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19CSE304 - Foundations of Data Science

CASE STUDY REVIEW TOPIC:

Problem Recommendation

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Overview

The use of coding platforms to support students acquiring programming skills is common nowadays because this type of software contains a large collection of programming exercises to be solved by students.

A common problem that students face when using coding platforms is information overload, as choosing the right problem to solve can be quite frustrating due to the large number of problems offered. Hence, the aim of this paper is to support students with the information overload problem by using a collaborative filtering recommendation approach that filters out programming problems suitable for students' programming skills.

It uses an enriched user-problem matrix that implies a better student role representation, facilitating the computation of closer neighborhoods and hence a more accurate recommendation.

A case study is carried out on a coding platform real dataset showing that the proposal outperforms other previous approaches.

Goals

In this challenge we are required to build a model to predict the number of attempts taken by participants for a successful submission to online programming challenges. Data of programmers and questions they solved previously were given along with the time they took to solve the questions.

About dataset

In order to analyzing users we have used

Attributes details:

- user_id
- problem_id
- attempts_range
- level_type points
- tags
- submission_count
- problem_solved
- contribution
- country
- follower_count
- last online time seconds
- max_rating
- rating
- rank
- Registration_time_seconds

	user_id	problem_id	attempts_range	level_type	points		tags	submissio	n_count	problem_solved
0	user_232	prob_6507	1	В	1000.0		strings		53	47
1	user_232	prob_5071	4	Α	500.0	impleme	ntation		53	47
2	user_232	prob_703	2	А	500.0	force,impleme	brute ntation		53	47
3	user_232	prob_3935	1	С	1000.0	greedy,s	ortings		53	47
4	user_232	prob_164	2	А	500.0	force,const algorithm			53	47
con	tuibution	country f	iallawan saunt l	oct online tim	o cocondo	may mating	nating	nank	nogistnot	tion time coconds
con	tribution	country f	ollower_count la	ast_online_tim	e_seconds	max_rating	rating	rank	registrat	tion_time_seconds
con		country f	follower_count la		e_seconds 503633778				registrat	tion_time_seconds 1432110935
con				15	_	307.913	206.709	beginner	registrat	
con	0	Bangladesh	1	11	503633778	307.913 307.913	206.709 206.709	beginner beginner	registrat	1432110935
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Data Preprocessing

The first step in the process of analyzing air quality is to pre-process the dataset obtained. It is a way of converting this raw data into a much-desired form so that useful information can be derived from it, which is fed into the training model. Our dataset has few null values and outliers which must be handled using necessary methods.

CHECKING FOR NAN VALUES

```
df.isnull().sum()
user id
                                   0
problem id
                                   0
attempts range
                                   0
level type
                                 620
points
                               29075
tags
                               15427
submission count
                                   0
problem solved
                                   0
contribution
                                   0
                               37853
country
follower count
                                   0
last_online_time_seconds
                                   0
max_rating
                                   0
rating
                                   0
rank
                                   0
registration_time_seconds
                                   0
dtype: int64
```

```
df['country'].mode()[0], df['level_type'].mode()[0], df['tags'].mode()[0], df['points'].mode()[0]
```

```
('India', 'A', 'implementation', 500.0)
```

```
df['country'].fillna('India', inplace=True)

df['level_type'].fillna('A', inplace=True)

df['points'].fillna(500.0, inplace=True)

df['tags'].fillna(df['tags'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
```

HERE NAN VALUES WERE REMOVED

```
df.isnull().sum()
user id
                               0
problem id
                               0
attempts range
                              0
level type
                              0
points
                              0
tags
                              0
submission_count
                              0
problem solved
                              0
contribution
                              0
country
                              0
follower count
                              0
last online time seconds
                              0
max rating
                              0
rating
                              0
rank
                              0
registration time seconds
dtype: int64
```

Outlier Detection

Outliers increase the variability in your data, which decreases statistical power

