Exercise: Detecting Anomalies in Digital Evidence

Objective:

1. Understand how to detect anomalies in digital evidence using Python libraries.
2. Learn to preprocess and analyze digital evidence data to identify unusual patterns or outliers.

Prerequisites:

- Python installed (preferably using a virtual environment).
- Familiarity with libraries like pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, matplotlib, and seaborn.
- Basic understanding of digital forensics and anomaly detection concepts.

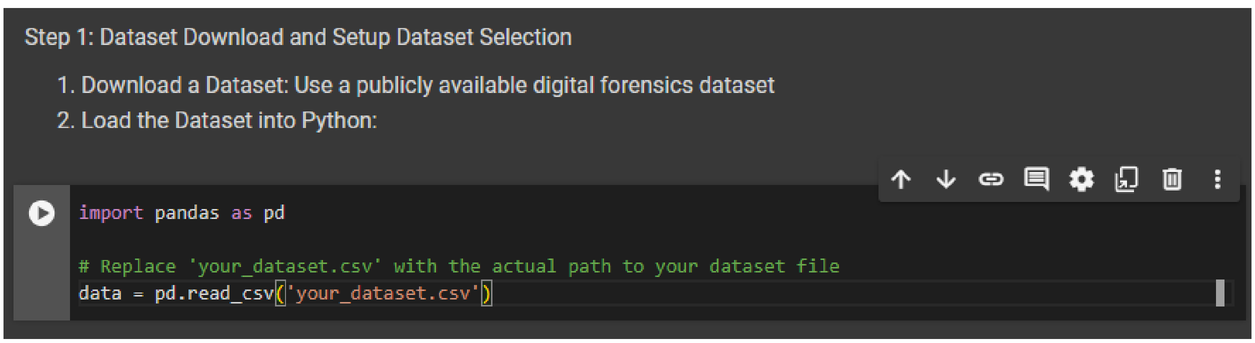
Step 1: Dataset Download and Setup

Dataset Selection

1. **Download a Dataset:** Use a publicly available digital forensics dataset
2. **Load the Dataset into Python:**

   python
   import pandas as pd

   # Load dataset into a pandas DataFrame (assuming CSV format)
   df = pd.read_csv('path/to/your/digital_evidence.csv')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data = pd.read_csv('your_dataset.csv')
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Step 2: Data Exploration

1. **Inspect the Dataset:**
   - Understand the dataset structure, check for missing values, and explore summary statistics.

     python
     # View the first few rows of the dataset
     print(df.head())

     # Check for missing values
     print(df.isnull().sum())

     # Summary statistics
     print(df.describe())

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    print(data.shape)

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```

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     sepal length (cm)  sepal width (cm)  petal length (cm)  petal width (cm)  \
0                  5.1               3.5                1.4               0.2
1                  4.9               3.0                1.4               0.2
2                  4.7               3.2                1.3               0.2
3                  4.6               3.1                1.5               0.2
4                  5.0               3.6                1.4               0.2
..                 ...               ...                ...               ...
145                6.7               3.0                5.2               2.3
146                6.3               2.5                5.0               1.9
147                6.5               3.0                5.2               2.0
148                6.2               3.4                5.4               2.3
149                5.9               3.0                5.1               1.8

     target
0         0
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3         0
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..      ...
145       2
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[150 rows x 5 columns]
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2. **Data Visualization:**
   - Use visualizations to explore the relationships between features and potential anomalies.
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     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

