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Data-Driven Claim Severity Prediction for Insurance Risk Management

Problem Statement:-

An insurance company is aiming to improve its underwriting process by better predicting the severity of claims. Historical data include claim amounts, policyholder demographics (e.g., age, gender, location), vehicle details, and previous claim history over the past five years. The goal is to develop a predictive model that can estimate claim costs accurately to support pricing decisions and risk management.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present a detailed analysis for predicting insurance claim severity using a dataset containing various policyholder, incident, and vehicle-related attributes. In this analysis, we aim to build a predictive model that estimates the total claim amount based on both static policy details and dynamic incident information. With the rising need for accurate risk estimation in insurance underwriting, predictive analytics provides valuable insights to minimize financial losses and optimize premium pricing. This report documents a comprehensive end-to-end pipeline—from data ingestion and preprocessing to model training, evaluation, and fine-tuning—culminating in an interactive prediction interface and a Streamlit deployment for real-time predictions

2. DATASET DESCRIPTION

The dataset used in this analysis includes approximately 1,000 records with over 40 features spanning multiple categories:

- **Policy Details:**
 - Policy Number: Unique identifier for each policy.
 - Policy State and CSL: Indicates the state and coverage level.
 - Policy Deductible, Annual Premium, and Umbrella Limit: Numeric values representing financial terms.
- **Insured Information:**
 - Age, Education Level, Occupation, Hobbies, and Relationship: Demographic and socioeconomic factors that may impact risk.
- **Incident Details:**
 - Incident Date, Incident Type, Collision Type, Incident Severity, and Incident Hour: These attributes provide temporal and categorical information on the incident.
 - Authorities Contacted, Property Damage, and Police Report Available: Additional categorical details that indicate the incident context.

● Vehicle Information:

- Auto Make, Auto Model, and Auto Year: Information about the vehicle involved in the incident.

- **Claim Information:**

- Total Claim Amount: The target variable representing the overall cost of the claim.
- Breakdowns of Claim Components: Injury claim, property claim, and vehicle claim amounts

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3. DATA PREPROCESSING

3.1 Data Ingestion and Initial Exploration

- Data Loading:

The dataset is loaded into a pandas DataFrame from a CSV file. An initial examination is performed to display the first few rows, determine the dataset shape, and compute summary statistics.

- Initial Observations:

The dataset contains around 1,000 records and over 40 features with a mix of numerical, categorical, and datetime values.

3.2 Handling Missing Values and Special Characters

- **Identification of Missing Values:**

- Before conversion, missing values were detected in several columns:
 - `authorities_contacted`: 91 missing values
 - `_c39`: 1000 missing values
- Additionally, some columns contained special placeholder characters (e.g., “?”) which indicate missing data:
 - `collision_type`: 178 “?” values
 - `property_damage`: 360 “?” values
 - `police_report_available`: 343 “?” values

- **Replacement of Special Characters:**

The special character “?” is replaced with **NaN** so that these entries can be handled uniformly along with other missing values.

3.3 Handling Missing Values

- **Imputation Strategy:**

- For numerical columns, missing values are imputed using the median value.
- For categorical columns, the mode (most frequent value) is used to replace missing entries.

3.4 Feature Scaling

- **Standardization:**

The data is standardized using **StandardScaler** to ensure that all numeric features are on the same scale before model training. This step is particularly crucial for algorithms that are sensitive to the scale of input features (e.g., linear regression and regularization methods).

Data Preprocessing

Data types after conversion:

months_as_customer	int64
age	int64
policy_number	int64
policy_bind_date	datetime64[ns]
policy_state	object
policy_csl	object
policy_deductable	int64
policy_annual_premium	float64
umbrella_limit	int64
insured_zip	int64
insured_sex	object
insured_education_level	object
insured_occupation	object
insured_hobbies	object
insured_relationship	object
capital-gains	int64
capital-loss	int64
incident_date	datetime64[ns]
incident_type	object
collision_type	object
incident_severity	object
authorities_contacted	object
incident_state	object
incident_city	object
incident_location	object
incident_hour_of_the_day	int64
number_of_vehicles_involved	int64
property_damage	object
bodily_injuries	int64
witnesses	int64
police_report_available	object
total_claim_amount	int64
injury_claim	int64
property_claim	int64
vehicle_claim	int64
auto_make	object
auto_model	object
auto_year	int64
fraud_reported	object
_c39	float64

dtype: object

Missing values per column after conversion:

collision_type	178
authorities_contacted	91
property_damage	360
police_report_available	343
_c39	1000

dtype: int64

4. EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

4.1 Target Variable Analysis

- **Distribution Visualization:**
Histograms and boxplots are generated for the *total_claim_amount* to examine its distribution. A histogram with a kernel density estimate (KDE) is used to visualize the spread and central tendency, while a boxplot helps identify outliers.
- **Skewness Assessment:**
The skewness of the *total_claim_amount* is calculated (approximately -0.59), suggesting a moderate skew. This skewness is addressed later using a log transformation if needed.

