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Experiment No: 2

Title: Implement data pre-processing using python on real world dataset

Objectives of the Experiment:
To understand the need for data preprocessing before analysis or model building

COs to be achieved:
CO1: Understand basic concepts of data analytics to solve real-world problems

Books/ Journals/ Websites referred:
1. <https://pandas.pydata.org/>
2. <https://numpy.org/>
3. This experiment

Theory:
Pandas is a powerful open-source Python library used for data manipulation and analysis. It provides data structures like DataFrame and Series which allow efficient handling of structured data. With pandas, operations like filtering, grouping, merging, reshaping, and cleaning data become intuitive and fast.

Problem statement/ Tasks

Program:

```
import pandas as pd

import numpy as np

# Sample data
```

```
data = {  
  
    'name': ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Charlie', 'Dave', 'Eve'],  
  
    'age': [25, np.nan, 30, 22, 35],  
  
    'gender': ['F', 'M', 'M', 'M', 'F'],  
  
    'income': [50000, 60000, 75000, np.nan, 80000]  
}  
  
df = pd.DataFrame(data)  
  
# Display the original data  
  
print("Original DataFrame:")  
  
print(df)  
  
# User-defined function for discretization  
  
def discretize_age(age):  
  
    if age < 30:  
  
        return 'Young'  
  
    elif age >= 30 and age < 40:  
  
        return 'Middle-aged'  
  
    else:  
  
        return 'Old'  
  
# To view result  
  
df['age_group'] = df['age'].apply(discretize_age)  
  
# Handling missing values (NaN)  
  
# Fill missing values in 'age' with the mean age
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mean_age = df['age'].mean()

df['age'].fillna(mean_age, inplace=True)

# Apply discretization function to 'age' column

df['age_category'] = df['age'].apply(discretize_age)

# Drop rows with missing values in any column

df.dropna(inplace=True)

# Convert categorical variables (gender) to numerical

df['gender'] = df['gender'].map({'F': 0, 'M': 1})

# find employee with maximum salary

df.loc[df['income'].idxmax(), 'name']

#find youngest employee

df.loc[df['age'].idxmax(), 'name']

# Data normalization Min -Max

# Normalize 'income' column to range [0, 1]

min_income = df['income'].min()

max_income = df['income'].max()

df['income_normalized'] = (df['income'] - min_income) / (max_income - min_income)

# Display cleaned, preprocessed, and discretized data

print("\nCleaned, Preprocessed, and Discretized DataFrame:")

print(df)
```

Task: Download the real time data set and implement data preprocessing techniques on the real time data set

Source of the dataset (URL):

Platform used by the student:

Following points should be written by students

Different steps in Data Preprocessing:

- **Finding missing, null values**
- **Replacing missing, null values with statistical parameters**
- **Encoding categorical data if needed (Write user defined function)**
- **Normalization (Write user defined function)**
- **Discretization (Write user defined function)**

Code :

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/146p8irTZTIqJb8HW3xQjYKUTnaHUviXp?usp=sharing>

Output:

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```
[ ] import pandas as pd

[ ] df = pd.read_csv('housing - housing.csv')

[ ] df.head()
```

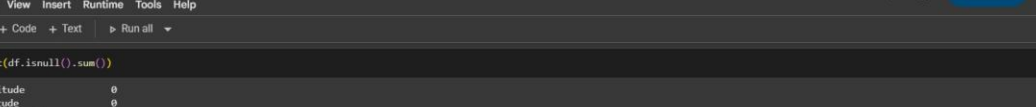
	longitude	latitude	housing_median_age	total_rooms	total_bedrooms	population	households	median_income	median_house_value	ocean_proximity
0	-122.23	37.88	41.0	880	129.0	322.0	126.0	8.3252	452600	NEAR BAY
1	-122.22	37.86	21.0	7099	1106.0	2401.0	1138.0	8.3014	358500	NEAR BAY
2	-122.24	37.85	52.0	1467	190.0	496.0	177.0	7.2574	352100	NEAR BAY
3	-122.25	37.85	52.0	1274	235.0	558.0	219.0	5.6431	341300	NEAR BAY
4	-122.25	37.85	52.0	1627	280.0	565.0	250.0	3.8462	342200	NEAR BAY

Next steps:

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The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with the following code and output:

```
[ ] print(df.isnull().sum())
```

```
longitude      0
latitude       0
housing_median_age    2
total_rooms      0
total_bedrooms    208
population       1
households       1
median_income     0
median_house_value 0
ocean_proximity  1
dtype: int64
```

```
[ ] df['total_bedrooms'] = df['total_bedrooms'].fillna(df['total_bedrooms'].mean())
df['housing_median_age'] = df['housing_median_age'].fillna(df['housing_median_age'].mean())
df['population'] = df['population'].fillna(df['population'].mean())
df['households'] = df['households'].fillna(df['households'].mean())
```

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[ ] # Mode produces a series types, we need to use [0] to get only the value, else it'll give us dtype and more areas we don't require

df['ocean_proximity'] = df['ocean_proximity'].fillna(df['ocean_proximity'].mode()[0])
```

