finding_donors

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0.1 Supervised Learning

0.2 Project: Finding Donors for *CharityML*

In this notebook, some template code has already been provided for you, and it will be your job to implement the additional functionality necessary to successfully complete this project. Sections that begin with **'Implementation'** in the header indicate that the following block of code will require additional functionality which you must provide. Instructions will be provided for each section and the specifics of the implementation are marked in the code block with a `'TODO'` statement. Please be sure to read the instructions carefully!

In addition to implementing code, there will be questions that you must answer which relate to the project and your implementation. Each section where you will answer a question is preceded by a **'Question X'** header. Carefully read each question and provide thorough answers in the following text boxes that begin with **'Answer:'**. Your project submission will be evaluated based on your answers to each of the questions and the implementation you provide.

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0.3 Getting Started

In this project, you will employ several supervised algorithms of your choice to accurately model individuals' income using data collected from the 1994 U.S. Census. You will then choose the best candidate algorithm from preliminary results and further optimize this algorithm to best model the data. Your goal with this implementation is to construct a model that accurately predicts whether an individual makes more than $50,000. This sort of task can arise in a non-profit setting, where organizations survive on donations. Understanding an individual's income can help a non-profit better understand how large of a donation to request, or whether or not they should reach out to begin with. While it can be difficult to determine an individual's general income bracket directly from public sources, we can (as we will see) infer this value from other publically available features.

The dataset for this project originates from the UCI Machine Learning Repository. The datset was donated by Ron Kohavi and Barry Becker, after being published in the article *"Scaling Up the Accuracy of Naive-Bayes Classifiers: A Decision-Tree Hybrid"*. You can find the article by Ron Kohavi online. The data we investigate here consists of small changes to the original dataset, such as removing the `'fnlwgt'` feature and records with missing or ill-formatted entries.

0.4 Exploring the Data

Run the code cell below to load necessary Python libraries and load the census data. Note that the last column from this dataset, `'income'`, will be our target label (whether an individual makes more than, or at most, $50,000 annually). All other columns are features about each individual in the census database.

```
In [5]: # Import libraries necessary for this project
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        from time import time
        from IPython.display import display # Allows the use of display() for DataFrames

        # Import supplementary visualization code visuals.py
        import visuals as vs

        # Pretty display for notebooks
        %matplotlib inline

        # Load the Census dataset
        data = pd.read_csv("census.csv")

        # Success - Display the first record
        display(data.head(n=1))
```

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   age   workclass education_level  education-num  marital-status  \
0   39   State-gov       Bachelors           13.0   Never-married

      occupation    relationship    race    sex  capital-gain  capital-loss  \
0   Adm-clerical   Not-in-family   White   Male        2174.0           0.0

   hours-per-week  native-country income
0            40.0   United-States  <=50K
```

0.4.1 Implementation: Data Exploration

A cursory investigation of the dataset will determine how many individuals fit into either group, and will tell us about the percentage of these individuals making more than $50,000. In the code cell below, you will need to compute the following: - The total number of records, `'n_records'` - The number of individuals making more than $50,000 annually, `'n_greater_50k'`. - The number of individuals making at most $50,000 annually, `'n_at_most_50k'`. - The percentage of individuals making more than $50,000 annually, `'greater_percent'`.

** HINT: ** You may need to look at the table above to understand how the `'income'` entries are formatted.

In [6]:
```python
# TODO: Total number of records
n_records = len(data)

# TODO: Number of records where individual's income is more than $50,000
n_greater_50k = len(data[data['income'] == '>50K'])

# TODO: Number of records where individual's income is at most $50,000
n_at_most_50k = len(data[data['income'] == '<=50K'])

# TODO: Percentage of individuals whose income is more than $50,000
greater_percent = (float(n_greater_50k)/float(n_records))*100

# Print the results
print("Total number of records: {}".format(n_records))
print("Individuals making more than $50,000: {}".format(n_greater_50k))
print("Individuals making at most $50,000: {}".format(n_at_most_50k))
print("Percentage of individuals making more than $50,000: {:.2f}%".format(greater_perce
```

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Total number of records: 45222
Individuals making more than $50,000: 11208
Individuals making at most $50,000: 34014
Percentage of individuals making more than $50,000: 24.78%
```

** Featureset Exploration **

- **age**: continuous.
- **workclass**: Private, Self-emp-not-inc, Self-emp-inc, Federal-gov, Local-gov, State-gov, Without-pay, Never-worked.
- **education**: Bachelors, Some-college, 11th, HS-grad, Prof-school, Assoc-acdm, Assoc-voc, 9th, 7th-8th, 12th, Masters, 1st-4th, 10th, Doctorate, 5th-6th, Preschool.
- **education-num**: continuous.
- **marital-status**: Married-civ-spouse, Divorced, Never-married, Separated, Widowed, Married-spouse-absent, Married-AF-spouse.
- **occupation**: Tech-support, Craft-repair, Other-service, Sales, Exec-managerial, Prof-specialty, Handlers-cleaners, Machine-op-inspct, Adm-clerical, Farming-fishing, Transport-moving, Priv-house-serv, Protective-serv, Armed-Forces.
- **relationship**: Wife, Own-child, Husband, Not-in-family, Other-relative, Unmarried.
- **race**: Black, White, Asian-Pac-Islander, Amer-Indian-Eskimo, Other.
- **sex**: Female, Male.
- **capital-gain**: continuous.
- **capital-loss**: continuous.
- **hours-per-week**: continuous.
- **native-country**: United-States, Cambodia, England, Puerto-Rico, Canada, Germany, Outlying-US(Guam-USVI-etc), India, Japan, Greece, South, China, Cuba, Iran, Honduras, Philippines, Italy, Poland, Jamaica, Vietnam, Mexico, Portugal, Ireland, France, Dominican-Republic, Laos, Ecuador, Taiwan, Haiti, Columbia, Hungary, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Scotland, Thailand, Yugoslavia, El-Salvador, Trinadad&Tobago, Peru, Hong, Holand-Netherlands.

