

1 Early Autism Detection

1.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

1.1.1 Load The Autistic Spectrum Disorder Screening Data for Children Dataset

Description: This dataset contains information related to the screening of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) in children. It includes various demographic and behavioral features that are used to identify potential ASD cases.

Attributes:

- **A1_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the first question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A2_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the second question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A3_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the third question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A4_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the fourth question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A5_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the fifth question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A6_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the sixth question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A7_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the seventh question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A8_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the eighth question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A9_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the ninth question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **A10_Score:** Integer - The answer code for the tenth question in the AQ-10-Child questionnaire (0 or 1).
- **age:** Integer - Age of the individual in years.
- **gender:** Categorical - Gender of the individual (Male or Female).

- **ethnicity:** Categorical - List of common ethnicities in text format.
- **jaundice:** Binary - Whether the individual was born with jaundice (yes or no).
- **autism:** Binary - Whether any immediate family member has a pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) (yes or no).
- **country_of_res:** Categorical - List of countries in text format.
- **used_app_before:** Binary - Whether the user has used a screening app before (yes or no).
- **result:** Integer - The final score obtained based on the scoring algorithm of the screening method used.
- **age_desc:** Categorical - Description of the age category.
- **relation:** Categorical - The person completing the test (Parent, self, caregiver, medical staff, clinician, etc.).
- **class:** Binary - The target variable indicating whether the individual is classified as having ASD (yes or no).

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```
[1]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from ucimlrepo import fetch_ucirepo
from wordcloud import WordCloud
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import squarify
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[2]: autistic_spectrum_disorder_screening_data_for_children = fetch_ucirepo( id=419 )
X = autistic_spectrum_disorder_screening_data_for_children.data.features
y = autistic_spectrum_disorder_screening_data_for_children.data.targets
df_original = pd.concat( [X, y], axis=1 )
df = df_original.copy()
```

1.2 Dataset Inspection

The dataset has **292** records and **21** features (variables).

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[3]: feature_names = df.columns
print( feature_names )
print( df.shape )
```

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Index(['A1_Score', 'A2_Score', 'A3_Score', 'A4_Score', 'A5_Score', 'A6_Score',
      'A7_Score', 'A8_Score', 'A9_Score', 'A10_Score', 'age', 'gender',
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        'ethnicity', 'jaundice', 'autism', 'country_of_res', 'used_app_before',
        'result', 'age_desc', 'relation', 'class'],
        dtype='object')
(292, 21)

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1.2.1 Data Types and Data Head and Tail

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[4]: print( df.dtypes )
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A1_Score      int64
A2_Score      int64
A3_Score      int64
A4_Score      int64
A5_Score      int64
A6_Score      int64
A7_Score      int64
A8_Score      int64
A9_Score      int64
A10_Score     int64
age           float64
gender        object
ethnicity     object
jaundice      object
autism        object
country_of_res object
used_app_before object
result        int64
age_desc      object
relation      object
class         object
dtype: object

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[5]: df.head()
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[5]:   A1_Score  A2_Score  A3_Score  A4_Score  A5_Score  A6_Score  A7_Score  \
0         1         1         0         0         1         1         0
1         1         1         0         0         1         1         0
2         1         1         0         0         0         1         1
3         0         1         0         0         1         1         0
4         1         1         1         1         1         1         1

      A8_Score  A9_Score  A10_Score  ...  gender  ethnicity  jaundice  \
0         1         0         0  ...    m      Others      no
1         1         0         0  ...    m  'Middle Eastern '  no
2         1         0         0  ...    m           NaN      no
3         0         0         1  ...    f           NaN     yes
4         1         1         1  ...    m      Others     yes

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	autism	country_of_res	used_app_before	result	age_desc	relation	class
0	no	Jordan	no	5	'4-11 years'	Parent	NO
1	no	Jordan	no	5	'4-11 years'	Parent	NO
2	no	Jordan	yes	5	'4-11 years'	NaN	NO
3	no	Jordan	no	4	'4-11 years'	NaN	NO
4	no	'United States'	no	10	'4-11 years'	Parent	YES

[5 rows x 21 columns]

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[6]: df.tail()
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[6]:
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	A1_Score	A2_Score	A3_Score	A4_Score	A5_Score	A6_Score	A7_Score	\
287	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
288	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	
289	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
290	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	
291	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	

