Internship Weekly Report – Week 4

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◈ Task Description

Objective:
To understand the fundamentals of machine learning and apply them by building a simple linear regression model using Scikit-Learn, including data preprocessing, model training, and evaluation.

Tasks Completed:

Machine Learning Basics:

- Learned the difference between supervised and unsupervised learning.
- Focused on linear regression as a foundational algorithm in supervised learning.
- Understood concepts such as features, labels, training data, testing data, and overfitting.

Model Building:

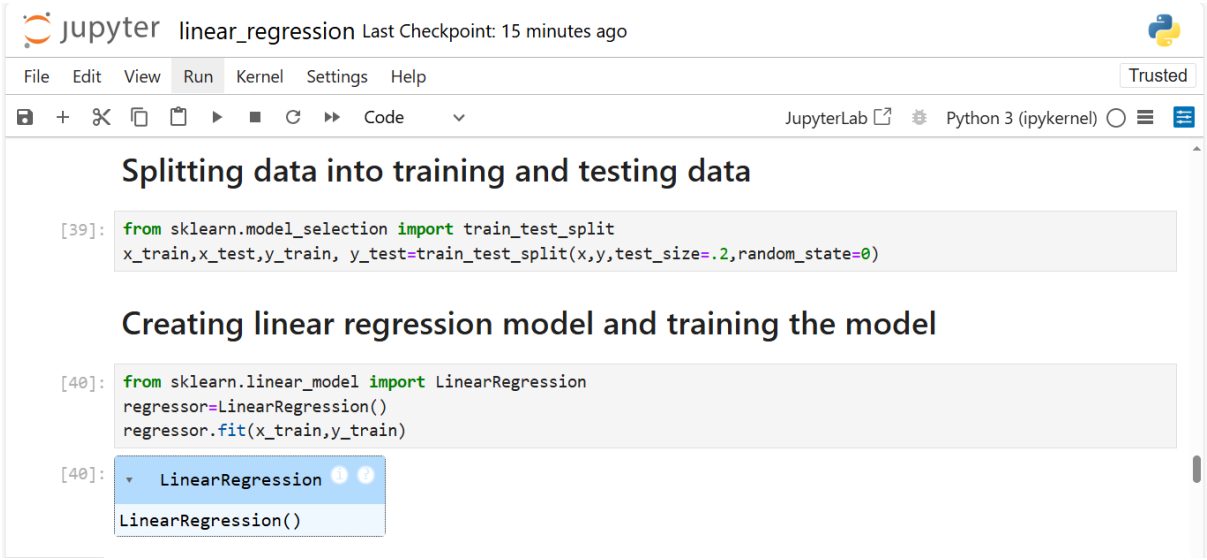
- Implemented **Linear Regression** using the 1000_Companies.csv dataset.
- Preprocessed data (handled categorical features using Label encoding).
- Split the dataset into training and testing sets using train_test_split.
- Trained the linear regression model using Scikit-Learn's LinearRegression() class.
- Predicted results and evaluated model performance using metrics like **R^2 Score** and **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**.

Tools Used:

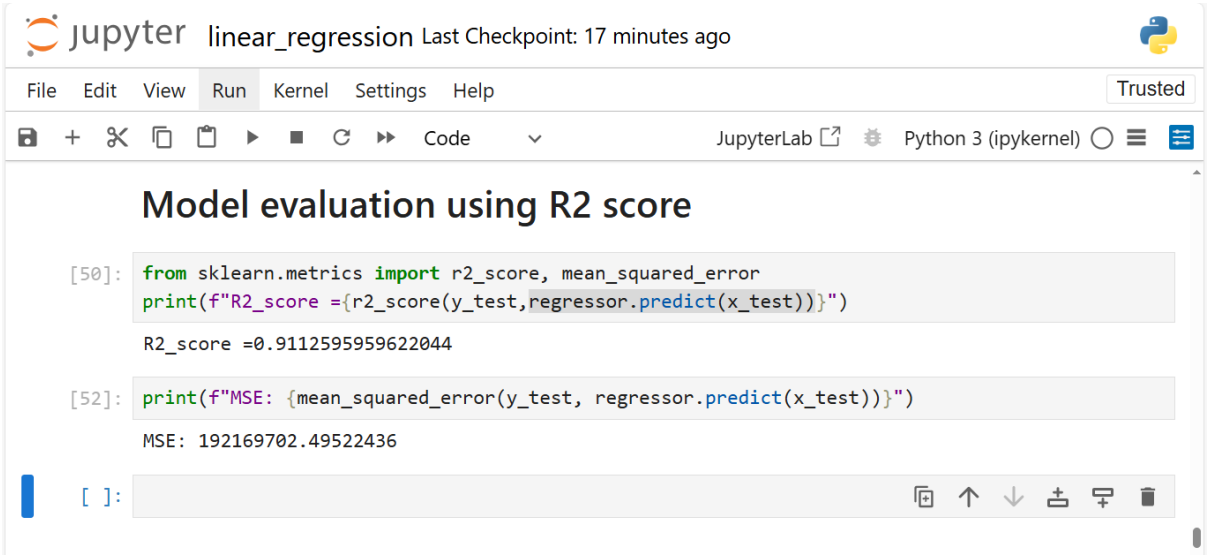
- Scikit-Learn
- Pandas
- NumPy
- Jupyter Notebook

◆ Code Snippets / Design Screenshots

Example 1: Data Splitting and Model Training



Example 2: Model Evaluation



◆ Challenges Faced

1. Categorical Feature Handling:

- Dataset included non-numeric features that couldn't be directly used in model training.
- **Resolution:** Used LabelEncoder() from sklearn.preprocessing for Label encoding.

2. Model Accuracy Variability:

- Initial model showed low R^2 score.
- **Resolution:** Reviewed feature selection and normalized relevant features.

3. Data Splitting Concerns:

- Model was sensitive to random splits.
- **Resolution:** Used random_state in train_test_split for reproducibility.

◈ Learning Outcome

- Understood the end-to-end workflow of building a regression model.
- Gained confidence using Scikit-Learn for model training and evaluation.
- Learned how to handle real-world data challenges like feature encoding and data splitting.
- Interpreted regression metrics like R^2 score and MSE for model assessment.

◈ Next Steps

For **Week 5**, the focus will be on:

- Working on classification and regression models like Decision Tree and Logistic Regression.
- Evaluating models using accuracy and confusion matrix.
- Expanding understanding of model evaluation for classification problems.

◈ Resources

- **ML Basics:** Machine Learning with Python
- **Scikit-Learn Documentation:** https://scikit-learn.org/stable/
- **Dataset Used:** 1000_Companies.csv
