# 1-ExploringTheAutomobileMpgDataset

### October 16, 2021

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[1]: import sklearn
     import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     import datetime
[2]: print(sklearn.__version__)
    0.24.1
[3]: print(np.__version__)
    1.20.1
[4]: print(pd.__version__)
    1.2.4
[5]: 111
     This is a dataset that contains a number of different automobile features,
     ⇒which we use to predict how many
     miles that automobile runs per gallon of fuel.
     automobile_df=pd.read_csv('data/auto-mpg.csv')
[6]: '''
      If you want to view a sample of records in your data frame so that you can u
      \hookrightarrow explore the dataset,
      you can call the df.sample function. The parameter 5 indicates that five \sqcup
      →records should be displayed.
      And here are five records chosen at random from our dataset.
     automobile_df.sample(5)
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[6]:
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                                    toyota corona hardtop
     220
                   77
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                                    datsun f-10 hatchback
     13
                   70
                             1
                                  buick estate wagon (sw)
[7]: '''
     The columns at the very right make up the features of our machine learning \Box
      \hookrightarrow model.
     The regression models that we're going to build will use these columns in order
      \hookrightarrow to make predictions
     about the miles per gallon for that car.
     There are features such as the number of cylinders the car has, the \Box
      \hookrightarrow displacement of the car from the bottom,
     the horsepower, the weight, the acceleration, model, year, the origin of the
      \hookrightarrow car, and the name of the car.
     The first column off to the left, the mpg column, gives us the miles per gallon_{\sqcup}
      ⇔ for that particular car,
     and this is what we'll try and predict using regression.
     automobile_df.sample(5)
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[7]:		mpg	cylin	ders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	\
	104	12.0		8	400.0	167	4906	12.5	
	66	17.0		8	304.0	150	3672	11.5	
	154	15.0		6	250.0	72	3432	21.0	
	271	23.2		4	156.0	105	2745	16.7	
	77	22.0		4	121.0	76	2511	18.0	
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	154		75		1 mercu	mercury monarch			
	271		78		1 plymout	th sapporo			
	77		72		2 volkswager	n 411 (sw)			

[8]:

The shape variable for any dataset gives us how many records are in the dataset

→ and how many columns.

So we have 398 records and 9 columns of data.

These 9 columns include 8 columns of features and 1 column that forms our

→ machine learning target,

the value we are trying to predict, the mpg.

### [8]: (398, 9)

automobile\_df.shape

### [9]: '''

Now, datasets that we work with in the real world often contain missing fields  $\neg$  or values, and these records need to be handled and cleaned in some way. This is part of the data wrangling or preprocessing that will apply to our data.

Now this particular dataset contains question marks(?) in place of missing → fields;

we'll replace all of those question marks with NaNs, or not a numbers. Call the automobile\_df.replace function in order to perform this replacement.

automobile\_df=automobile\_df.replace("?",np.nan)

### [10]: '''

And once you have NaNs in place of missing values, it's very easy to clean your  $_{\hookrightarrow}$  data frame.

The drop any function on your pandas DataFrame will simply drop all of those  $\hookrightarrow$  records which have any fields missing.

automobile\_df=automobile\_df.dropna()

### [11]: '''

And if you take a look at the shape of your data frame now, you see that we  $\rightarrow$  have 392 records.

We originally had 398 records, and now it's 392. 6 records had missing fields, they were dropped.

### automobile\_df.shape

### [11]: (392, 9)

[12]: '''

While we are building up the features for our linear regression model, it's pretty clear that the origin of the car and the name of the car has no  $\sqcup$   $\hookrightarrow$  impact on its mileage.

This is something that we can determine just by a cursory look at the columns $_{\sqcup}$   $\hookrightarrow$  in our data frame,

so go ahead and drop the origin and car name columns in place.

These features, we know by using our common sense and logic, have no predictive  $_{\!\sqcup}$   $_{\!\hookrightarrow\!powers}.$ 

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automobile\_df.drop(['origin','car name'],axis=1,inplace=True)

[13]: '''

I'm going to call automobile\_df.sample to sample five records from our data  $\hookrightarrow$  frames.

