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Scikit-learn
Classification

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- Scikit-learn
 - Machine learning library built on **NumPy**, **SciPy** and **Matplotlib**
- What Scikit-learn can do
 - **Supervised** learning
 - Regression, classification
 - **Unsupervised** learning
 - Clustering
 - Data **preprocessing**
 - Feature extraction, feature selection, dimensionality reduction



- What Scikit-learn **cannot** do
 - Distributed computation on multiple computers
 - Only multi-core optimization
 - Deep learning
 - Use Keras and Tensorflow instead



- Scikit learn models work with structured data
 - Data must be in the form of **2D Numpy arrays**
 - Rows represent the **samples**
 - Columns represent the **attributes (or features)**
 - This table is called **features matrix**

shape = (3, 3)

	Price	Quantity	Liters
Sample 1	1.0	5	1.5
Sample 2	1.4	10	0.3
Sample 3	5.0	8	1



- Features can be
 - **Real** values
 - **Integer** values to represent categorical data
- If you have strings in your data, you first have to convert them to integers (**preprocessing**)

Input data

1.0	January	1.5
1.4	February	0.3
5.0	March	1



Features matrix

1.0	0	1.5
1.4	1	0.3
5.0	2	1



- Also **missing values** must be solved before applying any model
 - With imputation or by removing rows

Input data

1.0	0.5	1.5
1.4	NaN	0.3
5.0	0.5	1

Features matrix

1.0	0.5	1.5
1.4	0.5	0.3
5.0	0.5	1



Input data

1.0	0.5	1.5
1.4	NaN	0.3
5.0	0.5	1

Features matrix

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5.0	0.5	1





- For **unsupervised** learning you only need the features matrix
- For **supervised** learning you also need a **target** array to train the model
 - It is typically one-dimensional, with length `n_samples`
 - May be 2-dimensional for multi-output models

Features matrix
shape = (n_samples, n_features)

1.0	5	1.5
1.4	10	0.3
5.0	8	1

Target array
shape = (n_samples,)

A
A
B



- The target array can contain
 - Integer values, each corresponding to a class label

Target labels

Dog
Dog
Cat



Target array

0
0
1

- Real values for regression

Target array

0.4
1.8
-6.9



- Scikit-learn estimator API
 - All models are represented with Python classes
 - Their classes include
 - The values of the **hyperparameters** used to configure the model
 - The values of the **parameters** learned after training
 - By convention these attributes end with an underscore
 - The **methods** to train the model and make inference
 - Scikit-learn models are provided with sensible **defaults** for the hyperparameters



- Scikit learn models follow a simple, shared **pattern**
 1. **Import** the model that you need to use
 2. **Build** the model, setting its hyperparameters
 3. **Train** model parameters on your data
 - Using the `fit()` method
 4. **Use** the model to make predictions
 - Using the `predict()/transform()` methods
- Sometimes `fit` and `predict/transform` are implemented within the same class method



- **fit():** learn model parameters from input data
 - E.g. train a classifier
- **predict():** apply model parameters to make predictions on data
 - E.g. predict class labels
- **transform():** transform data into a different representation
 - E.g. normalize test data
- **fit_predict():** fit model and make predictions
 - E.g. apply clustering to data
- **fit_transform():** fit model and transform data
 - E.g. apply PCA to transform data



- Classification:
 - Given a 2D features matrix X
 - $X.shape = (n_samples, n_features)$
 - The task consists of assigning a class label y_pred to each data sample
 - $y_pred.shape = (n_samples)$

1.0	5	1.5
1.4	10	0.3
...

X

A
B
B

y_pred



By following the estimator API pattern:

- Import a model

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
```

- Build model object

```
clf = DecisionTreeClassifier()
```



- Important decision tree hyperparameters:

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth = 10,
                             min_impurity_decrease=0.01)
```

- Hyperparameters:

- *max_depth*: maximum tree height
 - Default = None
- *min_impurity_decrease*: split nodes only if impurity decrease above threshold
 - Default = 0.0



