SENTIMENT ANALYSIS FOR MARKING

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INTRODUCTION

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Sentiment analysis has become an essential tool for marketing campaigns because you're able to automatically analyze data on a scale far beyond what manual human analysis could do, with unsurpassed accuracy, and in real time. It allows you to get into the minds of your customers and the public at large to make data-driven decisions. You can even analyze customer sentiment of your company and compare it against your competition, or follow market trends and emerging topics.

Check out your brand perception in new potential markets. The public offers millions of opinions about brands and products on a daily basis, on social media and beyond. Traditional metrics, like views, clicks, comments, and shares just aren't enough anymore – they don't tell the whole story. Some of those reactions could actually be negative .

You need to know exactly what they are saying, then you can figure out why. And machine learning allows you to perform it automatically and on a regular basis, with almost no human interaction needed. With constant, real-time sentiment analysis, you'll always be prepared to make quick decisions and pivot when necessary.

Data preprocessing is the first machine learning step in which we transform raw data obtained from various sources into a usable format to implement accurate machine learning models. In this article, we cover all the steps involved in the data preprocessing phase.

Mounting our Drive to Google Colab In this article, we shall carry out our data preprocessing experiments on Google Colab. Therefore, we need to ensure our Google Drive is accessible from Google Colab.

Feature Engineering is the process of creating new features or transforming existing features to improve the performance of a machine-learning model. It involves selecting relevant information from raw data and transforming it into a format that can be easily understood by a model. The goal is to improve model accuracy by providing more meaningful and relevant information.

Step 1: Data Collection93

You can start by collecting a dataset containing customer reviews of competitor products. You can consider sources like e-commerce websites, social media platforms, or review websites. Websites like Amazon, Yelp, or Twitter can be good places to start. Ensure that the dataset includes text reviews and corresponding sentiment labels (positive, negative, neutral).

Step 2: Data Preprocessing

Before performing sentiment analysis, it's crucial to clean and preprocess the textual data:

Remove special characters, HTML tags, and punctuation.

Tokenize the text into words or subwords.

Convert text to lowercase.

Remove stop words (common words like "the," "and," "is" that don't carry much meaning).

Lemmatize or stem words to their base forms.

Step 3: Sentiment Analysis Techniques

You can employ various NLP techniques for sentiment analysis:

Bag of Words (BoW): Convert the preprocessed text into a matrix of word counts. Each document (review) is represented as a vector of word frequencies.

- Word Embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe): Use pre-trained word embeddings to represent words in a continuous vector space. Average or concatenate word embeddings for each document.

Transformer Models (e.g., BERT, GPT-3):

- Utilize pre-trained transformer-based models to capture contextual information in the text. Fine-tune the model on your sentiment analysis task.

Step 4: Feature Extraction

- Extract features and sentiments from the text data:
- Use the chosen technique (BoW, Word Embeddings, or Transformer) to represent the reviews as numerical features.
- Apply sentiment analysis algorithms or models to classify each review into positive, negative, or neutral sentiments.

Step 5: Visualization

- Create visualizations to depict sentiment distribution and analyze trends:
- Generate bar charts or pie charts to show the distribution of positive, negative, and neutral sentiments.
- Create word clouds to visualize the most frequently mentioned words in positive and negative reviews.
- Plot time series graphs to observe how sentiments change over time.

Step 6: Insights Generation

- Extract meaningful insights from the sentiment analysis results to guide business decisions and elaborate on the content:

Identify common themes or topics in positive and negative reviews.

- Analyse the sentiment trends over time to see if there are any seasonal patterns or product-specific events affecting sentiment.

Compare sentiment scores across different competitor products.

- Look for keywords or phrases that frequently appear in positive or negative reviews, which can provide actionable insights for product improvement.

- By following these steps, you can perform sentiment analysis on customer reviews of competitor products, gain valuable insights, and make informed business decisions based on customer feedback.

