

Issue #16710: Pipeline requires both fit and transform method to be available instead of only fit_transform

Link to Issue: <https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/issues/16710>

Summary of issue: Calling a pipeline with a nonparametric function raises an error since the function transform() is missing. The pipeline itself calls the function fit_transform() if it's present. For nonparametric functions (the most prominent being t-SNE) a regular transform() method does not exist since there is no projection or mapping that is learned. But it could still be used for dimensionality reduction.

Testing Environment

// Assuming user is running python 3.9+ and sklearn 1.0+ in a similar environment

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>>> import sklearn; sklearn.show_versions()
System:
  python: 3.9.10 | packaged by conda-forge | (main, Feb 1 2022, 21:21:54) [MSC v.1929 64 bit
(AMD64)]
  executable:/sklearn-env/python.exe
  machine: Windows-10-10.0.19044-SP0

Python dependencies:
  pip: 22.0.3
  setuptools: 60.9.3
  sklearn: 1.1.dev0
  numpy: 1.22.2
  scipy: 1.8.0
  Cython: 0.29.28
  pandas: None
  matplotlib: None
  joblib: 1.1.0
  threadpoolctl: 3.1.0
  pytest: 7.0.1

Built with OpenMP: True
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Resources

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from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.manifold import TSNE
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
import numpy as np
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Test Case

// Input in python console

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>>> X = np.array([[1], [2]])
>>> y = np.array([1, 2])
>>> pipe = make_pipeline(TSNE(), PCA())
>>> pipe.fit(X, y)
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Expected Output

// A pipeline is created with warning message

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.../course-project-keycap-guardians/scikit-learn/sklearn/pipeline.py:215: UserWarning: 'TSNE()' (type
<class 'sklearn.manifold._t_sne.TSNE'>) does not implement transform.
Pipeline(steps=[('tsne', TSNE()), ('pca', PCA())])
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Implementation

File modified: scikit-learn/sklearn/pipeline.py

Modified logic of the code to allow pipelines with missing transformer implementation

<pre>204 - if not (hasattr(t, "fit") or 205 - hasattr(t, "fit_transform")) or not hasattr(206 - t, "transform" 207 -): 208 - raise TypeError(209 - "All intermediate steps should 210 - be " 211 - "transformers and implement 212 - fit and transform " 213 - "or be the string 214 - 'passthrough' " 215 - "'%s' (type %s) doesn't" % (t, 216 - type(t)) 217 -) 218 - msg = (219 - "Last step of Pipeline should implement fit 220 - " 221 - "or be the string 'passthrough'" 222 - ".*NoFit.*" 223 -) 224 - raise TypeError(msg)</pre>	<pre>205 + if not (hasattr(t, "fit") or 206 + (hasattr(t, "t") and (hasattr(t, "fit") or 207 + (hasattr(t, "fit_transform")) 208 + and (hasattr(t, "fit_transform") or 209 + hasattr(t, "transform")))): 210 + raise TypeError(211 + "All intermediate steps should 212 + be " 213 + "transformers and implement 214 + fit and transform, fit_transform " 215 + "or be the string 216 + 'passthrough'. " 217 + "'%s' (type %s) doesn't" % (t, 218 + type(t)) 219 +) 220 + msg = (221 + "Last step of Pipeline should implement 222 + fit, fit_transform " 223 + "or be the string 'passthrough'" 224 + ".*NoFit.*" 225 +) 226 + raise TypeError(msg)</pre>
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Added warnings for when transform is not implemented

<pre>214 - if not hasattr(t, "transform"): 215 - warnings.warn('%s' (type %s) does 216 - not implement 217 - " transform." % (t, type(t)))</pre>	<pre>214 + if not hasattr(t, "transform"): 215 + warnings.warn('%s' (type %s) does 216 + not implement 217 + " transform." % (t, type(t)))</pre>
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Adjusted error messages to inform users that the creation of a pipeline is now allowed.

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1027	<code>raise TypeError(</code>	1030	<code>raise TypeError(</code>
1028	<code>"All estimators should</code>	1031	<code>"All estimators should</code>
	<code>implement fit and "</code>		<code>implement fit and "</code>
1029	<code>- "transform. '%s' (type %s)</code>	1032	<code>+ "transform, fit_transform.</code>
	<code>doesn't" % (t, type(t))</code>		<code>'%s' (type %s) doesn't" % (t, type(t))</code>
1030	<code>)</code>	1033	<code>)</code>

File modified: scikit-learn/sklearn/tests/test_pipeline.py

Added test to check that a warning is raised when a pipe is trying to fit when there is a missing transform implementation.

```

255 + def test_pipeline_tsne_pca():
256 +     X = np.array([[1], [2]])
257 +     y = np.array([1, 2])
258 +     pipe = make_pipeline(TSNE(), PCA())
259 +     with pytest.warns(UserWarning, match="does not
        implement transform"):
260 +         pipe.fit(X, y)
261 +
262 +

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