## incoming\_attributes\_analysis

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This notebook investigates the student population given incoming attributes

## 1 Preparing the data

We need to load pre survey (incoming attitudes), post survey (demographics data), and worksheet (incoming knowledge).

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In [1]: from IPython.display import display
        from IPython.display import HTML
        import IPython.core.display as di
        # This line will hide code by default when the notebook is converted to HTML
        di.display_html('<script>jQuery(function() {if (jQuery("body.notebook_app").length == '
In [2]: %load_ext autoreload
        %autoreload 1
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        %aimport utils_timeline_viz
        from utils_timeline_viz import *
        from utils_read_parsing import *
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from tabulate import tabulate
        from scipy.stats import ranksums
        import seaborn as sns
        import statsmodels.api as sm
        pd.set_option("display.width", 100)
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from statsmodels.formula.api import ols
        from statsmodels.graphics.api import interaction_plot, abline_plot
        from statsmodels.stats.anova import anova_lm
        from statsmodels.discrete.discrete_model import Logit
        from sklearn import decomposition
        %matplotlib inline
        matplotlib.style.use('ggplot')
        matplotlib.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 10, 6
        pd.set_option('precision',3)
        pd.set_option("display.width", 100)
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pd.set_option('display.max_columns', 60)
np.set_printoptions(precision=3,suppress=True)
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### 1.1 Loading all the data sources

## 1.2 Merging the data

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In [7]: value_converter2 = {
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            '18-19':19,
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            'Beginner':1,
            'Absorbance':2,
            'Capacitance':1,
            'Not at all':1,
            'Definitely':4,
            'Somewhat':2,
             'Mostly':3,
            'Almost always':4,
            'Sometimes':2,
            'Almost never':1,
            'Often':3,
        }
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In [8]: for value,replacement in value_converter2.iteritems():
              data = data.replace(value,replacement)
         data.fillna(0,inplace=True)
         data.head()
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In [9]: for c in data.columns:
             if data[c].dtype not in ['int64','float64']:
                 print c, data[c].dtype
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english.1-reading gender-Gender non conforming/non-binary

We could remove the "major" if we wanted to...

major object
second sim object

english.O-writing

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In [10]: # data.drop('major', axis=1, inplace=True)
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## 2 Analysis of all attributes

In [11]: N = len(set(data['sid']))

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print "The study includes {0} students.".format(N)

The study includes 148 students.

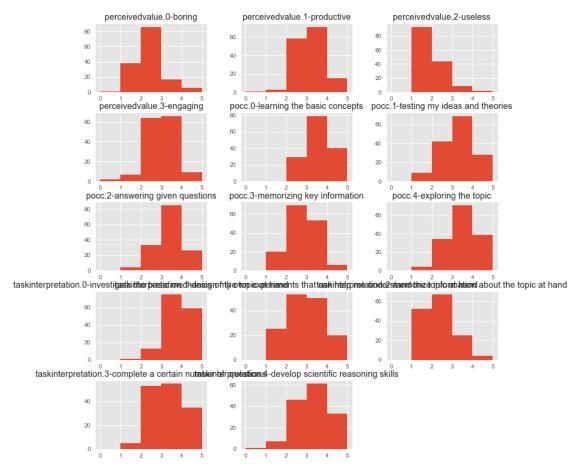
In [12]: demo_columns = ["age", "english.0-writing", "english.1-reading", "gender-Gender non configure pv_columns = ["perceivedvalue.0-boring", "perceivedvalue.1-productive", "perceivedvalue ti_columns = ["taskinterpretation.0-investigate the basic mechanics of the topic at he pocc_columns = ["pocc.0-learning the basic concepts", "pocc.1-testing my ideas and the know_columns = ['Concentration', 'Wavelength', 'Width', 'Area', 'Separation', 'Battery volc.")
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att\_columns = pv\_columns + ti\_columns + pocc\_columns
all\_columns = demo\_columns + att\_columns + know\_columns

### 2.1 Some descriptives

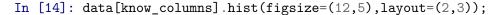
#### 2.1.1 Incoming Attitudes

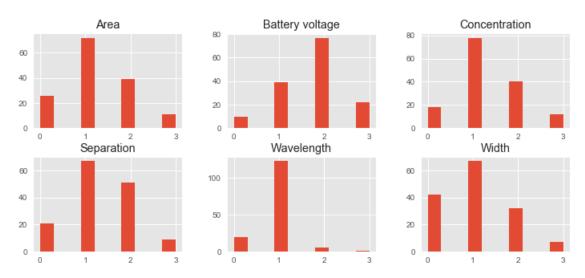
In [13]: data[att\_columns].hist(figsize=(12,13),layout=(len(att\_columns)/3+1,3),bins=[0,1,2,3,4]



Overall, many students thought the activity would be productive and engaging. Some thought they would be able to explore the topic and test their theories. Many interpreted the task as "answer a certain number of questions".

