01c - Introduction - scikit-learn

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1 scikit-learn

scikit-learn is the most prominent Python library for machine learning:

- Contains many state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms
- Offers comprehensive documentation about each algorithm
- Widely used, and a wealth of tutorials and code snippets are available
- scikit-learn works well with numpy, scipy, pandas, matplotlib,...

1.1 Algorithms

See the Reference

Supervised learning:

- Linear models (Ridge, Lasso, Elastic Net, ...)
- Support Vector Machines
- Tree-based methods (Classification/Regression Trees, Random Forests,...)
- Nearest neighbors
- Neural networks
- Gaussian Processes
- Feature selection

Unsupervised learning:

- Clustering (KMeans, ...)
- Matrix Decomposition (PCA, ...)
- Manifold Learning (Embeddings)
- Density estimation
- Outlier detection

Model selection and evaluation:

- Cross-validation
- Grid-search
- Lots of metrics

1.1.1 Data import

Multiple options:

- A few toy datasets are included in sklearn.datasets
- You can import data files (CSV) with pandas or numpy
- You can import 1000s of machine learning datasets from OpenML

1.2 Example: classification

Classify types of Iris flowers (setosa, versicolor, or virginica) based on the flower sepals and petal leave sizes. Iris image

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In [1]: from preamble import * # Imports to make code nicer
        %matplotlib inline
        InteractiveShell.ast_node_interactivity = "all"
        HTML('''<style>html, body{overflow-y: visible !important} .CodeMirror{min-width:105% !im
Out[1]: <IPython.core.display.HTML object>
   Note: scikitlearn will return a Bunch object (similar to a dict)
In [2]: from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
        iris_dataset = load_iris()
        print("Keys of iris_dataset: {}".format(iris_dataset.keys()))
        print(iris_dataset['DESCR'][:193] + "\n...")
Keys of iris_dataset: dict_keys(['feature_names', 'DESCR', 'target_names', 'data', 'target'])
Iris Plants Database
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Data Set Characteristics:
    :Number of Instances: 150 (50 in each of three classes)
    :Number of Attributes: 4 numeric, predictive att
   The targets (classes) and features are stored as lists, the data as an ndarray
In [3]: print("Targets: {}".format(iris_dataset['target_names']))
        print("Features: {}".format(iris_dataset['feature_names']))
        print("Shape of data: {}".format(iris_dataset['data'].shape))
        print("First 5 rows:\n{}".format(iris_dataset['data'][:5]))
Targets: ['setosa' 'versicolor' 'virginica']
Features: ['sepal length (cm)', 'sepal width (cm)', 'petal length (cm)', 'petal width (cm)']
Shape of data: (150, 4)
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First 5 rows:

[[ 5.1  3.5  1.4  0.2]
  [ 4.9  3.  1.4  0.2]
  [ 4.7  3.2  1.3  0.2]
  [ 4.6  3.1  1.5  0.2]
  [ 5.  3.6  1.4  0.2]]
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The targets are stored separately as an ndarray, with indices pointing to the features

1.2.1 Measuring Success: Training and testing data

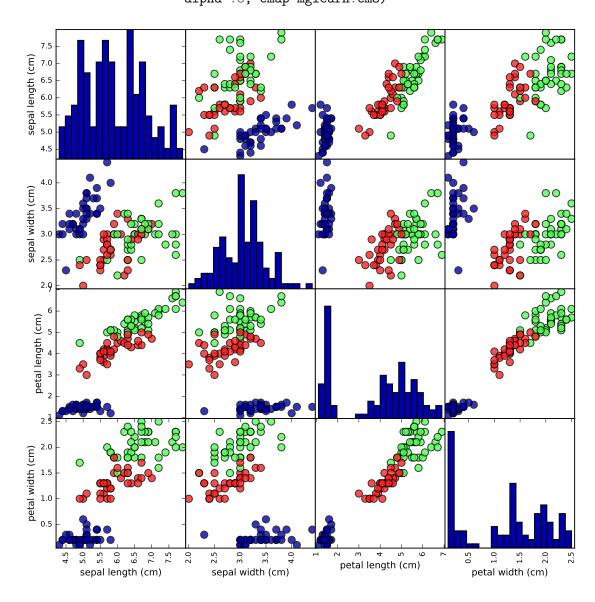
To test our classifier, we need to test it on unseen data. train_test_split: splits data randomly in 75% training and 25% test data.

Note: there are several problems with this approach that we will discuss later:

- Why 75%? Are there better ways to split?
- What if one random split yields different models than another?
- What if all examples of one class all end up in the training/test set?

1.2.2 First things first: Look at your data

Let's use pandas to visualize our data.



1.2.3 Building your first model

All scikitlearn classifiers follow the same interface

1.2.4 K nearest neighbors

- Simplest learning algorithm
- Just stores the training set (in a special data structure)
- To make a prediction for a new data point, find the *k* points in the training set that are closest to the new point.
- Return the class that is most prevalent among the *k* training points
 - Can also return a probability per class

kNN image

kNN is included in sklearn.neighbors, so let's build our first model

1.2.5 Making predictions

Let's create a new example and ask the kNN model to classify it

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Prediction: [0]
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Predicted target name: ['setosa']

1.2.6 Evaluating the model

Feeding all test examples to the model yields all predictions

1.3 Summary

Score: 0.97

This is all you need to train and evaluate a model

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1.4 The road ahead

This is NOT how we *actually* build and evaluate machine learning models There are many more things to take into account:

- How to build optimal train/test splits?
- Is the percentage of correct predictions actually a good evaluator?
- Which other algorithms can I try to build models?
- How do we tune the hyperparameters (e.g. the *k* of kNN)?
- What if the data has missing values, outliers, noise,...?
- Which features can we actually use to build models?
- Will future examples be anything like our current data?

In []: