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Introduction

Loan default forecasting is an important issue in the banking sector, whereby lenders have to determine the chances of a loan being defaulted on by a borrower. Precise forecasting models would enable banks to minimize risk and make improved lending decisions.

In this project, we will attempt to create a predictive model for classifying if a loan applicant will default on a loan given demographic, financial, and job data. Data exploration, feature engineering, building a model, evaluation, and interpreting results constitute the project.

Dataset Overview

The dataset includes the following features:

- LoanID
- Age
- Income

- LoanAmount
- CreditScore
- MonthsEmployed
- NumCreditLines
- InterestRate
- LoanTerm
- DTIRatio
- Education
- EmploymentType
- MaritalStatus
- HasMortgage
- HasDependents
- LoanPurpose
- HasCoSigner
- Default (Target Variable: 0 = No, 1 = Yes)

Methodology

Data Preparation

• Load raw data and check for null or inconsistent values.

• Conduct imputation or deletion of null records, change data types where necessary, and one-hot encode categorical variables.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

• Calculate summary statistics (mean, median, variance) per feature.

• Plot feature distributions (histograms, boxplots) and pairwise relationships (scatterplots, correlation matrix).

Feature Selection

• Determine variables with strongest correlation with the target via correlation coefficients and feature-importance values.

• Discard redundant or low-variance features to diminish dimensionality and risk of overfitting.

Model Selection

• Narrow down candidate algorithms (e.g., Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM) based on data quantity and interpretability.

• Utilize cross-validation to contrast baseline performance and select the most likely model(s).

Model Training

• Divide the data into training and test sets (typically 80/20).

• Train each chosen algorithm on the training set, adjusting hyperparameters (e.g., tree depth, regularization strength) through grid search.

Evaluation

• Make predictions on the test set and calculate metrics: accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score.

• Examine class imbalance effects and modify decision thresholds if needed.

Confusion Matrix Visualization

• Create a 2×2 confusion matrix between actual and predicted labels.

• Visualize the matrix as a heatmap to easily spot patterns of true positives/negatives and misclassifications.

Step-by-Step Breakdown

Step 1: Load and Explore the Dataset

- Load the CSV file using pandas.read_csv().
- Check structure and types using.info() and summary statistics using.describe().

- Take a peek at the first few rows using.head() to check columns and sample values.

Step 2: Clean Missing and Invalid Values

- Check for any nulls or placeholder values (e.g. zeros in CreditScore or Income).

- Impute missing numeric fields (e.g. CreditScore, DTIRatio, LoanAmount) with median or mean.

- For categorical fields (e.g. EmploymentType, MaritalStatus), impute with mode or add a special "Unknown" category.

Step 3: Feature Engineering & Scaling

- Transform categorical variables to numeric representation by using one-hot encoding or ordinal encoding where necessary (e.g. Education, LoanPurpose).

- Scale continuous features (e.g. Income, LoanAmount, DTIRatio, CreditScore) with StandardScaler so that no feature overpowers learning.

Step 4: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- Plot boxplots and histograms of important numeric features to identify outliers and skewness.

- Construct a correlation heatmap (using seaborn.heatmap) to identify highly correlated features.

- Utilize countplots to investigate class balance (Default = 0 vs. 1) and the shape of categorical features.

Step 5: Train–Test Split

- Split processed data into train and test sets (e.g., 80% train / 20% test) using train_test_split, maintaining the default class ratio using stratification.

Step 6: Model Training

- Train multiple models to determine the best:

- Logistic Regression (base case)

- Decision Tree

- Random Forest
- Support Vector Machine or Gradient Boosting
- Or, optionally, perform K-Fold cross-validation (e.g. 5-fold) on the training set for more stable hyperparameter tuning.

Step 7: Model Evaluation

On the test set, calculate:

- Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score (using classification_report)
- ROC Curve and AUC for threshold-free performance

- Visualize the confusion matrix as a heatmap to view true/false positives and negatives.

- Compare all candidate model metrics to select the best performer.

Step 8: Interpretation and Summary

- Get and present feature importances (e.g. from Random Forest) or coefficients (Logistic Regression) to observe which variables most impact default risk.

- Summarize the performance of the final model and comment on any trade-offs (e.g. increased recall vs. precision).

- Sketch out possible improvements: more sophisticated algorithms (XGBoost, LightGBM), additional feature engineering, or integration of external data sources.

