Data Science and Machine Learning Essentials



Getting Started with MS Azure and Bayesian Linear Regression With Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio

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Overview

In this tutorial you will know how to create an experiment, load the data set provided, and use regressions to calculate evaluations levels with Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio software. Our project consists of patient flu vaccinations from hospitals in every county of California.

This tutorial is focused for students who are in beginner's level.

What You'll Need

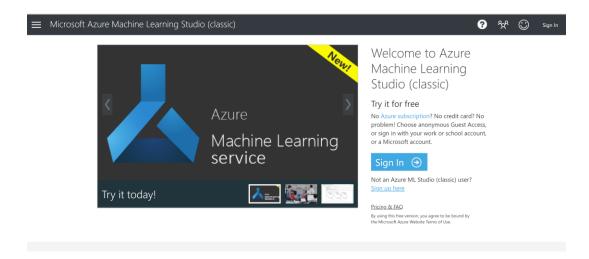
To complete this tutorial, you will need:

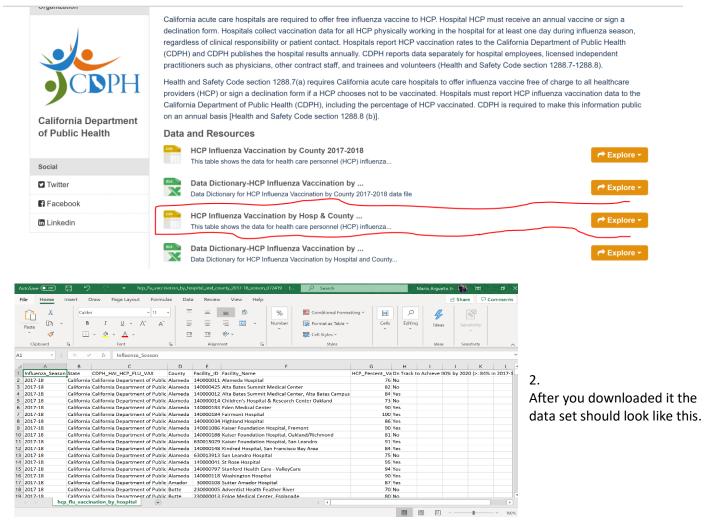
- Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio with a created account by clicking the website https://studio.azureml.net/
- You need to download the HCP Flu Vaccination data set by clicking this link https://data.ca.gov/dataset/health-care-personnel-influenza-vaccination
- Web browser with internet connection.

Make sure prior to using this tutorial please create and account for MS Azure ML Studio. It is free for one year. You can check out types of projects used for this powerful software used by real world Data Scientists and Machine Learning Engineers. Always be enthusiastic as these are fundamentals of entering this amazing field of data science.

Create an Azure ML Account

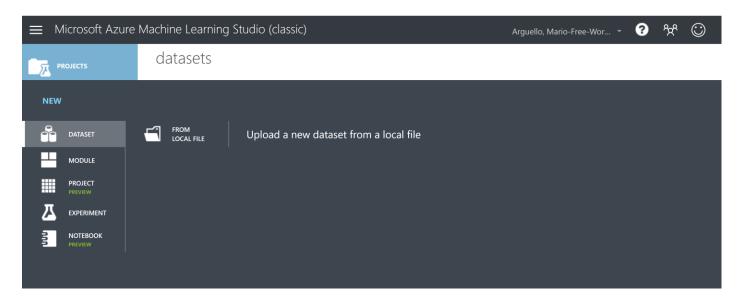
1. When you log in to you Azure account click in the data set link provided above and download the CSV file in second data set called HCP Influenza Vaccination by Hospital and County.



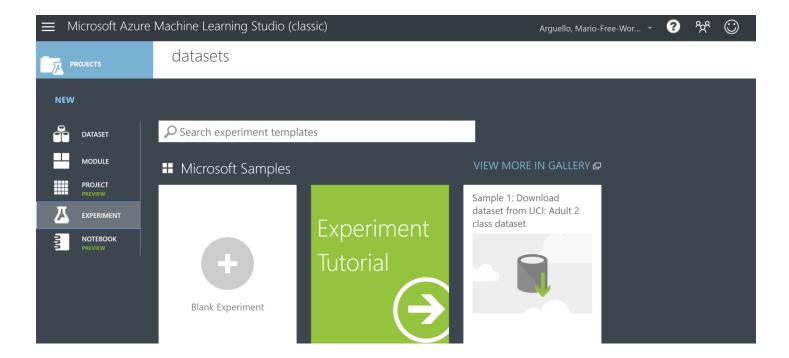


Create an Experiment and Add Modules

3. Let's start by clicking on data sets and click new data set located on the bottom left. Then click form local file to retrieve the data set HCP Flu Vaccination from which you saved it in.

