Term Project

Airlines On-Time Performance, Delays, Cancellations and **Diversions**

MILESTONE 1 - Data selection and EDA

Introduction: Airline cancellations or delays are one of the major causes of passenger inconvenience. With publicly available dataset, using data science, I am hoping to gain meaningful insights into the bestperforming airlines and understand the causes of delays, diversions and cancellations across different airline carriers.

For the final project, I would like to analyze airline data to identify different factors and their effects on a carrier's performance. Using the available performance measures I would like to be able to predict the chances of a flight being on-time/delayed/cancelled.

Data Source: Excel files from BTS. The Excel data has airline performance factors such as cancelled, diverted, delayed and on-time data. The downloaded raw data has up to 34 columns. https://www.transtats.bts.gov/OT_Delay/OT_DelayCause1.asp?20=E (Download Raw Data link for data).

Problem statement addressed:

This study will benefit Customers as it will help predict a flights performance. Customers can lookup the chances of their flight reaching on-time during their booking or even before heading to the airport. Airlines can also benefit by comparing airline performances and predicting possibilities of delay based on aircraft/origin/destination and apply corrective measures to reduce cancellations and delays and improve on-time performance.

Data Transformation

In the data transformation step, I will be modifying the following:

- 1. Cancellation reason in the flight dataset is represented as A, B, C and D. I will be updating the cancellation code as follows:
 - A Carrier
 - **B** Weather
 - C National Air System
 - D Security
- 1. I will be adding a new column 'Status' with the status of a flight such as, On-Time, Delayed, Cancelled, Diverted.
- 2. Diverted column is of binary value which can be modified to a Yes/No

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import plotly.express as px
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
In [2]: #Read flight data from "https://www.transtats.bts.gov/OT_Delay/OT_DelayCause1.asp?20=E"
    flight_data_df = pd.read_csv('T_ONTIME_MARKETING_May.csv')
    flight_data_df.head()
```

Out[2]:		YEAR	QUARTER	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	FL_DATE	MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER	OP_UNIQUE_CAI
	0	2022	2	5	1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	АА	
	1	2022	2	5	1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	
	2	2022	2	5	1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	
	3	2022	2	5	1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	
	4	2022	2	5	1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	

5 rows × 39 columns

1. DROP DUPLICATES

Duplicates cause inconsistent results when dealing with statistics. Hence dropping duplicate rows.

```
In [3]: print('Dataframe before dropping duplicates :', flight_data_df.shape)
    flight_data_df = flight_data_df.drop_duplicates() # 1,389 rows dropped
    print('Dataframe after dropping duplicates :',flight_data_df.shape)

Dataframe before dropping duplicates : (602950, 39)
```

2. Update Null values and Drop null rows, if any

Drop null rows, if any and update null values to 0 for delays

Dataframe after dropping duplicates: (601561, 39)

```
In [4]: #Drop null values

print('Dataframe before dropping null rows:', flight_data_df.shape)

flight_data_df.dropna()

print('Dataframe after dropping null rows:', flight_data_df.shape)

#Update null values to 0

flight_data_df.DISTANCE = flight_data_df.DISTANCE.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.DEP_DELAY = flight_data_df.DEP_DELAY.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.ARR_DELAY = flight_data_df.ARR_DELAY.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.CARRIER_DELAY = flight_data_df.CARRIER_DELAY.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.WEATHER_DELAY = flight_data_df.WEATHER_DELAY.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.NAS_DELAY = flight_data_df.NAS_DELAY.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.SECURITY_DELAY = flight_data_df.SECURITY_DELAY.fillna(0)

flight_data_df.LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY = flight_data_df.LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY.fillna(0)
```

```
Dataframe after dropping null rows: (601561, 39)

In [5]: flight data df.loc[pd.isna(flight data df.CANCELLATION CODE), 'CANCELLATION CODE']='Z'
```

3. Add new features

Cancellation code is represented as A, B, C and D, which is not very informative. The BTS website provided details on this code as follows:

```
In [6]:
        flight data df['CANCELLATION REASON'] = ''
        flight_data_df.CANCELLATION_REASON = np.where(flight_data_df.CANCELLATION_CODE=='A', 'Ca
                                         np.where(flight data df.CANCELLATION CODE=='B', 'Weathe
                                                  np.where(flight data df.CANCELLATION CODE=='C'
                                                           np.where(flight data df.CANCELLATION
                                                                     np.where(flight data df.CAN
        flight data df.groupby(['CANCELLATION REASON'])['CANCELLATION REASON'].count().sort inde
       CANCELLATION REASON
Out[6]:
       Carrier
                                4902
       National Air System
                                1394
                             590957
       Not Cancelled
       Security
                                   1
                                 4307
       Weather
       Name: CANCELLATION REASON, dtype: int64
```

Adding a new column 'STATUS' that tells the status of a flight

Dataframe before dropping null rows: (601561, 39)

```
In [7]: flight_data df['STATUS'] = ''
        flight data df.STATUS = np.where(flight data df.CANCELLED==1, 'Cancelled',
                                        np.where(flight data df.DIVERTED == 1, 'Diverted',
                                                 np.where(flight data df.ARR DELAY<=15, 'On-Tim
                                                          np.where(flight data df.ARR DELAY>15,
        flight data df.groupby(['STATUS'])['STATUS'].count().sort index()
       STATUS
Out[7]:
       Cancelled
                    10604
       Delayed
                    119624
                    1581
       Diverted
       On-Time
                   469752
       Name: STATUS, dtype: int64
```

Creating a new column 'ARR_DELAYED'. A flag that represents if a flight was delayed. Similar to CANCELLED and DIVERTED As a step to data reduction, I will be considering flights arriving 15 minutes or later as delayed

Adding a new column 'DELAY_REASON' that tells the reason for a flight getting delayed

```
np.where(flight data df.NAS
                                                                               np.where(flight dat
        flight data df.groupby(['DELAY REASON'])['DELAY REASON'].count().sort index()
        DELAY REASON
Out[9]:
                        477611
        Carrier
                         74794
        LateAircraft
                        26097
        NAS
                         18695
        Security
                          142
        Weather
                          4222
        Name: DELAY REASON, dtype: int64
```

Data Visualization:

Implementing arithmetic functions for statistical analysis

Creating a new dataframe with total number of flights per operating carrier to calculate the %

