

Lab Number: 1

Title

Preprocessing of Primary and Secondary Datasets Containing Dirty Data

Objective

To understand and practically perform data preprocessing on a dirty dataset using Weka Explorer.

IDE/Tools Used

Weka 3.8.6

Theory

Dirty Data: A dirty dataset refers to a collection of data that contains inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and errors, which can compromise its usefulness and reliability for analysis, reporting, or decision-making

Types of Dirty Data

- Missing Data
- Duplicate Records
- Inconsistent Values
- Noise
- Outliers

Data Preprocessing: Data preprocessing is the process of cleaning, transforming, and organizing raw data into a structured format that is ready for analysis or use in machine learning models.

- **Cleaning:** Involves handling missing values, removing duplicates, and correcting errors to make the data accurate and consistent.
- **Transformation:** Involves converting data into a suitable format. Examples include standardizing numerical features, normalizing data, or encoding categorical variables.
- **Integration:** Combines data from multiple sources into a single, unified dataset for analysis.

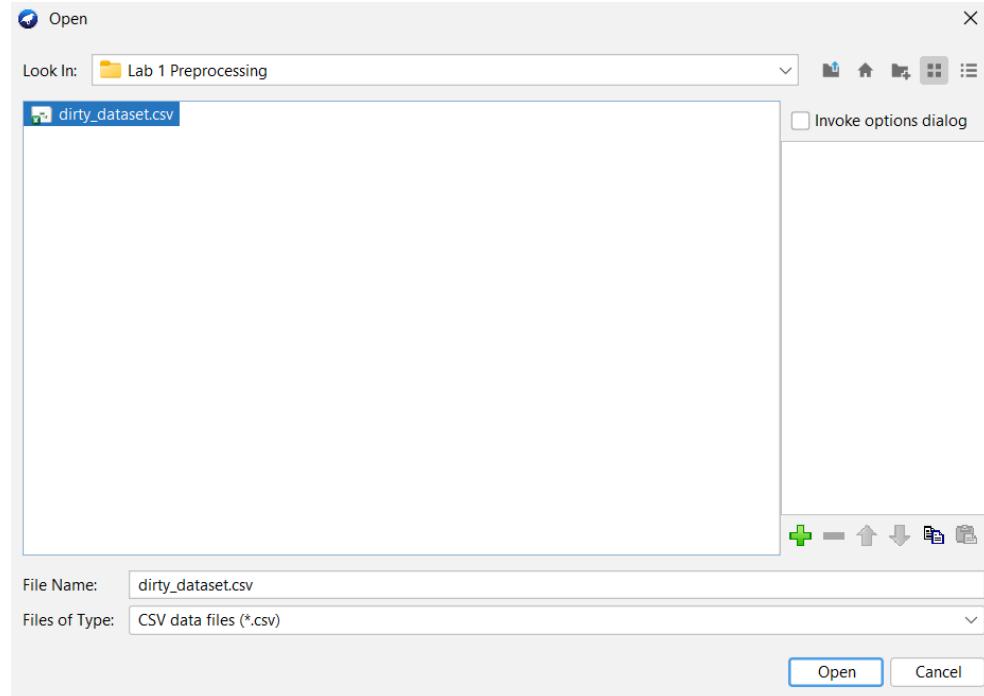
Implementation

A. For Primary Dataset

For primary dataset, a customer churn data was generated.

Steps used to clean the data:

1. Open the dataset in the pre-processor of WEKA



2. Visualize the data

No.	1: CustomerID	2: Age	3: Gender	4: Income	5: Region	6: Spend	7: SignupDate	8: LastPurchase	9: Churn
	String	Numeric	Nominal	Numeric	Nominal	Numeric	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
1	1	25.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
2	2		Female		Europe	850.0	2023-02-30		No
3	3	45.0	Male	120000.0	Asia	5000.0	2023-03-10	2025-01-15	Yes
4	4	32.0	F	75000.0	South A...	3200.0	2023-04-05	2024-11-20	No
5	5	28.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
6	6	35.0		62000.0	Europe		2023-06-01	2024-10-10	No
7	7	999.0	Male	55000.0	Africa	300.0	2023-07-12	2023-07-12	Yes
8	8	41.0	Male	58000.0	North A...	1800.0	2023-08-20		No
9	9	29.0	Female	48000.0	Asia	1100.0	2023-09-05	2024-09-05	Yes
10	10	33.0	Male		Oceania	2200.0	2023-10-01	2024-12-10	No
11	CUST11	31.0	Female	70000.0	Europe	1500.0	2023-11-11	2024-11-11	Yes
12	12	27.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
13	13	62.0	Male	85000.0	Moon	999999.0	2025-12-01	2025-12-01	No

3. Remove unwanted columns

In this case CustomerID was removed using the unsupervised.attribute.Remove filter

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. A 'Filter' dialog is open with the command `Choose Remove -R 1`. In the 'Selected attribute' panel, 'CustomerID' is listed as removed, with details: Name: CustomerID, Type: String, Missing: 0 (0%), Distinct: 13, Unique: 13 (100%). The 'Attributes' panel lists the remaining attributes: Age, Gender, Income, Region, Spend, SignupDate, LastPurchase, and Churn. The 'Viewer' panel displays the dataset with the first 13 rows. The 'Churn' column is labeled as Nominal. The 'Right' button is visible in the bottom right corner of the viewer area.

No.	1: Age Numeric	2: Gender Nominal	3: Income Numeric	4: Region Nominal	5: Spend Numeric	6: SignupDate Nominal	7: LastPurchase Nominal	8: Churn Nominal
1	25.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
2		Female		Europe	850.0	2023-02-30		No
3	45.0	Male	120000.0	Asia	5000.0	2023-03-10	2025-01-15	Yes
4	32.0	F	75000.0	South A...	3200.0	2023-04-05	2024-11-20	No
5	28.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
6	35.0		62000.0	Europe		2023-06-01	2024-10-10	No
7	999.0	Male	55000.0	Africa	300.0	2023-07-12	2023-07-12	Yes
8	41.0	Male	58000.0	North A...	1800.0	2023-08-20		No
9	29.0	Female	48000.0	Asia	1100.0	2023-09-05	2024-09-05	Yes
10	33.0	Male		Oceania	2200.0	2023-10-01	2024-12-10	No
11	31.0	Female	70000.0	Europe	1500.0	2023-11-11	2024-11-11	Yes
12	27.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
13	62.0	Male	85000.0	Moon	999999.0	2025-12-01	2025-12-01	No

4. Remove any duplicate values

In this case this was done using the unsupervised.instance.RemoveDuplicates filter.

