

R Fundamentals

Practical Machine Learning (with R)

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Agenda

- Administrative
 - Role Call
 - Missing Coordinates
 - November 23, 2016?
 - Class Google Group
- Review
- New Topics



Assignment – Due 10/11 11:59 PM

- ➔ ****MLR** Chapter 3, Chapter 6 pp.171-200**
- ➔ Introduction to dplyr .. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dplyr/vignettes/introduction.html>
- ➔ Introduction to data.table .. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/data.table/vignettes/datatable-intro.pdf>
- ➔ Introducing Magrittr .. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/magrittr/vignettes/magrittr.html>



REVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS



EXPECTATIONS: R

- You have installed **R** and **Rstudio**
- If you are new to **R**, you will have checked out one of the resources and have started becoming familiar with syntax and functions.



EXPECTATIONS: GIT

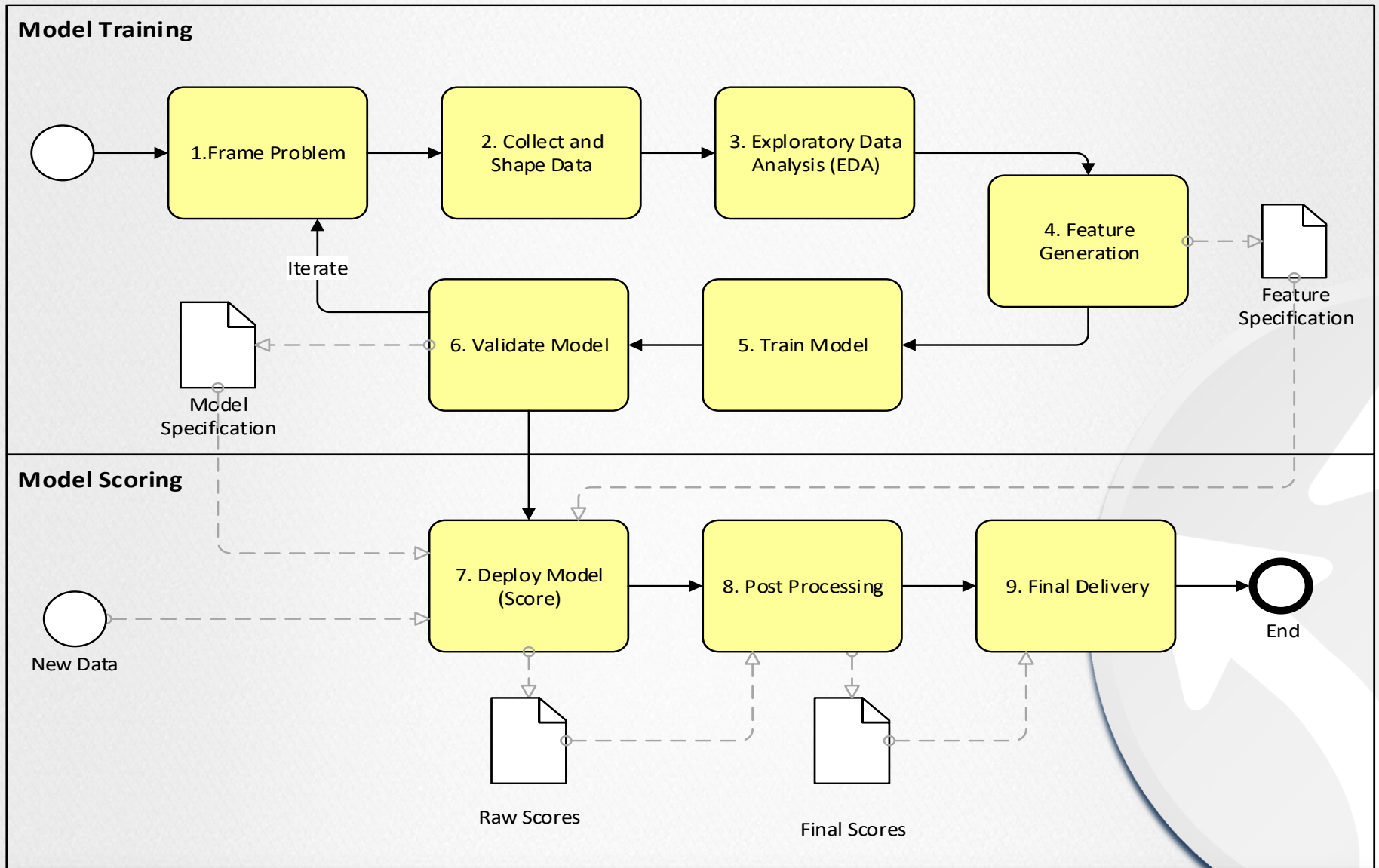
⇒ You understand:

- installed **git** and created a github account
- **fork** the class repo(sitory)
- **clone** a local copy of the repo
- **pull** new changes
- edit existing files
- **add** and **commit** changes
- **push** the assignment back to your repo

⇒ Now: **pull** upstream changes
`CSX460/CSX460.git`



Expectations: Process



MLWR CHAPTER 1

- ⇒ Four Parts to “Learning” Process
- ⇒ Five Steps for Modeling
- ⇒ **Types** of Data
- ⇒ Types of Machine Learning Algorithms



MLWR CHAPTER 2

- ⇒ Data structures
- ⇒ Saving/Loading Data With R
- ⇒ Exploring the structure of the Data
 - Numeric variables
 - Categorical variables
 - Relationship Between Variables



DATA USES

Dependent variable,
Target (variable),
Outcome, **Response,**
Class (classification)

Independent variables, covariates
predictors, attribute,
descriptor, **feature**

...

Y	X₁	X₂	X₃	... X_n

Unit of observation,
Cases,
Instance,
Data Point,
Sample

\hat{y}

Prediction
Forecast
Estimate

...



GETTING HELP IN PRIMER

Help in R

`?, help, ??, apropos`

Operators

`?Arithmetic`

Control Flow

`?Control`

Rstudio Cheatsheets ...Google



MAGRITTR: PIPE OPERATOR

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install.package('magrittr')
```

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DATA.TABLE: FAST DATA FRAMES

```
install.packages('data.table')  
data(iris)  
setDT(iris)
```

```
iris[ i, j, by= , ... ]
```

Note:

- see ?data.table



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```
library('data.table')  
data(iris)  
setDT(iris)
```

```
iris[  
  by=Species,  
  Species != 'setosa',  
  .(  sw=mean(Sepal.Width),  
      sl=mean(Sepal.Length)  
  ) ]
```



DPLYR: DATA PIPELINES

```
install.packages('dplyr')  
data(iris)
```

```
iris %>%  
  filter( Species != "setosa") %>%  
  group_by(Species) %>%  
  summarize(  
    mean(Sepal.Width),  
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  )
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Note:

Uses `magrittr`



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BACK TO MACHINE LEARNING



MACHINE LEARNING TYPES

⇒ **Type** of Response:

- Continuous → **REGRESSION**
- Categorical* → **CLASSIFICATION**
*Binary is a special case

⇒ **Availability** of “labelled” Responses

- Available → **SUPERVISED**
- Unavailable → **UNSUPERVISED**
- Sometimes available/inferable → **SEMI-SUPERVISED**
- Avail. as training progresses → **ADAPTIVE/REINFORCEMENT**



GOAL FIND A FUNCTION, f

- ⇒ easy to evaluate
- ⇒ Takes a one or more values of inputs
- ⇒ yields a single output value for each input (row)
- ⇒ Output, $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$, should be “close to” observed values, \mathbf{y} :

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} \sim \mathbf{y}$$



QUESTIONS:

- What do we mean by “close”?
- What functions are available to be used?

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- How do we find one? The best one?



3 REQUIREMENT FOR ALGORITHM

- A method for evaluating how well the algorithm performs (**ERRORS**)
- A restricted class of function (**MODEL**)
- A process for proceeding through the restricted class of functions to identify the functions (**SEARCH/OPTIMIZATION**)

OUR MODEL

Naïve Model

$$\hat{y} = \text{mean}(y)$$

Our Model, a linear model:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$



SEARCH / OPTIMIZATION

Find the parameters minimize that minimize the loss function ...

SOLVE:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} L(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \sum (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})^2 \text{ (SSE)}$$

- Direct Solution (special case)
- Recursive Goal Seeking