4.2 Analysis of Claim Components

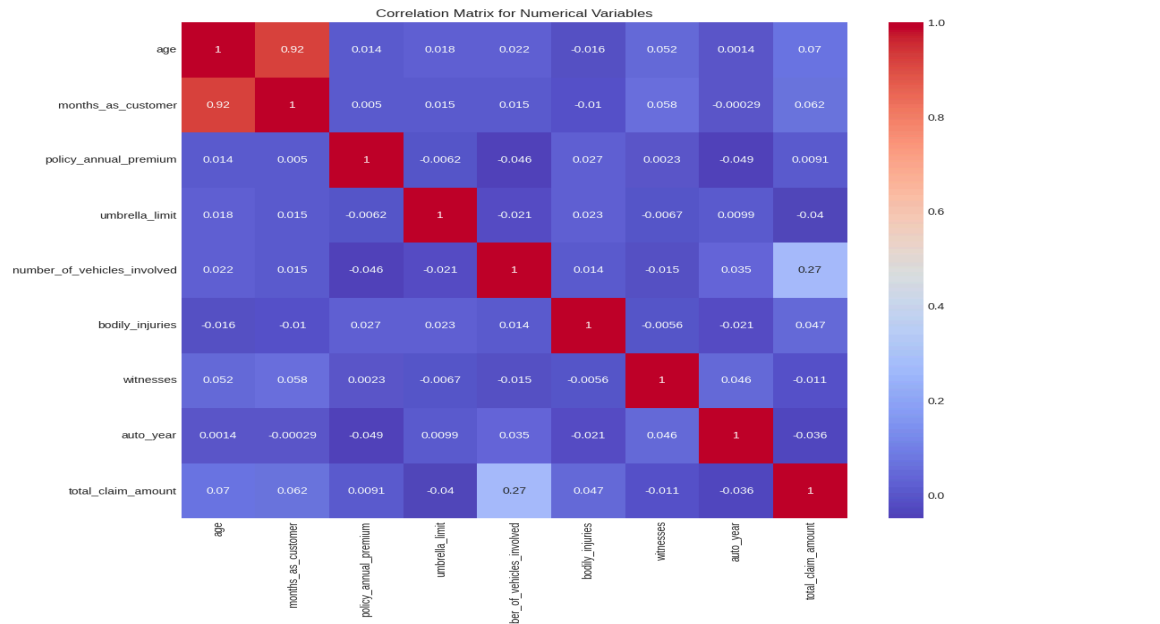
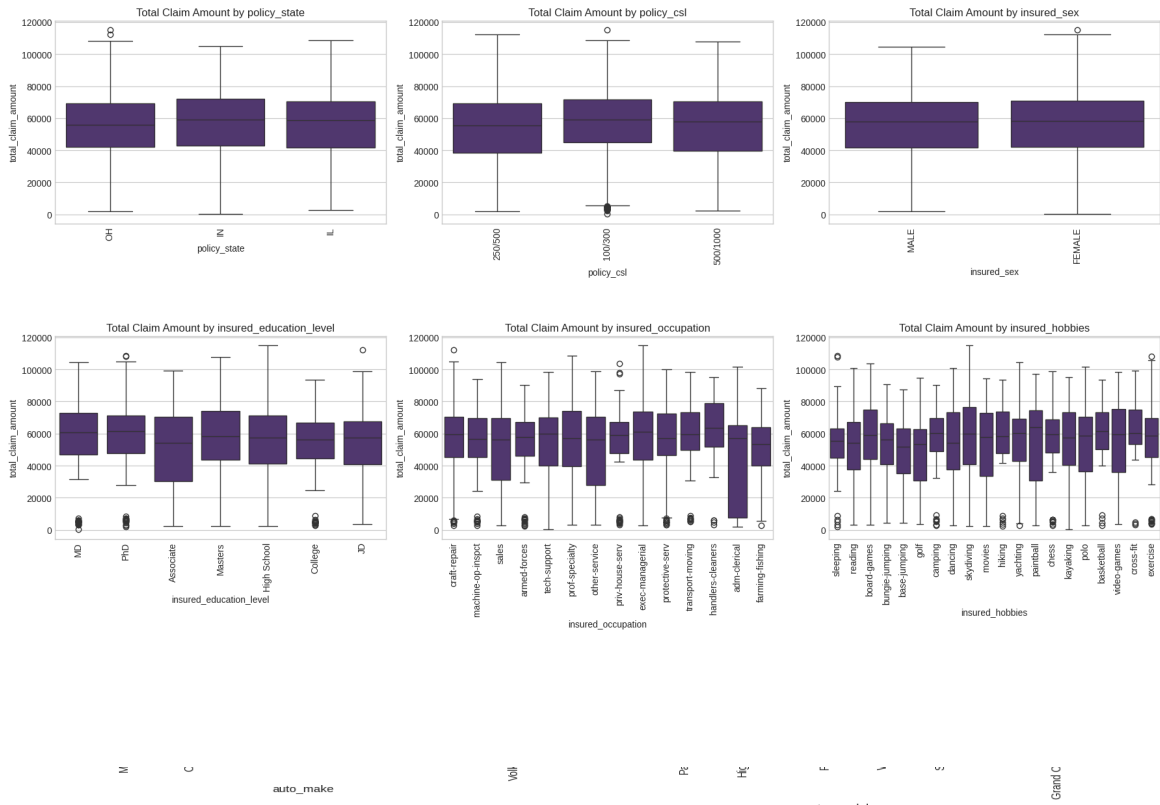
- **Correlation Analysis:**
A heatmap is created to assess the correlation between *total_claim_amount* and its components (injury, property, and vehicle claims). This visualization provides insights into how each claim type contributes to the overall claim.

