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 [36]: #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.csv')
    flight_data_df.head()
```

ut[36]:		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	АА	
	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 × 38 columns

Ou:

1. DROP DUPLICATES

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

```
In [37]: 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, 38)
```

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, 38)

```
In [38]: #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, 38)

In [39]: 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 [40]:
         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[40]:
        Carrier
                                 4902
        National Air System
                                 1394
        Not Cancelled
                              590957
        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, 38)

```
In [41]: 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[41]:
        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

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np.where(flight data df.NAS
                                                                               np.where(flight dat
         flight data df.groupby(['DELAY REASON'])['DELAY REASON'].count().sort index()
        DELAY REASON
Out[43]:
                         477611
        Carrier
                         74794
        LateAircraft
                         26097
        NAS
                          18695
                           142
        Security
                           4222
        Weather
        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 [44]: 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)
```

OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER TOTAL PERCENTAGE Out[44]: 0 WN 107950 17.94 76021 12.64 1 DL 2 AA 71471 11.88 3 00 66615 11.07 8.90 UA 53535

Calculate percentage by carrier and flight status

```
In [45]: 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

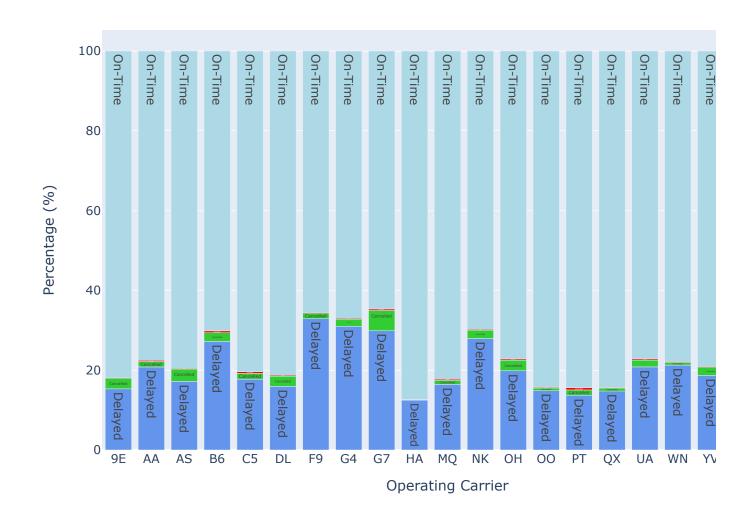
flight_status_df.head(10)
```

Out[45]:		OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
	33	9E	Delayed	3113	15.33
	48	9E	Cancelled	542	2.67
	74	9E	Diverted	35	0.17

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

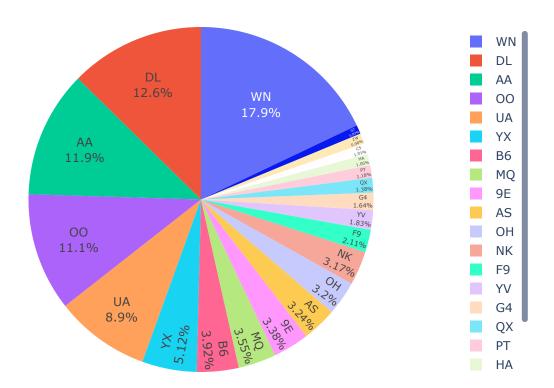
Carrier Performance in May 2022



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%

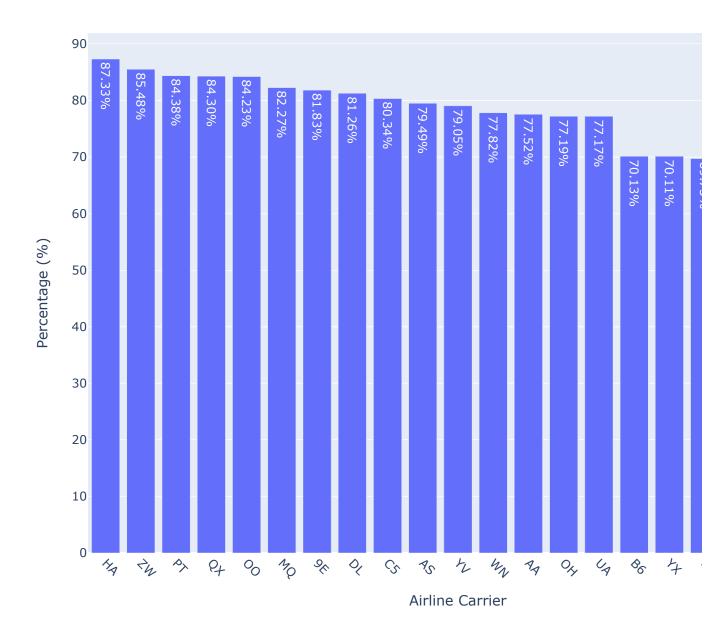
Pie chart for Overall Carrier performance in May'22