```
In [10]: flight_totals = flight_data_df.value_counts(subset=['OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER']).reset_index()
    flight_totals_df = pd.DataFrame(flight_totals)
    flight_totals_df.columns = ['OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER','TOTAL']
    flight_totals_df['PERCENTAGE'] = round(flight_totals_df.TOTAL/flight_totals_df.TOTAL.sum
    flight_totals_df = flight_totals_df.sort_values('PERCENTAGE', ascending=False)
    flight_totals_df.head(5)
```

Out[10]: OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER TOTAL PERCENTAGE 0 WN 107950 17.94 76021 12.64 1 DL 2 71471 11.88 AA 3 00 66615 11.07 4 UA 53535 8.90

Calculate percentage by carrier and flight status

```
In [11]: flight_status = flight_data_df.value_counts(subset=['OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER','STATUS']).reset
    flight_status_df = pd.DataFrame(flight_status)  #create a dataframe
    flight_status_df.columns = ['OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER','STATUS', 'COUNT']  #Add column names
    flight_status_df = flight_status_df.sort_values('OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER')  #Sort by operating

flight_status_df['PERCENTAGE'] = ''

for index, row in flight_status_df.iterrows():
    tot = flight_totals.loc[flight_totals.OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER==row.OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER].TOTA
    val = (row.COUNT/tot * 100)
    flight_status_df.at[index,'PERCENTAGE'] = round(val[0].astype(float),2)  #Calculate t

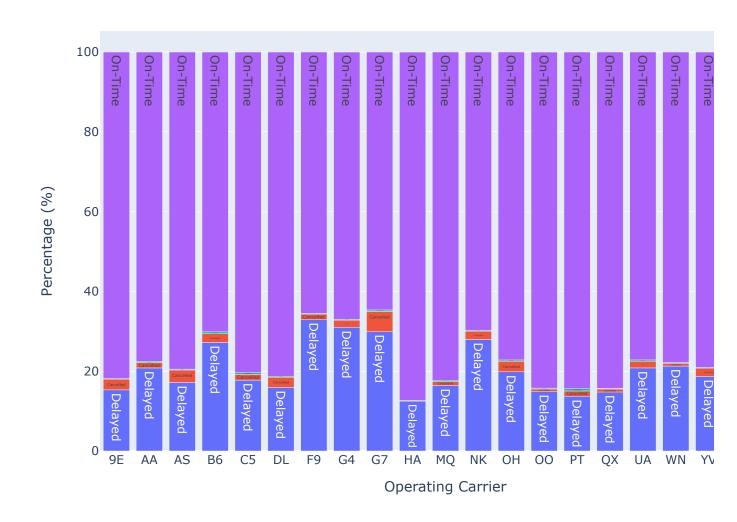
flight_status_df.head(10)
```

OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER STATUS COUNT PERCENTAGE Out[11]: 33 9E Delayed 3113 15.33 48 9E Cancelled 542 2.67 74 9E 35 0.17 Diverted

8	9E	On-Time	16613	81.83
41	AA	Cancelled	973	1.36
56	AA	Diverted	215	0.3
3	AA	On-Time	55403	77.52
11	AA	Delayed	14880	20.82
47	AS	Cancelled	608	3.12
10	AS	On-Time	15502	79.49

Bar chart for carier performance in May 2022

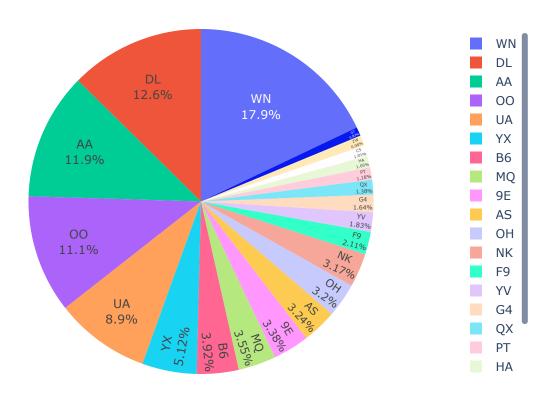
Carrier Performance in May 2022



Hawaian airlines had the best on-time performance in May'22 followed by Air Wisconsin(ZW). Frontier airlines(F9) had the most number of delays at 32.9% GoJet had the most cancellations at 7%

Pie chart for Overall Carrier performance in May'22

Overall Operating Carrier Performance (May22)

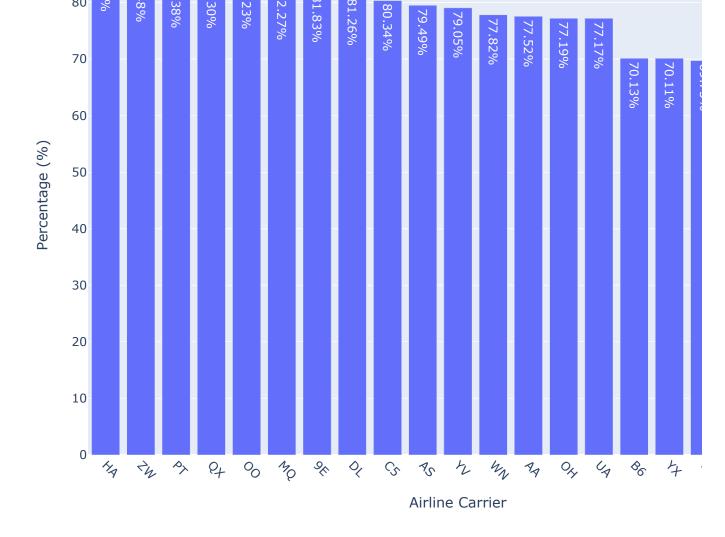


We can see southwest carrier (WN) had the most number of flights in May 2022.

Bar plot for Airline with best on-time performance

Airline On-Time Performance





Hawaiian airline was the best performing airline in May'22 with 87.33% on time performance and Go-Jet is the least performing airline with 64.6% on-time performance.

