## Mycological Risk Assessment - Machine Learning Approach

## **Project Overview**

The project's focus is to train a machine learning model capable of accurately classifying mushrooms as edible or poisonous by analysing their physical characteristics. The model is designed to assist teams of mycologists in conducting risk assessments associated with fungal species.

## Background Information

Mushrooms exhibit a wide variety of physical attributes, making it challenging to distinguish between edible and poisonous species, even for experienced mycologists. Accurate classification is crucial because some mushrooms contain toxins that can cause serious health problems or even be fatal if ingested. Traditional methods of mushroom identification based on visual features are time-consuming and error-prone. This project endeavors to leverage machine learning algorithms using the Mushroom dataset, containing attributes such as cap shape, odor, gill size, and more, to develop a reliable model that streamlines the classification process and enhances safety in mushroom identification practices for mycologists and enthusiasts alike.

## Challenges

- 1. Imbalanced Dataset: The mushroom data set might have an imbalance in the distribution of classes(edible, poisonous), thus affect the model's pattern learning accuracy.
- 2. Feature Selection and Interpretability: Selecting the most relevant features and ensuring the model's interpretability could be crucial for mycologists to understand the classification decisions.

#### Solutions

- 1. Employ oversampling(SMOTE), undersampling, or utilize algorithms robust to imbalanced data to ensure fair representation of classes.
- 2. Utilize feature importance methods(Random Forest Feature Importance) and model-agnostic interpretability techniques for better insights into model decisions.

## **Problem Statement**

Mycologists face the daunting challenge of quickly and accurately distinguishing edible mushrooms from poisonous mushrooms based on their physical attributes. To address this, the project aims to develop a robust machine learning model using the Mushroom dataset. This model seeks to provide mycologists with a reliable tool for on-the-spot mushroom classification during fieldwork, significantly reducing the risks associated with misidentification and enhancing safety measures for both researchers and the general populace.

## Objectives

### General Objective

• To develop a machine learning model capable of accurately classifying mushrooms as either edible or poisonous based on their physical attributes, aiding mycologists in the reliable identification of fungal species for scientific research and safety measures.

### Specific Objectives

- To develop a classification model
- Enhance model performance through algorithm selection.
- Explore ensemble learning approaches.
- Ensure model deployment feasibility.

## Data Understanding

This project uses a Mushroom dataset sourced from Kaggle, but originally donated to the UCL Machine Learning repository, it includes 61069 hypothetical mushrooms with caps based on 173 species (353 mushrooms per species). Each mushroom is identified as definitely edible,

definitely poisonous, or of unknown edibility and not recommended (the latter class was combined with the poisonous class). Of the 20 variables, 17 are nominal and 3 are metrical.

### Column Descriptions

- classes: edible=e, poisonous=p(binary)
  - (n: nominal, m: metrical; nominal values as sets of values)
- cap-diameter (m): float number in cm
- cap-shape (n): bell=b, conical=c, convex=x, flat=f, sunken=s, spherical=p, others=o
- · cap-surface (n): fibrous=i, grooves=g, scaly=y, smooth=s, shiny=h, leathery=l, silky=k, sticky=t, wrinkled=w, fleshy=e
- cap-color (n): brown=n, buff=b, gray=g, green=r, pink=p,purple=u, red=e, white=w, yellow=y, blue=l, orange=o, black=k
- does-bruise-or-bleed (n): bruises-or-bleeding=t,no=f
- gill-attachment (n): adnate=a, adnexed=x, decurrent=d, free=e, sinuate=s, pores=p, none=f, unknown=?
- gill-spacing (n): close=c, distant=d, none=f
- gill-color (n): see cap-color + none=f
- stem-height (m): float number in cm
- stem-width (m): float number in mm
- stem-root (n): bulbous=b, swollen=s, club=c, cup=u, equal=e, rhizomorphs=z, rooted=r
- stem-surface (n): see cap-surface + none=f
- stem-color(n): see cap-color + none=f
- veil-type (n): partial=p, universal=u
- veil-color(n): see cap-color + none=f
- has-ring(n): ring=t, none=f
- ring-type (n): cobwebby=c, evanescent=e, flaring=r, grooved=g, large=l, pendant=p, sheathing=s, zone=z, scaly=y, movable=m, none=f, unknown=?
- spore-print-color(n): see cap color
- habitat (n): grasses=g, leaves=l, meadows=m, paths=p, heaths=h, urban=u, waste=w, woods=d
- season (n): spring=s, summer=u, autumn=a, winter=w

