

Lesson 2:

Analytic problem solving framework doesn't help us understand which methodology we will use.

Types of non-predictive data analysis.

Geospatial:

(1) use location based data to derive conclusions.

egs: (1) identifying customers by geographic location

(2) Calculating distance store locations

(3) Creating a trade area based upon customer locations

Segmentation:

is the process of grouping data together.

Identify users based on demographics of their customers.

Aggregation:

Calculating a value across a group or dimension.

For example: aggregating sales data for a sales person by month, ~~add~~.

~~as~~: sales by month per sales territory.

Aggregation is often done in reporting to be able to slice and dice information.

Descriptive:

provide simple summaries of a data sample.

Eg: Calculate avg temperature per hr / per day.
mean, median, mode, I.R.

Classifying Business Problem

have enough data to solve the problem - data rich.

do not have enough data to solve the problem - data poor

data poor: do not have any data related to sales to predict an outcome.

Data Poor Business Problem

A/B Test → If we don't have sufficient data, then we need to set up experiment to help us get data we need.

For example: we could introduce the new product at some stores to estimate the sales at all stores.

Data Rich Business Problem.

Numeric outcomes: predicting the demand of electricity / regression model to predict numeric outcomes

Non-numeric outcomes:

Predicting whether a customer will pay on time, pay late or default on payment → Classification models to predict non numeric outcomes.

Target variable: represent the outcome we are trying to predict.

In order to select the right

3 Types of Numeric variable.

(1) Continuous: A continuous variable is a one that can take all values in a range.

(2) Time-based: A time based numeric variable is one where we are trying to predict what will happen over time.

Count variables are numbers that are discrete integers

Non-numeric models:

(1) if there are only 2 possible outcomes then variable is classified as binary.

(2) If there are more than 2 possible outcomes, then variable is classified as non-binary.