I decided to treat this as a classification problem by creating a new binary variable affair (did the woman have at least one affair?) and trying to predict the classification for each woman.

## **Dataset**

The dataset I chose is the affairs dataset that comes with Statsmodels. It was derived from a survey of women in 1974 by Redbook magazine, in which married women were asked about their participation in extramarital affairs. More information about the study is available in a 1978 paper from the Journal of Political Economy.

Description of Variables

The dataset contains 6366 observations of 9 variables:

rate\_marriage: woman's rating of her marriage (1 = very poor, 5 = very good)

age: woman's age

yrs\_married: number of years married

children: number of children

religious: woman's rating of how religious she is (1 = not religious, 4 = strongly religious)

educ: level of education (9 = grade school, 12 = high school, 14 = some college, 16 = college graduate, 17 = some graduate school, 20 = advanced degree)

occupation: woman's occupation (1 = student, 2 = farming/semi-skilled/unskilled, 3 = "white collar", 4 = teacher/nurse/writer/technician/skilled, 5 = managerial/business, 6 = professional with advanced degree)

occupation\_husb: husband's occupation (same coding as above)

affairs: time spent in extra-marital affairs

## Code to loading data and modules:

import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

import statsmodels.api as sm

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from patsy import dmatrices

from sklearn.linear\_model

import LogisticRegression from

sklearn.cross\_validation

import train\_test\_split from sklearn

import metrics from

sklearn.cross\_validation

import cross\_val\_score dta =

sm.datasets.fair.load\_pandas().data

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#add "affair" column: 1 represents having affairs, 0
      represents not dta['affair'] = (dta.affairs >
      0).astype(int)
     y, X = dmatrices('affair ~ rate_marriage + age +
              yrs_married + children + \ religious + educ +
              C(occupation) + C(occupation_husb)',
              dta, return_type="dataframe")
      X = X.rename(columns =
{'C(occupation)[T.2.0]':'occ_2',
             'C(occupation)[T.3.0]':'occ_3',
                'C(occupation)[T.4.0]':'occ_4',
                'C(occupation)[T.5.0]':'occ_5',
                'C(occupation)[T.6.0]':'occ_6',
                'C(occupation_husb)[T.2.0]':'occ_husb_2',
                'C(occupation_husb)[T.3.0]':'occ_husb_3',
                'C(occupation_husb)[T.4.0]':'occ_husb_4',
                'C(occupation_husb)[T.5.0]':'occ_husb_5',
                'C(occupation_husb)[T.6.0]':'occ_husb_6'})
     y = np.ravel(y)
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