BuildModelingDataset

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1 Lab 2: Building a Modeling Data Set

```
[1]: import os
  import pandas as pd
  import numpy as np
  %matplotlib inline
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import seaborn as sns
  sns.set_theme()
```

In this lab, you will complete the following tasks to build a modeling data set:

- 1. Load the Airbnb "listings" data set and identify the number of rows & columns
- 2. Remove features that are not currently useful for analysis; Modify features to make sure they are machine-comprehensible
- 3. Build a new regression label column by winsorizing outliers
- 4. Replace all missing values with means
- 5. Identify two features with the highest correlation with the label
- 6. Build appropriate bivariate plots between the highest correlated features and the label

1.1 Part 1. Load the Data

We will once again be working with the Airbnb NYC "listings" data set. Use the specified path and name of the file to load the data. Save it as a Pandas DataFrame called df.

```
[2]: # Do not remove or edit the line below: filename = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), "data", "listings.csv.gz")
```

Task: load the data and save it to DataFrame df.

```
[3]: # YOUR CODE HERE

df = pd.read_csv(filename, header = 0)
```

/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/IPython/core/interactiveshell.py:2728: DtypeWarning: Columns (67) have mixed types. Specify dtype option on import or set low memory=False.

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```

Task: Display the shape of df -- that is, the number of rows and columns.

```
[4]: # YOUR CODE HERE
    df.shape
[4]: (38277, 74)
      Task: Get a peek at the data by displaying the first few rows, as you usually do.
[5]: # YOUR CODE HERE
    df.head()
[5]:
         id
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       2595 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/2595
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    2 5121 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/5121
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                                                                  2021-12-05
    3 5136 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/5136
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                                                                  2021-12-05
    4 5178 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/5178
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    3
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                        Large Furnished Room Near B'way
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      Beautiful, spacious skylit studio in the heart...
    1 Enjoy 500 s.f. top floor in 1899 brownstone, w...
    2 <b>The space</b><br />HELLO EVERYONE AND THANK...
    3 We welcome you to stay in our lovely 2 br dupl...
    4 Please dont expect the luxury here just a bas...
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       Just the right mix of urban center and local n...
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    1 https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/e49999c2-9fd5...
                                                              4869
    2 https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/2090980c-b68e...
                                                              7356
    3 https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/miso/Hosting-...
                                                              7378
    4 https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/12065/f070997...
                                                              8967
                                     host_url
                                                ... review_scores_communication
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    1 https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/4869
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    2 https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/7356
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3 https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/7378
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4 https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/8967
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  calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
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  calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms reviews_per_month
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```

[5 rows x 74 columns]

1.2 Part 2. Feature Selection and Engineering

We won't need the data fields that contain free, unstructured text. For example, we wont need the columns that contain apartment descriptions supplied by the host, customer reviews, or descriptions of the neighborhoods in which a listing is located.

The code cell below contains a list containing the names of *unstructured text* columns.

Task: Drop the columns with the specified names, *in place* (that is, make sure this change applies to the original DataFrame df, instead of creating a temporary new DataFrame with fewer columns).

```
[7]: # YOUR CODE HERE
```

```
# df.drop? <- explanation

# drop the columns from the list above, inplace to make changes to df
df.drop(columns = unstr_text_colnames, inplace = True)</pre>
```

Task: Display the shape of the data to verify that the new number of columns is what you expected.

```
[8]: # YOUR CODE HERE
df.shape
```

[8]: (38277, 68)

We will furthermore get rid of all the columns which contain website addresses (URLs).

Task: Create a list which contains the names of columns that contain URLs. Save the resulting list to variable url_colnames.

Tip: There are different ways to accomplish this, including using Python list comprehensions

```
[9]: # YOUR CODE HERE

# https://www.statology.org/pandas-select-columns-containing-string/

# filter selects columns that contain url
colnames = [df.filter(regex = 'url')]
print(colnames[0])

url_colnames = ['listing_url', 'picture_url', 'host_url', 'host_thumbnail_url', url', or 'host_picture_url']
```

