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1. **What is feature Selection and why is it important in ml?**

Feature selection, also known as variable selection or attribute selection, is the process of selecting a subset of relevant features (variables, predictors) for use in model construction. Feature selection techniques are used for several reasons: simplification of models to make them easier to interpret by researchers/users, shorter training times, to avoid the [curse of dimensionality](https://deepai.org/machine-learning-glossary-and-terms/curse-of-dimensionality), and enhanced generalization by reducing overfitting (when a model is too complex).

The central premise when using a feature selection technique is that the data contains many features that are either redundant or irrelevant, and can thus be removed without incurring much loss of information. Redundant or irrelevant data can negatively impact model performance.[[1]](https://deepai.org/machine-learning-glossary-and-terms/feature-selection)

***“The benefits of feature selection for machine learning include:”***

1. Firstly, they can **improve model performance** by focusing on the most relevant features, which can make the model more accurate in predicting new, unseen data.
2. Secondly, they can **reduce the computational complexity** of a model by reducing the number of features the model needs to process. This can lead to faster training and inference times, which can be particularly important in real-time or large-scale applications.
3. Finally, they can **improve the interpretability** of a model by focusing on the most important features and removing noise or irrelevant information. This can make it easier to understand how the model is making predictions and to identify which features are most important in driving those predictions.[[2]](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/importance-feature-selection-machine-learning-sadaf-mozaffari/)
4. **What are the different methods of feature selection and also mention the case when one technique is preferred over the other?**
5. **Filter Methods**:
   * **Method**: We can use a correlation matrix to find features that are highly correlated with the target variable or with each other. We can then select features with high correlation values.

**Example**: If we have a dataset with features like age, income, and purchase history, we can calculate the correlation between these features and the target variable (purchase decision). Features with high correlation values, such as income, might be selected for the model.

1. **Variance Thresholding**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing measurements, if a feature has near-zero variance (e.g., all values are almost the same), it can be removed as it does not provide much information.
   2. **Use Case**: Used in preprocessing to reduce dimensionality and remove features that do not vary much across samples.
2. **Correlation Coefficient**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features like temperature in Celsius and Fahrenheit, these two features are highly correlated and one can be removed to reduce redundancy.
   2. **Use Case**: Used to identify and remove redundant features, improving model interpretability and performance.
3. **Chi-Square Test**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing categorical variables like gender and purchase behavior, we can use the chi-square test to select the most relevant features for predicting purchase behavior.
   2. **Use Case**: Used in feature selection for classification tasks with categorical variables.
4. **Information Gain**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features like weather conditions and whether people go for a picnic, we can use information gain to select features that have the most impact on the decision to go for a picnic.
   2. **Use Case**: Used in decision tree-based models for feature selection to improve model performance and interpretability.
5. **Wrapper Methods**:
   * **Method**: We can use a wrapper method like forward selection to iteratively add features to the model and evaluate its performance until no further improvement is observed.

**Example**: We start with an empty set of features and add features one by one, evaluating the model's performance (e.g., accuracy, F1 score) at each step. We stop when adding more features does not significantly improve the model performance.

1. **Forward Selection**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing different marketing strategies, we can use forward selection to add features (strategies) one by one and select the best subset for predicting customer response.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when the goal is to find the best subset of features for a specific model.
2. **Backward Elimination**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with many features, we can use backward elimination to remove features that contribute less to the model's performance, improving computational efficiency.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when starting with all features and iteratively removing the least important ones is more efficient.
3. **Recursive Feature Elimination**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing different aspects of a product, we can use recursive feature elimination to select the most important features for predicting sales.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when the goal is to recursively remove features to find the best subset based on model performance.
4. **Embedded Methods**:
   * **Method**: We can use a model that automatically selects features during training, such as LASSO regression or tree-based methods like Random Forest.

**Example**: In LASSO regression, the model penalizes the absolute size of the coefficients, which leads to some coefficients being exactly zero. Features with non-zero coefficients are selected for the model.

1. **LASSO Regression**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing different aspects of a product, LASSO regression can be used to select the most important features for predicting sales.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when the goal is to perform feature selection as part of the model training process.
2. **Random Forest Feature Importance**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing different customer attributes, random forest feature importance can be used to select the most important features for predicting customer behavior.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when the goal is to use a random forest model for both prediction and feature selection.
3. **Hybrid Methods**:
   * **Method**: We can use a hybrid method like Boruta, which combines a random forest classifier with a wrapper method to select important features.

