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Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You work as a machine learning specialist for a mobile network operator who builds an analytics platform to analyze and optimize its operations by leveraging machine learning.

You receive your data from source systems that send data in CSV format in real-time. You require to transform the data to the parquet format before storing it on S3. From there, you plan to use the data in SageMaker AutoPilot to help you find the best machine learning pipeline for your analytics problem.

Which option solves your data analysis machine learning problem in the most efficient manner?

- A. Ingest the CSV data using MSK running on EC2 instances and use Kafka Connect S3 to convert the data to the parquet format.
- B. Ingest the CSV data using Kinesis Data Streams. Convert the data to the parquet format using Glue.
- C. Ingest the CSV data using Spark Structured Streaming in an EMR cluster. Convert data to the parquet format using Spark.
- ☒ D. Ingest the CSV data using Kinesis Data Streams and use Kinesis Data Firehose, leveraging a Lambda function to transform the data from CSV to JSON, then convert the data to the parquet format. right

### Explanation:

**Answer: D**

**Option A is incorrect.** Implementing the solution using MSK on EC2 instances requires more work than the other options.

**Option B is incorrect.** Unless you are using Glue streaming ETL, which is not explicitly stated in the question, you should not use Glue on streaming data.

**Option C is incorrect.** This option also requires more work (spinning up an EMR cluster) than simply using Kinesis Data Streams, Kinesis Data Firehose, and Lambda (all managed services).

**Option D is CORRECT.** You can ingest the streaming CSV data using Kinesis Data Streams, a managed service. Then use Kinesis Data Firehose and Lambda (also both managed services) to first convert the data from CSV to JSON (Kinesis Data Firehose transformation requires that the data be in the JSON format) then use the Kinesis Data Firehose parquet transformation to convert the data to parquet.

### Reference:

Please see the [AWS blog](#) titled **Stream Real-Time Data in Apache Parquet or ORC Format Using Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose**.

Please refer to the [Kinesis Data Firehose developer guide](#) titled **Converting Your Input Record Format in Kinesis Data Firehose**.

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Question 2

Correct

Domain: Exploratory Data Analysis

You are a machine learning specialist for a manufacturing company that has ingested structured and semi-structured manufacturing process data into their S3 buckets in their corporate data lake. Your data scientists now want to use SQL to run queries on this data to build manufacturing process KPI dashboards using a business intelligence tool.

Which option gives your data scientists the analysis and visualization capabilities they need most efficiently?

- ☐ A. Transform the structured and semi-structured manufacturing process data into the parquet format using AWS Data Pipeline and then load the data into RDS from which your data scientists can run queries. Provide Kibana to your data scientists as the data visualization tool.
- ☒ B. Catalog the structured and semi-structured manufacturing process data using a Glue crawler to populate your Glue data catalog. Then have your data scientists use Athena to run queries on their manufacturing data. Finally, the data scientists can build their KPI dashboards using the QuickSight Athena dataset feature. right
- ☐ C. Transform the structured and semi-structured manufacturing process data then load the data into Aurora using an AWS Batch ETL job. Have your data scientists use a SQL tool to query the manufacturing data stored in Aurora and visualize the results by building their KPI dashboards using the QuickSight Aurora dataset feature
- ☐ D. Transform the structured and semi-structured manufacturing process data into the parquet format using a Lambda function and use Kinesis Data Analytics to run queries and build the KPI dashboard visualizations.

## Explanation:

Answer: B

**Option A is incorrect.** Using AWS Data Pipeline to transform and load the data into RDS is not the most efficient option listed. Also, Kibana is best used as a visualization tool with AWS Elasticsearch, not RDS.

**Option B is CORRECT.** The AWS Glue crawler is the best option listed for making your manufacturing data available to a query tool like Athena by cataloging the data in your Glue data catalog. Athena is built to leverage the Glue data catalog to enable simple, efficient query capabilities for data stored in S3. Finally, QuickSight integrates directly with Athena through its Athena dataset connector. QuickSight has KPI dashboard capabilities built into it, making it the best BI visualization tool for your data scientists.

**Option C is incorrect.** Using AWS Aurora as the data store for your data scientist visualization work is far too complex. You would have to create the Aurora schema and database implementation. The Glue data catalog and Athena option are much more efficient.

