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]: # 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
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, RandomizedSearchCV, u

StratifiedKFold
     from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder, StandardScaler,
      →PowerTransformer
     from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
     from sklearn.metrics import (
         classification_report, accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, u

¬f1_score, precision_recall_curve,
         roc_auc_score, confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay, RocCurveDisplay, __
      →PrecisionRecallDisplay
     # Imbalanced-learn modules
     from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline as ImPipeline
     from imblearn.over sampling import SMOTE, RandomOverSampler
     from imblearn.under_sampling import RandomUnderSampler
     # XGBoost
```

```
import xgboost as xgb
from xgboost import XGBClassifier, Booster
# SHAP
import shap
# Skewness
from scipy.stats import skew, probplot
```

```
[2]: # Load data in freddiemac.csv
d = pd.read_csv("freddiemac.csv", dtype={
        'cd_msa': str, 'cnt_units': str, 'cnt_borr': str, 'zipcode': str, 'd_loan_rr': str, 'rr_ind':str, 'property_val': str
})
```

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. Filter Active Loans and Check Target Distribution

```
[3]: # Filter out active loans (only keep 'default' and 'prepaid')

d_filtered = d[d['loan_status'].isin(['default', 'prepaid'])].copy()

d_filtered['loan_status'] = d_filtered['loan_status'].map({'default': 1, □

→'prepaid': 0})

print("Data shape after filtering active loans:", d_filtered.shape)
```

```
# Check target distribution
target_dist = d_filtered['loan_status'].value_counts(normalize=True) * 100
print("\nTarget Distribution (%):")
print(target_dist)
Data shape after filtering active loans: (126705, 33)
```

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

3.2 2. Find Missing Values and Drop Features

```
[4]: # Replace missing values with NaN
    missing_values = {'fico': [9999], 'flag_fthb': ['9'], 'mi_pct': [999],
     'cltv': [999], 'dti': [999], 'ltv': [999], 'channel': ['9'],
     'program_ind': ['9'], 'property_val': ['9'], 'mi_cancel_ind':u
     ⇔['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)
    # Check for missing values
    missing values = d filtered.isna().sum().sort values(ascending=False)
    missing_percent = (missing_values / len(d_filtered)) * 100
    missing_df = pd.DataFrame({'Missing Count': missing_values, 'Percentage (%)':
     missing_percent}) [missing_values > 0]
    print("Missing Values in Training Data:")
    missing_df
```

Missing Values in Training Data:

```
[4]:
                    Missing Count Percentage (%)
     id_loan_rr
                            125406
                                          98.974784
                                          98.974784
     rr_ind
                            125406
     flag_sc
                            121241
                                          95.687621
                                          91.942702
     program_ind
                            116496
    mi_cancel_ind
                             87026
                                          68.683951
     cd_{msa}
                             11294
                                           8.913618
                              1304
                                           1.029162
     dti
     property_val
                                94
                                           0.074188
    fico
                                24
                                           0.018942
                                 1
                                           0.000789
     ltv
```

```
mi_pct 1 0.000789
cltv 1 0.000789
```

```
[5]: # Check for columns with >90% missing values
    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)
     # Drop identifier columns
     ide_cols = ['id_loan', 'seller_name', 'servicer_name']
     print("Identifier columns:", ide_cols)
     # Drop date columns redundant with 'orig_loan_term' (loan term is derived from
     ⇔first payment and maturity dates)
     date_cols = ['dt_first_pi', 'dt_matr']
     print("Date columns:", date_cols)
     # Drop columns with constant values, >90% missing values, and identifier columns
     cols to drop = list(set(constant cols + high missing cols + ide cols +

date cols))
     d_filtered = d_filtered.drop(columns=cols_to_drop, errors='ignore')
    Columns with >90% missing values: ['flag_sc', 'id_loan_rr', 'program_ind',
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```
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']

Identifier columns: ['id_loan', 'seller_name', 'servicer_name']

Date columns: ['dt_first_pi', 'dt_matr']
```

3.3 3. Train-Test Split

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stratify=y, # Maintain class distribution
random_state=42
)
```

