# **Penguins Species-Prediction Machine Learning Group-Project**

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## **Group Contributions Statement**

Both of us wrote the data acquisition and preparation. Emily started a couple of the figures, which Johnathan added axes to and polish. Johnathan also added his own figures and Johnathan completed the explanations for the exploratory analysis. Johnathan wrote the feature selection section and the cross-validation tests for both models, including the functions used. Emily led construction of the models and training (with complexity parameters provided by Johnathan). Emily produced the decision region plots and confusion matrices for all models, and Johnathan wrote both the discussion about the decision regions and the general discussion. Johnathan conducted the data writing and analysis of model performance, in both the model used in feature selection and the two actual prediction models. Johnathan wrote almost all of the text cells in this report, explaining both his own code and his partners. We both helped each other, and much of the project was collaborative, including text and actual code revisions. Johnathan also went to office hours multiple times to get information to assist our project.

## Data Import, Initial Test-Train Split, and Selective-Cleaning

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

url = 'https://philchodrow.github.io/PIC16A/datasets/palmer_penguins.csv'
penguins = pd.read_csv(url) #import our data frame

train, test = train_test_split(penguins, test_size = 0.2) # hold out 20% of data
```

Above we split out data directly after import into our training and testing sets. That way, we avoid polluting our testing set.

```
In [2]: from sklearn import preprocessing
```

```
def clean data(df): #Emily and Johnathan
 Clean data function to make dataframe usable. First, we drop NAN-values for
 select categories. Then we drop the comments column. Next, we drop cells
 where sex isn't encoded properly. Lastly, we encode qualitative data.
 param: df The dataframe to be cleaned.
 returns: the cleaned dataframe.
 # #drop empty NAN values
 df = df.dropna(subset=['Island', 'Culmen Length (mm)', 'Flipper Length (mm)',
                         'Body Mass (g)', "Delta 15 N (o/oo)"])
 df = df.drop(["Comments"],axis=1) #drop comments column
 df = df[df['Sex'] != '.'] #boolean indexing to remove empty entries for sex
 le = preprocessing.LabelEncoder() #shorthand
 df['Species'] = le.fit_transform(df['Species']) #encode Region
 df['Region'] = le.fit_transform(df['Region']) #encode Region
 df['Island'] = le.fit transform(df['Island']) #encode Island
 return df
```

Our **clean\_data** function makes our data **simpler and usable** for our purposes. We do not need the entire data set! Also, we have to **drop NAN-values** and **encode qualitative** so we can analyze the data and model in the first place.

```
In [3]: cleaned_data_train = clean_data(train)
```

Now, we have **cleaned training data** to allow us to do all the analyses we need to do before we get to the actual modeling. Analyses will include automated feature selection and model-specific **cross-validation** so we can use optimized **complexity parameters** (more on that later...).

**NOTE:** The only data that has been cleaned thus far is our *training* data. We want to avoid polluting our test set.

#### **EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS:**

## **Displayed Tables (Total 2): (Johnathan)**

Out[4]:

|                            |        |           | Culmen<br>Length<br>(mm) | Flipper<br>Length<br>(mm) | Body<br>Mass<br>(g) | Delta 15 N<br>(o/oo) |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Species                    | Sex    | Island    |                          |                           |                     |                      |
| Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis | FEMALE | Biscoe    | 37.79                    | 187.25                    | 3384.38             | 8.72                 |
| adeliae)                   |        | Dream     | 36.94                    | 188.00                    | 3344.00             | 8.93                 |
|                            |        | Torgersen | 37.65                    | 187.95                    | 3421.43             | 8.68                 |
|                            | MALE   | Biscoe    | 40.06                    | 190.71                    | 4039.29             | 8.87                 |
|                            |        | Dream     | 40.24                    | 192.75                    | 4056.25             | 9.02                 |
|                            |        | Torgersen | 40.98                    | 195.50                    | 4073.75             | 8.93                 |
| Chinstrap penguin          | FEMALE | Dream     | 46.66                    | 191.72                    | 3495.69             | 9.29                 |
| (Pygoscelis antarctica)    | MALE   | Dream     | 51.18                    | 200.28                    | 3937.00             | 9.50                 |
| Gentoo penguin (Pygoscelis |        | Biscoe    | 44.50                    | 217.00                    | 4875.00             | 8.04                 |
| papua)                     | FEMALE | Biscoe    | 45.78                    | 212.80                    | 4719.38             | 8.18                 |
|                            | MALE   | Biscoe    | 49.50                    | 221.67                    | 5468.75             | 8.30                 |

Using **groupby()**, we can generate a nice simplified version of the data set showing a breakdown of the important qualitative information about the three penguin species. With this table we can get an idea of how the species might be easily grouped.