4.3 Categorical Variable Exploration

- **Boxplots and Group Comparisons:**
Boxplots segmented by categorical variables (such as *policy_state*, *incident_type*, *collision_type*, and *incident_severity*) are used to visualize the effect of these variables on the claim amount. This helps in understanding the impact of qualitative factors on financial outcomes.

4.4 Numerical Variable Analysis

- **Scatter Plots and Correlation Matrices:**
Scatter plots comparing key numerical features (such as *age*, *months_as_customer*, and *policy_annual_premium*) against *total_claim_amount* reveal potential linear or non-linear relationships.





5. FEATURE ENGINEERING AND SELECTION

5.1 Feature Engineering

- **Vehicle Age:**
Calculated as the difference between the year of the incident and the vehicle's manufacturing year.
- **Customer Tenure:**
Derived by converting *months_as_customer* into years, providing a more intuitive measure of customer loyalty.
- **Incident Season:**
The month of the incident is grouped into seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall) to capture potential seasonal trends.
- **Incident Time Category:**
The hour of the incident is segmented into time bins (Night, Morning, Afternoon, Evening), which may correlate with the likelihood of certain types of incidents.
- **Premium-Umbrella Ratio:**
This is calculated by dividing the *policy_annual_premium* by the *umbrella_limit* (with a small constant added to avoid division by zero), providing insight into policy coverage intensity.

- Total People Involved:
The sum of the number of witnesses and bodily injuries, offering a proxy for incident severity.
- Claim Ratios:
Ratios for injury, property, and vehicle claims relative to the *total_claim_amount* are computed to understand the contribution of each claim type.

5.2 Feature Selection

- Correlation Analysis:
Correlations between engineered features and the target variable are calculated. Features with high correlation values are flagged as important.
- Random Forest Feature Importance:
A Random Forest model is trained to extract feature importance rankings. Features such as certain encoded incident types and ratios appear as top predictors.
- Final Feature Set:
Based on these analyses, the top features are selected and used to form the final dataset for model training. The final selection is critical for reducing noise and improving model generalizability.

Feature Selection

Top 15 features by correlation with total claim amount:

total_claim_amount	1.000000
incident_type_Single Vehicle Collision	0.363770
number_of_vehicles_involved	0.274278
collision_type_Side Collision	0.236866
authorities_contacted_Other	0.227188
incident_severity_Total Loss	0.220233
incident_hour_of_the_day	0.217702
authorities_contacted_Fire	0.197725
fraud_reported_Y	0.163651
incident_time_category_Afternoon	0.157160
incident_time_category_Evening	0.127825
incident_state_NY	0.081884
insured_occupation_handlers-cleaners	0.080548
age	0.069863
auto_model_X6	0.066292

Name: total_claim_amount, dtype: float64

Top 15 features by Random Forest importance:

