



Data Mining project for 3rd year CSED department

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Housing Prices Classification

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Data Preparation

Loading the dataset

The dataset file 'Ames_Housing_Sales.csv' is read using pandas.csv_reader, and stored in a pandas.DataFrame

```
df = pd.read_csv('Ames_Housing_Sales.csv', na_values='None')
```

The DataFrame.head() function displays the first 5 examples from the dataset.

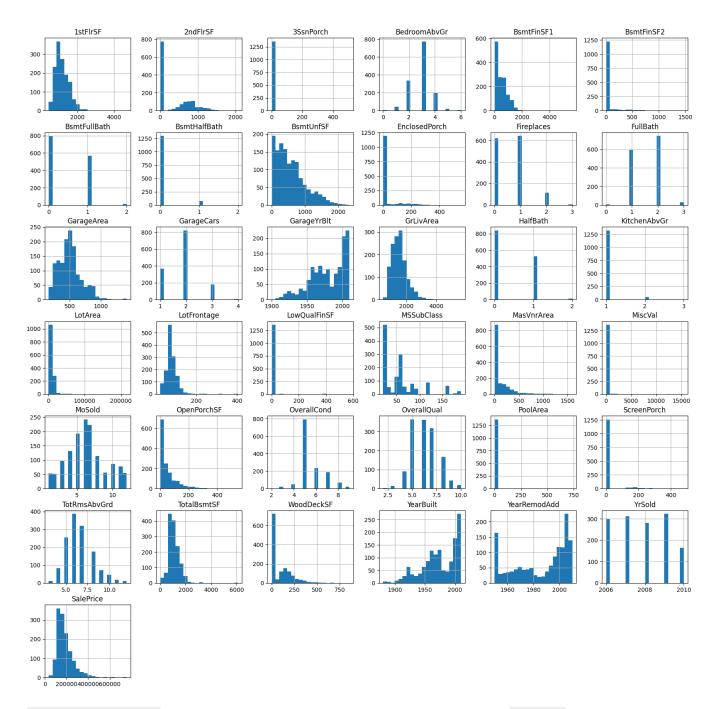
```
# viewing the dataset in table format
df.head()
```

	1stFlrSF	2ndFlrSF	3SsnPorch	Alley	BedroomAbvGr	BldgType	BsmtCond	BsmtExposure	BsmtFi
0	856.0	854.0	0.0	NaN	3	1Fam	TA	No	•
1	1262.0	0.0	0.0	NaN	3	1Fam	TA	Gd	9
2	920.0	866.0	0.0	NaN	3	1Fam	TA	Mn	4
3	961.0	756.0	0.0	NaN	3	1Fam	Gd	No	7
4	1145.0	1053.0	0.0	NaN	4	1Fam	TA	Av	(

5 rows × 80 columns

Numerical features will be visualized using histograms with 20 bins using DataFrame.hist() and pyplot.show() from matplotlib.

```
df.hist(bins = 20, figsize= (20,20))
plt.show()
```



DataFrame.info() is used to provide information about each data feature (column), namely, the name, the number of non-null entries, and the datatype(Dtype).

#displaying information for each feature (column)
df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1379 entries, 0 to 1378
Data columns (total 80 columns):

