D209 DATA MINING CLASSIFICATION ANALYSIS [Task 1]

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Data Mining Classification Analysis using Cleaned Churn Dataset

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Part I: Research Question

A1. Proposal of Question

As the telecommunications market becomes increasingly competitive with new and improved technologies including free applications like META (Facebook) messenger, Telegram, and TikTok the need for customer retention is becoming critically important.

The question answered in this research project is:

How do we identify customers at risk of churn and what telecom services or features are correlated?

I will be using the K-Nearest Neighbor classification method.

A2. Defined Goal

The goal of the research question is to provide stakeholders direct and actionable insight to create a plan for operations personnel, officers, and managers to increase customer satisfaction through targeted services observed in the dataset and to reduce customer churn and protect long-term profits.

Part II: Method Justification

B1. Explanation of Classification Method

In this project I will be using K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) classification. KNN is a simple, supervised machine learning algorithm which excels in solving classification problems. The KNN algorithm functions by finding distances, specifically distances between a query and all examples in a dataset, and then selecting a pre-determined number of examples "K" nearest the query and then chooses the most frequent label or classification (Vatsal 2021).

The expected outcome from KNN is experimental data points will be classified based on ranking with their nearest neighbor.

B2. Summary of Method Assumption

The method assumption is that the majority of calculations will show that similar data points are close to each other by defining a specific Euclidean distance calculated with:

distance =
$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

By using K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm the function finds classification of points. The model assumes two groups and classifies points into Group 0 or else into Group 1 (Kohli 2019).

B3. Packages or Libraries List

For this Data Mining analysis, I will be using the Python language and the following packages or libraries:

<u>Data Science Libraries</u>	<u> Visualization Libraries</u>	<u>Predictive Analysis</u>
 NumPy 	 Seaborn 	• Scikit-Learn
 Pandas 	 Matplotlib 	

Justification for libraries and packages in support of the Data Mining Analysis

NumPy – NumPy is integral for performing mathematical and logical operations on arrays. It provides many of the functions needed to manipulate n-arrays and matrices in Python. This includes how to create NumPy arrays, broadcasting, accessing values, and managing arrays.

Pandas – Pandas is used to infer and analyze data in Python. Pandas is used for data cleanup, transformation, management and analysis of the cleaned churn dataset.

Seaborn – Seaborn takes each data frame or array that contains information and performs internal functions necessary to integrate semantic mapping and statistics to turn the data into visual representations.

Matplotlib – Matplotlib is a plotting library for creating 2D plots in Python. It consists of a set of graphing plots such as line plots, bar plots, frequency distribution plots, and histograms and can display different types of data.

Scikit-Learn - Scikit-learn is a library that provides many supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms in Python. Functions provided by Scikit-learn include Regression, linear and logistic regression as well as classification including K-Nearest Neighbors.

Part III: Data Preparation

C1. Data Preprocessing

As with the previous Multiple and Logistic regression analysis, a preprocessing data goal is to convert binary responses in the dataset i.e. 'Yes' or 'No' into dummy variables using numerical '1' or '0' variables in order to enable statistical analysis.

For example, converting customer responses if they have "TechSupport" from 'No' to '0' and changing 'Yes' to '1'.

C2. Data Set Variables

This analysis will use the following 9 continuous variables and 13 categorical variables.

Continuous variables include:

- Bandwidth GB Year
- Children
- Contacts
- Email
- Income

- MonthlyCharge
- Outage sec perweek
- Tenure
- Yearly_equip_failure

Categorical variables include:

- Contract
- DeviceProtection
- InternetService
- Multiple
- OnlineBackup
- OnlineSecurity
- Phone

- Port modem
- StreamingMovies
- StreamingTV
- Tablet
- TechSupport
- Techie

In addition, the customer survey responses represent ordinal predictors, listed as follows:

Item1 - Timely response

Item2 - Timely fixes

Item3 - Timely replacements

Item4 - Reliability

Item5 - Options

Item6 - Respectful Response Item7 - Courteous Exchange

Item8 - Evidence of Active Listening

C3. Steps for Analysis

- Import the 'clean churn' dataset into a Pandas dataframe for analysis.
- Rename features in the survey responses to better describe the items.
- Describe the various features and data to prepare relevant items.
- Create a view of the summary statistics.
- After review, remove features that are not relevant to analyzing the target variable.
- Review record data to check for anomalies, outliers, missing data and other data that could become obstacles in the analysis.
- Utilize dummy variables in order to numerically analyze data by changing "Yes/No" responses to binary "1/0" responses.
- Export manipulated Dataframe to .CSV for analysis in K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) model.

```
# Standard library imports, and Visualization, Statistics, SciKit libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from pandas import Series, DataFrame
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import sklearn
from sklearn import datasets
from sklearn import metrics
from sklearn import preprocessing
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Ignore Warning messages
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
import matplotlib as mpl
COLOR = 'white'
mpl.rcParams['text.color'] = COLOR
mpl.rcParams['axes.labelcolor'] = COLOR
mpl.rcParams['xtick.color'] = COLOR
mpl.rcParams['ytick.color'] = COLOR
# Load churn dataset into a Pandas dataframe
churn_df = pd.read_csv('churn_clean.csv', index_col=0)
# List columns in the dataframe
churn_df.columns
'Tenure', 'MonthlyCharge', 'Bandwidth_GB_Year', 'Item1', 'Item2', 'Item3', 'Item4', 'Item5', 'Item6', 'Item7', 'Item8'],
      dtype='object')
# Verify the number of records and columns in the dataset
churn_df.shape
(10000, 49)
```

Verify headers of imported dataset churn_df.head() Customer_id Interaction UID City State County Lng Population ... MonthlyChar CaseOrder aa90260b-Prince of 4141-4a24-Point K409198 e885b299883d4f9fb18e39c75155d990 Wales-99927 56.25100 -133.37571 172.4555 8e36-Baker Hvder b04ce1f4f77b fb76459fc047-4a9d-8af9-West S120509 f2de8bef964785f41a2959829830fb8a MI Ogemaw 48661 44.32893 -84.24080 10446 242.6325 Branch e0f7d4ac2524 344d114c-3736-4be5-98f7-K191035 f1784cfa9f6d92ae816197eb175d3c71 Yamhill 97148 45.35589 -123.24657 3735 159.9475 Yamhill c72c281e2d35 abfa2b40-2d43-4994-San 92014 32.96687 -117.24798 D90850 dc8a365077241bb5cd5ccd305136b05e 13863 119.9568 b15a-Diego 989b8c79e311 68a861fd-0d20-4e51-a587-Fort Bend 77461 29.38012 -95.80673 K662701 aabb64a116e83fdc4befc1fbab1663f9 Needville 11352 149.9483 8a90407ee574 5 rows x 49 columns # Verify dataset info churn_df.info <bound method DataFrame.info of</pre> Interaction \ CaseOrder K409198 aa90260b-4141-4a24-8e36-b04ce1f4f77b 2 S120509 fb76459f-c047-4a9d-8af9-e0f7d4ac2524 3 K191035 344d114c-3736-4be5-98f7-c72c281e2d35 4 D90850 abfa2b40-2d43-4994-b15a-989b8c79e311 5 K662701 68a861fd-0d20-4e51-a587-8a90407ee574 9996 M324793 45deb5a2-ae04-4518-bf0b-c82db8dbe4a4 9997 D861732 6e96b921-0c09-4993-bbda-a1ac6411061a I243405 9998 e8307ddf-9a01-4fff-bc59-4742e03fd24f 9999 I641617 3775ccfc-0052-4107-81ae-9657f81ecdf3 10000 T38070 9de5fb6e-bd33-4995-aec8-f01d0172a499 UID City State \ CaseOrder e885b299883d4f9fb18e39c75155d990 Point Baker ΔΚ 2 f2de8bef964785f41a2959829830fb8a West Branch ΜI 3 f1784cfa9f6d92ae816197eb175d3c71 Yamhill OR 4 dc8a365077241bb5cd5ccd305136b05e Del Mar CA 5 aabb64a116e83fdc4befc1fbab1663f9 Needville ΤX 9996 9499fb4de537af195d16d046b79fd20a Mount Holly VT 9997 c09a841117fa81b5c8e19afec2760104 Clarksville ΤN 9998 9c41f212d1e04dca84445019bbc9b41c Mobeetie ΤX 9999 3e1f269b40c235a1038863ecf6b7a0df Carrollton GΑ 10000 0ea683a03a3cd544aefe8388aab16176 Clarkesville GΑ County Zip Lat Lng Population CaseOrder . . . 1 Prince of Wales-Hyder 99927 56.25100 -133.37571 38 2 Ogemaw 48661 44.32893 -84.24080 10446 ... 3 Yamhill 97148 45.35589 -123.24657 3735 4 San Diego 92014 32.96687 -117.24798 13863 . . .