- Train model with ground-truth labels

```
In [1]: clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

- This operation builds the decision tree structure
 - `X_train` is the 2D Numpy array with input features (**features matrix**)
 - `y_train` is a 1D array with ground-truth labels

6.1	3.1	2
1.8	12	0.15
...

`X_train`

0
2
1

`y_train`



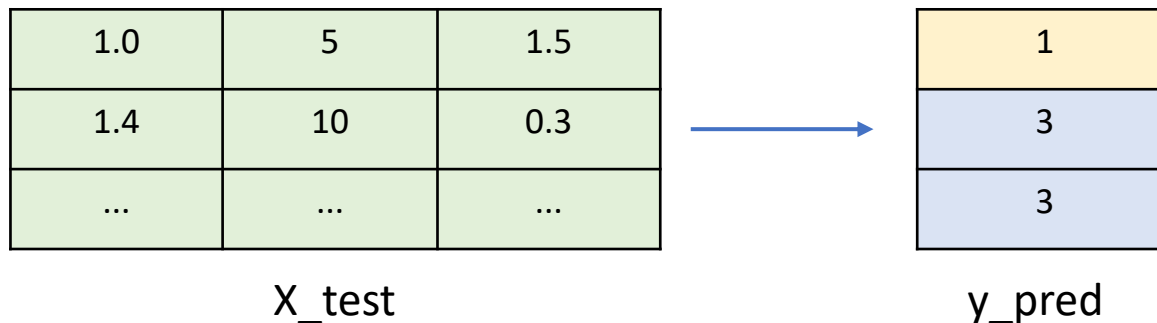
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- Predict class labels for new data