Using IQR method

```
[ ] q1 = np.percentile(df['points'], 25)
    q1
    500.0
[ ] q3 = np.percentile(df['points'], 75)
    q3
    1000.0
 ] iqr = q3 - q1
     iqr
    500.0
[ ] cut_off = iqr*1.5
    lower, upper = q1 - cut_off, q3 + cut_off
    print(lower)
    print(upper)
    -250.0
    1750.0
[ ] outliers = [x for x in df['points'] if (x<lower) or (x>upper)]
     len(outliers)
    13124
```

Using 3 standard deviation method

```
[ ] mean = df['points'].mean()
    mean
    900.9499787499839
[ ] std = df['points'].std()
    std
    547.1329251780865
[ ] cut_off = std*3
    lower, upper = mean - cut_off, mean + cut_off
    print(lower)
    print(upper)
    -740.4487967842755
    2542.348754284243
[ ] outliers = [x for x in df['points'] if (x<lower) or (x>upper)]
    len(outliers)
    1045
[ ] df_no_outlier = df.loc[(df['points'] > lower) & (df['points'] < upper)]
    df_no_outlier.shape
    (154249, 16)
[ ] df = df_no_outlier.copy()
    df.shape
    (154249, 16)
```

Visualization

For easy understanding we use visualization for graphical representation

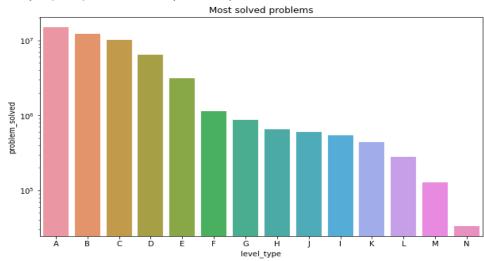
logarithmic graph to check the count of level type problems

logarithmic graph to check the most solved problem vs the level type problems

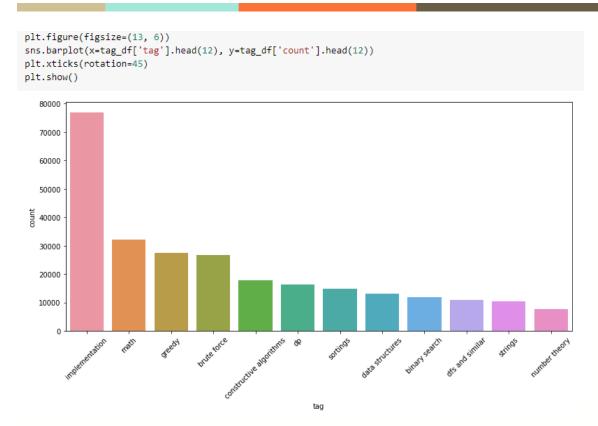
```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(x=level_type_df['level_type'], y=level_type_df['problem_solved'])
plt.yscale("log")
plt.title('Most solved problems')
```

level_type

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Most solved problems')