**Option D is incorrect.** Using Lambda and Kinesis Data Analytics as the data source provider solution for your data scientist visualization work is far too complex. You would have to write the Lambda function code to process your manufacturing data. The AGlue data catalog and Athena option are much more efficient.

**Reference:**

Please see the **Towards Data Science** article titled **Getting Started with Data Analysis on AWS**.

Please refer to the **AWS Big Data blog** titled **Analyzing Data in S3 using Amazon Athena**.

Please review the **AWS Big Data blog** titled **Build a Data Lake Foundation with AWS Glue and Amazon S3**.

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**Question 3**

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You are a machine learning specialist working for a language translation department of a major university. Your university has developed a mobile/web app that translates across different languages. You are now in the process of adding some of the more obscure languages in the far north area of the Arctic, such as Inuktun, Nganasan, and Dolgan. These languages are spoken by very few people in their regions so you have had to build your own data sources of the language patterns for each region.

Your machine learning team has decided to use Amazon Kendra to build an indexed searchable document repository. Your team needs to use the Kendra service to explore their language data in order to clean the data to prepare it for use in your language translation software. Your team has created your Kendra index and has added your data sources (HTML files, plain text files, PDFs, Word documents, PowerPoint presentations) in your S3 bucket to your index using the Kendra BatchPutDocument API call. However, you see in your CloudWatch logs an HTTP status code of 400 and some of your documents have not been successfully indexed.

What could be the source of the indexing failure?

- ☐ A. The total size of your files from your S3 bucket exceeds 25 MB
- ☒ B. The text extracted from an individual Word document exceeds 5 MB right
- ☐ C. PDF documents are not supported by the Kendra BatchPutDocument API call
- ☐ D. Microsoft PowerPoint presentations are not supported by the Kendra BatchPutDocument API call

**Explanation:**

**Answer: B**

**Option A is incorrect.** The limit for the total size of your files from your S3 bucket is 50 MB, not 25 MB.

**Option B is CORRECT.** One of the limits for Kendra documents is that text extracted from an individual document cannot exceed 5 MB.

**Option C is incorrect.** Kendra supports the following unstructured document types: HTML files, Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, Microsoft Word documents, plain text documents, and PDFs.

**Option D is incorrect.** Kendra supports the following unstructured document types: HTML files, Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, Microsoft Word documents, plain text documents, and PDFs.

#### Reference:

Please see the [Amazon Kendra developer guide](#) titled **Types of Documents**.

Please refer to the [Amazon Kendra developer guide](#) titled **Quotas for Amazon Kendra**.

Please review the [Amazon Kendra developer guide](#) titled **Common Errors**.

Please refer to the [Amazon Kendra developer guide](#) titled **BatchPutDocument**.

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#### Question 4

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You are a machine learning specialist at a company that is exploring conversational user interface application development. As an experiment, your team is building a natural language processing application. Your application needs to process the transcribed conversation data from your conversational user interface. For training, you are starting with a dataset comprising 5 million sentences. You plan to run a model based on the Word2Vec algorithm to generate embeddings of the sentences. This will allow your team to make different types of predictions.

Based on this example sentence: "My funny LARGE MEME went over the audience's head."

Which operations should your team perform to sanitize and prepare the data in a repeatable manner? (CHOOSE THREE)

- ☐ A. Correct the spelling of "funny" to "funny" and "audiences" to "audience's."
- ☐ B. Perform normalization by making the sentence lowercase. right
- ☐ C. Using an English stopword dictionary, remove all stop words. right
- ☐ D. Use One-hot encoding on the sentence.
- ☐ E. Use part-of-speech tagging to keep the action verbs and the nouns only.
- ☐ F. Perform tokenization of the sentence, creating a word vector. right

## Explanation:

Answers: B, C and F

**Option A is incorrect.** In natural language processing, the spelling of words has a relatively lower bearing on the importance of the word.

**Option B is CORRECT.** Using normalization, you change all text so that it is on the same level. For example, converting all characters to lowercase. This allows algorithms like Bag Of Words and Word2Vec to perform more accurately.

