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# Introduction

Big Data concept is widely used in 21<sup>st</sup> century, creating pathways and solutions to huge amount of *structured* and *unstructured* sets of data. The umbrella term is containing 4 other dimensions giving the overall meaning to it, which are known by the names; *Volume, Velocity, Veracity and Variety*. As mentioned in an article these stored processed datasets will be utilized to make business decisions in the present and for the future as well. (Aljanabi and Yahya Almayali, 2019).

The fundamental step is to identify a dataset relating to the topic field where the analysis is based on.

Based on several articles these datasets might be containing missing values and outliers concerning the effectiveness and efficiency degradation of the machine learning models (Seliem and Seliem, 2022). Presence of missing values compromises the statistical enhancement to evaluate the dataset, while outliers will affect the estimation process in certain attributes either overestimating or underestimating on some occasions (Kwak and Kim, 2017).

#### 01) What are Missing/Null Values

Missing values are occurred when certain variables are not containing relevant values particular to the definition (Null values). Such instances can be caused by reckless data insertion, equipment malfunctions or due to lost files and many other reasons.

According to the previously cited articles, there are three main types of missing values pertaining to errors encountered as discussed above.

- Missing Completely at Random (MCAR)
- Missing at Random (MAR)
- Not Missing at Random (NMAR)
- ❖ MCAR's data can be among the variables but might not be related to each other
- ❖ MAR data are not distributed among the other variables, but they certainly do hold accountability for the variation of other parameters in the dataset
- ❖ NMAR data will be systematically differ from the analyzed values

(Kwak and Kim, 2017)

#### **Effects of Missing Values**

- Containing missing values will cause problems based on the type and will result in unorthodox biasing resulting in de-generalizing the work field.
- Null or zero values will be limit the precision and will be disruptive when models are being trained.
- Under specific circumstances ignoring missing values will result in vague answers indicating less accuracies in the study.

#### Ways of handling Missing Values

#### Acceptance

Based on the type, values can be ignored. If the missing values are related to MCAR or MAR it certainly can be ignored.

#### Deletion

The complete row can be eliminated if the type of missing value is relating MNAR or either the relevant data point

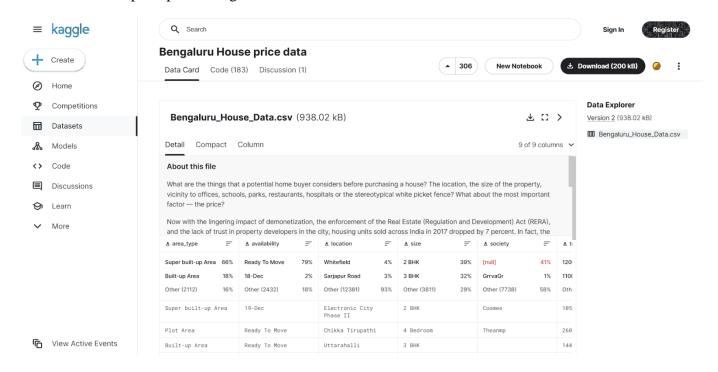
#### Imputation (Replacements)

Replacements can be done in several ways either by inserting a specific value from the dataset itself or inserting custom values relating to the attributes. In each instance values can be replaced row, column vice.

The above stated matters will be further discussed by analysing a dataset

### **Analyzes 1**

A dataset containing more 1000 values (columns) were identified and downloaded from the Kaggle website in order to start up the proceedings.



The analyzes will be conducted in a python integrated environment (Jupyter Notebook) IDE.

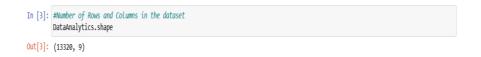
Step 1: Importing necessary libraries relevant to data analysis



Step 2: Loading the specific dataset using python keywords for verification (optional)



Step 3: Identifying the number of rows and columns in the dataset



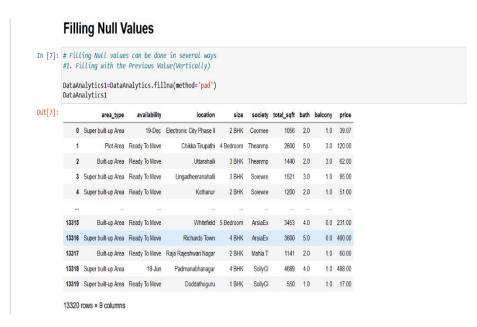
Step 4: Checking for Missing/Null values in the dataset using the sum function in python

❖ Different ways were identified to solve the issue rising due to missing values, each cocept will be elaborated using python implementation.