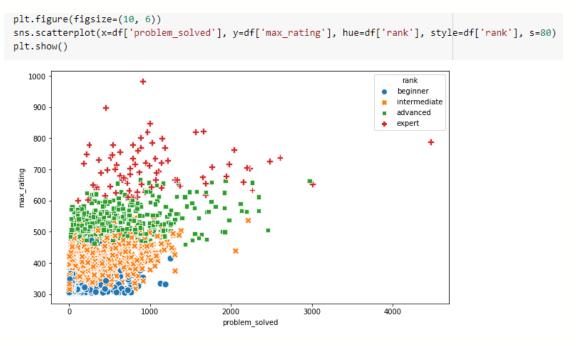


This graph to check the count of tag



inference: implementation has higher counts than any other tags

This scatterplot shows us solved problems vs maximum rating with hue: rank

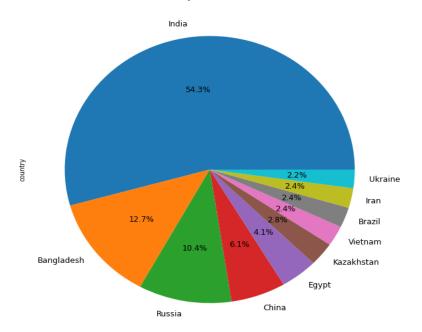


inference: experts data are spread unevenly and their max ratings are
higher

Here we can see the users from different countries

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
plt.title('Country with most users')
users_df.plot.pie(y=df.values, autopct='%1.1f%%', textprops={'fontsize': 12})
plt.show()
```

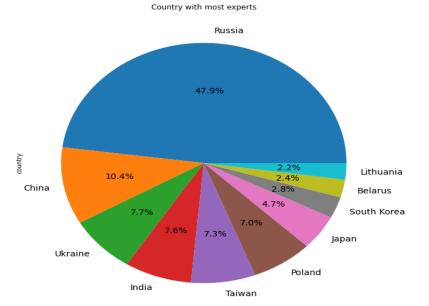
Country with most users



inference: India has
the most no. of users



Here we can see the experts users from different countries



inference: Russia
has the most no. of
experts

Handling Imbalance Data

Imbalanced datasets mean that the number of observations differs for the classes in a classification dataset. This imbalance can lead to inaccurate and biased results while building the model. The distribution of an imbalanced dataset is characterized by very high differences between the classes involved. To handle this, techniques such as oversampling and under sampling have been used.

CHECKING IMBALANCE OR NOT:

SMOTE[Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique.]

This is a statistical technique for increasing the number of cases in your dataset in a balanced way. The module works by generating new instances from existing minority cases that you supply as input.

```
#SMOTE
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
from collections import Counter

smote = SMOTE()

# fit predictor and target variable
x_smote, y_smote = smote.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)

print('Original dataset shape', Counter(y_train))
print('Resample dataset shape', Counter(y_smote))

# print('Original dataset shape', Counter(X_train))
# print('Resample dataset shape', Counter(x_smote))

Original dataset shape Counter({1: 57634, 2: 32912, 3: 9867, 4: 3785, 6: 2076, 5: 1700})
Resample dataset shape Counter({1: 57634, 2: 57634, 3: 57634, 4: 57634, 5: 57634, 6: 57634})
```

Under and Over sampling technique:

After splitting the data into TRAIN and TEST data we have to apply the technique

Under Sampling

```
[ ] from imblearn.under_sampling import RandomUnderSampler

rus = RandomUnderSampler(random_state=2, replacement=True)# fit predictor and target variable

X_rus, y_rus = rus.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)

print('original dataset shape:', Counter(y_train))

print('Resample dataset shape', Counter(y_rus))

original dataset shape: Counter({1: 57634, 2: 32912, 3: 9867, 4: 3785, 6: 2076, 5: 1700})

Resample dataset shape Counter({1: 1700, 2: 1700, 3: 1700, 4: 1700, 5: 1700, 6: 1700})
```

Over Sampling

```
[ ] from imblearn.over_sampling import RandomOverSampler

ros = RandomOverSampler(random_state=2)

X_ros, y_ros = ros.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)

print('Original dataset shape', Counter(y_train))
print('Resample dataset shape', Counter(y_ros))

