# $Credit\_Default\_Prediction$

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## Loading required packages

```
library(glmnet)
## Loading required package: Matrix
## Loaded glmnet 4.1-6
library(caret)
## Loading required package: ggplot2
## Loading required package: lattice
library(psych)
##
## Attaching package: 'psych'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
       %+%, alpha
library(pls)
##
## Attaching package: 'pls'
## The following object is masked from 'package:caret':
##
##
       R2
## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
##
       loadings
```

# Data format pre-processing

```
train_default_data<-read.csv("loan_train_final.csv")</pre>
test_default_data<-read.csv("loan_test_final.csv")</pre>
#Employment column
train_default_data$employment<-as.integer(train_default_data$employment)</pre>
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
test_default_data$employment<-as.integer(test_default_data$employment)</pre>
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
#Train
sum(is.na(train_default_data$employment)) #333 NAs
## [1] 333
length(train_default_data$employment) #Out of 600
## [1] 2400
mean_value=mean(train_default_data$employment,na.rm=TRUE)
train_default_data$employment <- ifelse(is.na(train_default_data$employment), mean_value, train_default
#Test
sum(is.na(test_default_data$employment)) #63 NAs
## [1] 63
length(test_default_data$employment) #Out of 2400
## [1] 600
mean_value=mean(test_default_data$employment,na.rm=TRUE)
test_default_data$employment <- ifelse(is.na(test_default_data$employment), mean_value, test_default_da
Term column processing
train_default_data$term <- as.numeric(gsub("yrs", "", train_default_data$term))</pre>
test_default_data$term <- as.numeric(gsub("yrs", "", test_default_data$term))</pre>
# Check for missing values
sum(is.na(train_default_data))
```