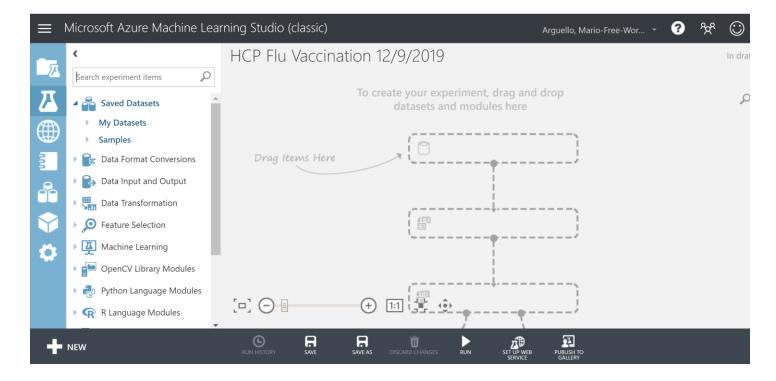


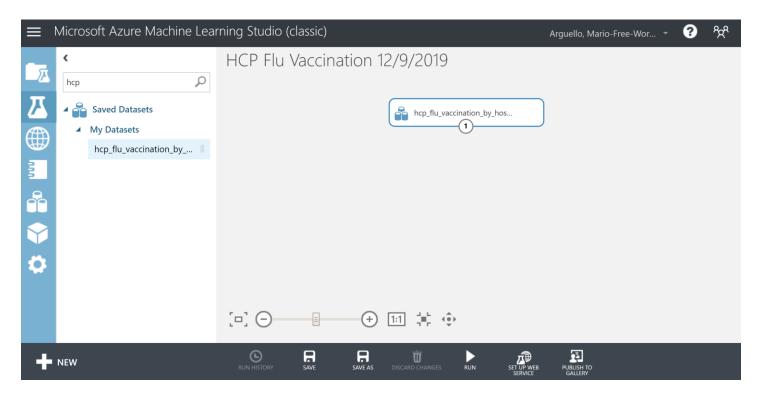
4. After the data set is uploaded let's create a new experiment by clicking on the experiment → blank experiment in the same column where you clicked dataset.



Uploading a Data File to Azure ML

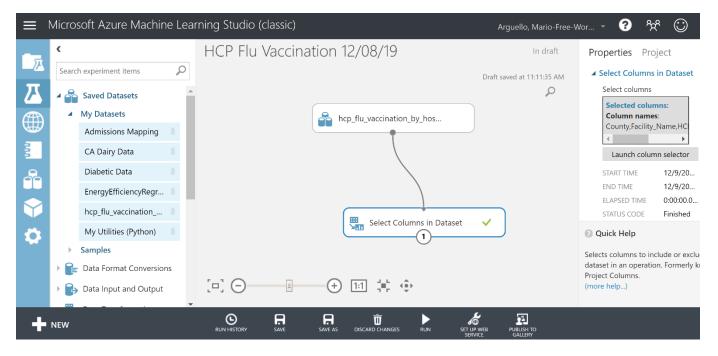
5. When you open the new blank experiment name the experiment HCP Flu Vaccination. Now search HCP Flu Vaccination on the top left search bar and drag the data set module to the center. Your work should resemble the images below.