3.4 4. Missing Value Imputation

```
[7]: # Numerical columns: Median imputation
   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])

# Ordinal categorical: Most frequent category
   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])

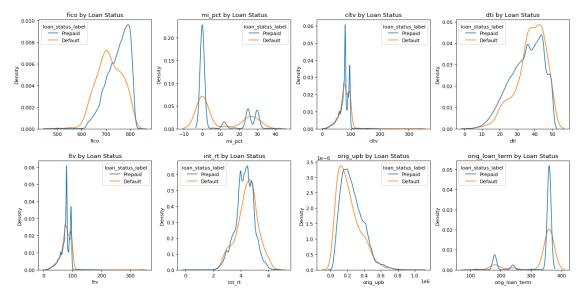
# Nominal categorical: Fill with 'Unknown'
   cat_cols = ['cd_msa', 'mi_cancel_ind']
   X_train[cat_cols] = X_train[cat_cols].fillna('Unknown')
   X_test[cat_cols] = X_test[cat_cols].fillna('Unknown')
```

3.5 5. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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

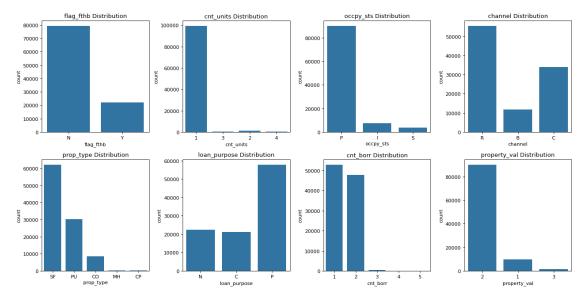
Training data shape: (101364, 21)

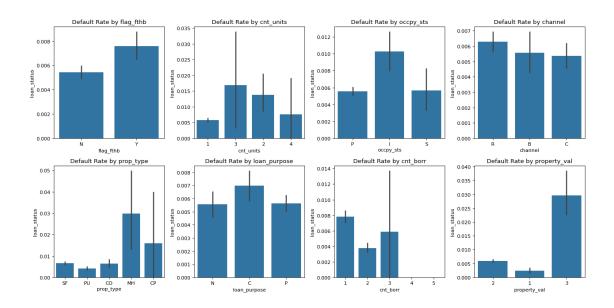
3.5.1 5.1 Numerical Features Analysis



3.5.2 5.2 Categorical Features Analysis

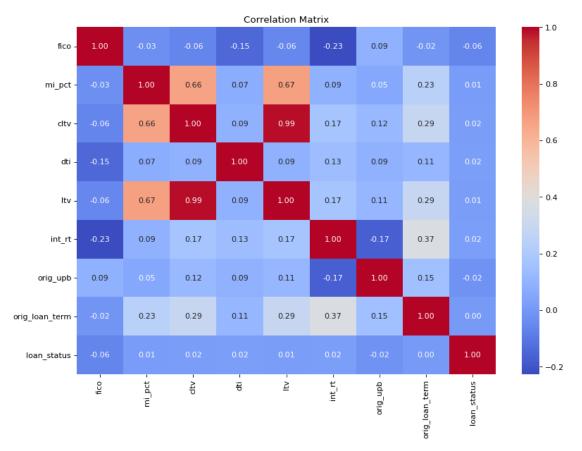
```
sns.barplot(x=col, y='loan_status', data=train_df, ax=axes[i//m, i%m],_
estimator=np.mean)
   axes[i//m, i%m].set_title(f'Default Rate by {col}')
   axes[i//m, i%m].tick_params(axis='x')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```





3.5.3 5.3 Correlation Analysis

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[11]: 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.