```
listing_url \
0
           https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/2595
1
           https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/3831
2
           https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/5121
           https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/5136
3
4
           https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/5178
38272 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/53662330
38273 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/53662542
38274 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/53662772
38275 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/53663081
38276 https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/53665099
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      https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/e49999c2-9fd5...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/miso/Hosting-...
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38273 https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/05f218bd-04ff...
      https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/b4d3d4bf-cffa...
38274
      https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/d8b633e3-0d10...
38275
      https://a0.muscache.com/pictures/prohost-api/H...
38276
                                          host_url
0
           https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/2845
1
           https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/4869
2
           https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/7356
           https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/7378
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      https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/100146245
      https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/100146245
38274
      https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/337879004
      https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/337879004
38275
38276
       https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/60105727
                                      host_thumbnail_url \
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/50fc5...
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1
       https://a0.muscache.com/im/users/4869/profile_...
2
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/72a61...
3
       https://a0.muscache.com/im/users/7378/profile_...
4
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/users/8967/profile_...
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/1c48a...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/1c48a...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/a83a7...
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/a83a7...
38275
38276
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/9b902...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/50fc5...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/users/4869/profile_...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/72a61...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/users/7378/profile_...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/users/8967/profile_...
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/1c48a...
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      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/a83a7...
38274
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/a83a7...
38275
      https://a0.muscache.com/im/pictures/user/9b902...
[38277 rows x 5 columns]
```

Task: Drop the columns with the specified names contained in list url_colnames in place (that is, make sure this change applies to the original DataFrame df, instead of creating a temporary

new DataFrame object with fewer columns).

```
[10]: # YOUR CODE HERE
df.drop(columns = url_colnames, inplace = True)
```

Task: Another property of this dataset is that the price column contains values that are listed as <currency_name><numeric_value>. For example, it contains values that look like this: \$120. Let's look at the first 15 unique values of this column.

Display the first 15 unique values of the price column:

```
[11]: # YOUR CODE HERE
     df['price'].unique
[11]: <bound method Series.unique of 0
                                                 $150.00
     1
                $75.00
     2
                $60.00
     3
               $275.00
                $68.00
                . . .
     38272
                $79.00
     38273
                $76.00
     38274
               $116.00
               $106.00
     38275
     38276
               $689.00
```

In order for us to use the prices for modeling, we will have to transform all values of this price feature into regular floats. We will first need to remove the dollar signs (in this case, the platform forces the currency to be the USD, so we do not need to worry about targeting, say, the Japanese Yen sign, nor about converting the values into USD). Furthermore, we need to remove commas from all values that are in the thousands or above: for example, \$2,500\$. Here is how to do both:

```
[12]: df['price'] = df['price'].str.replace(',', '')
   df['price'] = df['price'].str.replace('$', '')
   df['price'] = df['price'].astype(float)
```

Let's display the first few unique values again, to make sure they are transformed:

```
[13]: df['price'].unique()[:15]
```

```
[13]: array([150., 75., 60., 275., 68., 98., 89., 65., 62., 90., 199., 96., 299., 140., 175.])
```

Well done! Our transformed dataset looks like this:

Name: price, Length: 38277, dtype: object>

```
[14]: df.head()
[14]:
          id
                   scrape_id last_scraped
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    Greenwood Heights
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```

1.3 Part 3. Create a (Winsorized) Label Column

[5 rows x 63 columns]

Assume that your goal is to use this dataset to fit a regression model that predicts the price under which a given space is listed.

Task: Create a new version of the price column, named label_price, in which we replace the top and bottom 1% outlier values with the corresponding percentile value. Add this new column to the DataFrame df.

Remember, you will first need to load the stats module from the scipy package:

```
[15]: # YOUR CODE HERE - import the necessary package
     from scipy import stats
[16]: # YOUR CODE HERE - add the new column to the DataFrame
     df['label_price'] = stats.mstats.winsorize(df['price'], limits = [0.01, 0.01])
       Let's verify that a new column got added to the DataFrame:
[17]: df.head()
[17]:
          id
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                                2021-12-05
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                                2021-12-05
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                                                                3.68
                                                                               68.0
```

[5 rows x 64 columns]

Task: Check that the values of price and label_price are *not* identical. Do this by subtracting the two columns and printing the *length* of the array (using the len() function) of *unique values* of the resulting difference. Note: If all values are identical, the difference would contain only one unique value -- zero. If this is the case, outlier removal did not work.

```
[18]: # YOUR CODE HERE

noidentical = (df['price'] - df['label_price']).unique()
print(len(noidentical))
```