```
In [15]: #Load csv file with airport names for origin and destination
    airport_data_df = pd.read_csv('L_AIRPORT.csv')
    airport_data_df.head()
```

Out[15]:		Code	Description
	0	01A	Afognak Lake, AK: Afognak Lake Airport
	1	03A	Granite Mountain, AK: Bear Creek Mining Strip
	2	04A	Lik, AK: Lik Mining Camp
	3	05A	Little Squaw, AK: Little Squaw Airport
	4	06A	Kizhuyak, AK: Kizhuyak Bay

```
In [16]: #Create a new dataframe with the percentage by origin airport and status
    flight_origin_totals = flight_data_df.value_counts(subset=['ORIGIN']).reset_index() #ge
    flight_origin_totals_df = pd.DataFrame(flight_origin_totals)#create a dataframe
    flight_origin_totals_df.columns = ['ORIGIN', 'TOTAL']#Add column names
    #Calculate the percentage by origin airport
    flight_origin_totals_df['PERCENTAGE'] = round(flight_origin_totals_df.TOTAL/flight_origi)

    origin_airport_delays = flight_data_df.value_counts(subset=['ORIGIN', 'STATUS']).reset_in
    origin_airport_df = pd.DataFrame(origin_airport_delays) #create a dataframe
    origin_airport_df.columns = ['ORIGIN', 'STATUS', 'COUNT'] #add column names
```

```
origin_airport_df = origin_airport_df.sort_values('ORIGIN') #sort by origin
origin_airport_df['PERCENTAGE'] = ''

for index, row in origin_airport_df.iterrows():
    tot = flight_origin_totals.loc[flight_origin_totals.ORIGIN==row.ORIGIN].TOTAL.values
    val = (row.COUNT/tot * 100)
    origin_airport_df.at[index,'PERCENTAGE'] = round(val[0].astype(float),2) #calulate

origin_airport_df.head(10)
origin_airport_df = origin_airport_df.sort_values('PERCENTAGE', ascending=False) #sort by

#Add the airport name from the airport_data_df and add as a new column to the origin_air
origin_airport_df=pd.merge(origin_airport_df, airport_data_df, how='left', left_on='ORIG
origin_airport_df.rename(columns={'Description':'ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME'}, inplace=True)
del origin_airport_df['Code']

new = origin_airport_df.ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME.str.split(":", n = 1, expand = True)
origin_airport_df.head()
origin_airport_df.head()
```

Out[16]:		ORIGIN	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME
	0	GST	On-Time	12	100.0	Gustavus Airport
	1	STC	On-Time	1	100.0	St. Cloud Regional
	2	LWS	On-Time	95	96.94	Lewiston Nez Perce County
	3	BGM	On-Time	30	96.77	Greater Binghamton/Edwin A. Link Field
	4	DRT	On-Time	60	96.77	Del Rio International

Bar chart for Origin airport with most delays

Origin Airport with most Delays



Origin Airport

It appears Tri Cities has multiple entries for different origin airports. Identify and update the airport name.

In [18]: origin_airport_df[origin_airport_df.ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME.str.contains('Tri Cities')]

Out[18]:		ORIGIN	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME
	29	PSC	On-Time	451	90.56	Tri Cities
	207	TRI	On-Time	302	81.4	Tri Cities
	506	TRI	Delayed	66	17.79	Tri Cities
	708	PSC	Delayed	44	8.84	Tri Cities
	1018	TRI	Cancelled	3	0.81	Tri Cities
	1093	PSC	Diverted	2	0.4	Tri Cities
	1178	PSC	Cancelled	1	0.2	Tri Cities

Updating the airport name for PSC

Out[20]:

In [19]: origin_airport_df.loc[origin_airport_df["ORIGIN"] == "PSC", "ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME"] = 'Tr
In [20]: origin_airport_df[origin_airport_df.ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME.str.contains('Tri Cities')]

	ORIGIN	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME
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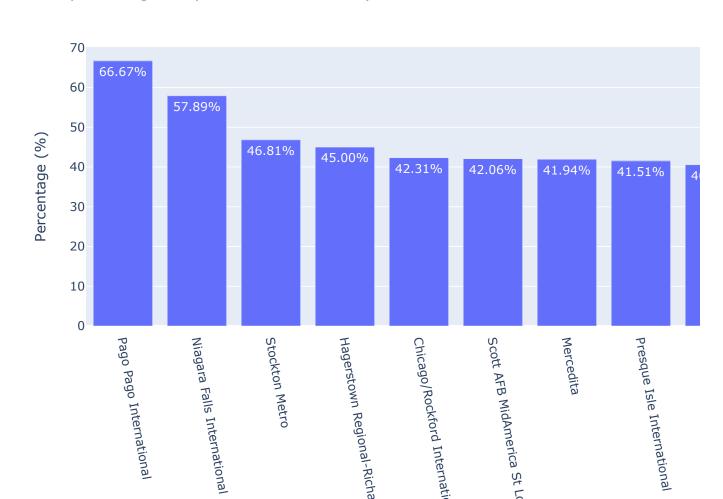
Since the chart has many airports to fit, filtering the list to get the top 10 origin airports with most delays

In [21]:	<pre>top_10_origin_delay_airports = origin_airport_df[origin_airport_df.STATUS=='Delayed'].he</pre>
L 3.	top_10_origin_delay_airports

	ORIGIN	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME
344	PPG	Delayed	2	66.67	Pago Pago International
361	IAG	Delayed	22	57.89	Niagara Falls International
368	SCK	Delayed	22	46.81	Stockton Metro
370	HGR	Delayed	9	45.0	Hagerstown Regional-Richard A. Henson Field
371	RFD	Delayed	22	42.31	Chicago/Rockford International
373	BLV	Delayed	45	42.06	Scott AFB MidAmerica St Louis
374	PSE	Delayed	39	41.94	Mercedita
375	PQI	Delayed	22	41.51	Presque Isle International
376	USA	Delayed	30	40.54	Concord Padgett Regional
378	RIW	Delayed	14	40.0	Central Wyoming Regional

Out[21]:

Top 10 Origin Airport with most Delays



Flights originating from Pago Pago International are delayed 66.67%

DESTINATION

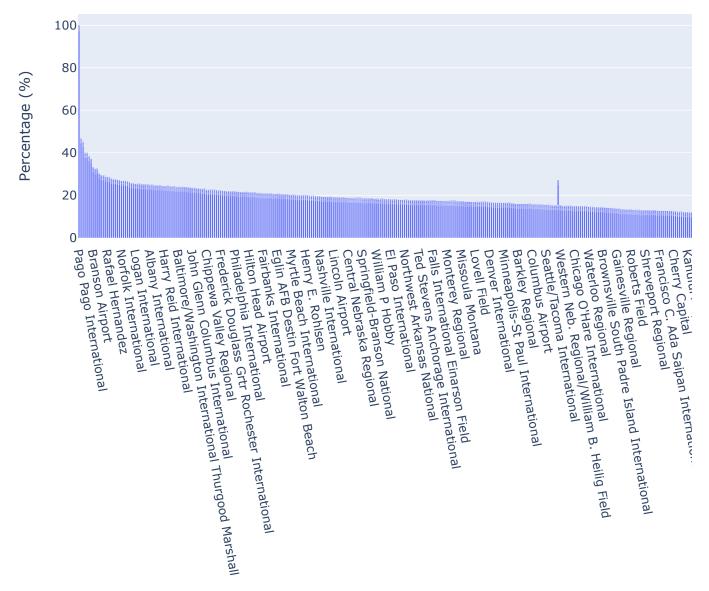
```
#Create a new dataframe with the percentage by origin airport and status
In [23]:
         flight dest totals = flight data df.value counts(subset=['DEST']).reset index() #get the
         flight dest totals df = pd.DataFrame(flight dest totals) #create a dataframe
         flight dest totals df.columns = ['DEST', 'TOTAL'] #Add column names
         #Calculate the percentage by destination airport
         flight dest totals df['PERCENTAGE'] = round(flight dest totals df.TOTAL/flight dest tota
         dest airport delays = flight data df.value counts(subset=['DEST','STATUS']).reset index(
         dest airport df = pd.DataFrame(dest airport delays) #create a dataframe
         dest airport df.columns = ['DEST','STATUS', 'COUNT'] # add column names
         dest airport df = dest airport df.sort values('DEST') #sort by destination
         dest airport df['PERCENTAGE'] = ''
         for index, row in dest airport df.iterrows():
             tot = flight dest totals.loc[flight dest totals.DEST==row.DEST].TOTAL.values #get t
            val = (row.COUNT/tot * 100)
             dest airport df.at[index,'PERCENTAGE'] = round(val[0].astype(float),2) #calulate the
         dest airport df.head(10)
         dest airport df = dest airport df.sort values('PERCENTAGE', ascending=False) #sort by perc
         #Add the airport name from the airport data df and add as a new column to the dest airpo
         dest airport df=pd.merge(dest airport df, airport data df, how='left', left on='DEST', r
         dest airport df.rename(columns={'Description':'DEST AIRPORT NAME'}, inplace=True)
         del dest airport df['Code']
         new = dest airport df.DEST AIRPORT NAME.str.split(":", n = 1, expand = True)
         dest airport df["DEST AIRPORT NAME"] = new[1]
         dest airport df.head()
```

Out[23]:		DEST	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	DEST_AIRPORT_NAME
	0	GST	On-Time	12	100.0	Gustavus Airport
	1	STC	On-Time	1	100.0	St. Cloud Regional
	2	PPG	Delayed	3	100.0	Pago Pago International
	3	TWF	On-Time	31	96.88	Joslin Field - Magic Valley Regional
	4	PIH	On-Time	30	96.77	Pocatello Regional

Bar chart for Destination Airports with most delays

fig.update_layout(autosize=False, width=900, height=700)
fig.show()

Destination Airport with most Delays



Destination Airport

Updating Destination name for PSC

