# **Pending collected**

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Feature selection is a key step in machine learning (ML) that involves selecting the most relevant features (input variables) from your dataset to improve model performance, reduce overfitting, and decrease computational cost.

Here are the **main types of feature selection techniques** in ML:

### 🔹 1. **Filter Methods**

These methods rely on the statistical properties of the data (independent of any machine learning algorithm).

**Examples:**

* **Correlation coefficient**: Remove highly correlated features.
* **Chi-square test**: Measures independence between categorical variables.
* **ANOVA (f-test)**: Measures variance between features and target for classification.
* **Mutual Information**: Measures dependency between feature and target.

✅ **Pros**: Fast, scalable  
❌ **Cons**: Ignores feature interaction with the model

### 🔹 2. **Wrapper Methods**

These methods evaluate subsets of features by actually training a model and testing performance.

**Examples:**

* **Forward Selection**: Start with zero features, add one by one based on best performance.
* **Backward Elimination**: Start with all features, remove one at a time.
* **Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE)**: Iteratively remove least important features using a model.

✅ **Pros**: Good performance  
❌ **Cons**: Computationally expensive

### 🔹 3. **Embedded Methods**

These combine model training and feature selection — the algorithm itself does feature selection.

**Examples:**

* **LASSO (L1 Regularization)**: Shrinks coefficients of less important features to zero.
* **Ridge (L2)**: Penalizes large coefficients but doesn’t set them to zero (not ideal for feature selection alone).
* **Tree-based feature importance**: e.g., feature importances from Random Forest or XGBoost.

✅ **Pros**: More efficient than wrappers, model-aware  
❌ **Cons**: Model-specific

### 🔹 4. **Heuristic & Dimensionality Reduction Methods**

While not strictly feature selection, these methods reduce features:

**Examples:**

* **PCA (Principal Component Analysis)**: Projects data into fewer dimensions (unsupervised).
* **t-SNE / UMAP**: Good for visualization, not ideal for modeling directly.

✅ **Pros**: Useful when features are highly correlated  
❌ **Cons**: Reduces interpretability (new features are combinations)

### ✅ Best Practices:

* Always start with **correlation checks** and **domain knowledge**.
* Use **filter methods** for quick pre-processing.
* Combine with **wrapper/embedded** methods for model-aware selection.
* Use **cross-validation** to avoid overfitting during selection.

Here’s a concise breakdown of **feature selection techniques in Machine Learning**, categorized into **Filter, Wrapper, Embedded**, and **Hybrid** methods:

## 🔍 **1. Filter Methods**

These select features based on **statistical properties**, independent of any ML model.

### ✅ Characteristics:

* Fast and scalable
* Model-agnostic
* Useful for removing irrelevant or redundant features

### 🛠️ Common Techniques:

| **Method** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- |
| **Correlation matrix** | Remove highly correlated features |
| **Chi-square test** | For categorical features vs target |
| **ANOVA (f-test)** | Variance between groups (classification) |
| **Mutual Information** | Measures feature-target dependency |
| **Variance Threshold** | Removes features with low variance |

## 🧪 **2. Wrapper Methods**

These evaluate subsets of features by **training a model** and assessing performance.

### ✅ Characteristics:

* More accurate than filters
* Model-specific
* Computationally expensive (not scalable to large datasets)

### 🛠️ Common Techniques:

| **Method** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Forward Selection** | Start with no features, add best one at each step |
| **Backward Elimination** | Start with all, remove least important each time |
| **Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE)** | Recursively remove least important features |

## 🧱 **3. Embedded Methods**

These perform feature selection **during model training**, using model attributes.

### ✅ Characteristics:

* Balance between performance and efficiency
* Model-dependent

### 🛠️ Common Techniques:

| **Method** | **Model Used** |
| --- | --- |
| **LASSO (L1 Regularization)** | Linear/Logistic Regression |
| **Ridge (L2 Regularization)** | (Helps but doesn't zero out) |
| **ElasticNet** | Mix of L1 and L2 |
| **Tree-based importance** | Random Forest, XGBoost, etc. |

## 🔄 **4. Hybrid Methods**

Combine **Filter + Wrapper** or **Filter + Embedded** for better performance.