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1.4 Part 4. Replace the Missing Values With Means

1.4.1 a. Identifying missingness

Task: Check if a given value in any data cell is missing, and sum up the resulting values (True/False) by columns. Save this sum to variable nan_count. Print the results.

```
[19]: nan_count = np.sum(df.isnull())
     nan_count
[19]: id
                                                          0
                                                          0
     scrape_id
     last_scraped
                                                          0
    host_id
                                                          0
    host_since
                                                         34
     calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes
                                                          0
     calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
                                                          0
     calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms
                                                          0
     reviews_per_month
                                                       9504
     label price
                                                          0
    Length: 64, dtype: int64
```

Those are more columns than we can eyeball! For this exercise, we don't care about the number of missing values -- we just want to get a list of columns that have *any*.

Task: From variable nan_count, create a new series called nan_detected that contains True/False values that indicate whether the number of missing values is *not zero*:

```
[20]: nan_detected = nan_count != 0
     nan detected
[20]: id
                                                       False
     scrape_id
                                                       False
    last_scraped
                                                       False
    host id
                                                       False
    host_since
                                                        True
     calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes
                                                       False
     calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
                                                       False
     calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms
                                                       False
     reviews_per_month
                                                        True
     label_price
                                                       False
     Length: 64, dtype: bool
```

Since replacing the missing values with the mean only makes sense for the numerically valued columns (and not for strings, for example), let us create another condition: the *type* of the column must be int or float.

Task: Create a series that contains True if the type of the column is either int64 or float64. Save the result to variable is_int_or_float.

```
[21]: # get columns of nan_count
print(nan_count.index)

print("\n")

# dtypes of the columns
is_int_or_float = df[nan_count.index].dtypes

# stores true/false values to see if the dtype is int or float
is_int_or_float = (is_int_or_float == int) | (is_int_or_float == float)
is_int_or_float
```

```
'maximum_nights_avg_ntm', 'calendar_updated', 'has_availability',
  'availability_30', 'availability_60', 'availability_90',
  'availability_365', 'calendar_last_scraped', 'number_of_reviews',
  'number_of_reviews_ltm', 'number_of_reviews_l30d', 'first_review',
  'last_review', 'review_scores_rating', 'review_scores_accuracy',
  'review_scores_cleanliness', 'review_scores_checkin',
  'review_scores_communication', 'review_scores_location',
  'review_scores_value', 'license', 'instant_bookable',
  'calculated_host_listings_count',
  'calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes',
  'calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms',
  'calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms', 'reviews_per_month',
  'label_price'],
  dtype='object')
```

```
[21]: id
                                                        True
     scrape_id
                                                        True
     last scraped
                                                       False
                                                        True
    host id
    host_since
                                                       False
     calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes
                                                        True
     calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
                                                        True
     calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms
                                                        True
     reviews_per_month
                                                        True
     label_price
                                                        True
     Length: 64, dtype: bool
```

Task: Combine the two binary series values into a new series named to_impute. It will contain the value True if a column contains missing values *and* is of type 'int' or 'float'

```
[22]: to_impute = nan_detected & is_int_or_float
     to_impute
[22]: id
                                                       False
     scrape_id
                                                       False
     last_scraped
                                                       False
    host_id
                                                       False
    host_since
                                                       False
     calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes
                                                       False
     calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
                                                       False
     calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms
                                                       False
     reviews_per_month
                                                        True
     label price
                                                       False
     Length: 64, dtype: bool
```

Finally, let's display a list that contains just the selected column names:

We just identified and displayed the list of candidate columns for potentially replacing missing values with the column mean.

Assume that you have decided that it is safe to impute the values for host_listings_count, host_total_listings_count, bathrooms, bedrooms, and beds:

```
[24]: to_impute_selected = ['host_listings_count', 'host_total_listings_count',

'bathrooms',

'bedrooms', 'beds']
```

1.4.2 b. Keeping record of the missingness: creating dummy variables

As a first step, you will now create dummy variables indicating missingness of the values.