## [1] 0

```
sum(is.na(test_default_data))
## [1] 0
# Create a random sample of 80% of the data for training
library(rsample)
train_sample <- initial_split(train_default_data, prop = 0.8)</pre>
train_data <- training(train_sample)</pre>
test_data <- testing(train_sample)</pre>
# plot(train_default_data$credit_ratio)
# plot(train_default_data$interest)
# plot(train_default_data$recover)
# plot(train_default_data$coll_fee)
# plot(train_default_data$out_prncp)
# plot(train_default_data$total_cc)
# plot(train_default_data$total_acc)
# plot(train_default_data$amount)
# plot(train_default_data$monthly_payment)
# plot(train_default_data$funded)
# plot(train_default_data$total_acc)
# plot(train_default_data$term)
#Dataframe with all numerical variables
cor_data<-data.frame(train_default_data$credit_ratio,train_default_data$interest,train_default_data$rec
# pairs(cor_data, pch = 19)
#Correlation
# cor(cor_data)
Using logistic regression
suppressWarnings({default_log_model<-glm(default~.,data=train_data, family="binomial")</pre>
summary(default_log_model)
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = default ~ ., family = "binomial", data = train_data)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
##
   -8.49
             0.00
                     0.00
                             0.00
                                     8.49
##
## Coefficients:
##
                          Estimate Std. Error
                                                 z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                        -1.155e+15 2.050e+07 -56328307 <2e-16 ***
## n_collect
                        -1.663e+14 1.441e+07 -11540679 <2e-16 ***
                         2.271e+12 7.298e+04 31113555 <2e-16 ***
## credit_ratio
                         5.966e+13 1.305e+06 45721524 <2e-16 ***
## interest
```

```
## initial_list_statusb -1.285e+14
                                     3.386e+06
                                                -37956687
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## recover
                         2.850e+16
                                     1.648e+09
                                                 17295629
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                         1.132e+12
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## coll fee
                                     1.809e+04
                                                 62612591
## out_prncp
                                     9.282e+04
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                        -4.571e+12
                                                -49249189
## total cc
                        -2.850e+16
                                     1.648e+09
                                                -17295854
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## term
                         1.448e+14
                                     4.708e+06
                                                 30759610
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## fees rec
                         2.851e+16
                                     1.648e+09
                                                 17300761
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## total acc
                         5.892e+12
                                     1.907e+05
                                                 30889209
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## employment
                        -5.552e+12
                                     5.118e+05
                                                -10848739
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## amount
                        -9.730e+10
                                     4.534e+03
                                                -21462671
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## monthly_payment
                         2.173e+12
                                     4.647e+04
                                                 46758004
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## funded
                         2.696e+11
                                     4.793e+03
                                                 56252173
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## statuspartial
                         1.004e+14
                                     3.793e+06
                                                 26463447
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## statusunchecked
                         2.740e+13
                                     4.136e+06
                                                  6625988
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## v1
                                     2.234e+05
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                        -1.004e+13
                                                -44944094
## int_rec
                         2.850e+16
                                     1.648e+09
                                                 17295858
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonbusiness
                                     1.615e+07
                                                 33303772
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                         5.380e+14
## reasoncc
                         1.636e+14
                                     1.159e+07
                                                 14120049
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                         2.564e+14
## reasondebt.
                                     1.122e+07
                                                 22861449
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonevent
                         3.101e+14
                                     4.058e+07
                                                  7642095
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonholiday
                        -3.375e+14
                                     2.178e+07
                                                -15496750
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonhome
                         6.048e+14
                                     2.545e+07
                                                 23762902
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonmedical
                         9.113e+14
                                     1.885e+07
                                                 48345258
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonmoving
                         1.546e+14
                                     1.776e+07
                                                  8705223
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonother
                         3.142e+12
                                     1.278e+07
                                                   245868
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonrenovation
                         3.472e+14
                                     1.262e+07
                                                 27511561
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## reasonsolar
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                        -1.767e+15
                                     4.901e+07
                                                -36041851
## reasontransport
                         6.000e+14
                                     2.019e+07
                                                 29720431
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## last_payment
                        -2.131e+11
                                     6.394e+02 -333235149
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## pymnt_rec
                                     2.036e+03
                                                 30575310
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                         6.224e+10
## qualityq2
                        -2.255e+14
                                     7.121e+06
                                                -31669197
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## qualityq3
                        -3.433e+14
                                     1.014e+07
                                                -33872196
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## qualityq4
                        -3.561e+14
                                     1.368e+07
                                                -26029881
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## qualityq5
                        -5.917e+14
                                     1.735e+07
                                                -34092374
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## qualityq6
                        -6.279e+14
                                     2.227e+07
                                                -28198102
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## qualityq7
                        -1.362e+15
                                     2.676e+07
                                                -50885398
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## out prncp inv
                         4.335e+12
                                     9.286e+04
                                                 46680546
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## violations
                                     2.429e+06
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                        -1.254e+14
                                                -51601303
## del
                                     1.695e+06
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                         4.125e+13
                                                 24341038
## inc
                        -2.046e+09
                                     4.329e+01
                                                -47261818
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## prin rec
                         2.850e+16
                                     1.648e+09
                                                 17295646
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## credit bal
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                        -5.655e+09
                                     9.415e+01
                                                -60065470
## ncc
                         5.146e+12 4.332e+05
                                                 11879885
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## req
                         2.170e+13
                                    1.456e+06
                                                 14901000
                                                             <2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
  (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
##
       Null deviance: 2440
                              on 1919 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 22708
                             on 1872 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 22804
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 25
```

```
testProb <- predict(default_log_model, newdata = test_data, type = "response")
# Calculate the error on the test data taken out from train
testActual <- ifelse(testProb>0.5, 1, 0)
error <- sum(abs(testActual - test_data$default)) / nrow(test_data)
error

## [1] 0.175

log_train_loss<-test_data$default*test_data$amount
testLoss <- testProb * test_data$amount

MAE<- sum(abs(log_train_loss-testLoss)) / nrow(test_data)
MAE</pre>
```

## [1] 2399.583

The model is predicting 6.67% incorrect predictions by keeping 0.5 as the threshold using logistic regression. The mean absolute error for this training model is \$2014

Using logistic regression to predict using the actual test data

```
predicted_prob <- predict(default_log_model, newdata = test_default_data, type = "response")
log_predicted_loss=predicted_prob*test_default_data$amount

log_test_loss<-test_default_data$default*test_default_data$amount

logit_MAE<- sum(abs(log_test_loss -log_predicted_loss)) / nrow(test_default_data)
logit_MAE</pre>
```

