

## sklearn.compose.ColumnTransformer

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class sklearn.compose.ColumnTransformer(transformers, remainder='drop',
sparse_threshold=0.3, n_jobs=None, transformer_weights=None, verbose=False) ¶
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Applies transformers to columns of an array or pandas DataFrame.

This estimator allows different columns or column subsets of the input to be transformed separately and the features generated by each transformer will be concatenated to form a single feature space. This is useful for heterogeneous or columnar data, to combine several feature extraction mechanisms or transformations into a single transformer.

Read more in the [User Guide](#).

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**Parameters:** **transformers** : *list of tuples*

List of (name, transformer, column(s)) tuples specifying the transformer objects to be applied to subsets of the data.

**name** : *string*

Like in Pipeline and FeatureUnion, this allows the transformer and its parameters to be set using `set_params` and searched in grid search.

**transformer** : *estimator or {'passthrough', 'drop'}*

Estimator must support `fit` and `transform`. Special-cased strings 'drop' and 'passthrough' are accepted as well, to indicate to drop the columns or to pass them through untransformed, respectively.

**column(s)** : *string or int, array-like of string or int, slice, boolean mask array or callable*

Indexes the data on its second axis. Integers are interpreted as positional columns, while strings can reference DataFrame columns by name. A scalar string or int should be used where `transformer` expects X to be a 1d array-like (vector), otherwise a 2d array will be passed to the transformer. A callable is passed the input data `x` and can return any of the above.

**remainder** : *{'drop', 'passthrough'} or estimator, default 'drop'*

By default, only the specified columns in `transformers` are transformed and combined in the output, and the non-specified columns are dropped. (default of

'drop'). By specifying `remainder='passthrough'`, all remaining columns that were not specified in `transformers` will be automatically passed through. This subset of columns is concatenated with the output of the transformers. By setting `remainder` to be an estimator, the remaining non-specified columns will use the `remainder` estimator. The estimator must support `fit` and `transform`. Note that using this feature requires that the DataFrame columns input at `fit` and `transform` have identical order.

**sparse\_threshold** : *float, default = 0.3*

If the output of the different transformers contains sparse matrices, these will be stacked as a sparse matrix if the overall density is lower than this value. Use `sparse_threshold=0` to always return dense. When the transformed output consists of all dense data, the stacked result will be dense, and this keyword will be ignored.

**n\_jobs** : *int or None, optional (default=None)*

Number of jobs to run in parallel. `None` means 1 unless in a `joblib.parallel_backend` context. `-1` means using all processors. See [Glossary](#) for more details.

**transformer\_weights** : *dict, optional*

Multiplicative weights for features per transformer. The output of the transformer is multiplied by these weights. Keys are transformer names, values the weights.

**verbose** : *boolean, optional (default=False)*

If `True`, the time elapsed while fitting each transformer will be printed as it is completed.

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**Attributes:**    **transformers\_** : *list*

The collection of fitted transformers as tuples of (name, fitted\_transformer, column). `fitted_transformer` can be an estimator, 'drop', or 'passthrough'. In case there were no columns selected, this will be the unfitted transformer. If there are remaining columns, the final element is a tuple of the form: ('remainder', transformer, remaining\_columns) corresponding to the `remainder` parameter. If there are remaining columns, then

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len(transformers_)==len(transformers)+1, otherwise
len(transformers_)==len(transformers).
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**named\_transformers\_** : *Bunch object, a dictionary with attribute access*

Access the fitted transformer by name.

**sparse\_output\_** : *boolean*

Boolean flag indicating whether the output of `transform` is a sparse matrix or a dense numpy array, which depends on the output of the individual transformers and the `sparse_threshold` keyword.

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**See also:**

## `sklearn.compose.make_column_transformer`

convenience function for combining the outputs of multiple transformer objects applied to column subsets of the original feature space.