Task: Store the True/False series that indicate missingness of any value in a given column as a new variable called <original-column-name> na.

```
[25]: for colname in to_impute_selected:
    # YOUR CODE HERE - complete the loop
    df['to_impute_selected_na'] = colname
```

Check that the DataFrame contains the new variables:

```
[26]: df.head()
```

```
[26]:
          id
                   scrape_id last_scraped host_id host_since
                                                                 host_response_time
        2595
              20211204143024
                               2021-12-05
                                               2845
                                                     2008-09-09
                                                                       within a day
     1 3831 20211204143024
                               2021-12-05
                                               4869
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                               2021-12-05
                                               7378
                                                     2009-02-03
                                                                       within a day
     4 5178 20211204143024
                               2021-12-05
                                               8967
                                                     2009-03-03
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     0
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                       9%
                                            69%
                                                                f
     1
```

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1 100% 100% f
3 100% 25% f
4 100% 100% f
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[5 rows x 65 columns]
```

1.4.3 c. Replacing the missing values with mean values of the column

Task: Fill the missing values of the selected few columns with the corresponding mean value.

```
[27]: # replace the null values with the mean for each column for colname in to_impute_selected:

df[colname].fillna(value = df[colname].mean(), inplace = True)
```

Check your results below. The code displays the count of missing values for each of the selected columns.

```
host_listings_count missing values count :0
host_total_listings_count missing values count :0
bathrooms missing values count :38277
bedrooms missing values count :0
beds missing values count :0
```

Why did the bathrooms column retain missing values after our imputation? **Task**: List the unique values of the bathrooms column.

```
[29]: # YOUR CODE HERE - returning unique values of bathroom df['bathrooms'].unique()
```

[29]: array([nan])

The column did not contain a single value (except the NaN indicator) to begin with.

1.5 Part 5. Identify Features With the Highest Correlation With the Label

Your next goal is to figure out which features in the data correlate most with the label.

In the next few cells, we will demonstrate how to use the Pandas corr() method to get a list of correlation coefficients between label and all other (numerical) features.

Let's first glance at what the corr() method does:

```
[30]: df.corr().head()
[30]:
                                           id
                                                                  host id \
                                                  scrape_id
                                1.000000e+00 -4.269620e-13
     id
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                                                             3.540148e-02
                                7.448373e-13 -1.544987e-11 1.251408e-14
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                                           1.094740e-13
     scrape_id
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     host_id
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                                           2.201904e-02 ...
    host_listings_count
                                      NaN -1.709828e-02 ...
```

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host_total_listings_count
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scrape_id
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host_id
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host_listings_count
                                    -1.701258e-02
                                                                 -5.031839e-02
host_total_listings_count
                                   -1.701258e-02
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                           review_scores_location review_scores_value
                                      3.22227e-03
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id
scrape_id
                                      1.895615e-13
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host_total_listings_count
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host id
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host_total_listings_count
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                           calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
id
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                                                           -4.315383e-14
scrape_id
host_id
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host_listings_count
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host_total_listings_count
                                                            1.491464e-01
                           calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms \
id
                                                           4.671123e-02
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scrape_id
                                                           7.830736e-02
host id
host_listings_count
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host total listings count
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                           reviews_per_month
                                                label_price
id
                                 2.316854e-01 7.906593e-02
                                 5.899236e-15 -3.138348e-14
scrape_id
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```
host_id 2.084392e-01 4.053291e-02
host_listings_count -2.095984e-02 1.310429e-01
host_total_listings_count -2.095984e-02 1.310429e-01
```

[5 rows x 41 columns]

The result is a computed *correlation matrix*. The values on the diagonal are all equal to 1, and the matrix is symmetrical with respect to the diagonal (note that we are only printing the first five lines of it).

We only need to observe correlations of all features with *the label* (as opposed to every possible pairwise correlation).

Task: Save the label_price column of the correlation matrix to the variable corrs:

```
[31]: # corr has the row examples of label_price
corrs = df.corr()['label_price']
corrs
```

