

Machine Learning Model

- Linear Regression
 - Understanding relationship between input and output variables
 - Input and output are numeric values

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + \epsilon$$

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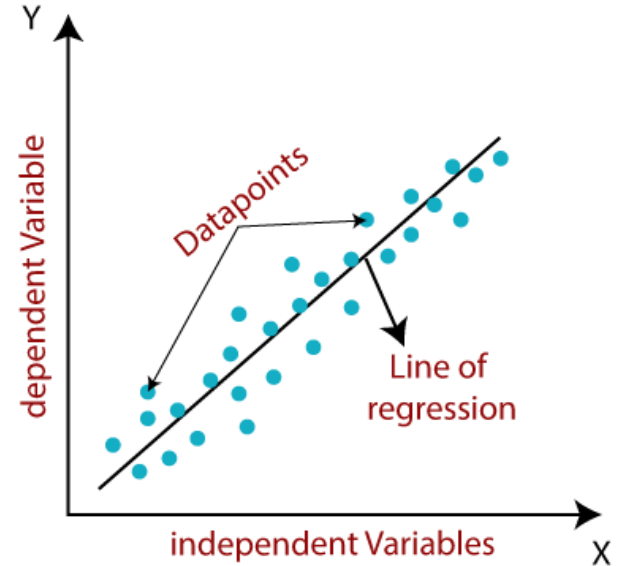
Y= Dependent Variable (Target Variable)

X= Independent Variable (predictor Variable)

a_0 = intercept of the line (Gives an additional degree of freedom)

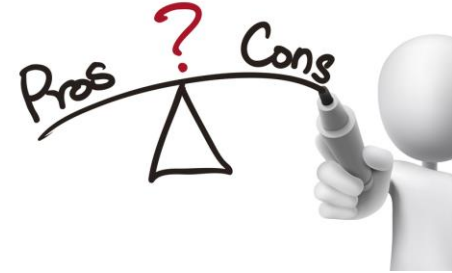
a_1 = Linear regression coefficient (scale factor to each input value).

ϵ = random error



Source: <https://www.javatpoint.com/linear-regression-in-machine-learning>

Machine Learning Model (cont'd)

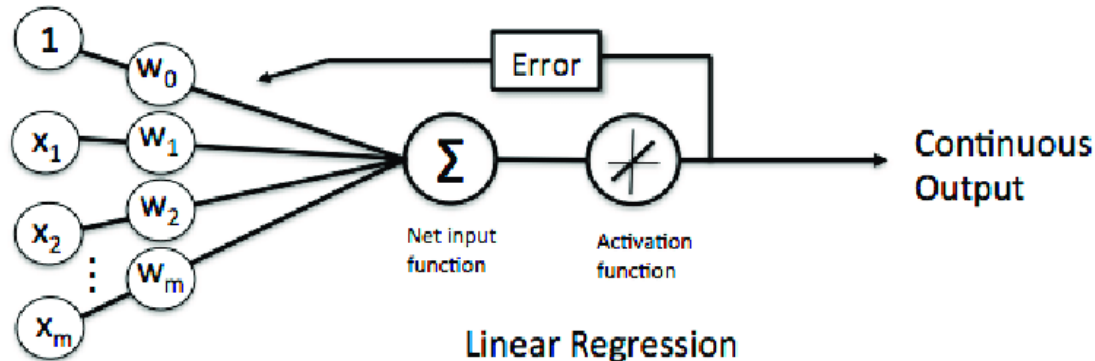


- **Limitations**

- Cannot predict discrete values
- Sensitive to outliers
- Prone to underfitting

- **Benefits**

- Can predict continuous values
- Linearity & simple implementation
- Reduces overfitting by regularization



