

## **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.

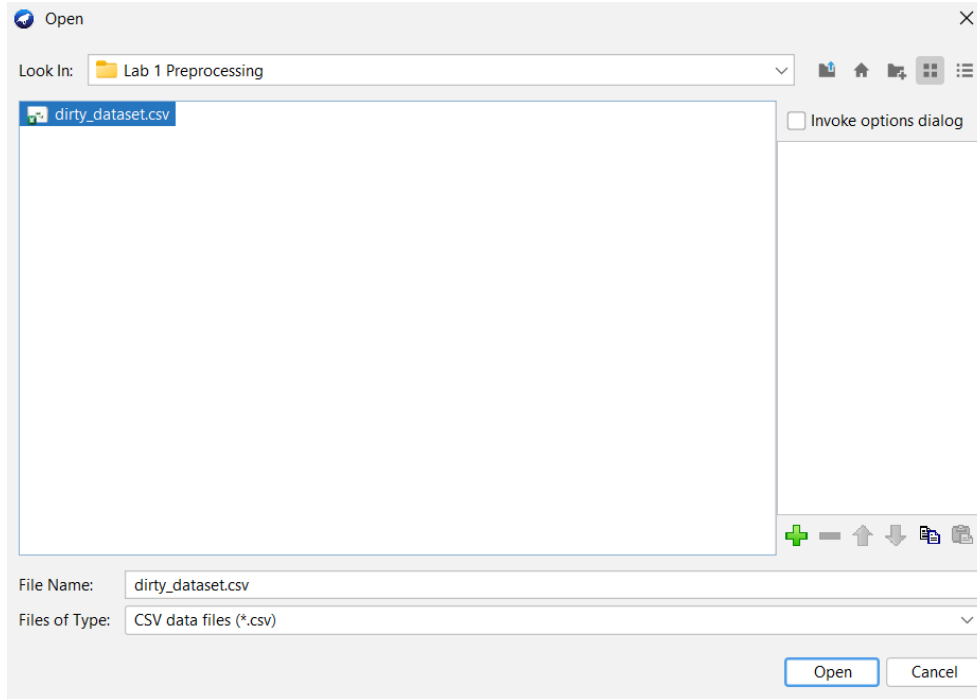
## Implementation

### 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

Viewer									
Relation: dirty_dataset									
No.	1: CustomerID String	2: Age Numeric	3: Gender Nominal	4: Income Numeric	5: Region Nominal	6: Spend Numeric	7: SignupDate Nominal	8: LastPurchase Nominal	9: Churn 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

Weka Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

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Filter

Choose **Remove -R 1** Apply Stop

Current relation  
Relation: dirty\_dataset  
Instances: 13  
Attributes: 9  
Sum of weights: 13

Selected attribute  
Name: CustomerID  
Missing: 0 (0%)  
Distinct: 13  
Type: String  
Unique: 13 (100%)

Attributes

All None Invert Pattern

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CustomerID
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Age
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Income
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Region
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Spend
7	<input type="checkbox"/> SignupDate
8	<input type="checkbox"/> LastPurchase
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Churn

Class: Churn (Nom) Visualize All

Viewer

Relation: dirty\_dataset-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.Remove-R1

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

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#### 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. The 'Filter' dropdown is set to 'RemoveDuplicates'. The 'Current relation' is 'dirty\_dataset-weka.filters.unsupe...' with 8 attributes and 13 instances. The 'Attributes' list on the left shows 'Age' selected. The 'Selected attribute' panel on the right displays statistics for 'Age': Name: Age, Missing: 1 (8%), Distinct: 12, Type: Numeric, Unique: 12 (92%). Below this, a table shows the distribution of 'Age' values.

Statistic	Value
Minimum	25
Maximum	999
Mean	115.583
StdDev	278.391

At the bottom, the 'Class' is 'Churn (Nom)' and the 'Visualize All' button is visible.

#### 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. The 'Filter' dropdown is set to 'ReplaceMissingValues'. The 'Current relation' is 'dirty\_dataset-weka.filters.unsupe...' with 8 attributes and 11 instances. The 'Attributes' list on the left shows 'Age' selected. The 'Selected attribute' panel on the right displays statistics for 'Age': Name: Age, Missing: 0 (0%), Distinct: 11, Type: Numeric, Unique: 11 (100%). Below this, a table shows the distribution of 'Age' values.