## Loading the dataset

```
# Importing necessary libraries for data analysis, visualization
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#data preprocessing
from sklearn.model selection import train test split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, OneHotEncoder, LabelEncoder
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
#models
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
#evaluation
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, fl_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, roc_auc_score, RocCurveDisplay
```

```
This class loads the data, displays the first or the last rows, drops columns,
replaces missing values with placeholders and can display the info and summary of the data.
class DataHandler:
    def __init__(self, file_path):
        self.file_path = file_path
        self.df = None
   def load data(self, sep=',', error_bad_lines=False):
           self.df = pd.read_csv(self.file_path, sep=sep, error_bad_lines=error_bad_lines)
        except Exception as e:
           print(f"Error loading data: {str(e)}")
    def head(self, n=5):
        if self.df is not None:
           return self.df.head(n)
        else:
           print("No data loaded yet.")
            return None
    def tail(self, n=5):
        if self.df is not None:
           return self.df.tail(n)
        else:
            print("No data loaded yet.")
            return None
    def summary(self):
        if self.df is not None:
            return self.df.describe()
        else:
            print("No data loaded yet.")
            return None
    def info(self):
        if self.df is not None:
            return self.df.info()
            print("No data loaded yet.")
            return None
    def drop_columns(self, columns_to_drop):
        if self.df is not None:
            try:
                self.df.drop(columns=columns_to_drop, inplace=True)
                print("Columns dropped successfully!")
            except Exception as e:
                print(f"Error dropping columns: {str(e)}")
        else:
            print("No data loaded yet.")
    \tt def \ replace\_missing\_with\_placeholder(self, \ placeholder='missing'):
        if self.df is not None:
            self.df.fillna(placeholder, inplace=True)
            print("Missing values replaced with placeholder successfully!")
        else:
            print("No data loaded yet.")
Load the dataset then look at the first 5 rows to familiarise ourselves with the data.
# Loading the dataset
file_path = '/content/sample_data/dataset/secondary_data.csv'
data handler = DataHandler(file path)
# Load data
data handler.load data(sep=';', error bad lines=False)
# Check head
data_handler.head()
```

self.df = pd.read csv(self.file\_path, sep=sep, error bad lines=error bad

	class	cap- diameter				does- bruise- or- bleed	gill- attachment	gill- spacing	
0	р	15.26	Х	g	0	f	е	NaN	W
1	р	16.60	X	g	0	f	е	NaN	W
2	р	14.07	Х	g	0	f	е	NaN	W
3	р	14.17	f	h	е	f	е	NaN	W

Summary for the numerical columns in the data.

5 rows × 21 columns

#Numerical Summary
data\_handler.summary()

	cap-diameter	stem-height	stem-width	
count	61069.000000	61069.000000	61069.000000	11.
mean	6.733854	6.581538	12.149410	
std	5.264845	3.370017	10.035955	
min	0.380000	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	3.480000	4.640000	5.210000	
50%	5.860000	5.950000	10.190000	
75%	8.540000	7.740000	16.570000	
max	62.340000	33.920000	103.910000	

Lets look at a comprehensive summary of the data we have, both categorical and numerical columns.

