

# Cheat Sheet: Building Supervised Learning Models

## Common supervised learning models

Process Name	Brief Description	Code Syntax
One vs One classifier (using logistic regression)	<b>Process:</b> This method trains one classifier for each pair of classes. <b>Key hyperparameters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`estimator`</code>: Base classifier (e.g., logistic regression)</li></ul> <b>Pros:</b> Can work well for small datasets. <b>Cons:</b> Computationally expensive for large datasets. <b>Common applications:</b> Multiclass classification problems where the number of classes is relatively small.	<pre>from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsOneClassifier from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression model = OneVsOneClassifier(LogisticRegression())</pre>
One vs All classifier (using logistic regression)	<b>Process:</b> Trains one classifier per class, where each classifier distinguishes between one class and the rest. <b>Key hyperparameters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`estimator`</code>: Base classifier (e.g., Logistic Regression)</li><li>- <code>`multi_class`</code>: Strategy to handle multiclass classification (<code>`ovr`</code>)</li></ul> <b>Pros:</b> Simpler and more scalable than One vs One. <b>Cons:</b> Less accurate for highly imbalanced classes. <b>Common applications:</b> Common in multiclass classification problems such as image classification.	<pre>from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression model = OneVsRestClassifier(LogisticRegression())</pre> <p>or</p> <pre>from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression model_ova = LogisticRegression(multi_class='ovr')</pre>
Decision tree classifier	<b>Process:</b> A tree-based classifier that splits data into smaller subsets based on feature values. <b>Key hyperparameters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`max_depth`</code>: Maximum depth of the tree</li></ul> <b>Pros:</b> Easy to interpret and visualize. <b>Cons:</b> Prone to overfitting if not pruned properly. <b>Common applications:</b> Classification tasks, such as credit risk assessment.	<pre>from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier model = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=5)</pre>
Decision tree regressor	<b>Process:</b> Similar to the decision tree classifier, but used for regression tasks to predict continuous values. <b>Key hyperparameters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`max_depth`</code>: Maximum depth of the tree</li></ul> <b>Pros:</b> Easy to interpret, handles nonlinear data. <b>Cons:</b> Can overfit and perform poorly on noisy data. <b>Common applications:</b> Regression tasks, such as predicting housing prices.	<pre>from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor model = DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=5)</pre>
Linear SVM classifier	<b>Process:</b> A linear classifier that finds the optimal hyperplane separating classes with a maximum margin. <b>Key hyperparameters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`C`</code>: Regularization parameter</li><li>- <code>`kernel`</code>: Type of kernel function (<code>`linear`</code>, <code>`poly`</code>, <code>`rbf`</code>, etc.)</li><li>- <code>`gamma`</code>: Kernel coefficient (only for <code>`rbf`</code>, <code>`poly`</code>, etc.)</li></ul> <b>Pros:</b> Effective for high-dimensional spaces. <b>Cons:</b> Not ideal for nonlinear problems without kernel tricks. <b>Common applications:</b> Text classification and image recognition.	<pre>from sklearn.svm import SVC model = SVC(kernel='linear', C=1.0)</pre>

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K-nearest neighbors classifier	<p><b>Process:</b> Classifies data based on the majority class of its nearest neighbors.</p> <p><b>Key hyperparameters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`n_neighbors`</code>: Number of neighbors to use</li><li>- <code>`weights`</code>: Weight function used in prediction (<code>`uniform`</code> or <code>`distance`</code>)</li><li>- <code>`algorithm`</code>: Algorithm used to compute the nearest neighbors (<code>`auto`</code>, <code>`ball_tree`</code>, <code>`kd_tree`</code>, <code>`brute`</code>)</li></ul> <p><b>Pros:</b> Simple and effective for small datasets.</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> Computationally expensive as the dataset grows.</p> <p><b>Common applications:</b> Recommendation systems, image recognition.</p>	<pre>from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5, weights='uniform')</pre>
Random Forest regressor	<p><b>Process:</b> An ensemble method using multiple decision trees to improve accuracy and reduce overfitting.</p> <p><b>Key hyperparameters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`n_estimators`</code>: Number of trees in the forest</li><li>- <code>`max_depth`</code>: Maximum depth of each tree</li></ul> <p><b>Pros:</b> Less prone to overfitting than individual decision trees.</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> Model complexity increases with the number of trees.</p> <p><b>Common applications:</b> Regression tasks such as predicting sales or stock prices.</p>	<pre>from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, max_depth=5)</pre>
XGBoost regressor	<p><b>Process:</b> A gradient boosting method that builds trees sequentially to correct errors from previous trees.</p> <p><b>Key hyperparameters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <code>`n_estimators`</code>: Number of boosting rounds</li><li>- <code>`learning_rate`</code>: Step size to improve accuracy</li><li>- <code>`max_depth`</code>: Maximum depth of each tree</li></ul> <p><b>Pros:</b> High accuracy and works well with large datasets.</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> Computationally intensive, complex to tune.</p> <p><b>Common applications:</b> Predictive modeling, especially in Kaggle competitions.</p>	<pre>import xgboost as xgb model = xgb.XGBRegressor(n_estimators=100, learning_rate=0.1, max_depth=5)</pre>

Associated functions used

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OneHotEncoder	Transforms categorical features into a one-hot encoded matrix.	<pre>from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse=False) encoded_data = encoder.fit_transform(categorical_data)</pre>
accuracy_score	Computes the accuracy of a classifier by comparing predicted and true labels.	<pre>from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score accuracy = accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred)</pre>
LabelEncoder	Encodes labels (target variable) into numeric format.	<pre>from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder encoder = LabelEncoder() encoded_labels = encoder.fit_transform(labels)</pre>

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plot_tree	Plots a decision tree model for visualization.	<pre>from sklearn.tree import plot_tree plot_tree(model, max_depth=3, filled=True)</pre>
normalize	Scales each feature to have zero mean and unit variance (standardization).	<pre>from sklearn.preprocessing import normalize normalized_data = normalize(data, norm='l2')</pre>
compute_sample_weight	Computes sample weights for imbalanced datasets.	<pre>from sklearn.utils.class_weight import compute_sample_weight weights = compute_sample_weight(class_weight='balanced', y=y)</pre>
roc_auc_score	Computes the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (AUC-ROC) for binary classification models.	<pre>from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score auc = roc_auc_score(y_true, y_score)</pre>

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