MACHINE LEARNING (MATH 2319)

Project Phase 1

Predicting Credit Risk Using German Credit Risk Data

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1. Introduction

1.1 Objective

The topic that has been chosen for this project is the 'German Credit Risk'. The objective, here, is to predict whether a person has good or bad credit risks, based on a set of attributes. The idea for this data has come from UCI Machine learning repository and the data has been sourced from Kaggle at 'https://www.kaggle.com/uciml/german-credit'. The requirements for this project are branched into two phases. The first phase concentrates on data analysis and preprocessing and provides a detailed descriptive statistical analysis of the data. The second phase will present different machine learning algorithms to demonstrate the best method. This report scrutinizes the phase 1 of the project, where section 2 covers the Data preprocessing part and section 3 covers the data exploration.

1.2 Dataset

The original data present in the UCI machine learning repository had many complicated categories and symbols and hence, the author has converted it into a readable CSV file by removing few columns with uncertain/unclear descriptions, and provided it in Kaggle as 'german_credit_data.csv'. The processed dataset has 1000 observations, 9 descriptive features and 1 target feature. For this phase, the analysis has been taken out on this dataset. In phase 2, a detailed performance analysis and comparison of the algorithms would be held.

1.2.1 Target Feature

The target feature for this dataset is 'Risk' variable. Risk has two categories and therefore, can be classified as binary. It is this variable that will define a 'good' or 'bad' credit for a person. The classification can be shown as-

1.2.2 Descriptive Feature

The description of the attributes that has been chosen for descriptive features are readily comprehensible and are as follows-

Age - numeric

Sex - text: male, female

Job - numeric: -0-unskilled and non-resident, 1-unskilled and resident, 2-skilled, 3-highly skilled

Housing - text: own, rent, or free

Saving accounts - text: little, moderate, guite rich, rich

Checking account - text: little, moderate, rich

Duration - numeric: in months

Purpose - text: car, furniture/equipment, radio/TV, domestic appliances, repairs, education, business, vacation/other.

2. Data Pre-processing

2.1 Preliminaries

Firstly, all the necessary python libraries have been imported. The dataset is downloaded and moved to the home directory and is, then read into python by using respective CSV command. The dataset is named as 'CreditData' for all the further analysis.

```
In [1]:  #Importing necessary libraries
    import pandas as pd
    import numpy as np
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import seaborn as sns
    import matplotlib.style as sty
    from pylab import rcParams
    import matplotlib
In [2]:  #Importing the dataset into Python environment
    CreditData = pd.read_csv('german_credit_data.csv')
```

2.2 Data Cleaning and Transformation

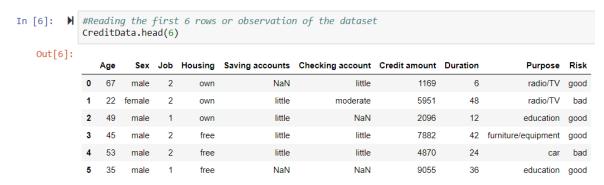
The dimensions and types of all the feature attributes have been checked in order to confirm whether it matches the description as mentioned in the source documentation.

```
In [3]: M print('Dimensions of the German Credit Risk Data', CreditData.shape) #Size of the dataset (No. of rows, No. of columns)
           ('Dimensions of the German Credit Risk Data', (1000, 10))
In [4]: ▶ # Exploring the concise summary of the dataset
            print(CreditData.dtypes)
                                  int64
                                 object
            Sex
            Job
                                  int64
            Housing
                                 object
            Saving accounts
                                 object
            Checking account
                                 object
            Credit amount
                                  int64
            Duration
                                  int64
            Purpose
                                 object
            Risk
                                 object
            dtype: object
```

Unique values are calculated to outline the number of different values/objects contained by each of the features in the dataset.

```
#Looking for the unique values
In [5]:
             print(CreditData.nunique())
                                   53
             Age
                                    2
             Sex
             Job
                                    4
             Housing
                                    3
             Saving accounts
                                    4
             Checking account
                                    3
             Credit amount
                                  921
             Duration
                                   33
             Purpose
                                    8
             Risk
                                    2
             dtype: int64
```

The head() function gave an overview, to check whether the dataset has been correctly read into the python environment. It clearly shows some NaN values for two of the features.

