CIS 678 Machine Learning

Features encoding!

Outline

- Label Encoding
- One-Hot Encoding

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Numeric (R) values at different scales

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- Which doesn't seem ok.



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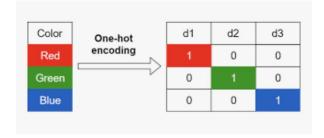
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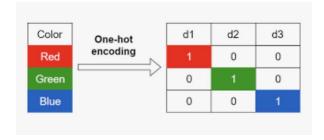
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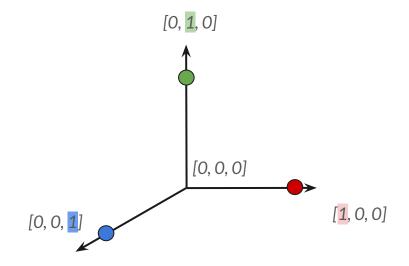
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- We have debiased the definition. Isn't it Cool!



One hot encoding (cont.)

Classification task:

- Binary example {Cat vs Dog}
- Set size is 2
 - o Cat (0, 1)
 - o Dog (1, 0)
 - o Or vice versa
- Same rule applies every categorical data



Notebook Presentation!

Regression task with categorical variables.

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