

## 1.0. Business Understanding

#### **Overview**

The global telecommunications industry is known for intense competition and unpredictable business conditions, making it challenging for less resilient companies. Customer retention fluctuates dramatically due to factors such as economic downturns, rising costs, competitive alternatives, rapid technological advancements, globalization, government intervention, and various other influences.

#### **Problem Statement**

Syria Telecommunications is grappling with the same challenges as other major telecom companies, but possibly at a more severe level. While the industry standard churn rate falls between 5% and 7%, Syria Telecommunications has seen its churn rate spike to nearly 15% at the time of data collection. In response, the company's management has tasked the Data Science Department with the responsibility of gathering, cleaning, and analyzing data to uncover the reasons behind this alarming rate and to propose practical solutions to address the issue.

### **Business Problem**

Despite the potential for booming profits and increased market share, Syria Telecommunications is experiencing a decline in customer retention. This downward trend threatens to steer the company away from its business objectives and hinder its growth.

### **Objectives**

To identify factors leading to increased churn rates

To create a classification model that predicts whether a customer will churn with a recall of over 80%

To give customer retention recommendations

## 2.0 Data understanding

The data was sourced from Kaggle.

There are 3333 records and 21 features in the data.

Associated columns included are:

State: The location of the customer.

Account Length: The number of days the account was held by the customer.

Area Code: The area code of the customer.

Phone Number: Phone number assigned to the user.

International Plan: Indicator of whether the customer has an international plan.

Voice Mail Plan: Indicator of whether the customer has a voicemail plan.

Number Vmail Messages: Number of voicemails sent.

Total Day Minutes: Number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the day.

Total Day Calls: Total calls made during the day.

Total Day Charge: Billed charge to the customer for all day calls.

Total Eve Minutes: Number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the evening

Total Eve Calls: Total calls made during the evening.

Total Eve Charge: Billed charge to the customer for all evening calls.

Total Night Minutes: Number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the night.

Total Night Calls: Total calls made during the night.

Total Night Charge: Billed charge to the customer for all night calls.

Total Intl Minutes: Total number minutes on international calls.

Total Intl Calls: Total internation calls made.

Total Intl Charge: Billed charge to the customer for all international calls.

Customer Service Calls: Number of calls made to customer service.

Churn: Indication of whether the customer terminated their contract.

## 3.0 Data Preparation

We explore the data by understanding aspects of the data - including, loading the data, identifying the shape, features and data types, and

understanding the summary statistics.

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In [3]:
         # Data Exploration
          import pandas as pd
          import numpy as np
          import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          import seaborn as sns
          # Preprocessing and Metric Evaluation
          from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, OneHotEncoder, StandardScaler
          from sklearn.metrics import recall_score, accuracy_score
          \textbf{from} \ \ \text{sklearn.model\_selection} \ \ \textbf{import} \ \ \text{train\_test\_split}, \ \ \text{cross\_val\_score}, \ \ \text{GridSearchCV}
          from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
          # Models
          from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
          from sklearn.dummy import DummyClassifier
          \textbf{from} \  \, \textbf{sklearn.tree} \  \, \textbf{import} \  \, \textbf{DecisionTreeClassifier}
          from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
          from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier, RandomForestClassifier
          #import xgboost as xb
In [4]:
          class DataPreparation():
              This class takes a dataframe and returns some basic information.
              Consider making this ONE METHOD that returns everything.
              def __init__(self, data):
                  self.data = data
              def read_head(self):
                  """Returns the first 5 rows"""
                  return self.data.head()
              def read_columns(self):
                  """Returns the columns of the DataFrame"""
                  return self.data.columns
              def read_info(self):
                  """Returns the features, datatypes and non-null count"""
                  return self.data.info()
              def read_describe(self):
                   """Returns the statistical summary of the dataset"""
                  return self.data.describe()
              def read_shape(self):
                  """Returns the number of rows and columns"""
                  return self.data.shape
              def read_corr(self):
                  """Returns a correlation dataframe"""
                  return self.data.corr()
              def read_corr_wrt_target(self, target='churn'):
                  """Returns a Series containing the correlation of features with respect to target"""
                  return self.data.corr()[target].sort_values(ascending=False)
              def read_multicollinearity(self, target='churn'):
                  """Returns a correlation dataframe without the target"""
                  return self.data.corr().iloc[0:-1, 0:-1]
              def read_na(self):
                  """Returns the sum of all null values per feature"""
                  return self.data.isna().sum()
              def read_duplicated(self):
                  """Returns the sum of all duplicated records"""
                  return self.data.duplicated().sum()
In [5]:
          # The data in DataFrame
          df = pd.read_csv('bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv')
In [6]:
          # A data preparation Object Instatiated
          dp = DataPreparation(data=df)
          # First 5 lines of the DataFrame
          dp.read_head()
Out
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5 rows × 21 columns

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dp.read_columns()
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                  'international plan', 'voice mail plan', 'number vmail messages', 'total day minutes', 'total day calls', 'total day charge', 'total eve minutes', 'total eve calls', 'total eve charge',
                  'total night minutes', 'total night calls', 'total night charge',
                  'total intl minutes', 'total intl calls', 'total intl charge',
                  'customer service calls', 'churn'],
                 dtype='object')
 In [8]:
           # Explore features and their datatypes
           dp.read_info()
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           # Explore the statistical summary
           dp.read_describe()
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           # Explore any correlations
           dp.read_corr()
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	total intl calls	0.020661	-0.024179	0.013957	0.008033	0.004574	0.008032	0.002541	0.017434	0.002541	-0.012353	0.000305	-0.012329
	total intl charge	0.009546	-0.018395	0.002884	-0.010092	0.021666	-0.010094	-0.011067	0.008674	-0.011074	-0.015180	-0.013630	-0.015186
	customer service calls	-0.003796	0.027572	-0.013263	-0.013423	-0.018942	-0.013427	-0.012985	0.002423	-0.012987	-0.009288	-0.012802	-0.009277
	churn	0.016541	0.006174	-0.089728	0.205151	0.018459	0.205151	0.092796	0.009233	0.092786	0.035493	0.006141	0.035496
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In [11]:	<pre># Investigating feature correlation within themselves dp.read_multicollinearity()</pre>												

Out[11]:

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total day minutes	0.006216	-0.008264	0.000778	1.000000	0.006750	1.000000	0.007043	0.015769	0.007029	0.004323	0.022972	0.004300
total day calls	0.038470	-0.009646	-0.009548	0.006750	1.000000	0.006753	-0.021451	0.006462	-0.021449	0.022938	-0.019557	0.022927
total day charge	0.006214	-0.008264	0.000776	1.000000	0.006753	1.000000	0.007050	0.015769	0.007036	0.004324	0.022972	0.00430
total eve minutes	-0.006757	0.003580	0.017562	0.007043	-0.021451	0.007050	1.000000	-0.011430	1.000000	-0.012584	0.007586	-0.01259:
total eve calls	0.019260	-0.011886	-0.005864	0.015769	0.006462	0.015769	-0.011430	1.000000	-0.011423	-0.002093	0.007710	-0.002056
total eve charge	-0.006745	0.003607	0.017578	0.007029	-0.021449	0.007036	1.000000	-0.011423	1.000000	-0.012592	0.007596	-0.01260°
total night minutes	-0.008955	-0.005825	0.007681	0.004323	0.022938	0.004324	-0.012584	-0.002093	-0.012592	1.000000	0.011204	0.999999
total night calls	-0.013176	0.016522	0.007123	0.022972	-0.019557	0.022972	0.007586	0.007710	0.007596	0.011204	1.000000	0.01118{
total night charge	-0.008960	-0.005845	0.007663	0.004300	0.022927	0.004301	-0.012593	-0.002056	-0.012601	0.999999	0.011188	1.000000
total intl minutes	0.009514	-0.018288	0.002856	-0.010155	0.021565	-0.010157	-0.011035	0.008703	-0.011043	-0.015207	-0.013605	-0.015214
total intl calls	0.020661	-0.024179	0.013957	0.008033	0.004574	0.008032	0.002541	0.017434	0.002541	-0.012353	0.000305	-0.012329
total intl charge	0.009546	-0.018395	0.002884	-0.010092	0.021666	-0.010094	-0.011067	0.008674	-0.011074	-0.015180	-0.013630	-0.015186
customer service calls	-0.003796	0.027572	-0.013263	-0.013423	-0.018942	-0.013427	-0.012985	0.002423	-0.012987	-0.009288	-0.012802	-0.009277

## 4.0 Data Cleaning

## **Missing Values**

```
In [12]: # Find the number of missing values
dp.read_na()

Out[12]: state 0
account length 0
area code 0
phone number 0
international plan 0
voice mail plan 0
number vmail messages 0
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total day minutes

total day calls

total day charge

total eve minutes

total eve calls

total eve charge

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churn

dtype: int64
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### **Duplicates**

```
In [13]: # Check for Duplicates
    dp.read_duplicated()
Out[13]: 0
```

## Conversion of feature datatypes

Convert the area code into a Categorical Dtype using pandas pd.Categorical

```
In [14]: # Conversion of the 'area code' into a Categorical dtype
    df['area code'] = pd.Categorical(df['area code'])
    df['area code'].dtype
Out[14]: CategoricalDtype(categories=[408, 415, 510], ordered=False)
```

#### Conversion of feature values

Convert the churn values using pandas .replace method

```
In [15]: df['churn'] = df['churn'].replace([False, True], ['False', 'True'])
```

## **Drop unnecessary columns**

Drop the phone number feature

#### 5.0. Data Exploration

Name: state, dtype: int64

Area code

510

1655

840

Split the data between the categorical columns and the numerical columns

```
In [17]:
          # Split the Categorical columns from the Numerical Columns
          num_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['number', 'float', 'int']).columns
          cat_cols = df.select_dtypes(exclude=['number', 'float', 'int']).columns
In [18]:
          def view_value_counts(cat_columns):
              for item in cat_columns:
                  print(item.capitalize())
                  values = df[item].value_counts()
                  print(values[:10] if len(values) > 10 else values)
                  print("")
          view_value_counts(cat_cols)
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408
        838
Name: area code, dtype: int64
International plan
       3010
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yes
Name: international plan, dtype: int64
Voice mail plan
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no
yes
        922
Name: voice mail plan, dtype: int64
Churn
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False
True
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Name: churn, dtype: int64
 Comment
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Our top customers are come from West Virginia, Minesota and Virginia.

The area code with the highest clientelle base 415.

The ratio between customers without an international plan against those who do is around 10 to 1.

The ratio between customers who don't churn against those who do is around 17 to 1.

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In [19]:
           df.groupby('churn').median().loc[:,]
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In [20]:
           df.groupby('churn').mean().loc[:,]
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In [21]:
           # Maintain seperate datasets were 'churn' is either True or False
           stayed_df = df[df['churn']=='False']
           left_df = df[df['churn']!='False']
```

# Which are some differentiating features between the customers who stayed versus those who left?

#### **Area Code**

left customers seems consistent

```
In [22]:
          df['area code'].value_counts(normalize=True)
Out[22]:
         415
                 0.496550
                0.252025
         510
                0.251425
         408
         Name: area code, dtype: float64
In [23]:
          stayed_df['area code'].value_counts(), left_df['area code'].value_counts()
Out[23]: (415
                  1419
                  716
           510
                  715
           Name: area code, dtype: int64,
           510
                 125
           408
                 122
           Name: area code, dtype: int64)
In [24]:
          stayed_df['area code'].value_counts(normalize=True), left_df['area code'].value_counts(normalize=True)
Out[24]: (415
                  0.497895
                 0.251228
           408
           510
                 0.250877
           Name: area code, dtype: float64,
           415
                 0.488613
           510
                 0.258799
                 0.252588
           Name: area code, dtype: float64)
```

Area code 415 represents the area code where most of our customers stayed and left at the same time. The ratios between the stayed versus

### **Customer Service Calls**

```
In [25]:
          stayed_df['customer service calls'].mean(), left_df['customer service calls'].mean()
         (1.4498245614035088, 2.229813664596273)
Out[25]:
In [26]:
          csc_states = df.groupby(['state']).sum()[['customer service calls']].sort_values(by='customer service calls',ascending=False)
          csc_states
Out[26]:
                customer service calls
          state
           WV
                                159
           NY
                                142
           OR
                                135
           MN
                                130
           VT
                                127
            AL
                                125
           VA
                                123
            ID
                                 122
            IN
                                120
           MI
                                119
In [27]:
          avg_css_states = df.groupby(['state']).mean()[['customer service calls']].sort_values(by='customer service calls',ascending=F
          avg_css_states
Out[27]:
                customer service calls
          state
           AR
                            1.981818
                            1.925926
           GΑ
           CO
                            1.787879
           ОК
                            1.786885
           ME
                            1.741935
           VT
                            1.739726
           OR
                            1.730769
            ΚY
                            1.711864
           NY
                            1.710843
           MD
                            1.700000
```

The mean of the number of calls made to the customer service center were considerably in those made by the customers who stayed.

The state with the highest number of calls to the service center in absolute terms was West Virginia, Oregon and New York.

From an average perspective, the highest averages per state to the customer service centers were from Arizona, Georgia and Colarado.

#### **Domestic Plans**

### Minutes purchased throughout the three periods - day, evening and night

```
In [28]:
    stayed_min = (stayed_df['total day minutes'] + stayed_df['total eve minutes'] + stayed_df['total night minutes']).mean()
    left_min = (left_df['total day minutes'] + left_df['total eve minutes'] + left_df['total night minutes']).mean()
    stayed_min, left_min

Out[28]: (574.352245614035, 624.555900621118)
```

The mean of the minutes purchased by the customers for domestic usage who left was significantly more than those who stayed

## Total Charges across the three periods - day, evening and night

```
stayed_charges = (stayed_df['total day charge'] + stayed_df['total eve charge'] + stayed_df['total night charge']).mean()
left_charges = (left_df['total day charge'] + left_df['total eve charge'] + left_df['total night charge']).mean()
stayed_charges, left_charges
```

Out[29]: (55.70540350877194, 62.466418219461694)

The mean of the charges for domestic usage for the customers who left was significantly more than those who stayed.

### **International Plans**

connected with their account.

### **International Plans Opted**

```
In [30]: stayed_df['international plan'].value_counts(normalize=True), left_df['international plan'].value_counts(normalize=True)

Out[30]: (no     0.934737
     yes     0.065263
     Name: international plan, dtype: float64,
     no     0.716356
     yes     0.283644
     Name: international plan, dtype: float64)

6% of the proportion of consumers who stayed had an international plan while 28% of the customers who left had an international plan
```

### **Total International Plans - Minutes and Charges**

```
In [31]:
           df.groupby(['churn', 'international plan']).mean().iloc[:, -4:-1]
Out[31]:
                                   total intl minutes total intl calls total intl charge
          churn international plan
                                          10.185473
                                                         4.493243
                                                                          2.750586
           False
                                                                          2.640538
                                           9.777957
                                                         5.102151
                              yes
                                          10.271387
                                                                          2.774017
                                                         4.251445
                               no
           True
                                          11.782482
                                                                          3.181314
                                                         3.941606
In [32]:
           stayed_df['total intl minutes'].mean(), left_df['total intl minutes'].mean()
          (10.158877192982455, 10.7000000000000001)
Out[32]:
In [33]:
           stayed_df['total intl charge'].mean(), left_df['total intl charge'].mean()
Out[33]: (2.7434035087719297, 2.8895445134575573)
```

The data indicates higher average values in terms of minutes purchased and bill charged to the consumers who left over those who stayed.

## **Account Lengths**

#### **Account Lengths Exploration**

```
In [34]: stayed_df['account length'].mean(), left_df['account length'].mean()
Out[34]: (100.79368421052632, 102.66459627329192)
```

```
Account Lengths and States
In [35]:
          df.groupby(['state']).mean()[['account length']].sort_values(by='account length', ascending=False)[:10]
Out[35]:
               account length
         state
                  109.571429
           FL
           OK
                  108.262295
                  108.235294
           LA
           KS
                   106.785714
           ND
                   106.209677
           VA
                  105.935065
                  105.740260
          WY
           DC
                   105.722222
           н
                  105.471698
           SD
                  105.450000
```

### **Account Lengths against Customer Service Calls**

churn customer service calls

	0	101.550413
	1	101.386213
	2	99.197917
	3	100.142857
False	4	100.333333
	5	109.192308
	6	100.875000
	7	125.000000
	8	64.000000
	0	99.673913
	1	105.196721
	2	99.436782
	3	112.727273
True	4	105.421053
nue	5	98.250000
	6	84.071429
	7	109.000000
	8	103.000000
	9	102.500000

The customers who left held on their accounts longer than the customers who stayed.

On average, customers from Florida, Oklahoma and Los Angeles had the highest account lengths than all other customers in America.

In addition, customers who left and had longer account lengths seemed to have made more calls to the service centers than the customers who stayed.

### **COMMENTS**

Area codes 415, 408 and 510 share proportions 50%, 25%, and 25% respectively representing the proportion of customers in each area code. The proportions hold true when comparing the data for the customers who churned and those who did not.

The mean number of calls to custmomer service were significantly more in the customers who left than those who stayed.

The mean amount of day minutes and their mean charges for customers who left were significantly more than the customers who stayed.

Only 6% of the customers who stayed did had an international plan whereas 28% of the customers who left had an international plan.

The minutes spent on international calls were higher in the customers who left over the customers who stayed.

The average international call charge was higher in the customers who churned over the customers who stayed.

Account lengths held by the customers who left were slightly more than those held by the customers who stayed.

### 6.0 Data Visualisation

#### **Univariate Analysis**

```
In [37]:
          def univariate_plot(col):
              plt.style.use('_mpl-gallery')
              if col in num_cols:
                  # plot:
                  fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
                  ax.hist(df[col], bins=20, linewidth=0.5, edgecolor="white")
                  plt.suptitle(f'Distribution of the {col.capitalize()}', fontsize=14)
                  ax.set_xlabel(f'{col.capitalize()}')
                  ax.set_ylabel('Distribution')
                  plt.show()
              else:
                  fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
                  data = df[col].value_counts(sort=True)
                  ax.bar(data.index[:10] if len(data) > 10 else data.index,
                         data.values[:10] if len(data) > 10 else data.values,
                         linewidth=0.5, edgecolor="white")
                  plt.suptitle(f'Distribution of the {col.capitalize()}', fontsize=14)
                  ax.set_ylabel('Distribution')
                  nl+ chow()
```

In [38]: df.hist(bins='auto',figsize=(20,20)); total day minutes account length total day calls number vmail messages total eve calls total day charge total eve charge total night minutes total night calls total night charge total intl minutes total intl calls total intl charge customer service calls 

### **COMMENT**

Almost all of the distributions reveal a normal distribution of the features.

It is worth noting that the distribution of customer service calls and total intl callsare right-tailed.

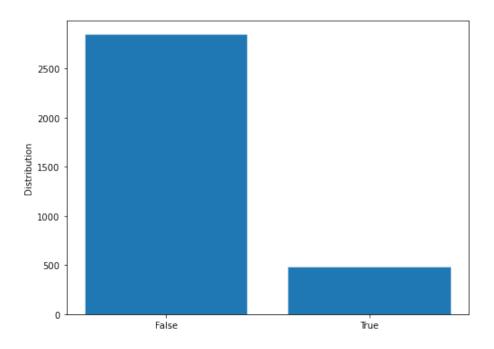
The number vmail messages feature also displays a strange distribution illustrating that alot users opted out of sending/ receiving voice mail messages and very few other people decided to have the voice mail messages.

## **Visualisation of Categorical features**

#### Churn

In [39]: univariate\_plot('churn')

#### Distribution of the Churn

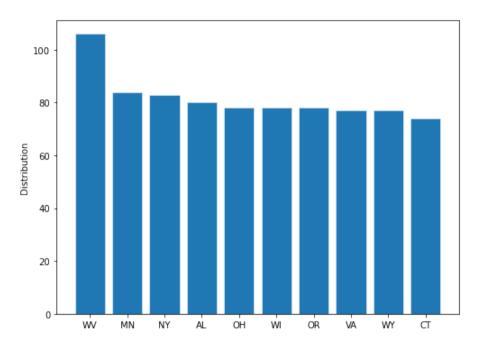


Almost 15% the customers churned while the rest stayed with Syria Telecommunications.

#### **State**

In [40]: univariate\_plot('state')

#### Distribution of the State

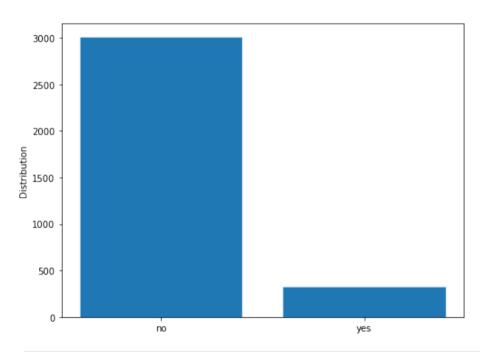


West Virginia, Minnesota and New York contain most of Syria Telecommunications customers

## **International Plan**

In [41]: univariate\_plot('international plan')

#### Distribution of the International plan



In [42]: df['international plan'].value\_counts(normalize=True)

Out[42]: no 0.90309 yes 0.09691 Name: international plan, dtype: float64

Near 10% of the customers have an international plan

### **Area Code**

In [43]: univariate\_plot('area code')

#### Distribution of the Area code



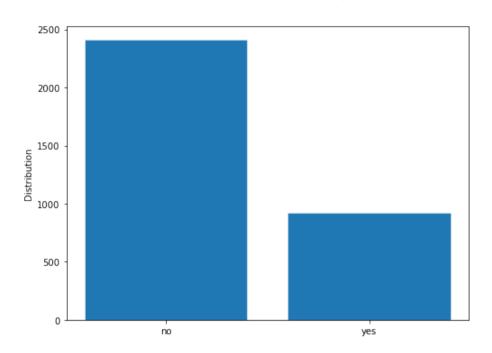
420 440 460 480 500

Most of the customers came from the 410 area code region.

## **Voice Mail plans**

In [44]: univariate\_plot('voice mail plan')

Distribution of the Voice mail plan



In [45]: df['voice mail plan'].value\_counts(normalize=True)

Out[45]: no 0.723372 yes 0.276628

Name: voice mail plan, dtype: float64

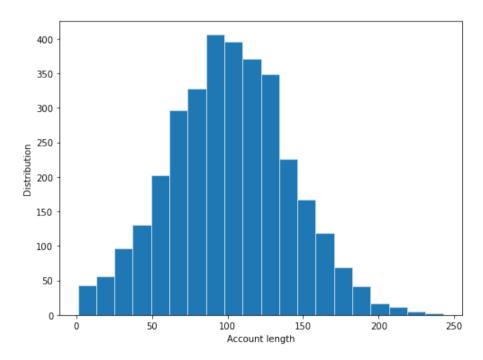
Nearly 28% of the customers have a voice mail plan.

### Visualisation of Numerical columns

## **Account Length**

In [46]: univariate\_plot('account length')

Distribution of the Account length



A normal distribuition of the account length feature with the mean and median being around 100.

### **Customer Service Calls**

In [47]: univariate\_plot('customer service calls')

Distribution of the Customer service calls

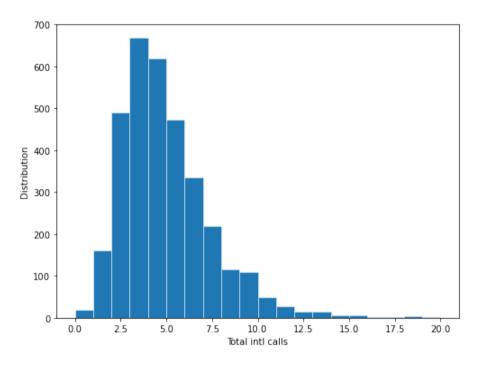


A right tailed customer service showing a lot of the customers have called the customer service at least 2 and fewer people have called more than twice.

### **International Calls**

In [48]: univariate\_plot('total intl calls')

Distribution of the Total intl calls



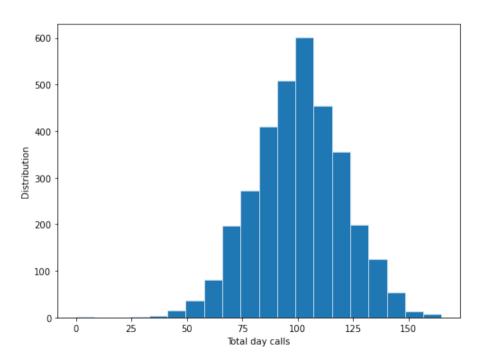
This right tailed feature shows it peaked at the 3 call mark and a sharp declined soon follows. Very few people made more than 3 calls.

## **Total Day Calls**

In [49]:

univariate\_plot('total day calls')

#### Distribution of the Total day calls

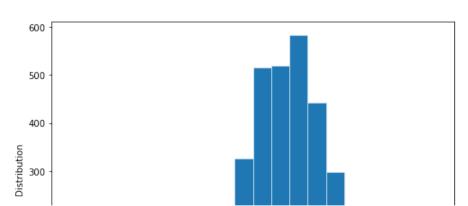


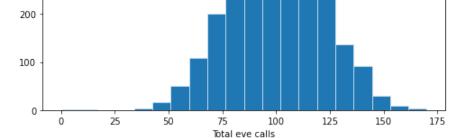
A near normal distribution of the total day calls feature peaking at around 100 day calls.

## **Total Evening Calls**

In [50]: univariate\_plot('total eve calls')

#### Distribution of the Total eve calls



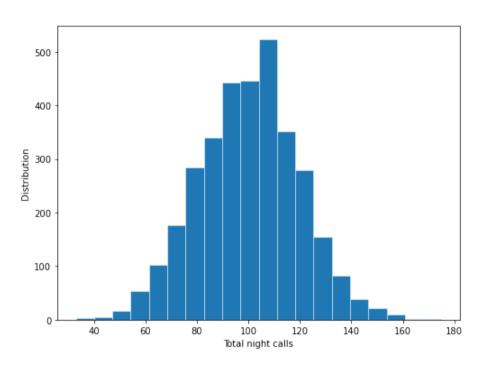


A near normal distribution of the total eve calls feature peaking at around 100 evening calls.

### **Total Night Calls**

```
In [51]: univariate_plot('total night calls')
```

Distribution of the Total night calls



#### **COMMENTS**

The number of people who stayed outweighed the number of people who churned.

The univariate analysis visually told us that most of our customers came from teh 410 area code.

The state with the highest number of customers was Washington

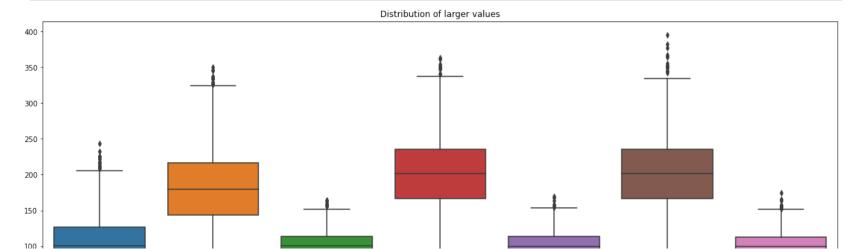
The distributions of the Account Length was normally distributed

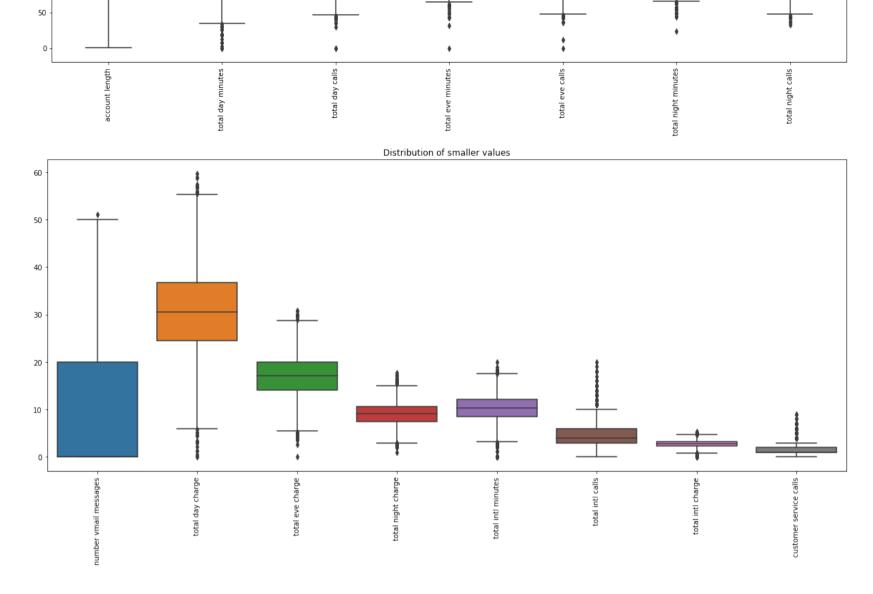
The distributions of the Customer Service calls and Total Intl Calls were right tailed.

The distributions of the Total Day Calls, Total Eve Calls and Total Night were left-tailed.

#### **Visualisation of Outliers**

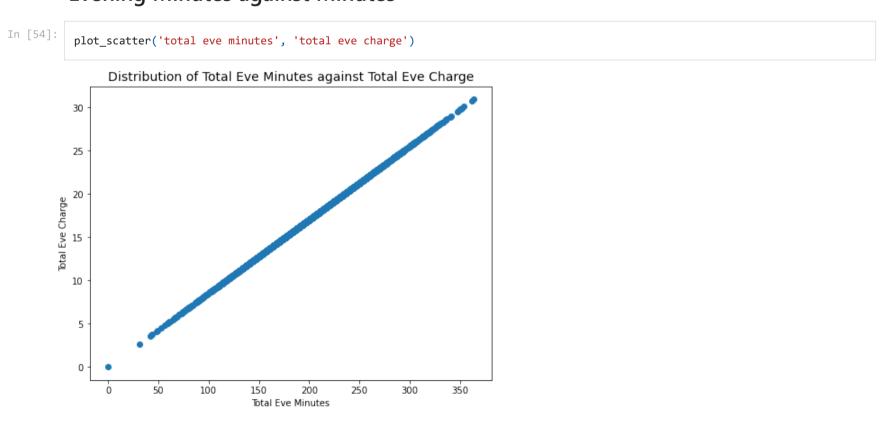
```
In [52]:
          #Checking for outliers in the data
          # List of columns for the first boxplot
          large_box = ['account length','total day minutes','total day calls', 'total eve minutes',
                        'total eve calls', 'total night minutes', 'total night calls']
          # List of columns for the second boxplot
          small_box = ['number vmail messages', 'total day charge', 'total eve charge', 'total night charge',
                        'total intl minutes', 'total intl calls', 'total intl charge', 'customer service calls']
          def plot_boxplots(lists, larger=True, title=None):
              fig, axes = plt.subplots(figsize=(20, 8))
              sns.boxplot(data=df[lists], ax=axes)
              axes.set_xticklabels(axes.get_xticklabels(), rotation=90)
              if title == None:
                  axes.set_title('Distribution of' + (' larger values' if larger == True else ' smaller values'))
              # Show the plot
              plt.show()
          plot_boxplots(large_box)
          plot_boxplots(small_box, larger=False)
```





## **Bivariate Analysis**

### **Evening Minutes against Minutes**



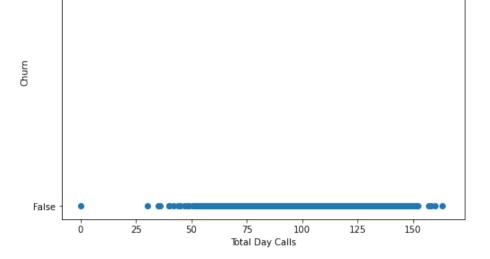
There seems to be a strong correlation between Total Evening Minutes against Total Evening Charge.

### **Total Day Calls against Churn**

```
In [55]: plot_scatter('total day calls')

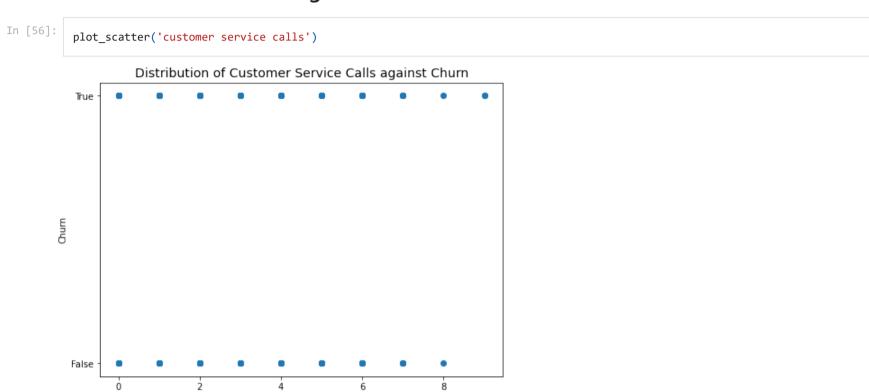
Distribution of Total Day Calls against Churn

True
```



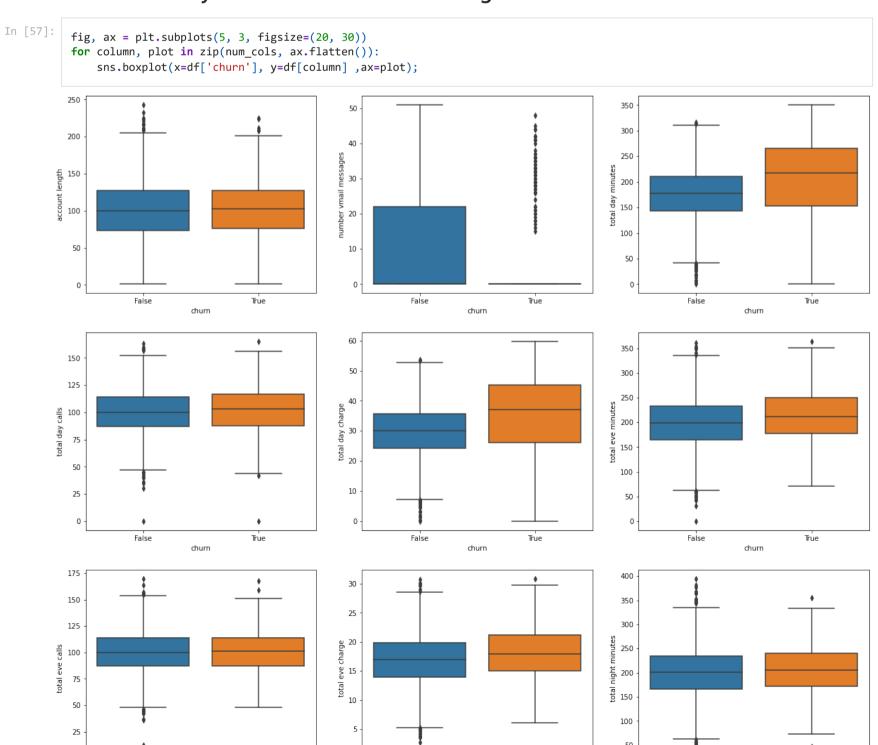
There seems to be a poor correlation between Total Day Calls against Churn.

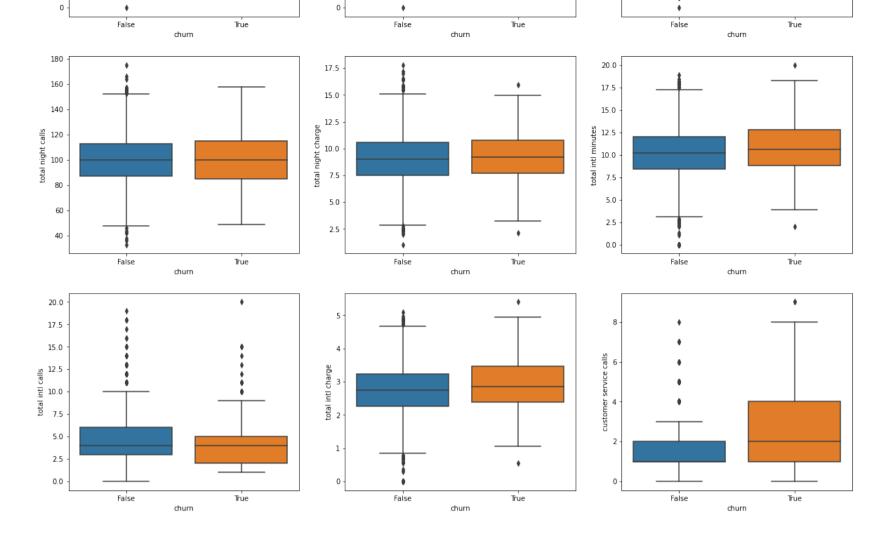
## **Customer Service Calls against Churn**



There seems to be a poor correlation between Customer Service Calls against Churn.

## Bivariate Analysis of Numerical Columns against Churn Feature





#### **COMMENTS**

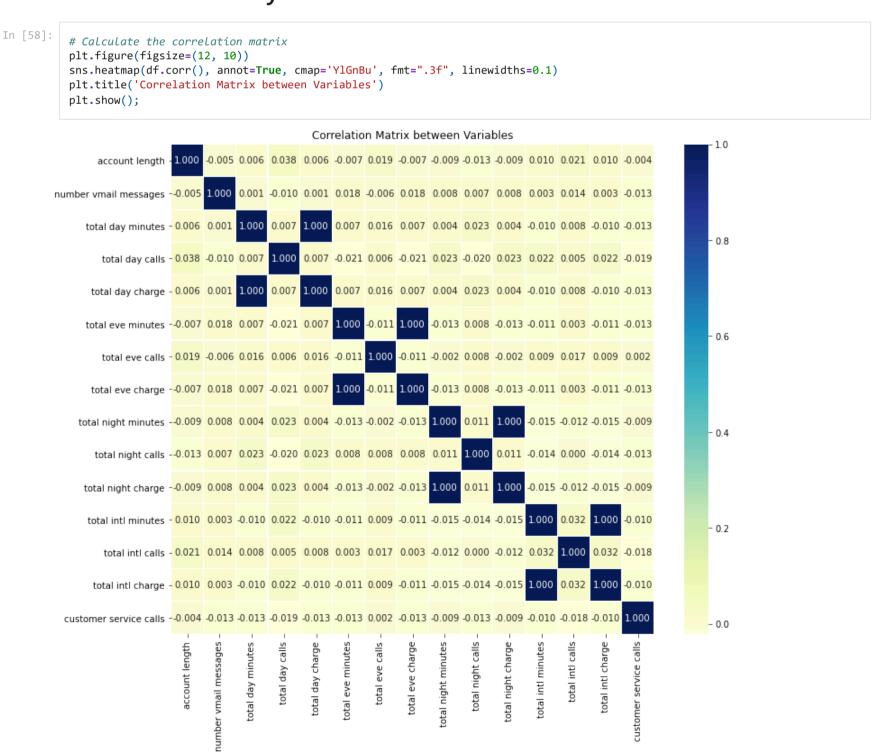
The bivariate visualisations against churn really draw out the key distinctions between customers who churned verses thoos who stayed.

Total day minutes, total eve minutes, total day charge, total eve charge, total intl calls, total intl charge and customer service calls show a wider range of values between those who stayed and the ones who left.

Churners made more calls to the customer service center, paid more in terms of International Call Rates even though they made less calls, paid significantly more total day charges and day minutes and had less voice mail messages. They had slightly more night calls.

Other factors such as total night charge, were nearly similar between customers who stayed against those who left.

## **Multivariate Analysis**



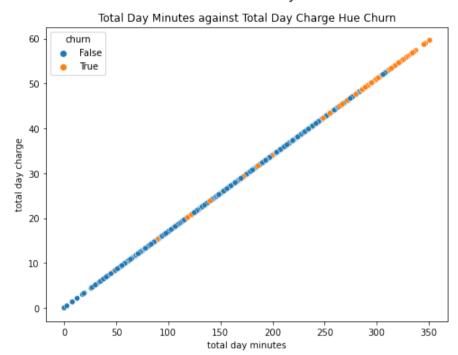
#### iviuitivariate Function

```
def plot_multivariate(x, y, hue='churn'):
    plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
    plt.suptitle('Multivariate Analysis', fontsize=16)
    plt.title(f'{x.title()} against {y.title()} Hue {hue.title()}')
    sns.scatterplot(x=x, y=y, hue=hue, data=df)
    plt.show();
```

### Day Minutes against Day charge

```
In [60]: plot_multivariate(x='total day minutes', y='total day charge', hue='churn')
```

#### Multivariate Analysis

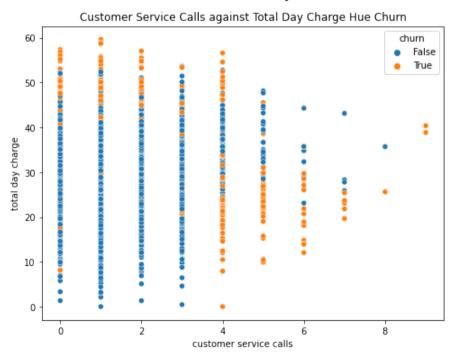


High paying customers churn more than the customers who are below the mean day charge value.

### **Day Charge against Customer Service Calls**

```
In [61]: df['total day charge'].mean()
Out[61]: 30.562307230723075
In [62]: plot_multivariate(x='customer service calls', y='total day charge', hue='churn')
```

#### Multivariate Analysis



Consumers paying higher than the average churn more on low customer service call rates than those who pay less. Inversely, customers who pay less than the mean day charge churn more on higher values of the customer service call rate

## 7.0. Modelling

### **Applying the Train-Test Split**

# Imprelementing the Train Test Split

```
In [63]: # Defining the target
y = df.churn
# Defining the predictors
X = df[df.columns[:-1]]

In [64]: def preprocessing(test_size=0.2):
```

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(X, y, test\_size=test\_size, random\_state=8)

```
# Separate X data into continuous vs. categorical
    X_train_cont = X_train.select_dtypes(include='number')
   X_test_cont = X_test.select_dtypes(include='number')
   X_train_cat = X_train.select_dtypes(exclude='number')
   X_test_cat = X_test.select_dtypes(exclude='number')
    # Scale continuous values using MinMaxScaler
    scaler = StandardScaler()
   X_train_cont = scaler.fit_transform(X_train_cont)
    X_test_cont = scaler.transform(X_test_cont)
    # Dummy encode categorical values using OneHotEncoder
    ohe = OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore')
    X_train_cat = ohe.fit_transform(X_train_cat)
   X_test_cat = ohe.transform(X_test_cat)
    # Combine everything back together
    X_train_preprocessed = np.asarray(np.concatenate([X_train_cont, X_train_cat.todense()], axis=1))
    X_test_preprocessed = np.asarray(np.concatenate([X_test_cont, X_test_cat.todense()], axis=1))
   # Label Encoding the target
    # All 0's represent False and 1's represent True
   y_train = LabelEncoder().fit_transform(y_train)
   y_test = LabelEncoder().fit_transform(y_test)
   # Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique
    smote = SMOTE()
    X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
    return X_train_resampled, X_test_preprocessed, y_train_resampled, y_test
X_train_resampled, X_test_preprocessed, y_train_resampled, y_test = preprocessing()
```

#### **Creating Metric Functions**

```
In [65]:
          scoring_keeper = []
          def scoring_function(name, model, splits=0.2):
              This function only requires a model.
              The function will fit it by itself and provide metrics for the SMOTE dataset and non-SMOTE dataset
              \textbf{X\_train\_resampled, X\_test\_preprocessed, y\_train\_resampled, y\_test = preprocessing(test\_size=splits)}
              smote_model = model.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
              # Predict X train and X Test
              smote_train_pred = smote_model.predict(X_train_resampled)
              smote_test_pred = smote_model.predict(X_test_preprocessed)
              cross_val_scores_smote = cross_val_score(smote_model, X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled).mean()
              # Compare model scores
              print(f"""
                  Train Accuracy Score: {accuracy_score(y_train_resampled, smote_train_pred)}
                  Test Accuracy Score: {accuracy_score(y_test, smote_test_pred)}
                  Train Recall Score: {recall_score(y_train_resampled, smote_train_pred)}
                  Test Recall Score: {recall_score(y_test, smote_test_pred)}
              """)
              # Keep a record of the results
              scoring_keeper.append(
                  {'name':name, 'model':model,
                    'Accuracy': round(accuracy_score(y_test, smote_test_pred), 4),
                   'CV Score': round(cross_val_scores_smote, 4),
                   'Recall': round(recall_score(y_test, smote_test_pred), 4)
              )
```

### **Classification Models**

#### **Logistic Regression Model**

```
In [66]:

scoring_function(name='Logistic Regression', model=LogisticRegression(random_state=8, max_iter=200))

Metrics
Train Accuracy Score: 0.7953549517966696
Test Accuracy Score: 0.7766116941529235
Train Recall Score: 0.7992988606485539
Test Recall Score: 0.70707070707071
```

#### **K-Nearest Neighbors**

```
In [67]:

scoring_function(name='KNN', model=KNeighborsClassifier())

Metrics

Train Accuracy Score: 0.9211218229623137

Test Accuracy Score: 0.7451274362818591

Train Recall Score: 0.9982471516213848

Test Recall Score: 0.74747474747475
```

#### **Decision Trees**

```
In [69]:
    scoring_function(name='Decision Tree', model=DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=8))

Metrics
    Train Accuracy Score: 1.0
    Test Accuracy Score: 0.8950524737631185
    Train Recall Score: 1.0
    Test Recall Score: 0.7373737373737373
```

The Decision Tree Classification Model did not improve on the K Nearest Neighbors Classifier producing an accurate prediction of 76% of churners but missed 24% who were misclassified. It's accuracy however increased showing improved results and learning.

#### **Random Forest Model**

```
In [70]: scoring_function(name='Random Forest', model=RandomForestClassifier(random_state=8))

Metrics
Train Accuracy Score: 1.0
Test Accuracy Score: 0.9385307346326837
Train Recall Score: 1.0
Test Recall Score: 0.74747474747475
```

The Random Forest Classification Model did not improve on the Decision Tree Classifier producing an accurate prediction of 76% of churners but missed 24% who were misclassified. It's test accuracy however increased showing improved results and learning.

#### **Evaluation of Models and their Scores**

```
In [71]:
          for item in scoring_keeper:
              print('\t', item['name'])
              print('\tRecall Score',item['Recall'])
              print('\tCV Score',item['CV Score'])
              print("")
                 Logistic Regression
                Recall Score 0.7071
                CV Score 0.7857
                 KNN
                Recall Score 0.7475
                CV Score 0.8834
                Decision Tree
                Recall Score 0.7374
                CV Score 0.9299
                 Random Forest
                Recall Score 0.7475
                CV Score 0.9691
```

#### **Train Test Split Selection**

```
In [72]:
          def test_split(range_of_values, models_list, names_of_models):
              record = []
              for split in range_of_values:
                  X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = preprocessing(test_size=split)
                  for item,model in enumerate(models_list):
                      model.fit(X_train, y_train)
                      train_score = cross_val_score(model, X_train, y_train).mean()
                      test_score = cross_val_score(model, X_test, y_test).mean()
                      record.append({'split':split, 'name':names_of_models[item],
                                     train_score':train_score,
                                      'test_score':test_score})
              return record
          # Obtain the names and the models from the score keeping list we populated
          names_list = []
          model_list = []
          for model in scoring_keeper:
              names list.append(model['name'])
              model_list.append(model['model'])
          range_values = [0.5, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1]
          results = test_split(range_values, model_list, names_list)
          results
```

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'test_score': 0.9184082285878693},
           {'split': 0.4,
            'name': 'Logistic Regression',
            'train_score': 0.7828327672893864,
            'test_score': 0.853079327532314},
           {'split': 0.4,
            'name': 'KNN',
            'train_score': 0.8810114081828058,
            'test_score': 0.8830587705218103},
           {'split': 0.4,
            'name': 'Decision Tree',
            'train_score': 0.9276209409067293,
            'test score': 0.9017909943397819},
           {'split': 0.4,
            'name': 'Random Forest',
            'train_score': 0.9665993997501106,
            'test_score': 0.9197938666891948},
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            'train_score': 0.777139549436796,
            'test_score': 0.8480000000000001},
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            'name': 'KNN',
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            'name': 'KNN',
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            'test_score': 0.8710582426214792},
           {'split': 0.2,
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           {'split': 0.2,
            'name': 'Random Forest',
            'train_score': 0.9684503564497223,
            'test_score': 0.9010548759959599},
           {'split': 0.1,
            'name': 'Logistic Regression',
            'train_score': 0.7874099653731118,
            'test_score': 0.808457711442786},
           {'split': 0.1,
            'name': 'KNN',
            'train_score': 0.8845716927547718,
            'test_score': 0.8623699683401176},
           {'split': 0.1,
            'name': 'Decision Tree',
            'train_score': 0.9345236679970185,
            'test_score': 0.8714156490275894},
           {'split': 0.1,
            'name': 'Random Forest',
            'train_score': 0.9702778642663723,
            'test_score': 0.8833559475350519}]
In [74]:
          # Best model based on training score
          max_model_train = max(results, key=lambda x:x['train_score'])
          # Best model based on test score
          max_model_test = max(results, key=lambda x:x['test_score'])
          # View models
          max_model_train,max_model_test
Out[74]: ({'split': 0.1,
            'name': 'Random Forest',
            'train_score': 0.9702778642663723,
            'test_score': 0.8833559475350519},
           {'split': 0.4,
              name': 'Random Forest'
            'train_score': 0.9665993997501106,
            'test_score': 0.9197938666891948})
```

#### **Hyperparameter Tuning**

#### GridSearchCV

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In [75]:
          # Variables that will populate our Grid Search Params
          ranges = list(np.arange(80,120,10))
          criterion = ["gini", "entropy"]
          min samples_split=list(np.arange(2, 5))
          min_samples_leaf=list(np.arange(1, 5))
          # The grid search param dict
          param_grid = dict(n_estimators=ranges, criterion=criterion,
                            min_samples_split= min_samples_split,
                            min_samples_leaf = min_samples_leaf )
          print(param_grid)
        {'n_estimators': [80, 90, 100, 110], 'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'], 'min_samples_split': [2, 3, 4], 'min_samples_leaf': [1,
        2, 3, 4]}
```

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In [82]:
          grid = GridSearchCV(
              RandomForestClassifier(),
              param grid, cv=10,
              scoring='accuracy',
              return train score=False)
          grid.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
Out[82]: GridSearchCV(cv=10, estimator=RandomForestClassifier(),
                       param_grid={'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
                                    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 3, 4],
                                   'min_samples_split': [2, 3, 4],
                                   'n_estimators': [80, 90, 100, 110]},
                       scoring='accuracy')
In [83]:
          # Train Data Score
          print(grid.score(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled))
          # Test Data Score
          grid.score(X_test_preprocessed, y_test)
        1.0
Out[83]: 0.9400299850074962
In [84]:
          # Saving the best parameters of the RandomForest in a variable
          rf_parameters = grid.best_params_
          rf_parameters
Out[84]: {'criterion': 'entropy',
           'min_samples_leaf': 1,
           'min_samples_split': 3,
           'n_estimators': 80}
In [85]:
          # Clear the scoring list to make room for the new models
          scoring_keeper.clear()
```

#### Hyperparameter Tuning and Train Test Split

#### **COMMENTS**

After hyperparameter tuning and picking the right train-test split value, the RandomForest gave us the metrics we required as per the objectives we set out to achieve.

Random Forest procuced an accuracy score of 100% and a recall score of 80.7%.

This high recall score means that the model would be able to predict correctly the customers who would churn. It will however miss very few who might be misclassified as non-churners.

However, corrective action and a deep focus on retaining the 80% would prove advantageous to Syria Telecommunications.

#### 8.0. Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the findings from our churn model, the following recommendations are proposed:

Targeted Retention Programs: Offering rewards and discounts to customers can help lower the churn rate. Long-term customers or those who have used a certain amount of talk-time should be prioritized to foster loyalty. This approach could also attract new customers and enhance the company's visibility.

Training for Customer Care Agents: As representatives of the organization, customer care agents should be trained to follow specific guidelines that make customers feel valued and understood. Proper training will help ensure even dissatisfied customers are listened to and their concerns are addressed.

Service Improvements: Syria Telecommunications should enhance its services by reviewing pricing strategies. Reducing call costs or offering fixed rates beyond a certain usage threshold would be beneficial. Bundling services, such as international plans or voicemail, with a specific amount of minutes could also be attractive. Additionally, addressing technical issues in problem-prone areas promptly would reduce customer complaints.

Ongoing Customer Feedback Collection: Customer feedback is a valuable resource that Syria Telecommunications should leverage. The company should actively encourage feedback from both current and exiting customers to identify areas where users feel neglected or dissatisfied.