Final Assignment - Team 11 - RAIN IN AUSTRALIA

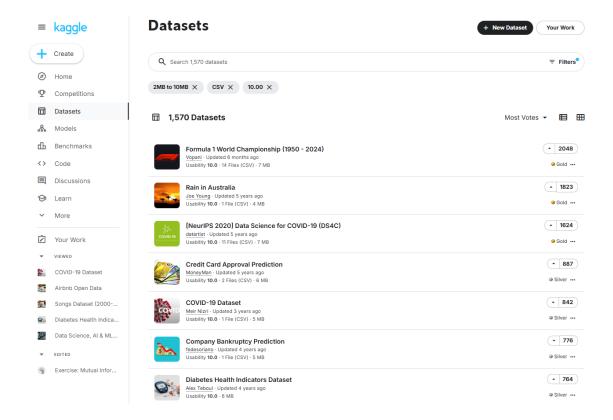
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Details

Introduction about chosen dataset Rain in Australia

- Website: We can access Kaggle home page and choose Datasets in the left menu or use this link to go to Kaggle Datasets
- We will not use any keywords for our search. We set couple of filters for the dataset:
 - File size: Min = 2 MB; Max = 10 MB to make sure the dataset is large enough (>= 50,000 rows).
 - File type: CSV
 - Usability Rate = 10.0
 - Sort by: Most Votes



- Downloads zip file here.
- Extracts into 'data' folder and receives 'weatherAUS.csv' file.

Loading dataset

Initialize Spark Session

```
# Load data into Spark data objects and explore structure, size and di
In [ ]:
        from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
        # Create a SparkSession
        spark = SparkSession.builder \
                             .appName("RainInAustraliaSparkApp") \
                             .get0rCreate()
        # For lower memory usage
        # spark = SparkSession.builder \
        #
                               appName("RainInAustraliaSparkApp") \
        #
                               .config('spark.driver.memory', '3g') \
        #
                               .config('spark.executor.memory', '3g') \
        #
                               .getOrCreate()
In [ ]:
        spark
```

Out []: SparkSession - in-memory

SparkContext

Spark UI

Version v4.0.0 Master local[*]

AppName RainInAustraliaSparkApp

Define schemas for the dataset

```
In [ ]: from pyspark.sql.types import *
        import seaborn as sns
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        data_path = "./data/weatherAUS.csv"
        data_schema = StructType([
            StructField("Date", DateType(), True),
            StructField("Location", StringType(), True),
            StructField("MinTemp", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("MaxTemp", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Rainfall", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Evaporation", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Sunshine", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("WindGustDir", StringType(), True),
            StructField("WindGustSpeed", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("WindDir9am", StringType(), True),
            StructField("WindDir3pm", StringType(), True),
            StructField("WindSpeed9am", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("WindSpeed3pm", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Humidity9am", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Humidity3pm", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Pressure9am", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Pressure3pm", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Cloud9am", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Cloud3pm", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Temp9am", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("Temp3pm", FloatType(), True),
            StructField("RainToday", StringType(), True),
            StructField("RainTomorrow", StringType(), True)
        ])
```

