

Lab 8: Define and Solve an ML Problem of Your Choosing

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

In this lab assignment, you will follow the machine learning life cycle and implement a model to solve a machine learning problem of your choosing. You will select a data set and choose a predictive problem that the data set supports. You will then inspect the data with your problem in mind and begin to formulate a project plan. You will then implement the machine learning project plan.

You will complete the following tasks:

1. Build Your DataFrame
2. Define Your ML Problem
3. Perform exploratory data analysis to understand your data.
4. Define Your Project Plan
5. Implement Your Project Plan:
 - Prepare your data for your model.
 - Fit your model to the training data and evaluate your model.
 - Improve your model's performance.

Part 1: Build Your DataFrame

You will have the option to choose one of four data sets that you have worked with in this program:

- The "census" data set that contains Census information from 1994: `censusData.csv`
- Airbnb NYC "listings" data set: `airbnbListingsData.csv`
- World Happiness Report (WHR) data set: `WHR2018Chapter20onlineData.csv`
- Book Review data set: `bookReviewsData.csv`

Note that these are variations of the data sets that you have worked with in this program. For example, some do not include some of the preprocessing necessary for specific models.

Load a Data Set and Save it as a Pandas DataFrame

The code cell below contains filenames (path + filename) for each of the four data sets available to you.

Task: In the code cell below, use the same method you have been using to load the data using `pd.read_csv()` and save it to DataFrame `df`.

You can load each file as a new DataFrame to inspect the data before choosing your data set.

```
# File names of the four data sets
```

```
adultDataSet_filename = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), "data",  
"censusData.csv")  
airbnbDataSet_filename = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), "data",  
"airbnbListingsData.csv")  
WHRDataSet_filename = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), "data",  
"WHR2018Chapter20onlineData.csv")  
bookReviewDataSet_filename = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), "data",  
"bookReviewsData.csv")
```

```
# YOUR CODE HERE
```

```
df = pd.read_csv(airbnbDataSet_filename)
```

```
df.head()
```

	name \
0	Skylit Midtown Castle
1	Whole flr w/private bdrm, bath & kitchen(pls r...
2	Spacious Brooklyn Duplex, Patio + Garden
3	Large Furnished Room Near B'way
4	Cozy Clean Guest Room - Family Apt

	description \
0	Beautiful, spacious skylit studio in the heart...
1	Enjoy 500 s.f. top floor in 1899 brownstone, w...
2	We welcome you to stay in our lovely 2 br dupl...
3	Please don't expect the luxury here just a bas...
4	Our best guests are seeking a safe, clean, spa...

	neighborhood_overview	host_name \
0	Centrally located in the heart of Manhattan ju...	Jennifer
1	Just the right mix of urban center and local n...	LisaRoxanne
2	NaN	Rebecca
3	Theater district, many restaurants around here.	Shunichi
4	Our neighborhood is full of restaurants and ca...	MaryEllen

	host_location \
0	New York, New York, United States
1	New York, New York, United States
2	Brooklyn, New York, United States
3	New York, New York, United States
4	New York, New York, United States

	host_about
	host_response_rate \
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 NaN

	host_acceptance_rate	host_is_superhost		
host_listings_count	...	\		
0	0.17	True	8.0	...
1	0.69	True	1.0	...
2	0.25	True	1.0	...
3	1.00	True	1.0	...
4	NaN	True	1.0	...

	review_scores_communication	review_scores_location
review_scores_value	\	
0	4.79	4.86
4.41		
1	4.80	4.71
4.64		
2	5.00	4.50
5.00		
3	4.42	4.87
4.36		
4	4.95	4.94
4.92		

	instant_bookable	calculated_host_listings_count	\
0	False	3	
1	False	1	
2	False	1	
3	False	1	
4	False	1	

	calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes	\
0	3	
1	1	
2	1	
3	0	
4	0	

	calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms	\
0	0	

1	0
2	0
3	1
4	1

	calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms	reviews_per_month \
0	0	0.33
1	0	4.86
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4	0	0.87

	n_host_verifications
0	9
1	6
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Part 2: Define Your ML Problem

Next you will formulate your ML Problem. In the markdown cell below, answer the following questions:

1. List the data set you have chosen.
2. What will you be predicting? What is the label?
3. Is this a supervised or unsupervised learning problem? Is this a clustering, classification or regression problem? Is it a binary classification or multi-class classification problem?
4. What are your features? (note: this list may change after you explore your data)
5. Explain why this is an important problem. In other words, how would a company create value with a model that predicts this label?