#### 2.1.2 Incoming knowledge





The quantitative variables look pretty similar. Few know how to predict Wavelength however they know it's relevant (lots of 1s). Battery voltage seems to be a variable tha many describe qualitatively.

### 2.1.3 Demographics

See storyline\_journal\_paper notebook for details. Essentially, most students are first years (76%) with undeclared majors (52%), are fluent in English, have experience with virtual labs and experimental lab classes.

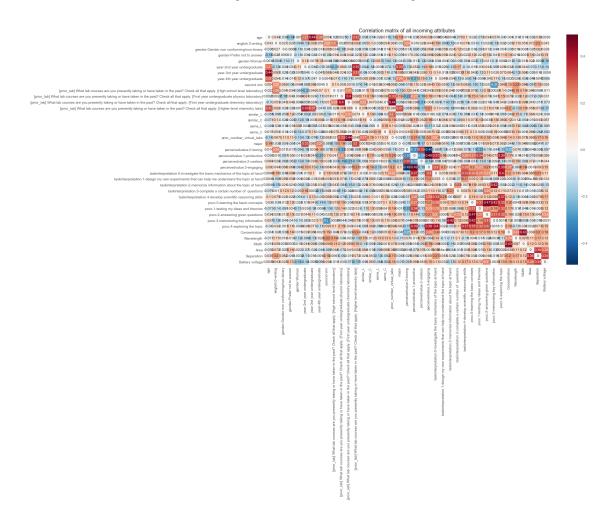
#### 2.2 Overall correlations between attributes

We remove columns that are obviously going to be highly correlated ("Man" wih other gender columns and "1st year undergraduate" with other undergraduate year columns, "english-reading" with "writing")

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for i,att_i in enumerate(all_columns_for_correlation):
    for j,att_j in enumerate(all_columns_for_correlation):
        r,p = spearmanr(data[att_i],data[att_j])
        correlation_matrix[i,j] = r

np.fill_diagonal(correlation_matrix,0)
plt.title("Correlation matrix of all incoming attributes")
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix,ax=ax,yticklabels=all_columns_for_correlation,xticklabels=all_columns_for_correlation.
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Taking into consideration that we are doing 38\*38 correlations and some are going to be from random chance, here are a few observations: \* Age is correlated to Undergraduate year and 2nd year+ chemistry labs (duh) \* Gender doesn't seem to be correlated with anything (yay!) \* The fact that students have used similar or the same virtual labs before doesn't correlated with anything \* The number of prior virtual labs done by students is correlated to having taken or taking first year chem and physics lab courses. \* A lot of attitudinal measures are correlated. We will investigate this in more depth later \* Some incoming knowledge seems to be correlated bery slightly

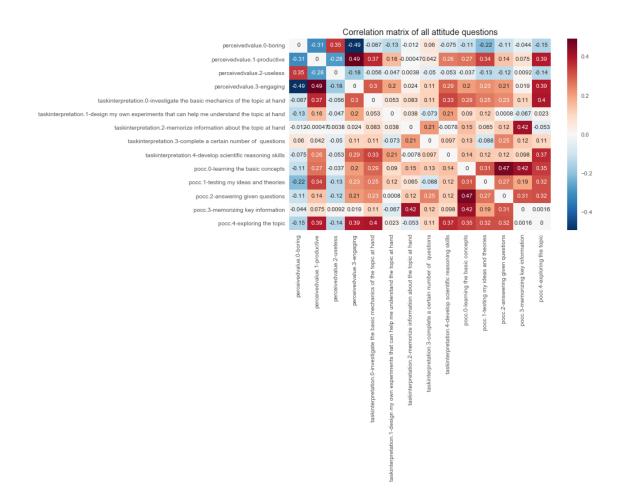
with perceived value. For example, Concentration knowledge is correlated with the activity being engaging but not boring. (Keep in mind students got different screenshots of the virtual lab depending on activity order). \* Some incoming knowledge on different variables are correlated. We will investigate this next.