```
In [1]: y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
```

```
Out[1]: [3, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 0]
```

- This operation shows the capability of classifiers to make predictions for unseen data

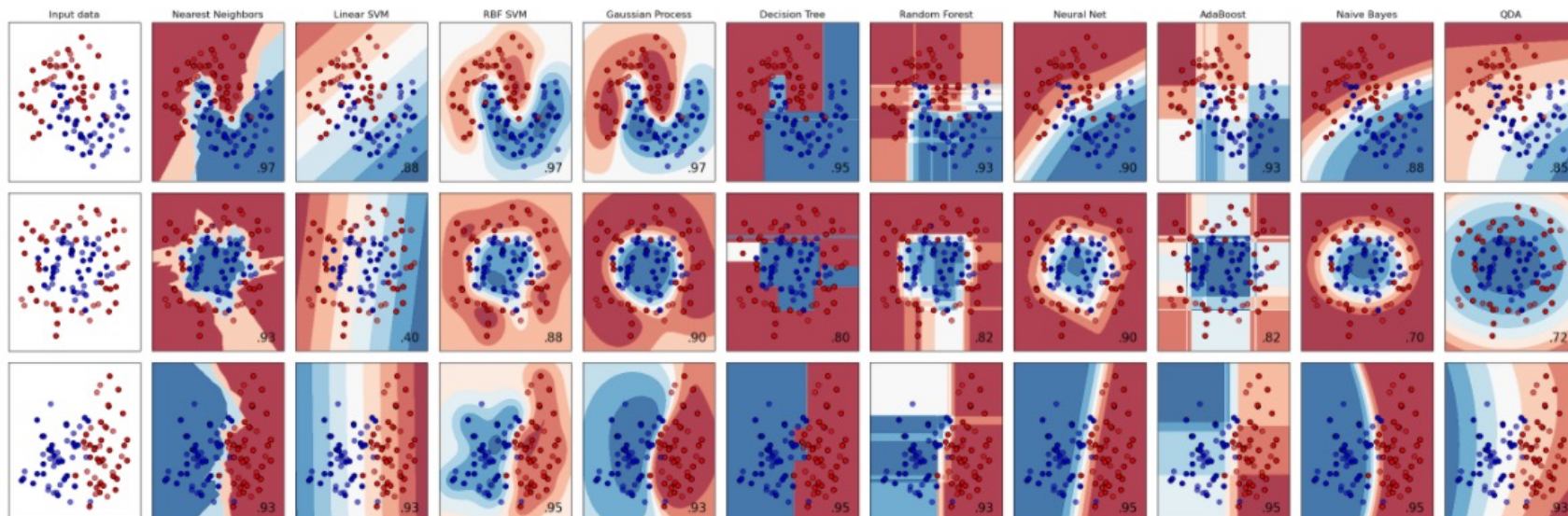




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- Take a look at all the other models in the scikit-learn documentation

■ https://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/classification/plot_classifier_comparison.html

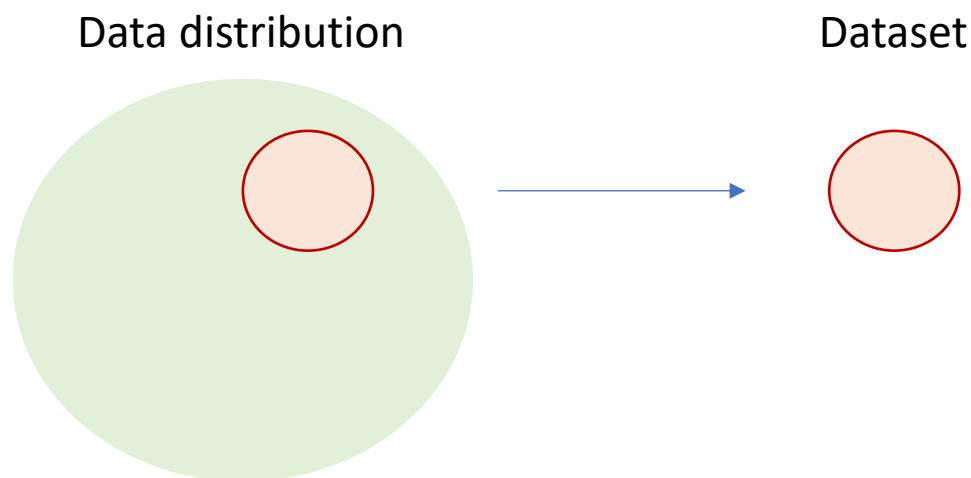




- To **choose** the most appropriate machine learning model for your data you have to **evaluate** its performance
- Evaluation can be performed according to a **metric (scoring function)**
 - E.g. accuracy, precision, recall