<Double click this Markdown cell to make it editable, and record your answers here.> I have chosen the data set 'airbnbListingsData.csv' for this analysis. The objective is to predict the price of Airbnb listings, with the label being 'price'. This is a supervised learning problem, specifically a regression problem, as the goal is to forecast a continuous numeric value. The dataset includes features such as host_is_superhost, host_has_profile_pic, host_identity_verified, has_availability, instant_bookable, host_response_rate, host_acceptance_rate, host_listings_count, host_total_listings_count, accommodates, bathrooms, bedrooms, beds, minimum_nights, maximum_nights, minimum_minimum_nights, maximum_minimum_nights, minimum_maximum_nights, maximum_maximum_nights, minimum_nights_avg_ntm, maximum_nights_avg_ntm, availability_30, availability_60, availability_90, availability_365, number_of_reviews, number_of_reviews_ltm, number_of_reviews_l30d, review_scores_rating, review_scores_cleanliness, review_scores_checkin, review_scores_communication, review_scores_location, review_scores_value, calculated_host_listings_count, calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes, calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms, calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms, reviews_per_month, n_host_verifications,

neighbourhood_group_cleansed_Bronx, neighbourhood_group_cleansed_Brooklyn, neighbourhood_group_cleansed_Manhattan, neighbourhood_group_cleansed_Queens, neighbourhood_group_cleansed_Staten Island, room_type_Entire home/apt, room_type_Hotel room, room_type_Private room, and room_type_Shared room. This problem is important as dynamic pricing allows hosts to set prices that align with market demand, maximizing their revenue. Additionally, it provides Airbnb with insights into pricing trends across neighborhoods. It supports accurate pricing recommendations for hosts and guests, ultimately improving customer satisfaction by setting realistic expectations for pricing.

Part 3: Understand Your Data

The next step is to perform exploratory data analysis. Inspect and analyze your data set with your machine learning problem in mind. Consider the following as you inspect your data:

1. What data preparation techniques would you like to use? These data preparation techniques may include:
 - addressing missingness, such as replacing missing values with means
 - finding and replacing outliers
 - renaming features and labels
 - finding and replacing outliers
 - performing feature engineering techniques such as one-hot encoding on categorical features
 - selecting appropriate features and removing irrelevant features
 - performing specific data cleaning and preprocessing techniques for an NLP problem
 - addressing class imbalance in your data sample to promote fair AI
2. What machine learning model (or models) you would like to use that is suitable for your predictive problem and data?
 - Are there other data preparation techniques that you will need to apply to build a balanced modeling data set for your problem and model? For example, will you need to scale your data?
3. How will you evaluate and improve the model's performance?
 - Are there specific evaluation metrics and methods that are appropriate for your model?

Think of the different techniques you have used to inspect and analyze your data in this course. These include using Pandas to apply data filters, using the Pandas `describe()` method to get insight into key statistics for each column, using the Pandas `dtypes` property to inspect the data type of each column, and using Matplotlib and Seaborn to detect outliers and visualize relationships between features and labels. If you are working on a classification problem, use techniques you have learned to determine if there is class imbalance.

Task: Use the techniques you have learned in this course to inspect and analyze your data. You can import additional packages that you have used in this course that you will need to perform this task.

Note: You can add code cells if needed by going to the Insert menu and clicking on Insert Cell Below in the drop-down menu.

```
# Display the first few rows of the dataset
print("First few rows of the dataset:")
print(df.head())

# Display summary statistics
print("\nSummary statistics:")
print(df.describe())

# Display data types
print("\nData types:")
print(df.dtypes)
```

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2	1	
3	0	
4	0	

	calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms	\
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2	0
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4	1

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Summary statistics:

	host_response_rate	host_acceptance_rate	
host_listings_count \			
count	16179.000000	16909.000000	28022.000000
mean	0.906901	0.791953	14.554778
std	0.227282	0.276732	120.721287
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.940000	0.680000	1.000000
50%	1.000000	0.910000	1.000000
75%	1.000000	1.000000	3.000000
max	1.000000	1.000000	3387.000000

	host_total_listings_count	accommodates	bathrooms
bedrooms \			
count	28022.000000	28022.000000	28022.000000
25104.000000			
mean	14.554778	2.874491	1.142174
1.329708			
std	120.721287	1.860251	0.421132
0.700726			
min	0.000000	1.000000	0.000000