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



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

Out[49]:		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

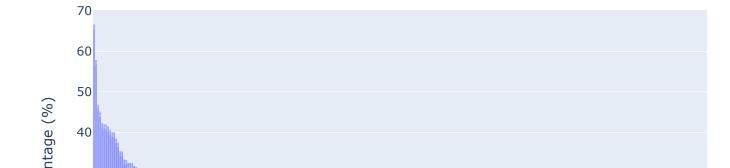
```
In [50]: #Create a new dataframe with the percentage by origin airport and status
    flight_origin_totals = flight_data_df.value_counts(subset=['ORIGIN']).reset_index() #ge
    flight_origin_totals_df = pd.DataFrame(flight_origin_totals)#create a dataframe
    flight_origin_totals_df.columns = ['ORIGIN', 'TOTAL']#Add column names
```

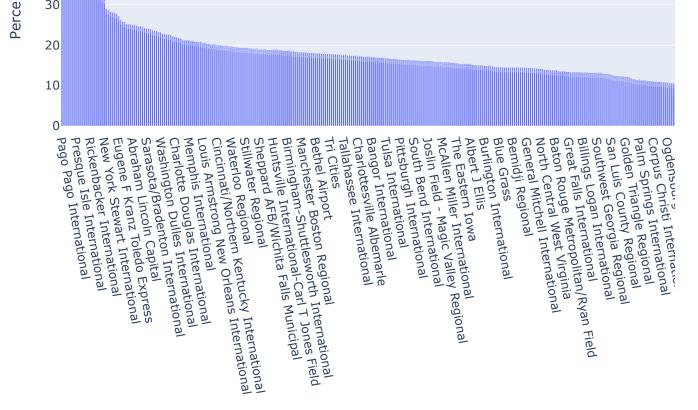
```
#Calculate the percentage by origin airport
flight origin totals df['PERCENTAGE'] = round(flight origin totals df.TOTAL/flight origi
origin_airport_delays = flight_data_df.value_counts(subset=['ORIGIN','STATUS']).reset in
origin airport df = pd.DataFrame(origin airport delays) #create a dataframe
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["ORIGIN AIRPORT NAME"] = new[1]
origin airport df.head()
```

Out[50]:		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 [52]: origin_airport_df[origin_airport_df.ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME.str.contains('Tri Cities')]
```

Out[52]:		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[54]:

```
In [53]: origin_airport_df.loc[origin_airport_df["ORIGIN"] == "PSC", "ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME"] = 'Tr
In [54]: origin_airport_df[origin_airport_df.ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME.str.contains('Tri Cities')]
```

	ORIGIN	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_NAME
29	PSC	On-Time	451	90.56	Tri Cities(PSC)
207	TRI	On-Time	302	81.4	Tri Cities
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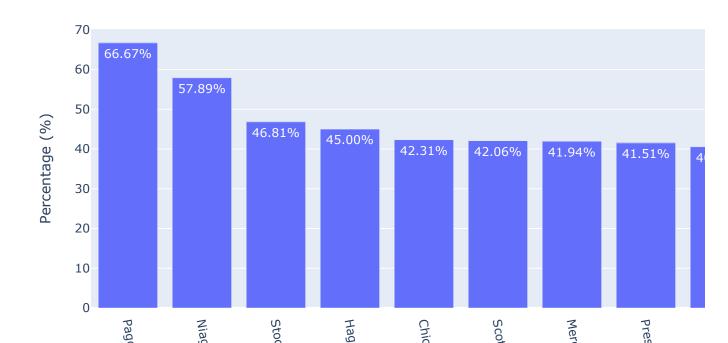
Out[55]

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

In [55]: top_10_origin_delay_airports = origin_airport_df[origin_airport_df.STATUS=='Delayed'].he
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

Top 10 Origin Airport with most Delays





Flights originating from Pago Pago International are delayed 66.67%

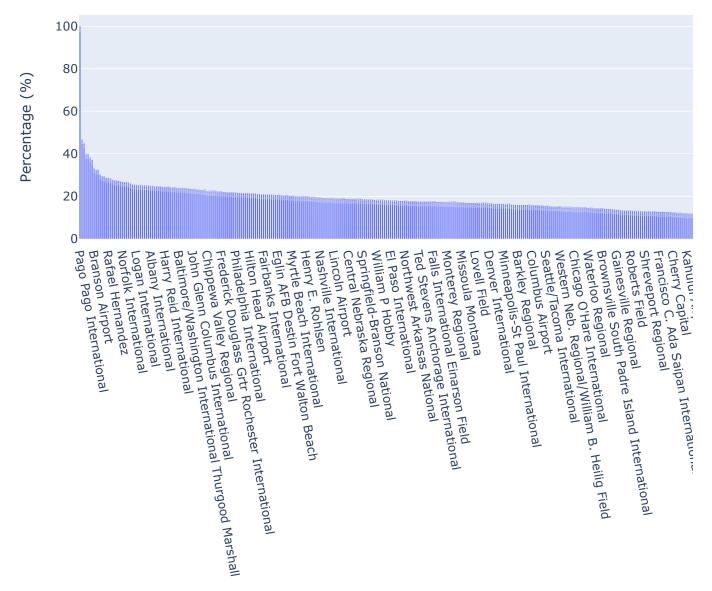
DESTINATION

```
In [57]:
         #Create a new dataframe with the percentage by origin airport and status
         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
             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[57]:		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
:		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

Destination Airport with most Delays



Destination Airport

Updating Destination name for PSC

```
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')]
```

