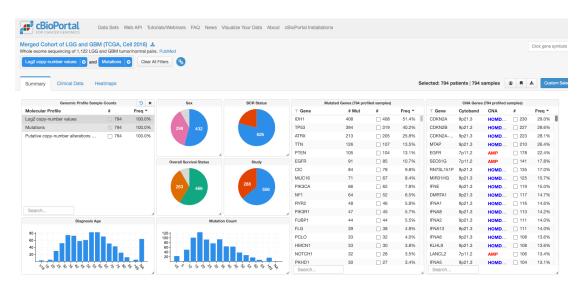
```
In [2]: import os
   import flexynesis
   import torch
   import numpy as np
   import seaborn as sns
   import pandas as pd
   import random
   import lightning as pl
```

Seed set to 42

Finding Survival Markers in Lower Grade Glioma (LGG) and Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM)seed



Here, we demonstrate the capabilities of flexynesis on a multi-omic dataset of 506 Brain Lower Grade Glioma (LGG) and 288 Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) samples with matching mutation and copy number alteration data downloaded from the cbioportal. The data was split into train (70% of the samples) and test (30% of the samples) data folders. The data files were processed to follow the same nomenclature.

- cna.csv contains "copy number alteration" data
- mut.csv contains "mutation" data, which is a binary matrix of genes versus samples.
- clin.csv contains "clinical/sample metatada", which is a table of clinical
 parameters such as age, sex, disease type, histological diagnosis, and overall
 survival time and status.

Data Download

The data can be downloaded as follows:

```
In [3]: if not os.path.exists("lgggbm_tcga_pub_processed"):
```

```
!wget -0 lgggbm_tcga_pub_processed.tgz "https://bimsbstatic.mdc-berli
```

Importing Train and Test Datasets

We import train and test datasets including mutations and copy number alterations. We rank genes by Laplacian Scores and pick top 10% of the genes, while removing highly redundant genes with a correlation score threshold of 0.8 and a variance threshold of 50%. By setting concatenate to False, we will be doing an intermediate fusion of omic layers.

```
In [4]: data importer = flexynesis.DataImporter(path = 'lgggbm tcga pub processed'
                                             data_types = ['mut', 'cna'], log_
                                             concatenate=False, top_percentile
                                            variance threshold=0.5)
       train dataset, test dataset = data importer.import data()
       [INFO] =========== Importing Data ==========
      [INFO] Validating data folders...
      [INFO] ------ Reading Data -----
      [INFO] Importing lgggbm_tcga_pub_processed/train/cna.csv...
      [INFO] Importing lgggbm tcga pub processed/train/clin.csv...
       [INFO] Importing lgggbm_tcga_pub_processed/train/mut.csv...
      [INFO] ------ Reading Data -----
       [INFO] Importing lgggbm_tcga_pub_processed/test/cna.csv...
      [INFO] Importing lgggbm tcga pub processed/test/clin.csv...
      [INFO] Importing lgggbm_tcga_pub_processed/test/mut.csv...
      [INFO] ------ Checking for problems with the input data
      [INFO] Data structure is valid with no errors or warnings.
      [INFO] ------ Processing Data (train) ------
      [INFO] ------ Cleaning Up Data -----
      [INFO] working on layer: mut
      [INFO] Number of NA values: 0
      [INFO] DataFrame mut - Removed 5561 features.
      [INFO] working on layer: cna
      [INFO] Number of NA values: 0
      [INFO] DataFrame cna - Removed 12375 features.
      [INFO] DataFrame mut - Removed 0 samples (0.00%).
      [INFO] DataFrame cna - Removed 0 samples (0.00%).
      [INFO] Implementing feature selection using laplacian score for layer: mut
      with 5503 features and 556 samples
      Calculating Laplacian scores: 100%|
                                       | 5503/5503 [00:00<00:00, 17621.59it/
      Filtering redundant features: 100%
                                         | 1000/1000 [00:00<00:00, 16951.61it/
      s]
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```
[INFO] Implementing feature selection using laplacian score for layer: cna
with 12371 features and 556 samples
Calculating Laplacian scores: 100%|
                               | 12371/12371 [00:00<00:00, 19969.51it/
s]
Filtering redundant features: 100%
                                | 1237/1237 [00:00<00:00, 275229.65it/
s]
[INFO] ------ Processing Data (test) ------
[INFO] ------ Cleaning Up Data -----
[INFO] working on layer: mut
[INFO] Number of NA values: 0
[INFO] DataFrame mut - Removed 5627 features.
[INFO] working on layer: cna
[INFO] Number of NA values:
[INFO] DataFrame cna - Removed 12382 features.
[INFO] DataFrame mut - Removed 0 samples (0.00%).
[INFO] DataFrame cna - Removed 0 samples (0.00%).
[INFO] ------ Harmonizing Data Sets ------
[INFO] ------ Finished Harmonizing ------
[INFO] ------ Normalizing Data -----
[INFO] ------ Normalizing Data -----
[INFO] Training Data Stats: {'feature_count in: cna': 1237, 'feature_coun
t in: mut': 318, 'sample_count': 556}
[INFO] Test Data Stats: {'feature_count in: cna': 1237, 'feature_count in
: mut': 318, 'sample_count': 238}
[INFO] Merging Feature Logs...
[INFO] Data import successful.
```

1. Exploratory Data Analysis

Before building any machine learning models on the data, it is important to first familiarize yourself with the data you are working with. It is important to know the available data matrices, their sizes/shapes, available clinical variables and how they are distributed.

Below you are asked to do simple explorations of the available data.

1.1 Print the shapes of the available data matrices

• How many features and samples are available per data type in train/test datasets?

```
In [5]: train_dataset.dat, test_dataset.dat
```

```
Out[5]: ({'cna': tensor([[-0.1857, -0.7226, -0.8444, ..., 0.4157, -0.8662,
        -0.8662],
                   [-0.2515, -0.7058, -0.8262, ..., 0.4130, -0.8484, -0.8484],
                  [-0.2568, -0.7394, 0.8417, \ldots, -1.8322, 0.7924, 0.7924],
                   [-0.2252, 3.8013, -0.6767, \ldots, 0.6435, 4.1296, 4.1296],
                                               ..., -1.8981, -0.8885, -0.8885],
                   [-0.2647, -0.7437, -0.8670,
                  [-0.1752, -0.7416, -0.8444, ..., 0.3883, -0.8662, -0.866
        2]]),
           'mut': tensor([[ 0.9822, -0.1485, 1.7075, ..., -0.0424, -0.0424,
        -0.0601],
                   [0.9822, -0.1485, 1.7075, \ldots, -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.0601],
                  [0.9822, -0.1485, -0.5857, \ldots, -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.0601],
                  [-1.0182, -0.1485, -0.5857, \ldots, -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.0601],
                  [0.9822, -0.1485, -0.5857, \ldots, -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.0601],
                   [ 0.9822, -0.1485, -0.5857, ..., -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.060
        1]])},
         {'cna': tensor([[-0.2331, -0.7331, -0.8557, ..., 0.3800, -0.8773,
        -0.8773],
                   [-0.2541, -0.1700, -0.2483, \ldots, 0.4377, -0.2799, -0.2799],
                  [2.0530, -0.7437, -0.8670, \ldots, 0.4377, -0.8885, -0.8885],
                   [-0.2462, -0.7142, -0.8648, \ldots, -1.8816, -0.8863, -0.8863],
                  [-0.1910, 0.9163, 0.9913, \ldots, 0.4020, 0.8726, 0.8726],
                  [-0.2620, 0.1788, 0.2412, ..., 0.4184, 0.2016, 0.201
        6]]),
           'mut': tensor([[ 0.9822, -0.1485, 1.7075, ..., -0.0424, -0.0424,
        -0.0601],
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                  [-1.0182, -0.1485, -0.5857, \ldots, -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.0601],
                  [-1.0182, -0.1485, -0.5857, \ldots, -0.0424, -0.0424, -0.060]
        1]])})
In [6]: train_dataset.dat['mut'].shape, train_dataset.dat['cna'].shape
Out[6]: (torch.Size([556, 318]), torch.Size([556, 1237]))
In [7]: test_dataset.dat['mut'].shape, test_dataset.dat['cna'].shape
Out[7]: (torch.Size([238, 318]), torch.Size([238, 1237]))
In [8]: train dataset.samples[1:20], train dataset.features
```

```
Out[8]: (['TCGA-S9-A6TV',
           'TCGA-HW-8322',
           'TCGA-06-5415'
           'TCGA-VM-A8CB',
           'TCGA-HT-7860',
           'TCGA-HW-7487'
           'TCGA-WH-A86K',
           'TCGA-76-4931',
           'TCGA-28-5204',
           'TCGA-19-5958',
           'TCGA-FG-6690'
           'TCGA-DU-A5TS',
           'TCGA-27-1835',
           'TCGA-DU-8168',
           'TCGA-FG-A6J1',
           'TCGA-DU-A7TA',
           'TCGA-HT-A740'
           'TCGA-06-0169',
           'TCGA-FG-A6J3'],
          {'cna': Index(['SLC30A8', 'ZNF273', 'CLEC5A', 'AGL', 'KCNA5', 'MIR603',
         'SNTB1',
                  'MRPL13', 'MTBP', 'SNORA72|ENSG00000252158.1',
                  'CAV1', 'FZD1', 'BCAP29', 'MNX1', 'ADAM22', 'LRP8', 'NOM1', 'RN
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                  'snoU13|ENSG00000239044.1', 'CPA1'],
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           'mut': Index(['IDH1', 'IDH2', 'ATRX', 'RELN', 'PIK3CA', 'EGFR', 'TP53'
         , 'COL6A3',
                  'TEKT4', 'SVIL',
                  'ZNF571', 'PRDM1', 'MY019', 'ADAMTSL4', 'VDAC3', 'WNT7A', 'ARHG
         AP29',
                  'CTSW', 'PDE10A', 'PTPRS'],
                 dtype='object', length=318)})
In [9]: train_dataset.samples[1:20], train_dataset.features
```

```
Out[9]: (['TCGA-S9-A6TV',
           'TCGA-HW-8322'
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           'TCGA-FG-A6J1',
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           'TCGA-FG-A6J3'],
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                  'MRPL13', 'MTBP', 'SNORA72|ENSG00000252158.1',
                  'CAV1', 'FZD1', 'BCAP29', 'MNX1', 'ADAM22', 'LRP8', 'NOM1', 'RN
         7SL290P',
                  'snoU13|ENSG00000239044.1', 'CPA1'],
                 dtype='object', length=1237),
           'mut': Index(['IDH1', 'IDH2', 'ATRX', 'RELN', 'PIK3CA', 'EGFR', 'TP53'
         , 'COL6A3',
                  'TEKT4', 'SVIL',
                  'ZNF571', 'PRDM1', 'MY019', 'ADAMTSL4', 'VDAC3', 'WNT7A', 'ARHG
         AP29',
                  'CTSW', 'PDE10A', 'PTPRS'],
                 dtype='object', length=318)})
```