Load dataset & create temporary view

```
In [ ]: weather_df = spark.read.csv(path=data_path, header=True, schema=data_s
    weather_df.cache()
    weather_df.createOrReplaceTempView("weather_aus")
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spark.sql("SELECT * FROM weather aus LIMIT 5").show()
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Creating a few tables or charts

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In []: # Basic dataset information
    print("\nColumn information:")
    weather_df.printSchema()

# Numerical features statistics
    weather_df.describe().show()

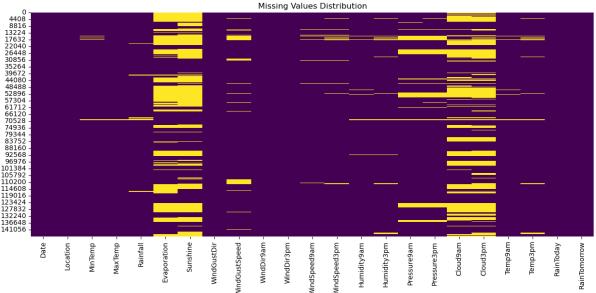
# Visualize missing values
    plt.figure(figsize=(15, 6))
    sns.heatmap(weather_df.toPandas().isnull(), cbar=False, cmap='viridis')
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Column information:
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 I-- Date: date (nullable = true)
 |-- Location: string (nullable = true)
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 I-- MaxTemp: float (nullable = true)
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 I-- Evaporation: float (nullable = true)
 |-- Sunshine: float (nullable = true)
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 |-- WindGustSpeed: float (nullable = true)
 |-- WindDir9am: string (nullable = true)
 |-- WindDir3pm: string (nullable = true)
 |-- WindSpeed9am: float (nullable = true)
 |-- WindSpeed3pm: float (nullable = true)
 |-- Humidity9am: float (nullable = true)
 |-- Humidity3pm: float (nullable = true)
 I-- Pressure9am: float (nullable = true)
 I-- Pressure3pm: float (nullable = true)
 |-- Cloud9am: float (nullable = true)
 I-- Cloud3pm: float (nullable = true)
 I-- Temp9am: float (nullable = true)
 |-- Temp3pm: float (nullable = true)
 |-- RainToday: string (nullable = true)
 |-- RainTomorrow: string (nullable = true)
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plt.title('Missing Values Distribution')

plt.show()

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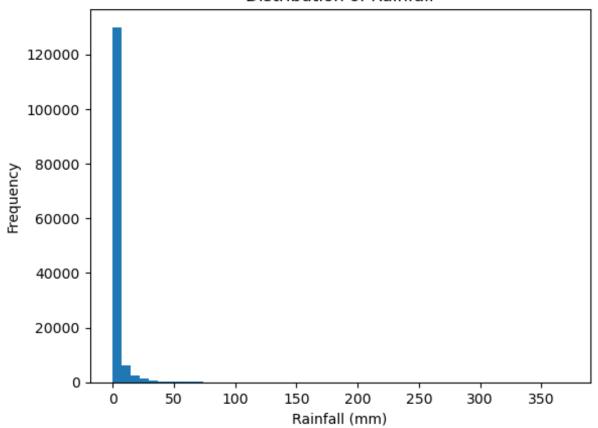


```
In []: # Is the rainfall data normally distributed?

rainfall_df = weather_df.select('Rainfall').dropna()
plt.hist(rainfall_df.toPandas(), bins=50)
```

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plt.title('Distribution of Rainfall')
plt.xlabel('Rainfall (mm)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```





Testing some basic assumptions about the data. Think of this as a "quick and dirty" exploration of the dataset.

```
In []: missing = weather_df.toPandas().isnull().sum()
    print(f"Missing values:\n{missing.sort_values(ascending=False)}")
```