```
In [5]: #display average quatitatives, as by the above groups, with rounded values
islands_species_GBobj = train.groupby(["Species", "Island"])
# Reset index of grouped data to make usable table
islands_species_df = islands_species_GBobj.size().reset_index()
islands_species_df
```

| Out[5]: |   | Species                                   | Island    | 0  |
|---------|---|---|-----------|----|
|         | 0 | Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis adeliae)       | Biscoe    | 30 |
| 1       | 1 | Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis adeliae)       | Dream     | 49 |
|         | 2 | Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis adeliae)       | Torgersen | 46 |
| 3       | 3 | Chinstrap penguin (Pygoscelis antarctica) | Dream     | 54 |
|         | 4 | Gentoo penguin (Pygoscelis papua)         | Biscoe    | 96 |

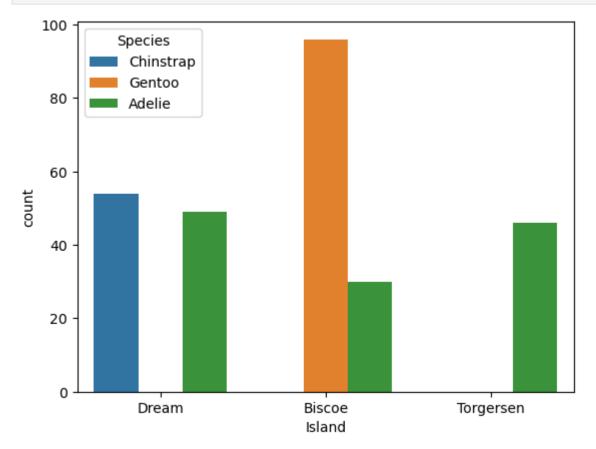
Especially in this simplified table, one can see that **Chinstraps** and **Gentoos** are pretty much confined to **Biscoe** and **Dream** island, while the **Adelies** are not.

Our goal in this project is to predict **species**, so we will use **Island** as our qualitative predictor variable because the penguins are seemingly fairly organized by species-island anyway.

**NOTE:** BOTH tables employ the groupby function in order to to summarize data across multiple qualitative categories. \

## Figures (Total 12):

#### FIGURE I: Species Count by Island (Emily and Johnathan)



**Explanation (Johnathan):** This plot is especially important because it highlights the value of the Island data. It is clear that there is a substantial correlation between island and the particular species that live on each island. As one can make out from the figure, all Gentoos live on Biscoe island, and all Chinstraps live on Dream island. Adelies are much more evenly distributed, but

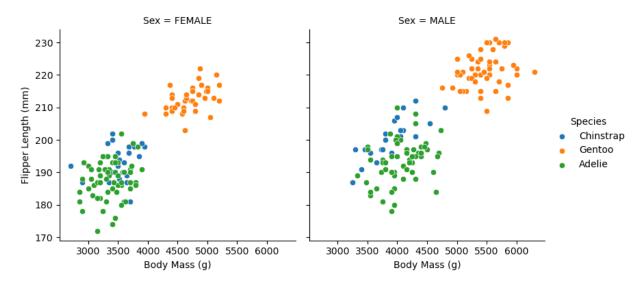
> Torgersen has only Adelies. Therefore, we can definitively predict if a penguin lives on Torgersen, it is an adelie.

If a penguin is from another island, we still have valuable information, because we can rule out Gentoos if the island is Biscoe and likewise for Chinstraps if the penguin is from Dream island. Island is a great way to start the prediction process.

#### FIGURE II: Body Mass and Flipper Length Across Sexes (Johnathan)

```
#Johnathan, our figure with multiple axes
trainCp = trainCp[trainCp['Sex'] != '.'] #clip one unknown value for sex
#make facet grid object with columns
plot = sns.FacetGrid(trainCp, col= "Sex", hue="Species", size=4, aspect=1)
plot.map(sns.scatterplot, "Body Mass (g)", "Flipper Length (mm)") #map scatter
plot.add legend() #add nice Legend
C:\Users\emily\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\seaborn\axisgrid.py:337: UserWarning: The
`size` parameter has been renamed to `height`; please update your code.
 warnings.warn(msg, UserWarning)
<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x207321e9100>
```

Out[7]:



**Explanation (Johnathan):** We include this plot because we needed to determine if important features of a penguin, here body mass and flipper length, have a) notable differences between species, and b) these differences between species are consistent across sexes.

Point a's value is obvious; we can differentiate species by such features as body mass and flipper length.

**Point b** is important, too, however, because if the differences are not consistent, then we might confuse a male member of one species for a female of another because, while features might differ between species, the difference is less so depending on the sex of the individual. Perhaps, for example, male Gentoos generally have small flippers than Chinstraps, but male Gentoos do not have smaller flippers than female Chinstraps, or something of that nature. bold text Here we can see that, at least for Gentoos, **body mass** and **flipper length** are indeed guite different

across the sexes than Chinstraps and Adelies, and can perhaps be used as a pairing for prediction.

#### FIGURE III: Body Mass and Flipper Length, Across Islands (Emily)