PROGRAM:

```
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D from
sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler import
matplotlib.pyplot as plt # plotting import numpy as np
# linear algebra import os # accessing directory
structure
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read _csv)
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There is 1 csv file in the current version of the dataset:

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n [2]: for dirname, _, filenames in os.walk('/kaggle/input'):      for filename in
filenames:       print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
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/kaggle/input/car data.csv
/kaggle/input/cardata.R
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The next hidden code cells define functions for plotting data. Click on the "Code" button in the published kernel to reveal the hidden code.

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n [3]: # Distribution graphs (histogram/bar graph) of column data def
plotPerColumnDistribution(df, nGraphShown, nGraphPerRow):    nunique =
df.nunique()
   df = df[[col for col in df if nunique[col] > 1 and nunique[c ol] < 50]] # For
displaying purposes, pick columns that have betw een 1 and 50 unique values
nRow, nCol = df.shape
   columnNames = list(df)
   nGraphRow = (nCol + nGraphPerRow - 1) / nGraphPerRow    plt.figure(num =
None, figsize = (6 * nGraphPerRow, 8 * nGra phRow), dpi = 80, facecolor = 'w',
edgecolor = 'k')    for i in range(min(nCol, nGraphShown)):
plt.subplot(nGraphRow, nGraphPerRow, i + 1)
      columnDf = df.iloc[:, i]
      if (not np.issubdtype(type(columnDf.iloc[0]), np.number)
):          valueCounts = columnDf.value_counts()
valueCounts.plot.bar()       else:
        columnDf.hist()       plt.ylabel('counts')
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
      plt.title(f'{columnNames[i]} (column {i})')     plt.tight_layout(pad = 1.0,
w_pad = 1.0, h_pad = 1.0)     plt.show()
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In [4]:

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# Correlation matrix def
plotCorrelationMatrix(df, graphWidth):
filename = df.dataframeName
   df = df.dropna('columns') # drop columns with NaN     df = df[[col for col in df
if df[col].nunique() > 1]] # keep columns where there are more than 1 unique
values     if df.shape[1] < 2:        print(f'No correlation plots shown: The number
of non-Na
N or constant columns ({df.shape[1]}) is less than 2')        return
corr = df.corr()
   plt.figure(num=None, figsize=(graphWidth, graphWidth), dpi=8
0, facecolor='w', edgecolor='k')     corrMat =
plt.matshow(corr, fignum = 1)
   plt.xticks(range(len(corr.columns)), corr.columns, rotation=
90)
   plt.yticks(range(len(corr.columns)), corr.columns)
   plt.gca().xaxis.tick_bottom()
   plt.colorbar(corrMat)
   plt.title(f'Correlation Matrix for {filename}', fontsize=15)     plt.show()
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In [5]:

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# Scatter and density plots def plotScatterMatrix(df, plotSize, textSize):     df =
df.select_dtypes(include =[np.number]) # keep only nume rical columns
   # Remove rows and columns that would lead to df being singula r
   df = df.dropna('columns')
   df = df[[col for col in df if df[col].nunique() > 1]] # keep columns where there
are more than 1 unique values     columnNames = list(df)
   if len(columnNames) > 10: # reduce the number of columns for matrix
inversion of kernel density plots        columnNames = columnNames[:10]     df
= df[columnNames]
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    ax = pd.plotting.scatter_matrix(df, alpha=0.75, figsize=[plotSize, plotSize],
diagonal=' kde')
   corrs = df.corr().values     for i, j in zip(*plt.np.triu_indices_from(ax, k = 1)):
ax[i, j].annotate('Corr. coef = %.3f' % corrs[i, j], (0. 8, 0.2), xycoords='axes
fraction', ha='center', va='center', siz e=textSize)
   plt.suptitle('Scatter and Density Plot')     plt.show()
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Now you're ready to read in the data and use the plotting functions to visualize the data.

Let's check 1st file: /kaggle/input/car data.csv

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n [6]: nRowsRead = 1000 # specify 'None' if want to read whole file # car data.csv
may have more rows in reality, but we are only loa ding/previewing the first 1000
rows
df1 = pd.read_csv('/kaggle/input/car data.csv', delimiter=',', n rows =
nRowsRead)
df1.dataframeName = 'car data.csv' nRow,
nCol = df1.shape
print(f'There are {nRow} rows and {nCol} columns')
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There are 301 rows and 10 columns
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Let's take a quick look at what the data looks like:

In [7]:

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df1.head(5)
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Out[7]:

	Car_Name	company	Year	Selling_Price	Present_Price	Kms_Driven	Fuel_Type	Seller_Type
0	Ritz	maruti suzuki	2014	3.35	5.59	27000	Petrol	Dealer
1	sx4	maruti suzuki	2013	4.75	9.54	43000	Diesel	Dealer
2	Ciaz	maruti suzuki	2017	7.25	9.85	6900	Petrol	Dealer

3	wagon r	maruti suzuki	2011	2.85	4.15	5200	Petrol	Dealer
4	Swift	maruti suzuki	2014	4.60	6.87	42450	Diesel	Dealer

Distribution graphs (histogram/bar graph) of sampled columns:

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n [8]: plotPerColumnDistribution(df1, 10, 5)
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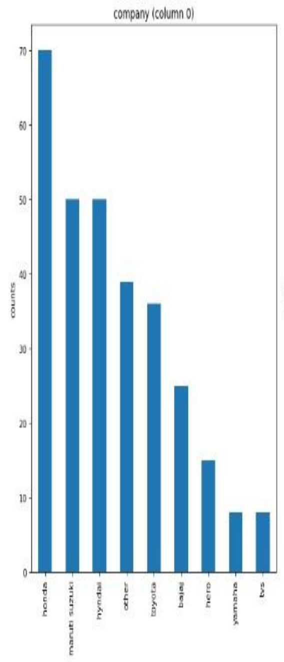
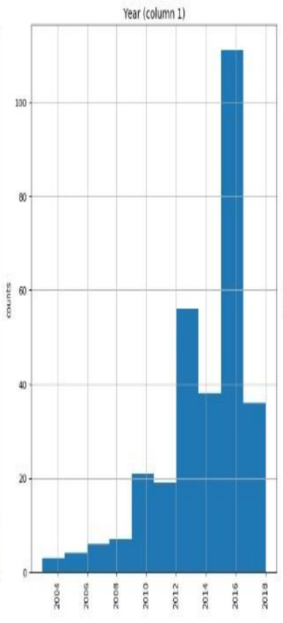
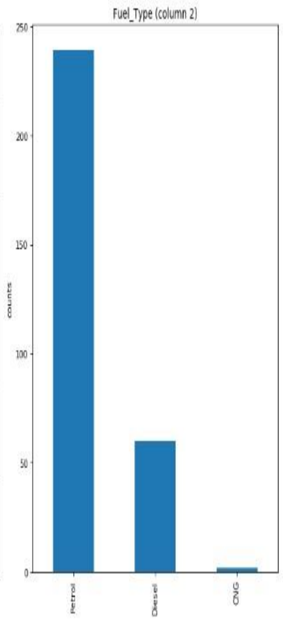
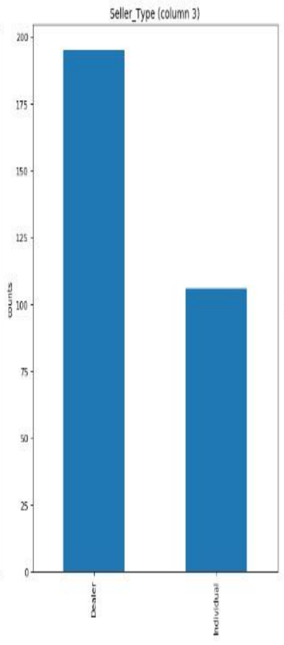
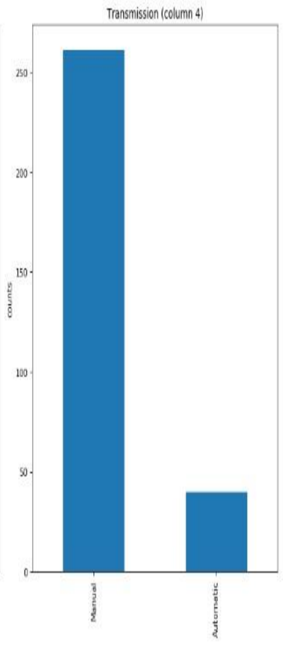
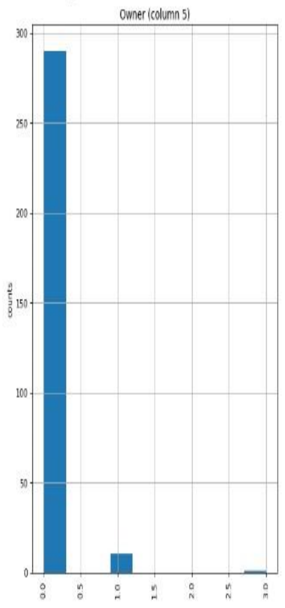

company (column 0)
counts
honda
maruti suzuki
hyndai
other
toyota
bajaj
hero
yamaha
tvs

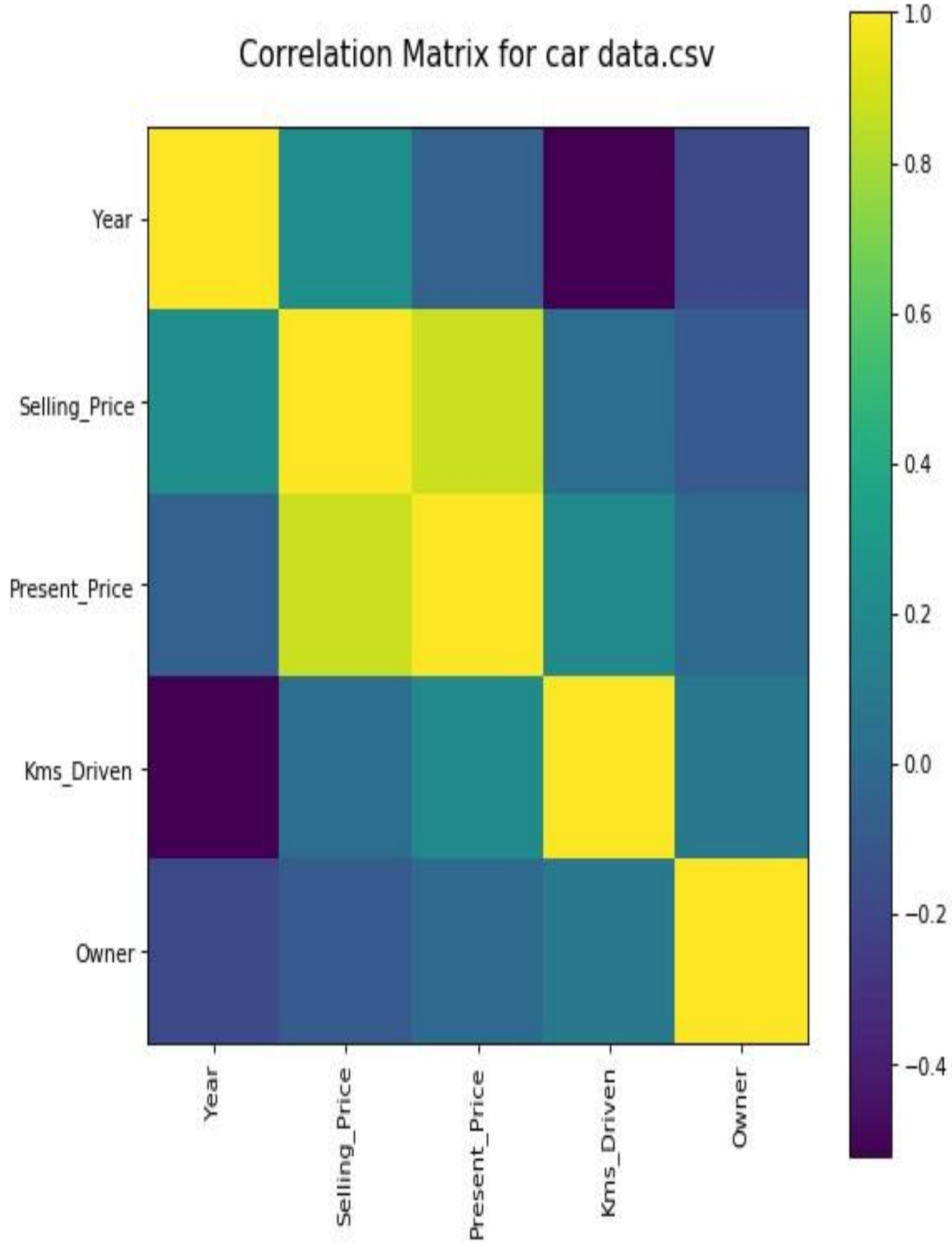

Year (column 1)
counts
2004
2006
2008
2010
2012
2014
2016
2018


Fuel_Type (column 2)
counts
Petrol
Diesel
CNG


Seller_Type (column 3)
counts
Dealer
Individual


Transmission (column 4)
counts
Manual
Automatic


Owner (column 5)
counts



Scatter and density plots:

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n [10]: plotScatterMatrix(df1, 15, 10)
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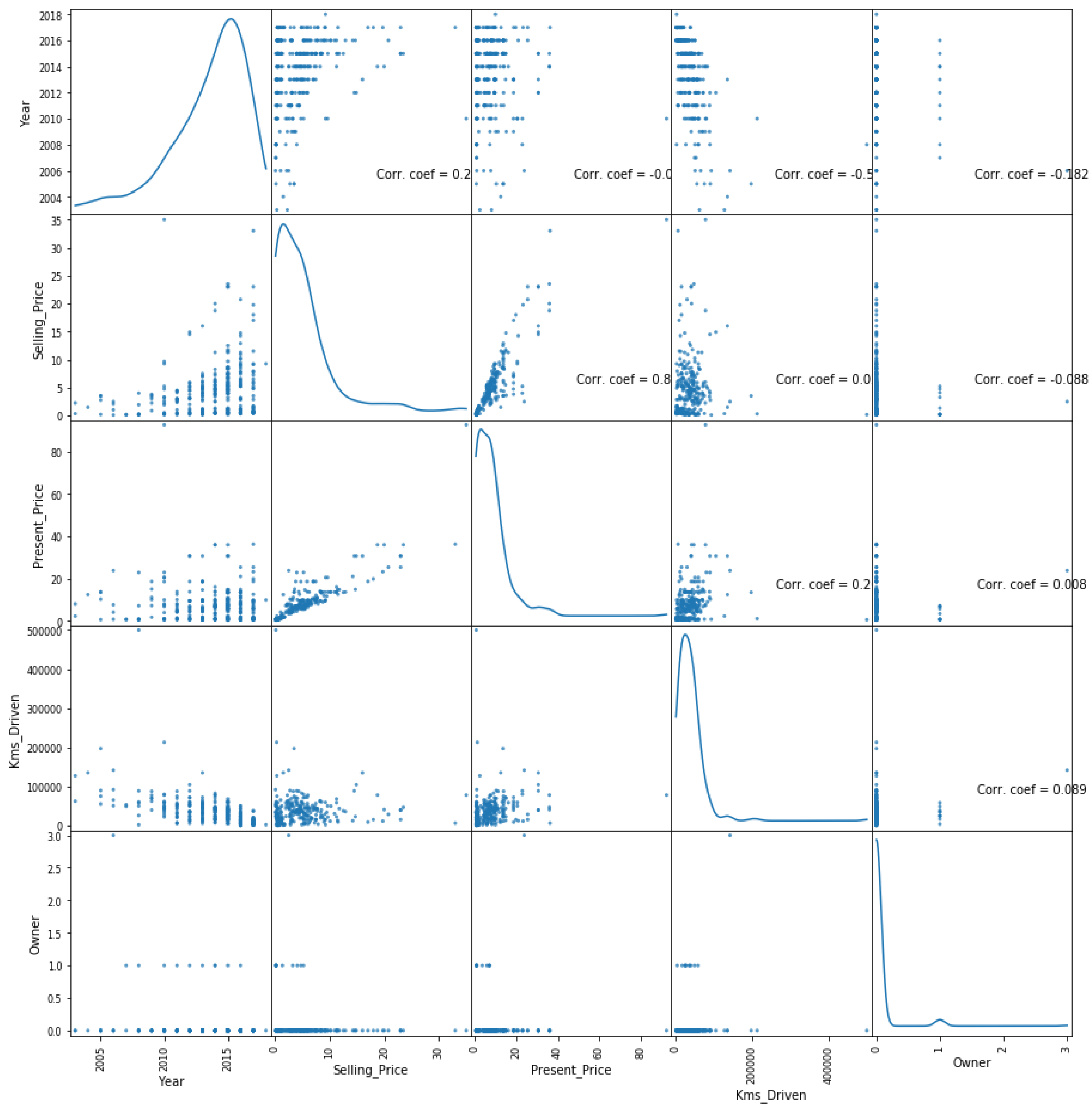
Scatter and Density Plot



Conclusion:

This concludes your starter analysis! To go forward from here, click the blue "Fork Notebook" button at the top of this kernel.

This will create a copy of the code and environment for you to edit. Delete, modify, and add code as you please.

To create a program for innovation to solve the problem using sentiment analysis, you can follow these steps:

1.Define the problem:

Identify the problem you want to solve and define it clearly.

2. Collect data:

Collect data from various sources such as social media, online reviews, customer service tickets, etc.

3. Analyze data:

Use sentiment analysis tools to analyze the data and identify patterns and trends.

4. Identify pain points:

Identify the pain points of your customers and develop solutions that address their needs.

5. Test solutions:

Test your solutions with a small group of customers to see if they are effective.

6. Refine solutions:

Refine your solutions based on feedback from customers and continue testing until you have a solution that works.

There are several sentiment analysis tools available that can make sentiment marketing easy and cost-effective [1]. Some popular tools include MonkeyLearn, Brandwatch, Meltwater, Social Searcher, Repustate, and Hootsuite [1]. You can choose a tool that best suits your needs.

In conclusion, sentiment analysis is an essential tool for marketers who want to understand their customers better and make data-driven decisions.

By using sentiment analysis tools to analyze data from various sources such as social media conversations or online reviews, marketers can identify patterns and trends that would be impossible to detect manually.

Sentiment analysis also allows marketers to get into the minds of their customers and the public at large to make informed decisions about their products or services.

By following the steps outlined above for creating an innovation program using sentiment analysis tools, marketers can develop solutions that address their customers' needs effectively

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What are some challenges of sentiment analysis?

Sentiment analysis is a powerful tool that can help marketers understand the polarity of opinions expressed in text, such as social media conversations, online reviews, emails, customer service tickets, and more. However, there are several challenges associated with sentiment analysis that need to be addressed to ensure accurate results [1][2][3][4][5].

Here are some of the challenges of sentiment analysis:

1. *Context-dependent errors*: Sentiment analysis tools can struggle to identify the correct sentiment when the meaning of words is shaped by context. For example, sarcasm can be difficult to detect because the words used can be positive but convey a negative sentiment [1].

2. *Negation detection*: Sentiment analysis tools can struggle to identify the correct sentiment when negation is used in a sentence. For example, a sentence containing "not bad" could be interpreted as either positive or negative depending on the context [1].

3. *Polysemy*: Sentiment analysis tools can struggle to differentiate between words that have multiple meanings. For example, the word "cool" can mean either "calm and collected" or "fashionable and trendy" [1].

4. *Subjectivity*: Sentiment analysis tools can struggle to identify the correct sentiment when opinions are subjective and vary from person to person. For example, one person might find a product to be excellent while another might find it to be mediocre [2].
5. *Multilingualism*: Sentiment analysis tools can struggle to analyze text in languages other than English because of differences in grammar and syntax [3].

To address these challenges, researchers are developing new techniques and algorithms that can improve the accuracy of sentiment analysis tools. Some of these techniques include deep learning, natural language processing (NLP), and machine learning [4]. By using these techniques, marketers can get more accurate insights into customer sentiment and make data-driven decisions.

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1. *Improved customer experience*: Sentiment analysis can help you identify the pain points of your customers and develop solutions that address their needs. By analyzing customer feedback in real-time, you can quickly respond to complaints and improve your products or services [12].