```
In [25]: dest_airport_df[dest_airport_df.DEST_AIRPORT_NAME.str.contains('Tri Cities')]
    dest_airport_df.loc[dest_airport_df["DEST"] == "PSC", "DEST_AIRPORT_NAME"] = 'Tri Cities'
    dest_airport_df[dest_airport_df.DEST_AIRPORT_NAME.str.contains('Tri Cities')]
```

Out[25]:		DEST	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	DEST_AIRPORT_NAME
	40	PSC	On-Time	439	88.15	Tri Cities(PSC)
	125	TRI	On-Time	310	83.56	Tri Cities
	610	TRI	Delayed	57	15.36	Tri Cities
	680	PSC	Delayed	59	11.85	Tri Cities(PSC)
	985	TRI	Cancelled	4	1.08	Tri Cities

Since the chart has many airports to fit, filtering the list to get the top 10 destination airports with most delays

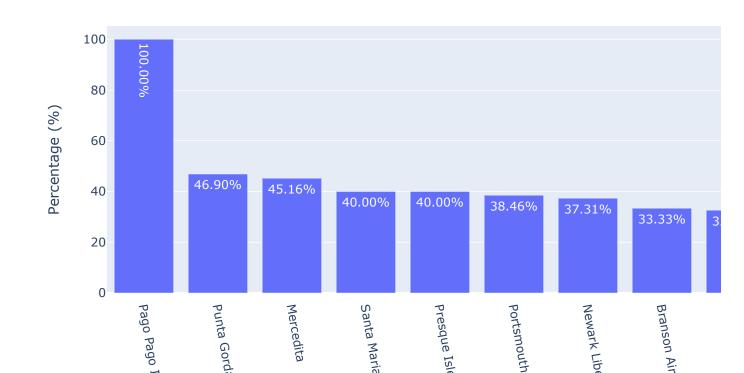
```
In [26]: top_10_dest_delay_airports = dest_airport_df[dest_airport_df.STATUS=='Delayed'].head(10)
top_10_dest_delay_airports
```

DEST_AIRPORT_NAME	PERCENTAGE	COUNT	STATUS	DEST	
Pago Pago International	100.0	3	Delayed	PPG	2
Punta Gorda Airport	46.9	212	Delayed	PGD	368
Mercedita	45.16	42	Delayed	PSE	369
Santa Maria Public/Capt. G. Allan Hancock Field	40.0	4	Delayed	SMX	372
Presque Isle International	40.0	20	Delayed	PQI	373
Portsmouth International at Pease	38.46	10	Delayed	PSM	374
Newark Liberty International	37.31	5097	Delayed	EWR	375
Branson Airport	33.33	3	Delayed	BKG	376
Stockton Metro	32.61	15	Delayed	SCK	377
Concord Padgett Regional	32.43	24	Delayed	USA	378

Bar chart for Destination Airprot with most delays

Out[26]:

Top 10 Destination Airport with most Delays



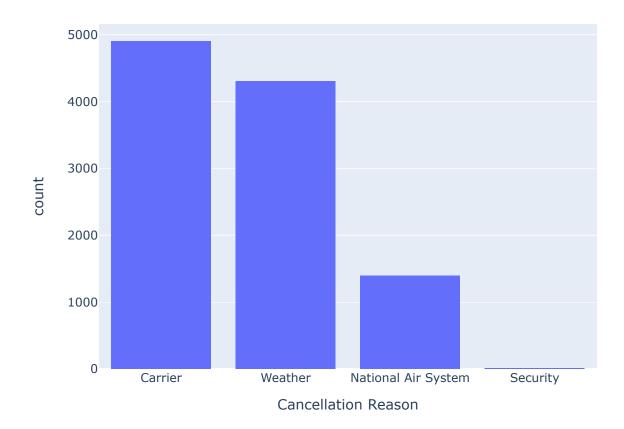


All flights flying into Pago Pago Internation airport hasare delayed.

Histogram for Overall cancellations by cancellation reason

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Number of Cancellation by Reasons



MILESTONE 2 - Data Preparation

Dataframe at this time has most of the required features.

1. Drop any features that are not useful for your model building and explain why they are not useful.

Dropping null rows was performed in Milestone 1 - Data Transformation (Step 1). Some additional features that can be dropped are as follows.

i. Dropping the year, month, day, day of month as these details are in the FL_DATE feature which is in a DateTime format.

In [30]:	<pre>flight_data_df.drop(['YEAR', 'QUARTER', 'MONTH'], axis=1, inplace=True)</pre>										
In [31]:	flight_data_df.head(5)										
Out[31]:	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	FL_DATE	MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER	OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID					
	0 1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	AA	10140					
	1 1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	AA	10140					
	2 1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	AA	10140					
	3 1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	AA	10140					
	4 1	7	5/1/2022 12:00:00 AM	AA	AA	10140					

5 rows × 40 columns

ii. Dropping Origin Airport ID, Destination Airport ID, Origin_WAC, DEST_WAC as these are not significant for this project.

