

# Soft Sensors

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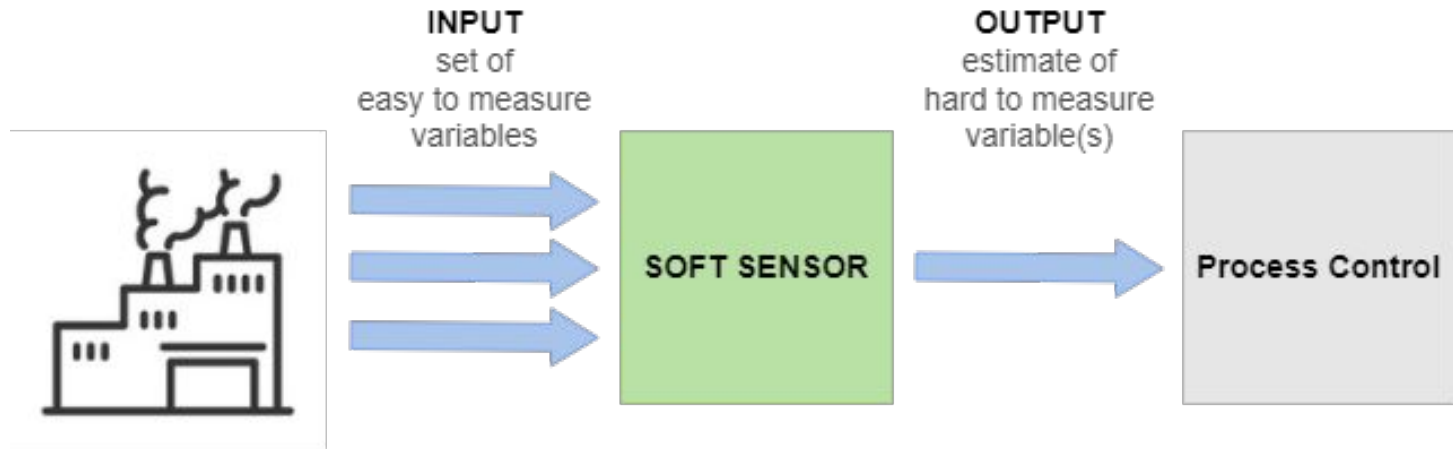
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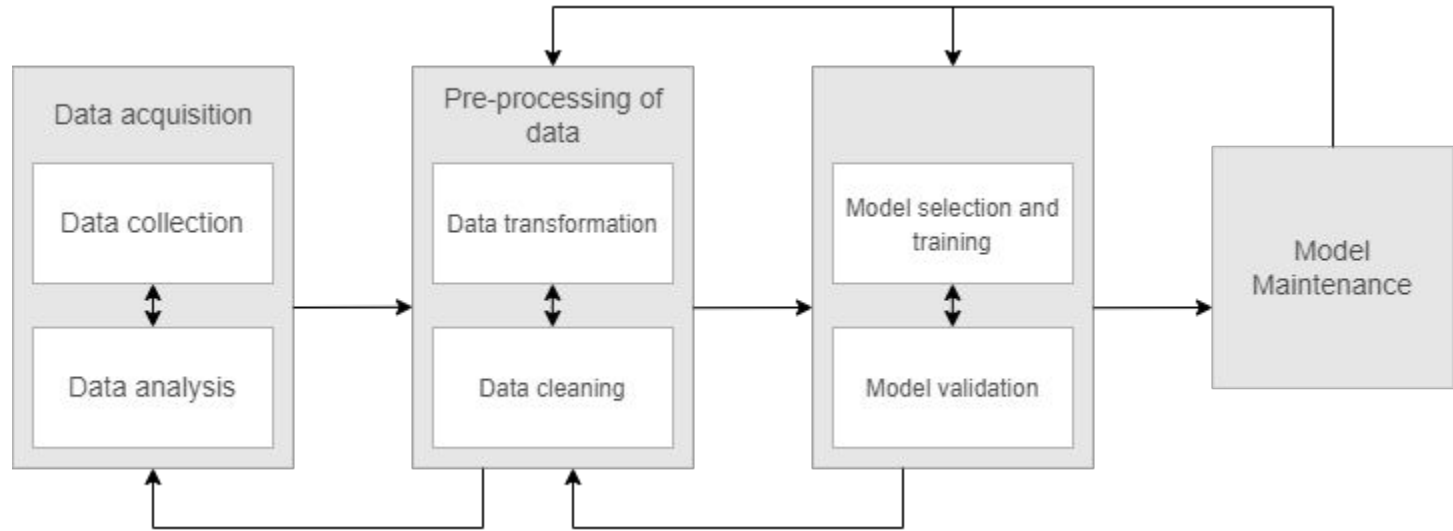
# Introduction