2. *Better brand reputation management*: Sentiment analysis can help you monitor your brand's reputation online and identify negative comments or reviews. By responding to these comments in a timely and appropriate manner, you can improve your brand's reputation and build trust with your customers [12].

3. *Increased customer engagement*: Sentiment analysis can help you identify the topics that your customers are interested in and create content that resonates with them. By engaging with your customers on social media and other platforms, you can build a loyal following and increase customer engagement [12].

4. *Improved product development*: Sentiment analysis can help you identify the features that your customers like or dislike about your products. By analyzing this data, you can develop new products or improve existing ones to better meet the needs of your customers [12].

5. *Better crisis management*: Sentiment analysis can help you monitor public opinion during a crisis and respond appropriately. By analyzing social media conversations and other online content, you can quickly identify potential issues and take steps to mitigate them [12].

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ESSAY ABOUT DISADVANTAGES IN SENTIKMENTAL ANLYSIS

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In addition to these challenges, sentiment analysis also has some limitations that need to be considered when using it for marketing purposes. For example, sentiment analysis cannot detect emotions such as irony or sarcasm, which can lead to inaccurate results [1]. Sentiment analysis also cannot detect non-textual elements such as tone of voice or facial expressions, which can also affect the accuracy of results [4].

Despite these challenges and limitations, sentiment analysis remains a valuable tool for marketers who want to understand their customers better and make data-driven decisions.

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How can I improve the accuracy of my sentiment analysis tool?

Improving the accuracy of sentiment analysis tools can be challenging, but there are several techniques that you can use to improve the accuracy of your tool [12345].

Here are some ways to improve the accuracy of your sentiment analysis tool:

1. *Use a larger dataset*:
   A larger dataset can help you train your model more effectively and improve its accuracy. You can use publicly available datasets or create your own dataset by collecting data from various sources such as social media, online reviews, customer service tickets, etc.

2. *Use a more diverse dataset*:
   A more diverse dataset can help you train your model to recognize different types of language and improve its accuracy. You can collect data from different regions, languages, and cultures to create a more diverse dataset.

3. *Use a more advanced algorithm*:

Advanced algorithms such as deep learning and natural language processing (NLP) can help you improve the accuracy of your sentiment analysis tool. These algorithms can help you identify patterns and trends in data that would be impossible to detect manually.

4. *Use human feedback*:
   Human feedback can help you identify errors in your sentiment analysis tool and improve its accuracy. You can ask human annotators to label data and provide feedback on the accuracy of your model.

5. *Use domain-specific models*:
   Domain-specific models can help you improve the accuracy of your sentiment analysis tool for specific industries or topics. For example, you can create a model that is specifically designed to analyze sentiment in healthcare data.

By using these techniques, you can improve the accuracy of your sentiment analysis tool and make better data-driven decisions.

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Can you recommend a good book on sentiment analysis?

Certainly! Here are some books on sentiment analysis that you might find useful:

1. Sentiment Analysis*:*
   Mining Opinions, Sentiments, and Emotions by Bing Liu [1]. This book provides a comprehensive overview of sentiment analysis, including the history of the field, the different types of sentiment analysis, and the challenges associated with sentiment analysis. It also covers the latest research in the field and provides practical advice on how to use sentiment analysis tools effectively.*

2. Applied Text Analysis with Python*:*

Enabling Language-Aware Data Products with Machine Learning by Benjamin Bengfort, Rebecca Bilbro, and Tony Ojeda [2]. This book provides a practical guide to text analysis using Python. It covers a wide range of topics, including sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and natural language processing (NLP). It also includes hands-on exercises and real-world examples*

Mounting our Drive to Google Colab

In this article, we shall carry out our data preprocessing experiments on Google

Colab. Therefore, we need to ensure our Google Drive is accessible from Google Colab. To ensure this, first, let's download our data to our computer from here.

Since we've successfully downloaded our data, let's now upload it to Google Drive through google.drive.com. Our data is uploaded to Google Drive. It is saved in the root directory.

To use this data, we need to give Google Colab access to Google Drive. So let's type and run the code below in Google Colab.