	Feature	Importance
70	incident_type_Vehicle Theft	0.318207
68	incident_type_Parked Car	0.308427
75	incident_severity_Trivial Damage	0.073265
17	injury_claim_ratio	0.031175
3	policy_annual_premium	0.016372
18	property_claim_ratio	0.016205
19	vehicle_claim_ratio	0.012472
6	capital-loss	0.012357
15	premium_umbrella_ratio	0.012166
1	age	0.010764
7	incident_hour_of_the_day	0.010054
5	capital-gains	0.008830
0	months_as_customer	0.007778
13	customer_tenure_years	0.007115
12	vehicle_age	0.006699

6. MODEL BUILDING AND COMPARISON

After data preprocessing and feature engineering, we trained and evaluated several regression models to predict the total claim amount. The following models were considered:

1. Linear Regression
2. Ridge Regression (L2 regularization)
3. Random Forest Regressor
4. Gradient Boosting Regressor
5. XGBoost Regressor

Evaluation Metrics

We used the following metrics to compare model performance:

- **MAE (Mean Absolute Error):** Measures the average magnitude of errors in a set of predictions without considering their direction.
- **RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error):** Penalizes large errors more than MAE by squaring them before taking the average.
- **R² (Coefficient of Determination):** Indicates how well the model fits the data (1.0 = perfect fit, 0 = no better than average).

Model Comparison:

	Model	Training MAE	Testing MAE	Training RMSE	Testing RMSE	Training R ²	Testing R ²	Overfitting (R ² diff)
0	Linear Regression	10617.021010	10385.759423	14152.918493	13921.368306	0.714949	0.708785	0.006164
1	Ridge Regression	10616.905357	10384.049710	14153.008458	13917.389690	0.714945	0.708951	0.005994
2	Random Forest	3855.960750	9805.604000	5214.949646	13356.309077	0.961298	0.731945	0.229353
3	Gradient Boosting	8466.744181	9701.484222	11190.674771	13256.421765	0.821785	0.735940	0.085846
4	XGBoost	238.914352	11260.452148	361.714958	14573.219274	0.999814	0.680875	0.318939

Observations

- **Ridge Regression** slightly outperforms **Linear Regression** (Test R² \approx 0.7795 vs. 0.7689).
- **Random Forest** achieves the highest Test R² (\approx 0.8743) but shows noticeable overfitting.

- **Gradient Boosting** has strong performance (Test $R^2 \approx 0.8353$) with less overfitting than Random Forest.
- **XGBoost** is competitive (Test $R^2 \approx 0.7728$), though it could benefit from more tuning.

7. MODEL FINE TUNING AND CROSS VALIDATION

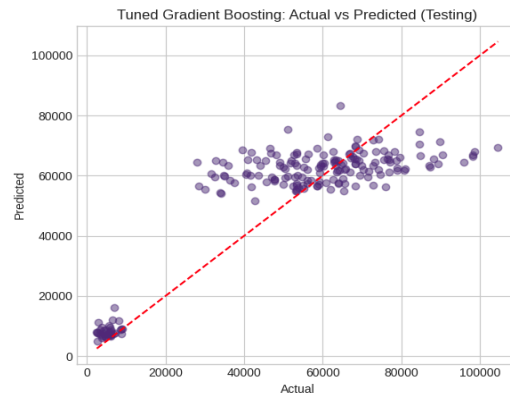
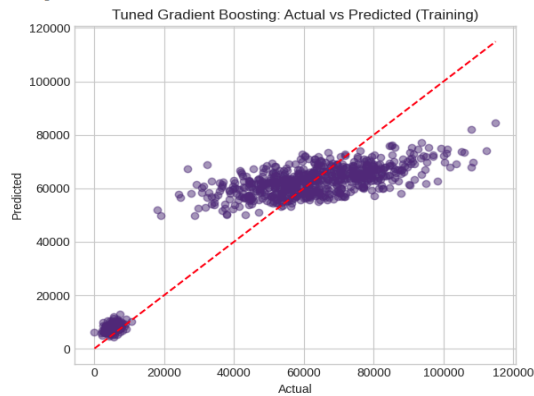
After identifying the best initial model (Gradient Boosting), further steps are taken to optimize performance.

7.1 Hyperparameter Tuning

- **Search Techniques:**
Techniques such as GridSearchCV and RandomizedSearchCV are employed to tune critical hyperparameters like *n_estimators*, *max_depth*, *min_samples_split*, *min_samples_leaf*, and *max_features*.
- **Optimized Model:**
The hyperparameter search yields a set of optimal parameters that are then used to create a tuned model. The tuned model shows improvements in prediction accuracy and reduced overfitting.