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

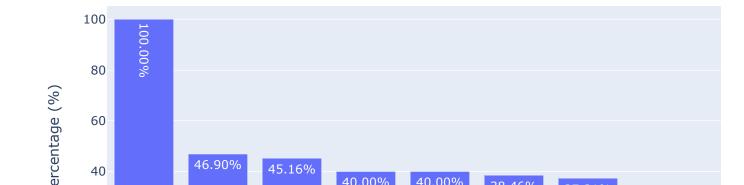
```
In [60]: top_10_dest_delay_airports = dest_airport_df[dest_airport_df.STATUS=='Delayed'].head(10)
top_10_dest_delay_airports
```

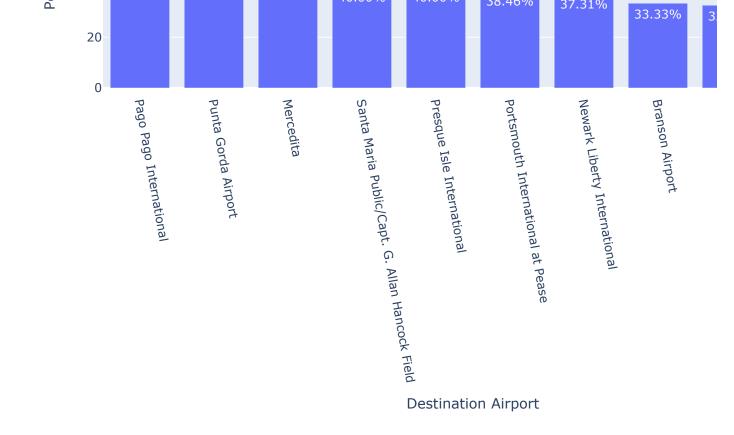
:		DEST	STATUS	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	DEST_AIRPORT_NAME
	2	PPG	Delayed	3	100.0	Pago Pago International
	368	PGD	Delayed	212	46.9	Punta Gorda Airport
	369	PSE	Delayed	42	45.16	Mercedita
	372	SMX	Delayed	4	40.0	Santa Maria Public/Capt. G. Allan Hancock Field
	373	PQI	Delayed	20	40.0	Presque Isle International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

Bar chart for Destination Airprot with most delays

Out[60]

Top 10 Destination Airport with most Delays

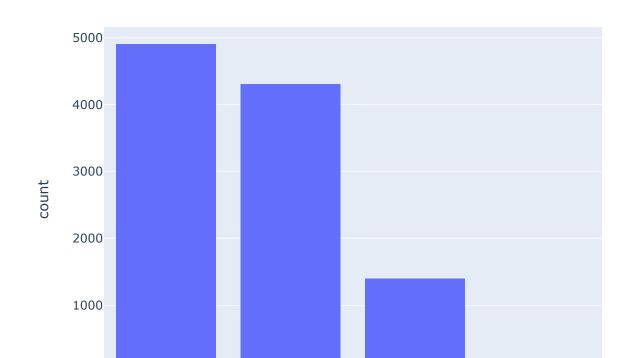




All flights flying into Pago Pago Internation airport are delayed.

Histogram for Overall cancellations by cancellation reason

Number of Cancellation by Reasons



From the chart, we can see that most cancellations in May'22 were due to carriers followed by weather

Histogram for Overall delays by delay reason

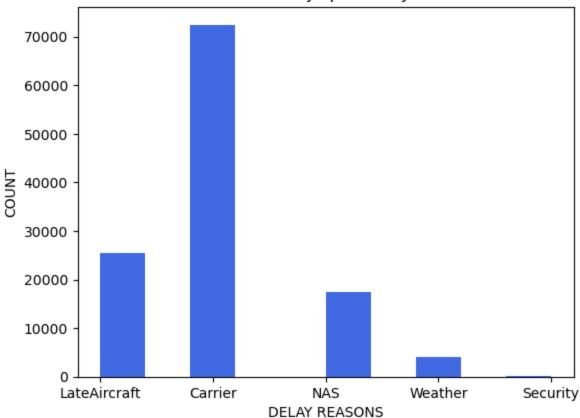
Out[137]:

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In [137... plt.hist(x = flight_data_df[flight_data_df.STATUS=='Delayed'].DELAY_REASON, color = "roy
plt.xlabel('DELAY REASONS')
plt.ylabel('COUNT')