**Example**: Boruta works by comparing the importance of each feature from the random forest classifier with the importance of shadow features (randomly shuffled versions of the original features). If a feature's importance is significantly higher than the shadow features, it is considered important and selected for the model.

1. **Boruta**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing different product attributes, Boruta can be used to select the most important features for predicting sales by comparing feature importance with shadow features.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when the goal is to combine the strengths of random forest and wrapper methods for feature selection.
2. **Genetic Algorithms**:
   1. **Example**: In a dataset with features representing different customer attributes, genetic algorithms can be used to select the best subset of features for predicting customer behavior by evolving the feature subset over generations.
   2. **Use Case**: Used when the goal is to explore a large search space of feature subsets and find the best subset based on model performance.[[3]](https://chat.openai.com/share/2c6aeef1-aa62-4331-a34f-d78678b4d2b6)

**3. How do you decide which features to select or exclude from a dataset?**

In machine learning, feature selection is pivotal for model efficiency and accuracy. It starts with filter methods, using statistical tests like correlation or Chi-square to identify relevant features. Wrapper methods then refine this selection through algorithms like forward selection or backward elimination, iteratively evaluating feature sets based on model performance. Embedded methods, integrating feature selection within model training (e.g., using LASSO or Random Forest), offer a more comprehensive approach. Each method balances computational efficiency with the quest for optimal model performance, tailored to the dataset and modeling objectives.[[4]](https://www.linkedin.com/advice/0/what-best-way-determine-which-features-keep-discard-h37jf#:~:text=It%20starts%20with%20filter%20methods,sets%20based%20on%20model%20performance.)

1. **Domain Knowledge**: Start by understanding the domain of the problem you're working on. This can give you insights into which features are likely to be relevant.
2. **Feature Importance**: Use techniques like Random Forest's feature importance or LASSO regularization to rank features based on their contribution to the model. Select the most important features while excluding less important ones.
3. **Dimensionality Reduction**: Use techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA) or t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset while preserving the most important information.
4. **Cross-Validation**: Use cross-validation to evaluate the performance of different feature selection methods and select the one that gives the best performance on unseen data.

**4. How does feature selection help in improving the performance of ml model?**

In the machine learning process, feature selection is used to make the process more accurate. It also increases the prediction power of the algorithms by selecting the most critical variables and eliminating the redundant and irrelevant ones. This is why feature selection is important.

Three key benefits of feature selection are:

1. **Decreases over-fitting**  
   Fewer redundant data means fewer chances of making decisions based on noise.
2. **Improves Accuracy**    
   Less misleading data means better modeling accuracy.
3. **Reduces Training Time**    
   Less data means quicker algorithms.[[5]](https://h2o.ai/wiki/feature-selection/#:~:text=In%20the%20machine%20learning%20process,why%20feature%20selection%20is%20important.)

**5. What are the challenges associated with feature selection ?**

1. **Curse of Dimensionality**:
   * Example: Consider a text classification task where each unique word in a large corpus is a feature. If the vocabulary size is very large, the number of features (dimensions) in the dataset becomes extremely high. This high dimensionality can lead to sparsity in the data, making it difficult for the model to generalize well, especially if the dataset is small.
2. **Irrelevant Features**:
   * Example: In a dataset containing information about students such as their grades, attendance, and extracurricular activities, a feature like "student ID" is irrelevant for predicting academic performance and can be safely removed during feature selection.
3. **Correlated Features**:
   * Example: In a dataset about car attributes, such as mileage, engine size, and horsepower, mileage and fuel efficiency might be highly correlated, as cars with higher mileage tend to have lower fuel efficiency. Including both features in the model could lead to multicollinearity issues.[[6]](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/challenges-feature-selection-data-science-dr-nagaraj-s-/)
4. **Computational Complexity**:
   * Example: Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) is an iterative feature selection method that fits a model and removes the least important feature(s) in each iteration. For large datasets with many features, each iteration can be computationally expensive, as it involves training a model multiple times.
5. **Optimal Subset Selection**:
   * Example: In a dataset with 100 features, there are 21002100 possible subsets of features. Finding the subset that maximizes model performance by exhaustively searching through all possible subsets is computationally infeasible for all but the smallest datasets.
6. **Robustness to Noise**:
   * Example: In a dataset of medical images for diagnosing a disease, some images may be of low quality or contain artifacts. A robust feature selection method should be able to identify and exclude features that are influenced by noise.
7. **Dynamic Feature Importance**:
   * Example: In a model predicting stock prices, the importance of features like trading volume or price-to-earnings ratio may change over time based on market conditions. The feature selection process should be able to adapt to these changes to maintain model performance.
8. **Interactions between Features**:
   * Example: In a dataset of online shopping behavior, the interaction between features like "purchase frequency" and "product category" may reveal valuable patterns, even if neither feature alone is highly informative.
9. **Model Bias**:
   * Example: If a feature selection method has a bias towards selecting features that are continuous variables over categorical variables, it may overlook important categorical features, leading to bias in the model's predictions[[7]](https://chat.openai.com/share/8882ef79-9d1b-497f-81a0-a5f3090b97d4)