## [1] 1980.25

The mean absolute error for this training model is \$1929

#### Lasso regression

```
encoded_train_data <- predict(dummyVars("~ .", train_default_data,fullRank = T), newdata = train_default_encoded_test_data <- predict(dummyVars("~ .", test_default_data,fullRank = T), newdata = test_default_dencoded_test_data<-encoded_test_data[,-1]</pre>
predictors <- encoded_train_data[, -1]
response <- as.matrix(encoded_train_data[, 1])

# perform cross-validation with glmnet
cvfit <- cv.glmnet(encoded_train_data[,-1], encoded_train_data[, 1], alpha = 1, nfolds = 10)

# get the 1SE lambda value
lambda_1se <- cvfit$lambda.1se

# fit the final model with the selected lambda value
lasso_fit <- glmnet(predictors, response, alpha = 1, lambda = lambda_1se)

# # extract the coefficients
coefficients <- coef(lasso_fit)
coefficients</pre>
```

```
## 48 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
                                 s0
## s0
## (Intercept) 1.840012e-01
## n_collect
## credit_ratio
## interest
                      1.430080e-02
## initial_list_statusb -2.791325e-02
## recover
## coll_fee
## out_prncp
                      -3.319851e-05
## total_cc
## term
## fees_rec
                     5.069290e-03
## total_acc
## employment
## amount
                      9.109910e-06
## monthly_payment 1.309849e-04
## funded
                      1.689420e-05
## statuspartial
## statusunchecked
## v1
## int rec
## reasonbusiness
## reasoncc
## reasondebt
## reasonevent
## reasonholiday
## reasonhome
                       2.960138e-02
## reasonmedical
## reasonmoving
## reasonother
## reasonrenovation
## reasonsolar
## reasontransport
## last_payment
                      -1.299435e-05
## pymnt_rec
## qualityq2
## qualityq3
## qualityq4
## qualityq5
## qualityq6
## qualityq7
## out_prncp_inv
                      -7.785054e-06
## violations
                      -1.489845e-02
## del
## inc
## prin_rec
                      -3.649823e-05
## credit_bal
## ncc
## req
                       5.113027e-03
lasso_predicted_prob <- predict(lasso_fit, newx= as.matrix(encoded_test_data))</pre>
lasso_predicted_loss=lasso_predicted_prob*test_default_data$amount
```

```
lasso_test_loss<-test_default_data$default*test_default_data$amount
lasso_MAE<- sum(abs(lasso_test_loss -lasso_predicted_loss)) / nrow(test_default_data)
lasso_MAE</pre>
```

## [1] 3572.071

Using lasso, 14 coefficients are showing significant and rest all are pushed to zero. MAE is coming out as 3579

#### **PCA**

```
scaled_train_data <- scale(encoded_train_data)
scaled_test_data <- scale(encoded_test_data)
scaled_train_data<-scaled_train_data[,-1]

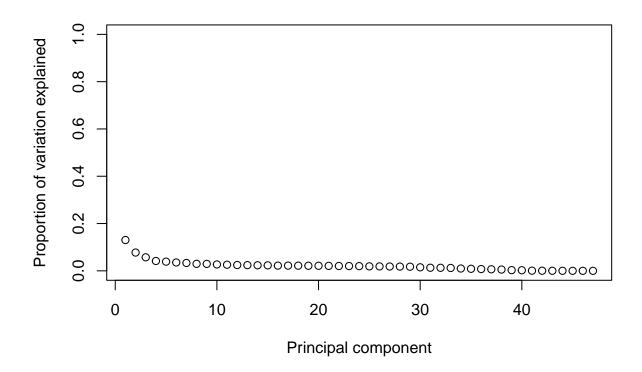
pca <- prcomp(scaled_train_data)
summary(pca)</pre>
```

```
## Importance of components:
##
                             PC1
                                     PC2
                                             PC3
                                                      PC4
                                                              PC5
                                                                      PC6
                                                                              PC7
## Standard deviation
                          2.4748 1.90585 1.63922 1.39851 1.35061 1.28917 1.25007
## Proportion of Variance 0.1303 0.07728 0.05717 0.04161 0.03881 0.03536 0.03325
## Cumulative Proportion 0.1303 0.20760 0.26477 0.30638 0.34519 0.38056 0.41380
##
                              PC8
                                      PC9
                                             PC10
                                                      PC11
                                                              PC12
                                                                      PC13
                                                                              PC14
                          1.17914 1.17465 1.12470 1.10084 1.07630 1.06408 1.05028
## Standard deviation
## Proportion of Variance 0.02958 0.02936 0.02691 0.02578 0.02465 0.02409 0.02347
## Cumulative Proportion 0.44339 0.47274 0.49966 0.52544 0.55009 0.57418 0.59765
##
                             PC15
                                     PC16
                                             PC17
                                                      PC18
                                                              PC19
                                                                      PC20
## Standard deviation
                          1.04388 1.01901 1.01760 1.01365 1.00508 1.00158 0.99391
## Proportion of Variance 0.02318 0.02209 0.02203 0.02186 0.02149 0.02134 0.02102
## Cumulative Proportion 0.62083 0.64293 0.66496 0.68682 0.70831 0.72966 0.75068
                            PC22
                                    PC23
                                            PC24
                                                    PC25
                                                             PC26
                                                                     PC27
## Standard deviation
                          0.9792 0.97395 0.96618 0.94399 0.93593 0.92712 0.91944
## Proportion of Variance 0.0204 0.02018 0.01986 0.01896 0.01864 0.01829 0.01799
## Cumulative Proportion 0.7711 0.79126 0.81112 0.83008 0.84872 0.86701 0.88499
##
                             PC29
                                     PC30
                                             PC31
                                                      PC32
                                                              PC33
                                                                      PC34
## Standard deviation
                          0.90591 0.83424 0.78377 0.77678 0.75490 0.67809 0.63619
## Proportion of Variance 0.01746 0.01481 0.01307 0.01284 0.01212 0.00978 0.00861
## Cumulative Proportion 0.90245 0.91726 0.93033 0.94317 0.95529 0.96508 0.97369
                             PC36
##
                                     PC37
                                             PC38
                                                      PC39
                                                              PC40
                                                                      PC41
                                                                              PC42
## Standard deviation
                          0.59604 0.55301 0.50241 0.37132 0.33635 0.18654 0.14051
## Proportion of Variance 0.00756 0.00651 0.00537 0.00293 0.00241 0.00074 0.00042
## Cumulative Proportion 0.98125 0.98775 0.99312 0.99606 0.99846 0.99921 0.99963
                                     PC44
                                                       PC46
##
                             PC43
                                             PC45
                                                                 PC47
## Standard deviation
                          0.10214 0.07937 0.02966 0.001502 9.084e-08
## Proportion of Variance 0.00022 0.00013 0.00002 0.000000 0.000e+00
## Cumulative Proportion 0.99985 0.99998 1.00000 1.000000 1.000e+00
```

