

# The predictive modeling pipeline

Transfer the questions from here to the exercise document and decide how they should be solved

## Startup

Setup: <https://github.com/INRIA/scikit-learn-mooc/blob/main/local-install-instructions.md>

Open jupyter lab from an (anaconda) shell

```
conda activate scikit-learn-course
jupyter lab
```

Then open the notebook from there.

Introduce the notebook and live coding

- I will walk through the notebook and explain as I type
- You have to slow me down when I am too fast (also the helper!); ask questions anytime
- We'll have exercises
- The collaborative document keeps track of the code in case you fall behind

## Objectives

- build intuitions about an unknown dataset
- identify and differentiate numerical and categorical features
- create an advanced predictive pipeline with scikit-learn

## (1) Tabular data exploration

### First look at our dataset

Necessary steps before any machine learning happens:

- load the data
- look at the variables in the dataset: numerical vs categorical variables --> they need different processing
- visualize the distribution of the variables to gain insights into the dataset

### Loading the adult census dataset

- see openml website: <https://www.openml.org/search?type=data&sort=runs&id=1590&status=active>

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
```

```
In [2]: adult_census = pd.read_csv("../datasets/adult-census.csv")
```

**Goal:** we would like to predict whether a person earns more than 50k a year from data such as

- age
- employment
- education
- family information

### The variables in the dataset

- `pandas` dataframe = data composed of 2 dimensions. "tabular data"
  - one row = one "sample" // "record", "instance", "observation"
  - one column = attribute of the observation // "variable", "attribute", "covariate"

```
In [3]: adult_census.head()
```

Out[3]:

	age	workclass	education	education-num	marital-status	occupation	relationship	race	sex	capital-gain	capital-loss	hours-per-week	native-country	class
0	25	Private	11th	7	Never-married	Machine-op-inspct	Own-child	Black	Male	0	0	40	United-States	<=5
1	38	Private	HS-grad	9	Married-civ-spouse	Farming-fishing	Husband	White	Male	0	0	50	United-States	<=5
2	28	Local-gov	Assoc-acdm	12	Married-civ-spouse	Protective-serv	Husband	White	Male	0	0	40	United-States	>5
3	44	Private	Some-college	10	Married-civ-spouse	Machine-op-inspct	Husband	Black	Male	7688	0	40	United-States	>5
4	18	?	Some-college	10	Never-married	?	Own-child	White	Female	0	0	30	United-States	<=5

- column `class` is the *target variable* -- variable we want to predict
- binary prediction: `class` has two possible values
- we will use the remaining columns as input variables for the models

Let's see the distribution over the two classes with the `value_counts()` method.

```
In [4]: target_column = "class"
adult_census[target_column].value_counts()
```

```
Out[4]: class
<=50K    37155
>50K     11687
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Class imbalance in the outcome variable

- needs special techniques for predictive modeling (intuition: model ignores small groups because they are less important in the objective function)
- example: medical setting with rare diseases

Column types

- numerical -- continuous values
- categorical -- finite number of values

**NOTE** copy-paste the code below  $\rightarrow$  inform helper

```
In [5]: numerical_columns = [
        "age",
        "education-num",
        "capital-gain",
        "capital-loss",
        "hours-per-week",
    ]
categorical_columns = [
    "workclass",
    "education",
    "marital-status",
    "occupation",
    "relationship",
    "race",
    "sex",
    "native-country",
]
```

```
In [6]: all_columns = numerical_columns + categorical_columns + [target_column]
```

```
In [7]: # let's just make sure we only have the cells we are interested in
adult_census = adult_census[all_columns]
```

```
In [8]: adult_census.shape
```

```
Out[8]: (48842, 14)
```

```
In [9]: # Check the number of observations and number of columns
# print(
#     f"The dataset contains {adult_census.shape[0]} samples and "
```

```
# f"{adult_census.shape[1]} columns"
# )
```

**NOTE** Explain what `df.shape` does

```
In [10]: ?adult_census.shape
```

```
In [11]: # since 1 column is the dataset, we can count the number of features as
# print(f"The dataset contains {adult_census.shape[1] - 1} features.")
```

