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Why to apply dimensionality reduction?

- Curse of dimensionality:
 - Increases the risk of overfitting
 - Reduces the speed
 - Reduces the accuracy
 - Reduces explainability
- Visualisation
- Types of dimensionality reduction:
 - Feature extraction
 - Feature selection

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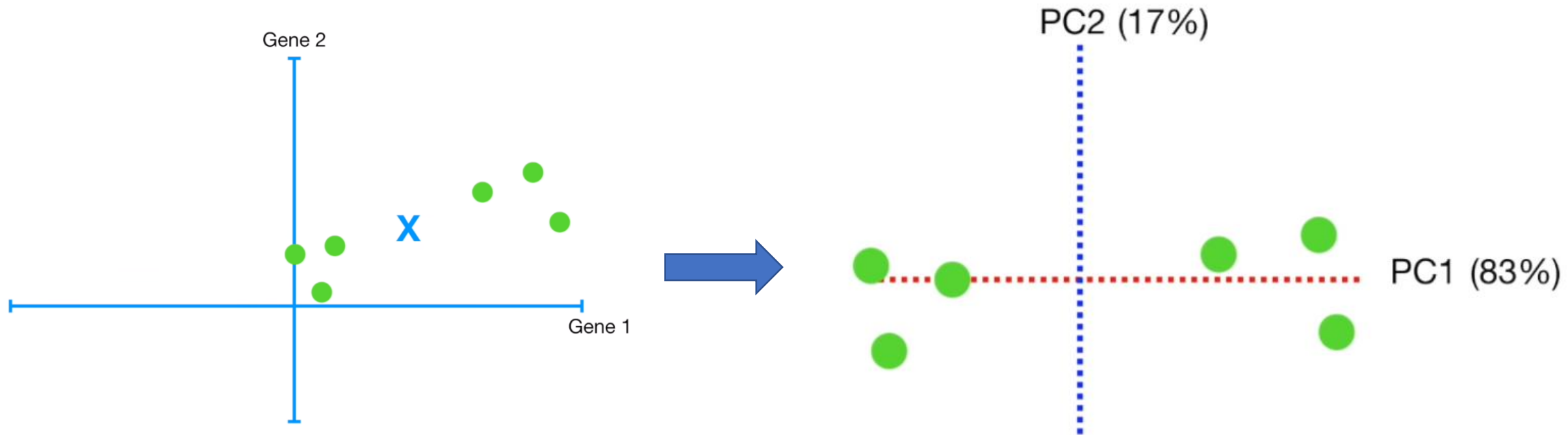
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Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Unsupervised
- Creates linear combinations
- New features are orthogonal
- Maximizes variance by considering the variance of each feature
- Features are ranked in order of their variance
- Needs feature scaling
- Only works for continuous features
- Kernel PCA for non-linear separable datasets

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

	Cumulative Variance Ratio	Explained Variance Ratio
0	0.449303	0.449303
1	0.639841	0.190538
2	0.728390	0.088549
3	0.793421	0.065031
4	0.847024	0.053603
5	0.887960	0.040937
6	0.910797	0.022837
7	0.928059	0.017262
8	0.941753	0.013694
9	0.953757	0.012004
10	0.964381	0.010623
11	0.972419	0.008038
12	0.979418	0.006999
13	0.984170	0.004751
14	0.987257	0.003087