Overall no correlations seem to be out of the ordinary or troubling.

## 3 Analysis of incoming attitudes

Clearly, many attitude questions are related from our descriptives. Let's investigate how much:

### 3.0.1 Relationship between attitude measures



All the POCC type questions are highly correlated between each other (0.3,0.4). All the perveiced value questions are also highly correlated or anti-correlated (0.3,0.4) which is great since they were deisgned that way ("Do you think the activity will be productive/useless, boring/engaging"). What is interesting is that if they find it productive they also find it engaging.

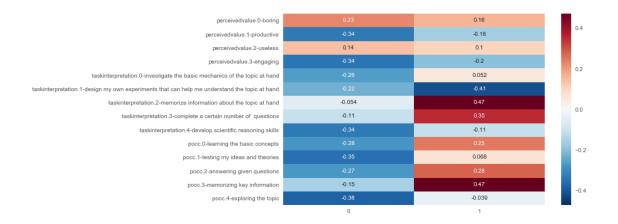
## 3.0.2 Reliability scores of attitude questions

To get good reliability measures, we need to reverse some questions values with negative correlations to everything else

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var = float(np.var(scores.sum(axis=1),ddof=1))
             alpha = (K/float(K-1.0))*(1.0-sum_of_var/var)
             return round(alpha,2)
In [20]: t = [['questions combined','reliability score']]
         t.append(['all (14)',cronbach_alpha(data[att_columns]) ])
         t.append(['POCC (5)',cronbach_alpha(data[att_columns]) ])
         t.append(['Perceived value (4)',cronbach_alpha(data[pv_fixed_columns]) ])
         t.append(['Task interpretation (5)',cronbach_alpha(data[ti_columns]) ])
         t.append(['Task interpretation and perceived value (9)',cronbach_alpha(data[ti_column:
         print tabulate(t)
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POCC (5)
                                             0.61
Perceived value (4)
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Task interpretation (5)
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Task interpretation and perceived value (9) 0.57
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#### 3.0.3 What are the principle factors of all attitude questions? (PCA)

The first three components of the PCA exaplined almost 50% of the data. Let's stick to 2 to simplify our analysis



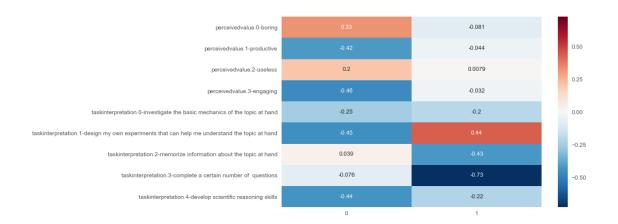
Looking at items that are part of the PC (by a factor of 0.3 percent). We can interpret the PC this way:

**PC1** - Having a low PC1 means a student thinks: \* the activity will be engaging and productive \* the activity is design to develop scientific reasoning skills \* they can do a good job of exploring the topic and testing their ideas. "the engaged explorers" have low PC1 "bored and not engaged" have high PC1

**PC 2** - Having a high PC2 means a student thinks: \* the activity is NOT designed to design their own experiments \* the activity is design to memorize information and complete a certain number of questions \* they can do a good job of memorizing key information "the expecting to be assessed" have high PC1 "ready to design experiments and understand" have low PC1

Since the PCs are orthogonal, we have 4 types of students: 1. The engaged and expecting to be assessed (-+) 2. The engaged and looking for understanding (-) 3. The not engaged and looking for understanding (+-) 4. The not engaged and expecting to be assessed (++)