0.5 Preparing the Data

Before data can be used as input for machine learning algorithms, it often must be cleaned, formatted, and restructured — this is typically known as **preprocessing**. Fortunately, for this dataset, there are no invalid or missing entries we must deal with, however, there are some qualities about certain features that must be adjusted. This preprocessing can help tremendously with the outcome and predictive power of nearly all learning algorithms.

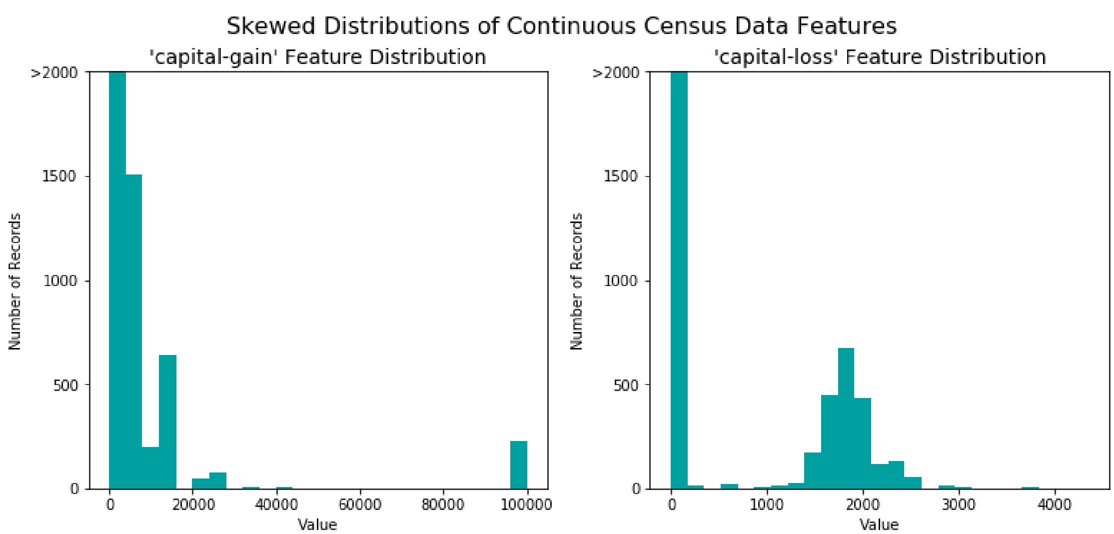
0.5.1 Transforming Skewed Continuous Features

A dataset may sometimes contain at least one feature whose values tend to lie near a single number, but will also have a non-trivial number of vastly larger or smaller values than that single number. Algorithms can be sensitive to such distributions of values and can underperform if the range is not properly normalized. With the census dataset two features fit this description: 'capital-gain' and 'capital-loss'.

Run the code cell below to plot a histogram of these two features. Note the range of the values present and how they are distributed.

```
In [7]: # Split the data into features and target label
        income_raw = data['income']
        features_raw = data.drop('income', axis = 1)

        # Visualize skewed continuous features of original data
        vs.distribution(data)
```

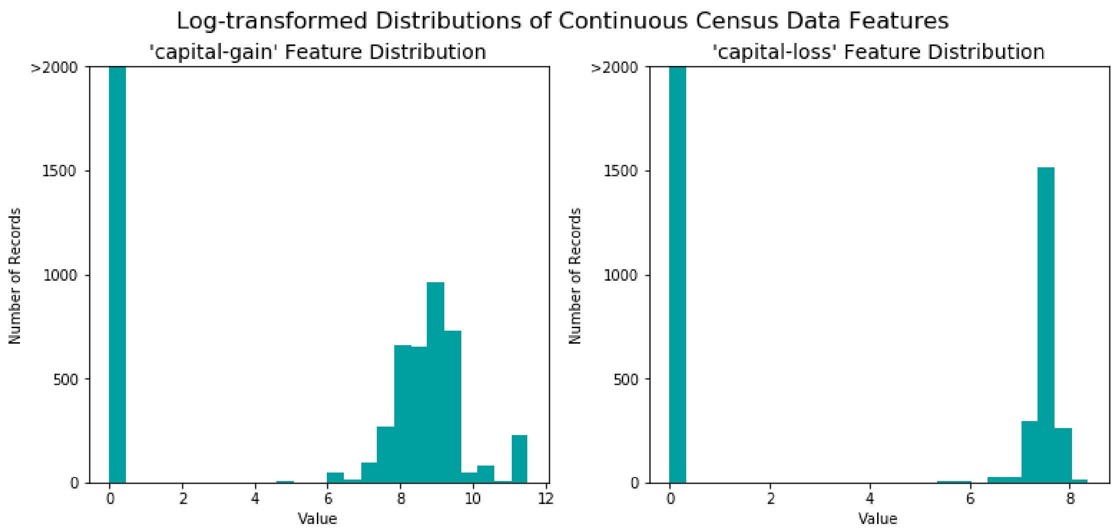


For highly-skewed feature distributions such as 'capital-gain' and 'capital-loss', it is common practice to apply a logarithmic transformation on the data so that the very large and very small values do not negatively affect the performance of a learning algorithm. Using a logarithmic transformation significantly reduces the range of values caused by outliers. Care must be taken when applying this transformation however: The logarithm of 0 is undefined, so we must translate the values by a small amount above 0 to apply the the logarithm successfully.

Run the code cell below to perform a transformation on the data and visualize the results. Again, note the range of values and how they are distributed.