1.2 Explore sample annotations

• What are the available clinical variables? Are they available in both train and test datasets? (See .ann)

```
In [10]: train_dataset.ann, test_dataset.ann
```

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          , 1., nan,
                   1., 0., nan, 0.], dtype=torch.float64)})
In [11]: | from IPython.display import display
         # Get sorted lists of keys (clinical variable names) for both datasets
         train_keys = sorted(train_dataset.ann.keys())
         test keys = sorted(test dataset.ann.keys())
         # Combine keys from both train and test (in case one is missing any)
         all keys = sorted(set(train keys) | set(test keys))
         # Create a list to store table rows
         rows = []
         for key in all_keys:
             train avail = "Yes" if key in train dataset.ann else "No"
             test avail = "Yes" if key in test dataset.ann else "No"
             # Optionally include additional information like the tensor shape
             train shape = train dataset.ann[key].shape if key in train dataset.an
             test_shape = test_dataset.ann[key].shape if key in test_dataset.ann e
             rows.append([key, train_avail, test_avail, train_shape, test_shape])
         # Build a DataFrame from the rows
         df = pd.DataFrame(rows, columns=["Clinical Variable", "Train", "Test", "T
         # Display the DataFrame in the notebook
         display(df)
```

	Clinical Variable	Train	Test	Train Shape	Test Shape
0	AGE	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
1	BCR_STATUS	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
2	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
3	KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
4	OS_MONTHS	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
5	OS_STATUS	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
6	SEX	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)
7	STUDY	Yes	Yes	(556,)	(238,)

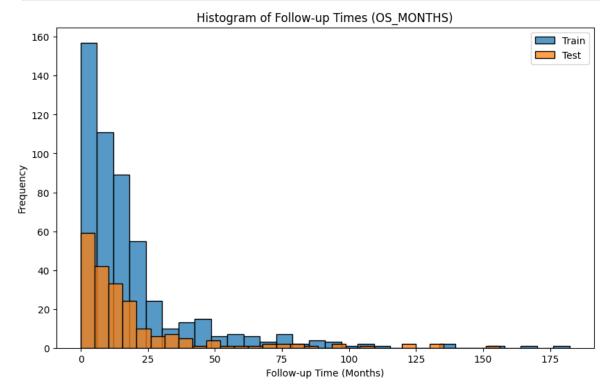
 Make a histogram plot of the follow up times in months (OS_MONTHS) (use sns.histplot)

```
In [12]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

data1 = train_dataset.ann["OS_MONTHS"]
data2 = test_dataset.ann["OS_MONTHS"]

# Create a histogram plot of OS_MONTHS for both train and test data
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(data1, bins=30, kde=False, label="Train")
sns.histplot(data2, bins=30, kde=False, label="Test")
```

```
plt.xlabel("Follow-up Time (Months)")
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.title("Histogram of Follow-up Times (OS_MONTHS)")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

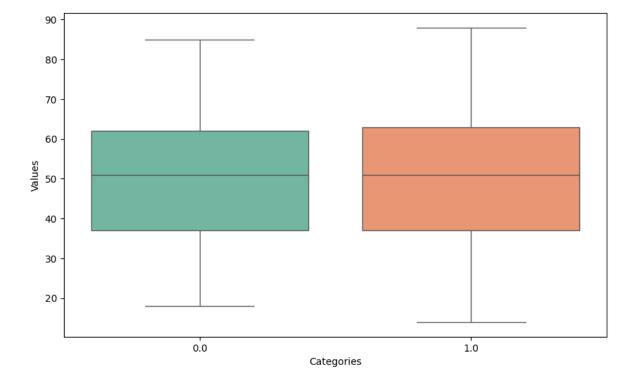


 Make a histogram of the age distribution of the patients in the training data; facet the histogram by "SEX" variable (see flexynesis.utils.plot_boxplot)

```
In [13]: cat_x = train_dataset.ann["SEX"]
    num_y = train_dataset.ann["AGE"]
    flexynesis.utils.plot_boxplot(cat_x, num_y, title_x = 'Categories', title
```

/home/thesamurai/micromamba/envs/flexynesisenv/lib/python3.11/site-package s/flexynesis/utils.py:155: FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be remove d in v0.14.0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same effect.



 Make a summary of all available clinical variables (see flexynesis.print_summary_stats)

In [14]: flexynesis.print_summary_stats(train_dataset)

```
Summary for variable: AGE
Numerical Variable Summary: Median = 51.0, Mean = 50.33781190019194
Summary for variable: OS MONTHS
Numerical Variable Summary: Median = 11.6, Mean = 19.090978886756236
Summary for variable: OS STATUS
Numerical Variable Summary: Median = 0.0, Mean = 0.36153846153846153
Summary for variable: KARNOFSKY PERFORMANCE SCORE
Numerical Variable Summary: Median = 80.0, Mean = 82.45454545454545
Summary for variable: STUDY
Categorical Variable Summary:
  Label: Brain Lower Grade Glioma, Count: 353
 Label: Glioblastoma multiforme, Count: 203
Summary for variable: BCR STATUS
Categorical Variable Summary:
  Label: IGC, Count: 454
 Label: NCH, Count: 102
Summary for variable: HISTOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS
Categorical Variable Summary:
  Label: astrocytoma, Count: 115
  Label: glioblastoma, Count: 201
 Label: oligoastrocytoma, Count: 79
 Label: oligodendroglioma, Count: 126
 Label: nan, Count: 35
Summary for variable: SEX
Categorical Variable Summary:
  Label: Female, Count: 209
 Label: Male, Count: 312
 Label: nan, Count: 35
```

Notice that the categorical variables such as "SEX", "STUDY",
 "HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS" are encoded numerically in the "dataset.ann" objects.
 Use dataset.label_mappings to map the STUDY variable to their original labels. Print the top 10 values in dataset.ann['STUDY'] and the mapped label values.

```
Out[16]: {'STUDY': {0: 'Brain Lower Grade Glioma', 1: 'Glioblastoma multiforme'},
           'BCR_STATUS': {0: 'IGC', 1: 'NCH'},
           'HISTOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS': {0: 'astrocytoma',
            1: 'glioblastoma',
            2: 'oligoastrocytoma',
            3: 'oligodendroglioma',
           4: nan},
           'SEX': {0: 'Female', 1: 'Male', 2: nan}}
In [17]: import math
         study vals = train dataset.ann["STUDY"][:10]
         mapping = train_dataset.label_mappings["STUDY"]
         df = pd.DataFrame({
             "STUDY": study_vals.tolist(),
             "Mapped Label": [
                 mapping[int(x.item())] if not math.isnan(x.item()) else "NaN"
                 for x in study_vals
             ]
         })
         display(df)
```

	STUDY	Mapped Label
0	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
1	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
2	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
3	1.0	Glioblastoma multiforme
4	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
5	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
6	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
7	0.0	Brain Lower Grade Glioma
8	1.0	Glioblastoma multiforme
9	1.0	Glioblastoma multiforme

 Now, let's explore the data matrices. Make a PCA plot of the mutation data matrix and color the samples by "HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS". See flexynesis.plot_dim_reduced function

First create a pandas data frame with the data matrix of interest with feature and sample names

```
df = pd.DataFrame(train_dataset.dat['cna'], index = train_dataset.samples,
columns= train_dataset.features['cna'])
```

Check the data frame contents

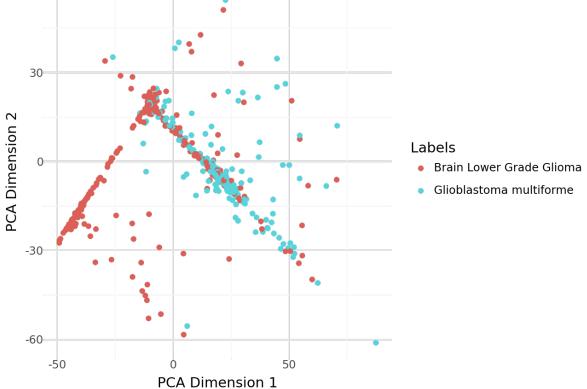
```
df.head()
```

Make a PCA plot of CNA values using the labels from the STUDY variable

Note: if you couldn't map the labels above, you can also use train_dataset.dat['STUDY'] as labels

```
In [18]: df = pd.DataFrame(train_dataset.dat['cna'], index = train_dataset.samples
In [19]:
         df.head()
Out[19]:
                         SLC30A8
                                             CLEC5A
                                                          AGL
                                                                            MIR603
                                    ZNF273
                                                                  KCNA5
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              TCGA-S9-
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                                                      0.386623 -0.153882
                                                                          0.544251 -0.2603
                 A6TV
                 TCGA-
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              HW-8322
          TCGA-06-5415 -0.238350
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             TCGA-VM-
                        -0.262026 -0.743652 -0.867035 -2.188329 -0.148562
                                                                          0.582374 -0.2710
                 A8CB
```

5 rows × 1237 columns

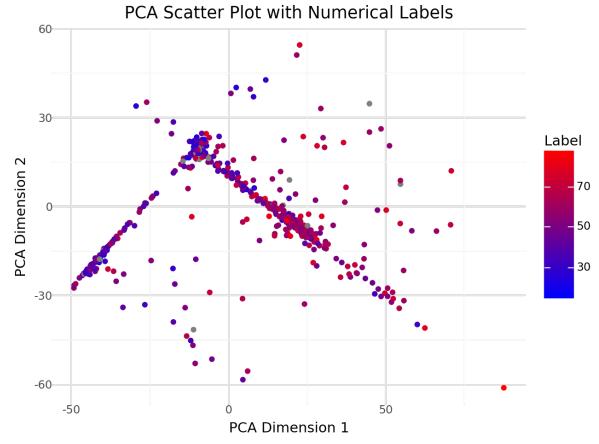


- (Optional exercise ideas):
 - Make a PCA plot coloring the samples by HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS, GENDER, or any other clinical variable
 - Repeat the same exercise on the mutation data matrix.