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. A 'Filter' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Choose' and 'RemoveDuplicates'. The 'RemoveDuplicates' option is highlighted. On the right, the 'Selected attribute' panel shows 'Age' as the selected attribute, which is a numeric type with 12 distinct values and 12 unique values (92%). Below this, a table provides statistical information for the 'Age' attribute:

Statistic	Value
Minimum	25
Maximum	999
Mean	115.583
StdDev	278.391

The 'Current relation' panel indicates a relation named 'dirty_dataset-weka.filters.unsupe...' with 13 instances and 8 attributes. The 'Attributes' panel lists attributes numbered 1 to 8, with 'Age' being the selected attribute (indicated by a checked checkbox). The 'Class: Churn (Nom)' dropdown is set to 'Visualize All'.

5. Replace any missing values

In this case it was done using the unsupervised.attribute.ReplaceMissingValues filter

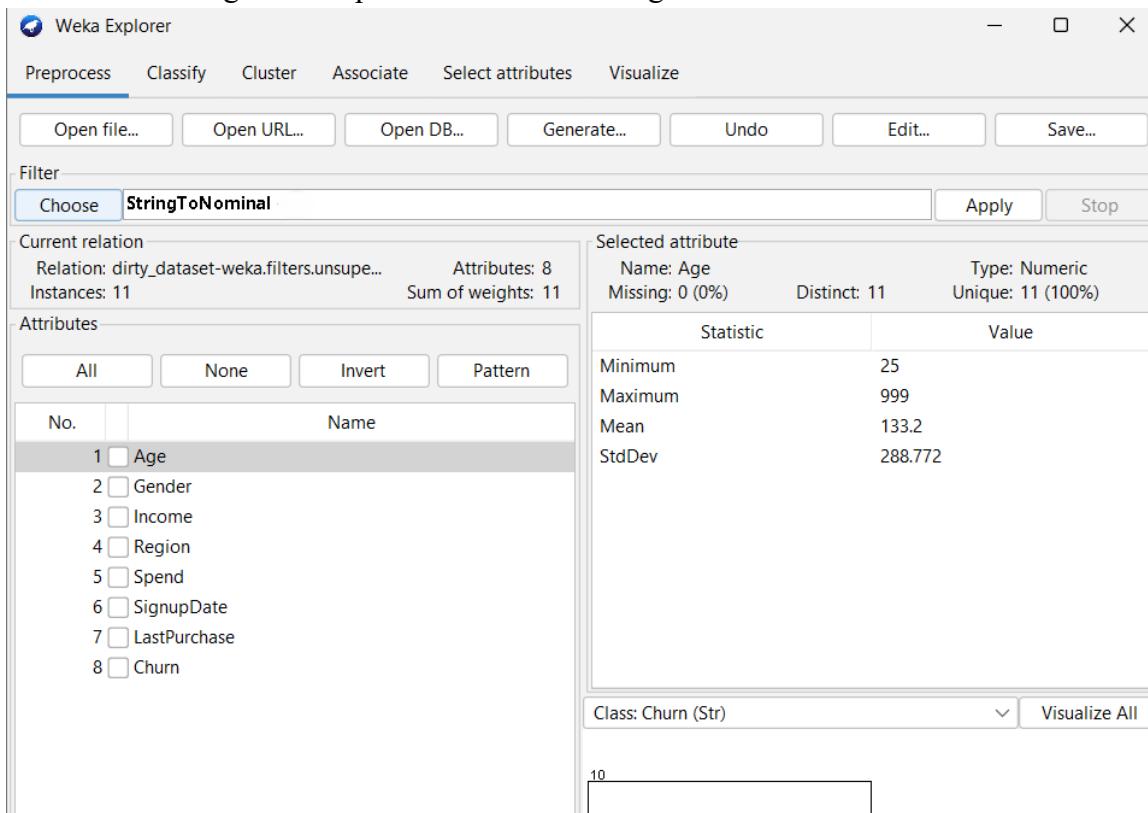
The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. A 'Filter' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Choose' and 'ReplaceMissingValues'. The 'ReplaceMissingValues' option is highlighted. On the right, the 'Selected attribute' panel shows 'Age' as the selected attribute, which is a numeric type with 11 distinct values and 11 unique values (100%). Below this, a table provides statistical information for the 'Age' attribute:

Statistic	Value
Minimum	25
Maximum	999
Mean	133.2
StdDev	288.772

The 'Current relation' panel indicates a relation named 'dirty_dataset-weka.filters.unsupe...' with 11 instances and 8 attributes. The 'Attributes' panel lists attributes numbered 1 to 8, with 'Age' being the selected attribute (indicated by a checked checkbox). The 'Class: Churn (Nom)' dropdown is set to 'Visualize All'.

6. Convert string into nominal values

This is done using the unsupervised.attribute.StringToNominal filter.



7. Removing Outliers

To remove Outliers, we perform the following steps:

7.1. Interquartile Range

Choose Interquartile Range filter from unsupervised.attribute.InterquartileRange and select the following settings. This will give outlier and extreme values in the dataset.

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. In the 'Filter' section, the command `InterquartileRange -R first-last -O 3.0 -E 6.0 -E-as-O -P` is entered. A detailed configuration dialog for the `weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.InterquartileRange` filter is open, showing the following settings:

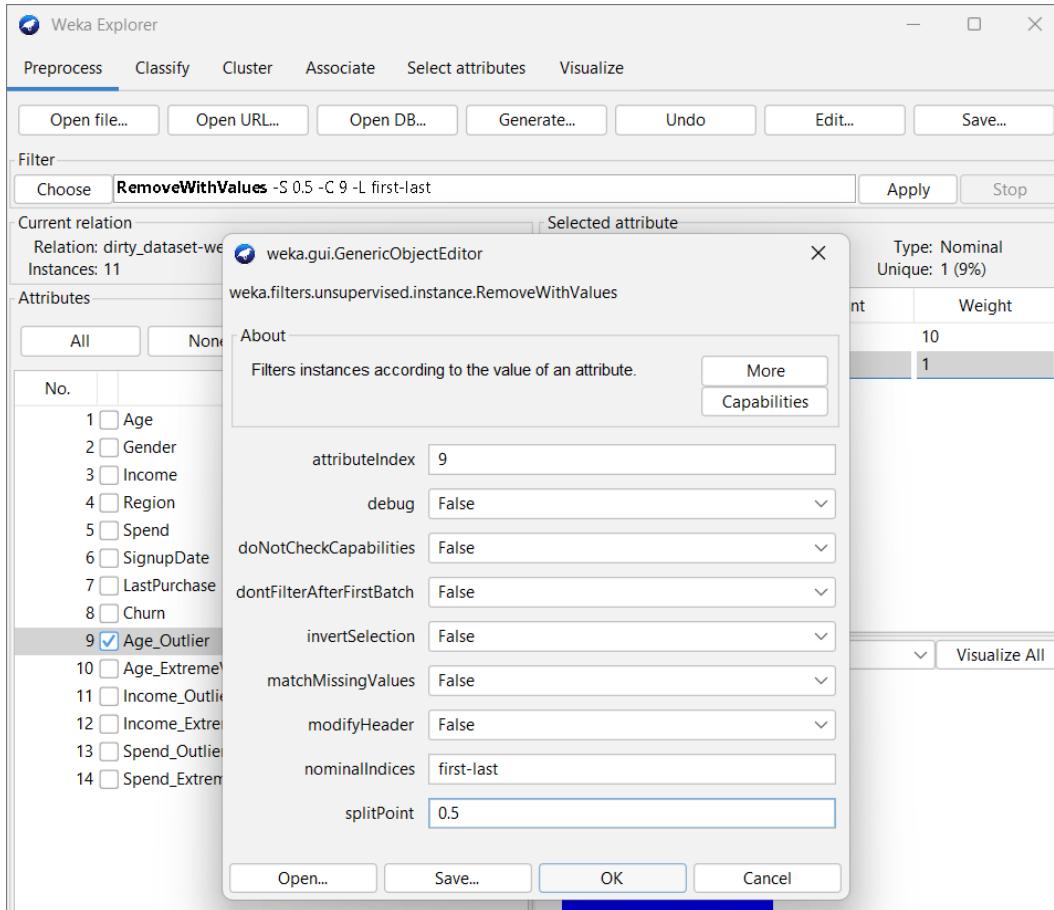
- About:** A filter for detecting outliers and extreme values based on interquartile ranges.
- attributeIndices:** first-last
- debug:** False
- detectionPerAttribute:** True
- doNotCheckCapabilities:** False
- extremeValuesAsOutliers:** True
- extremeValuesFactor:** 3.0
- outlierFactor:** 3.0
- outputOffsetMultiplier:** False

The 'OK' button at the bottom of the dialog is highlighted in red. Below the dialog, a 'Viewer' window displays a table of 11 data instances. The columns are labeled: No., 1: Age, 2: Gender, 3: Income, 4: Region, 5: Spend, 6: SignupDate, 7: LastPurchase, 8: Age_Outlier, 9: Age_ExtremeValue, 10: Income_Outlier, 11: Income_ExtremeValue, and 12: S. The 'Age_Outlier' and 'Income_Outlier' columns contain 'no' for all instances, while the 'Income_ExtremeValue' column has 'yes' for instance 11.

No.	1: Age	2: Gender	3: Income	4: Region	5: Spend	6: SignupDate	7: LastPurchase	8: Age_Outlier	9: Age_ExtremeValue	10: Income_Outlier	11: Income_ExtremeValue	12: S
1	25.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	no	no	no	no	no
2	133.2	Female	68666.666...	Europe	850.0	2023-02-30	2024-12-01	no	no	no	no	no
3	45.0	Male	120000.0	Asia	5000.0	2023-03-10	2025-01-15	no	no	no	no	no
4	32.0	F	75000.0	South A...	3200.0	2023-04-05	2024-11-20	no	no	no	no	no
5	41.0	Male	58000.0	North A...	1800.0	2023-08-20	2024-12-01	no	no	no	no	no
6	29.0	Female	48000.0	Asia	1100.0	2023-09-05	2024-09-05	no	no	no	no	no
7	33.0	Male	68666.666...	Oceania	2200.0	2023-10-01	2024-12-10	no	no	no	no	no
8	31.0	Female	70000.0	Europe	1500.0	2023-11-11	2024-11-11	no	no	no	no	no
9	999.0	Male	55000.0	Africa	300.0	2023-0	Right click (or left+alt) for context menu	es	no	no	no	no
10	35.0	Male	62000.0	Europe	101714.9	2023-06-01	2024-10-10	no	no	no	no	yes
11	62.0	Male	85000.0	Moon	999999.0	2025-12-01	2025-12-01	no	no	no	no	yes

