Machine Learning and Model Explanation in Mass Appraisal

This presentation will overview key applied machine learning (ML) techniques in mass appraisal. Specific parametric and non-parametric comparable sales approaches and model explanation techniques will be surveyed.



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