```
Missing values:
       Sunshine
                         69835
       Evaporation
                         62790
       Cloud3pm
                         59358
       Cloud9am
                         55888
       Pressure9am
                         15065
       Pressure3pm
                         15028
       WindGustSpeed
                         10263
       Humidity3pm
                          4507
       Temp3pm
                          3609
       Rainfall
                          3261
       WindSpeed3pm
                          3062
       Humidity9am
                          2654
       Temp9am
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       WindSpeed9am
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       MinTemp
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       MaxTemp
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       Date
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       RainTomorrow
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       dtype: int64
In [ ]: # rain_tomorrow_df = weather_df.select('RainTomorrow') \
                                          .filter(weather_df.RainTomorrow != 'NA
        #
                                          .dropna().toPandas()
        rain_today_df = weather_df.select('RainToday') \
                                        .dropna().toPandas()
        # Target variable analysis
```

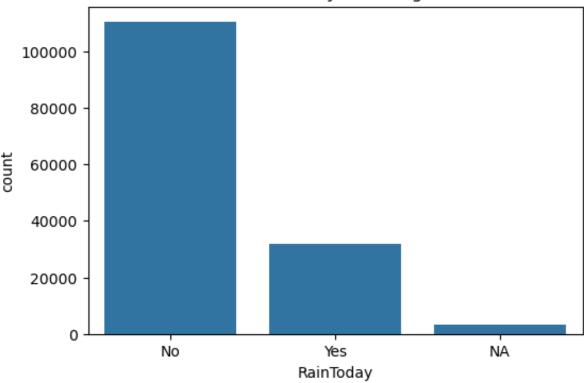
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))

plt.show()

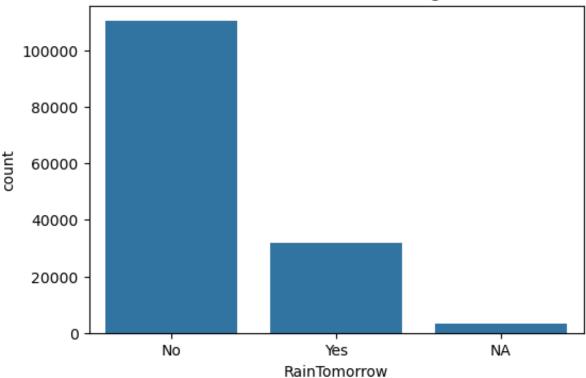
plt.title('RainToday Counting')

sns.countplot(x='RainToday', data=rain_today_df)

RainToday Counting







Let's remove the rows with RainToday or RainTomorrow are 'NA'.

Let's check the correlation between variables in the dataset.

MinTemp MaxTemp Rainfall Evaporation		MinTemp 1.00 0.74 0.10 0.47	MaxTemp 0.74 1.00 -0.07 0.59 Correlati	Rainfall 0.10 -0.07 1.00 -0.06	Evapor	0.47 0.59 -0.06 1.00		
MinTemp	1		0.74	0.1		0.47		- 1.0 - 0.8
MaxTemp	. 0.74		1	-0.07		0.59		- 0.6
Rainfall	0.1		-0.07	1		-0.06		- 0.4
Evaporation	0.47		0.59	-0.06		1		- 0.2 - 0.0

Couple of assumptions about the dataset

MaxTemp

MinTemp

1. 'Rainfall' histogram shows that the dataset is not normally distributed. There is a large peak at 0, indicating that many days have no rainfall. Is Australia dry season with less rain?

Rainfall

Evaporation

2. Based on the heatmap, we can see a moderate negative correlation between Rainfall and Evaporation, as well as between Rainfall and MaxTemp.

These are just a few basic assumptions and explorations to get started with the dataset.

We are attempting to predict whether it will rain today and whether it will rain tomorrow. Our first attempt is with Logistic Regression, and the results are fairly good - 83.35% accuracy for today's prediction and 84.91% accuracy for tomorrow's prediction.

```
In [ ]: from pyspark.ml import Pipeline
        from pyspark.ml.feature import StringIndexer, VectorAssembler
        # Index the labels (RainToday and RainTomorrow)
        # Interestingly, using handleInvalid="keep" resulted in an additional
            each column only contains distinct values of "Yes" and "No"
        today_label = StringIndexer(inputCol="RainToday", outputCol="today_lab
        tomorrow label = StringIndexer(inputCol="RainTomorrow", outputCol="tom
        # Numerical features to keep
        # Omit 'Rainfall' column or we'll always perfectly predict whether it'
        numerical_cols = [
            'MinTemp', 'MaxTemp', 'WindGustSpeed',
            'WindSpeed9am', 'WindSpeed3pm', 'Humidity9am', 'Humidity3pm',
            'Pressure9am', 'Pressure3pm', 'Cloud9am', 'Cloud3pm',
            'Temp9am', 'Temp3pm',
        # The following columns are null in at least 1/3 of the entries. Omit
        weather_df = weather_df.drop('Location', 'WindGustDir', 'WindDir9am',
        # In remaining columns, drop any remaining null entries. This leaves u
        weather_df = weather_df.dropna()
        assembler = VectorAssembler(inputCols=numerical_cols, outputCol="featu")
        # Split into training and test sets
        train_data, test_data = weather_df.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2], seed=42)
```

Now we have the data all ready to be plugged in to various ML models. We're going to start with LogisticRegression.

We can use the train and test data to validate the accuracy of the models, and find a good match for our weather predictions.