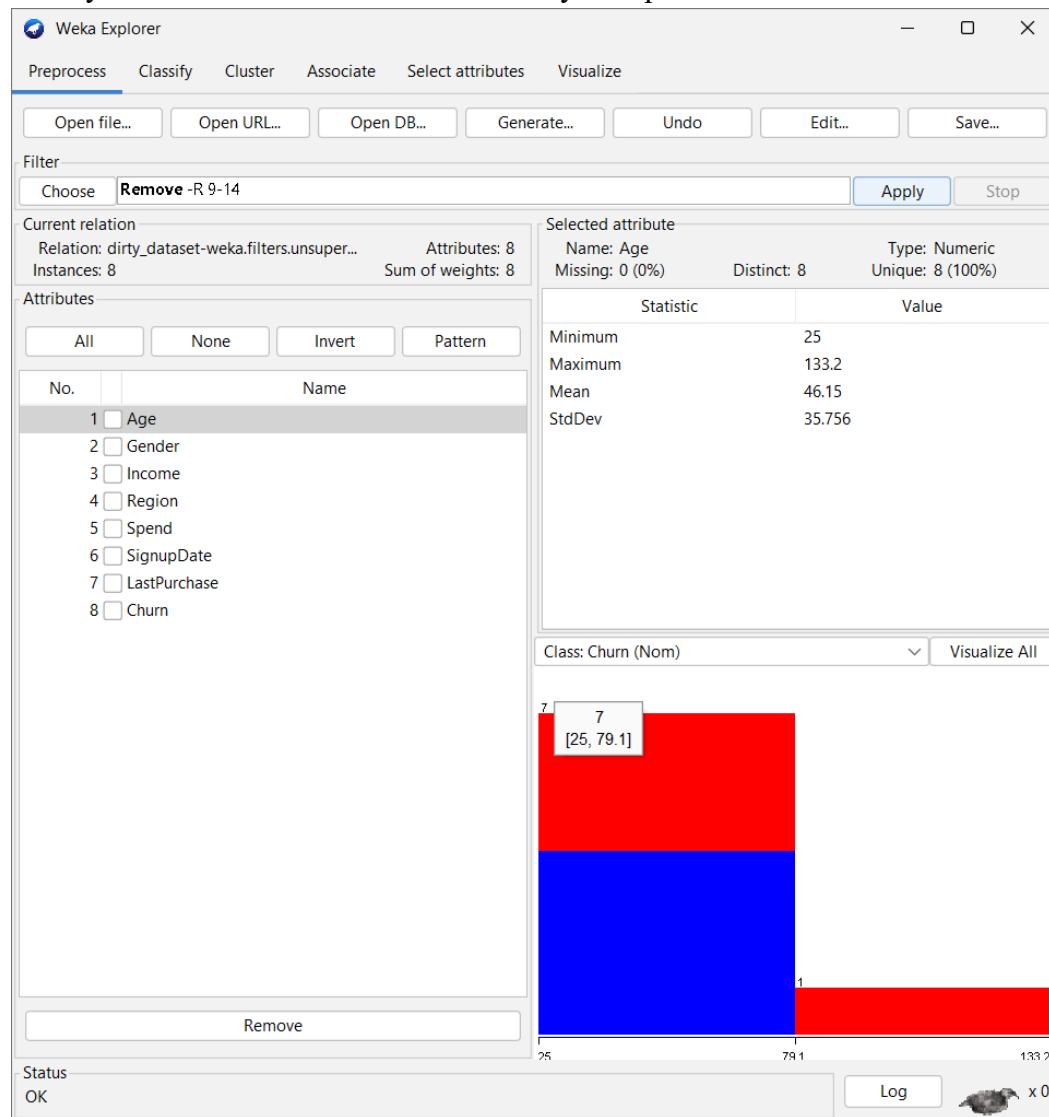
7.2. Remove rows with outliers

To remove the outlier, we use unsupervised.instance.RemoveWithValues filter and apply the following preferences and repeat for attribute indices Age_Outlier, Income_Outlier, and Spend_Outlier (i.e. 9, 11, 13). Here splitPoint is 0.5 because, “No” = 0 and “Yes” = 1, so anything beside “No” will be deleted.



7.3. Remove the columns created

Finally remove the columns from 9 to 14 by unsupervised.attribute.Remove filter.



8. Finalize

Data Cleaning Process is done. Visualize and save the clean data.

Viewer

Relation: dirty_dataset-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.Remove-R1-weka.filters.unsupervised.instance.Re

No.	1: Age	2: Gender	3: Income	4: Region	5: Spend	6: SignupDate	7: LastPurchase	8: Churn
	Numeric	Nominal	Numeric	Nominal	Numeric	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
1	25.0	Male	45000.0	North A...	1200.0	2023-01-15	2024-12-01	Yes
2	133.2	Female	68666.666...	Europe	850.0	2023-02-30	2024-12-01	No
3	45.0	Male	120000.0	Asia	5000.0	2023-03-10	2025-01-15	Yes
4	32.0	F	75000.0	South A...	3200.0	2023-04-05	2024-11-20	No
5	41.0	Male	58000.0	North A...	1800.0	2023-08-20	2024-12-01	No
6	29.0	Female	48000.0	Asia	1100.0	2023-09-05	2024-09-05	Yes
7	33.0	Male	68666.666...	Oceania	2200.0	2023-10-01	2024-12-10	No
8	31.0	Female	70000.0	Europe	1500.0	2023-11-11	2024-11-11	Yes

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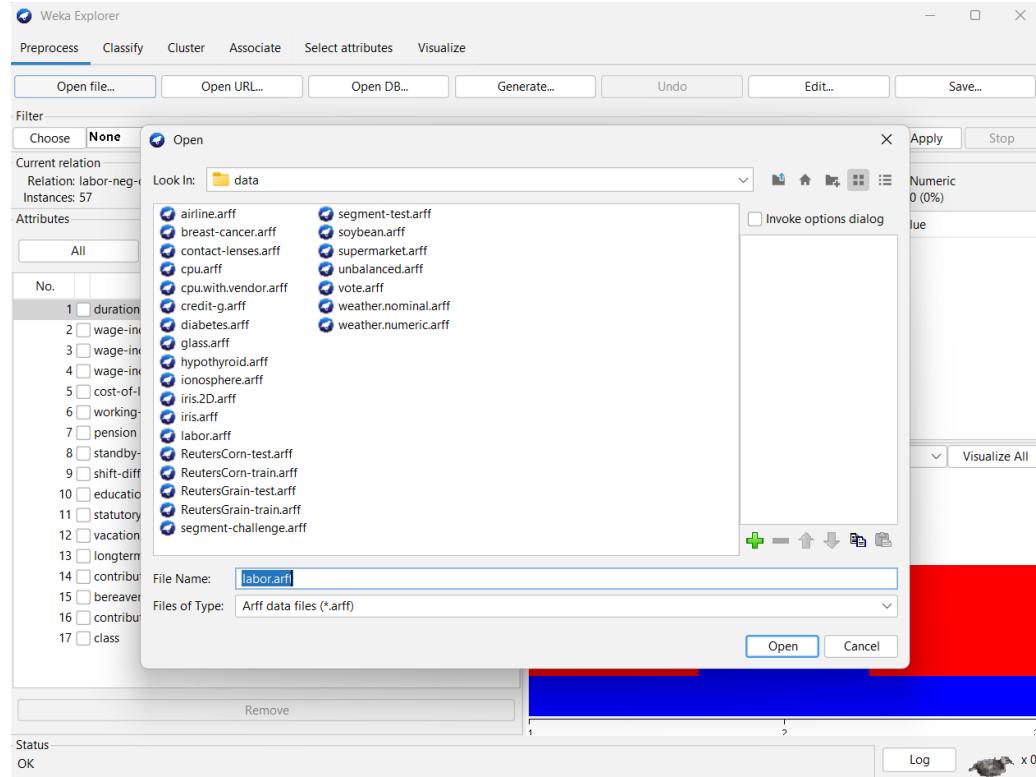
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B. For Secondary Dataset

For secondary dataset, default data provided by the Weka, labor.arff was selected.