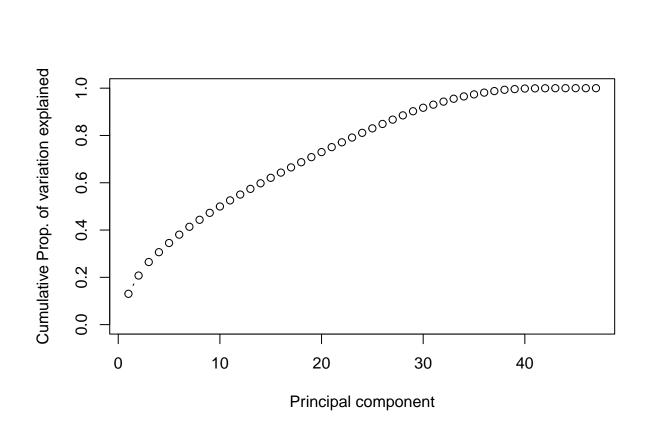
```
pca.var <- pca$sdev^2

pve <- pca.var/sum(pca.var)</pre>
```

```
plot(pve, xlab = "Principal component",
    ylab = "Proportion of variation explained",
    ylim = c(0, 1),
    type = 'b')
```



```
plot(cumsum(pve), xlab = "Principal component",
    ylab = "Cumulative Prop. of variation explained",
    ylim = c(0, 1),
    type = 'b')
```



```
#Based on the summary function and the elbow curve, picking top 24 principal components out of 48 that

pca_data<-data.frame(Default=encoded_train_data[,'default'],pca$x[,1:24])

# Train a logistic regression model on the transformed data

pca_logit_model <- glm(pca_data$Default ~ ., data = pca_data, family = "binomial")

## Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred

test.p <- predict(pca, newdata = encoded_test_data[,])

# Make predictions on the testing data

test_pca <- predict(pca_logit_model, newdata=as.data.frame(test.p),type="response")

# Evaluate the performance of the logistic regression model

pca_prediction<-ifelse(test_pca > 0.5, 1,0)

#Below table summarizes the true positives and false positives prediction

table(test_default_data$default, pca_prediction)
```