**6.** **Is it important to consider the domain knowledge, while applying feature selection and why ?**

Feature extraction does require domain expertise; however feature selection is a systematic process of finding either

* a subset of original features, or
* some combination of original features, or
* a transformation of original features,

such that the overall performance of the given task (classification, clustering, etc) may be improved.[[8]](https://www.quora.com/Does-selecting-features-require-domain-expertise)

Domain knowledge can help you identify what features are relevant, meaningful, and useful for your machine learning task. It can also help you avoid creating redundant, noisy, or irrelevant features that can degrade the model quality and increase the complexity. By using domain knowledge, you can extract more information from the data, create features that capture the underlying patterns and relationships, and select the most important features for your model.[[9]](https://www.linkedin.com/advice/1/how-can-you-use-domain-knowledge-engineer-relevant-rejec#:~:text=2-,1%20Why%20domain%20knowledge%20matters,quality%20and%20increase%20the%20complexity.)

**7. How to handle categorical features during the feature selection process?**

There are several types of categorical feature engineering techniques that can be applied to transform categorical variables into numerical or binary representations.[[10]](https://www.hopsworks.ai/post/feature-engineering-for-categorical-features-with-pandas)

Handling categorical features in feature engineering is crucial. For ordinal data, use label encoding to maintain order, and for nominal data, employ one-hot encoding. Frequency encoding replaces categories with their occurrence frequency. Target encoding uses the target variable's mean for each category. For high cardinality features, binary encoding or embeddings work well. Address missing values and ensure consistent encoding across datasets. Leverage domain knowledge for meaningful feature creation, consider regularization for high cardinality one-hot encoding, and handle rare categories. Choose encoding based on feature nature and model requirements, experimenting for optimal performance.[[11]](https://www.linkedin.com/advice/0/what-best-practices-handling-categorical-features#:~:text=Handling%20categorical%20features%20in%20feature%20engineering%20is%20crucial.,variable's%20mean%20for%20each%20category.)

Handling categorical data is an important aspect of many machine learning projects. In this tutorial, we have explored various techniques for analyzing and encoding categorical variables in Python, including one-hot encoding and label encoding, which are two commonly used techniques.[[12]](https://www.datacamp.com/tutorial/categorical-data)

**8. Can feature selection differ from dimensionality reduction techniques like PCA?**

Feature selection is a form of dimensionality reduction, but dimensionality reduction is strictly more general.

In feature selection, you pick some subset of the original features to include in your model. In dimensionality reduction, you’re looking for fewer features, but you aren’t constrained by the original feature set you’re given. You can use some transformation of them instead, as in [principal component analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principal_component_analysis).

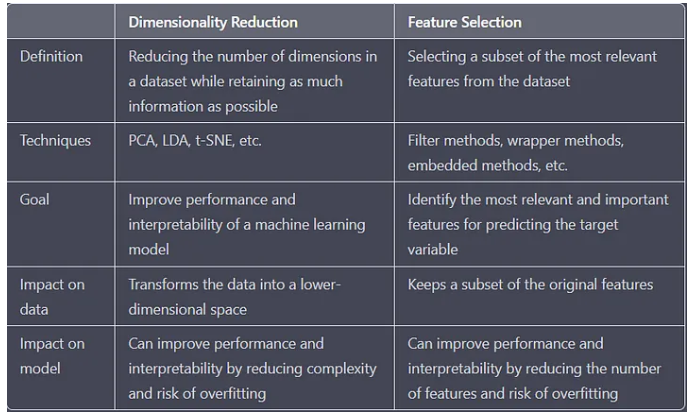
There can be two ways of reducing the number of features -

**First** - you select the top 20, 30 or n features that are important and chuck the rest. This means, you are selecting the important features as it is. That’s feature selection.

