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## Lab 3: Classification & Clustering with Abalone

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# Exercise 1:

- Train and evaluate 2 kNN models using the abalone dataset
- Each model should use a different subset of features
- Compare models using contingency tables
- Find the optimal value  $k$  for the better performing model from above by training over a range of  $k$  values and choosing the value with the highest accuracy (accuracy = correct classifications / total observations)



# Exercise 2:

- Use k-means and PAM to find clusters in the abalone dataset using the feature subset from the exercise 1.
- Find the optimal value  $k$  for each model and plot silhouette plots for both models with their optimum  $k$ .



Please push to your github repository:

1. All your code in a \*.R or \*.MD file

Thanks!  
Have a great weekend!\*