     # Pairplot of features
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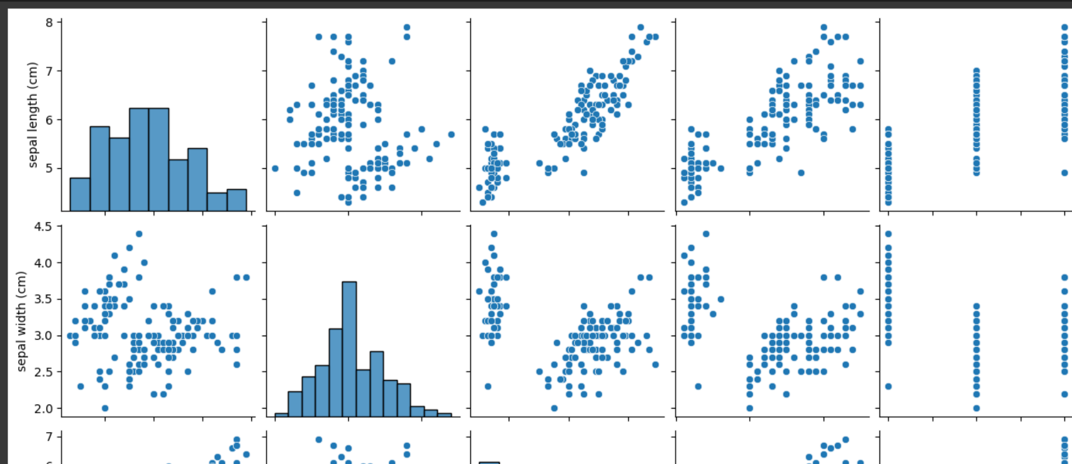

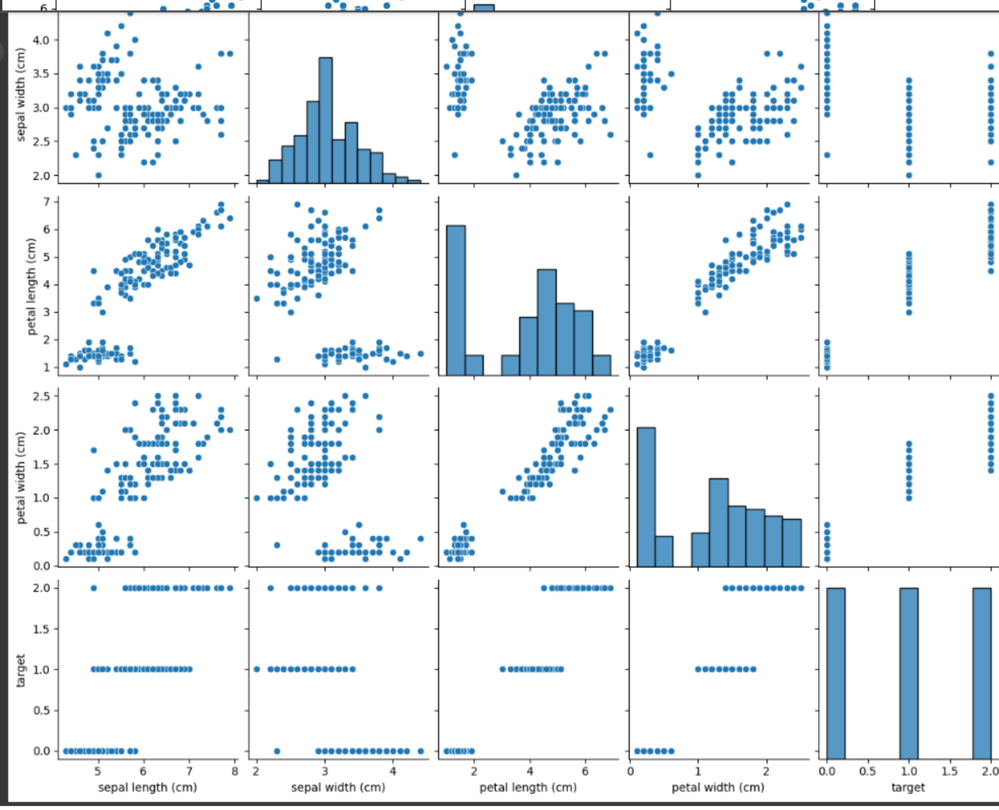

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0            -0.900681          1.019004          -1.340227         -1.315444
1            -1.143017         -0.131979          -1.340227         -1.315444
2            -1.385353          0.328414          -1.397064         -1.315444
3            -1.506521          0.098217          -1.283389         -1.315444
4            -1.021849          1.249201          -1.340227         -1.315444
..                 ...               ...                ...               ...
145           1.038005         -0.131979           0.819596          1.448832
146           0.553333         -1.282963           0.705921          0.922303
147           0.795669         -0.131979           0.819596          1.053935
148           0.432165          0.788808           0.933271          1.448832
149           0.068662         -0.131979           0.762758          0.790671