```
In [32]: flight_data_df.drop(['ORIGIN_WAC', 'DEST_WAC', 'ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID'],
```

2. Perform any data extraction/selection steps.

Most of the data extraction and selection steps are already performed in Milestone 1 before plotting. I will update this section should there be any additional extraction/selection steps required.

3. Transform features if necessary.

i. Replacing values in a column

I realised the below step is not required for this project. Hence, commenting it.

Day of week is mentioned as numbers, updating numbers to days of week.

```
flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK = np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==1, 'Sunday', np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==2, 'Monday', np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==3, 'Tuesday', np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==4, 'Wednesday', np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==5, 'Thursday', np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==6, 'Friday', np.where(flight_data_df.DAY_OF_WEEK==7, 'Wednesday',''))))))) flight_data_df.groupby(['DAY_OF_WEEK'])['DAY_OF_WEEK'].count().sort_index()
```

Arrival and departure delays in the '*_New' column for flights departing/arriving earlier than schedule are updated to 0. For this project we are considering flights arriving 15 minutes or later as delayed. Updating arr_delay to 0 for 15 minutes or less.

```
In [34]: flight_data_df.loc[flight_data_df.ARR_DELAY<=15, 'ARR_DELAY'] = 0
    flight_data_df.ARR_DELAY.unique()

Out[34]: array([ 0., 17., 20., ..., 1830., 658., 651.])</pre>
```

4. Engineer new useful features.

Features such as DELAY_REASON,ARR_DELAYED, CANCELLATION_REASON and STATUS were engineered and created in Milestone 1, data transformation section. These features were required for plotting.

5. Deal with missing data (do not just drop rows or columns without justifying this).

```
DEST_CITY_NAME 0.000000

DEST_STATE_ABR 0.000000

DEST_STATE_NM 0.000000

DEP_DELAY 0.000000

DEP_DELAY_NEW 0.016958

TAXI_OUT 0.017551

TAXI_IN 0.017902

ARR_TIME 0.017902

ARR_DELAY 0.000000
              ARR_TIME
ARR_DELAY
                                                    0.000000
              ARR_DELAY 0.000000

ARR_DELAY_NEW 0.020256

CANCELLED 0.000000

CANCELLATION_CODE 0.000000

DIVERTED 0.000000

ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME 0.020256
              AIR_TIME 0.020256
              FLIGHTS
                                                    0.000000
              DISTANCE
                                                    0.000000
             CARRIER_DELAY 0.000000

WEATHER_DELAY 0.000000

NAS_DELAY 0.000000

SECURITY_DELAY 0.000000

LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY 0.000000

CANCELLATION_REASON 0.000000
                                     0.000000
               STATUS
                                                    0.000000
               ARR DELAYED
              DELAY_REASON
                                                    0.000000
               dtype: float64
In [36]: #Look for any features with over 40% missing data
               missing features = flight data df null[flight data df null > 0.40].index #Identify colum
               missing features
              Index([], dtype='object')
Out[36]:
```

There are no features with missing data over 40%.

ORIGIN STATE NM 0.000000

0.000000 0.000000

DEST

DEST CITY NAME

6. Create dummy variables if necessary.

At this point, I don't belive I need dummy variables. Will revisit this section based on outcomes from Model creations.

Conclusion

It appears we have enough information at this time to apply different models on the dataframe to be able to predict a flights performance. From the different charts, we can also see the best performing carriers, airports with most delays for arrivals and departures and reasons for cancellations.

On futher analysis, it appears we do not need any external data at this time for the model prediction. I target on predicting which airline and/or airport are more likely to be delayed based on the arrival delay feature.

MILESTONE 3 - Model building and Evaluation

```
In [37]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
        from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
         from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
```

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn import tree

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, roc_curve, roc_auc_score, confusion_matrix, c
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
from imblearn.combine import SMOTETomek
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_val_score, KFold

from IPython.display import Image
import warnings
from pandas.errors import SettingWithCopyWarning
```

In [38]: warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=SettingWithCopyWarning)

In [39]: flight_data_df.head(5)

DAY_OF_MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK FL_DATE MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER ORIGIN ORIGIN_CITY Out[39]: 5/1/2022 0 12:00:00 AA **ABO** AA Albuquero AM 5/1/2022 1 1 7 12:00:00 **ABQ** AA AA Albuquero AM 5/1/2022 2 1 7 12:00:00 AAAA **ABQ** Albuquero AM 5/1/2022 3 7 12:00:00 AAAA **ABQ** Albuquero AM 5/1/2022 1 4 7 12:00:00 AAAA**ABQ** Albuquero