Statistic	Value
Minimum	25
Maximum	999
Mean	133.2
StdDev	288.772

At the bottom, the 'Class' is 'Churn (Nom)' and the 'Visualize All' button is visible.

## 6. Convert string into nominal values

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

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer application window. The 'Preprocess' tab is selected. The 'Filter' section shows 'StringToNominal' is chosen. The 'Current relation' is 'dirty\_dataset-weka.filters.unsupe...'. The 'Attributes' list on the left shows 'Age' is selected. The 'Selected attribute' section shows 'Name: Age', 'Type: Numeric', 'Missing: 0 (0%)', 'Distinct: 11', and 'Unique: 11 (100%)'. A table displays statistics for the 'Age' attribute.

Statistic	Value
Minimum	25
Maximum	999
Mean	133.2
StdDev	288.772

At the bottom, the 'Class' is set to 'Churn (Str)' and the 'Visualize All' button is visible.

## 7. Removing Outliers

To remove Outliers, we perform the following steps:

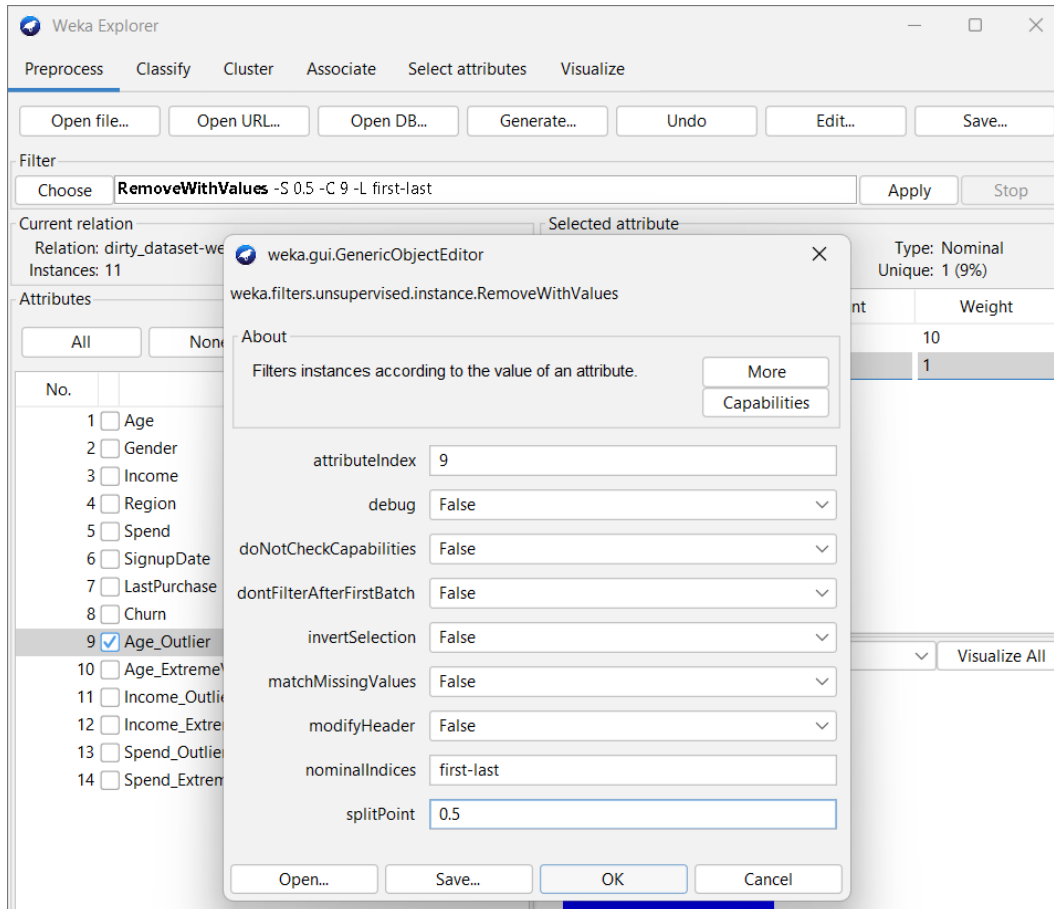
## 7.1. Interquartile Range

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 'InterquartileRange' filter configuration dialog box open. The dialog box is titled 'weka.gui.GenericObjectEditor' and contains settings for the 'InterquartileRange' filter. The 'About' tab is active, showing a description of the filter. The 'Attributes' list on the left shows 'Age' selected. The 'Current relation' is 'dirty\_dataset-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.InterquartileRange'. The 'Selected attribute' is 'Age'. The 'Type' is 'Numeric' and 'Unique' is '11 (100%)'. The 'Value' column is empty. The 'Visualize All' button is visible at the bottom right of the dialog box.

