Resilient Machine Learning

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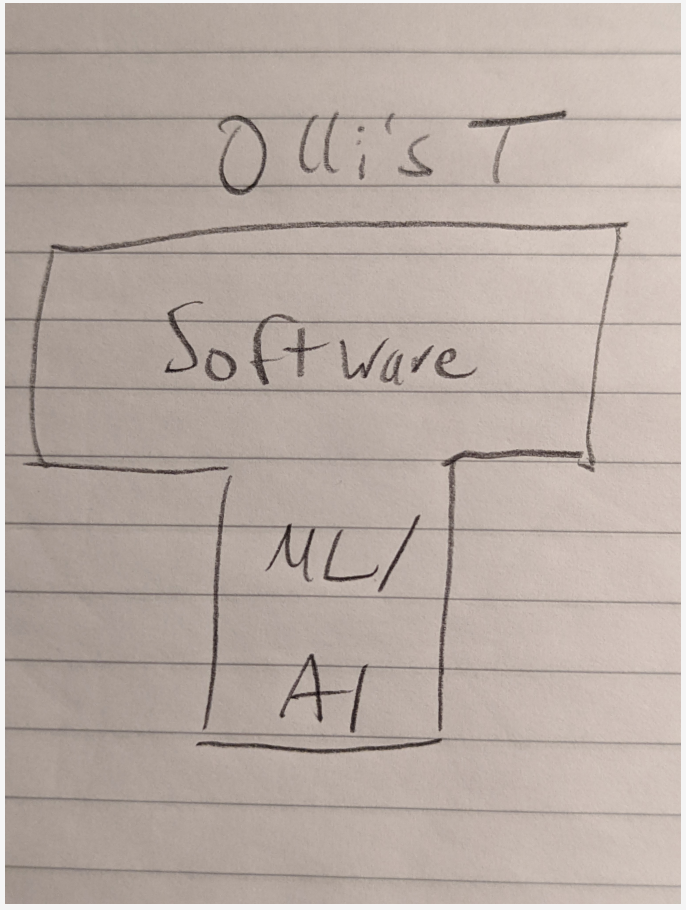

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Resilience

ability to adapt to difficult or unexpected situations

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resilience

Resilience in the world of Machine Learning

Dealing with Uncertainty

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ML comes with a lot of uncertainty

- model and training
  - score
  - confidence
  - training vs test vs out of sample, real world
- will the approach work at all
  - depends on what "work" means
  - what score is good enough?
  - what about the other requirements

Uncertainty is hard to bear

- emotionally
- risk for business
- You need to manage the uncertainty / introduce resilient concepts to handle the stress
- also relevant for development process
  - create PoC, work in phases
  - try and infer life time of model

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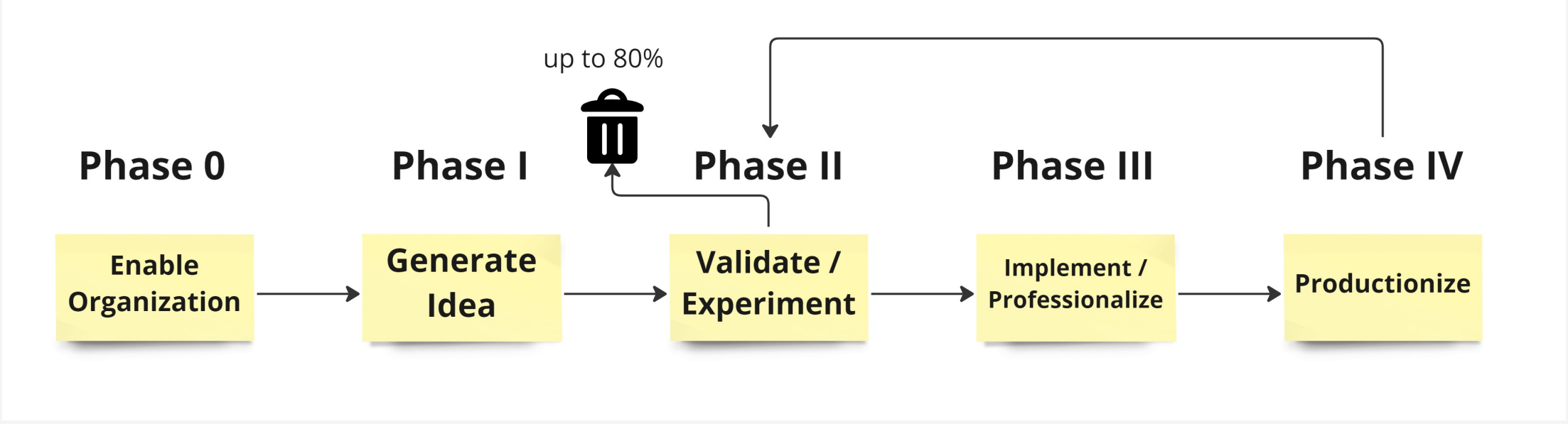