Original dataset shape Counter({1: 57634, 2: 32912, 3: 9867, 4: 3785, 6: 2076, 5: 1700})
Resample dataset shape Counter({1: 57634, 2: 57634, 3: 57634, 4: 57634, 5: 57634, 6: 57634})
```

Descriptive Statistics

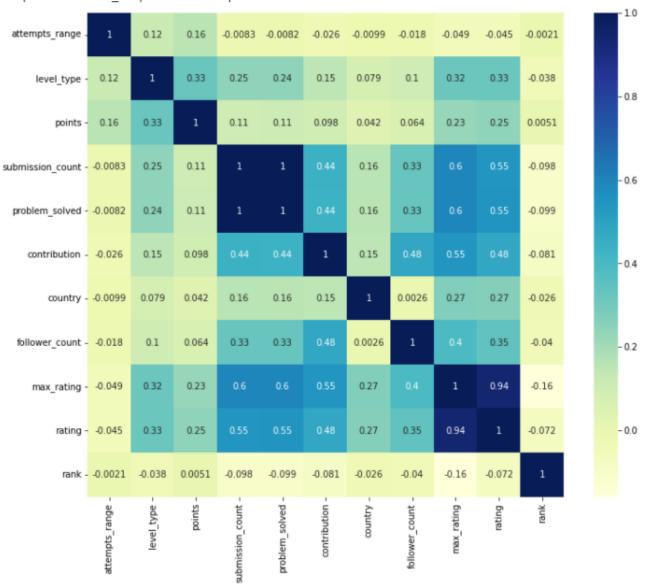
There are 3 main types of descriptive statistics:

- The distribution concerns the frequency of each value.
- The central tendency concerns the averages of the values.
- The variability or dispersion concerns how spread out the values are

df.mean()		df.median()	
attempts_range level_type points submission_count problem_solved contribution country follower_count max_rating rating rating rating tag_*special tag_2-sat tag_binary search tag_bitmasks tag_brute force tag_chinese remainder theorem	1.750501 1.402550 887.097330 370.607168 334.494959 5.403400 33.275846 59.866119 406.687068 367.743888 1.697645 0.005673 0.002574 0.077699 0.015572 0.173836 0.000421	attempts_range level_type points submission_count problem_solved contribution country follower_count max_rating rating rank tag_*special tag_2-sat tag_binary search tag_bitmasks	1.000 1.000 500.000 236.000 208.000 31.000 20.000 382.454 355.218 1.000 0.000 0.000
tag_combinatorics	0.018282	tag_brute force	0.000
tag_constructive_algorithms	0.116124	tag chinese remainder theorem	0.000
tag_data structures tag_dfs and similar	0.084435	tag_combinatorics	0.000
	0.070464	tag_constructive_algorithms	0.000

df.var()		df.std()	
attempts_range level_type points submission_count problem_solved contribution country follower_count max_rating rating rank tag_*special tag_2-sat tag_binary search tag_bitmasks tag_brute force tag_chinese remainder theorem tag_combinatorics tag_constructive algorithms	1.153422 3.466920 272636.903907 157441.416451 141333.249808 356.595981 359.734480 60469.410094 9782.603908 12418.312242 1.456672 0.005641 0.002567 0.071662 0.015330 0.143618 0.000421 0.017948 0.102640	attempts_range level_type points submission_count problem_solved contribution country follower_count max_rating rating rank tag_*special tag_2-sat tag_binary search tag_bitmasks tag_brute force tag_chinese remainder theorem tag combinatorics	1.073975 1.861967 522.146439 396.788881 375.943147 18.883749 18.966668 245.905287 98.907047 111.437481 1.206927 0.075103 0.050667 0.267698 0.123814 0.378969 0.020524 0.133970
df.kurt()		df.skew()	
attempts_range level_type points submission_count problem_solved contribution country follower_count max_rating rating rating rank tag_*special tag_2-sat tag_binary search tag_bitmasks tag_brute force tag_chinese remainder theorem tag_combinatorics	4.004866 7.810169 0.730704 13.473733 15.392129 23.802643 -0.112283 1265.690854 2.202784 0.823675 -1.621636 171.295868 383.551576 7.954713 59.234680 0.963038 2368.138762 49.718500	attempts_range level_type points submission_count problem_solved contribution country follower_count max_rating rating rank tag_*special tag_2-sat tag_binary search tag_bitmasks tag_brute force tag_chinese remainder theorem tag_combinatorics	1.915188 2.427905 1.248408 2.837701 3.017744 4.492542 0.551704 30.905768 1.356209 0.617473 -0.065370 13.164104 19.635341 3.155093 7.825210 1.721344 48.683756 7.191513

Removing duplicated and highly correlated columns



Feature Selection

Feature Selection

