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Cross Validation Target Encoding

Fold	Pay 1	Default Payment	Mean Target Encoding
2	Up To Date	0	0
3	Up To Date	0	0
2	Missed 1 Mo	1	0.5
3	Missed 1 Mo	0	0.5

Fold	Pay 1	Default Payment	CV Target Encoding
1	Up To Date	0	0
1	Missed 1 Mo	0	0.5
1	Missed 5 Mo	1	NA



Weight Of Evidence Encoding

What?

In binary classification, replace categorical variables with

$$WOE_{ja} = \ln \frac{P(X_j = a|Y = 1)}{P(X_j = a|Y = 0)}$$

Why?

Leverage rich history in information theory and Bayesian statistics to manage overfitting of high cardinality variables



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