



Welcome to this session: **Skills Bootcamp - Q&A Session**

The session will start shortly...

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answering questions.



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Skills Bootcamp Progression Overview

✓ Criterion 1 - Initial Requirements

Specific achievements **within the first two weeks** of the program.

To meet this criterion, students need to, by no later than **01 December 2024 (C11)** or **22 December 2024 (C12)**:

- **Guided Learning Hours (GLH):** Attend a **minimum of 7-8 GLH per week** (lectures, workshops, or mentor calls) for a total minimum of **15 GLH**.
- **Task Completion:** Successfully complete the **first 4 of the assigned tasks**.

✓ Criterion 2 - Mid-Course Progress

Progress through the successful completion of tasks **within the first half** of the program.

To meet this criterion, students should, by no later than **12 January 2025 (C11)** or **02 February 2025 (C12)**:

- **Guided Learning Hours (GLH):** Complete at least **60 GLH**.
- **Task Completion :** Successfully complete the **first 13 of the assigned tasks**.

Skills Bootcamp Progression Overview

✓ Criterion 3 – End-Course Progress

Showcasing students' progress nearing the completion of the course.

To meet this criterion, students should:

- **Guided Learning Hours (GLH):** Complete the **total minimum required GLH**, by the **support end date**.
- **Task Completion : Complete all mandatory tasks**, including any necessary resubmissions, by the end of the bootcamp, **09 March 2025 (C11)** or **30 March 2025 (C12)**.

✓ Criterion 4 - Employability

Demonstrating progress to find employment.

To meet this criterion, students should:

- **Record an Interview Invite:** Students are required to record proof of invitation to an interview by **30 March 2025 (C11)** or **04 May 2025 (C12)**.
 - **South Holland Students** are required to proof and interview by **17 March 2025**.
- **Record a Final Job Outcome :** Within 12 weeks post-graduation, students are required to record a job outcome.

Is there a specific topic from this week that you'd like to review or gain more clarity on?



Any more questions on
HPC?



Learning Outcomes

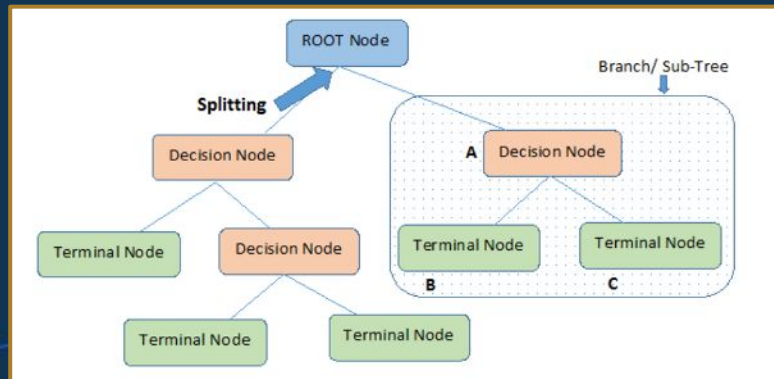
- ❖ **Define image processing.**
- ❖ **Describe the key steps** involved in preparing image data for machine learning algorithms, including loading, reshaping, and vectorising images.
- ❖ Apply machine learning algorithms, such as **Random Forest Classifiers**, to image classification tasks using Python libraries like scikit-learn.
- ❖ Evaluate the performance of image classification models using appropriate metrics, such as **accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score**.
- ❖ Analyse the **impact of hyperparameter tuning** on model performance in image classification tasks.
- ❖ Employ techniques like **grid search to optimise hyperparameters**.

