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Aim: To perform data cleaning and preparing for operations

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Theory:

1. Handling Missing Data:

- Missing data can be addressed through techniques like:
 - **Imputation**: Replacing missing values with estimates (e.g., mean, median, mode).
 - **Deletion**: Removing records with missing values (be cautious not to lose too much information).
 - Treating missing values as a separate category when applicable (e.g., "unknown" category for categorical data).

2. Data Transformation:

- Transform data to make it suitable for analysis by:
 - Converting data types, such as dates to datetime objects.
 - Encoding categorical variables using one-hot encoding or label encoding.
 - Normalizing or scaling numeric features for consistent scales.
 - Creating new features through feature engineering to capture more meaningful information.

3. Data Standardization:

- Standardize data by:
 - Mean-centering numeric features, ensuring their means are close to zero.
 - Scaling features to unit variance, so they have similar ranges.
 - Important for algorithms sensitive to feature scales (e.g., support vector machines).

4. Feature Selection:

- Select relevant features by:
 - Using techniques like Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) to iteratively remove less important features.
 - Ranking features by importance from tree-based models like Random Forest or Gradient Boosting.

5. Data Splitting:

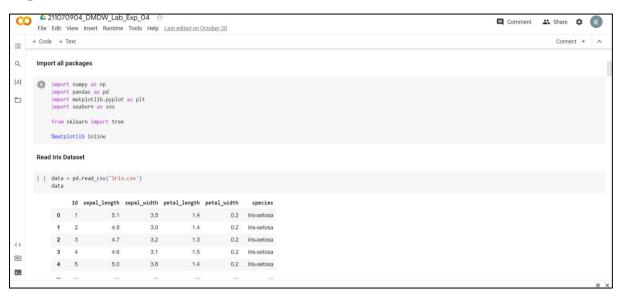
- Divide your data into subsets for model development and evaluation:
 - Training set: Used to train machine learning models.
 - Validation set: Used for hyperparameter tuning and model selection.
 - Test set: Reserved for final model evaluation to assess generalization performance.

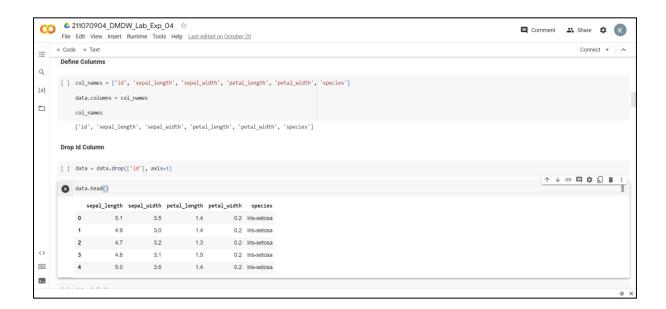
6. Handling Imbalanced Data:

- Address imbalanced class distributions by:
 - Oversampling: Creating more instances of the minority class to balance the dataset.
 - Undersampling: Reducing instances of the majority class to balance the dataset.
 - Using synthetic data generation methods like Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) to create synthetic instances of the minority class.

These processes ensure that your data is cleaned, transformed, standardized, and appropriately prepared for analysis or machine learning. The specific techniques you choose within each step will depend on the characteristics of your data and the objectives of your project.

Implementation:







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Check missing values in variables

[ ] data.isnull().sum()

sepal_length 0
sepal_width 0
petal_length 0
petal_length 0
species 0
dtype: int64

[ ] target_col = ['species']

[ ] X = data.drop(['species'], axis=1)

y = data['species']
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Split dataset into train and test

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.33, random_state = 42)
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Check datatypes

[ ] X_train.dtypes

sepal_length float64
sepal_width float64
petal_length float64
petal_width float64
petal_width float64
dtype: object
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Conclusion:

In conclusion, effective data cleaning and preprocessing are essential for ensuring data accuracy and preparing it for analysis or machine learning. Addressing missing data, transforming features, standardizing data, selecting relevant features, splitting data, and handling imbalanced datasets are key processes that improve the quality and usability of the data for downstream tasks. Properly cleaned and preprocessed data significantly enhances the reliability and performance of analytical and machine learning models.