

Training Day 17 Report

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Topic: Supervised Learning – Linear Regression (Extended)

Overview

Today's session extended the discussion on **Supervised Learning** with a detailed focus on **Linear Regression**. Linear Regression is one of the simplest yet most widely used algorithms in Machine Learning. It helps in modeling the relationship between **independent variables (features)** and a **dependent variable (target)** by fitting a straight line (in case of simple regression) or a hyperplane (in multiple regression).

Key Concepts

1. What is Linear Regression?

- A **supervised learning algorithm** used for predicting a continuous value.
- Assumes a **linear relationship** between input variables (X) and output variable (Y).
- General formula:

$$Y = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + \dots + b_nX_n$$

Where:

- Y = Dependent variable (target).
- X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n = Independent variables (features).
- b_0 = Intercept.
- b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n = Coefficients (weights).

2. Types of Linear Regression

1. **Simple Linear Regression** – Single feature used to predict the target.
Example: Predicting house price using only square footage.

2. **Multiple Linear Regression** – Multiple features used.

Example: Predicting car prices using age, mileage, fuel type, etc.

3. Steps in Linear Regression

1. Data Collection
2. Data Preprocessing (handling missing values, encoding categorical data, scaling).
3. Splitting dataset into **Training** and **Testing** sets.
4. Training the model (fitting regression line).
5. Making predictions.
6. Evaluating model performance (using metrics like **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**, **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**, **R² score**).

Code Example: Simple Linear Regression

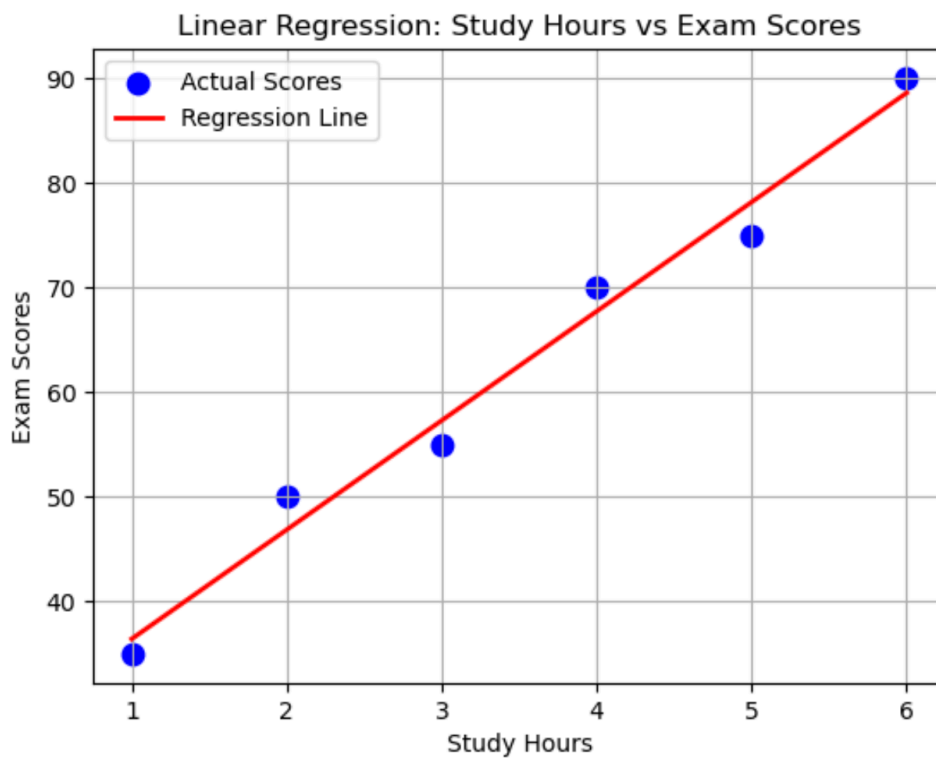
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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

# Dataset: Study Hours vs Exam Scores
X = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]).reshape(-1, 1) # Features
y = np.array([35, 50, 55, 70, 75, 90])        # Target

# Train Model
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X, y)

# Predictions
y_pred = model.predict(X)

# Visualization
plt.scatter(X, y, color="blue", label="Actual Scores")
plt.plot(X, y_pred, color="red", linewidth=2, label="Regression Line")
plt.xlabel("Study Hours")
plt.ylabel("Exam Scores")
plt.title("Linear Regression Example")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Learning Outcome

- Understood the **mathematical foundation** of Linear Regression.
- Learned the difference between **simple and multiple linear regression**.
- Practiced **model training and prediction** using a real dataset.
- Visualized how regression lines represent the relationship between input and output.
- Gained awareness of **evaluation metrics** for regression models.