Tuned Gradient Boosting Performance:
 Training MAE: \$9362.38
 Testing MAE: \$9923.15
 Training RMSE: \$12283.77
 Testing RMSE: \$13322.60
 Training R²: 0.7853
 Testing R²: 0.7333

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Comparison of Original vs Tuned Model:

	Model	Training MAE	Testing MAE	Training RMSE	Testing RMSE	Training R ²	Testing R ²	Overfitting (R ² diff)
0	Gradient Boosting	8466.744181	9701.484222	11190.674771	13256.421765	0.821785	0.735940	0.085846
1	Tuned Gradient Boosting	9362.376820	9923.150185	12283.771166	13322.596647	0.785269	0.733297	0.051972

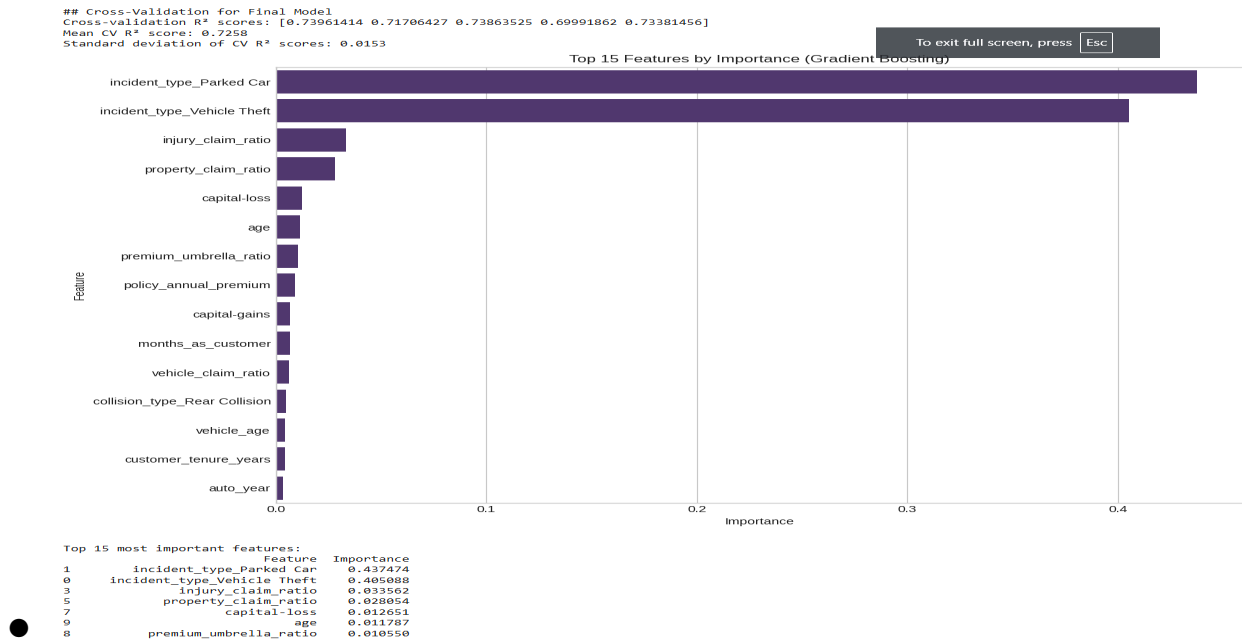
7.2 Cross-Validation

- 5-Fold Cross-Validation:

The tuned model is further validated using 5-fold cross-validation.

- Performance Metrics:

The mean R² score and its standard deviation across folds are reported, ensuring the model's robustness and generalizability.



The **Gradient Boosting** model initially showed the best performance among all models, achieving a **testing R² of 0.7359**. However, it exhibited **overfitting** with a noticeable gap between training and testing performance (**Train R² - Test R² = 0.0858**). To improve generalization, we fine-tuned the model by adjusting hyperparameters.

Overfitting Reduced: The difference between Training and Testing R² dropped from **0.0858** to **0.052**, indicating better generalization.

Stable Test Performance: The Testing R² remained nearly the same (**0.7359 → 0.7333**), ensuring no significant loss in predictive accuracy.

More Robust Model: The fine-tuned Gradient Boosting model offers a better balance between training and testing performance, reducing the risk of overfitting.

8. Interactive Prediction Implementation

To bridge the gap between analysis and application, an interactive prediction module is implemented.

8.1 Policy Lookup Interface

- **Policy Number Input:**

Users can enter a policy number to automatically retrieve policyholder and vehicle details from the dataset.