In [8]:
```
# Log-transform the skewed features
skewed = ['capital-gain', 'capital-loss']
features_log_transformed = pd.DataFrame(data = features_raw)
features_log_transformed[skewed] = features_raw[skewed].apply(lambda x: np.log(x + 1))

# Visualize the new log distributions
vs.distribution(features_log_transformed, transformed = True)
```



0.5.2 Normalizing Numerical Features

In addition to performing transformations on features that are highly skewed, it is often good practice to perform some type of scaling on numerical features. Applying a scaling to the data does not change the shape of each feature's distribution (such as `'capital-gain'` or `'capital-loss'` above); however, normalization ensures that each feature is treated equally when applying supervised learners. Note that once scaling is applied, observing the data in its raw form will no longer have the same original meaning, as exampled below.

Run the code cell below to normalize each numerical feature. We will use `sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler` for this.

In [9]:
```
# Import sklearn.preprocessing.StandardScaler
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler

# Initialize a scaler, then apply it to the features
scaler = MinMaxScaler() # default=(0, 1)
numerical = ['age', 'education-num', 'capital-gain', 'capital-loss', 'hours-per-week']
```

```
features_log_minmax_transform = pd.DataFrame(data = features_log_transformed)
features_log_minmax_transform[numerical] = scaler.fit_transform(features_log_transformed

# Show an example of a record with scaling applied
display(features_log_minmax_transform.head(n = 5))
```

```
        age          workclass education_level  education-num  \
0  0.301370          State-gov       Bachelors       0.800000
1  0.452055   Self-emp-not-inc       Bachelors       0.800000
2  0.287671            Private         HS-grad       0.533333
3  0.493151            Private            11th       0.400000
4  0.150685            Private       Bachelors       0.800000

        marital-status          occupation    relationship    race      sex  \
0        Never-married        Adm-clerical   Not-in-family   White     Male
1   Married-civ-spouse     Exec-managerial         Husband   White     Male
2             Divorced   Handlers-cleaners   Not-in-family   White     Male
3   Married-civ-spouse   Handlers-cleaners         Husband   Black     Male
4   Married-civ-spouse      Prof-specialty            Wife   Black   Female

   capital-gain  capital-loss  hours-per-week  native-country
0      0.667492           0.0        0.397959   United-States
1      0.000000           0.0        0.122449   United-States
2      0.000000           0.0        0.397959   United-States
3      0.000000           0.0        0.397959   United-States
4      0.000000           0.0        0.397959            Cuba
```

0.5.3 Implementation: Data Preprocessing

From the table in **Exploring the Data** above, we can see there are several features for each record that are non-numeric. Typically, learning algorithms expect input to be numeric, which requires that non-numeric features (called *categorical variables*) be converted. One popular way to convert categorical variables is by using the **one-hot encoding** scheme. One-hot encoding creates a *"dummy"* variable for each possible category of each non-numeric feature. For example, assume `someFeature` has three possible entries: `A`, `B`, or `C`. We then encode this feature into `someFeature_A`, `someFeature_B` and `someFeature_C`.

| someFeature | | someFeature_A | someFeature_B | someFeature_C |
:-: | :-: | | :-: | :-: | :-: |
0 | B | | 0 | 1 | 0 |
1 | C | ----> one-hot encode ----> | 0 | 0 | 1 |
2 | A | | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Additionally, as with the non-numeric features, we need to convert the non-numeric target label, `'income'` to numerical values for the learning algorithm to work. Since there are only two possible categories for this label ("<=50K" and ">50K"), we can avoid using one-hot encoding and simply encode these two categories as `0` and `1`, respectively. In code cell below, you will need to implement the following: - Use `pandas.get_dummies()` to perform one-hot encoding on the 'features_log_minmax_transform' data. - Convert the target label 'income_raw' to numerical entries. - Set records with "<=50K" to 0 and records with ">50K" to 1.

```
In [10]: # TODO: One-hot encode the 'features_log_minmax_transform' data using pandas.get_dummie
         features_final = pd.get_dummies(features_log_minmax_transform)

         # TODO: Encode the 'income_raw' data to numerical values
         income = income_raw.apply(lambda x: 1 if x == '>50K' else 0)

         # Print the number of features after one-hot encoding
         encoded = list(features_final.columns)
         print("{} total features after one-hot encoding.".format(len(encoded)))

         # Uncomment the following line to see the encoded feature names
         print(encoded)
```

```
103 total features after one-hot encoding.
['age', 'education-num', 'capital-gain', 'capital-loss', 'hours-per-week', 'workclass_ Federal-g
```

0.5.4 Shuffle and Split Data

Now all *categorical variables* have been converted into numerical features, and all numerical features have been normalized. As always, we will now split the data (both features and their labels) into training and test sets. 80% of the data will be used for training and 20% for testing.

Run the code cell below to perform this split.

```
In [11]: # Import train_test_split
         from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split

         # Split the 'features' and 'income' data into training and testing sets
         X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(features_final,
                                                             income,
                                                             test_size = 0.2,
                                                             random_state = 0)

         # Show the results of the split
         print("Training set has {} samples.".format(X_train.shape[0]))
         print("Testing set has {} samples.".format(X_test.shape[0]))
```