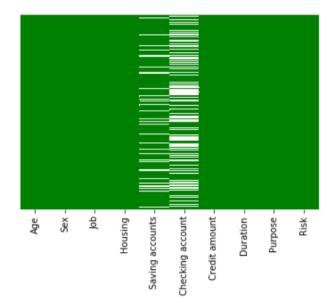


Hence, examined all those features that are having missing/NaN values, in the dataset. It is clear that only two of the features have missing/NaN values, i.e., 'Checking account' and 'Saving accounts'.

```
▶ # Finding columns that have maximum missing values-
In [7]:
            Total = CreditData.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
            Percent = (CreditData.isnull().sum()/CreditData.isnull().count()).sort_values(ascending=False)
            Missing_Data = pd.concat([Total, Percent], axis=1, keys=['Total','Percent'])
            print(Missing_Data)
                              Total Percent
            Checking account
            Saving accounts
                                       0.183
                                183
            Risk
                                       0.000
            Purpose
                                  0
                                       0.000
            Duration
                                       0.000
                                  0
            Credit amount
                                       0.000
            Housing
                                       0.000
            Job
                                  0
                                       0.000
            Sex
                                       0.000
                                       0.000
            Age
```

Alternatively, the missing values, in the dataset, can also be visualized using 'Heatmap'. The whitespaces in the Heatmap represents the missing values. The previous is preferred more as Heatmap doesn't give the exact number of missing values present.

Out[8]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x55aaba8>



Assumption on missing values: In general practice, the missing values are eliminated from the dataset. But here, looking practically, it is not always necessary that a person would have a 'Saving account'. Similarly, is the case with the 'Checking account'. A person can have either of the accounts. So, by taking this assumption into consideration, the 'NaN' values present in these two features have not been removed or imputed.

Also, on examining the dataset, it has been found that there are 'No Whitespaces' to be stripped from any of the observations.

2.2.1 Numerical Features

The summary statistics for the numerical features are calculated. The information that can be inferred from the output is that, the feature 'Job' should not be considered as a numerical attribute. Reason being, practically 'Job' can not have a summary statistic as shown below. 'Job' should be a categorical attribute. Whereas, all the other numerical features are showing relevant statistics that are in accordance with their observations/values.

```
print(CreditData.describe(include='int64'))
In [11]:
                                          Job Credit amount
                                                                  Duration
                             Age
             count 1000.000000
                                 1000.000000
                                                 1000.000000 1000.000000
                                                 3271.258000
                                                                 20.903000
             mean
                      35,546000
                                     1,904000
             std
                       11.375469
                                     0.653614
                                                 2822.736876
                                                                 12.058814
             min
                       19.000000
                                     0.000000
                                                  250.000000
                                                                 4.000000
             25%
                       27.000000
                                     2.000000
                                                 1365.500000
                                                                 12.000000
             50%
                       33.000000
                                     2.000000
                                                 2319.500000
                                                                 18.000000
             75%
                       42.000000
                                     2.000000
                                                 3972.250000
                                                                 24.000000
             max
                      75.000000
                                     3.000000
                                                18424.000000
                                                                 72.000000
```