```
[83] from sklearn.feature_selection import VarianceThreshold
        var_threshold = VarianceThreshold(threshold=0)
        var threshold.fit(df.select dtypes(exclude=['object', 'datetime']))
        VarianceThreshold(threshold=0)
[84] var_threshold.get_support()
        array([ True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True,
                 True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True,
                 True, True, True, True, True, True, True,
                 True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True,
                 True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True,
                 True, True])
[85] df.select_dtypes(exclude=['object', 'datetime']).columns[var_threshold.get_support()]
        Index(['attempts_range', 'level_type', 'points', 'submission_count',
                'problem_solved', 'contribution', 'country', 'follower_count', 'max_rating', 'rating', 'rank', 'tag_*special', 'tag_2-sat',
                'tag_binary search', 'tag_bitmasks', 'tag_brute force',
                'tag_chinese remainder theorem', 'tag_combinatorics', 'tag_constructive algorithms', 'tag_data structures',
                'tag_dfs and similar', 'tag_divide and conquer', 'tag_dp', 'tag_dsu',
                'tag_expression parsing', 'tag_fft', 'tag_flows', 'tag_games',
                'tag_geometry', 'tag_graph matchings', 'tag_graphs', 'tag_greedy', 'tag_hashing', 'tag_implementation', 'tag_math', 'tag_matrices',
                'tag_meet-in-the-middle', 'tag_number theory', 'tag_probabilities',
                'tag_schedules', 'tag_shortest paths', 'tag_sortings',
                'tag_string suffix structures', 'tag_strings', 'tag_ternary search',
                'tag_trees', 'tag_two pointers'],
               dtype='object')
```

Model Building

Logistic Regression

It establishes a relationship between dependent variable (Y) and one or more independent variables (X) using a best fit straight line

Logistic Regression

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn import metrics
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

LogReg = LogisticRegression(random_state=2)
LogReg.fit(X_train,y_train)
predicted_values = LogReg.predict(X_test)
x = metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, predicted_values)
model.append('Logistic Regression')
accuracy.append(x*100)
print(classification_report(y_test, predicted_values))
print("Logistic Regression's Accuracy is: ", x*100)
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	0.54	0.98	0.70	24846
2	0.35	0.04	0.07	14053
3	0.00	0.00	0.00	4114
4	0.00	0.00	0.00	1631
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	746
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	885
accuracy			0.54	46275
macro avg	0.15	0.17	0.13	46275
weighted avg	0.40	0.54	0.40	46275

Logistic Regression's Accuracy is: 53.70934629929768

The accuracy for X_train and y_train is 53.7%. The precisions for 3, 4, 5, 6 are very low because of imbalanced data

Random Forest Classifier

Random forest classifiers can be used to solve regression or classification problems. The random forest algorithm is made up of a collection of decision trees, and each tree in the ensemble consists of a data sample drawn from a training set with replacement, called the bootstrap sample.

▼ Random Forest

```
RF = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=50, random_state=0)
RF.fit(X_train,y_train)
predicted_values = RF.predict(X_test)
x = metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, predicted_values)
accuracy.append(x*100)
model.append('Random Forest')
print(classification_report(y_test,predicted_values))
print("RF's Accuracy is: ", x*100)
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	0.59	0.76	0.66	24846
2	0.35	0.29	0.32	14053
3	0.15	0.05	0.07	4114
4	0.07	0.02	0.03	1631
5	0.04	0.01	0.02	746
6	0.14	0.04	0.06	885
accuracy			0.50	46275
macro avg	0.22	0.19	0.19	46275
weighted avg	0.44	0.50	0.46	46275

RF's Accuracy is: 50.37277147487844

K-nearest neighbors (KNN) is a type of supervised learning algorithm used for both regression and classification. KNN tries to predict the correct class for the test data by calculating the distance between the test data and all the training points. Then select the K number of points which is closest to the test data. The KNN algorithm calculates the probability of the test data belonging to the classes of 'K' training data and which class holds the highest probability will be selected. In the case of regression, the value is the mean of the 'K' selected training points.

