## Preprocessing data

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#### Dealing with categorical features

- Scikit-learn will not accept categorical features by default
- Need to encode categorical features numerically
- Convert to 'dummy variables'
  - 0: Observation was NOT that category
  - 1: Observation was that category

#### **Dummy variables**

Origin

US

Europe

Asia

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Origin	
US	
Europe	
Asia	

origin_Asia	origin_Europe	origin_US	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
1	0	0	

## **Dummy variables**

Origin		origin_Asia	origin_US	
US		0	1	
Europe		0	0	
Asia		1	0	

#### Dealing with categorical features in Python

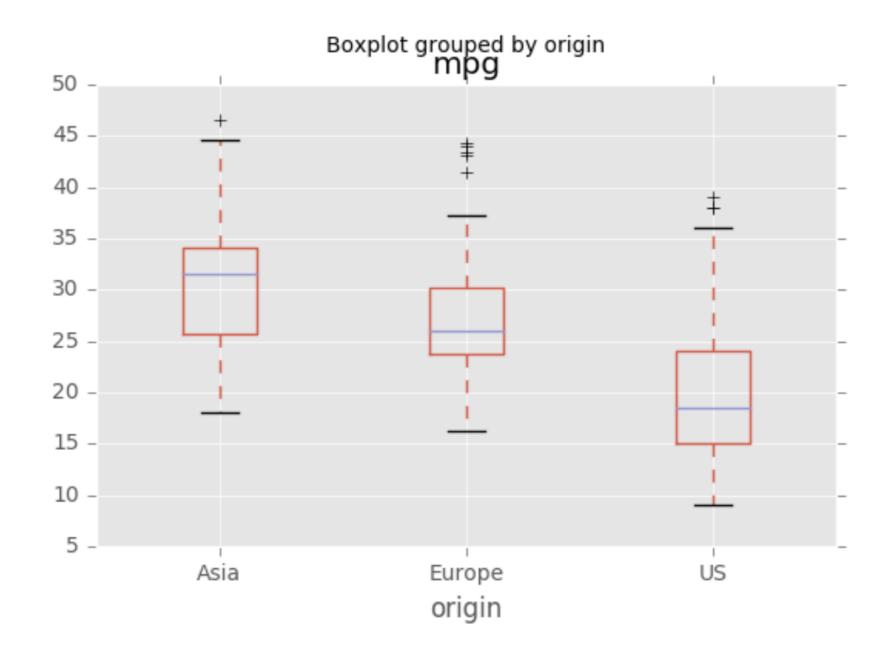
- scikit-learn: OneHotEncoder()
- pandas: get\_dummies()

#### Automobile dataset

- mpg: Target Variable
- Origin: Categorical Feature

	mpg	displ	hp	weight	accel	origin	size
0	18.0	250.0	88	3139	14.5	US	15.0
1	9.0	304.0	193	4732	18.5	US	20.0
2	36.1	91.0	60	1800	16.4	Asia	10.0
3	18.5	250.0	98	3525	19.0	US	15.0
4	34.3	97.0	78	2188	15.8	Europe	10.0

#### EDA w/ categorical feature





#### **Encoding dummy variables**

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.read_csv('auto.csv')

df_origin = pd.get_dummies(df)

print(df_origin.head())
```

```
hp weight accel size origin_Asia origin_Europe \\
    displ
18.0 250.0
                  3139
                        14.5 15.0
                        18.5 20.0
 9.0 304.0
36.1 91.0
                        16.4 10.0
18.5 250.0
                  3525
                        19.0 15.0
34.3 97.0 78
                  2188
                        15.8 10.0
origin_US
```



#### **Encoding dummy variables**

```
df_origin = df_origin.drop('origin_Asia', axis=1)
print(df_origin.head())
```

```
hp weight accel size origin_Europe origin_US
     displ
 mpg
18.0 250.0
                         14.5 15.0
                  3139
 9.0 304.0
                         18.5 20.0
                  4732
      91.0
                  1800
                        16.4 10.0
36.1
                                                          0
18.5 250.0
                  3525
                         19.0 15.0
34.3
      97.0
                   2188
                         15.8 10.0
```

#### Linear regression with dummy variables

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
    test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
ridge = Ridge(alpha=0.5, normalize=True).fit(X_train,
                                                  y_train)
ridge.score(X_test, y_test)
0.719064519022
```



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# Handling missing data

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#### PIMA Indians dataset

```
df = pd.read_csv('diabetes.csv')
df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 768 entries, 0 to 767
Data columns (total 9 columns):
              768 non-null int64
pregnancies
qlucose
              768 non-null int64
              768 non-null int64
diastolic
              768 non-null int64
triceps
insulin
              768 non-null int64
              768 non-null float64
bmi
dpf
              768 non-null float64
              768 non-null int64
age
              768 non-null int64
diabetes
dtypes: float64(2), int64(7)
memory usage: 54.1 KB
None
```



#### PIMA Indians dataset

```
print(df.head())
```

```
pregnancies glucose diastolic triceps insulin
                                                          age \\
                                              bmi
                                                     dpf
               148
                          72
                                           0 33.6 0.627
                                           0 26.6 0.351
               183
                                           0 23.3 0.672
                89
                                          94 28.1 0.167
               137
                                         168 43.1 2.288
diabetes
      0
```