**Second** - you gather the most important information out of all the thousand features, keep this and dump everything else. In this case, you might have to transform the features to get the important information out. That’s dimensionality reduction.[[13]](https://www.quora.com/Whats-the-difference-between-dimensionality-reduction-and-feature-selection)

**Dimensionality reduction** involves reducing the number of input variables in a dataset by transforming the data into a lower-dimensional space. This can be achieved through techniques such as principal component analysis (PCA) or t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE). The goal of dimensionality reduction is to retain as much important information as possible while reducing the complexity of the data.

**Feature selection**, on the other hand, involves selecting a subset of the original features (input variables) in the dataset to use for training a model. This subset is chosen based on certain criteria, such as their relevance to the target variable, their correlation with other features, or their importance in predicting the target variable. Feature selection aims to improve the performance of the model by using only the most relevant features.[[14]](https://www.researchgate.net/post/What_is_the_basic_difference_between_Feature_Selection_and_Feature_Reduction)

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**9. How does the choice of machine learning algorithm affect the feature selection process?**

the choice of machine learning algorithm can affect the feature selection process, linking specific algorithms to their impact on feature selection:

1. **Decision Trees and Random Forests**:
   * **Impact on Feature Selection**: Decision trees and Random Forests can handle irrelevant features and noisy data well, as they only use features that are informative for splitting nodes. However, they can still benefit from feature selection to reduce overfitting and improve interpretability.
   * **Feature Selection Consideration**: While decision trees and Random Forests inherently perform feature selection, you may still want to apply feature selection techniques to reduce the number of features and improve computational efficiency.
2. **Linear Models (e.g., Logistic Regression, Linear SVM)**:
   * **Impact on Feature Selection**: Linear models are sensitive to irrelevant and correlated features, as they assume a linear relationship between features and the target variable. Removing irrelevant and correlated features can improve the stability and performance of linear models.
   * **Feature Selection Consideration**: Feature selection is crucial for linear models to improve model performance, reduce overfitting, and enhance interpretability. Techniques like Lasso regularization can automatically select important features by penalizing less important ones.
3. **Support Vector Machines (SVM)**:
   * **Impact on Feature Selection**: SVMs are effective for high-dimensional data but do not inherently provide feature importance estimates. Feature selection is important for SVMs to reduce dimensionality and improve model performance.
   * **Feature Selection Consideration**: Techniques like recursive feature elimination (RFE) can be applied with SVMs to select the most important features based on their impact on the SVM's performance.
4. **Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM)**:
   * **Impact on Feature Selection**: GBM models like XGBoost and LightGBM provide built-in feature importance measures, which can guide the feature selection process. They are less sensitive to irrelevant features but can benefit from feature selection to improve model performance.
   * **Feature Selection Consideration**: You can use the feature importance measures provided by GBM models to select a subset of features that are most important for the model's predictions.
5. **Neural Networks**:
   * **Impact on Feature Selection**: Neural networks can automatically learn hierarchical representations of the data, making them less dependent on explicit feature selection. However, feature selection can still be beneficial for reducing complexity and improving training efficiency.
   * **Feature Selection Consideration**: Feature selection for neural networks can be challenging, as it may require experimenting with different architectures and regularization techniques to achieve the desired level of feature selection.

