

Business Case Study – Amazon

PROBLEM –

How would you predict customer lifetime value (CLV) of Amazon shoppers? Provide a recommendation on how to increase the CLV to the VP of product.

1 CLARIFICATION

1.1 1. BUSINESS PROCESS

- a. User Journey

1.2 2. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

- a. Prediction Horizon - 1 Year
- b. Prediction Point - Prediction based on the first month
- c. Prediction Frequency - Realtime

1.3 3. DATA SOURCES

- a. User (Name, Email, Address)
- b. Device (Windows, Mac, iPhone, Android, IP Address)
- c. Marketing (SEO, Email Notification, Push Notification)
- d. Transaction (Payment Method, Product, Price, Quantity, Shipping, Address)

2 TECHNICAL SOLUTION:

2.1 1. EDA

- a. Data Quality (Missingness, Rare Values, Outliers)
- b. Univariate Analysis (Bar Charts, Histogram)
- c. Correlation Analysis (Visuals like Line Charts and Scatter Plots, Pearson Statistics)

2.2 2. DATA PREPROCESSING

- a. Data Cleaning
- b. Scaling

2.3 3. FEATURE ENGINEERING

- a. **Aggregation** - Past X day total/avg/standard purchase \$ / Quantity per Customer
- b. **Numerical Encoding** - Past X day total/avg/standard purchase \$/ Quantity per Product
- c. **Address Fields** - Decomposition -> Zip Code, State, Country

2.4 4. FEATURE SELECTION

- a. PCA
- b. L1 regularisation regression

2.5 5. TRAINING THE MODEL

- a. Model - Random Forest
- b. Hyperparameter Tuning Depth, N Trees, Min Sample Split, Grid Search, Random Search, Hyper Opt

2.6 6. MODEL EVALUATION

- a. K-Fold Cross Validation
- b. MAE

2.7 7. PRODUCT IONIZATION

a. REST API - Model

- i. Input -> Model -> Output
- ii. Model caching

b. Storage

- i. Model
- ii. Inputs & Outputs

c. Monitoring

- i. Model Performance
- ii. Latency & Bugs

- *Model → Variable Importance → 5 to 7 signals → PDP*
- *First 4-week spending amount \$ vs CLV*
- *Prime membership*
- *UI Visibly / Email Campaign*