And here are the features that we're going to work with: cylinders,  $\Box \Rightarrow displacement$ , horsepower, weight,

acceleration, and model year, and the miles per gallon is our target, what  $_{\sqcup}$   $_{\hookrightarrow}$  you're going to try and predict.

automobile\_df.sample(5)

from IPython.display import Image

[13]:

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_	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year
104	12.0	8	400.0	167	4906	12.5	73
270	21.1	4	134.0	95	2515	14.8	78
190	14.5	8	351.0	152	4215	12.8	76
373	24.0	4	140.0	92	2865	16.4	82
318	29.8	4	134.0	90	2711	15.5	80

### [14]: '''

Now this dataset is from the '90s, and you can see that all of the model years $_{\sqcup}$  $\rightarrow$ are basically 1973, 78, 82, and so on.

Now the model year by itself is just an object. Let's make this useful by ⇒converting this to be the age of the car.

It's quite possible that we don't know for sure that the age of the car might $\sqcup$  $\rightarrow$ have some impact on its mileage.

Before we get to the age, let's convert the year to its full form, 1973, 1980,  $\hookrightarrow$  and so on,

so I'm going to prepend the string 19 to the model year. So 19 + model year as  $\Box$  $\hookrightarrow string$ ,

will give us the resultant model year.

Assign this new format to the model year column and let's sample our data $\sqcup$  $\rightarrow$  frame and take a look at the result.

The model year now has the full year, 1982, 1972, and so on.

automobile\_df['model year'] = '19' + automobile\_df['model year'].astype(str)

### [15]: '''

Assign this new format to the model year column and let's sample our data $\sqcup$  $\hookrightarrow$  frame and take a look at the result.

The model year now has the full year, 1982, 1972, and so on.

Now with this, we can calculate how old this particular car is. ,,,

automobile\_df.sample(5)

### [15]: mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration model year 19.0 6 232.0 2634 13.0 1971 33 100 223 15.5 8 4140 13.7 1977 318.0 145 6 341 23.5 173.0 2725 12.6 110 1981 282 22.3 140.0 88 2890 17.3 1979 94 13.0 8 440.0 4735 11.0 1973 215

### [16]: '''

You can choose any reference date to calculate the age, as long as it's later | ⇒than the last year that the car was made.

In order to keep things simple, we'll calculate each field by subtracting from 

→ the current year.

I'll use the datetime library to access the current year we're at; this year 

→ will be in numeric form.

And I'll convert the data in the model year column to numeric form by calling 

→ pd. to\_numeric.

The result will be a number that will represent the age of a particular car.

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automobile\_df['age']=datetime.datetime.now().year-pd.

→ to\_numeric(automobile\_df['model year'])

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Go ahead and drop the original model year field, we no longer needed because  $\omega$  we have the age column.

automobile\_df.drop(['model year'], axis=1, inplace=True)

[18]: '''

Let's view a sample of this data frame.

Once again, you can see we now have each column which tells you how old this  $\Box$   $\rightarrow$  particular car is.

The absolute values for these ages don't really matter so much.

It is their relative values that are more significant.

If a car is older than another, it's possible that its mileage goes down.

automobile\_df.sample(5)

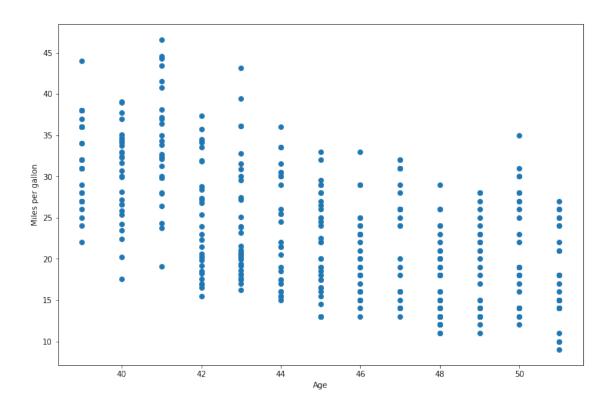
[18]:		mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	age
	134	16.0	6	258.0	110	3632	18.0	47
	26	10.0	8	307.0	200	4376	15.0	51
	378	38.0	4	105.0	63	2125	14.7	39
	141	29.0	4	98.0	83	2219	16.5	47
	246	32.8	4	78.0	52	1985	19.4	43

[19]: '''

