

# - Data Preprocessing and Features

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## 1 Data preprocessing:

↳ Data: Text, Image, videos, audio etc.  
(Set of facts and statistics or symbols)

→ Data preprocessing is a process to convert raw data into more meaningful data using different techniques.

data:

dirty data:

- ↳ Incomplete
- ↳ Noisy
- ↳ Inconsistent
- ↳ Duplicate

Quality data:

- ↳ Accuracy
- ↳ Completeness
- ↳ Consistency
- ↳ Believability
- ↳ Interpretability

## 2 Steps / Technique in Data preprocessing

- i) data cleaning ✓
- ii) Data integration
- iii) Data Reduction
- iv) Data transformation
- v) Data Discretization

⇒ (i) Data cleaning: fill in missing values, smooth out noise while identifying outliers, and correct inconsistencies in the data.

⇒ (ii) Data integration: merges data from multiple sources into a coherent data store, such as a data warehouse.

⇒ (iii) Data Reduction: technique to reduce the data size by aggregating, eliminating redundant features, or clustering for instance.

⇒ (iv) Data transformation: data are transformed or consolidated into forms more appropriate for ML model training, such as normalization, where data are scaled to fall within a smaller range like 0.0 to 1.0. (feature scaling)



(v) Data Discretization: technique transforms numeric data by mapping values to interval or concept labels.

techniques:

- ↳ Binning
- ↳ Histogram analysis
- ↳ Cluster analysis
- ↳ Decision analysis
- ↳ Correlation analysis

⑥ feature: is an attribute or property shared by all of the independent units on which analysis or prediction is to be done.

feature ~~scaling~~ engineering:

- ↳ transformations that applied to the data before it is fed into some algo for some processing.
- ↳ create feature/extract the feature from existing features by domain knowledge.
- ↳ it is an art

obj.: → improve accuracy ml algo model

major process of feature engineering:

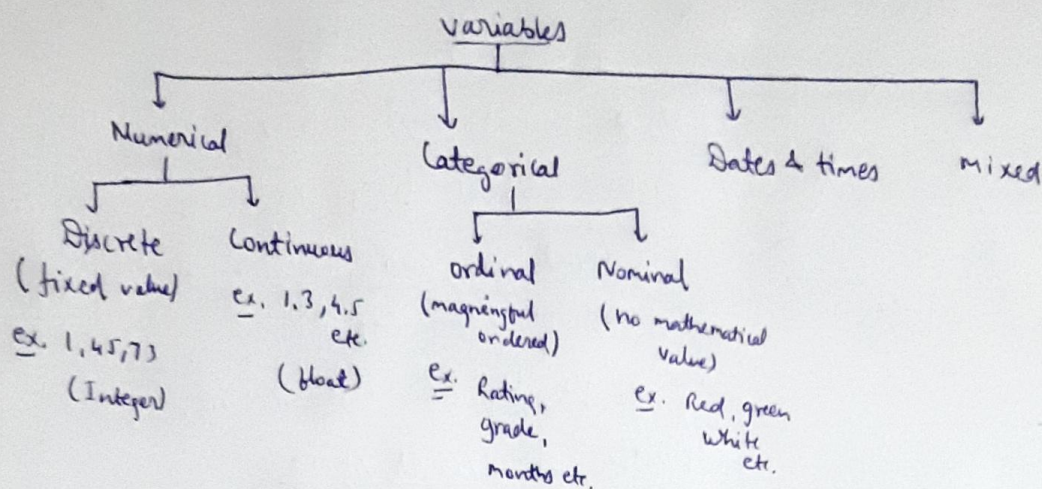
- Brainstorming or testing feature
- Deciding what features to create
- Creating features
- Checking how the features work with your model
- Improving your feature if needed
- Go back to brainstorming/creating more features until the work done.

ex.