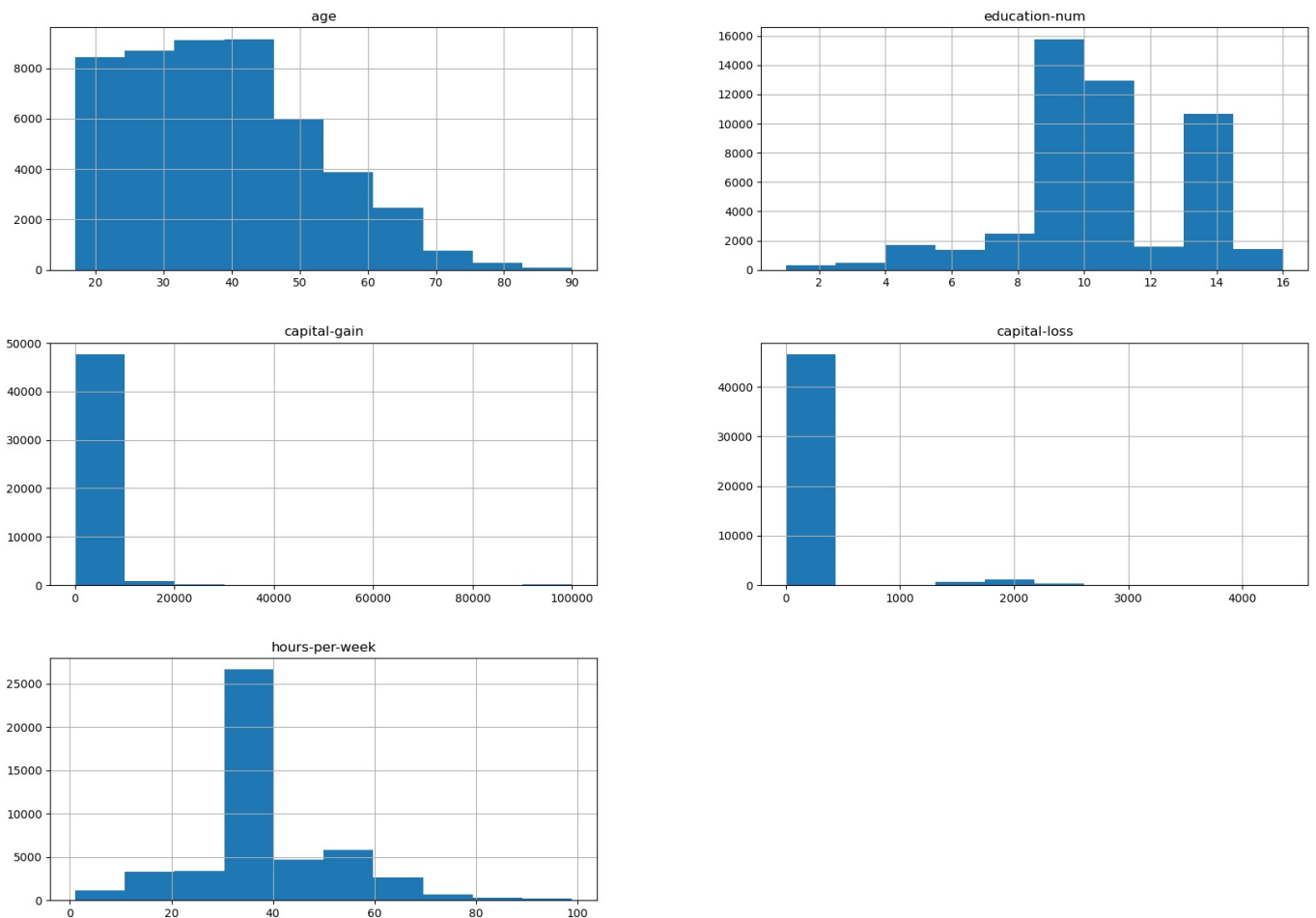
## Visually inspecting the data

Good idea to look at the data before building a predictive model

- maybe the task does not need ML (example??)
- check the information necessary for the task is in the data
- find data peculiarities: missing data, capped values, ...

**NOTE** First run without the `_ =` to show its impact. "garbage variable" we don't need

```
In [12]: _ = adult_census.hist(figsize=(20, 14))
```



What have we done?

- `hist` creates a histogram. It is built-in to the dataframe object and makes one histogram per numerical variable. Convenient for quickly exploring data
- the x axis shows the values of the variable and the y axis shows the number of samples in each bin of x

**Call-out** What do we see in these histograms?

- "age": few data beyond 70. reason: data filtered `hours-per-week > 0` (data description)
- "education-num": peak around 10-13, but unclear where exactly
- "hours-per-week": peak at 40 -- standard number of hours worked at the time when data were collected
- "capital-gain", "capital-loss": most values close to 0.

For categorical variables, look at the distribution as follows

```
In [13]: adult_census["sex"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[13]: sex
      Male      32650
      Female    16192
Name: count, dtype: int64

(Explain the output: name , dtype .)
```

### Class imbalance in the features

- many more men than women (-- perhaps b/c hours-per-week > 0?)
- this can lead to disproportionate prediction errors for under-represented groups -- fairness problems in ML when systems deployed naively
- fairlearn.org: learn more about making ML fair across social groups. <https://fairlearn.org/>

```
In [14]: adult_census["education"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[14]: education
HS-grad      15784
Some-college 10878
Bachelors     8025
Masters       2657
Assoc-voc     2061
11th          1812
Assoc-acdm    1601
10th          1389
7th-8th        955
Prof-school    834
9th           756
12th           657
Doctorate      594
5th-6th        509
1st-4th        247
Preschool       83
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

What is the relation between `education` and `education-num` ?

