



## sklearn.grid\_search.GridSearchCV

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class sklearn.grid_search.GridSearchCV(estimator, param_grid, scoring=None, fit_params=None, n_jobs=1, iid=True,
refit=True, cv=None, verbose=0, pre_dispatch='2*n_jobs', error_score='raise')
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Exhaustive search over specified parameter values for an estimator.

Important members are `fit`, `predict`.

GridSearchCV implements a “fit” and a “score” method. It also implements “predict”, “predict\_proba”, “decision\_function”, “transform” and “inverse\_transform” if they are implemented in the estimator used.

The parameters of the estimator used to apply these methods are optimized by cross-validated grid-search over a parameter grid.

Read more in the [User Guide](#).

**Parameters:** **estimator** : estimator object.

A object of that type is instantiated for each grid point. This is assumed to implement the scikit-learn estimator interface. Either estimator needs to provide a `score` function, or `scoring` must be passed.

**param\_grid** : dict or list of dictionaries

Dictionary with parameters names (string) as keys and lists of parameter settings to try as values, or a list of such dictionaries, in which case the grids spanned by each dictionary in the list are explored. This enables searching over any sequence of parameter settings.

**scoring** : string, callable or None, default=None

A string (see model evaluation documentation) or a scorer callable object / function with signature `scorer(estimator, X, y)`. If None, the `score` method of the estimator is used.

**fit\_params** : dict, optional

Parameters to pass to the fit method.

**n\_jobs** : int, default=1

Number of jobs to run in parallel.

*Changed in version 0.17:* Upgraded to joblib 0.9.3.

**pre\_dispatch** : int, or string, optional

Controls the number of jobs that get dispatched during parallel execution. Reducing this number can be useful to avoid an explosion of memory consumption when more jobs get dispatched than CPUs can process. This parameter can be:

- None, in which case all the jobs are immediately created and spawned. Use this for lightweight and fast-running jobs, to avoid delays due to on-demand spawning of the jobs
- An int, giving the exact number of total jobs that are spawned
- A string, giving an expression as a function of `n_jobs`, as in `'2*n_jobs'`

**iid** : boolean, default=True

If True, the data is assumed to be identically distributed across the folds, and the loss minimized is the total loss per sample, and not the mean loss across the folds.

**cv** : int, cross-validation generator or an iterable, optional

Determines the cross-validation splitting strategy. Possible inputs for `cv` are:

- None, to use the default 3-fold cross-validation,

- integer, to specify the number of folds.
- An object to be used as a cross-validation generator.
- An iterable yielding train/test splits.

For integer/None inputs, if `y` is binary or multiclass, `StratifiedKFold` used. If the estimator is a classifier or if `y` is neither binary nor multiclass, `KFold` is used.

Refer [User Guide](#) for the various cross-validation strategies that can be used here.

**refit** : boolean, default=True

Refit the best estimator with the entire dataset. If “False”, it is impossible to make predictions using this GridSearchCV instance after fitting.

**verbose** : integer

Controls the verbosity: the higher, the more messages.

**error\_score** : ‘raise’ (default) or numeric

Value to assign to the score if an error occurs in estimator fitting. If set to ‘raise’, the error is raised. If a numeric value is given, `FitFailedWarning` is raised. This parameter does not affect the refit step, which will always raise the error.

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**Attributes:** **grid\_scores\_** : list of named tuples

Contains scores for all parameter combinations in `param_grid`. Each entry corresponds to one parameter setting. Each named tuple has the attributes:

- `parameters`, a dict of parameter settings
- `mean_validation_score`, the mean score over the cross-validation folds
- `cv_validation_scores`, the list of scores for each fold

**best\_estimator\_** : estimator

Estimator that was chosen by the search, i.e. estimator which gave highest score (or

smallest loss if specified) on the left out data. Not available if `refit=False`.

**best\_score\_** : float

Score of best\_estimator on the left out data.

**best\_params\_** : dict

Parameter setting that gave the best results on the hold out data.