### ✅ Characteristics:

* Benefit from both statistical and model-based selection
* Often used in real-world pipelines

### 🛠️ Example Pipeline:

1. Use **filter** to remove obviously irrelevant features (e.g., low variance, high correlation).
2. Apply **wrapper** like RFE or embedded method (LASSO) on reduced set.

### ✅ Summary Table:

| **Type** | **Model-Based** | **Speed** | **Accuracy** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Filter | ❌ | Fast | Medium | Chi-square, Correlation |
| Wrapper | ✅ | Slow | High | RFE, Forward/Backward Sel. |
| Embedded | ✅ | Medium | High | LASSO, Tree-based |
| Hybrid | ✅+❌ | Medium | Very High | Filter + RFE / LASSO |

Feature Engineering is the process of **creating, transforming, or selecting features** to improve the performance of machine learning models.

Here are the most important **Feature Engineering techniques** in Machine Learning:

## 🔹 1. **Missing Value Imputation**

Handling missing data properly ensures model accuracy.

| **Method** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| Mean/Median/Mode | For numeric or categorical columns |
| Constant/Indicator | Replace with fixed value or flag |
| KNN or Regression | Predict missing values |
| Forward/Backward Fill | For time-series data |

## 🔹 2. **Encoding Categorical Variables**

Transforming non-numeric data into numbers.

| **Method** | **When to Use** |
| --- | --- |
| **Label Encoding** | Ordinal data (e.g., Low < High) |
| **One-Hot Encoding** | Nominal data (e.g., City names) |
| **Target Encoding** | Encode based on target mean |
| **Binary Encoding / Hashing** | For high-cardinality features |

## 🔹 3. **Feature Transformation**

Apply mathematical transformations to normalize or highlight patterns.

| **Transformation** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| **Log / Square Root** | Reduce skewness |
| **Z-score / Min-Max** | Feature scaling |
| **Box-Cox / Yeo-Johnson** | Normalize non-Gaussian data |
| **Discretization** | Convert continuous to categorical bins |

## 🔹 4. **Feature Creation**

Create new features from existing data.

| **Example** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| Age = Today - Date of Birth | Derived from existing fields |
| BMI = weight / height² | Domain-specific formula |
| Is\_Weekend from date | Extracting day info |
| Text length, Word count | Text-based features |

## 🔹 5. **Interaction Features**

Combining two or more features to capture relationships.

| **Example** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| price\_per\_unit = price / quantity | New insights from combining fields |

## 🔹 6. **Feature Scaling**

Bring all features to a comparable scale.

| **Technique** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- |
| **Min-Max Scaling** | Neural networks (bounded 0–1) |
| **Standardization (Z-score)** | For many models (mean=0, std=1) |
| **Robust Scaling** | When outliers are present |

## 🔹 7. **Time-based Feature Engineering**

Important for time-series data.

| **Feature** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| Day, Month, Year | Extract from timestamp |
| Is\_Weekend, Hour\_of\_day | Behavioral patterns |
| Lag and Rolling Features | Previous values, moving averages |

## 🔹 8. **Text Feature Engineering**

Convert raw text into numeric features.

| **Technique** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Bag of Words** | Word counts |
| **TF-IDF** | Frequency + uniqueness weighting |
| **Word Embeddings** | Word2Vec, GloVe |
| **Text Length / Sentiment** | Custom text features |

## 🔹 9. **Outlier Detection & Treatment**

Outliers can skew model predictions.

| **Method** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- |
| Z-score, IQR | Numeric features |
| Capping/Clipping | Replace with boundaries |

## 🔹 10. **Dimensionality Reduction**

Reduce feature space without losing important info.

| **Method** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **PCA (Principal Component Analysis)** | Projects to fewer dimensions |
| **t-SNE / UMAP** | For visualization (not modeling) |

### ✅ Summary

| **Category** | **Techniques Examples** |
| --- | --- |
| Handling Missing Values | Mean, KNN, Interpolation |
| Encoding | One-Hot, Label, Target |
| Transformation | Log, Scaling, Binning |
| Feature Creation | Date parts, Domain formulas |
| Interaction | Feature combinations |
| Time-based Features | Lag, Rolling, Seasonality |
| Text Features | TF-IDF, Embeddings |
| Outlier Handling | Z-score, IQR, Capping |
| Dimensionality Reduction | PCA, t-SNE |