▼ K- Nearest Neighbors

```
KNN = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=7)
KNN.fit(X_train, y_train)
predicted_values = KNN.predict(X_test)
x = metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, predicted_values)
accuracy.append(x*100)
model.append('K-Nearest Neighbors')
print(classification_report(y_test, predicted_values))
print("KNN's Accuracy is: ", x*100)
```

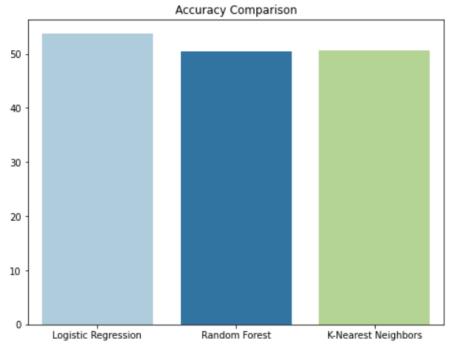
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	0.56	0.81	0.66	24846
2	0.33	0.22	0.27	14053
3	0.13	0.02	0.04	4114
4	0.08	0.00	0.01	1631
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	746
6	0.13	0.00	0.01	885
accuracy			0.51	46275
macro avg	0.21	0.18	0.16	46275
weighted avg	0.42	0.51	0.44	46275

KNN's Accuracy is: 50.61480280929227

Model Comparison

Model Comparision

<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7fa6904f1210>



Hypothesis Testing

Z-test

A coding expert believes that the mean of the problems solved is greater than the average problems solved, which is 334.4. Assume the population standard deviation is 375.9. A random sample of 500 problems is selected, and the mean of the sample is 336.7. At $\alpha = 0.05$, is there enough evidence to reject the claim?

```
[ ] #H0 : \mu = 334.4, Ha : \mu > 334.4
    n = 500
    xbar = 336.7
    mu = 334.4
    sigma = 375.9
    alpha = 0.05
 ] Z_critical = abs(st.norm.ppf(alpha))
    Z_critical
    1.6448536269514729
[ ] z=(xbar-mu)/(sigma/np.sqrt(n))
    0.13681714148043475
[ ] if (z < Z_critical): #Right-tailed test
        print("Accept Null hypothesis")
    else:
        print("Reject Null hypothesis")
    Accept Null hypothesis
```

Z-Test using P-value

A coding expert believes that the mean of the problems solved is greater than the average problems solved, which is 334.4. Assume the population standard deviation is 375.9. A random sample of 500 problems is selected, and the mean of the sample is 336.7. At $\alpha = 0.05$, is there enough evidence to reject the claim? Use P-value method

```
[ ] #H0 : \mu = 334.4, Ha : \mu > 334.4
    n = 500
    xbar = 336.7
     mu = 334.4
     sigma = 375.9
     alpha = 0.05
[ ] z=(xbar-mu)/(sigma/np.sqrt(n))
    0.13681714148043475
[ ] p_val=(1-st.norm.cdf(z))*2
     p_val
     0.891175334116848
     if (p_val>alpha):
        print("Accept Null hypothesis")
     else:
         print("Reject null hypothesis")
    Accept Null hypothesis
```

t-Test

```
population_mean = df1['submission_count'].mean()
    print("Population Mean :", population_mean)
    population std = df1['submission count'].std()
    print("Population Standard Deviation :", population_std)
    population_var = df1['submission_count'].var()
    print("Population Variance :", population_var)
    Population Mean : 370.60716763155676
    Population Standard Deviation: 396.7888814607207
    Population Variance : 157441.41645084985
[ ] sample_mean = sample_df['submission_count'].mean()
    print("Sample Mean :", sample_mean)
    sample_std = sample_df['submission_count'].std()
    print("Sample Standard Deviation :", sample_std)
    sample_var = sample_df['submission_count'].var()
    print("Sample Variance :", sample var)
    Sample Mean : 377.876
    Sample Standard Deviation: 429.0192392414105
    Sample Variance: 184057.50763927863
```