# Filling Missing/Null values

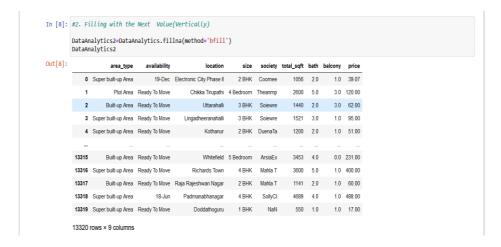
Previously it is mentioned that there can be several ways of filling null or missing values in a dataset. The following processes are conducted by filling a data point with the relevancy to the above and below values relative to the data point using the *bfill* and *pad* keywords, respectively.

#### Using pad keyword



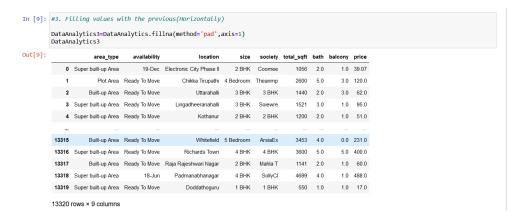
Using this keyword, the missing/null values will be filled with the immediate next value below the missing/null data point per column. The filling will take place vertically moving downwards in the column.

#### Using bfill keyword



When this particular keyword is used, the missing/null values will be filled with the immediate next value above the missing/null data point per column. The filling will take place vertically moving upwards in the column.

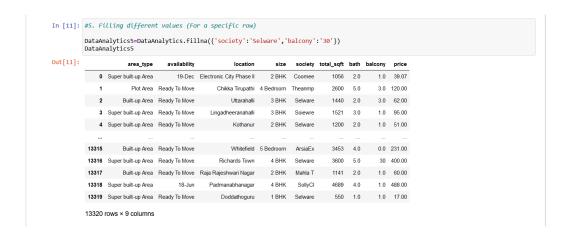
❖ Same procedure can be done horizontally as well by changing the axis (defining a parameter using axis=1) by using the same keyword.





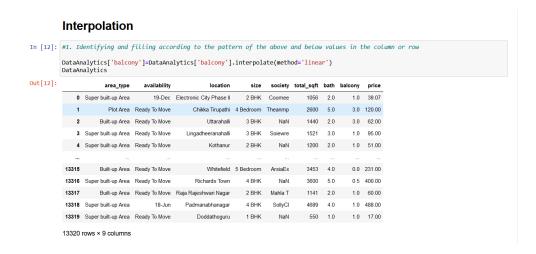
#### Assigning custom values

Relevant values can be assigned by specifying the column name using the same *fillna* keyword as previously conducted in the above procedures.



### **Interpolation**

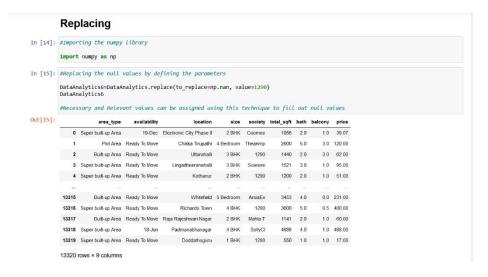
The process which is conducted by this method is to identify the patterns between the known variables and define an estimated value for the unknown variable.



Using the *linear* method, necessary column names can be defined, and the function would create an instance to identify the immediate values next to calculate the unknown variable by considering the known points.

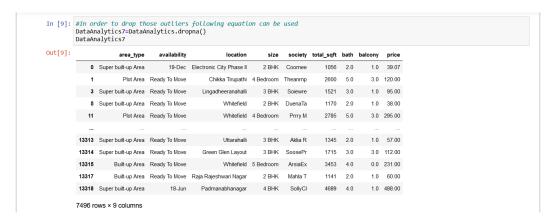
# **Imputation (Replacements)**

If an impure data point is found in the dataset another way of handling is to replace the incorrect detail values. The *replace* keyword and the identified impure data points are handled through the *np* keyword from the NumPy library.



# **Dropping**

The fast and efficient way to getting rid of impure data is to drop the necessary data points from the dataset. Some disadvantages might be there such as causing the data values to drastically drop. But overall dropping missing/null value containing rows will increase the accuracy of the analysis.