##

##

##

0

49 149

400

1

2

```
pca_predicted_loss=test_pca*test_default_data$amount
pca_test_loss<-test_default_data$default*test_default_data$amount
pca_MAE<- sum(abs(pca_predicted_loss -pca_test_loss)) / nrow(test_default_data)</pre>
pca_MAE
## [1] 1344.25
The mean absolute error is 1344 for variables selected through PCA.
PLS
# Fit the PLS model with M chosen by cross-validation
pls_default_fit <- train(as.factor(default)~.,data=encoded_train_data, method = "pls",</pre>
                 tuneLength = 10, trControl = trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10),
                 preProcess = c("center", "scale"))
pls_m <- pls_default_fit$bestTune$ncomp</pre>
pls_m
## [1] 10
\# Fit the final PLS model with the selected M
pls_model <- plsr(default ~ ., data = as.data.frame(encoded_train_data), ncomp = pls_m)</pre>
pls_prob <- predict(pls_model, newdata = encoded_test_data)</pre>
pls_prediction<-ifelse(pls_prob > 0.5, 1,0)
pls_predicted_loss=pls_prob*test_default_data$amount
pls_test_loss<-test_default_data$default*test_default_data$amount
pls_MAE<- sum(abs(pls_predicted_loss -pls_test_loss)) / nrow(test_default_data)</pre>
pls_MAE
## [1] 41528.23
The loss for PLS is sky rocketing with 41528
Weighted logistic
sum(train_default_data$default==0)
## [1] 1598
```

## [1] 802

sum(train\_default\_data\$default==1)

```
w1 = 1
w2 = 50
weight <- ifelse(train default data$default==0, 50, 1)</pre>
suppressWarnings({weighted_log_model<-glm(default~.,data=train_default_data, family="binomial",weights
})
summary(weighted_log_model)
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = default ~ ., family = "binomial", data = train_default_data,
##
       weights = weight)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
       Min
                 1Q
                     Median
                                  30
                                          Max
  -2.6426
           -0.4463 -0.2587
                              0.0000
                                        5.4557
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                       -9.635e+00 1.029e+00 -9.360 < 2e-16 ***
                        4.849e-01 4.904e-01
                                               0.989 0.322778
## n_collect
## credit ratio
                        5.320e-03
                                   3.627e-03
                                               1.467 0.142486
## interest
                        1.920e-01 6.669e-02
                                               2.880 0.003982 **
## initial_list_statusb -1.026e-01
                                   1.632e-01 -0.629 0.529571
## recover
                        1.867e+02
                                   1.001e+02
                                               1.865 0.062160
## coll_fee
                        2.337e-01 3.233e+01
                                              0.007 0.994233
## out prncp
                       -3.877e-02 4.636e-01 -0.084 0.933355
## total_cc
                       -1.867e+02 9.982e+01 -1.870 0.061503 .
## term
                        1.613e-01
                                   2.007e-01
                                               0.803 0.421717
## fees_rec
                        1.867e+02 9.982e+01
                                               1.870 0.061462 .
## total_acc
                        6.672e-03
                                   8.841e-03 0.755 0.450459
## employment
                        1.394e-02
                                   2.447e-02
                                               0.569 0.569019
## amount
                       -2.642e-03
                                   4.768e+01
                                              0.000 0.999956
                        2.687e-03 2.014e-03 1.334 0.182078
## monthly_payment
## funded
                        4.200e-02 4.768e+01
                                               0.001 0.999297
                        5.440e-01
                                   1.813e-01
                                               3.001 0.002689 **
## statuspartial
## statusunchecked
                        2.931e-01
                                   2.245e-01
                                               1.305 0.191832
## v1
                       -1.237e-02 1.043e-02 -1.187 0.235340
## int rec
                        1.866e+02 9.982e+01
                                              1.870 0.061518 .
                        1.124e+00 7.894e-01
                                               1.423 0.154610
## reasonbusiness
## reasoncc
                       -1.400e-01 6.246e-01 -0.224 0.822605
## reasondebt
                        2.931e-01 5.956e-01
                                              0.492 0.622647
                       -1.844e+01 4.778e+04
                                              0.000 0.999692
## reasonevent
## reasonholiday
                        -1.791e+01
                                   4.260e+03 -0.004 0.996645
                        4.214e+00 1.065e+00
## reasonhome
                                               3.956 7.63e-05 ***
## reasonmedical
                        9.271e-01
                                   9.358e-01
                                               0.991 0.321828
## reasonmoving
                        4.434e-01 8.884e-01
                                               0.499 0.617709
## reasonother
                        2.621e-01
                                   6.517e-01
                                               0.402 0.687600
## reasonrenovation
                        7.487e-01 6.405e-01
                                               1.169 0.242423
## reasonsolar
                       -2.200e+01 9.923e+04
                                               0.000 0.999823
## reasontransport
                        1.519e-01 1.168e+00
                                               0.130 0.896545
                       -2.614e-04 7.561e-05 -3.457 0.000545 ***
## last_payment
```

```
## pymnt_rec
                        1.182e-02 7.844e-03 1.507 0.131784
## qualityq2
                       -7.671e-02 4.641e-01 -0.165 0.868708
## qualityq3
                       -5.914e-01 5.919e-01 -0.999 0.317663
                       -5.043e-01 7.547e-01 -0.668 0.503974
## qualityq4
## qualityq5
                       -9.470e-01 9.074e-01 -1.044 0.296664
## qualityq6
                       -9.369e-01 1.134e+00 -0.826 0.408760
## qualityq7
                       -1.567e+00 1.378e+00 -1.137 0.255498
## out_prncp_inv
                       -6.484e-04 3.640e-03 -0.178 0.858618
## violations
                       -1.254e-01 1.455e-01 -0.862 0.388780
## del
                        4.261e-02 7.229e-02 0.589 0.555541
## inc
                       -2.022e-06
                                   2.334e-06 -0.866 0.386332
## prin_rec
                        1.866e+02
                                   9.982e+01
                                               1.869 0.061576
## credit_bal
                       -5.489e-06
                                   6.034e-06 -0.910 0.363050
## ncc
                       -1.885e-03 2.020e-02 -0.093 0.925640
## req
                        1.867e-01 7.229e-02
                                              2.582 0.009819 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
  (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 8992.7 on 2399
                                      degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 2469.7 on 2352 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 2565.7
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 24
testProb <- predict(weighted_log_model, newdata = test_default_data, type = "response")</pre>
# Calculate the error on the test data taken out from train
testActual <- ifelse(testProb>0.5, 1, 0)
error <- sum(abs(testActual - test_default_data$default)) / nrow(test_default_data)</pre>
error
## [1] 0.07166667
```