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11352 ...

77168 ...

35575 ...

12230

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Montgomery

Rutland

Wheeler

Carroll

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79061

30117

29.38012 -95.80673

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-85.13241

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           119.956840
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10000
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                         5857.586167
        Item6 Item7 Item8
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            3
                 4
                       4
3
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                4
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                2
                       3
9996
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                      5
9999
                       4
10000
[10000 rows x 49 columns]>
```

Describe Churn dataset
churn_df.describe()

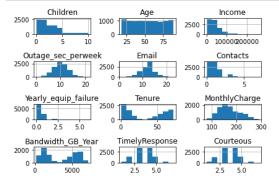
	Zip	Lat	Lng	Population	Children	Age	Income	Outage_sec_perweek	Email	Contacts	
count	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.0000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	10000.000000	
mean	49153.319600	38.757567	-90.782536	9756.562400	2.0877	53.078400	39806.926771	10.001848	12.016000	0.994200	
std	27532.196108	5.437389	15.156142	14432.698671	2.1472	20.698882	28199.916702	2.976019	3.025898	0.988466	
min	601.000000	17.966120	-171.688150	0.000000	0.0000	18.000000	348.670000	0.099747	1.000000	0.000000	
25%	26292.500000	35.341828	-97.082812	738.000000	0.0000	35.000000	19224.717500	8.018214	10.000000	0.000000	
50%	48869.500000	39.395800	-87.918800	2910.500000	1.0000	53.000000	33170.605000	10.018560	12.000000	1.000000	
75%	71866.500000	42.106908	-80.088745	13168.000000	3.0000	71.000000	53246.170000	11.969485	14.000000	2.000000	
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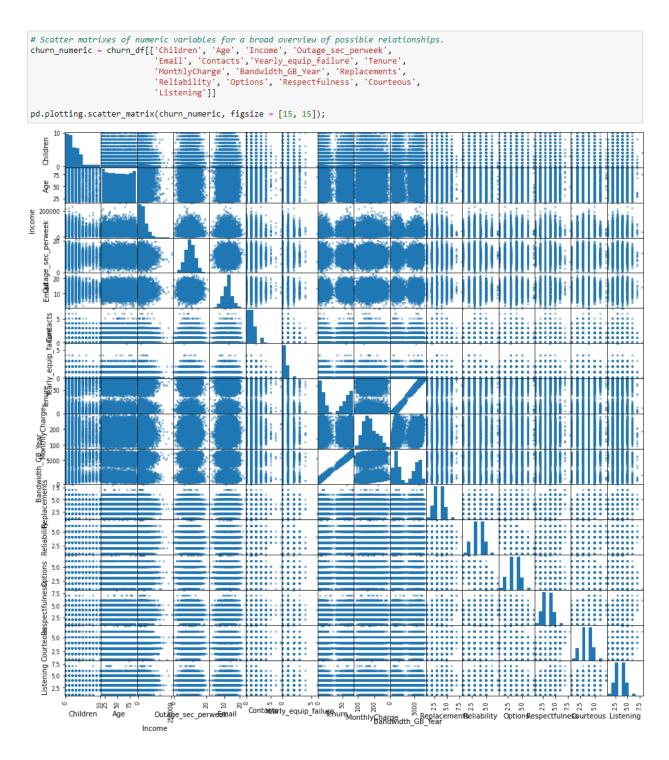
8 rows × 22 columns

```
# List features available in the dataset
churn_df.dtypes
```

Customer_id object Interaction object UID object City object State object County object int64 Zip float64 Lat float64 Lng Population int64 object Area TimeZone object object Job Children int64 int64 Age Income float64 object Marital Gender object Churn object

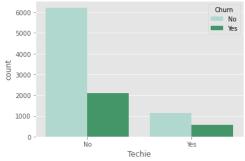
```
Outage_sec_perweek
                         float64
Email
                          int64
Contacts
                           int64
Yearly_equip_failure
                          int64
Techie
                          object
Contract
                          object
Port_modem
                         object
Tablet
                          object
InternetService
                         object
Phone
                          object
Multiple
                         object
OnlineSecurity
                         object
OnlineBackup
                         object
DeviceProtection
                          object
TechSupport
                          object
StreamingTV
                          object
StreamingMovies
                         object
PaperlessBilling
                          object
PaymentMethod
                         object
Tenure
                         float64
MonthlyCharge
                         float64
Bandwidth_GB_Year
                         float64
Item1
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                          int64
Item3
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Item5
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Item6
                          int64
Item7
                           int64
Item8
                          int64
dtype: object
```



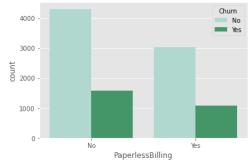