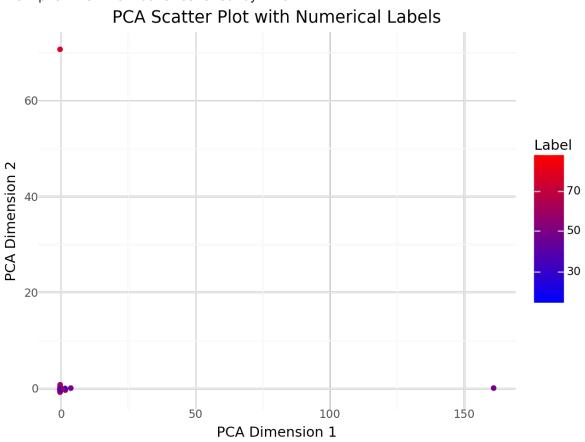
```
In [23]: from flexynesis import plot dim reduced
         # List available clinical variables in the training dataset (from .ann)
         clinical vars = list(train dataset.ann.keys())
         # Prepare the data matrices for CNA and MUT
         ds = train dataset
         df cna = pd.DataFrame(ds.dat["cna"], index=ds.samples, columns=ds.feature
         df_mut = pd.DataFrame(ds.dat["mut"], index=ds.samples, columns=ds.feature
         def get_labels(variable):
             For a given clinical variable, returns a tuple:
               (labels, color_type)
             If a mapping exists, labels are mapped (categorical);
             otherwise, raw values are returned (numerical).
             vals = ds.ann[variable].numpy()
             if variable in ds.label mappings:
                 labels = [ds.label_mappings[variable][int(x.item())] if not math.
                           for x in ds.ann[variable]]
                 color_type = "categorical"
                 labels = vals # Use raw numeric values
                 color type = "numerical"
             return labels, color type
```

```
In [24]: # Loop over each clinical variable and generate PCA plots for both CNA and
         for var in clinical vars:
             labels, color type = get labels(var)
             # Plot PCA for CNA data
             print(f"PCA plot for CNA data colored by: {var}")
             fig1 = plot_dim_reduced(df_cna, labels=labels, color_type=color_type,
             # If fig is returned, display it:
             if fig1 is not None:
                 fig1.show()
             else:
                 plt1.show()
             # Plot PCA for MUT data
             print(f"PCA plot for MUT data colored by: {var}")
             fig2 = plot dim reduced(df mut, labels=labels, color type=color type,
             # If fig is returned, display it:
             if fig2 is not None:
                 fig2.show()
             else:
                 plt2.show()
```

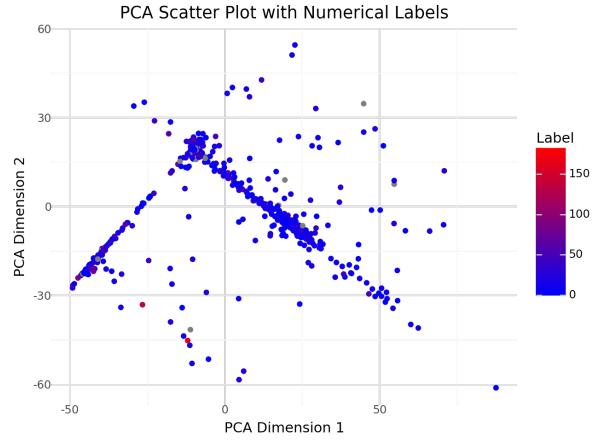
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: AGE



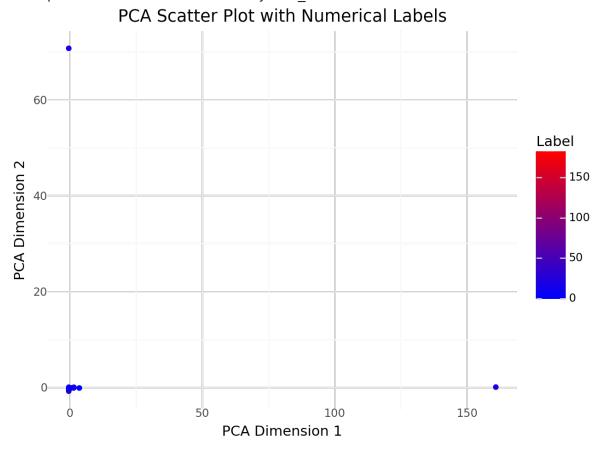
PCA plot for MUT data colored by: AGE



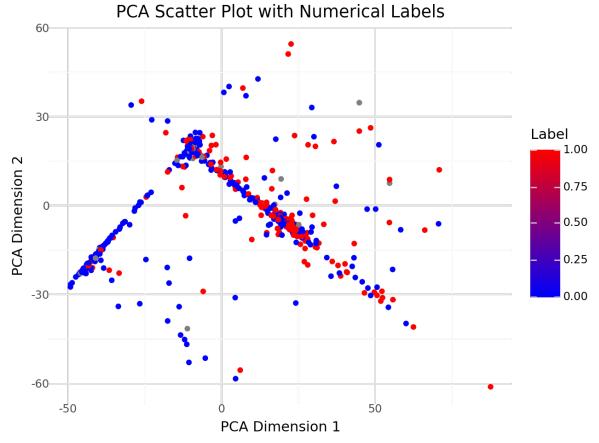
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: OS_MONTHS



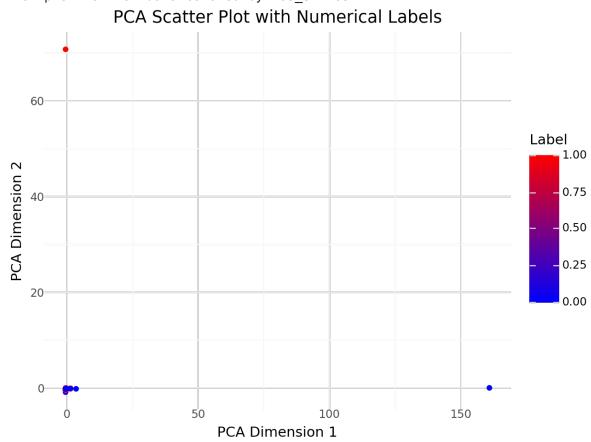
PCA plot for MUT data colored by: OS_MONTHS



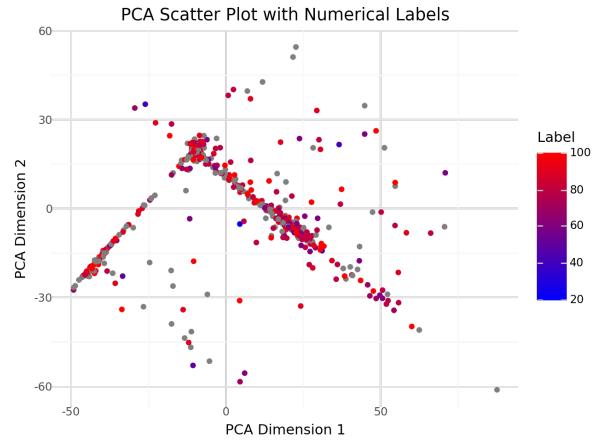
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: OS_STATUS



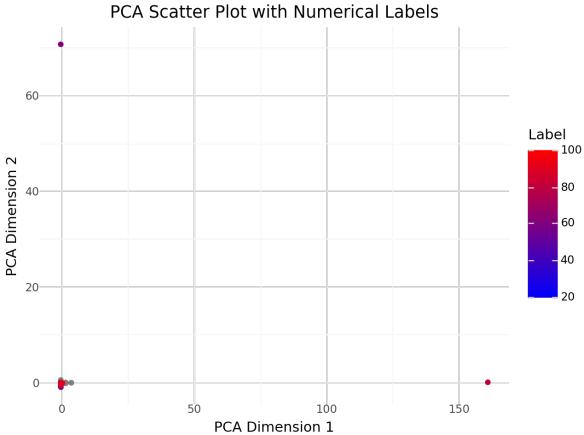
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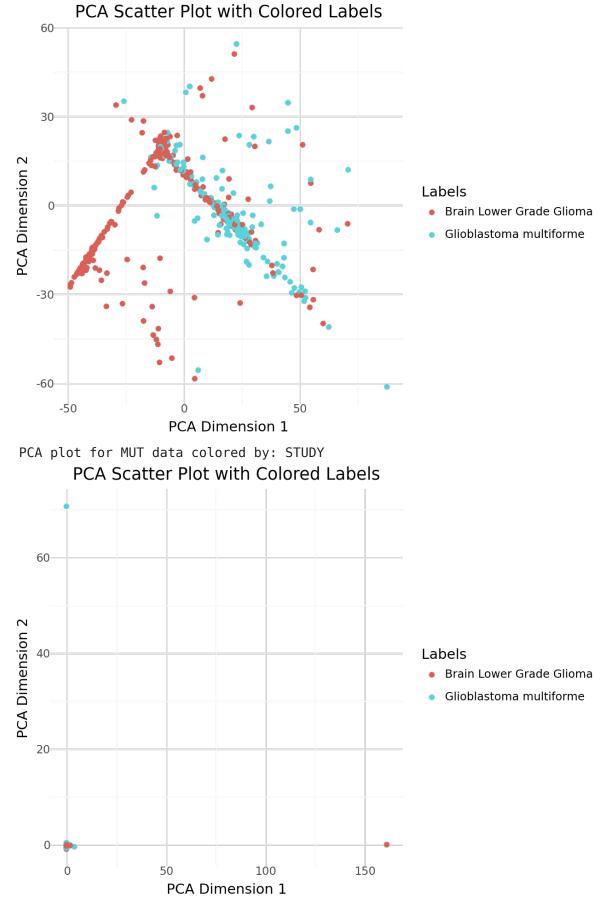
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE



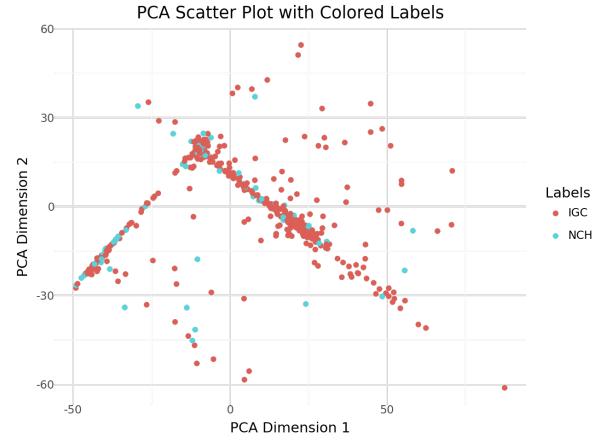
PCA plot for MUT data colored by: KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE



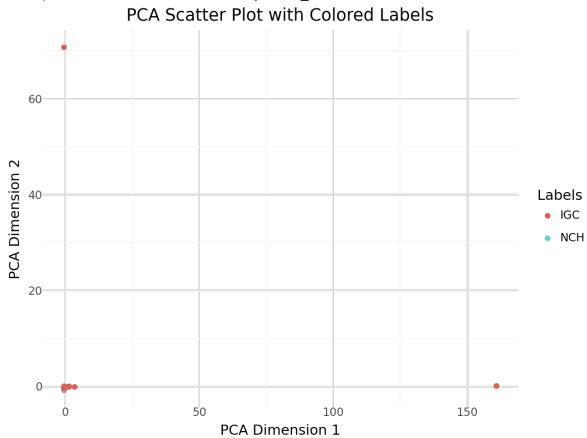
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: STUDY



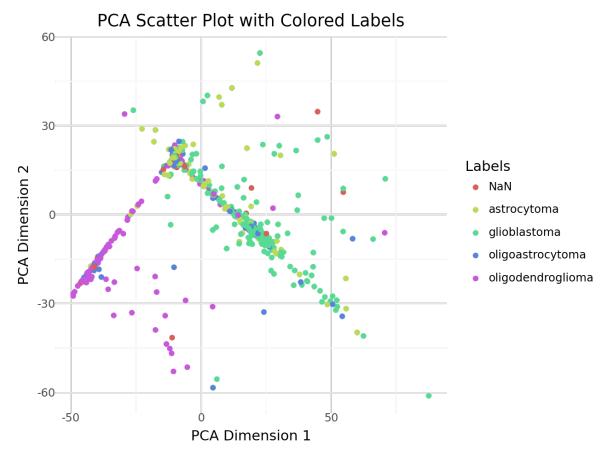
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: BCR_STATUS



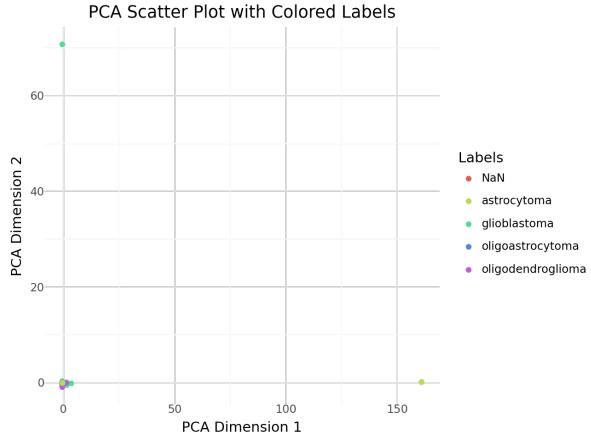
PCA plot for MUT data colored by: BCR_STATUS



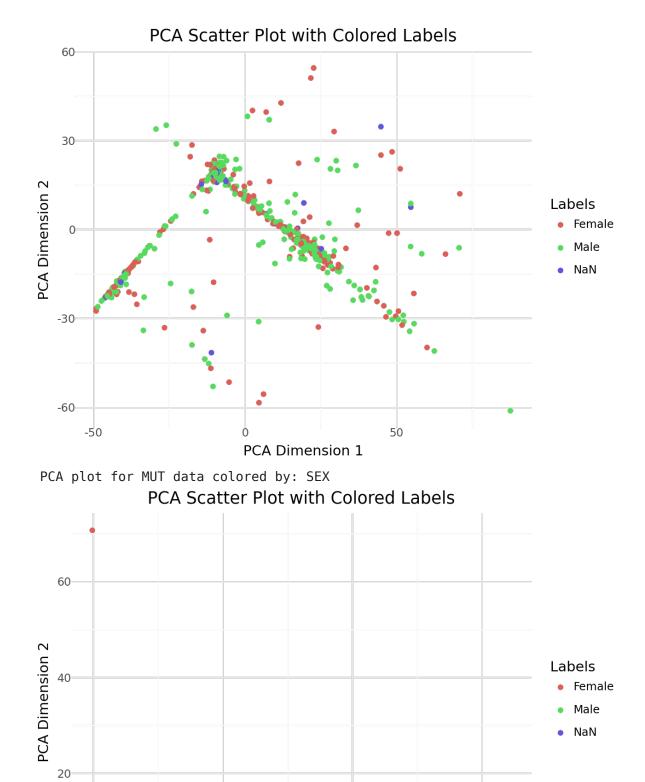
PCA plot for CNA data colored by: HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS



PCA plot for MUT data colored by: HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS



PCA plot for CNA data colored by: SEX



2. Training a single model using manually set hyperparameters

PCA Dimension 1

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Now that we have familiarized ourselves with the dataset at hand, we can start building

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models.

First we will do a single model training by manually setting hyperparameters. Based on the model performance, we will try modifying individual hyperparameters and build more and more models and see if we can improve model performance.

We will need to define the following components for starting a model training:

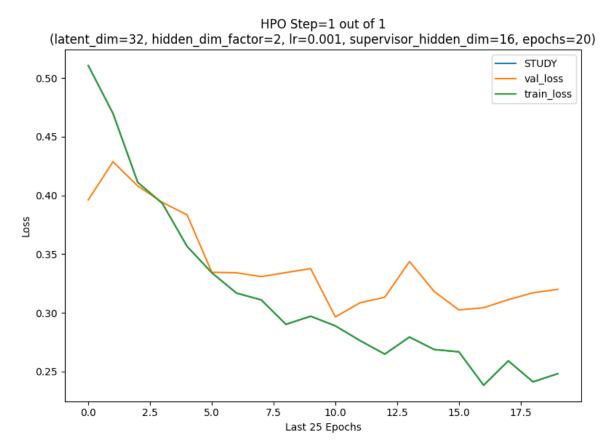
- Split the train_dataset into train/validation components
- 2. Define data loaders for both train and validation splits
- 3. Define a pytorch-lightning trainer
- 4. Define a model with hyperparameters
- 5. Fit the model

```
In [25]: # randomly assign 80% of samples for training, 20% for validation
    train_indices = random.sample(range(0, len(train_dataset)), int(len(train_val_indices = list(set(range(len(train_dataset))) - set(train_indices))
    train_subset = train_dataset.subset(train_indices)
    val_subset = train_dataset.subset(val_indices)

# define data loaders for train/validation splits
    from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
    train_loader = DataLoader(train_subset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True)
    val_loader = DataLoader(val_subset, batch_size=32, shuffle = False)
```

Now, we need to define a model with manually set hyperparameters and a lightning-trainer fit the model.

Notice: Notice the callback we are passing to the trainer which enables us to plot the loss values as the training progresses.



`Trainer.fit` stopped: `max_epochs=20` reached.

While we can observe how well the model training went based on the "loss" values, we can also evaluate the model performance on test dataset

In [27]:	# evaluate the model performance on predicting the target variable	
	<pre>flexynesis.evaluate_wrapper("DirectPred", model.predict(test_dataset), te</pre>	

Out[27]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.792810
	1	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.810673
	2	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	kappa	0.587156
	3	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_auroc	0.855286
	4	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_aupr	0.750372

2.1 Exercise

- Now, repeat the above model training and evaluation by manually changing the hyperparameters (Try at least 5 different combinations)
- See if you can find a better hyperparameter combination that yields a better classification performance than the initial setup we provided.
- See the default hyperparameter ranges we use for Flexynesis here: https://github.com/BIMSBbioinfo/flexynesis/blob/69b92ca9370551e9fcc82a756cb42c72bef4a4b1/flexynesis/config.py#L7, but feel free to try outside these ranges too.