Steps used to clean the data:

1. Open the dataset in the pre-processor of WEKA



2. Visualize the data

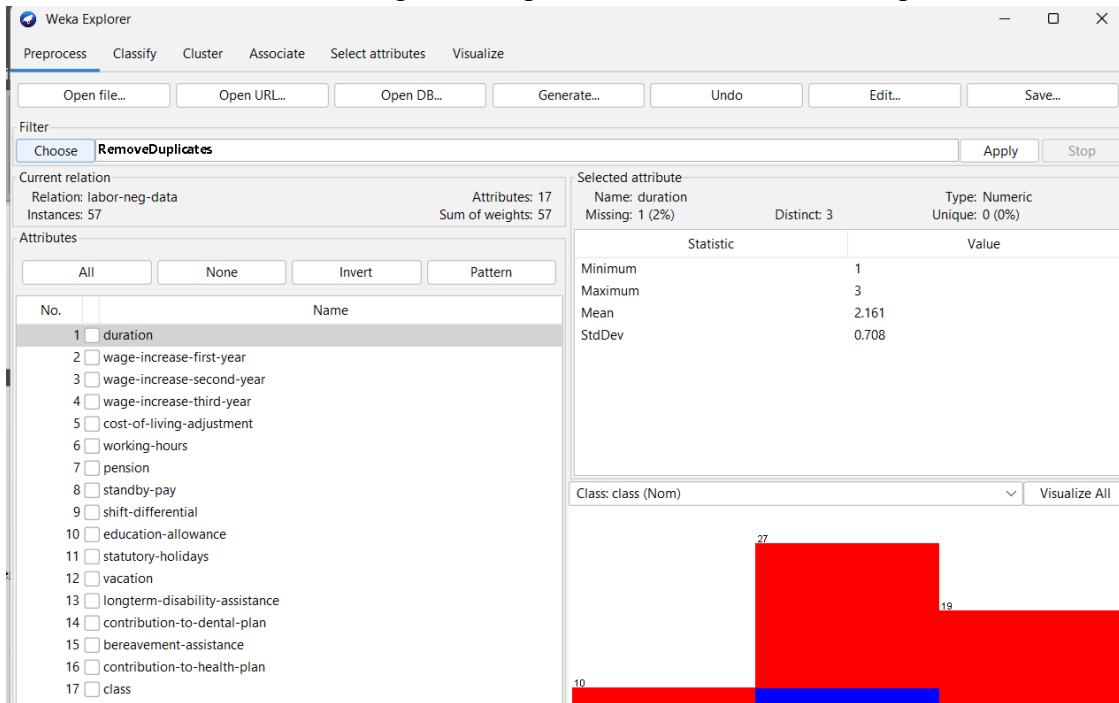
No.	1: duration	2: wage-increase-first-year	3: wage-increase-second-year	4: wage-increase-third-year	5: cost-of-living-adjustment	6: working-hours	7: pension	8: standby-pay
35	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.1	tc	40.0	none	
36	2.0	2.0	2.0		none	40.0	none	
37	1.0	2.0			tc	40.0	ret_allw	
38	1.0	2.8			none	38.0	empl_contr	
39	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.0		37.0	empl_contr	
40	2.0	4.5	4.0		none	40.0		
41	1.0	4.0			none		none	
42	2.0	2.0	3.0		none	38.0	empl_contr	
43	2.0	2.5		2.0	tc	39.0	empl_contr	
44	2.0	2.5	3.0		tcf	40.0	none	
45	2.0	4.0	4.0		none	40.0	none	
46	2.0	4.5	4.0			40.0		
47	2.0	4.5	4.0		none	40.0		
48	2.0	4.6	4.6		tcf	38.0		
49	2.0	5.0	4.5		none	38.0		
50	2.0	5.7	4.5		none	40.0	ret_allw	
51	2.0	7.0	5.3					
52	3.0	2.0	3.0		tcf		empl_contr	
53	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	tcf	35.0		
54	3.0	4.0	3.5		none	40.0	empl_contr	
55	3.0	5.0	4.4		none	38.0	empl_contr	10.0
56	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		40.0		
57	3.0	6.0	6.0	4.0		35.0		

3. Remove unwanted columns

This step was not necessary as all columns were needed.

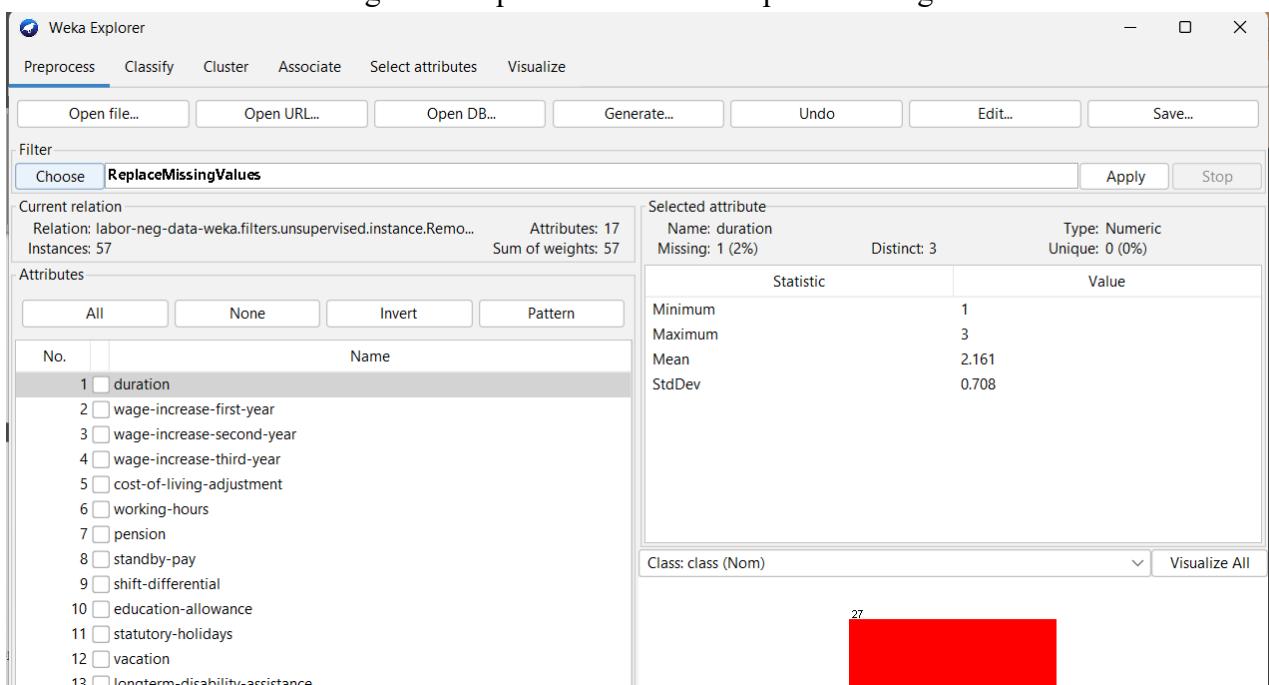
4. Remove any duplicate values

In this case this was done using the unsupervised.instance.RemoveDuplicates filter.