#### Dropping missing data

```
df.insulin.replace(0, np.nan, inplace=True)
df.triceps.replace(0, np.nan, inplace=True)
df.bmi.replace(0, np.nan, inplace=True)
df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 768 entries, 0 to 767
Data columns (total 9 columns):
              768 non-null int64
pregnancies
              768 non-null int64
alucose
              768 non-null int64
diastolic
               541 non-null float64
triceps
insulin
              394 non-null float64
              757 non-null float64
bmi
dpf
              768 non-null float64
              768 non-null int64
age
diabetes
              768 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(4), int64(5)
memory usage: 54.1 KB
```



### Dropping missing data

```
df = df.dropna()
df.shape
```

(393, 9)

#### Imputing missing data

- Making an educated guess about the missing values
- Example: Using the mean of the non-missing entries

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import Imputer
imp = Imputer(missing_values='NaN', strategy='mean', axis=0
imp.fit(X)
X = imp.transform(X)
```

#### Imputing within a pipeline

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```
pipeline.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = pipeline.predict(X_test)
pipeline.score(X_test, y_test)
```

0.75324675324675328

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# Centering and scaling

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#### Why scale your data?

print(df.describe())

```
fixed acidity
                     free sulfur dioxide
                                           total sulfur dioxide
                                                                       density
                                                                               11
count 1599.000000
                             1599.000000
                                                                 1599.000000
                                                    1599.000000
                               15.874922
                                                      46.467792
          8.319637
                                                                     0.996747
mean
          1.741096
                               10.460157
                                                      32.895324
                                                                     0.001887
std
          4.600000
                                1.000000
                                                       6.000000
                                                                     0.990070
min
25%
          7.100000
                                7.000000
                                                      22.000000
                                                                     0.995600
50%
          7.900000
                               14.000000
                                                      38.000000
                                                                     0.996750
75%
          9.200000
                               21.000000
                                                      62.000000
                                                                     0.997835
         15.900000
                               72.000000
                                                     289.000000
                                                                     1.003690
max
                                      alcohol
                                                    quality
                рΗ
                      sulphates
       1599.000000
                    1599.000000
                                  1599.000000
                                                1599.000000
count
          3.311113
                        0.658149
                                    10.422983
                                                   0.465291
mean
          0.154386
                        0.169507
                                     1.065668
                                                   0.498950
std
          2.740000
                        0.330000
                                     8.400000
                                                   0.000000
min
25%
          3.210000
                        0.550000
                                     9.500000
                                                   0.000000
50%
                        0.620000
                                    10.200000
                                                   0.000000
          3.310000
75%
          3.400000
                        0.730000
                                    11.100000
                                                   1.000000
          4.010000
                        2.000000
                                    14.900000
                                                   1.000000
max
```



#### Why scale your data?

- Many models use some form of distance to inform them
- Features on larger scales can unduly influence the model
- Example: k-NN uses distance explicitly when making predictions
- We want features to be on a similar scale
- Normalizing (or scaling and centering)

#### Ways to normalize your data

- Standardization: Subtract the mean and divide by variance
- All features are centered around zero and have variance one
- Can also subtract the minimum and divide by the range
- Minimum zero and maximum one
- Can also normalize so the data ranges from -1 to +1
- See scikit-learn docs for further details



#### Scaling in scikit-learn

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import scale
X_{scaled} = scale(X)
np.mean(X), np.std(X)
(8.13421922452, 16.7265339794)
np.mean(X_scaled), np.std(X_scaled)
(2.54662653149e-15, 1.0)
```



#### Scaling in a pipeline

0.956

```
knn_unscaled = KNeighborsClassifier().fit(X_train, y_train)
knn_unscaled.score(X_test, y_test)
```

0.928

#### CV and scaling in a pipeline

#### Scaling and CV in a pipeline

```
print(cv.best_params_)
 'knn__n_neighbors': 41}
print(cv.score(X_test, y_test))
0.956
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
                          recall f1-score
            precision
                                             support
                 0.97
                            0.90
                                      0.93
                                                  39
                 0.95
                                      0.97
                            0.99
                                                  75
                 0.96
                            0.96
                                      0.96
avg / total
                                                 114
```



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# Final thoughts

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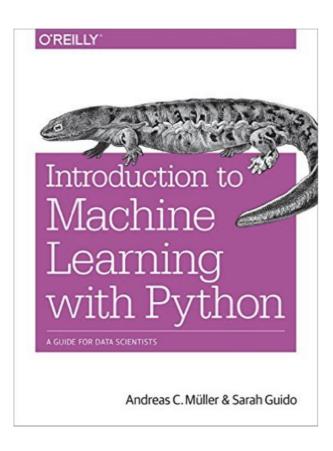


#### What you've learned

- Using machine learning techniques to build predictive models
- For both regression and classification problems
- With real-world data
- Underfitting and overfitting
- Test-train split
- Cross-validation
- Grid search

#### What you've learned

- Regularization, lasso and ridge regression
- Data preprocessing
- For more: Check out the scikit-learn documentation



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