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Agenda

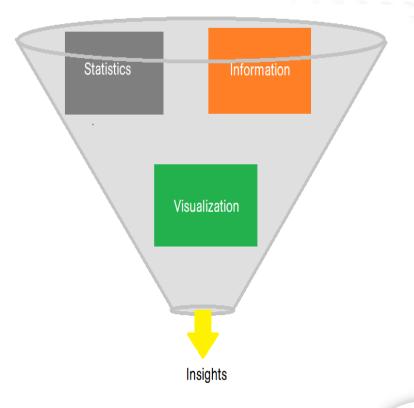
Introduction to EDA
Describe Data (Descriptive Analytics)
Data Pre-processing
Data Visualization
Data Preparation



Introduction to EDA

EDA is an approach to analyze data using both non-visual and visual techniques
Generation of insights is a "Creative" process,
however there is a structured approach which is
followed
Involves thorough analysis of data to understand
the current business situation
EDA objective is to extract "Gold" from the "data

mine" based on domain understanding





Describe Data

Know the Problem Statement or the Business Objective

Load and view the given data

Check the relevance of the data against the objective or goal to be achieved

Scope of the data

Time relevance of the data

Quantum of data

Features of the data

Understand each feature in the data with help of Data Dictionary Know the central tendency and data distribution of each feature



Data Pre-processing

Practical data set generally has lot of "noise" and/or "undesired" data points which might impact the outcome, hence pre-processing is an important step As these "noise" elements are so well amalgamated with the complete data set, cleansing process is more governed by the data scientist ability

These noise elements are in the form of

Bad values

Anomalies (Not valid or not adhering to business rules)

Missing values

Not Useful Data



How to detect 'Bad Values'?

Numeric Fields:

Check if datatype of every numeric feature/column is valid

'Salary Amount' field is expected to be numeric with data type as float

But if the data type appears as 'Object' there is bad data which has to be cleaned

Check range of values

'Age' field with a minimum value of 0 and maximum as 60

Categorical Fields:

Check categorical levels of each feature/column with "Object" datatype Level may have some special characters like "?", "-", "!" or invalid categories which does not represent the feature



How to detect 'Anomalies'

Understanding the meaning and relevance of each feature and business knowledge plays an important role in identifying other anomalies in data

In finance, business expects financial ratios to be within range

For a loan data some features like,

Fixed Obligation to Income Ratio ('FOIR') is expected to be in a range of 0-1

Net Loan to Value Ratio ("Net_LTV") from 0-100 etc.



How to detect 'Not Useful Data'

Duplicate records or rows

If retained, may result in misleading algorithmic evaluations, hence recommended to be removed Same data appearing for all features in multiple records

A feature or column that has a single value in all the records

Zero-variance predictors as their value remains same across all the records

Feature or column with more than 25-30% missing values



Python Example

Pre-processing



Data Visualization

Visualization is a technique for creating diagrams, images or animations to communicate a message

Usage of charts or graphs to visualize huge amounts of complex data is easier than poring over spreadsheets or reports

Data Analysis using Visualization includes:

Univariate Analysis

Bivariate Analysis

Multivariate Analysis

Key for this analysis is generating insights/inferences aligned with the business problem

