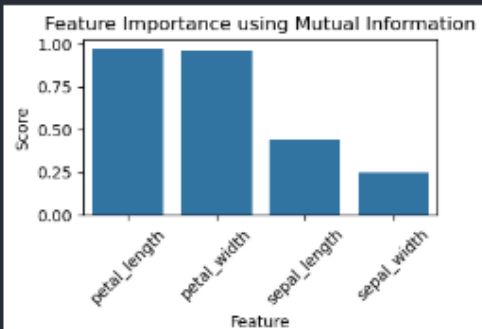
Feature used in full model: ['sepal_length', 'sepal_width', 'petal_length', 'petal_width']
Train Time (Full Feature): 0.0905 s
Prediction Time (Full Feature): 0.0040 s
Accuracy (Full Feature): 1.0000

Selected Features: ['petal_length', 'petal_width']
Feature Selection Time: 0.1305 s
Training Time (Selected Feature): 0.1126 s
Prediction Time (Selected Feature): 0.0040 s
Feature Selection Accuracy: 1.0000

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# display feature score
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 2))
sns.barplot(x=mi_df['Feature'], y=mi_df['Score'])
plt.title('Feature Importance using Mutual Information')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()

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The reason why the selected model (using only ['petal_length', 'petal_width']) has the same accuracy as the full model (using all four features) but a slightly longer computational time is due to the following factors:

1. Feature Importance in the Iris Dataset
 - The Iris dataset is well-structured, and petal_length and petal_width are the most important features for classification.
 - Setosa species is already well-separated from the other two using these two features.
 - Versicolor vs. Virginica can also be mostly distinguished by these features, meaning that sepal_length and sepal_width do not add much new information.
2. Why is the Time for Selected Features Slightly Higher?
 - Expectation: The selected feature model should run faster due to fewer features.
 - Reality: The time difference (~0.01 sec) is due to random fluctuations in execution time, such as:
 - Memory allocation variations.
 - CPU scheduling differences.
 - The dataset being very small (150 samples), so reducing features does not significantly improve speed.
3. Mutual Information & Feature Selection Justification
 - Mutual Information correctly identified the two best features.
 - The fact that accuracy remains the same confirms that removing sepal_length and sepal_width did not harm classification.
4. Should You Always Use Feature Selection?
 - For small datasets like Iris: It doesn't significantly affect performance.
 - For larger datasets: Reducing unnecessary features will speed up training, reduce overfitting, and improve interpretability.