# sklearn.model selection.GridSearchCV

class sklearn.model\_selection.**GridSearchCV**(estimator, param\_grid, \*, scoring=None, n\_jobs=None, refit=True, cv=None, verbose=0, pre\_dispatch='2\*n\_jobs', error\_score=nan, return\_train\_score=False) ¶ [sou

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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 "score\_samples", "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

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 (str) 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: str, callable, list, tuple or dict, default=None

Strategy to evaluate the performance of the cross-validated model on the test set.

If scoring represents a single score, one can use:

- a single string (see The scoring parameter: defining model evaluation rules);
- a callable (see <u>Defining your scoring strategy from metric functions</u>) that returns a single value.

If scoring represents multiple scores, one can use:

- a list or tuple of unique strings;
- a callable returning a dictionary where the keys are the metric names and the values are the metric scores;
- a dictionary with metric names as keys and callables a values.

See <u>Specifying multiple metrics for evaluation</u> for an example.

## n\_jobs: int, default=None

Number of jobs to run in parallel. None means 1 unless in a <u>joblib.parallel\_backend</u> context. -1 means using all processors. See <u>Glossary</u> for more details.

Changed in version v0.20: n\_jobs default changed from 1 to None

## refit: bool, str, or callable, default=True

Refit an estimator using the best found parameters on the whole dataset.

For multiple metric evaluation, this needs to be a str denoting the scorer that would be used to find the best parameters for refitting the estimator at the end.

Where there are considerations other than maximum score in choosing a best estimator, refit can be set to a function which returns the selected best\_index\_ given cv\_results\_. In that case, the best\_estimator\_ and best\_params\_ will be set according to the returned best\_index\_ while the best\_score\_ attribute will not be available.

The refitted estimator is made available at the best\_estimator\_ attribute and permits using predict directly on this GridSearchCV instance.

Also for multiple metric evaluation, the attributes best\_index\_, best\_score\_ and best\_params\_ will only be available if refit is set and all of them will be determined w.r.t this specific scorer.

See scoring parameter to know more about multiple metric evaluation.

See <u>Custom refit strategy of a grid search with cross-validation</u> to see how to design a custom selection strategy using a callable via refit.

Changed in version 0.20: Support for callable added.

## cv: int, cross-validation generator or an iterable, default=None

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

- None, to use the default 5-fold cross validation,
- integer, to specify the number of folds in a (Stratified)KFold,
- CV splitter,
- An iterable yielding (train, test) splits as arrays of indices.

For integer/None inputs, if the estimator is a classifier and y is either binary or multiclass, <u>StratifiedKFold</u> is used. In all other cases, <u>KFold</u> is used. These splitters are instantiated with <u>shuffle=False</u> so the splits will be the same across calls.

Refer <u>User Guide</u> for the various cross-validation strategies that can be used here.

Changed in version 0.22: cv default value if None changed from 3-fold to 5-fold.

#### verbose: int

Controls the verbosity: the higher, the more messages.

- >1: the computation time for each fold and parameter candidate is displayed;
- >2: the score is also displayed;
- >3: the fold and candidate parameter indexes are also displayed together with the starting time of the computation.

## pre\_dispatch : int, or str, default='2\*n\_jobs'

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 str, giving an expression as a function of n\_jobs, as in '2\*n\_jobs'

## error\_score : 'raise' or numeric, default=np.nan

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.

## return\_train\_score : bool, default=False

If False, the cv\_results\_ attribute will not include training scores. Computing training scores is used to get insights on how different parameter settings impact the overfitting/underfitting trade-off. However computing the scores on the training set can be computationally expensive and is not strictly required to select the parameters that yield the best generalization performance.

New in version 0.19.

Changed in version 0.21: Default value was changed from True to False

#### **Attributes:**

## cv\_results\_: dict of numpy (masked) ndarrays

A dict with keys as column headers and values as columns, that can be imported into a pandas DataFrame.

For instance the below given table

param_kernel	param_gamma	param_degree	split0_test_score	•••	rank_t
'poly'	_	2	0.80		2
'poly'	_	3	0.70		4
'rbf'	0.1	_	0.80		3
'rbf'	0.2	_	0.93		1

will be represented by a cv\_results\_ dict of:

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'param_kernel': masked_array(data = ['poly', 'poly', 'rbf', 'rbf'],
                             mask = [False False False False]...)
'param gamma': masked array(data = [-- -0.1 \ 0.2],
                           mask = [ True True False False]...),
'param_degree': masked_array(data = [2.0 3.0 -- --],
                             mask = [False False True True]...),
'split0_test_score' : [0.80, 0.70, 0.80, 0.93],
'split1_test_score' : [0.82, 0.50, 0.70, 0.78],
'mean test score'
                    : [0.81, 0.60, 0.75, 0.85],
                    : [0.01, 0.10, 0.05, 0.08],
'std test score'
'rank_test_score'
                    : [2, 4, 3, 1],
'split0_train_score' : [0.80, 0.92, 0.70, 0.93],
'split1_train_score' : [0.82, 0.55, 0.70, 0.87],
'mean_train_score'
                    : [0.81, 0.74, 0.70, 0.90],
'std_train_score'
                    : [0.01, 0.19, 0.00, 0.03],
'mean_fit_time'
                    : [0.73, 0.63, 0.43, 0.49],
'std_fit_time'
                    : [0.01, 0.02, 0.01, 0.01],
'mean_score_time'
                    : [0.01, 0.06, 0.04, 0.04],
                   : [0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.01],
'std_score_time'
'params'
                     : [{'kernel': 'poly', 'degree': 2}, ...],
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## NOTE

The key 'params' is used to store a list of parameter settings dicts for all the parameter candidates.