```
[12]: X_train = X_train.drop(columns=['cltv'])
X_test = X_test.drop(columns=['cltv'])
```

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[13]: feature VIF
0 mi_pct 1.73093
1 ltv 1.73093
```

3.5.4 5.4 EDA Findings

3.6 6. Feature Engineering

3.6.1 6.1 Transformations and Skewness Checking

```
[14]: # Apply log transformation on orig_upb to reduce right skewness
X_train['orig_upb_log'] = np.log1p(X_train['orig_upb'])
X_test['orig_upb_log'] = np.log1p(X_test['orig_upb'])

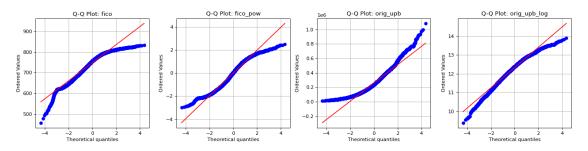
# Apply Yeo-Johnson transformation on fice to reduce left skewness
pt = PowerTransformer(method='yeo-johnson')
X_train['fico_pow'] = pt.fit_transform(X_train[['fico']])
X_test['fico_pow'] = pt.transform(X_test[['fico']])

# Check skewness of transformed columns
skewed_cols = ['fico', 'fico_pow', 'orig_upb', 'orig_upb_log']
```

```
for col in skewed_cols:
    print(f"{col} skew: {skew(X_train[col]):.2f}")

# Plot Q-Q plots for skewed columns
n = 1
m = len(skewed_cols)//n + len(skewed_cols)%n
fig, axes = plt.subplots(n, m, figsize=(16, n*m))
axes = axes.ravel() # Flatten axes for easy iteration
for i, col in enumerate(skewed_cols):
    probplot(X_train[col], plot=axes[i]) # Q-Q plot
    axes[i].set_title(f'Q-Q Plot: {col}')
    axes[i].grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

fico skew: -0.65 fico_pow skew: -0.12 orig_upb skew: 0.78 orig_upb_log skew: -0.52



3.6.2 6.2 Interaction Features

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.

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.

```
[16]: # Define categorical and numerical features
    cat_cols = ['flag_fthb', 'occpy_sts', 'channel', 'loan_purpose', 'cnt_borr',

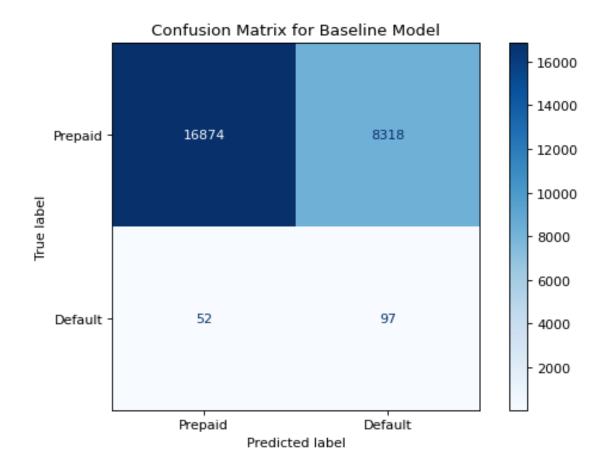
¬'occpy_prop', 'prop_type']#, 'purpose_borr'
    # Create a preprocessing pipeline
    preprocessor = ColumnTransformer(
        transformers=[
           ('num', StandardScaler(), num_cols),
           ('cat', OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'), cat_cols)
        ]
    )
    # Combine preprocessing and model into a pipeline
    baseline model = ImPipeline([
        ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
        ('classifier', LogisticRegression(
           class weight='balanced', # Adjusts weights for imbalance
```

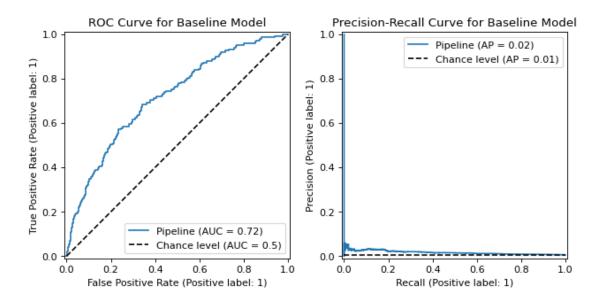
```
max_iter=1000,
       random_state=42
   ))
])
# Train the model
baseline_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Predict on test data
y_pred = baseline_model.predict(X_test)
y_proba = baseline_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1] # Probabilities for_
 \hookrightarrow default
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
# Evaluate performance
print("Baseline Model Performance:")
print(f"- Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred):.4f}")
print(f"- Precision: {precision_score(y_test, y_pred):.4f}")
print(f"- Recall: {recall_score(y_test, y_pred):.4f}")
print(f"- F1 Score: {f1_score(y_test, y_pred):.4f}")
print(f"- ROC-AUC: {roc_auc_score(y_test, y_proba):.4f}")
# 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()
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	0.67 0.65	0.80	25192 149
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.50 0.99	0.66 0.67	0.67 0.41 0.80	25341 25341 25341