#### 3.0.4 What are the principle factors of task interpretation and perceived value? (PCA)

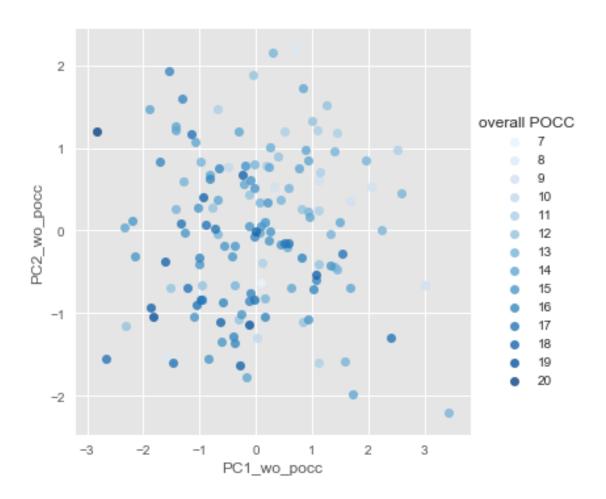


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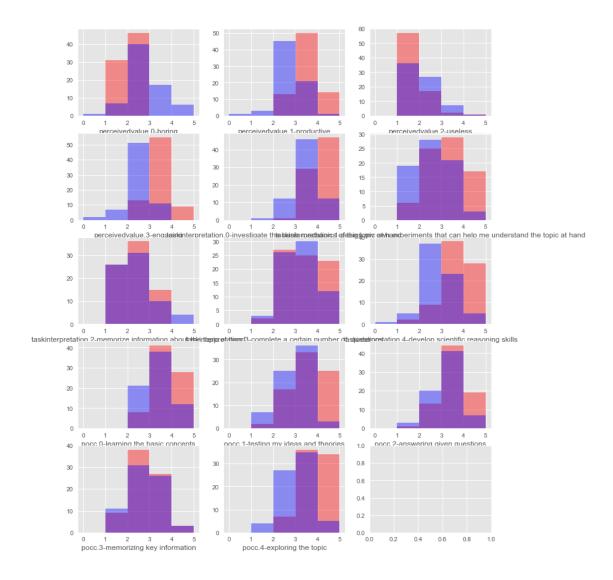
(low) **PC 1** - Students think: \* the activity will be engaging, productive \* the activity is design to develop scientific reasoning skills

(low) **PC 2 -** Students think: \* the activity is not designed to design their own experiments \* the activity is designed to memorize information and complete a certain number of questions

#### 3.0.5 Investigating the two attitudinal groups in terms of overall POCC



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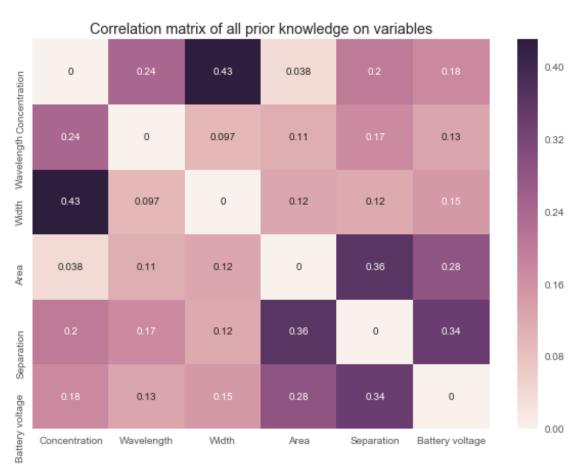
Clearly, the "red" students (low PC1) think: \* the activity will be productive and engaging \* the activity was design to develop scientific reasoning skills and test their ideas \* they can do a good job at the activity

Clearly, the "blue" students (high PC1) think: \* the activity will be boring, useless \* they tend to have a low perception of their control and competence

## 4 Analysis of incoming knowledge

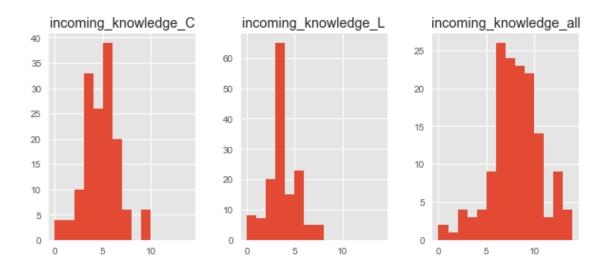
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In [30]: from scipy.stats import spearmanr
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,7))
    correlation_matrix = np.zeros((len(know_columns),len(know_columns)))
    for i,att_i in enumerate(know_columns):
        for j,att_j in enumerate(know_columns):
            r,p = spearmanr(data[att_i],data[att_j])
            correlation_matrix[i,j] = r
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np.fill_diagonal(correlation_matrix,0)
plt.title("Correlation matrix of all prior knowledge on variables")
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix,ax=ax,yticklabels=know_columns,xticklabels=know_columns)
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Clearly, knowledge of variables of the same sim are correlated, particularly Concentration and Width.

