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Summing up

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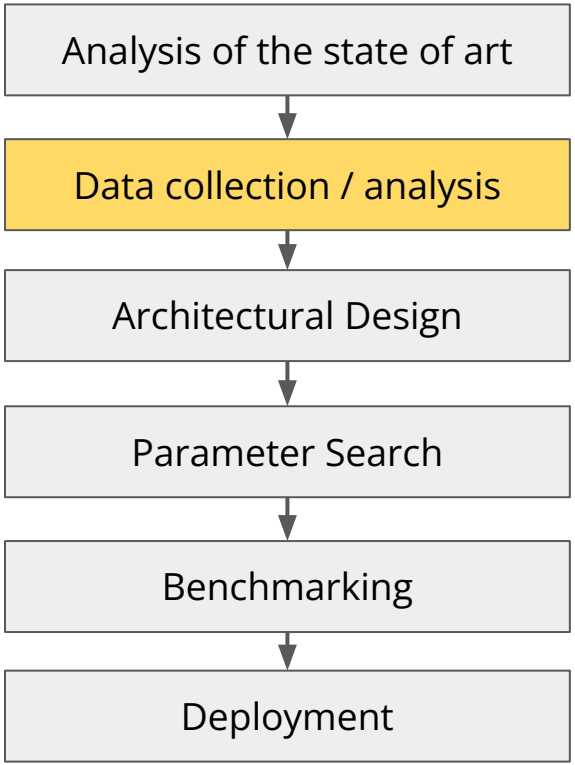
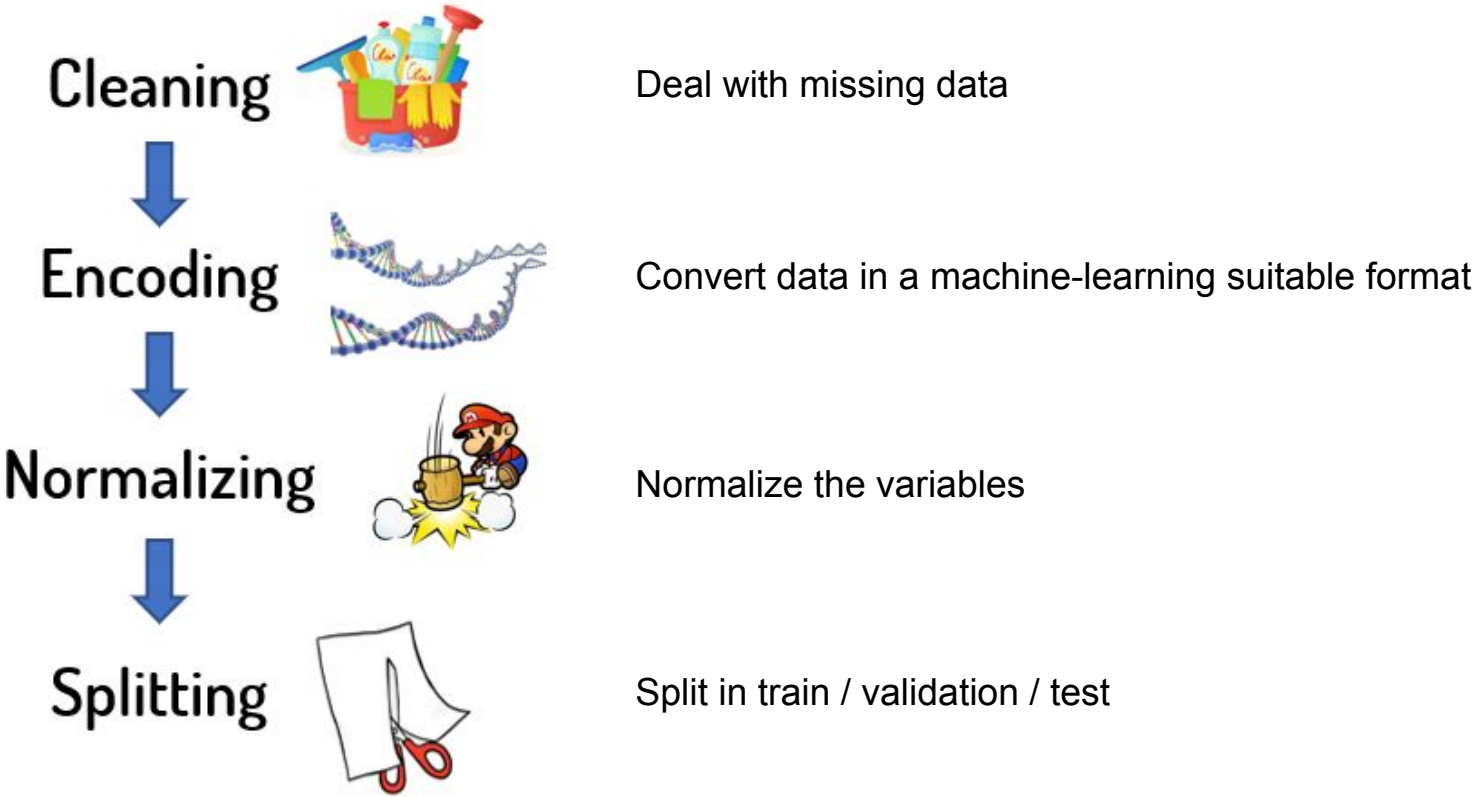
R&D process