```
fgrid = sns.relplot(x = 'Body Mass (g)', #set x and y axes
In [8]:
                                 y = 'Flipper Length (mm)',
                                 hue = 'Species', #set hue
                                 kind = 'scatter', #set type
                                 ci = None,
                                 data = trainCp, #data
                                 col = "Island") #make columns
          axes = fgrid.axes.flatten() #collapse into 1 dimension
                        Island = Dream
                                                      Island = Biscoe
                                                                                   Island = Torgersen
          230
         Ē 210
           180
                                                                                     4500
                                                                                         5000
```

**Explanation (Johnathan):** Figure III is quite interesting because it demonstrates that differences in body mass and flipper length are even across the islands. Consistency across islands is important because it supports the idea that the differences between species are not simply because of localized trends, like the amount of food in an area, that could be the real cause of differences between groups.

If measures for a species were inconsistent across islands for each species, it would harder to distinguish species because any differences might just be due to local effects. However, as the plot shows, Adelies, for example, have consistently lower body mass and flipper length across the islands. This usefully suggests these trends are not simply due to lack of food or another environmental effect but truly features of the species.

Therefore, it makes sense to consider body mass and flipper length for predicting purposes, though further analysis is certainly necessary.

# FIGURE IV: HEATMAPS BY SPECIES, FOR MULTIPLE QUANTITATIVE PAIRINGS (Johnathan and Emily)

```
sns.histplot(x = 'Flipper Length (mm)', #setting axes for plot
               y = 'Culmen Length (mm)',
               hue = 'Species',
               data = trainCp, ax=axs[0, 1]) #second quadrant, histogram
sns.histplot(x = 'Flipper Length (mm)', #setting axes for plot
               y = 'Delta 15 N (o/oo)',
               hue = 'Species',
               data = trainCp, ax=axs[1, 0]) #third quadrant, histogram
sns.histplot(x = 'Delta 15 N (o/oo)', #setting axes for plot
               y = 'Body Mass (g)',
               hue = 'Species',
               data = trainCp, ax=axs[1, 1]) #fourth quadrant, histogram
#setting legends in suitable places
sns.move_legend(axs[0, 0], "upper left")
sns.move_legend(axs[0, 1], "lower right")
             Species
              Chinstrap
  6000
                                                        55
              Gentoo
              Adelie
  5500
                                                     Culmen Length (mm)
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Body Mass (g)
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                                                   Body Mass (g)
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                                                                                  9.0
                                                                                          9.5
                                                                                                 10.0
       170
                    Flipper Length (mm)
                                                                         Delta 15 N (o/oo)
```

**Explanation (Johnathan):** Figure V contains a lot of useful information that helped motivate our modeling choices. We sought to show side-by-side a lot of distributions of **quantitative** 

data by species to see which pair might be a good start for our feature selection.

The **upper left plot** demonstrated that the pairing of flipper length and body mass would be a **poor pairing** because the data is fairly inter-mixed, especially in the range of body mass as flipper length increases (penguins with similar sized flippers have similar mass, regardless of species). Here, we can see body mass is really not a great predictor because the species are fairly similar in mass.

The **upper right sub-figure** yields a **much better pairing**, one we were excited to verify with our automated feature modeling: flipper length and culmen length. We have solid grouping by species along these two measures, in both the x and x axes.

The **lower left plot** demonstrates another **poor pairing:** delta 15 N and flipper length. It would seem that for Adelies and Chinstraps, both species had higher delta 15 N levels, regardless of flipper length, making these two species less distinguishable on these two measures, even if it is a fairly good pairing to separate them at least from Gentoos.

The **bottom right sub-figure** shows another **less-than-ideal pairing:** delta 15 N levels versus body mass. For all three species, these measure were fairly similar at mid-range body mass and delta 15 N levels, so it would simply be too confusing to make a good model, though we did test it in our automated feature selection part of our project.

**NOTE**: We have multiple figures with more than one axis.

# FEATURE SELECTION (using a logistic-regression model and cross-validation): Johnathan

#### 1 Qualitative Feature: ISLAND

We have settled on choosing "Island" as our qualitative feature for prediction because, as stated in the exploratory analysis, the penguins are fairly organized by island-species. This situation will be useful in modeling because we have a solid qualitative base to guide our predictions which we can then add nuance to via the right quantitatives.

#### 2 Quanitative Features:

In order to pick our **quantitatives**, we will perform a series of **cross-validations** on a **logistic regression** model that uses all possible pairs from the set of four quantitative features used in the exploratory analysis.

Then, we compare the various **cross-validation scores** to determine which ought to be used to train our three models.

Before we move on, we need to import some useful modules...

In [10]: from sklearn.linear\_model import LogisticRegression #for our LR model
from sklearn.model selection import cross val score #to cross validate

```
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline #to help us scale our data
from sklearn import tree
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

