Data Encoding

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Nominal/OHE Encoding

One hot encoding, also known as nominal encoding, is a technique used to represent categorical data as numerical data, which is more suitable for machine learning algorithms. In this technique, each category is represented as a binary vector where each bit corresponds to a unique category. For example, if we have a categorical variable "color" with three possible value(red,green,blue), we can represent it one hot encoding as follows:

1.Red:[1,0,0] 2.Green:[0,1,0] 3.Blue:[0,0,1]

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
         from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
 In [2]: ## Create a simple DataFrame
         df = pd.DataFrame({'color':['red', 'blue', 'green', 'green', 'red', 'blue']
         })
 In [3]:
         df.head()
 Out[3]:
            color
         0
              red
             blue
          2 green
            green
              red
In [10]: ## Create an instance of OneHotEncoder
         encoder = OneHotEncoder()
In [11]: ## Perform fit and Transform
         encoded = encoder.fit_transform(df[['color']]).toarray()
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import pandas as pd
In [12]:
          encoded_df=pd.DataFrame(encoded, columns=encoder.get_feature_names_out())
In [13]: encoded_df
Out[13]:
             color blue
                       color_green color_red
          0
                   0.0
                               0.0
                                         1.0
          1
                   1.0
                               0.0
                                         0.0
          2
                   0.0
                               1.0
                                         0.0
          3
                               1.0
                                         0.0
                   0.0
          4
                   0.0
                               0.0
                                         1.0
          5
                   1.0
                               0.0
                                         0.0
In [14]: ## For new data
          encoder.transform([['blue']]).toarray()
          /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:409: UserWarning: X doe
          s not have valid feature names, but OneHotEncoder was fitted with feature names
            warnings.warn(
Out[14]: array([[1., 0., 0.]])
In [16]:
          encoder.transform([['green']]).toarray()
          /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:409: UserWarning: X doe
          s not have valid feature names, but OneHotEncoder was fitted with feature names
            warnings.warn(
Out[16]: array([[0., 1., 0.]])
In [17]:
         encoder.transform([['red']]).toarray()
          /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:409: UserWarning: X doe
          s not have valid feature names, but OneHotEncoder was fitted with feature names
            warnings.warn(
Out[17]: array([[0., 0., 1.]])
In [18]:
          pd.concat([df,encoded df], axis=1)
Out[18]:
             color color_blue color_green color_red
          0
               red
                          0.0
                                     0.0
                                               1.0
                          1.0
                                     0.0
                                               0.0
              blue
          2
             green
                          0.0
                                     1.0
                                               0.0
                                     1.0
                                               0.0
             green
                          0.0
          4
                          0.0
                                     0.0
                                               1.0
               red
              blue
                          1.0
                                     0.0
                                               0.0
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Label Encoding

Label encoding and ordinal encoding are two techniques used to encode categorical data as numerical data.

Label encoding involves assigning a unique numerical label to each category in thevariable. The labels are usually assigned in alphabetical order or based on the frequency of the categories. For example, if we have a categorical variable "color" with three possible values ('red', 'green', 'blue'), we can represent it using label encoding as follows:

1.Red: 1 2.Green: 2 3.Blue: 3

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df.head()
In [19]:
Out[19]:
            color
         0
              red
          2 green
            green
              red
In [20]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
         lbl_encoder=LabelEncoder()
In [21]: lbl_encoder.fit_transform(df[['color']])
         /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/preprocessing/_label.py:116: Da
         taConversionWarning: A column-vector y was passed when a 1d array was expected.
         Please change the shape of y to (n_samples, ), for example using ravel().
          y = column_or_1d(y, warn=True)
Out[21]: array([2, 0, 1, 1, 2, 0])
In [22]: lbl_encoder.transform([['red']])
         /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/preprocessing/ label.py:134: Da
         taConversionWarning: A column-vector y was passed when a 1d array was expected.
         Please change the shape of y to (n_samples, ), for example using ravel().
         y = column_or_1d(y, dtype=self.classes_.dtype, warn=True)
Out[22]: array([2])
In [23]: lbl_encoder.transform([['blue']])
Out[23]: array([0])
In [24]: lbl_encoder.transform([['green']])
Out[24]: array([1])
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Ordinal Encoding

It is used to encode categorical data that have an intrinsic order or ranking. In this technique, each category is assigned a numerical value based on its position in the order. For example, if we have a ctegorical variable "education level" with four possible values (high school, college, graduate, post-graduate), we can represent it using ordinal encoding as follows:

High School: 1 College: 2 Graduate: 3 Post-graduate: 4

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In [25]:
         ## Ordinal encoding
         from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder
         ## Create a sample dataframe with an ordinal variable
In [26]:
         df = pd.DataFrame({
              'size':['small','medium','large','medium','small','large']
         })
         df
In [27]:
Out[27]:
               size
          0
               small
          1 medium
          2
               large
          3
           medium
          4
               small
          5
               large
         ## Create an insatnce for OrdinalEncoder and then fit_transform
         encoder=OrdinalEncoder(categories=[['small', 'medium', 'large']])
In [29]: encoder.fit_transform(df[['size']])
Out[29]: array([[0.],
                 [1.],
                 [2.],
                 [1.],
                 [0.],
                 [2.]])
In [30]:
         encoder.transform([['small']])
         /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:409: UserWarning: X doe
         s not have valid feature names, but OrdinalEncoder was fitted with feature name
           warnings.warn(
Out[30]: array([[0.]])
In [31]: encoder.transform([['medium']])
         /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:409: UserWarning: X doe
         s not have valid feature names, but OrdinalEncoder was fitted with feature name
           warnings.warn(
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Out[31]: array([[1.]])
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Target Guided Ordinal Encoding

It is a technique used to encode categorical variables based on their relationship with the target variable. This encoding technique is useful when we have a categorical variable with a large number of unique categories, and we want to use this variable as a feature in our machine learning model.

In Target Guided Ordinal Encoding, we replace each category in the the categorical variable with a numerical value based on the mean or median of the target variable for that category. This creates a monotonic relationship between the categorical variable and the target variable, which can improve the predictive power of our model.

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In [32]: import pandas as pd
          # Create a sample dataframe with a categorical variable and a target variable
          df = pd.DataFrame({
              'city': ['New York', 'London', 'Paris', 'Tokyo', 'New York', 'Paris'],
              'price': [200,150,300,250,180,320]
          })
In [33]:
          df
Out[33]:
                 city
                     price
            New York
                       200
          1
              London
          2
                       300
                Paris
          3
               Tokyo
                       250
             New York
                       180
                Paris
                       320
         mean_price= df.groupby('city')['price'].mean().to_dict()
In [34]:
In [35]: mean price
Out[35]: {'London': 150.0, 'New York': 190.0, 'Paris': 310.0, 'Tokyo': 250.0}
In [36]: df['city_encoded']=df['city'].map(mean_price)
In [37]: df
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Out[37]:		city	price	city_encoded
	0	New York	200	190.0
	1	London	150	150.0
	2	Paris	300	310.0
	3	Tokyo	250	250.0
	4	New York	180	190.0
	5	Paris	320	310.0
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