```
In [15]: pd.crosstab(
        index=adult_census["education"], columns=adult_census["education-num"]
    )
```

```
Out[15]: education-num  1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16
education
10th      0   0   0   0   0 1389   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
11th      0   0   0   0   0   0 1812   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
12th      0   0   0   0   0   0   0 657   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
1st-4th    0 247   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
5th-6th    0   0 509   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
7th-8th    0   0   0 955   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
9th        0   0   0   0 756   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
Assoc-acdm 0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 1601   0   0   0   0
Assoc-voc   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 2061   0   0   0   0   0
Bachelors   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 8025   0   0   0
Doctorate   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 594
HS-grad     0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 15784   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
Masters     0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 2657   0   0
Preschool   83   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
Prof-school 0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 834   0
Some-college 0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0 10878   0   0   0   0   0   0
```

What do we see?

- entries in `education` and `education-num` correspond exactly to each other
  - they give us the same information
- --> we can remove `education-num` without losing information

Let's do this for future reference

NOTE: do not drop "education-num" already; it's used below for the pairplot

We can also inspect the data with a pairplot, and show how each variable differs according to the target variable.

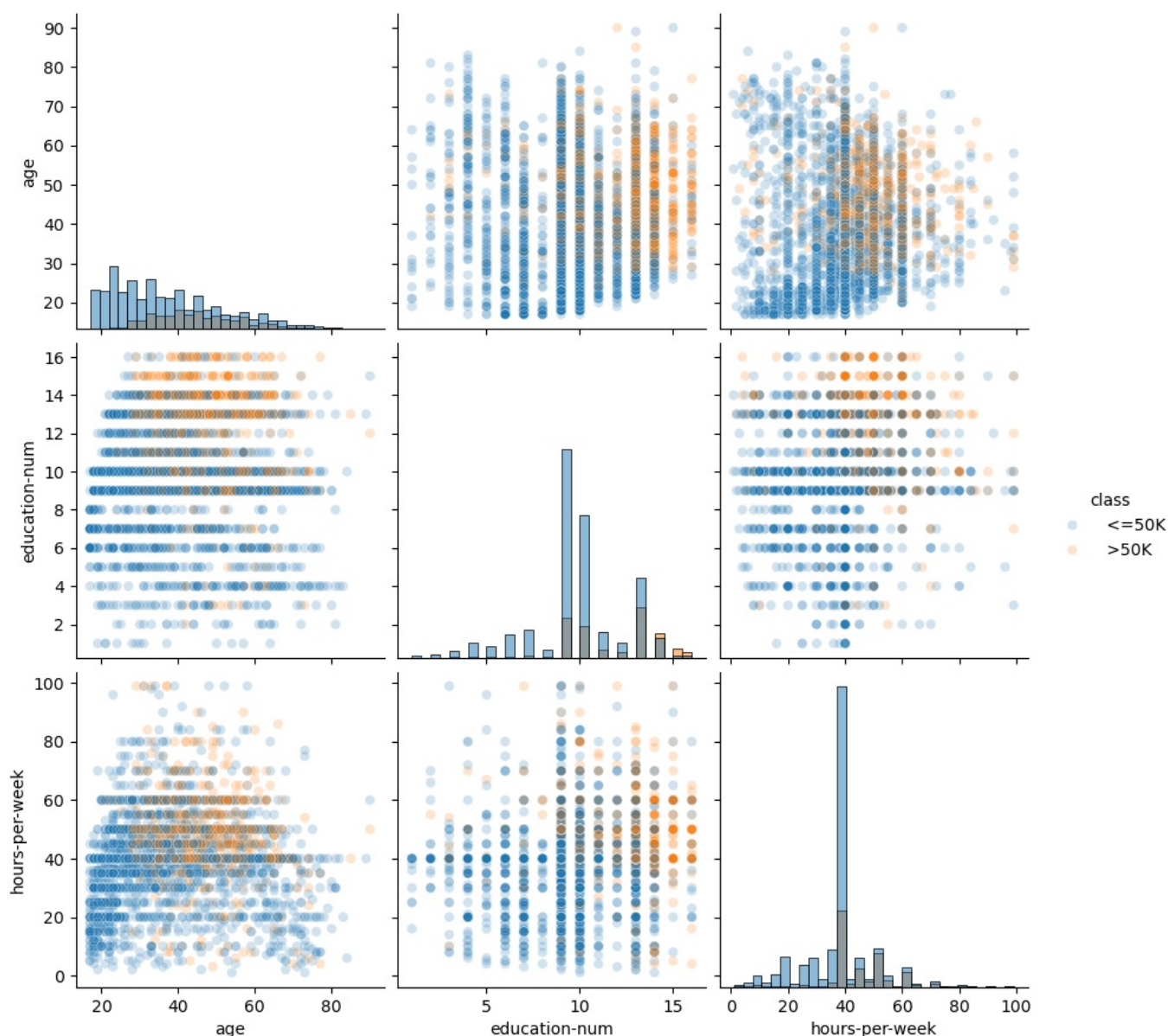
NOTE copy-paste the code below

Note to helper

Copy the code for creating the plots into the collaborative document. Since our course is on ML and not on plotting, we don't want to spend time on explaining this code.

In [16]: `import seaborn as sns`