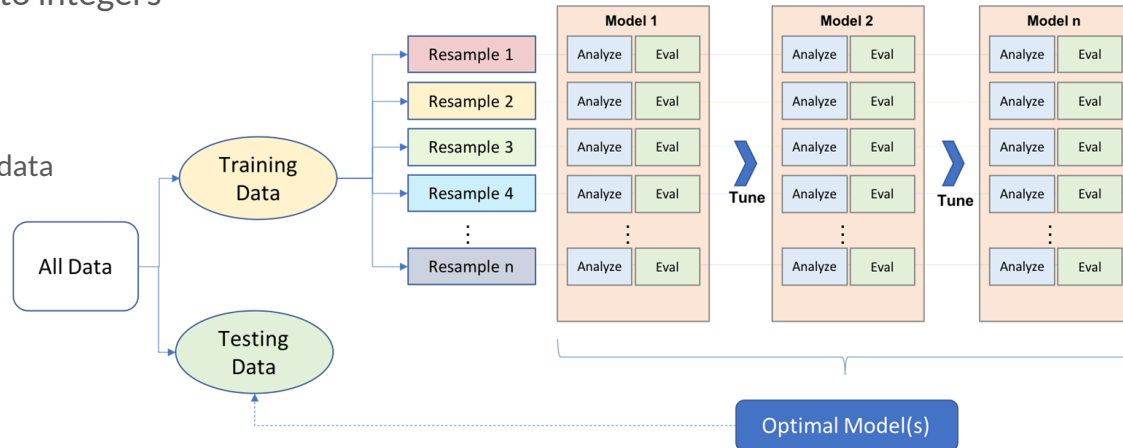
Initial Machine Learning Model

- Make dataset more compatible with model
 - Dropped 'Date' column
 - Dropped extreme outlier
- Convert 'Holiday' string values into integers
 - Grouped by 'holiday' and 'none'
 - Converted labels into integers
- Scale the Data
 - Compared scaled and unscaled data

Initial Score

Training Score: 0.6994128803300881

Testing Score: 0.6565277870104217



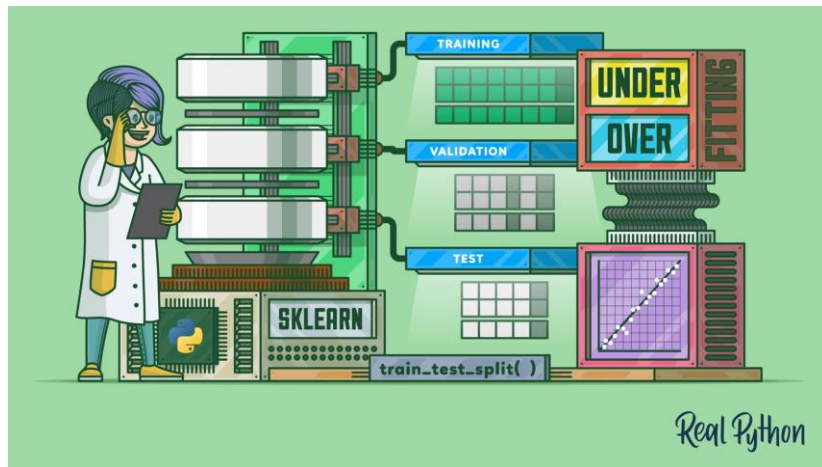
Optimized Machine Learning Model

- Further Feature Engineering and Selection Experimenting
 - Can model's accuracy be improved?
 - Train model on new features.
 - Keep feature change if accuracy improved.
- Optimized R-squared Score: 65.85%
 - Included all initial features
 - Left each holiday value in place
 - Grouped days into weekday or weekend

Optimized Score

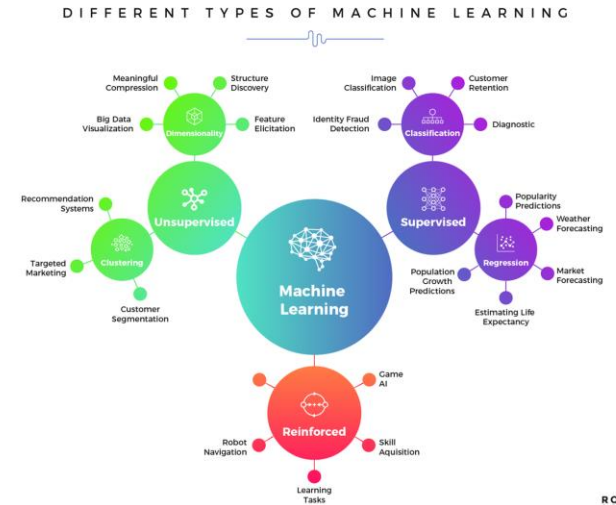
Training Score: 0.7007461735465028

Testing Score: 0.6585083431725288



What we would change

- Utilize a different Machine Learning model
- Minimizing the reduction of data rows
 - Condensing 40,000+ rows of data to ~1,000
- Collect more data



Future Analysis

- Obtain additional records
 - From same dataset source
- Add additional combination features
 - New datasets
 - Comparing accessibility to public transportation
- Asking new questions
 - How does gas prices affect commuter habits?

Source: <https://realpython.com/train-test-split-python-data/>