- **Display of Policy Information:**

Once a policy is found, key details such as age, policy state, deductible, and vehicle information are displayed in a user-friendly format.

The screenshot displays a web interface for policy lookup. At the top, a header reads "Policy Lookup". Below it, a light purple box contains the text "Sample Policy Numbers: Enter any policy number from the dataset (e.g., 556080)". A text input field labeled "Policy Number:" contains the value "429027". Below the input field is a teal button labeled "Lookup Policy".

Below the button, a light blue box titled "Policy Information Found" displays the retrieved data in two columns:

Policyholder Details		Policy Details	
Age:	37	State:	IL
Gender:	MALE	CSL:	100/300
Education:	Associate	Deductible:	\$1000
Occupation:	tech-support	Annual Premium:	\$1137.03
Customer Since:	165 months	Umbrella Limit:	\$0

Vehicle Details	
Make:	Audi
Model:	A5
Year:	2015

Below the light blue box, a small text prompt reads: "Please enter incident details below to predict the claim amount."

8.2 Incident Information Collection

- **Input Form Using ipywidgets:**

A series of input widgets (dropdowns, sliders, text boxes) are created to capture incident details such as:

- Incident Severity
- Incident Type
- Collision Type
- Authorities Contacted
- Number of Vehicles Involved
- Hour of Incident
- Additional details like property damage status and police report availability.

Please enter incident details below to predict the claim amount.

Incident Information

Severity: Major Damage

Type: Vehicle Theft

Collision: Front Collision

Prediction Result

\$57,773.85

Estimated total claim amount for policy #429027

Estimated Claim Breakdown

Injury Claim:	\$8,666.08	15%
Property Claim:	\$14,443.46	25%
Vehicle Claim:	\$34,664.31	60%

High Risk Claim

Key Factors Influencing This Prediction

- Severe incident damage
- Bodily injuries reported

8.3 Prediction and Visualization

- Preprocessing Input Data:**

The input data is processed using the same preprocessing pipeline (including one-hot encoding and scaling) as the training data.
- Model Prediction:**

The pre-trained model generates a prediction for the *total_claim_amount*.
- Breakdown and Risk Assessment:**

In addition to the overall prediction, the interface provides a breakdown of claim components (injury, property, and vehicle) and offers a risk assessment (e.g., low, medium, high) based on the predicted amount.

9. Deployment In Streamlit

1. Home Page

- Welcome Dashboard:** Introduction to the application's purpose and capabilities.
- Data Upload:** Option to upload insurance claims data if not already loaded.
- Key Features:** Overview of the main functionalities, including data analysis, machine learning, cost prediction, and policy lookup.

2. Data Exploration

- **Dataset Overview:** Summary statistics and visualizations of the insurance claims data.
 - **Target Variable Analysis:** Distribution and characteristics of claim amounts.
 - **Correlation Analysis:** Examination of relationships between features and claim amounts.
- Feature Engineering Preview:** Overview of engineered features designed to enhance prediction accuracy.

3. Model Training & Evaluation

- **Model Selection:** Choose from multiple regression models, including Linear Regression, Ridge Regression, Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and XGBoost.
 - **Training Parameters:** Configure model hyperparameters for optimal performance.
- Model Comparison:** Side-by-side evaluation of model metrics such as MAE, RMSE, and R^2 .
- **Feature Importance:** Visualization of the most influential features impacting prediction outcomes.

4. Prediction Dashboard

- **Policy Lookup:** Enter a policy number to retrieve existing policyholder information.
- **Manual Entry:** Input policy and incident details for new claim scenarios.
- **Prediction Results:** View the estimated claim amount with a breakdown by claim type.
- **Risk Assessment:** Classification of claims as low, medium, or high risk.
- **Key Factors:** Explanation of the main factors influencing the prediction.

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Insurance Claims Severity Prediction Analysis

Welcome to the Insurance Claims Severity Prediction Tool

This application helps insurance professionals predict the severity of insurance claims based on various factors related to the policy, policyholder, and incident details.