```
# We will plot a subset of the data to keep the plot readable and make the
# plotting faster
n_samples_to_plot = 5000
columns = ["age", "education-num", "hours-per-week"]
_ = sns.pairplot(
    data=adult_census[:n_samples_to_plot],
    vars=columns,
    hue=target_column,
    plot_kws={"alpha": 0.2},
    height=3,
    diag_kind="hist",
    diag_kws={"bins": 30},
)
```



Call-out: what do we see?

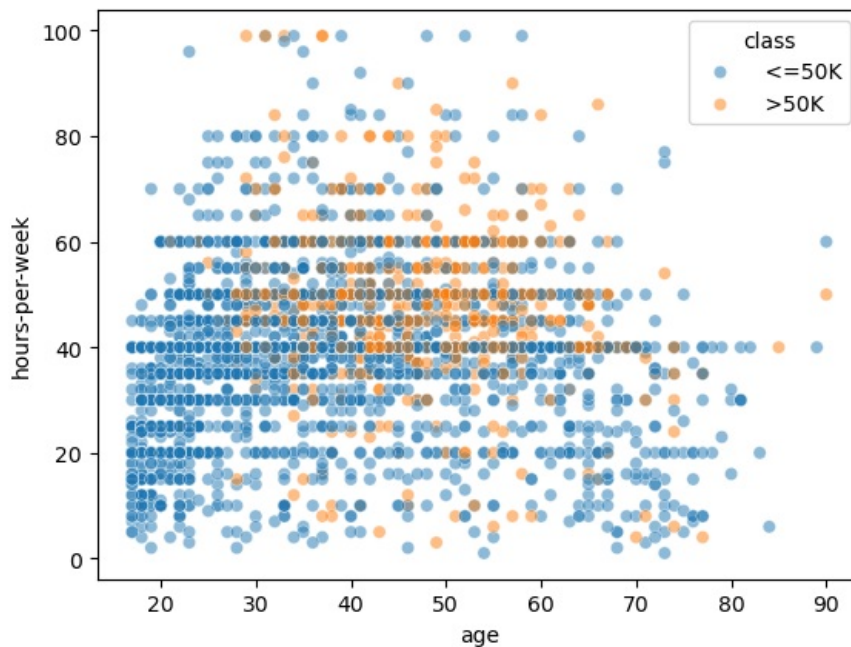
- the colors: blue -- below 50k, red above 50k
- in the diagonal: histograms separately by class in the target
- in the off-diagonal: scatter plots between variables. what do they show? -- correlations between the variables, and how they relate to the outcome/target variable.

## Creating decision rules by hand

From the previous plot (bottom left): create some rule by hand with the `hours-per-week` and `age` features

**NOTE** copy-paste the code below

```
In [17]: _ = sns.scatterplot(
    x="age",
    y="hours-per-week",
    data=adult_census[:n_samples_to_plot],
    hue=target_column,
    alpha=0.5,
)
```



**Explain this on the board if possible**

- young people, below 27, almost all have low income
- above 27, there seem to be 2 groups
  - those with low hours per week, say below 40, have low income
  - those with hours 40 or more, the prediction is much less clear
- we will see later that some methods -- decision tree -- work similar to what we did here, but they select the thresholds automatically (and in an optimal way)
- moreover, ML is handy precisely in cases where it's not obvious to the human eye
  - like in the last group above
  - or when there are many features

**In sum**

- ML automatically creates the rules from the existing data to make predictions on new unseen data.

**Wrap-up: important observations**

- if target is imbalanced, special techniques are necessary for training and evaluating the model
- redundant (highly correlated) features can be a problem for some ML algorithms

## Exercise M1.01: exploring a dataset

**Questions:** see the exercise document, header "Data exploration"

**Solutions**

```
In [18]: penguins = pd.read_csv("../datasets/penguins_classification.csv")
```

```
In [19]: penguins.head()
```

```
Out[19]:
```

	Culmen Length (mm)	Culmen Depth (mm)	Species
0	39.1	18.7	Adelie
1	39.5	17.4	Adelie
2	40.3	18.0	Adelie
3	36.7	19.3	Adelie
4	39.3	20.6	Adelie

```
In [20]: rows, ncols = penguins.shape
print(f"The data have {rows} rows and {ncols} cols")
```

The data have 342 rows and 3 cols

**(1) How many features are numerical? How many features are categorical?**

features

- culmen length and depth are numerical
- (species is the outcome and is categorical -- to the extent this is considered a feature)

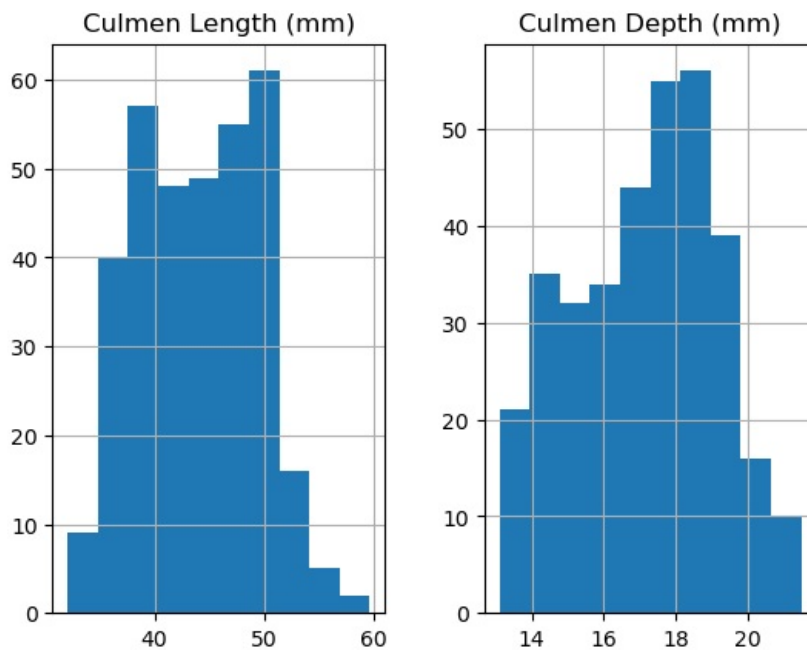
**(2) What are the different penguins species available in the dataset and how many samples of each species are there?**