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Take a look at the data types of the different columns.
       You'll find that all of them are numeric except for one, that is the horsepower _{\!\scriptscriptstyle \perp}
       \hookrightarrow column.
       The horsepower is a numeric field, but its data type in our data frame is_{\sqcup}
       \hookrightarrow object.
       We need to fix this. This is very easily done using pandas.
       , , ,
      automobile_df.dtypes
[19]: mpg
                        float64
      cylinders
                           int64
                        float64
      displacement
      horsepower
                         object
      weight
                           int64
      acceleration
                         float64
      age
                           int64
      dtype: object
[20]: '''
      Simply call pd.to\_numeric to convert horsepower to a numeric field and assign_{\sqcup}
       \hookrightarrow it to the horsepower column once again.
      automobile_df['horsepower']=pd.
       →to numeric(automobile df['horsepower'],errors='coerce')
[21]: '''
      Let's now call describe on our dataset in order to get a few statistical bits\sqcup
       →of information about all of our
      numerical features.
       You can see that all of the features in our dataset are now numeric.
       We have mean value, standard deviations, and the different percentiles \sqcup
       \hookrightarrow displayed here.
       The describe function in pandas is an easy way for you to get a quick feel for ...
       \hookrightarrow your numeric data.
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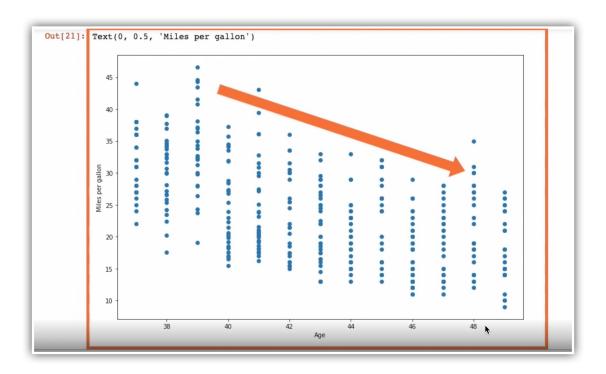
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      count
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      std
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      75%
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                             51.000000
      max
[26]: '''
      Understanding the features of our dataset and what we're trying to predict is_{\sqcup}
      \hookrightarrow the first step.
      The next step is to explore the data using visualizations.
      I'm going to use Matplotlib to plot a few scatter plots in order to understand \sqcup
      pairwise relationships that exists in my data.
       here I'm going to plot age versus the automobile's miles per gallon.
       We thought it might be possible that the older car is, the lower its mileage.
       Let's see if that's true using our visualization.
      , , ,
      fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
      plt.scatter(automobile_df['age'],automobile_df['mpg'])
      plt.xlabel('Age')
      plt.ylabel('Miles per gallon')
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automobile\_df.describe()



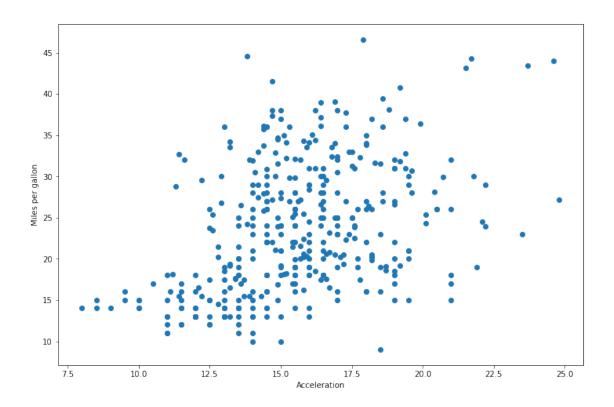
# [28]: And you can see that there is a definite downward trend here. Now this doesn't necessarily mean that a relationship does exist that needs → more statistical analysis, but this visualization seems to tell us that older cars have lower mileage.

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[29]: fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
    plt.scatter(automobile_df['acceleration'],automobile_df['mpg'])
    plt.xlabel('Acceleration')
    plt.ylabel('Miles per gallon')
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[29]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Miles per gallon')



## [32]:

Let's plot another scatter plot here.

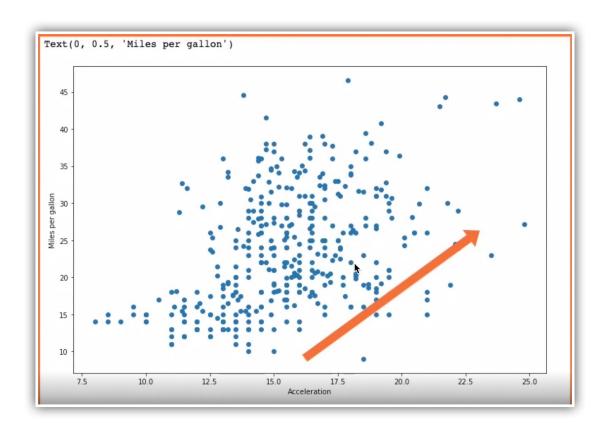
This time we'll try and see whether the acceleration of a particular car has  $\rightarrow$  any impact on mileage.

on the y axis, there's a definite upward slope to the scatter plot.

