# PROJECT REPORT

# Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery IM672A

Project: Costa Rican Household Poverty Level Prediction

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### **Problem and Data Explanation**

The data for this competition is provided in two files: train.csv and test.csv. The training set has 9557 rows and 143 columns while the testing set has 23856 rows and 142 columns. Each row represents one individual and each column is a feature, either unique to the individual, or for the household of the individual. The training set has one additional column, Target, which represents the poverty level on a 1-4 scale and is the label for the competition. A value of 1 is the most extreme poverty.

This is a supervised multi-class classification machine learning problem:

- Supervised: provided with the labels for the training data
- Multi-class classification: Labels are discrete values with 4 classes

## **Objective**

The objective is to predict poverty on a **household level**. We are given data on the individual level with each individual having unique features but also information about their household. In order to create a dataset for the task, we'll have to perform some aggregations of the individual data for each household. Moreover, we have to make a prediction for every individual in the test set,

but "ONLY the heads of household are used in scoring" which means we want to predict poverty on a household basis.

The Target values represent poverty levels as follows:

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1 = extreme poverty
2 = moderate poverty
3 = vulnerable households
4 = non vulnerable households
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#### **Core Data fields**

- Id: a unique identifier for each individual, this should not be a feature that we use!
- **idhogar**: a unique identifier for each household. This variable is not a feature but will be used to group individuals by the household as all individuals in a household will have the same identifier.
- parentesco1: indicates if this person is the head of the household.
- Target: the label, which should be equal for all members in a household

When we make a model, we'll train on a household basis with the label for each household the poverty level of the head of household. The raw data contains a mix of both household and individual characteristics and for the individual data, we will have to find a way to aggregate this for each household. Some of the individuals belong to a household with no head of the household which means that unfortunately, we can't use this data for training. These issues with the data are completely typical of **real-world** data and hence this problem is great preparation for the datasets you'll encounter in a data science job!

# **Preprocessing**

#### **Imports**

We'll use a familiar stack of data science libraries: Pandas, numpy, matplotlib, seaborn, and eventually sklearn for modeling.

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In [1]: | import pandas as pd import numpy as np
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Read in Data and Look at Summary Information

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In [2]:  pd.set_option('display.max_rows', 100)
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', 500)
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	7	ID_3e04e571e	130000.0	1	2	0	1	1	0	NaN	0	1	1	2	1	3
	8	ID_1284f8aad	130000.0	1	2	0	1	1	0	NaN	0	1	1	2	1	3
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## Missing Variables

One of the most important steps of exploratory data analysis is finding missing values in the data and determining how to handle them. Missing values have to be filled in before we use a machine learning model and we need to think of the best strategy for filling them in based on the feature: this is where we'll have to start digging into the data definitions.

First, we can look at the percentage of missing values in each column.

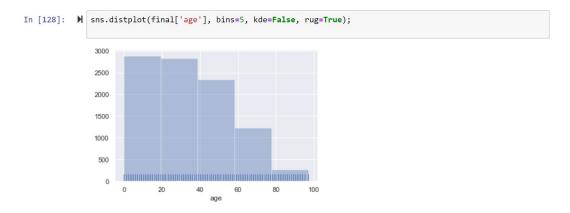
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In [50]: ▶ #code for number of null values in a column
             for i in list(final.columns):
                count=0
                 for j in list(final[i].isnull()):
                    if j is True:
                        count=count+1
                if count != 0:
                    print(i,'-',count)
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           for i in list(final.columns):
               count=0
               for j in list(final[i].isnull()):
                  if j is True:
                     count=count+1
               if count != 0:
                  print(i,'-',count)
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As we can see different readings for final people age.

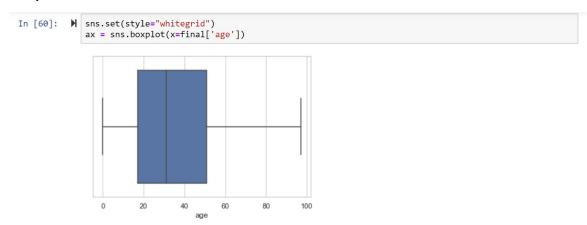
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           50%
                    31.000000
                    51.000000
                    97.000000
           max
           Name: age, dtype: float64
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To get a much better idea of this data, we plot the distribution as well as a box plot of people age.