 Also try to observe the impact of the changing parameters on how the train/ validation loss curves change.

```
myparams = {'latent_dim': XX, 'hidden_dim_factor': XX,
  'lr': XX, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': XX, 'epochs': XX}

model = flexynesis.DirectPred(config = myparams, dataset =
  train_dataset, target_variables=['STUDY'])

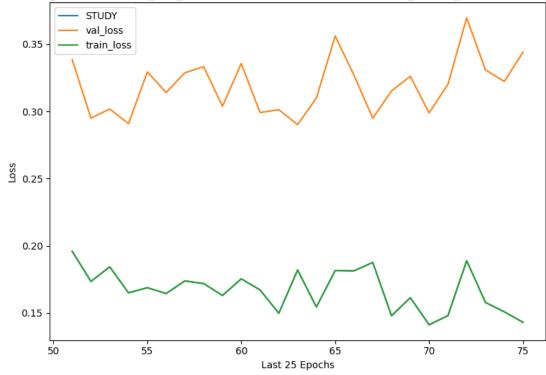
trainer = pl.Trainer(max_epochs=myparams['epochs'],
  default_root_dir="./", logger=False,
  enable_checkpointing=False,

callbacks=[flexynesis.LiveLossPlot(myparams, 1, 1)])

trainer.fit(model, train_loader, val_loader)

flexynesis.evaluate_wrapper("DirectPred",
  model.predict(test_dataset), test_dataset)
```

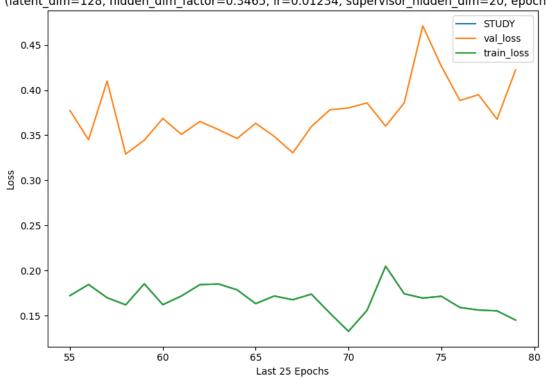
HPO Step=1 out of 1 (latent_dim=64, hidden_dim_factor=0.2345, lr=0.00123, supervisor_hidden_dim=16, epochs=76)



`Trainer.fit` stopped: `max epochs=76` reached.

```
Out[28]:
                method
                            var variable_type
                                                      metric
                                                                  value
              DirectPred STUDY
                                                 balanced_acc 0.752288
                                    categorical
              DirectPred STUDY
                                    categorical
                                                     f1_score 0.782020
              DirectPred STUDY
                                    categorical
                                                       kappa 0.519515
              DirectPred
                         STUDY
                                    categorical
                                               average_auroc 0.855671
              DirectPred STUDY
                                    categorical
                                                average_aupr 0.742671
```

HPO Step=1 out of 1 (latent_dim=128, hidden_dim_factor=0.3465, lr=0.01234, supervisor_hidden_dim=20, epochs=80)

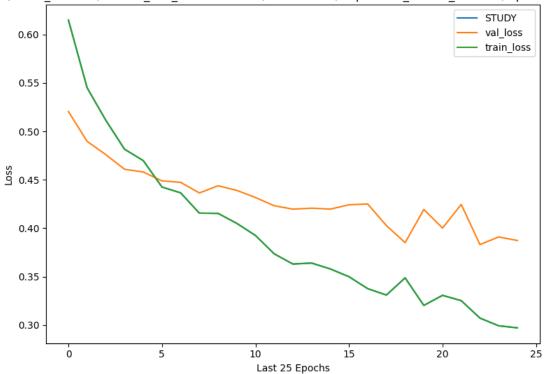


`Trainer.fit` stopped: `max_epochs=80` reached.

Out[29]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.770588
	1	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.786511
	2	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	kappa	0.536965
	3	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_auroc	0.859516
	4	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_aupr	0.752307

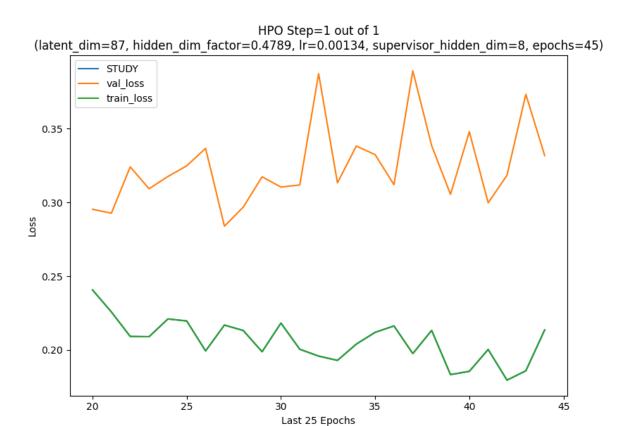
```
In [30]: # Define a model with manually set hyperparameters for the DirectPred mod
myparams = {'latent_dim': 96, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.5674, 'lr': 0.00012,
```

HPO Step=1 out of 1 (latent_dim=96, hidden_dim_factor=0.5674, lr=0.00012, supervisor_hidden_dim=24, epochs=25)



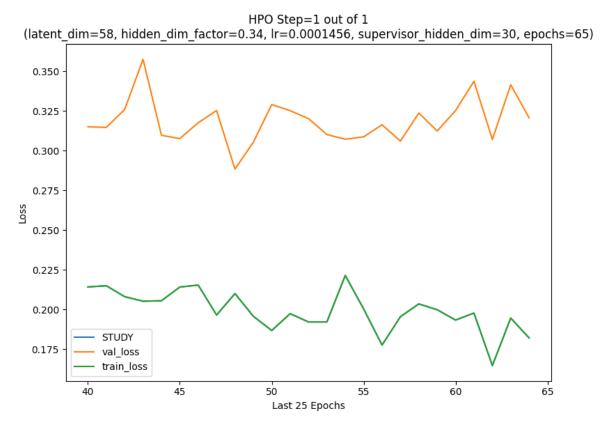
`Trainer.fit` stopped: `max_epochs=25` reached.

Out[30]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.788889
	1	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.789152
	2	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	kappa	0.553191
	3	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_auroc	0.861669
	4	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_aupr	0.762400



`Trainer.fit` stopped: `max_epochs=45` reached.

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Out[31]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.760784
	1	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.787405
	2	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	kappa	0.532710
	3	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_auroc	0.860054
	4	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_aupr	0.742641



`Trainer.fit` stopped: `max_epochs=65` reached.

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Out[32]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.780392
	1	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.798319
	2	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	kappa	0.560784
	3	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_auroc	0.869589
	1	DirectDred	STLIDV	categorical	3//013/00 3/101	0.788800

Warning!!: In reality, we don't select the best models based on performance on the test dataset.

The best model is selected based on the validation loss value, where the model parameters that yields the lowest validation loss is selected to be the best model.

The validation dataset which we use to compute the validation loss is basically a subset of the training dataset.

3. Automating the Hyperparameter Optimisation Procedure

What we did in the above section was to set random hyperparameters, build a model, evaluate the model and try different hyperparameters based on our previous model performance. However, this process can be quite time consuming and arbitrary. This process can be automated using a Bayesian approach, where the model training is sequentially done for a number of hyperparameter optimisation iterations.

Now, we are ready to do a model training using hyperparameter optimisation.

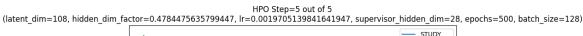
- model_class: We pick DirectPred (a fully connected network) for now.
- config_name: We use the default/built-in hyperparameter search space for DirectPred class.
- target_variables: 'STUDY' variable contains the type of disease
- n_iter : We do 5 iterations of hyperparameter optimisation. For demonstration purposes, we set it to a small number.
- plot_losses : We want to visualize how the training progresses.
- early_stop_patience: If a training does not show any signs of improving the performance on the validation part of the train_dataset for at least 10 epochs, we stop the training. This not only significantly decreases the amount spent on training by avoiding unnecessary continuation of unpromising training runs, but also helps avoid over-fitting the network on the training data.

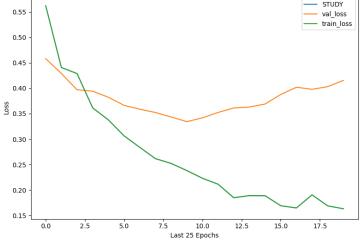
Note 1: Notice how the hyperparameters using in different HPO steps change at each iteration.

Note 2: Also notice that we are running the model for more epochs (500 by default) however, by using "early_stop_patience=10", we avoid lengthy training when validation performance is not improving.

Note 3: Try to follow the the loss curves and the used hyperparameters. See if you can spot which combination yields the lowest/best loss values.

Warning!!: In reality we need to set n_iter to higher values so that the optimizer can collect enough data points to learn trends in the parameter space.





