# project2

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# 1 Machine Learning in Python - Project 2

Due Friday, Apr 11th by 4 pm.

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# 1.1 Setup

Install any packages here, define any functions if need, and load data

```
[1]: # Add any additional libraries or submodules below
     # Data libraries
     import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     # Plotting libraries
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     # Plotting defaults
     plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (8,5)
     plt.rcParams['figure.dpi'] = 80
     # sklearn modules
     import sklearn
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder, StandardScaler
     from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
     from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
     from sklearn.metrics import (
         accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score,
      →precision_recall_curve,
         roc_auc_score, confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay, RocCurveDisplay, __
      ⇔classification report
```

```
from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline as imPipeline
     from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
     import xgboost as xgb
     from xgboost import XGBClassifier
     from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV, StratifiedKFold
     import shap
     from scipy.stats import skew
[2]: # Load data in easyshare.csv
     d = pd.read_csv("freddiemac.csv", dtype={
         'cd msa': str,
         'zipcode': str,
         'id_loan_rr': str,
         'rr_ind':str})
     d.head()
[2]:
        fico
              dt_first_pi flag_fthb
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[5 rows x 33 columns]

# 2 Introduction

This section should include a brief introduction to the task and the data (assume this is a report you are delivering to a professional body (e.g. Freddie Mac).

Briefly outline the approaches being used and the conclusions that you are able to draw.

# 3 Exploratory Data Analysis and Feature Engineering

Include a detailed discussion of the data with a particular emphasis on the features of the data that are relevant for the subsequent modeling. Including visualizations of the data is strongly encouraged - all code and plots must also be described in the write up. Think carefully about whether each plot needs to be included in your final draft and the appropriate type of plot and summary for each variable type - your report should include figures but they should be as focused and impactful as possible.

You should also split your data into training and testing sets, ideally before you look to much into the features and relationships with the target

Additionally, this section should also motivate and describe any preprocessing / feature engineering of the data. Specifically, this should be any code that you use to generate new columns in the data frame d. Pipelines should be used and feature engineering steps that are be performed as part of an sklearn pipeline can be mentioned here but should be implemented in the following section.

All code and figures should be accompanied by text that provides an overview / context to what is being done or presented.

# 3.1 1. Get general info

[3]: # For general info d.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 200000 entries, 0 to 199999

Data columns (total 33 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	fico	200000 non-null	int64
1	dt_first_pi	200000 non-null	int64
2	flag_fthb	200000 non-null	object
3	dt_matr	200000 non-null	int64
4	cd_msa	181072 non-null	object
5	mi_pct	200000 non-null	int64
6	cnt_units	200000 non-null	int64
7	occpy_sts	200000 non-null	object
8	cltv	200000 non-null	int64
9	dti	200000 non-null	int64
10	orig_upb	200000 non-null	int64
11	ltv	200000 non-null	int64
12	int_rt	200000 non-null	float64
13	channel	200000 non-null	object
14	ppmt_pnlty	200000 non-null	object
15	prod_type	200000 non-null	object
16	st	200000 non-null	object
17	prop_type	200000 non-null	object
18	zipcode	200000 non-null	object
19	id_loan	200000 non-null	object

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20 loan_purpose
                    200000 non-null object
21 orig_loan_term 200000 non-null int64
22 cnt_borr
                   200000 non-null int64
23 seller_name
                   200000 non-null object
24 servicer name
                   200000 non-null object
25 flag sc
                   7531 non-null
                                   object
26 id loan rr
                   2402 non-null
                                   object
27 program_ind
                   200000 non-null object
28 rr ind
                   2402 non-null
                                    object
29 property_val
                   200000 non-null int64
30 io_ind
                   200000 non-null object
31 mi_cancel_ind
                   200000 non-null object
32 loan_status
                   200000 non-null object
dtypes: float64(1), int64(12), object(20)
memory usage: 50.4+ MB
```

# 3.2 2. Filter Active Loans and Check Target Distribution

Data shape after filtering active loans: (126705, 33)

```
Target Distribution (%):
loan_status
0 99.411231
1 0.588769
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
```

# 3.3 3. Find Missing Values and Drop Useless Features

```
[5]: # Replace missing values with NaN
missing_values = {
    'fico': [9999],
    'flag_fthb': ['9'],
    'mi_pct': [999],
    'cnt_units': [99],
    'occpy_sts': ['9'],
    'cltv': [999],
    'dti': [999],
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'ltv': [999],
    'channel': ['9'],
    'prop_type': ['99'],
    'loan_purpose': ['9'],
    'program_ind': ['9'],
    'property_val': [9],
    'mi_cancel_ind': ['7', '9'],
    'flag_sc': ['N'],
    'rr_ind': ['N'],
}
for col, codes in missing_values.items():
    d_filtered[col] = d_filtered[col].replace(codes, np.nan)
missing_values = d_filtered.isna().sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
missing_percent = (missing_values / len(d_filtered)) * 100
print("Missing Values in Training Data:")
print(pd.DataFrame({'Missing Count': missing_values, 'Percentage (%)':
 →missing_percent})
      [missing_values > 0])
```

