Dataset analysis

I will start by looking at the data, checking labels distributions and searching for correlations betbeeen features and target label.

The dataset appear to be very clean, and clearly synthetic, each feature is well distributed and seems to be uncorrelated to the labels provided.

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In [2]: # Load

df_sales = pd.read_csv('sales.csv')

df_ca = pd.read_csv('customer_activity.csv')

df_cal = pd.read_csv('customer_activity_latest.csv')

df_labels = pd.read_csv('labels.csv')

df_stores = pd.read_csv('stores.csv')

df_cp = pd.read_csv('customer_profiles.csv')

df_ft = pd.read_csv('feature_store.csv')
```

CUSTOMER ACTIVITY - CLARIFY

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In [3]: # what is the difference between CA and CA Latest?
    all_scd_a = set(df_cal['scd_a'])
    df_cao = df_ca[~df_ca['scd_a'].apply(lambda x: x in all_scd_a)]

# old values have all a closing date?
    len(df_cao) == len(df_ca) - len(df_cal)

Out[3]: True

In [4]: # Transactions that have expired are not in the Latest dataframe display(Counter(df_cao['valid_to'].isna()))
    display(Counter(df_cal['valid_to'].isna()))
    display(Counter(df_ca['valid_to'].isna()))

Counter({False: 16617})
    Counter({True: 150000})
    Counter({True: 150000}, False: 16617})
```

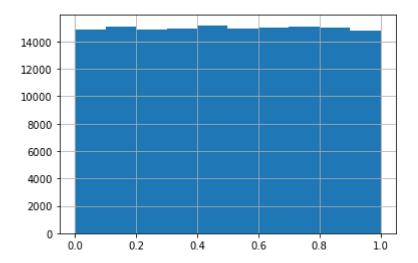
CUSTOMER ACTIVITY ATTR

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In [6]: # ASSUMPTION: all the idx are unique to the customers
# add attr columns from CAL
for col in ['scd_a', 'scd_b']:
    df_cp[col] = df_cp['idx'].map(df_cal.set_index('idx')[col])
```

CUSTOMER PROFILES GLOBAL ANALYSIS

Here we will see that the features are simply a random sample over precise ratios. It is a mock dataset after all!

```
In [7]: # setup categorical features
          cat_features = ['attr_a', 'attr_b', 'attr_c', 'scd_b']
 In [8]: # "attr_a" attribute is sampled randomly with ratios [.5, .2, .15, .1, .05]
          df cp['attr a'].value counts() / len(df cp)
              0.502120
 Out[8]:
              0.198253
         4
              0.148927
              0.100387
         3
              0.050313
         Name: attr_a, dtype: float64
 In [9]: # "attr_b" attribute is sampled randomly with ratios [.3, .3, .2, .1]
         df_cp['attr_b'].value_counts() / len(df_cp)
              0.398387
 Out[9]:
              0.300553
              0.200113
         b
              0.100947
         Name: attr_b, dtype: float64
In [10]: # "attr_c" attribute is sampled randomly with ratios [2/3, 1/3]
          df_cp['attr_c'].value_counts() / len(df_cp)
Out[10]: yes
                0.6667
                0.3333
         Name: attr_c, dtype: float64
In [11]: # "scd b" attribute is sampled randomly with ratios .2 for all variables
          df_cp['scd_b'].value_counts() / len(df_cp)
              0.200753
Out[11]:
         2
              0.200540
              0.200380
         3
              0.199327
         1
              0.199000
         Name: scd_b, dtype: float64
In [12]: # "scd_a" attribute is sampled uniformely from the interval [0, 1]
          df_cp['scd_a'].hist()
          plt.show()
```



ADD LABELS

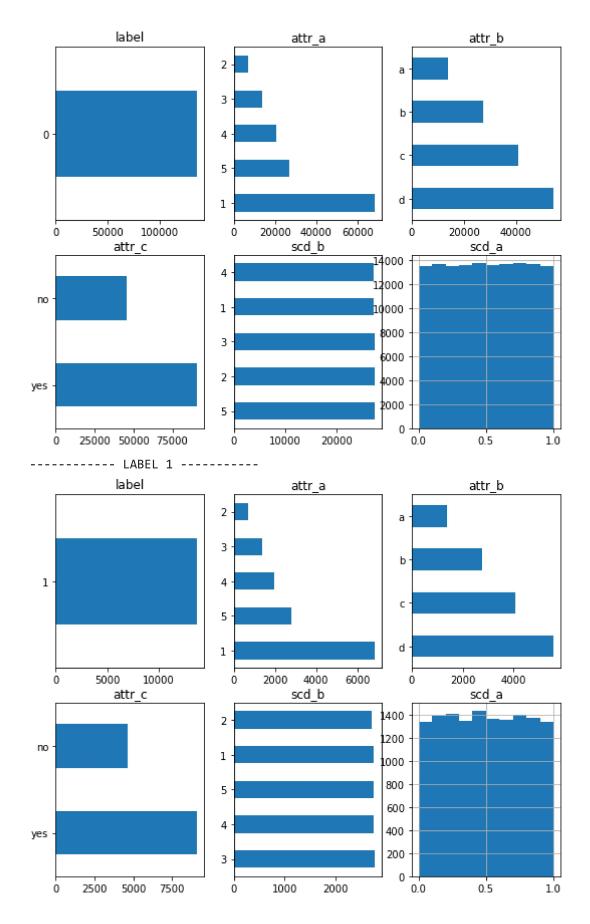
```
In [13]: # add Label column to df
df_cp['label'] = df_cp['idx'].map(df_labels.set_index('idx')['label'])
```

CHECK DATA IS CLEARN

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In [14]: df_cp.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 150000 entries, 0 to 149999
         Data columns (total 7 columns):
              Column Non-Null Count
                                      Dtype
                     150000 non-null int64
              idx
              attr_a 150000 non-null int64
              attr_b 150000 non-null object
              attr_c 150000 non-null object
              scd_a 150000 non-null float64
          5
              scd_b 150000 non-null int64
              label
                     150000 non-null int64
         dtypes: float64(1), int64(4), object(2)
         memory usage: 8.0+ MB
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CHECK DISTRIBUTIONS BY LABELS

Features are perfectly distributed over each label. This tell us that there is not going to be any correlation, or pattern that we can extract from these features to predict the labels.



CHECKING for label distribution for CA not in CAL

The label distribution continue to be at identically distributed, with a ratio 1/10

Discussion

The labels are clearly randomly sampled form a dataset with fixed distribution with ration 1 / 10. All the attributes are distributed identically for both labels, so they won't be able to discriminate the label without overfitting to the dataset at hand.

Nevertheless, for sake of providing some methodology, here I provide an idea of how I would approach a real case scenario :

- Split the dataset in 3, training, testing and validation (or K-folds)
- the testing dataset will not be used in the model selection, as it will be our bias-free dataset to have a "production like" metric to hold.
- preprocess dataset, mapping categorical to ints or one-hot encoded features
- Train distinct model structures (NB, trees, ...)

Once the model is selected:

- Run a feature selection algorithm to find out which features are helping the performance of the model
- Run hyperparameter search for selecting the optimal model setup

Preprocessing