**scorer\_** : function

Scorer function used on the held out data to choose the best parameters for the model.

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#### See also:

##### [ParameterGrid](#)

generates all the combinations of a an hyperparameter grid.

##### [sklearn.cross\\_validation.train\\_test\\_split](#)

utility function to split the data into a development set usable for fitting a GridSearchCV instance and an evaluation set for its final evaluation.

##### [sklearn.metrics.make\\_scorer](#)

Make a scorer from a performance metric or loss function.

#### Notes

The parameters selected are those that maximize the score of the left out data, unless an explicit score is passed in which case it is used instead.

If `n_jobs` was set to a value higher than one, the data is copied for each point in the grid (and not `n_jobs` times). This is done for efficiency reasons if individual jobs take very little time, but may raise errors if the dataset is large and not enough memory is available. A workaround in this case is to set `pre_dispatch`. Then, the memory is copied only `pre_dispatch` many times. A reasonable value for `pre_dispatch` is `2 * n_jobs`.

## Examples

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>>> from sklearn import svm, grid_search, datasets
>>> iris = datasets.load_iris()
>>> parameters = {'kernel':('linear', 'rbf'), 'C':[1, 10]}
>>> svr = svm.SVC()
>>> clf = grid_search.GridSearchCV(svr, parameters)
>>> clf.fit(iris.data, iris.target)
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GridSearchCV(cv=None, error_score=...,
             estimator=SVC(C=1.0, cache_size=..., class_weight=..., coef0=...,
                           decision_function_shape=None, degree=..., gamma=...,
                           kernel='rbf', max_iter=-1, probability=False,
                           random_state=None, shrinking=True, tol=...,
                           verbose=False),
             fit_params={}, iid=..., n_jobs=1,
             param_grid=..., pre_dispatch=..., refit=...,
             scoring=..., verbose=...)
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## Methods

<code>decision_function(X)</code>	Call <code>decision_function</code> on the estimator with the best found parameters.
<code>fit(X[, y])</code>	Run fit with all sets of parameters.
<code>get_params([deep])</code>	Get parameters for this estimator.
<code>inverse_transform(Xt)</code>	Call <code>inverse_transform</code> on the estimator with the best found parameters.
<code>predict(X)</code>	Call <code>predict</code> on the estimator with the best found parameters.
<code>predict_log_proba(X)</code>	Call <code>predict_log_proba</code> on the estimator with the best found parameters.
<code>predict_proba(X)</code>	Call <code>predict_proba</code> on the estimator with the best found parameters.
<code>score(X[, y])</code>	Returns the score on the given data, if the estimator has been refit.
<code>set_params(**params)</code>	Set the parameters of this estimator.
<code>transform(X)</code>	Call <code>transform</code> on the estimator with the best found parameters.

`__init__(estimator, param_grid, scoring=None, fit_params=None, n_jobs=1, iid=True, refit=True, cv=None, verbose=0, pre_dispatch='2*n_jobs', error_score='raise')`

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`decision_function(X)`

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Call `decision_function` on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if `refit=True` and the underlying estimator supports `decision_function`.

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**Parameters:** **X** : indexable, length `n_samples`

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

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`fit(X, y=None)`

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Run fit with all sets of parameters.

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**Parameters:** **X** : array-like, shape = `[n_samples, n_features]`

Training vector, where `n_samples` is the number of samples and `n_features` is the number of features.

**y** : array-like, shape = `[n_samples]` or `[n_samples, n_output]`, optional

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Target relative to `X` for classification or regression; `None` for unsupervised learning.

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`get_params(deep=True)`

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Get parameters for this estimator.

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**Parameters:** **deep**: **boolean, optional** :

If `True`, will return the parameters for this estimator and contained subobjects that are estimators.

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**Returns:** **params** : mapping of string to any

Parameter names mapped to their values.

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**inverse\_transform( $X_t$ )**[\[source\]](#)

Call `inverse_transform` on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if the underlying estimator implements `inverse_transform` and `refit=True`.