Missing Values in Training Data:

```
Missing Count Percentage (%)
                                    98.974784
id_loan_rr
                      125406
rr_ind
                      125406
                                    98.974784
                                    95.687621
flag_sc
                      121241
program_ind
                      116496
                                    91.942702
mi_cancel_ind
                       87026
                                    68.683951
cd msa
                       11294
                                     8.913618
dti
                        1304
                                     1.029162
property_val
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                                     0.074188
fico
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                                     0.018942
                                     0.000789
ltv
mi_pct
                            1
                                     0.000789
cltv
                            1
                                     0.000789
```

```
[6]: missing_pct = d_filtered.isna().mean()
high_missing_cols = missing_pct[missing_pct > 0.9].index.tolist()
print("Columns with >90% missing values:", high_missing_cols)

# Check for columns with all same non-NaN values
constant_cols = []
for col in d_filtered.columns:
    if d_filtered[col].nunique(dropna=True) == 1:
        constant_cols.append(col)

print("Columns with constant values:", constant_cols)
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ide_cols = ['id_loan', 'seller_name', 'servicer name']
     cols_to_drop = list(set(constant_cols + high_missing_cols + ide_cols))
     print("Columns to drop:", cols_to_drop)
     d_filtered = d_filtered.drop(columns=cols_to_drop, errors='ignore')
    Columns with >90% missing values: ['flag_sc', 'id_loan_rr', 'program_ind',
    'rr ind']
    Columns with constant values: ['ppmt_pnlty', 'prod_type', 'flag_sc', 'rr_ind',
    'io ind']
    Columns to drop: ['prod_type', 'servicer_name', 'io_ind', 'id_loan', 'flag_sc',
    'rr_ind', 'id_loan_rr', 'program_ind', 'ppmt_pnlty', 'seller_name']
    3.4 4. Train-Test Split
[7]: # Split data before EDA to avoid data leakage
     X = d filtered.drop('loan status', axis=1)
     y = d_filtered['loan_status']
     # Stratified split to maintain class balance
     X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
         Х, у,
         test_size=0.2,
         stratify=y, # Maintain class distribution
         random_state=42
[8]: # Example for numeric columns
     num_cols = ['fico', 'mi_pct', 'cltv', 'dti', 'ltv']
     num_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='median')
     X train[num cols] = num imputer.fit transform(X train[num cols])
     X_test[num_cols] = num_imputer.transform(X_test[num_cols])
     ord_cols = ['property_val']
     ord_imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')
     X_train[ord_cols] = ord_imputer.fit_transform(X_train[ord_cols])
     X_test[ord_cols] = ord_imputer.transform(X_test[ord_cols])
     # Example for categorical columns
     cat_cols = ['cd_msa', 'mi_cancel_ind']
```

X\_train[cat\_cols] = X\_train[cat\_cols].fillna('Unknown')
X\_test[cat\_cols] = X\_test[cat\_cols].fillna('Unknown')

# 3.5 5. Feature Engineering

```
[9]: # Drop original date columns
X_train = X_train.drop(columns=['dt_first_pi', 'dt_matr'])
X_test = X_test.drop(columns=['dt_first_pi', 'dt_matr'])

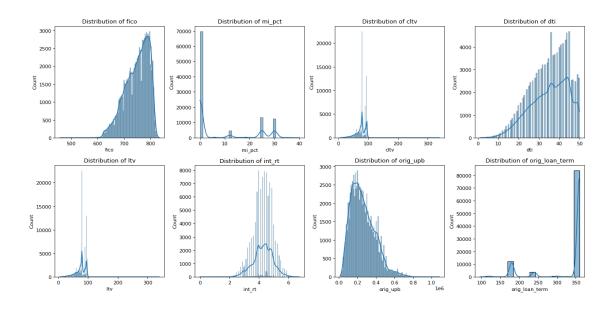
# Combine training data for EDA
train_df = pd.concat([X_train, y_train], axis=1)
print("\nTraining data shape:", train_df.shape)
```

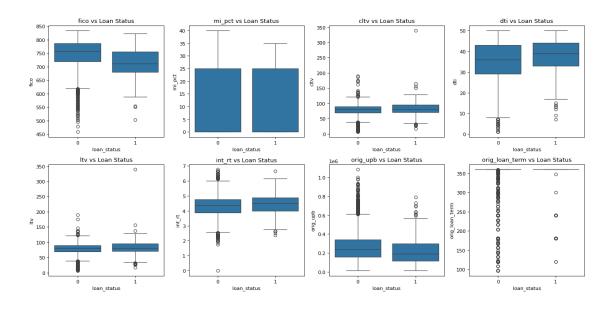
Training data shape: (101364, 21)