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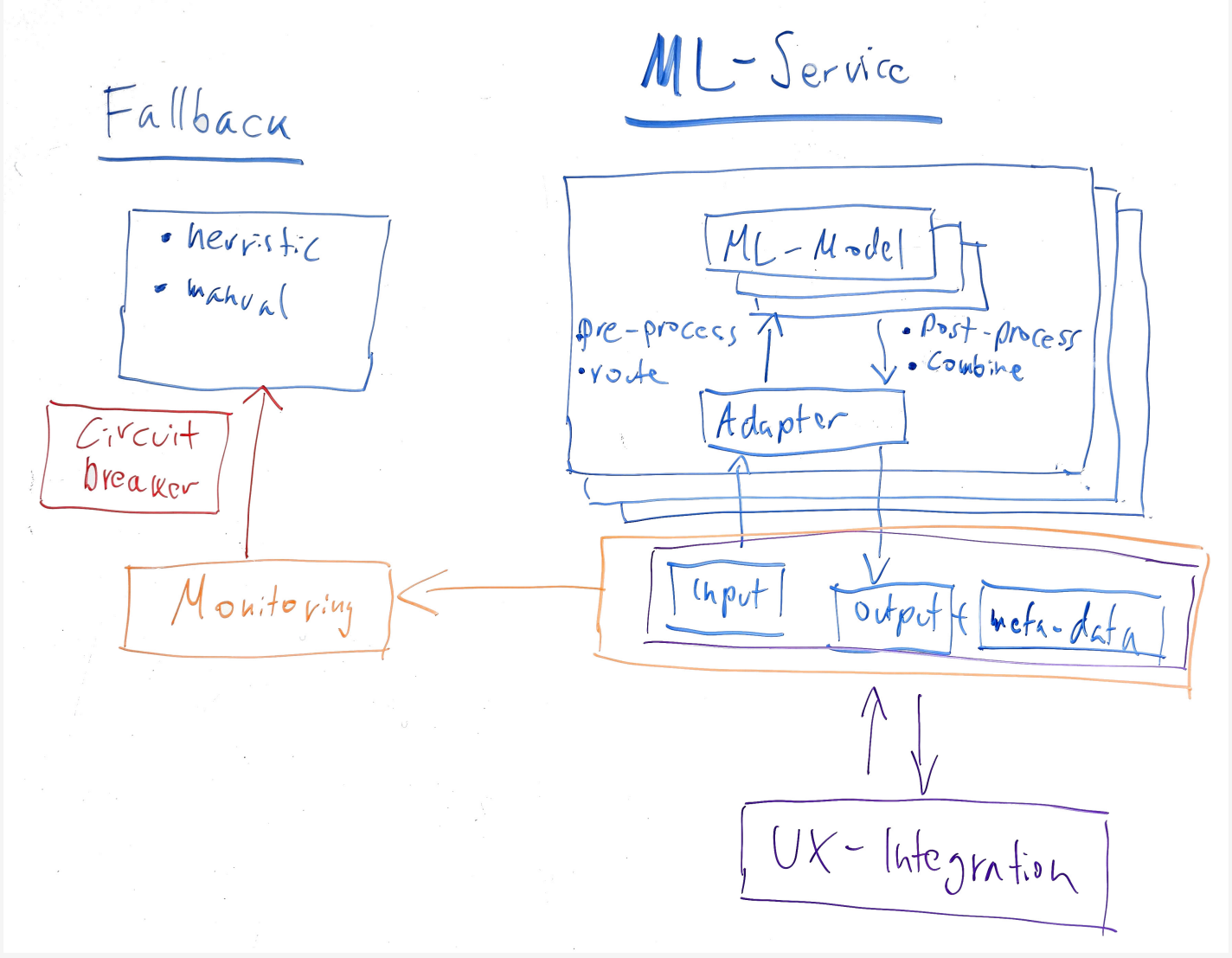

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Hacking the system / Adversarial Attacks