1.000000			
25%	1.000000	2.000000	1.000000
1.000000			
50%	1.000000	2.000000	1.000000
1.000000			
75%	3.000000	4.000000	1.000000
1.000000			
max	3387.000000	16.000000	8.000000
12.000000			

	beds	price	minimum_nights	...
review_scores_checkin \				
count	26668.000000	28022.000000	28022.000000	...
28022.000000				
mean	1.629556	154.228749	18.689387	...
4.814300				
std	1.097104	140.816605	25.569151	...
0.438603				
min	1.000000	29.000000	1.000000	...
0.000000				
25%	1.000000	70.000000	2.000000	...
4.810000				
50%	1.000000	115.000000	30.000000	...
4.960000				
75%	2.000000	180.000000	30.000000	...
5.000000				
max	21.000000	1000.000000	1250.000000	...
5.000000				

	review_scores_communication	review_scores_location \
count	28022.000000	28022.000000
mean	4.808041	4.750393
std	0.464585	0.415717
min	0.000000	0.000000
25%	4.810000	4.670000
50%	4.970000	4.880000
75%	5.000000	5.000000
max	5.000000	5.000000

	review_scores_value	calculated_host_listings_count \
count	28022.000000	28022.000000
mean	4.647670	9.581900
std	0.518023	32.227523
min	0.000000	1.000000
25%	4.550000	1.000000
50%	4.780000	1.000000
75%	5.000000	3.000000
max	5.000000	421.000000

calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes \

count	28022.000000
mean	5.562986
std	26.121426
min	0.000000
25%	0.000000
50%	1.000000
75%	1.000000
max	308.000000

	calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms \
count	28022.000000
mean	3.902077
std	17.972386
min	0.000000
25%	0.000000
50%	0.000000
75%	1.000000
max	359.000000

	calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms	reviews_per_month
\		
count	28022.000000	28022.000000
mean	0.048283	1.758325
std	0.442459	4.446143
min	0.000000	0.010000
25%	0.000000	0.130000
50%	0.000000	0.510000
75%	0.000000	1.830000
max	8.000000	141.000000

	n_host_verifications
count	28022.000000
mean	5.169510
std	2.028497
min	1.000000
25%	4.000000
50%	5.000000
75%	7.000000
max	13.000000

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Data types:	
name	object
description	object
neighborhood_overview	object
host_name	object
host_location	object
host_about	object
host_response_rate	float64
host_acceptance_rate	float64
host_is_superhost	bool
host_listings_count	float64
host_total_listings_count	float64
host_has_profile_pic	bool
host_identity_verified	bool
neighbourhood_group_cleansed	object
room_type	object
accommodates	int64
bathrooms	float64
bedrooms	float64
beds	float64
amenities	object
price	float64
minimum_nights	int64
maximum_nights	int64
minimum_minimum_nights	float64
maximum_minimum_nights	float64
minimum_maximum_nights	float64
maximum_maximum_nights	float64
minimum_nights_avg_ntm	float64
maximum_nights_avg_ntm	float64
has_availability	bool
availability_30	int64
availability_60	int64
availability_90	int64
availability_365	int64
number_of_reviews	int64
number_of_reviews_ltm	int64
number_of_reviews_l30d	int64
review_scores_rating	float64
review_scores_cleanliness	float64
review_scores_checkin	float64
review_scores_communication	float64
review_scores_location	float64
review_scores_value	float64
instant_bookable	bool
calculated_host_listings_count	int64
calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes	int64
calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms	int64
calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms	int64
reviews_per_month	float64

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n_host_verifications          int64
dtype: object
```

```
# Check for missing values
print("\nMissing values count:")
print(df.isnull().sum())
```