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Training set has 36177 samples.
Testing set has 9045 samples.
```

0.6 Evaluating Model Performance

In this section, we will investigate four different algorithms, and determine which is best at modeling the data. Three of these algorithms will be supervised learners of your choice, and the fourth algorithm is known as a *naive predictor*.

0.6.1 Metrics and the Naive Predictor

CharityML, equipped with their research, knows individuals that make more than $50,000 are most likely to donate to their charity. Because of this, *CharityML* is particularly interested in predicting who makes more than $50,000 accurately. It would seem that using **accuracy** as a metric for evaluating a particular model's performace would be appropriate. Additionally, identifying someone that *does not* make more than $50,000 as someone who does would be detrimental to *CharityML*, since they are looking to find individuals willing to donate. Therefore, a model's ability to precisely predict those that make more than $50,000 is *more important* than the model's ability to **recall** those individuals. We can use **F-beta score** as a metric that considers both precision and recall:

$$F_\beta = (1 + \beta^2) \cdot \frac{precision \cdot recall}{(\beta^2 \cdot precision) + recall}$$

In particular, when $\beta = 0.5$, more emphasis is placed on precision. This is called the $\mathbf{F}_{0.5}$ **score** (or F-score for simplicity).

Looking at the distribution of classes (those who make at most $50,000, and those who make more), it's clear most individuals do not make more than $50,000. This can greatly affect **accuracy**, since we could simply say *"this person does not make more than $50,000"* and generally be right, without ever looking at the data! Making such a statement would be called **naive**, since we have not considered any information to substantiate the claim. It is always important to consider the *naive prediction* for your data, to help establish a benchmark for whether a model is performing well. That been said, using that prediction would be pointless: If we predicted all people made less than $50,000, *CharityML* would identify no one as donors.

Note: Recap of accuracy, precision, recall ** Accuracy ** measures how often the classifier makes the correct prediction. It's the ratio of the number of correct predictions to the total number of predictions (the number of test data points).

** Precision ** tells us what proportion of messages we classified as spam, actually were spam. It is a ratio of true positives(words classified as spam, and which are actually spam) to all positives(all words classified as spam, irrespective of whether that was the correct classificatio), in other words it is the ratio of

`[True Positives/(True Positives + False Positives)]`

** Recall(sensitivity)** tells us what proportion of messages that actually were spam were classified by us as spam. It is a ratio of true positives(words classified as spam, and which are actually spam) to all the words that were actually spam, in other words it is the ratio of

`[True Positives/(True Positives + False Negatives)]`

For classification problems that are skewed in their classification distributions like in our case, for example if we had a 100 text messages and only 2 were spam and the rest 98 weren't, accuracy by itself is not a very good metric. We could classify 90 messages as not spam(including the 2 that were spam but we classify them as not spam, hence they would be false negatives) and 10 as spam(all 10 false positives) and still get a reasonably good accuracy score. For such cases, precision and recall come in very handy. These two metrics can be combined to get the F1 score, which is weighted average(harmonic mean) of the precision and recall scores. This score can range from 0 to 1, with 1 being the best possible F1 score(we take the harmonic mean as we are dealing with ratios).

0.6.2 Question 1 - Naive Predictor Performace

- If we chose a model that always predicted an individual made more than $50,000, what would that model's accuracy and F-score be on this dataset? You must use the code cell below and assign your results to `'accuracy'` and `'fscore'` to be used later.

** Please note ** that the the purpose of generating a naive predictor is simply to show what a base model without any intelligence would look like. In the real world, ideally your base model would be either the results of a previous model or could be based on a research paper upon which you are looking to improve. When there is no benchmark model set, getting a result better than random choice is a place you could start from.

** HINT: **

- When we have a model that always predicts '1' (i.e. the individual makes more than 50k) then our model will have no True Negatives(TN) or False Negatives(FN) as we are not making any negative('0' value) predictions. Therefore our Accuracy in this case becomes the same as our Precision(True Positives/(True Positives + False Positives)) as every prediction that we have made with value '1' that should have '0' becomes a False Positive; therefore our denominator in this case is the total number of records we have in total.
- Our Recall score(True Positives/(True Positives + False Negatives)) in this setting becomes 1 as we have no False Negatives.

```
In [12]: # calculating the metrics for the Naive Predictor...
         TP = np.sum(income) # Counting the ones as this is the naive case. Note that 'income' i
         # encoded to numerical values done in the data preprocessing step.
         FP = income.count() - TP # Specific to the naive case

         TN = 0 # No predicted negatives in the naive case
         FN = 0 # No predicted negatives in the naive case

         # TODO: Calculate accuracy, precision and recall
         accuracy = float(TP)/float(TP+FP+TN+FN)
         recall = float(TP)/float(TP+FN)
         precision = float(TP)/float(TP+FP)

         # TODO: Calculate F-score using the formula above for beta = 0.5 and correct values for
         beta = 0.5
         fscore = (1 + beta**2) * precision * recall/((beta**2)*(precision) + recall)