**Option C is CORRECT.** Removing stop words like not, nor, never, etc., which are the most common words in a given language. Removing these words allows your algorithm to focus on differentiating words.

**Option D is incorrect.** One-hot-encoding is a technique used to encode categorical data.

**Option E is incorrect.** Using part-of-speech tagging to keep only the action verbs and nouns, you would strip the conversation data of much of its meaning. The example sentence would become: Meme went head.

**Option F is CORRECT.** NLP algorithms like Word2Vec work best with tokenized data as their input.

## Reference:

Please see the **article** titled **Natural Language Processing: Text Data Vectorization**.

Please refer to the **Towards Data Science article** titled **NLP: Extracting the main topics from your dataset using LDA in minutes**.

Please see the **Towards Data Science article** titled **NLP Text Preprocessing: A Practical Guide and Template**.

Please see the **Towards Data Science article** titled **3 basic approaches in Bag of Words which are better than Word Embeddings**.

Please see the **Towards Data Science article** titled **Treat Negation Stopwords Differently According to Your NLP Task**.

Please see the **Machine Learning Mastery article** titled **Why One-Hot Encode Data in Machine Learning?**.

Please see the **article** titled **How to get started with Word2Vec — and then how to make it work**.

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Question 5

Correct

Domain: Exploratory Data Analysis

You are a machine learning specialist at an online car retailer. Your machine learning team has been tasked with building models to predict car sales and customer conversion rates. The dataset you are using has a large number of features, over 1,000. Your team plans to use linear models, such as linear regression and logistic regression, in a SageMaker Studio environment. When your team performs exploratory data analysis in their SageMaker Studio jupyter notebooks, they notice that many features are highly correlated with each other. Your tech lead has indicated that this may make your models unstable.

Which option would help you reduce the impact of having such a large number of features?

- A. Use dot product on the highly correlated features.
- ☒ B. Use Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to create a new feature space right
- C. One-hot-encode the highly correlated features.
- D. Use TF-IDF encoding to reduce the impact of the highly correlated features.

### Explanation:

Answer: B

**Option A is incorrect.** Dot product or matrix multiplication will not reduce the impact of having 1,000 features in your dataset. It is used in deep learning for operations such as the Softmax function.

**Option B is CORRECT.** Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a very common technique used in machine learning to reduce the dimensionality of your dataset. Reducing the dimensionality reduces the impact of having a large number of correlated features.

**Option C is incorrect.** One-hot-encoding is a technique used to encode categorical data. One-hot-encoding will actually increase the number of features in your dataset.

**Option D is incorrect.** TF-IDF, or Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency, is used to indicate the importance of a word in a document in a collection or corpus. You are dealing with sales data and conversion rates, not text datasets.

### Reference:

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Amazon SageMaker Studio**.

Please refer to the [Data Science Bootcamp article](#) titled **Understand Dot Products Matrix Multiplications Usage in Deep Learning in Minutes — beginner friendly tutorial**.

Please see the [Data Science Bootcamp article](#) titled **Understand the Softmax Function in Minutes**.

Please see the [article](#) titled **A simple guide to One-hot Encoding, tf and tf-idf Representation**.

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Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You work on a machine learning team at an online reseller of consumer products. You are performing feature engineering of your product data where you have a large, multi-column dataset with one column missing 40% of its data. Your team lead thinks that you can use some of the columns in the dataset to create the missing data.

Which feature engineering is the best approach to create approximate replacements for the missing data while also preserving the integrity of the dataset?

- A. Binning
- B. Yeo-Johnson transformation
- ☒ C. Multivariate imputation right
- D. Mean imputation

**Explanation:****Answer: C**

**Option A is incorrect.** Binning is used for grouping values. It is used to minimize the impact of observation errors. Binning would not help you create approximate replacements for missing values.

**Option B is incorrect.** Yeo-Johnson transformation is used to give your data a more Gaussian distribution. It is not used to create approximate replacements for the missing data.

**Option C is CORRECT.** With multivariate imputation, you use other variables in the data set to predict missing values.

**Option D is incorrect.** Mean imputation replaces the missing values with the mean of observed values of that variable. This approach is the most simplistic method of the imputation of missing values. The multivariate imputation method is much more accurate.

**Reference:**

Please see the **article** titled **Binning in Data Mining**.

