WQD7005 Data Mining

Alternative Assessment 1 (G2)

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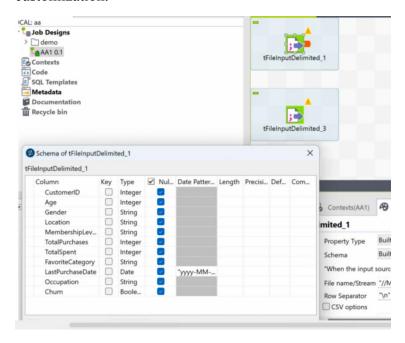
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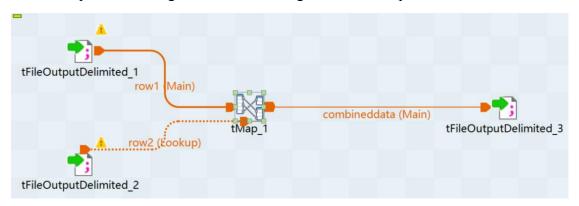
1 Data Import and Preprocessing

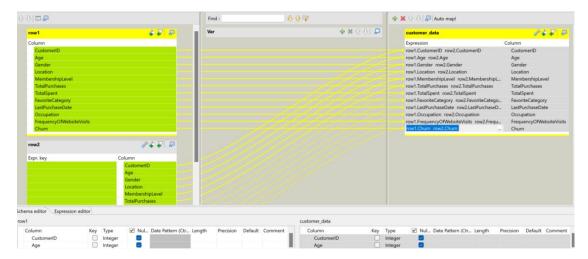
1.1 Merge datasets using Talend Data Integration

Import two CSV datasets in Talend Integration, and click on the "Edit schema" button for further customization.



Add a tMap node to merge two datasets and generate the output.



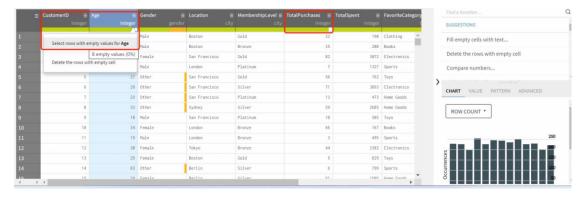


1.2 Data processing using Talend Data Preparation

Import the merged dataset in Talend Data Preparation.

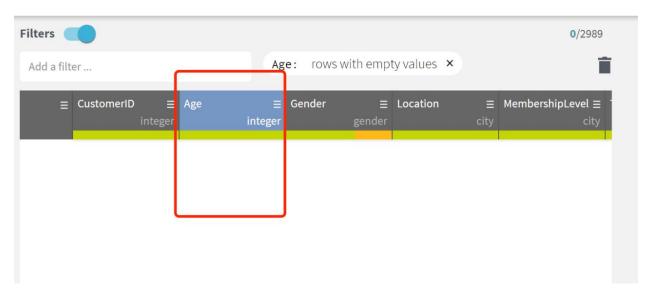


Filter records with null values and replace them using the mean.

