

US Census dataset

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Introduction

Basically humans live in a three dimensional world, that implies that they can understand data in one-dimension, two-dimension but also in three-dimension. Sometimes it requires to think beyond that n-dimensional world and the human brain can get easily overflowed, so it is preferable to use machine learning for it to become easily to recognize pattern in data that is not obvious at first sight.

 $US\ census\ dataset$ is a dataset assemble to be able to "drawn" the profil of people that earns more than 50000 dollars/year or less troughout differents variables (42 exactly) such as AGE, level of Education, SEX, Employment situation, Marital situation, Skin tone....Yearly earnings.

The choosen technology to analyse our dataset was Python because it is very versatile and modular langage that allows the user to either simply manage and explore his dataset (preliminaries statistics and graphical vizualisation) and even pull off some more exotics insights by using advanced statistics.

Approach

The approach to the problem was made steps by steps which are the following:

STEP 1

The target variable of our dataset is a two modalities-variable coded as "-50000." and "50000 + .", that we are going to recode into 1 if the person yearly earnings are above 50000 dollars and 0 if the person yearly earnings are under 50000 dollars.

STEP 2

The dataset is coming into two parts one where we are going extract any kind of pattern present and a second one to check the credibility of it.

In order not to let our analysis to be biaised by values that may be missing, the idea here is to clean the documents but first we need to know how much data are missing.

At first we recode the original dataset opened up as a csv file to code missing values as NaN. To count the number of NaN elements in our dataset we need to count the frequency of every modalities in every variables, once we find the frequencies of NaN element we make a simple addition of all of them and divide it by the dimensions of the dataset (number of rows X number of columns).

Second we run a simple basic statistic univariate description: (see the figure below)

```
3.68 %
% missing values:
                                 ______
statistical description of the quantitative variables :
              index
                             var1
                                            var3
                                                           var4
      199523.000000
                     199523.000000
                                   199523.000000
                                                  199523.000000
count
       99761.000000
mean
                         34.494199
                                       15.352320
                                                      11.306556
std
       57597.473217
                         22.310895
                                       18.067129
                                                      14.454204
min
           0.000000
                         0.000000
                                        0.000000
                                                       0.000000
                                        0.000000
25%
       49880.500000
                         15.000000
                                                       0.000000
                                        0.000000
50%
       99761.000000
                         33.000000
                                                       0.000000
75%
       149641.500000
                         50.000000
                                       33.000000
                                                      26.000000
                                       51.000000
max
      199522.000000
                         90.000000
                                                      46.000000
                                                         var19
               var6
                            var17
                                          var18
                     199523.00000
      199523.000000
                                  199523.000000
                                                 199523.000000
count
          55.426908
                        434.71899
                                      37.313788
                                                    197.529533
mean
std
         274.896454
                       4697.53128
                                      271.896428
                                                   1984.163658
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                          0.00000
                                       0.000000
                                                      0.000000
min
           0.000000
                                       0.000000
25%
                          0.00000
                                                      0.000000
50%
           0.000000
                          0.00000
                                       0.000000
                                                      0.000000
75%
           0.000000
                          0.00000
                                       0.000000
                                                      0.000000
        9999.000000
                      99999.00000
                                    4608.000000
                                                  99999.000000
max
              var25
                             var31
                                           var37
                                                          var39
      199523.000000
                                   199523.000000
count
                     199523.000000
                                                  199523.000000
        1740.380269
                          1.956180
                                        0.175438
                                                       1.514833
mean
std
         993.768156
                          2.365126
                                        0.553694
                                                       0.851473
          37.870000
                                        0.000000
                          0.000000
                                                       0.000000
min
        1061.615000
25%
                          0.000000
                                        0.000000
                                                       2.000000
50%
        1618.310000
                          1.000000
                                        0.000000
                                                       2.000000
75%
        2188.610000
                          4.000000
                                        0.000000
                                                       2.000000
       18656.300000
                          6.000000
                                        2.000000
                                                       2.000000
max
                             var41
              var40
                                          target
count
      199523.000000
                     199523.000000
                                   199523.000000
          23.174897
                         94.499672
                                        0.062058
mean
std
          24.411488
                          0.500001
                                        0.241261
                                        0.000000
           0.000000
                         94.000000
min
25%
           0.000000
                         94.000000
                                        0.000000
50%
           8.000000
                         94.000000
                                        0.000000
                         95.000000
75%
          52.000000
                                        0.000000
                         95.000000
          52.000000
                                        1.000000
max
```

STEP 3

Only 4percent of the data are missing, the next step is to erase those data in order to have a more managable dataset.

A closer look shows that 8 columns (variables) are concerned, in a sense that they some NaN elements. The dimensions of the dataset are 199523 rows and 42 columns which give us 8379966 elements.

There are 8 variables concerned by the missing data meaning 1596184 elements on that grid , a quick calculations shows , if we go about the columns this is 20percent of the data that will be passed on , so the decision is to go by the rows , where we will clearly loss less data .

STEP 4

Dataset Analysis

The dataset is containing 42 variables, according to the statistical description figure only 15 of them are numericals or quantitave type (if you will), it would be intersting to include the qualitative variables in our analysis.

To do so we have to recode each one of the modalities of the variables using the features extraction to extract and distinct all the modalities and OneHotEncoder to recode the modalities into vector of 0 and 1. UNfortunately in doing so we realized:

Not being able to find what went wrong in the process, we decide to report our analysis on solely quantitative data.

We have two files to our disposition one to learn from and another one to validate our discoveries. We decide to compare two clustering algorithm (Decision Tree and Neural Network) and one regression algorithm (Logistic Regression) on the learning file and finally to check both of them with the learning pattern extract by each one of them on the "testing file" and the results are the following:

```
=MODEL TRAINING=
matrice de confusion : [[143227
                  6514]
     4093]]
 5784
precision ratio : 0.922953551604
error ratio : 0.0770464483955
   matrice de confusion [[87386 6198]
    402]]
taux de succes : 0.879974338927
taux d erreur : 0.120025661073
====MODEL TRAINING=====
matrice de confusion : [[149736
                    5]
9876
       1]]
precision ratio : 0.93809595409
error ratio : 0.0619040459096
                    matrice de confusion : [[93577
                   7]
6178
      0]]
precision ratio : 0.938002445821
error ratio : 0.0619975541789
confusion matrix : [[149043
                 698]
 7865
     2012]]
precision ratio : 0.946353168189
error ratio : 0.0536468318109
                    ====MODEL TESTING==========
matrice de confusion : [[92039 1545]
     95]]
6083
precision ratio : 0.923538020489
error ratio : 0.0764619795112
```

Looking back at the results we can see that the Neural Network is more stable and accurate in term of clustering and the Logistic model is the right one in term of prediction on the learning but a little less accurate than the Neural Network. The decision would be to go with the Neural Network more precise and stable on the long run.

A quick look to the correlation matrix and focusing on the target column we can see than the most correlate variable are the 41st , the 17th and the 31st wich is the 'number of week worked in a year' (var41) , 'capital gain in investment' (var17) and 'number of people working in the household' (var31)

```
correlation to target :
index
       0.002539
var1
       0.135720
var3
       0.196190
       0.013414
var4
var6
       0.024528
var17
       0.240725
       0.147417
var18
var19
       0.175779
       0.014463
var25
var31
       0.222684
var37
       0.040473
       0.140930
var39
var40
       0.262316
       0.014794
var41
target
       1.000000
Name: target, dtype: float64
```

From there when can say that the more weeks people worked, the more people having a job in their household and also the capital gain, the more they are incline to have more than 50000 dollars savings yearly.