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weighted_train_loss<-test_default_data$default*test_default_data$amount
weightedLoss <- testProb * test_default_data$amount</pre>
w_MAE<- sum(abs(weighted_train_loss-weightedLoss)) / nrow(test_default_data)
w_MAE
```

### ## [1] 1226.233

The data is imbalanced with approx 50% more instances of 0 than 1 in the default column. Hence applied weighted logistic regression. I have give weight of 50 to "0" and 1 to "1" in the regression. The error is 0.07 and the MAE is 1226. This is the least MAE.

Model Selection Steps We first started with pre-processing data. Some of the steps involved in preprocessing are: 1. Converting numerical variables to correct format 2. Stripping away characters from 'term' column to make it suitable for use in regression 3. Checking for NAs 4. Replacing NAs with mean value of columns based on the frequency of occurence 5. Converting categorical variables to dummy

Then, we also looked at the scatter plots of all the numerical variables to find if there is a need of variable transformation. All the plots showed random pattern.

The first model I tried is logistic regression as this is a clear classification problem. I divided the training data further into train and test for this method. Then, I calculated the MAE for logistic using the test data from training set as well as the actual test set. The MAE for actual test set is 1929

Then, I moved on to check for lasso regression. There were 14 significant variables and the MAE value was 3579.

The next model I tried is logistic but using Principal component analysis. PCA is a good approach to apply for dimensionality reduction. Since, I didn't find a good number of significant variables through lasso, PCA seemed to be the next best approach. And after fitting PCA and using actual test data, MAE was 1344.

Although I also tried to fit a PLS model but it performed bad because these are best for continuous variables. PLS assumes a linear relationship between the independent and dependent variables. While this assumption is reasonable for many regression problems, it may not hold for classification problems, where the relationship between the independent and dependent variables may be more complex and nonlinear.

The next model was weighted logistic regression. The data is imbalanced with approx 50% more instances of 0 than 1 in the default column. Hence applied weighted logistic regression. I have give weight of 50 to "0" and 1 to "1" in the regression. The error is 0.07 and the MAE is 1226. This is the least MAE.And hence this is the final model.

This model has the least mean absolute error and is a good fit for this imbalanced datset.