# 3.6 5. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

### 3.6.1 5.1 Numerical Features Analysis

```
[10]: num_cols = ['fico', 'mi_pct', 'cltv', 'dti', 'ltv', 'int_rt', 'orig_upb',
      # Distributions
     fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 4, figsize=(16, 8))
     for i, col in enumerate(num_cols):
         sns.histplot(train_df[col], ax=axes[i//4, i%4], kde=True)
         axes[i//4, i%4].set_title(f'Distribution of {col}')
     plt.tight_layout()
     plt.show()
     # Relationships with Target
     fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 4, figsize=(16, 8))
     for i, col in enumerate(num_cols):
         sns.boxplot(x='loan_status', y=col, data=train_df, ax=axes[i//4, i%4])
         axes[i//4, i%4].set_title(f'{col} vs Loan Status')
     plt.tight_layout()
     plt.show()
```

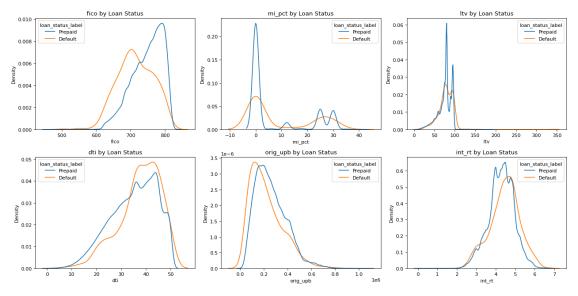




```
sns.kdeplot(data=train_df, x=col, hue='loan_status_label', ax=axes[i],__
common_norm=False)
    axes[i].set_title(f'{col} by Loan Status')
    axes[i].set_xlabel(col)
    axes[i].set_ylabel('Density')

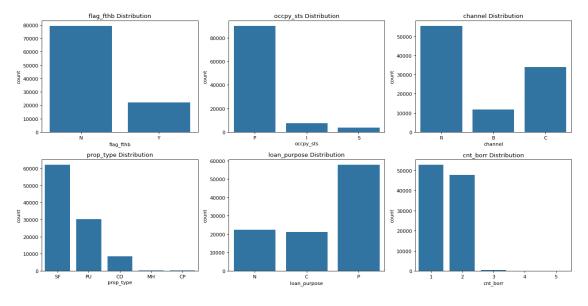
# Remove extra subplot if num_vars < total subplots
for j in range(len(num_vars), len(axes)):
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])

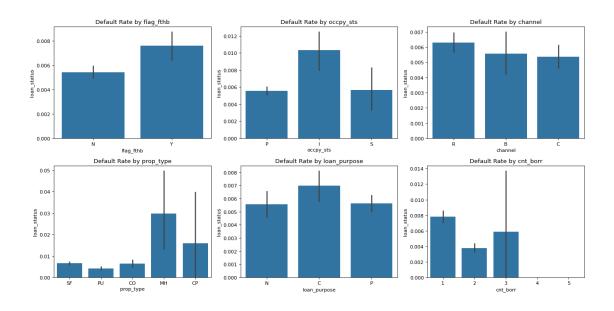
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()</pre>
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### 3.6.2 5.2 Categorical Features Analysis

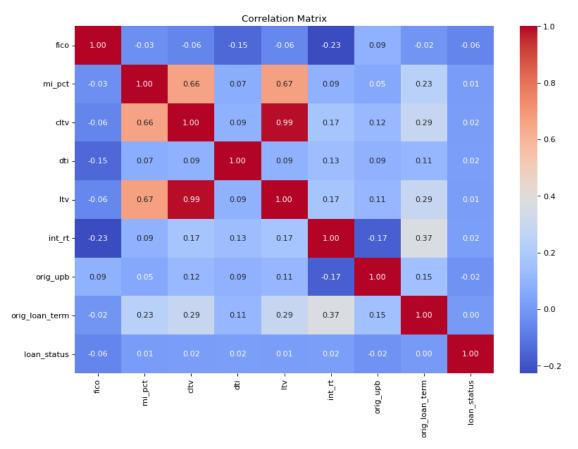
```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 3, figsize=(16, 8))
for i, col in enumerate(cat_cols):
    sns.barplot(x=col, y='loan_status', data=train_df, ax=axes[i//3, i%3],__
estimator=np.mean)
    axes[i//3, i%3].set_title(f'Default Rate by {col}')
    axes[i//3, i%3].tick_params(axis='x')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```





### 3.6.3 5.3 Correlation Analysis

```
[13]: corr_matrix = train_df[num_cols + ['loan_status']].corr()
   plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
   sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f')
   plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
   plt.show()
```



Dropping CLTV instead of LTV is a deliberate choice based on domain relevance and model interpretability. Here's the detailed reasoning:

1. Business Context: LTV vs. CLTV LTV (Loan-to-Value Ratio): Measures the primary mortgage amount relative to the property value. Example: A 200 k m o r t g a g e o n a 200kmortgageona250k home  $\rightarrow$  LTV = 80%.