### Notes

The order of the columns in the transformed feature matrix follows the order of how the columns are specified in the `transformers` list. Columns of the original feature matrix that are not specified are dropped from the resulting transformed feature matrix, unless specified in the `passthrough` keyword. Those columns specified with `passthrough` are added at the right to the output of the transformers.

### Examples

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
>>> from sklearn.preprocessing import Normalizer
>>> ct = ColumnTransformer(
...     [("norm1", Normalizer(norm='l1'), [0, 1]),
...     ("norm2", Normalizer(norm='l1'), slice(2, 4))])
>>> X = np.array([[0., 1., 2., 2.],
...               [1., 1., 0., 1.]])
>>> # Normalizer scales each row of X to unit norm. A separate scaling
>>> # is applied for the two first and two last elements of each
>>> # row independently.
>>> ct.fit_transform(X)
array([[0. , 1. , 0.5, 0.5],
       [0.5, 0.5, 0. , 1. ]])
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### Methods

<code>fit(self, X[, y])</code>	Fit all transformers using X.
<code>fit_transform(self, X[, y])</code>	Fit all transformers, transform the data and concatenate results.
<code>get_feature_names(self)</code>	Get feature names from all transformers.
<code>get_params(self[, deep])</code>	Get parameters for this estimator.
<code>set_params(self, **kwargs)</code>	Set the parameters of this estimator.
<code>transform(self, X)</code>	Transform X separately by each transformer, concatenate results.

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__init__(self, transformers, remainder='drop', sparse_threshold=0.3, n_jobs=None, transforme-
r_weights=None, verbose=False) \[source\]
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fit(self, X, y=None) \[source\]
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Fit all transformers using X.

**Parameters:** **X** : array-like or DataFrame of shape  $[n\_samples, n\_features]$

Input data, of which specified subsets are used to fit the transformers.

**y** : array-like, shape  $(n\_samples, \dots)$ , optional

Targets for supervised learning.

**Returns:**     **self** : *ColumnTransformer*  
This estimator

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**fit\_transform**(*self*, *X*, *y=None*)

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Fit all transformers, transform the data and concatenate results.

**Parameters:**   **X** : *array-like or DataFrame of shape [n\_samples, n\_features]*  
Input data, of which specified subsets are used to fit the transformers.

**y** : *array-like, shape (n\_samples, ...), optional*  
Targets for supervised learning.

**Returns:**       **X\_t** : *array-like or sparse matrix, shape (n\_samples, sum\_n\_components)*  
hstack of results of transformers. sum\_n\_components is the sum of n\_-  
components (output dimension) over transformers. If any result is a sparse  
matrix, everything will be converted to sparse matrices.

**get\_feature\_names**(*self*)

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Get feature names from all transformers.

**Returns:**   **feature\_names** : *list of strings*  
Names of the features produced by transform.

**get\_params**(*self*, *deep=True*)

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Get parameters for this estimator.

**Parameters:**   **deep** : *boolean, optional*  
If True, will return the parameters for this estimator and contained subob-  
jects that are estimators.

**Returns:**       **params** : *mapping of string to any*  
Parameter names mapped to their values.

**named\_transformers\_**

Access the fitted transformer by name.

Read-only attribute to access any transformer by given name. Keys are transformer names and values are the fitted transformer objects.

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set_params(self, **kwargs)
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Set the parameters of this estimator.

Valid parameter keys can be listed with `get_params()`.

**Returns:** self

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transform(self, X)
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Transform X separately by each transformer, concatenate results.

**Parameters:** **X** : array-like or DataFrame of shape  $[n\_samples, n\_features]$

The data to be transformed by subset.

**Returns:** **X<sub>t</sub>** : array-like or sparse matrix, shape  $(n\_samples, sum\_n\_components)$   
hstack of results of transformers. sum\_n\_components is the sum of n\_components (output dimension) over transformers. If any result is a sparse matrix, everything will be converted to sparse matrices.

## Examples using `sklearn.compose.ColumnTransformer`



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