## 数据变换——分类变量处理

在数据挖掘过程中,算法可以直接处理数值型变量,但是算法一般无法直接处理 分类变量。 分类变量没有好坏多少之分,多用 0,1,2,等数值代表一个类型,如 果直接引入模型中计算容易让计算机误以为这是一个数值型变量,从而出现错误。

因此,在训练模型之前,需要对分类变量进行处理,使之转换为数值型变量。常见的分类变量处理方法如下:



这里介绍一下比较热门的独热编码 (one-hot Encoding):

独热编码是一种将分类变量转换为若干二进制列的方法,其中1表示属于该类别的样本。

uman-Readable	Machine-Readable			
Pet	Cat	Dog	Turtle	Fish
Cat	1	0	0	0
Dog	0	1	0	0
Turtle	0	0	1	0
Fish	0	0	0	1
Cat	1	0	0	0

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MATLAB 实现方法:
function data encoded = onehot(data)
% 独热编码函数,将分类变量转换若干二进制列
% 输入:分类变量组成的数组 data,注意数组元素均需为整数
% 输出:编码好的数组 data encoded
 test = abs(rem(data, 1));
if sum(sum(test)) = 0
   fprintf('数组元素必须全为整数!\n'
  return
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end
[m, n] = size(data);
data_encoded = [];
for k = 1:n
   d = data(:,k);
   labels = unique(d); %d 的类别
   num_labels = Tength(labels);
   data_encoding = zeros(m, num_labels);
   for i = 1:m
       for j = 1:num_labels
          if d(i) == labels(j)
              data encoding (i, j) = 1;
          else
              continue
          end
       end
   end
   data_encoded =[data_encoded, data_encoding];
end
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可以在 MATLAB 命令行窗口中输入以下代码试运行 onehot 函数:

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y = onehot(x)

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