Analysis of the state of art
Data collection / analysis
Architectural Design
Parameter Search
Benchmarking
Deployment

Data preprocessing



Deal with missing data

Convert data in a machine-learning suitable format

Normalize the variables

Split in train / validation / test

Cleaning

What do we do with missing data?

Three possible strategies:

- discard feature having missing data
- discard samples having missing data
- substitute missing data with plausible content
    - **booleans / categorical**: replace with mode
    - **integers**: replace with median
    - **floats**: interpolate

Encoding of input categorical variables

- Machine learning models can only work with numerical values
- It is necessary to transform the categorical values of the relevant features into numerical ones

One-hot encoding (for input variables)

brand
Fiat
BMW
Lamborghini
Fiat

brand_fiat	brand_bmw	brand_lambo
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1
1	0	0

Encoding of target categorical variables

- Machine learning models can only work with numerical values
- It is necessary to transform the categorical values of the relevant features into numerical ones

Labeling (for estimated variables)

brand
Fiat
BMW
Lamborghini
Fiat

brand
0
1
2
0

Normalizing

- The range of the variables affect their importance
- We need to normalize them so that each variable resides in the same range

  - **min - max normalization**
    - if the variable under analysis has a specific range, it's possible to use this normalization
    - `from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler`

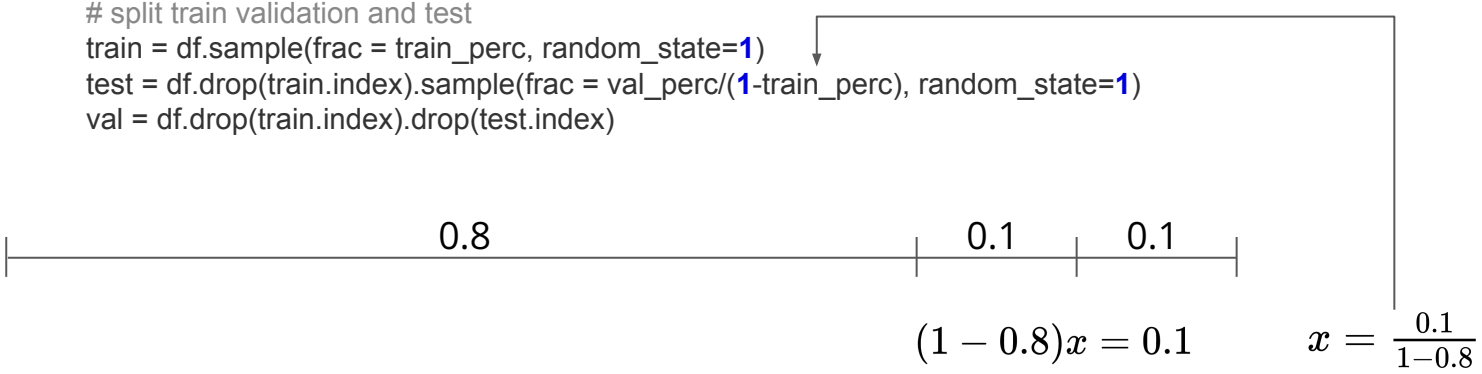
  - **standardization**
    - if the range is unknown a priori
    - sets the mean to 0 and the variance to 1
    - `sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler`