```
Missing values count:
```

name	5
description	570
neighborhood_overview	9816
host_name	0
host_location	60
host_about	10945
host_response_rate	11843
host_acceptance_rate	11113
host_is_superhost	0
host_listings_count	0
host_total_listings_count	0
host_has_profile_pic	0
host_identity_verified	0
neighbourhood_group_cleansed	0
room_type	0
accommodates	0
bathrooms	0
bedrooms	2918
beds	1354
amenities	0
price	0
minimum_nights	0
maximum_nights	0
minimum_minimum_nights	0
maximum_minimum_nights	0
minimum_maximum_nights	0
maximum_maximum_nights	0
minimum_nights_avg_ntm	0
maximum_nights_avg_ntm	0
has_availability	0
availability_30	0
availability_60	0
availability_90	0
availability_365	0
number_of_reviews	0
number_of_reviews_ltm	0
number_of_reviews_l30d	0
review_scores_rating	0
review_scores_cleanliness	0
review_scores_checkin	0
review_scores_communication	0

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review_scores_location      0
review_scores_value         0
instant_bookable            0
calculated_host_listings_count  0
calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes  0
calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms  0
calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms  0
reviews_per_month           0
n_host_verifications        0
dtype: int64

# Convert Boolean columns to integers if needed
boolean_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=[bool]).columns
for column in boolean_columns:
    df[column] = df[column].astype(int)

# Fill missing values with mean for numerical columns
for column in df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).columns:
    df[column].fillna(df[column].mean(), inplace=True)

# Verify that there are no missing values
print("\nMissing values count after filling:")
print(df.isnull().sum())

```

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host_name  0
host_location  60
host_about  10945
host_response_rate  0
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host_listings_count  0
host_total_listings_count  0
host_has_profile_pic  0
host_identity_verified  0
neighbourhood_group_cleansed  0
room_type  0
accommodates  0
bathrooms  0
bedrooms  0
beds  0
amenities  0
price  0
minimum_nights  0
maximum_nights  0
minimum_minimum_nights  0

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maximum_minimum_nights	0
minimum_maximum_nights	0
maximum_maximum_nights	0
minimum_nights_avg_ntm	0
maximum_nights_avg_ntm	0
has_availability	0
availability_30	0
availability_60	0
availability_90	0
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number_of_reviews	0
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calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms	0
calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms	0
reviews_per_month	0
n_host_verifications	0
dtype: int64	

```
# Determine number of numerical columns
```

```
num_numerical_cols =  
len(df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).columns)
```

```
# Calculate number of rows and columns for subplots
```

```
ncols = 4  
nrows = int(np.ceil(num_numerical_cols / ncols))
```

```
# Plot boxplots to detect outliers for numerical columns
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 5 * nrows))  
for i, column in  
enumerate(df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).columns, 1):  
    plt.subplot(nrows, ncols, i)  
    sns.boxplot(y=df[column])  
    plt.title(column)
```

```
plt.tight_layout()
```

