

Bringing features on the same scale

Question: Can you make an example where it is important to bring features to the same scale and outline the different techniques?

Feature scaling is an a very important factor when it comes to data that has very different weights. A good example would be taking on the height of a football player. This is because the largest value range will dominate.

Let's see this in an example:

$$(18-30)^2 + (1,6-1,8)^2 + (204-9801)^2 = 2,1 \cdot 10^7 //$$

divide denominator

This could be addressed by the min max algorithm which scales data into a range of [0-1]

Let's look at the student_id database and apply min-max

min	125	0
	178	0,96
max	120	1
	167	0,75
	170	0,81
	173	0,87
	135	0,15
	125	0
	145	0,36
	125	0

$$\text{formula } x(\text{norm}) = \frac{x^i - x_{\min}}{x_{\max} - x_{\min}} =$$

Additional Standardization can be applied where needed

These will centerize the feature column at mean 0 with standard deviation 1 so that the feature column take the form of a normal distribution.

↳ Logically it removes outliers.