In summary, the choice of machine learning algorithm can influence the importance and impact of feature selection. Understanding how different algorithms handle features can help you choose the right feature selection strategy to improve model performance and interpretability.[[15]](https://chat.openai.com/share/8882ef79-9d1b-497f-81a0-a5f3090b97d4)

**10. Can feature selection be automated and if so , what are some automated techniques used for this purposes?**

1. **Filter Methods:**
   * **Automation:** Filter methods automate feature selection by calculating a statistical metric for each feature and ranking them based on this metric. Features that meet a certain threshold are selected.
   * **Implementation:** For example, in Python using scikit-learn, you can use the **SelectKBest** class along with a specific metric (e.g., chi-squared, ANOVA F-value) to select the top k features.
2. **Wrapper Methods:**
   * **Automation:** Wrapper methods automate feature selection by iteratively training a model with different subsets of features and selecting the subset that yields the best performance.
   * **Implementation:** Using scikit-learn, you can use classes like **RFECV** (Recursive Feature Elimination with Cross-Validation) to automatically select the best features based on the model's performance.
3. **Embedded Methods:**
   * **Automation:** Embedded methods automate feature selection by incorporating feature selection into the model training process. The model penalizes the coefficients of less important features, effectively selecting the most relevant ones.
   * **Implementation:** For example, using scikit-learn, you can use models like **Lasso** or **ElasticNet** with appropriate regularization parameters to perform feature selection during model training.
4. **Principal Component Analysis (PCA):**
   * **Automation:** PCA automates feature selection by transforming the original features into a new set of linearly uncorrelated features (principal components) that explain the most variance in the data.
   * **Implementation:** You can use the **PCA** class in scikit-learn to perform PCA and then select the desired number of principal components based on the explained variance ratio.
5. **Tree-based Methods:**
   * **Automation:** Tree-based methods automate feature selection by calculating feature importance scores based on how frequently a feature is used to split the data in the trees.
   * **Implementation:** In scikit-learn, you can train a Random Forest or Gradient Boosting model and then use the **feature\_importances\_** attribute to get the importance scores for each feature.[[16]](https://chat.openai.com/share/eabe5838-5197-49ee-bd29-7ff51fd72205)[[17]](https://www.perplexity.ai/search/Can-feature-selection-iLFLQcBPTOScZvaONvTiZA#2)

**11. What are some common evaluation metrics used to access the efficiency of feature selection?**

**12. How do you evaluate the effectiveness of a feature selection technique?**

Before selecting a feature selection algorithm, it is important to define criteria for evaluation. These criteria can vary depending on the problem, data, and objectives, but accuracy, stability, complexity, and scalability are some common ones. Accuracy measures how well the feature selection algorithm improves predictive power on unseen data; stability assesses how consistent the algorithm is across different data sets; complexity considers how many features are retained and how understandable they are; and scalability evaluates how quickly and efficiently the algorithm works with large or high-dimensional data sets. Ranking and comparing different feature selection algorithms based on these criteria can help you choose the one that best suits your needs. While both cross-validation and bootstrapping are used in feature selection, they serve different purposes and have distinct applications in feature selection.

Cross-validation evaluates a feature selection algorithm's generalization ability by dividing the data into several folds, using each fold once as a testing set while training the model on the remaining folds. This repeated process provides multiple estimates of the model's generalization error. Bootstrapping assesses a feature selection algorithm's uncertainty by repeatedly resampling the data with replacement to create new datasets. The algorithm is applied to each dataset, and the selected features are recorded.

Evaluating your feature selection algorithms is essential when it comes to data science, as it can have a major impact on your model's accuracy and interpretability. To simplify and streamline this process, there are several tools available, such as Scikit-learn, Boruta, and MLxtend. Scikit-learn provides a variety of feature selection algorithms and methods, while Boruta uses random forests as its base model. MLxtend offers advanced feature selection algorithms such as sequential feature selection and exhaustive feature selection. Utilizing these tools can help you gain more insight into your feature selection decisions, and enhance the overall effectiveness of your machine learning solutions.[[18]](https://www.linkedin.com/advice/0/what-most-effective-ways-evaluate-feature-selection-fanjc#:~:text=Accuracy%20measures%20how%20well%20the,evaluates%20how%20quickly%20and%20efficiently)