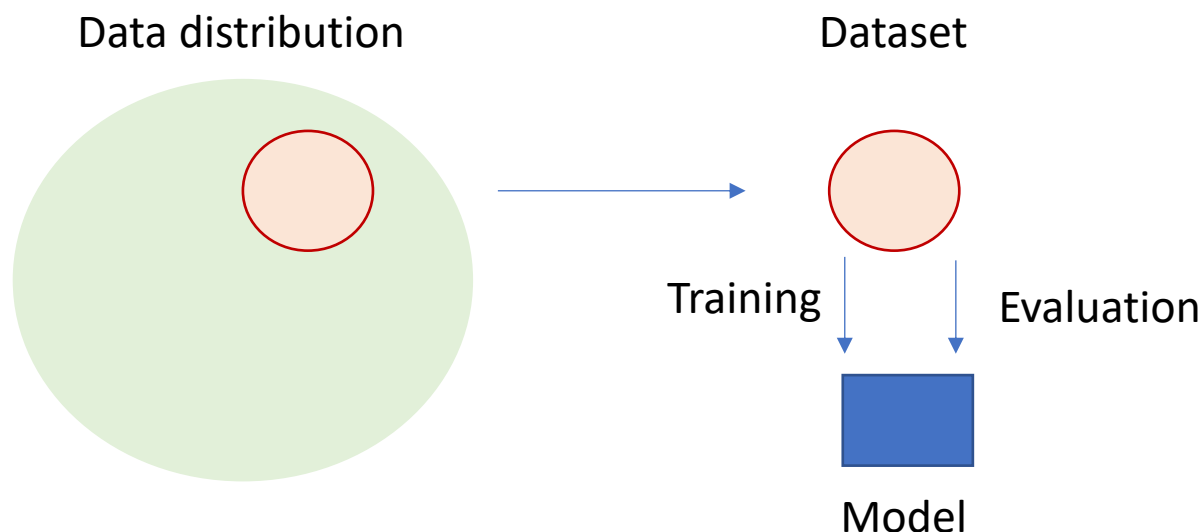


- The data that you have in a dataset is only a **sample extracted** from the distribution of real world data



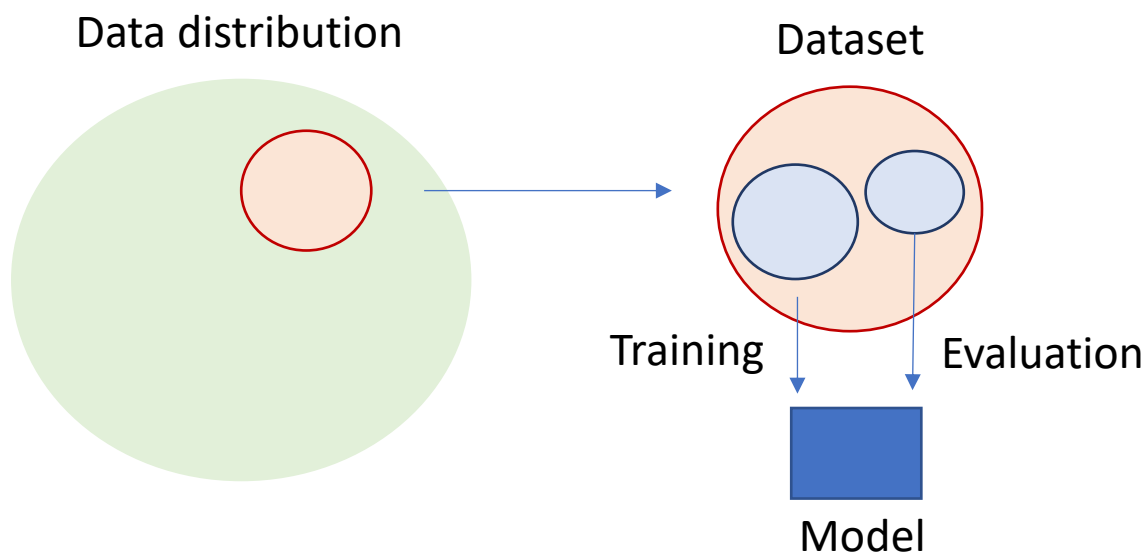


- If you choose the best model for your dataset, it may not perform so well for **new data**
 - This risk is called **overfitting**



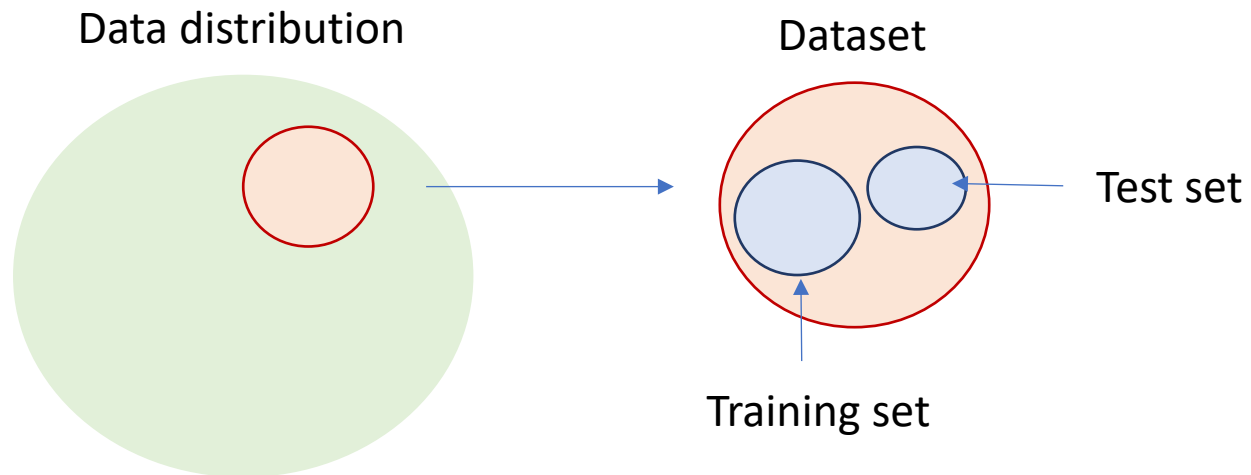


- To avoid overfitting evaluation must be performed on data that is not used for training the model
 - Divide your dataset into **training** and **test** set to simulate two different samples in the data distribution





- This technique is called **hold-out**
 - Training set is typically 70/90% of your data



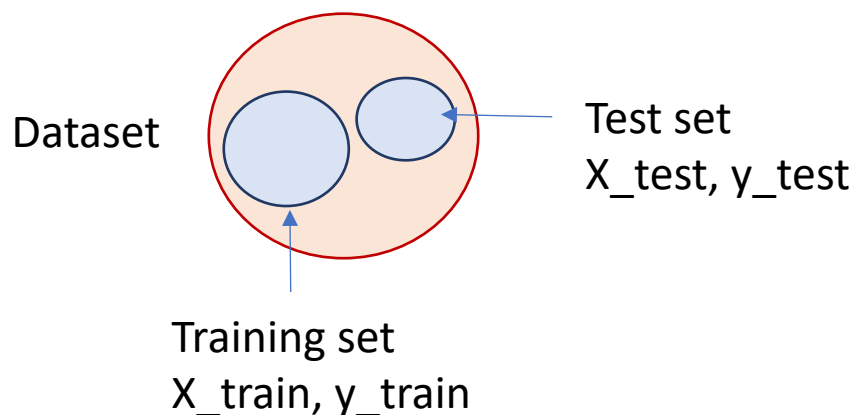


- Hold-out with Scikit-learn

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2)
```

