

## 1. Load custom functions

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In [45]: from functions import *
random_state = 1
```

## 2. Load data and perform EDA (Exploratory Data Analysis)

```
In [2]: survey_df = load_data(folder_name="data", file_name="ACME-HappinessSurvey2020.csv")
print(survey_df.head(), "\n")
print(survey_df.info(), "\n")
survey_df.describe()
```

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   Y  X1  X2  X3  X4  X5  X6
0  0   3   3   3   4   2   4
1  0   3   2   3   5   4   3
2  1   5   3   3   3   3   5
3  0   5   4   3   3   3   5
4  0   5   4   3   3   3   5
```

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 126 entries, 0 to 125
Data columns (total 7 columns):
#   Column  Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0    Y      126 non-null      int64
1   X1      126 non-null      int64
2   X2      126 non-null      int64
3   X3      126 non-null      int64
4   X4      126 non-null      int64
5   X5      126 non-null      int64
6   X6      126 non-null      int64
dtypes: int64(7)
memory usage: 7.0 KB
None
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Out[2]:
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	Y	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6
count	126.000000	126.000000	126.000000	126.000000	126.000000	126.000000	126.000000
mean	0.547619	4.333333	2.531746	3.309524	3.746032	3.650794	4.253968
std	0.499714	0.800000	1.114892	1.023440	0.875776	1.147641	0.809311
min	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
25%	0.000000	4.000000	2.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	4.000000
50%	1.000000	5.000000	3.000000	3.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000
75%	1.000000	5.000000	3.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	5.000000
max	1.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000

The data set is simple - only 126 rows and 6 columns, all integer data type with a range between 0 and 5.

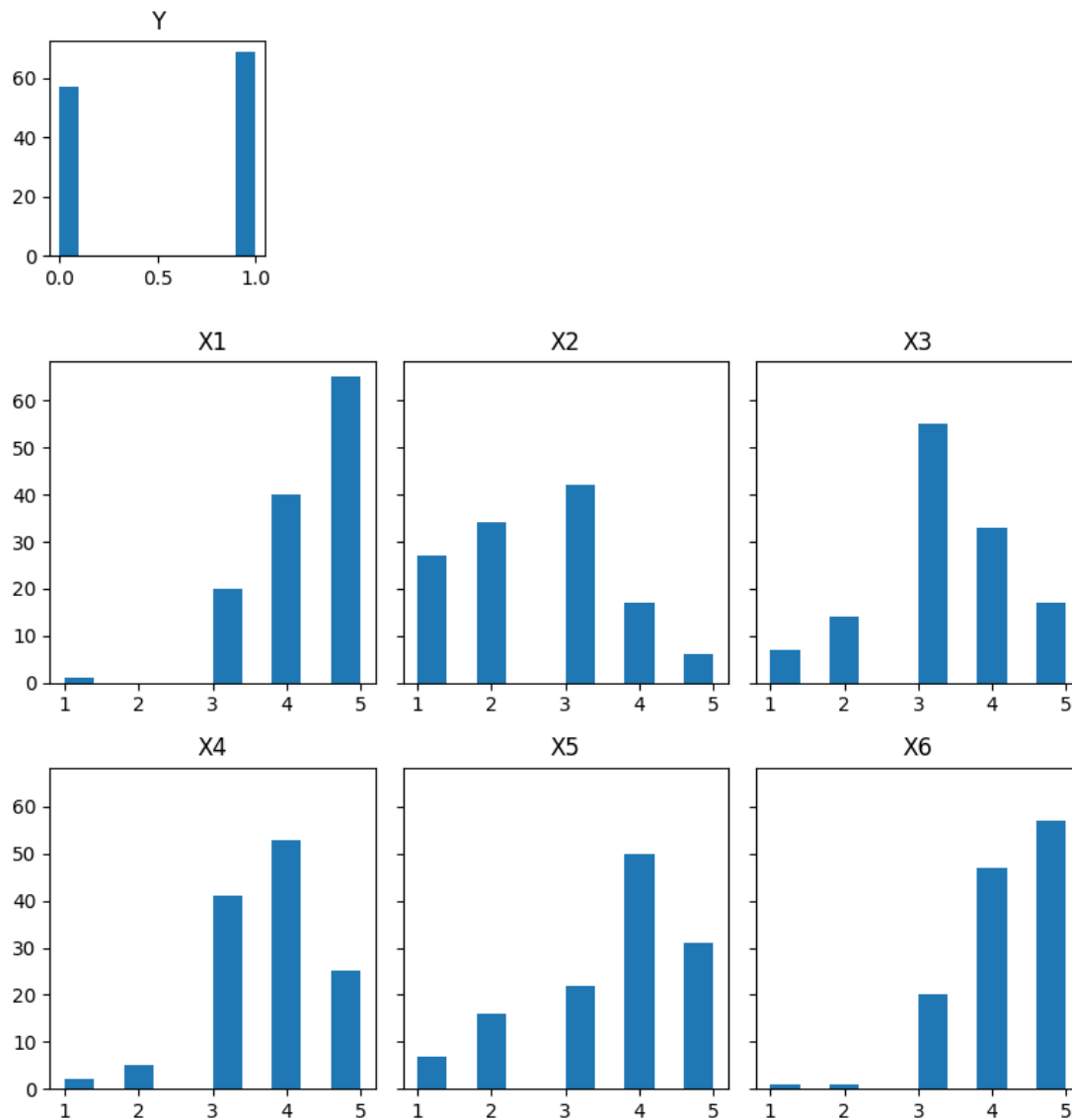
Since the target variable Y is a categorical variable (0 - unhappy, 1 - happy), convert it accordingly in the data frame.