Data	columns (total	•	
#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	1stFlrSF	1379 non-null	float64
1	2ndFlrSF	1379 non-null	float64
2	3SsnPorch	1379 non-null	float64
3	Alley	82 non-null	object
4	BedroomAbvGr	1379 non-null	int64
5	BldgType	1379 non-null	object
6			-
	BsmtCond	953 non-null	object
7	BsmtExposure	953 non-null	object
8	BsmtFinSF1	1379 non-null	float64
9	BsmtFinSF2	1379 non-null	float64
10	BsmtFinType1	953 non-null	object
11	BsmtFinType2	952 non-null	object
12	BsmtFullBath	1379 non-null	int64
13	BsmtHalfBath	1379 non-null	int64
14	BsmtQual	953 non-null	object
15	BsmtUnfSF	1379 non-null	float64
16	CentralAir	1379 non-null	object
17	Condition1	1379 non-null	object
18	Condition2	1379 non-null	object
19	Electrical	1379 non-null	object
20	EnclosedPorch	1379 non-null	float64
21	ExterCond	1379 non-null	object
22	ExterQual	1379 non-null	object
23	Exterior1st	1379 non-null	object
24	Exterior2nd	1379 non-null	object
25	Fence	265 non-null	object
26	FireplaceQu	761 non-null	object
27	Fireplaces	1379 non-null	int64
28	Foundation	1379 non-null	object
29	FullBath	1379 non-null	int64
30	Functional	1379 non-null	object
31	GarageArea	1379 non-null	float64
32	GarageCars	1379 non-null	int64
33	GarageCond	1379 non-null	object
	GarageFinish		object
34	•		•
35	GarageQual	1379 non-null	object
36	GarageType	1379 non-null	object
37	GarageYrBlt	1379 non-null	float64
38	GrLivArea	1379 non-null	float64
39	HalfBath	1379 non-null	int64
40	Heating	1379 non-null	object
41	HeatingQC	1379 non-null	object
42	HouseStyle	1379 non-null	object
43	KitchenAbvGr	1379 non-null	int64
44	KitchenQual	1379 non-null	object
45	LandContour	1379 non-null	object
46	LandSlope	1379 non-null	object
47	LotArea	1379 non-null	float64
48	LotConfig	1379 non-null	object
49	LotFrontage	1379 non-null	float64
50	LotShape	1379 non-null	object

```
51 LowQualFinSF
                   1379 non-null
                                   float64
52 MSSubClass
                   1379 non-null
                                   int64
53 MSZoning 1379 non-null object
54 MasVnrArea 1379 non-null float64
55 MasVnrType 582 non-null object
56 MiscFeature 51 non-null object
57 MiscVal 1379 non-null float64
58 MoSold 1379 non-null int64
59 Neighborhood 1379 non-null object
60 OpenPorchSF
                   1379 non-null float64
61 OverallCond 1379 non-null int64
62 OverallQual 1379 non-null int64
63 PavedDrive 1379 non-null
                                   object
64 PoolArea
                 1379 non-null float64
65 PoolQC 7 non-null object
66 RoofMatl 1379 non-null object
67 RoofStyle 1379 non-null object
68 SaleCondition 1379 non-null object
69 SaleType 1379 non-null object
70 ScreenPorch 1379 non-null float64
71 Street 1379 non-null object
72 TotRmsAbvGrd 1379 non-null int64
73 TotalBsmtSF 1379 non-null float64
74 Utilities
                 1379 non-null object
75 WoodDeckSF 1379 non-null float64
76 YearBuilt 1379 non-null int64
77 YearRemodAdd 1379 non-null int64
78 YrSold 1379 non-null int64
79 SalePrice
                 1379 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(21), int64(16), object(43)
memory usage: 862.0+ KB
```

Data Cleaning

Check Null Values

the DataFrame.isna() function of the DataFrame is used to return the subset of the data containing null values and storing the sum() into na_vals. The subset of columns containing null values is displayed along with the number of null values for each column.

```
# Check missing values
na_vals = df.isna().sum()

#filter out the columns that have 0 null values
na_cols = na_vals[na_vals > 0]

print(f" == {len(na_cols)} Columns ==")
print(na_cols)
```

```
== 11 Columns ==
Alley 1297
BsmtCond
            426
BsmtExposure
             426
BsmtFinType1
             426
BsmtFinType2
             427
BsmtQual
             426
Fence
             1114
FireplaceQu
            618
             797
MasVnrType
MiscFeature
             1328
PoolQC
             1372
dtype: int64
```

As can be seen, the number of missing values for each column is very high. This indicates that the features entailed are not reliable for data analysis. The columns will be dropped to avoid losing the bulk of data from the dataset. The DataFrame.dropna() function is utilized along axis = 1, indicating the columns instead of rows.

```
df.dropna(axis=1, inplace=True)
```

Check Duplicates

The dataset is checked for duplicated values using <code>DataFrame.duplicated()</code> . <code>sum()</code> yields the total number of duplicates.

```
df.duplicated().sum()
```

0

No duplicates found. No further actions are needed.