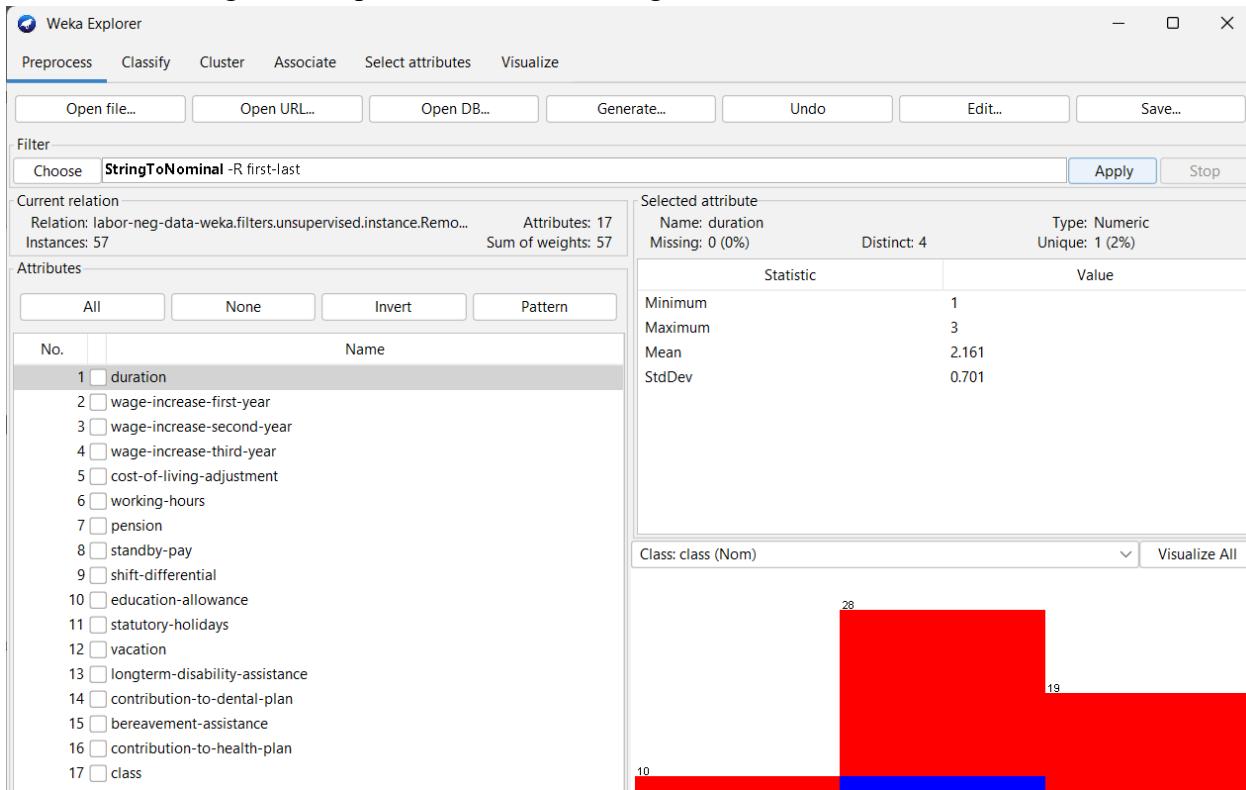
5. Replace any missing values

In this case it was done using the unsupervised.attribute.ReplaceMissingValues filter



6. Convert string into nominal values

This is done using the unsupervised.attribute.StringToNominal filter.