# # Information data\_handler.info()

```
RangeIndex: 61069 entries, 0 to 61068
Data columns (total 21 columns):
# Column
                          Non-Null Count Dtype
                         61069 non-null object
61069 non-null float6
61069 non-null object
0
    class
    cap-diameter
                                           float64
    cap-shape
    cap-surface
                          46949 non-null object
                           61069 non-null object
    cap-color
    does-bruise-or-bleed 61069 non-null object
    gill-attachment
                           51185 non-null object
    gill-spacing
                           36006 non-null object
                         61069 non-null object
    gill-color
                        61069 non-null
61069 non-null
    stem-height
                                          float64
                                          float64
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                         9531 non-null
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11 stem-root
                                           object
 12 stem-surface
                           22945 non-null object
                         61069 non-null object
 13 stem-color
   veil-type
                           3177 non-null
                                           object
 15 veil-color
                          7413 non-null
                           61069 non-null object
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   has-ring
                           58598 non-null object
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    ring-type
   spore-print-color
                           6354 non-null
                                           object
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                           61069 non-null object
19
    habitat
                           61069 non-null object
20 season
dtypes: float64(3), object(18)
memory usage: 9.8+ MB
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

## Exploratory Data Analysis

### Univariate Analysis

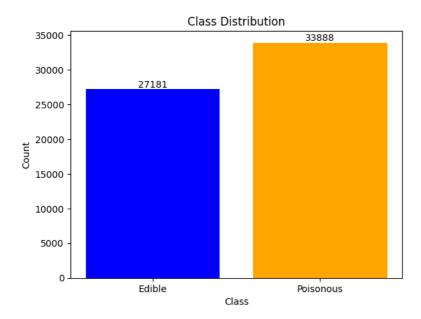
We look at the class column to see the distributions.

```
#Univariate Analysis
#plotting the target variable distribution
class_counts = df.groupby("class").size()

# Create a bar chart
plt.bar(class_counts.index, class_counts.values, color=['blue', 'orange'])
plt.title("Class Distribution")
plt.xlabel("Class")
plt.ylabel("Count")
plt.xticks([0, 1], ["Edible", "Poisonous"])

# Annotate the bars with value counts
for i, count in enumerate(class_counts.values):
    plt.text(i, count, str(count), ha='center', va='bottom')

# Show the chart
plt.show()
```



There is a slight imbalance, so we'll use SMOTE to mitigate this when applying our model.

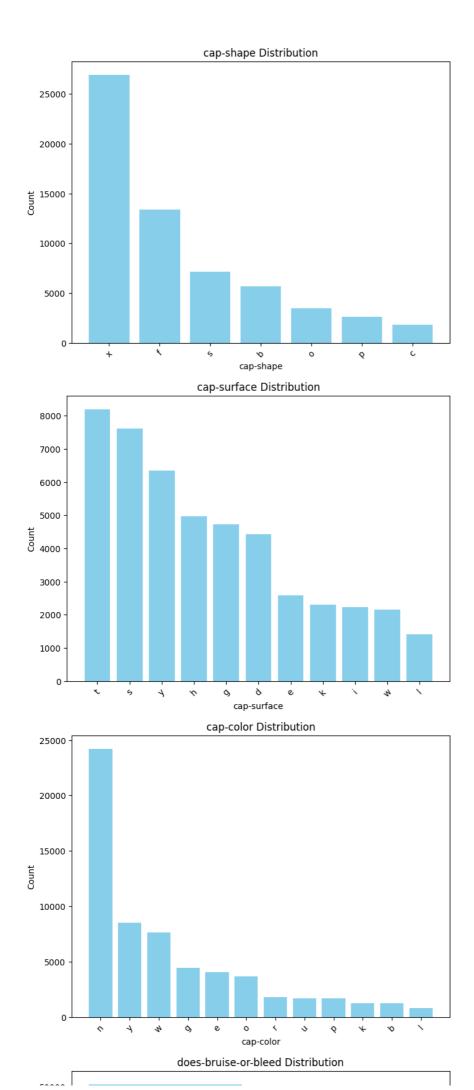
Now, lets look at the rest of the categorical columns' distributions.

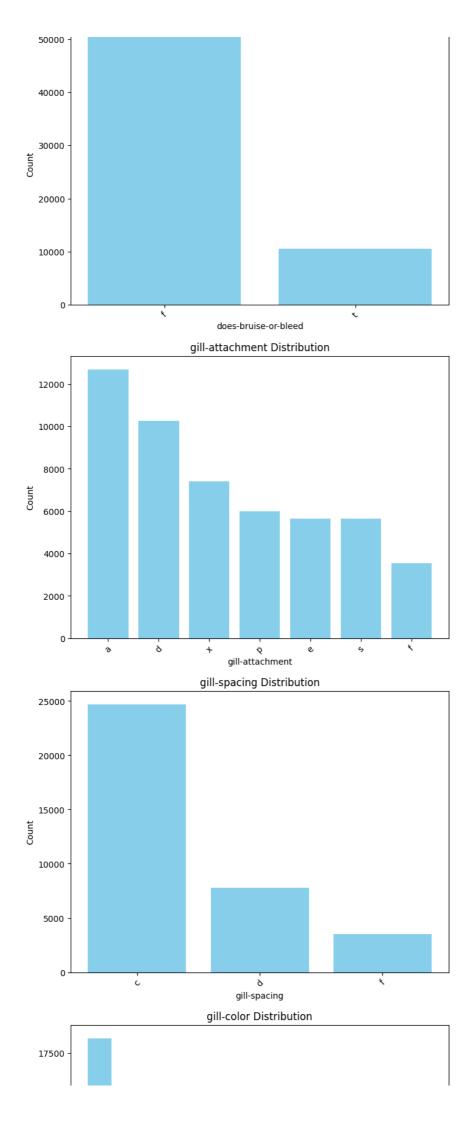
```
categorical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns.tolist()