# displaying the title
plt.title("Number of Delays per Delay Reason")
```

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Number of Delays per Delay Reason')



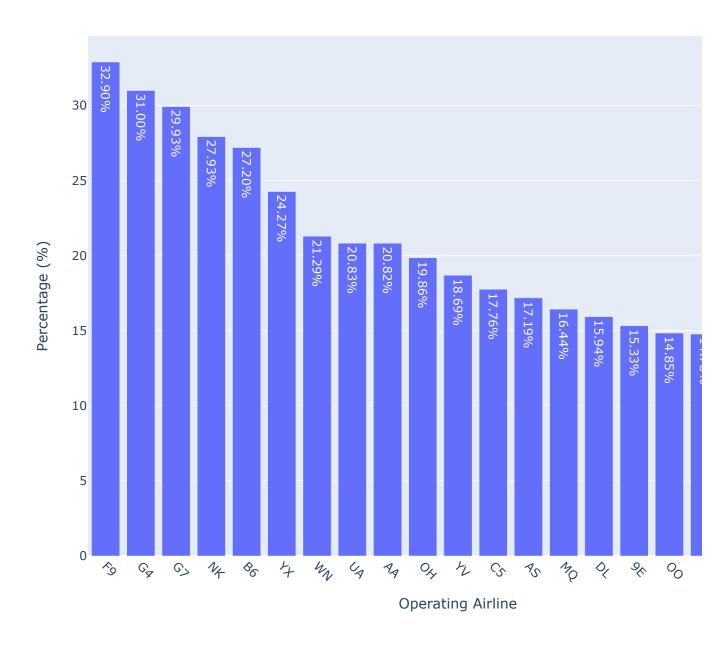


From the above chart, we can see most airline delays in May'22 was due to carrier delays followed by LateAircraft delays.

Bar chart for Delay Percentage per airline

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

Airlines Delayed



MILESTONE 2 - Data Preparation

Dataframe at this time has most of the required features.

```
'STATUS', 'ARR_DELAYED', 'DELAY_REASON'], dtype='object')
```

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 [66]:	<pre>flight_data_df.drop(['YEAR', 'QUARTER', 'MONTH'], axis=1, inplace=True)</pre>													
In [67]:	flight_data_df.head(5)													
Out[67]:	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 × 39 columns

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

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

Out[70]: 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).

```
In [71]: flight data df null = flight data df.isnull().sum() / len(flight data df) #Calculate % o
        flight data df null
        DAY OF MONTH
                               0.000000
Out[71]:
        DAY OF WEEK
                              0.000000
        FL DATE
                              0.000000
        MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER 0.000000
OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER 0.000000
        ORIGIN
                              0.000000
        ORIGIN CITY NAME
                              0.000000
        ORIGIN STATE ABR
                              0.000000
        ORIGIN STATE NM
                             0.000000
        DEST
                              0.000000
        DEST CITY NAME
                              0.000000
        DEST STATE ABR
                              0.000000
        DEST STATE NM
                              0.000000
        DEP TIME
                              0.016954
        DEP DELAY
                               0.000000
        TAXI OUT
                              0.017551
        WHEELS OFF
                              0.017551
        WHEELS ON
                              0.017902
        TAXI IN
                              0.017902
        ARR TIME
                              0.017902
        ARR DELAY
                              0.000000
        CANCELLED
                               0.000000
        CANCELLATION CODE
                             0.000000
        DIVERTED
                               0.000000
```

```
NAS_DELAY
SECURITY_DELAY
LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY
CANCELLATION_REASON

0.000000
                               0.000000
         STATUS
         ARR DELAYED
                                 0.000000
         DELAY REASON
                                 0.000000
         dtype: float64
In [72]: #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[72]:
```

There are no features with missing data over 40%.

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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. For milestone 3, I needed to create dummy variables (IN [104])

Conclusion

AIR TIME

DISTANCE

NAS DELAY

CARRIER DELAY

WEATHER_DELAY

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

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
In [73]:
         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 [75]: flight_data df.head(5)
```

In [74]: | warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=SettingWithCopyWarning)

	0	1	5/1/2022 7 12:00:00 AM		AA		AA	ABQ	Albuquer					
	1	1	5/1/2022 7 12:00:00 AM		AA		AA	ABQ	Albuquer					
	2	1	5/1/2022 7 12:00:00 AM		AA		АА	ABQ	Albuquer					
	3	1	5/1/2022 7 12:00:00 AM		AA		AA	ABQ	Albuquer					
	4	1	5/1/2022 7 12:00:00 AM		AA		AA	ABQ	Albuquer					
	5 rows × 35 columns													
In [76]:	flight_data_df	.columns												
Out[76]:	<pre>Index(['DAY_OF_MONTH', 'DAY_OF_WEEK', 'FL_DATE', 'MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER',</pre>													
In [77]:	<pre>#Select columns for modeling model_df = flight_data_df[(flight_data_df.STATUS=='On-Time')](flight_data_df.STATUS=='De #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) model_df.loc[model_df.ARR_DELAY <= 15, 'STATUS'] = 0 model_df.loc[model_df.ARR_DELAY > 15, 'STATUS'] = 1 flight_model_df = model_df[['DAY_OF_MONTH', 'DAY_OF_WEEK', 'DEP_DELAY', 'TAXI_OUT', 'TAXI_</pre>													
Out[77]:	DAY OF MONTH	H DAY_OF_WEE	K DEP DELA	Y TAXI OUT	TAXI IN	ARR TIME	ARR DELAY	AIR TIME	DISTANC					
			 ·											
	0	1	7 -5.) 12.0	25.0	932.0	0.0	73.0	569.					
	1	1	7 -9.	0 11.0	22.0	1122.0	0.0	71.0	569.					