2.2.2 Categorical Features

The previous code gave only the number of different values/objects present in each of the features. But for any categorical feature, it is important to know the names of the objects that define a particular attribute. So, for further references, the names of all those unique objects are shown in the output below, for each of the categorical features.

```
In [12]: ▶ #Checking for all the unique value in the categorical data
             categoricalcolumn = ['Sex','Housing','Saving accounts','Checking account','Purpose','Risk']
             for col in categoricalcolumn:
                 print('Unique values for ' + col)
                 print(CreditData[col].unique())
                 print('')
             Unique values for Sex
             ['male' 'female']
             Unique values for Housing
             ['own' 'free' 'rent']
             Unique values for Saving accounts
             [nan 'little' 'quite rich' 'rich' 'moderate']
             Unique values for Checking account
             ['little' 'moderate' nan 'rich']
             Unique values for Purpose
             ['radio/TV' 'education' 'furniture/equipment' 'car' 'business'
              'domestic appliances' 'repairs' 'vacation/others']
             Unique values for Risk
             ['good' 'bad']
```

2.2.3 Converting Numerical features into Categorical features (as per the requirement)

As discussed above, the descriptive feature 'Job' should be a categorical attribute instead of numerical. Hence, converting 'Job' into categories as-



Also, there is one more feature that can be categorized, i.e., 'Age'. Although it is not necessary to perform this task, but grouping 'Age' would be helpful for giving better insight while doing the descriptive statistical analysis or in other words, while visualizing the data.

```
In [13]: # Creating group on the basis of age
CreditData['Age_Group'] = np.nan
                       lst = [CreditData]
                        for col in 1st:
                              col.loc(col['Age'] > 18) & (col['Age'] <= 27), 'Age_Group'] = '18-27'
col.loc((col['Age'] > 28) & (col['Age'] <= 37), 'Age_Group'] = '28-37'
col.loc((col['Age'] > 38) & (col['Age'] <= 47), 'Age_Group'] = '38-47'
col.loc((col['Age'] > 48) & (col['Age'] <= 57), 'Age_Group'] = '48-57'
col.loc(col['Age'] > 58, 'Age_Group'] = '58+'
                       CreditData.head()
       Out[13]:
                                                                       Job Housing Saving accounts Checking account Credit amount Duration
                                                                                                                                                                                                Purpose Risk Age_Group
                             Age
                               67
                                       male
                                                                    Skilled
                                                                                                             NaN
                               22 female
                                                                    Skilled
                                                                                                                                                            5951
                                                                                                                                                                             48
                                                                                                                                                                                                                              18-27
                               49
                                     male Unskilled and Resident
                                                                                                             little
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                               45
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                               53
                                       male
                                                                    Skilled
                                                                                    free
                                                                                                             little
                                                                                                                                       little
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                                                                                                                                                                                                      car bad
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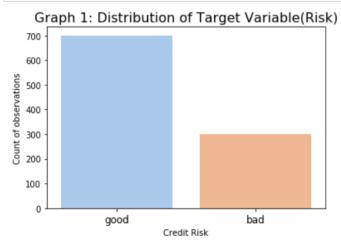
3. Data Exploration

3.1 Univariate Visualization

To apprehend the dataset statistically, countplot() is used for the categorical features and distplot() for the numerical feature, under the seaborn library. Also, for clearer visualization, pie chart is used for 'Age_Group' and 'Job' categorical features. Since the dataset contains only 1000 observations, countplot() is useful compared to barplot(), as countplot() represents the absolute count of observations for each of the categories under a categorical feature. The distplot() plots the histogram distribution for a numerical variable of the data. Pie chart is used as it gives the numerical proportion for a categorical variable.

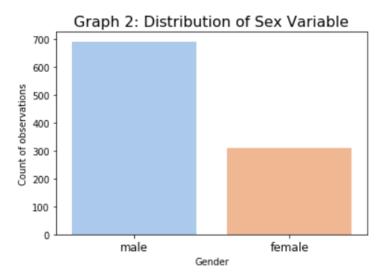
Graph 1 shows the target feature 'Risk', for the dataset. It can be seen that the people with good credit (approx. 700) are more in number as compared to that with bad credit (approx. 300).