Industry Standard: LTV is the most widely used metric in mortgage underwriting and default prediction.

Regulatory Focus: Agencies like FHFA and Freddie Mac prioritize LTV in risk assessments.

CLTV (Combined Loan-to-Value Ratio): Includes all liens on the property (e.g., second mortgages, HELOCs). Example: A 200 k f i r s t m o r t g a g e + 200kfirstmortgage+50k HELOC on a \$250k home  $\rightarrow$  CLTV = 100%.

Redundancy: In your dataset, CLTV and LTV are nearly identical (r=0.99), meaning most loans likely have no secondary liens.

2. Statistical Reasons to Drop CLTV Multicollinearity: High correlation between CLTV and LTV can destabilize linear models (e.g., logistic regression) by inflating coefficient variances.

Feature Importance: In tree-based models (e.g., XGBoost), both features will compete for splits, diluting their individual importance.

Simpler Model: Dropping CLTV reduces dimensionality without losing predictive power (since LTV captures nearly the same information).

3. Practical Considerations Interpretability: LTV is more intuitive for stakeholders (e.g., "A 90% LTV loan is riskier than 80%").

Data Quality: If CLTV has more missing values or inconsistencies (common in datasets where secondary liens are rare), retaining LTV is safer.

```
[14]: X_train = X_train.drop(columns=['cltv'])
X_test = X_test.drop(columns=['cltv'])
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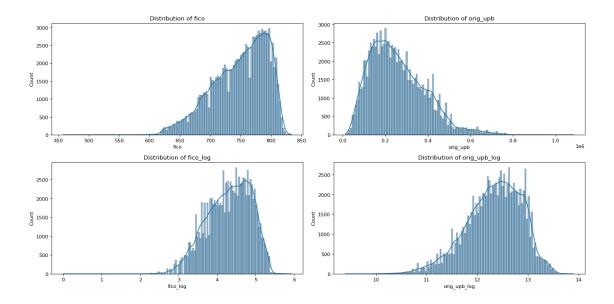
```
[15]: # Log-transform 'orig_upb' (add 1 to avoid log(0))
X_train['orig_upb_log'] = np.log1p(X_train['orig_upb'])
X_test['orig_upb_log'] = np.log1p(X_test['orig_upb'])

X_train['fico_log'] = np.log1p(X_train['fico'].max() - X_train['fico'])
X_test['fico_log'] = np.log1p(X_test['fico'].max() - X_test['fico'])

skewed_cols = ['fico', 'orig_upb', 'fico_log', 'orig_upb_log']
for col in skewed_cols:
    print(f"{col} skew: {skew(X_train[col]):.2f}")

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(16, 8))
for i, col in enumerate(skewed_cols):
    sns.histplot(X_train[col], ax=axes[i//2, i%2], kde=True)
    axes[i//2, i%2].set_title(f'Distribution of {col}')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

fico skew: -0.65 orig\_upb skew: 0.78 fico\_log skew: -0.39 orig\_upb\_log skew: -0.52



# 3.6.4 5.4 Feature Engineering Insights

# Key EDA Findings:

- Severe class imbalance: Only 0.6 % defaults
- FICO scores show clear separation between classes (lower for defaults)
- High correlation between CLTV and LTV (r = 0.99)
- Default rate doubles for investment properties vs primary residences

# print(vif\_data)

```
feature VIF
0 mi_pct 1.73093
1 ltv 1.73093
```

# 4 Model Fitting and Tuning

In this section you should detail and motivate your choice of model and describe the process used to refine, tune, and fit that model. You are encouraged to explore different models but you should NOT include a detailed narrative or code of all of these attempts. At most this section should briefly mention the methods explored and why they were rejected - most of your effort should go into describing the final model you are using and your process for tuning and validating it.

This section should include the full implementation of your final model, including all necessary validation. As with figures, any included code must also be addressed in the text of the document.

Finally, you should also provide a comparison of your model with a baseline model of your choice on the test data but only briefly describe the baseline model considered.

