

# 7\_Splitting

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*Splitting The Dataset -->*

*Splitting a dataset into train and test sets is an essential step in machine learning because it helps to evaluate the performance and generalization ability of a model*

## *1. Model Training and Learning*

*Training Set: The training data is used to fit the machine learning model. The model "learns" from this data by adjusting its parameters (such as weights in a neural network) to minimize error or maximize accuracy. The goal during training is to have the model learn patterns from the data.*

## *2. Model Evaluation and Testing*

*Test Set: After training, you need to evaluate the model on unseen data to check how well it generalizes.*

*The test set acts as a proxy for how the model will perform on real-world data.*

*By evaluating on a test set, you simulate how the model will perform when faced with new, unseen data.*

## *3. Avoiding Overfitting*

*If you train the model on the entire dataset and evaluate it on the same data, the model might perform well simply because it has "memorized" the data rather than learning general patterns.*

*This leads to overfitting, where the model performs well on the training data but poorly on unseen data (test data).*

*Splitting the dataset helps to ensure that the model generalizes well and doesn't overfit the training data.*

## *4. Performance Metrics*

The test set allows you to compute metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, etc., on data the model has never seen, giving a true measure of its performance. These metrics provide insights into how the model will behave in a real-world environment.

## 5. Validation

In some cases, a third set called the validation set is also used for hyperparameter tuning during training.

After the best model is selected, the final evaluation is done on the test set to give an unbiased estimate of its performance.

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[ ]: # Common Train-Test Splits -->

# A common split ratio is 80% training and 20% testing, or 70% training and
# 30% testing,
# depending on the size of the dataset.
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[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
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[2]: dataset = pd.read_csv('Data/Data.csv')
dataset
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[2]:
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|   | Country | Age  | Salary  | Purchased |
|---|---------|------|---------|-----------|
| 0 | France  | 44.0 | 72000.0 | No        |
| 1 | Spain   | 27.0 | 48000.0 | Yes       |
| 2 | Germany | 30.0 | 54000.0 | No        |
| 3 | Spain   | 38.0 | 61000.0 | No        |
| 4 | Germany | 40.0 | NaN     | Yes       |
| 5 | France  | 35.0 | 58000.0 | Yes       |
| 6 | Spain   | NaN  | 52000.0 | No        |
| 7 | France  | 48.0 | 79000.0 | Yes       |
| 8 | Germany | 50.0 | 83000.0 | No        |
| 9 | France  | 37.0 | 67000.0 | Yes       |

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[3]: x_data = dataset.iloc[:, :-1]
y_data = dataset.iloc[:, -1]
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[7]: x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x_data, y_data, test_size =
0.2, random_state = 1)
print(x_train.shape)
print(x_test.shape)
print(y_train.shape)
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print(y_test.shape)
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(8, 3)

(2, 3)

(8,)

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