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ongitude	-2.069501e-01
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pathrooms	NaN
pedrooms	4.199613e-01
peds	3.736971e-01
price	7.111249e-01
ninimum_nights	-7.589208e-02
maximum_nights	-9.728756e-04
ninimum_minimum_nights	-3.803776e-02
maximum_minimum_nights	6.553784e-02
ninimum_maximum_nights	6.581829e-02
maximum_maximum_nights	1.116868e-01
ninimum_nights_avg_ntm	6.387517e-02
maximum_nights_avg_ntm	8.209898e-02
calendar_updated	NaN
availability_30	1.456894e-01
availability_60	1.470082e-01
availability_90	1.439066e-01
vailability_365	1.235559e-01
number_of_reviews	-4.197310e-02
number_of_reviews_ltm	2.757416e-02
number_of_reviews_130d	2.158982e-02
review_scores_rating	4.319689e-02
review_scores_accuracy	5.358322e-03
review_scores_cleanliness	8.254405e-02
eview_scores_checkin	-3.665125e-03

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review_scores_communication
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review_scores_value
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calculated_host_listings_count
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calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes
                                                9.508782e-02
calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
                                               -9.977978e-02
calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms
                                               -4.333734e-02
reviews_per_month
                                                3.113557e-02
label_price
                                                1.000000e+00
Name: label_price, dtype: float64
```

Task: Sort the values of the series we just obtained in the descending order.

```
[32]: corrs_sorted = corrs.sort_values(ascending = False) corrs_sorted
```

	Colla_solted			
[32]:	label_price	1.000000e+00		
	price	7.111249e-01		
	accommodates	5.006227e-01		
	bedrooms	4.199613e-01		
	beds	3.736971e-01		
	availability_60	1.470082e-01		
	availability_30	1.456894e-01		
	availability_90	1.439066e-01		
	host_listings_count	1.310429e-01		
	host_total_listings_count	1.310429e-01		
	availability_365	1.235559e-01		
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	review_scores_location	9.724051e-02		
	<pre>calculated_host_listings_count_entire_homes</pre>	9.508782e-02		
	review_scores_cleanliness	8.254405e-02		
	maximum_nights_avg_ntm	8.209898e-02		
	id	7.906593e-02		
	minimum_maximum_nights	6.581829e-02		
	maximum_minimum_nights	6.553784e-02		
	minimum_nights_avg_ntm	6.387517e-02		
	latitude	4.329905e-02		
	review_scores_rating	4.319689e-02		
	host_id	4.053291e-02		
	reviews_per_month	3.113557e-02		
	number_of_reviews_ltm	2.757416e-02		
	number_of_reviews_130d	2.158982e-02		
	review_scores_accuracy	5.358322e-03		
	review_scores_communication	1.206558e-04		
	scrape_id	-3.138348e-14		
	maximum_nights	-9.728756e-04		
	review_scores_checkin	-3.665125e-03		
	review_scores_value	-4.816654e-03		
	calculated_host_listings_count	-1.581634e-02		

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calculated_host_listings_count_shared_rooms
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minimum_nights
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calculated_host_listings_count_private_rooms
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longitude
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bathrooms
                                                          NaN
calendar_updated
                                                          NaN
Name: label_price, dtype: float64
```

Task: In the code cell below, save the *column names* for the top-2 correlation values to the list top_two_corr (not counting the correlation of label column with itself, nor the price column -- which is the label column prior to outlier removal). Add the column names to the list in the order in which they appear in the output above. Tip: corrs_sorted is a Pandas Series object, in which column names are the *index*.

```
[33]: top_two_corr = [corrs_sorted.index[2], corrs_sorted.index[3]] top_two_corr
```

[33]: ['accommodates', 'bedrooms']

1.6 Part 6. Produce Bivariate Plots for the Label and Its Top Correlates

We will use the pairplot() function in seaborn to plot the relationships between the two features we identified and the label.

Task: Create a DataFrame df_sub that contains only the selected three columns: the label, and the two columns which correlate with it the most.

```
[34]: # Do not remove or edit the line below:
    top_two_corr.append('label_price')
    print(top_two_corr)

df_sub = df[top_two_corr]
    df_sub
```

['accommodates', 'bedrooms', 'label_price']