         # Print the results
         print("Naive Predictor: [Accuracy score: {:.4f}, F-score: {:.4f}]".format(accuracy, fsc
```

```
Naive Predictor: [Accuracy score: 0.2478, F-score: 0.2917]
```

0.6.3 Supervised Learning Models

The following are some of the supervised learning models that are currently available in `scikit-learn` **that you may choose from:** - Gaussian Naive Bayes (GaussianNB) - Decision Trees

- Ensemble Methods (Bagging, AdaBoost, Random Forest, Gradient Boosting) - K-Nearest Neighbors (KNeighbors) - Stochastic Gradient Descent Classifier (SGDC) - Support Vector Machines (SVM) - Logistic Regression

0.6.4 Question 2 - Model Application

List three of the supervised learning models above that are appropriate for this problem that you will test on the census data. For each model chosen

- Describe one real-world application in industry where the model can be applied.
- What are the strengths of the model; when does it perform well?
- What are the weaknesses of the model; when does it perform poorly?
- What makes this model a good candidate for the problem, given what you know about the data?

** HINT: **

Structure your answer in the same format as aboveˆ, with 4 parts for each of the three models you pick. Please include references with your answer.

Answer: The three of the supervised learning models that are appropriate for this problem are : 1. Decision Tree Classifier: * Real world application: Decision Trees and, in general, CART (Classification and Regression Trees) are often used in financial analysis. One example of this is to determine if a person is having a disease or not based on the past performance of the model.

- Strengths:
- Able to handle categorical and numerical data.
- Doesn't require much data pre-processing, and can handle data which hasn't been normalized, or encoded for Machine Learning suitability
- Simple to understand and interpret.
- Weaknesses:
- Complex Decision Trees do not generalize well to the data and can result in overfitting.
- Unstable, as small variations in the data can result in a different decision tree. Hence they are usually used in an ensemble (like Random Forests) to build robustness.
- Can create biased trees if some classes dominate.
- Candidacy: Since Decision Trees can handle both Numerical and Categorical Data, it is a good candidacy in our case.

2. SVM(Support Vector Machines):

- Real world application: Example of a real world use of SVMs include image classification and image segmentation. For example: Face detection in an image. Reference
- Strengths:
  - Effective in high dimensional spaces, or when there are a lot of features.

- Kernel functions can be used to adapt to different cases, and can be completely customized if needed. Thus SVMs are
versatile.

- Weaknesses: Doesn't perform well with large datasets.
- Candidacy: SVMs were chosen because of their effectiveness given high dimensionality. After incorporating dummy variables, we have more than 100 features in our dataset, so SVMs should be a classifier that works regardless of that. Also, our dataset is not that large to be a deterrent.

3. Ensemble methods: AdaBoost

- Real world application: Ensemble methods are used extensively in Kaggle competitions, usually in image detection. A real world example of Adaboost is object detection in image, ex: identifying players during a game of basketball. Reference
- Strength: Ensemble methods, including Adaboost are more robust than single estimators, have improved generalizability. Simple models can be combined to build a complex model, which is computationally fast.
- Weaknesses: If we have a biased underlying classifier, it will lead to a biased boosted model.
- Candidacy: Ensemble methods are considered to be high quality classifiers, and adaboost is the one of most popular boosting algorithms. We also have a class imbalance in our dataset, which boosting might be robust to.

0.6.5 Implementation - Creating a Training and Predicting Pipeline

To properly evaluate the performance of each model you've chosen, it's important that you create a training and predicting pipeline that allows you to quickly and effectively train models using various sizes of training data and perform predictions on the testing data. Your implementation here will be used in the following section. In the code block below, you will need to implement the following: - Import `fbeta_score` and `accuracy_score` from `sklearn.metrics`. - Fit the learner to the sampled training data and record the training time. - Perform predictions on the test data `X_test`, and also on the first 300 training points `X_train[:300]`. - Record the total prediction time. - Calculate the accuracy score for both the training subset and testing set. - Calculate the F-score for both the training subset and testing set. - Make sure that you set the `beta` parameter!

```
In [13]: # TODO: Import two metrics from sklearn - fbeta_score and accuracy_score
         from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
         from sklearn.metrics import fbeta_score

         def train_predict(learner, sample_size, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test):
             '''
             inputs:
                - learner: the learning algorithm to be trained and predicted on
                - sample_size: the size of samples (number) to be drawn from training set
                - X_train: features training set
                - y_train: income training set
```

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       - X_test: features testing set
       - y_test: income testing set
    '''

    results = {}

    # TODO: Fit the learner to the training data using slicing with 'sample_size' using
    start = time() # Get start time
    learner = learner.fit(X_train[:sample_size], y_train[:sample_size])
    end = time() # Get end time

    # TODO: Calculate the training time
    results['train_time'] = end - start

    # TODO: Get the predictions on the test set(X_test),
    #       then get predictions on the first 300 training samples(X_train) using .pred
    start = time() # Get start time
    predictions_test = learner.predict(X_test)
    predictions_train = learner.predict(X_train[:300])
    end = time() # Get end time

    # TODO: Calculate the total prediction time
    results['pred_time'] = (end - start)

    # TODO: Compute accuracy on the first 300 training samples which is y_train[:300]
    results['acc_train'] = accuracy_score(y_train[:300], predictions_train)

    # TODO: Compute accuracy on test set using accuracy_score()
    results['acc_test'] = accuracy_score(y_test, predictions_test)

    # TODO: Compute F-score on the the first 300 training samples using fbeta_score()
    results['f_train'] = fbeta_score(y_train[:300], predictions_train, 0.5)

    # TODO: Compute F-score on the test set which is y_test
    results['f_test'] = fbeta_score(y_test, predictions_test, 0.5)

    # Success
    print("{} trained on {} samples.".format(learner.__class__.__name__, sample_size))

    # Return the results
    return results
```

0.6.6 Implementation: Initial Model Evaluation

In the code cell, you will need to implement the following: - Import the three supervised learning models you've discussed in the previous section. - Initialize the three models and store them in `'clf_A'`, `'clf_B'`, and `'clf_C'`. - Use a `'random_state'` for each model you use, if provided. - **Note:** Use the default settings for each model — you will tune one specific model in a later section.

- Calculate the number of records equal to 1%, 10%, and 100% of the training data. - Store those values in 'samples_1', 'samples_10', and 'samples_100' respectively.

Note: Depending on which algorithms you chose, the following implementation may take some time to run!

