

# Normalization

Normalization is a technique often applied as part of data preparation for machine learning. The goal of normalization is to change the values of numeric columns in the dataset to use a common scale, without distorting differences in the ranges of values or losing information.

- MinMax Scaling ✓
- Mean Normalization
- Max absolute
- Robust scaling

weight

130

67

81

61

32

54

⋮

100 WTS

Normalize  
MinMax Scaling

min = 32

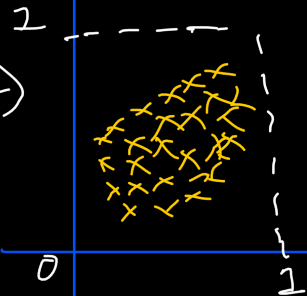
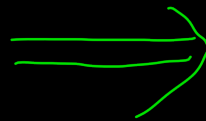
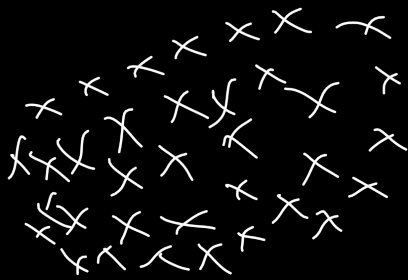
max = 130

$$x'_{in} = \frac{x_{in} - \eta_{min}}{\eta_{max} - \eta_{min}}$$

$$= \frac{130 - 32}{130 - 32} = 1$$

MinMax Scaling Range =  $[0, 1]$

height



Whole data points fit within  
Same distribution in range 0 to 1.



## Mean Normalization

wt  
200  
100

Normalize

$x'_i$

$$x'_i = \frac{x_i - \mu_{\text{mean}}}{\mu_{\text{max}} - \mu_{\text{min}}}$$

Mean centering

range =  $[-1 \text{ to } 1]$

Value > Mean +ve

Value < Mean -ve

There is no class in SK learn for this.

This is useful for those algorithms where we need centered data.

↳ Better we use standardization

## Max Absolute Scaling

wt

200

100

300

$$x'_i = \frac{x_i}{|x_{\text{max}}|}$$

MaxAbsScaler (SK learn class)

Useful where we have sparse data (data with more no of zeros)

## Robust Scaling

wt

200

300

400

→  $x'_i =$

$$\frac{x_i - \mu_{\text{median}}}{IQR}$$

RobustScale  
class

→ Robust to outliers  
(very useful if data has lots of outliers)

# Normalization vs Standardization

few questions to ask before scaling

1) Is feature scaling required?

2) Min Max

when you have  
idea about  
min value and  
max value

Image processing  $\rightarrow$  CNN

Color channel

0 - 255

Most of the  
problems are  
solved using  
Standardization

Better try all if not sure

which will work better. It is  
all about experiment.