

A2 Report

**Scikit-learn**

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# Our Implementation of 2 Issues

## Feature: Adding Poisson splitting criterion in RandomForestRegressor (Issue 19304):

### Description

This feature needs 3 tasks to be completed:

- Adds input validation to the parameter “y” where it ensures none of the values inside array “y” are negative i.e., less than zero for splitting criterion “poisson”.
- Expand test cases for RandomForestRegressor class to check “poisson” splitting criterion and input validation.
- Change the docstring of RandomForestRegressor class to add “poisson” as one of the splitting criterion.

### Changes

To add input validation and docstring, the code changes are done in the `_forest.py` file which is under directory `sklearn/ensemble`. Inside the docstring of RandomForestRegressor class there is a description section about the “criterion” parameter where we added “poisson” to indicate it supports the poisson splitting. For input validation of parameter “y”, we made changes in the `fit()` method of BaseForest class. The changes we made involved creating a temporary variable storing “y” converted into an array so that we can loop through a 2-dimensional “y” and check its values. We then check for criterion to be “poisson” and if so each value of “y” is checked using the python in-built function `all()` and ensuring none of the values are non-positive. If a non-positive value is found then a `ValueError` is raised indicating that the input to the `fit()` method was incorrect. Overall this was a minor change, thus it didn’t really affect the overall architecture.

- File changed: [sklearn/ensemble/\\_forest.py](#) (Lines 306 - 310 & Line 1318 & Line 1322)

## Testing

The test cases that ensure the implementation of input validation is successful are as follows, the cases can be run by using the command “`pytest 19304-testsuite.py`” in your terminal opened in the a2 directory after successfully installing scikit-learn. If you are unable to do so, please move the .py file into the scikit-learn directory and run the command from that directory:

- Case 1: “y” has all the values greater than or equal to zero.  
This test case should not raise a ValueError as all values of “y” are positive and it should return a predicted value which is checked using `assertTrue`.
- Case 2: “y” has all values equal to zero.  
This test case should raise a ValueError as all values of “y” are zeros and it should return an array of zeros which is checked using `assertTrue`.
- Case 3: “y” has a negative value at the start of the array.  
This test case should raise a ValueError as one of the values of “y” is non-positive and the test checks whether an error was raised.
- Case 4: “y” has a negative value at the middle of the array.  
This test case should raise a ValueError as one of the values of “y” is non-positive and the test checks whether an error was raised.
- Case 5: “y” has a negative value at the end of the array.  
This test case should raise a ValueError as one of the values of “y” is non-positive and the test checks whether an error was raised.

## Bug: Potential Division by 0 in Gaussian Progression ([Issue 18318](#)):

### Description

This bug was caused by a division operation where there was no check if the denominator in the division is 0. Of course this is a bug, since division by 0 is not possible and results in an error. The task needed to fix this bug would be to add a check before the division occurs, and ensure the denominator is not 0. If it is 0, we must avoid the division.

### Changes

To add the fix to the divide by zero error, the code changes occur inside `_gpr.py` file which is under directory `sklearn/gaussian_process`. The changes we made is to check if the variable “`self._y_train_std`” is equal to zero, if it is then we don’t divide by `self._y_train_std` and instead we assign `y` to be “`y - self._y_train_mean`”. This is due to the fact that the standard deviation is 0, so we only care about the mean values. Otherwise if “`self._y_train_std`” is NOT equal to zero we keep the original value of `y` which was “`y = y - self._y_train_mean / self._y_train_std`”. Overall this was a minor change, thus it didn’t really affect the overall architecture.

- Files Changed: [sklearn/gaussian\\_process/\\_gpr.py](#) (Lines 202 - 207)