In [14]:
```
# TODO: Import the three supervised learning models from sklearn
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier

# TODO: Initialize the three models
clf_A = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=101)
clf_B = SVC(random_state=101)
clf_C = AdaBoostClassifier(random_state=101)

# TODO: Calculate the number of samples for 1%, 10%, and 100% of the training data
# HINT: samples_100 is the entire training set i.e. len(y_train)
# HINT: samples_10 is 10% of samples_100 (ensure to set the count of the values to be `
# HINT: samples_1 is 1% of samples_100 (ensure to set the count of the values to be `in
samples_100 = len(X_train)
samples_10 = int(round(samples_100/10))
samples_1 = int(round(samples_100/100))

# Collect results on the learners
results = {}
for clf in [clf_A, clf_B, clf_C]:
    clf_name = clf.__class__.__name__
    results[clf_name] = {}
    for i, samples in enumerate([samples_1, samples_10, samples_100]):
        results[clf_name][i] = \
        train_predict(clf, samples, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)

# Run metrics visualization for the three supervised learning models chosen
vs.evaluate(results, accuracy, fscore)
```

```
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/importlib/_bootstrap.py:219: RuntimeWarning: numpy.dtype size changed,
  return f(*args, **kwds)


DecisionTreeClassifier trained on 362 samples.
DecisionTreeClassifier trained on 3618 samples.
DecisionTreeClassifier trained on 36177 samples.


/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/metrics/classification.py:1135: UndefinedMetricWa
  'precision', 'predicted', average, warn_for)


SVC trained on 362 samples.
SVC trained on 3618 samples.
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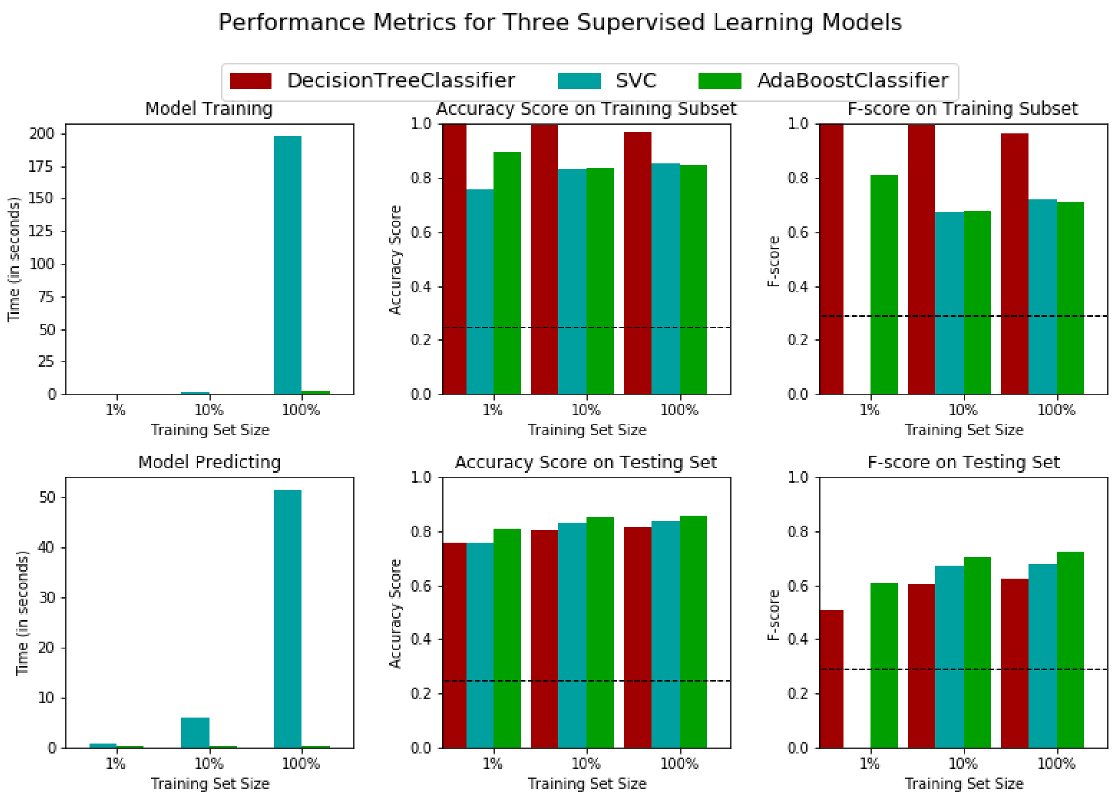
SVC trained on 36177 samples.
AdaBoostClassifier trained on 362 samples.
AdaBoostClassifier trained on 3618 samples.
AdaBoostClassifier trained on 36177 samples.
```



0.7 Improving Results

In this final section, you will choose from the three supervised learning models the *best* model to use on the student data. You will then perform a grid search optimization for the model over the entire training set (`X_train` and `y_train`) by tuning at least one parameter to improve upon the untuned model's F-score.

0.7.1 Question 3 - Choosing the Best Model

- Based on the evaluation you performed earlier, in one to two paragraphs, explain to *CharityML* which of the three models you believe to be most appropriate for the task of identifying individuals that make more than $50,000.

** HINT: ** Look at the graph at the bottom left from the cell above(the visualization created by `vs.evaluate(results, accuracy, fscore)`) and check the F score for the testing set when

100% of the training set is used. Which model has the highest score? Your answer should include discussion of the: * metrics - F score on the testing when 100% of the training data is used, * prediction/training time * the algorithm's suitability for the data.

Answer: AdaBoost is the most appropriate for our task.

First and foremost, it is the classifier that performs the best on the testing data, in terms of both the accuracy and f-score. It also takes resonably low time to train on the full dataset, which is just a fraction of the 120 seconds taken by SVM, the next best classifier to train on the full training set. So it should scale well even if we have more data.

By default, Adaboost uses a decision stump i.e. a decision tree of depth 1 as its base classifier, which can handle categorical and numerical data. Weak learners are relatively faster to train, so the dataset size is not a problem for the algorithm.

0.7.2 Question 4 - Describing the Model in Layman's Terms

- In one to two paragraphs, explain to *CharityML*, in layman's terms, how the final model chosen is supposed to work. Be sure that you are describing the major qualities of the model, such as how the model is trained and how the model makes a prediction. Avoid using advanced mathematical jargon, such as describing equations.