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Hacking the system is more common than you might think

taxes, laws, regulations, contracts, embargoes

- this is actually the job of a lot of people
- transparency vs hackability

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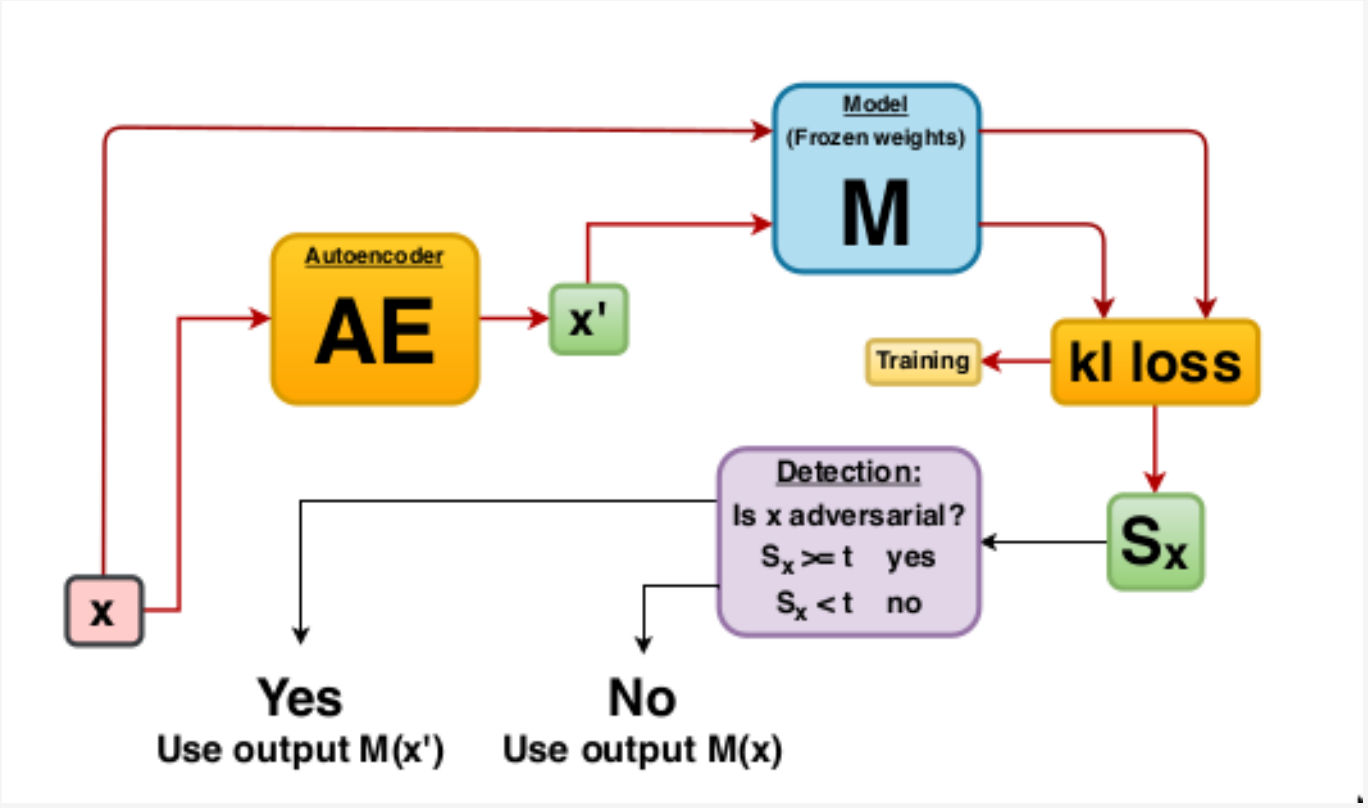