Baseline Model Performance:

- Accuracy: 0.6697 - Precision: 0.0115 - Recall: 0.6510 - F1 Score: 0.0227 - ROC-AUC: 0.7166





```
[18]:
                                               Abs_Coefficient
                        Feature
                                 Coefficient
      22
               cat__cnt_borr_4
                                    -2.261072
                                                       2.261072
      19
               cat__cnt_borr_1
                                     1.138494
                                                       1.138494
      35
          cat__occpy_prop_S_MH
                                    -1.010515
                                                       1.010515
      30
                                     0.973681
                                                       0.973681
          cat__occpy_prop_P_MH
                                    -0.782085
                                                       0.782085
      28
          cat__occpy_prop_P_CO
      0
                 num__fico_pow
                                    -0.681468
                                                       0.681468
      33
          cat__occpy_prop_S_CO
                                     0.677487
                                                       0.677487
               cat__cnt_borr_3
      21
                                                       0.519512
                                     0.519512
      31
          cat__occpy_prop_P_PU
                                    -0.509750
                                                       0.509750
      20
                                                       0.461866
               cat__cnt_borr_2
                                     0.461866
      29
          cat__occpy_prop_P_CP
                                     0.340647
                                                       0.340647
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10
        cat__occpy_sts_I
                             0.289216
                                                0.289216
32
    cat__occpy_prop_P_SF
                             -0.288186
                                                0.288186
18
     cat__loan_purpose_P
                             -0.280360
                                                0.280360
11
        cat__occpy_sts_P
                             -0.265693
                                                0.265693
41
                             -0.255735
                                                0.255735
       cat__prop_type_PU
5
       num__orig_upb_log
                             -0.250662
                                                0.250662
       cat__prop_type_CP
                             0.232051
                                                0.232051
39
8
        cat__flag_fthb_N
                             -0.227627
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    cat__occpy_prop_I_CO
24
                             0.226379
                                                0.226379
12
                             -0.217683
                                                0.217683
        cat__occpy_sts_S
36
    cat__occpy_prop_S_PU
                             0.214665
                                                0.214665
42
       cat__prop_type_SF
                             -0.168111
                                                0.168111
3
                num__dti
                             0.167049
                                                0.167049
7
            num__ltv_dti
                             0.143293
                                                0.143293
40
       cat__prop_type_MH
                             -0.124146
                                                0.124146
4
             num__int_rt
                             -0.123460
                                                0.123460
38
       cat__prop_type_CO
                             0.121781
                                                0.121781
          cat__channel_C
                                                0.115752
14
                             -0.115752
27
    cat__occpy_prop_I_SF
                             0.110800
                                                0.110800
34
                             -0.108596
                                                0.108596
    cat__occpy_prop_S_CP
1
             num__mi_pct
                             0.108096
                                                0.108096
6
                                                0.091631
     num__orig_loan_term
                             0.091631
25
    cat__occpy_prop_I_MH
                             -0.087313
                                                0.087313
16
     cat__loan_purpose_C
                             0.077948
                                                0.077948
2
                num__ltv
                                                0.074949
                              0.074949
15
          cat channel R
                             -0.055063
                                                0.055063
                             -0.052960
23
         cat__cnt_borr_5
                                                0.052960
26
                                                0.039350
    cat__occpy_prop_I_PU
                             0.039350
9
        cat__flag_fthb_Y
                              0.033467
                                                0.033467
13
          cat__channel_B
                             -0.023345
                                                0.023345
37
    cat__occpy_prop_S_SF
                                                0.009276
                              0.009276
     cat__loan_purpose_N
17
                              0.008252
                                                0.008252
```