<u>Train boarding</u>	<u>Train Reach</u>	<u>Delayed/on</u>	<u>Time delay/on</u>
10.00 AM	10.15 AM	Delay	00.15
5.00 PM	5.00 PM	On	00.00
Given		Create features	



- ① Variable: is any characteristic, number or quantity that can be measured or counted.



② Missing value Handling:

- ↳ Ignore missing value row/Delete row
- ↳ fill missing value manually (generally ignoring becoz data too large)
- ↳ Global Constants
  - ↳ Measurement of central tendency (Mean, median & mode)
  - ↳ Measurement of central tendency for each class.
  - ↳ Most probable value (ML algo) (linear reg, decision tree, k-nearest etc.)

③ Ignore missing values Row/delete Row:

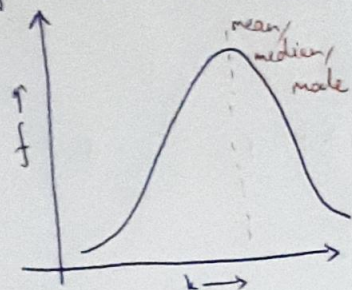
- ↳ it is generally used if missing values are less than 5% of values.  
or depend on situation and data also.
- ↳ missing values should be random.
- ↳ This is use in extreme case and should only be used when there are many null values in column or row.

disadvantage: that may lose valuable information on that feature, as we have deleted it completely due to some null values.



## Missing value imputation by mean, median:

if our distribution graph is

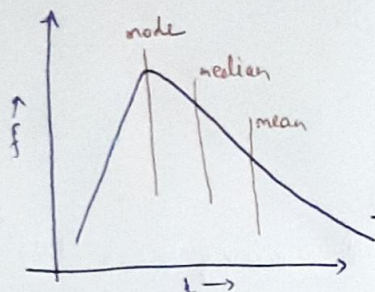


$$\text{mean} = \text{median} = \text{mode}$$

• This is normal distribution/gaussian distribution

• So, in normal distribution we can use any imputation mean, median, mode for missing value imputation.

• So, generally we use mean.

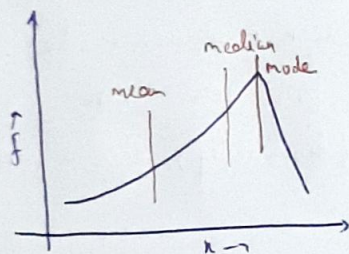


Positive skew / Right skew

• This is asymmetric distribution

• So, here we use median instead of mean.

$$\text{mean} > \text{median} > \text{mode}$$



Negative skew / Left skew

$$\text{mean} < \text{median} < \text{mode}$$

here, also we use median instead of mean.

• In case if the attribute is categorical then replace the missing values of that categorical variable with its mode.

• missing values by belonging to same class.

• for example, if classifying customers according to credit risk, we may replace the missing value with the mean income value for customers in the same red credit risk category as that of the given tuple

• if the data distribution for a given class is skewed, the median value is a better choice.



## By Sklearn

### ⑥ cleaning or Handle missing data with SimpleImputer:

- ↳ sklearn class
- ↳ helpful in handle the missing data in predictive dataset.
- ↳ Replace missing values using a descriptive statistic (eg. mean, median, or mode) along each column, or using a constant value)

⇒ Class sklearn.impute.SimpleImputer (\*, strategy='mean', missing\_values=nan)

- missing\_values: int, float, str, np.nan, default=np.nan

- strategy: str, default='mean'

- ↳ if 'mean', then replace missing values using the mean along each column. Can only be used with numeric data.

- ↳ if 'median', then replace missing values using the median. Can only be used with numeric data.

- ↳ if 'most-frequent', then replace missing using the most frequent value along each column. Can be used with numeric or numeric data.

- ↳ if 'constant', then replace missing value with fill-value. Can be used with strings or numeric data.

• → for Numerical missing values imputation

- we use 'mean' strategy in SimpleImputer function for numeric features in dataframe.

- we use transform function for impute in whole dataset.