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[ ] print(df)

   longitude  latitude  housing_median_age  total_rooms  total_bedrooms  \
0    -122.23    37.88             41.0           880           129.0
1    -122.22    37.86             21.0          7899          1166.0
2    -122.24    37.85             52.0          1467           190.0
3    -122.25    37.85             52.0          1274           235.0
4    -122.25    37.85             52.0          1627           280.0
...
28635  -121.09    39.48             25.0          1665           374.0
28636  -121.21    39.49             18.0           697           150.0
28637  -121.22    39.43             17.0          2254           485.0
28638  -121.32    39.43             12.0          1850           409.0
28639  -121.24    39.37             16.0          2785           616.0
...
   population  households  median_income  median_house_value  \
0         322.0         126.0         8.3252         452600
1        2401.0        1138.0         8.3014        358900
2         496.0         177.0         7.2574        352100
3         558.0         219.0         5.6431        341300
4         565.0         259.0         3.0462        342200
...
28635        845.0         330.0         1.5683         78100
28636        356.0         114.0         2.5568         77100
28637       1007.0         433.0         1.7080         92300
28638        741.0         349.0         1.8672         84700
28639       1387.0         530.0         2.3886         89400
...
   ocean_proximity
0      NEAR BAY
1      NEAR BAY
2      NEAR BAY
3      NEAR BAY
4      NEAR BAY
...
28635    INLAND
28636    INLAND
28637    INLAND
28638    INLAND
28639    INLAND

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[ ] print(df.isnull().sum())

longitude      0
latitude       0
housing_median_age  0
total_rooms    0
total_bedrooms  0
population     0
households     0
median_income  0
median_house_value  0
ocean_proximity  0
dtype: int64
```

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[ ] df['ocean_proximity_encoded'] = df['ocean_proximity'].astype('category').cat.codes

[ ] def discretize_income(income):
    if income < 2.5:
        return 'Low'
    elif income < 4.5:
        return 'Medium'
    else:
        return 'High'

    df['income_category'] = df['median_income'].apply(discretize_income) # adding a column called 'income category' which helps us to convert continuous numerical data into categorical buckets

[ ] def normalize_column(col):
    return (col - col.min()) / (col.max() - col.min())

    df['normalized_income'] = normalize_column(df['median_income']) # Scales continuous numerical data to a standard range - usually [0, 1].
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[ ] max_price_index = df['median_house_value'].idxmax() # returns the max value row from this column "median-house-value"
print("\nHouse with Maximum Value:")
print(df.loc[max_price_index])

House with Maximum Value:
longitude      -122.27
latitude       37.8
housing_median_age  52.0
total_rooms     249
total_bedrooms  78.0
population     396.0
households      85.0
median_income   1.2434
median_house_value  500001
ocean_proximity  <1H OCEAN
ocean_proximity_encoded  0
income_category  Low
normalized_income  0.651275
Name: 89, dtype: object

df.head()

```

	longitude	latitude	housing_median_age	total_rooms	total_bedrooms	population	households	median_income	median_house_value	ocean_proximity	ocean_proximity_encoded	income_category	normalized_income
0	-122.23	37.86	41.0	880	129.0	322.0	126.0	8.3252	452000	NEAR BAY	3	High	0.539668
1	-122.22	37.86	21.0	7099	1106.0	2401.0	1138.0	8.3014	358500	NEAR BAY	3	High	0.538027
2	-122.24	37.85	52.0	1467	190.0	496.0	177.0	7.2574	352100	NEAR BAY	3	High	0.466028
3	-122.25	37.85	52.0	1274	235.0	558.0	219.0	5.6431	341300	NEAR BAY	3	High	0.354699
4	-122.25	37.85	52.0	1627	280.0	565.0	259.0	3.8462	342200	NEAR BAY	3	Medium	0.230776

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Post Lab Subjective/Objective type Questions:

Q.1 What are some common challenges encountered during data cleaning? How did you handle missing values in the provided dataset?

Ans:

Common challenges in data cleaning include:

- Missing values
- Inconsistent data types
- Outliers
- Duplicate entries

In the provided dataset, we handled missing values by:

Using the mode (most frequent value) to fill missing entries in the ocean_proximity column:

```
df['ocean_proximity'] = df['ocean_proximity'].fillna(df['ocean_proximity'].mode()[0])
```


Q.2 Explain the importance of data normalization in the context of machine learning models. How does normalizing benefit the analysis?

Ans:

- Normalization scales numerical features to a common range (typically between 0 and 1).
- Without normalization, features with larger values can dominate those with smaller values, leading to biased results.
- In this lab, normalization helped us compare median_income values more effectively:
$$\text{df['normalized_income']} = (\text{df['median_income']} - \text{df['median_income'].min()}) / (\text{df['median_income'].max()} - \text{df['median_income'].min()})$$

Q.3 Discuss why it's essential to convert categorical variables like 'gender' into numerical representations.

Ans: Categorical variables (e.g., gender, ocean_proximity) contain text labels that machine learning models **cannot process directly**. Converting them to numerical form allows:

- Better compatibility with models
- Logical comparisons and distance calculations

For example, we used **label encoding** to convert the ocean_proximity column:

```
df['ocean_proximity_encoded'] = df['ocean_proximity'].astype('category').cat.codes
```

This makes the data model-friendly while preserving category information.

Conclusion:

In this lab, I learned how essential data cleaning and preprocessing steps are for preparing real-world datasets. I handled missing values, encoded categorical features, normalized numerical data, and extracted useful insights.