```
In []: from pyspark.ml.classification import LogisticRegression
    from pyspark.ml.evaluation import MulticlassClassificationEvaluator

# Logistic Regression models
    lr_today = LogisticRegression(featuresCol="features", labelCol="today_
    lr_tomorrow = LogisticRegression(featuresCol="features", labelCol="tom

# Build pipelines
    pipeline_today = Pipeline(stages=[today_label, assembler, lr_today])
    pipeline_tomorrow = Pipeline(stages=[tomorrow_label, assembler, lr_tom
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# Train LR models
model_lr_today = pipeline_today.fit(train_data)
model_lr_tomorrow = pipeline_tomorrow.fit(train_data)

# Predictions on test set
predictions_lr_today = model_lr_today.transform(test_data)
predictions_lr_tomorrow = model_lr_tomorrow.transform(test_data)

# Evaluate accuracies
evaluator_today = MulticlassClassificationEvaluator(labelCol="today_laevaluator_tomorrow = MulticlassClassificationEvaluator(labelCol="tomor")
accuracy_today = evaluator_today.evaluate(predictions_lr_today)
accuracy_tomorrow = evaluator_tomorrow.evaluate(predictions_lr_tomorroprint(f"Accuracy for today, Logistic Regression = {accuracy_today:.2%}
print(f"Accuracy for tomorrow, Logistic Regression = 83.35%
Accuracy for tomorrow, Logistic Regression = 84.91%
```

Tuning with CrossValidator

Below is code we used to try tuning the LR model. It actually wound up giving slightly worse results:

- Accuracy for today, Logistic Regression = 0.8278
- Accuracy for tomorrow, Logistic Regression = 0.8462

Additionally, the time to train the models was significantly longer. Leaving the code block to reference later, but commenting it out so we don't have to wait for it.

```
In []: # from pyspark.ml.tuning import ParamGridBuilder, CrossValidator

# # Make parameter grids
# paramGrid_today = ParamGridBuilder() \
# .addGrid(lr_today.regParam, [0.01, 0.1, 1.0]) \
# .addGrid(lr_today.elasticNetParam, [0.0, 0.5, 1.0]) \
# .addGrid(lr_today.maxIter, [10, 50]) \
# .build()
# paramGrid_tomorrow = ParamGridBuilder() \
# .addGrid(lr_tomorrow.regParam, [0.01, 0.1, 1.0]) \
# .addGrid(lr_tomorrow.elasticNetParam, [0.0, 0.5, 1.0]) \
# .addGrid(lr_tomorrow.maxIter, [10, 50]) \
# .build()

# # Set up CrossValidator
# cv_today = CrossValidator(
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estimator=lr_today,
#
      estimatorParamMaps=paramGrid today,
#
      evaluator=evaluator_today,
#
     numFolds=3,
#
     parallelism=2
# )
# cv_tomorrow = CrossValidator(
      estimator=lr tomorrow,
#
     estimatorParamMaps=paramGrid tomorrow,
#
      evaluator=evaluator_tomorrow,
#
     numFolds=3,
     parallelism=2
# )
# # Re-do pipelines with CV
# pipeline_today = Pipeline(stages=[today_label, assembler, cv_today])
# pipeline_tomorrow = Pipeline(stages=[tomorrow_label, assembler, cv_t
# # Fit with cross-validation
# cv_model_today = pipeline_today.fit(train_data)
# cv_model_tomorrow = pipeline_tomorrow.fit(train_data)
# # Predictions on test data
# predictions lr today = cv model today.transform(test data)
# predictions lr tomorrow = cv model tomorrow.transform(test data)
# # Re-evaluate accuracy
# accuracy_today = evaluator_today.evaluate(predictions_lr_today)
# accuracy_tomorrow = evaluator_tomorrow.evaluate(predictions_lr_tomor
# print(f"Accuracy for today, Logistic Regression = {accuracy_today:.2
# print(f"Accuracy for tomorrow, Logistic Regression = {accuracy_tomor
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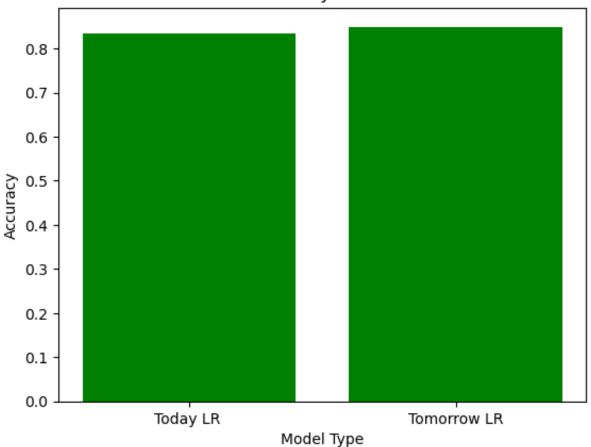
Model Performance Visualization and Evaluation

