

Course. Introduction to Machine Learning Work 1. Clustering Exercise

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Preprocess the data



Data in

- You need to read the .arff file
 - You can implement your own code or use scipy.io.arff.loadarff
- Data needs pre-processing
 - Features may contain different ranges
 - Normalize or Standarize the machine learning data
 - -Features may have different types
 - Categorical, Numerical, and mix-type data
 - Data may contain missing values
 - Use the median (for example)



Data pre-processing

- To deal with different ranges
 - Normalize or scale features
- Alternatives
 - Standardisation: Standardisation replaces the values by their Z scores. sklearn.preprocessing.scale
 - **Mean normalisation**: This distribution will have values between -1 and 1with μ =0.
 - sklearn.preprocessing.StandardScaler
 - Min-Max scaling: This scaling brings the value between 0 and 1. sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler
 - Unit vector: Scaling is done considering the whole feature vector to be of unit length.

sklearn.preprocessing.Normalizer



Data pre-processing

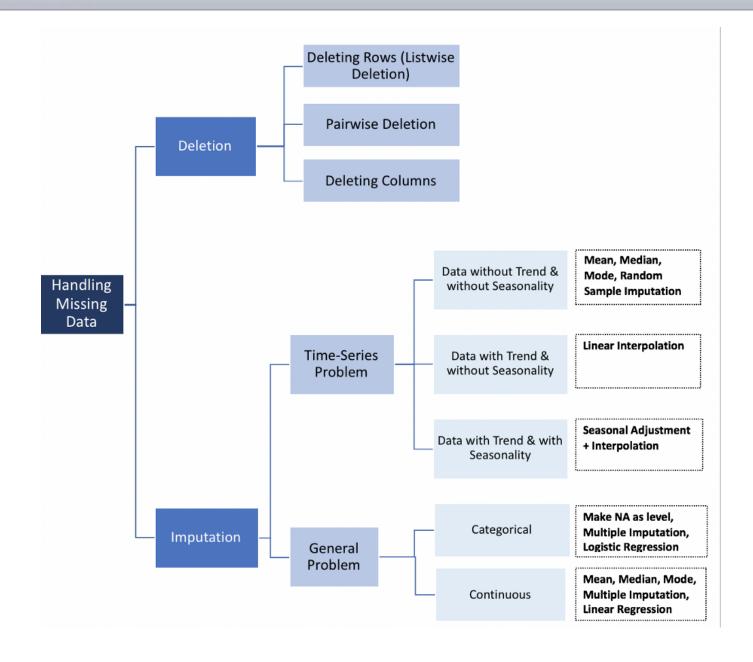
- To deal with different types
- Alternatives
 - Label encoding: convert to a number sklearn.preprocessing.LabelEncoder
 - One hot encoding: where a categorical variable is converted into a binary vector, each possible value of the categorical variable becomes the variable itself with default value of zero and the variable which was the value of the categorical variable will have the value 1.

sklearn.preprocessing.OneHotEncoder



Data pre-processing

To deal with missing values





Agglomerative Clustering

Using sklearn



Agglomerative Clustering

Some Videos

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMyXc3SiEqs
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdT7bhm1M3E
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cy3ci0Vqs3Y
- http://scikitlearn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.cluster.Agglo merativeClustering.html