Splitting

It is possible to split in train, validation and test with the following code:

```
# define percentage of splitting
train_perc = 0.8
val_perc = 0.1
# test_perc will be: 1 - train_perc - val_perc

# split train validation and test
train = df.sample(frac = train_perc, random_state=1)
test = df.drop(train.index).sample(frac = val_perc/(1-train_perc), random_state=1)
val = df.drop(train.index).drop(test.index)
```



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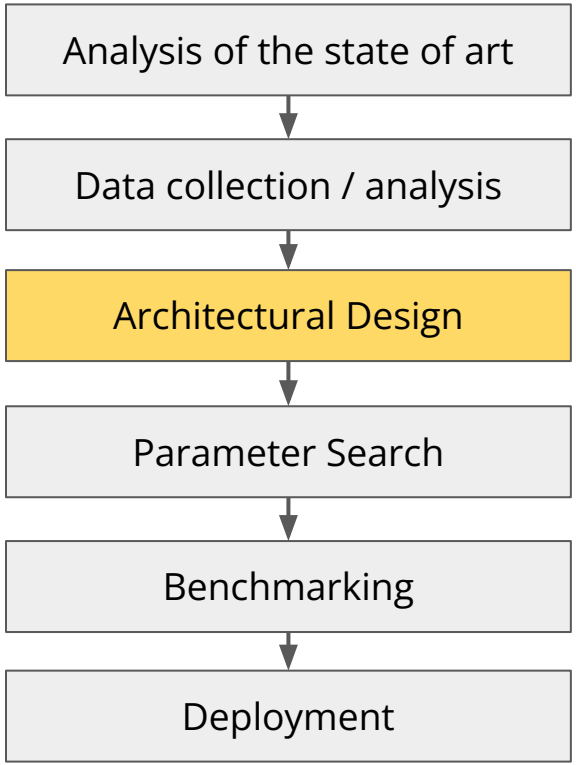
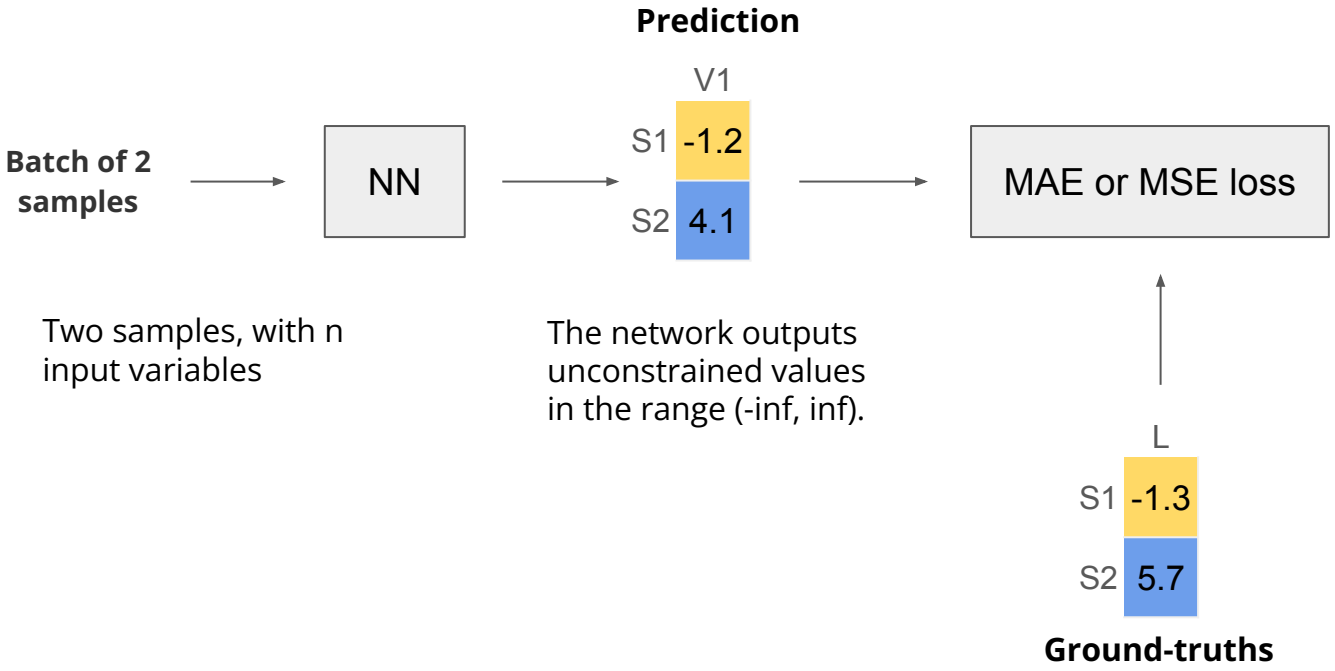