DAY_OF_MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK FL_DATE MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER ORIGIN ORIGIN_CITY

Out[75]:

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                                                                                                569.
In [78]: | #Check the data types for features to split into categorical and numerical fields
         #for standaridizing and creating dummy variables
         flight model df.dtypes
         DAY OF MONTH
                                int64
Out[78]:
         DAY OF WEEK
                                 int64
         DEP DELAY
                              float64
         TAXI OUT
                              float64
         TAXI IN
                              float64
                              float64
         ARR TIME
         ARR DELAY
                             float64
         AIR TIME
                              float64
                              float64
         DISTANCE
         FL DATE
                               object
         MKT UNIQUE CARRIER
                              object
         OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER object
                               object
         ORIGIN
         DEST
                               object
         DEP TIME
                              float64
                              float64
         WHEELS OFF
         WHEELS ON
                              float64
         STATUS
                               object
         dtype: object
In [133... | #Converting data types to avoid memory issues while executing the model fit.
         cols=['TAXI OUT', 'TAXI IN', 'ARR TIME', 'AIR TIME', 'DISTANCE', 'DEP TIME', 'WHEELS OFF'
         flight model df[cols] = flight model df[cols].astype('float16') #Converting float64 to f
         flight model df['DAY OF MONTH'] = flight model df['DAY OF MONTH'].astype(np.uint8) #Con
         flight model df['DAY OF WEEK'] = flight model df['DAY OF WEEK'].astype(np.uint8) #Conve
         obj cols = ['FL DATE','MKT UNIQUE CARRIER','OP UNIQUE CARRIER','ORIGIN','DEST','STATUS']
         flight model df[obj cols] = flight model df[obj cols].astype('category') # #Converting o
         #Filtering categorical and numeric fields
In [134...
         X_cat = flight_model_df[['FL_DATE', 'MKT_UNIQUE_CARRIER', 'OP_UNIQUE CARRIER', 'ORIGIN',
         X num = flight model df.drop(['FL DATE', 'MKT UNIQUE CARRIER', 'OP UNIQUE CARRIER', 'ORIGIN
In [102... X_cat.columns, X num.columns
         (Index(['FL DATE 5/10/2022 12:00:00 AM', 'FL DATE 5/11/2022 12:00:00 AM',
Out[102]:
                 'FL DATE 5/12/2022 12:00:00 AM', 'FL DATE 5/13/2022 12:00:00 AM',
                 'FL DATE 5/14/2022 12:00:00 AM', 'FL DATE 5/15/2022 12:00:00 AM',
                 'FL DATE 5/16/2022 12:00:00 AM', 'FL DATE 5/17/2022 12:00:00 AM',
                 'FL DATE 5/18/2022 12:00:00 AM', 'FL DATE 5/19/2022 12:00:00 AM',
                 'DEST VEL', 'DEST VLD', 'DEST VPS', 'DEST WRG', 'DEST WYS', 'DEST XNA',
                 'DEST XWA', 'DEST YAK', 'DEST YKM', 'DEST YUM'],
                dtype='object', length=797),
          Index(['DAY OF MONTH', 'DAY OF WEEK', 'TAXI OUT', 'TAXI IN', 'ARR TIME',
                 'AIR TIME', 'DISTANCE', 'DEP TIME', 'WHEELS OFF', 'WHEELS ON'],
                dtype='object'))
In [104... | #Creating dummy variables for categorical columns
         X cat = pd.get dummies(X cat, drop first=True)
```

3

1

7

-8.0

13.0

12.0

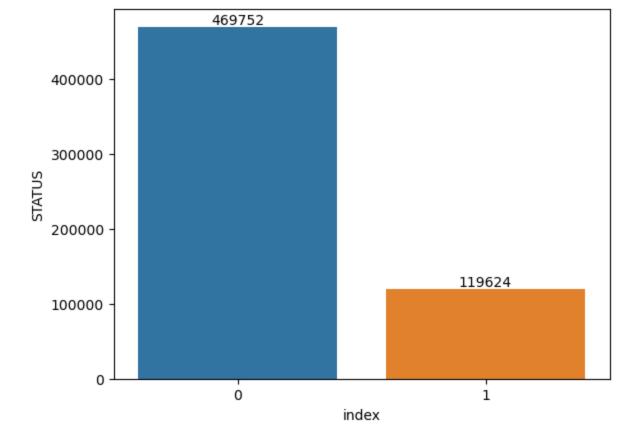
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569

```
In [105... | # 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 [106... | #Concatenate the categorical and scaled numeric fields and set the features
          X = pd.concat([X scaled, X cat], axis=1)
          X.isna().sum()
Out[106]: DAY_OF_MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK
          TAXI OUT
                          0
          TAXI IN
          ARR TIME
                         0
                         . .
          DEST XNA
                         0
          DEST XWA
          DEST YAK
                         0
          DEST YKM
                         0
          DEST YUM
                         0
          Length: 807, dtype: int64
In [107... | #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 [108...
          import qc
          gc.collect()
          1465
Out[108]:
In [109... #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,)
```



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

