

Experiment 1

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Aim: To perform data preprocessing in terms of handling missing data, removing outliers, eliminating outliers, eliminating duplicate rows & modifying the datatypes, etc.

Theory: Python an easy to learn programming language which makes it the most popular & preferred language for beginners in data science, data analytics and machine learning. It also has a greater community of online learners and excellent data-centric libraries. With so much data being generated it becomes important that the data we use for data science applications like machine learning & predictive modelling is clean. Data cleaning refers to the process of cleaning the dirty data by identifying the errors in data and rectifying them. Data cleaning is hence a very important step in ML.

Data cleaning consists of:-

* Missing values

We will start by calculating the percentage of values missing in each column and storing information in the dataset.

* Drop Observation - One way

We can drop observations that contain only null values in then for any of the columns. This works when

the percentage of missing values in each column is less.

* Remove columns -

Drop columns/features which have significant percentage of missing values.

* Imp missing values -

we can also fill missing value in numerical columns, using mean, median, mode and other such structures.

* Outliers

It's an unusual ~~data~~ observation that is random & wrong. They can affect the ML model significantly.

* Duplicate records

Data can sometimes contain duplicate values. It's important to remove duplicate records from dataset before we process to ML model.

* Fixing a datatype

Often values in dataset were stored in the ~~c~~ correct data type.

Procedure

Firstly we load the dataset in the dataframe, then we list columns & the no. of null values in that column. It's observed that age has 177 null values, sex has 687 null values. Next we fill the null values. We also observe that the cleaned data includes columns age and encoded values of columns embarked & p class as dependant values & survived column as target.

Conclusion - Here we conclude that data cleaning is very important before applying data on ML models.