```
In [21]: target_column = "Species"
penguins[target_column].value_counts()
```

```
Out[21]: Species
Adelie      151
Gentoo      123
Chinstrap    68
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

**(3) Plot histograms for the numerical features**

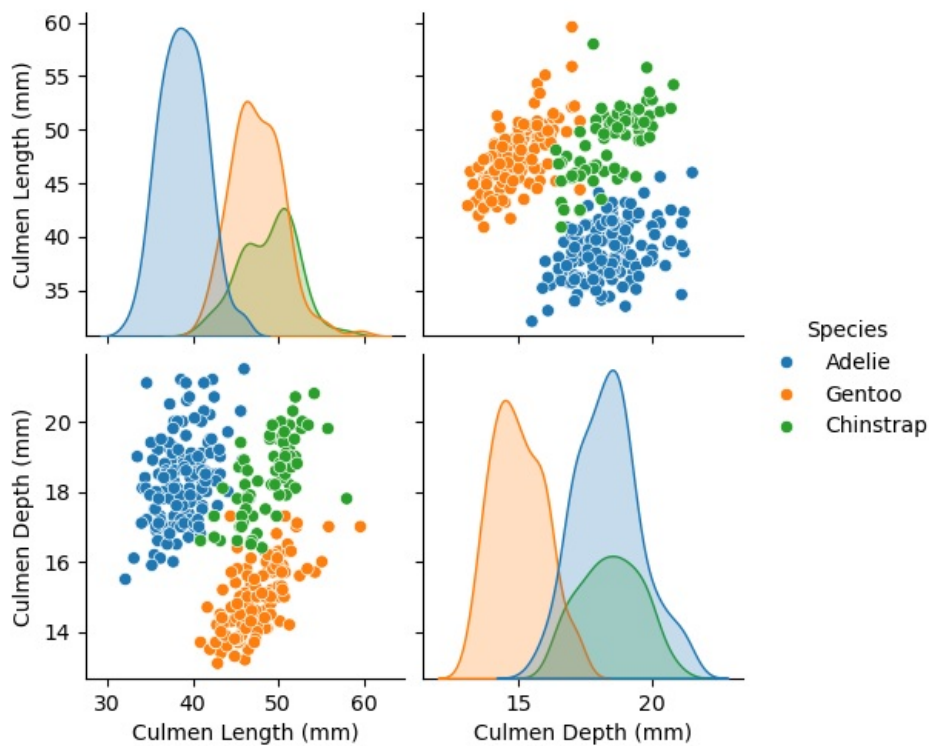
```
In [22]: _ = penguins.hist()
```



**(4) Plot features distribution for each class (Hint: use `seaborn.pairplot` ).**

```
In [23]: # We will plot a subset of the data to keep the plot readable and make the
# plotting faster
_ = sns.pairplot(penguins, hue="Species")
```





(5) Looking at the distributions you got, how hard do you think it will be to classify the penguins only using "culmen depth" and "culmen length"?

It looks like classification should not be too hard -- the groups seem well separated from each other based on the numerical features

## (2) Handling categorical data, encoding

### Before we start

- make sure everyone has the collaborative document for day 2 open
- coffee: use the one in the pots on the table (also water)
  - if everyone uses the machine, there won't be coffee left for our colleagues
- go through feedback

### Encoding of categorical variables

**Question to audience**: what are examples of categorical data?

- gender
- place of work
- ...

```
In [24]: import os
os.getcwd()
```

```
Out[24]: '/home/flavio/repositories/teaching/sklearn-2023/scikit-learn-mooc/teaching'
```

```
In [25]: adult_census = pd.read_csv("../datasets/adult-census.csv")
```

```
In [26]: # drop duplicated column
adult_census = adult_census.drop(columns="education-num")
```

```
In [27]: target_name = "class"
target = adult_census[target_name]
data = adult_census.drop(columns=[target_name])
```