```
In [14]: M sns.countplot('Risk',data = CreditData,palette="pastel")
    plt.title('Graph 1: Distribution of Target Variable(Risk)',fontsize=16)
    plt.ylabel('Count of observations')
    plt.xlabel('Credit Risk')
    plt.xticks(fontsize = 12)
    plt.show()
```



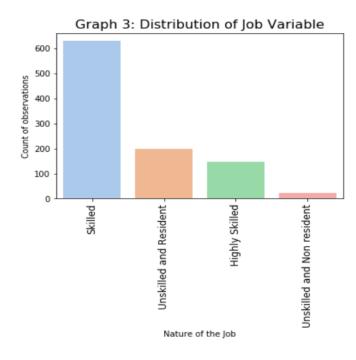
Graph 2 gives the count for the number of males and females for the dataset. With close to 700 count, the number of males are more than that of females with the count of \sim 300.

```
In [15]: In sns.countplot('Sex',data = CreditData,palette="pastel")
    plt.title('Graph 2: Distribution of Sex Variable',fontsize=16)
    plt.ylabel('Count of observations')
    plt.xlabel('Gender')
    plt.xticks(fontsize = 12)
    plt.show()
```

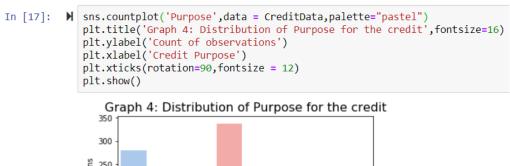


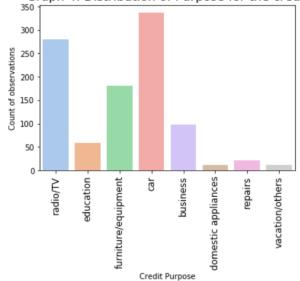
Graph 3 shows the nature of the 'Job' on which the people are classified. The highest number of people are employed under the 'Skilled' category (more than 600), whereas, the lowest are employed under the 'Unskilled and Non-resident' (~20).

```
In [16]: M sns.countplot('Job',data = CreditData,palette="pastel")
   plt.title('Graph 3: Distribution of Job Variable',fontsize=16)
   plt.xticks(rotation=90,fontsize = 12)
   plt.ylabel('Count of observations')
   plt.xlabel('Nature of the Job')
   plt.show()
```



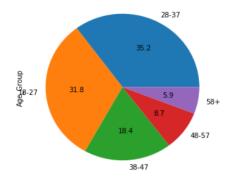
Graph 4 shows the distribution of various purposes for which the credit is taken. With near to 350 count followed by the count of ~270, it can be said that 'car' and 'radio/TV' are the most common reasons for taking the credits, respectively.





Graph 5, shows the proportional distribution of 'Age_Group'. The maximum number of populations in the dataset fall under the Age group of '28-37', as it has the highest percentage of 35.2%. The lowest number of people taking the credit are old-aged (58+) as it shares only 5.9% of the total.

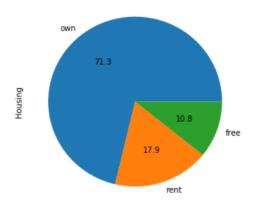
Graph 5: Pie Chart for Age Group in the Credit Dataset



Here, in Graph 6, it can be seen that maximum people owns properties/houses (with 71.3% of the total). Whereas, least number of people are staying for free (with 10.8%).