```
from google.colab import drive

drive.mount("/content/drive/")
```

Upon executing our code, it leads us to a Google Authentication stage.

Click on the URL link on the Google Colab interface and proceed to allow permissions until we reach the verification code stage.

We copy and paste the obtained authorization code in the box available on the Colab interface and click **Ctrl + Enter**. After this step, one may access files in Drive. Next, let's proceed with importing the required libraries.

To import these libraries, let's type and run the code below.

Step 1: Importing the libraries

```
import numpy as np import
matplotlib.pyplot as plt import
pandas as pd
```

Step 2: Import the dataset

Let's type and run the following code:

```
Dataset = pd.read_csv("/content/drive/MyDrive/Dataset.csv")
```

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# importing an array of features x =
Dataset.iloc[:, :-1].values

# importing an array of dependent variable

y = Dataset.iloc[:, -1].values
```

We specified two variables, x for the features and y for the dependent variable. The features set, as declared in the code Dataset.iloc[:, :-1] consists of all rows and columns of our dataset except the last column. Similarly, the dependent variable y consists of all rows but only the last column as declared in the code Dataset.iloc[:, -1].values.

Let’s have a look at our data by executing the code:

```
print(x) # returns an array of features
```

Output

```
[['France' 44.0 72000.0]

 ['Spain' 27.0 48000.0]

 ['Germany' 30.0 54000.0]

 ['Spain' 38.0 61000.0]

 ['Germany' 40.0 nan]

 ['France' 35.0 58000.0]
['Spain' nan 52000.0]

 ['France' 48.0 79000.0]

 ['Germany' 50.0 83000.0]

 ['France' 37.0 67000.0]]
```

```
print(y) # viewing an array of the dependent variable.
```

Output

```
['No ' 'Yes' 'No ' 'No ' 'Yes' 'Yes' 'No ' 'Yes' 'No ' 'Yes']
```

Our data is imported successfully in the form of an array of features x and a dependent variable y.

Step 3: Taking care of the missing data

Missing data is a common problem that faces the data collected through a survey. This problem occurs when a dataset has no value for a feature in an observation.

There are many reasons why data might be missing in a dataset. For instance, data collected through a survey may have missing data due to participants' failure to respond to some questions, not knowing the correct response, or being unwilling to answer. It may also be missing due to the error made during the data entry process.

Most machine learning models require data with a value for all features in each observation. In such models, missing data may lead to bias in the estimation of the parameters and also compromise the accuracy of the machine learning models.

As a result, we may end up drawing wrong conclusions about data. Therefore, missing data is harmful to machine learning models and requires appropriate handling.

There are several techniques we use to handle the missing data. They include:

Deleting the observation with the missing value(s)

This technique works well on big datasets with few missing values. For instance, deleting a row from a dataset with hundreds of observations cannot affect the information quality of the dataset. However, this technique is not suitable for a dataset reporting many missing values. Deleting many rows from a dataset leads to the loss of information.

To ensure no risk of losing crucial information, we need to make use of more appropriate techniques. The following technique involves the imputation of the missing data. Imputation means replacing the missing data with an estimated value.

Mean Imputation

Under this technique, we replace the missing value with the average of the variable in which it occurs. The advantage of this technique is that it preserves the mean and the sample size. However, this technique has some serious disadvantages.

Mean imputation underestimates the standard error, and it does not preserve the correlation among variables. The relationship among variables is an essential aspect of analysis as the study's general objective is to understand it better.

Mean imputation is thus not an appropriate solution for missing data unless the data is missing completely at random (missing data is completely unrelated to both the missing data and observed values in the dataset).

Hot Deck Imputation

In this technique, we replace the missing value of the observation with a randomly selected value from all the observations in the sample that has similar values on other variables.

Thus, this technique ensures that the imputing value is only selected from the possible interval where the actual value could probably fall, and is randomly selected rather than being determined, which is an essential aspect for a correct standard error.

Cold Deck Imputation

We replace the missing data using a value chosen from other variables with similar observation values in this technique. The difference between this technique and the Hot Deck imputation is that the selecting process of the imputing value is not randomized.

Regression Imputation

Regression imputation involves fitting a regression model on a feature with missing data and then using this regression model's predictions to replace the missing values in this feature. This technique preserves the relationships between features, and this grants it a significant advantage over simple imputation techniques such as mean and mode imputation.

Regression imputation is of two categories:

Deterministic regression imputation

Deterministic regression imputation imputes the missing data with the exact value predicted from the regression model. This technique doesn't consider the random variation around the regression line. Since the imputed values are exact, the correlation between the features and the dependent variables is overestimated.

Stochastic regression imputation

In stochastic regression imputation, we add a random variation (error term) to the predicted value, therefore, reproducing the correlation of X and Y more appropriately.

Now that we know the techniques to take care of the missing values, let's handle this problem in our dataset. We notice that our features set (x) has nan values in the Age and Salary columns.

We need to deal with this problem before we implement a machine learning model on our data. Since our dataset is small, we cannot eliminate a row reporting the missing value(s). Therefore, in our case, we shall make use of the mean imputation technique.

The code below solves this problem present in our dataset.

# Importing the class called SimpleImputer from impute model in sklearn from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

```
# To replace the missing value we create below object of SimpleImputer class imputa =
SimpleImputer(missing_values = np.nan, strategy = 'mean')

''' Using the fit method, we apply the `imputa` object on the matrix of our feature x.

The `fit()` method identifies the missing values and computes the mean of such feature a missing
value is present.

'''

imputa.fit(x[:, 1:3])

# Repalcing the missing value using transform method x[:, 1:3] =
imputa.transform(x[:, 1:3])
```

Upon executing the code, we obtain a matrix of features with the missing values replaced.

```
print(x)
```

Output

```
[['France' 44.0 72000.0]
 ['Spain' 27.0 48000.0]
 ['Germany' 30.0 54000.0]
 ['Spain' 38.0 61000.0]
 ['Germany' 40.0 63777.77777777778]
 ['France' 35.0 58000.0]
 ['Spain' 38.77777777777778 52000.0]
 ['France' 48.0 79000.0]
 ['Germany' 50.0 83000.0]
 ['France' 37.0
67000.0]]
```

The missing values on the Age and Salary columns are replaced with their respective column means, i.e., 38.77777777777778 and 63777.77777777778, respectively.

