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(Pre-Processing Data)

missing values

missing value occur when no data value is stored for a variable (feature) in an observation.

Representation → ?, N/A, "0".

Dealing with missing values →

Source →

check with data collection

* Drop the missing values:-

- drop the variable
- drop the data entry

* Replace the missing value -

- replace it with an average (of similar data point)
- replace it by frequency (if data is categorical)

* Leave it as missing data.

How to drop missing values in Python ⇒

use →

`dataframes.dropna()`:

`axis=0` drop the entire row

`axis=1` drop the entire column

Data Preprocessing ↗

raw & unstructured:

- corrupting
- hard to aggregate
- hard to compare

structured →

→ more clear

→ easy to aggregate

→ easy to compare

Correcting Data Types ↗

• To identify data types:

df.dtypes or type(df)

• To convert data types:

df.astype('int')

for e.g. df['Price'] = df['Price'].astype('int')

Data Normalization ↗

age	income
20	100000
30	90000
40	50000



age	income
0.2	0.2
0.3	0.09
0.7	1

Method of Normalization ↗

② Simple feature Scaling

From $\frac{x - \text{min}}{\text{max} - \text{min}}$

(ii) Min-Max

$$N_{\text{new}} = \frac{N_{\text{old}} - N_{\text{min}}}{N_{\text{max}} - N_{\text{min}}}$$

(iii) Z-Score \Rightarrow

$$N_{\text{new}} = \frac{N_{\text{old}} - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Binning In Python \Rightarrow

- Binning \Rightarrow Grouping of values into "bins"
- Convert numeric into categorical variable
- Group a set of numerical values into a set of "bins",

Turning Categorical Variable into Quantitative Variable in Python \Rightarrow

One-hot-encoding \Rightarrow

Using Pandas library \Rightarrow

[1] `Pd.get_dummies()` :

convert categorical variable to dummy variable (0 or 1).

e.g. - `Pd.get_dummies(df['fuel'])`.