In [32]: data[['incoming\_knowledge\_L','incoming\_knowledge\_C','incoming\_knowledge\_all']].hist(f



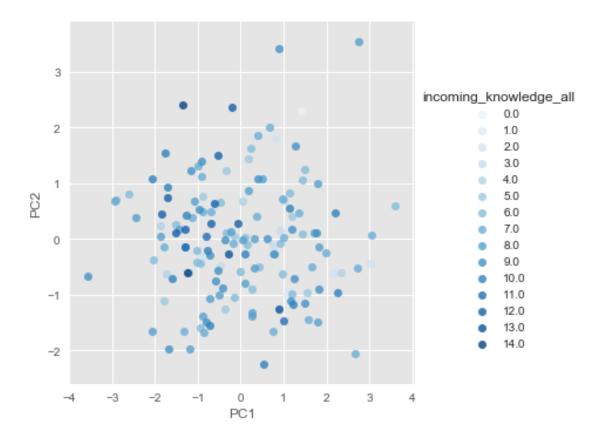
We have a somewhat normal distribution.

# 5 Analyzing all attributes

## 5.1 Relating attitudes to incoming knowledge

Given ou PCA above for all attitude variables (TI, POCC, PV), let's see how incoming knowledge is related.

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In [33]: sns.lmplot(x='PC1', y='PC2',data=data,fit_reg=False,hue='incoming_knowledge_all', pal-
Out[33]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0xe6f1710>
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From our PCA of attitudes, there doesn't seem to be any natural forming groups in the data. When overlaying the total of their incoming knowledge score, there's no much trend. We notice that the high scoring students (dark blue) generally don't have a high PC1 and high PC2 (are not the boring and expecting to be assessed).

From this, we don't suspect to have well defined clusters in our dataset, but let's investigate with K-means and silhouette analysis.

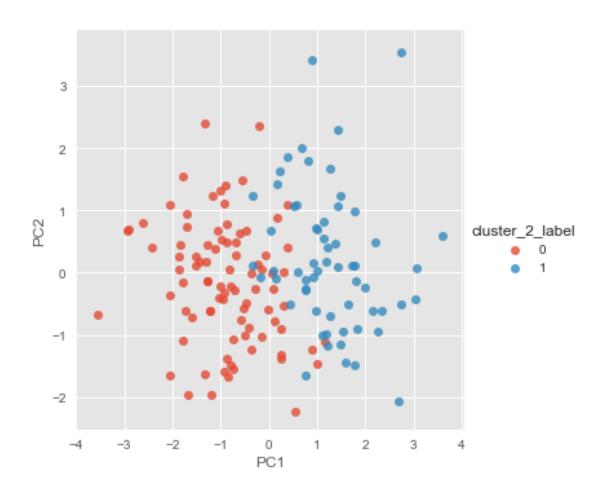
#### 5.2 Kmeans clustering

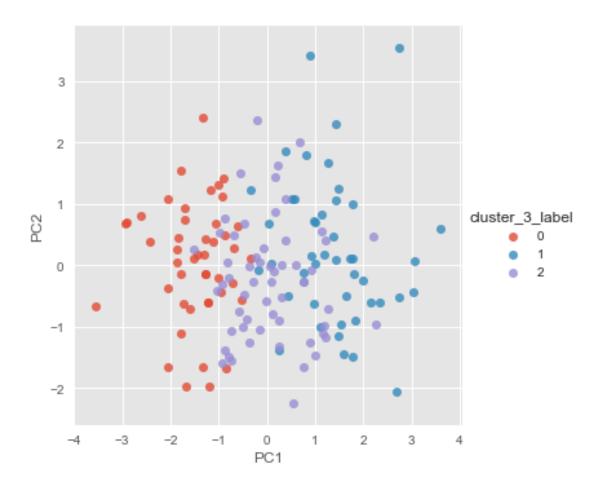
We run clustering on all incoming factors (attitudes, knowledge, year undergradte, experimental labs exerience, virtual lab experience, english writing and reading fluency.