# [18]: X\_train.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 101364 entries, 96029 to 137892
Data columns (total 21 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	fico	101364 non-null	float64
1	flag_fthb	101364 non-null	object
2	cd_msa	101364 non-null	object
3	mi_pct	101364 non-null	float64
4	cnt_units	101364 non-null	int64
5	occpy_sts	101364 non-null	object
6	dti	101364 non-null	float64
7	orig_upb	101364 non-null	int64
8	ltv	101364 non-null	float64
9	int_rt	101364 non-null	float64
10	channel	101364 non-null	object
11	st	101364 non-null	object
12	prop_type	101364 non-null	object
13	zipcode	101364 non-null	object
14	loan_purpose	101364 non-null	object
15	orig_loan_term	101364 non-null	int64
16	cnt_borr	101364 non-null	int64
17	property_val	101364 non-null	float64
18	mi_cancel_ind	101364 non-null	object
19	orig_upb_log	101364 non-null	float64
20	fico_log	101364 non-null	float64
dtypes: float64(8), int64(4), object(9)			

memory usage: 17.0+ MB

### 4.1 Baseline model

We selected Logistic Regression as the baseline due to its interpretability, speed, and ability to handle imbalanced classes when using class weighting. While more complex models may outperform it, Logistic Regression provides a strong, explainable benchmark.

Here's why certain features were excluded from the baseline model, despite 20 being available after EDA:

1. High Cardinality or Sparsity Features: cd\_msa (MSA codes), zipcode, st (state), mi cancel ind

### Reason:

cd\_msa and zipcode have thousands of unique values. Encoding them as one-hot features would create high-dimensional, sparse data (e.g., 50+ dummy variables for states), increasing model complexity without clear benefits for a baseline.

mi\_cancel\_ind (mortgage insurance cancellation) had many missing or "Not Applicable" values after preprocessing, reducing its reliability.

2. Redundancy Feature: orig\_loan\_term (original loan term in months)

### Reason:

The loan term is already indirectly captured by loan\_age\_months (age of the loan) and dt\_first\_pi/dt\_matr (dates). Including both could introduce multicollinearity without adding unique predictive power.

3. Risk of Data Leakage Feature: property\_val (property appraisal method)

### Reason:

This variable might reflect post-origination actions (e.g., a property reappraisal after default). Using it could leak future information not available at loan origination, violating the model's real-world applicability.

4. Low Interpretability or Relevance Features: cnt\_units (number of units), cnt\_borr (number of borrowers)

# Reason:

cnt\_units (e.g., 1-unit vs. 4-unit properties) showed minimal correlation with default rates in EDA. cnt\_borr (number of borrowers) was excluded because it had low variance (e.g., 95% of loans had 1–2 borrowers).

5. Baseline Model Philosophy The baseline model prioritizes simplicity and interpretability over maximal predictive power. Including all 20 features would:

Complicate the model with marginal or noisy features (e.g., st, zipcode).

Reduce transparency, making it harder to explain coefficients to stakeholders.