🔹 **Discretization**  
🔹 **Categorical Encoding**  
🔹 **Feature Splitting**  
🔹 **Imputation**

## 🔷 1. **Discretization (Binning)**

**Definition**: Converting continuous numerical features into categorical intervals (bins).

### ✅ Why use:

* Simplifies complex relationships
* Handles outliers better
* Helps some models like decision trees

### 🛠️ Techniques:

| **Technique** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Equal-width binning** | Divides range into equal intervals |
| **Equal-frequency binning** | Each bin has ~same number of values |
| **Custom binning** | Based on domain knowledge |
| **pd.cut() / pd.qcut()** | Pandas tools to discretize easily |

🔸 Example: Convert age into bins like "Child", "Adult", "Senior"

## 🔷 2. **Categorical Encoding**

**Definition**: Converting categorical variables into numeric values for ML models.

### ✅ Why use:

* Models work with numeric inputs
* Helps capture relationships between categories and target

### 🛠️ Techniques:

| **Encoding Method** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- |
| **Label Encoding** | Ordinal data (e.g., Low < Medium < High) |
| **One-Hot Encoding** | Nominal categories, no order |
| **Target Encoding** | Replace categories with target mean |
| **Binary/Hash Encoding** | High-cardinality categories |

🔸 Example: Convert gender = ['Male', 'Female'] to 0 and 1

## 🔷 3. **Feature Splitting**

**Definition**: Splitting a single feature into multiple more informative ones.

### ✅ Why use:

* Reveals hidden patterns
* Helps models learn better

### 🛠️ Examples:

| **Feature** | **Splitting** |
| --- | --- |
| full\_name | → first\_name, last\_name |
| datetime | → day, month, hour, weekday |
| location | → city, state, country |
| text column | → word count, char count |

🔸 Example: Split 2024-07-06 14:00:00 into day=6, month=7, hour=14, etc.

## 🔷 4. **Imputation**

**Definition**: Filling missing values in your dataset.

### ✅ Why use:

* Models can't handle NaN values
* Ensures no data loss during training

### 🛠️ Techniques:

| **Method** | **Best For** |
| --- | --- |
| **Mean/Median** | Numerical data |
| **Mode** | Categorical data |
| **Constant value** | Missing treated as a separate class |
| **KNN Imputation** | Based on similar rows |
| **Regression Imputation** | Predict missing from other vars |
| **Forward/Backward Fill** | For time-series data |

🔸 Example: Fill missing salary with the column mean.

## ✅ Summary Table

| **Technique** | **Purpose** | **Tools/Functions** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Discretization | Convert continuous → categorical | pd.cut(), pd.qcut() |
| Categorical Encoding | Convert categorical → numerical | LabelEncoder, OneHotEncoder, TargetEncoder |
| Feature Splitting | Extract more features from one | str.split(), pd.to\_datetime() |
| Imputation | Fill missing values | SimpleImputer, KNNImputer, fillna() |

## 🔹 1. **Scaling**

**Definition**: Scaling is the process of adjusting the range and distribution of numerical features so they’re on a comparable scale.

### ✅ Why it's important:

* Prevents features with larger values from dominating others
* Improves model convergence in gradient-based algorithms (e.g., logistic regression, neural nets)
* Required for algorithms that rely on distance (e.g., KNN, SVM)

### 🛠️ Common Techniques:

| **Method** | **Description** | **Best For** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Min-Max Scaling** | Scales data to [0, 1] | Neural Networks |
| **Standardization (Z-score)** | Mean = 0, Std = 1 | Most algorithms |
| **Robust Scaling** | Uses median & IQR, handles outliers well | Data with outliers |
| **MaxAbs Scaling** | Scales by max absolute value, keeps sparsity | Sparse data |

**Tools**: sklearn.preprocessing.StandardScaler, MinMaxScaler, RobustScaler

## 🔹 2. **Creating Features**

**Definition**: Generating new features from existing ones to help the model capture hidden patterns or domain-specific insights.