Below is Johnathan's **exhaustive seach** for the **feature selection**, based on the one from lecture. We will use this algorithm to explore all possible explorations of the pairs of quantitatives with our selected-qualitative feature.

```
In [11]:
         def exhaustive_search(model, X, y, quals, quants): #Johnathan
             Exhaustive search algorithm here:
             Iterates through all subsets of included quantitatives with added
             qualitative identify best subset of columns in terms of cross validation
             error. Prints best combination before returning both
             parameters:
               model: to use
               X: predictor data
               y: target data
               quals: the qualitative variable
               quants: list of quantitative variables
             returns:
               best cv: calculated best CV-score
               best_feature_comb: calculated best feature combination
             best cv = 0 #initialize our best CV score and feature
             best_feature_comb = None
             #for every given qualitative value
             for qual in quals:
                 #for every pair-wise combination of given quantitative values
                 for quant comb in combinations(quants, 2):
                     qual quant comb = list(quant comb)+list(["Island"])
                     #print which combo we're on...
                     print("Current qual quant comb is: " + str(qual quant comb))
                     model.fit(X[qual quant comb].values, y) #fit model
                     #conduct cross-validation score
                     cv = cross val score(model, X[qual quant comb], y, cv = 10).mean()
                     #print the score for viewing
                     print("\tCurrent qual_quant_comb CV Score is: " + str(cv))
                     if cv > best cv: #if we've a new best CV, replace!
                         best cv = cv
                         best_feature_comb = qual_quant_comb
                         #^^better CV score = better combo! Replace old-best combo!
             #nice line for clear print-out
             print("-----")
             #nice message about CV score
             print("Best CV Score combination is: " + str(best cv))
```

```
#nice message about feature score
print("Best feature combination is: " + str(best_feature_comb))
return best_cv, best_feature_comb
```

Below is Johnathan's **test\_column** function for the feature selection, based on the one from lecture. We will use this algorithm to make sure our selected set of features really is as good as our **exhaustive\_search** reports.

```
In [12]: def test_column_score(model, test_cols, X, y ):
    """

    Trains and evaluates a model on the test set using the columns of the data
    with selected indices
    param: model the model to be used
    param: test_cols the columns to test with.
    param: X the predictor data
    param: y the target data
    returns: score of model with trained with provided columns.
    """

    print("TESTING WITH COLUMNS: " + str(test_cols))
    model.fit(X[test_cols].values, y)

    return model.score(X[test_cols].values, y)
```

The next cell sets up all our **data** that we will use in **feature selection**, completeing another split from the cleaned *training* data to funnel into our exhaustive search and test\_columns functions.

See comments for details...

```
from itertools import combinations #for easy generation of combinations
In [13]:
          quals = ["Island"] #our selected qualitative feature
          #possible quantitative features
          quants = ["Culmen Length (mm)", "Flipper Length (mm)",
                    "Body Mass (g)",
                                          "Delta 15 N (o/oo)"]
          #making testing and training data for automated feature selection
         X = cleaned_data_train[['Island', 'Culmen Length (mm)', 'Flipper Length (mm)',
                                  'Body Mass (g)', 'Delta 15 N (o/oo)']]
         y = cleaned_data_train['Species']
         #SPLIT data for cross-validation stuff.
         X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2)
          #the model we will use for the exhaustive search
         my_model = tree.DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=3, random_state = 42)
          #exhaustive search returns two outputs, the best score AND best combination
          best CVS, best cols = exhaustive search(my model, X train, y train,
                                                  quals, quants)
```

As we can see from the print out above, our *exhaustive search* yield's the best combination of *quantitative features* with "Island" and accompanying *CV scores*. The power of this method is we've tried *every* option for the four quanitatives and our qualitative selected above and found the best one...

The algorithm tells us the best combination to use (based on CV score) is...

#### ['Culmen Length (mm)', 'Flipper Length (mm)', 'Island']!

Great! We trained our *decision tree* model and assessed performance with a cross-validation. We still need to assess performance with non-training data. We will use our *test\_column\_score* function (defined above).

Alright! As we can tell from the above print-out, scores with *training* and *testing* data are both high and within 5% of one another. We have found a good set of predictor variables to use for our two models.

Our selected features for our *multinomial regression* and *random forest* models will thus be... *drum-roll!* ...

#### Culmen Length, Flipper Length, and Island!

# **Machine-Learning Models:**

Importing necessary modules...

```
In [15]: import sklearn
    from sklearn import metrics
    from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
```

Here, we at last clean our testing data and conduct the final test-train split.

NOTE: Before creating each model object, we need to define a function that performs the fitting of train data and generating of an accuracy score. Additionally, evaluation and visualization of the models are performed through functions generating confusion matrices and decision region plots. All three of these functions are defined prior to the instantiation of a new model object.

# FOR BOTH MODELS: Functions for Fitting/Scoring, Confusion Matrices, & Decision Regions (Emily)

#### Fitting and Scoring

#### **Confusion Matrix Generator**

For each model, the confusion matrix is a 3 x 3 matrix because there are 3 classes of species that are outputted.