As seen clearly when the *dropna* keyword is used and the code is run, the number of rows have drastically dropped proving the fact that all the null/missing values are removed from the dataset.

In order to confirm whether all the impure data is deleted from the dataset, previously mentioned null function can be used again.

```
In [10]: #As clearly seen, the number of columns have drastically dropped to confirm the fact that outliers
#have been removed from the dataset
#as per the final step the above
#mentioned equation can be re-run to check the number of outliers in the dataset and
#it can be clarified with the receiving value equals to zero

In [12]: DataAnalytics7.isnull().sum().sum()
Out[12]: 0
```

# 02) What are outliers

Outliers are considered as data points which exist outside the requirement boundaries in the dataset. Necessarily it does not mean that the data points are impure in fact data points are varied among the rest of the points.

#### **Effects of Outliers**

- Skewed data distribution will cause fluctuation in mean value calculations and vary the accuracy of prediction models.
- Presence of outliers will cause abnormal conditions when sampling process is calculated (Biased Sampling)

# Ways of handling Outliers

There are four main procedures that needs to be conducted in order to identify outliers in a dataset and provide treatments for the cause.

- Sorting
- Data Visualization
- Z-score calculation
- Interquartile range value determination

#### Sorting Method

Basically, the process will be carried out until the data points are labelled as high and low meanwhile flagging any extreme data points. This simple procedure will be helpful to identify the unorthodox conditions in the dataset before calculations are done.

#### Data Visualizing Method

Using python in-built libraries, minimum/maximum range and median values of data points will be visualized for better understanding. Boxplot, Histplot and WhiskerPlot are mostly used to plot the data points in a diagrammatic view.

#### **Z-score** calculation

By calculating the Z-score values, relevant boundaries can be set in order to identify the common values for the data points and recognize the points containing more than -3 and +3 values, which can be concluded as outliers in the dataset.

# Interquartile range value determination

Using this procedure, the middle range values of the dataset can be determined, and boundaries(fences) will be set to separate outliers from the other data points, where the outliers lie besides the boundaries, allowing the analyst to study the dataset in an easier manner.

[(Kwak and Kim, 2017),(Zhang et al., 2019)].

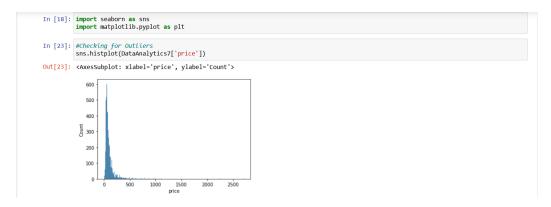
# **Analyzes 2**

- ❖ The analysis will be based on the continuation of the above-mentioned dataset, using two of the main procedures mentioned above.
  - Data Visualization
  - Z-score calculation

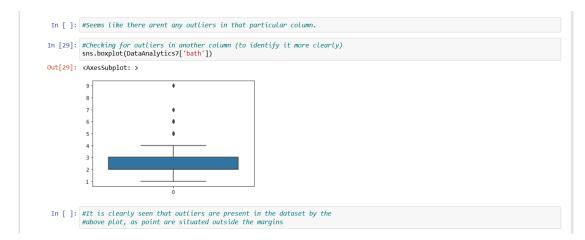
The first step of the process is to determine whether outliers are present in the dataset after, part of cleansing was done during the previous steps (Removing all Null/Missing Values). Several methods can be used to identify the abnormal behavior of the random points present in the dataset, out of which plotting can be done, which will be the efficient and the fastest way of identifying whether outliers are present in the dataset.

Since there are 9 columns in the dataset, each can be taken in to consideration by specifying the column name by defining it under the code implementation using the seaborn library.

#### **Plotting using Histplot**



Since there were no outliers identified in that particular column, another column will be analyzed and will continue to change the column name until specific requirements are met.



Therefore, it can be clearly seen, outliers are present in this particular column of the dataset. Analysis will be conducted on this particular column, where the removal process will be begun from this stage.

