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DSO104 Activities

Starting your First Data Science Portfolio Project!

Google Classroom Extra Activities for the modules from here on out, if done with passion and dedication, can lead to a complete portfolio project before you even reach DSO110! This means you can enter your data science interviews with TWO full real-world projects in your portfolio, the optimal numbers according to our data science mentors who are currently in the workforce. If you choose not to put this amount of effort into these activities then, at the very least, participating in these at least a bit will result in a substantial reusable code base that will give you a *huge* head start when you reach DSO110, the final project course module! This will give you more time to make your final ENTITY portfolio project the best it can be. Having multiple portfolio projects and/or higher quality projects will give you that competitive edge in the job market, which is what we want for ALL our ENTITY graduates!

Here we go, let's get started!!

Introduction

On Kaggle.com, search different topics that

- (a) interest you
- (b) relate to your academic or work history
- (c) seem like practical subjects for a data science project

Choose 5 dataset listings from different Kaggle URLs. Here is an example of one dataset listing:

Although there are 2 CSV files, this is considered one dataset listing (see below):

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The screenshot shows the Kaggle website interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Competitions, Datasets, Code, Discussions, Courses, More, Your Work, and a list of recently viewed datasets. The main content area displays a dataset card for 'Dataset of songs in Spotify' by Andriy Samoshyn. The card includes a search bar, a 'Dataset' tab, and buttons for 'Download (14 MB)' and 'New Notebook'. Below the card, there is a 'Data Explorer' section showing a list of files: 'genres_v2.csv' and 'playlists.csv'. The 'genres_v2.csv' file is highlighted with a pink circle. The 'Data Explorer' also shows a table of audio features provided by Spotify, including danceability, energy, key, loudness, and mode.

The 5 can be all one topic or different topics. Make sure each dataset or related datasets (like the Spotify example above) have categorical variables and numeric variables (floats/ints). You can check the datasets contents by *clicking dropdown arrow > checking "Select all" box > clicking "Apply"*.

Also, make sure columns of interest do not have too many missing values. You can investigate by clicking “Column” tab.

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The screenshot shows the DataCamp interface for a dataset named '7282_1.csv' (16.55 MB). The interface includes a sidebar with file listings, a top navigation bar with tabs like 'Data', 'Code (53)', 'Discussion (5)', 'Activity', and 'Metadata', and a main content area displaying data quality metrics for columns 'address', 'categories', 'city', and 'country'. The 'Column' tab is highlighted with a pink circle.

Summary

- 3 files
- 70 columns

7282_1.csv (16.55 MB)

Detail Compact **Column** 19 of 19 columns

address

480 King St	3%	Valid	35.9k	100%
		Mismatched	0	0%
95 Route 17k	2%	Missing	0	0%
Other (34013)	95%	Unique	999	
		Most Common	480 King St	3%

categories

Hotels	60%	Valid	35.9k	100%
		Mismatched	0	0%
Hotels,Hotel	8%	Missing	0	0%
Other (11515)	32%	Unique	396	
		Most Common	Hotels	60%

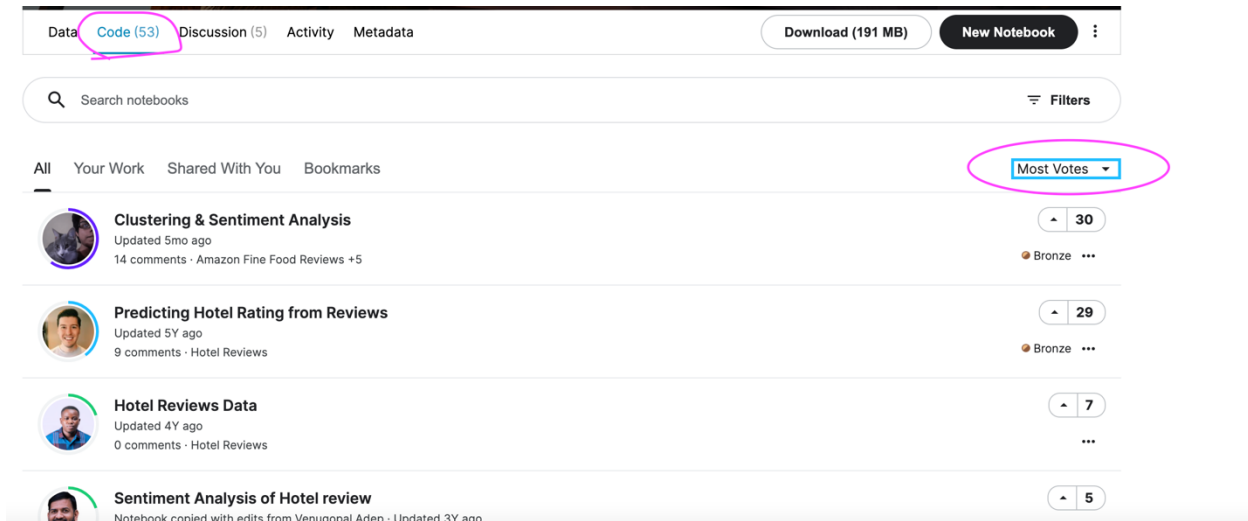
city

Alexandria	3%	Valid	35.9k	100%
		Mismatched	0	0%
Virginia Beach	2%	Missing	0	0%
Other (33940)	95%	Unique	761	
		Most Common	Alexandria	3%

country

This is not required, but a monumental plus. Check if the datasets have notebooks associated with them. This is the benefit of Kaggle.com and the ethos of open-source platforms! You can get great ideas by “standing on the shoulders of giants” and on many occasions, do not have to reinvent the wheel! You can find associated notebooks in the “Code” tab. Click “Most Votes” to find the highest rated notebooks. This is how data scientists operate in the real world—they help one another, use one another’s code, and pay it forward on these platforms when they can!