An online coding platform claims that the average submissions is 370.6. A random sample of 500 problems had a mean submission of 373.1. The sample standard deviation is 384.0. Is there enough evidence to reject the coding platform's claim at α = 0.05? Assume the variable is normally distributed.

```
[ ] #H0 : \mu = 370.6 Ha : \mu != 370.6
    n = 500
    degrees_of_freedom = n-1
    xbar = 373.1
     mu = 370.6
     s = 384
     alpha = 0.05
[ ] t = (xbar-mu)/(s/np.sqrt(n))
    t
    0.14557734228514257
[ ] t_critical = abs(st.t.ppf(alpha/2, degrees_of_freedom))
    t_critical
    1.9647293909876653
[ ] if (t>t_critical):
        print("Accept Null hypothesis")
        print("Reject null hypothesis")
    Reject null hypothesis
```

t-Test using P-value

An online coding platform claims that average submissions is greater than the average of submissions for all problems. A random sample of 500 problems has a mean of 373.1 and a standard deviation of 384. If the average submissions of all problems is 370.6, is there enough evidence to support the coding platform's claim at α = 0.05? Use P-value method

```
[ ] #H0 : \mu = 370.6 Ha : mu > 370.6
    n = 500
    degrees_of_freedom = n-1
    xbar = 373.1
    mu = 370.6
    s = 384
    alpha = 0.05
[ ] t = (xbar-mu)/(s/np.sqrt(n))
    0.14557734228514257
[ ] p_val = (1-st.t.cdf(abs(t), degrees_of_freedom))
    p_val
    0.44215692044895305
[ ] if (p_val>alpha):
        print("Accept Null hypothesis")
        print("Reject null hypothesis")
    Accept Null hypothesis
```

Chi-Square Test

```
population_mean = df1['attempts_range'].mean()
    print("Population Mean :", population_mean)
    population_std = df1['attempts_range'].std()
    print("Population Standard Deviation :", population_std)
    population_var = df1['attempts_range'].var()
    print("Population Variance :", population_var)
    Population Mean : 1.7505008136195372
    Population Standard Deviation: 1.0739748212746787
    Population Variance : 1.1534219167319781
[ ] sample_mean = sample_df['attempts_range'].mean()
    print("Sample Mean :", sample_mean)
    sample_std = sample_df['attempts_range'].std()
    print("Sample Standard Deviation :", sample_std)
    sample_var = sample_df['attempts_range'].var()
    print("Sample Variance :", sample_var)
    Sample Mean : 1.646
    Sample Standard Deviation : 0.991286688399073
```

Sample Variance : 0.9826492985972008

Competitive Programmer wishes to see if the variance of attempts taken of 500 problems is less than the variance of the population, which is 1.15. The variance of the attempts taken of 500 problems was 1.2. Test the claim at α = 0.05

```
[ ] #H0 : σ2 =1.15 Ha : sigma_sq < 1.15
    n = 500
    degrees_of_freedom = n-1
     s_square = 1.2
     sigma_square = 1.15
     alpha = 0.05
[ ] chi_square = ((n-1)*s_square)/sigma_square
    chi_square
    520.695652173913
[ ] chi_square_critical = st.chi2.ppf(alpha, degrees_of_freedom)
    chi_square_critical
    448.19882158627
[ ] if (chi_square > chi_square_critical):
       print("Accept Null hypothesis")
     else:
        print("Reject null hypothesis")
    Accept Null hypothesis
```

Chi-Square Test using P-Value

A Competitive Programmer knows that the standard deviation of the attempts taken to solve a problem is 1.07. A random sample of 500 problems is selected and the standard deviation 1.09. At α = 0.05, can it be concluded that the standard deviation has changed? Use the P-value method.

```
[] #H0: σ = 1.07 Ha: sigma!= 1.07
n = 500
degrees_of_freedom = n-1
s = 1.05
sigma = 1.07
alpha = 0.05

[] chi_square = ((n-1)*(s**2))/sigma**2
chi_square
480.5201327626867

p_val = st.chi2.cdf(chi_square, degrees_of_freedom)*2
p_val
0.5678773134529609

[] if (p_val>alpha):
    print("Accept Null hypothesis")
else:
    print("Reject null hypothesis")
```

Conclusion

The selected dataset has been preprocessed by removing irrelevant columns, replacement of null values with empty spaces and reformation of strings without special/Numeric characters. Appropriate columns have been selected and visualized for getting insightful inference regarding the dataset using seaborn and matplotlib packages. The main objective of building a better model to analyze the recommended problems for the competitive coding program...!!!

Thank You