Get numerical & categorical features

The dataset is analyzed against the presence of categorical features. This is in order to later encode them to be ready for classification. DataFrame.select_dtypes returns the subset of the data of a specific datatype or superset of datatypes. A pandas.Index is created from the subtraction of the set of numerical features from the total set of features.

```
#return columns of `np.number` datatype
num_cols = df.select_dtypes(np.number).columns

#substract numerical columns from the total set of columns to get categorical features
cat_cols = pd.Index(list(set(df.columns) - set(num_cols)))
```

The cat_cols index is used to index df to obtain the number of unique values for each feature. This is accomplished using DataFrame.nunique()

```
# Check unique values for each feature
df[cat_cols].nunique()
```

HeatingQC Foundation GarageFinish 3 RoofMat1 8 Functional 7 9 SaleType GarageQual 5 Electrical 5 ExterCond 4 Neighborhood 25 Exterior1st 14 Condition1 9 5 MSZoning Exterior2nd 16 Utilities 2 2 CentralAir RoofStyle HouseStyle 8 KitchenQual 4 LotConfig Street 2 GarageCond 5 Condition2 8 GarageType SaleCondition 6 Heating BldgType 5 4 LotShape ExterQual PavedDrive LandContour LandSlope 3 dtype: int64

Encode categorical features

The LabelEncoder class from scikit-learn is imported to assign a unique integer value for each unique category. The LabelEncoder.fit_transform() function firstly computes the unique integers for each feature and then transforms the original dataset df.

```
#Import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
le = LabelEncoder()

#Iterate over the categorical features of df and transform them
for cat_col in cat_cols:
    df[cat_col] = le.fit_transform(df[cat_col])
```

```
df.head()
```

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0	856.0	854.0	0.0	3	0	706.0	0.0	1
1	1262.0	0.0	0.0	3	0	978.0	0.0	0
2	920.0	866.0	0.0	3	0	486.0	0.0	1
3	961.0	756.0	0.0	3	0	216.0	0.0	1
4	1145.0	1053.0	0.0	4	0	655.0	0.0	1

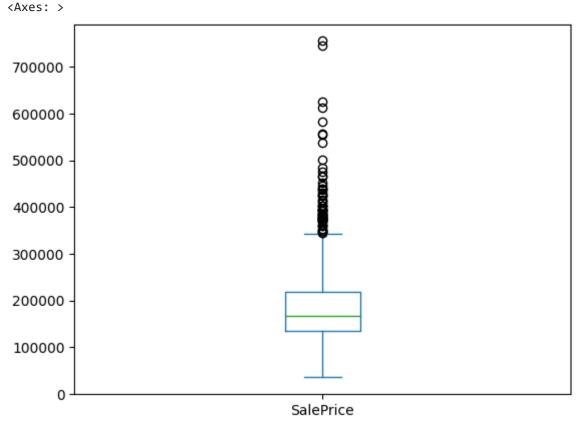
5 rows × 69 columns

As can be observed, the data is now purely numerical.

Outlier Removal

In this section, the dataset will be analyzed against the presence of outliers, and if detected, will be removed. The target variable "SalePrice" is stored in variable y. It is, then, visualized using a Box Plot.

```
y = df["SalePrice"]
y.plot(kind="box")
```



As can be observed, a number of outliers is are located outside the third quartile. Below, it is seen that these data points are only 76. They will be removed, for 76 is a small number compared to the size of the dataset.

```
# Check number of sample above certain price
max_price = 325000
print(len(y[y > max_price]))
```

76

df is reassigned to the subset of data below the max_price. The dataset is then split into features X and target y i.e. the "SalePrice" feature.

```
# Samples above that number are considered as outliers
df = df[y < max_price]

# Separate data into features and target
x = df.drop("SalePrice", axis=1)
y = df["SalePrice"]</pre>
```

Data Scaling

The StandardScaler class is imported from scikit-learn to standardize features stored in x by removing the mean and scaling to unit variance. fit_transform is explained previously.

```
#Import StandardScaler
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

#Scale X
x = StandardScaler().fit_transform(x)
pd.DataFrame(x).head()
```

