

Group A
Assignment No: 2



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Title of Assignment: Data Wrangling II

Create an "Academic Performance" data of student and perform the following operations using python.

1. Scan all variables for missing values and inconsistencies. If there are missing values and for inconsistencies, use any of the suitable techniques to deal with them.
2. Scan all numeric variables for outliers. If there are outliers, use any of the suitable techniques to deal with them.
3. Apply data transformations on at least one of the variables. The purpose of this transformation should be one of the following reasons: to change the scale for better understanding of the variable, to convert a non-linear relation into a linear one, or to decrease the skewness and convert the distribution into a normal distribution.

Reasons and document your approach properly.

Objective of the Assignment: students should be able to perform the data wrangling operation using python on any open source dataset.

prerequisites

1. Basic of python programming.
2. concept of data preprocessing, Data formatting, Data Normalization and data cleaning.

Contents for Theory:

1. Creation of Dataset using Microsoft Excel
2. Identification and Handling of Null values
3. Identification and Handling of outliers.

4. Data Transformation for the purpose of:

- To change the scale for better understanding
- To decrease the skewness and convert distribution into normal distribution.

Theory:

1. Creation of Dataset using Microsoft Excel.

The dataset is created in 'csv' format.

- The name of dataset is student performance.
- The feature of the dataset are: math-score, Reading Score, writing score, placement-score, club-join-date
- Number of Instances: 30
- The response variable is: placement-offer-count
- Range of values:
math-score [60-80], Reading Score [75-95], writing-score [60-80] Placement_score [75-100], club-join-date [2018-2021]
- The response variable is the number of placement offers facilitated to particular students, which is largely depends on placement score.

To fill the values in the dataset, the RANDBETWEEN is used. Returns a random integer number between the number you specify.

Syntax: RANDBETWEEN (bottom, top) Bottom the smallest integer and

Top the largest integer RANDBETWEEN will return.

For Better understanding and visualization, 20% impurities are added into each variable to the dataset.

step 1: open Microsoft Excel and click on save As. select other Formats.

step 2: Enter the name of dataset and save the dataset as type csv (MS-DOS)

step 3: Enter the name of features or column headers. Fill the data by using RANDOMBETWEEN function.

scroll down the cursor for 30 rows to create 30 instances. Repeat this for the features, Reading score, writing-score, placement-score.

step 4: In 20% data, fill the impurities. The range of math score is [60, 80] updating a few instances values below 60 or above 80.

2. Identification and Handling of Null values.

Missing Data and occur when no information is provided for one or more items or for whole unit. Missing data is very big problem in real-life scenarios. Missing data can also refer to as NA values in pandas. In dataframe sometimes many datasets simply arrive with missing data.

In pandas missing data is represented by two values.

1. None: None is a python singleton object that is often used for missing data in python code.

2. NaN: NaN (can acronym for Not a Number) is a special floating point value recognised by all systems that use the standard IEEE floating point representation.

useful function for detecting, removing and replacing null values in Pandas function: Dataframe:

- `isnull()`
- `notnull()`
- `dropna()`
- `fillna()`
- `replace()`

1. checking for missing values using `isnull()` and `notnull()`

- checking for missing values using `isnull()`

In order to check null values in pandas Dataframe, `isnull()` function is used. This function returns dataframe of Boolean values which are `True` or `False` for `NaN` values.

- checking for missing values using `notnull()`

In order to check null values in pandas dataframe, `notnull()` function is used. This function returns dataframe of Boolean which are `False` for `NaN` values.

2. Filling missing values using `dropna()`, `fillna()`, `replace()`

In order to fill null values in dataset, `fillna()`, `replace()` functions are used. This function replaces `NaN` values with some values of their own. All these functions help in filling null values in dataset of dataframe.

- filling null values in dataset.