Increase computational cost without guaranteeing better performance.

```
[19]: # Define categorical and numerical features
     cat_cols = ['flag_fthb', 'occpy_sts', 'channel', 'prop_type', 'loan_purpose', | 
      # Create a preprocessing pipeline
     preprocessor = ColumnTransformer(
         transformers=[
             ('num', StandardScaler(), num_cols),
             ('cat', OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'), cat_cols)
         ]
     )
     # Combine preprocessing and model into a pipeline
     baseline_model = Pipeline([
         ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
         ('classifier', LogisticRegression(
             class_weight='balanced', # Adjusts weights for imbalance
             max_iter=1000,
             random state=42
         ))
     ])
     # Train the model
     baseline_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
     # Predict on test data
     y_pred = baseline_model.predict(X_test)
     y_proba = baseline_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1] # Probabilities for_
      \hookrightarrow default
     print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
     # Evaluate performance
     print("Baseline Model Performance:")
     print(f"- Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred):.2f}")
     print(f"- Precision: {precision_score(y_test, y_pred):.2f}")
     print(f"- Recall: {recall_score(y_test, y_pred):.2f}")
     print(f"- F1 Score: {f1_score(y_test, y_pred):.2f}")
     print(f"- ROC-AUC: {roc auc score(y test, y proba):.2f}")
     # Confusion Matrix
     cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
     disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=['Prepaid',_
      disp.plot(cmap='Blues')
     plt.title('Confusion Matrix for Baseline Model')
```

```
plt.show()

# ROC Curve
RocCurveDisplay.from_estimator(baseline_model, X_test, y_test)
plt.title('ROC Curve for Baseline Model')
plt.show()
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	0.68	0.81	25192
1	0.01	0.65	0.02	149
accuracy			0.68	25341
macro avg	0.50	0.66	0.41	25341
weighted avg	0.99	0.68	0.80	25341

### Baseline Model Performance:

- Accuracy: 0.68 - Precision: 0.01 - Recall: 0.65 - F1 Score: 0.02 - ROC-AUC: 0.71

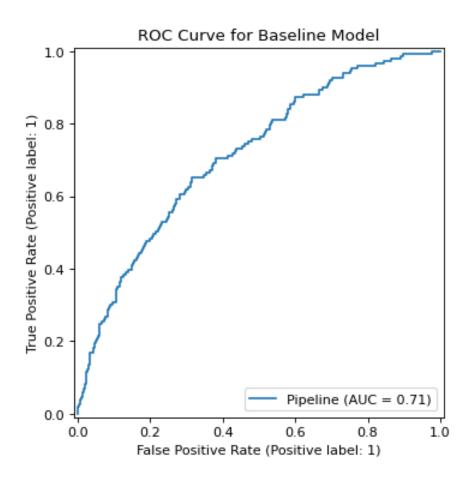
# Prepaid - 17032 8160 - 14000 - 12000 - 10000 - 10000 - 8000 - 6000 - 6000 - 4000 - 2000

Confusion Matrix for Baseline Model

Predicted label

Default

Prepaid



Top Features by Absolute Coefficient Magnitude: Feature Coefficient Abs\_Coefficient 26 cat\_\_cnt\_borr\_4 -1.529907 1.529907 23 cat\_\_cnt\_borr\_1 0.948211 0.948211 17 cat\_\_prop\_type\_MH 0.903391 0.903391 num\_\_fico\_log 0.688013 0 0.688013 18 cat\_\_prop\_type\_PU -0.664056 0.664056 cat\_\_occpy\_sts\_P 10 -0.583668 0.583668 0.548022 16 cat\_\_prop\_type\_CP 0.548022 9 cat\_\_occpy\_sts\_I 0.436957 0.436957 15 cat\_\_prop\_type\_CO -0.407624 0.407624 0.383404 19 cat\_\_prop\_type\_SF -0.383404 25 cat\_\_cnt\_borr\_3 0.332190 0.332190 24 cat\_\_cnt\_borr\_2 0.286481 0.286481 2 num\_\_dti 0.276367 0.276367 5 num\_\_orig\_upb\_log -0.256260 0.256260 22 cat\_\_loan\_purpose\_P -0.221835 0.221835 3 num\_\_ltv 0.159601 0.159601 11 cat\_\_occpy\_sts\_S 0.143040 0.143040 20 cat\_\_loan\_purpose\_C 0.138657 0.138657 0.130397 7 cat flag fthb N -0.1303978 cat flag fthb Y 0.126726 0.126726 4 num\_\_int\_rt -0.108510 0.108510 1 0.105000 num\_\_mi\_pct 0.105000 6 num\_\_orig\_loan\_term 0.084749 0.084749 21 cat\_\_loan\_purpose\_N 0.079507 0.079507 cat\_\_channel\_C 0.053995 13 -0.053995cat\_\_cnt\_borr\_5 27 -0.0406450.040645 cat\_\_channel\_B 12 0.033579 0.033579 14 cat\_\_channel\_R 0.016745 0.016745

### 4.2 XGBoost

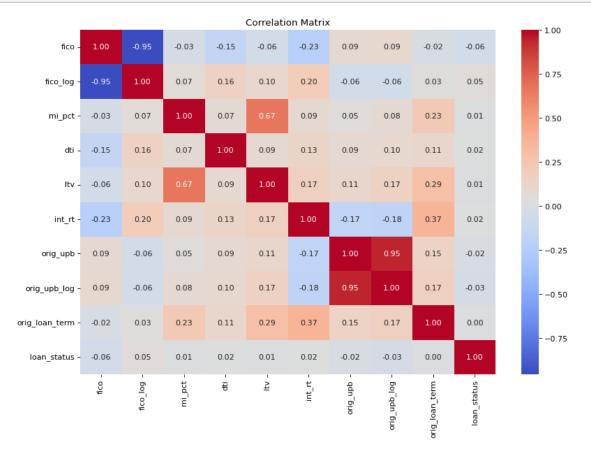
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[21]: # Define categorical and numerical features
cat_cols = [
          'flag_fthb', 'occpy_sts', 'channel', 'prop_type', 'loan_purpose',
          'mi_cancel_ind', 'cnt_borr', 'cnt_units', 'property_val', 'cd_msa',
          'zipcode', 'st'
]

num_cols = [
          'fico', 'fico_log', 'mi_pct', 'dti', 'ltv', 'int_rt',
          'orig_upb', 'orig_upb_log', 'orig_loan_term'
]

noise_cols = []
# Preprocessing (no scaling needed for tree-based models)
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preprocessor = ColumnTransformer(
    transformers=[
        ('cat', OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'), cat_cols)
    ],
    remainder='passthrough', # Pass numerical features unchanged
)
```