Please refer to the **Machine Learning Mastery article** titled **How to Use Power Transforms for Machine Learning**.

Please see the **article** titled **Multiple Imputation in a Nutshell**.

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### Question 7

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You are a machine learning specialist at a financial services company. Your team has recently been assigned a project to prepare financial risk data and use it in a risk management machine learning model. The project is on an expedited schedule. So you need to produce your engineered data as quickly as possible.

Which AWS service(s) will allow you to engineer your risk data as expeditiously as possible?

- A. SageMaker Studio
- B. SageMaker Augmented AI
- C. Deep Learning Containers
- ☒ D. SageMaker Processing right

### Explanation:

**Answer: D**

**Option A is incorrect.** You could use SageMaker Studio to perform your data engineering tasks. But more of the infrastructure and coding work would have to be done by you and your team when compared to using SageMaker Processing.

**Option B is incorrect.** SageMaker Augmented AI is used to leverage human review of low confidence predictions. It wouldn't help your team expedite your data engineering work.

**Option C is incorrect.** Deep Learning Containers are a set of Docker images used for training and serving models in TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Apache MXNet. Deep Learning Containers wouldn't help your team expedite your data engineering work.

**Option D is CORRECT.** SageMaker Processing is an AWS managed service that you can use to run data engineering workloads in SageMaker using simple SageMaker Processing APIs. SageMaker Processing manages your SageMaker environment for you in a processing container. This managed service removes much of the infrastructure and coding work need to perform data engineering tasks.

### Reference:

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Process Data and Evaluate Models**.

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Using Amazon Augmented AI for Human Review**.

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Amazon SageMaker Studio**.

Please see the [GitHub repository](#) titled **Amazon SageMaker Processing jobs**.

Please see the [AWS Deep Learning Containers development guide](#) titled **What are AWS Deep Learning Containers?**

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## Question 8

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You are a machine learning specialist at a security firm that is building a video surveillance service to be used by police departments across the country. This service needs to process the streaming video frames to find suspicious activity in public places such as train stations, subway platforms, etc. To accomplish this task, your team needs to use a machine learning technique to find objects in the video frames on a list of objects identified as potentially dangerous, such as weapons. You require to label your images by identifying the contents of your images at the pixel level for high accuracy.

Which AWS service gives you the labeling accuracy your project requires?

- ☐ A. SageMaker Ground Truth Bounding Box labeling task
- ☐ B. SageMaker Ground Truth Image Classification labeling task
- ☒ C. SageMaker Ground Truth Image Semantic Segmentation labeling task right
- ☐ D. SageMaker Ground Truth Named Entity Recognition labeling task

## Explanation:

**Answer: C**

**Option A is incorrect.** Using the SageMaker Ground Truth Bounding Box labeling task, you can identify the pixel location of an object, but not identify the contents of an image at the pixel level.

**Option B is incorrect.** Using the SageMaker Ground Truth Image Classification labeling task, your workers will classify your images using a predefined set of labels that you specify, but do not identify the contents of an image at the pixel level.

**Option C is CORRECT.** Using the SageMaker Ground Truth Image Semantic Segmentation labeling task, your workers classify pixels in the image into a set of predefined labels or classes. This will give you the pixel-level label identification accuracy you require.

**Option D is incorrect.** The SageMaker Ground Truth Named Entity Recognition labeling task is used to extract information from unstructured text and classify it into predefined categories.

**Reference:**

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Use Amazon SageMaker Ground Truth to Label Data**.

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Bounding Box**.

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Image Semantic Segmentation**.

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Image Classification (Single Label)**.

Please see the [Amazon SageMaker developer guide](#) titled **Named Entity Recognition**.

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### Question 9

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You work as a machine learning specialist for an online retailer that is expanding into fresh produce as one of its new product categories. You and your machine learning team have been tasked with creating a model to classify each of your new fresh produce products. Examples of features in your data source include weight, price, country of origin, food group (fruit, vegetable, etc.), and other numeric and categorical features. You plan on using either k-nearest neighbors (KNN) or support vector machines (SVM) to classify your fresh produce products. Which data cleansing technique should you use on your data so that your features with potentially large values, such as weight, don't take on exaggerated importance in the model when compared to features with potentially smaller values, such as price per unit?