## 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.

**Weka Explorer**

Preprocess   Classify   Cluster   Associate   Select attributes   Visualize

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Filter: Choose **Remove -R 9-14** [Apply] [Stop]

Current relation  
Relation: dirty\_dataset-weka.filters.unsuper...   Attributes: 8  
Instances: 8   Sum of weights: 8

Attributes  
[All] [None] [Invert] [Pattern]

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Income
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Region
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Spend
6	<input type="checkbox"/> SignupDate
7	<input type="checkbox"/> LastPurchase
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Churn

[Remove]

Selected attribute  
Name: Age  
Missing: 0 (0%)   Distinct: 8   Type: Numeric  
Unique: 8 (100%)

Statistic	Value
Minimum	25
Maximum	133.2
Mean	46.15
StdDev	35.756


Class: Churn (Nom) [v] [Visualize All]

Status: OK   [Log]   x 0




## 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 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	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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Save

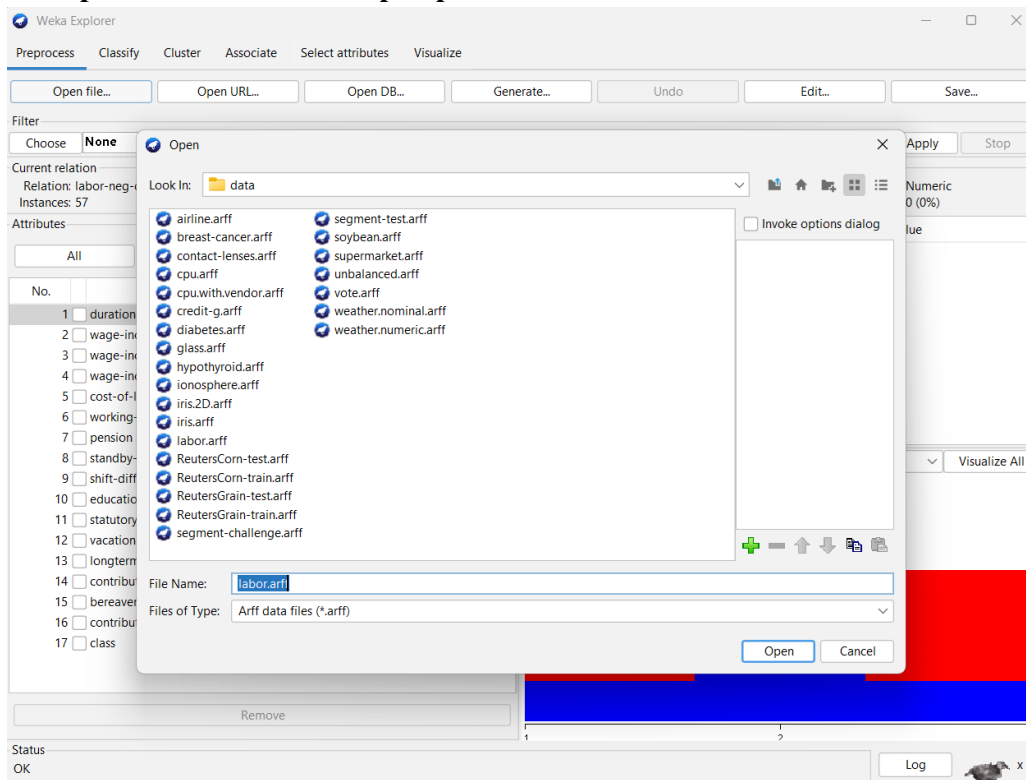
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## B. For Secondary Dataset

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

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer application window with the 'Viewer' tab selected. The 'Relation: labor-neg-data' is displayed. The table shows 57 instances with columns: 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. The table is sorted by 'duration' in ascending order.

