

FEATURE SCALING



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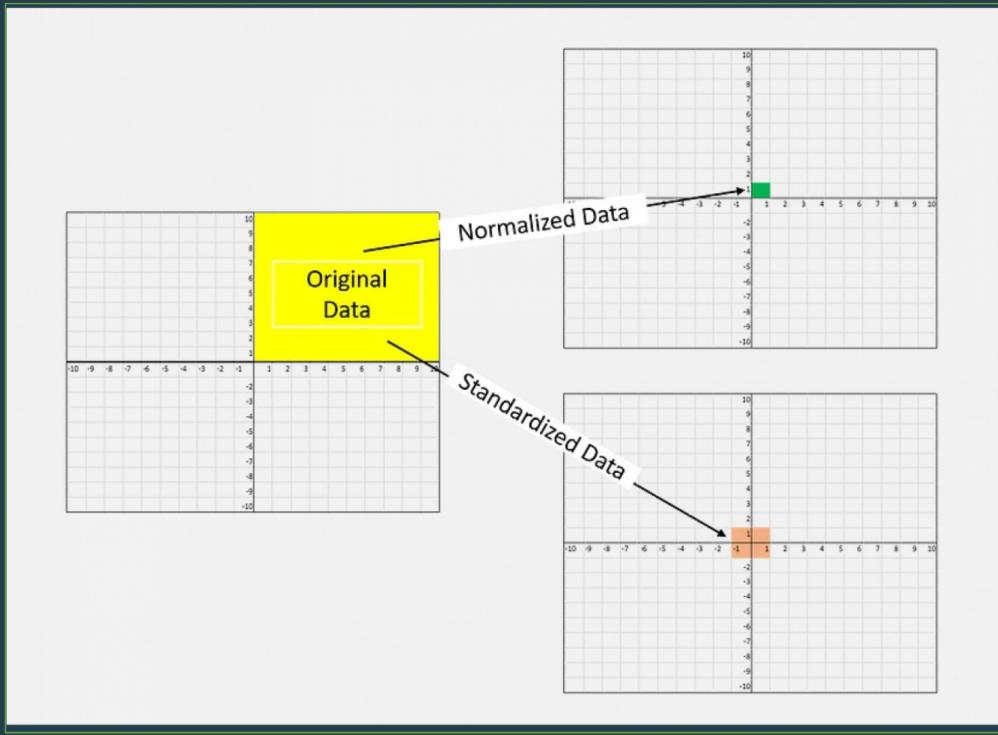


Feature Scaling

Feature scaling is a technique used in Machine Learning to standardize or normalise the range of features in a dataset.

It is essential when working with algorithms that are sensitive to the scale of input features.

it helps to bring all features to a similar range and prevents certain features from dominating the others



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Methods Of Feature Scaling

- 1) Standardisation
(Z-score
normalisation)
- 2) Min-max scaling
(Normalisation)
- 3) Max Abs Scaling
- 4) Robust Scaling

Standardisation

Also called as Z-score normalisation, scales the features to have mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1

Calculated by the formula

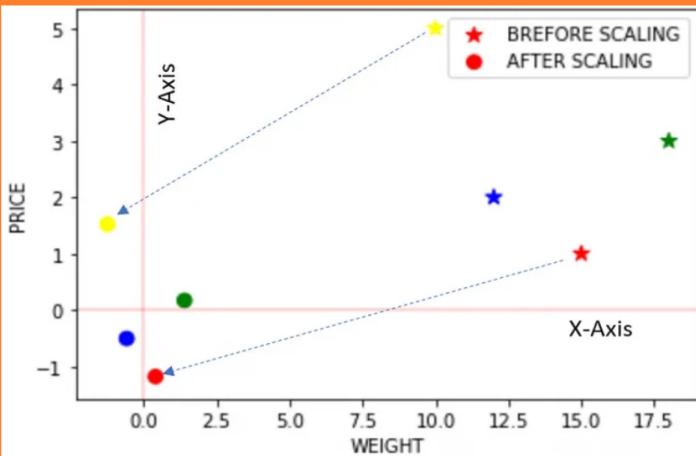
$$x_{scaled} = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