The mean\_fit\_time, std\_fit\_time, mean\_score\_time and std\_score\_time are all in seconds.

For multi-metric evaluation, the scores for all the scorers are available in the cv\_results\_ dict at the keys ending with that scorer's name ('\_<scorer\_name>') instead of '\_score' shown above. ('split0\_test\_precision', 'mean\_train\_precision' etc.)

### 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.

See refit parameter for more information on allowed values.

## best\_score\_: float

Mean cross-validated score of the best\_estimator

For multi-metric evaluation, this is present only if refit is specified.

This attribute is not available if refit is a function.

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#### pest\_params\_: aict

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

For multi-metric evaluation, this is present only if refit is specified.

#### best index : int

The index (of the cv\_results\_ arrays) which corresponds to the best candidate parameter setting.

The dict at search.cv\_results\_['params'][search.best\_index\_] gives the parameter setting for the best model, that gives the highest mean score (search.best\_score\_).

For multi-metric evaluation, this is present only if refit is specified.

#### scorer\_: function or a dict

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

For multi-metric evaluation, this attribute holds the validated scoring dict which maps the scorer key to the scorer callable.

#### n\_splits\_: int

The number of cross-validation splits (folds/iterations).

## refit\_time\_: float

Seconds used for refitting the best model on the whole dataset.

This is present only if refit is not False.

New in version 0.20.

## multimetric\_: bool

Whether or not the scorers compute several metrics.

## classes\_: ndarray of shape (n\_classes,)

Class labels.

## n features in : int

Number of features seen during fit.

## feature\_names\_in\_: ndarray of shape (n\_features\_in\_,)

Names of features seen during <u>fit</u>. Only defined if <u>best\_estimator\_</u> is defined (see the documentation for the <u>refit</u> parameter for more details) and that <u>best\_estimator\_</u> exposes feature\_names\_in\_ when fit.

New in version 1.0.

## See also:

#### **ParameterGrid**

Generates all the combinations of a hyperparameter grid.

## <u>train\_test\_split</u>

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**

### Methods

<pre>decision_function(X)</pre>	Call decision_function on the estimator with the best found parameters.			
<pre>fit(X[, y, groups])</pre>	Run fit with all sets of parameters.			
<pre>get_metadata_routing()</pre>	Get metadata routing of this object.			
<pre>get_params([deep])</pre>	Get parameters for this estimator.			
<pre>inverse_transform(Xt)</pre>	Call inverse_transform on the estimator with the best found params.			
<pre>predict(X)</pre>	Call predict on the estimator with the best found parameters.			
<pre>predict_log_proba(X)</pre>	Call $predict\_log\_proba$ on the estimator with the best found parameters.			
<pre>predict_proba(X)</pre>	Call predict_proba on the estimator with the best found parameters.			
<pre>score(X[, y])</pre>	Return the score on the given data, if the estimator has been refit.			
<pre>score_samples(X)</pre>	Call score_samples on the estimator with the best found parameters.			
<pre>set_fit_request(*[, groups])</pre>	Request metadata passed to the fit method.			
<pre>set params(**params)</pre>	Set the parameters of this estimator.			
transform(X)	Call transform on the estimator with the best found parameters.			

## property classes\_

Class labels.

Only available when refit=True and the estimator is a classifier.

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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.

## Parameters:

## X: indexable, length n\_samples

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

### Returns:

y\_score: ndarray of shape (n\_samples,) or (n\_samples, n\_classes) or (n\_samples, n\_classes \* (n\_classes-1) / 2)

Result of the decision function for X based on the estimator with the best found parameters.

fit(X, y=None, \*, groups=None, \*\*fit\_params)

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Run fit with all sets of parameters.

#### Parameters:

### X: array-like of 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 of shape (n\_samples, n\_output) or (n\_samples,), default=None

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

#### groups: array-like of shape (n\_samples,), default=None

Group labels for the samples used while splitting the dataset into train/test set. Only used in conjunction with a "Group" cv instance (e.g., GroupKFold).

## \*\*fit\_params : dict of str -> object

Parameters passed to the fit method of the estimator.

If a fit parameter is an array-like whose length is equal to  $num\_samples$  then it will be split across CV groups along with X and y. For example, the <u>sample\_weight</u> parameter is split because  $len(sample\_weights) = len(X)$ .