### 🛠️ Techniques:

| **Method** | **Example** |
| --- | --- |
| **Datetime features** | Extract day, month, hour from timestamps |
| **Polynomial features** | Add x², x\*y, etc. to model interactions |
| **Aggregations** | Group by ID and compute mean, sum, etc. |
| **Domain knowledge** | BMI = weight / height², price\_per\_unit |
| **Text features** | length, word count, sentiment |
| **Counts and Ratios** | Frequency encoding, target ratio |

**Tools**: pandas, sklearn.preprocessing.PolynomialFeatures

## 🔹 3. **Handling Outliers**

**Definition**: Detecting and managing values that differ significantly from the majority.

### ✅ Why handle them?

* Can distort model training
* Affects metrics like mean and standard deviation

### 🛠️ Detection Techniques:

| **Method** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Z-score method** | Identify values with z > 3 or < -3 |
| **IQR method** | Outside Q1 - 1.5IQR and Q3 + 1.5IQR |
| **Boxplots** | Visual outlier spotting |

### 🛠️ Treatment Techniques:

| **Approach** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Capping/Clipping** | Limit values to upper/lower threshold |
| **Transformation** | Use log/sqrt to reduce skew |
| **Removal** | Drop outliers if small in number |
| **Imputation** | Replace with median/mean or predicted |

## 🔹 4. **Variable Transformation**

**Definition**: Apply mathematical or logical transformations to variables to make them more suitable for modeling.

### 🛠️ Common Transformations:

| **Transformation** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| **Log transform** | Reduce right skew, handle wide ranges |
| **Square root / Cube root** | Stabilize variance |
| **Box-Cox / Yeo-Johnson** | Normalize data |
| **Binning (Discretization)** | Convert continuous → categorical |
| **Scaling** | Standardize feature range |
| **Power transforms** | Makes data more Gaussian-like |

**Tools**: numpy.log(), scipy.stats.boxcox(), sklearn.preprocessing.PowerTransformer

## ✅ Summary Table

| **Topic** | **Purpose** | **Common Tools** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Scaling** | Normalize feature ranges | StandardScaler, MinMaxScaler |
| **Creating Features** | Generate informative new features | pandas, PolynomialFeatures |
| **Outlier Handling** | Detect and treat extreme values | IQR, z-score, boxplot |
| **Variable Transformation** | Fix skewness, stabilize variance | np.log(), PowerTransformer |

Great question! Let's break down both **L normalization** (specifically L1 and L2) and **Max Absolute Scaling** with clear explanations, formulas, and examples.

## 🔹 1. **L Normalization**

**L normalization** is a technique where **each row (sample)** is scaled independently to have a **norm (magnitude) of 1**. It's commonly used when the **direction** of the data matters more than its magnitude — for example, in **text data** like TF-IDF vectors.

### 📌 Types of L normalization:

#### ✅ **L1 Normalization** (Manhattan norm)

**Formula:**

x′=x∑∣x∣x' = \frac{x}{\sum |x|}

* Each feature in the row is divided by the **sum of the absolute values** of all features in that row.
* The sum of absolute values in each row becomes 1.

#### ✅ **L2 Normalization** (Euclidean norm)

**Formula:**

x′=x∑x2x' = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\sum x^2}}

* Each feature in the row is divided by the **Euclidean length** (square root of sum of squares).
* The sum of squares in each row becomes 1.

### 🔧 Example:

Original row:

x = [3, 4]

**L1 normalized:**

x′=[37,47]≈[0.428,0.571]x' = [\frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{7}] ≈ [0.428, 0.571]

**L2 normalized:**

x′=[35,45]=[0.6,0.8]x' = [\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}] = [0.6, 0.8]

(Because 32+42=5\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5)

**Used by:**

from sklearn.preprocessing import Normalizer

Normalizer(norm='l1') # or norm='l2'

## 🔹 2. **Max Absolute Scaling**

This scaling transforms each feature by dividing it by its **maximum absolute value** — **not per sample**, but **per feature**.

### ✅ **Formula:**

x′=xmax⁡(∣x∣)x' = \frac{x}{\max(|x|)}

* Scales the feature to the range [−1,1][-1, 1].
* Preserves the **sparsity** of the data (important for sparse matrices).

### 🔧 Example:

Feature column:

x = [-3, 0, 6]

Max absolute value = 6  
Scaled:

x' = [-0.5, 0, 1.0]

**Used by:**

from sklearn.preprocessing import MaxAbsScaler

## 🔍 Summary Comparison

| **Technique** | **Applies To** | **Scaling Range** | **Sensitive to Outliers?** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **L1/L2 Normalization** | Per row (sample) | Norm = 1 | Yes | Text, embeddings |
| **MaxAbsScaler** | Per column (feature) | [-1, 1] | No | Sparse data |

Let me know if you'd like to see these in code or applied to real data.