#### **Z-score calculation**

The limit values will be defined in order to identify the boundaries of the dataset

```
In []: #It is clearly seen that outliers are present in the dataset by the #above plot, as point are situated outside the margins

In [30]: #Defining the limits

upper_limit=DataAnalytics7['bath'].mean()+3*DataAnalytics7['bath'].std()
lower_limit=DataAnalytics7['bath'].mean()-3*DataAnalytics7['bath'].std()

print ('upper limit',upper_limit)

upper limit 5.101761043765876
lower limit -0.18500544077761516
```

Next step is to make the comparisons among the limits and the data points while eradicating it from the dataset.

```
In [4]: import pandas as pd
DataAnalytics= pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\USER\Documents\PUSL3121 Big Data Analytics (22SPM)\archive\Bengaluru_House_Data.csv')
DataAnalytics7=DataAnalytics.dropna()
            upper_limit=DataAnalytics7['bath'].mean()+3*DataAnalytics7['bath'].std()
lower_limit=DataAnalytics7['bath'].mean()-3*DataAnalytics7['bath'].std()
            print ('upper limit',upper_limit)
print ('lower limit',lower limit)
           DataAnalytics7.loc[(DataAnalytics7['bath']>upper_limit) | (DataAnalytics7['bath']<lower_limit)]
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lower limit -0.18500544077761516
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Verification can be obtained as a summary by performing a simple calculation

```
In [5]: #Colculating the total number of outliers

New_DataAnalytics=DataAnalytics7.loc[(DataAnalytics7['bath']>upper_limit) | (DataAnalytics7['bath']<lower_limit)]

print('Previous Data Before Removing Outliers:', len(DataAnalytics7))

print('New Data After Removing Outliers:',len(New_DataAnalytics))

Previous Data: 7496
New Data: 80
```

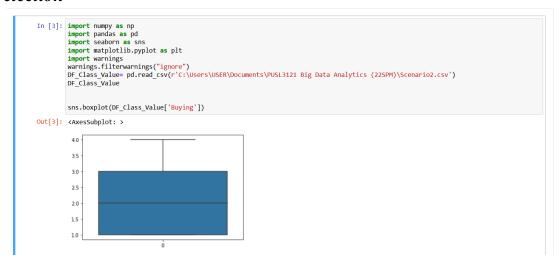
#### Dataset

The dataset, which was given using the xlsx file extension was converted to csv format and using the Jupyter notebook the dataset was loaded in to a pandas data frame enabling the view option.

The usual procedure is to check for any outliers or missing values in the dataset before any analysis is conducted using the python language.

The below screenshot will demonstrate how the outlier detection process was carried out.

# **Outlier Detection**



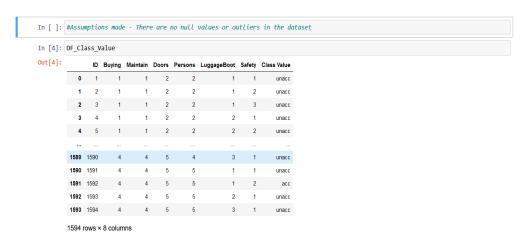
Outliers can be identified using several methods, out of which the data visualization concept is used to graphically detect if any outliers are present in the dataset

# **Null/Missing Values Detection**

Another important aspect of data cleansing is to identify for any null or missing values in the dataset. The below shown screenshot will indicate the total number of impure data is present in the dataset

```
In [2]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
DF_class_Value= pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\USER\Documents\PUSL3121 Big Data Analytics (22SPM)\Scenario2.csv')
DF_class_Value.isnull().sum().sum()
Out[2]: 0
```

After the above processes are done the next step is load the dataset and check for the new number of rows and columns available after the cleansing is carried out. Since there were no outliers or null/missing values found, the total number of rows and columns were unchanged.



# **Analyzes 3**

# **Entropy**

Entropy can be defined as the degree of randomness of data points in the system. Entropy can be calculated using the probabilities which are relative to the target group. Instead of manual calculations, in here python language will be used to derive a numerical value.

#### **Information Gain**

By determining the information gain value, a certain insight can be obtained on how much a particular variable or feature withholds information in the data point.

#### **Decision Tree**

The tree structure will be the graphical path way of identifying designated instructions for the calculated values for a certain scenario (flow chart).

#### Calculation

❖ In the initial step, empty arrays will be defined in order to containerize the calculations made before the decision tree is drawn

For Probabilities based on Column Names

```
probability_arr=[]
```

Array for Entropy

```
entropy_arr=[]
```

Array for Information Gain

```
info_arr=[]
```

The next step would be to calculate the *probability* in order to use it in the entropy equation. A for loop will be used to calculate the unique column value using the *value\_counts()* method. The values will be printed afterwards as outputs.

For loop