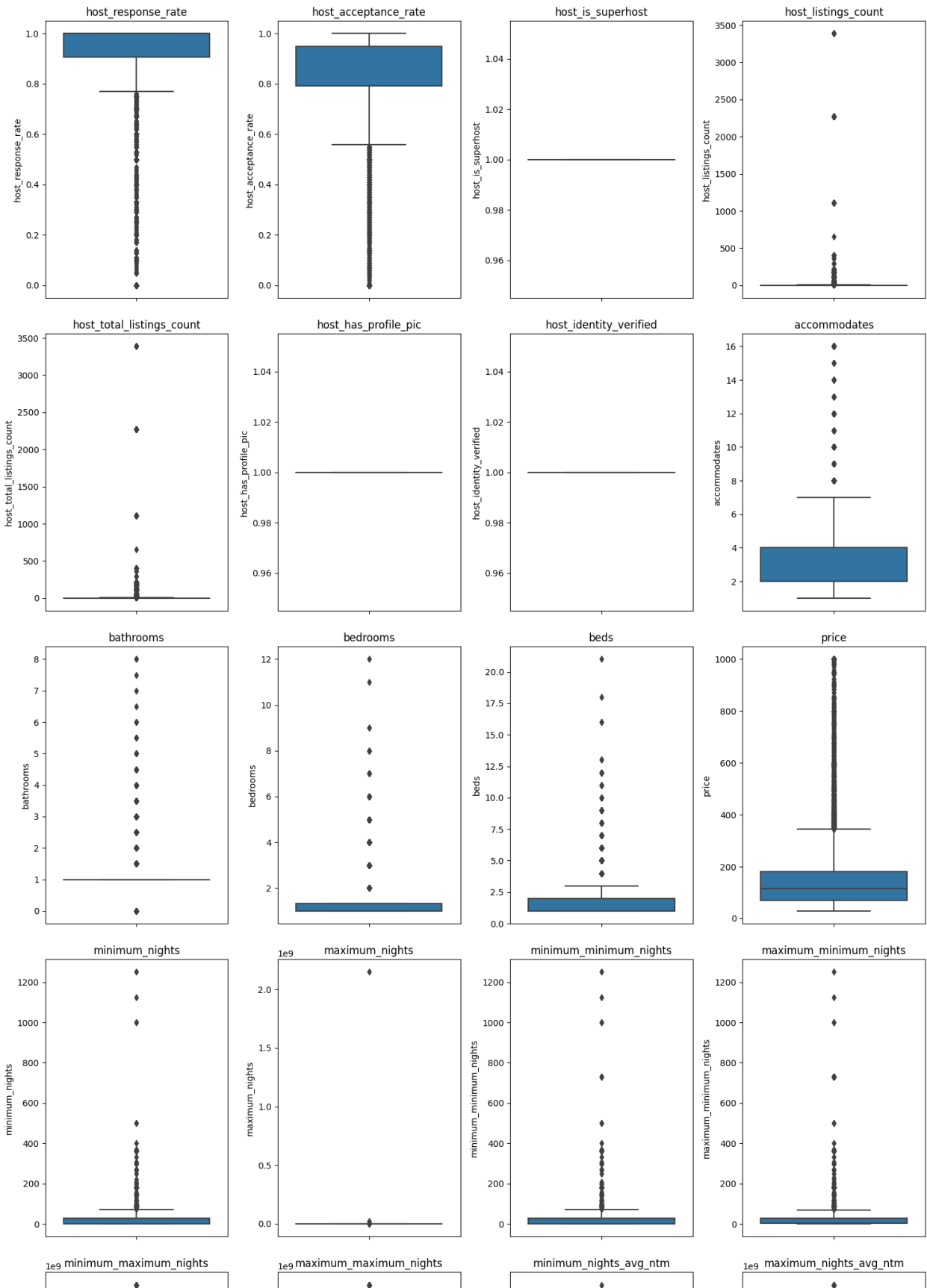
```
plt.show()
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plt.title(column)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```




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# Remove outliers beyond 3 standard deviations
for column in df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).columns:
    mean = df[column].mean()
    std = df[column].std()
    df = df[(df[column] >= mean - 3 * std) & (df[column] <= mean + 3 *
std)]

# Check the columns present in the DataFrame
print("\nColumns in the DataFrame:")
print(df.columns)

# Select appropriate features and remove irrelevant features
columns_to_drop = ['name', 'host_name', 'last_review',
'neighborhood_overview', 'host_about']
existing_columns_to_drop = [col for col in columns_to_drop if col in
df.columns]

# Drop columns that exist
df.drop(columns=existing_columns_to_drop, axis=1, inplace=True)

# Renaming columns for better readability
df.rename(columns={'price': 'rental_price', 'minimum_nights':
'min_nights'}, inplace=True)

# Verify the changes
print("\nDataFrame after preprocessing:")
print(df.head())

print(df.columns)

import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Select a subset of features for the correlation heatmap
subset_features = ['rental_price', 'min_nights', 'number_of_reviews',
'reviews_per_month', 'calculated_host_listings_count',
'availability_365']
correlation_matrix = df[subset_features].corr()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, fmt='.2f',
cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Heatmap of Selected Features')
plt.show()

```

Part 4: Define Your Project Plan

Now that you understand your data, in the markdown cell below, define your plan to implement the remaining phases of the machine learning life cycle (data preparation, modeling, evaluation) to solve your ML problem. Answer the following questions:

- Do you have a new feature list? If so, what are the features that you chose to keep and remove after inspecting the data?
- Explain different data preparation techniques that you will use to prepare your data for modeling.
- What is your model (or models)?
- Describe your plan to train your model, analyze its performance and then improve the model. That is, describe your model building, validation and selection plan to produce a model that generalizes well to new data.