PyTorch PyTorch Lightning

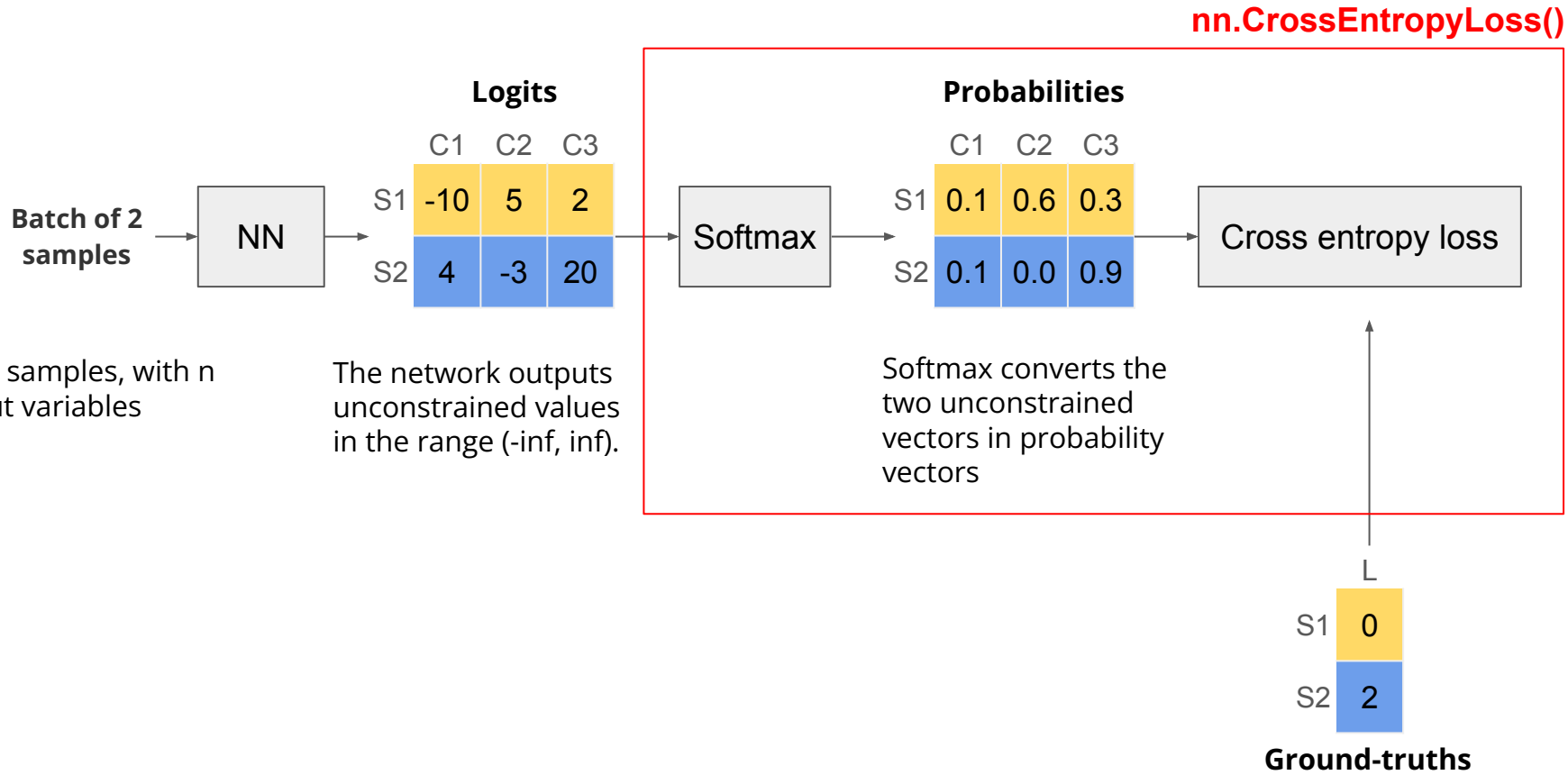
Regression setup

- network predicts directly the values of the continuous variable
- loss and performance score are: MAE or MSE



Pipeline for classification in Pytorch

In Pytorch, nn.CrossEntropyLoss combines softmax and cross entropy loss



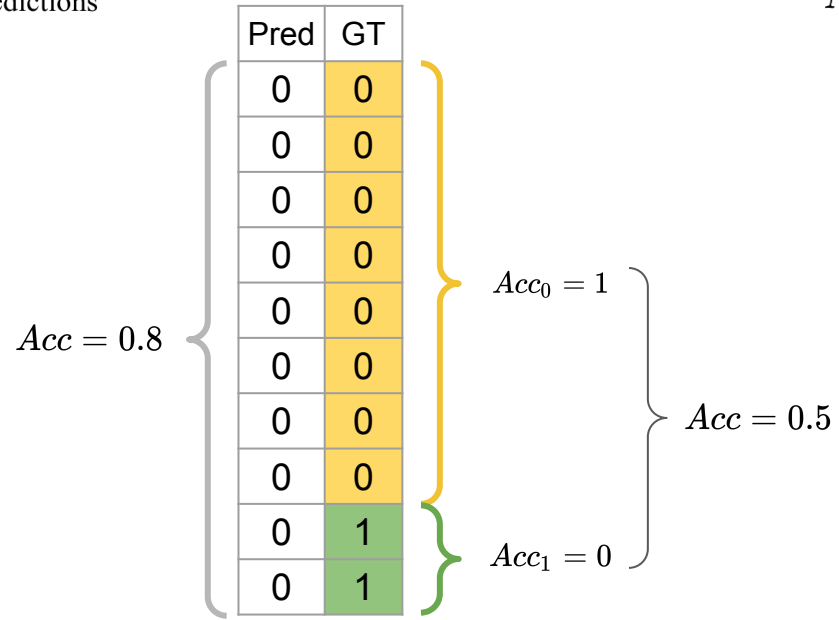
Accuracy

Micro

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Number of correct predictions}}{\text{Total number of predictions}}$$

Macro

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{c=1}^{N}\frac{\text{\# correct preds for class c}}{\text{\# samples of class c}}$$



Torchmetrics

```
import torchmetrics

# define input and ground truth
inp = torch.tensor([0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0])
gt  = torch.tensor([0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1])

# define metric objects
acc_micro = torchmetrics.Accuracy(task = 'multiclass', num_classes = 2, average = 'micro')
acc_macro = torchmetrics.Accuracy(task = 'multiclass', num_classes = 2, average = 'macro')

# update metrics
acc_micro.update(inp, gt)
acc_macro.update(inp, gt)

# you can update the metrics with more batches ..

# at the end, compute the final score
micro = acc_micro.compute()
macro = acc_macro.compute()

# print
print(f'Micro accuracy is {micro:0.2f} while macro accuracy is {macro:0.2f}')

# reset the metric object (optional)
acc_micro.reset()
acc_macro.reset()
```

Initialization

Update of the metric.
One update for each batch.

Final computation of the metric

Reset of the metric

It will print: “Micro accuracy is 0.80 while macro accuracy is 0.50”

Exercises

Exercise 1 - Data analysis + neural prediction

- Given the dataset “traffic_violations” with target variable “is_arrested”:

1. explore the data
2. decide which variables should be dropped
3. clean data
4. encode data
5. normalize data
6. split data in train, validation and test using the code in slide 8
7. set up the training of a neural network
8. train the system
9. test the performance in terms of micro and macro accuracy
10. compute also the confusion matrix