Validation: |

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Validate metric	DataLoader 0
STUDY	0.41549500823020935
val_loss	0.41549500823020935

Tuning Progress: 100%

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| 5/5 [00:53<00:00, 10.75s/it, Iteration=5, B
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est Loss=0.392]

[INFO] current best val loss: 0.39201247692108154; best params: {'latent_d im': np.int64(88), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.22455613724931636, 'lr': 0.0016216946392416981, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(32), 'epochs': 500, 'bat ch_size': np.int64(64)} since 2 hpo iterations

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In [34]: ## See which hyperparameter combination was the best
best_params
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'lr': 0.0016216946392416981,

'supervisor hidden dim': np.int64(32),

'epochs': 15,

'batch_size': np.int64(64)}

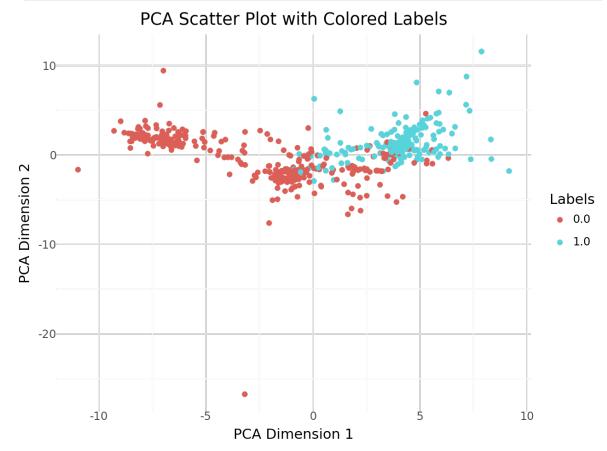
In [35]: ## Evaluate the model and visualising the results flexynesis.evaluate_wrapper(method = 'DirectPred', y_pred_dict=model.pred

Out[35]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.795425
	1	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.811167
	2	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	kappa	0.589309
	3	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_auroc	0.869281
	4	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_aupr	0.769059

Let's extract the sample embeddings and make a PCA plot and color by the target

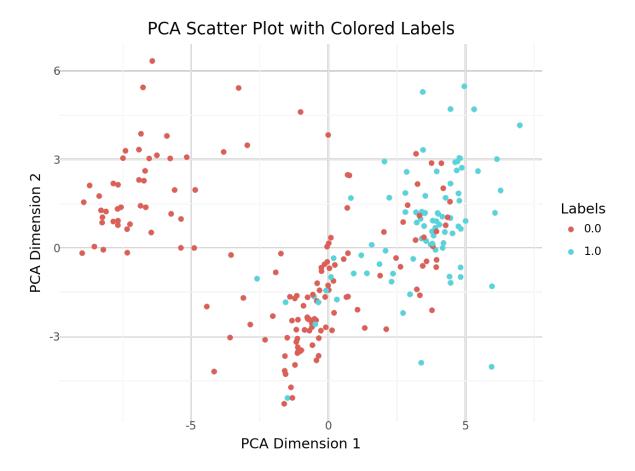
variable

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In [36]: train_embeddings = model.transform(train_dataset)
    flexynesis.plot_dim_reduced(train_embeddings, train_dataset.ann['STUDY'])
```



Repeat the same for the test dataset: extract sample embeddings for test dataset samples and make a PCA plot, colored by "STUDY" variable

```
In [37]: test_embeddings = model.transform(test_dataset)
    flexynesis.plot_dim_reduced(test_embeddings, test_dataset.ann['STUDY'])
```



3.1 Exercises

Exercise 1:

Look up what Harrell's C-index means and write down a simple description of what it measures.

Harrell's C-index is a metric used to evaluate the performance of survival models, similar in spirit to the area under the ROC curve.

It measures how well the model can correctly rank individuals based on their predicted risk or survival times. In simple terms, a high C-index indicates that, in most pairs of patients, the one predicted to have a higher risk (or shorter survival) indeed experiences the event (e.g., death) before the other.

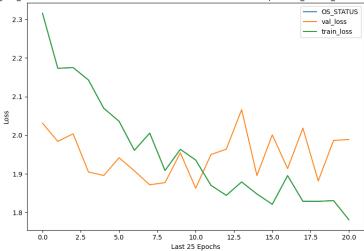
Exercise 2:

Now, you build a model using hyperparameter tuning (run at least 10 HPO steps) to predict the survival outcomes of patients. Evaluate the final model on test dataset, which computes the "C-index".

Feel free to cheat from the tutorial available here: https://github.com/BIMSBbioinfo/flexynesis/blob/main/examples/tutorials/survival_subtypes_LGG_GBM.ipynb See how "OS_STATUS" and "OS_MONTHS" were used.

In [38]: HPO_ITER = 10

HPO Step=10 out of 10 (latent_dim=73, hidden_dim_factor=0.4460402072493238, lr=0.0001097797668246611, supervisor_hidden_dim=12, epochs=500, batch_size=32)



Validation: |

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Validate metric	DataLoader 0
OS_STATUS	1.9887990669240672
val_loss	1.9887990669240672

Tuning Progress: 100%|

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| 10/10 [02:07<00:00, 12.73s/it, Iteration=10, Best Loss=1.99]

[INFO] current best val loss: 1.9883608039858038; best params: {'latent_dim': np.int64(85), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.2819923823871969, 'lr': 0.0036760824635741246, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(22), 'epochs': 500, 'batch
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'epochs': 17,
'batch_size': np.int64(32)}

_size': np.int64(32)} since 5 hpo iterations

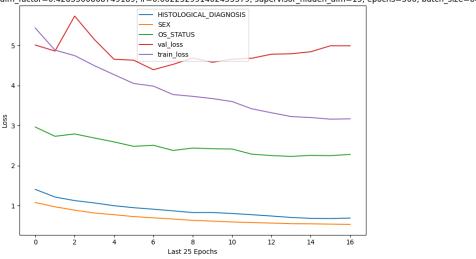
Exercise 3:

Again build a model using hyperparameter tuning to predict survival outcomes (as in Exercise 1), however, this time use additional clinical variables as targets.

See if you can get a better C-index using additional target variables.

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In [42]: import itertools
         # Exclude survival outcome variables from the targets.
         excluded vars = ["OS MONTHS", "OS STATUS"]
         # All clinical variables available in train dataset.ann (excluding surviv
         clinical targets = [var for var in train dataset.ann.keys() if var not in
         results = [] # to collect tuning results (model names and best parameter
         def tune model(target vars):
             print(f"Tuning model for target variable(s): {target vars}")
             tuner = flexynesis.HyperparameterTuning(
                 train dataset,
                 model class=flexynesis.DirectPred,
                 config_name="DirectPred",
                 surv_event_var="0S_STATUS",
                 surv time var="OS MONTHS",
                 target_variables=target_vars,
                 n_iter=HP0_ITER,
                 plot_losses=True,
                 early_stop_patience=10
             model, best_params = tuner.perform_tuning()
             return best_params
         # Generate combinations for r=1 (single) and r=2 (pair) only.
         for r in range(1, 3): # Only consider combinations of size 1 and 2.
             for combo in itertools.combinations(clinical targets, r):
```

 $HPO\ Step=10\ out\ of\ 10\\ (latent_dim=44,\ hidden_dim_factor=0.4285500868749189,\ lr=0.002232991402453379,\ supervisor_hidden_dim=15,\ epochs=500,\ batch_size=64)$



Validation: |

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Validate metric	DataLoader 0
HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS OS_STATUS SEX val_loss	1.018038272857666 2.755630630630631 1.221535325050354 4.995204375670837

Tuning Progress: 100%|

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| 10/10 [03:39<00:00, 21.90s/it, Iteration=10, Best Loss=3.65]
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[INFO] current best val loss: 3.6494312341268125; best params: {'latent_di m': np.int64(101), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3586039542763725, 'lr': 0.009336 67617651351, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(30), 'epochs': 500, 'batch_ size': np.int64(32)} since 5 hpo iterations