- Default test_set size is 0.25 (25%)





- Evaluation = compare the following two vectors
 - $y_{\text{test}}(y)$: the expected result (**ground truth**)
 - $y_{\text{test_pred}}(\hat{y})$: the prediction made by your model
- Main evaluation metrics for classification:
 - Accuracy: % of correct samples
 - Precision(c): % of correct samples among those predicted with class c
 - Recall(c): % of correct samples among those that belong to class c in ground truth
 - F_1 score(c): harmonic mean between precision and recall



- Evaluation metrics with Scikit-learn
 - With `precision_score()`, `recall_score()`, `f1_score()`, ...
 - Or, `precision_recall_fscore_support()`
 - Returns those metrics together

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score,  
                             precision_recall_fscore_support  
  
acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred)  
p, r, f1, s = precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test, y_test_pred)
```



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```
p, r, f1, s = precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test, y_test_pred)
```

- p, r, f1, s are 1D Numpy arrays with the scores computed separately for each class
 - Example

	class 0	class 1	class 2
p =	0.99	0.99	0.5
r =	0.77	0.97	0.99

many samples of class 2 are recognized, but model is not precise with this class



- **Macro average** scores vs **Weighted average** scores

```
p, r, f1, s = precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test, y_test_pred,  
                                             average='macro')
```

- **Macro** average f1:

```
macro_f1 = f1.mean()
```

- Macro average gives the **same importance** to all classes, even if they are unbalanced
 - If a class with few elements gets a low f1, the macro-averaged score is affected with the same weight as another with more samples



■ Weighted average scores

```
p, r, f1, s = precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test, y_test_pred,  
                                              average = 'weighted')
```

- Weighted average scores are by assigning each score a different weight, based on class cardinality
- Classes with higher **cardinality** have **higher impact** on these metrics



■ Confusion matrix

- Useful tool when you want to inspect with more details the classification results

```
In [1]: from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix

conf_mat = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_test_pred)
print(conf_mat)
```

```
Out[1]:
```

	predicted		
	0	1	2
actual 0	45	0	1
1	0	43	0
2	0	3	42



Notebook Examples

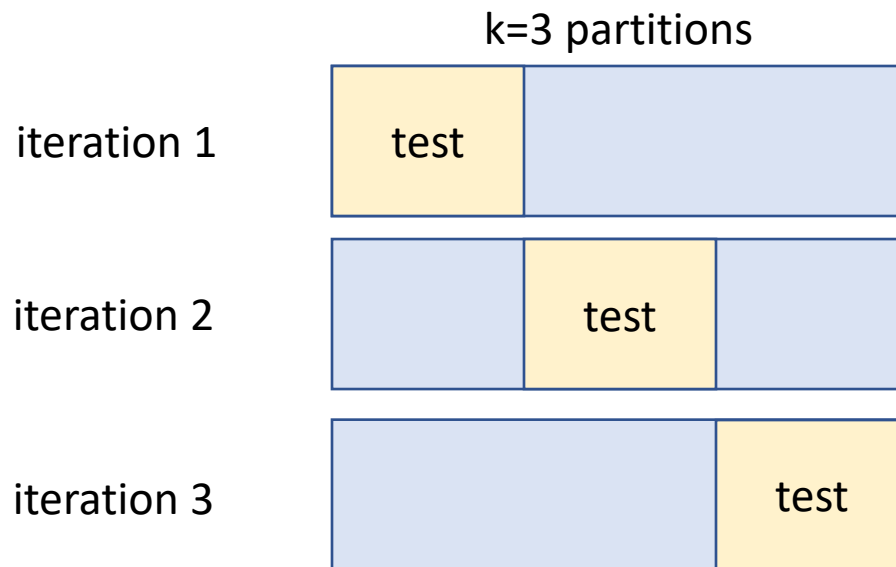
- **4a-Scikitlearn-Classification.ipynb**
 - **1. Classification and hold out**





Cross-validation

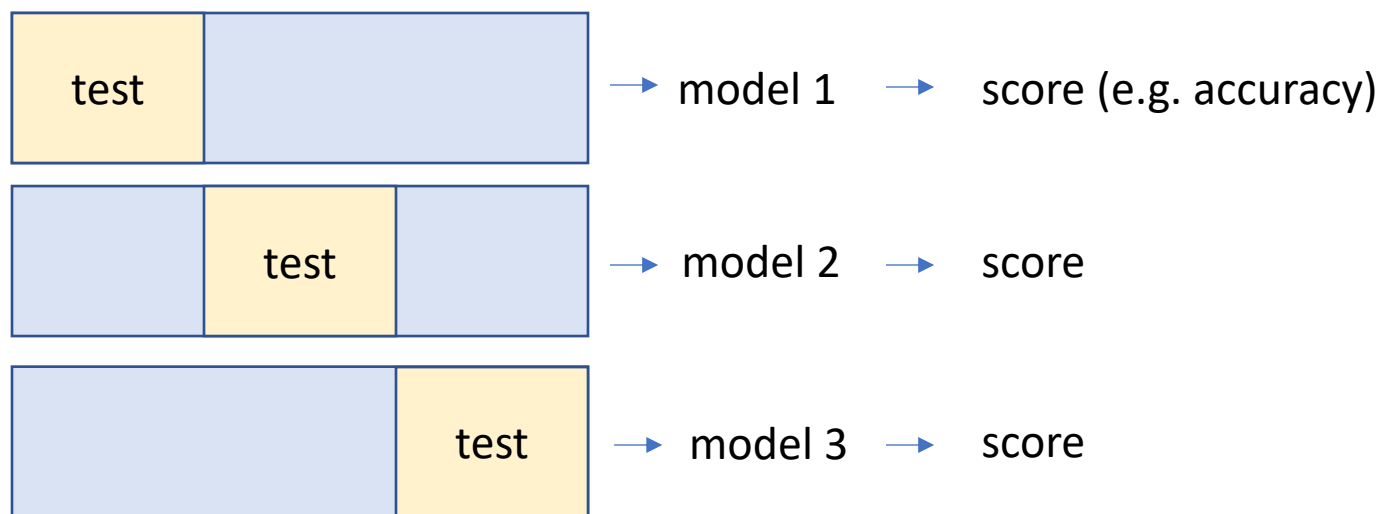
- Divide your dataset into **k** partitions
- At each iteration select a partition to be used as **test** set and the others will be the **training** set