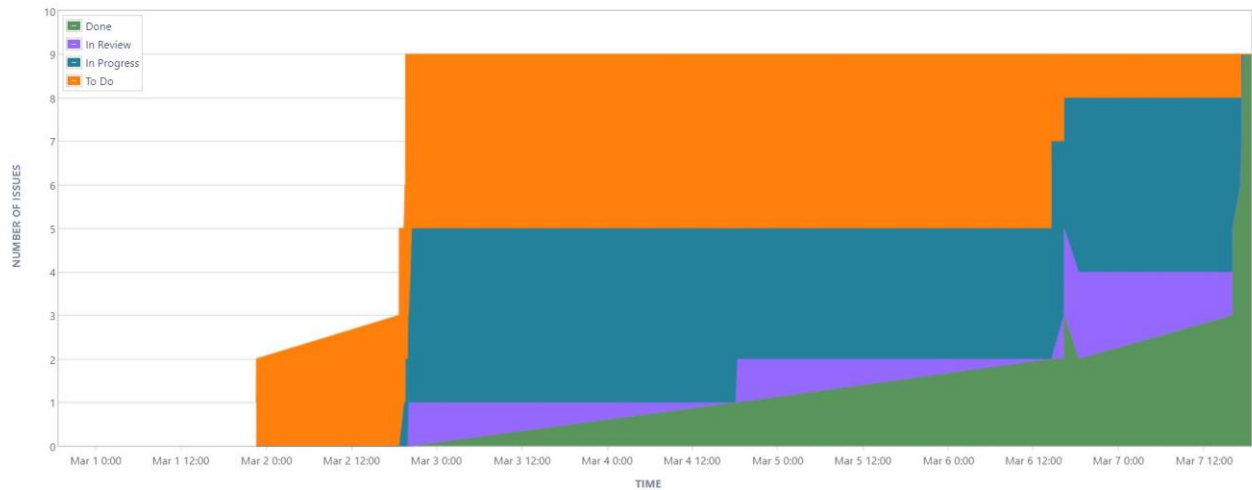
## Testing

The test cases that ensure the implementation of the divide by zero is successful are as follows, the cases can be run by using the command “`pytest 18318-testsuite.py`” in your terminal opened in the a2 directory after successfully installing scikit-learn. If you are unable to do so, please move the .py file into the scikit-learn directory and run the command from that directory:

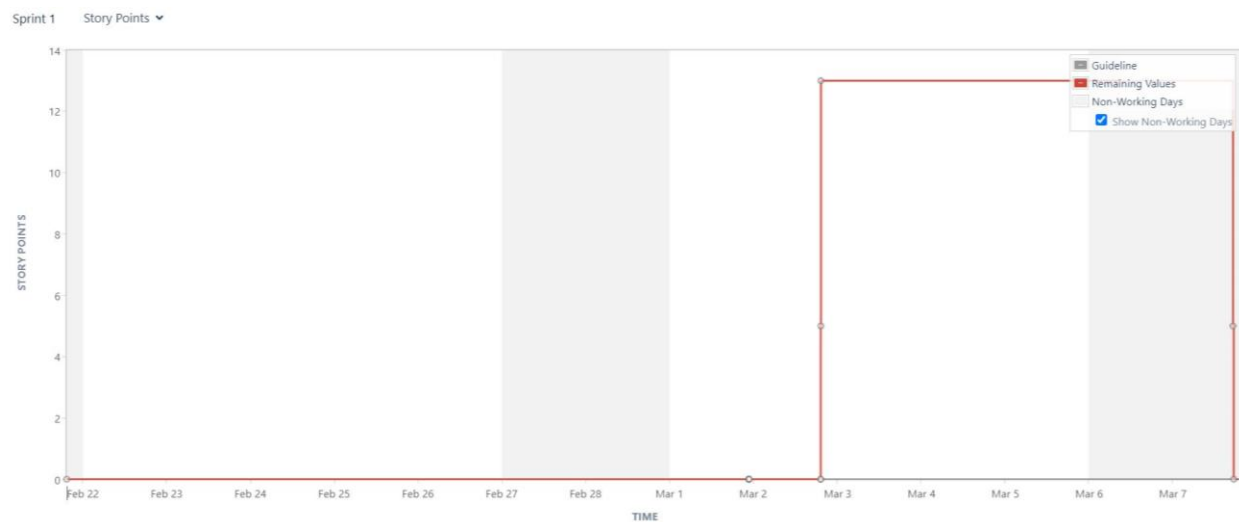
- Case 1: “y” has multiple non-zero values.  
This test case should return a fit value which contains non-zero values which is checked using `assertTrue`.
- Case 2: “y” has a single non-zero value.  
This test case should return a fit value which contains a single zero value which is checked using `assertTrue`.
- Case 3: “y” has multiple zero values.  
This test case should return a fit value which contains multiple zero values which is checked using `assertTrue`.
- Case 4: “y” has a single zero value.  
This test case should return a fit value which contains a single zero value which is checked using `assertTrue`.

# Development Process

## JIRA



*Cumulative Flow Diagram*



*Burndown Chart*