Decision Trees and Random Forests Recap



Decision Trees

- ❖ Decision trees can be used for image **classification tasks**
- ❖ Each internal node represents a feature (pixel intensity), branches represent decisions
- ❖ Leaf nodes represent **class labels** (e.g., digits in MNIST)
- ❖ **Advantages:** Interpretable, can handle non-linear relationships
- ❖ **Disadvantages:** Prone to overfitting, may not generalise well to unseen images





Random Forests


- ❖ Random Forests are an **ensemble of decision trees**, well-suited for image classification
 - ❖ Each tree is **trained on a random subset of features** (pixels) and samples (images)
 - ❖ Predictions are made by **aggregating the outputs of individual trees** (majority vote)
 - ❖ **Advantages:** Reduces overfitting, improves generalisation, provides feature importance
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Image Processing



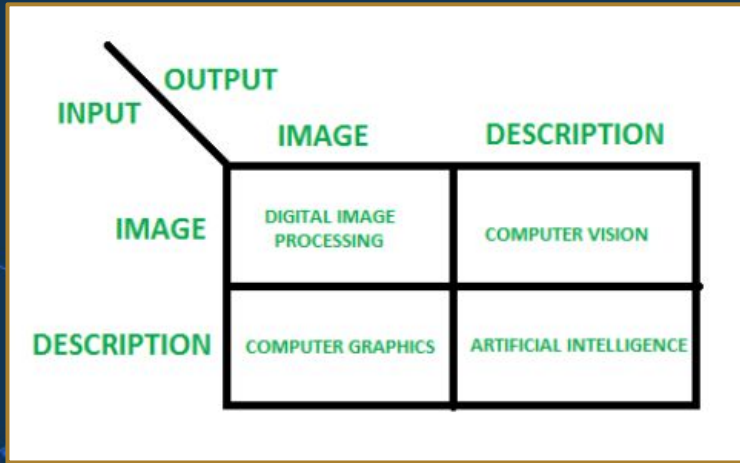


Image Processing

- ❖ Image processing refers to the **manipulation and analysis of digital images** to **extract meaningful information** and enhance visual content.

Importance

- ❖ Enables computers to **interpret and understand visual data**.
- ❖ Facilitates the development of intelligent systems capable of **automating tasks related to visual perception**.

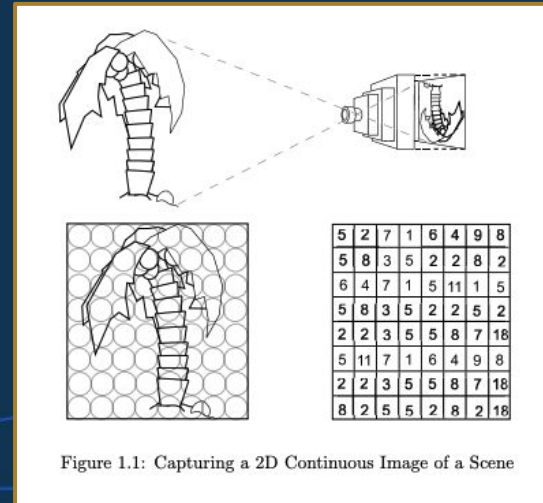


Source: [GeeksForGeeks](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/)

Key Concepts

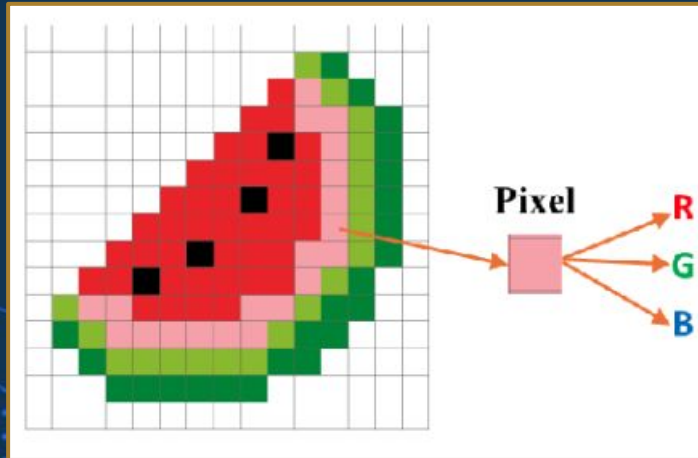
- ❖ **Digital Image:** A digital image is represented as a two-dimensional array of pixels, where each pixel contains intensity or colour values.

Source: [Clemson University](#)



Key Concepts

- ❖ **Pixel:** A pixel is the smallest unit of a digital image and is represented by **one or more numerical values**. In grayscale images, each pixel has a single intensity value, while in colour images, pixels typically have three values corresponding to the **red, green, and blue** colour channels.