5 rows × 36 columns

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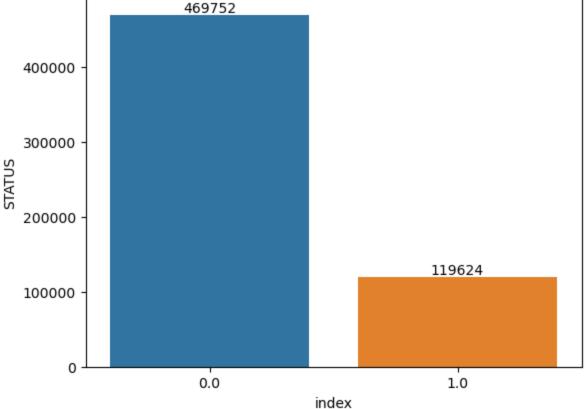
Out[40]:		DAY_OF_WEEK	OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER	ORIGIN	DEST	DEP_DELAY	ARR_DELAY	FLIGHTS	DISTANCE	CARRIER_I
	0	7	AA	ABQ	DFW	-9.0	0.0	1.0	569.0	
	1	7	AA	ABQ	DFW	-8.0	0.0	1.0	569.0	
	2	7	AA	ABQ	DFW	-5.0	0.0	1.0	569.0	
	3	7	AA	ABQ	DFW	-5.0	0.0	1.0	569.0	
	4	7	AA	ABQ	DFW	0.0	0.0	1.0	569.0	

```
In [41]: #Check the data types for features to split into categorical and numerical fields
         #for standaridizing and creating dummy variables
        flight model df.dtypes
Out[41]: DAY_OF_WEEK int64 object
        ORIGIN
                               object
        DEST
                               object
        DEP DELAY
                              float64
        ARR DELAY
                              float64
                              float64
        FLIGHTS
        DISTANCE
                              float64
        CARRIER DELAY
                             float64
                            float64
        WEATHER DELAY
        NAS DELAY
                              float64
        SECURITY DELAY float64
        LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY float64
        STATUS
                               object
        dtype: object
In [53]: #Converting data types to avoid memory issues while executing the model fit.
         cols=['DEP DELAY','ARR DELAY','FLIGHTS','DISTANCE','CARRIER DELAY','WEATHER DELAY','NAS
         flight model df[cols] = flight model df[cols].astype('float16') #Converting float64 to f
         flight model df['DAY OF WEEK'] = flight model df['DAY OF WEEK'].astype(np.uint8) #Conve
         obj cols = ['OP UNIQUE CARRIER','ORIGIN','DEST']
         flight model df[obj cols] = flight model df[obj cols].astype('category') # #Converting o
In [43]: #Filtering categorical and numeric fields
         X cat = flight model df[['OP UNIQUE CARRIER', 'ORIGIN', 'DEST']]
         X num = flight model df.drop(['OP UNIQUE CARRIER', 'ORIGIN', 'DEST', 'STATUS'], axis=1)
In [44]: #Intial Status was created for all types, cancelled, diverted, delayed and on-time. For
         #to on-time and delayed, I'm dropping this column and recreating the same with 0's and 1
         flight model df.drop(columns = ['STATUS'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
In [45]: flight model df.loc[flight model df.ARR DELAY <= 15, 'STATUS'] = 0</pre>
         flight model df.loc[flight model df.ARR DELAY > 15, 'STATUS'] = 1
In [46]: | flight model df.groupby(['STATUS'])['STATUS'].count().sort index()
        STATUS
Out[46]:
        0.0 469752
        1.0
              119624
        Name: STATUS, dtype: int64
In [47]: #Creating dummy variables for categorical columns
        X cat = pd.get dummies(X cat, drop first=True)
In [48]: # Create standardizer
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         # Standardize features
         scaler.fit(X num)
         X scaled = scaler.transform(X num)
         X scaled = pd.DataFrame(X scaled, index=X num.index, columns=X num.columns)
In [49]: #Concatenate the categorical and scaled numeric fields and set the features
```

X = pd.concat([X scaled, X cat], axis=1)

X.isna().sum()

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Out[49]: DAY_OF_WEEK DEP_DELAY
        ARR DELAY
         FLIGHTS
         DISTANCE
                        0
         DEST XNA
                        0
         DEST XWA
         DEST YAK
                        0
         DEST YKM
                        0
         DEST YUM
                        0
         Length: 768, dtype: int64
In [50]: #Set the training data in Y
         Y = flight model df['STATUS'].astype('int')
         #Adding this step to clear memory, to avoid memory issues suring execution
In [51]:
         import gc
         gc.collect()
Out[51]:
In [57]:
         #Check the balance of test and train data
         xx = flight model df['STATUS'].value counts().reset index()
         ax = sns.barplot(x="index", y="STATUS", data=xx)
         for i in ax.containers:
             ax.bar label(i,)
                                  469752
            400000
```



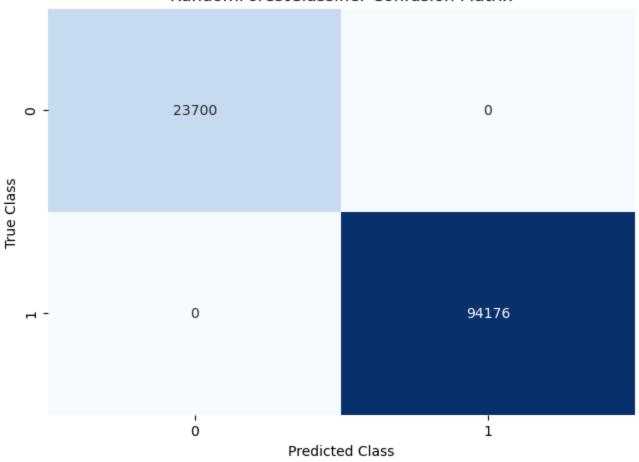
We can clearly see that the data is not balanced. The number of delayed flights in the dataset are very low in comparison to the flights on-time. Building models with this data could give inaccurate results.

Testing a model with unbalanced data with RandomForestClassifier

```
x train ub, x test ub, y train ub, y test ub = train test split(X,Y,test size = 0.2)
In [59]: #Use RandomForestClassifier to fit the unbalanced data
        rfc = RandomForestClassifier()
        rfc model = rfc.fit(x train ub, y train ub)
        #Predict y data with classifier:
        y pred ub = rfc model.predict(x test ub)
        #Print model results
        print(classification report(y test ub, y pred ub))
        print(confusion matrix(y test ub, y pred ub))
        print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc auc score(y test ub, y pred ub)}')
        print(f'Accuracy score : {accuracy score(y test ub, y pred ub)}')
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                                            1.00 117876
           macro avg
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                                         1.00 117876
        weighted avg
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        [[94176
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        ROC-AUC score : 1.0
        Accuracy score : 1.0
In [60]: #Build the confusion matrix
        matrix = confusion matrix(y_test_ub, y_pred_ub, labels=[1,0])
        print(matrix)
        # Create pandas dataframe
        df = pd.DataFrame(matrix)
        # Create a heatmap
        sns.heatmap(df, annot=True, cbar=None, cmap="Blues",fmt='.0f')
        plt.title("RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix"), plt.tight layout()
        plt.ylabel("True Class"), plt.xlabel("Predicted Class")
        plt.show()
```

[[23700 0] [0 94176]]

RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix



Data looks unbalanced for delayed and on-time flights, as expected. Using SMOTE to balance data and rebuild the model.

Smote oversampling for imbalanced classification