- ☒ A. Scale your data using scikit-learn MinMaxScaler right
- ☐ B. Normalize your data using scikit-learn normalize
- ☐ C. Bin your data using scikit-learn KBinsDiscretizer with the uniform strategy
- ☐ D. Quantile bin your data using scikit-learn KBinsDiscretizer with the quantile strategy

### Explanation:

**Correct Answer:** A

**Option A is correct.** When using classification algorithms such as KNN or SVM, you need to scale your data so that each feature has the same scale. Using scikit-learn MinMaxScaler you can make your features span the same range of values (frequently between 0 and 1). This allows your features to have equal importance on the model's outcome.

**Option B is incorrect.** When you normalize your data you change your data to have equal distribution around the mean. This will not help with features that are on different scales, like weight and unit price.

**Option C is incorrect.** Binning is used to change continuous features into categories. This will not help with features that are on different scales, like weight and unit price.

**Option D is incorrect.** Quantile Binning is used to change continuous features into categories of equal bins. This will not help with features that are on different scales, like weight and unit price.

#### Reference:

Please see the Towards Data Science article titled **All about Feature Scaling** (<https://towardsdatascience.com/all-about-feature-scaling-bcc0ad75cb35>), the Kaggle page titled **Scaling and Normalization** (<https://www.kaggle.com/alexisbcook/scaling-and-normalization>), the Wikipedia page titled **Support-vector machine** ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Support-vector\\_machine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Support-vector_machine)), the Wikipedia page titled **k-nearest neighbors algorithm** ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-nearest\\_neighbors\\_algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-nearest_neighbors_algorithm)), and the Towards Data Science article titled **Continuous Numeric Data** (<https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-feature-engineering-part-1-continuous-numeric-data-da4e47099a7b>), and the Scikit-learn modules page titled **6.3. Preprocessing data** (<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html>), and the Scikit-learn modules page titled **sklearn.preprocessing.KBinsDiscretizer** (<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.preprocessing.KBinsDiscretizer.html>)

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#### Question 10

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You work as a machine learning specialist for an oil refining and exploration company. You are building a machine learning model to predict the viability of various potential drilling sites around the world. You have training data with many features for which you are performing feature engineering to ensure you don't have any target leakage. You plan to use both a regression and a classification model to see which gives you better predictive results. When using SageMaker Data Wrangler to visualize your target leakage report, which two metrics (for regression and classification) can you use to measure your target leakage? (Select TWO)

A. MSE

☐ B. R2 right

☐ C. AOC-ROC right

D. F1

E. Accuracy

## Explanation:

### Correct Answers: B and C

**Option A is incorrect.** The two metrics used by the SageMaker Data Wrangler target leakage analysis visualization are AOC-ROC and R2. MSE is not used in the target leakage analysis visualization.

**Option B is correct.** The two metrics used by the SageMaker Data Wrangler target leakage analysis visualization are AOC-ROC and R2.

**Option C is correct.** The two metrics used by the SageMaker Data Wrangler target leakage analysis visualization are AOC-ROC and R2.

**Option D is incorrect.** The two metrics used by the SageMaker Data Wrangler target leakage analysis visualization are AOC-ROC and R2. FI is not used in the target leakage analysis visualization.

**Option E is incorrect.** The two metrics used by the SageMaker Data Wrangler target leakage analysis visualization are AOC-ROC and R2. Accuracy is not used in the target leakage analysis visualization.

### Reference:

Please see the Amazon SageMaker developer guide titled **Analyze and Visualize** (<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sagemaker/latest/dg/data-wrangler-analyses.html>), the Amazon SageMaker developer guide titled **Prepare ML Data with Amazon SageMaker Data Wrangler** (<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sagemaker/latest/dg/data-wrangler.html>)

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## Question 11

Correct

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You work as a machine learning specialist for an online real estate software company. Your company produces real estate listings with descriptions of properties, such as lot size, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms, etc. You have been tasked with building a model to predict the value of the property. This value will be the estimated value displayed on the property listing. You are performing feature engineering of your data and you need to encode your categorical features to use in scikit-learn regression algorithms. You have dozens of categorical features, with many of the features having from 30 to 75 categories. Which encoding technique should you use for your categorical features?