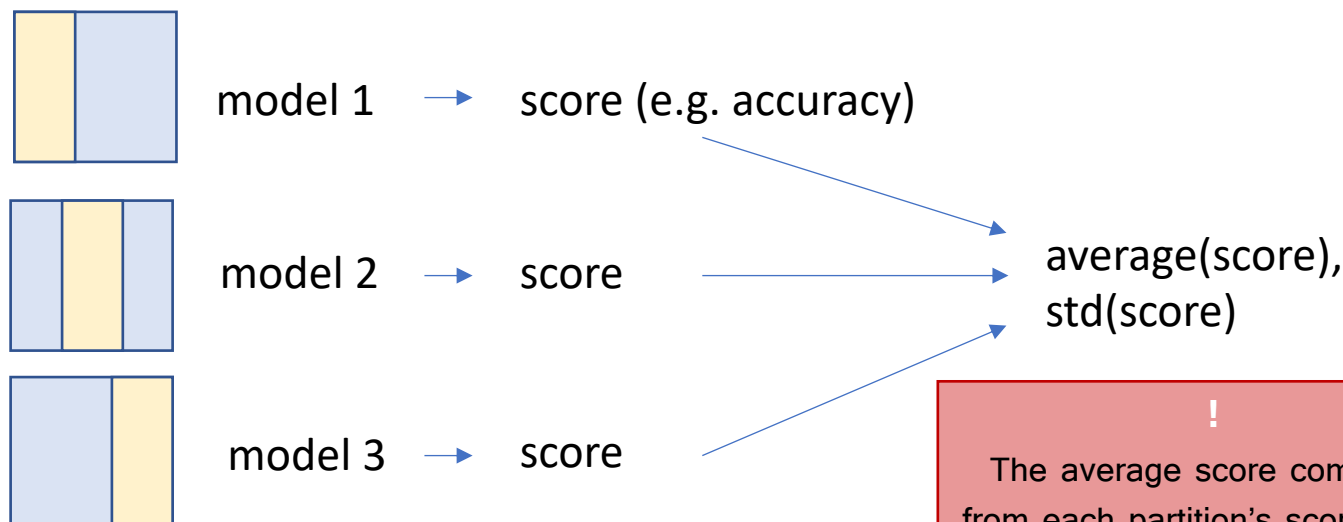
Cross-validation

- At each iteration a **different model** is trained
- After training a model compute a **scoring** metric to the predictions for the test set





- At the end you can compute **statistics** on the obtained scores



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The average score computed from each partition's score is not necessarily the same as the overall accuracy. We should weight the average by the # of samples in each partition



- Method 1: iterate across partitions

```
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold

# K-Fold with 5 splits
kfold = KFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True)

for train_indices, test_indices in kfold.split(X, y):
    ... executed 5 times, 1 for each k-fold iteration ...
```

- Shuffle specifies to shuffle data before creating the k partitions (default is False)



- Method 1: iterate across partitions

```
...  
for train_indices, test_indices in kfold.split(X, y):  
    ... executed 5 times, 1 for each k-fold iteration ...
```

- `kfold.split()` returns at each **iteration** a tuple with two **arrays**:
 - `train_indices`: array of the **indices** (row number) of the training samples
 - `test_indices`: array of the indices of the test samples



- Method 1: iterate across partitions

```
...  
for train_indices, test_indices in kfold.split(X, y):  
    train model on X[train_indices], y[train_indices]  
    test model on X[test_indices]  
    compute an evaluation score for this partition
```

- At each iteration you can use **fancy indexing** to select the samples from X and y
- Then you can train a model and compute its performances on the test set



- Method 2: use `cross_val_score()`

```
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

clf = DecisionTreeClassifier()
acc = cross_val_score(clf, X, y, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')
```

- Parameters:
 - `clf` = the model that you want to be trained
 - `X, y` = your dataset, where cross-validation will be performed
- Important: this method **does not shuffle** data
 - Manually shuffle them when necessary (suggested)



- Method 2: use `cross_val_score()`

```
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

clf = DecisionTreeClassifier()
acc = cross_val_score(clf, X, y, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')
```

- Parameters:

- `cv` = number of partitions for cross-validation
- `scoring` = scoring function for the evaluation
 - E.g. 'f1_macro', 'f1_micro', 'accuracy', 'precision_macro'

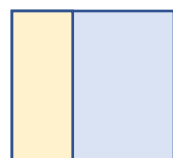


- Method 2: use `cross_val_score()`

In [1]: `cross_val_score(clf, X, y, cv=3, scoring='accuracy')`

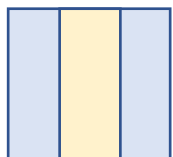
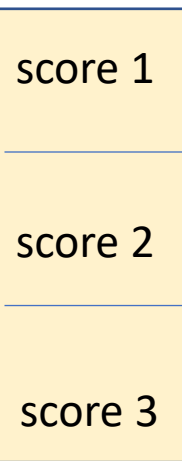
Out[1]: `array([0.85, 0.86, 0.833])`

- Return value:

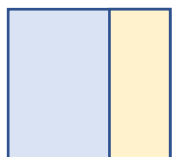


model 1 → score (e.g. accuracy) →

(Numpy array)



model 2 → score (e.g. accuracy) →



model 3 → score (e.g. accuracy) →



- Method 3: use `cross_val_predict()`

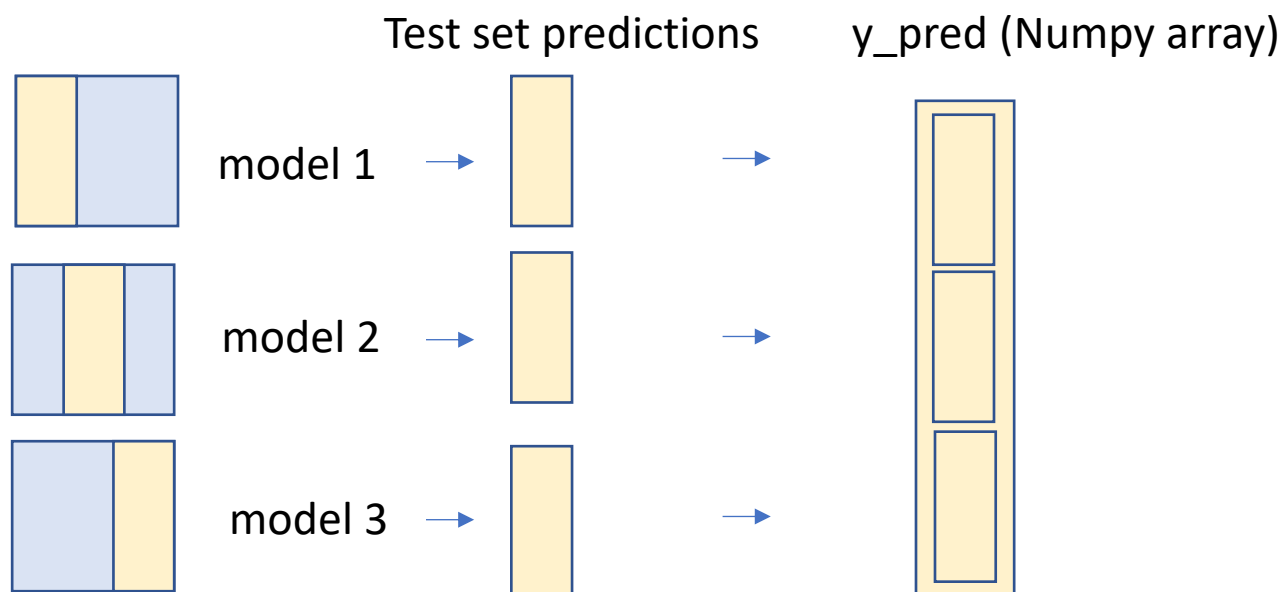
```
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_predict  
y_pred = cross_val_predict(clf, X, y, cv=3)
```

- This method returns a Numpy array with the predictions of the *cv* models trained during cross validation
- Data is **not shuffled**



- Method 3: use `cross_val_predict()`

```
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_predict  
y_pred = cross_val_predict(clf, X, y, cv=3)
```



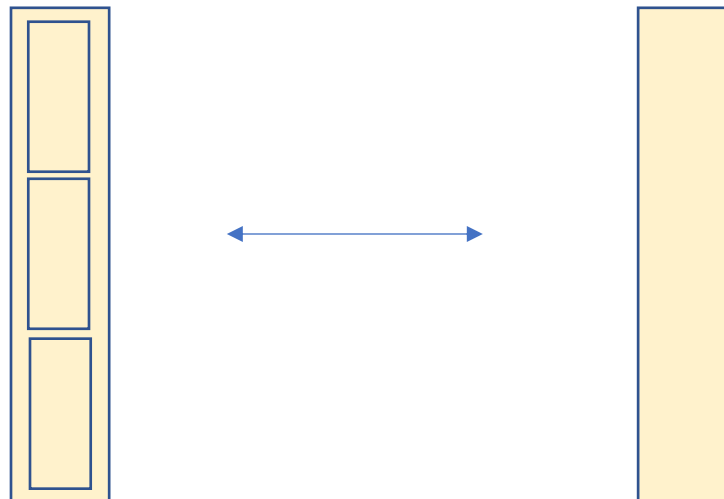


- Method 3: use `cross_val_predict()`
 - Finally you can evaluate the predictions

```
acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred)
```