```
In [61]: smote = SMOTE()
x, y = smote.fit_resample(X, Y)

In [62]: smote_df = pd.concat([pd.DataFrame(x), pd.DataFrame(y)], axis=1)
smote_df.head(5)
```

Out[62]:		DAY_OF_WEEK	DEP_DELAY	ARR_DELAY	FLIGHTS	DISTANCE	CARRIER_DELAY	WEATHER_DELAY	NAS_DELAY
	0	1.494141	-0.403564	-0.266357	0.0	-0.377686	-0.148438	-0.05722	-0.166138
	1	1.494141	-0.384766	-0.266357	0.0	-0.377686	-0.148438	-0.05722	-0.166138
	2	1.494141	-0.328125	-0.266357	0.0	-0.377686	-0.148438	-0.05722	-0.166138
	3	1.494141	-0.328125	-0.266357	0.0	-0.377686	-0.148438	-0.05722	-0.166138
	4	1.494141	-0.234009	-0.266357	0.0	-0.377686	-0.148438	-0.05722	-0.166138

5 rows × 769 columns

```
In [63]: #Split the smote (balanced) data into random train and test subsets:
    x_train_sm, x_test_sm, y_train_sm, y_test_sm = train_test_split(x,y,test_size = 0.2)
```

```
In [64]: print(x.shape)
    print(y.shape)
    print(x_train_sm.shape)
```

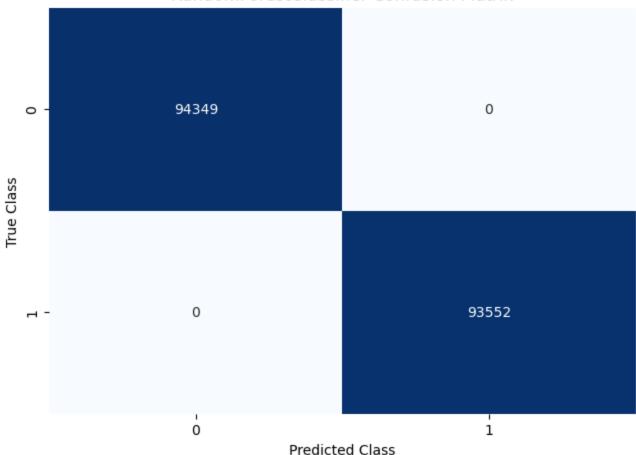
```
print(y_train_sm.shape)
print(x_test_sm.shape)
print(y_test_sm.shape)

(939504, 768)
(939504,)
(751603, 768)
(751603,)
(187901, 768)
(187901,)
```

```
RandomForestClassifier
         # Use the RandomForestClassifier to fit balanced data
In [65]:
        rfc = RandomForestClassifier()
         rfc model = rfc.fit(x train sm, y train sm)
In [66]: #Predict y data with classifier:
        y pred rfc = rfc model.predict(x test sm)
        print(classification report(y test sm, y pred rfc))
        print(confusion matrix(y test sm, y pred rfc))
        print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc auc score(y test sm, y pred rfc)}')
        print(f'Accuracy score : {accuracy score(y test sm, y pred rfc)}')
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        weighted avg
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        [[93552
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        ROC-AUC score : 1.0
        Accuracy score : 1.0
In [67]: #Build the confusion matrix
        matrix = confusion matrix(y test sm, y pred rfc, labels=[1,0])
        print(matrix)
         # Create pandas dataframe
         df = pd.DataFrame(matrix)
         # Create a heatmap
         sns.heatmap(df, annot=True, cbar=None, cmap="Blues",fmt='.0f')
        plt.title("RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix"), plt.tight layout()
        plt.ylabel("True Class"), plt.xlabel("Predicted Class")
        plt.show()
```

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```

RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix



DecisionTreeClassifier

Out[68]:

DecisionTreeClassifier

DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=3, random_state=42)

```
In [69]: #Predict y data with classifier:
    y_pred_dtc = clf.predict(x_test_sm)

#Print results
    print(classification_report(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc))
    print(confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc))
    print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc_auc_score(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc)}')
    print(f'Accuracy score : {accuracy_score(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc)}')
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1	1.00	1.00	1.00	94349

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         [[93552 0]
          [ 0 94349]]
         ROC-AUC score : 1.0
         Accuracy score: 1.0
In [70]:  # Draw graph
         tree.plot tree(clf)
         [\text{Text}(0.5, 0.75, 'x[2] <= -0.113 \setminus \text{ngini} = 0.5 \setminus \text{nsamples} = 563702 \setminus \text{nvalue} = [282170, 28153]
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          Text(0.75, 0.25, 'gini = 0.0 \land explicit = 281532 \land explicit = [0, 281532]')]
                                   x[2] <= -0.113
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                                 samples = 563702
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accuracy

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samples = 563702

value = [282170, 281532]

gini = 0.0

samples = 282170

value = [282170, 0]

