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What Information Do We Have?

We have the following data to work with:

- There are 2 data files named `breast-cancer-train.dat` (/course/cs357-f15/file-version/59babe8be91b4665456aae2abfdc1e1e732643ec/media/least-squares-cancer/breast-cancer-train.dat) and `breast-cancer-validate.dat` (/course/cs357-f15/file-version/59babe8be91b4665456aae2abfdc1e1e732643ec/media/least-squares-cancer/breast-cancer-validate.dat) residing on the class server. There are many ways to load this text. One is by way of `numpy.loadtxt`. The second column is a string with `M` and `B`, so make sure to handle this as a float (-1 or 1) using `converters`.
- There is a list of labels in `labels.txt` (/course/cs357-f15/file-version/59babe8be91b4665456aae2abfdc1e1e732643ec/media/least-squares-cancer/labels.txt) that contains names (type: string). This can be loaded with `numpy.genfromtxt`.
- Consider a second list called `subset_labels` that contains the names of 4 columns that you will use when creating a quadratic least squares representation:

```
subset_labels = ["radius (mean)", "perimeter (mean)", "area (mean)", "symmetry (mean)"]
```

A snapshot of the data set is shown below.

You will notice that the first column is called *patient ID*. For each patient there is an entry in the 'Malignant/Benign' column indicating whether their tumor was malignant or benign. The remaining 30 columns give characteristics of the tumor.



1. Load your data.

- `tumor_data` should have 300 rows and 32 columns
- `validate_data` should have 260 rows and 32 columns
- `labels` should have 32 labels

- Now take `labels` and make `labelsid`, a dictionary that maps the label name to the column number. This is easy with `enumerate`

2. Take a look at some the data using plot commands

- Generate a histogram of one of the data columns. Check out `radius (mean)`.
- Generate a plot of same data.
- For both the histogram and plot, include titles, x-labels, and y-labels. What should they be?