```
In [21]: M CreditData['Housing'].value_counts().plot(kind='pie',autopct='%.1f')
    plt.title('Graph 6: Pie Chart for the Housing variable in the Credit Dataset',fontsize=16)
    plt.show()
    rcParams['figure.figsize']= 5,5
```

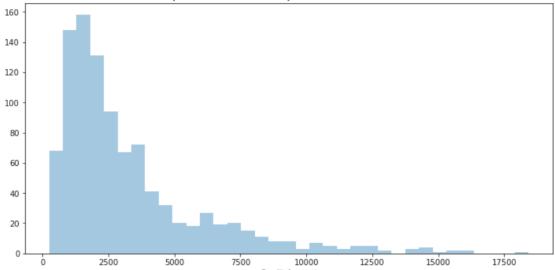
Graph 6: Pie Chart for the Housing variable in the Credit Dataset



From Graph 7, it is clear that the credit amount that is most commonly taken for any of the purposes, can be ranged between 'DM 1000 -DM 3000', approximately. It can also be said that, for the given dataset, the credit amount of more than DM 7500 are rarely been taken.

```
In [22]: N plt.figure(figsize = (12,6))
    plt.title('Graph 7: Distribution plot for Credit Amount',fontsize=16)
    sns.set_color_codes("colorblind")
    sns.distplot(CreditData['Credit amount'],kde=False)
    plt.xlabel('Credit Amount')
    plt.show()
```





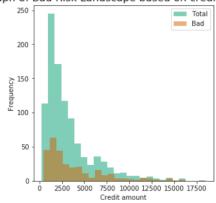
3.2 Multivariate Visualization

3.2.1 Numerical features segregated by Target feature 'Risk'

Graph 8 and Graph 9 shows that the histogram is right (positive) skewed, in other words, the mean is to the right of its median. Therefore, the bad credit will increase as the credit amount increases. Whereas, the good credit will still be categorized as good even though the credit amount increases. Additionally, the taller bars indicates that the credit amount range of DM 1000-DM 5000 is more likely for good risk than for the bad risk with smaller bars.

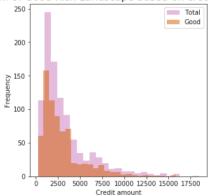
```
In [30]: N bins = 25
plt.hist(CreditData['Credit amount'],bins = bins, color='g',label = 'Total',alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(CreditData['Credit amount'][CreditData['Risk']=='bad'], bins = bins, color='r',label = 'Bad',alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('Credit amount'); plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Graph 8: Bad Risk Landscape based on credit amount',fontsize=16)
plt.legend();plt.show()
```

Graph 8: Bad Risk Landscape based on credit amount



```
In [31]: N bins = 25
    plt.hist(CreditData['Credit amount'],bins = bins, color='m',label = 'Total',alpha=0.5)
    plt.hist(CreditData['Credit amount'][CreditData['Risk']=='good'], bins = bins, color='r',label = 'Good',alpha=0.5)
    plt.xlabel('Credit amount'); plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.title('Graph 9: Good Risk Landscape based on credit amount',fontsize=16)
    plt.legend();plt.show()
```

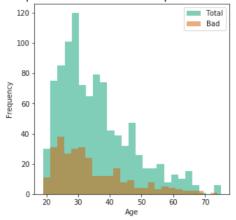
Graph 9: Good Risk Landscape based on credit amount



Similarly, when the 'Age' is taken under consideration, Graph 10 and Graph 11 are still positively skewed. It can be infer that the people aged under 40 are most likely to have good credit risk than bad credit risk.

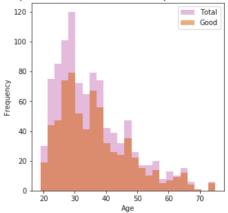
```
In [32]: N bins = 25
plt.hist(CreditData['Age'],bins = bins, color='g',label = 'Total',alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(CreditData['Age'][CreditData['Risk']=='bad'], bins = bins, color='r',label = 'Bad',alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('Age'); plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Graph 10: Bad Risk Landscape based on Age',fontsize=16)
plt.legend();plt.show()
```

Graph 10: Bad Risk Landscape based on Age