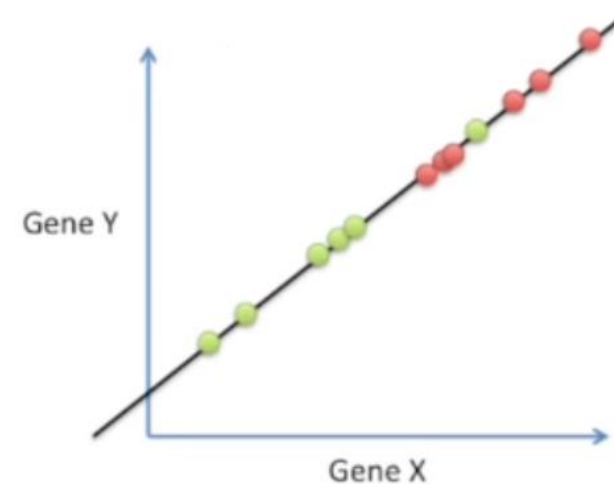
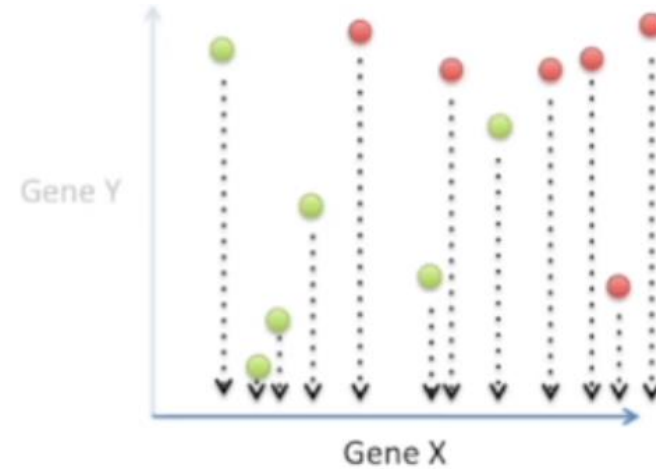
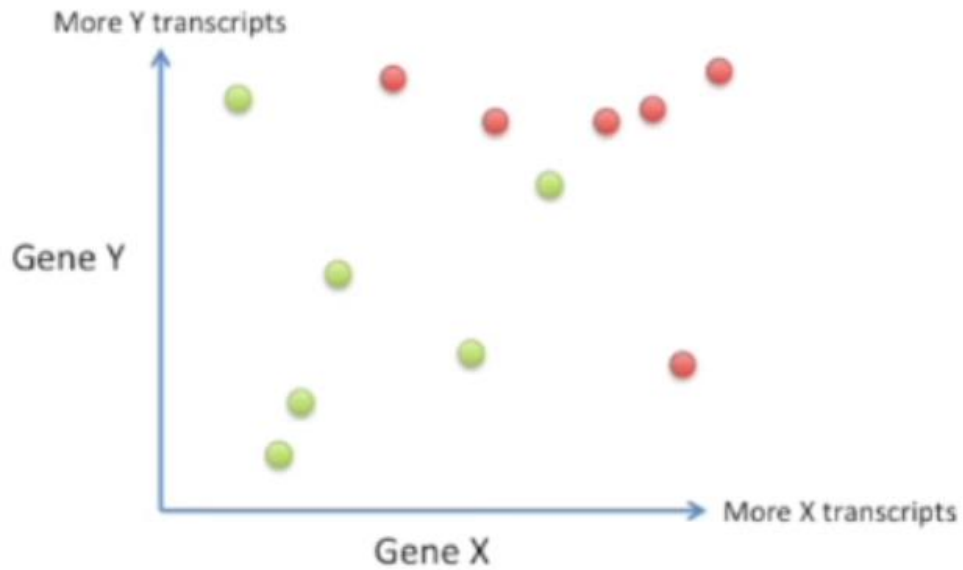
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Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

- Supervised
- Creates linear combinations
- New features are orthogonal
- Maximizes separability between classes by considering the information of classes
- Features are ranked in order of their separability between classes
- Doesn't need feature scaling
- Only works for continuous features

Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)



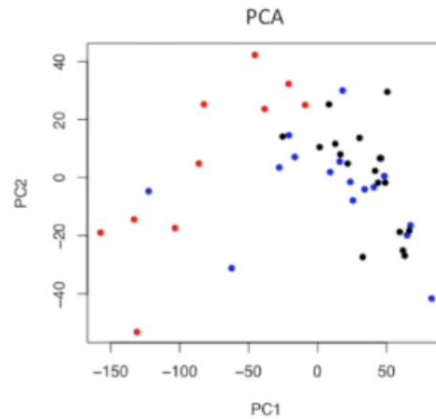
Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

	Cumulative Variance Ratio	Explained Variance Ratio
0	0.667519	0.667519
1	1.000000	0.332481

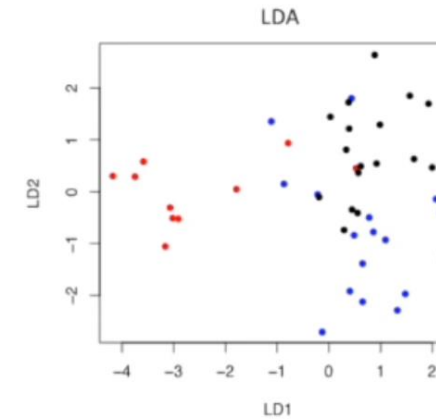
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PCA vs LDA