So maybe there is a relationship here.

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I'm curious about another one of our input features, that is the weight of the

→ car.

Does the weight of the automobile have any significant impact on its mileage?

Maybe this scatter plot will give us some information.

And yes, definitely there is a downward trend here.

It seems like greater the weight of the car, lower its mileage, which makes

→ sense to us intuitively.

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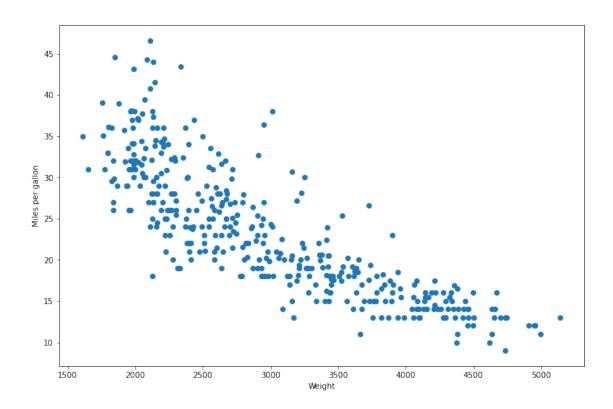
fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))

plt.scatter(automobile_df['weight'],automobile_df['mpg'])

plt.xlabel('Weight')

plt.ylabel('Miles per gallon')
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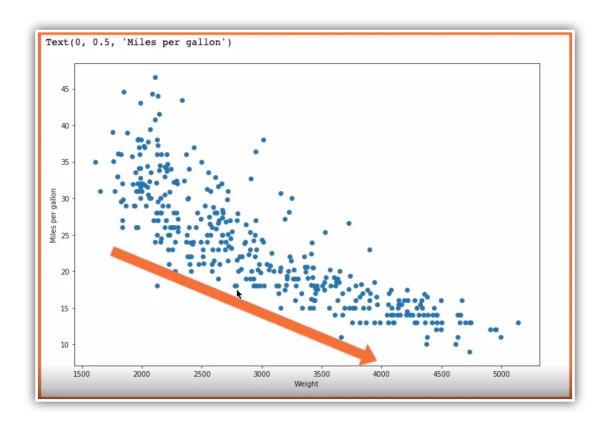
[33]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Miles per gallon')



[34]: Image('/Users/subhasish/Documents/APPLE/SUBHASISH/Development/GIT/Interstellar/

SB-AI-DEV/ML/SB/LinerRegression/Images/2021-10-16\_02-31-31.jpg')

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What about how the car is positioned relative to the ground, the displacement

→ of the car versus mileage,
is there any relationship?

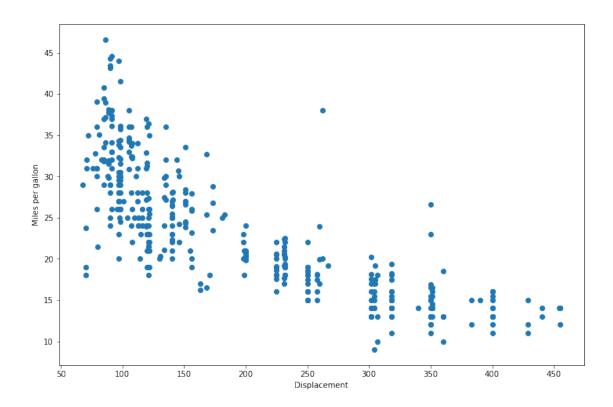
And once again, the visualization seems to say yes.
It seems like greater the displacement of the car off the ground, lower the

→ miles per gallon it travels.