#### **Returns:**

## self: object

Instance of fitted estimator.

## get\_metadata\_routing()

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Get metadata routing of this object.

Please check <u>User Guide</u> on how the routing mechanism works.

## **Returns:**

## routing: MetadataRequest

A **MetadataRequest** encapsulating routing information.

## get\_params(deep=True)

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Get parameters for this estimator.

## Parameters:

## deep: bool, default=True

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

## Returns:

#### params: dict

Parameter names mapped to their values.

## inverse\_transform(Xt)

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Call inverse\_transform on the estimator with the best found params.

Only available if the underlying estimator implements inverse\_transform and refit=True.

#### **Parameters:**

### Xt: indexable, length n\_samples

Must fulfill the input assumptions of the underlying estimator.

#### Returns:

## X: {ndarray, sparse matrix} of shape (n\_samples, n\_features)

Result of the inverse\_transform function for Xt based on the estimator with the best found parameters.

## property n\_features\_in\_

Number of features seen during fit.

Only available when refit=True.

predict(X)
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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.

#### **Returns:**

## y\_pred : ndarray of shape (n\_samples,)

The predicted labels or values for X based on the estimator with the best found parameters.

## 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.

#### **Returns:**

## y\_pred : ndarray of shape (n\_samples,) or (n\_samples, n\_classes)

Predicted class log-probabilities for X based on the estimator with the best found parameters. The order of the classes corresponds to that in the fitted attribute <u>classes</u>.

## predict\_proba(X) [source]

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.

#### Returns:

#### y\_pred : ndarray of shape (n\_samples,) or (n\_samples, n\_classes)

Predicted class probabilities for X based on the estimator with the best found parameters. The order of the classes corresponds to that in the fitted attribute <u>classes</u>.

score(X, y=None) [source]

Return 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 of shape (n\_samples, n\_features)

Input data, where n samples is the number of samples and n features is the number of features.

## y: array-like of shape (n\_samples, n\_output) or (n\_samples,), default=None

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

#### **Returns:**

## score: float

The score defined by scoring if provided, and the best\_estimator\_.score method otherwise.

score\_samples(X)
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Call score\_samples on the estimator with the best found parameters.

Only available if refit=True and the underlying estimator supports score\_samples.

New in version 0.24.

## **Parameters:**

## X : iterable

Data to predict on. Must fulfill input requirements of the underlying estimator.

#### **Returns:**

## y\_score : ndarray of shape (n\_samples,)

The best\_estimator\_.score\_samples method.

set\_fit\_request(\*, groups: <u>Union[bool</u>, <u>None</u>, <u>str</u>] = '\$UNCHANGED\$') → <u>GridSearchCV</u>

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Request metadata passed to the fit method.

Note that this method is only relevant if enable\_metadata\_routing=True (see <a href="sklearn.set\_config">sklearn.set\_config</a>). Please see <a href="User Guide">User Guide</a> on how the routing mechanism works.

The options for each parameter are:

- True: metadata is requested, and passed to fit if provided. The request is ignored if metadata is not provided.
- False: metadata is not requested and the meta-estimator will not pass it to fit.
- None: metadata is not requested, and the meta-estimator will raise an error if the user provides it.

• str: metadata should be passed to the meta-estimator with this given alias instead of the original name.

The default (sklearn.utils.metadata\_routing.UNCHANGED) retains the existing request. This allows you to change the request for some parameters and not others.

New in version 1.3.

**Note:** This method is only relevant if this estimator is used as a sub-estimator of a meta-estimator, e.g. used inside a <a href="Pipeline">Pipeline</a>. Otherwise it has no effect.

#### Parameters:

groups: str, True, False, or None, default=sklearn.utils.metadata\_routing.UNCHANGED

Metadata routing for groups parameter in fit.

#### **Returns:**

## self: object

The updated object.

## 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 <u>Pipeline</u>). The latter have parameters of the form <a href="component">component</a>>\_\_<parameter> so that it's possible to update each component of a nested object.

#### **Parameters:**

\*\*params: dict

Estimator parameters.

## Returns:

self: estimator instance

Estimator instance.

## 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

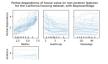
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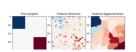
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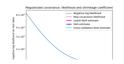
Xt: {ndarray, sparse matrix} of shape (n\_samples, n\_features)

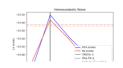
X transformed in the new space based on the estimator with the best found parameters.

## Examples using sklearn.model\_selection.GridSearchCV













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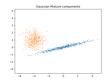
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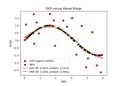
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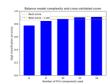
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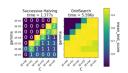
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Comparing randomized search and grid search for hyperparameter estimation



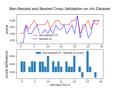
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Custom refit strategy of a grid search with cross-validation



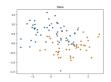
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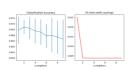
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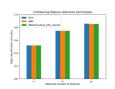
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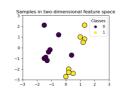
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