#### **Distribution plot**



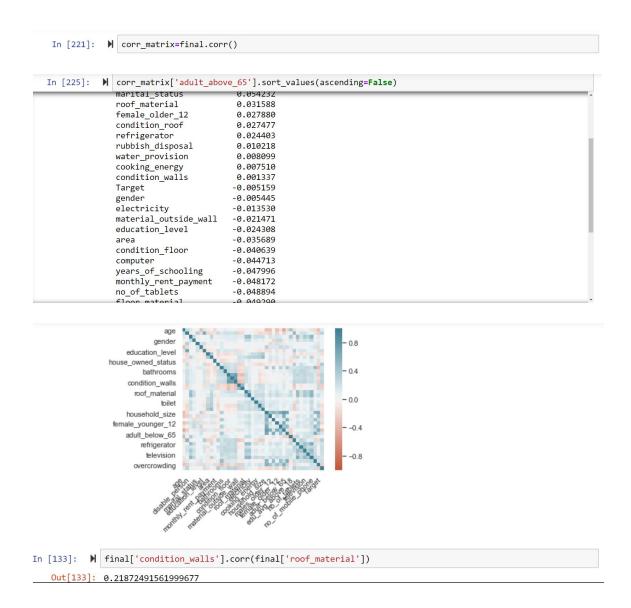
#### **Box plot**



Similary, we plot the graphs for other columns like 'years\_of\_schooling',
'disable\_person', 'marital\_status', 'in\_house\_position',
'education\_level', 'region', 'area', 'house\_owned\_status',
'monthly\_rent\_payment', 'bathrooms', 'bedrooms', 'condition\_walls',
'condition\_floor', 'condition\_roof', 'electricity', 'household\_size',
'males\_younger\_12' etc

#### Correlation matrix of redundant household variables

Let's take a look at the correlations between all of the household variables. If there are any that are too highly correlated, then we might want to remove one of the pair of highly correlated variables. The following code identifies any variables with a greater than 0.95 absolute magnitude correlation.

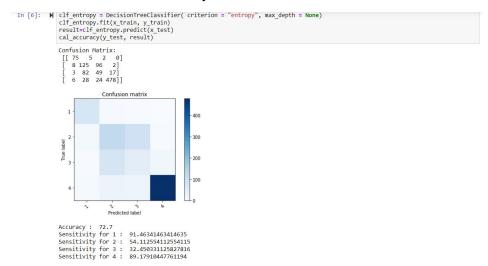


# **Data Modelling**

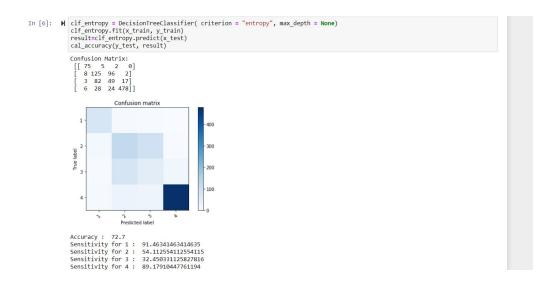
Now that we have a good set of features, it's time to get into the modelling.

1. **Classification Method** - We used two classification method Gini and entropy to predict poverty on a **household level**.

a. **Gini-** In this case, our accuracy is 72.7%.



**b. Entropy:** In this case, our accuracy is 72.7%, Which is not good as compare to Gini.



2. **Logistic Regression**: In this case, our prediction accuracy came down to 63.5% then the classification methods we used above. We applied this method twice and observe a

#### drop in the accuracy level.

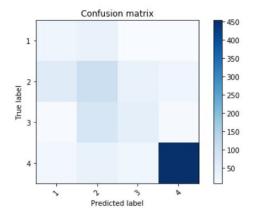
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Confusion Matrix:

[[ 28  38  8  8]

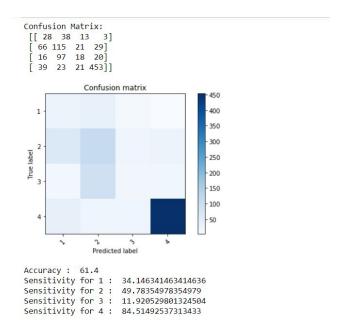
[ 62  104  39  26]

[ 10  79  49  13]

[ 20  38  24  454]]
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Accuracy: 63.5
Sensitivity for 1: 34.146341463414636
Sensitivity for 2: 45.02164502164502
Sensitivity for 3: 32.450331125827816
Sensitivity for 4: 84.70149253731343



3. **Neural Network:** In this case, our prediction accuracy was varying after observing this model for 1000 times. The accuracy that we observe is 68.4%.

## Results

Here we can see the accuracy of all the methods used for modelling data.

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The poverty prediction level accuracy of households for the following methods are:

Methods	Accuracy (%)
Gini	74.6
Entropy	72.7
Logistic Regression	63.5
Neural Network	68.4

Although I observe the accuracy level in the case of the neural network sometimes come more than **Gini** method. But I would recommend using Gini method for predicting the poverty of households. As currently, according to me this method is way better than the other three with an accuracy of **74.6**%.