	A8_Score	A9_Score	A10_Score	...	gender	ethnicity	jaundice	\
287	1	1	1	...	f	White-European	yes	
288	0	0	1	...	f	White-European	yes	
289	0	0	1	...	m	Latino	no	
290	1	1	1	...	m	'South Asian'	no	
291	0	0	0	...	f	'South Asian'	no	

	autism	country_of_res	used_app_before	result	age_desc	relation	\
287	yes	'United Kingdom'	no	10	'4-11 years'	Parent	
288	yes	Australia	no	4	'4-11 years'	Parent	
289	no	Brazil	no	7	'4-11 years'	Parent	
290	no	India	no	9	'4-11 years'	Parent	
291	no	India	no	3	'4-11 years'	Parent	

	class
287	YES
288	NO
289	YES
290	YES
291	NO

[5 rows x 21 columns]

1.2.2 Missing Values

The columns with missing values are **ethnicity** with **43** missing values, **relation** with **43** missing values, and **age** with **4** missing values.

```
[7]: df.isna().sum()
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```
[7]: A1_Score      0
      A2_Score      0
      A3_Score      0
      A4_Score      0
      A5_Score      0
      A6_Score      0
      A7_Score      0
      A8_Score      0
      A9_Score      0
      A10_Score     0
      age           4
      gender        0
      ethnicity     43
      jaundice       0
      autism         0
      country_of_res 0
      used_app_before 0
      result         0
      age_desc       0
      relation      43
      class          0
      dtype: int64
```

1.2.3 Duplicates

There are 2 duplicates but they have different values in different columns so I'll keep them.

```
[8]: duplicates = df.duplicated()
      print( df[duplicates] )
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	A1_Score	A2_Score	A3_Score	A4_Score	A5_Score	A6_Score	A7_Score	\
84	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	
93	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	

	A8_Score	A9_Score	A10_Score	...	gender	ethnicity	jaundice	autism	\
84	0	1	1	...	m	Asian	no	no	
93	1	1	1	...	m	Asian	no	no	

	country_of_res	used_app_before	result	age_desc	relation	class
84	India	no	6	'4-11 years'	Parent	NO
93	India	no	8	'4-11 years'	Parent	YES

[2 rows x 21 columns]

1.2.4 Outliers

There's **1 outlier** in the **result** column and this is because the **result** column is obtained by adding the **first ten** columns. The value for these first ten columns is 0 and therefore the value for the **result** column is 0. I'll ignore this outlier since it is a valid record.

```
[9]: def detect_outliers_iqr( df, column ):
    Q1 = df[column].quantile( 0.25 )
    Q3 = df[column].quantile( 0.75 )
    IQR = Q3 - Q1

    lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
    upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

    outliers = df[( df[column] < lower_bound ) | ( df[column] > upper_bound )]

    return outliers

numerical_features = df.select_dtypes( include=['number'] ).columns

for feature in numerical_features:
    outliers = detect_outliers_iqr( df, feature )
    print( f"Number of outliers in {feature}: {len( outliers )}" )
    if not outliers.empty:
        print( outliers )
```

```
Number of outliers in A1_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A2_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A3_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A4_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A5_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A6_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A7_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A8_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A9_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A10_Score: 0
Number of outliers in age: 0
Number of outliers in result: 1
```

	A1_Score	A2_Score	A3_Score	A4_Score	A5_Score	A6_Score	A7_Score	\
137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

	A8_Score	A9_Score	A10_Score	...	gender	ethnicity	jaundice	autism	\
137	0	0	0	...	f	Hispanic	no	no	

	country_of_res	used_app_before	result	age_desc	relation	class
137	'United States'	no	0	'4-11 years'	Parent	NO

[1 rows x 21 columns]

```
[10]: for feature in numerical_features:
    outliers = detect_outliers_iqr( df, feature )
    print( f"Number of outliers in {feature}: {len( outliers )}" )
    if not outliers.empty:
        print( f"Outliers in {feature}:" )
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print( outliers[['result']] )
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```
Number of outliers in A1_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A2_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A3_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A4_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A5_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A6_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A7_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A8_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A9_Score: 0
Number of outliers in A10_Score: 0
Number of outliers in age: 0
Number of outliers in result: 1
Outliers in result:
      result
137        0
```

1.2.5 Data Imbalance

The dataset is relatively balanced with a slight majority of **NO** instances. No concern for data imbalance.

```
[11]: class_distribution = df['class'].value_counts()

print( "Class distribution:" )
print( class_distribution )

class_percentage = df['class'].value_counts( normalize = True ) * 100

print( "\nClass percentage distribution:" )
for index, value in class_percentage.items():
    print( f"{index}: {value:.2f}%" )
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```
Class distribution:
class
NO      151
YES     141
Name: count, dtype: int64
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Class percentage distribution:
NO: 51.71%
YES: 48.29%
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