Week 8

Healthcare - Persistency of a drug: Group Project

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GitHub Repo Link: https://github.com/JudieChep/Assignments.git

Problem Description

ABC pharma Company is in the pharmaceutical business and has a challenge in determining the persistence of a drug. The company would like to automate the process of identification of persistency since there are several factors that need to be considered to determine this. An insight into which factors affect persistency will be useful in automating this process.

Data Understanding

The data used by ABC has been obtained from the following sources:

- Patient
- Clinical Records
- Medical provider records

Pandas profiling tool was used to understand the data and the following observations were made:

- > Total number of records in the dataset-**3424**
- ➤ Number of variables-69

Variables are grouped by demographics, provider attributes, clinical factors and disease/treatment factor.

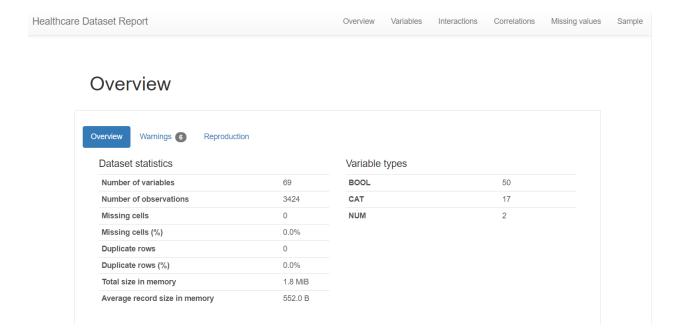
Variable types

Boolean-50

Categorical-17

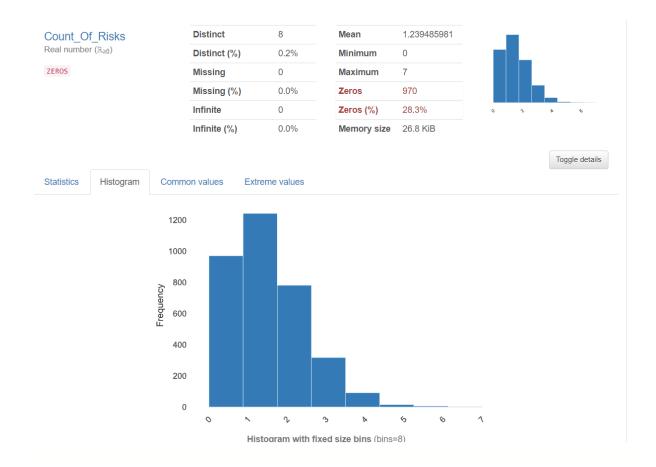
Numerical-2

The below diagram summarizes the findings:



Problems with the data

There are no missing values or duplicates in the dataset when the pandas profiling report is used to summarize the data. However, there are values recorded as "Unknown", which will be changed to NA values during data cleaning. For the numerical variables, the values in Count_of_Risk variable are moderately skewed with a skewness of 0.87. The variable also has no outliers, as shown below:



The second numerical variable *Dexa_Freq_During_Rx* is highly skewed with a skewness of 6.8. This means that the data is asymmetrical and needs to be transformed before training the model.