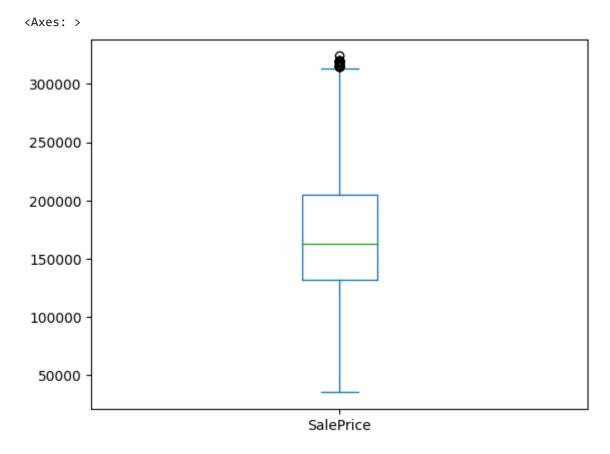
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
0	-0.799945	1.239028	-0.117513	0.187396	-0.411888	0.664251	-0.298908	1.158936	-0.251106	-0
1	0.338556	-0.802365	-0.117513	0.187396	-0.411888	1.301372	-0.298908	-0.806414	3.877845	-0
2	-0.620477	1.267713	-0.117513	0.187396	-0.411888	0.148933	-0.298908	1.158936	-0.251106	-0
3	-0.505505	1.004770	-0.117513	0.187396	-0.411888	-0.483502	-0.298908	1.158936	-0.251106	-0
4	0.010466	1.714716	-0.117513	1.482225	-0.411888	0.544791	-0.298908	1.158936	-0.251106	-0

5 rows × 68 columns

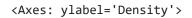
Target Grouping

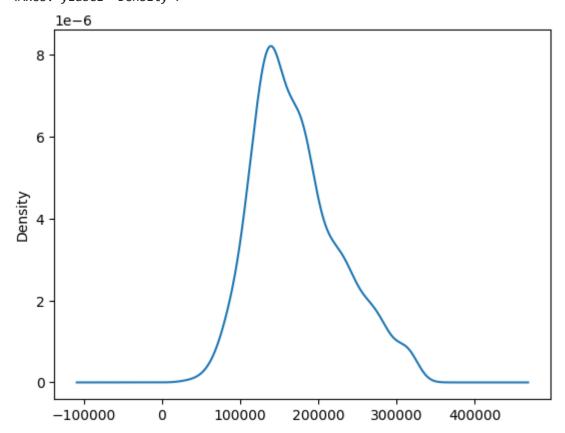
In order to classify housing prices into a specified set of classes, the target variable "SalePrice" needs to be divided into classes. This is accomplished using clustering techniques, as the classes are not defined a priori.

```
# Show the box plot of the target variable `y`
y.plot(kind="box")
```



```
# Show the KDE plot of the target variable `y`
y.plot(kind = "kde")
```





From the plot above, it can be concluded that the y is not skewed, i.e. distributed somewhat equally around the mean.

The target y will be clustered into distinct groups using the scikit-learn class KMeans, which is an implementation of the k-means clustering algorithm. The number of clusters k is set to 4.

random_state is used to produce repeatable results. n_init is the number of times the k-means algorithm is run with different centroid seeds. it is set to 'auto'. As required by the KMeans class, y is reshaped into a 2D array using numpy.reshape().

KMeans.fit_predict() returns an array of cluster values, each for each data point.
KMeans.cluster_centers_ stores the center of cluster for each data point

```
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
#initialize kmeans clustering algorithm
kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=k, random state=10, n init='auto')
#predict cluster for each data point, store them in y_clustered
y_clustered = pd.Series(kmeans.fit_predict(np.array(y).reshape(-1, 1)))
#store cluster center for each data point
y_centers = pd.Series(kmeans.cluster_centers_[i] for i in y_clustered).astype("float64")
#view y_clustered
y_clustered.head()
0
     3
    3
1
2
    3
3
    1
dtype: int32
#view the centers and number of data points assigned to each
y_centers.value_counts()
144590.733615
                473
                388
193875.531579
103281.471616
                229
266245.267281
                209
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

y and y_centers are plotted using histograms to show the distribution of data before clustering and its distribution in the individual clusters.

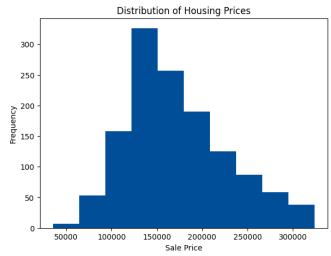
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15, 5), ncols=2)
b = 10

y.plot(color="#004D98", kind="hist", bins=b, ax=ax[0])
ax[0].set_title('Distribution of Housing Prices')
ax[0].set_xlabel('Sale Price')
```

```
ax[0].set_ylabel('Frequency')

y_centers.plot(color="#DB0030", kind="hist", bins=b, ax=ax[1])
ax[1].set_title('Distribution of Housing Prices')
ax[1].set_xlabel('Sale Price')
ax[1].set_ylabel('Frequency')
```

