

Cross Validation

The three most common cross validation approaches are:

- k-fold cross validation
- leave one out cross validation
- stratified cross validation

Cross validation method involves dividing the dataset into 3 parts:

- training set - is a portion of the data used for training the model
- validation set - is a portion of the data used to optimize the hyper-parameters of the model
- test set - is a portion of the data used to evaluate the model

Cross Validation Syntax

`Scikit Learn` library contains many methods that can perform the splitting of the data into training, testing and validation sets. The most popular methods that we covered in this module are:

- * `train_test_split` - creates a single split into train and test sets
- * `K-fold` - creates number of k-fold splits, allowing cross validation
- * `cross_val_score` - evaluates model's score through cross validation
- * `cross_val_predict` – produces the out-of-bag prediction for each row
- * `GridSearchCV` – scans over parameters to select the best hyperparameter set with the best out-of-sample score