Step 4: Encoding categorical data

During encoding, we transform text data into numeric data. Encoding categorical data involves changing data that fall into categories to numeric data.

The Country and the Purchased columns of our dataset contain data that fall into categories. Since machine learning models are based on a mathematical equation, which takes only numerical inputs, it is challenging to compute the correlation between the feature and the dependent variables. To ensure this does not happen, we need to convert the string entries in the dataset into numbers.

For our dataset, we shall encode France into 0, Spain into 1, and Germany into 2. However, our future machine learning model interprets the numerical order between 0 for France, 1 for Spain, and

2 for Germany do matter, which is not the case. To ensure this misinterpretation does not occur, we make use of one-hot encoding.

One-hot encoding converts our categorical Country column into three columns. It creates a unique binary vector for each country such that there is no numerical order between the country categories.

Let's see how One-hot encoding enables us to achieve this by executing the code below:

```
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer from sklearn.preprocessing import
OneHotEncoder ct = ColumnTransformer(transformers=[('encoder', OneHotEncoder(),
[0])], remainder= 'passthrough')

x = np.array(ct.fit_transform(x))

# executing the cell we obtain:

print(x)
```

Output

```
[[1.0 0.0 0.0 44.0 72000.0]

 [0.0 0.0 1.0 27.0 48000.0]

 [0.0 1.0 0.0 30.0 54000.0]

 [0.0 0.0 1.0 38.0 61000.0]

 [0.0 1.0 0.0 40.0 63777.77777777778]

 [1.0 0.0 0.0 35.0 58000.0]

 [0.0 0.0 1.0 38.77777777777778 52000.0]

 [1.0 0.0 0.0 48.0 79000.0]

 [0.0 1.0 0.0 50.0 83000.0]

 [1.0 0.0 0.0 37.0 67000.0]]
```

From the output, the Country column has been transformed into 3 columns with each row representing only one encoded column where, France was encoded into a vector [1.0 0.0 0.0], Spain encoded into vector [0.0 0.0 1.0], and Germany encoded into vector [0.0 1.0 0.0] where they're all unique. To encode our depended variable y, let's run the code below:

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder le =
LabelEncoder()
```

y = le.fit_transform(y)

print(y)

Output

```
[0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0
1]
```

Our dependent variable is encoded successfully into 0’s and 1’s.

Step 5: Splitting the dataset into the training and test sets

In machine learning, we split the dataset into a training set and a test set. The training set is the fraction of a dataset that we use to implement the model. On the other hand, the test set is the fraction of the dataset that we use to evaluate the performance our the model.

The test set is assumed to be unknown during the process of the model implementation.

We need to split our dataset into four subsets, x_train, x_test, y_train, and y_test. Let’s look at the code to achieve this:

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x, y, test_size = 0.2,random_state= 1)

Output

Let’s print the output upon executing the code below.

print(x_train)

```
 [.0 40.0 63777.77777777778
 [1.0 0.0 0.0 44.0 72000.0]
 [0.0 0.0 1.0 38.0 61000.0]
[[0.0 0.0 1.0 38.77777777777778 52000.0]
                                      ]
 [0.0 1.0 0.0 50.0 83000.0]
 [1.0 0.0 0.0 35.0 58000.0]]
```

```
print(x_te
st)
```

```
[[0.0 1.0 0.0 30.0 54000.0]
 [1.0 0.0 0.0 37.0
67000.0]]  print(y_train)
```

```
print(y_te
st)
```

```
[0 1]
```

Our dataset is successfully split. Our features set was divided into eight observations for the x_train and 2 for the x_test, which correspond (since we set our seed, random = 1) to the same splitting of the dependent variable y.

The selection is made randomly, and it’s possible at any single execution to obtain different subsets other than the above output.

Step 6: Feature scaling

In most cases, we shall work with datasets whose features are not on the same scale. Some features often have tremendous values, and others have small values.

Suppose we implement our machine learning model on such datasets. In that case, features with tremendous values dominate those with small values, and the machine learning model treats those with small values as if they don’t exist (their influence on the data is not be accounted for). To ensure this is not the case, we need to scale our features on the same range, i.e., within the interval of -3 and 3.

Therefore, we shall only scale the Age and Salary columns of our x_train and x_test into this interval. The code below enables us to achieve this.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import
StandardScaler sc = StandardScaler()
# we only aply the feature scaling on the features other than dummy
variables.
x_train[:, 3:] =
sc.fit_transform(x_train[:, 3:]) x_test[:,
3:] = sc.fit_transform(x_test[:, 3:])
```

Output

```
print(x_tr
ain)
```

```
[[0.0 0.0 1.0 -0.19159184384578545 -1.0781259408412425]
 [0.0 1.0 0.0 -0.014117293757057777 -0.07013167641635372]
 [1.0 0.0 0.0 0.566708506533324
0.633562432710455] [0.0 0.0 1.0 -
0.30453019390224867
0.30786617274297867]
 [0.0 0.0 1.0 -1.9018011447007988 -1.420463615551582
 [1.0 0.0 0.0 1.1475343068237058 1.232653363453549]
 [0.0 1.0 0.0 1.4279472069688968 1.5749910381638885]
                                                    ]

 [1.0 0.0 0.0 -0.7401495441200351 -0.5646194287757332]]
```

```
print(x
_test)
```

```
[[0.0 1.0 0.0 -1.0 -1.0]
 [1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0]]
```

Notice that in the x_train and x_test, we only scaled the Age and Salary columns and not the dummy variables. This is because scaling the dummy variables may interfere with their intended interpretation even though they fall within the required range.

Conclusion

To this point, we have prepared our data wholly, and it is now ready to be fed into various machine learning models. At this point, our data is free from irregularities, and the models make analytical sense of the dataset. I hope you found this helpful.

Feature Engineering is the process of creating new features or transforming existing features to improve the performance of a machine-learning model. It involves selecting relevant information from raw data and transforming it into a format that can be easily understood by a model. The goal is to improve model accuracy by providing more meaningful and relevant information.

What is Feature Engineering?

Feature engineering is the process of transforming raw data into features

that are suitable for machine learning models. In other words, it is the process of selecting, extracting, and transforming the most relevant features from the available data to build more accurate and efficient machine learning models.
The success of machine learning models heavily depends on the quality of the features used to train them. Feature engineering involves a set of techniques that enable us to create new features by combining or transforming the existing ones. These techniques help to highlight the most important patterns and relationships in the data, which in turn helps the machine learning model to learn from the data more effectively.