Text(0, 0.5, 'Frequency')





Classification

Feature Selection

After the preliminary analysis and exploration of the dataset, it is evident that the dataset contains a lot of unwanted or unhelpful features. These features can worsen the model or cause it to over-fit to the training data. To avoid this, the use of feature selection is needed.

Two feature selection algorithms from scikit-learn will be used:

- SelectPercentile which selects the top percentile of the features after applying the scoring function.
- SelectFromModel which selects the features that best fit a certain Machine Learning model. Two models are used: ExtraTreesClassifier and RandomForestClassifier, both of which are classification algorithms that are based on Decision Trees.

The following statement gets a pandas. Index of feature names, excluding the target variable "SalePrice"

```
# Get Index of feature names
features = df.drop("SalePrice", axis=1).columns
features
```

Feature Selection by percentile

In the following cell, features will be selected based on a percentile of features ranked by their scores.

This will utilize the SelectPercentile class. Scores will be determined using the f_classif function which implements the ANOVA(Analysis Of Variance) F-value method.

The f_sel object of SelectPercentile returns x_fcif which is the subset of columns it has chosen via its fit_transform() function. The features and target are inputs to the function. A percentile of 50% of the features will be chosen.

```
# Import feature selection algorithms
from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectFromModel, SelectPercentile
# Import scoring function
from sklearn.feature_selection import f_classif

# f_classification
f_sel = SelectPercentile(score_func=f_classif, percentile=50)
x_fcif = f_sel.fit_transform(x, y)
x_fcif.shape
```

(1299, 34)

Feature Selection for an Extra Trees model

In this algorithm, features will be chosen for an Extra Trees classification model. The model is firstly imported, instantiated as etc, initialized with 50 estimators(trees), and, then, fit to the data.

The selector is instantiated as <code>etc_sel</code>, initialized with the model, and it is specified that the model has been fit before feature selection using <code>prefit = True</code>. The model is pre-fit to improve accuracy of feature selection.

x_etc is, similarly, the subset of chosen columns, however, it is obtained from the transform() function instead of fit_transform(), because the model was pre-fit to the data.

```
# Import ExtraTrees classifier
from sklearn.ensemble import ExtraTreesClassifier
```

```
# Initialize model with 50 estimators and fit to data
etc = ExtraTreesClassifier(n_estimators=50).fit(x, y)

# Select from model
etc_sel = SelectFromModel(etc, prefit=True)
x_etc = etc_sel.transform(x)
x_etc.shape
```

(1299, 30)

Feature Selection for a Random Forest model

This cell is similar to the previous one, only different in the type of model, which, in this case, is the RandomForestClassifier.

```
# Import RandomForest classifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

# Initialize model with 50 estimators and fit to data
rfc = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=50).fit(x, y)

# Select from model
rfc_sel = SelectFromModel(rfc, prefit=True)
x_rfc = rfc_sel.transform(x)
x_rfc.shape
```

(1299, 25)

Analyzing Selections

Selecting features that are common to multiple feature selection methods is a useful approach to identify the most informative features for a machine learning model. This approach can reduce the risk of selecting features that are only informative for a specific method or selecting redundant features. By selecting the features that are agreed upon by multiple methods, we can potentially improve the generalization performance of our model and make it more robust to variations in the data.

A boolean mask, i.e. an array to represent the selected features with a True boolean value and the deselcted with False, is obtained from each selection via the get_support method. The mask are logicalled anded to produce a mask of the agreed upon features.