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In [3]: survey_df["Y"] = survey_df["Y"].astype('category').cat.set_categories([0, 1], ordered=True)
```

Plot histograms to understand the distribution of each column.

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In [4]: plot_histograms(data=survey_df,
                        target="Y", target_figsize=(2,2),
                        dependent_layout=(2,3), dependent_figsize=(8,6))
```

Distribution of target Y and dependent variables:



For the target variable Y, the distribution is slightly uneven, with more happy customers in the survey data.

**To deal with this class imbalance problem, SMOTE (synthetic minority oversampling technique) will be used in the next stages.**

The distribution of each dependent variable is also not uniform. However, it would not matter too much as long as the variables/features can provide predictive power.

To better understand these features, perform Chi-square tests.

### 3. Feature selection

```
In [5]: chi_independence_df = run_chi_tests(data=survey_df, target="Y", significance_level=0.05,
                                           plot_row=2, plot_col=3, figsize=(8,5))

print("-----")
print("-----")
print("2. Chi-square test of independence")
print("-----")
print("-----")
print("Table 1. Result of Chi-square test of independence (X1-6 and Y)")
chi_independence_df.set_index("Independent Variable")
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1. Chi-square test of goodness of fit

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Contingency table for X1 and Y:

Y	0	1
X1		
1	1	0
3	12	8
4	24	16
5	20	45

Expected frequencies for X1 and Y:

[	0.45238095	0.54761905]
[	9.04761905	10.95238095]
[	18.0952381	21.9047619]
[	29.4047619	35.5952381]

Table 1. Result of Chi-square test of independence (X1-6 and Y)

Chi-square test of goodness of fit

- This statistical test is often used to evaluate whether or not sample data is representative of the full population.
- The null hypothesis was that there is no significant difference between a variable and its expected frequencies.
- As we failed to reject the null hypothesis for all 6 dependent variables, we can consider that they are representative of the population at a significance level (or alpha) of 0.05.

Chi-square test of independence

- This statistical test is used to evaluate whether or not a difference between observed expected data is due to chance. We can consider a relationship between the variables exists when failing to reject the null hypothesis.
- The null hypothesis was that a dependent variable X# and the target variable Y are independent of each other.
- At a significance level of 0.05, we were able to reject the null hypothesis only for X1.
- If we were to tolerate a higher chance of error by increasing the alpha to 0.1, we would be able to reject the null hypothesis for X6 as well, which would mean that X6 and Y are not independent of each other.
- In summary, X2-X5 are independent of Y, meaning they would not be helpful in predicting Y. Whereas X1 would be helpful in predicting Y at a significance level of 0.05 and X6 as well, at a significance level of 0.1.

Relationship between target Y and each dependent variable

- X1 and X5 seem to be good features for training a predictive model based on the line charts above - higher X values (dependent variable) generally correspond to higher Y values (target variable). However, the chi-square test of independence failed to reject the null hypothesis of "X5 and Y are independent of each other" when alpha=0.05.
- On the contrary, it appears that it would be hard to predict Y based on the other X variables as fluctuations are observed from the line charts, which were confirmed by the chi-square test of independence.

Summary and next step

- **X1 (my order was delivered on time) appears to be the most relevant feature to the target Y (customer satisfaction).**
- However, to build a more robust model, it would be reasonable to use at least 2 features rather than discarding 5 out of 6 features, especially because the data are not complex nor big.
- X5 and X6 could be useful in training a predictive model but it is unclear at this stage whether using either or both of them would be better.
- **As such, perform the chi-square test of independence again**, but this time to test whether there is a relationship between X1 and the other dependent variables **to determine what features other than X1 can be useful in model training.**

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In [6]: chi_independence_df_X1 = run_chi_tests(data=survey_df.drop(["Y"], axis=1), target="X1", significance_level=0.05,
                                           plot_row=2, plot_col=3, figsize=(8,5), plot=False,
                                           goodness_of_fit_test=False)

print("Table 2. Result of Chi-square test of independence (X1 and X2-6)")
chi_independence_df_X1.set_index("Independent Variable")
```

Table 2. Result of Chi-square test of independence (X1 and X2-6)

	Chi-square	P-value	Null Hypothesis	Reject Null Hypothesis at alpha=0.05?
Independent Variable				
X2	9.014178	7.017190e-01	X2 and X1 are independent of each other	No
X3	27.601271	6.324615e-03	X3 and X1 are independent of each other	Yes
X4	12.799464	3.837835e-01	X4 and X1 are independent of each other	No
X5	42.710726	2.527299e-05	X5 and X1 are independent of each other	Yes
X6	58.313490	4.573138e-08	X6 and X1 are independent of each other	Yes

X3, X5 and X6 were found to be not independent of X1, meaning they are related to X1.

With that, we can now try different combinations of the features (i.e. X1, X3, X5 and X6) to see which combination would result in the best prediction accuracy score.

Before doing so, evaluate different classifiers to choose the base model for the next steps.

#### **4. Model selection**

First, split the data into train and test.

As stated above, SMOTE (synthetic minority oversampling technique) will be used for train and test data separately, to handle the class imbalance problem of target Y.

Train data will be used for model selection, feature engineering, and hyperparameter tuning.

