

Practical Class Work - 3

Title: Loan Approval Risk Model

Business Goal

A bank wants to reduce losses. For each applicant, we must predict:

- **Bad risk (1) vs Good risk (0)**

and produce a **simple business decision recommendation**.

Notebook Structure and Task Flow

0) Notebook Setup, required libraries:

- pandas, numpy
 - matplotlib
 - scikit-learn
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1) Data Loading and Business Understanding

Task 1.1 Load dataset

- Load German Credit dataset into pandas DataFrame.

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/144/statlog+german+credit+data>

- Show:
 - number of rows/columns
 - first 5 rows
 - target distribution (how many good vs bad)

Task 1.2 — Business interpretation

Write 5–7 lines (markdown) explaining:

- What is a “default / bad risk” in a bank context?
- Why mistakes matter (false negatives vs false positives)

2) Data Quality and Simple EDA

Task 2.1 Missing values & data types

- Check missing values
- Identify numeric vs categorical features

Task 2.2 Correlation

- Compute correlation matrix for numeric columns
 - Pick **Top-3 numeric features** most correlated with the target
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3) Preprocessing

Task 3.1 Split train/test

- Split into train/test (e.g., 80/20)
- Use `random_state` for reproducibility

Task 3.2 Prepare pipeline

- Categorical → `OneHotEncode`
 - Numeric → `StandardScaler` (if required)
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4) Build 3 Baseline Models (No Tuning)

Train **exactly these 3** models:

1. **Logistic Regression**
2. **Decision Tree**
3. **kNN**

Task 4.1 Train models

- Fit each model using the same preprocessing pipeline.

Task 4.2 Evaluate models

For each model, compute:

- Accuracy
- Confusion Matrix
- Precision, Recall, F1

In credit risk, which is worse: approving a bad client (FN) or rejecting a good one (FP)? Explain.

5) Simple “Business Threshold”

Logistic regression outputs probabilities

Compare 3 thresholds

Compute confusion matrix and metrics (f1, recall, precision) for for test set:

- Threshold = **0.65**
- Threshold = **0.50**
- Threshold = **0.35**

Explain:

- Which threshold you recommend and why
 - How does lowering the threshold change the number of rejected clients?
 - Which threshold reduces the number of bad clients approved?
 - Which threshold increases the number of good clients rejected?
 - If you were the Head of Risk, which threshold would you recommend and why?
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6) Production-Oriented task: “Manual Review Queue”

In real banks, not all decisions are automatic.

Task 6.1 Create 3 decision zones using probability

Using logistic regression probability p :

- **Auto-approve:** $p < 0.20$
- **Manual review:** $0.20 \leq p \leq 0.50$
- **Auto-reject:** $p > 0.50$

Deliverables:

- Count how many applications fall in each zone
 - Business interpretation: how this reduces workload and risk
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7) Business Demonstration

Create a final markdown section:

Business Demo: Loan Approval Risk Model

Include:

1. **Executive summary**

- what dataset about
- what goal
- best model chosen
- key metric result
- recommended threshold
- how manual review queue works

2. **One table comparing models**

Rows: models

Columns: Accuracy, Recall (bad class), F1, comment (1 short sentence)

3. **One visual**

- Confusion matrix plot (matplotlib)

4. **Example: 3 applicants**

Take 3 rows from test set and show:

- probability
- predicted decision zone (approve/review/reject)
- 1–2 sentence explanation for each (business style)