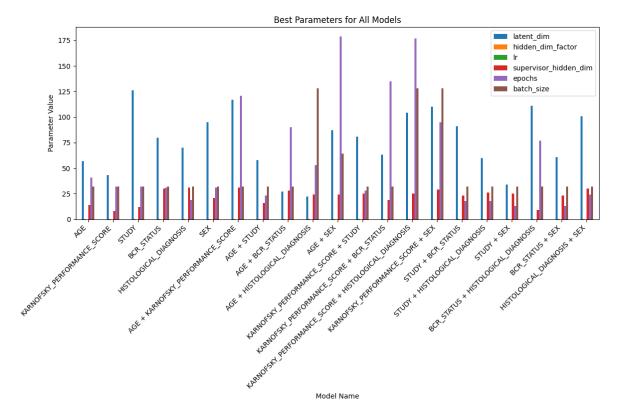
Best Parameters	Model Name	
{'latent_dim': 57, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.2973	AGE	0
{'latent_dim': 43, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4154	KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE	1
{'latent_dim': 126, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.315	STUDY	2
{'latent_dim': 80, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3594	BCR_STATUS	3
{'latent_dim': 70, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4874	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	4
{'latent_dim': 95, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4662	SEX	5
{'latent_dim': 117, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.357	AGE + KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE	6
{'latent_dim': 58, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4929	AGE + STUDY	7
{'latent_dim': 27, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.2155	AGE + BCR_STATUS	8
{'latent_dim': 22, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3603	AGE + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	9
{'latent_dim': 87, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3369	AGE + SEX	10
{'latent_dim': 81, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4019	KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + STUDY	11
{'latent_dim': 63, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4461	KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + BCR_STATUS	12
{'latent_dim': 104, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.467	KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + HISTOLOGICAL_DIA	13
{'latent_dim': 110, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.327	KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + SEX	14
{'latent_dim': 91, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.2373	STUDY + BCR_STATUS	15
{'latent_dim': 60, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4758	STUDY + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	16
{'latent_dim': 34, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3133	STUDY + SEX	17
{'latent_dim': 111, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.449	BCR_STATUS + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	18
{'latent_dim': 61, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.4455	BCR_STATUS + SEX	19
{'latent_dim': 101, 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.358	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS + SEX	20

```
In [43]: # Extract best parameters into a new DataFrame.
    param_rows = []
    for idx, row in results_df.iterrows():
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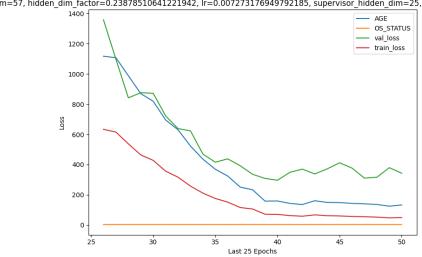
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model name = row["Model Name"]
    best params = row["Best Parameters"]
    # Create a new row dictionary with the model name and its best parame
    row_dict = {"Model Name": model_name}
    for param, value in best params.items():
        row dict[param] = value
    param_rows.append(row_dict)
params_df = pd.DataFrame(param_rows)
params_df = params_df.set_index("Model Name")
display(params df)
# Visualize the best parameters for each model as a grouped bar chart.
# This assumes that all models share the same set of hyperparameter keys.
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
params_df.plot(kind="bar", figsize=(12, 8))
plt.title("Best Parameters for All Models")
plt.xlabel("Model Name")
plt.ylabel("Parameter Value")
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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	latent_dim	hidden_dim_factor	lr	supervisor
Model Name				
AGE	57	0.297327	0.004124	
KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE	43	0.415413	0.009521	
STUDY	126	0.315875	0.000129	
BCR_STATUS	80	0.359499	0.000431	
HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	70	0.487421	0.000749	
SEX	95	0.466202	0.000101	
AGE + KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE	117	0.357150	0.000788	
AGE + STUDY	58	0.492938	0.008728	
AGE + BCR_STATUS	27	0.215583	0.000928	
AGE + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	22	0.360345	0.009413	
AGE + SEX	87	0.336906	0.000910	
KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + STUDY	81	0.401936	0.005484	
KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + BCR_STATUS	63	0.446120	0.001121	
KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	104	0.467163	0.002526	
KARNOFSKY_PERFORMANCE_SCORE + SEX	110	0.327746	0.005415	
STUDY + BCR_STATUS	91	0.237357	0.000764	
STUDY + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	60	0.475891	0.003096	
STUDY + SEX	34	0.313385	0.002520	
BCR_STATUS + HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	111	0.449693	0.000209	
BCR_STATUS + SEX	61	0.445594	0.002500	
HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS + SEX	101	0.358604	0.009337	

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HPO Step=10 out of 10 (latent_dim=57, hidden_dim_factor=0.23878510641221942, lr=0.007273176949792185, supervisor_hidden_dim=25, epochs=500, batch_size=128)



Validation: |

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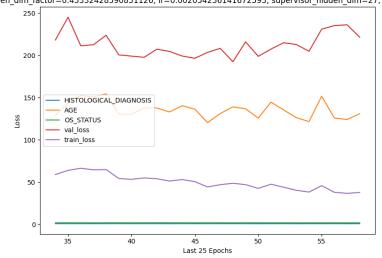
Validate metric	DataLoader 0
AGE	339.4956359863281
OS_STATUS	3.1707317073170738
val_loss	342.66636769364516

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Tuning Progress: 100%|
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| 10/10 [14:13<00:00, 85.38s/it, Iteration=10, Best Loss=142]
[INFO] current best val loss: 141.8916905439046; best params: {'latent_dim': np.int64(90), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.40477655101031473, 'lr': 0.008136437121084042, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(17), 'epochs': 500, 'batch size': np.int64(32)} since 5 hpo iterations
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Out[93]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	mse	189.384308
	1 DirectPred		AGE	numerical	г2	0.280345
	2	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	pearson_corr	0.529476
	3	DirectPred	OS STATUS	numerical	cindex	0.735526

HPO Step=10 out of 10 (latent_dim=35, hidden_dim_factor=0.45332428590851126, lr=0.002054236141672593, supervisor_hidden_dim=27, epochs=500, batch_size=32)



Validation: |

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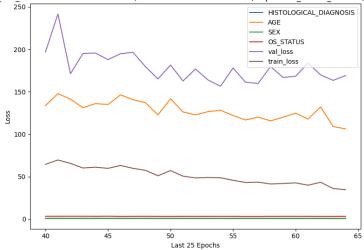
Validate metric	DataLoader 0
AGE HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS OS_STATUS val_loss	218.32479858398438 0.8972963094711304 2.207113363363363 221.429224146021

Tuning Progress: 100%

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| 10/10 [12:58<00:00, 77.87s/it, Iteration=10, Best Loss=195]
[INFO] current best val loss: 194.86954287967168; best params: {'latent_dim': np.int64(100), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.45326239118533657, 'lr': 0.007569812865018211, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(29), 'epochs': 500, 'batch_size': np.int64(64)} since 6 hpo iterations
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Out[96]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value	
	0	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	balanced_acc	0.562536	
	1	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	f1_score	0.594229	
	2	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	kappa	0.490923	
	3	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	average_auroc	NaN	
	4	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	average_aupr	NaN	
	5	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	mse	212.005554	
	6	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	г2	0.251678	
	7	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	pearson_corr	0.501675	
	8	DirectPred	OS_STATUS	numerical	cindex	0.759876	

HPO Step=10 out of 10 (latent_dim=60, hidden_dim_factor=0.3163301025592645, lr=0.0068015989774492976, supervisor_hidden_dim=31, epochs=500, batch_size=128)



Validation: |

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Validate metric	DataLoader 0
AGE HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS OS_STATUS SEX val_loss	164.3182830810547 0.7894374132156372 3.1578947368421053 0.852466881275177 169.11808455617805

Tuning Progress: 100%|

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| 10/10 [19:12<00:00, 115.25s/it, Iteration=10,
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Best Loss=169]

[INFO] current best val loss: 169.11808455617805; best params: {'latent_di m': np.int64(60), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3163301025592645, 'lr': 0.0068015 989774492976, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(31), 'epochs': 500, 'batch_size': np.int64(128)} since 0 hpo iterations

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In [98]: best_params_histo_age_sex
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Out[98]: {'latent_dim': np.int64(60),
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'hidden_dim_factor': 0.3163301025592645,

'lr': 0.0068015989774492976,

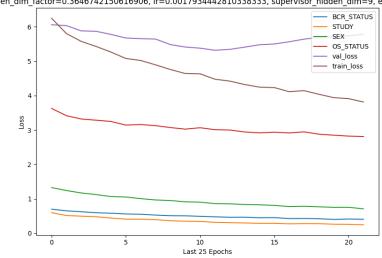
'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(31),

'epochs': 64,

'batch_size': np.int64(128)}

Out[99]:		method	var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	balanced_acc	0.513490
	1	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	f1_score	0.559774
	2	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	kappa	0.415131
	3	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	average_auroc	NaN
	4	DirectPred	HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS	categorical	average_aupr	NaN
	5	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	mse	206.294189
	6	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	г2	0.266506
	7	DirectPred	AGE	numerical	pearson_corr	0.516242
	8	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	balanced_acc	0.527388
	9	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	f1_score	0.518168
	10	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	kappa	0.059810
	11	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	average_auroc	NaN
	12	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	average_aupr	NaN
	13	DirectPred	OS_STATUS	numerical	cindex	0.743298

 $HPO \ Step = 10 \ out \ of \ 10 \\ (latent_dim=92, hidden_dim_factor=0.3646742150616906, lr=0.0017934442810338333, supervisor_hidden_dim=9, epochs=500, batch_size=128)$



Validation: |

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Validate metric	DataLoader 0
BCR_STATUS OS_STATUS SEX STUDY val_loss	0.41967713832855225 3.426470588235294 1.568159818649292 0.3639817535877228 5.778289149789249

Progress: 90%|

| 9/10 [03:10<00:17, 17.11s/it, Iteration=10,
Best Loss=3.3]

Tuning Progress: 100%|

| 10/10 [03:10<00:00, 19.01s/it, Iteration=10, Best Loss=3.3]

[INFO] current best val loss: 3.2993653112592036; best params: {'latent_di m': np.int64(24), 'hidden_dim_factor': 0.23022943258822356, 'lr': 0.006074 57995389591, 'supervisor_hidden_dim': np.int64(28), 'epochs': 500, 'batch_ size': np.int64(32)} since 7 hpo iterations

In [121... best_params_bcr_study_sex

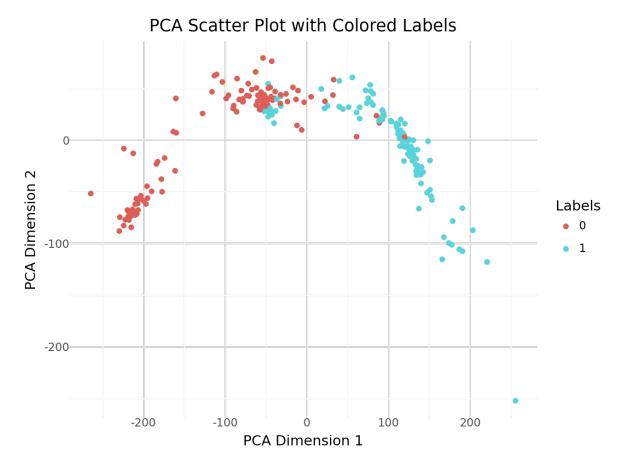
Out[122	method		var	variable_type	metric	value
	0	DirectPred	BCR_STATUS	categorical	balanced_acc	0.504757
	1	DirectPred	BCR_STATUS	categorical	f1_score	0.624258
	2	DirectPred	BCR_STATUS	categorical	kappa	0.012116
	3	DirectPred	BCR_STATUS	categorical	average_auroc	0.631254
	4	DirectPred	BCR_STATUS	categorical	average_aupr	0.356507
	5	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	balanced_acc	0.739869
	6	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	f1_score	0.769609
	7	DirectPred	STUDY)Y categorical	kappa average_auroc	0.492617
	8	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical		0.842753
	9	DirectPred	STUDY	categorical	average_aupr	0.669224
	10	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	balanced_acc	0.506929
	11	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	f1_score	0.513457
	12	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	kappa	0.014689
	13 DirectP		SEX	categorical	average_auroc	NaN
	14	DirectPred	SEX	categorical	average_aupr	NaN
	15	DirectPred	OS_STATUS	numerical	cindex	0.712861

3.2 Survival-risk subtypes

Use the best model from the above exercises to inspect sample embeddings categorized by survival risk scores.

Let's group the samples by predicted survival risk scores into 2 groups and visualize the sample embeddings colored by risk subtypes.

Notice: You can use the code-below to get survival risk groups, however, notice that you must have built a model with "OS_STATUS" already.



Let's also see the Kaplan Meier Curves of the risk subtypes

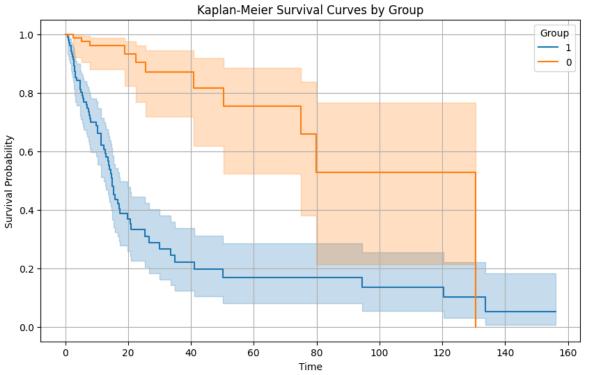
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In [126... # remove samples with NA values first
    durations = test_dataset.ann['OS_MONTHS']
    events = test_dataset.ann['OS_STATUS']
    valid_indices = ~torch.isnan(durations) & ~torch.isnan(events)
In [127... flexynesis.plot_kaplan_meier_curves(durations[valid_indices], events[valions])

Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves by Group

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```



Finding survival-associated markers

We can also compute feature importance scores for prediction of overall survival.