To fill null values in dataset use `inplace=True`

`m-v = df['math score'].mean()`

of `['math score']`. `fillna(value=m-v, inplace=True)`

Deleting null values using dropna() method

In order to drop null values from a dataframe, dropna() function is used. This function drops rows/columns of dataset with null values in different ways.

1. Dropping rows with at least 1 null value.
2. Dropping rows if all values in that row are missing.
3. Dropping columns with at least null value.
4. Dropping Rows with at least null value CSV file.

8. Identification and Handling outliers.

8.1 Identification of outliers.

One of the most important steps or parts of data preprocessing is detecting and treating the outliers as they can negatively affect the statistical analysis and training process of machine learning.

1. What are outliers?

We all have heard of the idiom 'odd one out' which means something unusual in comparison to the order in a group.

2. Why do they occur?

An outlier may occur due to the variability in the data, or due to experimental error / human error.

3. What do they affect?

In statistics, we have three measures of central tendency namely mean, median and mode. They help us describe the data.

4. Detecting outliers:

If our dataset is small, we can detect the outlier by just looking at the dataset. But what if we have a huge dataset. how do we identify the outliers then? we need to use visualization and mathematical techniques. Below are some of the techniques of detecting outliers.

- Boxplots
- Scatterplots
- Z-score
- Inter-Quartile Range (IQR)

4.1 Detecting outliers using Boxplot.

It captures the summary of the data effectively with only a simple box and whiskers.

3.2) Handling of outliers:

For removing the outliers, one must follow the same process of removing an entry from the dataset using its exact position in the dataset. because in all the above methods of detecting the outliers end result is the list of all those data items that satisfy the outliers definition according to the method used.

- Trimming / removing the outliers
- Quantile based flooring and capping
- Mean / median imputation

4. Data Transformation for the purpose of:

Data transformation is the process of converting raw data into a format or structure that would be more suitable for model building and also data discovery in general.

The process of data transformation can also be referred to as extract/transform/load (ETL). The extraction phase involves identifying and pulling data from the various source systems that ~~generate~~ create data and then moving the data to a single repository. The data transformation involves steps that are

- **Smoothing:** It is a process that is used to remove noise from the dataset using some algorithms. It allows for highlighting important features present in the dataset.
- **Aggregation:** Data collection or aggregation is the method of storing and presenting data in a summary format. The data may be obtained from multiple data sources to integrate these data sources into a data analyst's description.
- **Generalization:** It converts low-level data attributes to high-level data attributes using concept hierarchy.
- **Normalization:** Data normalization involves converting all data variables into a given range.
- **min-max normalization:** This transforms the original data linearly.
- **Normalization by decimal scaling:** It normalizes the values of an attribute by changing the position of their decimal points.

• Attribute of feature construction.

New attributes constructed from the given ones: where new attributes are created & applied to assist the mining process from the given set of attributes.

a. To change the scale for better understanding (Attribute or feature construction).

Here the club-join-date is transferred to duration

b. To decrease the skewness and convert distribution into normal distribution (Normalization by decimal scaling)

Data skewness: It is asymmetry in a statistical distribution in which the curve appears distorted, or skewed either to the left or the right. Skewness can be quantified to define the extent to which a distribution differs from a normal distribution.

Normal Distribution: In a normal distribution, the graph appears as a classical symmetrical "bell-shaped curve".

A positively skewed distribution: means that the extra data results are larger. This skews the data in the direction that brings the mean (average) up. The mean will be larger than the median in a positively skewed distribution.

- A negatively skewed distribution means the opposite. That the extreme data results are smaller. This means that the mean is brought down & the median is larger than the mean in a negatively skewed distribution.
- Reducing skewness: A data transformation may be used to reduce skewness. A distribution that is symmetric or nearly so is often easier to handle and interpreted than a skewed distribution.
- Conclusion:- In this way we have explored the functions of the python library for data identifying & handling the outliers. Data Transformation techniques are explored with the purpose of creating the new variable and reducing the skewness from dataset.