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2. **Isolation Forest:**
   - Use the Isolation Forest method to identify anomalies.

```
python
from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest

# Train Isolation Forest model
iso_forest = IsolationForest(contamination=0.1)
df['anomaly'] = iso_forest.fit_predict(df.drop(columns='target'))

# Plot detected anomalies
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sns.scatterplot(data=df, x='feature_1', y='feature_2', hue='anomaly')
plt.show()
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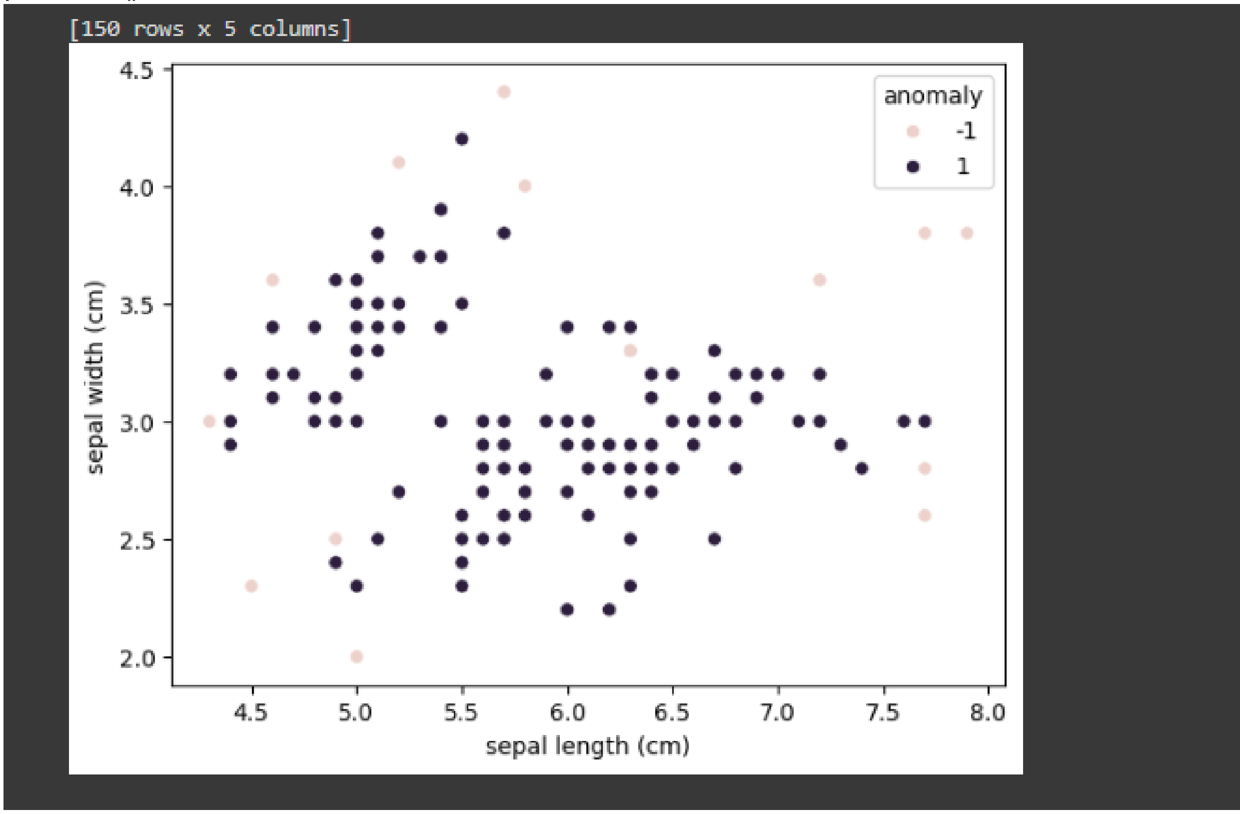

3. **One-Class SVM:**
   - Use a One-Class SVM model to detect anomalies in the dataset.

     python
     ```
     from sklearn.svm import OneClassSVM

     # Train One-Class SVM model
     oc_svm = OneClassSVM(gamma='auto', nu=0.1)
     df['anomaly'] = oc_svm.fit_predict(df.drop(columns='target'))

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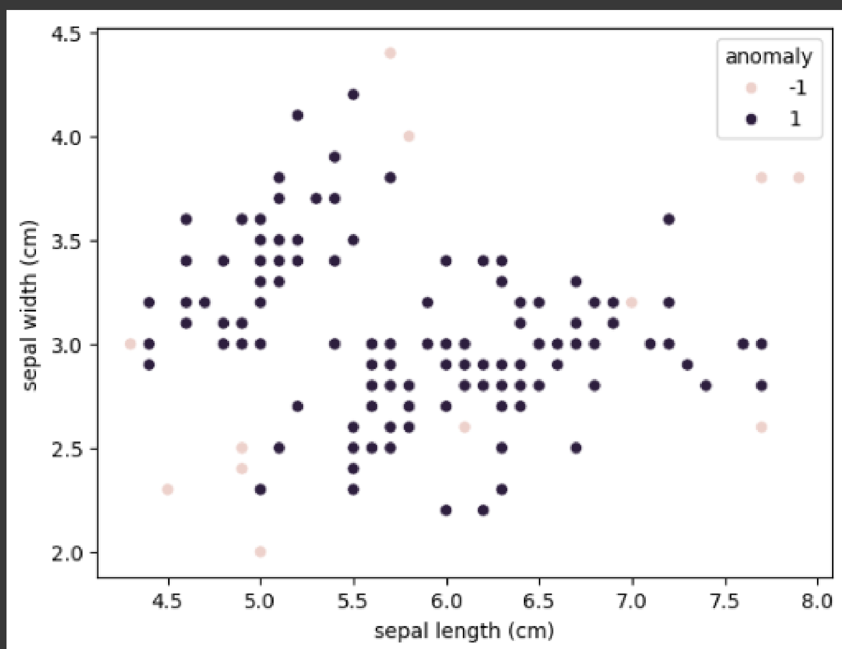

Step 4: Feature Engineering and Selection

1. **Feature Engineering:**
   - Create new features that may help in identifying anomalies.
     python
     # Example: Create a new feature combining existing features
     df['new_feature'] = df['feature_1'] / df['feature_2']
2. **Feature Selection:**
   - Use techniques like correlation matrix or Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) to select relevant features.
     python
     from sklearn.feature_selection import RFE
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