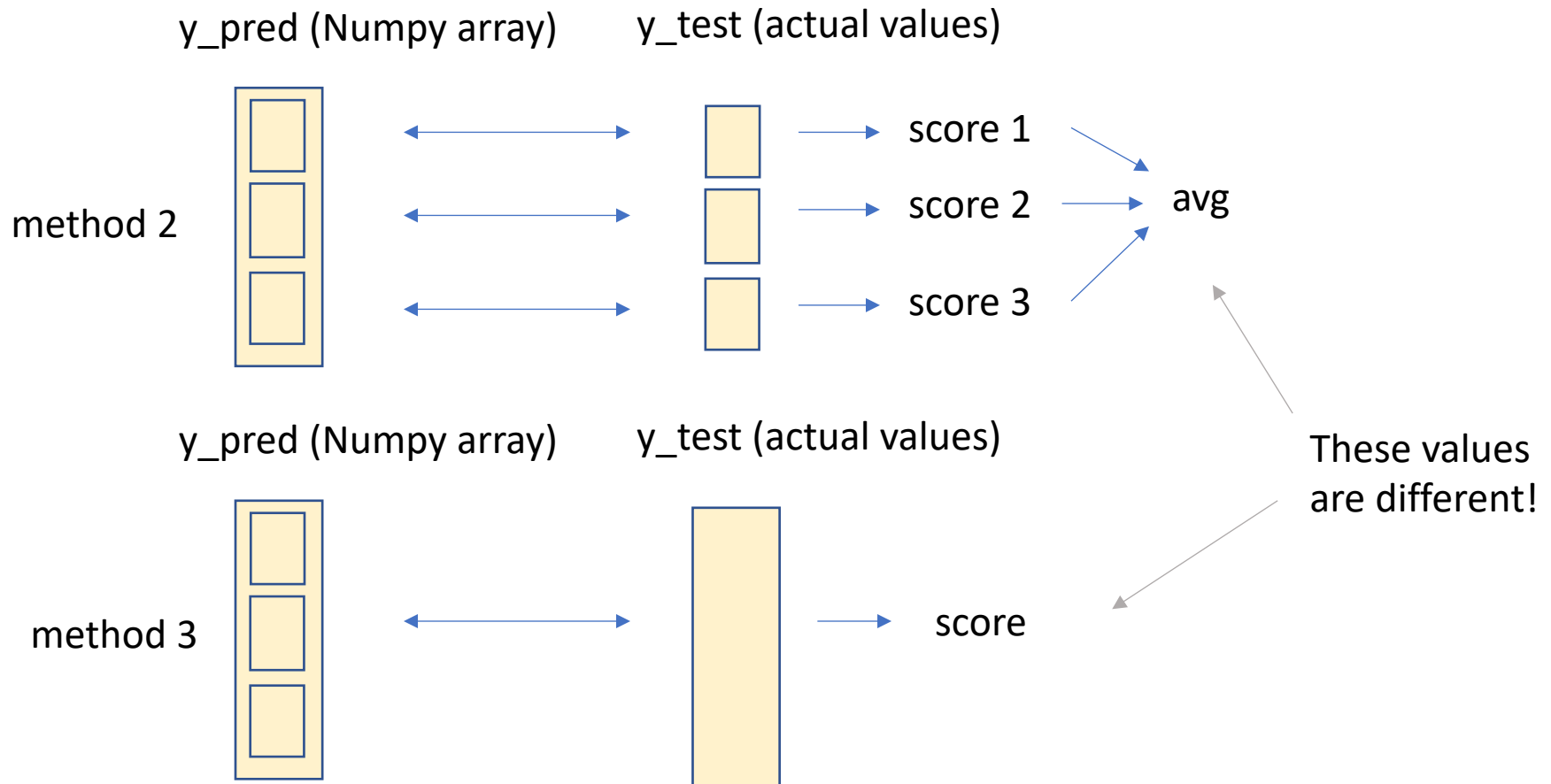
`y_pred` (Numpy array)

`y_test` (actual values)





- Difference between method 2 and method 3





Notebook Examples

- **4a-Scikitlearn-Classification.ipynb**
 - **2. Cross validation**