Test data will only be used at the last step to evaluate the fine-tuned model.

```
In [46]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_data(  
        X=survey_df.drop(["Y"], axis=1),  
        y=survey_df["Y"],  
        test_size=0.24,  
        random_state=random_state,  
        oversampling=True)
```

```
In [8]: eval_models(X=X_train, y=y_train, n_splits=7, n=30,random_state=random_state)

Classifier: LogisticRegression
{'Mean': 0.5844, 'Std': 0.1401, 'Max': 0.875, '75th Percentile': 0.6667, 'Median': 0.5882, '25th Percentile': 0.5, 'Min': 0.0, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

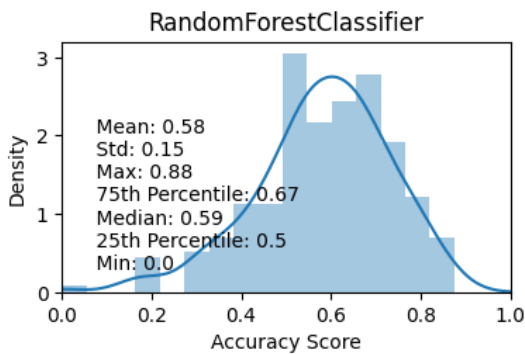
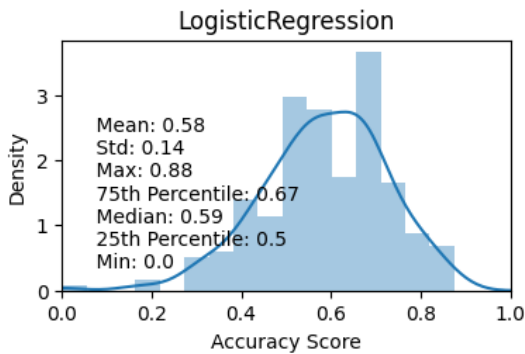
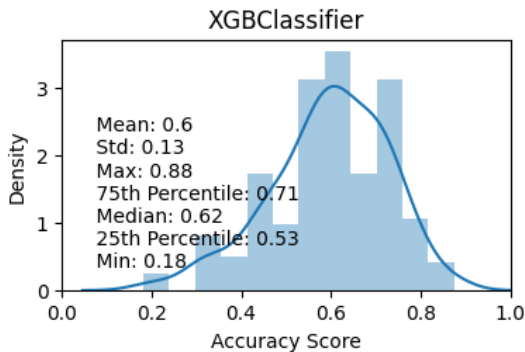
Classifier: RandomForestClassifier
{'Mean': 0.581, 'Std': 0.1498, 'Max': 0.875, '75th Percentile': 0.6667, 'Median': 0.5882, '25th Percentile': 0.5, 'Min': 0.0, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:41'}

Classifier: XGBClassifier
{'Mean': 0.596, 'Std': 0.1315, 'Max': 0.875, '75th Percentile': 0.7059, 'Median': 0.6154, '25th Percentile': 0.5333, 'Min': 0.1818, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:14'}

XGBClassifier yielded the best mean accuracy score of 0.596
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Out[8]:

	Mean	Std	Max	75th Percentile	Median	25th Percentile	Min	Time elapsed
XGBClassifier	0.596	0.1315	0.875	0.7059	0.6154	0.5333	0.1818	00:00:14
LogisticRegression	0.5844	0.1401	0.875	0.6667	0.5882	0.5	0.0	00:00:02
RandomForestClassifier	0.581	0.1498	0.875	0.6667	0.5882	0.5	0.0	00:00:41



LogisticRegression was not the best-performing classifier but I decided to use it as the based model, mainly because it was so much faster and the data we have is quite small and simple - thus we might not necessarily need a more complex model for making predictions with decent accuracy.

With LogisticRegression as the base model for the next steps, now try different combinations of the features (X1, X3, X5 and X6) to see which combination would result in the best prediction accuracy score.

```
In [14]: eval_feature_combinations(X=X_train, y=y_train, n_splits=7, n=30, random_state=random_state,
                                   classifier=LogisticRegression(random_state=random_state))

Features: X1, X3
{'Mean': 0.6741, 'Std': 0.1356, 'Max': 1.0, '75th Percentile': 0.7679, 'Median': 0.6856, '25th Percentile': 0.5918, 'Min': 0.2768, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:03'}

Features: X1, X5
{'Mean': 0.661, 'Std': 0.1333, 'Max': 1.0, '75th Percentile': 0.7589, 'Median': 0.6786, '25th Percentile': 0.5826, 'Min': 0.1607, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:03'}

Features: X1, X6
{'Mean': 0.6233, 'Std': 0.1395, 'Max': 0.9732, '75th Percentile': 0.7054, 'Median': 0.6327, '25th Percentile': 0.5418, 'Min': 0.1875, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

Features: X1, X3, X5
{'Mean': 0.6642, 'Std': 0.1393, 'Max': 0.9821, '75th Percentile': 0.7589, 'Median': 0.6786, '25th Percentile': 0.5804, 'Min': 0.2232, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

Features: X1, X3, X6
{'Mean': 0.6523, 'Std': 0.1396, 'Max': 1.0, '75th Percentile': 0.758, 'Median': 0.6562, '25th Percentile': 0.558, 'Min': 0.2768, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}
```

**X1 and X3** resulted in the best mean prediction accuracy score, thus the other features will not be used from now on.

Re-define X\_train and X\_test with the best features combination for the later steps.