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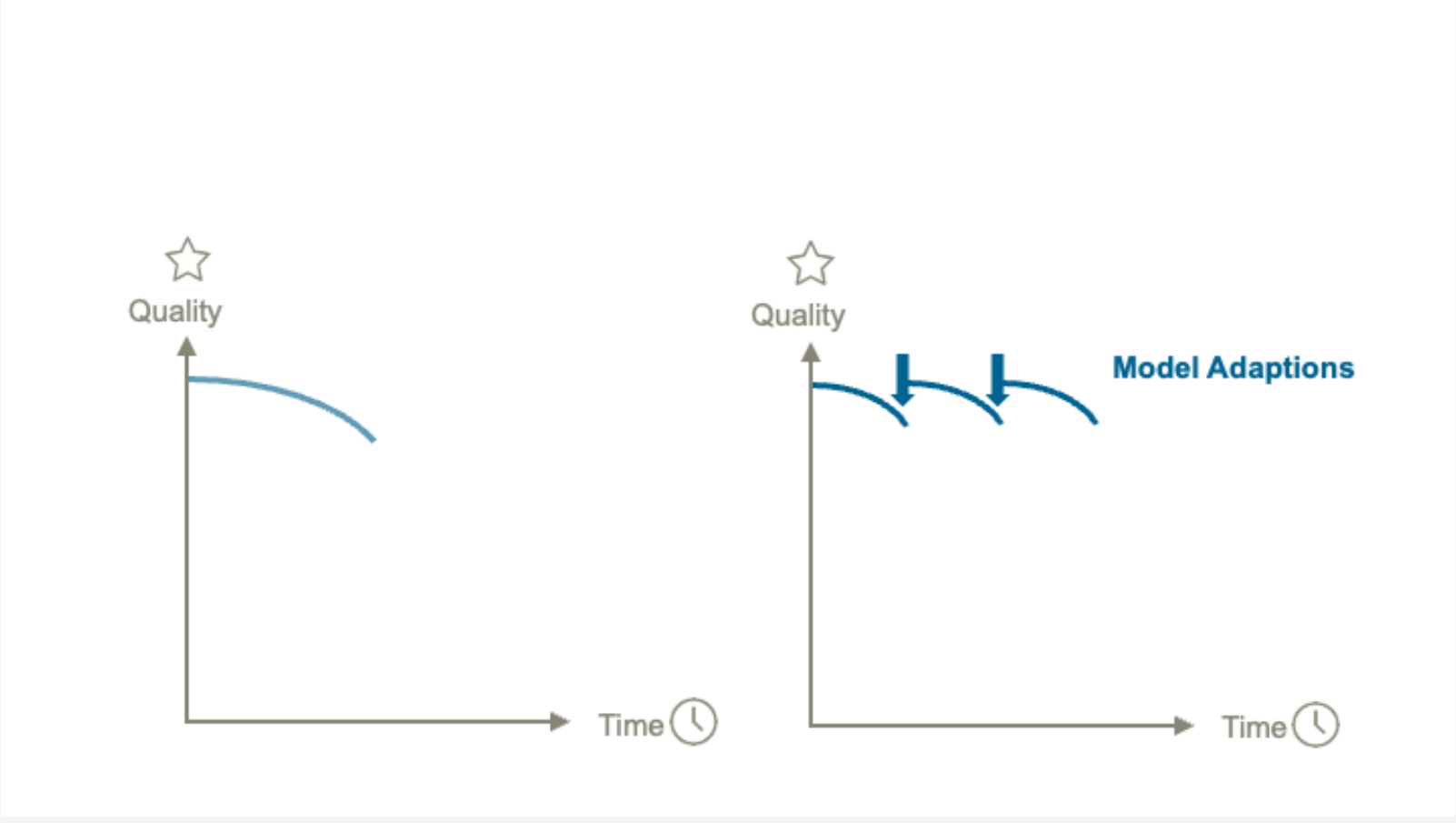

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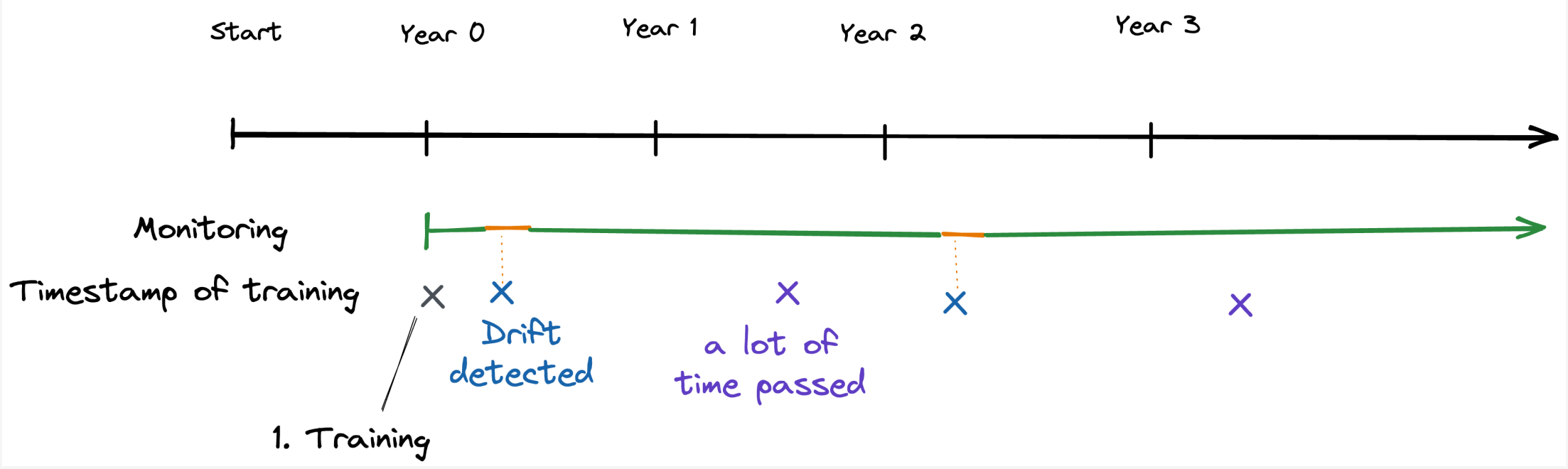