```
In [34]: M
bins = 25
plt.hist(CreditData['Age'],bins = bins, color='m',label = 'Total',alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(CreditData['Age'][CreditData['Risk']=='good'], bins = bins, color='r',label = 'Good',alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('Age'); plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Graph 11: Good Risk Landscape based on Age',fontsize=16)
plt.legend();plt.show()
```



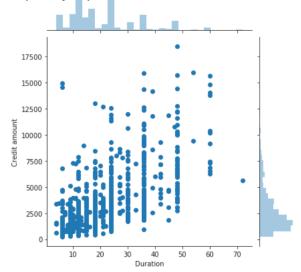


3.2.2 Pairwise Joint plot between two numerical features

Graph 12 displays a Joint plot, with the scatter plot representing the correlation between the two numerical features, i.e., 'Duration' and 'Credit amount'. It can be clearly noticed from the graph that, the lesser the credit amount, the smaller is the duration (in months).



Graph 12: Jointplot between Credit Amount and Duration

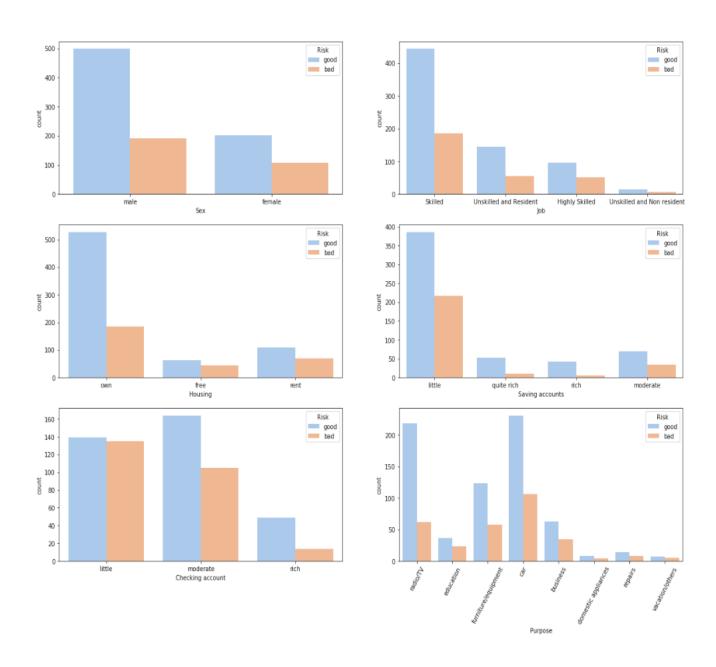


3.2.3 Categorical features segregated by Target feature 'Risk'

Graph 13 displays various comparison count plots for all the 6 categorical features present ion the dataset. With the first subplot of 'Sex' it can be said that 'male' has more good credits as compared to that of 'females'. Second subplot indicates that people working under 'skilled' job category tend to have good credit risk followed by those working under 'Unskilled and resident'. Third subplot displays that people who owns the house/property tend to have good credit records. With the fourth and fifth subplots, it can be said that those people having 'little' 'saving account' and those having 'moderate' 'checking account' have more good credit risk. Whereas people having 'little' 'checking account' have bad credit risks. The last subplot indicates that people taking credit for the 'car' and 'radio/TV' tend to have good credit risk but also higher bad credit risk as compared to other purposes.

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Graph 13: Frequency of Categorical Variables by Target Variable



3.2.4 Relationship between categorical and numerical features

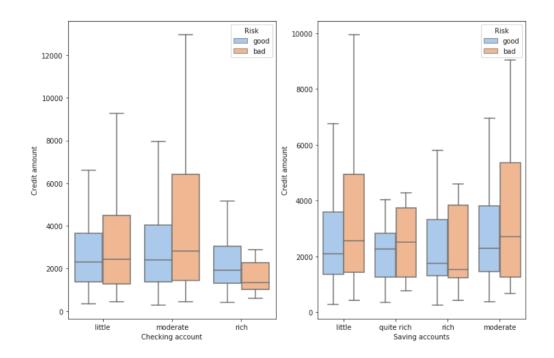
The below histogram indicates that 'male' taking 'credit amount' ranged between DM 1000 to DM 5000 tend to have higher 'good' credit risk as compared to that of 'female' taking credit amount between the same range. Whereas, the bad credit risk is almost same for both males and females.

