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Project: Healthcare - Persistency of a drug

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1. Problem Description

Persistence represents the time (e.g., days, months, years) over which a patient continues the treatment. For practical reasons, it might be assessed according to the time taken for a patient to fill their prescription and can capture both the timeliness and frequency of refilling. In reality, as defined by the adherence taxonomy, adherence is a dynamic behavior, consisting of initiation, implementation and discontinuation phases of treatment that vary over time, resulting in periods of persistence and non-persistence. Therefore, rather than measuring the specific components of adherence, we could measure persistence, which captures the chronology of adherence and enables us to examine and understand patterns of medication-taking behavior.

For that this project aims to build an automated classifier that predict whether a patient was persistent or not.

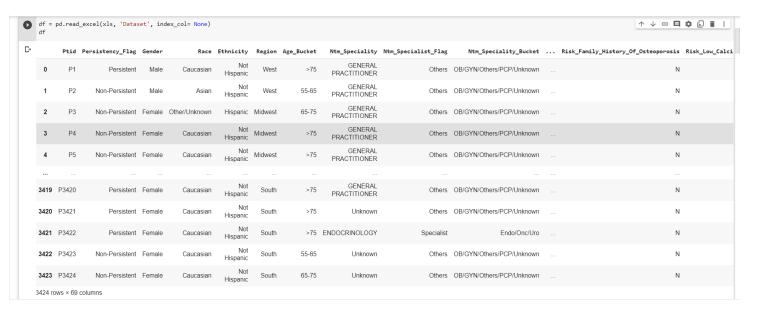
2. Data understanding

For dataset I choose to work on healthcare – persistency of a drug dataset, that it's available in canvas. The dataset is contains 3424 rows × 69 columns. The attributes are presented below:

Variable	Variable Description
Patient ID	Unique ID of each patient
Persistency_Flag	Flag indicating if a patient was persistent or not
Age	Age of the patient during their therapy
Race	Race of the patient from the patient table
Region	Region of the patient from the patient table
Ethnicity	Ethnicity of the patient from the patient table
Gender	Gender of the patient from the patient table
IDN Indicator	Flag indicating patients mapped to IDN
NTM - Physician Specialty	Specialty of the HCP that prescribed the NTM Rx
NTM - T-Score	T Score of the patient at the time of the NTM Rx (within 2 years prior from rxdate)
Change in T Score	Change in Tscore before starting with any therapy and after receiving therapy (Worsened, Remained Same, Improved, Unknown)
NTM - Risk Segment	Risk Segment of the patient at the time of the NTM Rx (within 2 years days prior from rxdate)
Change in Risk Segment	Change in Risk Segment before starting with any therapy and after receiving therapy (Worsened, Remained Same, Improved, Unknown)
NTM - Multiple Risk	Flag indicating if patient falls under multiple risk category (having more than 1 risk) at the time of
Factors	the NTM Rx (within 365 days prior from rxdate)
NTM - Dexa Scan	Number of DEXA scans taken prior to the first NTM Rx date (within 365 days prior from rxdate)
Frequency	
NTM - Dexa Scan	Flag indicating the presence of Dexa Scan before the NTM Rx (within 2 years prior from rxdate or
Recency	between their first Rx and Switched Rx; whichever is smaller and applicable)

Dexa During Therapy	Flag indicating if the patient had a Dexa Scan during their first continuous therapy
NTM - Fragility Fracture Recency	Flag indicating if the patient had a recent fragility fracture (within 365 days prior from rxdate)
Fragility Fracture During Therapy	Flag indicating if the patient had fragility fracture during their first continuous therapy
NTM - Glucocorticoid Recency	Flag indicating usage of Glucocorticoids (>=7.5mg strength) in the one year look-back from the first NTM Rx
Glucocorticoid Usage During Therapy	Flag indicating if the patient had a Glucocorticoid usage during the first continuous therapy
NTM - Injectable Experience	Flag indicating any injectable drug usage in the recent 12 months before the NTM OP Rx
NTM - Risk Factors	Risk Factors that the patient is falling into. For chronic Risk Factors complete lookback to be applied and for non-chronic Risk Factors, one year lookback from the date of first OP Rx
NTM - Comorbidity	Comorbidities are divided into two main categories - Acute and chronic, based on the ICD codes. For chronic disease we are taking complete look back from the first Rx date of NTM therapy and for acute diseases, time period before the NTM OP Rx with one year lookback has been applied
NTM - Concomitancy	Concomitant drugs recorded prior to starting with a therapy(within 365 days prior from first rxdate)
Adherence	Adherence for the therapies

The dataframe is presented as follow:



The dataset contains 69 variables:

'Comorb_Encntr_For_Oth_Sp_Exam_W_O_Complaint_Suspected_Or_Reprtd_Dx',
'Comorb_Long_Term_Current_Drug_Therapy', 'Comorb_Dorsalgia',
'Comorb_Personal_History_Of_Other_Diseases_And_Conditions',
'Comorb_Other_Disorders_Of_Bone_Density_And_Structure',

'Comorb_Disorders_of_lipoprotein_metabolism_and_other_lipidemias',
'Comorb_Osteoporosis_without_current_pathological_fracture',