```
# Split dataset into random train and test subsets:
In [110...
        x train ub, x test ub, y train ub, y test ub = train test split(X,Y,test size = 0.2)
        #Use RandomForestClassifier to fit the unbalanced data
In [135...
        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)}')
                     precision recall f1-score support
                       0.85 0.99 0.91 93881
                         0.85
                                   0.34
                                            0.49
                                                     23995
           accuracy
                                             0.85 117876
                        0.85 0.66
                                            0.70 117876
           macro avg
                         0.85
        weighted avg
                                  0.85
                                            0.83 117876
        [[92479 1402]
         [15812 8183]]
        ROC-AUC score : 0.6630477909748879
        Accuracy score : 0.8539651837524178
In [136...
        #Build the confusion matrix
        matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test_ub, y_pred_ub, labels=[1,0])
```

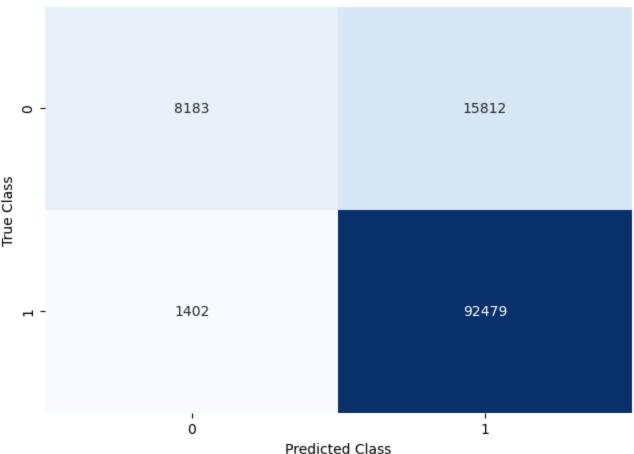
```
print(matrix)

# 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()
```

[[8183 15812] [1402 92479]]

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

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                                1.493434
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                                                          0.487949 -0.533474 -0.377751
                                                                                                    0.1892
         4
                  -1.667176
                                                                                        0.215825
         5 rows × 808 columns
         #Split the smote (balanced) data into random train and test subsets:
In [114...
         x train sm, x test sm, y train sm, y test sm = train test split(x,y,test size = 0.2)
In [115... | 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, 807)
         (939504,)
         (751603, 807)
         (751603,)
         (187901, 807)
         (187901,)
         RandomForestClassifier
In [116... | # Use the RandomForestClassifier to fit balanced data
         rfc = RandomForestClassifier()
         rfc model = rfc.fit(x train sm,y train sm)
In [117... | #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)}')
                        precision
                                     recall f1-score support
                                        0.92
                     0
                             0.92
                                                  0.92
                                                             93964
                     1
                              0.92
                                         0.92
                                                   0.92
                                                             93937
                                                   0.92
                                                          187901
             accuracy
                            0.92
                                        0.92
                                                   0.92
            macro avg
                                                           187901
         weighted avg
                             0.92
                                        0.92
                                                   0.92
                                                            187901
         [[86520 7444]
          [ 7720 86217]]
         ROC-AUC score : 0.9192977154337492
         Accuracy score : 0.9192979281642993
         #Build the confusion matrix
In [118...
         matrix = confusion matrix(y test sm, y pred rfc, labels=[1,0])
         print(matrix)
```

DAY_OF_MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK TAXI_OUT TAXI_IN ARR_TIME AIR_TIME DISTANCE DEP_TIME WHEELS_O

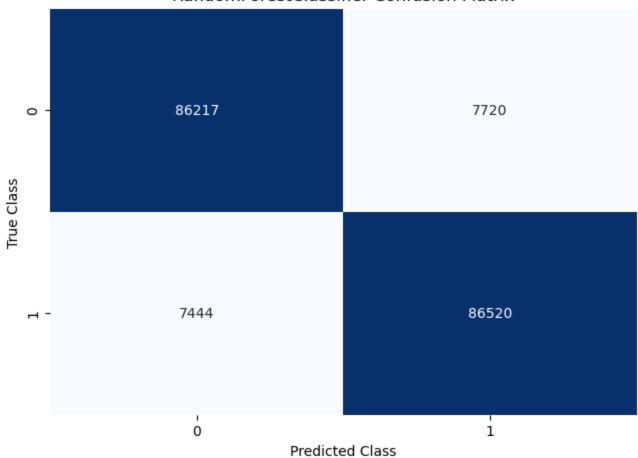
Out[113]:

```
# 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()
```

[[86217 7720] [7444 86520]]

RandomForestClassifier Confusion Matrix



DecisionTreeClassifier

Out[119]:

DecisionTreeClassifier

DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=3, random_state=42)

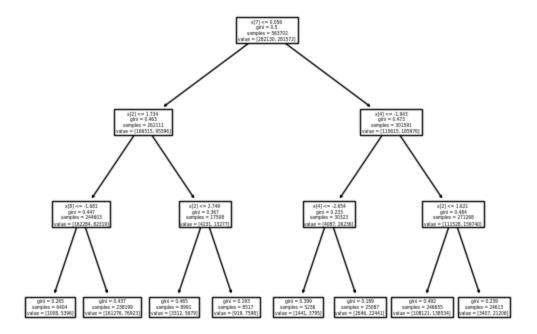
```
In [120... #Predict y data with classifier:
    y_pred_dtc = clf.predict(x_test_sm)
```