Grid of cells:

123

456

789

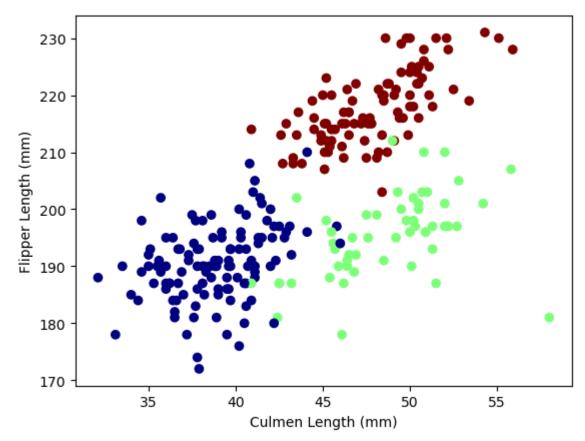
Cell 1 = True Positive: actual value and predicted values are the same

Cell 2 + Cell 3 = False Negative: actual value is positive but the model predicted it as negative (model has given the wrong prediction)

Cell 4 + Cell 7 = False Positive: actual value is negative but the model predicted it as postive (model has given the wrong prediction)

Cell 5 + Cell 6 + Cell 8 + Cell 9 = True Negative: actual value and predicted values are the same

#### **Scatter Plot of Selected Quantitatives**



#### **Decision Regions Generator**

```
In [21]:
         from matplotlib import patches as mpatches
         def plot_regions(m, X, y, t):
           Fits the model to the predictor and target variables. Computes the accuracy
            score of the model.
            param:
            returns: nothing.
            islands = [i for i in X['Island'].unique()]
           fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, len(islands), figsize = (12, 7))
           # ive names to the two columns of the data
           x0 = X['Culmen Length (mm)'].values
           x1 = X['Flipper Length (mm)'].values
           grid_x = np.linspace(x0.min() - 1, x0.max() + 1)
           grid_y = np.linspace(x1.min() - 1, x1.max() + 1)
           f1, f2 = np.meshgrid(grid_x, grid_y)
           for i in islands:
             Z = m.predict(np.c_[f1.ravel(), f2.ravel(),
                                  np.ones(f1.ravel().shape) * 1.0 * i])
             Z = Z.reshape(f1.shape)
             ax[i].set_xlabel('Culmen Length (mm)')
             ax[i].set_title('Island = ' + str(i))
```

```
recode={0:'blue',1:'green',2:'red'}
 color_map=y.map(recode)
 # 0 for train set (scatter plot)
 if t == 0:
   ax[i].scatter(X[X['Island']==i]['Culmen Length (mm)'],
                  X[X['Island']==i]['Flipper Length (mm)'],
                  c=color_map[X['Island']==i], cmap='jet')
   fig.suptitle('Decision Regions: Train Set')
 # 1 for test set (scatter plot)
   ax[i].scatter(X[X['Island']==i]['Culmen Length (mm)'],
                  X[X['Island']==i]['Flipper Length (mm)'],
                  c=color map[X['Island']==i].values, cmap='jet')
   fig.suptitle('Decision Regions: Test Set')
 # plot decision regions
 ax[i].contourf(f1, f2, Z, alpha=0.2, cmap='jet')
# sets only one y-axis label for all plots
ax[0].set_ylabel('Flipper Length (mm)')
# creating the Legend
legend0 = mpatches.Patch(color = 'red', label = 'Adelie', alpha = 0.2)
legend1 = mpatches.Patch(color = 'green', label = 'Chinstrap', alpha = 0.2)
legend2 = mpatches.Patch(color = 'blue', label = 'Gentoo', alpha = 0.2)
fig.legend(handles = [legend0, legend1, legend2],loc = (0.9,0.92),
           fontsize = 'medium',framealpha = 1)
fig.tight layout()
plt.show()
```

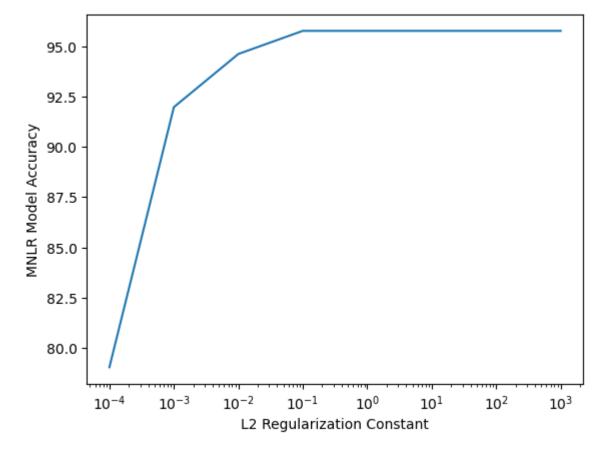
# **MODEL #1: Complexity**

Cross Validation for L2 Regularization Constant Complexity Hyperparameter (Johnathan)