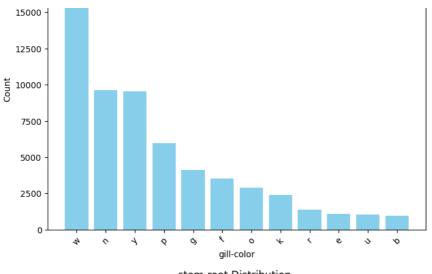
# Excluding 'class' column from the categorical columns list
remaining_categorical_columns = [col for col in categorical_columns if col != 'class']

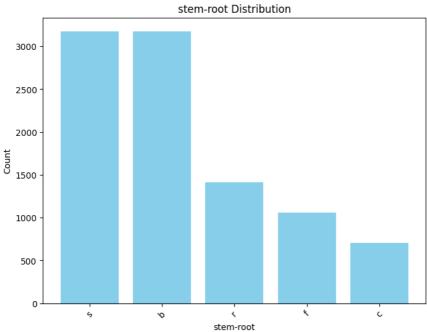
# Plotting bar charts for each remaining categorical column
for col in remaining_categorical_columns:
    col_counts = df[col].value_counts()

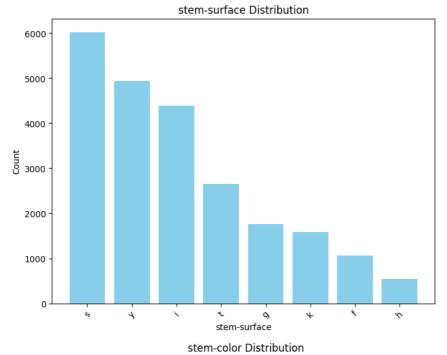
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))  # Adjust the figure size if needed
    plt.bar(col_counts.index, col_counts.values, color='skyblue')
    plt.title(f"{col} Distribution")
    plt.xlabel(col)
    plt.ylabel("Count")
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)  # Rotate x-axis labels for better readability