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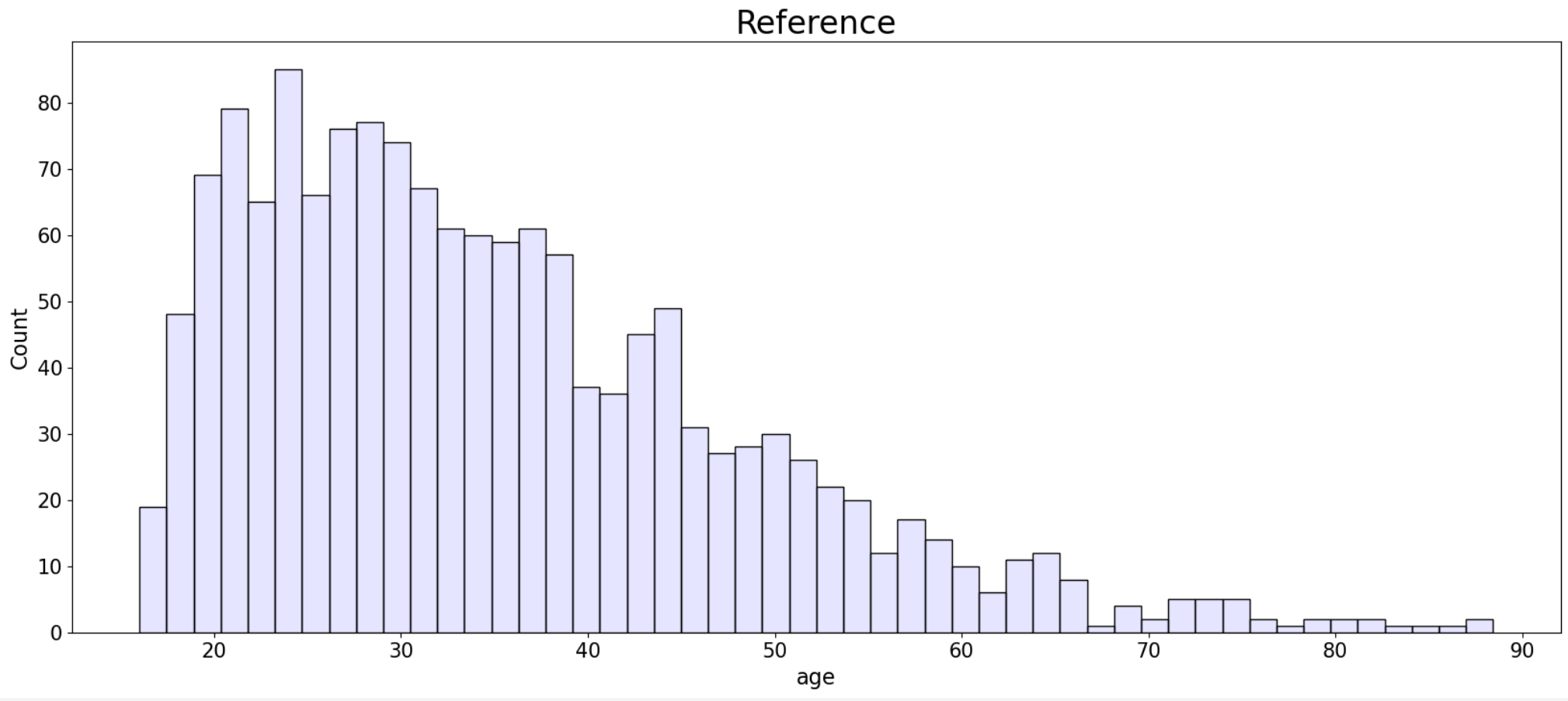