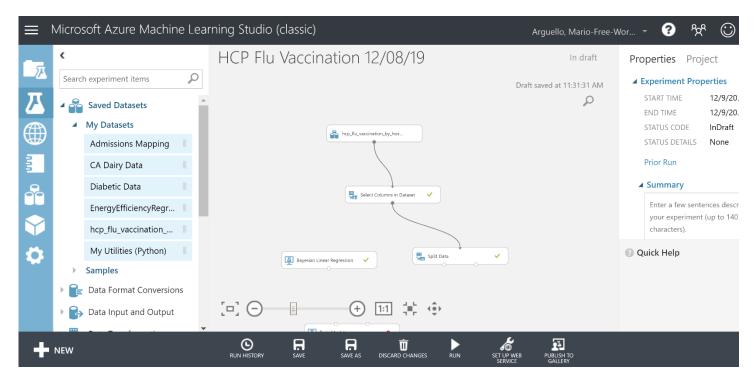
Creating an Azure ML Experiment

6. Now that you are done with these steps search Select Columns in Data Set and drag it to the center such as the first module you dragged for the data set. Launch the column selector → click by name → select County, Facility Name, and HCP_Percent_Vaccinated. Connect the HCp flu data to the Select Columns Data Set. Make sure to save and run the experiment. The modules should resemble the picture below.

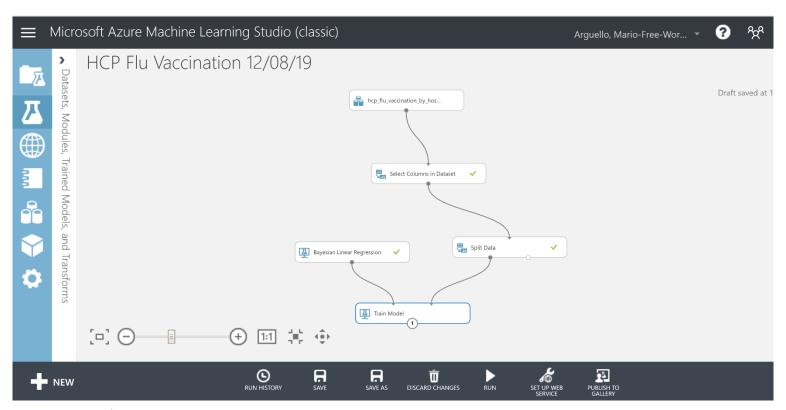


- 7. Now search for Split Data and drag them to the center. At the properties pane under split data adjust the following; splitting rows: Split Rows, fraction of rows..:0.5, random speed: 0. Under train model at the properties pane → launch column selector → click with rules → search HCP_Percent_Vaccinated. Click the check box on the properties pane.
- 8. Connect from the Select Columns Data Set to the Split Data module.

- 9. Now search Bayesian Linear Regression and drag it to the center. At the properties pane on the right make sure that the regularization weight is 1 and checked box on allow unknown.
- 10. Always make sure to save. Do nut run yet until the next step is completed.

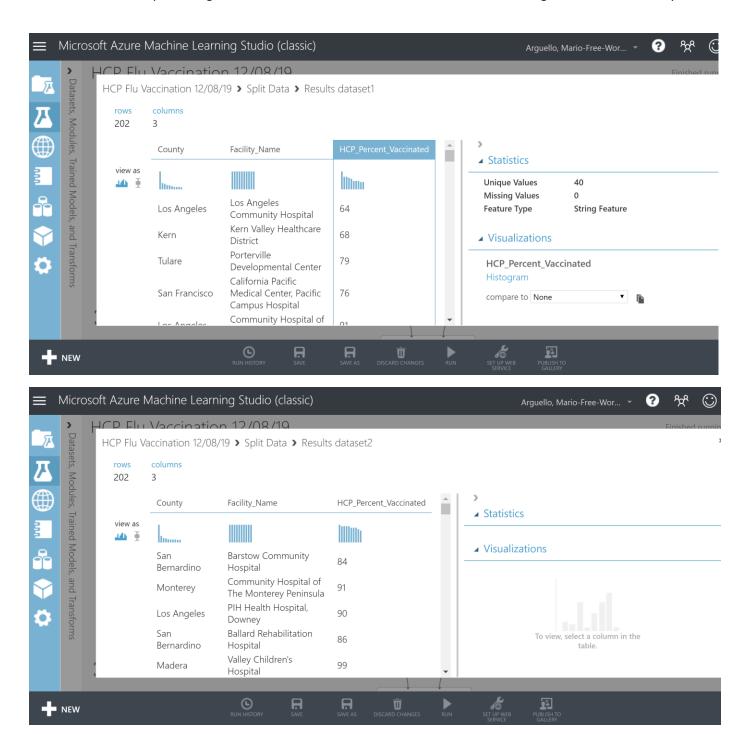


11. Search Train Model module and drag it. Under train model at the properties pane → launch column selector → click with rules → search HCP_Percent_Vaccinated. Then connect the Bayesian Linear Regression module to the left dot of the Train Model. Now connect Split Data to the Train Model. Save and Run the experiment.