**13. Is there any case where feature selection is not important?**

1. **Small Datasets**: In some cases, when the dataset is small, feature selection may not be necessary. With a small number of features, the model may be able to learn effectively from all available features without overfitting.
2. **Highly Correlated Features**: If the dataset contains highly correlated features, removing one of the correlated features through feature selection may not significantly impact the model's performance. In such cases, feature selection may not be a priority.
3. **Domain Knowledge**: In domains where domain knowledge plays a crucial role, feature selection techniques may not be as effective. Domain experts may prefer to include all available features or use their expertise to manually select features based on their knowledge of the problem.
4. **Robust Models**: Some machine learning models, such as Random Forests and Gradient Boosting Machines, are robust to irrelevant features. These models can automatically handle feature selection internally, making external feature selection less critical.
5. **Computational Resources**: Feature selection techniques can be computationally expensive, especially for large datasets with a high number of features. In cases where computational resources are limited, it may be more practical to use simpler models with all features rather than performing feature selection.[[19]](https://chat.openai.com/share/eabe5838-5197-49ee-bd29-7ff51fd72205)

[The feature selection problem is NP-hard](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00949658208810560?casa_token=pQPgnwLItcAAAAAA%3AuPT20cBuQ1kv42Pj3CCziVax_59wStJt2hmTgjKZqlYfzxhrMu3UBJsGrqfU8r3tl-I-xTL1cEU). There are several approaches to solve the problem exactly (also called the best subset selection problem) only for linear models. Although the results are promising, exact approaches are only able to handle a few hundred or thousand variables at most (so, they are not applicable on high dimensional data)[[20]](https://towardsdatascience.com/do-we-really-need-feature-selection-in-a-data-analysis-pipeline-dc8401621c6c" \l ":~:text=Indeed%2C%20asymptotically%20(i.e.%2C%20as,selection%20problem%20has%20several%20advantages.)

**14. Is there any pre-processing required while applying feature selection?**

Yes, there are some preprocessing steps that are typically performed before applying feature selection techniques. These steps help prepare the data and improve the effectiveness of feature selection. Some common preprocessing steps include:

1. **Handling Missing Values:** Missing values can affect the performance of feature selection techniques. You can choose to impute missing values (e.g., using the mean, median, or mode) or remove rows/columns with missing values.
2. **Encoding Categorical Variables:** Most machine learning algorithms require numerical input, so categorical variables need to be encoded. This can be done using techniques like one-hot encoding or label encoding.
3. **Scaling Features:** Features may have different scales, which can affect the performance of certain feature selection techniques. It's common to scale features to have a similar scale, using techniques like standardization or normalization.
4. **Removing Constant or Quasi-Constant Features:** Features that have the same value for the majority of observations (constant) or almost the same value (quasi-constant) may not provide much information and can be removed.[[21]](https://chat.openai.com/share/85225e17-c8e1-4d23-bbfb-ca237d843691)

**15. How does feature selection help in reducing the overfitting in the ml model?**

1. **Reduced Complexity:** By selecting only the most important features, the model becomes simpler with fewer parameters. A simpler model is less likely to overfit because it has less capacity to memorize noise in the data.
2. **Prevents Memorization of Noise:** Overfitting occurs when a model learns the noise in the training data as if it were a real pattern. Feature selection helps remove noisy features, reducing the chances of overfitting by preventing the model from learning these spurious correlations.
3. **Better Generalization:** By focusing on the most relevant features, feature selection helps the model generalize better to unseen data. It ensures that the model learns the underlying patterns in the data rather than memorizing noise.
4. **Improved Model Performance:** Removing irrelevant or redundant features can improve the model’s performance by allowing it to focus on the most important features, leading to more accurate predictions.
5. **Faster Training:** With fewer features, the model requires less time and computational resources to train. This can be especially beneficial when working with large datasets or complex models.

Overall, feature selection helps reduce overfitting by simplifying the model, preventing the memorization of noise, and focusing on the most relevant features, leading to better generalization and improved performance.[[22]](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/how-can-feature-selection-reduce-overfitting/)

Overfitting occurs when a machine learning model becomes excessively complex, capturing noise or irrelevant patterns from the training data. This leads to poor performance when applied to unseen data. Feature selection acts as a powerful tool to combat overfitting by identifying and retaining only the most informative and significant features for model training. By reducing the number of features, feature selection mitigates the risk of overfitting by eliminating redundant or irrelevant information. This simplification allows the model to focus on the most meaningful patterns and relationships within the data, improving its ability to generalize and make accurate predictions on new, unseen examples.[[23]](https://www.linkedin.com/advice/0/how-can-feature-selection-reduce-overfitting-esfkc#:~:text=Feature%20selection%20acts%20as%20a,eliminating%20redundant%20or%20irrelevant%20information.)