# Soft Sensor Applications

- Prediction of variables in real time that cannot be measured by physical sensors.
- Detection and diagnosis of failures during the process.
- Reduce expenses related to the process control.

# Project Goal



# Variable Selection

- Decreases over-fitting
- Improves Accuracy
- Reduces Training Time

## Pearson Correlation

Pearson Correlation: Quantify linear dependence between two or more variables. Values ranging from -1 to 1:

$$R = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - \mu_x)(y_i - \mu_y)]}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_x)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_y)^2}}$$

# Variable Selection

## Feature Expansion

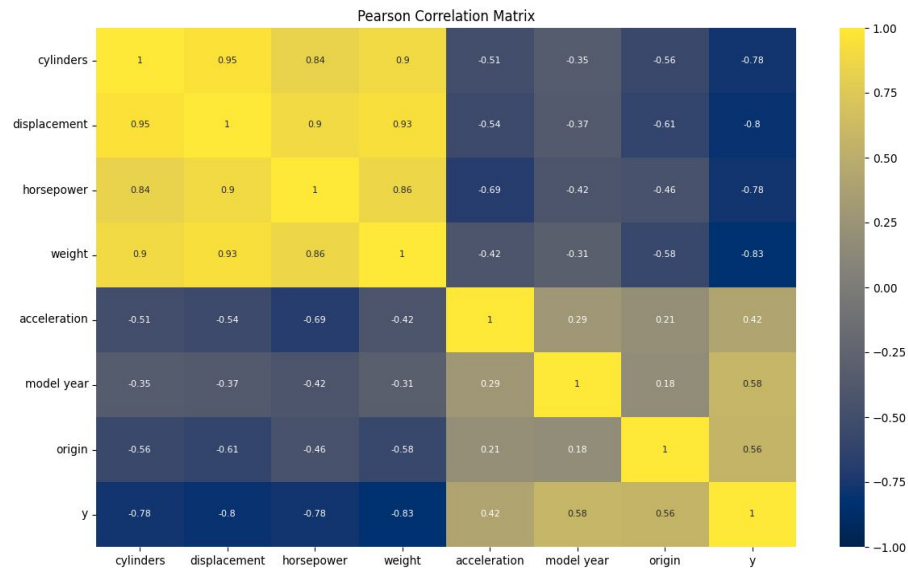
Create new variables to introduce non linearity to the model:

- $x^2$
- $\sqrt{x}$
- $1/x$
- $x_i * x_j$

$$|X|_{FE} = 4|X| + |X|!$$

# Variable Selection

- Without VS
- With FE
- With FE and 3 different Pearson Correlation thresholds



# Multiple Linear Regression

Uses several independent variables to predict a response variable (dependent).

Assumes a linear relation between independent variables.

$$\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$



# Ridge Regression

Prevents overfitting.

Uses the L2-norm.

Reducing the model parameter through a penalty term,  $\lambda$ .

- $\lambda = 0$  : same result as MLR
- high  $\lambda$  : smaller parameter  $\beta$  (under-fitting)

$$\hat{\beta}_{RR} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} \beta_j)^2 - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j^2$$

# Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operation

Uses shrinkage: data values are shrunk towards a central point.

Identical to RR but uses the L1-norm.

Less important variables can have null parameter.

$$\hat{\beta}_{Lasso} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij}\beta_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^m |\beta_j|$$

# Elastic Net

Combines capability of variable selection (LASSO) and a better prediction performance (RR).

