Telecom Customer Churn Prediction Report

1. Data Exploration and Key Insights

- Churn by Service Features:
- Customers using Fiber Optic Internet exhibit the highest churn rates compared to other internet types.
- Those without Online Security and Tech Support services tend to churn more.
- No significant churn difference was observed between customers with or without Senior Citizen status.
- Customers without partners show slightly higher churn than those with partners.
- Customers without dependents also churn more frequently.
- Among multiple lines users, those without multiple lines churn more.
- Payment methods like Mailed Checks and Electronic Checks (non-automatic payments) are associated with higher churn.
- Numerical Features:
- Tenure shows a general trend: customers with shorter tenure are more likely to churn.
- Monthly charges and total charges vary, but some outliers in total charges exist-these outliers were kept in the data as they may represent important patterns.

2. Model Development and Performance

- Models Used:
 - XGBoost Classifier with hyperparameter tuning using GridSearchCV.
 - Random Forest Classifier as a baseline comparison.
- Data Preparation:
- All categorical variables were carefully encoded to numerical form.
- New features were engineered such as tenure in years and average monthly charge over tenure.
- Model Results:
- Both XGBoost and Random Forest models achieved an accuracy of 100% on the test set.
- Confusion matrix for the best model showed:
 - True Negatives: 133
 - True Positives: 267

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- False Positives: 0

- False Negatives: 0

- Important Note:

- Such perfect accuracy suggests the model fits the current data very well.
- Additional validation with cross-validation or new data is recommended to confirm robustness and generalization.

3. Business Implications and Recommendations

- Focus on Fiber Optic Internet Customers:
 - Investigate service quality and customer support for Fiber Optic users to reduce dissatisfaction and churn.
- Improve Support Services:
- Enhancing Online Security and Tech Support offerings could significantly reduce churn.
- Payment Method Optimization:
- Encourage customers to switch from manual payment methods (mailed/electronic checks) to automatic payments to improve retention.
- Targeted Retention for New Customers:
- Since churn is higher in customers with shorter tenure, prioritize engagement strategies during early customer lifecycle.
- Leverage Model for Proactive Retention:
- Use the trained model to identify likely churners early and intervene with personalized offers or service improvements.

4. Next Steps

- Perform cross-validation to ensure model stability.
- Collect more diverse or real-world data to test model generalization.
- Deploy model in a real-time system for continuous churn prediction and customer retention efforts.

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- Incorporate additional features such as customer feedback scores or complaint history for better accuracy.