    plt.show()
```



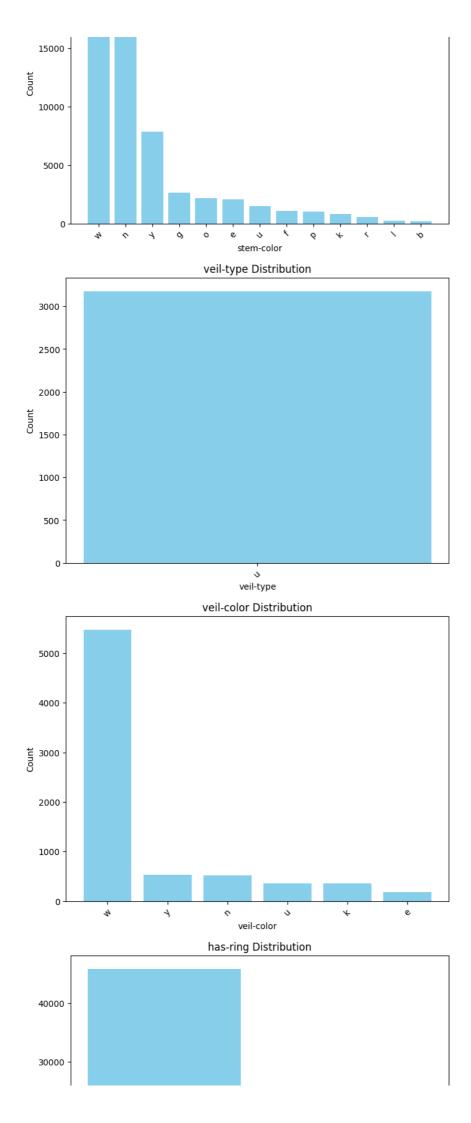


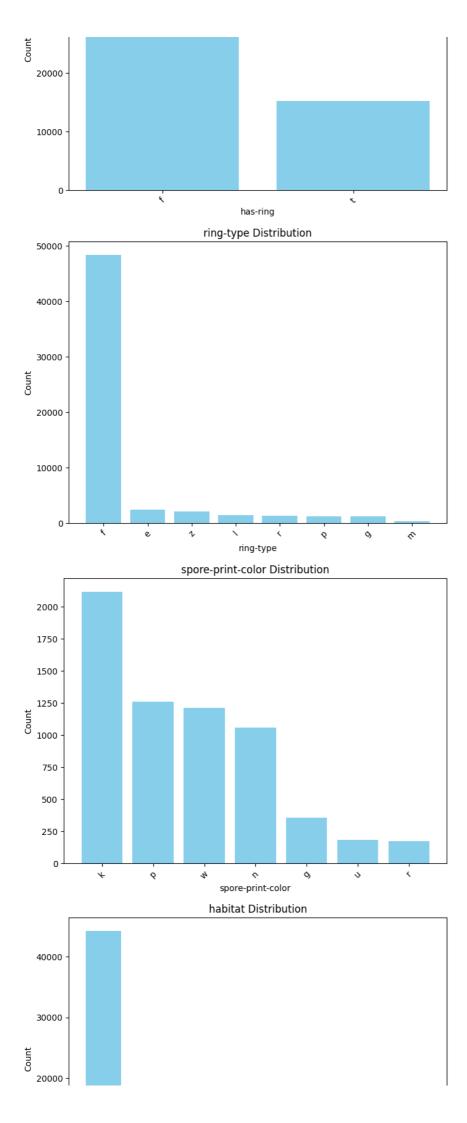


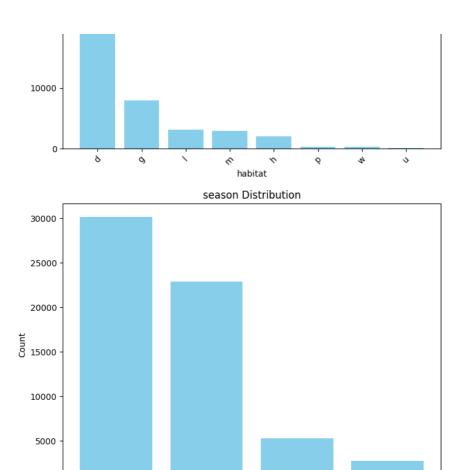












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From the distributions above we can flag, veil-type and veil-color for dropping.

Now lets look at the relationship of columns with other columns and see if the two might survive or others may be added to the dropping list.

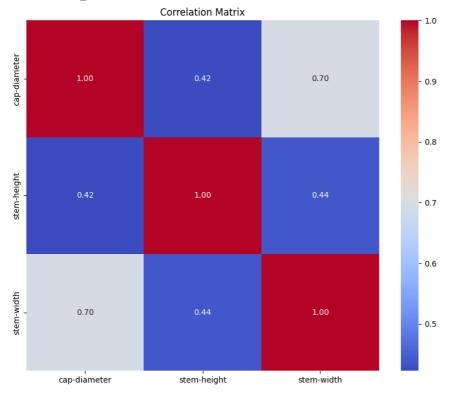
## Multivariate Analysis

From the previous summary we can see significant missing values, with more than 75% missing for certain columns. Lets look at the correlation of the columns and see how to deal with them.

