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Understanding the data

First we need to understand the problem at hand, we are asked to prepare and analyse the data set, and we are asked to have job satisfaction and productivity as goals. Looking at the columns and their descriptions in the attached document we may consider what are the 3 important factors, job satisfaction (this would be the main factor for “employee satisfaction”), performance (this shows how productive an employee is) and attrition (it is more likely an employee will either leave the company if they are unsatisfied or be fired if unproductive).

After this understanding we use pandas profiling to get a wide view of the dataset, looking at the parameters we can see:

* Job satisfaction has a rather even distribution, although we can see a high concentration of low satisfaction results and a wide variation of higher values and the average value is in the mid values;
* Performance rating tends to be on the middle, with most values falling close to this average;
* Attrition is an unbalanced class with just 2 classes, if we chose this as the target in supervised models it is a binary option.

We can also see there are plenty of columns (including the ones above) with about 10% of their data missing, but if we try removing all rows with null values, we verify those are not the same rows and the dataset becomes too small should we drop all the rows containing such.

As such we have 3 options: replace values, drop columns/rows or use an algorithm that can deal with those.

To the effect we run a PCA model with all the null values changed into an obvious outlier (-999), this is possible since only a small percentage of each column’s values are null, this was chosen as a model that tends to deal well with outliers if they exist in small quantities.

From the PCA we can see:

* Job satisfaction is mostly related with salaries (monthly and daily rate), employee number and standard hours.
* Attrition the same factors are related, alongside with the number of companies they worked what salary hikes they have and how many years have they worked.
* For productivity I went up to a total of 17 parameters and it seemed not to appear in any high related set, so as would be guessed from the high concentration of the values seen in the profiling there seems not to be any factor set that relates more or less to it.

As such attrition seems to be the best option for the supervised algorithms is to go with Attrition, and if we need to deal with null values we could drop the columns other than the 9 columns found in the pca and then work reconsider what to do

Supervised learning:

While there are many options for supervised learning not all of them can deal with null values or imbalanced classes, this is the reason why I chose to use the xgboost classifier for a random tree algorithm with a binary option, this algorithm accepts null values in the features columns and allows us to set ‘scale\_pos\_weight’ to deal with unbalanced classes, so we just need to deal with the null values in the target “Attrition” column, since there is less than 50% I’ve decided to drop those rows, after selecting the objective as binary and evaluation of the model as merror I use a gridsearch to find the set of parameters with the best accuracy, we ended up with:

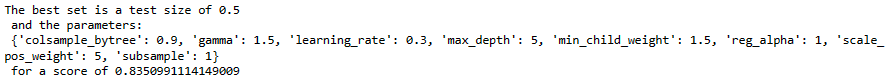
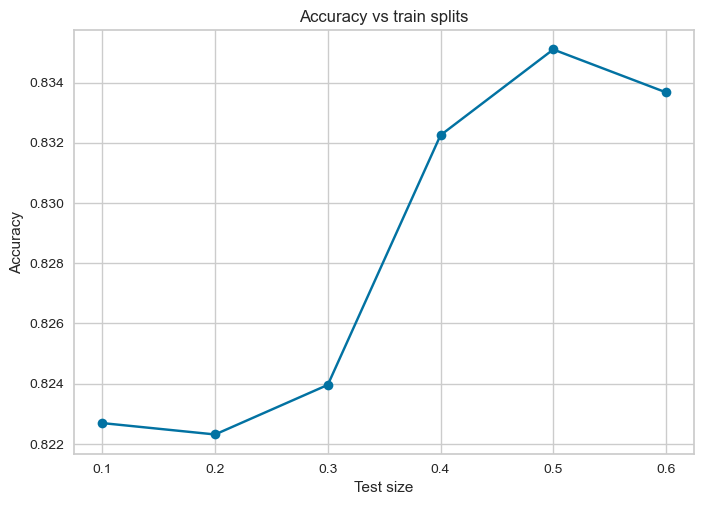
Fig1. Output from Gridsearch

Fig2. Accuracy vs test/train