```
In [128... | model.compute_feature_importance(train_dataset, 'OS_STATUS')
In [129... # get top 10 features
          flexynesis.get important features(model, var = 'OS STATUS', top=10)
Out[129...
             target_variable target_class target_class_label layer
                                                                  name importance
          0
                 OS_STATUS
                                                                           0.579877
                                      0
                                                           mut
                                                                   IDH1
          1
                 OS_STATUS
                                      0
                                                           mut
                                                                   ATRX
                                                                           0.302072
          2
                 OS_STATUS
                                      0
                                                                    CIC
                                                                           0.042751
                                                           mut
          3
                 OS_STATUS
                                                                   IDH2
                                                                           0.027195
                                      0
                                                           mut
                 OS STATUS
          4
                                                           mut COL6A3
                                                                           0.026273
          5
                 OS_STATUS
                                      0
                                                                           0.026143
                                                                  TEKT4
                                                           mut
          6
                 OS_STATUS
                                                                 PIK3CA
                                                                           0.021109
                                                           mut
          7
                 OS STATUS
                                      0
                                                                   RELN
                                                                           0.020368
                                                           mut
          8
                 OS_STATUS
                                                           mut
                                                                   TP53
                                                                           0.020182
                 OS_STATUS
                                      0
                                                           mut
                                                                  BRD3
                                                                           0.019807
```

Comparing top markers with clinical covariates

Let's build a linear Cox-PH model including the top 5 markers and other clinical variables such as histological diagnosis, disease type (STUDY), age, and sex.

```
In [130... # define a data.frame with clinical covariates and top markers along with
vars = ['AGE', 'SEX', 'HISTOLOGICAL_DIAGNOSIS', 'STUDY', 'OS_MONTHS', 'OS
# read clinical variables

df_clin = pd.concat(
        [pd.DataFrame({x: train_dataset.ann[x] for x in vars}, index=train_da
            pd.DataFrame({x: test_dataset.ann[x] for x in vars}, index=test_data
            axis = 0)
# get top 5 survival markers and extract the input data for these markers
imp = flexynesis.get_important_features(model, var = 'OS_STATUS', top=5)
df_imp = pd.concat([train_dataset.get_feature_subset(imp), test_dataset.g

# combine markers with clinical variables
df = pd.concat([df_imp, df_clin], axis = 1)
# remove samples without survival endpoints
df = df[df['OS_STATUS'].notna()]
df
```

Out[130		mut_IDH1	mut_ATRX	mut_CIC	mut_IDH2	mut_COL6A3	AGE	SEX	ŀ
	TCGA-S9- A6TV	0.982173	1.707482	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	50.0	1.0	
	TCGA- HW-8322	0.982173	-0.585658	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	39.0	1.0	
	TCGA-06-5415	-1.018150	-0.585658	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	60.0	1.0	
	TCGA-VM- A8CB	0.982173	-0.585658	2.902366	-0.148522	-0.177595	33.0	1.0	
	TCGA- HT-7860	-1.018150	-0.585658	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	60.0	0.0	
	•••								
	TCGA- HT-7855	0.982173	1.707482	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	39.0	1.0	
	TCGA-S9-A7IY	0.982173	-0.585658	2.902366	-0.148522	-0.177595	39.0	1.0	
	TCGA-S9- A6TY	-1.018150	-0.585658	-0.344546	6.733003	-0.177595	50.0	1.0	
	TCGA-TM- A84G	0.982173	-0.585658	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	54.0	0.0	
	TCGA-FG- A87Q	-1.018150	-0.585658	-0.344546	-0.148522	-0.177595	61.0	0.0	

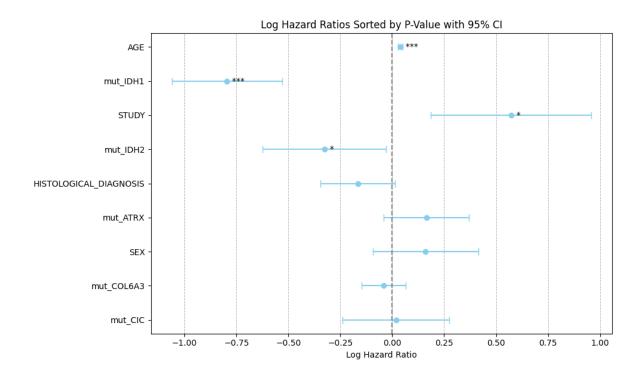
729 rows × 11 columns

```
In [131... # build a cox model
  coxm = flexynesis.build_cox_model(df, 'OS_MONTHS', 'OS_STATUS')
```

No low variance features were removed based on event conditioning.

```
In [132... # visualize log-hazard ratios sorted by p-values
    flexynesis.plot_hazard_ratios(coxm)
```

/home/thesamurai/micromamba/envs/flexynesisenv/lib/python3.11/site-package s/flexynesis/utils.py:765: FutureWarning: Series.__getitem__ treating keys as positions is deprecated. In a future version, integer keys will always be treated as labels (consistent with DataFrame behavior). To access a value by position, use `ser.iloc[pos]`



3.3 Final Exercise

• Inspect the top 10 markers from section 3.2 and see if they have been characterized in the literature as important markers for Glioma disease progression.

The following is a summary of the genes listed in the data table concerning their characterization as markers for glioma disease progression. Each gene's importance is explicitly supported by relevant references.

IDH1: Mutations in IDH1 are frequently examined as significant markers in gliomas, particularly in lower-grade gliomas, where they are associated with improved survival outcomes. Studies show that IDH1 mutations are linked to distinctive metabolic changes within tumor cells, affecting tumor behavior and patient prognosis Zhang et al. (2020)Wang et al., 2020; Ji et al., 2019). These mutations are crucial in distinguishing between different glioma subtypes and can guide therapeutic strategies (Koso et al., 2012).

ATRX: ATRX mutations are often found in conjunction with IDH1 mutations and are significant in glioma progression and patient outcomes. Loss of ATRX function is correlated with increased genomic instability and aggressive tumor characteristics. Research demonstrates that ATRX mutations can indicate better prognosis due to their association with favorable tumor characteristics, suggesting their dual role as both markers of progression and potential therapeutic targets (Ji et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2020).

CIC: Although not as extensively characterized as IDH1 or ATRX, CIC mutations have been implicated in gliomagenesis. They often occur in the context of IDH1 mutations and may contribute to aggressive tumor behavior. Evidence suggests that mutations in CIC could influence the tumoral environment and patient prognosis, indicating a need for further clinical studies (Ji et al., 2019; Choi et al., 2024).

IDH2: Similar to IDH1, mutations in IDH2 are emerging as significant markers in gliomas. While their direct prognostic value remains less established compared to IDH1, their role in the metabolic and epigenetic landscape of gliomas indicates a potential link to tumor progression and patient outcomes. Investigations are ongoing to fully elucidate their implications in glioma pathology (Li et al., 2013).

TP53: TP53 mutations are frequently encountered in gliomas and are associated with both tumor progression and adverse prognosis. This tumor suppressor gene plays a pivotal role in regulating the cell cycle and apoptosis, so its mutations can lead to unchecked progression of gliomas. The frequency of TP53 mutations in high-grade gliomas underscores its relevance as a prognostic marker and therapeutic target (Li et al., 2013; Luo et al., 2023).

PIK3CA: PIK3CA mutations are implicated in glioma tumorigenesis and progression. They contribute to alterations in cellular signaling pathways that promote tumor growth and survival. Studies indicate that PIK3CA is linked with aggressive glioma phenotypes, making it an essential marker in understanding glioma pathology (Chen et al., 2013; Choi et al., 2024).

COL6A3: COL6A3, while less frequently cited as a direct marker of glioma progression, has been recognized for its role in modifying tumor microenvironments. Its expression has been correlated with tumor invasiveness and may serve as a potential marker of disease progression warranting further exploration (Chen et al., 2013; Choi et al., 2024).

RELN: Research into RELN has revealed its involvement in signaling pathways that affect glioma cell proliferation and migration. As a neuromodulator, disruptions in RELN signaling may correlate with glioma aggressiveness, suggesting its utility in prognostic evaluations (Cai et al., 2020; Choi et al., 2024).

BRD3: Recent studies have linked BRD3 with the regulation of cell proliferation and survival pathways in gliomas. Its expression levels might provide insights into patient prognosis and therapeutic responses, highlighting its relevance as a biomarker (Chen et al., 2013; Li & Lan, 2021; Kang et al., 2021).

These references highlight the critical role that genetic mutations play in glioma progression and the potential for utilizing these markers in clinical diagnostics and therapeutic strategies.

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