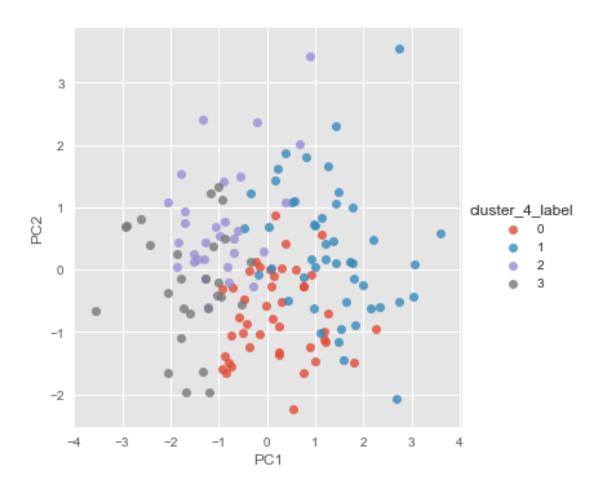
We remove age and Gender because one student answer "0" and "Prefer not to answer" for these questions. We also remove major since it's a qualitative variable

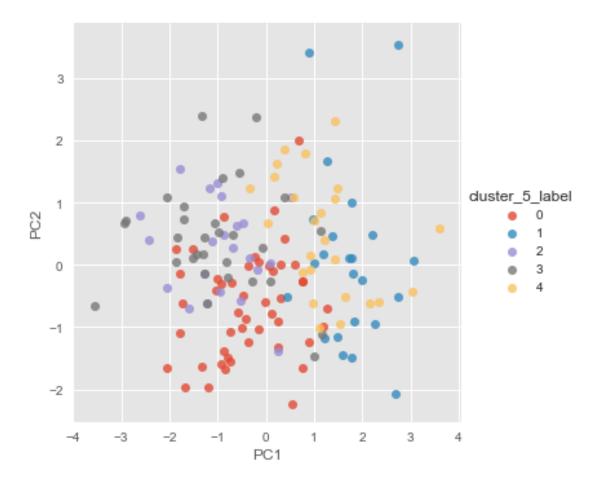
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In [34]: import numpy as np
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
    from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score

cluster_columns = [x for x in all_columns if x not in ['second sim', 'major', 'sid', 'ag
    for i in [2,3,4,5]:
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Two clusters seems to follow PC 1 divisions. Three clusters as well. Though we still need to investigate what differentiates the clusters in terms of knowledge and education background. Four and five clusters gets messier...

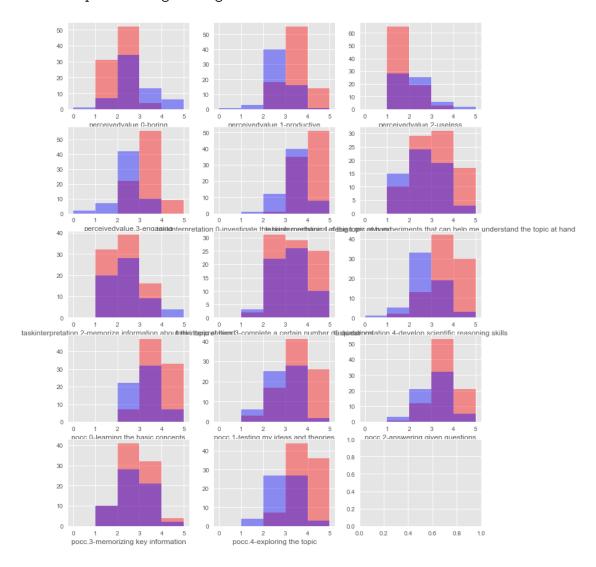
HOWEVER, the silhouette scores are really low (max is 1, near 0 means most points are as close to a neighboring cluster than their own, negative means most points are closer to neighboring cluster). For more info: https://scikitlearn.org/stable/auto\_examples/cluster/plot\_kmeans\_silhouette\_analysis.html

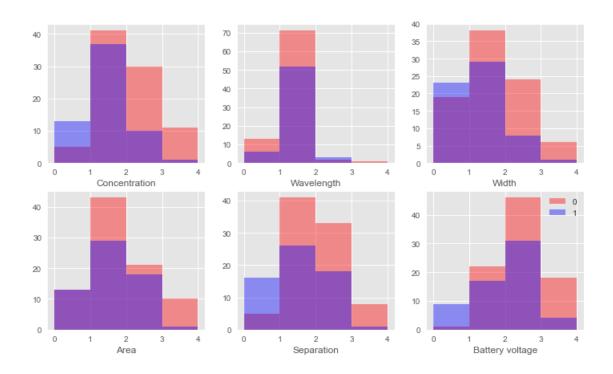
All to say, our data doesn't have clusters... Other analysis (ex. hierarchical analysis) would probably lead to similar results.