```
In [46]:
              m = sns.FacetGrid(CreditData, col='Sex', hue='Risk')
               m.map(plt.hist, 'Credit amount', alpha = 0.6, bins = 30)
              m.add legend()
    Out[46]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x12c5a518>
                            Sex = male
                                                         Sex = female
                80
                60
                                                                               Risk
                40
                                                                               good
                                                                                 bad
                20
                0
                        5000
                               10000
                                     15000
                                                       5000
                                                             10000
                                                                   15000
                           Credit amount
                                                         Credit amount
```

When checking the 'Risk' based upon credit amount and types of account, it can be seen that people having 'moderate' checking account tend to take more credit amount but have higher bad credit risk. Whereas, for those taking more credit amount with 'little' and 'moderate' saving account tend to have higher bad credit risk as compared to the good credit risk for the same category.

```
In [47]: N fig,(ax1,ax2) = plt.subplots(ncols=2,figsize=(12,8))
s=sns.boxplot(ax=ax1,x='Checking account',y='Credit amount',hue='Risk',data=CreditData,palette="pastel",showfliers=False)
s=sns.boxplot(ax=ax2,x='Saving accounts',y='Credit amount',hue='Risk',data=CreditData,palette="pastel",showfliers=False)
fig.suptitle('Box Plot comparison for Checking account and Saving accounts based on Credit Amount and Risk', fontsize=16)
plt.show()
```

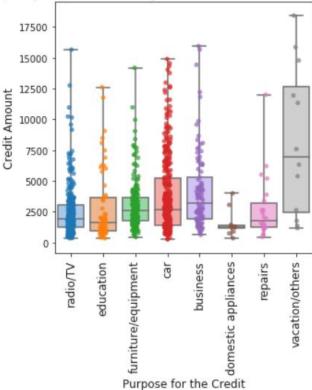
Box Plot comparison for Checking account and Saving accounts based on Credit Amount and Risk



The below boxplot (strip plot) shows all the purposes for which the credit amount has been taken. It is very much clear that highest credit amount has been taken for vacation/others purposes, whereas least credit amount is taken for domestic appliances. Credit amount taken for 'Car' and 'Business' are approximately the same and second highest as compared to other purposes.

```
In [48]: M
    ax = sns.boxplot(x="Purpose", y="Credit amount", data=CreditData, whis=np.inf,palette="pastel")
    ax = sns.stripplot(x="Purpose",y="Credit amount",data=CreditData,alpha=0.7)
    plt.xlabel('Purpose for the Credit',fontsize = 12)
    plt.ylabel('Credit Amount',fontsize = 12)
    plt.xticks(rotation=90,fontsize = 12)
    plt.title('Boxplot (Striplot) for the Purpose of the credit and Credit amount',fontsize=16)
    plt.show()
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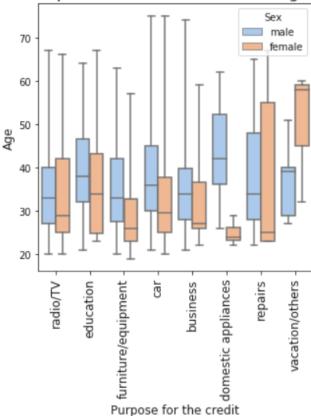


3.2.5 Relationship between two categorical and one numerical feature

The boxplot below, shows the purposes for the credit, among people of different age. It is drawing this relationship on the basis of 'Sex' as well. It is noticed that people aged more than 25 takes credits for 'repairs' purpose and among those people, the females are more as compared to males. Whereas, credits taken for 'domestic appliances' are taken by the people aged either more than 35 or less than 25, among such people, males are more than females. Older females aged more than 45 take credit for vacation/others purposes.