```
correlation_matrix = df.corr()

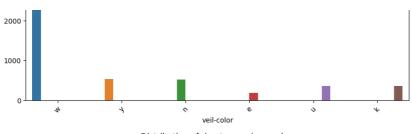
# Plotting the correlation matrix as a heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f")
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
```

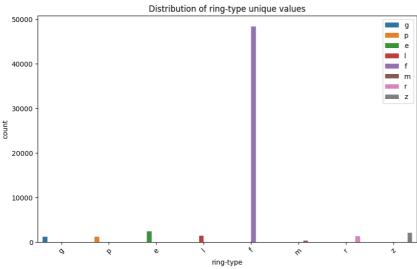
<ipython-input-106-9f68ee795e3a>:1: FutureWarning: The default value of numeri correlation\_matrix = df.corr()

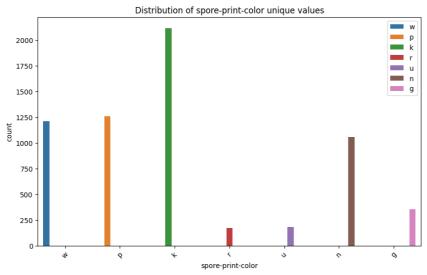


We only have three numerical features, so a correlation matrix is not the best option, instead we can identify the columns containing missing values, create a copy and replace missing values with a placeholder, then plot count plots to visualize the relationship between each column with missing values and the rest of the categorical columns.

```
# Selecting only categorical columns for analysis
categorical_df = df.select_dtypes(include=['object'])
# Identify columns with missing values
columns_with_missing = categorical_df.columns[categorical_df.isnull().any()].tolist()
# Create a copy of the DataFrame without dropping columns (for comparison)
original df = categorical df.copy()
# Replace missing values with a placeholder to distinguish them
categorical\_df[columns\_with\_missing] = categorical\_df[columns\_with\_missing].fillna('Missing')
# Plotting the relationship between columns with missing values and other categorical columns
for col in columns with missing:
   plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
   sns.countplot(x=col, hue=col, data=pd.concat([original df[col], categorical df.drop(columns=columns with missing)], axis=
   plt.title(f'Distribution of {col} unique values')
   plt.xticks(rotation=45)
   plt.legend(loc='upper right')
   plt.show()
```







## Data Preprocessing

From the above visualizations, here is what I will perform

- Drop the two columns with significant missing values and use a placeholder for spore-print-color and stem-root.
- Handle missing values by replacing them with a placeholder.

```
#make a list of columns to drop
columns to drop = ['veil-type', 'veil-color']
data_handler.drop_columns(columns_to_drop)
data_handler.info()
    Columns dropped successfully!
    <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
    RangeIndex: 61069 entries, 0 to 61068
    Data columns (total 19 columns):
                                 Non-Null Count Dtype
     # Column
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    dtypes: float64(3), object(16)
    memory usage: 8.9+ MB
```

For the remaining few columns with missing entries, lets replace with placeholders.