```
In [17]: # init
    df = df_cp.copy()
    all_features = cat_features + ['scd_a']

# make up feature maps
    unique_values = df['attr_b'].unique()
    feature_map = dict(zip(sorted(unique_values), range(len(unique_values))))

# map cat features
    df['attr_b'] = df['attr_b'].replace(feature_map)
    df['attr_c'] = df['attr_c'].replace({'yes': 1, 'no': 0})

# final setup
    df.head(3)
```

Out[17]:		idx	attr_a	attr_b	attr_c	scd_a	scd_b	label
	0	0	3	2	1	0.104834	2	0
	1	1	4	3	1	0.434486	2	0
	2	2	5	3	1	0.094773	1	1

Model selection

Here we will split the dataset. Moreover because the labels are skewed, I am going to downsample the majority class and train models on a balanced dataset.

```
In [18]: # store away the test set
         X, X_test, y, y_test = split_dataset(df, all_features)
In [19]: # training df
         df_train = pd.DataFrame(X)
         df_train['label'] = y
         # downsample
          df neg = df train[df train['label']==0]
          df_pos = df_train[df_train['label']==1].reset_index(drop=True)
          df_neg_down = df_neg.sample(len(df_pos), random_state=42).reset_index(drop=True)
         # join back
         df train = (
             pd.concat([df_neg_down, df_pos])
              .sample(frac=1, random_state=42)
             .reset_index(drop=True)
         X = df_train.drop(columns=['label']).values
         y = df_train['label'].values
In [20]: # run models and check performance
          best model, best metric = run training(X, y)
```

Model: Nearest Neighbors Score: 0.251518095700753

Inference time: 0.21451703707377115

Model: Decision Tree Score: 0.15359080236418104

Inference time: 0.0015673637390136719

Model: Random Forest Score: 0.20727066634280625

Inference time: 0.006380001703898112

Model: Neural Net

Score: 0.15391466278034166

Inference time: 0.011669317881266275

Model: AdaBoost

Score: 0.264310582139098

Inference time: 0.040102640787760414

Model: Naive Bayes

Score: 0.24876528216338759

Inference time: 0.0009929339090983074

Model: QDA

Score: 0.24641729414622296

Inference time: 0.0012861887613932292

Model: GBoost

Score: 0.23844223139826734

Inference time: 0.00558622678120931

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Out[22]: accuracy precision recall f_score
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0 0.657467 0.027133 0.027133 0.027133

Picked model

As expected, the models are having a hard time improving on the metric, as they do not find meaningful correlation between attributes and labels. The best performing model seems to be AdaBoostClassifier.

If multiple models would compete for the first place, I would use the inference time as a decision point, as it would be important if this model will be used for APIs.

Overfitting possibilities

We could now look at the hyperparameters for the model and run a grid search for the optimal setup. We can expect only minor inprovements in performance, with the risk of picking parameters that overfit the specific validation test at hand (although the k-fold should help against that).

We could also use *Permutation importance* to select a subset of the features used. Considering the dataset at hand has only 5 features, it is not needed to make feature selection part of our pipeline.