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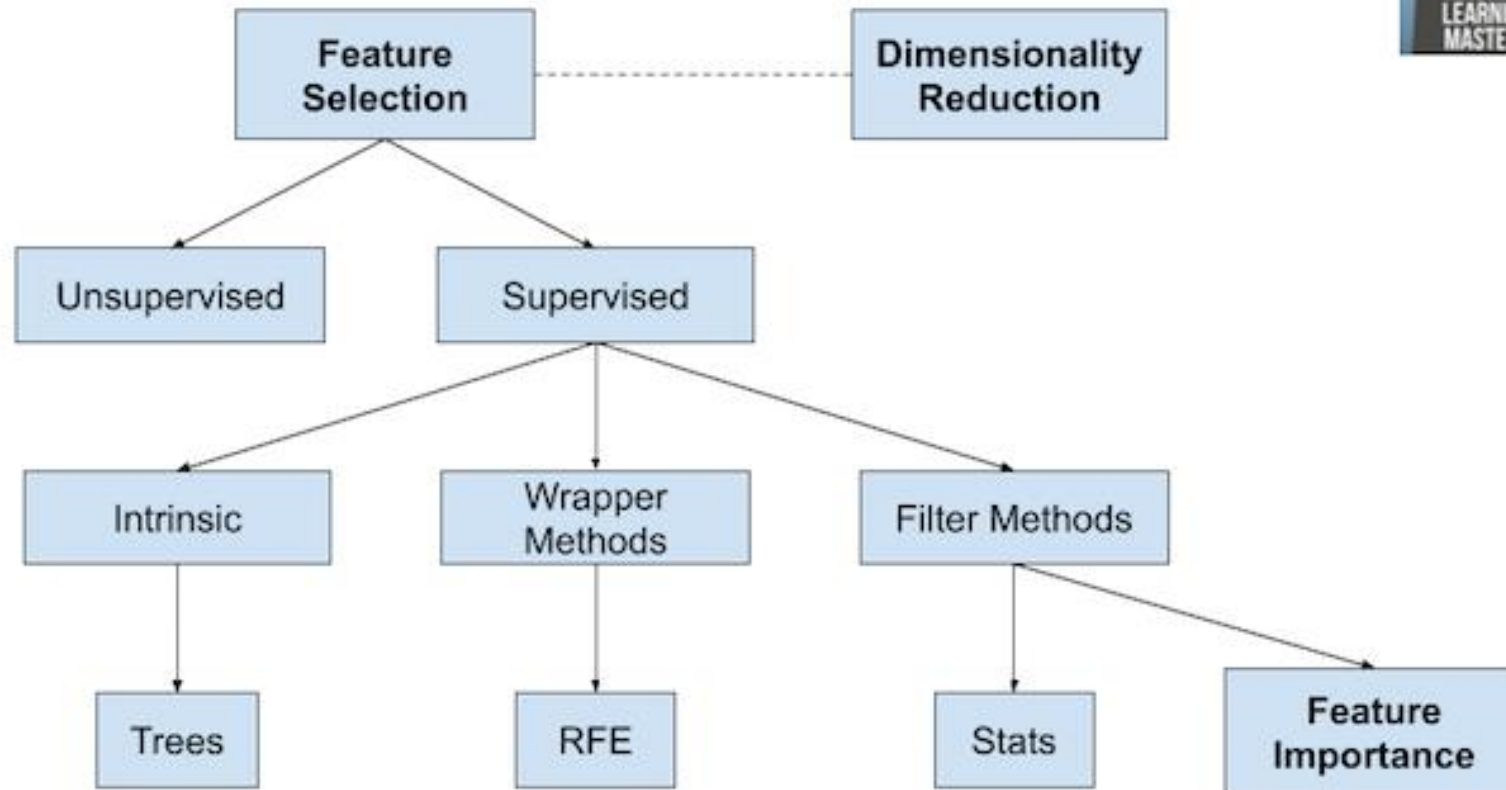
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azXCzI57Yfc>

