**Student Performance**

**Exploratory Analysis**

**TP1\_NVR\_TMM**

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

Our data set came from the machine learning repository from UC Irvine. https://archive-beta.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/student+performance? It’s a data set describing the performance of 662 students during their high school education. We were trying to analyze the grades of these students to find outliers, correlations, and differences in the various categories from the data set.

1. **DATA SET DESCRIPTION**

This data set contains 622 samples with 25 columns of various data types. A complete listing is shown in **Table 1**. In these tables we are indicating two things (nominal, ordinal, interval, or ratio) and the Pandas data type. In our dataset, we have 2 different Pandas data types, Object and Int64. We also have a few of each normal data type (nominal, ordinal, interval, and ratio), with ratio being the most common type. We managed to find a dataset that had exactly 0 pieces of missing data, which makes the whole set cleaner and easier to work with.

**Table 1: Data Types and Missing Data**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Variable Name* | *Data Type* | *Missing Data (%)* |
| School | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Sex | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Subject | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Age | Int64, Ratio | 0% |
| Address | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Pstatus (Parental Marital Status) | Object, Ordinal | 0% |
| Mother’s education (Medu) | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Father’s education (Medu) | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Travel time | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Study time | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Failures | Int64, Ratio | 0% |
| Schoolup (School Support) | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Famsup (Family Support) | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Paid | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Activities | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Higher | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Internet | Object, Nominal | 0% |
| Famrel (Relationship Quality) | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Free time | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Go out | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Dalc (Daily Alcohol) | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Walc (Weekend Alcohol) | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Health | Int64, Ordinal | 0% |
| Absences | Int64, Ratio | 0% |
| G1 (1st Period Grade) | Int64, Ratio | 0% |
| G2 (2nd Period Grade) | Int64, Ratio | 0% |
| G3 (Final Grade) | Int64, Ratio | 0% |

1. **Data Set Summary Statistics**

These tables show summaries of the student performance data. **Table 1** deals with statistics such as mean and standard deviation. **Table 2** shows the frequencies and proportions of the different categories in the dataset.

**Table 2: Summary Statistics for Student Performance**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Variable Name* | *Count* | *Mean* | *Standard Deviation* | *Min* | *25th* | *50th* | *75th* | *Max* |
| Age | 662 | 16.8 | 1.26 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 22 |
| Failures | 662 | 0.33 | .71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Absences | 662 | 4.93 | 6.85 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 75 |
| G1 | 662 | 10.72 | 3.08 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 19 |
| G2 | 662 | 10.70 | 3.52 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 19 |
| G3 | 662 | 10.72 | 4.10 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 20 |