'Comorb_Personal_history_of_malignant_neoplasm',

'Comorb_Gastro_esophageal_reflux_disease',
'Concom_Cholesterol_And_Triglyceride_Regulating_Preparations',
'Concom_Cholesterol_And_Triglyceride_Regulating_Preparations',
'Concom_Narcotics', 'Concom_Systemic_Corticosteroids_Plain',
'Concom_Anti_Depressants_And_Mood_Stabilisers',
'Concom_Fluoroquinolones', 'Concom_Cephalosporins',
'Concom_Broad_Spectrum_Penicillins', 'Concom_Anaesthetics_General',
'Concom_Broad_Spectrum_Penicillins', 'Concom_Anaesthetics_General',
'Concom_Viral_Vaccines', 'Risk_Type_1_Insulin_Dependent_Diabetes',
'Risk_Osteogenesis_Imperfecta', 'Risk_Rheumatoid_Arthritis',
'Risk_Untreated_Chronic_Hyperthyroidism',
'Risk_Untreated_Chronic_Hypegonadism', 'Risk_Untreated_Early_Menopause',
'Risk_Patient_Parent_Fractured_Their_Hip', 'Risk_Smoking_Tobacco',
'Risk_Chronic_Malnutrition_Or_Malabsorption',
'Risk_Chronic_Liver_Disease', 'Risk_Family_History_Of_Osteoporosis',
'Risk_Low_Calcium_Intake', 'Risk_Vitamin_D_Insufficiency',
'Risk_Poor_Health_Frailty', 'Risk_Excessive_Thinness',

With the Dependent variable is: Persistency_flag

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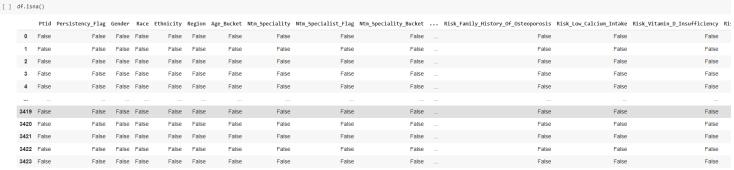
The dataset has only 2 quantitative variables and the rest is qualitative(nominal):

'Risk_Hysterectomy_Oophorectomy', 'Risk_Estrogen_Deficiency', 'Risk_Immobilization', 'Risk_Recurring_Falls', 'Count_Of_Risks'],

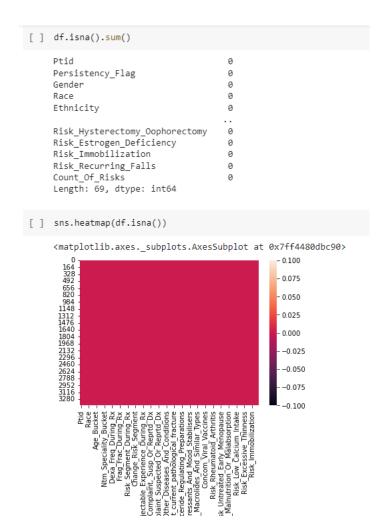
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3. Data preprocessing

First let's check if we have some missing values:



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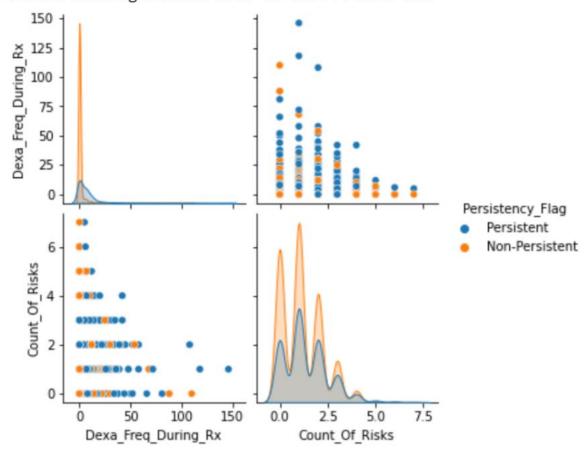


We see that we don't have missing values which is good for our analyses, for outliers since all the attributes are nominal except 2 variables we are not interested about outliers when having categorical data .

For numerical var:

sns.pairplot(data=df, hue='Persistency_Flag')

<seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x7ff4438ae450>



We notice that Dexa_freq_dunning_Rx is relatively higher for people who's not following a treatment than others who's pursuing a drug .

Same remarque for count_of_risks which is greater for people that are not persistent compared to Persistent patient.

Now let's get more about our categorical data by displaying different categories or groups for each Variable :

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-Column name is: Persistency_Flag and it value is: Non-Persistent
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Asian
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Name: Risk_Low_Calcium_Intake, dtype: int64
-Column name is: Risk_Vitamin_D_Insufficiency and it value is: N
   Y 1636

Name: Risk_Vitamin_D_Insufficiency, dtype: int64

-Column name is: Risk_Poor_Health_Frailty and it value is: N
Y 192

Name: Risk_Poor_Health_Frailty, dtype: int64

-Column name is: Risk_Excessive_Thinness and it value is: N
Y
STANDARD RISK_EXCESSIVE Thinness and it value is: N
   Name: Risk_Excessive_Thinness, dtype: int64
-Column name is: Risk_Hysterectomy_Oophorectomy and it value is: N
   Y 54
Name: Risk_Hysterectomy_Oophorectomy, dtype: int64
-Column name is: Risk_Estrogen_Deficiency and it value is: N
Y 11
Name: Risk_Estrogen_Deficiency, dtype: int64
-Column name is: Risk_Immobilization and it value is: N 341
   Y 14
Name: Risk_Immobilization, dtype: int64
-Column name is: Risk_Recurring_Falls and it value is: N
   Name: Risk_Recurring_Falls, dtype: int64
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The problem with this dataset is that is small only 3424 rows, and the target variable contains 2 Classes that are persistent & non persistent that are unbalanced thing that affect a lot the the model performance, so the approach that I'll be using is:

- Encode categorical variable using the one hot encoding (since our variables are nominal)
- Use the smote method to balance the classes target
- Cross validation using leave one out technique (since the dataset is small)
- Feature selection using selectKbest transformer using chi2 test because we're dealing with categorical variables.