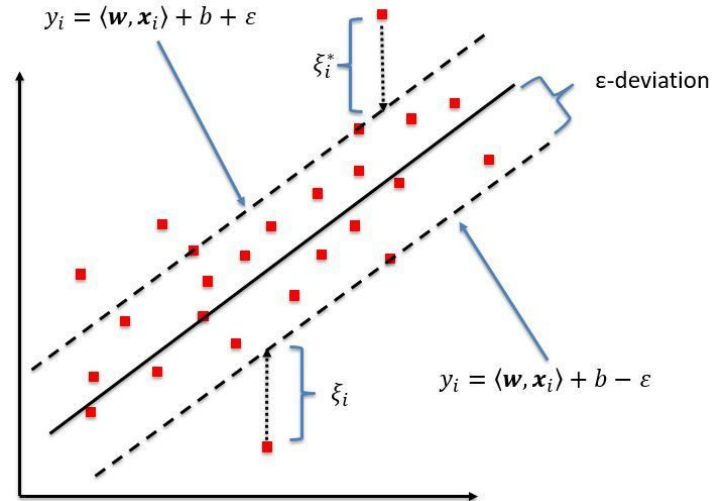
- $\alpha$ : strength of each penalty term
- $\lambda$ : controls the trade-off between variance and bias.

$$\hat{\beta}_{EN} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} \beta_j \right)^2 + \lambda \left( \alpha \sum_{j=1}^m |\beta_j| + \frac{1-a}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j^2 \right)$$

# Support Vector Regression

Minimize hyperplane coefficients for fixed error

- $\varepsilon$ : fixed maximum error
- $\zeta$ : slack (deviation from the margin)
- $C$ : strength of  $\zeta$  parcel



# Support Vector Regression

$$L = \underset{\beta, \zeta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|_2^2 - C \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_i + \zeta_i^*$$

- $\alpha$ : Lagrange multiplier
- $K$ : kernel function
  - linear
  - rbf

$$f(x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) K(x_i^T, x_i) + b$$

# Datasets

## Dataset 1:

- Name: Concrete Compressive Strength
- $y = \text{concrete\_compressive\_strength}$
- $|X| = 8$

## Dataset 2:

- Name: Auto-Mpg Data
- $y = \text{mpg}$
- $|X| = 7$

## Dataset 3:

- Name: Box–Jenkins Gas Furnace
- $y = y(t)$  (Carbon Dioxide)
- $|X| = 8$

## Dataset 4:

- Name: Water Treatment Plant
- $y = y(k)$  (fluoride in the effluent)
- $|X| = 55$

# Métricas para avaliar os resultados

$R^2$  - Coefficient of determination

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y})^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

close to 1: good fit

RMSE - Root Mean Squared Error

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y})^2}$$

low RMSE: good fit

# Pseudo Code

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1 # Code to test a variable selection method and a training model
2 Import dataset
3 Preprocess data (delete outliers, non numeric variables and empty variables)
4 Choose a variable selection method: without VS or with FE or with FE and 3 Pearson
5 correlation thresholds
6 Input model #MLR or RR or LASSO or EN or SVR
7 Input hyperparameters values to try in a dictionary # except for MLR
8
9 for i = 1, ..., iterations:
10     Split dataset in train (70%) and test (30%) randomly (but reproducible)
11     Tune hyperparameters using a gridsearch and a 10 fold Cross Validation
12     Fit the model with the best hyperparameters to the training dataset
13     Predict y for the test dataset
14     Calculate scores (r2 and rmse) between predicted y and real y for the test dataset
15     Save model path, parameters and scores in a dataframe
16
17 Calculate final results (the mean of r2 and rmse)
18 Save results to a csv
19 Load and plot the best model from the dataframe
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# R<sup>2</sup> results