Example: Age of people seeking for insurance

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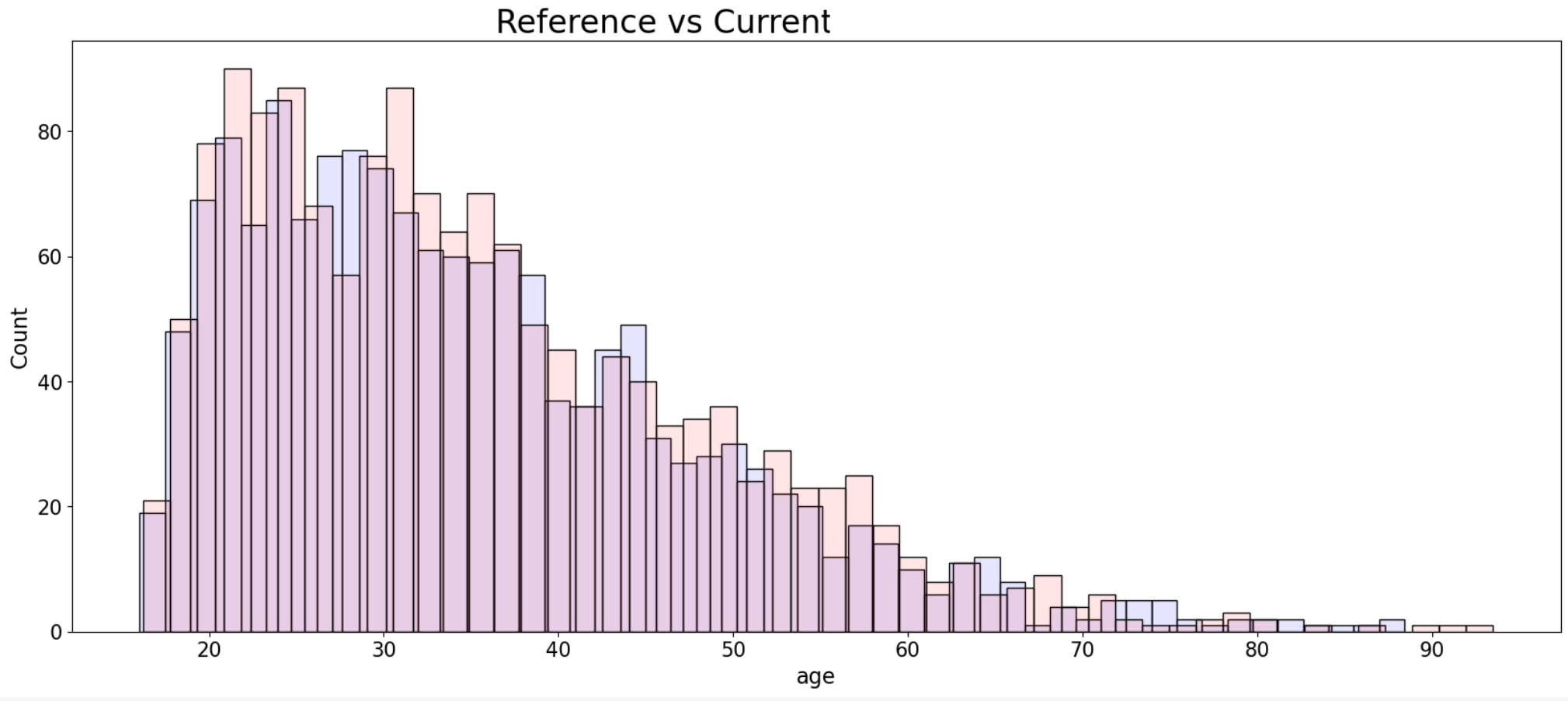