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	2.0
36	2.0	2.0	2.0		none	40.0	none	2.0
37	1.0	2.0			tc	40.0	ret_allw	2.0
38	1.0	2.8			none	38.0	empl_contr	2.0
39	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.0		37.0	empl_contr	2.0
40	2.0	4.5	4.0		none	40.0		2.0
41	1.0	4.0			none		none	2.0
42	2.0	2.0	3.0		none	38.0	empl_contr	2.0
43	2.0	2.5			tc	39.0	empl_contr	2.0
44	2.0	2.5	3.0		tcf	40.0	none	2.0
45	2.0	4.0			none	40.0	none	2.0
46	2.0	4.5	4.0			40.0		2.0
47	2.0	4.5	4.0		none	40.0		2.0
48	2.0	4.6	4.6		tcf	38.0		2.0
49	2.0	5.0	4.5		none	38.0		14.0
50	2.0	5.7	4.5		none	40.0	ret_allw	2.0
51	2.0	7.0	5.3					2.0
52	3.0	2.0	3.0		tcf		empl_contr	2.0
53	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	tcf	35.0		2.0
54	3.0	4.0	3.5		none	40.0	empl_contr	2.0
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		2.0
57	3.0	6.0	6.0	4.0		35.0		2.0

### 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.

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the **RemoveDuplicates** filter selected. The current relation is `labor-neg-data` with 17 attributes and 57 instances. The `duration` attribute is selected for filtering. The statistics for the selected attribute are:

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1
Maximum	3
Mean	2.161
StdDev	0.708

The class distribution is shown as a bar chart with three bars: 10 (blue), 27 (red), and 19 (red). The class is `class (Nom)`.

### 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 **ReplaceMissingValues** filter selected. The current relation is `labor-neg-data-weka.filters.unsupervised.instance.Remo...` with 17 attributes and 57 instances. The `duration` attribute is selected for filtering. The statistics for the selected attribute are:

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1
Maximum	3
Mean	2.161
StdDev	0.708

The class distribution is shown as a bar chart with two bars: 27 (red) and 10 (blue). The class is `class (Nom)`.

## 6. Convert string into nominal values

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

Weka Explorer

Preprocess | Classify | Cluster | Associate | Select attributes | Visualize

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Filter: Choose **StringToNominal** -R first-last [Apply] [Stop]

Current relation  
Relation: labor-neg-data-weka.filters.unsupervised.instance.Remo... Attributes: 17  
Instances: 57 Sum of weights: 57

Attributes

All | None | Invert | Pattern

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> duration
2	<input type="checkbox"/> wage-increase-first-year
3	<input type="checkbox"/> wage-increase-second-year
4	<input type="checkbox"/> wage-increase-third-year
5	<input type="checkbox"/> cost-of-living-adjustment
6	<input type="checkbox"/> working-hours
7	<input type="checkbox"/> pension
8	<input type="checkbox"/> standby-pay
9	<input type="checkbox"/> shift-differential
10	<input type="checkbox"/> education-allowance
11	<input type="checkbox"/> statutory-holidays
12	<input type="checkbox"/> vacation
13	<input type="checkbox"/> longterm-disability-assistance
14	<input type="checkbox"/> contribution-to-dental-plan
15	<input type="checkbox"/> bereavement-assistance
16	<input type="checkbox"/> contribution-to-health-plan
17	<input type="checkbox"/> class

Selected attribute  
Name: duration  
Missing: 0 (0%)  
Distinct: 4  
Type: Numeric  
Unique: 1 (2%)

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1
Maximum	3
Mean	2.161
StdDev	0.701