gini = 0.0

samples = 281532

value = [0, 281532]
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x[2] <= -0.113 \\ gini = 0.5 \\ samples = 563702 \\ value = [282170, 281532] \\ class = setosa
gini = 0.0 \\ samples = 282170 \\ value = [282170, 0] \\ value = [0, 281532] \\ class = setosa
```

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In [72]: #Build the confusion matrix
matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc, labels=[1,0])

print(matrix)

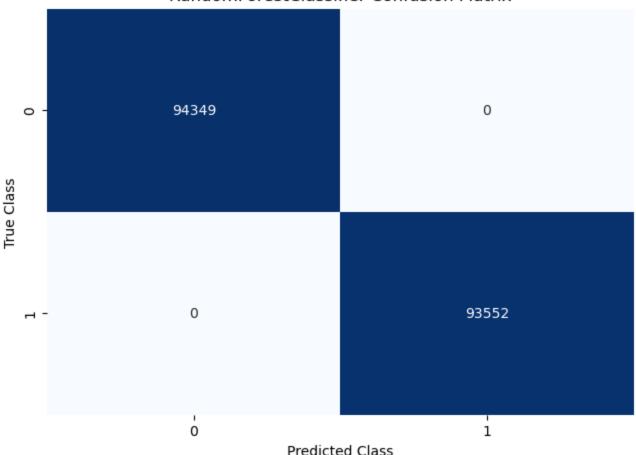
# Create pandas dataframe
df = pd.DataFrame(matrix)

# Create a heatmap
sns.heatmap(df, annot=True, cbar=None, cmap="Blues",fmt='.0f')
plt.title("RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix"), plt.tight_layout()
plt.ylabel("True Class"), plt.xlabel("Predicted Class")
plt.show()

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RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix



LogisticRegression

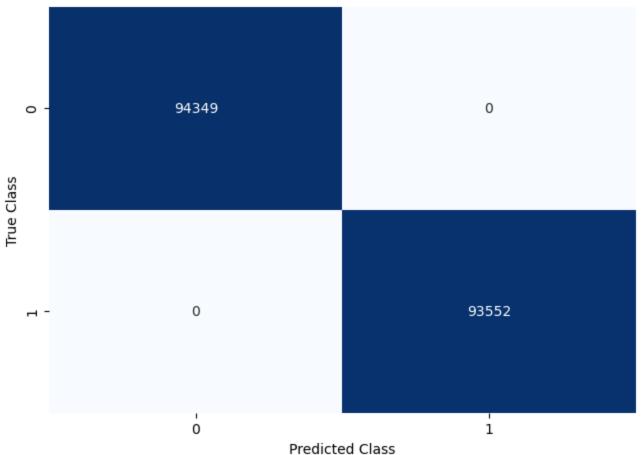
```
In [73]:
        # Use the LogisticRegression to fit data:
        lr model = LogisticRegression(solver='liblinear')
        model = lr model.fit(x train sm, y train sm)
In [74]:
        #Predict y data with classifier:
        y pred lr = model.predict(x test sm)
        #Pritn results
        print(classification report(y test sm, y pred lr))
        print(confusion matrix(y test sm, y pred lr))
        print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc_auc_score(y_test_sm, y_pred_lr)}')
        print(f'Accuracy score : {accuracy score(y test sm, y pred lr)}')
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        ROC-AUC score : 1.0
        Accuracy score : 1.0
        # Cross-validate model using accuracy
In [75]:
        cross val score(lr model, x, y, scoring="accuracy")
        array([1., 1., 1., 1., 1.])
Out[75]:
```

```
In [76]: #Build the confusion matrix
  matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_lr, labels=[1,0])
  print(matrix)

# Create pandas dataframe
  df = pd.DataFrame(matrix)

# Create a heatmap
  sns.heatmap(df, annot=True, cbar=None, cmap="Blues",fmt='.0f')
  plt.title("RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix"), plt.tight_layout()
  plt.ylabel("True Class"), plt.xlabel("Predicted Class")
  plt.show()
```

RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix



from yellowbrick.classifier import DiscriminationThreshold Ir_visualizer = DiscriminationThreshold(Ir_model) Ir_visualizer.fit(x,y) # Fit the data to the visualizer Ir_visualizer.show() # Finalize and render the figure

Using class_weight='balaced' to check if the imbalance get's any better.

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In [77]: logit = LogisticRegression( solver='liblinear', class_weight='balanced')
    model_logit = logit.fit(x_train_sm, y_train_sm)

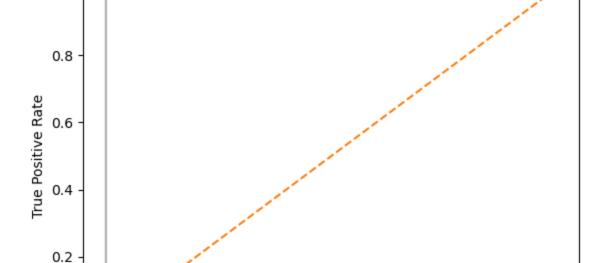
y_pred_logit = model_logit.predict(x_test_sm)

print(classification_report(y_test_sm, y_pred_logit))
    print(confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_logit))
    print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc_auc_score(y_test_sm, y_pred_logit)}')
    print(f'Accuracy score : {accuracy_score(y_test_sm, y_pred_logit)}')

# Cross-validate model using accuracy
    cross_val_score(logit, x, y, scoring="accuracy")
```

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         ROC-AUC score : 1.0
         Accuracy score: 1.0
         array([1., 1., 1., 1., 1.])
Out[77]:
In [78]: logit.fit(x train sm, y train sm)
         # Get predicted probabilities
         target probabilities = logit.predict proba(x test sm)[:,1]
         # Create true and false positive rates
         false positive rate, true positive rate, threshold = roc curve(y test sm, target probabil
         # Plot ROC curve
         plt.title("Receiver Operating Characteristic")
         plt.plot(false_positive_rate, true positive rate)
         plt.plot([0, 1], ls="--")
         plt.plot([0, 0], [1, 0], c=".7"), plt.plot([1, 1], c=".7")
         plt.ylabel("True Positive Rate")
         plt.xlabel("False Positive Rate")
         plt.show()
```

Receiver Operating Characteristic



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This is a perfect model, which means there's a clear way to tell whether any given record is in the training or test sets. This is a violation of the assumption that our training and test sets are identically distributed.

0.6

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False Positive Rate

```
print("True Positive Rate:", true_positive_rate[116])
print("False Positive Rate:", false_positive_rate[116])
```

Threshold: 0.9999999999999709

True Positive Rate: 0.4126275848180691

False Positive Rate: 0.0

Conclusion

The following 4 models were built and evaluated with the BTS airline performance data

- LogisticRegression
- RandomForestClassifier
- DecisionTreeClassifier

Due to imbalance in the data I am getting a perfect accuracy score for all models. I tried using different datasets from the BTS website (May, June, entire 2022 data from Jan through Nov, and the current execution with Dec'22 data), and I am getting the same accuracy score, precision, recall and f1-score for all datasets from the website.

Following lines can be ignored

SMOTE + TOMEK

print(X.shape) print(y.shape) print(X_cat.shape, X_num.shape) print(len(flight_model_df['STATUS']))
y_st = flight_model_df['STATUS'].astype('int')
smotetomek = SMOTETomek() x_tomek, y_tomek = smotetomek.fit_resample(X, y_st)
smote_tomek_df = pd.concat([pd.DataFrame(x_tomek), pd.DataFrame(y_tomek)], axis=1) smote_tomek_df.head(5)
x_train_st, x_test_st, y_train_st, y_test_st = train_test_split(x,y_st,test_size = 0.2)
print(x.shape) print(y.shape) print(x_train.shape) print(y_train.shape) print(x_test.shape) print(y_test.shape)
KNeighborsClassifier
Train a KNN classifier with 5 neighbors and Predict y data with classifier: y_pred_knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5, n_jobs=-1).fit(x_train_sm, y_train_sm).predict(x_test_sm)
Print results: print(classification_report(y_test_sm, y_pred_knn)) print(confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_knn)) print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc_auc_score(y_test_sm, y_pred_knn)}')