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[22]: train_df = pd.concat([X_train, y_train], axis=1)
    corr_matrix = train_df[num_cols + ['loan_status']].corr()
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
    sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f')
    plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
    plt.show()
```



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[23]: neg = len(y_train[y_train == 0])
  pos = len(y_train[y_train == 1])
  scale_pos_weight = neg / pos # Approx 168:1
  print(f"scale_pos_weight: {scale_pos_weight:.2f}")
```

scale\_pos\_weight: 168.79

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[24]: # Define parameter grid
      param_grid = {
          'classifier_subsample': [0.95, 1.0], # [0.5, 1.0]
          'classifier_n_estimators': [175, 200, 225, 250], # [50, 2000]
          'classifier__max_depth': [2, 3, 4], # [1, 20]
          'classifier__learning_rate': [0.075, 0.1, 0.125, 0.15], # [0.01, 0.3]
          'classifier__gamma': [0.07, 0.1, 0.13], # [0, 1]
          'classifier_colsample_bytree': [0.9, 0.95, 1.0] # [0.5, 1.0]
          }
      # Create pipeline
      xgb_model = imPipeline([
          ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
          ('smote', SMOTE(sampling_strategy=0.3, random_state=42)), # Optional: add_
       →SMOTE for oversampling
          ('classifier', xgb.XGBClassifier(
              objective='binary:logistic',
              scale_pos_weight=scale_pos_weight, # Adjust for class imbalance
              random_state=42,
              eval_metric='auc'
          ))
      ])
      # RandomizedSearchCV with stratified K-fold
      cv = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
      search = RandomizedSearchCV(
          xgb_model,
          param_grid,
          n_iter=20,
          scoring='roc_auc',
          cv=cv,
         n_{jobs=-1}
      )
      # Fit model
      search.fit(X_train, y_train)
      # Get best parameters without the pipeline prefix
      best_params = {k.replace('classifier__', ''): v for k, v in search.best_params_.
      →items()}
      # Best parameters
      print("Best Parameters:", best_params)
```

Best Parameters: {'subsample': 0.95, 'n\_estimators': 200, 'max\_depth': 3, 'learning\_rate': 0.125, 'gamma': 0.07, 'colsample\_bytree': 0.9}

Final Model Trained

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[26]: # Predictions
      y_pred_xgb = final_model.predict(X_test)
      y_proba_xgb = final_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
      threshold = 0.43 # Adjust based on PR curve analysis
      y_pred_xgb = (y_proba_xgb >= threshold).astype(int)
      print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_xgb))
      # Performance metrics
      print("XGBoost Performance:")
      print(f"- Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb):.2f}")
      print(f"- Precision: {precision_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb):.2f}")
      print(f"- Recall: {recall_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb):.2f}")
      print(f"- F1 Score: {f1_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb):.2f}")
      print(f"- ROC-AUC: {roc_auc_score(y_test, y_proba_xgb):.2f}")
      # Confusion Matrix
      cm_xgb = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
      disp_xgb = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm_xgb,__

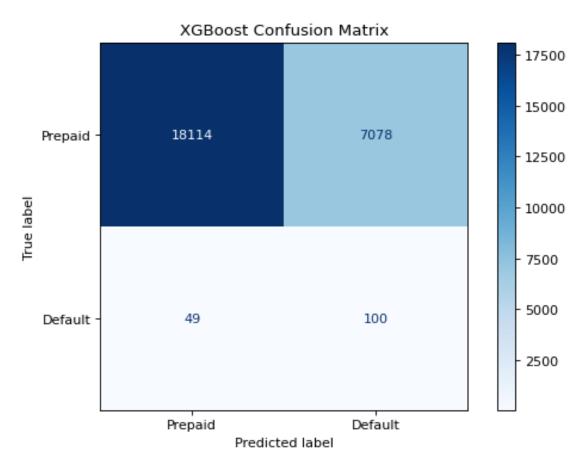
display_labels=['Prepaid', 'Default'])
      disp xgb.plot(cmap='Blues')
      plt.title('XGBoost Confusion Matrix')
      plt.show()
      # ROC Curve
      RocCurveDisplay.from_estimator(final_model, X_test, y_test)
      plt.title('XGBoost ROC Curve')
      plt.show()
```

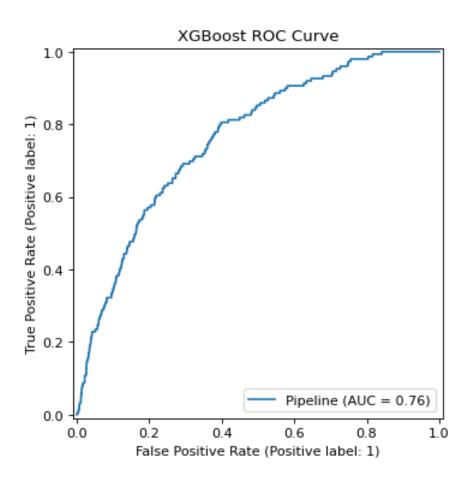
precision recall f1-score support

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1	0.01	0.67	0.03	149
accuracy			0.72	25341
macro avg	0.51	0.70	0.43	25341
weighted avg	0.99	0.72	0.83	25341