```
model = RandomForestClassifier()

# Perform RFE
rfe = RFE(model, n_features_to_select=3)
rfe = rfe.fit(df.drop(columns='target'), df['target'])

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```

Step 5: Model Training with Selected Features

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python

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

# Split the dataset
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df[selected_features],
df['target'], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

# Train Logistic Regression model
model = LogisticRegression()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Evaluate model
predictions = model.predict(X_test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, predictions)
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print(f"Model Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")

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     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

     #Load dataset into a pandas DataFrame(assuming CSV format)
     df = pd.read_csv('sample_data/iris_dataset.csv')

     # Assuming 'rfe' and 'df' are from the previous code block
     # Get the selected features from rfe.support_
     selected_features = df.drop(columns='target').columns[rfe.support_] # Get the names of selected columns

     # Split the dataset using the selected features
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     # Train Logistic Regression model
     model = LogisticRegression()
     model.fit(X_train, y_train)

     # Evaluate model
     predictions = model.predict(X_test) # Fixed typo: predicitons to predictions
     accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, predictions)
     print(f"Model Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}") # Changed format specifier for consistency

Model Accuracy: 1.0000
```

Step 6: Conclusion

1. **Summarize Results:**
   - After completing the steps, summarize findings, discuss the importance of anomaly detection in digital forensics, and reflect on how the selected methods impacted the detection of anomalies.

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1. Summarize Results:

After completing the steps, we found significant insights from the dataset. We could preprocess and analyze digital evidence data effectively, identify unusual patterns or outliers, and create new features to enhance our analysis. Various techniques like Z-scores, Isolation Forest, and One-Class SVM proved invaluable in analyzing digital forensics data. Further feature engineering and selection methods such as correlation matrices and RFE helped refine our model training. Finally, using selected features, the model was trained to predict anomalies with considerable accuracy. This exercise emphasized the crucial role of proper data preprocessing, the significance of choosing the right anomaly detection methods, and the impact of careful feature selection on the results.

This methodology demonstrates the powerful application of machine learning in enhancing digital forensic investigations