### Identify categorical variables

they are different from the numerical variables

- they are often encoded as strings
- they have a finite set of different values

Explain what the command below does



- `value_counts()` : counts occurrences of each group
- `sort_index()` : sorts by index, here the index is native-country (this index is created by the preceding function)

```
In [28]: data["native-country"].value_counts().sort_index()
```

```
Out[28]: native-country
?                857
Cambodia         28
Canada          182
China           122
Columbia         85
Cuba            138
Dominican-Republic 103
Ecuador          45
El-Salvador     155
England         127
France           38
Germany         206
Greece           49
Guatemala        88
Haiti            75
Holand-Netherlands 1
Honduras         20
Hong            30
Hungary          19
India           151
Iran             59
Ireland          37
Italy           105
Jamaica          106
Japan            92
Laos             23
Mexico          951
Nicaragua        49
Outlying-US(Guam-USVI-etc) 23
Peru             46
Philippines     295
Poland           87
Portugal         67
Puerto-Rico     184
Scotland         21
South           115
Taiwan           65
Thailand         30
Trinidad&Tobago  27
United-States   43832
Vietnam          86
Yugoslavia       23
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

we can recognize categorical columns with the data type

```
In [29]: data.dtypes
```

```
Out[29]: age                int64
workclass                object
education                object
marital-status           object
occupation               object
relationship             object
race                    object
sex                     object
capital-gain             int64
capital-loss             int64
hours-per-week           int64
native-country           object
dtype: object
```

the variable `"native-country"` is data type `object` -- this means it contains string values

Instead of manually selecting the columns, we can use the scikit-learn helper function `make_column_selector`. It allows us to select columns based on the data type

```
In [30]: from sklearn.compose import make_column_selector as selector
```

```
categorical_columns_selector = selector(dtype_include=object)#create the selector and pass argument about which
categorical_columns = categorical_columns_selector(data)# returns a list of column names that satisfy the specification in the selector
```

```
Out[30]: ['workclass',
          'education',
          'marital-status',
          'occupation',
          'relationship',
          'race',
          'sex',
          'native-country']
```

Now we can select the columns in the original data set

```
In [31]: data_categorical = data[categorical_columns]
data_categorical.head()
```

```
Out[31]:
```

	workclass	education	marital-status	occupation	relationship	race	sex	native-country
0	Private	11th	Never-married	Machine-op-inspct	Own-child	Black	Male	United-States
1	Private	HS-grad	Married-civ-spouse	Farming-fishing	Husband	White	Male	United-States
2	Local-gov	Assoc-acdm	Married-civ-spouse	Protective-serv	Husband	White	Male	United-States
3	Private	Some-college	Married-civ-spouse	Machine-op-inspct	Husband	Black	Male	United-States
4	?	Some-college	Never-married	?	Own-child	White	Female	United-States

```
In [32]: print(f"The dataset is composed of {data_categorical.shape[1]} features")
```

The dataset is composed of 8 features

Now that we have the columns ready, we can look at different strategies to encode categorical data into numerical data, which are suited for machine learning

## Strategies to encode categories

### Encoding ordinal categories

Most intuitive: just assign a different number to each category. We can do this with the `OrdinalEncoder`.

```
In [33]: from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder

education_column = data_categorical[["education"]]

encoder = OrdinalEncoder().set_output(transform="pandas") # we set the output to pandas dataframe
education_encoded = encoder.fit_transform(education_column)
# fit_transform first fits (=detects unique values and assigns them a number), and then transforms the input
# we could also only fit, and then transform a new dataset

education_encoded
```

```
Out[33]:
```

	education
0	1.0
1	11.0
2	7.0
3	15.0
4	15.0
...	...
48837	7.0
48838	11.0
48839	11.0
48840	11.0
48841	11.0

48842 rows × 1 columns

```
In [34]: # ?OrdinalEncoder.set_output
```

We can see which values of the original columns receive which number -- starting at 0 and counting through. For example, the first row was "11th", and now is 1.0. Thus, "11th" is mapped to 1.0.

```
In [35]: encoder.categories_
```

```
Out[35]: [array([' 10th', ' 11th', ' 12th', ' 1st-4th', ' 5th-6th', ' 7th-8th',
        ' 9th', ' Assoc-acdm', ' Assoc-voc', ' Bachelors', ' Doctorate',
        ' HS-grad', ' Masters', ' Preschool', ' Prof-school',
        ' Some-college'], dtype=object)]
```

```
In [36]: # apply the encoding to all categorical features
data_encoded = encoder.fit_transform(data_categorical)
data_encoded[:5] # show the first five rows
```

```
Out[36]:
```

	workclass	education	marital-status	occupation	relationship	race	sex	native-country
0	4.0	1.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	39.0
1	4.0	11.0	2.0	5.0	0.0	4.0	1.0	39.0
2	2.0	7.0	2.0	11.0	0.0	4.0	1.0	39.0
3	4.0	15.0	2.0	7.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	39.0
4	0.0	15.0	4.0	0.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	39.0