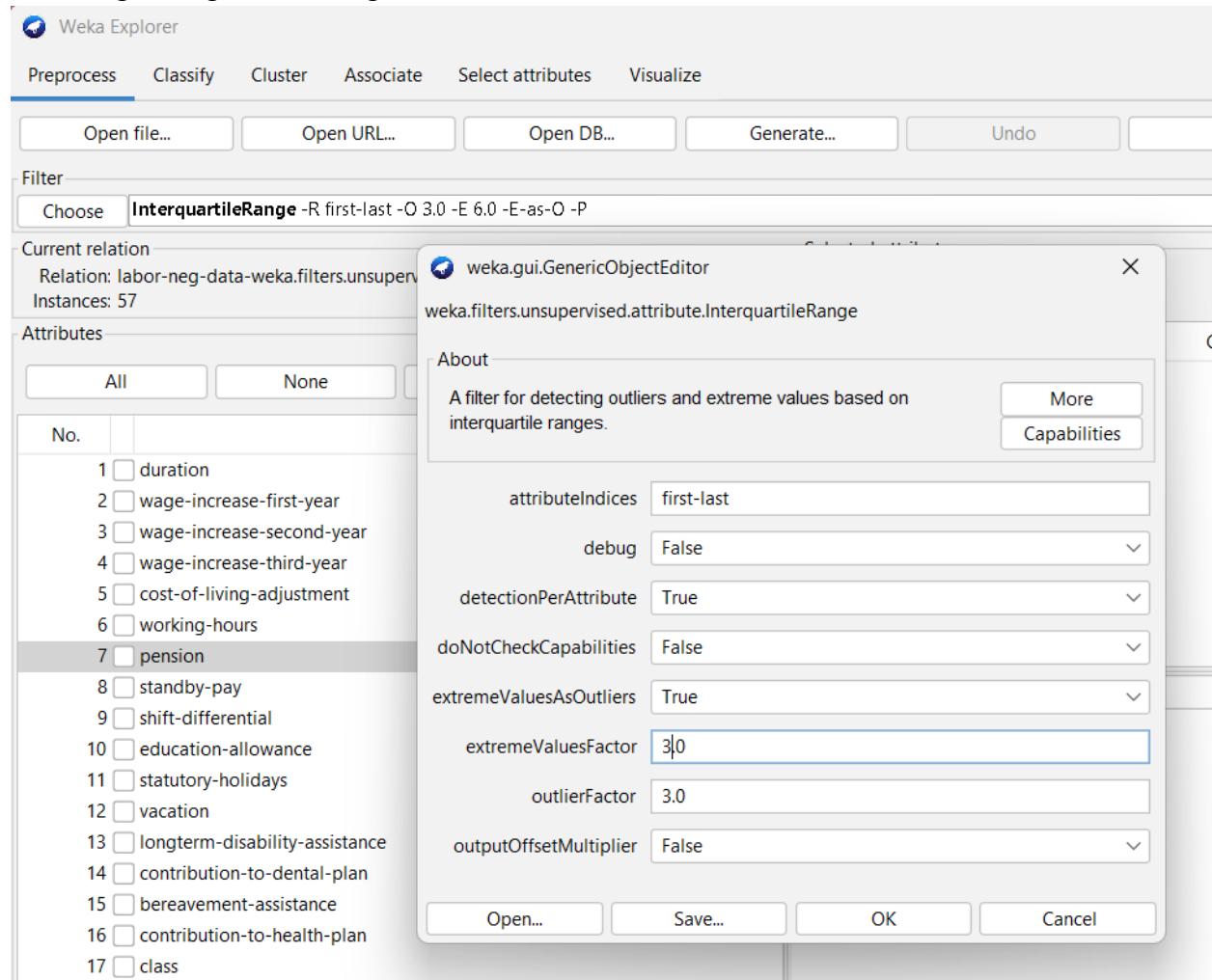


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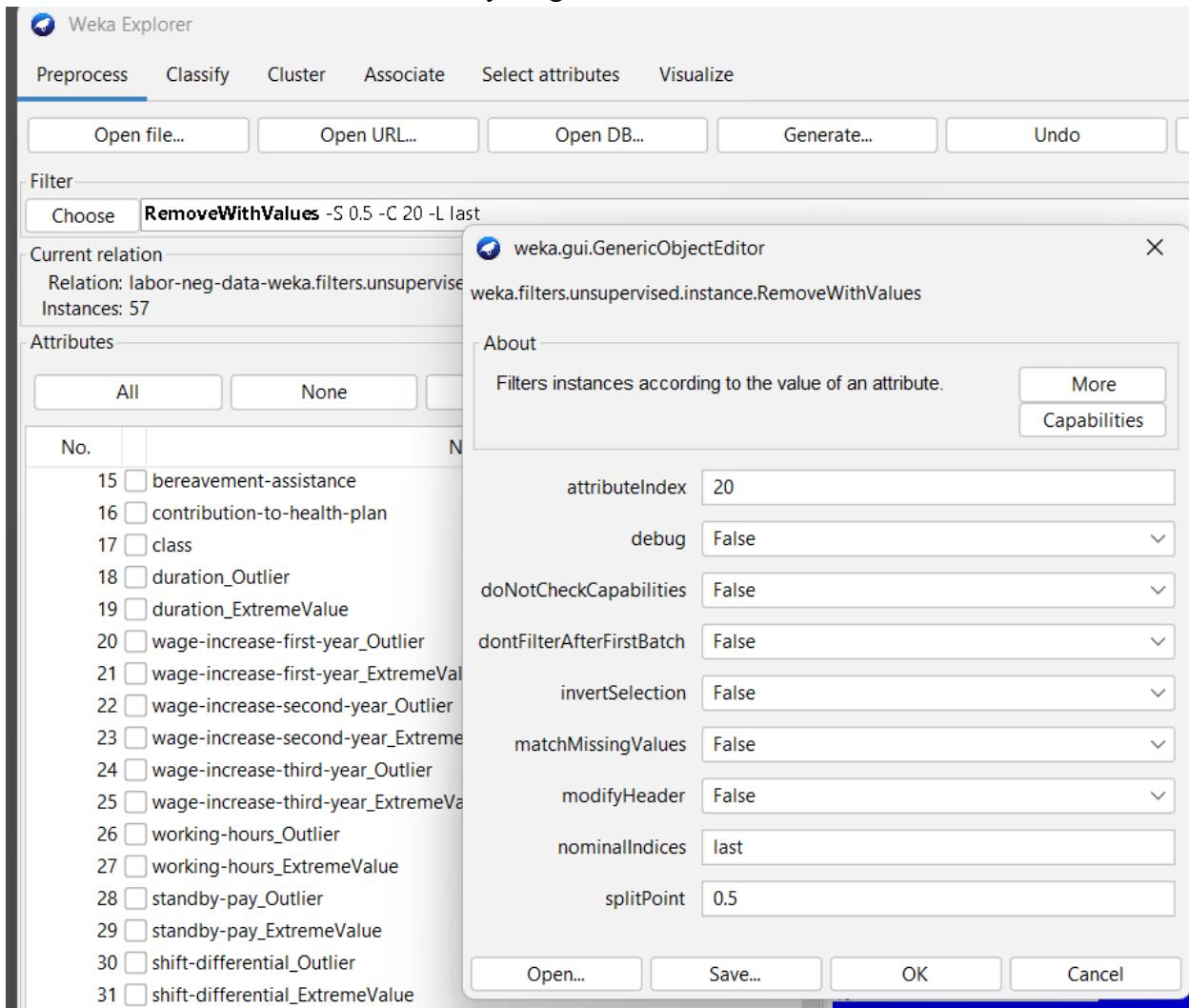
7.1. Interquartile Range

Choose Interquartile Range filter from unsupervised.attribute.InterquartileRange and select the following settings. This will give outlier and extreme values in the dataset.



