

ECOM90025 Advanced Data Analysis - Tutorial 1

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1 ECOM90025 ADA: Tutorial 1 in Week 2

- Covering materials for week 1 lecture
- Goal: learn some basic commands for Python.

2 My contact:

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- Send me an email if you have any general or conceptual questions. Code or technique issues, that are difficult to answer in an email, should be raised in a consultation.
- I'm also happy to stay for a while after the tutorial.
- Consultation: meet Dr Yong Song every Tuesday 1-2pm at FBE 360.
- Special consideration: visit Stop 1.

3 Tutorial attendance

- You need to actively participate instead of just showing up.
- Attendance does not guarantee marks.
- You may get a maximum of 10 points out of 11 tutorials.
- If you unable to come to school, seek help from Stop 1.

4 Software:

- Google Colab is a free online platform where you can execute your code (especially for Python) and write text (LaTeX and Html) without any software installed.
- Local Jupyter Lab, which has been demonstrated during the lecture.
- Local Jupyter Notebook from Anaconda (My personal preference). Just download Anaconda, and then open Jupyter Notebook.
- Other IDE such as PyCharm, but I'm not very comfortable with using PyCharm. From what I know, the code saved in PyCharm is .py but not .ipynb, which may requires some conversion.

Although you can always use Colab, It is recommended to have a local machine installed.

5 Tutorial Questions

You have seen the popular student [competition case](#).

Use the unconditional mean to start prediction.

1. Make a copy of this file.
2. Read the training sample to a Pandas dataframe.
3. compute the unconditional mean of the sale price.
4. Submit a file and get your Kaggle score screenshot.
5. Show your screenshot in the notebook.

Use chatGPT for help.

6 Question 1: Make a copy of this file.

- Should be very straightforward.

7 Question 2: Read the training sample to a Pandas dataframe.

```
[1]: # import pandas to read csv, calculate summary statistics and save csv
import pandas as pd
```

7.1 load data file from local drive

- It is very convenient.
- But make sure you always update file path across device.

```
[2]: # as an example
df_train = pd.read_csv("house-prices-advanced-regression-techniques/train.csv")
```

- note that the folder “house-prices-advanced-regression-techniques” is in the same folder as the python code file. Otherwise, you may need to properly navigate to the target folder.

```
[3]: # Let's look at whether the data has been successfully loaded
df_train.head(3)
```

```
[3]:
```

	Id	MSSubClass	MSZoning	LotFrontage	LotArea	Street	Alley	LotShape	\
0	1	60	RL	65.0	8450	Pave	NaN	Reg	
1	2	20	RL	80.0	9600	Pave	NaN	Reg	
2	3	60	RL	68.0	11250	Pave	NaN	IR1	

	LandContour	Utilities	...	PoolArea	PoolQC	Fence	MiscFeature	MiscVal	MoSold	\
0	Lvl	AllPub	...	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	2	
1	Lvl	AllPub	...	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	5	

2	Lvl	AllPub	...	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	9
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	YrSold	SaleType	SaleCondition	SalePrice
0	2008	WD	Normal	208500
1	2007	WD	Normal	181500
2	2008	WD	Normal	223500

[3 rows x 81 columns]

- It seems we do successfully load the data file

7.2 load data file from Dropbox

- You first need to create a shared link, and change the last number from 0 to 1, which allows download

```
[4]: train_file_path = "https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/fbl9o4ni02cwn3k0guo2d/train.
    ↪ csv?rlkey=i8ne0y692cca3km160rhqoe87&dl=1"
```

```
[5]: df_train = pd.read_csv(train_file_path)
```

```
[6]: # Let's look at whether the data has been successfully loaded
df_train.head(3)
```

```
[6]:   Id  MSSubClass MSZoning  LotFrontage  LotArea  Street  Alley  LotShape  \
0   1         60      RL         65.0      8450   Pave    NaN     Reg
1   2         20      RL         80.0      9600   Pave    NaN     Reg
2   3         60      RL         68.0     11250   Pave    NaN     IR1

      LandContour  Utilities  ...  PoolArea  PoolQC  Fence  MiscFeature  MiscVal  MoSold  \
0             Lvl     AllPub  ...         0     NaN   NaN           NaN         0         2
1             Lvl     AllPub  ...         0     NaN   NaN           NaN         0         5
2             Lvl     AllPub  ...         0     NaN   NaN           NaN         0         9

      YrSold  SaleType  SaleCondition  SalePrice
0     2008         WD           Normal     208500
1     2007         WD           Normal     181500
2     2008         WD           Normal     223500
```

[3 rows x 81 columns]

- It seems we do successfully load the data file

7.3 load data file from Google drive

- convenient to use in Google Colab just as shown in the lecture material
- not going to demonstrate, as it has already been shown in the lecture

- check my Google Colab file <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1AuxeUm6nGe8QOlbHRsdQaDanVSPg>

However, I personally don't really like this. It always requires connecting to google drive. In addition, it is hard for other people to replicate your work. I always prefer to read open shared link data files.