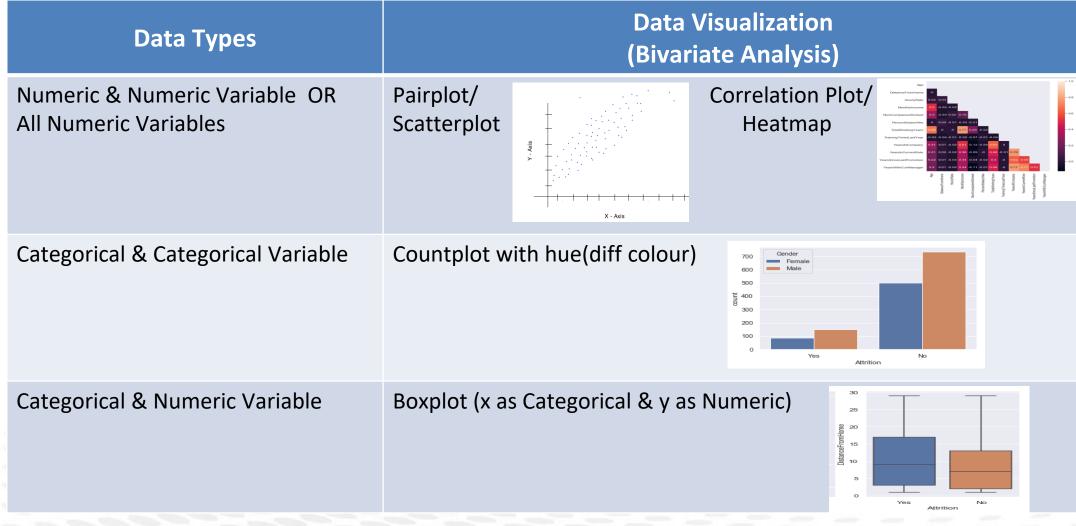


Univariate Analysis

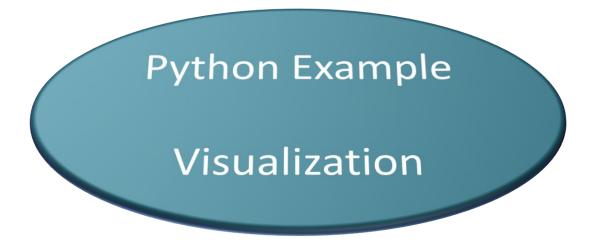
Data Summary			Data Visualization (Univariate Analysis)	
Data Types	Central Tendency	Distribution	Graphs	
Numeric Variables	Mean Median Mode 5 Number Summary	Standard Deviation Range IQR	Histogram	Boxplot
Categorical Variables	Mode	Frequency of the levels	Countplot	Cat 1 Cat 2 Cat 3 Cat 4



Bivariate Analysis









Data Preparation

Scaling
Transformation
Outliers Detection & Treatment
Data Encoding



Scaling

Why do we need to do it?

Data set has features with different "weights"

In "Distance" based algorithms it is recommended to transform the features so that all features are in same "scale"

Most commonly used scaling techniques are

Z-Score

 $Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$

Scaled data will have mean tending to 0 and standard deviation tending to 1 Used in weight based techniques (PCA, Neural Network etc.)

Min-Max

(X-Xmin)/(Xmax-Xmin)

Scaled data will range between 0 and 1

Used in distance based techniques (Clustering, KNN etc.)



Transformation

Why do we need to do it?

When a variable is on larger scale, we can transform it to a lower scale using Log Transformation To deal with Skewness

Most commonly used transformation techniques are

For Positively Skewed features Log, Exponential, and Square Root Transformations are used For Negatively Skewed features Log, Cube Root, and Square Transformations are used If data is transformed, results are obtained in terms of transformed data Hence, care should be taken to reverse the same to conclude the results



Outliers

Outliers are data points that have a value significantly different than the rest of the values in the feature

It might be a valid data point or may have been caused due to error

If we consider height of student of class 7, most of them may be in a range of 4.8 Feet to 5.4 Feet.

However, there maybe 1 or 2 students who are around 4 Feet or around 6 feet

During data entry extra zeros have been added to an amount field making it different from others

Most of the data provided for Fraud detection will have very few records where fraud has occurred.

There are high chances that these records get identified as outliers

Hence, it is important to analyze the outliers before deciding on treatment



Outliers

Outlier treatment is not mandatory

There are algorithms in machine learning that are not very sensitive to outliers We can choose the relevant algorithms to work on the data

When essential, outlier treatments are done with following considerations:

Treatment of outliers should not change the meaning of the data to a great extent which in turn reflects current business situation

Business or domain knowledge to be taken into account to decide on the treatment

Basic techniques to detect outliers

Z Score Boxplot



Outlier Detection

ZScore

First scale the variables by applying ZScore

All records with score greater than 3 and less than -3 are considered as outliers

For a feature, if we assume a normal distribution, 99.7% of the data points are within \pm 3 σ value, anything beyond it is outlier which are very few data points

Boxplot

Any data point more than Q3+1.5*IQR or less than Q1-1.5*IQR is taken as an outlier

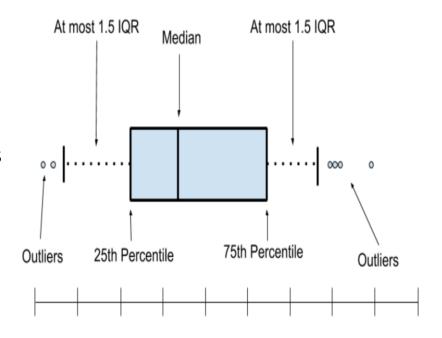
50% of data points are within \pm 0.5 IQR of the median

In a normal distribution 68% are with $\pm 1\sigma$

So IQR (50%) is slightly less than $\pm 1\sigma$ (68%)

In order to correspond \pm 3 σ range, \pm 1.5IQR (i.e. 3* \pm 0.5

IQR) is taken as range to identify outliers





Data Encoding

"Object" and/or "Categorical" type of variables which have a values as "Label" like Male/Female are not allowed in the models, hence the same needs to be "encoded" in numeric format

There are primarily two types of encoding:

One Hot Encoding

Each category is converted to a column having only boolean values Recommended if the there are less number of categorical levels within the field (less than 25)

Label Encoding

When there are too many levels/categories in a variable in a dataset If the labels are "Ordinal" like "Satisfaction Score"



Python Example Data Transformation



Case Study

Credit Card Default