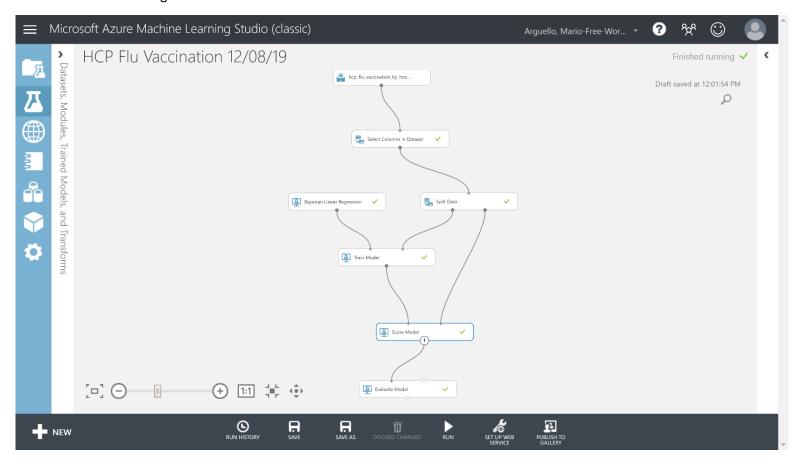
Examine the Data

12. Now let's right click Split Data → click on dataset 1 → click visualize. Do this with the data set 2. You can see some cool insights of the percentage of the patients who got vaccinated in the flu season of 2017-2018. These insights shows the county names, the names of the hospitals where the patients where vaccinated. Also the percentage. You are almost done with this tutorial. Refer the images below for accuracy.

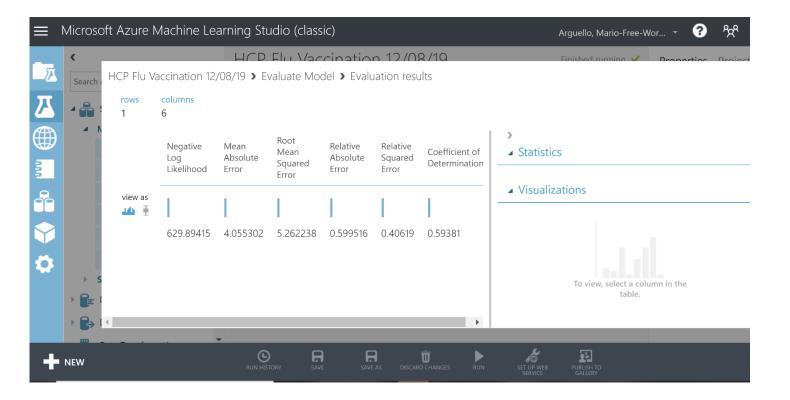


- 13. Now search Score Model and drag it to the center. Then search Evaluate Model and drag it to the center.
- 14. Now connect the Train Model module to the Score Model. Then connect form the right dot of Split Data to the Score Model.

15. Lastly, connect the Score Model module to the Evaluate Model module. The experiment should resemble the image below.



- 16. Save and run the experiment. You should see check marks every time you save and run.
- 17. Right click the Evaluate Model module \rightarrow scroll to evaluation results \rightarrow click visualize. you see the evaluation results of the linear regression of the percentages of patients who were vaccinated in the



hospitals of every county in California. This shows the margins of the statistics of this data set. You can see that there are root mean squared errors and relative absolute error. They have the numbers in decimal.

18. This concludes the tutorial of this project on Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio.

Summary

In this tutorial you have learned how to use Microsoft Azure at a beginner's level. You also learned on how to upload the data set provided to this software tool. You also learned how to modify the properties pane to filter our this data set. The purpose of this tutorial project is to learn Bayesian linear regression models and using score and train models to obtain insights of evaluation results when the model is running.

References

https://data.ca.gov/dataset/health-care-personnel-influenza-vaccination

California Department of Public Health Influenza Vaccination Data Set

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California Department of Public Health open data website

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