```
In [37]: print(f"The dataset encoded contains {data_encoded.shape[1]} features")
```

The dataset encoded contains 8 features

Observations

- each feature was encoded independently
- the number of features remains the same

**leave the below out -- see exercise instead** One needs to be careful when applying this encoding strategy

- the numbering implies that the values are ordered, for instance  $0 < 1 < 2 < \dots$
- however, depending on the model we use, this can be misleading.
- first, the order may not be what we want. for instance, suppose we have a "size" variable with categories "S", "M", "L", "XL". The encoder would assign the values 2, 1, 0, 3 to these groups, following alphabetical order.
- for this case, one can specify the ordering explicitly. see here: <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html#encoding-categorical-features>
- second, sometimes having a number does not even make sense, like in variable "native-country".

(difficult to explain, leave out) moreover, it implies that changing from one neighboring category to the next is always the same "amount of change". this may make sense in some cases, but for instance for the country of origin

### Exercise: ordinal encoding

header "ordinal encoding" in exercise document

Answers:

- A1: Only education (in fact, the encoder was already present in the data set as education-num), as this is the only one that can be expressed as an incremental feature
- A2: Examples could be:
  - Alphabetized: US grading system: A, B, C, D, F
  - Not alphabetized: clothing sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL
- A3: Would not be in correct order (it's alphabetized).
- A4: top of documentation will tell you to use the `categories` argument with a list in the correct order

```
ordered_size_list = ['XS', 'S', 'M', 'L', 'XL', 'XXL']
encoder_with_order = OrdinalEncoder(categories=ordered_size_list)
```

- A5: US grading scheme is alphabetical to begin with (A,B,C,D,F)

### Encoding nominal categories -- without assuming any order

This is an alternative encoder. It prevents the model from making false assumptions about the ordering of the categories.

-> `OneHotEncoder`

Encoding this way will create one new column for each category of a variable, containing 0 s and 1 s.

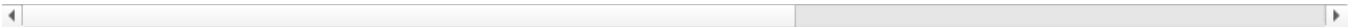
```
In [38]: from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder

encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse_output=False).set_output(transform="pandas")
# NOTE: we use sparse_output=False for illustration. In practice, it's better to use sparse_output=True, which
education_encoded = encoder.fit_transform(education_column)
education_encoded
```

Out[38]:

	education_10th	education_11th	education_12th	education_1st-4th	education_5th-6th	education_7th-8th	education_9th	education_Assoc-acdm	education_Assoc-voc	education_Bachelors	education_6th-8th
0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48837	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
48838	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
48839	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
48840	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
48841	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

48842 rows × 16 columns



Comment

- each category has become a column. It includes 1 when the observation falls into that category
- could also use `education_encoded.describe()` to show values are always either 0/1

We can apply this encoding to the full dataset.

In [39]:

```
print(f"The dataset is composed of {data_categorical.shape[1]} features")
data_categorical.head()
```

The dataset is composed of 8 features

Out[39]:

	workclass	education	marital-status	occupation	relationship	race	sex	native-country
0	Private	11th	Never-married	Machine-op-inspct	Own-child	Black	Male	United-States
1	Private	HS-grad	Married-civ-spouse	Farming-fishing	Husband	White	Male	United-States
2	Local-gov	Assoc-acdm	Married-civ-spouse	Protective-serv	Husband	White	Male	United-States
3	Private	Some-college	Married-civ-spouse	Machine-op-inspct	Husband	Black	Male	United-States
4	?	Some-college	Never-married	?	Own-child	White	Female	United-States

In [40]:

```
data_encoded = encoder.fit_transform(data_categorical)
```

In [41]:

```
data_encoded[:5]
```

Out[41]:

	workclass_?	workclass_Federal-gov	workclass_Local-gov	workclass_Never-worked	workclass_Private	workclass_Self-emp-inc	workclass_Self-emp-not-inc	workclass_State-gov	workclass_Without-pay	education_10th	...
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...
2	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...
4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...

5 rows × 102 columns



In [42]:

```
print(f"The encoded dataset contains {data_encoded.shape[1]} features")
```

The encoded dataset contains 102 features

Notes

- the number of features is now much larger -- that is because some columns in the original data have many possible categories

Look at how the "workclass" variable of the 3 first records has been encoded and compare this to the original string representation.

In [43]:

```
data_categorical["workclass"].head()
```

```
Out[43]: 0      Private
          1      Private
          2      Local-gov
          3      Private
          4      ?
Name: workclass, dtype: object
```

### Choosing an encoding strategy **How to best teach this?**

- it depends on the model we used
  - for linear models, one typically uses `OneHotEncoder`
  - for tree-based models, one typically uses `OrdinalEncoder`

`OrdinalEncoder` outputs ordinal categories, so there is an order in the resulting categories ( $0 < 1 < 2$ ). Depending on the model, applying a Ordinal when categories are not ordered impacts linear models, but not tree-based models.

Using `OneHotEncoder` can cause computational inefficiency in linear models when there are many categories relative to the size of the dataset. Using `OrdinalEncoder` for a linear model is ok under some exceptions:

1. Original data have an ordering
2. The encoded categories follow the same ordering as the original categories -> see exercise what happens if this requirement is not met.

```
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### Evaluate our predictive pipeline

We can now integrate the encoded data into the machine learning model.