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fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
plt.scatter(automobile_df['displacement'],automobile_df['mpg'])
plt.xlabel('Displacement')
plt.ylabel('Miles per gallon')
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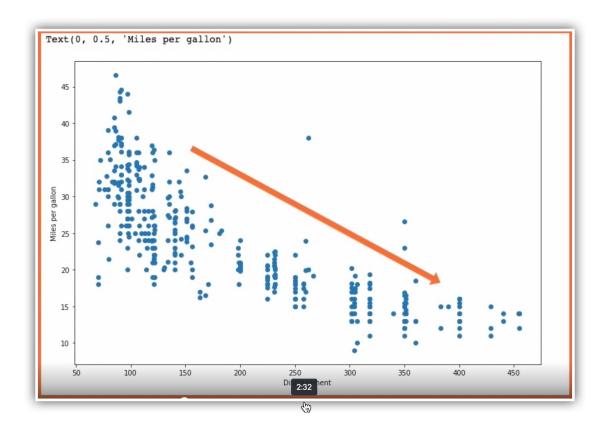
[35]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Miles per gallon')



[36]: Image('/Users/subhasish/Documents/APPLE/SUBHASISH/Development/GIT/Interstellar/

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This pairwise exploration of variables really helps us cement our understanding of the underlying dataset.

What about horsepower, does it affect the miles per gallon?

Yes, indeed, it does.

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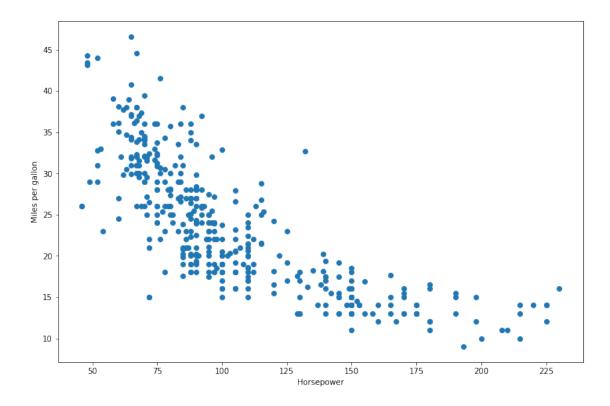
fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))

plt.scatter(automobile_df['horsepower'],automobile_df['mpg'])

plt.xlabel('Horsepower')

plt.ylabel('Miles per gallon')
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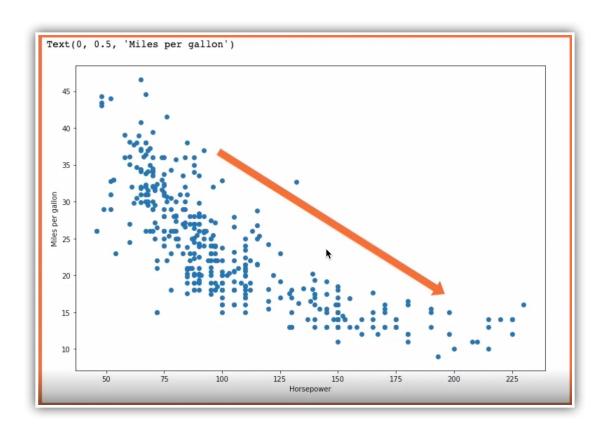
[37]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Miles per gallon')



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Let's consider one last visualization here, cylinders versus mpg.

And this scatter plot definitely seems to be a little harder to pass as accompared with others.

Cars with four cylinders overall seem to have the best miles per gallon.

When you train your machine learning model, you feed it features that you think are significant.

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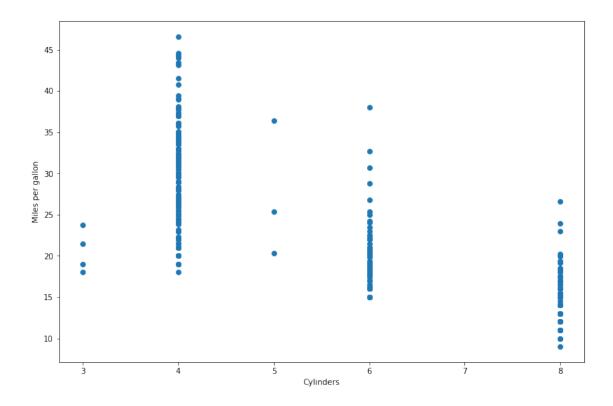
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 8))

plt.scatter(automobile_df['cylinders'], automobile_df['mpg'])

plt.xlabel('Cylinders')

plt.ylabel('Miles per gallon')
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[41]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Miles per gallon')



### [43]: '''

Now it's quite possible that your features themselves have interrelationships $_{\sqcup}$   $_{\hookrightarrow}$  or correlations with one another.