```
data_handler.replace_missing_with_placeholder()
data handler.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

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Data columns (total 19 columns):
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Missing values replaced with placeholder successfully!

dtypes: float64(3), object(16)
memory usage: 8.9+ MB

With our cleaned data we move to modeling.

## Pipeline Setup and Modeling

In this section, I'll set up the pipeline for modeling:

- 1. Pipeline Creation: I'll create a pipeline to encapsulate the remaining preprocessing steps and modeling.
- 2. Model Selection: I'll choose various models for experimentation.
- 3. Model Training and Evaluation: I'll train the models on the preprocessed data and evaluate their performance using various metrics.

The next cell a pipeline is created to One-hot encode the independent variable columns and encode the dependent variable column.

```
data handler.info()
    <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
    RangeIndex: 61069 entries, 0 to 61068
    Data columns (total 19 columns):
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    dtypes: float64(3), object(16)
    memory usage: 8.9+ MB
#numerical columns(part of the independent variables)
numerical_columns = ['cap-diameter', 'stem-height', 'stem-width']
columns_to_drop = ['class'] + numerical_columns
# One-hot encode the independent variable columns and encode the dependent variable
df encoded = pd.get dummies(df, columns=df.drop(columns to drop, axis=1).columns)
X = df_encoded.drop('class', axis=1)
y = df['class'].map(\{'e': 0, 'p': 1\})
# Encode the target variable 'y' using LabelEncoder
label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
y = label_encoder.fit_transform(y)
# Pipeline initialization for preprocessing
preprocessing_pipeline = Pipeline([
    ('preprocessor', ColumnTransformer([
        (\ 'num',\ StandardScaler(),\ numerical\_columns),\ \#\ StandardScaler\ for\ numerical\ columns
        ('cat', OneHotEncoder(), df_encoded.drop('class', axis=1).columns) # OneHotEncoder for categorical columns
    ], remainder='passthrough')),
1)
# Fit and transform the initial preprocessing pipeline
X = preprocessing_pipeline.fit_transform(X, y)
# Split the dataset to train and test after preprocessing
X_{\text{train}}, X_{\text{test}}, y_{\text{train}}, y_{\text{test}} = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state=21, test_size=0.4)
# Apply SMOTE for handling class imbalance on the preprocessed data
smote = SMOTE(random_state=21)
X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)
```

## Logistic Regression

After completing the data preprocessing steps involving feature scaling, one-hot encoding of categorical variables, and handling class imbalance using SMOTE, the dataset is now ready for model implementation.

We, begin with Logistic regression as a baseline model.

```
# Pipeline for Logistic Regression
logistic_regression_pipeline = Pipeline([
   # ('smote', SMOTE(random_state=21)),
    ('logistic_regression', LogisticRegression())
])
# Fit the Logistic Regression pipeline to resampled data
logistic regression pipeline.fit(X train resampled, y train resampled)
    /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/sklearn/linear_model/_logistic.py:458
    STOP: TOTAL NO. of ITERATIONS REACHED LIMIT.
    Increase the number of iterations (max_iter) or scale the data as shown in:
        https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html
    Please also refer to the documentation for alternative solver options:
        https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear_model.html#logistic-regres;
      n_iter_i = _check_optimize_result(
            Pipeline
     ▶ LogisticRegression
    ↓
```