But first: to do some more wrangling with the `native-country` column

```
In [44]: data["native-country"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[44]: native-country
United-States      43832
Mexico              951
?                  857
Philippines        295
Germany            206
Puerto-Rico       184
Canada             182
El-Salvador        155
India              151
Cuba               138
England            127
China              122
South              115
Jamaica            106
Italy              105
Dominican-Republic 103
Japan              92
Guatemala          88
Poland             87
Vietnam            86
Columbia           85
Haiti              75
Portugal           67
Taiwan             65
Iran               59
Nicaragua          49
Greece             49
Peru               46
Ecuador            45
France             38
Ireland            37
Thailand           30
Hong               30
Cambodia           28
Trinidad&Tobago    27
Laos               23
Outlying-US(Guam-USVI-etc) 23
Yugoslavia         23
Scotland           21
Honduras           20
Hungary            19
Holand-Netherlands 1
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Problem: "Holand-Netherlands" only occurs once.

- if in test but not training data, then the model will not know what to do with it
- more generally, we can deal with small categories in different manners

We only discuss one option here: we set the parameter `handle_unknown="ignore"` . if the transformation encounters an unknown category, it assigns a 0 to all the one-hot encoded columns.

(like the case above when the "Holand-Netherlands" record is in the test, but not the training data.)

Now we can create the pipeline

```
In [45]: from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

model = make_pipeline(
    OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown="ignore"), LogisticRegression(max_iter=500)
) # need more iterations to fully converge
```

```
In [46]: from sklearn.model_selection import cross_validate

cv_results = cross_validate(model, data_categorical, target)
cv_results
# what is it doing under the hood?
# https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.model_selection.cross_validate.html
# implicitly, 5-fold cross-validation (meaning 20% of the dataset are held out for prediction, one record held out)
```

```
Out[46]: {'fit_time': array([0.40505147, 0.39612412, 0.34262705, 0.44488907, 0.42107081]),
'score_time': array([0.01761794, 0.01663733, 0.01618361, 0.02144527, 0.02207112]),
'test_score': array([0.83222438, 0.83560242, 0.82882883, 0.83312858, 0.83466421])}
```

```
In [47]: scores = cv_results["test_score"]
print(f"The accuracy is: {scores.mean():.3f} ± {scores.std():.3f}")
```

The accuracy is: 0.833 ± 0.002

We see that this prediction is slightly better than the prediction with the numerical variables we used before.

Transfer the questions from here to the exercise document and decide how they should be solved

## Exercise M1.04. Categorical data

For the questions, see the exercise document header in exercise document: The impact of using integer encoding for with logistic regression (groups of 2, 15min) [Flavio]"

```
In [48]: # Load dataset -- we've done that already before
# adult_census = pd.read_csv("../datasets/adult-census.csv")

# target_name = "clCategoricallass"
# target = adult_census[target_name]
# data = adult_census.drop(columns=[target_name, "education-num"])
```

(0) select all columns containing strings

```
In [49]: # keep only columns containing strings (with the `object` dtype
# from sklearn.compose import make_column_selector as selector

categorical_columns_selector = selector(dtype_include=object)
categorical_columns = categorical_columns_selector(data)
data_categorical = data[categorical_columns]
```

```
In [ ]:
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(1) Define scikit-learn pipeline composed of an `OrdinalEncoder` and a `LogisticRegression` classifier.

```
In [50]: # from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
# from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder
# from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

# Write your code here.
```

```
In [51]: # import numpy as np
model = make_pipeline(
    OrdinalEncoder(handle_unknown="use_encoded_value", unknown_value=-1),
    LogisticRegression(max_iter=500) # need more iterations to fully converge
)
# we need to choose values that do not already exist. -1 is an easy solution, since the encoder only uses posit.
# but it does not seem to make any difference to the out-of-sample prediction
```

## (2) Evaluate the model with cross-validation

```
In [52]: cv_results = cross_validate(model, data_categorical, target) # to see the trace, add error_score="raise"
scores = cv_results["test_score"]
print(
    "The mean cross-validation accuracy is: "
    f"{scores.mean():.3f} ± {scores.std():.3f}"
)
```

The mean cross-validation accuracy is: 0.755 ± 0.002

**(3) Compare the generalization performance to a new model where we use `OneHotEncoder` instead of the `OrdinalEncoder`. Compare the score of both models and conclude on the impact of choosing a specific encoding strategy when using a linear model.**

```
In [53]: model = make_pipeline(
    OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown="ignore"), LogisticRegression(max_iter=500) # need more iterations to fully converge
)

cv_results = cross_validate(model, data_categorical, target)
scores = cv_results["test_score"]
print(
    "The mean cross-validation accuracy is: "
    f"{scores.mean():.3f} ± {scores.std():.3f}"
)
```

The mean cross-validation accuracy is: 0.833 ± 0.002

What do we learn?

- using the `OrdinalEncoder` gives lower test performance: 0.75 instead of 0.83
- it's even worse than the dummy classifier that we did yesterday and that predicted a constant value (the majority class)
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Exercise (if time permits) Quiz: categorical and numerical variables

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