** HINT: **
When explaining your model, if using external resources please include all citations.
Answer:

0.7.3 Implementation: Model Tuning

Fine tune the chosen model. Use grid search (`GridSearchCV`) with at least one important parameter tuned with at least 3 different values. You will need to use the entire training set for this. In the code cell below, you will need to implement the following: - Import `sklearn.grid_search.GridSearchCV` and `sklearn.metrics.make_scorer`. - Initialize the classifier you've chosen and store it in `clf`. - Set a `random_state` if one is available to the same state you set before. - Create a dictionary of parameters you wish to tune for the chosen model. - Example: `parameters = {'parameter' : [list of values]}`. - **Note:** Avoid tuning the `max_features` parameter of your learner if that parameter is available! - Use `make_scorer` to create an `fbeta_score` scoring object (with $\beta = 0.5$). - Perform grid search on the classifier `clf` using the `'scorer'`, and store it in `grid_obj`. - Fit the grid search object to the training data (`X_train`, `y_train`), and store it in `grid_fit`.

Note: Depending on the algorithm chosen and the parameter list, the following implementation may take some time to run!

In [16]:
```
# TODO: Import 'GridSearchCV', 'make_scorer', and any other necessary libraries
from sklearn.grid_search import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.metrics import make_scorer

# TODO: Initialize the classifier
clf = AdaBoostClassifier(base_estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier())

# TODO: Create the parameters list you wish to tune, using a dictionary if needed.
# HINT: parameters = {'parameter_1': [value1, value2], 'parameter_2': [value1, value2]}
```

```
parameters = {'n_estimators' : [50,120],
              'learning_rate' : [0.1,0.5,1.],
              'base_estimator__min_samples_split' : np.arange(2, 8, 2),
              'base_estimator__max_depth' : np.arange(1, 4, 1) }

# TODO: Make an fbeta_score scoring object using make_scorer()
scorer = make_scorer(fbeta_score, beta=0.5)

# TODO: Perform grid search on the classifier using 'scorer' as the scoring method usin
grid_obj = GridSearchCV(clf, parameters, scorer)

# TODO: Fit the grid search object to the training data and find the optimal parameters
grid_fit = grid_obj.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Get the estimator
best_clf = grid_fit.best_estimator_

# Make predictions using the unoptimized and model
predictions = (clf.fit(X_train, y_train)).predict(X_test)
best_predictions = best_clf.predict(X_test)

# Report the before-and-afterscores
print("Unoptimized model\n------")
print("Accuracy score on testing data: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, prediction
print("F-score on testing data: {:.4f}".format(fbeta_score(y_test, predictions, beta =
print("\nOptimized Model\n------")
print("Final accuracy score on the testing data: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_test,
print("Final F-score on the testing data: {:.4f}".format(fbeta_score(y_test, best_predi
```

```
Unoptimized model
------
Accuracy score on testing data: 0.8385
F-score on testing data: 0.6717

Optimized Model
------
Final accuracy score on the testing data: 0.8702
Final F-score on the testing data: 0.7526
```

0.7.4 Question 5 - Final Model Evaluation

- What is your optimized model's accuracy and F-score on the testing data?
- Are these scores better or worse than the unoptimized model?
- How do the results from your optimized model compare to the naive predictor benchmarks you found earlier in **Question 1**?_

Note: Fill in the table below with your results, and then provide discussion in the **Answer** box.

Metric	Unoptimized Model	Optimized Model
Accuracy Score	0.8367 0.8702	
F-score	0.6674	0.7526

Results: **Answer:** These scores are better than the umpotimized model, while being substantially better than the benchmark predictor.

0.8 Feature Importance

An important task when performing supervised learning on a dataset like the census data we study here is determining which features provide the most predictive power. By focusing on the relationship between only a few crucial features and the target label we simplify our understanding of the phenomenon, which is most always a useful thing to do. In the case of this project, that means we wish to identify a small number of features that most strongly predict whether an individual makes at most or more than $50,000.

Choose a scikit-learn classifier (e.g., adaboost, random forests) that has a `feature_importance_` attribute, which is a function that ranks the importance of features according to the chosen classifier. In the next python cell fit this classifier to training set and use this attribute to determine the top 5 most important features for the census dataset.

0.8.1 Question 6 - Feature Relevance Observation

When **Exploring the Data**, it was shown there are thirteen available features for each individual on record in the census data. Of these thirteen records, which five features do you believe to be most important for prediction, and in what order would you rank them and why?

Answer: In my opinion, the most important for prediction are:

1. occupation: Different jobs have different payscales. Some jobs pay higher than others.
2. education: People who have completed a higher level of education are better equipped to handle more technical/specialized
   jobs that pay well.
3. age: As people get older, they accumulate greater weatlh.
4. workclass: The working class they belong to can also be correlated with how much money they make. hours-per-week: If you work more hours per week, you're likely to earn more.

These are all ranked according the the impact I believe they have on a person's income. Occupation's ranked number one as different jobs have different payscales. People with higher education are more likely to earn better.

0.8.2 Implementation - Extracting Feature Importance

Choose a `scikit-learn` supervised learning algorithm that has a `feature_importance_` attribute availble for it. This attribute is a function that ranks the importance of each feature when making predictions based on the chosen algorithm.