Great question! Understanding the **types of missing data** is crucial for selecting the right data-cleaning strategy. There are **three main types** of missing data:

## 🔹 1. **Missing Completely at Random (MCAR)**

### ✅ Definition:

Missing values are **completely independent** of any **observed or unobserved data**. The missingness is purely random.

### 📌 Example:

In a survey, a respondent **accidentally skips a question**, not because of its content or their situation.

### 📊 Implication:

* Safe to **drop or impute** the missing values using simple methods (mean, median).
* Analysis remains **unbiased**.

### 🧠 Think of it as:

“The data is missing for no reason at all — it’s just random noise.”

## 🔹 2. **Missing at Random (MAR)**

### ✅ Definition:

Missing values depend **only on the observed data**, **not on the missing values themselves**.

### 📌 Example:

You collect height and weight, but **weight is missing more often in females**. Missingness depends on **gender** (which you observed), not on weight (which is missing).

### 📊 Implication:

* You can use observed variables to **predict missing ones**.
* Safe to use **model-based imputation** (e.g., regression, KNN, MICE).

### 🧠 Think of it as:

“The reason data is missing can be explained using other known variables.”

## 🔹 3. **Missing Not at Random (MNAR)**

### ✅ Definition:

Missingness **depends on the missing value itself** or **unobserved data**.

### 📌 Example:

People with **high income choose not to disclose it** — the higher the income, the more likely it’s missing.

### 📊 Implication:

* **Most dangerous** type.
* Can **bias results** if not handled carefully.
* Requires **special models** or **domain knowledge** to address.

### 🧠 Think of it as:

“The value is missing because of what it is.”

## 🔁 Quick Summary Table

| **Type** | **Depends on** | **Bias Risk** | **Handling Strategy** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **MCAR** | Nothing (pure chance) | Low | Drop rows / Simple Impute |
| **MAR** | Other observed variables | Medium | Model-based imputation (e.g., MICE) |
| **MNAR** | Itself or unobserved data | High | Special techniques or domain-specific models |

Let me know if you want a code example or how to test for MAR vs MCAR.

To **aggregate multiple columns with different functions** using pandas.groupby(), use the .agg() method with a **dictionary** or **list of functions**.

### ✅ Syntax:

df.groupby(['col1', 'col2']).agg({

'col3': ['mean', 'sum'],

'col4': ['min', 'max'],

...

})

### 🔧 Example:

Let's take a sample Titanic-style dataset:

import pandas as pd

data = {

'sex': ['male', 'female', 'female', 'male', 'male'],

'pclass': ['First', 'Second', 'First', 'Third', 'Second'],

'age': [22, 38, 26, 35, 28],

'fare': [71.2833, 7.925, 53.1, 8.05, 13.0]

}

df = pd.DataFrame(data)

#### 👉 Aggregate average age and total + max fare by sex and pclass:

result = df.groupby(['sex', 'pclass']).agg({

'age': 'mean',

'fare': ['sum', 'max']

})

print(result)

### 📋 Output (MultiIndex Columns):

age fare

mean sum max

sex pclass

female First 26.0 53.1000 53.10

Second 38.0 7.9250 7.93

male First 22.0 71.2833 71.28

Second 28.0 13.0000 13.00

Third 35.0 8.0500 8.05

### 🧼 Optional: Flatten MultiIndex Columns

result.columns = ['\_'.join(col).strip() for col in result.columns.values]

result = result.reset\_index()

### 🧠 Tips:

* You can also pass **custom functions**, e.g., lambda x: x.std() or np.median.
* To apply **different functions to the same column**, pass a list:

'fare': ['mean', 'std']

Let me know if you want to do this on your Titanic DataFrame or need a .pivot\_table() version too!

Great question!

You're asking about this line:

df['total\_orders\_per\_product'] = df.groupby('product\_id')['order\_id'].transform('count')

### ✅ Short Answer:

Yes — you **can** use .count() **outside of** transform() (e.g., for agg()), **but inside transform() you must use 'count' as a string**, not .count() as a method.