```
In [47]: X_train_reduced = X_train[["X1", "X3"]]
X_test_reduced = X_test[["X1", "X3"]]
```

## 5. Feature augmentation

With the two features, try different data augmentation/transformation techniques that will create new features out of the existing features to see whether they improve prediction accuracy.

```
In [13]: eval_transformers(X=X_train_reduced, y=y_train, n_splits=7, n=30, random_state=random_state,
                           classifier=LogisticRegression(random_state=random_state))

Transformer: SkewedChi2Sampler(random_state=1)
{'Mean': 0.6696, 'Std': 0.1313, 'Max': 0.9286, '75th Percentile': 0.7589, 'Median': 0.6875, '25th Percentile': 0.5826, 'Min': 0.2679, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:04'}

Transformer: PolynomialCountSketch(random_state=1)
{'Mean': 0.6795, 'Std': 0.1323, 'Max': 1.0, '75th Percentile': 0.7679, 'Median': 0.7009, '25th Percentile': 0.5982, 'Min': 0.3214, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:03'}

Transformer: AdditiveChi2Sampler()
{'Mean': 0.6357, 'Std': 0.1305, 'Max': 0.9286, '75th Percentile': 0.7232, 'Median': 0.6429, '25th Percentile': 0.5612, 'Min': 0.2232, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:03'}

Transformer: RBFSampler(random_state=1)
{'Mean': 0.6815, 'Std': 0.1429, 'Max': 0.9464, '75th Percentile': 0.7924, 'Median': 0.7054, '25th Percentile': 0.5893, 'Min': 0.25, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

Transformer: PolynomialFeatures()
{'Mean': 0.674, 'Std': 0.132, 'Max': 1.0, '75th Percentile': 0.7679, 'Median': 0.692, '25th Percentile': 0.5893, 'Min': 0.3214, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:04'}
```

RBFSampler returned the best accuracy scores. Here are some notes about it:

- RBFSampler approximates feature map of an RBF kernel by Monte Carlo approximation of its Fourier transform.
- RBF kernels place a Radial Basis Function (RBF) centered at each point, then perform linear manipulations to map points to higher-dimensional spaces that are easier to separate. RBF kernels are the most generalized form of kernelization and is one of the most widely used kernels due to its similarity to the Gaussian distribution.
- Essentially, kernel methods (or kernelization) are algorithms that make it possible to implicitly project the data in a high-dimensional space.

As we found the mean accuracy scores improved with the transformers, use the best performing transformer (i.e. RBFSampler) for the next steps.

```
In [48]: transformer=RBFSampler(random_state=random_state)
X_train_transformed = transformer.fit_transform(X_train_reduced)
X_test_transformed = transformer.transform(X_test_reduced)
```

## 6. Dimensionality reduction

Now we have more features due to the feature augmentation process, try different dimensionality reduction techniques to see if they help improve accuracy score.