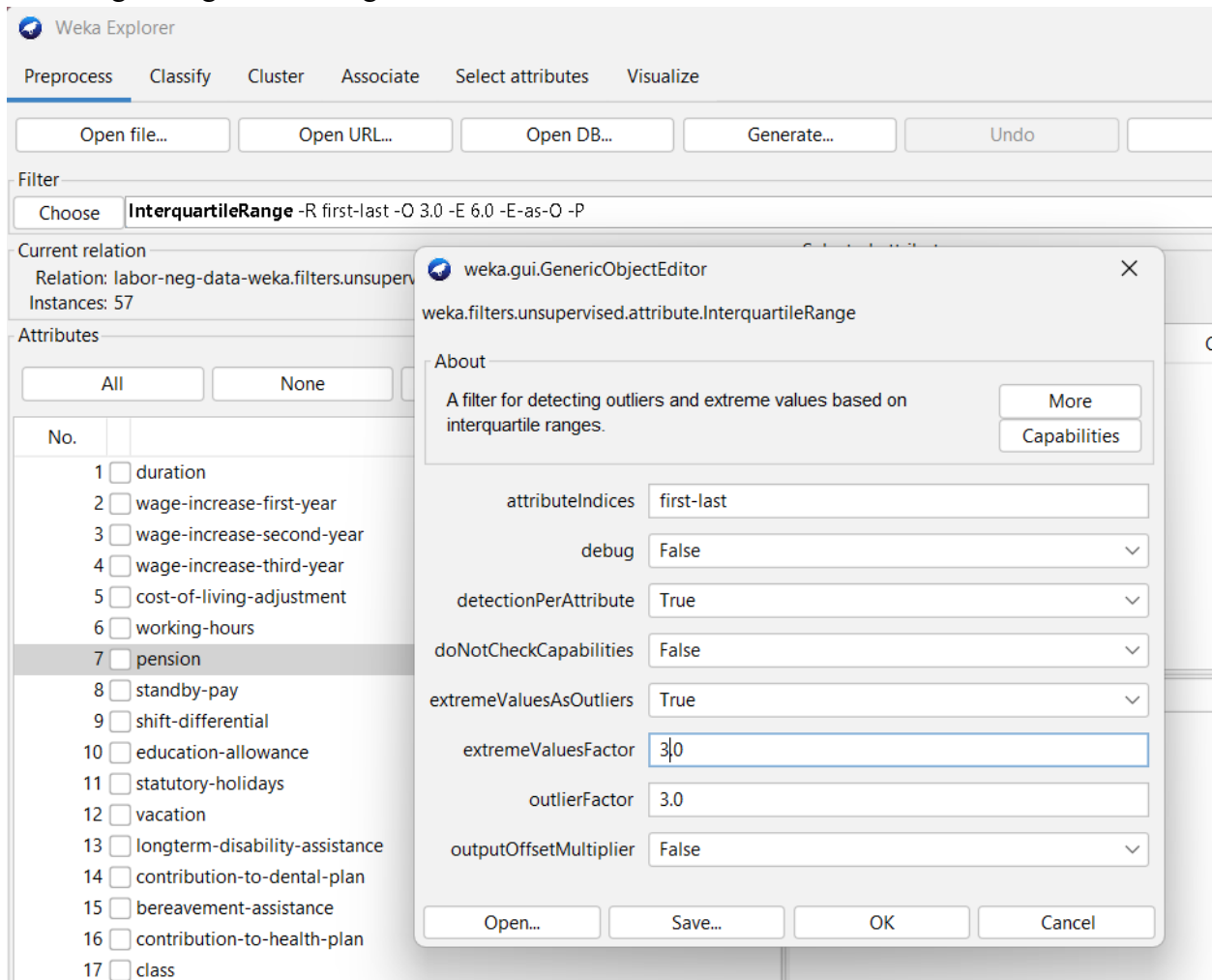
Class: class (Nom) [Visualize All]

## 7. Removing Outliers

To remove Outliers, we perform the following steps:

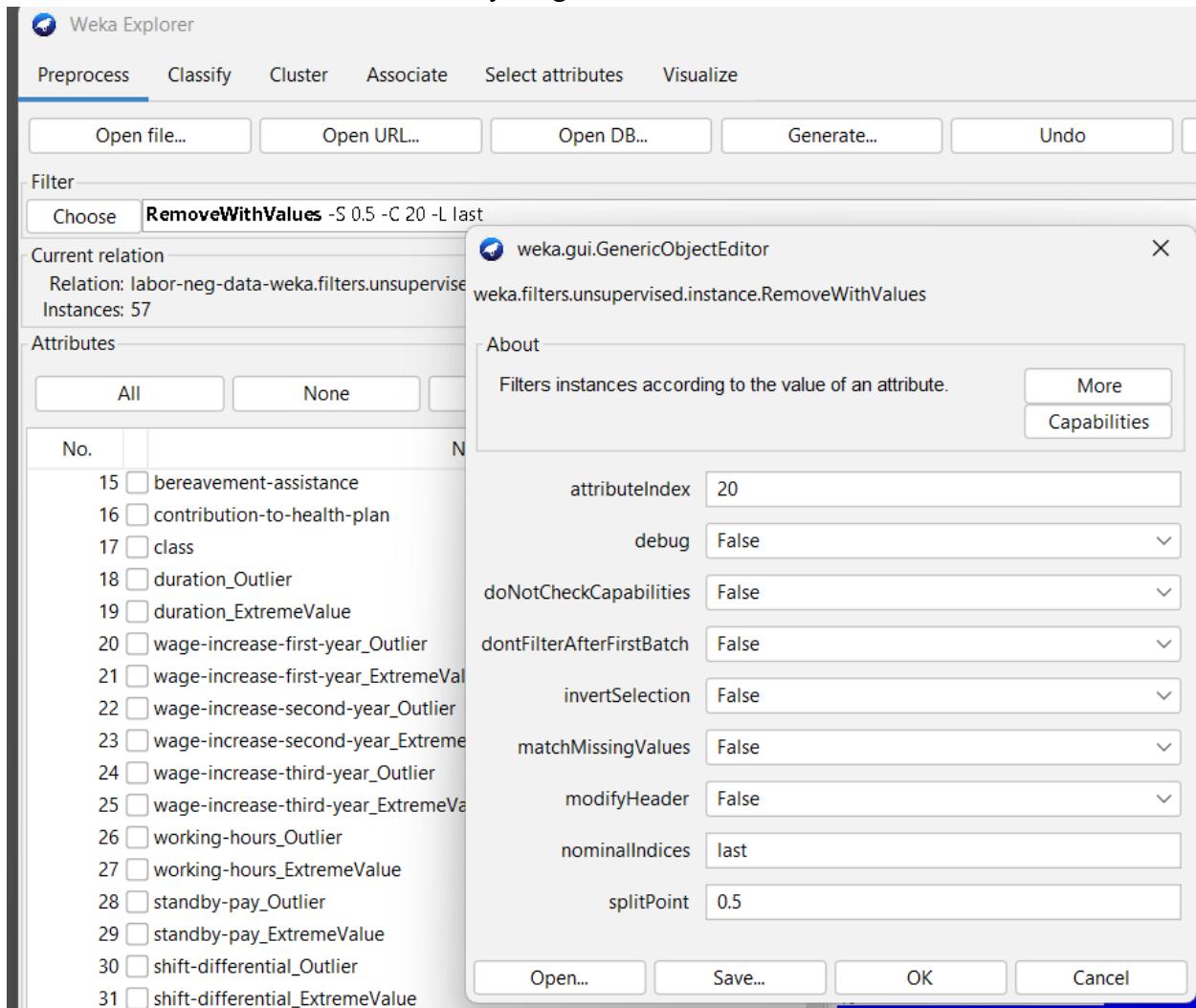
### 7.1. Interquartile Range

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



## 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.

Weka Explorer

Preprocess   Classify   Cluster   Associate   Select attributes   Visualize

Open file...   Open URL...   Open DB...   Generate...   Undo   Edit...   Save...

Filter  
Choose **Remove -R 18-33**   Apply   Stop

Current relation  
Relation: labor-neg-data-weka.filters.unsupervised.instance.Remo...   Attributes: 17  
Instances: 33   Sum of weights: 33

Attributes  
All   None   Invert   Pattern

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> duration
2	<input type="checkbox"/> wage-increase-first-year
3	<input type="checkbox"/> wage-increase-second-year
4	<input type="checkbox"/> wage-increase-third-year
5	<input type="checkbox"/> cost-of-living-adjustment
6	<input type="checkbox"/> working-hours
7	<input type="checkbox"/> pension
8	<input type="checkbox"/> standby-pay
9	<input type="checkbox"/> shift-differential
10	<input type="checkbox"/> education-allowance
11	<input type="checkbox"/> statutory-holidays
12	<input type="checkbox"/> vacation
13	<input type="checkbox"/> longterm-disability-assistance
14	<input type="checkbox"/> contribution-to-dental-plan
15	<input type="checkbox"/> bereavement-assistance
16	<input type="checkbox"/> contribution-to-health-plan
17	<input type="checkbox"/> class

Remove

Selected attribute  
Name: duration   Type: Numeric  
Missing: 0 (0%)   Distinct: 4   Unique: 1 (3%)

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1
Maximum	3
Mean	1.944
StdDev	0.498

Class: class (Nom)   Visualize All

Status  
OK   Log   x 0

## 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 Numeric	2: wage-increase-first-year Numeric	3: wage-increase-second-year Numeric	4: wage-increase-third-year Numeric	5: cost-of-living-adjustment Nominal	6: working-hours Numeric	7: pension Nominal	8: standby- 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

Right click (or left+alt) for context menu

Add instance Undo OK Cancel

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clean\_dataset.arff

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Files of Type: Arff data files (\*.arff)

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