Here, we will **cross-validate** against different levels of regularization to find the best amount for our model. Then, we will know how to set our complexity parameters for regularization for our **multinomial logistic regression** model.

```
for c in vary:
 #instantiate model with proper regularization penalty and C value
 CV_score_me = LogisticRegression(penalty = "12",
                                  multi_class = 'multinomial',
                                  solver = 'newton-cg',
                                  \max iter = 1000,
 CV_score_me.fit(X, y) #fit the model
 cv = cross_val_score(CV_score_me, X, y, cv = 10).mean()
 scores.append(cv*100)
 #print nice message per cv score for easy reading
  print( "CV score for complexity parameter of C=" + str(c) + ": " + str(cv))
 if cv > best_cv: #if we found a better C value
   best cv = cv #new cv
   top C = c #new C value
#line so it doens't hurt as much to read
print( "-----")
#print outs for the best CV score and C. needed for human-comparison
print( "Top CV score for complexity parameter of L2 Regularization: " +
     str(best cv) + ", constant C of: " + str(top C))
fig = plt.figure() #initialize plot
ax1 = fig.add_subplot() #add subplot
ax1.plot(vary, scores)
plt.xscale("log") #make x-axis on logarithmic scale
#set axis labels
ax1.set_xlabel('L2 Regularization Constant')
ax1.set ylabel('MNLR Model Accuracy')
return
```

Johnathan's function above compartmentalizes all the necessary steps, so now we just have to pass it the values we want to try. Johnathan got most of these C values to try from the professor and from reading some documentation.



#### **Explanation/Justification for Chosen L2 Regularization Constant (Johnathan):**

We will choose our our level of **L2 regularization** according to the **maximum accuracy** for **minimum complexity** paradigm, meaning we do *not* want to compromise on **model accuracy**, but we do not want an overly complex model that will suffer from overfitting.

As shown in the plot above, performance with the **training data** peaks with a constant of **1.0**, but this constant might give our model too much leeway to fit different curves to the training data and thus result overfitting.

We will use **0.01** as our constant because it gives the model enough flexibility to be accurate with the training data, but will lower the risk of overfitting because we are still regularizing our model significantly. Johnathan settled on 0.01 essentially through trial-and-error on a logarithmic scale for C. As we can see this constant still has about **92.5% accuracy**, which is promising for our model.

Keeping the paradigm in mind, we will choose the **lowest number** of layers that still has **high accuracy**. The lowest number of layers is, of course, one, but the model simply does not score as well for that level of **max\_depth**, as shown in the plot above.

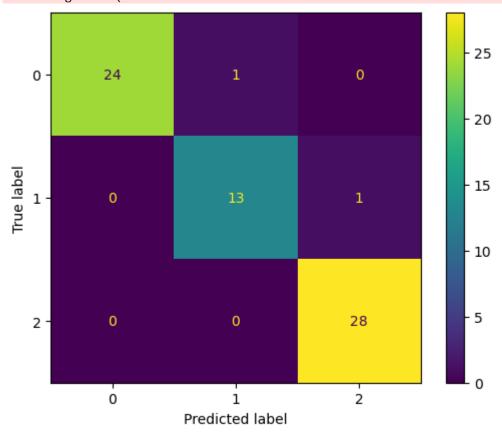
Now we have a best complexity parameter for the L2 regularization constant for our **multinomoial logistic regression model:** 0.01! On-to modeling.

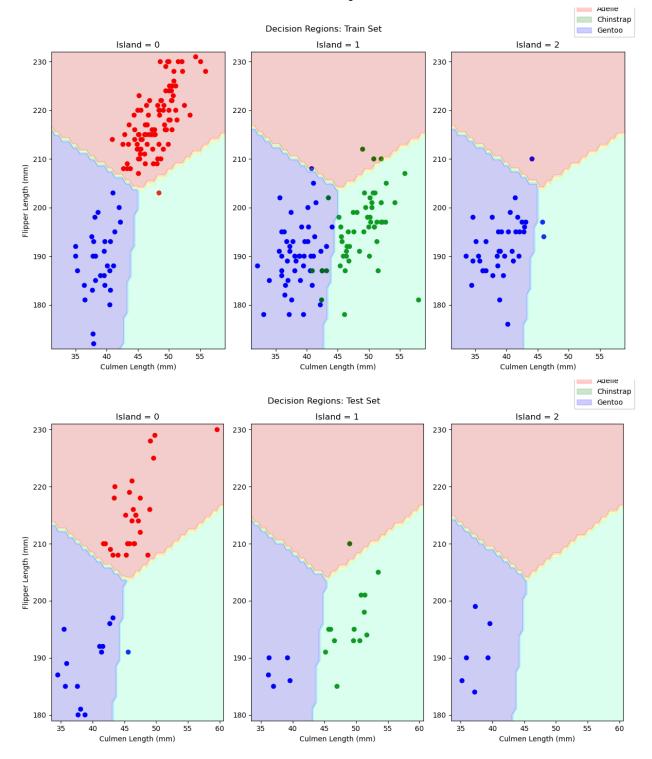
Okay, we have our best complexity parameter for regularizing our **multinomoial logistic regression** model: 1! On-to modeling.