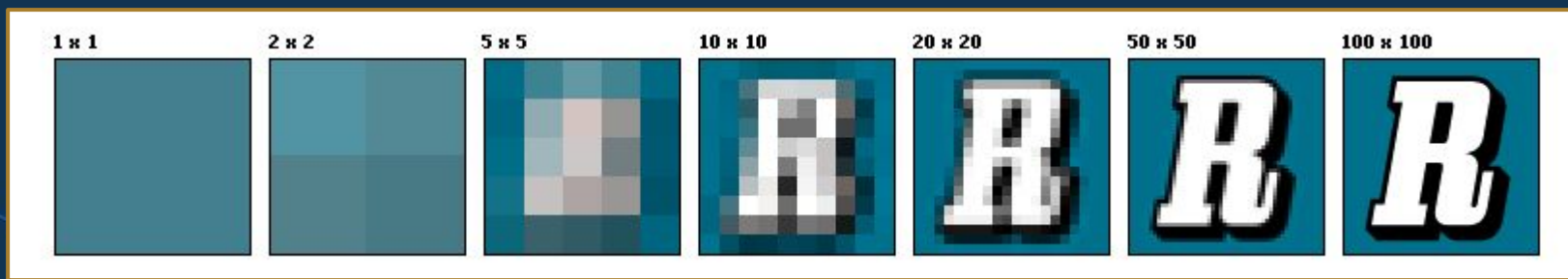


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Key Concepts

- ❖ **Image Resolution:** Image resolution refers to the number of pixels in an image, usually expressed in terms of **width and height** (e.g., 1024x768). Higher resolution images contain more pixels and provide **more detailed and clearer representations** of the visual content.



Source: [Wikipedia](#)

Detecting Handwritten Digits



MNIST

- ❖ The MNIST dataset is a **widely-used benchmark dataset** in the field of machine learning, consisting of a large collection of **grayscale images of handwritten digits (0-9)**.
- ❖ The dataset contains 70,000 images, split into **60,000 training images and 10,000 testing images**. Each image has a size of **28x28 pixels**.



Reshaping Images

- ❖ The loaded image data is often flattened into a **1D array** for storage and processing purposes. However, for applying image processing techniques and visualisation, **it is necessary to reshape the data back into a 2D array representing the original image dimensions.**
- ❖ The -1 parameter in the reshape() function automatically calculates the number of images based on the total number of pixels.

```
# Reshape the training images to 2D arrays  
X_train = X_train.reshape(-1, 28, 28)
```

```
X_train[0].shape  
✓ 0.0s  
(784,)
```



```
X_train[0].shape  
✓ 0.0s  
(28, 28)
```

Preprocessing

- ❖ Preprocessing techniques are applied to enhance the **quality of images**, **normalise pixel values**, and **remove any artifacts or noise** that may affect the performance of machine learning algorithms.

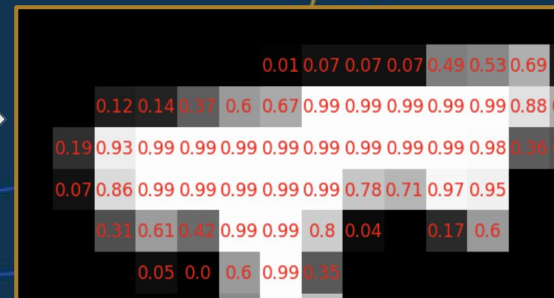
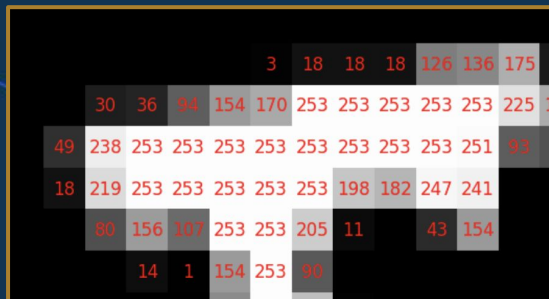
Preprocessing

- ❖ Contrast stretching improves the contrast of an image by **spreading out the pixel intensities**. It can be achieved using the exposure module from the scikit-image library.

```
# Apply contrast stretching
image_rescale = exposure.rescale_intensity(
    image, in_range=(0, 255), out_range=(0, 1)
)

# Clip the values to the valid range [0, 1]
image_rescale = np.clip(image_rescale, 0, 1)
```

This code calculates the 2nd and 98th percentile of pixel intensities and rescales the image intensity values to the range [0, 1] (**normalisation**).