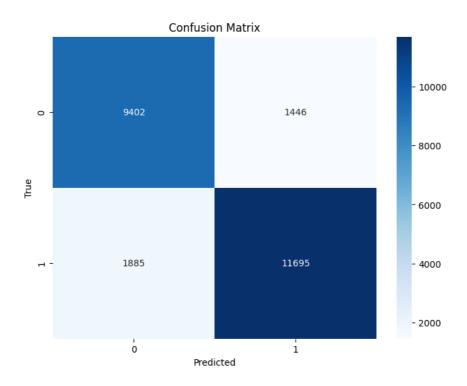
Lets evaluate the performance of this model.

```
y lr preds = logistic regression pipeline.predict(X test)
# Calculate accuracy
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_lr_preds)
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}')
# Classification report
print(classification_report(y_test, y_lr_preds))
# Calculate precision
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_lr_preds)
print(f'Precision: {precision}')
# Calculate recall
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_lr_preds)
print(f'Recall: {recall}')
# Calculate F1-score
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_lr_preds)
print(f'F1-score: {f1}')
# Confusion matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_lr_preds)
print('Confusion Matrix:')
print(conf_matrix)
    Accuracy: 0.8636
                              recall f1-score support
                  precision
                       0.83
                                 0.87
                                           0.85
                                                     10848
                       0.89
                                 0.86
                                           0.88
                                                    13580
                                           0.86
                                                    24428
        accuracy
                       0.86
                                0.86
                                                     24428
       macro avg
                                           0.86
    weighted avg
                       0.86
                                 0.86
                                           0.86
                                                    24428
    Precision: 0.8899627121223651
    Recall: 0.8611929307805597
    F1-score: 0.8753414917106396
    Confusion Matrix:
    [[ 9402 1446]
     [ 1885 11695]]
```

The Logistic Regression model achieved an accuracy of 86.36%, indicating it correctly predicted the class label for approximately 86.36% of the samples in the test set.

Here is a visual for the above confusion matrix

```
# Create a heatmap of the confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, cmap='Blues', fmt='g')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('True')
plt.show()
```



### Confusion Matrix:

The confusion matrix highlights that the model misclassified 1446 edible mushrooms as poisonous and 1885 poisonous mushrooms as edible.

## Logistic Regression Analysis

The model showcased balanced precision and recall for both classes. It achieved 83% accuracy when predicting edible mushrooms and 89% accuracy for poisonous ones.

The F1-scores stood at 0.85 for edible and 0.88 for poisonous mushrooms, effectively balancing precision and recall trade-offs.

While the Logistic Regression model performs reasonably well with an accuracy of 86.36% and a balanced precision-recall tradeoff, considering the nature of Naive Bayes as a probabilistic model that assumes independence among features, it might offer a different perspective. It's known to perform well in classification tasks and might capture different patterns in the data that Logistic Regression might miss. Hence, exploring Naive Bayes could provide insights or improve upon the current performance metrics, contributing to a more comprehensive model evaluation

### Naive Bayes

This model assumes the independence among features and has hsown effectiveness in various classification tasks. We'll use it as an alternative and see if its a better option.

```
from scipy.sparse import csr_matrix
#pipeline, uncomment the smote if necessary
naive_bayes_pipeline = Pipeline(steps=[
   # ('smote', SMOTE(random_state=42)),
    ('naive_bayes', GaussianNB())
1)
# Convert sparse matrix to dense array
X_train_resampled_dense = X_train_resampled.toarray()
# Fit the pipeline to your dense data
naive_bayes_pipeline.fit(X_train_resampled_dense, y_train_resampled)
        Pipeline
     ▶ GaussianNB
     Evaluating its performance.
# Predictions on the test set
X_test_dense = X_test.toarray()
```

0.60 0.74 13580 0.95 accuracv 0.62 24428 0.68 0.58 24428 0.54 macro avg weighted avg 24428 0.67 0.62

#comparing Naive Bayes to Logistic Regression

```
lr_probs = logistic_regression_pipeline.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
nb_probs = naive_bayes_pipeline.predict_proba(X_test_dense)[:, 1]

# Compute ROC curve and ROC area for both models
fpr_lr, tpr_lr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, lr_probs)
fpr_nb, tpr_nb, _ = roc_curve(y_test, nb_probs)

# Plot ROC curves
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.plot(fpr_lr, tpr_lr, label='Logistic Regression')
plt.plot(fpr_nb, tpr_nb, label='Naive Bayes')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], linestyle='--', color='gray', label='Random')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('ROC Curve')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```