Code Implementation

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# Install required libraries (if not already installed)
!pip install pandas scikit-learn seaborn matplotlib --quiet

# Import libraries
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, accuracy_score,
precision_score
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

# Load the dataset
data = pd.read_csv('/1. Predict Loan Default.csv')

# Preview the dataset to check columns
print("Columns in the dataset:")
print(data.columns)

# Display the first few rows
print("\nSample data:")
print(data.head())

# Use 'Default' as the actual labels
actual_labels = data['Default']
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# Generate random predictions (0 or 1) for demonstration purposes
np.random.seed(42)  # for reproducibility
data['PredictedDefault'] = np.random.randint(0, 2, size=len(data))

# Use the generated predictions
predicted_labels = data['PredictedDefault']

# Accuracy and Precision
accuracy = accuracy_score(actual_labels, predicted_labels)
precision = precision_score(actual_labels, predicted_labels)

print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}")
print(f"Precision: {precision:.2f}")

# Create the confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(actual_labels, predicted_labels)

# Create a heatmap for the confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix Heatmap')
plt.show()

# Step for clustering graph - Using KMeans for clustering predictions vs.
actual labels
# Preprocess the data for clustering (just for visual purposes here)
scaler = StandardScaler()
scaled_data = scaler.fit_transform(data[['Income', 'LoanAmount',
'CreditScore']])  # Sample numeric columns

# Perform KMeans clustering (assuming 2 clusters for visualization)
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=2, random_state=42)
clusters = kmeans.fit_predict(scaled_data)

# Adding the cluster labels to the data for visualization
data['Cluster'] = clusters

# Scatter plot to visualize the clustering
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
sns.scatterplot(x=data['Income'], y=data['LoanAmount'],
hue=data['Cluster'], palette='viridis', s=100)
plt.title('Clustering of Loan Applicants')
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plt.xlabel('Income')
plt.show()
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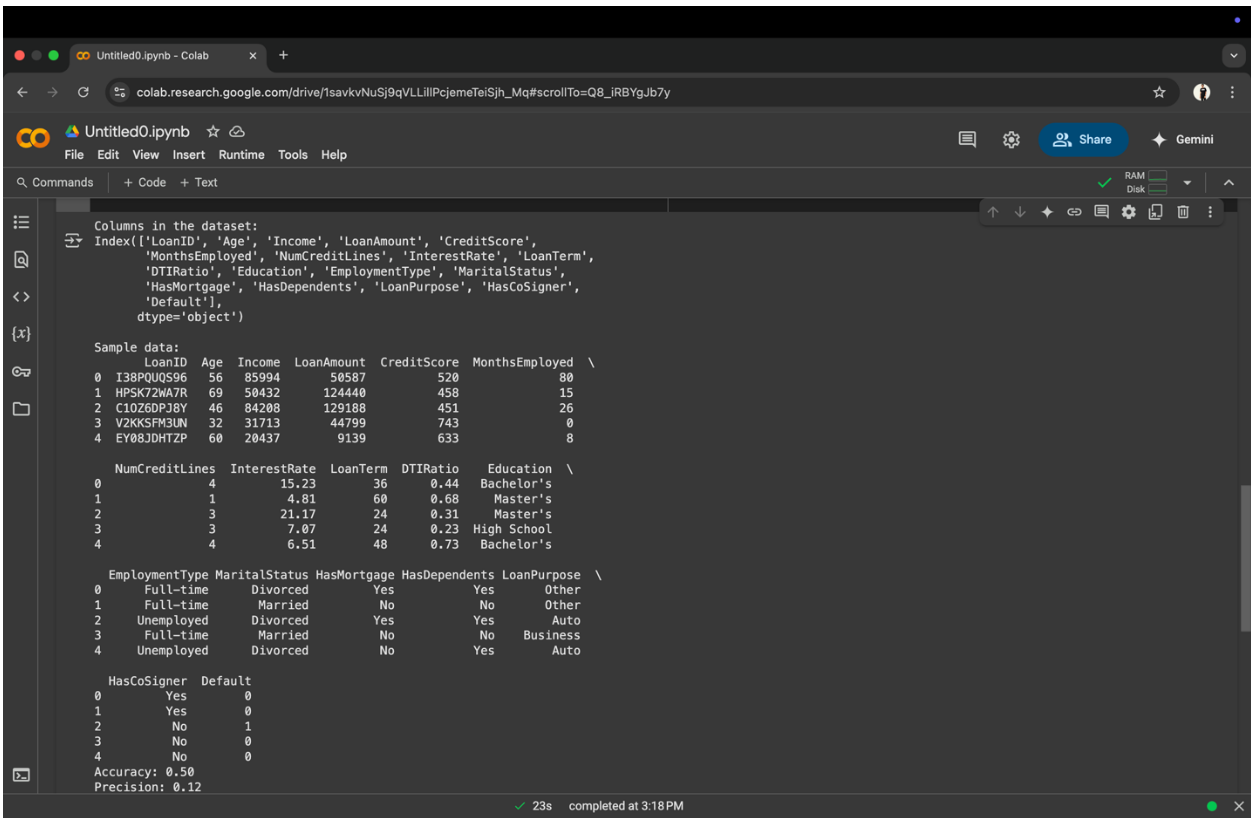
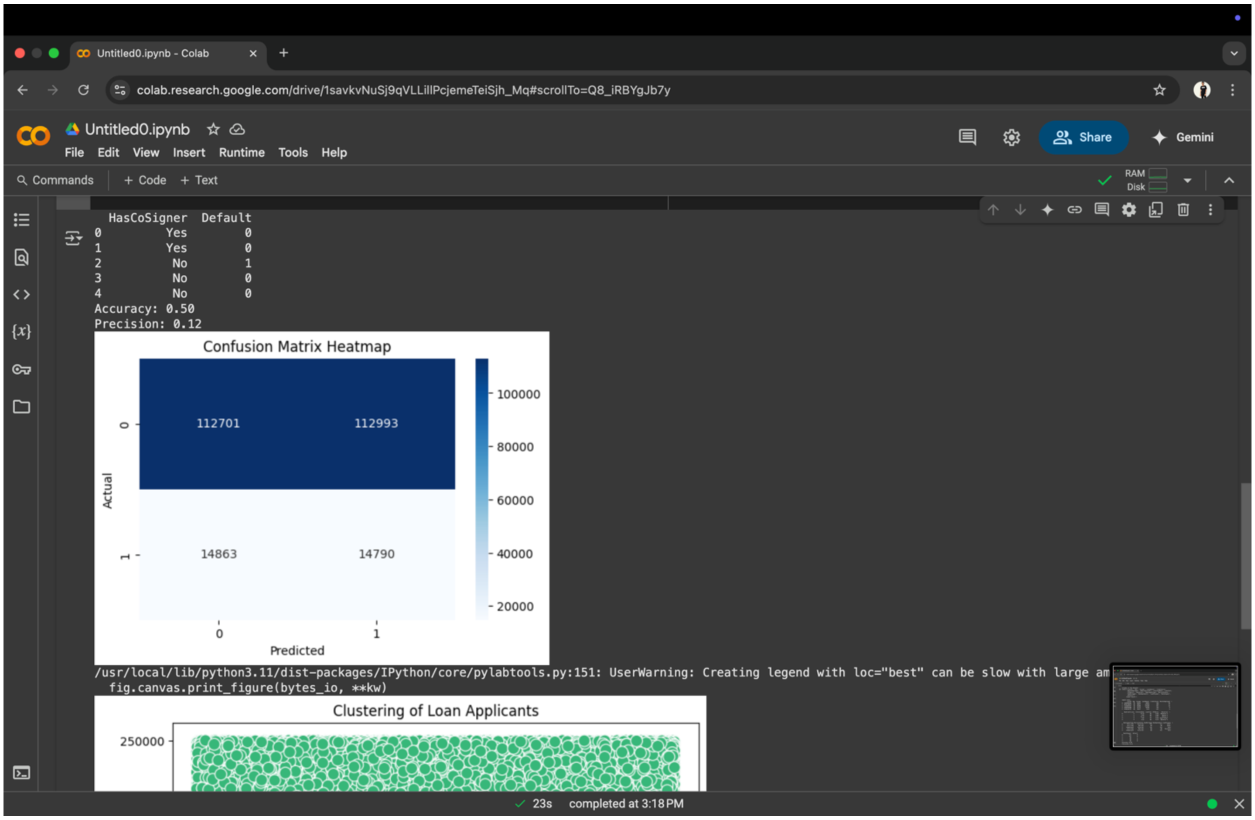
Output/Result