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Feature Selection

Overview of Feature Selection Techniques

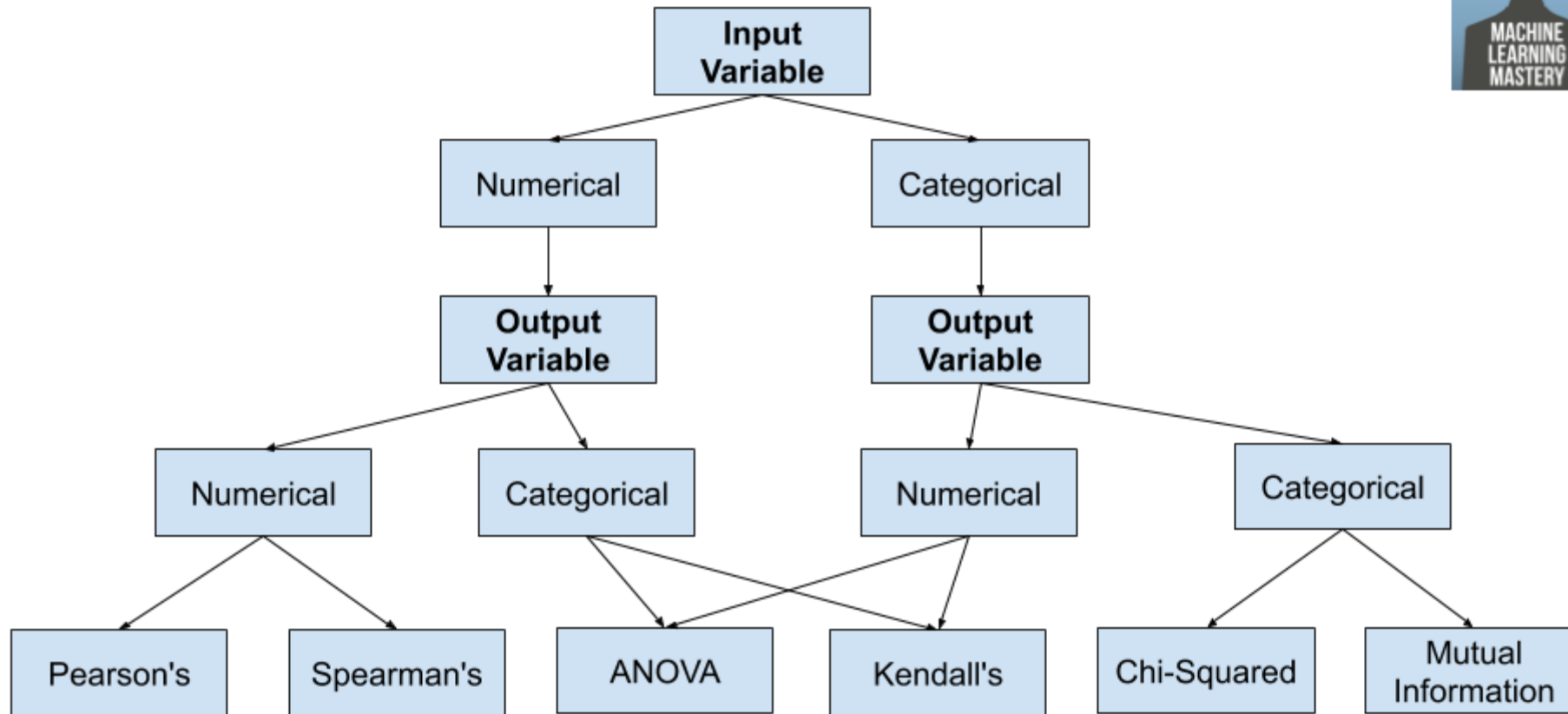


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How to Choose a Feature Selection Method



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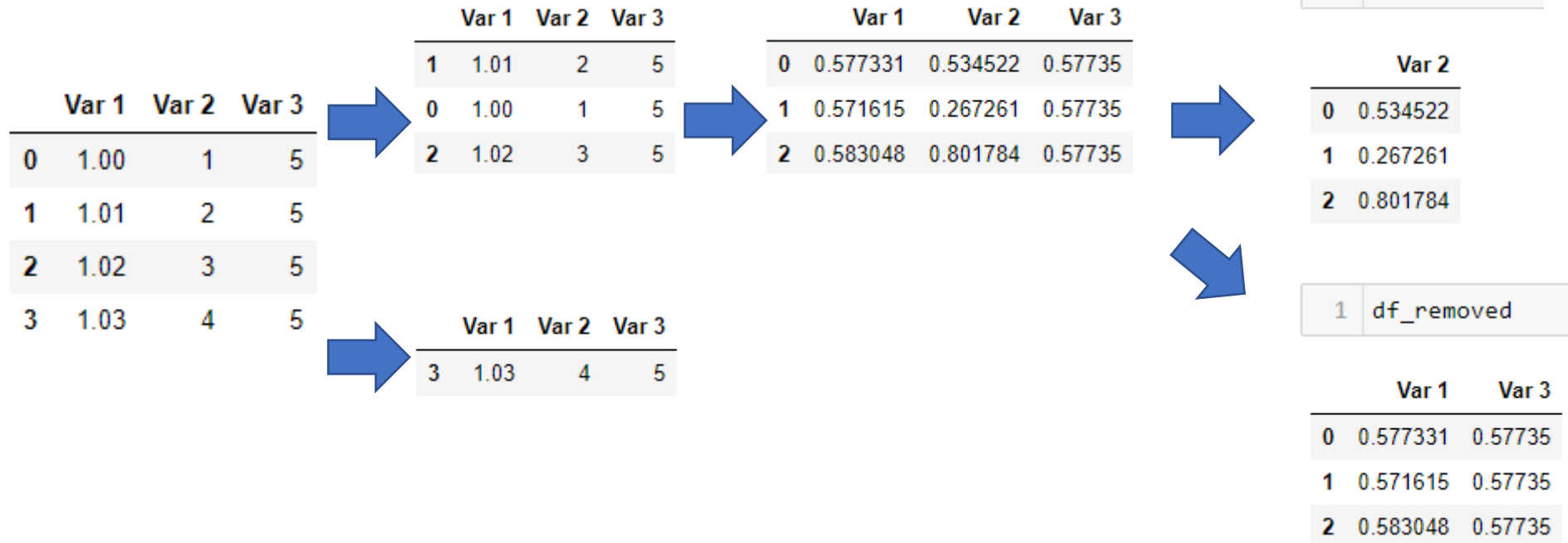
Variance Threshold