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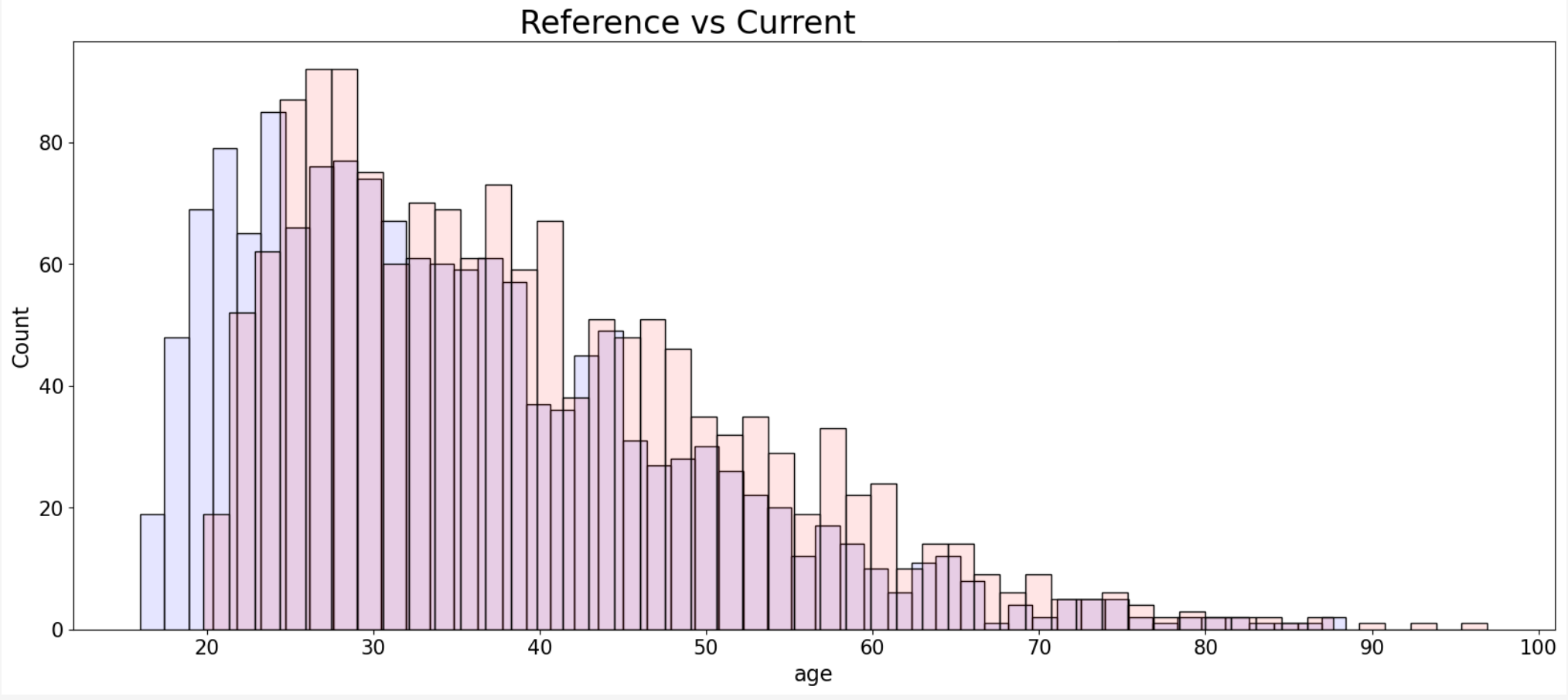
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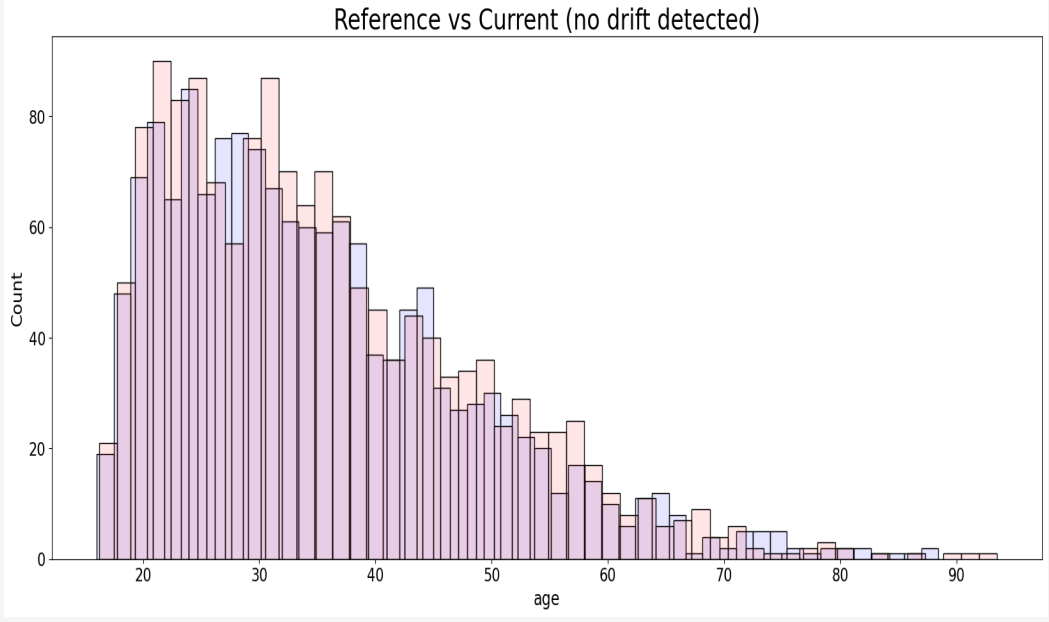

