

Building the Models

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Basics of Data Science

Data Modeling

Data Modeling involves the following steps:

1. Model and variable selection
2. Model execution
3. Model diagnostic and model comparison

Model and Variable selection

When doing model and variable selection one must think about:

1. Must the model be moved to a production environment and, if so, would it be easy to implement?
2. How difficult is the maintenance on the model: how long will it remain relevant if left untouched?
3. Does the model need to be easy to explain?

Model Execution

After choosing model and required variables, we must implement the model in code.

Model Execution

Example 1

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
import numpy as np
predictors = np.random.random(1000).reshape(500,2)
target = predictors.dot(np.array([0.4, 0.6])) + np.random.random(500)
lmRegModel = sm.OLS(target,predictors)
result = lmRegModel.fit()
result.summary()
```

**Imports required
Python modules.**

**Shows model
fit statistics.**

**Fits linear
regression
on data.**

**Creates random data for
predictors (x-values) and
semi-random data for
the target (y-values) of the
model. We use predictors as
input to create the target so
we infer a correlation here.**

Model Execution

Example 1

```
from sklearn import neighbors
predictors = np.random.random(1000).reshape(500,2)
target = np.around(predictors.dot(np.array([0.4, 0.6])) +
                    np.random.random(500))
clf = neighbors.KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=10)
knn = clf.fit(predictors,target)
knn.score(predictors, target)
```

Imports modules.

Creates random data and semi-target data based on predictor data.

Fits 10-nearest neighbors model.

Gets model fit score: what percent of the classification was correct?

Model Diagnostics

How do you check model performance?

Example:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2$$

	<i>n</i>	Size	Price	Predicted model 1	Predicted model 2	Error model 1	Error model 2
80% train	1	10	3				
	2	15	5				
	3	18	6				
	4	14	5				
					
	800	9	3				
	801	12	4	12	10	0	2
	802	13	4	12	10	1	3
	...						
	999	21	7	21	10	0	11
20% test	1000	10	4	12	10	-2	0
Total						5861	110225