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TITLE: DEPLOYMENT OF FLASK

1. Dataset Description

The Linnerud dataset from the scikit-learn library is utilized for this project. It is a toy multioutput regression dataset consisting of measurements from 20 individuals, capturing their physical exercise activity and corresponding physiological responses.

- Input features: Number of chin-ups, sit-ups, and jumps performed
- Target variables: Weight (kg), waist circumference (cm), and pulse rate (bpm)

A preview of the feature matrix (X) and target matrix (y) is shown below.

```
: import pandas as pd

X = pd.DataFrame(data.data, columns=data.feature_names)
y = pd.DataFrame(data.target, columns=data.target_names)

print("Features (Exercise counts):")
print(X.head())

print("\nTargets (Health stats):")
print(y.head())
```

```
Features (Exercise counts):
   Chins  Situps  Jumps
0     5.0   162.0   60.0
1     2.0   110.0   60.0
2    12.0   101.0  101.0
3    12.0   105.0   37.0
4    13.0   155.0   58.0
```

```
Targets (Health stats):
   Weight  Waist  Pulse
0   191.0   36.0   50.0
1   189.0   37.0   52.0
2   193.0   38.0   58.0
3   162.0   35.0   62.0
4   189.0   35.0   46.0
```

Figure 1: Preview of the Linnerud dataset showing the input features (exercise counts) and target variables (health measurements).

2.

Model Training and Saving

A multi-output Linear Regression model was trained using the scikit-learn library. The model was fitted using 80% of the dataset for training and the remaining 20% for testing. After training, the model was serialized using the joblib library and saved as model.pkl for deployment.

```
# import Dependencies
from sklearn.datasets import load_linnerud
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import pandas as pd
import joblib

# Load the Linnerud dataset again
data = load_linnerud()
X = pd.DataFrame(data.data, columns=data.feature_names)
y = pd.DataFrame(data.target, columns=data.target_names)

# Split data into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Train Linear Regression model
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Save model to file
joblib.dump(model, 'model.pkl')
print("Linear Regression model saved as 'model.pkl'")
```

Linear Regression model saved as 'model.pkl'

Figure 2: Training and saving of the multi-output Linear Regression model using scikit-learn and joblib.

3.

Flask Backend

A Flask backend was developed to serve the trained machine learning model. The backend accepts user inputs for exercise counts via a web form and returns the predicted physiological stats. The trained model is loaded from disk and used for real-time predictions.

```
from flask import Flask, render_template, request
import numpy as np
import joblib

app = Flask(__name__)

# Load the trained model
model = joblib.load('model.pkl')

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return render_template('index.html')

@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    try:
        # Get user inputs
        chinups = float(request.form['chinups'])
        situps = float(request.form['situps'])
        jumps = float(request.form['jumps'])

        # Format input for prediction
        input_data = np.array([[chinups, situps, jumps]])
        prediction = model.predict(input_data)[0] # [weight, waist, pulse]

        # Return result to HTML
        return render_template('index.html', result={
            'weight': round(prediction[0], 2),
            'waist': round(prediction[1], 2),
            'pulse': round(prediction[2], 2)
        })
    except:
        return render_template('index.html', error="Invalid input. Please enter numbers.")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

Figure 3: Flask backend code handling user input, loading the trained model, and returning predictions.

4.

HTML Frontend (index.html)

The HTML frontend is implemented using a simple `index.html` file placed within the `templates/` directory. It provides a form interface to collect chin-ups, sit-ups, and jumps from the user. On form submission, the input data is sent to the Flask backend using a POST request. If predictions are returned, the predicted health metrics (weight, waist, and pulse) are displayed; otherwise, an error message is shown.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Fitness Predictor</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h2>Enter Exercise Data</h2>
  <form method="POST" action="/predict">
    Chin-ups: <input type="number" name="chinups" step="1" required><br><br>
    Sit-ups: <input type="number" name="situps" step="1" required><br><br>
    Jumps: <input type="number" name="jumps" step="1" required><br><br>
    <input type="submit" value="Predict">
  </form>

  {% if result %}
    <h3>Predicted Health Stats:</h3>
    <p>Weight: {{ result.weight }} kg</p>
    <p>Waist: {{ result.waist }} cm</p>
    <p>Pulse: {{ result.pulse }} bpm</p>
  {% endif %}

  {% if error %}
    <p style="color:red;">{{ error }}</p>
  {% endif %}
</body>
</html>
```

Figure 4: HTML frontend form created using `index.html`, containing input fields and logic to display prediction results or error messages.

5.

Running the Flask Application

The Flask application was executed from the terminal using the command `python3 app.py`. As shown in the output, the development server successfully started on `http://127.0.0.1:5000`. The warning in red is a standard message that indicates Flask is running in development mode and not intended for production use.

```
Last login: Fri Jun 27 13:19:40 on ttys000
(base) darshanbn@Ashwini ~ % cd ~/Desktop/linnerud_flask_app

(base) darshanbn@Ashwini linnerud_flask_app % python3 app.py

* Serving Flask app 'app'
* Debug mode: on
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
Press CTRL+C to quit
* Restarting with watchdog (fsevents)
* Debugger is active!
* Debugger PIN: 598-858-255
```

Figure 5: Terminal output showing successful launch of the Flask development server.

6. Web App Output

After launching the application, a test input was provided via the web interface. The form successfully accepted the values for chin-ups, sit-ups, and jumps and returned the corresponding predicted weight, waist, and pulse values using the trained regression model.

Enter Exercise Data

Chin-ups:

Sit-ups:

Jumps:

Predicted Health Stats:

Weight: 168.72 kg

Waist: 33.48 cm

Pulse: 58.88 bpm

Figure 6: Web interface displaying user inputs and the predicted physiological outputs from the deployed machine learning model.

7. Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates the end-to-end deployment of a multi-output regression model using the Flask framework. The workflow involved loading the Linnerud toy dataset, training a multi-output Linear Regression model, saving the model, and integrating it into a web application for real-time predictions.

The web interface accepts user input for physical activities—chin-ups, sit-ups, and jumps—and returns predicted health metrics including weight, waist circumference, and pulse rate.

It is important to note that the model is trained on a very small toy dataset (only 20 samples). As a result, the predictions, especially for variables like weight, may not always reflect realistic or medically accurate outputs. The model performance can be significantly improved by:

- Using a larger, real-world dataset,
- Incorporating feature scaling,
- Applying more advanced regression techniques,
- Performing model evaluation and tuning.

Despite these limitations, the project serves as a valuable demonstration of the model deployment pipeline and provides practical experience in building a functional ML-powered web application.