# Pipelines, feature & text preprocessing

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### The pipeline workflow

- Repeatable way to go from raw data to trained model
- Pipeline object takes sequential list of steps
  - Output of one step is input to next step
- Each step is a tuple with two elements
  - Name: string
  - Transform: obj implementing .fit() and .transform()
- Flexible: a step can itself be another pipeline!



### Instantiate simple pipeline with one step



## Train and test with sample numeric data

```
sample_df.head()
```

```
label
           numeric
                             with_missing
                       text
0
         -4.167578
                                 -4.084883
                        bar
         -0.562668
                                  2.043464
      a -21.361961
                                -33.315334
        16.402708
                    foo bar
                                30.884604
      a -17.934356
                        foo
                                -27.488405
```



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```
accuracy = pl.score(X_test, y_test)
print('accuracy on numeric data, no nans: ', accuracy)
```

accuracy on numeric data, no nans: 0.44



## Adding more steps to the pipeline

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: Input contains NaN, infinity or a value too large for dtype('float64').
```



## Preprocessing numeric features with missing data



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```
pipeline.fit(X_train, y_train)
accuracy = pl.score(X_test, y_test)
print('accuracy on all numeric, incl nans: ', accuracy)
```

```
accuracy on all numeric, incl nans: 0.48
```

No errors!



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# Text features and feature unions

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## Preprocessing text features



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```
pl.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
Pipeline(steps=[('vec', CountVectorizer(analyzer='word', binary=False,
  decode_error='strict', dtype=<class 'numpy.int64'>, encoding='utf-8',
  input='content', lowercase=True, max_df=1.0, max_features=None, min_df=1,
  ngram_range=(1, 1), preprocessor=None, stop_words=None, strip_...=None,
  solver='liblinear', tol=0.0001, verbose=0, warm_start=False), n_jobs=1))])
```

```
accuracy = pl.score(X_test, y_test)
print('accuracy on sample data: ', accuracy)
```

accuracy on sample data: 0.64



## Preprocessing multiple dtypes

- Want to use **all** available features in one pipeline
- Problem
  - Pipeline steps for numeric and text preprocessing can't follow each other
  - e.g., output of CountVectorizer can't be input to Imputer
- Solution
  - o FunctionTransformer() & FeatureUnion()



#### FunctionTransformer

- Turns a Python function into an object that a scikit-learn pipeline can understand
- Need to write two functions for pipeline preprocessing
  - Take entire DataFrame, return numeric columns
  - Take entire DataFrame, return text columns
- Can then preprocess numeric and text data in separate pipelines



## Putting it all together

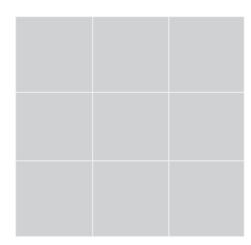


## Putting it all together



#### FeatureUnion Text and Numeric Features

#### Text Features

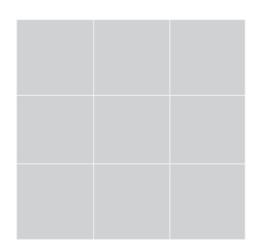


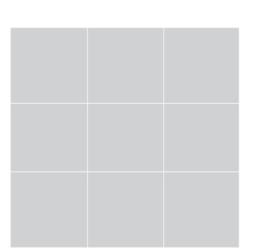
from sklearn.pipeline import FeatureUnion



#### FeatureUnion Text and Numeric Features

Text Features Numeric Features



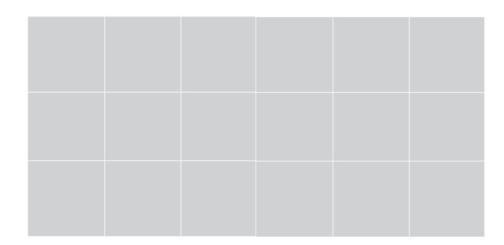


from sklearn.pipeline import FeatureUnion



#### FeatureUnion Text and Numeric Features

Text Features Numeric Features





## Putting it all together

```
numeric_pipeline = Pipeline([
                        ('selector', get_numeric_data),
                        ('imputer', Imputer())
                    ])
text_pipeline = Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_text_data),
                         ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer())
                     ])
pl = Pipeline([
         ('union', FeatureUnion([
             ('numeric', numeric_pipeline),
             ('text', text_pipeline)
         ])),
         ('clf', OneVsRestClassifier(LogisticRegression()))
          ])
```



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# Choosing a classification model

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#### Main dataset: lots of text

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## Using pipeline with the main dataset



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```
get_text_data = FunctionTransformer(combine_text_columns,
                                         validate=False)
qet_numeric_data = FunctionTransformer(lambda x:
                        x[NUMERIC_COLUMNS], validate=False)
pl = Pipeline([
             ('union', FeatureUnion([
                     ('numeric_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_numeric_data),
                         ('imputer', Imputer())
                     ])),
                     ('text_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_text_data),
                         ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer())
                     ]))
             ),
             ('clf', OneVsRestClassifier(LogisticRegression()))
```



## Performance using main dataset

```
pl.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
Pipeline(steps=[('union', FeatureUnion(n_jobs=1,
    transformer_list=[('numeric_features', Pipeline(steps=
    [('selector', FunctionTransformer(accept_sparse=False,
    func=<function <lambda> at 0x11415ec80>, pass_y=False,
    validate=False)), ('imputer', Imputer(axis=0, copy=True,
    missing_valu...=None, solver='liblinear', tol=0.0001,
    verbose=0, warm_start=False),n_jobs=1))])
```



## Flexibility of model step

- Is current model the best?
- Can quickly try different models with pipelines
  - Pipeline preprocessing steps unchanged
  - Edit the model step in your pipeline
  - Random Forest, Naïve Bayes, k-NN



## Easily try new models using pipeline

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
pl = Pipeline([
             ('union', FeatureUnion(
                 transformer_list = [
                     ('numeric_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_numeric_data),
                         ('imputer', Imputer())
                     ])),
                     ('text_features', Pipeline([
                         ('selector', get_text_data),
                         ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer())
                     ]))
             )),
             ('clf', OneVsRest(RandomForestClassifier()))
         ])
```



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