Dataset	Variable Selection	X	MLR	RR	LASSO	EN	SVR (linear)	SVR (rbf)	GMM
Dataset 1	without VS	8	0,604	0,604	0,604	0,604	0,581	0,865	
	with FE	57	0,869	0,869	0,859	0,858	0,852	0,908	
	with FE, PC = 0.2	32	0,842	0,842	0,837	0,837	0,824	0,886	
	with FE, PC = 0.3	26	0,835	0,834	0,834	0,834	0,826	0,887	
	with FE, PC = 0.4	11	0,726	0,726	0,726	0,726	0,713	0,829	
Dataset 2	without VS	7	0,808	0,807	0,808	0,807	0,802	0,866	
	with FE	49	-	0,867	0,865	0,866	0,864	0,879	
	with FE, PC = 0.7	27	-	0,845	0,834	0,834	0,848	0,846	
	with FE, PC = 0.75	24	0,836	0,844	0,836	0,836	0,844	0,840	
	with FE, PC = 0.8	9	0,733	0,731	0,732	0,732	0,707	0,711	
Dataset 3	without VS	8	0,993	0,993	0,993	0,993	0,992	0,992	
	with FE	52	0,991	0,992	0,992	0,992	0,992	0,991	
	with FE, PC = 0.7	28	0,989	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	
	with FE, PC = 0.75	27	0,988	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	
	with FE, PC = 0.8	23	0,989	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	
	with FE, PC = 0.9	18	0,989	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	
Dataset 4	without VS	55	0,616	0,690	0,695	0,693	0,643	0,758	
	with FE, PC = 0.7	52	0,522	0,621	0,598	0,592	0,553	0,689	
	with FE, PC = 0.72	26	0,546	0,567	0,553	0,569	0,532	0,674	
	with FE, PC = 0.73	11	0,554	0,565	0,557	0,567	0,543	0,679	

TABLE I  
R<sup>2</sup> RESULTS

# RMSE results

Dataset	Variable Selection	$ X $	MLR	RR	LASSO	EN	SVR (linear)	SVR (rbf)	GMM
Dataset 1	without SV	8	10,439	10,443	10,441	10,444	10,731	6,082	
	with FE	57	6,002	5,994	6,230	6,234	6,374	5,024	
	with FE, PC = 0.2	32	6,593	6,594	6,696	6,698	6,958	5,588	
	with FE, PC = 0.3	26	6,739	6,759	6,749	6,760	6,923	5,570	
	with FE, PC = 0.4	11	8,690	8,686	8,679	8,684	8,881	6,849	
Dataset 2	without VS	7	3,446	3,452	3,448	3,452	3,482	2,861	
	with FE	49	-	2,866	2,884	2,874	2,879	2,708	
	with FE, PC = 0.7	27	-	3,085	3,199	3,197	3,040	3,060	
	with FE, PC = 0.75	24	3,169	3,103	3,183	3,184	3,087	3,122	
	with FE, PC = 0.8	9	4,062	4,075	4,066	4,066	4,232	4,197	
Dataset 3	without VS	8	0,267	0,267	0,267	0,267	0,278	0,280	
	with FE	52	0,304	0,278	0,273	0,273	0,278	0,296	
	with FE, PC = 0.7	28	0,338	0,324	0,319	0,319	0,321	0,320	
	with FE, PC = 0.75	27	0,341	0,324	0,319	0,319	0,322	0,320	
	with FE, PC = 0.8	23	0,339	0,321	0,318	0,319	0,322	0,320	
	with FE, PC = 0.9	18	0,331	0,318	0,317	0,318	0,321	0,323	
Dataset 4	without VS	55	0,024	0,021	0,021	0,021	0,023	0,019	
	with FE, PC = 0.7	52	0,026	0,023	0,024	0,024	0,025	0,021	
	with FE, PC = 0.73	26	0,025	0,025	0,025	0,025	0,026	0,022	
	with FE, PC = 0.72	11	0,026	0,025	0,025	0,025	0,026	0,022	

TABLE II  
RMSE RESULTS

# Conclusions

- SVR with rbf kernel has, generally, the best results
- Feature Expansion improves the metrics
- A high Pearson Correlation (with feature expansion) can lead to worse results
- Datasets with few variables and delays (D3 and D4) applied work best with simpler model but show low variance in results

# Future Work

- Test other variable selection methods (as Mutual Information and Fast Tracker)
- Test other training model (GMM - gaussian mixture model)
- Use another dataset with similar properties as the first 2