8 Question 3: compute the unconditional mean of the sale price.

- Here we use the unconditional mean as our prediction.
- No unique solution.

Before do the calculation, let's first get familiar with the data set

```
[7]: # the dimension of the data set
df_train.shape
```

```
[7]: (1460, 81)
```

```
[8]: # we have checked the top of the data set, let's look at the bottom of the data
      ↪ set
df_train.tail(3)
```

```
[8]:
```

	Id	MSSubClass	MSZoning	LotFrontage	LotArea	Street	Alley	LotShape	\
1457	1458	70	RL	66.0	9042	Pave	NaN	Reg	
1458	1459	20	RL	68.0	9717	Pave	NaN	Reg	
1459	1460	20	RL	75.0	9937	Pave	NaN	Reg	

	LandContour	Utilities	...	PoolArea	PoolQC	Fence	MiscFeature	MiscVal	\
1457	Lvl	AllPub	...	0	NaN	GdPrv	Shed	2500	
1458	Lvl	AllPub	...	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	
1459	Lvl	AllPub	...	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	

	MoSold	YrSold	SaleType	SaleCondition	SalePrice
1457	5	2010	WD	Normal	266500
1458	4	2010	WD	Normal	142125
1459	6	2008	WD	Normal	147500

```
[3 rows x 81 columns]
```

- Indeed, we have 1460 observations. 81 columns suggest for 81 variables.

```
[9]: # compute the summary statistics
df_train['SalePrice'].describe()
```

```
[9]: count      1460.000000
      mean      180921.195890
      std       79442.502883
```

```
min      34900.000000
25%     129975.000000
50%     163000.000000
75%     214000.000000
max      755000.000000
Name: SalePrice, dtype: float64
```

- Note that the variable name is case-sensitive

```
[10]: # what if we only need mean, standard deviation and max?
df_train['SalePrice'].describe().loc[['mean', 'std', 'max']]
```

```
[10]: mean      180921.195890
std       79442.502883
max       755000.000000
Name: SalePrice, dtype: float64
```

```
[11]: df_train['SalePrice'].describe().loc[['mean']]
```

```
[11]: mean      180921.19589
Name: SalePrice, dtype: float64
```

```
[12]: # directly get mean.
df_train['SalePrice'].mean()
```

```
[12]: 180921.19589041095
```

9 Question 4: Submit a file and get your Kaggle score screenshot.

- We first need to create a data file to be submit.
- Fortunately, Kaggle has already provide us with a sample submission file.
- we just need to update our prediction on that file and submit.

```
[13]: # Let's load it from Dropbox
df_submission = pd.read_csv('https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/
→x9kvsruzulw7v3oyp5mzq/sample_submission.csv?
→rlkey=jv8msq35pewlmxmw0a1ehiu9h&dl=1')
```

```
[14]: # check the sample data
df_submission.head(3)
```

```
[14]:   Id      SalePrice
0  1461  169277.052498
1  1462  187758.393989
2  1463  183583.683570
```

- You may see the id starts from 1461. These are the observations not in our training data set.

- We are going to give our prediction on the SalePrice for those IDs.

```
[15]: # replace current sale price with our prediction
df_submission['SalePrice'] = df_train['SalePrice'].mean()
```

```
[16]: # Let's check the mean.
df_submission['SalePrice'].mean()
```

```
[16]: 180921.19589040437
```

- We have replace all the SalePrice into our predictions.

```
[17]: df_submission.head(3)
```

```
[17]:      Id      SalePrice
0  1461  180921.19589
1  1462  180921.19589
2  1463  180921.19589
```

- Quite easily done. Save the file and submit!
- It would be much easier to save into Google Drive via Colab, although you still need to download the file and submit.
- I would prefer, simply save it to your local machine if you python code is saved locally.
- If you are using Google Colab, again, check the code I shared earlier ago on how to save <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1AuxUm6nGe8QOlHRsdQaDanVSPgc1r0?usp=sharing>

```
[18]: df_submission.to_csv("submission_attempt_ver001.csv", index=False)
```

- It's important to set index = False. You can try and see what would happen.

10 Question 5: Show your screenshot in the notebook.

I propose two ways of attaching picture to Markdown. 1. `` replcae xxxx with your open dropbox share link. 2. `![image info](xxxx.png)` save the screenshot to the same folder, and change the name xxxx into yours.

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 submission_attempt.csv Error · 1d ago	

- You may see Error on my first submission, because I included redundant index in the data file.

11 All done! Let me or ChatGPT know if you have any questions.