The feature dataset x will be indexed with the produced mask, which will yield the selected data.

```
mask1 = f_sel.get_support()
mask2 = etc_sel.get_support()
mask3 = rfc_sel.get_support()

mask = np.logical_and(mask1, mask2, mask3)

x_selected = x[:,mask]
```

Using pyplot.subplots, a histogram of every features will be plotted, with the selected features

highlighted in red. A for loop will iterate over the columns of the dataset, and according to the value of the mask at each feature's iteration, the color of the histogram will be chosen, blue if mask[j] == False i.e. deselcted, and red if mask[j] == True i.e. selected.

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows=12, ncols=6, figsize=(30, 30))
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.5, wspace=0.5)
j = 0
for i, ax in zip(df.drop("SalePrice", axis=1).columns, axs.flat):
      if (mask[j] == True):
             ax.hist(df[i], bins=20, color='red')
      else:
             ax.hist(df[i], bins=20, color='blue')
      ax.set_title(i)
      j += 1
plt.show()
                                                                                                                                             BsmtFinSF1
                                                    1000
        BsmtFinSF2
                                  BsmtFullBath
                                                             BsmtHalfBath
                                                                                                                   CentralAir
                                                                                                                                             Condition1
                                                                                      500 1000 1500
                                                                                                                   0.4 0.6 0.8
                                   Electrical
                                                                                        ExterCond
                                                            EnclosedPorch
                                                                                         FullBath
                                   Fireplaces
                                                                                                                                             GarageArea
                                  GarageCond
                                                             GarageFinish
                                                                                                                                             GarageYrBlt
        GrLivArea
                                   HalfBath
                                                              Heating
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                                                             TotalBsmtSF
                                  TotRmsAbvGrd
                                                                                         Utilities
                                                                                                                  WoodDeckSF
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                                                                                                          0.75
                                                                               0.50
                                                                                                          0.50
                                                                                                                                     0.25
```

train_evaluate() function

This function trains and evaluates a machine learning model on a given dataset. The function takes the following arguments:

- model: The machine learning model to train and evaluate.
- x : The feature data.
- y : The target data.
- grid_params: A dictionary of hyperparameters to tune using grid search. If None, grid search will not be used.
- cv : The number of folds to use for cross-validation.

The function first splits the data into train and test sets. If grid search is being used, the function then performs grid search to find the best hyperparameters for the model. The function then trains the model on the train set and evaluates the model on the test set. The function prints the classification report and confusion matrix for the model.

The train_evaluate() function can be used to train and evaluate any machine learning model. It is a useful function for comparing different models and for finding the best hyperparameters for a given model.

```
from sklearn.metrics import classification report, confusion matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
def train_evaluate(model, x, y, grid_params=None, cv=5):
   # split data into train & test sets
   x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.1, random_state=10)
   # check for applying grid search
   if grid_params is None:
       model.fit(x_train, y_train)
   else:
       model_gs = GridSearchCV(model, grid_params, scoring='balanced_accuracy',
                                cv=cv, return_train_score=True)
       model_gs.fit(x_train, y_train)
        print(model_gs.best_params_)
       model = model_gs.best_estimator_
   # predict test results
   y_pred = model.predict(x_test)
   # show results
   print("Classification Report:")
   print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
   print("Confusion_Matrix:")
   ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)).plot()
   return model
```

Classification Algorithms

Using the train_evaluate() function, several different classification algorithms will be trained, tested, and evaluated.

KNN

The first algorithm to be tested is the K-Nearest Neighbors algorithm. It is implemented in scikit-learn by the KKNeighborsClassifier class.

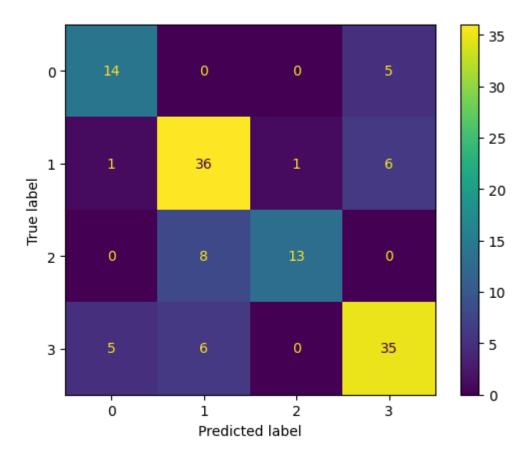
The hyperparametres to be tested for are the number of neighbors to calculate the distance to n_neighbors, and the type of weights to be assigned to each neighbor.

- uniform: uniform weights. All points in each neighborhood are weighted equally.
- distance: weight points by the inverse of their distance. in this case, closer neighbors of a query point will have a greater influence than neighbors which are further away.

The hyperparametres are stored in a dictionary <code>grid_params</code> and passed to the <code>train_evaluate()</code> function along with the model <code>KNeighborsClassifier()</code>, and features <code>x_selected</code> and target data <code>y_clustered</code>. The function will return the best model, and display the confusion matrix and evaluation metrics.