What is a Feature?
In the context of machine learning, a feature (also known as a variable or attribute) is an individual measurable property or characteristic of a data point that is used as input for a machine learning algorithm. Features can be numerical, categorical, or text-based, and they represent different aspects of the data that are relevant to the problem at hand.
For example, in a dataset of housing prices, features could include the number of bedrooms, the square footage, the location, and the age of the property. In a dataset of customer demographics, features could include age, gender, income level, and occupation.
The choice and quality of features are critical in machine learning, as they can greatly impact the accuracy and performance of the model.

Why do we Engineer Features?
We engineer features to improve the performance of machine learning models by providing them with relevant and informative input data. Raw data may contain noise, irrelevant information, or missing values, which can lead to inaccurate or biased model predictions. By engineering features, we can extract meaningful

information from the raw data, create new variables that capture important patterns and relationships, and transform the data into a more suitable format for machine learning algorithms.

Feature engineering can also help in addressing issues such as overfitting, underfitting, and high dimensionality. For example, by reducing the number of features, we can prevent the model from becoming too complex or overfitting to the training data. By selecting the most relevant features, we can improve the model's accuracy and interpretability.

In addition, feature engineering is a crucial step in preparing data for analysis and decision-making in various fields, such as finance, healthcare, marketing, and social sciences. It can help uncover hidden insights, identify trends and patterns, and support data-driven decision-making.

We engineer features for various reasons, and some of the main reasons include:

Improve User Experience:

The primary reason we engineer features is to enhance the user experience of a product or service. By adding new features, we can make the product more intuitive, efficient, and user-friendly, which can increase user satisfaction and engagement.

Competitive Advantage:

Another reason we engineer features is to gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. By offering unique and innovative features, we can differentiate our product from competitors and attract more customers.

Meet Customer Needs:

We engineer features to meet the evolving needs of customers. By analyzing user feedback, market trends, and customer behavior, we can identify areas where new features could enhance the product's value and meet customer needs.

Increase Revenue:
Features can also be engineered to generate more revenue. For example, a new feature that streamlines the checkout process can increase sales, or a feature that provides additional functionality could lead to more upsells or cross-sells.

Future-Proofing:
Engineering features can also be done to future-proof a product or service. By anticipating future trends and potential customer needs, we can develop features that ensure the product remains relevant and useful in the long term.

Processes Involved in Feature Engineering
Feature engineering in Machine learning consists of mainly 5 processes: Feature Creation, Feature Transformation, Feature Extraction, Feature Selection, and Feature Scaling. It is an iterative process that requires experimentation and testing to find the best combination of features for a given problem. The success of a machine learning model largely depends on the quality of the features used in the model.

1. Feature Creation
Feature Creation is the process of generating new features based on domain knowledge or by observing patterns in the data. It is a form of feature engineering that can significantly improve the performance of a machine-learning model.

Types of Feature Creation:

Domain-Specific:

Creating new features based on domain knowledge, such as creating features based on business rules or industry standards.

Data-Driven:

Creating new features by observing patterns in the data, such as calculating aggregations or creating interaction features.

Synthetic: Generating new features by combining existing features or synthesizing new data points.

Benefits of Feature Creation:

Improves Model Performance:

By providing additional and more relevant information to the model, feature creation can increase the accuracy and precision of the model.

Increases Model Robustness:

By adding additional features, the model can become more robust to outliers and other anomalies.

Improves Model Interpretability:

By creating new features, it can be easier to understand the model's predictions.

Increases Model Flexibility:

By adding new features, the model can be made more flexible to handle different types of data.

2. Feature Transformation

Feature Transformation is the process of transforming the features into a more suitable representation for the machine learning model. This is done to ensure that the model can effectively learn from the data.

Types of Feature Transformation:

Normalization:

Rescaling the features to have a similar range, such as between 0 and 1, to prevent some features from dominating others.

Scaling:

Rescaling the features to have a similar scale, such as having a standard deviation of 1, to make sure the model considers all features equally.

Encoding:

Transforming categorical features into a numerical representation. Examples are one-hot encoding and label encoding.

Transformation:

Transforming the features using mathematical operations to change the distribution or scale of the features. Examples are logarithmic, square root, and reciprocal transformations.

Benefits of Feature Transformation:

Improves Model Performance:

By transforming the features into a more suitable representation, the model can learn more meaningful patterns in the data.

Increases Model Robustness:

Transforming the features can make the model more robust to outliers and other anomalies.

Improves Computational Efficiency:

The transformed features often require fewer computational resources.

Improves Model Interpretability:

By transforming the features, it can be easier to understand the model's predictions.

3. Feature Extraction

Feature Extraction is the process of creating new features from existing ones to provide more relevant information to the machine learning model. This is done by transforming, combining, or aggregating existing features.

Types of Feature Extraction:

Dimensionality Reduction:

Reducing the number of features by transforming the data into a lower-dimensional space while retaining important information. Examples are PCA and t-SNE.

Feature Combination:

Combining two or more existing features to create a new one. For example, the interaction between two features.

Feature Aggregation:

Aggregating features to create a new one. For example, calculating the mean, sum, or count of a set of features.

Feature Transformation:

Transforming existing features into a new representation. For example, log transformation of a feature with a skewed distribution.

Benefits of Feature Extraction:

Improves Model Performance:

By creating new and more relevant features, the model can learn more meaningful patterns in the data.

Reduces Overfitting:

By reducing the dimensionality of the data, the model is less likely to overfit the training data.

Improves Model Interpretability:

By creating new features, it can be easier to understand the model's predictions.

4. Feature Selection

Feature Selection is the process of selecting a subset of relevant features from the dataset to be used in a machine-learning model. It is an important step in the feature engineering process as it can have a significant impact on the model's performance.

Types of Feature Selection:

Filter Method:

Based on the statistical measure of the relationship between the feature and the target variable. Features with a high correlation are selected.

Wrapper Method:

Based on the evaluation of the feature subset using a specific machine learning algorithm. The feature subset that results in the best performance is selected.

Embedded Method:

Based on the feature selection as part of the training process of the machine learning algorithm.

Benefits of Feature Selection:

Reduces Overfitting:

By using only the most relevant features, the model can generalize better to new data.

Improves Model Performance:

Decreases Computational Costs:

Selecting the right features can improve the accuracy, precision, and recall of the model.

A smaller number of features requires less computation and storage resources.

Improves Interpretability:

By reducing the number of features, it is easier to understand and interpret the results of the model.

5. Feature Scaling

Feature Scaling is the process of transforming the features so that they have a similar scale. This is important in machine learning because the scale of the features can affect the performance of the model.

Types of Feature Scaling:

Min-Max Scaling:

Rescaling the features to a specific range, such as between 0 and 1, by subtracting the minimum value and dividing by the range.

Standard Scaling:

Rescaling the features to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1 by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation.

Robust Scaling:

Rescaling the features to be robust to outliers by dividing them by the interquartile range.

Benefits of Feature Scaling:

Improves Model Performance:

By transforming the features to have a similar scale, the model can learn from all features equally and avoid being dominated by a few large features.