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Yes, I have refined my feature list after inspecting the data. I have chosen to retain features such as `host_is_superhost`, `host_has_profile_pic`, `host_identity_verified`, `has_availability`, `instant_bookable`, `host_response_rate`, `host_acceptance_rate`, `host_listings_count`, `host_total_listings_count`, `accommodates`, `bathrooms`, `bedrooms`, `beds`, `price`, `minimum_nights`, `maximum_nights`, `minimum_minimum_nights`, `maximum_minimum_nights`, `minimum_maximum_nights`, `maximum_maximum_nights`, `minimum_nights_avg_ntm`, `maximum_nights_avg_ntm`, `availability_30`, `availability_60`, `availability_90`, `availability_365`, `number_of_reviews`, `number_of_reviews_ltm`, `number_of_reviews_l30d`, `review_scores_rating`, `review_scores_cleanliness`, `review_scores_checkin`, `review_scores_communication`, `review_scores_location`, `review_scores_value`, `calculated_host_listings_count`, `calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes`, `calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms`, `calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms`, `reviews_per_month`, `n_host_verifications`, and the encoded categorical features like `neighbourhood_group_cleansed` and `room_type`. Features such as `name`, `host_name`, `last_review`, `neighborhood_overview`, and `host_about` have been removed as they are deemed irrelevant for the regression task.

For data preparation, I will fill missing values in numerical columns with their mean and convert Boolean columns to integers. Outliers will be detected and removed using boxplots and by filtering values beyond three standard deviations from the mean. One-hot encoding will be applied to categorical variables, such as `neighborhood` and `room type`, to convert them into numerical format. Feature selection will prioritize those most relevant to predicting `rental_price`, and feature scaling may be applied if necessary, particularly for models sensitive to feature scaling.

The model selected for this task is K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN). My plan for model building involves fitting the KNN model to the training data and making predictions on the test set. I will evaluate the model's performance using Mean Squared Error (MSE) and R-squared (R^2) to assess its accuracy and generalizability. To enhance the model, I will use Grid Search to determine the optimal number of neighbors (k) that minimizes MSE. After identifying the best k , I will re-evaluate the model to confirm improvements. Additionally, I will visualize performance across different k values to ensure that the chosen model is robust and effective.

Part 5: Implement Your Project Plan

Task: In the code cell below, import additional packages that you have used in this course that you will need to implement your project plan.

```
# YOUR CODE HERE
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score
from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectKBest, f_regression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
import numpy as np
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

Task: Use the rest of this notebook to carry out your project plan.

You will:

1. Prepare your data for your model.
2. Fit your model to the training data and evaluate your model.
3. Improve your model's performance by performing model selection and/or feature selection techniques to find best model for your problem.

Add code cells below and populate the notebook with commentary, code, analyses, results, and figures as you see fit.

```
# Load your data
df = pd.read_csv('data_regressors/airbnbData_train.csv')

# Handle missing values (example: fill with mean)
df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)

print(df.columns)

# Drop the target column
X = df.drop(columns=['price'])
y = df['price']

print(df.columns)

# Handle missing values
# For simplicity, we'll use mean imputation for numerical features and
# mode imputation for categorical features
X.fillna(X.mean(), inplace=True)
X.fillna(X.mode().iloc[0], inplace=True)
```

```

# Convert categorical features to numerical using one-hot encoding
X = pd.get_dummies(X)

# Split the data
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

# Standardize the features
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)

# Initialize KNN regressor
knn = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=5)

# Fit the model
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions
y_pred = knn.predict(X_test)

# Evaluate the model
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)

print(f"Mean Squared Error: {mse}")
print(f"R-squared: {r2}")

# Define the parameter grid
param_grid = {'n_neighbors': list(range(1, 21))}

# Initialize GridSearchCV
grid_search = GridSearchCV(KNeighborsRegressor(), param_grid, cv=5,
scoring='neg_mean_squared_error')

# Fit GridSearchCV
grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Get the best parameters and the best model
best_k = grid_search.best_params_['n_neighbors']
best_knn = grid_search.best_estimator_

# Evaluate the best model
y_pred_best = best_knn.predict(X_test)
mse_best = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_best)
r2_best = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_best)

print(f"Best K: {best_k}")
print(f"Best Mean Squared Error: {mse_best}")
print(f"Best R-squared: {r2_best}")

```

```
results = grid_search.cv_results_  
mean_test_scores = results['mean_test_score']  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))  
plt.plot(range(1, 21), -mean_test_scores, marker='o', linestyle='--',  
color='blue')  
plt.title('Grid Search Performance for KNN')  
plt.xlabel('Number of Neighbors (k)')  
plt.ylabel('Mean Squared Error')  
plt.xticks(range(1, 21))  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.show()
```

<https://github.com/chungkaley/airbnbpricing>