- Unsupervised
- Removes features whose values don't change much from observation to observation
- Needs feature scaling (but it can't be Standard Scaler)
- Works for both continuous and one hot encoded features

Variance Threshold

Toy example:

```
1 from sklearn.feature_selection import VarianceThreshold
2 df_selected, df_removed = variance_threshold_selector(X_train, 0.01)
```



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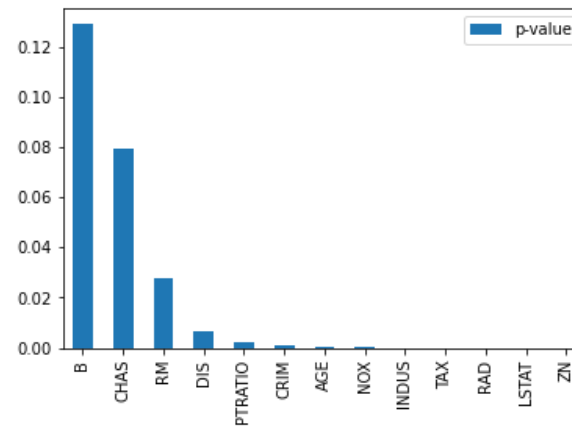
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Chi-Squared Test

- Supervised
- Removes features whose that don't effect the dependent variable
- Needs feature scaling (but it can't be Standard Scaler)
- Only works for one hot encoded features
- Only works for classification

Chi-Squared Test

	p-value
B	1.290574e-01
CHAS	7.971755e-02
RM	2.767903e-02
DIS	6.525865e-03
PTRATIO	2.472616e-03
CRIM	1.270929e-03
AGE	1.594477e-04
NOX	3.522787e-05
INDUS	7.555366e-06
TAX	4.143725e-07
RAD	4.005216e-07
LSTAT	8.926390e-08
ZN	2.879796e-08



