# Lab 7. Traditional Machine Learning for Data Analysis



This lab provides an overview of **machine learning (ML)** techniques for doing data analysis. In the previous labs, we have explored some of the techniques that can be used by human beings to analyze and understand data. In this lab, we look at how ML techniques could be used for similar purposes.

At the heart of ML is a number of algorithms that have proven to work for solving specific categories of problems with a high degree of effectiveness. This lab covers the following popular ML methods:

- Decision trees
- Random forests
- Ridge and lasso regression
- k-means cluster analysis

#### Implementing decision trees

Let's look at a simple example to understand and explore this concept. We have the following observations:

Age in Years	Height in Inches	Weight in Pounds	Gender	Shoe Size
25	180	200	М	12
35	165	190	F	9
20	175	195	М	11
70	170	200	М	9
75	170	170	F	8

Our inputs, variables, or features are as follows:

- Age in Years
- Height in Inches
- Weight in Pounds
- Gender

The outcome or output is as follows:

• Shoe Size

The aforementioned is an example of labeled data. We can envision labeled data as a tuple of inputs and the corresponding output.

## Implementing decision tree algorithms in our example

The example we are discussing here falls into the category of regression because our output is Shoe Size, which has multiple values.

If we ask a slightly different question, we could turn this into a classification problem. For example, given the following input variables, we can predict gender:

- Age in Years
- Height in Inches
- Weight in Pounds
- Shoe Size

In this simple example, we only have two possible values for this answer.

Let's look at how to run a decision tree classifier using Spark and Scala. The complete Spark example code is located here on GitHub:

 $\underline{https://github.com/apache/spark/blob/master/examples/src/main/scala/org/apache/spark/examples/mllib/DecisionTreeClassificationExample.scala/org/apache/spark/examples/mllib/DecisionTreeClassificationExample.scala/org/apache/spark/examples/mllib/DecisionTreeClassificationExample.scala/org/apache/spark/examples/mllib/DecisionTreeClassificationExamples/mllib/Deci$ 

Additionally, the following Spark documentation provides a good overview of the decision tree and the preceding example:

https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.4.0/mllib-decision-tree.html

The sample data for this example is located here:

https://github.com/apache/spark/blob/master/data/mllib/sample\_libsvm\_data.txt

For this exploration, it is best to download this file locally using the following curl command:

```
$ curl "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/apache/spark/master/data/mllib/sample_libsvm_data.txt" -o
sample_libsvm_data.txt
```

Run the following command in the shell to make sure that the downloaded data is correct:

```
$ head -1 sample_libsvm_data.txt

0 128:51 129:159 130:253 131:159 132:50 155:48 156:238 157:252 158:252 159:252 160:237 182:54 183:227

184:253 185:252 186:239 187:233 188:252 189:57 190:6 208:10 209:60 210:224 211:252 212:253 213:252 214:202

215:84 216:252 217:253 218:122 236:163 237:252 238:252 239:252 240:253 241:252 242:252 243:96 244:189

245:253 246:167 263:51 264:238 265:253 266:253 267:190 268:114 269:253 270:228 271:47 272:79 273:255 274:168

290:48 291:238 292:252 293:252 294:179 295:12 296:75 297:121 298:21 301:253 302:243 303:50 317:38 318:165

319:253 320:233 321:208 322:84 329:253 330:252 331:165 344:7 345:178 346:252 347:240 348:71 349:19 350:28

357:253 358:252 359:195 372:57 373:252 374:252 375:63 385:253 386:252 387:195 400:198 401:253 402:190

413:255 414:253 415:196 427:76 428:246 429:252 430:112 441:253 442:252 443:148 455:85 456:252 457:230 458:25

467:7 468:135 469:253 470:186 471:12 483:85 484:252 485:223 494:7 495:131 496:252 497:225 498:71 511:85

512:252 513:145 521:48 522:165 523:252 524:173 539:86 540:253 541:225 548:114 549:238 550:253 551:162 567:85

568:252 569:249 570:146 571:48 572:29 573:85 574:178 575:225 576:253 577:223 578:167 579:56 595:85 596:252

597:252 598:252 629:252 630:233 631:145 652:25 663:252 605:253 655:253 656:252 657:141 658:37
```

This data is created as per **Library for Support Vector Machines** (**LIBSVM**) specifications and more details about LIBSVM can be found at <a href="https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/">https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/</a>.