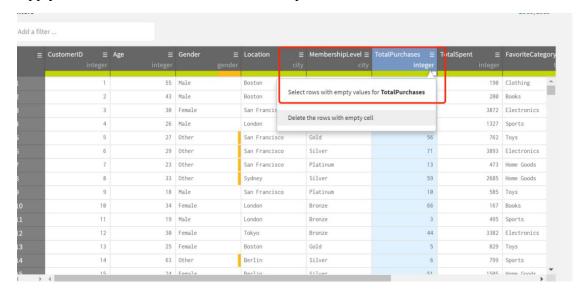


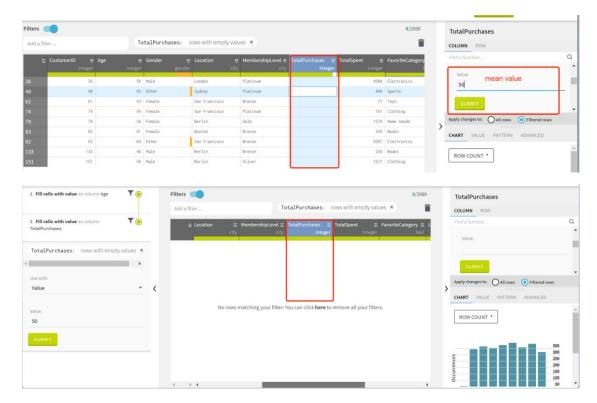


The replacement of missing values with the mean was successful, and now there are no null values in this column.



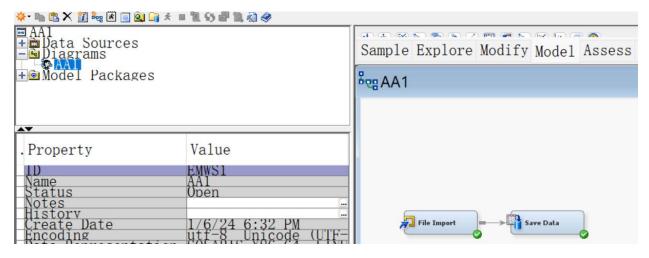
Apply the same method to handle the "totalpurchase" column.





1.3 Import dataset into SAS

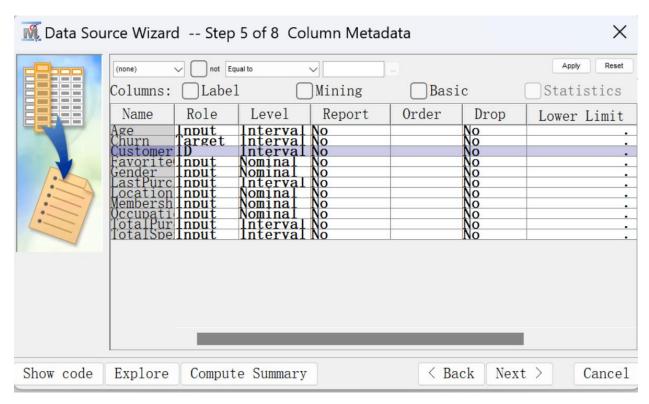
First, import the CSV dataset, and then use the "save data" node through drag-and-drop to save the CSV dataset as a .SAS dataset file.



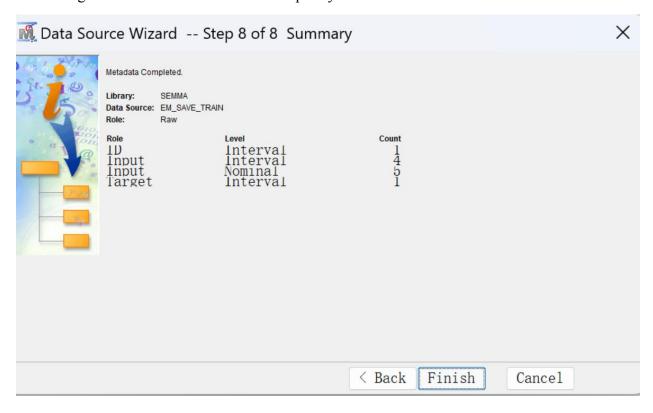
Create a new data source and configure variable roles.

In this dataset, designate "churn" as the target variable, set "customer" as the identifier (ID), and designate the remaining attributes as input, adjusting their levels accordingly to either interval or nominal.

1.4 Setting specify variable roles.

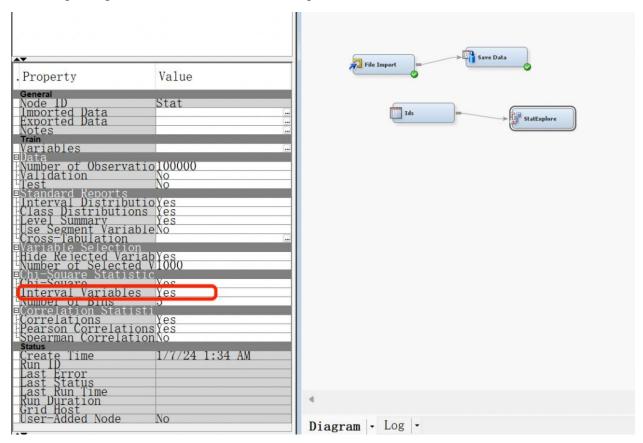


The configuration of variable roles in the "specify variable roles" is as follows:

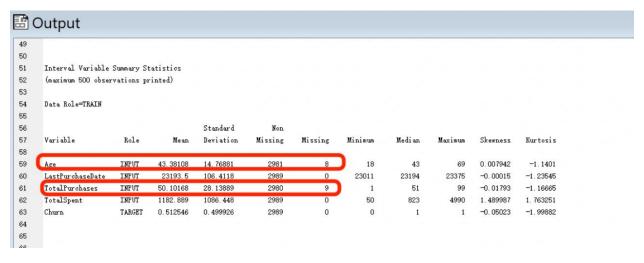


1.5 Handle missing values

After importing the data source, add a "StatExplore" node to examine the distribution of the data.

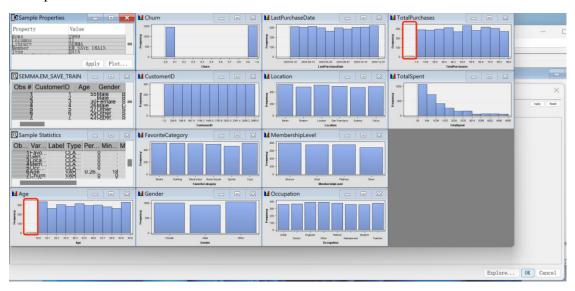


The results indicate that there are missing values in "age" and "totalpurchases," with 8 and 9 missing values respectively.



Right-click on the data source node, select "Edit Variable," and then click "Explore" to visualize the distribution of the data. Here, you can also intuitively observe the distribution of missing

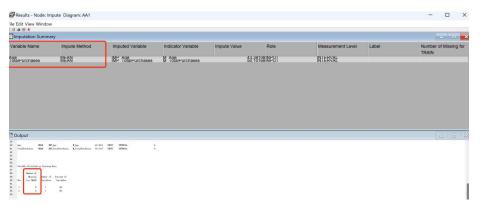
values. For instance, the gray portion in the histogram represents the missing values in "age" and "totalpurchases."



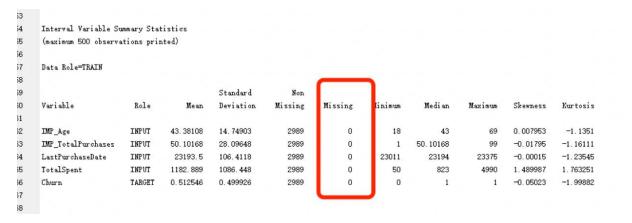
Add an "impute" node to replace missing values for interval-type data with the mean.



The results are as follows; only the "age" and "totalpurchases" columns were processed, and the number of missing values matches the previous records:



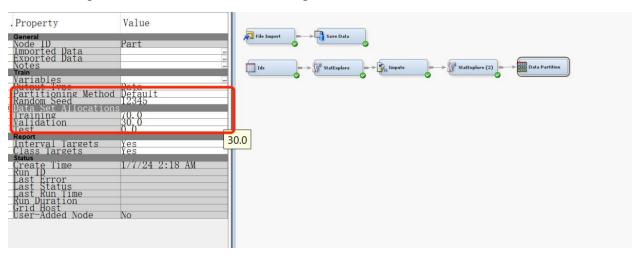
Recheck the situation of missing values. The results indicate that there are currently no missing values.



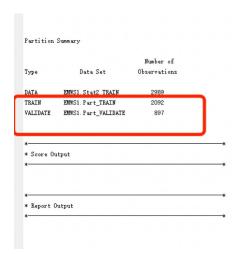
2 Decision Tree Analysis

2.1 Data Partition

Add a "data partition" node and set the training ratio to 70% and the validation ratio to 30%.

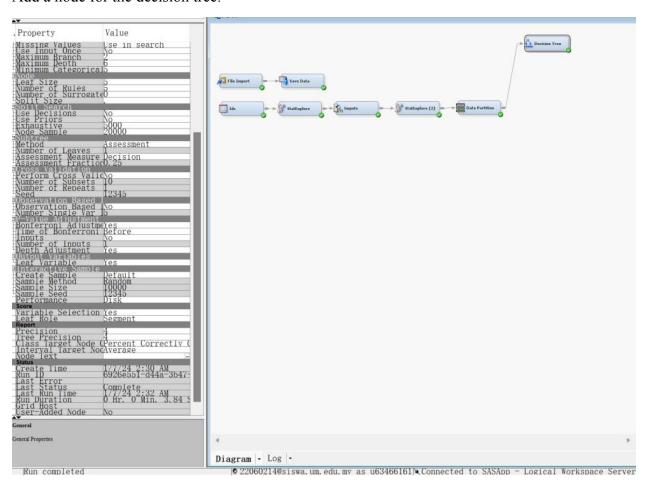


The execution results are as follows, indicating the distribution of the dataset into a 70:30 ratio for the training set and test set.

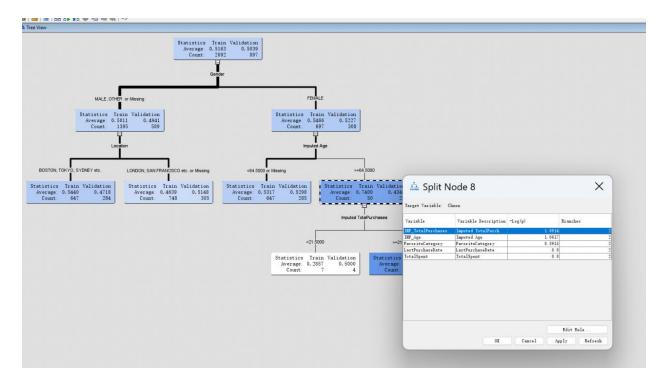


2.2 Decision Tree Model

Add a node for the decision tree.

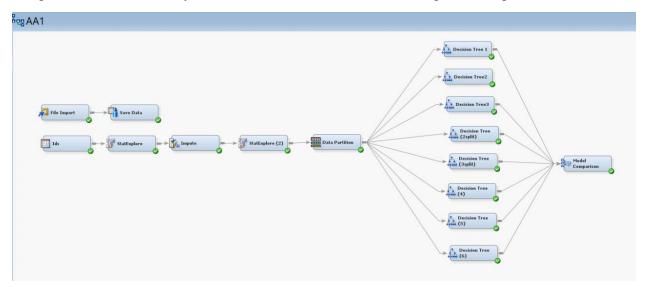


Add a "Split" node to the decision tree to partition the dataset into different subsets based on conditions of the input variables. This aids the model in learning patterns and trends within the data.

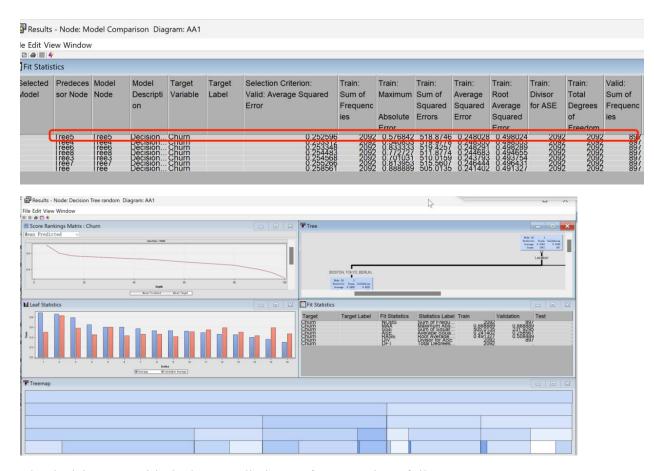


2.3 Comparison of multiple Decision tree

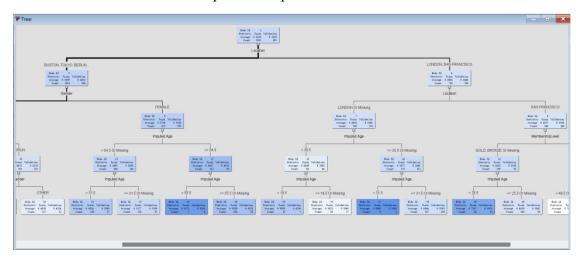
Add multiple decision tree models with different parameter values, then include a model comparison node to identify the decision tree model with the best predictive performance.



The results are as follows: The predictive performance of tree5 is the best.



The decision tree with the best predictive performance is as follows:



The results for the decision tree with the best predictive performance are as follows, with an accuracy of 0.88889.

Data Role=VALIDATE Target Variable=Churn Target Label=' '								
Range for	Mean	Mean	Number of	Model				
Predicted	Target	Predicted	Observations	Score				
0.859 - 0.889	0.50000	0.88889	2	0.87414				
0.830 - 0.859	0.83333	0.85714	6	0.84464				
0.771 - 0.800	0.58333	0.79167	12	0.78565				
0.653 - 0.682	0.45283	0.65385	53	0.66767				
0.594 - 0.623	0.57813	0.60129	64	0.60868				
0.564 - 0.594	0.46460	0.56917	226	0.57918				
0.505 - 0.535	0.47305	0.52350	167	0.52019				
0.476 - 0.505	0.55046	0.49438	109	0.49069				
0.446 - 0.476	0.55118	0.45931	127	0.46120				
0.387 - 0.417	0.43137	0.40157	51	0.40221				
0.358 - 0.387	0.59459	0.36232	37	0.37271				
0.299 - 0.328	0.46512	0.29897	43	0.31372				

2.4 Analyse customer behaviour

Top-Level Node: This node displays that the entire dataset is initially split based on the "Location" variable, suggesting that "Location" might be a crucial predictive factor influencing the target variable. The top-level node divides the data into two or more subgroups, such as "BOSTON TWO OR MORE" and "LYON."

Second-Level Nodes: These nodes further break down the data for each location based on gender ("FEMALE" or "MALE"). For instance, it can be observed that for the "BOSTON_TWO_OR_MORE" location, gender is a factor further dividing the data.

Third-Level Nodes and Below: Building upon gender, further segmentation is based on age, represented by the "impulse Age" variable. For example, age categories like "<=45" and ">55" may correspond to different user behavior patterns. This indicates that age is an influencing factor within specific gender and location combinations.

Leaf Nodes: These are the final nodes of the decision tree, representing the model's predictive outcomes. In the screenshot, each leaf node has an assessment of "Risk" and "Value," which could be probabilities or expected values derived from the model's learning on the training data.

From the analysis above, we can draw some preliminary conclusions about customer behavior:

Location Disparities: Location is a significant differentiating factor, suggesting potential significant differences in customer behavior across different regions.

Gender and Behavior: Gender is associated with certain customer behaviors, potentially impacting their purchasing decisions or service preferences.

Impact of Age: Age further refines differences in customer behavior, indicating that customers in different age groups may have distinct needs and preferences.

To derive meaningful business insights from these conclusions, consider the following action steps:

Customized Marketing: Design tailored marketing campaigns for customers based on different location and gender combinations.

Service Improvements: Adjust products or services to meet the diverse needs of customers in different age groups.

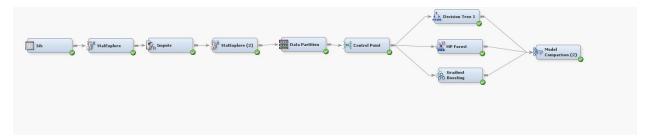
Risk Management: Identify high-risk customer groups and devise specific retention strategies for them.

Finally, applying integrated approaches such as random forests or gradient boosting can further enhance the model's performance and robustness, assisting businesses in making more accurate predictions and decisions based on complex datasets.

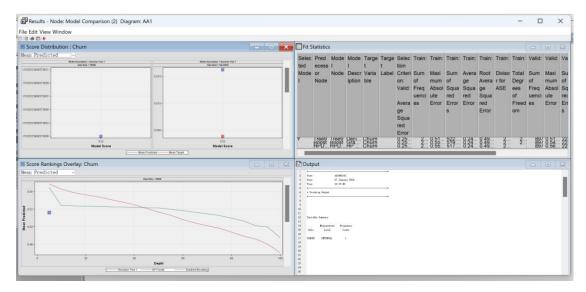
3 Ensemble Methods

3.1 Add random forest & gradient boosting model

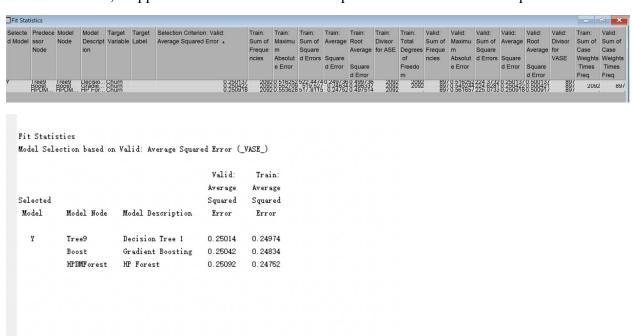
Additionally, incorporate Random Forest as a bagging technique and Gradient Boosting as a boosting method. Subsequently, compare their performance with that of the decision tree, which demonstrates the best predictive capabilities.



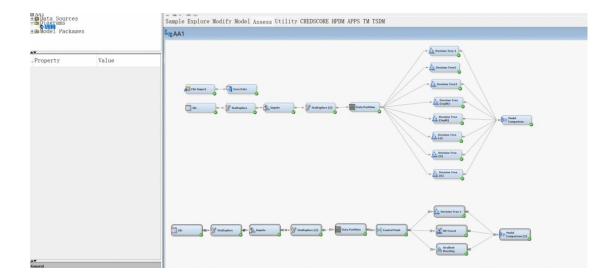
3.2 Comparison



From the results, it appears that the decision tree outperforms others in terms of performance.



The overall status of the project is as follows:



4 Conclusion

4.1 Challenges Faced

- Data Preprocessing: Issues in handling missing values and integrating datasets.
- Model Selection and Performance: Difficulty in selecting the most effective predictive model from multiple decision tree models.
- Complexity in Analysis: Challenges in extracting meaningful insights from complex data, particularly in understanding the impact of variables like location, gender, and age on customer behavior.

4.2 Suggestions for Business Strategy

- Tailored Marketing: Develop marketing campaigns specific to different customer segments based on location, gender, and age.
- Product and Service Adaptation: Adjust offerings to cater to the diverse needs of different age groups and locations.
- Risk Management Strategies: Identify and address high-risk customer segments to improve retention.
- Enhanced Predictive Modeling: Leverage ensemble methods for improved accuracy and robustness in predictions.

4.3 Summary

This project showcases the importance of advanced data analysis in understanding customer behavior. By effectively addressing challenges in data preprocessing and model selection, businesses can gain valuable insights leading to more targeted marketing, improved product offerings, and better risk management strategies. The use of ensemble methods like random forests and gradient boosting further enhances the capability to make accurate predictions, essential for strategic decision-making.