- Here, we can be also use 'median', 'mode' but we go for 'mean' becoz 'mean' very effective from those.

• → for categorical missing values imputation.

- Here, we use 'most-frequent' strategy in SimpleImputer.

- 'mean', 'median' not possible for categorical missing values imputation.



## ② By Machine at learning algorithms

- Linear Regg.
  - Decision Tree
  - k-nearest Tree
  - multiple imputation etc.
- ③ linear Regg.: predict missing values by fitting a linear Regression model to non missing values, not well for non-linear datasets.
- ④ Decision Tree: predict missing values based on the other variables in datasets.  
it can handle both numerical and categorical variables and it can capture non-linear relationships between variable.
- ⑤ k-nearest Tree: predict missing values based on find k-nearest data points to missing value.  
This is more accurate.  
but, computationally expensive.
- ⑥ multiple imputation: generate multiple imputations of the missing value using probabilistic model and then combines them to create final datasets  
↳ more accurate  
↳ computational expensive.



## @ One Hot Encoding:

↳ ~~various~~ various ML models do not work with categorical data and to fit this data into the ML model, it needs to be converted into numerical data.

↳ One approach is assign some numerical value to these level ex. male + female mapped to 0 + 1. but this can add bias in our model as it will start given higher preference to female parameter as 1 > 0. but ideally both are important.

↳ One Hot Encoding: ~~we use~~

Technique that we use to represent categorical variables as numerical values in ML algo model.

advantages:

- allow the use of categorical variables
- improve model performance

disadv.:

- increased dimensionality, make complex data.
- most observations have 0 value
- it can lead to overfitting.

↳ • we can use pd.get\_dummies() function from pandas to one-hot encode the categorical columns.



## • Label & Order Encoding:

Label Encoding: apply on ordinal and nominal categorical variables.

• preference order: 1<sup>st</sup> number then alphabetical order

Ordinal Encoding: apply on ordinal categorical data variables.

## ① feature Scaling: is a method to scale numeric features in the same scale or range like (-1 to 1, 0 to 1).

↳ This last step involved inv in data preprocessing and before ml model training.

↳ it is also called as data normalization.

↳ we can apply feature scaling on independent variables.

↳ we fit feature scaling with train data and transform on train and test data.

### • why feature scaling:

↳ The scale of raw features is different according to its units.

↳ ml algo can't understand features units, understand only numbers.

↳ ex. if height 140 cm & 8.2 feet  
but in ml 140 > 8.2

### • Which ml algo's Required feature scaling?

• Those algo's <sup>calculate distance</sup>  
↳ K-nearest Neighbors

↳ k-means

↳ Support vector Analysis (SVM)

↳ principal Component Analysis (PCA)

↳ Linear Discriminant Analysis

### • Gradient Decent Based algo's.

↳ linear Regression

↳ logistic Regression

↳ Neural network

$$d^E(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2}$$

$$\theta_j = \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^i) - y^i) x_j^i$$



- Tree Based algo's not Required FS.

- ↳ Decision tree
- ↳ Random forest
- ↳ XGBoost

- Types of feature scaling

- ↳ Min max scaler ✓
- ↳ standard scaler ✓ } mostly use
- ↳ max Abs scaler
- etc. ..

## ⑥ Standardization & Normalization:

Standardization: rescale the feature such as  $\text{mean}(\mu) = 0$  and standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) = 1.

$$Z(\text{z-score normalization}) = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

↳ It use if data follow normal distribution (gaussian distribution)

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Normalization: rescale the feature in fixed Range b/w 0 to 1.

$$X_{\text{norm}} = \frac{X - X_{\min}}{X_{\max} - X_{\min}}$$

- Mostly standardization use for clustering analyses, principal Component Analysis (PCA).

- Normalization prefer for image processing because pixel intensity 0 to 255, neural network algorithms require data in scale 0-1, k-Nearest Neighbours.