Now, let's build a decision tree classifier using this dataset in <code>spark-shell</code>:

1. Start spark-shell in your Terminal:

```
$ spark-shell
```

2. Import DecisionTree from Spark's MLLib's tree package. More information about this class can be found at <a href="https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.4.1/api/java/index.html?org/apache/spark/mllib/tree/DecisionTree.html">https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.4.1/api/java/index.html?org/apache/spark/mllib/tree/DecisionTree.html</a>. This class implements a decision tree learning algorithm for classification and regression:

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.DecisionTree
import org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.DecisionTree
```

3. Import DecisionTreeModel from Spark's MLLib's tree.model package. More information about this can be found at https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.4.1/api/java/index.html?org/apache/spark/mllib/tree/DecisionTree.html:

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.model.DecisionTreeModel
import org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.model.DecisionTreeModel
```

4. Import MLUtils from Spark's MLLib's util package. More information about this can be found at <a href="https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.4.1/api/java/index.html?org/apache/spark/mllib/tree/DecisionTree.html">https://spark.apache.org/docs/2.4.1/api/java/index.html?org/apache/spark/mllib/tree/DecisionTree.html</a>. MLUtils provides utility methods for loading, saving, and preprocessing data used in MLLib:

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.util.MLUtils
import org.apache.spark.mllib.util.MLUtils
```

5. Using MLUtils , load the sample data in LIBSVM format. Note that doing so returns a Spark RDD of MLLib's LabeledPoint:

```
scala> val data = MLUtils.loadLibSVMFile(sc, "sample_libsvm_data.txt") // load data in LIBSVM format
data: org.apache.spark.rdd.RDD[org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LabeledPoint] = MapPartitionsRDD[6] at map
at MLUtils.scala:86
```

6. Split the data randomly into two parts: one with 70% of the data and another one with the remaining 30%. Note that we are using Spark RDD's randomSplit API to do so. This provides us with an RDD array of LabeledPoint:

```
// 70/30 split
scala> val splits = data.randomSplit(Array(0.7, 0.3))
splits: Array[org.apache.spark.rdd.RDD[org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LabeledPoint]] =
```

```
Array(MapPartitionsRDD[7] at randomSplit at <console>:28, MapPartitionsRDD[8] at randomSplit at <console>:28)
```

7. Designate the 70% split as training data and the 30% split as test data. This is a fairly standard practice to reserve 30% of the labeled data for testing. We now have two RDDs of LabeledPoint, training and test:

8. Define the number of classes. In this case, the value is 2 because only two values are possible:

```
scala> val numClasses = 2 // two possible values (0 or 1)
numClasses: Int = 2
```

9. Define an empty Map method for categorical features because there are no categorical features for this use case. Note that the key and value for the Map are both of type Int:

```
scala> val categoricalFeaturesInfo = Map[Int, Int]() // no categorical features
categoricalFeaturesInfo: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,Int] = Map()
```

10. Define the impurity as a gini impurity measure:

```
scala> val impurity = "gini"
impurity: String = gini
```

11. Define the maximum depth of the tree:

```
scala> val maxDepth = 5 // maximum depth of the tree
maxDepth: Int = 5
```

12. Define the maximum width of the tree:

```
scala> val maxBins = 32 // maximum with of the tree
maxBins: Int = 32
```

13. Create a decision tree model by training on the training data and using the parameter previously specified:

```
scala> val model = DecisionTree.trainClassifier(trainingData, numClasses, categoricalFeaturesInfo, impurity,
maxDepth, maxBins)
model: org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.model.DecisionTreeModel = DecisionTreeModel classifier of depth 2 with 5
nodes
```

14. Output the model as follows:

```
scala> model.toDebugString
res0: String =
"DecisionTreeModel classifier of depth 2 with 5 nodes
   If (feature 351 <= 38.0)
    If (feature 125 <= 254.5)
        Predict: 0.0
    Else (feature 125 > 254.5)
        Predict: 1.0
    Else (feature 351 > 38.0)
        Predict: 1.0
"
```

Let's take a look at the data:

```
0 128:51 129:159 130:253 131:159 132:50 155:48 156:238 157:252 158:252 ....
```

Here is what we can see:

- The first value is the outcome or result. This has two possible values: 0 or 1.
- Subsequent values are listed as <feature id>:<associated value>.

## **Evaluating the results**

Let's evaluate how the model performs on the test data:

1. For each record in testData, first, predict the results using the features of the record by applying the model. Record this as an observed value and a predicted value pair:

2. Calculate how many records were incorrectly predicted:

```
scala> val testErr = labelAndPreds.filter(r => r._1 != r._2).count().toDouble / testData.count()
testErr: Double = 0.11764705882352941
```

We have a roughly 12% error in predicting the correct outcome.

3. This model can be saved to a file using the following API:

```
scala> model.save(sc, "myDecisionTreeClassificationModel")
```

This saves the model to the  ${\tt myDecisionTreeClassificationModel} \ \ directory.$ 

4. Exit out of spark-shell as follows:

```
scala> spark.stop()
scala> :quit
```

## Using our model with a decision tree

Now the model is ready to use:

1. Start the spark-shell:

```
$ spark-shell
```

 $\hbox{2. Import $\tt DecisionTreeModel from Spark's MLLib package:} \\$ 

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.model.DecisionTreeModel
import org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.model.DecisionTreeModel
```

3. Use DecisionTreeModel objects' load API to load the model:

```
scala> val model = DecisionTreeModel.load(sc, "myDecisionTreeClassificationModel")
model: org.apache.spark.mllib.tree.model.DecisionTreeModel = DecisionTreeModel classifier of depth 2 with 5
nodes
```

4. The output of the model is as follows:

```
scala> model.toDebugString
res0: String =
"DecisionTreeModel classifier of depth 2 with 5 nodes
If (feature 351 <= 38.0)
If (feature 125 <= 254.5)
   Predict: 0.0
Else (feature 125 > 254.5)
   Predict: 1.0
Else (feature 351 > 38.0)
```

```
Predict: 1.0
```

We can see that the loaded model is the same one that we built earlier. This model can be used to predict outcomes of unseen observations by doing the following:

```
scala> model.predict(features) // features is a new observation
```

The model will output a value of 0 or 1.

## Random forest algorithms

Let's explore the random forest algorithm using Spark ML. We will be using the same sample\_libsvm\_data.txt data file from the decision tree example:

1. Run Spark shell from your Terminal:

```
$ spark-shell
```

2. Import the required classes from Spark's ML package:

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline
import org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline
scala> import org.apache.spark.ml.classification.{RandomForestClassificationModel, RandomForestClassifier}
import org.apache.spark.ml.classification.{RandomForestClassificationModel, RandomForestClassifier}
scala> import org.apache.spark.ml.evaluation.MulticlassClassificationEvaluator
import org.apache.spark.ml.evaluation.MulticlassClassificationEvaluator
scala> import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.{IndexToString, StringIndexer, VectorIndexer}
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.{IndexToString, StringIndexer, VectorIndexer}
```

3. Use SparkSession to read the <code>\_libsvm\_data.txt</code> file sample in <code>libsvm</code> format as a Spark DataFrame:

```
scala> val data = spark.read.format("libsvm").load("./sample_libsvm_data.txt")
2019-04-24 21:49:27 WARN LibSVMFileFormat:66 - 'numFeatures' option not specified, determining the number of
features by going though the input. If you know the number in advance, please specify it via 'numFeatures'
option to avoid the extra scan.
data: org.apache.spark.sql.DataFrame = [label: double, features: vector]
```

4. Index the label column of the source DataFrame and create a new DataFrame with <code>indexedLabel</code> as an additional column:

```
scala> val labelIndexer = new StringIndexer().setInputCol("label").setOutputCol("indexedLabel").fit(data)
labelIndexer: org.apache.spark.ml.feature.StringIndexerModel = strIdx_484cb0e8e765
```

5. Index the features column of the source DataFrame and create a new DataFrame with indexedFeatures as an additional column.

Make sure that the features are treated as continuous variables if there are more than four distinct values, otherwise, they will be categorical:

```
scala> val featureIndexer = new
VectorIndexer().setInputCol("features").setOutputCol("indexedFeatures").setMaxCategories(4).fit(data)
featureIndexer: org.apache.spark.ml.feature.VectorIndexerModel = vecIdx_07847af33557
```

6. Randomly split the source DataFrame into two DataFrames using a 7:3 ratio. The first DataFrame is to be used for training purposes. The second DataFrame is to be used for testing purposes:

```
scala> val Array(trainingData, testData) = data.randomSplit(Array(0.7, 0.3))
trainingData: org.apache.spark.sql.Dataset[org.apache.spark.sql.Row] = [label: double, features: vector]
testData: org.apache.spark.sql.Dataset[org.apache.spark.sql.Row] = [label: double, features: vector]
```

7. Create RandomForestClassifier using the builder pattern. Set the label column name as indexedLabel and the features column name as features column. Allow 10 decision trees to be used for arriving at a consensus:

```
scala> val randomForest = new
RandomForestClassifier().setLabelCol("indexedLabel").setFeaturesCol("indexedFeatures").setNumTrees(10)
randomForest: org.apache.spark.ml.classification.RandomForestClassifier = rfc_954d41674853
```

8. Create a label converter object that converts indexed labels back to the original labels:

```
scala> val labelConverter = new
IndexToString().setInputCol("prediction").setOutputCol("predictedLabel").setLabels(labelIndexer.labels)
labelConverter: org.apache.spark.ml.feature.IndexToString = idxToStr_74f8a7c145d8
```

9. Create a Pipeline object that chains the label indexer, feature indexer, random forest, and label converter:

```
scala> val pipeline = new Pipeline().setStages(Array(labelIndexer, featureIndexer, randomForest,
labelConverter))
pipeline: org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline = pipeline_8cd293d72ebd
```

10. Run the pipeline to fit training data and create a model. Doing so runs the label indexer, feature indexer, random forest, and label converter one after the other:

```
scala> val model = pipeline.fit(trainingData)
model: org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineModel = pipeline_8cd293d72ebd
```

11. Using the model, run predictions on the test data:

```
scala> val predictions = model.transform(testData)
predictions: org.apache.spark.sql.DataFrame = [label: double, features: vector ... 6 more fields]
```

12. Display five rows from the created predictions DataFrame:

13. Evaluate the accuracy of the predicted label by comparing it against the original label:

```
scala> val evaluator = new
MulticlassClassificationEvaluator().setLabelCol("indexedLabel").setPredictionCol("prediction").setMetricName("
evaluator: org.apache.spark.ml.evaluation.MulticlassClassificationEvaluator = mcEval_4b737dba9096

scala> val accuracy = evaluator.evaluate(predictions)
accuracy: Double = 1.0

scala> println(s"Test Error = ${(1.0 - accuracy)}")
Test Error = 0.0
```

14. Extract the built model, getting the element at index 2 of the pipeline stages:

```
scala> val rfModel = model.stages(2).asInstanceOf[RandomForestClassificationModel]
rfModel: org.apache.spark.ml.classification.RandomForestClassificationModel =
RandomForestClassificationModel (uid=rfc_954d41674853) with 10 trees
```

15. Print out the contents of the built model:

```
scala> println(s"Learned classification forest model:\n ${rfModel.toDebugString}")
```

## Ridge and lasso regression

Ridge and lasso regression are supervised linear regression ML algorithms. Both of these algorithms aim at reducing model complexity and prevent overfitting. When there is a large number of features or variables in a training dataset, the model built by ML generally tends to be complex.

#### Characteristics of lasso regression

Let's look at running linear regression methods on Spark:

1. Download the data file needed for exploration in your Terminal:

```
\$ \ \text{curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/apache/spark/master/data/mllib/ridge-data/lpsa.data} \ -\text{o lpsa.data}
```

2. Start a Spark shell in your Terminal:

```
$ spark-shell
```

3. Import the necessary classes from the Spark MLLib package, which are needed for linear regression:

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.linalg.Vectors
import org.apache.spark.mllib.linalg.Vectors
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LabeledPoint
import org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LabeledPoint
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel
import org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionWithSGD
import org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionWithSGD
```

4. Load the data as follows:

```
scala> val data = sc.textFile("./lpsa.data")
data: org.apache.spark.rdd.RDD[String] = ./lpsa.data MapPartitionsRDD[1] at textFile at <console>:28
```

5. Parse the data into LabeledPoint and cache:

6. Build the model by setting the number of step-size iterations:

```
scala> val numIterations = 100
numIterations: Int = 100

scala> val stepSize = 0.00000001
stepSize: Double = 1.0E-8
scala> val model = LinearRegressionWithSGD.train(parsedData, numIterations, stepSize)
model: org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel =
org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel: intercept = 0.0, numFeatures = 8
```

7. Evaluate the model on the training examples and compute the training errors, as follows:

8. Save the model as follows:

```
scala> model.save(sc, "./LinearRegressionWithSGDModel")
```

9. Load the saved model as follows:

```
scala> val sameModel = LinearRegressionModel.load(sc, "./LinearRegressionWithSGDModel")
sameModel: org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel =
org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel: intercept = 0.0, numFeatures = 8
```

10. Output the model as follows:

```
scala> sameModel
res2: org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel =
org.apache.spark.mllib.regression.LinearRegressionModel: intercept = 0.0, numFeatures = 8
scala> sameModel.toPMML
"<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<PMML version="4.2" xmlns="http://www.dmg.org/PMML-4 2">
    <Header description="linear regression">
       <Application name="Apache Spark MLlib" version="2.4.0"/>
        <Timestamp>2019-04-24T22:45:35</Timestamp>
    <DataDictionary numberOfFields="9">
        <DataField name="field 0" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
        <DataField name="field_1" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
        <DataField name="field 2" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
        <DataField name="field_3" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
        <DataField name="field 4" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
        <DataField name="field 5" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
```

In the preceding example, we used Spark MLLib's LinearRegressionWithSGD class for building a linear regression model. Spark MLLib has two other classes; RidgeRegressionWithSGD and LassoWithSGD can be used in a similar fashion to build linear models in Spark.

## k-means cluster analysis

k-means is a clustering ML algorithm. This is a nonsupervised ML algorithm. Its primary use is for clustering together closely related data and gaining an understanding of the structural properties of the data.

As the name suggests, this algorithm tries to form a [k] number of clusters around [k]-mean values. How many clusters are to be formed, that is, the value of [k], is something a human being has to determine at the outset. This algorithm relies on the Euclidean distance to calculate the distance between two points. We can think of each observation as a point in [n]-dimensional space, where [n] is the number of features. The distance between two observations is the Euclidean distance between these in [n]-dimensional space.

To begin with, the algorithm picks up [k] random records from the dataset. These are the initial [k]-mean values. In the next step, for each record in the set, it calculates the Euclidean distance of this record from each [k]-mean record and assigns the record to the [k]-mean record with the lowest Euclidean distance. At the end of this, it has the first [k] clusters. Now for each cluster, it computes the mean value and thus has [k]-mean values. These [k]-mean values are used for the next iteration of the algorithm. It repeats these steps with these [k] values and arrives at a new step of [k] values, which are used for the next iteration of the algorithm. This gets repeated over and over again until the [k]-mean values start to converge, that is, [k] centroids are established around where the data is concentrated.