σ - Standard Deviation

μ - Mean

This suitable when distribution of features is approx Gaussian or when algorithm assumes zero-centered features

Before and after scaling



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Min-max scaling

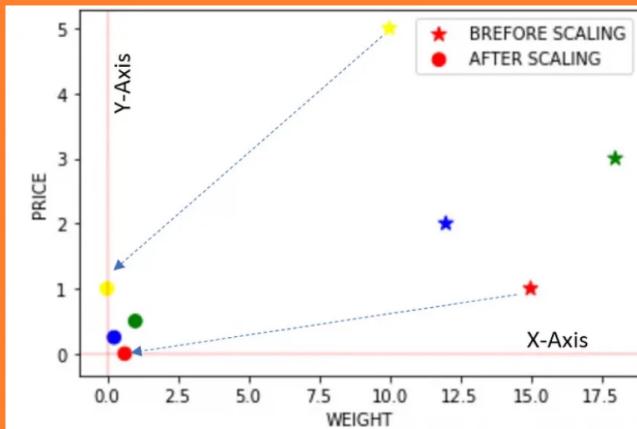
Also called as normalisation, scales the features to a fixed range usually between 0 and 1

Calculated by the formula

$$x_{scaled} = \frac{x}{\max(\text{abs}(x))}$$

This scaling preserves original distribution and is suitable when distribution is not Gaussian

Before and after scaling



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Max Abs Scaling

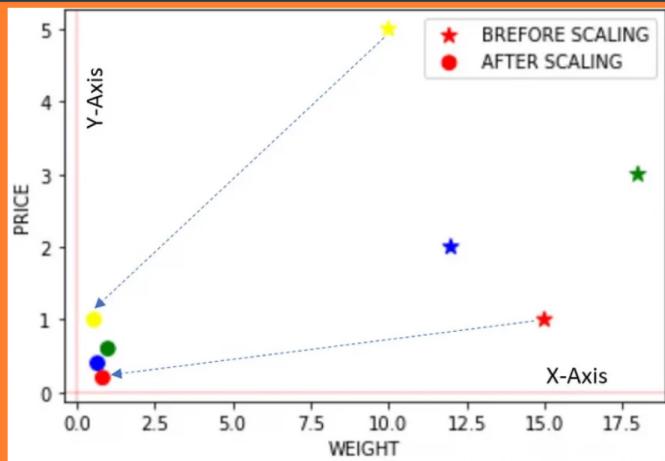
This scales features to the range [-1,1] by dividing each value by max absolute value in feature.

Calculated by the formula

$$x_{scaled} = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

This scaling is useful when features have a mix of both positive and negative values and you want to preserve sign.

Before and after scaling



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Robust Scaling

Scales features using statistics that are robust to outliers.

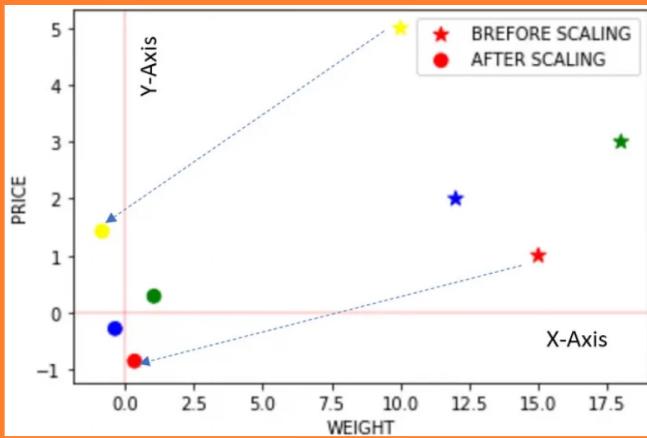
Calculated by the formula

$$x_{scaled} = \frac{x - median(x)}{IQR(x)}$$

IQR - Inter Quartile Range

This scaling is suitable when dataset contains outliers and when distribution of features is skewed.

Before and after scaling



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