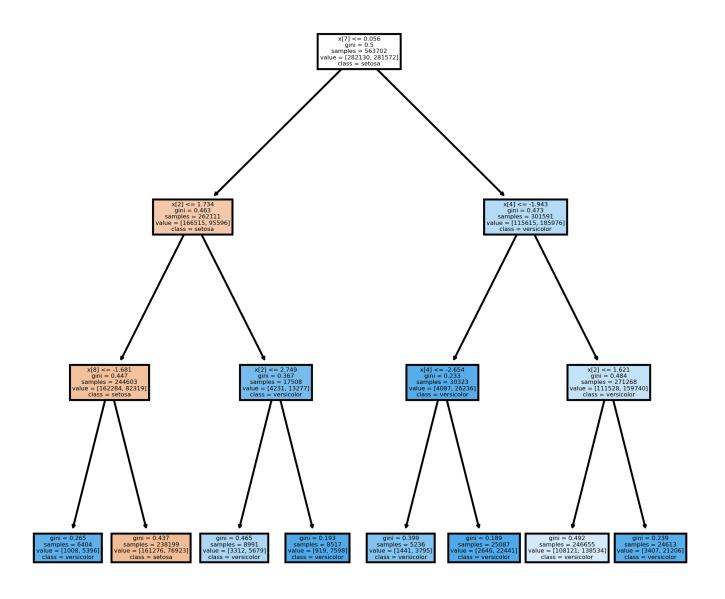
```
print(f'ROC-AUC score : {roc auc score(y test sm, y pred dtc)}')
          print(f'Accuracy score : {accuracy score(y test sm, y pred dtc)}')
                         precision
                                      recall f1-score
                                                         support
                     0
                              0.68
                                        0.57
                                                   0.62
                                                             93964
                              0.63
                     1
                                         0.73
                                                   0.67
                                                             93937
                                                   0.65
              accuracy
                                                          187901
             macro avg
                              0.65
                                         0.65
                                                   0.65
                                                           187901
          weighted avg
                             0.65
                                         0.65
                                                   0.65
                                                           187901
          [[53700 40264]
          [25802 68135]]
          ROC-AUC score : 0.6484110074965592
          Accuracy score : 0.6483999552956078
In [121... # Draw graph
          tree.plot tree(clf)
          [\text{Text}(0.5, 0.875, 'x[7] \le 0.056 \text{ ngini} = 0.5 \text{ nsamples} = 563702 \text{ nvalue} = [282130, 28157]
Out[121]:
          2]'),
          Text(0.25, 0.625, |x|^2] <= 1.734\nqini = 0.463\nsamples = 262111\nvalue = [166515, 9559]
          61'),
          Text(0.125, 0.375, 'x[8] <= -1.681 \setminus = 0.447 \setminus = 244603 \setminus = [162284, 82]
          319]'),
          Text(0.0625, 0.125, 'gini = 0.265 \mid samples = 6404 \mid value = [1008, 5396]'),
           Text(0.1875, 0.125, 'gini = 0.437 \setminus samples = 238199 \setminus value = [161276, 76923]'),
          Text(0.375, 0.375, 'x[2] \le 2.749 = 0.367 = 17508 = 17508 = 17508
          7]'),
          Text(0.3125, 0.125, 'gini = 0.465 \times 8991 \times = [3312, 5679]'),
           Text(0.4375, 0.125, 'gini = 0.193 \setminus samples = 8517 \setminus e = [919, 7598]'),
           Text(0.75, 0.625, 'x[4] \le -1.943 \cdot = 0.473 \cdot = 301591 \cdot = [115615, 185]
          9761'),
          Text(0.625, 0.375, 'x[4] <= -2.654 \ngini = 0.233\nsamples = 30323\nvalue = [4087, 2623]
          6]'),
          Text(0.5625, 0.125, 'gini = 0.399\nsamples = 5236\nvalue = [1441, 3795]'),
           Text(0.6875, 0.125, 'gini = 0.189 \setminus samples = 25087 \setminus samples = [2646, 22441]'),
           Text(0.875, 0.375, 'x[2] \le 1.621 \cdot gini = 0.484 \cdot samples = 271268 \cdot nvalue = [111528, 159]
          740]'),
```

Text(0.8125, 0.125, 'gini = 0.492\nsamples = 246655\nvalue = [108121, 138534]'), Text(0.9375, 0.125, 'gini = 0.239\nsamples = 24613\nvalue = [3407, 21206]')]

#Print results

print(classification_report(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc))
print(confusion matrix(y test sm, y pred dtc))





```
In [123... #Build the confusion matrix
   matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_dtc, labels=[1,0])

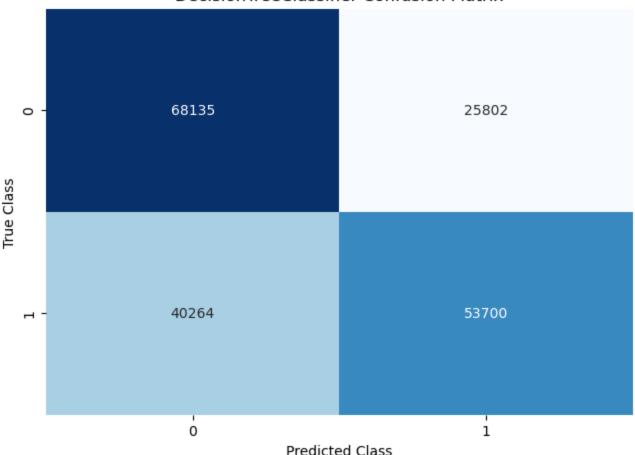
print(matrix)

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

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

[[68135 25802] [40264 53700]]





LogisticRegression