# **MODEL #1: Multinomial Logistic Regression**

test ML score: 0.9701492537313433

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ature names, but LogisticRegression was fitted without feature names
 warnings.warn(





#### Multinomial Regression Model Performance Discussion: (Johnathan and Emily)

The score of the scaled multinomial logistic regression model is about 97% in terms of accuracy.

Despite our best efforts to regularize our multinomial regression model, it does suffer from a bit of overfitting. This overfitting limits the value of our model at measurements especially close to the decision boundaries, as penguins with features close to these boundaries might be mistaken for the wrong species.

The **confusion matrix** of the scaled multinomial logistic regression model indicates that the number of true positive values is 24, meaning the model accurately predicted 24 values. There is

1 false negative value and 0 false positive values. However, there are 42 true negative values, meaning the model accurately predicted these values as well.

While this shortcoming is non-ideal, it interestingly only matters a great deal depending on the island from which a penguin comes. We can notice this trend when we look at the proximity of species near the central **decision boundaries** on the island of Torgensen. Without more data from this island, the model was not able to learn the subtleties of the penguin population there well enough for accurate prediction with the test set.

While it is not totally clear why this learning gap exists, it may very well be that in the training data there was mostly one species found on the island of Torgensen (see exploratory analysis above). Still, our model is quite successful at distinguishing penguins on different islands, proving the usefulness of multinomial regression for this problem.

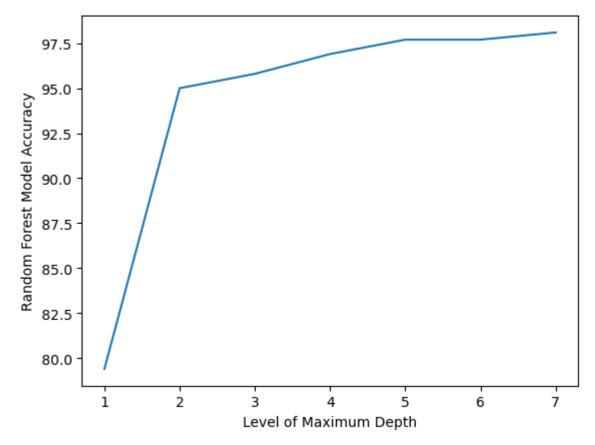
# **MODEL #2: Complexity**

**Cross Validation for max\_depth Complexity Hyperparameter (Johnathan)** 

Here, we will cross-validate against different levels of **max\_depth** to find the best level for our **random forest model**.

```
def M2cross_val(X, y, vary): #Johnathan
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            This function will run cross validation for our second model to determine the
            best level for complexity parameter C. (specialized for random forest model)
            param: X Training data.
            param: y Target data.
            param: vary List containing values for complexity parameter to test on.
            returns: The best value for the complexity parameter.
            best cv = 0 #initialize values for cross-validation
            top D = None
            scores = []
            for d in vary:
             #instantiate model with our a possible max depth
             CV score me = RandomForestClassifier(max depth=d, random state=0)
             CV score me.fit(X, y) #fit the model
             #run our cross validation score.
             cv = cross_val_score(CV_score_me, X, y, cv = 10).mean().round(3)
             scores.append(cv*100)
             #print nice message per cv score for easy reading
             print( "CV score for complexity parameter of C=" + str(d) + ": " + str(cv))
             if cv > best cv: #if we found a better C value
               best cv = cv #new cross-validation score
               top D = d #new depth value
```

Johnathan's function above compartmentalizes all the necessary steps, so now we just have to pass it the values we want to try. Johnathan got these **max\_depth** values from lecture where we discussed that more than 3 levels in a decision tree/random forest model is not necessarily a good idea...



#### Explanation/Justification for Chosen max\_depth: (Johnathan)

We will choose our our level of **max\_depth** according to the **maximum accuracy** for **minimum complexity** paradigm, meaning we do *not* want to compromise on **model accuracy**, but we do not want an overly complex model that will suffer from overfitting.

As shown in the plot above, performance with the **training data** tops out at around **four levels**. However, such a choice for **max\_depth** would like result in an over-complicated model that will not generalize to new data well.

Keeping the paradigm in mind, we will choose the **lowest number** of layers that still has **high accuracy**. The lowest number of layers is, of course, one, but the model simply does not score as well for that level of **max\_depth**, as shown in the plot above.

What about **two** layers? At about 2 layers, accuracy is still high (within **2.5%** of overall highest) and two layers is still simple enough to avoid overfitting as best we can. Thus, use a model with a max\_depth of **two**, balancing simplicity and generalization to testing.