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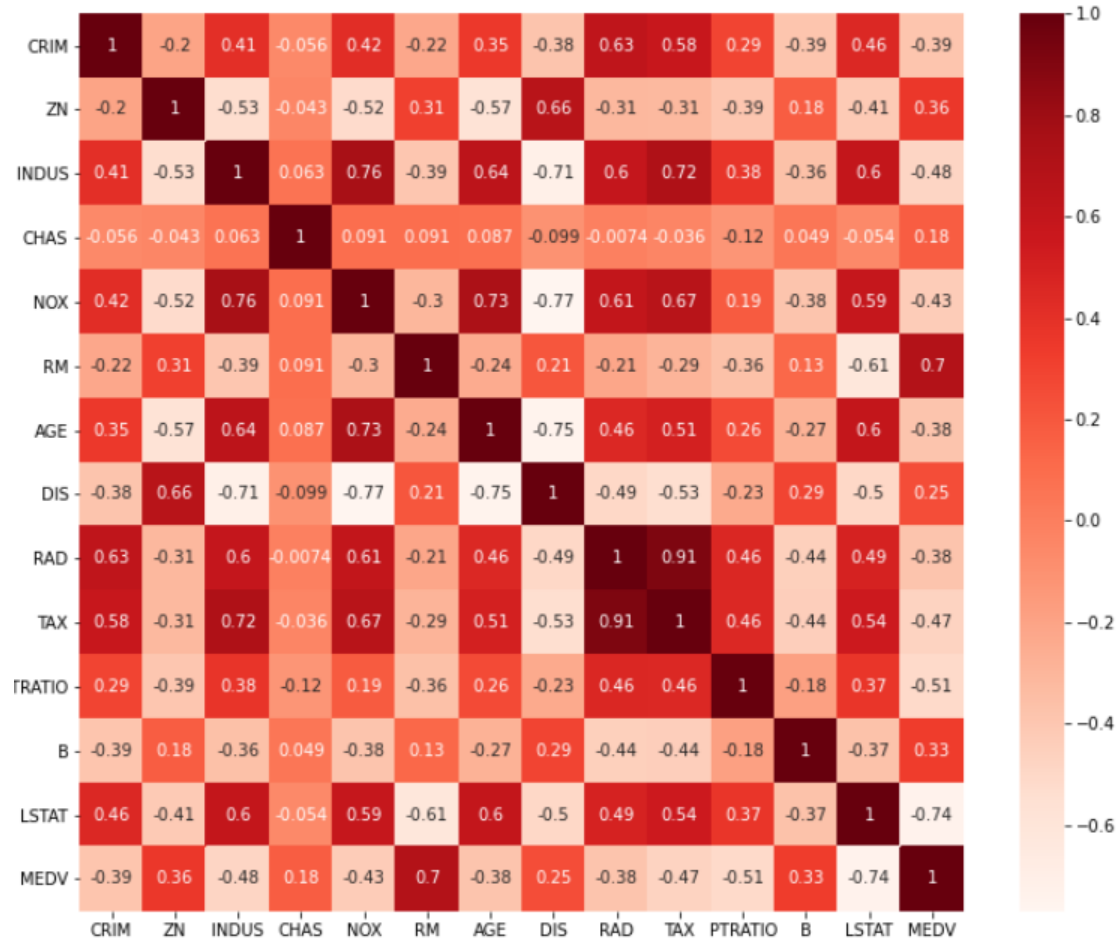
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Correlation threshold

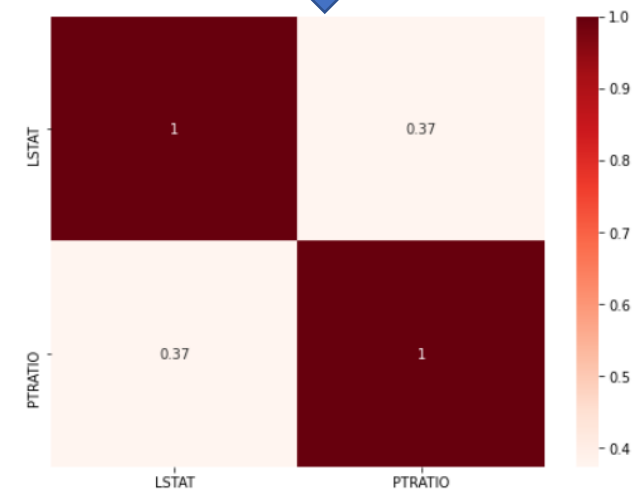
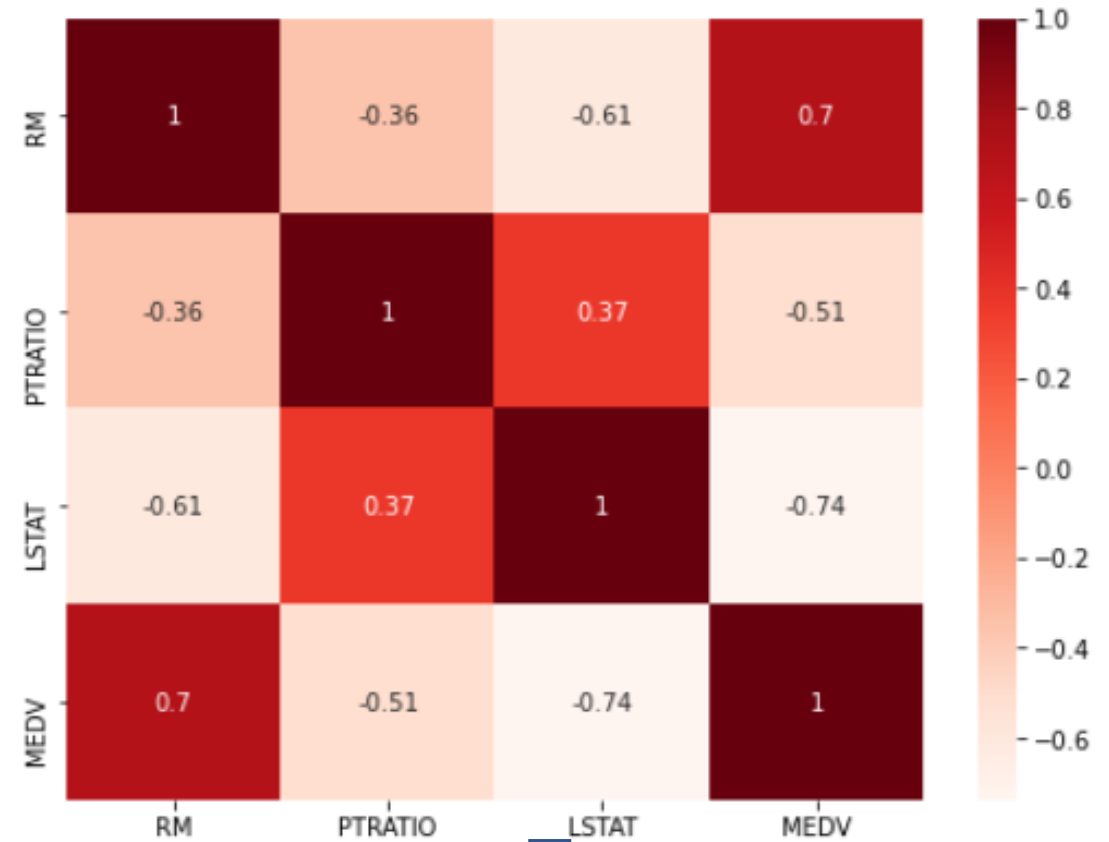
- Supervised/Unsupervised
- Removes features that are not highly correlated with the dependent variable
- Removes features that are highly correlated with each other
- Needs feature scaling
- “Works” for both continuous and one hot encoded features
- Works for both regression and classification
- Specific for categorical features:

<https://towardsdatascience.com/the-search-for-categorical-correlation-a1cf7f1888c9>

Correlation threshold



```
relevant_features = cor_target[cor_target > 0.5]
```



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Backward Elimination

- Supervised
- Start with all features and remove one at a time using the p-value
- Not recommended
- Needs feature scaling
- Works for both continuous and one hot encoded features
- Works for both regression and classification
- Model example: Ordinary Least Squares

Backward Elimination

```
['CRIM', 'ZN', 'INDUS', 'CHAS', 'NOX', 'RM', 'AGE', 'DIS', 'RAD', 'TAX', 'PTRATIO', 'B', 'LSTAT']
```

```
CRIM      1.086810e-03
ZN         7.781097e-04
INDUS      7.382881e-01
CHAS       1.925030e-03
NOX         4.245644e-06
RM          1.979441e-18
AGE         9.582293e-01
DIS         6.013491e-13
RAD         5.070529e-06
TAX         1.111637e-03
PTRATIO    1.308835e-12
B           5.728592e-04
LSTAT      7.776912e-23
```

```
dtype: float64
0.9582293092057567
AGE
```

```
CRIM      1.074747e-03
ZN         7.193806e-04
INDUS      7.379887e-01
CHAS       1.862634e-03
NOX         1.967110e-06
RM          3.365945e-19
DIS         5.027955e-14
RAD         4.750539e-06
TAX         1.099120e-03
PTRATIO    1.099178e-12
B           5.444689e-04
LSTAT      2.569688e-25
```

```
dtype: float64
0.7379887092915616
INDUS
```

```
CRIM      1.010438e-03
ZN         7.542759e-04
CHAS       1.551469e-03
NOX         1.209413e-06
RM          2.889779e-19
DIS         6.837043e-15
RAD         2.996799e-06
TAX         5.214237e-04
PTRATIO    9.235063e-13
B           5.565743e-04
LSTAT      2.140586e-25
```

```
dtype: float64
0.0015514692639118284
CHAS
```

```
['CRIM', 'ZN', 'CHAS', 'NOX', 'RM', 'DIS', 'RAD', 'TAX', 'PTRATIO', 'B', 'LSTAT']
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Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE)

- Supervised
- Recursively prunes the number of features until the desired number of features is reached
- Needs feature scaling
- Works for both continuous and one hot encoded features
- Works for both regression and classification
- Model examples: any model that has either `coef_` or `feature_importances_` attribute

Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE)

Possible optimum number of features: 11
Score with 11 features: 0.675177

	Score
1	0.521805
3	0.598559
2	0.606979
4	0.618632
6	0.628443
5	0.630139
7	0.641448
8	0.647980
9	0.655982
10	0.663581
12	0.673230
13	0.673383
11	0.675177

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Embedded Method

- Supervised machine learning algorithms that perform feature selection automatically
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Embedded Method

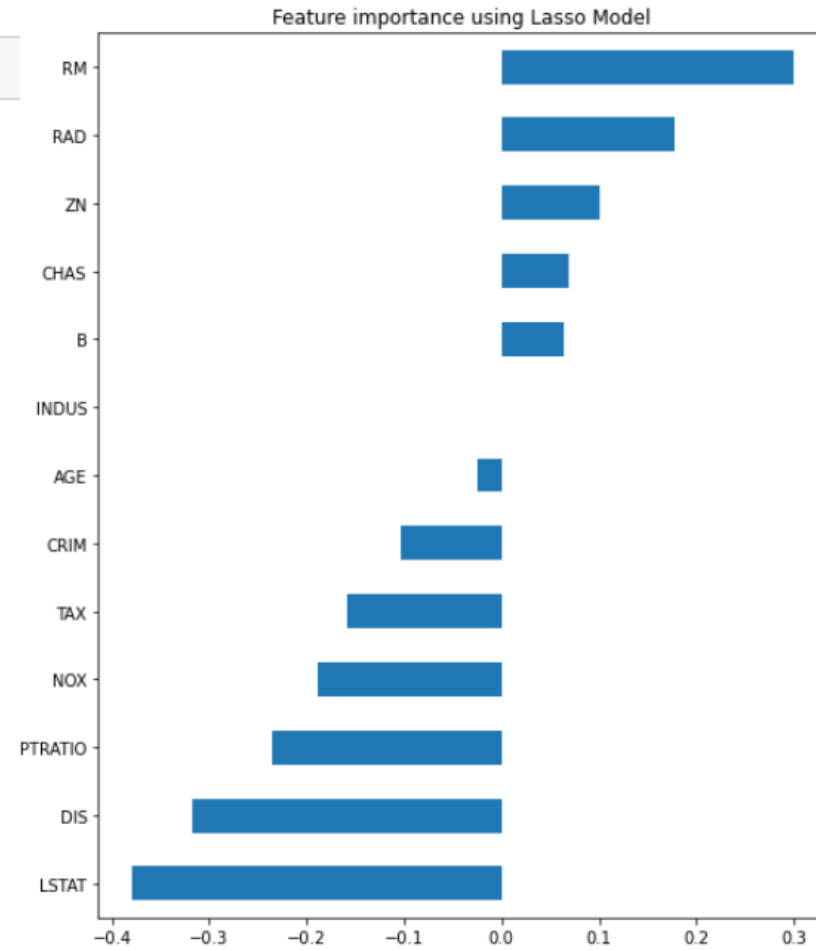
```
1 coef = pd.Series(reg.coef_, index = df.drop('MEDV', axis=1).columns)
2 print("Lasso picked", str(sum(coef != 0)), "variables and eliminated the other", str(sum(coef == 0)), "variables")
```

Lasso picked 12 variables and eliminated the other 1 variables

```
1 coef.sort_values()
```

LSTAT	-0.379874
DIS	-0.317952
PTRATIO	-0.236031
NOX	-0.188779
TAX	-0.159086
CRIM	-0.102860
AGE	-0.024037
INDUS	-0.000000
B	0.063249
CHAS	0.068925
ZN	0.100789
RAD	0.177640
RM	0.298996

dtype: float64



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- Filter method is less accurate
- Backward Elimination performs poorly
- Wrapper and Embedded methods give more accurate results but are computationally expensive, these methods are suited when you have less features (about 20)

Final thoughts

	Feature	Variance	Chi-Squared	Correlation	Backward	RFE	Lasso	Total
1	TAX	True	True	True	True	True	True	6
2	PTRATIO	True	True	True	True	True	True	6
3	LSTAT	True	True	True	True	True	True	6
4	ZN	True	True	False	True	True	True	5
5	RM	True	True	False	True	True	True	5
6	RAD	True	True	False	True	True	True	5
7	NOX	True	True	False	True	True	True	5
8	DIS	True	True	False	True	True	True	5
9	CRIM	False	True	False	True	True	True	4
10	CHAS	True	False	False	True	True	True	4
11	B	True	False	False	True	True	True	4
12	INDUS	True	True	False	False	False	True	3
13	AGE	True	True	False	False	False	False	2