A. One-hot-encoding

B. Label Encoding

## C. Target Encoding with mean transform

☒ D. Target Encoding with mean transform plus smoothing right

**Explanation:****Correct Answer: D**

**Option A is incorrect.** One-hot-encoding with dozens of categorical features, some of which have 30 to 75 categories will explode your feature space.

**Option B is incorrect.** Since Label Encoding assigns a numerical value that is essentially an incremental count of the number of categories in the feature, it runs the risk of your regression algorithm assigning value to the order of the encoding.

**Option C is incorrect.** Target Encoding (sometimes referred to as Mean Encoding) with a mean transform works well but has issues with infrequent categories in your dataset, in other words a category that is found infrequently in your data source. Calculating a mean for a very small number of observations provides little differentiation.

**Option D is correct.** Combining Target Encoding using a mean transform with smoothing removes the disadvantages of Target Encoding by calculating the average of the category and the target together with the overall average.

**Reference:**

Please see the Towards Data Science article titled **All about Categorical Variable Encoding** (<https://towardsdatascience.com/all-about-categorical-variable-encoding-305f3361fd02>), and the Kaggle page titled **Target Encoding** (<https://www.kaggle.com/ryanholbrook/target-encoding>)

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**Question 12****Correct**

**Domain:** Exploratory Data Analysis

You work as a machine learning specialist for an online gambling software company. Your online app allows users to gamble on the outcomes of sporting matches, such as football, basketball, cricket, etc. Your machine learning team is responsible for predicting the score difference outcomes of these matches so your company can set the betting line. For example, team A will beat team B by 7.5 wickets, where 7.5 is the betting line. Your data sources for your models contain many features, such as team power ranking, previous match score differences, player injury reports, etc. You have transformed your data to make all features numeric (either counts or continuous values). However, through your data discovery you have noticed that some of your features are multicollinear. How can you address the multicollinearity of your features?

- A. Use Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) to reduce your model's dimensionality, then drop the resulting components that have high variance.
- B. Use Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) to reduce your model's dimensionality, then drop the resulting components that have very low variance.
- ☒ C. Use Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce your model's dimensionality, then drop the resulting components that have very low variance. right
- D. Use Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce your model's dimensionality, then drop the resulting components that have high variance.

### Explanation:

#### Correct Answer: C

**Option A is incorrect.** Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) is used to reduce dimensionality in multi-class classification problems that predict a categorical target. We are trying to solve for a continuous target, match point difference, or spread. Also, you want to solve for very low variance when you use a more appropriate dimensionality reduction algorithm.

**Option B is incorrect.** Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) is used to reduce dimensionality in multi-class classification problems that predict a categorical target. We are trying to solve for a continuous target, match point difference, or spread.

**Option C is correct.** Using Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce the dimensionality of your feature set by dropping the components that have very low variance will remove the multicollinearity of your features.

**Option D is incorrect.** Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is the correct choice of algorithm to remove the multicollinearity of your features. However, you want to drop the components that have very low variance, not the components that have high variance.

#### Reference:

Please see the Towards Data Science article titled **Multicollinearity — How does it create a problem?** (<https://towardsdatascience.com/https-towardsdatascience-com-multicollinearity-how-does-it-create-a-problem-72956a49058>), and the Kaggle page titled **Principal Component Analysis** (<https://www.kaggle.com/ryanholbrook/principal-component-analysis>), the Towards Data Science article titled **A beginner's guide to dimensionality reduction in Machine Learning** (<https://towardsdatascience.com/dimensionality-reduction-for-machine-learning-80a46c2ebb7e>), the Machine Learning Mastery article titled **Linear Discriminant Analysis for Machine Learning** (<https://machinelearningmastery.com/linear-discriminant-analysis-for-machine-learning/>), the StatsTest.com article titled **Linear Discriminant Analysis** (<https://www.statstest.com/linear-discriminant-analysis/>), and the Machine Learning Mastery article titled **Linear Discriminant Analysis for Dimensionality Reduction in Python** (<https://machinelearningmastery.com/linear-discriminant-analysis-for-dimensionality-reduction-in-python/>)

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