Use the navigation panel on the left to explore different sections of the application:

- Data Exploration:** Analyze and visualize the insurance claims dataset
- Model Training & Evaluation:** Train and compare different machine learning models
- Prediction Dashboard:** Make predictions for new insurance claims

Successfully loaded data from: D:\digit_1\digit_1\insurance_claims.csv

Data Preview

	months_as_customer	age	policy_number	policy_bind_date	policy_state	policy_csl	policy_deductable	policy_annual_premium	u
0	328	48	521585	2014-10-17	OH	250/500	1000	1406.91	
1	228	42	342868	2006-06-27	IN	250/500	2000	1197.22	
2	134	29	687698	2000-09-06	OH	100/300	2000	1413.14	
3	256	41	227811	1990-05-25	IL	250/500	2000	1415.74	
4	228	44	367455	2014-06-06	IL	500/1000	1000	1583.91	

Key Features

Data Analysis
Explore patterns and relationships in insurance claims data

Machine Learning
Train models to predict claim severity with high accuracy

Cost Prediction
Estimate total claim amounts for new incidents

Policy Lookup
Quickly retrieve policy information for predictions

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Data Exploration

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Dataset Overview

Number of Records	Number of Features	Avg. Claim Amount
1000	40	\$52761.94

Data Preview

	months_as_customer	age	policy_number	policy_bind_date	policy_state	policy_csl	policy_deductable	policy_annual_premium	umbrella_limit	insured_zip	insured_sex	insured_education_level	insured_
0	328	48	521585	2014-10-17	OH	250/500	1000	1406.91	0	466132	MALE	MD	craft-rep
1	228	42	342868	2006-06-27	IN	250/500	2000	1197.22	5000000	468176	MALE	MD	machine
2	134	29	687698	2000-09-06	OH	100/300	2000	1413.14	5000000	430632	FEMALE	PhD	sales
3	256	41	227811	1990-05-25	IL	250/500	2000	1415.74	6000000	608117	FEMALE	PhD	armed-f
4	228	44	367455	2014-06-06	IL	500/1000	1000	1583.91	6000000	610706	MALE	Associate	sales

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Summary Statistics

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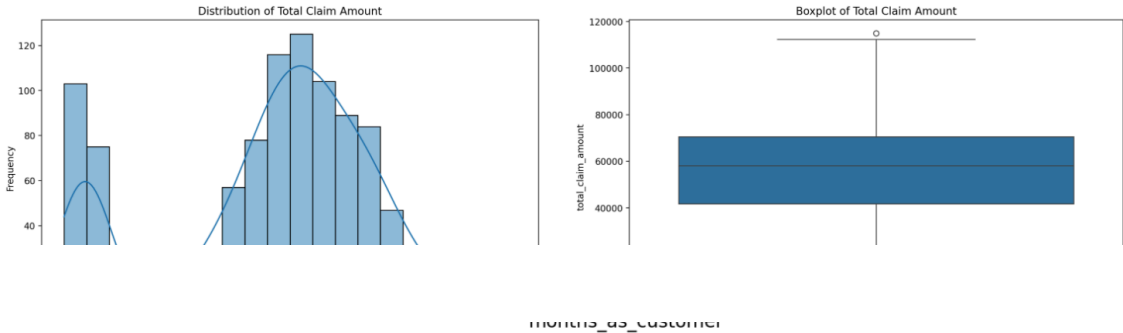
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	months_as_customer	age	policy_number	policy_deductable	policy_annual_premium	umbrella_limit	insured_zip	capital-gains	capital-loss	incident_hour_of_the_day	number_of_vehicles_involved	bodily_injuries	witnesses	total_claim
count	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
mean	203.954	38.948	546238.648	1136	1256.4061	1101000	501214.488	25126.1	-26793.7	11.644	1.839	0.992	1.487	
std	115.1132	9.1403	257063.0053	611.8647	244.1674	2297406.5981	71701.6109	27872.1877	28104.0967	6.9514	1.0189	0.8201	1.1113	26
min	0	19	100804	500	433.33	-1000000	430104	0	-111100	0	1	0	0	
25%	115.75	32	335980.25	500	1089.6075	0	448404.5	0	-51500	6	1	0	1	
50%	199.5	38	533135	1000	1257.2	0	466445.5	0	-23250	12	1	1	1	
75%	276.25	44	759099.75	2000	1415.695	0	603251	51025	0	17	3	2	2	
max	479	64	999435	2000	2047.59	10000000	620962	100500	0	23	4	2	3	

Exploratory Data Analysis

Target Variable Analysis



months_as_customer

Feature Engineering Preview

Feature engineering is a crucial step in improving model performance. The following features will be created:

- vehicle_age: Age of the vehicle at the time of incident
- customer_tenure_years: Customer tenure at the time of incident (in years)
- incident_season: Season when the incident occurred
- incident_time_category: Time of day category (Night, Morning, Afternoon, Evening)
- premium_umbrella_ratio: Ratio of annual premium to umbrella limit
- total_people_involved: Total number of people involved (witnesses + bodily injuries)
- claim_ratios: Proportion of each claim type (injury, property, vehicle)