Random Forest Classifier

- ❖ The Random Forest Classifier is an ensemble learning algorithm that combines multiple decision trees to make robust and accurate predictions. It is particularly well-suited for image classification tasks.
- ❖ The Random Forest Classifier has **several hyperparameters that can be tuned to optimise its performance, such as the number of trees (n_estimators), the maximum depth of each tree (max_depth), and the minimum number of samples required to split an internal node (min_samples_split)** → More on this at the end.

Training

- ❖ To train the Random Forest Classifier, we first create an instance of the RandomForestClassifier class from the scikit-learn library, specifying the desired hyperparameters.

```
# Create a Random Forest Classifier  
rf_classifier = RandomForestClassifier(  
    n_estimators=100, max_depth=None,  
    min_samples_split=2, random_state=42  
)
```

Training

- ❖ Next, **we fit the classifier to the preprocessed training data using the `fit()` method**. This involves providing the feature matrix (`X_train_preprocessed`) and the corresponding labels (`y_train`) to the classifier.
- ❖ During the training process, the Random Forest Classifier learns the underlying patterns and **relationships between the input features (pixel values) and the corresponding labels (digit classes)**.

```
# Train the classifier  
rf_classifier.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
```

Making Predictions

- ❖ Once the Random Forest Classifier is trained, we can use it to make predictions on **new, unseen images**.
- ❖ To make predictions, we first **preprocess the test images in the same way as the training images**, applying the necessary reshaping and preprocessing steps.

```
# Preprocess the test images  
X_test_preprocessed = preprocess_images(X_test)
```

```
# Make predictions on the test set  
y_pred = rf_classifier.predict(X_test_preprocessed)
```