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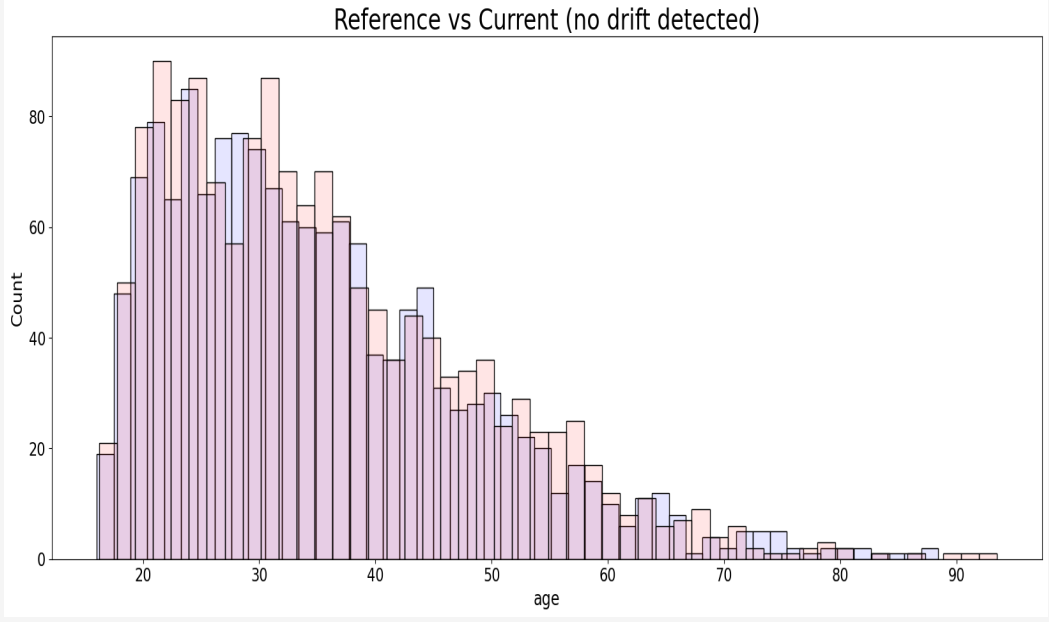

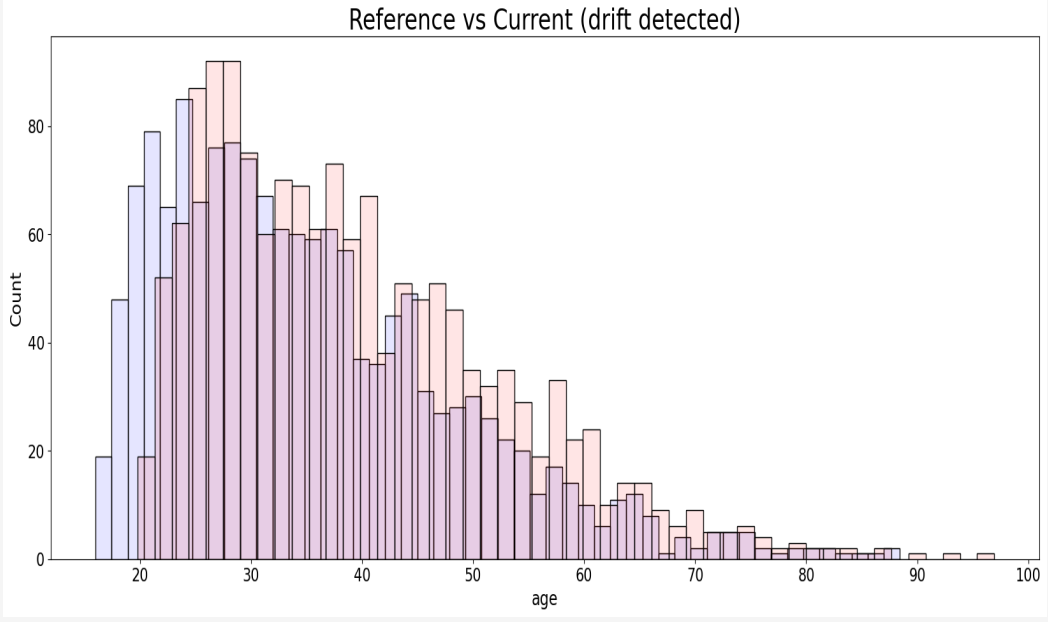

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