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This is a time-consuming task, but a task you will inevitably have to do. You will be glad you have done extensive dataset perusing months before you reach DSO110: Final Project.

After you have completed all of the above, you are ready to move on to the activities associated with each lesson module.

Lesson 1

Out of the 5, choose a dataset that has columns that seem unnecessary and/or that could be renamed. Make a subset of that dataframe without those columns and/or rename the columns.

You may do this in Python and/or R.

Lesson 2

Option 1 (if dataset listing has multiple related datasets):

Out of the 5, choose a dataset listing that has multiple datasets and merge them on the

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appropriate columns. Example:

kaggle

Create

Home

Competitions

Datasets

Code

Discussions

Courses

More

Your Work

RECENTLY VIEWED

Dataset of songs in Sp...

Spotify Charts

Analysis of Spotify tre...

Spotify music analysis

US Consumer Finance ...

View Active Events

Search

Data

Code (69)

Discussion (4)

Activity

Metadata

Download (90 MB)

New Notebook

Content

The following Airbnb activity is included in this Seattle dataset:

- Listings, including full descriptions and average review score

Data Explorer

90.11 MB

calendar.csv

listings.csv

reviews.csv

calendar.csv (36.65 MB)

Detail

Compact

Column

listing_id

date

available

price

3335

10.3m

3Jan16

1Jan17

true
0 0%

false
0 0%

[null]
\$150.00
Other (897896)

33%
3%
64%

241832	2016-01-04	t	\$85.00
241832	2016-01-05	t	\$85.00
241832	2016-01-06	f	
241832	2016-01-07	f	
241832	2016-01-08	f	
241832	2016-01-09	f	
241832	2016-01-10	f	
241832	2016-01-11	f	

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calendar.csv

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reviews.csv

reviews.csv (36.59 MB)

Detail

Compact

Column

listing_id

id

date

reviewer_id

reviewer_name

4291

10.2m

3721

58.7m

6Jun09

2Jan16

15

52.8m

David
Michael
Other (83157)

1%
1%
98%

7282816	38917982	2015-07-19	28943674	Bianca	Cl Pe en
7282816	39887409	2015-07-20	32440555	Frank	Ke rc ce Be ar st
7282816	39820830	2015-07-26	37722850	Ian	Ve af gr Tr af

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The above example with data on Airbnb reviews has two datasets that can be merged on *listing_id*.

Option 2 (if dataset listings only have one dataset file or datasets don't have columns appropriate for merging):

Search Kaggle for another dataset that has a related column and dataset subjects have value for comparison. For instance, a marketing dataset with zip codes can be merged with another dataset that has the zip code populations and average annual income. This is just one example of the many possible scenarios.

Option 3 (if Option 1 and 2 are not viable or becoming a time suck):

Choose a dataset and separate it into two subsets with one categorical column in common. Merge them back into one dataset.

You may do any of these options in Python and/or R.

Lesson 3

Option 1:

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one and find a categorical column (string) where the groups have no inherent order (nominal) and dummy code that column.

Option 2:

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one and find a categorical column (string) where there are only 2 groups (binary), and change the groups to 0 and 1.

Option 3:

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one and find a column that is a continuous variable. Recode that column as a string providing a useful group name. For example, let's say there is an age column.

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You could recode as the following:

age < 18 = "minor"

age > 18 = "adult"

age > 55 = "senior"

You may do any of these options in Python and/or R.

Lesson 4

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one column of interest that is a continuous variable and create a histogram. Then, choose one column of interest that is a categorical variable and create a bar chart.

Lesson 5

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one that has 3 or more continuous variables. Make a correlation heatmap.

You may do this in Python and/or R.

Lesson 6

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one and make 2 visualizations with each representing 2 or more variables.

Lesson 7

Peruse the internet and find an infographic that makes an impression on you.

Lesson 8

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Watch this tutorial on interactive dashboard in Tableau:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nr31rv9tsJ8>

Lesson 9

Out of the 5 datasets, choose one. Identify columns of interest. Then decide whether they would serve better as independent or dependent variables in an analysis. Finally, use the mind maps provided in the curriculum to choose an appropriate statistical analysis or predictive model. Choose at least 2 statistical analyses or predictive models that can be performed on the dataset.

Lesson 10

Watch this presentation on Storytelling with Data by Cole Knafllic. It does not have to be all in one sitting!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EMW7io4rSI>