4.2 XGBoost

```
preprocessor = ColumnTransformer(
    transformers=[
         ('cat', OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'), cat_cols)
    ],
    remainder='passthrough', # Pass numerical features unchanged
)
# Calculate scale_pos_weight for XGBoost
neg = len(y train[y train == 0])
pos = len(y_train[y_train == 1])
scale_pos_weight = neg / pos
print(f"scale_pos_weight: {scale_pos_weight:.2f}")
scale_pos_weight: 168.79
```

```
[20]: # 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 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', 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_params = {
    'subsample': 0.95,
    'n_estimators': 200,
    'max_depth': 2,
    'learning_rate': 0.15,
    'colsample_bytree': 1.0
}
# Best parameters
print("Best Parameters:", best_params)
Best Parameters: {'subsample': 0.95, 'n_estimators': 200, 'max_depth': 2,
'learning_rate': 0.15, 'colsample_bytree': 1.0}
```

Final Model Trained

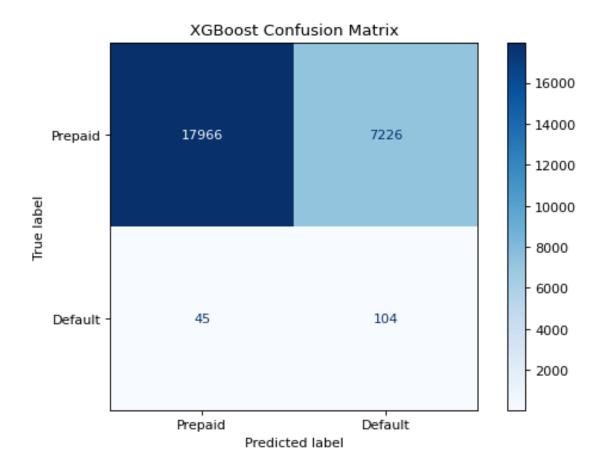
```
[22]: # Predictions
y_pred_xgb = final_model.predict(X_test)
y_proba_xgb = final_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]

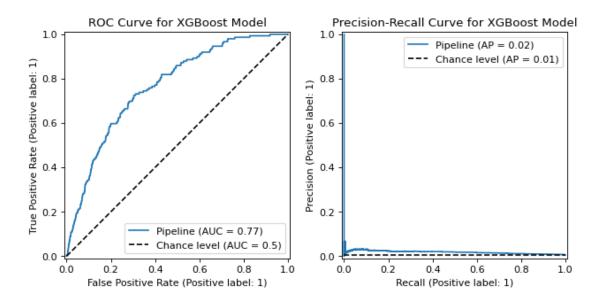
threshold = 0.45  # Adjust based on PR curve analysis
y_pred_xgb = (y_proba_xgb >= threshold).astype(int)
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_xgb))
# Performance metrics
print("XGBoost Performance:")
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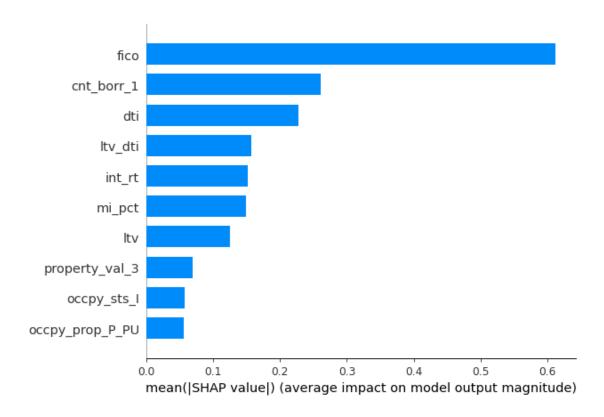
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1	1.00 0.01	0.71 0.70	0.83 0.03	25192 149
accuracy			0.71	25341
macro avg	0.51	0.71	0.43	25341
weighted avg	0.99	0.71	0.83	25341

XGBoost Performance:

- Accuracy: 0.71 - Precision: 0.01 - Recall: 0.70 - F1 Score: 0.03 - ROC-AUC: 0.77







Baseline vs XGBoost Comparison:

Metric	Baseline	XGBoost
Accuracy	0.67	0.71
Precision	0.01	0.01
Recall	0.65	0.70
F1 Score	0.02	0.03
ROC-AUC	0.72	0.77

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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