```
In [124... # Use the LogisticRegression to fit data:
         lr model = LogisticRegression(solver='liblinear')
         model = lr model.fit(x train sm, y train sm)
         #Predict y data with classifier:
In [125...
         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)}')
                       precision recall f1-score
                                                     support
                    0
                           0.83
                                     0.96
                                               0.89
                                                        93964
                            0.95
                                      0.80
                                               0.87
                                                        93937
             accuracy
                                               0.88 187901
                          0.89
                                     0.88
                                               0.88 187901
            macro avg
         weighted avg
                          0.89
                                      0.88
                                               0.88
                                                        187901
         [[90337 3627]
          [18857 75080]]
         ROC-AUC score : 0.8803295942866582
         Accuracy score : 0.8803412435271766
In [126...
         # Cross-validate model using accuracy
         cross_val_score(lr_model, x, y, scoring="accuracy")
         array([0.14782252, 0.36521892, 0.50728841, 0.55988526, 0.49660458])
Out[126]:
```

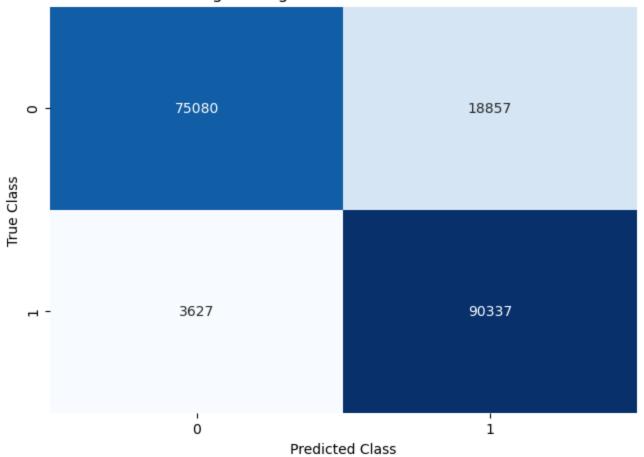
```
In [127... #Build the confusion matrix
    matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test_sm, y_pred_lr, labels=[1,0])

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("LogisticRegression Confusion Matrix"), plt.tight_layout()
    plt.ylabel("True Class"), plt.xlabel("Predicted Class")
    plt.show()
[[75080 18857]
```

LogisticRegression 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.

[3627 90337]]

```
In [128... 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")
```

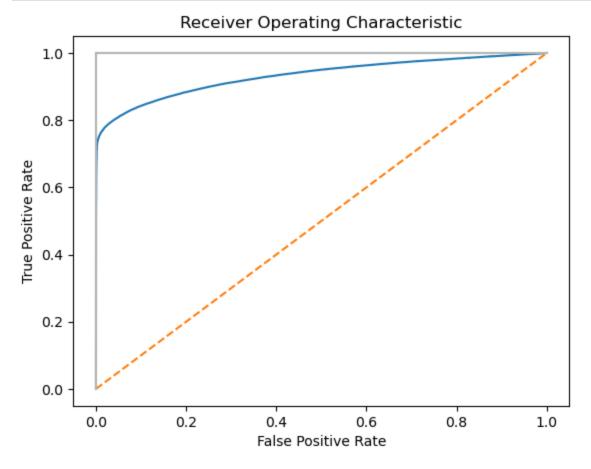
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precision
                                    recall f1-score
                                                        support
                     0
                            0.83
                                     0.96
                                                 0.89
                                                          93964
                            0.95
                                       0.80
                                                 0.87
                                                          93937
                                                 0.88
             accuracy
                                                        187901
                            0.89
                                       0.88
                                                 0.88
                                                         187901
            macro avg
         weighted avg
                            0.89
                                       0.88
                                                 0.88
                                                         187901
         [[90335 3629]
          [18857 75080]]
         ROC-AUC score : 0.8803189519129831
         Accuracy score : 0.8803305996242702
         array([0.1478172 , 0.3652136 , 0.50728841, 0.55989058, 0.49660458])
Out[128]:
```

Adding the class_weight = balanced has no impact on the model outcome.

```
In [129... 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()
```



```
In [140... print("Threshold:", threshold[116])
    print("True Positive Rate:", true_positive_rate[116])
```

print("False Positive Rate:", false positive rate[116])

Threshold: 0.9696407718809488

True Positive Rate: 0.5930676943057581 False Positive Rate: 0.0006066152994763952

Conclusion

05/21/2023 - Week10

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.

06/01/2023 - Week 12 Final Project

After removing the delay time parameters,

ARR_DELAY,DEP_DELAY,CARRIER_DELAY,WEATHER_DELAY,NAS_DELAY,SECURITY_DELAY and

LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY there has been a significant change in the models.

Following are the observations:

Summary:

With Random Forest Classifier, after evaluating the training model we got an accuracy score of 91.92%.

With Decision Tree Classifier, we got an accuracy of 64.84%.

With Logistic Regression, the accuracy score of the model is 88.03%.

Clearly, the RandomForest Classifier is the best model.