Evaluation



Some Context

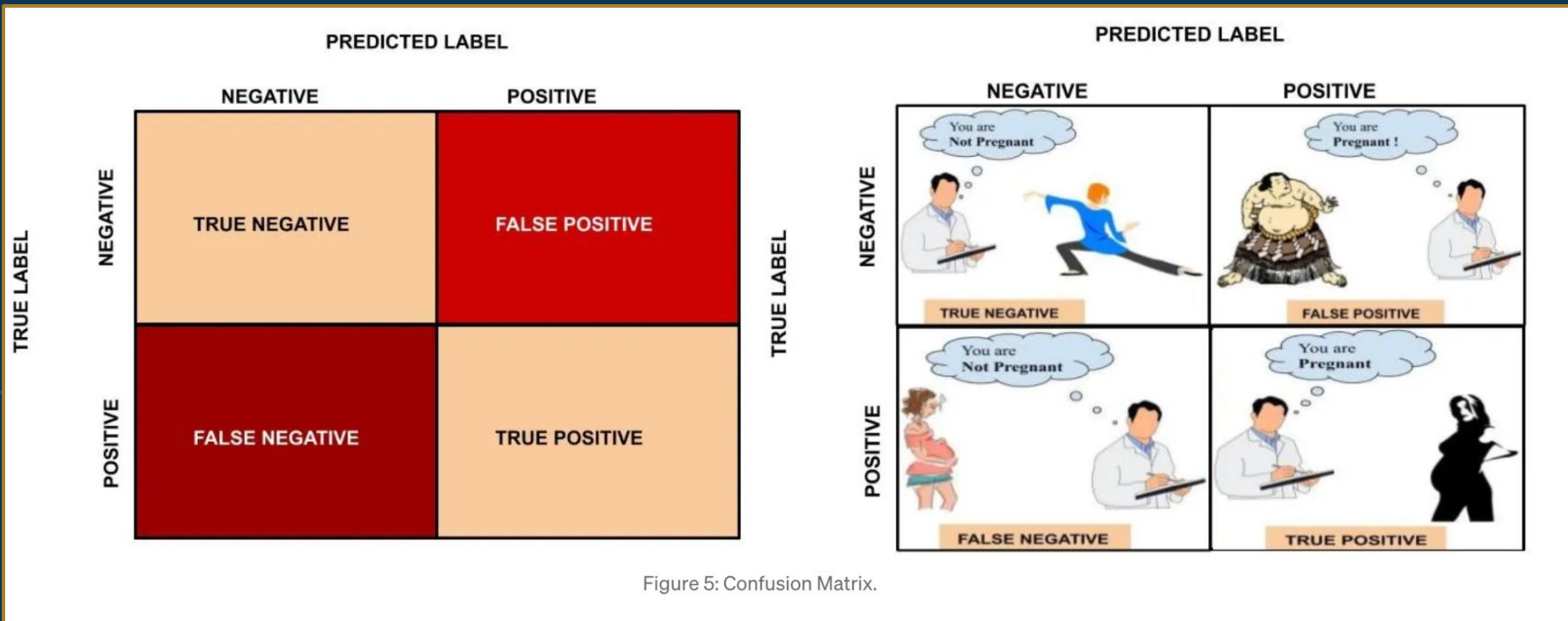


Figure 5: Confusion Matrix.

Evaluation Metrics

- ❖ **Accuracy:** Accuracy measures the overall correctness of the model's predictions by calculating the **proportion of correctly classified samples out of the total number of samples**.

Source: [Medium](#)

		Predicted/Classified	
		Negative	Positive
Actual	Negative	998	0
	Positive	1	1

$$Accuracy = \frac{TN + TP}{TN + FP + TP + FN}$$

Evaluation Metrics

- ❖ **Precision:** Precision focuses on the quality of the model's positive predictions. It is calculated as the ratio of true positive predictions to the total number of positive predictions (true positives + false positives). **High precision indicates that when the model predicts a specific class, it is more likely to be correct.**

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive}}$$
$$= \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Total Predicted Positive}}$$

		Predicted	
		Negative	Positive
Actual	Negative	True Negative	False Positive
	Positive	False Negative	True Positive

True Positive + False Positive = Total Predicted Positive

Source: [Medium](#)

Evaluation Metrics

- ❖ **Recall:** Recall, also known as sensitivity or true positive rate, measures the model's ability to correctly identify positive instances. It is calculated as the ratio of true positive predictions to the total number of actual positive instances (true positives + false negatives). **High recall indicates that the model is able to capture a large proportion of the positive instances.**

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative}}$$
$$= \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Total Actual Positive}}$$

		Predicted	
		Negative	Positive
Actual	Negative	True Negative	False Positive
	Positive	False Negative	True Positive

True Positive + False Negative = Actual Positive

Source: [Medium](#)