### 5.3 Picking 2 clusters

sns.distplot(data[data['cluster\_2\_label']==1][col],ax=ax,bins=[0,1,2,3,4],kde=Fale
plt.legend()

Out[35]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0xe6ba550>





The blue group (contrary to red): \* has higher POCC and think it will be productive but boring \* has slightly higher incoming knowledge for Witdh and Concentration, but not much else.

# 6 Exporting the data

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# 7 Picking out students

We want 8 students, 2 for each type: \* high attitude (cluster=0, PC1>2), high knowledge (incoming\_knowledge\_L ==8) \* high attitude (cluster=0, PC1>2), low knowledge (incoming\_knowledge\_L ==3) \* low attitude (cluster=1, PC1<-2), low knowledge (incoming\_knowledge\_L ==3) \* low attitude (cluster=1, PC1<-2), high knowledge (incoming\_knowledge\_L ==8)

On comment the following to save viz for 4 different types of students:

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In [38]: # print 'a', data[(data['PC1']>2)&(data['incoming_knowledge_L']>=6)]['sid'] # print 'b', data[(data['PC1']>2)&(data['incoming_knowledge_L']==2)]['sid'] # print 'c', data[(data['PC1']<-2)&(data['incoming_knowledge_L']==3)]['sid'] # print 'd', data[(data['PC1']<-2)&(data['incoming_knowledge_L']>=6)]['sid']
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In [39]: # columns = ['sid', "Concentration", "Wavelength", "Width", "perceivedvalue. O-boring", "pe
                    \# exploration = data[data['sid'].isin([19989152,10537160,13654167,11929166])][columns]
                    # exploration['Fakename'] = ['Saturn', 'Tatouine', 'Ursula', 'Venus']
                    # exploration['knowledge'] = ['low', 'high', 'low', 'high']
                    # exploration['incoming attitude'] = ['low', 'high', 'high', 'low']
                     # exploration.sort_values('Concentration',inplace=True)
                     # exploration
In [40]: # %aimport utils_timeline_viz
                    # matplotlib.style.use('qqplot')
                     # matplotlib.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 25, 15
                    # from matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf import PdfPages
                    # to_plot_beers = ['Pause','','Log axis','Inverse axis','Linear axis','Other axes','A
                     # def save_multipage_viz(students_to_explore):
                                  sim_name = {"beers":"Light absorbance", 'capacitor': 'Charge'}
                                  with PdfPages('multipage\_timeline\_viz\_\{0\}.pdf'.format('\_'.join([str(n) for n in the content of the content of
                     #
                                            for sim, to_plot in [('beers', to_plot_beers)]:#,('capacitor', to_plot_caps)]:
                     #
                                                     for i,row in students_to_explore.iterrows():
                                                              studentid = row['sid']
                     #
                                                              name = row['Fakename']
                     #
                                                              att = row['incoming_attitude']+' attitude'
                     #
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                                                              know = row['incoming_knowledge']+' knowledge'
                                                              filename = find_student_log_file(sim, studentid)
                     #
                                                              date = date = re.search(r' \ d\{7,8\}_([\ d\ -\ \ ]+) \ .txt', filename).gr
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                                                              df = prep_parsing_data(filename)
                                                              plt.figure(figsize=(20,12))
                     #
                                                              plt.title("{1} \t {0} \t {2} \t {3}\".format(name, sim name[sim], att,
                     #
                                                              plot(df, to_plot, family_name_to_code, function_to_use, colors)
                     # #
                                                                  plt.show()
                     #
                                                              plt.tight_layout()
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                                                              pdf.savefig()
                                                              plt.close()
                     # save_multipage_viz(exploration)
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