Increases Model Robustness:

By transforming the features to be robust to outliers, the model can become more robust to anomalies.

Improves Computational Efficiency:

Many machine learning algorithms, such as k-nearest neighbors, are sensitive to the scale of the features and perform better with scaled features.

Improves Model Interpretability:

By transforming the features to have a similar scale, it can be easier to understand the model's predictions.

Steps to Feature Engineering

The steps for feature engineering vary per different Ml engineers and data scientists. Some of the common steps that are involved in most machine-learning algorithms are:

1. Data Cleansing

Data cleansing (also known as data cleaning or data scrubbing) involves identifying and removing or correcting any errors or inconsistencies in the dataset. This step is important to ensure that the data is accurate and reliable.

2. Data Transformation

Data transformation involves converting and scaling variables in the dataset to make them more useful for machine learning. This can include techniques like normalization, standardization, and log transformation.

3. Feature Extraction

Feature extraction involves creating new features from the existing variables in the dataset. This can include techniques like principal component analysis (PCA), text parsing, and image processing.

4. Feature Selection

Feature selection involves selecting the most relevant features from the dataset for use in machine learning. This can include techniques like correlation analysis, mutual information, and stepwise regression.

5. Feature Iteration

Feature iteration involves refining and improving the features based on the performance of the machine learning model. This can include techniques like adding new features, removing redundant features and transforming features in different ways.

Overall, the goal of feature engineering is to create a set of informative and relevant features that can be used to train a machine learning model and improve its accuracy and performance. The specific steps involved in the process may vary depending on the type of data and the specific machine-learning problem at hand.

useful for reducing the impact of small variations in the data and making it easier to analyze. Binning is the process of grouping continuous features into discrete bins. This can help simplify the feature and reduce noise in the data. Binning can be performed using equal width or equal frequency intervals.

6. Feature Split

Feature split is the process of splitting a single variable into multiple variables. This is often done when a variable contains multiple pieces of information that can be more easily analyzed separately. Feature split involves splitting a feature into multiple features. For example, a feature representing a date can be split into year, month, and day features. This can help capture more information about the data and improve the performance of machine learning models.

Techniques Used in Feature Engineering-:

Feature engineering is the process of transforming raw data into features that are suitable for machine learning models. There are various techniques that can be used in feature engineering to create new features by combining or transforming the existing ones. The following are some of the commonly used feature engineering techniques:

One-Hot Encoding:

One-hot encoding is a technique used to transform categorical variables into numerical values that can be used by machine learning models. In this technique, each category is transformed into a binary value indicating its presence or absence. For example, consider a categorical variable "Colour" with three categories: Red, Green, and Blue. One-hot encoding would transform this variable into three binary variables: Colour_Red, Colour_Green, and Colour_Blue, where the value of each variable would be 1 if the corresponding category is present and 0 otherwise.

Binning:

Binning is a technique used to transform continuous variables into categorical variables. In this technique, the range of values of the continuous variable is divided into several bins, and each bin is assigned a categorical value. For example, consider a continuous variable "Age" with values ranging from 18 to 80. Binning would divide this variable into several age groups such as 18-25, 26-35, 36-50, and 51-80, and assign a categorical value to each age group.

Scaling

Scaling is a technique used to transform numerical variables to have a similar scale, so that they can be compared more easily. The most common scaling techniques are standardization and normalization. Standardization scales the variable so that it has zero mean and unit variance. Normalization scales the variable so that it has a range of values between 0 and 1.

Feature Selection:

Feature selection is a technique used to select the most important features that are relevant to the problem at hand. This helps to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset, making it easier for machine learning models to learn from the data. There are several methods for feature selection, including univariate feature selection, recursive feature elimination, and feature importance.

Feature Extraction:

Feature extraction is a technique used to create new features by combining or transforming the existing ones. This is useful when the original features are not informative enough for the machine learning model. Some common feature extraction techniques include principal component analysis (PCA), independent component analysis (ICA), and t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE).

Text Data Preprocessing:

Text data requires special preprocessing techniques before it can be used by machine learning models. Text preprocessing involves removing stop words, stemming, lemmatization, and vectorization. Stop words are common words that do not add much meaning to the text, such as “the” and “and”. Stemming involves reducing words to their root form, such as converting “running” to “run”. Lemmatization is similar to stemming, but it

reduces words to their base form, such as converting “running” to “run”.
Vectorization involves transforming text data into numerical vectors that can be used by machine learning models.

Feature Engineering Tools

There are several tools available for feature engineering. Here are some popular ones:

1. Featuretools

Featuretools is a Python library that enables automatic feature engineering for structured data. It can extract features from multiple tables, including relational databases and CSV files, and generate new features based on user-defined primitives. Some of its features include:

Automated feature engineering using machine learning algorithms.

Support for handling time-dependent data.

Integration with popular Python libraries, such as pandas and scikit-learn.

Visualization tools for exploring and analyzing the generated features.

Extensive documentation and tutorials for getting started.

2. TPOT

TPOT (Tree-based Pipeline Optimization Tool) is an automated machine learning tool that includes feature engineering as one of its components. It uses genetic programming to search for the best combination of features and machine learning algorithms for a given dataset. Some of its features include:

Automatic feature selection and transformation.

Support for multiple types of machine learning models, including regression, classification, and clustering.

Ability to handle missing data and categorical variables.

Integration with popular Python libraries, such as scikit-learn and pandas.

Interactive visualization of the generated pipelines.

3. DataRobot

DataRobot is a machine learning automation platform that includes feature engineering as one of its capabilities. It uses automated machine learning techniques to generate new features and select the best combination of features and models for a given dataset. Some of its features include:

Automatic feature engineering using machine learning algorithms.

Support for handling time-dependent and text data.

Integration with popular Python libraries, such as pandas and scikit-learn.

Interactive visualization of the generated models and features.

Collaboration tools for teams working on machine learning projects.

4. Alteryx

Alteryx is a data preparation and automation tool that includes feature engineering as one of its features. It provides a visual interface for creating data pipelines that can extract, transform, and generate features from multiple data sources. Some of its features include:

Support for handling structured and unstructured data.

Integration with popular data sources, such as Excel and databases.

Pre-built tools for feature extraction and transformation.

Support for custom scripting and code integration.

Collaboration and sharing tools for teams working on data projects.

5. H2O.ai

H2O.ai is an open-source machine learning platform that includes feature engineering as one of its capabilities. It provides a range of automated feature engineering techniques, such as feature scaling, imputation, and encoding, as well as manual feature engineering capabilities for more advanced users. Some of its features include:

Automatic and manual feature engineering options.

Support for structured and unstructured data, including text and image data.

Integration with popular data sources, such as CSV files and databases.

Interactive visualization of the generated features and models.

Collaboration and sharing tools for teams working on machine learning projects.

Overall, these tools can help streamline and automate the feature engineering process, making it easier and faster to create informative and relevant features for machine learning models.

Issues of Feature Engineering

THANK YOU.....