### 🔍 Why?

The transform() method expects:

* A **string** representing the aggregation (like 'count', 'mean', etc.)
* Or a **function**, like lambda x: x.count()

So this works:

df['total\_orders\_per\_product'] = df.groupby('product\_id')['order\_id'].transform('count')

But **this does NOT work:**

df.groupby('product\_id')['order\_id'].transform(count) ❌ # will raise an error

### ✅ Alternative using a lambda:

You can also write:

df['total\_orders\_per\_product'] = df.groupby('product\_id')['order\_id'].transform(lambda x: x.count())

This is equivalent — just a bit more verbose.

### 🔁 If you use .count() **without transform**, you'll get a summary instead of a column aligned with df:

df.groupby('product\_id')['order\_id'].count()

This gives a **Series** with one row per product\_id, not aligned with the original DataFrame.

### ✅ Summary:

| **Use Case** | **Use** |
| --- | --- |
| Keep row count aligned with original df | Use transform('count') |
| Just want the group-level count | Use groupby().count() |

Let me know if you want to do more group-level computations or join the grouped data back to the original df.

**Log loss**, or **logarithmic loss**, is a performance metric used to evaluate the accuracy of a **classification model**—specifically one that outputs **probabilities**, such as logistic regression or neural networks.

### 🔍 **Definition**

Log loss measures how close the predicted probabilities are to the actual class labels (0 or 1). A **lower log loss** indicates **better model performance**.

### 📌 **Formula**

For binary classification:

Log Loss=−1N∑i=1N[yilog⁡(pi)+(1−yi)log⁡(1−pi)]\text{Log Loss} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum\_{i=1}^{N} \left[ y\_i \log(p\_i) + (1 - y\_i) \log(1 - p\_i) \right]

Where:

* NN = number of samples
* yiy\_i = true label (0 or 1)
* pip\_i = predicted probability of the instance being class 1

### ✅ **Key Points**

* Log loss **penalizes wrong predictions more heavily** when the model is confident but incorrect.
* If a model predicts a probability of **1.0 for the wrong class**, log loss becomes **infinite** (undefined in practice).
* It's **strictly proper**, meaning it encourages models to predict true probabilities.
* Range: **[0, ∞)** — lower is better.

### 🔢 **Example**

Suppose the true label is 1, and the model predicts:

* p=0.9p = 0.9:

Loss=−[log⁡(0.9)]=0.105\text{Loss} = -[\log(0.9)] = 0.105

* p=0.1p = 0.1:

Loss=−[log⁡(0.1)]=2.302\text{Loss} = -[\log(0.1)] = 2.302

See how the second prediction is penalized much more?

### 🧠 **Use Cases**

* Used as the **loss function** when training classification models that output probabilities.
* Common in competitions (like Kaggle) and in evaluating probabilistic classifiers.

Would you like a Python code example to calculate log loss?

Great question! **Clipping** and **capping** are both methods used to **handle outliers** or **limit extreme values** in a dataset — and while they are similar, there's a subtle difference in usage and terminology.

### 🔹 1. **Clipping** (Pandas/NumPy term)

**Definition:** Replacing all values **outside a specified range** with the range limits.

#### ✅ Example (using pandas):

df['fare\_clipped'] = df['fare'].clip(lower=0, upper=100)

* All values < 0 become 0
* All values > 100 become 100
* Values in between remain unchanged

#### ✅ NumPy equivalent:

df['fare\_clipped'] = np.clip(df['fare'], a\_min=0, a\_max=100)

### 🔹 2. **Capping** (Statistical term, commonly in outlier treatment)

**Definition:** Capping refers to **limiting extreme values using statistical thresholds**, usually based on **percentiles** (e.g., 5th and 95th percentiles, or IQR bounds).

#### ✅ Example: Capping fare at 95th percentile

fare\_95 = df['fare'].quantile(0.95)

df['fare\_capped'] = df['fare'].clip(upper=fare\_95)

This is also "clipping" technically, but when you **base the limit on statistics**, we often say **capping**.

### 🔍 Key Difference:

| **Term** | **Method** | **Usage Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Clipping | Fixed hardcoded limits | clip(lower=0, upper=100) |
| Capping | Based on statistics (e.g., quantiles) | clip(upper=df['fare'].quantile(0.95)) |

So, **capping = clipping with statistically-derived bounds**.

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