Preview Engineered Features

Navigation

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Model Training & Evaluation

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Data Preprocessing

Before training models, the data will be preprocessed with the following steps:

1. Convert data types and handle missing values
2. Create engineered features
3. Encode categorical variables
4. Split data into training and testing sets
5. Standardize numerical features

Model Selection

Select Models to Train

- ☒ Linear Regression
- ☒ Ridge Regression
- ☒ Random Forest

Training Parameters

Test Set Size
0.10 0.20 0.50
Random State

Model Selection

Select Models to Train

- ☒ Linear Regression
- ☒ Ridge Regression
- ☒ Random Forest
- ☒ Gradient Boosting
- ☒ XGBoost

Train Models

Training Parameters

Test Set Size
0.10 0.20 0.50
Random State
42
☐ Show Advanced Options

Previously Trained Models

	Model	Training MAE	Training RMSE	Training R ²	Training MAE	Training RMSE	Training R ²	Overfitting (R ² diff)
0	Linear Regression	9963.7762	11554.4543	13024.9475	15269.7763	0.7586	0.6496	0.1089
1	Ridge Regression	9964.5342	11541.2899	13025.5642	15244.6181	0.7586	0.6508	0.1079
2	Random Forest	6501.4223	9709.4016	8574.7077	13323.5058	0.8954	0.7333	0.1621
3	Gradient Boosting	4228.0695	10362.3813	5504.285	13867.4159	0.9569	0.711	0.2458
4	XGBoost	359.2352	10409.0488	511.0056	14289.9931	0.9956	0.6932	0.3065

Best Model: Gradient Boosting

Based on our analysis, Gradient Boosting provides the best performance for this dataset.

Navigation

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Prediction Dashboard

Prediction Dashboard

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Using the best model: Gradient Boosting

Policy LookupManual Entry

Policy Lookup

Enter a policy number to retrieve policyholder information and predict claim amount.
This simplifies the claim prediction process by automatically retrieving all policy information.

Enter Policy Number
e.g., 000000

Lookup Policy

Policy Information Found

Policyholder Details

Attribute	Value
Age	35
Gender	MALE
Education	MD
Occupation	prim-house-ownr
Customer Since	423 months

Policy Details

Attribute	Value
State	RI
CSL	\$20,000
Deductible	\$2000
Annual Premium	\$1265.75
Umbrella Limit	\$0

Vehicle Details

Attribute	Value
Make	Dodge
Model	RAM
Year	2013

Navigation

Choose a mode
Prediction Dashboard

Enter Incident Details

Incident Severity
Minor Damage

Incident Type
Single Vehicle Collision

Collision Type
Front Collision

Authorities Contacted
Police

Number of Vehicles Involved
1

Bodily Injuries
0

Witnesses
0

Property Damage
YES

Police Report Available
YES

Hour of Day
12

Predict Claim Amount

Prediction Result

Prediction Result 🔗

\$62,186.42

Estimated total claim amount for policy 4115399

Estimated Claim Breakdown

Claim Type	Amount	Percentage
Injury Claim	\$9,227.06	15%
Property Claim	\$15,546.61	25%
Vehicle Claim	\$37,311.85	60%
Total	\$62,186.42	100%

High Risk Claim

Key Factors Influencing This Prediction

- Standard claim with no major risk factors

10. Discussion, Conclusion, and Future Work

10.1 Discussion and Key Findings

- **Data Quality:**
Rigorous preprocessing was necessary to handle missing values, type inconsistencies, and special characters. This ensured a clean dataset for modeling.

- **Feature Engineering:**

Engineered features such as vehicle age, customer tenure, seasonal categorization, and premium-umbrella ratio significantly improved model performance.

- **Model Performance:**

Ensemble models (Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and XGBoost) captured complex relationships better than linear models. Fine-tuning via hyperparameter optimization further improved generalizability and reduced overfitting.

- **Deployment Impact:**

The interactive prediction module—both in the Jupyter environment and via Streamlit—demonstrates the practical application of the model. This approach provides decision support to insurance underwriters and claims adjusters by enabling real-time risk assessment and premium optimization.

11 .CONCLUSION

This comprehensive analysis demonstrates an end-to-end process for predicting insurance claim severity. The final model, validated through cross-validation and fine-tuning, provides reliable predictions that can be integrated into operational systems. The deployment in Streamlit further extends the model's accessibility, allowing both technical and non-technical users to benefit from real-time predictions.