Now we have a best complexity parameter for the maximum depth of our **random forest model:** TWO layers! On-to modeling.

# **MODEL #2: Random Forest Classifier**

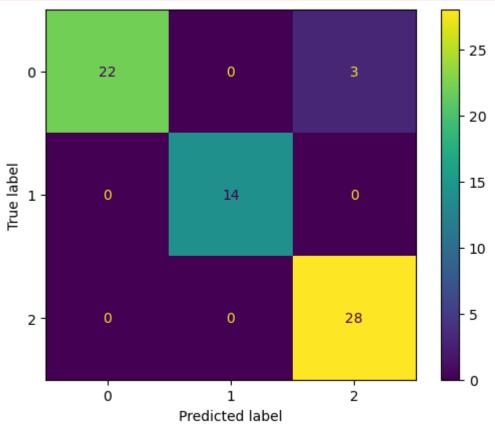
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

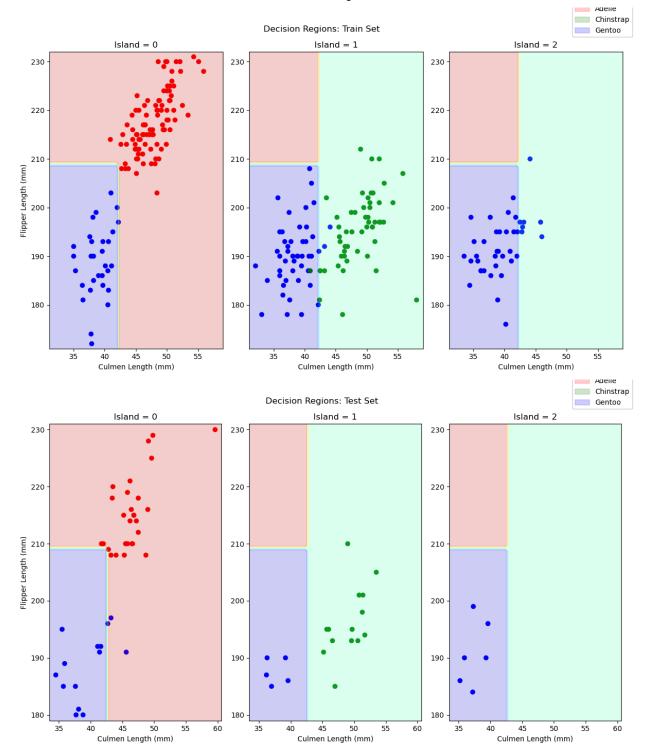
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#### SCALED:

test\_ML\_score: 0.9552238805970149

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ature names, but RandomForestClassifier was fitted without feature names
 warnings.warn(





#### Random Forest Model Performance Discussion: (Johnathan and Emily)

The score of the scaled multinomial logistic regression model is about **96%** in terms of accuracy.

All things considered, our **Random Forest** model performed quite well, with only a few misfires. These misfires accompanied close measurement in **culmen length**. This shortcoming makes sense, as culmen length varies a great deal species to species, but there is a lot of overlap in the midranges of this measure.

The **confusion matrix** of the scaled multinomial logistic regression model indicates that the number of true positive values is 22, meaning the model accurately predicted 22 values. There are 3 false negative values and 0 false positive values. However, there are 42 true negative values, meaning the model accurately predicted these values as well.

Our **random forest** uses an amalgamation of many smaller models (each its own randomly generated decision tree model). These many random trees come together to make an "average" decision about all the data.

This feature allows the model to benefit from the idea that the **average of many estimates** being better than **most single estimates** (as the number of estimates increases, so does the likelihood that the *average* estimate is close to the actual **target value**).

However, the many different models, the overall **decision region border** hold more subtleties (jaggedness) than other models might. That being said, the model is still useful due to its general accuracy.

# **General Discussion: (Johnathan)**

Sadly, the multinomial regression model has some overfitting, which limits the usefulness of our model. If we included data with more variance we might be able to reduce this, or if we simply had a better means of regularizing our model (better than L2 regularization perhaps).

As stated above, it seems prudent to include more varied data from the island of Torgensen, specifically, because the penguins there appear to have a lot of similar measurements for the included features of culmen length and flipper length. It would also make sense to simply examine other features for the penguins that live on the island of Torgensen.

As the random forest predictions derive from the collective learning of myriad smaller decision trees, this model could learn the nuances of the many subsets of the data to make the best model possible. Though, as previously stated, this can result in too much subtlety, and cause some overfitting. With fewer features, it might be possible to reduce this problem.

The random forest model has fewer misfires, it seems like it is the better model for the three selected features, though perhaps these three are not the ideal set of features to select in the first place (using a logistic regression model is not without its faults, such as difficulty balancing overfitting).

As far as different features to include, it would be prudent to include different features that have less clustering around mid-range values for each species, as culmen length did unfortunately. Such useful features might include body mass, which for this dataset, appears to have more variance than the feature used for prediction here.

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