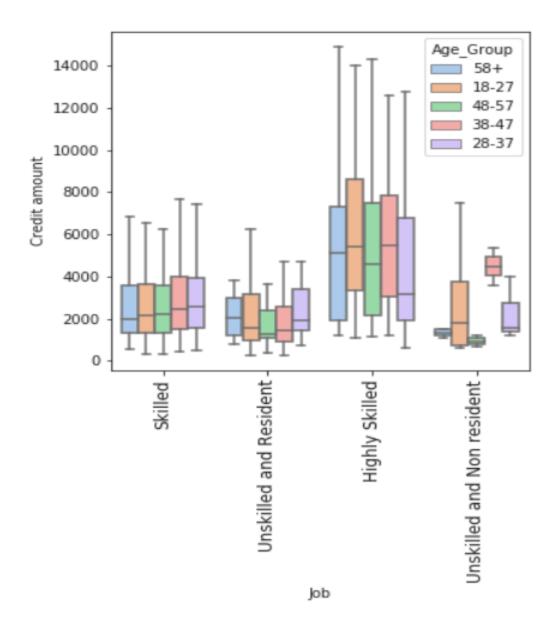
```
In [49]: 
Ax = sns.boxplot(x="Purpose", y="Age", data=CreditData, whis=np.inf,palette="pastel",hue='Sex')
plt.xlabel('Purpose for the credit',fontsize = 12)
plt.ylabel('Age',fontsize = 12)
plt.xticks(rotation=90,fontsize = 12)
plt.title('BoxPlot for the Purpose of the credit based on Age for each Gender',fontsize=16)
plt.show()
```

BoxPlot for the Purpose of the credit based on Age for each Gender



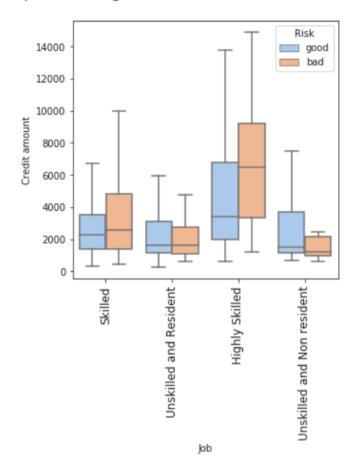
The boxplot shown below, draws a relationship among 'Job' and 'Age_Group' categories to that with 'Credit amount' numerical category. It can be observed that people working under 'highly skilled' category for all the age groups take the highest credit amount, and the highest among this category is the people aged 18-27. Whereas, the least credit amount among all the age group are those people who are working under 'Unskilled and Non-resident' category. Skilled people of all age groups falls next to the highly skilled when it comes to taking higher credit amount.

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In [50]: M sns.boxplot(x='Job',y='Credit amount',hue='Age_Group',data=CreditData,palette="pastel",showfliers=False)
plt.xticks(rotation=90,fontsize = 12)
plt.show()
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The below boxplot is plotted in accordance with the above boxplot. This boxplot below is important for the fact that even though it was inferred from the above boxplot that 'highly skilled' Job category people take the highest credit amount but the boxplot below indicates that these people have higher 'bad' credit risk. Whereas 'Unskilled and non-resident' takes lesser credit amount but also have lesser bad credit risk and more good credit risk.

Boxplot showing risk based on Credit Amount and Job



4. Summary

It can be concluded that for phase 1, the main part of data preprocessing is done by converting the Job variable into categorical feature, grouping the age variable and also by summarizing various descriptive and statistical features. Dataset did not contain any whitespaces and based on the assumption the 'Nan' values were not removed. From the visualizations, it can be inferred that among all the descriptive features, 'Age', 'Sex', 'Job', 'Housing', 'Credit amount' and 'Purpose' are the most important features to describe the target feature 'Risk'.