Correlations is a statistical measure that tells you whether and how strongly  $_{\!\!\!\!\perp}$  -pairs of variables are related.

Data frames offer this nifty little core function that will list out pairwise  $\neg$  correlations between every pair of variables in your dataset.

Correlation values are floating point numbers between -1 and 1.

1 implies a perfect positive correlation between two variables.

Positive correlation implies that two variables move together in the same  $_{\sqcup}$   $_{\hookrightarrow}$  direction.

A negative correlation implies that the two variables move in different  $\rightarrow$  directions.

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The raw correlation numbers tell us that acceleration is positively correlated \Box
       \rightarrow with the mileage per gallon.
       You can also see that weight is negatively correlated with miles per gallon.
       In fact, weight is highly negatively correlated, - 0.83.
      automobile corr=automobile df.corr()
      automobile_corr
[43]:
                         mpg cylinders displacement horsepower
                                                                      weight \
                    1.000000 -0.777618
                                             -0.805127
                                                         -0.778427 -0.832244
     mpg
      cylinders
                   -0.777618
                              1.000000
                                              0.950823
                                                          0.842983 0.897527
      displacement -0.805127
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                               0.950823
      horsepower
                   -0.778427 0.842983
                                              0.897257
                                                          1.000000 0.864538
      weight
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      age
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      mpg
                       -0.504683 0.345647
      cylinders
                       -0.543800 0.369855
      displacement
     horsepower
                       -0.689196 0.416361
      weight
                       -0.416839 0.309120
      acceleration
                       1.000000 -0.290316
                       -0.290316 1.000000
      age
[44]: '''
       Viewing correlations with the raw numbers is hard, which is why we use a_{\sqcup}
       \rightarrow visualization technique
       called the heatmap in order to view correlations in our data.
       When we pass in annot is equal to True to the heatmap in Seaborn, it will_\sqcup
       →print out the actual
       correlation number along with the color-coded grid.
       And this is what a heatmap looks like. Lighter colors tending towards creamu
       ⇒ denote positive correlation,
       darker colors tending towards black denote negative correlation.
       This value of - 0.58 is in the mpg row and the age column.
       This shows that the miles per gallon seems very negatively correlated with the \sqcup
       \hookrightarrow age of the car.
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 8))
      sns.heatmap(automobile_corr,annot=True)
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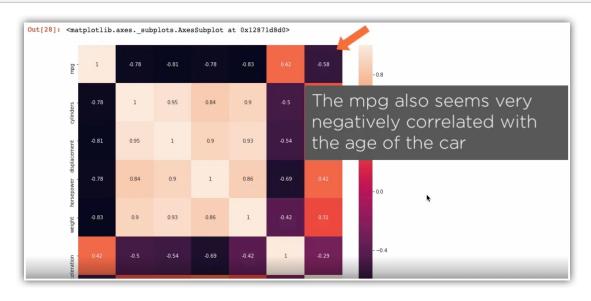
## [44]: <AxesSubplot:>



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       We've done a bunch of preprocessing on our dataset, we've also viewed the \Box
       \hookrightarrow relationships in our data.
       Now let's take this updated data frame and shuffle it so that we feed and \sqcup
       ⇔shuffle data to our
       machine learning models.
       I'll use the sample function on our data frame to shuffle my dataset,
       I'm keeping all of the original samples, frac is equal to 1, and I'm resetting.
       \hookrightarrow the indices.
       Drop is equal to True, passed into reset_index will drop the original index\Box
       \rightarrowvalues that existed in our data frame.
       Here is our shuffled and cleaned up data frame.
       Now, shuffling data before feeding into an ML model is important so that our
       \rightarrow model doesn't
       inadvertently pick up patterns that do not exist.
       so it's important that your data be shuffled.
       model.
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      automobile_df = automobile_df.sample(frac=1).reset_index(drop=True)
      automobile_df.head()
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[46]:
         mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration age
     0 18.1
                      6
                                258.0
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     1 19.2
                      8
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     3 26.0
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[48]:

I'm going to save my shuffled and cleaned up dataset to a new CSV file,

→ auto-mpg- processed.csv.

This is the CSV file that I'll use to build my regression models.

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automobile_df.to_csv('data/auto-mpg-processed.csv', index=False)
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