```
In [13]: eval_decomposers(X=X_train_transformed, y=y_train, n_splits=7, n=30, random_state=random_state,
                        classifier=LogisticRegression(random_state=random_state))

Decomposer: PCA(random_state=1)
{'Mean': 0.6582, 'Std': 0.1363, 'Max': 0.9592, '75th Percentile': 0.75, 'Median': 0.6786, '25th Percentile': 0.5625, 'Min': 0.2768, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

Decomposer: KernelPCA(random_state=1)
{'Mean': 0.6607, 'Std': 0.1391, 'Max': 0.9592, '75th Percentile': 0.7589, 'Median': 0.6786, '25th Percentile': 0.5647, 'Min': 0.2679, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

Decomposer: IncrementalPCA()
{'Mean': 0.6588, 'Std': 0.1373, 'Max': 0.9592, '75th Percentile': 0.75, 'Median': 0.6786, '25th Percentile': 0.5647, 'Min': 0.2679, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:02'}

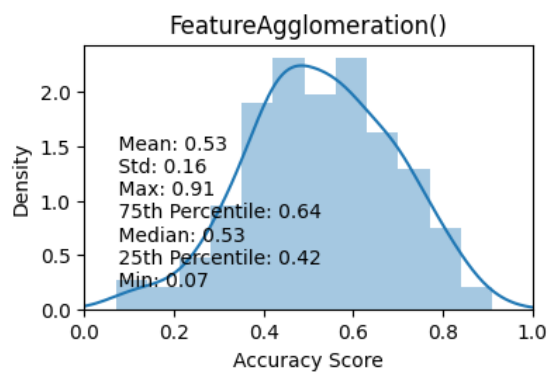
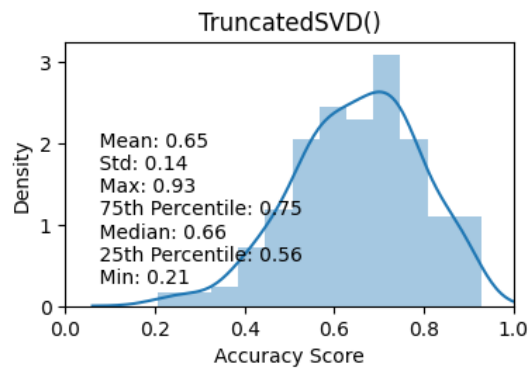
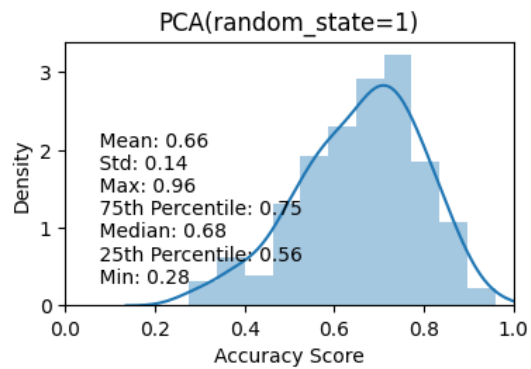
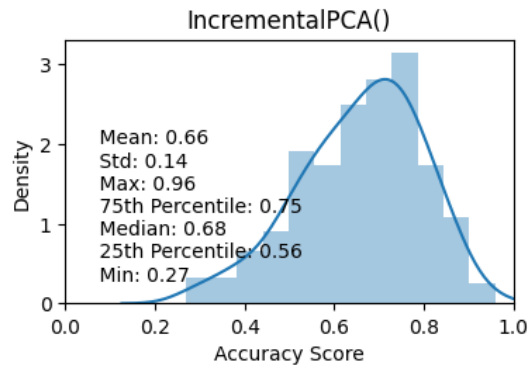
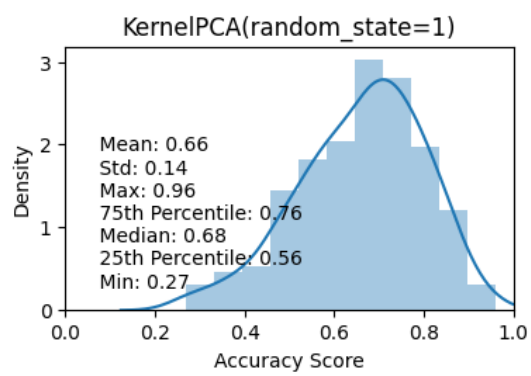
Decomposer: TruncatedSVD()
{'Mean': 0.651, 'Std': 0.1402, 'Max': 0.9286, '75th Percentile': 0.75, 'Median': 0.6562, '25th Percentile': 0.5555, 'Min': 0.2054, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:01'}