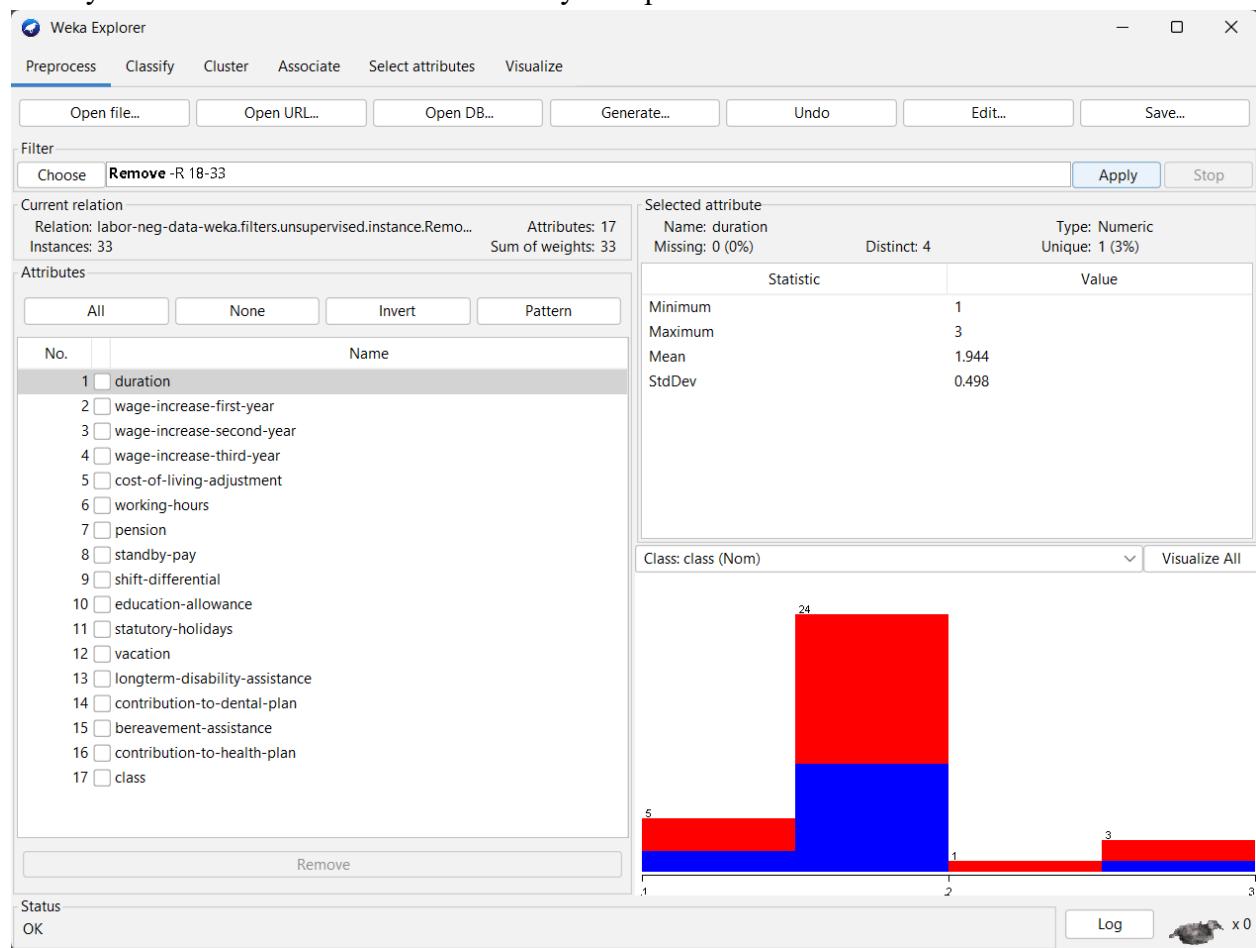
7.2. Remove rows with outliers

To remove the rows with outliers, we use unsupervised.instance.RemoveWithValues filter and apply the following preferences and repeat for attribute indices 18 to 32. Here, splitPoint is 0.5 because, “No” = 0 and “Yes” = 1, so anything besides “No” will be deleted.



7.3. Remove the columns created

Finally remove the columns from 9 to 14 by unsupervised.attribute.Remove filter.



8. Finalize

Data Cleaning Process is done. Visualize and save the clean data.

Viewer

Relation: labor-neg-data-weka.filters.unsupervised.instance.RemoveDuplicates-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.ReplaceMissingValues-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.StringToNominal

No.	1: duration	2: wage-increase-first-year	3: wage-increase-second-year	4: wage-increase-third-year	5: cost-of-living-adjustment	6: working-hours	7: pension	8: standby-
	Numeric	Numeric	Numeric	Numeric	Nominal	Numeric	Nominal	Numeric
1	1.0		5.0	3.971739	3.913333 none		40.0 empl_contr	7.44
2	2.0		4.5	5.8	3.913333 none		35.0 ret_allw	7.44
3	2.160714		3.803571	3.971739	3.913333 none		38.0 empl_contr	7.44
4	2.0		2.0	2.5	3.913333 none		35.0 empl_contr	7.44
5	1.0		5.7	3.971739	3.913333 none		40.0 empl_contr	7.44
6	2.0		6.4	6.4	3.913333 none		38.0 empl_contr	7.44
7	2.0		3.5	4.0	3.913333 none		40.0 empl_contr	7.44
8	2.0		4.5	4.0	3.913333 none		37.0 empl_contr	7.44
9	1.0		2.8	3.971739	3.913333 none		35.0 empl_contr	7.44
10	1.0		2.0	3.971739	3.913333 none		38.0 none	7.44
11	2.0		4.3	4.4	3.913333 none		38.0 empl_contr	7.44
12	2.0		2.5	3.0	3.913333 none		40.0 none	7.44
13	2.0		4.5	4.0	3.913333 none		40.0 empl_contr	7.44
14	2.0		4.5	4.5	3.913333 tcf		38.039216 empl_contr	7.44
15	2.0		3.0	3.0	3.913333 none		33.0 empl_contr	7.44
16	2.0		5.0	4.0	3.913333 none		37.0 empl_contr	7.44
17	3.0		2.0	2.5	3.913333 none		35.0 none	7.44
18	2.0		2.5	2.5	3.913333 none		38.0 empl_contr	7.44
19	2.0		4.0	5.0	3.913333 none		40.0 none	7.44
20	2.0		2.0	2.0	3.913333 none		40.0 none	7.44
21	2.0		4.5	4.0	3.913333 none		40.0 empl_contr	7.44
22	1.0		4.0	3.971739	3.913333 none		38.039216 none	7.44
23	2.0		2.0	3.0	3.913333 none		38.0 empl_contr	7.44
24	2.0		2.5	2.5	3.913333 none		38.0 empl_contr	7.44

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