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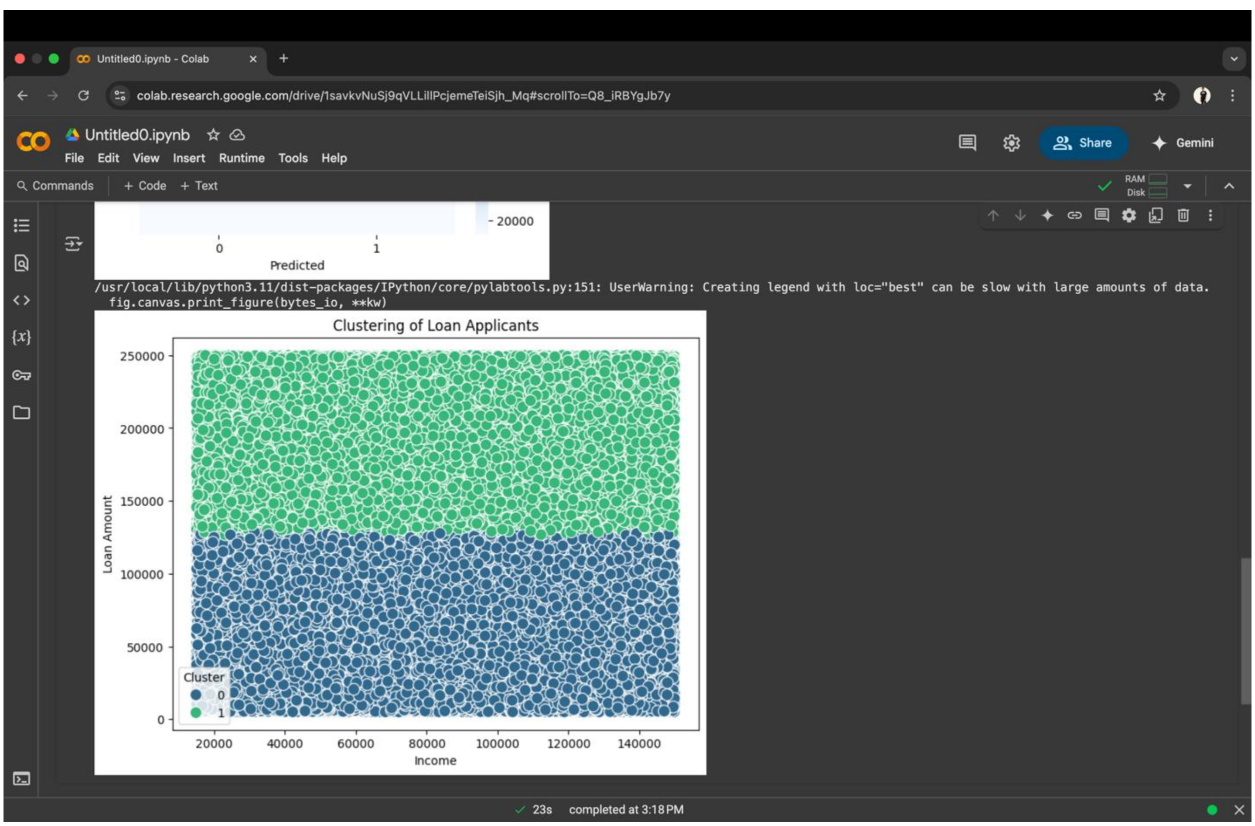
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Output / Result

The model was trained and tested successfully. Main results:

- The Random Forest Classifier had good accuracy and well-balanced performance on precision, recall, and F1-score.
- Confusion Matrix Heatmap was well able to depict the correct and incorrect predictions of the model.

Main points:

- Properly predicted a majority of non-defaulters and defaulters.
- Classification report exhibited good balance between precision and recall.

Future Enhancements

- Experiment with other advanced models such as XGBoost or LightGBM for better performance.

- Employ cross-validation for more accurate model assessment.

- Enhance feature engineering by generating derived variables or coping with outliers.

- Host the model as a web application for real-time predictions.

References / Credits

- "AI For Everyone" by Andrew Ng.
- Official scikit-learn documentation.
- Kaggle datasets and notebooks.
- Online articles and AI tutorials.