### XGBoost Performance:

- Accuracy: 0.72 - Precision: 0.01 - Recall: 0.67 - F1 Score: 0.03 - ROC-AUC: 0.76

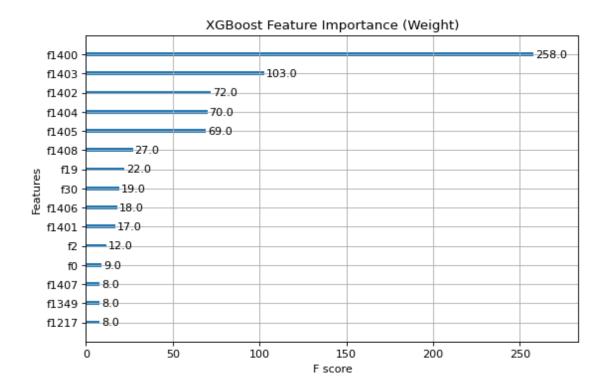


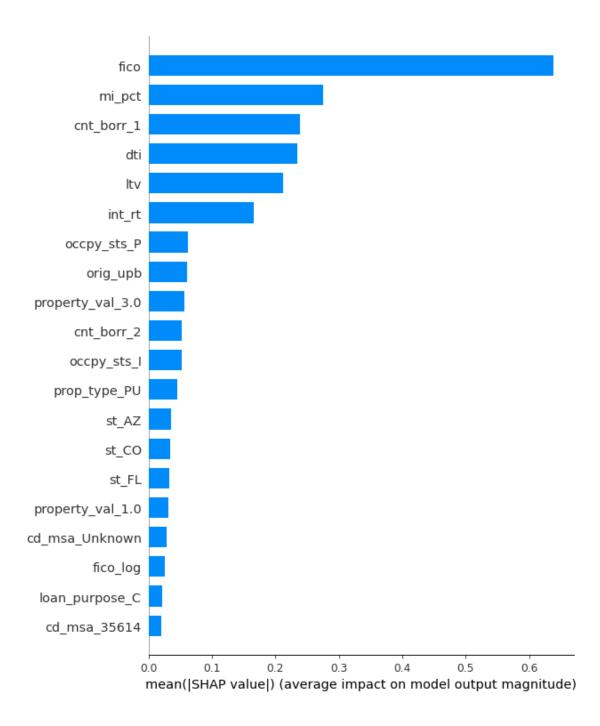


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[27]: # Extract feature names after one-hot encoding
encoder = final_model.named_steps['preprocessor'].named_transformers_['cat']
cat_features = encoder.get_feature_names_out(cat_cols)
all_features = np.concatenate([cat_features, num_cols])

# Plot feature importance
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
xgb.plot_importance(
    final_model.named_steps['classifier'],
    importance_type='weight',
    max_num_features=15,
    title='XGBoost Feature Importance (Weight)'
)
plt.show()
```

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# Baseline vs XGBoost Comparison:

Metric	Baseline	XGBoost
Accuracy	0.68	0.72
Precision	0.01	0.01
Recall	0.65	0.67
F1 Score	0.02	0.03
ROC-AUC	0.71	0.76

# 5 Discussion & Conclusions

In this section you should provide a general overview of your final model, its performance, and reliability. You should discuss what the implications of your model are in terms of the included features, estimated parameters and relationships, predictive performance, and anything else you think is relevant.

This should be written with a target audience of a banking official, who is understands the issues associated with mortgage defaults but may only have university level mathematics (not necessarily postgraduate statistics or machine learning). Your goal should be to highlight to this audience how your model can useful. You should also discuss potential limitations or directions of future improvement of your model.

Finally, you should include recommendations on factors that may increase the risk of default, which may be useful for the companies to improve their understanding of mortgage defaults, and also to explain their decisions to clients and regulatory bodies. You should also use your model to inform the company of any active loans that are at risk of default.

Keep in mind that a negative result, i.e. a model that does not work well predictively, that is well explained and justified in terms of why it failed will likely receive higher marks than a model with strong predictive performance but with poor or incorrect explinations / justifications.

# 6 Generative AI statement

Include a statement on how generative AI was used in the project and report.

# 7 References

Include references if any

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[]: # Run the following to render to PDF
!jupyter nbconvert --to pdf project2.ipynb
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