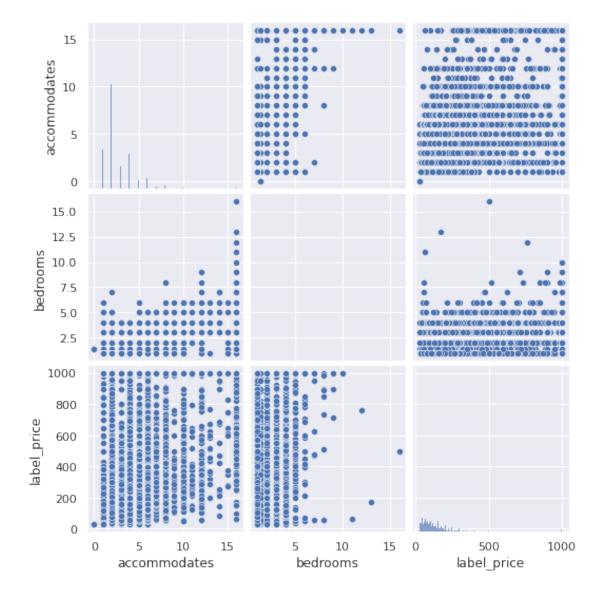
[34]:		accommodates	bedrooms	label_price
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	1	3	1.000000	75.0
	2	2	1.000000	60.0
	3	4	2.000000	275.0
	4	2	1.000000	68.0
	38272	2	1.000000	79.0
	38273	2	1.000000	76.0
	38274	2	1.000000	116.0
	38275	2	1.000000	106.0
	38276	14	6.000000	689.0

[38277 rows x 3 columns]

Task: Create a seaborn pairplot of the data subset you just created

[35]: # YOUR CODE HERE
sns.pairplot(data = df_sub)

[35]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x7f49bcb829b0>

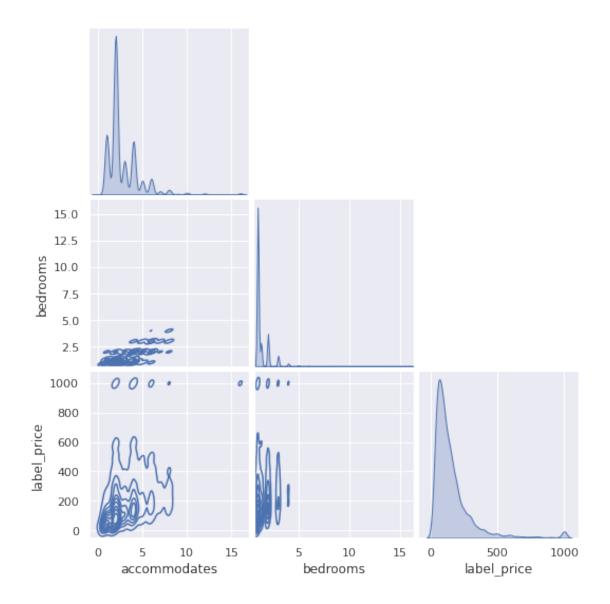


This one is not very easy to make sense of: the points overlap, but we do not have visibility into how densely they are stacked together.

Task: Repeat the pairplot exercise, this time specifying the *kernel density estimator* as the *kind* of the plot. Tip: use kind = 'kde' as a parameter of the pairplot() function. You could also specify corner=True to make sure you don't plot redundant (symmetrical) plots. Note: this one may take a while!

```
[36]: # YOUR CODE HERE
sns.pairplot(data = df_sub, kind = 'kde', corner = True)
```

[36]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x7f49b92a0278>



Analysis: Think about the possible interpretations of these plots. (Recall that our label encodes the listing price). What kind of stories does this data seem to be telling? Is the relationship what you thought it would be? Is there anything surprising or, on the contrary, reassuring about the plots? For example, how would you explain the relationship between the label and 'accommodates'? Is there a slight tilt to the points cluster, as the price goes up? What other patterns do you observe?

With the first pairplots, there seems to be an increasing pattern between accommodates and bathrooms. There is also a pattern betweem bathrooms and accommodates as majority of the points is on the left side. However, with accommodates and label_prices, there seems to be no correlation.

The same follows with the axis switched. It seems like no matter what, the price varies for each accomodation, with no specific pattern.

With the second pairplots, all the markings seem to be staying by the left side. With accomodates and label_price, the price seems to stay under \$200, with accomodations under 5. There is outliers with \$1000. There is one weird outlier where the accomodation passes 15. With the bedrooms and label_price, the price majorly stays under \$400. No one seems to book a airbnb with more than 5 bedrooms, which makes sense. For both graphs, there are outliers where it is at a \$1000. I wonder if these are from the same airbnb.

Overall, most air-bnbs seem to be similair in price and when it comes to bedrooms. Accommodates may vary.