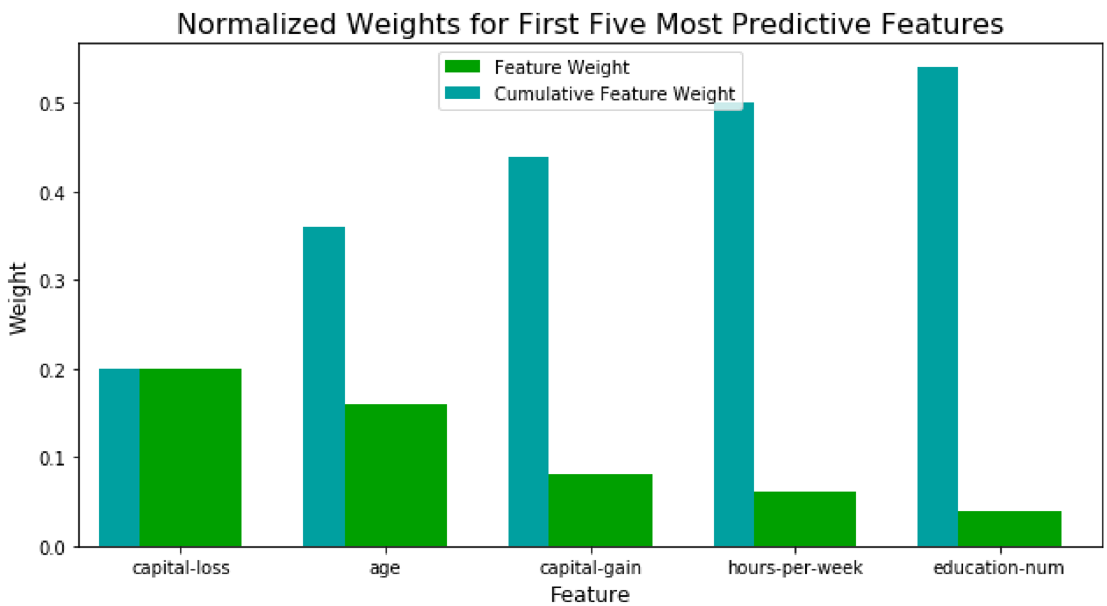
In the code cell below, you will need to implement the following: - Import a supervised learning model from sklearn if it is different from the three used earlier. - Train the supervised model on the entire training set. - Extract the feature importances using `'.feature_importances_'`.

```
In [17]: # TODO: Import a supervised learning model that has 'feature_importances_'
         from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier

         # TODO: Train the supervised model on the training set
         model = AdaBoostClassifier().fit(X_train, y_train)

         # TODO: Extract the feature importances
         importances = model.feature_importances_

         # Plot
         vs.feature_plot(importances, X_train, y_train)
```



0.8.3 Question 7 - Extracting Feature Importance

Observe the visualization created above which displays the five most relevant features for predicting if an individual makes at most or above $50,000.
* How do these five features compare to the five features you discussed in **Question 6**? * If you were close to the same answer, how does this visualization confirm your thoughts? * If you were not close, why do you think these features are more relevant?

Answer: Of the five features predicted in the earlier section, 3 of them, Age, hours per week, education-num (which is a numerical label for education) are included in the list of features considered most important by Adaboost, although with different rankings.

0.8.4 Feature Selection

How does a model perform if we only use a subset of all the available features in the data? With less features required to train, the expectation is that training and prediction time is much lower

— at the cost of performance metrics. From the visualization above, we see that the top five most important features contribute more than half of the importance of **all** features present in the data. This hints that we can attempt to *reduce the feature space* and simplify the information required for the model to learn. The code cell below will use the same optimized model you found earlier, and train it on the same training set *with only the top five important features*.

In [18]:
```
# Import functionality for cloning a model
from sklearn.base import clone

# Reduce the feature space
X_train_reduced = X_train[X_train.columns.values[(np.argsort(importances)[::-1])[:5]]]
X_test_reduced = X_test[X_test.columns.values[(np.argsort(importances)[::-1])[:5]]]

# Train on the "best" model found from grid search earlier
clf = (clone(best_clf)).fit(X_train_reduced, y_train)

# Make new predictions
reduced_predictions = clf.predict(X_test_reduced)

# Report scores from the final model using both versions of data
print("Final Model trained on full data\n------")
print("Accuracy on testing data: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, best_predictions
print("F-score on testing data: {:.4f}".format(fbeta_score(y_test, best_predictions, be
print("\nFinal Model trained on reduced data\n------")
print("Accuracy on testing data: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, reduced_predicti
print("F-score on testing data: {:.4f}".format(fbeta_score(y_test, reduced_predictions,
```

```
Final Model trained on full data
------
Accuracy on testing data: 0.8702
F-score on testing data: 0.7526

Final Model trained on reduced data
------
Accuracy on testing data: 0.8437
F-score on testing data: 0.7065
```

0.8.5 Question 8 - Effects of Feature Selection

- How does the final model's F-score and accuracy score on the reduced data using only five features compare to those same scores when all features are used?
- If training time was a factor, would you consider using the reduced data as your training set?

Answer: On a reduced dataset, the final model's accuracy and f-score are still very comparable to the results on the full dataset.

The acccuracy is ~2.7% lower, while the f-score is ~5% lower. Even though Adaboost is relatively faster than one of the other classifiers that we tried out, I'd still consider training on the reduced data (acc. to features) if training time was a factor, and we have more training points to process. This decision will also depend on how important accuracy and f-scores are (or if f-score is more important than the accuracy, as the dip for that is larger than the dip in accuracy), to make a final decision regarding this.

> **Note**: Once you have completed all of the code implementations and successfully answered each question above, you may finalize your work by exporting the iPython Notebook as an HTML document. You can do this by using the menu above and navigating to
> **File -> Download as -> HTML (.html)**. Include the finished document along with this notebook as your submission.

0.9 Before You Submit

You will also need run the following in order to convert the Jupyter notebook into HTML, so that your submission will include both files.

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In [ ]: !!jupyter nbconvert *.ipynb
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