**Parameters:**  **$X_t$**  : indexable, length `n_samples`

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

**predict( $X$ )**[\[source\]](#)

Call `predict` on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if `refit=True` and the underlying estimator supports `predict`.

**Parameters:**  **$X$**  : indexable, length `n_samples`

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

**predict\_log\_proba( $X$ )**[\[source\]](#)

Call `predict_log_proba` on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if `refit=True` and the underlying estimator supports `predict_log_proba`.

**Parameters:**  **$X$**  : indexable, length `n_samples`

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

**predict\_proba( $X$ )**[\[source\]](#)[Previous](#)

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Call `predict_proba` on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if `refit=True` and the underlying estimator supports `predict_proba`.

**Parameters:** **X** : indexable, length `n_samples`

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

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`score(X, y=None)`

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Returns the score on the given data, if the estimator has been refit.

This uses the score defined by `scoring` where provided, and the `best_estimator_.score` method otherwise.

**Parameters:** **X** : array-like, shape = `[n_samples, n_features]`

Input data, where `n_samples` is the number of samples and `n_features` is the number of features.

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**y** : array-like, shape = `[n_samples]` or `[n_samples, n_output]`, optional

Target relative to `X` for classification or regression; `None` for unsupervised learning.

**Returns:** **score** : float

### Notes

- The long-standing behavior of this method changed in version 0.16.
- It no longer uses the metric provided by `estimator.score` if the `scoring` parameter was set when fitting.

`set_params(**params)`

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Set the parameters of this estimator.



The method works on simple estimators as well as on nested objects (such as pipelines). The former have parameters of the form <component>\_\_<parameter> so that it's possible to update each component of a nested object.

**Returns:** **self** :

**transform**(X)

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Call transform on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if the underlying estimator supports transform and refit=True.

**Parameters:** **X** : indexable, length n\_samples

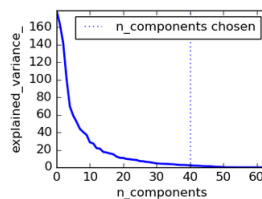
Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

## Examples using sklearn.grid\_search.GridSearchCV

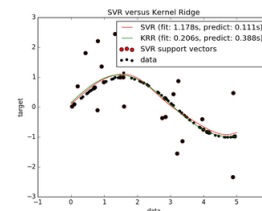
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multiple feature  
extraction methods



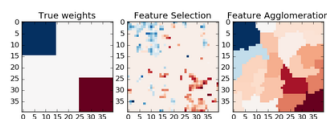
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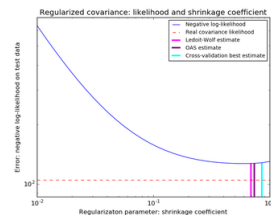
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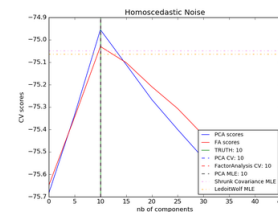
Faces recognition  
example using  
eigenfaces and SVMs



Feature  
agglomeration vs.  
univariate selection



Shrinkage covariance  
estimation: LedoitWolf  
vs OAS and max-  
likelihood



Model selection with  
Probabilistic PCA and  
Factor Analysis (FA)



Parameter estimation  
using grid search with  
cross-validation

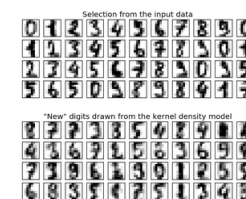


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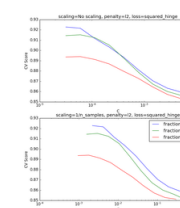
Comparing  
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and grid search for  
hyperparameter  
estimation



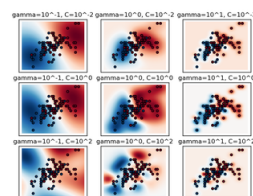
Sample pipeline for  
text feature extraction  
and evaluation



Kernel Density  
Estimation



Scaling the  
regularization  
parameter for SVCs



RBF SVM  
parameters