```
for col in DF_Class_Value.drop(columns='Class Value'):
   probability=DF_Class_Value[col].value_counts(normalize=True)
   print(col, 'probability')
   print(probability)
   probability_arr.append(probability)
```

❖ Entropy calculation will followed after the above step, where logarithmic functions will be computed in order to obtain a specific entropy value for **each column** (Buying, Maintain, Doors, Persons, Luggage Boot, Safety) except for the **target class** (Class Value)

```
# Entropy calculation = -(p(\theta)* \log(p(\theta)) + p(1) * \log(p(1)))
entropy=-1*np.sum(np.log2(probability)*probability)
print(col,'entropy:',entropy)
entropy_arr.append(entropy)
```

❖ Information gain is the summation of the multiplication between probability value and entropy of each column, where the highest value is selected on deciding the root node of the decision tree.

**Theory**: The root node of the decision tree will be the attribute which contain the maximum information gain

```
# Information gain is calculated by multiplying the probability of a class by the entropy of each feature
info_gain=np.log2(probability)*probability
print(col,'information gain',info_gain)
info_arr.append(info_gain)
```

❖ In the next step, all the values will be appended in to the empty arrays derived in one of the earlier steps.

```
stats_value=np.column_stack((probability_arr,entropy_arr,info_arr))
stats_value
```

# **Plotting**

In order to plot the decision tree, the cleansed dataset needs to be trained.

The columns of the dataset are separately identified and assigned to X and Y variables.

```
In [3]: y = DF_Class_Value['Class Value']
X = DF_Class_Value[['Buying','Maintain','Doors','Persons','LuggageBoot','Safety']]
```

Next step taken was to calculate the accuracy of the model

```
In [9]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree

model = tree.DecisionTreeClassifier().fit(X,y)
print(model.score(X,y))

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```

Below mentioned lines will predict the target variable value for a new set of independent variables. In this case out of the two possible outcomes would be 'unacc' and 'acc'

By running the below code the total accuracy level of model created can be found using 10 fold cross validation method.

```
In [4]:

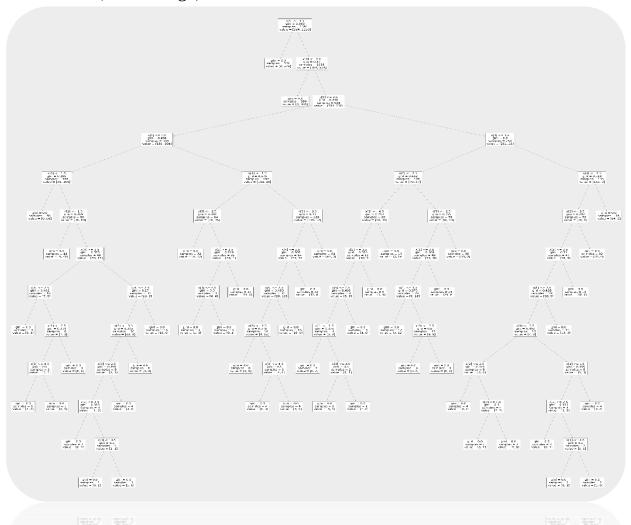
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree
import pandas as pd

DF_class_Value= pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\USER\Documents\PUSL3121 Big Data Analytics (22SPM)\Scenario2.csv')
y = DF_class_Value['class Value']
X = DF_class_Value['lass_Value']
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Finally, the decision tree can be plotted by mentioning the axes and specifying the relevant keywords from the matplotlib library

```
In [17]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(200, 200))
plot_tree(model, ax=ax)|
plt.savefig("decision_tree.png", bbox_inches='tight')
```

# Decision Tree (PNG Image)



# **Conclusion**

- ❖ Obtained datasets were cleansed by eradicating
  - Null/Missing Values
  - Outliers
- **&** By using methods such as
  - Data Visualizing
  - Z-score calculations
  - Interpolation
  - Imputation
  - Deletion
- Then the New Dataset was transferred to the process of model training in order to develop the decision tree
- ❖ A major two steps were conducted in plotting the specific tree
  - Entropy Calculation
  - Information Gain Calculation
- ❖ Finally, the graphical illustration of the decision tree was plotted using the matplotlib library

# **Individual Workload Matrix**

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