Table 3: Proportions for Student Performance

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Category* | *Frequency* | *Proportion (%)* |
| Subject: |  |  |
| * Math | 391 | 59% |
| * Portuguese | 271 | 41% |
| School: |  |  |
| * Gabriel Pereira | 434 | 66% |
| * Mousinho da Silveira | 228 | 44% |
| Sex: |  |  |
| * Male | 272 | 41% |
| * Female | 390 | 59% |
| Address: |  |  |
| * Rural | 201 | 30% |
| * Urban | 461 | 70% |
| Parent Status: |  |  |
| * Living Apart | 83 | 13% |
| * Living Together | 579 | 87% |
| Mothers Education: |  |  |
| * 0 | 6 | 1% |
| * 1 | 150 | 23% |
| * 2 | 190 | 29% |
| * 3 | 144 | 22% |
| * 4 | 172 | 26% |
| Fathers Education: |  |  |
| * 0 | 7 | 1% |
| * 1 | 179 | 27% |
| * 2 | 216 | 33% |
| * 3 | 133 | 20% |
| * 4 | 127 | 19% |
| Travel Time: |  |  |
| * 1 | 373 | 56% |
| * 2 | 220 | 33% |
| * 3 | 53 | 8% |
| * 4 | 16 | 2% |
| Study Time: |  |  |
| * 1 | 217 | 33% |
| * 2 | 311 | 47% |
| * 3 | 99 | 15% |
| * 4 | 35 | 5% |
| School Support: |  |  |
| * No | 592 | 89% |
| * Yes | 70 | 11% |
| Family Support: |  |  |
| * No | 262 | 40% |
| * Yes | 400 | 60% |
| Paid: |  |  |
| * No | 469 | 71% |
| * Yes | 193 | 29% |
| Activities: |  |  |
| * No | 343 | 52% |
| * Yes | 319 | 48% |
| Higher: |  |  |
| * No | 71 | 11% |
| * Yes | 591 | 89% |
| Internet: |  |  |
| * No | 158 | 24% |
| * Yes | 504 | 76% |
| Family Relationship Quality: |  |  |
| * 1 | 21 | 3% |
| * 2 | 29 | 4% |
| * 3 | 102 | 15% |
| * 4 | 328 | 50% |
| * 5 | 182 | 27% |
| Free Time: |  |  |
| * 1 | 47 | 7% |
| * 2 | 110 | 17% |
| * 3 | 250 | 38% |
| * 4 | 184 | 28% |
| * 5 | 71 | 11% |
| Go Out: |  |  |
| * 1 | 48 | 7% |
| * 2 | 149 | 23% |
| * 3 | 212 | 32% |
| * 4 | 147 | 22% |
| * 5 | 106 | 16% |
| Weekday Alcohol: |  |  |
| * 1 | 460 | 69% |
| * 2 | 122 | 18% |
| * 3 | 45 | 7% |
| * 4 | 18 | 3% |
| * 5 | 17 | 3% |
| Weekend Alcohol: |  |  |
| * 1 | 255 | 36% |
| * 2 | 147 | 22% |
| * 3 | 124 | 19% |
| * 4 | 90 | 14% |
| * 5 | 46 | 7% |
| Health: |  |  |
| * 1 | 90 | 14% |
| * 2 | 78 | 12% |
| * 3 | 134 | 20% |
| * 4 | 110 | 17% |
| * 5 | 250 | 38% |

Table 4: Correlation Table/Tables

**Correlation Heatmap of Continuous Variables**

Chart

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1. **DATA SET GRAPHICAL EXPLORATION**

With this dataset being the size that it is, there were many graphs we were able to make in order to show the data visually. The histogram (**Figure 1**) was very useful to see how the students did grade-wise over each period of the school year. You can begin to see slight decline in scores as the year goes on, which is expected. **Figure 2** shows the correlation between the different periods for the math classes. In these scatterplots, you can clearly see that there is a strong linear relationship between them. **Figure 3** was one that really stood out. The number of students who were planning on furthering their educations was far higher than I would have expected it to be. **Figure 4** and its results come as no surprise, as students consume more alcohol during the week, their academic performance starts to dwindle.

*Chart, histogram

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**Figure 1: Histogram distributions of Grades from each grading period**

As the periods go on, we noticed an increase in students receiving 0’s for their performances in class.

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**Figure 2: Scatterplots showing the relationship between the different grading periods of the math course**

Judging from these plots, the distribution of grades is fairly linear.

Chart, bar chart, histogram

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**Figure 3: Number of students planning to seek higher education**

We found this interesting that such a large number of students were planning on going to college to further their education. This is much higher than the percentage at the high school I (Trevor) went to.

Chart, box and whisker chart

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**Figure 4: Weekday alcohol consumption by Period**

As alcohol consumption grows higher, grades tent to become worse.

1. **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

This dataset had many different variables and categories of different sizes, types, and content. Correlations could be drawn from a very large combination of different categories. For example, the way that alcohol consumption effected the student performance was found in our data. The correlation being that alcohol overall did negatively affect the way a student was able to perform in class. Using various different graphs and charts, we were able to visualize almost every single category in the dataset. This was very helpful to understanding the data since it is much easier to grasp what’s happening when you can look at the data in a clean and presentable way.