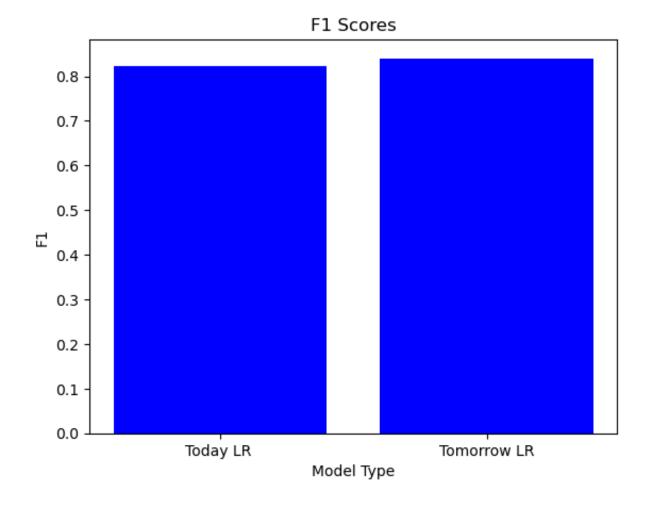
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In [15]: todayF1ScoreEvaluator = MulticlassClassificationEvaluator(labelCol="tomorrowF1ScoreEvaluator = MulticlassClassificationEvaluator(labelCol=lrTodayF1Score = todayF1ScoreEvaluator.evaluate(predictions_lr_today)
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lrTomorrowPrecisionScore = tomorrowPrecisionScoreEvaluator.evaluate(pr

def displayBarChart(todayMetric , tomorrowMetric , name , barColor):
    plt.bar(["Today LR " , "Tomorrow LR"] , [todayMetric , tomorrowMet
    plt.xlabel("Model Type")
    plt.ylabel(name)
    plt.title(f"{name} Scores")
    plt.show()
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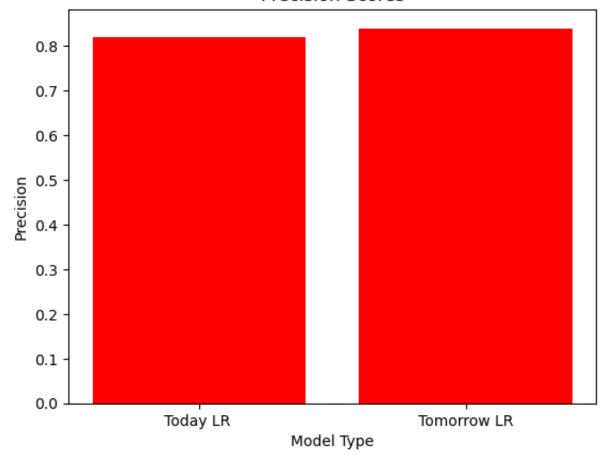
displayBarChart(accuracy_today , accuracy_tomorrow , "Accuracy" , "gre
displayBarChart(lrTodayF1Score , lrTomorrowF1Score , "F1" , "blue")
displayBarChart(lrTodayPrecisionScore , lrTomorrowPrecisionScore , "Pr







Precision Scores



We see from these bar charts that our linear regression model predicting rain for tomorrow is always achieving slightly higher performance.