Decomposer: FeatureAgglomeration()
{'Mean': 0.5273, 'Std': 0.1631, 'Max': 0.9107, '75th Percentile': 0.6429, 'Median': 0.5268, '25th Percentile': 0.4196, 'Min': 0.0714, 'Time elapsed': '00:00:01'}

KernelPCA(random_state=1) yielded the best mean accuracy score of 0.6607
```

Out[13]:

	Mean	Std	Max	75th Percentile	Median	25th Percentile	Min	Time elapsed
<b>KernelPCA(random_state=1)</b>	0.6607	0.1391	0.9592	0.7589	0.6786	0.5647	0.2679	00:00:02
<b>IncrementalPCA()</b>	0.6588	0.1373	0.9592	0.75	0.6786	0.5647	0.2679	00:00:02
<b>PCA(random_state=1)</b>	0.6582	0.1363	0.9592	0.75	0.6786	0.5625	0.2768	00:00:02
<b>TruncatedSVD()</b>	0.651	0.1402	0.9286	0.75	0.6562	0.5555	0.2054	00:00:01
<b>FeatureAgglomeration()</b>	0.5273	0.1631	0.9107	0.6429	0.5268	0.4196	0.0714	00:00:01



Decomposers were not helpful in improving accuracy, thus will not be used in the next steps.

Next is hyperparameter tuning for the classifier.

## 7. Hyperparameter tuning & evaluate the tuned model using test data



```
In [49]: params = {
    "penalty": ["l1", "l2", "elasticnet", None],
    "tol": [10.0 ** n for n in np.arange(-10, 0, 1)],
    "C": [10.0 ** n for n in np.arange(-10, 0, 1)],
    "fit_intercept": [True, False],
    "class_weight": ["balanced", None],
    "solver": ['lbfgs', 'liblinear', 'newton-cg', 'newton-cholesky', 'sag', 'saga'],
    "max_iter": np.arange(10, 200, 10),
}
best_search = hyperparameter_tuning_and_evaluation(
    n_iter=30, cv=7, random_state=random_state,
    X_train=X_train_transformed, y_train=y_train,
    X_test=X_test_transformed, y_test=y_test,
    params=params
)
```

n\_iter: 30, cv: 7, best\_score: 0.7, test\_score: 0.74

## 9. Save the best performing model for future use

```
In [50]: import pickle

best_model = best_search.best_estimator_

# save the best model
pickle.dump(best_model, open("best_model.sav", 'wb'))

# load the best model
loaded_model = pickle.load(open("best_model.sav", 'rb'))
loaded_model.score(X_test_transformed, y_test)
```

Out[50]: 0.7352941176470589

## 10. Learning points

The most difficult part was to find the right value of test\_size in train\_test\_split, n\_iter and cv in RandomizedSearchCV as small changes to these parameters could result in a significant drop in the final prediction accuracy score on the test data. This is likely because of the small size of the data, where prediction accuracy will be poor when it makes only one mistake out of a small number of predictions.

The scoring or optimization metric in the cross\_val\_score and RandomizedSearchSV could have a huge impact on the results as well. For instance, the final prediction accuracy on the test data was not as good when evaluation processes were done based on 'accuracy'. When 'roc\_auc' was used instead, the result was so much better since it takes into account both precision (true positives over all predicted positives) and recall (true positives divided by true positives plus false negatives), not just on accuracy (i.e. the number of the correct predictions over the number of samples/predictions).

For hyperparameter tuning via RandomizedSearchCV, 'f1' score was used as the metric, and it resulted in a good accuracy score on the test data.

- Precision = True positives / (True positives + False positives)
- Recall = True positives / (True positives + False negatives)
- Accuracy = (True positives + True negatives) / (True positives + False positives + True negatives + False negatives)
- F1 score = 2 \* (precision + recall) / (precision + recall)