```
# Import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
# Choose the grid search parametres
grid_params = {"n_neighbors": [5, 7, 9], "weights": ["uniform", "distance"]}
#Train and evaluate classifier
knn = train_evaluate(KNeighborsClassifier(), x_selected, y_clustered, grid_params)
{'n_neighbors': 9, 'weights': 'distance'}
Classification Report:
             precision recall f1-score support
          0
                  0.70
                           0.74
                                     0.72
                                                 19
          1
                  0.72
                           0.82
                                     0.77
                                                 44
          2
                  0.93
                           0.62
                                     0.74
                                                 21
                  0.76
                           0.76
                                     0.76
                                                 46
                                     0.75
                                                130
   accuracy
                  0.78
                           0.73
                                     0.75
                                                130
  macro avg
weighted avg
                  0.77
                           0.75
                                     0.75
                                                130
```

Confusion_Matrix:



As can be observed from the confusion matrix and the evaluation metrics, the model has an accuracy of 75% and an average f1-score over classes of 75%.

Naive Bayes

The second algorithm is the Gaussian Naïve Bayes classifier. It is implemented in scikit-learn by the GaussianNB class. The Gaussian Naïve Bayes classifier assumes the data to be distributed continuously over a normal(Guassian) distribution.

There are no hyperparametres considred for this model, so <code>grid_params</code> will be <code>None</code> .

The model is trained and evaluated similarly to the previous model.

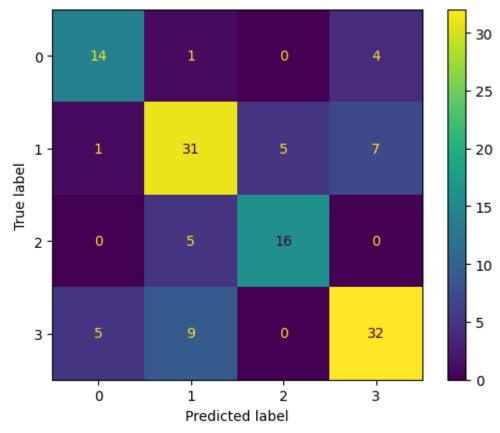
```
# Import GaussianNB
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB

# Train and evaluate classifier
gnb = train_evaluate(GaussianNB(), x_selected, y_clustered)
```

Classification Report: precision recall f1-score support 0 0.70 0.74 0.72 19 1 0.67 0.70 0.69 44 2 0.76 0.76 0.76 21

2	0.76	0.76	0.76	21
3	0.74	0.70	0.72	46
accuracy			0.72	130
macro avg	0.72	0.72	0.72	130
weighted avg	0.72	0.72	0.72	130

Confusion_Matrix:



The model has an accuracy of 72% and an average f1-score over classes of, also, 72%.

It can be observed that the KNN classifier performs better on the test set than the GNB classifier.

Combining Classifiers

The two models can, however, be combined in a StackingClassifier.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import StackingClassifier

stacked = StackingClassifier(estimators=[('knn', knn), ('gnb', gnb)], final_estimator=knn)

train_evaluate(stacked, x_selected, y_clustered)
```

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.68	0.68	0.68	19
1	0.65	0.70	0.67	44
2	0.88	0.67	0.76	21
3	0.68	0.70	0.69	46
accuracy			0.69	130
macro avg	0.72	0.69	0.70	130
weighted avg	0.70	0.69	0.69	130