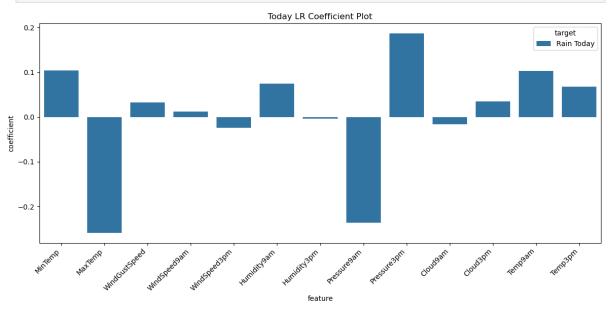
```
In [16]: # residual line
#doesn't show good results because our models are predicting a yes or

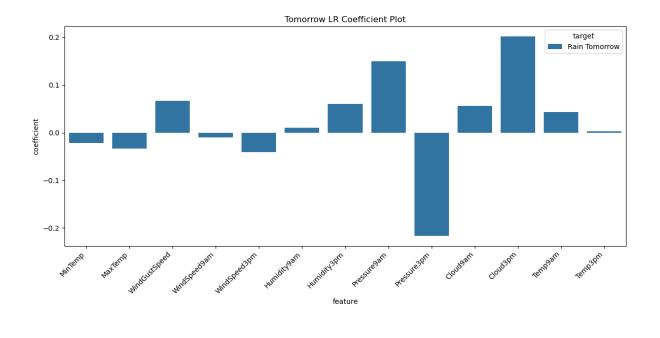
def showResidualLine(prediction , labelName , plotName):
    LRResidualsDF = prediction.withColumn("residual" , prediction[labe
    LRResidualsDFAsPandas = LRResidualsDF.select("prediction" , "resid
    plt.scatter(LRResidualsDFAsPandas['prediction'], LRResidualsDFAsPa
    plt.axhline(y=0, color='r', linestyle='--') # Add a horizontal lin
    plt.xlabel("Predicted Values")
    plt.ylabel("Residuals")
    plt.title(plotName)
    plt.show()

#showResidualLine(predictions_lr_today , "today_label" , "Today LR Res
#showResidualLine(predictions_lr_tomorrow , "tomorrow_label" , "Tomorr
```

```
In [18]: #Coefficient plots
   import numpy as np
   import seaborn as sns
   import pandas as pd
```

```
#implementation based on: https://chatgpt.com/share/688a7a74-2eac-8008
def showCoefficientsMatrix(lrPipeline , plotName):
    #lrPipeline is a pipeline model. We need to get the original linea
    lrModel = lrPipeline.stages[-1]
    coefficients = lrModel.coefficientMatrix.toArray()
    intercept = lrModel.interceptVector
    features = assembler.getInputCols()
    coefficientArray = np.array(coefficients)
    responseLabels = ['Rain ' + plotName.split(" ")[0]]
    plotDF = pd.DataFrame(coefficientArray.T , columns = responseLabel
    plotDF['feature'] = features
    plotDF = plotDF.melt(id_vars = 'feature' , var_name = 'target' , v
    plt.figure(figsize = (12 , 6))
    sns.barplot(data = plotDF , x = 'feature' , y = 'coefficient' , hu
    plt.xticks(rotation = 45 , ha = 'right')
    plt.title(plotName)
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
showCoefficientsMatrix(model_lr_today , "Today LR Coefficient Plot")
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Conclusion

This project successfully developed and evaluated machine learning models to predict rainfall in Australia for both the current day and the following day using historical weather data. The primary objective was to create a reliable predictive tool to aid in planning and risk mitigation across various sectors.

Model Performance and Key Findings

The Logistic Regression model proved to be an effective and interpretable choice for this binary classification task.

- The model predicting rain for today achieved an accuracy of 83.35%. The
 most influential predictors for rain were higher minimum temperatures and
 afternoon pressure readings.
- The model predicting rain for tomorrow performed slightly better, with an accuracy of 84.91%. Key positive indicators for future rain included morning pressure and afternoon cloud cover, whereas higher afternoon pressure was a strong indicator of no rain the next day.

Interestingly, while the baseline Logistic Regression model performed well, a cross-validated version yielded poor results, suggesting that the standard model may have generalized better to the test set in this specific instance, though this warrants further investigation.

Limitations

A significant challenge in this analysis was the volume of missing data for crucial features, including Sunshine, Evaporation, and cloud cover at both 9 am and 3 pm (Cloud9am, Cloud3pm). These data gaps necessitated imputation, which may have introduced some bias or reduced the potential predictive power of the models.

Practical Implications & Future Work

The developed models demonstrate significant practical value. The predictions can be instrumental for:

- Agriculture: Optimizing irrigation schedules and planning crop planting.
- Emergency Services: Assessing daily fire danger and issuing timely warnings.
- Construction & Events: Scheduling outdoor activities and projects to avoid weather-related disruptions.

Looking ahead, several avenues could enhance this project's predictive capabilities. The logical next step is to explore more complex, non-linear models. Experimenting with a neural network or ensemble methods like Gradient Boosting could capture more intricate patterns in the data. Furthermore, acquiring a more complete dataset would be paramount to improving model accuracy and reliability.