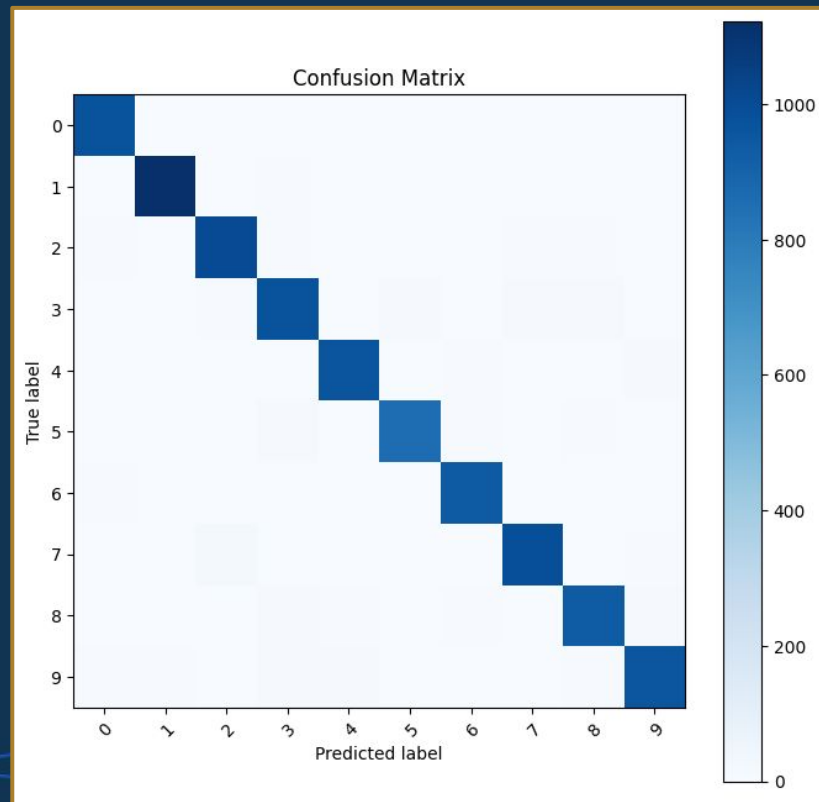
Evaluation Metrics

- ❖ **F1-score:** The F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure that considers both the quality and completeness of the model's predictions. **It is especially useful when dealing with imbalanced datasets or when equal importance is given to precision and recall.**

$$F1 = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Confusion Matrix

- ❖ A confusion matrix is a powerful tool for visualising the **performance of a classification model** by providing a tabular summary of the model's predictions compared to the true labels.



Hyperparameter Tuning



Importance

- ❖ Hyperparameters are the **adjustable settings** of a machine learning algorithm that are **not learned from the data but are set by the user before training**. These hyperparameters can significantly impact the performance and behaviour of the model.
- ❖ Proper tuning of hyperparameters is crucial for optimising the model's performance and achieving the best possible results. It involves **finding the right combination of hyperparameter values that strike a balance between model complexity and generalisation ability**.

Data Splits

- ❖ To properly tune hyperparameters and evaluate the model's performance, it is essential to split the data into three sets: **training, validation, and test.**
- ❖ The training set is used to **train the model**, the validation set is used to **tune the hyperparameters and assess the model's performance during the tuning process**, and the test set is used to **evaluate the final model's performance on unseen data.**

Data Splits

- ❖ In this example, we first split the data into training/validation ($X_{\text{train_val}}$, $y_{\text{train_val}}$) and test (X_{test} , y_{test}) sets using a 80-20 split. Then, we further split the training/validation set into training (X_{train} , y_{train}) and validation (X_{val} , y_{val}) sets using another 80-20 split.

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train_val, X_test, y_train_val, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(
    X_train_val, y_train_val, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)
```

Process

- ❖ Define the hyperparameter search space

```
# Define the hyperparameter search space  
param_grid = {  
    'n_estimators': [100, 200],  
    'max_depth': [None, 10],  
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5],  
}
```

Process

- ❖ Create an instance of the model and perform a grid search

```
# Perform grid search  
grid_search = GridSearchCV(rf_classifier, param_grid, cv=5)  
grid_search.fit(X_train_split, y_train_split)
```


Process

- ❖ Evaluate the model's performance on the validation set

```
final_model = RandomForestClassifier(  
    random_state=42, **grid_search.best_params_  
)  
final_model.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
```

```
y_val_pred = final_model.predict(X_val)  
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_val, y_val_pred)  
precision = precision_score(y_val, y_val_pred, average='weighted')  
recall = recall_score(y_val, y_val_pred, average='weighted')  
f1 = f1_score(y_val, y_val_pred, average='weighted')
```

Overfitting

- ❖ If the model achieves **high accuracy on the training set but performs poorly on the validation set**, it indicates overfitting.
- ❖ Example:
 - **Training Accuracy: 0.98**
 - **Validation Accuracy: 0.75**
- ❖ In this case, the model is **too complex** and has learned noise or specific patterns from the training data that do not generalise well to unseen data.
- ❖ To mitigate overfitting, you can try reducing the model complexity

Good Fit

- ❖ If the model achieves **high accuracy on both the training and validation sets**, it indicates a good fit.
- ❖ Example:
 - **Training Accuracy: 0.95**
 - **Validation Accuracy: 0.93**
- ❖ In this case, the model has found a **good balance between capturing the relevant patterns in the data and generalising well to unseen data.**
- ❖ You can proceed with evaluating the model on the test set to assess its final performance.

Questions and Answers



Thank you for attending



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