Let's explore [k]-means clustering using Spark's MLLib library:

1. Download the test data in your Terminal using the following command:

```
$ curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/apache/spark/master/data/mllib/kmeans_data.txt -o kmeans_data.txt
```

2. Start Spark shell in your Terminal:

```
$ spark-shell
```

3. Import the necessary classes from Spark's MLLib package:

```
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.clustering.{KMeans, KMeansModel}
import org.apache.spark.mllib.clustering.{KMeans, KMeansModel}
scala> import org.apache.spark.mllib.linalg.Vectors
import org.apache.spark.mllib.linalg.Vectors
```

## 4. Load and parse the data:

```
scala> val data = sc.textFile("./kmeans_data.txt")
data: org.apache.spark.rdd.RDD[String] = ./kmeans_data.txt MapPartitionsRDD[1] at textFile at <console>:26
scala> val parsedData = data.map(s => Vectors.dense(s.split(' ').map(_.toDouble))).cache()
parsedData: org.apache.spark.rdd.RDD[org.apache.spark.mllib.linalg.Vector] = MapPartitionsRDD[2] at map at <console>:27
```

## 5. Cluster the data into two classes using KMeans:

```
scala> val numClusters = 2
numClusters: Int = 2
scala> val numIterations = 20
numIterations: Int = 20
scala> val clusters = KMeans.train(parsedData, numClusters, numIterations)
2019-04-24 22:24:17 WARN BLAS:61 - Failed to load implementation from:
com.github.fommil.netlib.NativeSystemBLAS
2019-04-24 22:24:17 WARN BLAS:61 - Failed to load implementation from:
com.github.fommil.netlib.NativeRefBLAS
clusters: org.apache.spark.mllib.clustering.KMeansModel =
org.apache.spark.mllib.clustering.KMeansModel@77ff43f3e
```

## 6. Evaluate the clustering by computing Within Set Sum of Squared Errors:

```
scala> val WSSSE = clusters.computeCost(parsedData)
WSSSE: Double = 0.1199999999994547
scala> println(s"Within Set Sum of Squared Errors = $WSSSE")
Within Set Sum of Squared Errors = 0.1199999999994547
```

## 7. Save the model:

```
scala> clusters.save(sc, "./KMeansModel")
```

## 8. Load the saved model:

```
scala> val sameModel = KMeansModel.load(sc, "./KMeansModel")
sameModel: org.apache.spark.mllib.clustering.KMeansModel =
org.apache.spark.mllib.clustering.KMeansModel@68efc9a2
```

## 9. Output the loaded model:

```
scala> sameModel.toPMML
res3: String =
"<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<PMML version="4.2" xmlns="http://www.dmg.org/PMML-4_2">
   <Header description="k-means clustering">
       <Application name="Apache Spark MLlib" version="2.4.0"/>
       <Timestamp>2019-04-24T22:25:03</Timestamp>
   </Header>
    <DataDictionary numberOfFields="3">
       <DataField name="field_0" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
       <DataField name="field_1" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
       <DataField name="field_2" optype="continuous" dataType="double"/>
   </DataDictionary>
   <ClusteringModel modelName="k-means" functionName="clustering" modelClass="centerBased"
numberOfClusters="2">
       <MiningSchema>
           <MiningField name="field_0" usageType="active"/>
```

# **Summary**

In this lab, we learned about ML and some of the most popular ML algorithms. The primary goal of ML is to build an analytical model using historical data without much human intervention. ML algorithms can be divided into two categories, namely, supervised learning and unsupervised learning. The supervised learning algorithm relies on labeled data to build models, whereas unsupervised learning uses data that is not labeled. We looked at the k-means cluster analysis algorithm, which is an unsupervised ML algorithm. Of the supervised ML algorithms, we explored decision trees, random forests, and ridge/lasso regression. We also got an overview of using NLP for performing text data analysis.

In the next lab, we will examine the processing of data in real time and perform data analysis as the data becomes available.