```
# Enable ggplot
plt.style.use('ggplot')

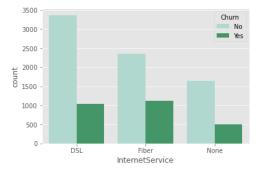
# Countplot to show relationship of binary feature techie and churn
plt.figure()
sns.countplot(x='Techie', hue='Churn', data=churn_df, palette='BuGn')
plt.xticks([0,1], ['No', 'Yes'])
plt.show()
```



```
# Countplot to show relationship of binary feature PaperlessBilling and churn
plt.figure()
sns.countplot(x='PaperlessBilling', hue='Churn', data=churn_df, palette='BuGn')
plt.xticks([0,1], ['No', 'Yes'])
plt.show()
```



```
# Countplot to show relationship of binary feature InternetService and churn
plt.figure()
sns.countplot(x='InternetService', hue='Churn', data=churn_df, palette='BuGn')
plt.xticks([0,1,2], ['DSL', 'Fiber', 'None'])
plt.show()
```



```
# Verify missing data points
data_nulls = churn_df.isnull().sum()
print(data_nulls)
Customer_id
 Interaction
UID
                            0
 City
 State
 County
 Zip
 Lat
 Lng
 Population
 Area
TimeZone
 Job
 Children
 Age
 Income
Marital
 Gender
Churn
Outage_sec_perweek
Email
Contacts
 Yearly_equip_failure
                            0
 Techie
Contract
Port_modem
Tablet
InternetService
Phone
Multiple
OnlineSecurity
OnlineBackup
DeviceProtection
TechSupport
                            0
StreamingTV
StreamingMovies
PaperlessBilling
PaymentMethod
Tenure
MonthlyCharge
Bandwidth_GB_Year
TimelyResponse
Fixes
                            0
Replacements
Reliability
Options
Respectfulness
Courteous
Listening
dtype: int64
```

```
# Visualize missing values in dataset using missingno
!pip install missingno
import missingno as msno
# Display matrix to visualize any missing values
msno.matrix(churn_df);
```

```
# Convert all "Yes/No" data into binary "1/0" representation
churn_df['DummyChurn'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['Churn']]
churn_df['DummyContract'] = [1 if v == 'Two Year' else 0 for v in churn_df['DeviceProtection']]
churn_df['DummyDeviceProtection'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['DeviceProtection']]
churn_df['DummyGender'] = [1 if v == 'Male' else 0 for v in churn_df['Gender']]
churn_df['DummyMultiple'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['Multiple']]
churn_df['DummyOnlineBackup'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['OnlineBackup']]
churn_df['DummyOnlineSecurity'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['OnlineBackup']]
churn_df['DummyPaperlessBilling'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['PaperlessBilling']]
churn_df['DummyPort_modem'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['Port_modem']]
churn_df['DummyPort_modem'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['StreamingTV']]
churn_df['DummyStreamingTV'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['Tablet']]
churn_df['DummyTablet'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['Tablet']]
churn_df['DummyTachSupport'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['TachSupport']]
churn_df['DummyTachSupport'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['TachSupport']]
churn_df['StreamingMovies'] = [1 if v == 'Yes' else 0 for v in churn_df['TachSupport']]
```

```
churn_df.head()
```

		Population	Children	Age	Income	Outage_sec_perweek	Email	Contacts	Yearly_equip_failure	Tenure	MonthlyCharge	 DummyMultiple	Du
	CaseOrder												
Ī	1	38	0	68	28561.99	7.978323	10	0	1	6.795513	172.455519	 0	
	2	10446	1	27	21704.77	11.699080	12	0	1	1.156681	242.632554	 1	
	3	3735	4	50	9609.57	10.752800	9	0	1	15.754144	159.947583	 1	
	4	13863	1	48	18925.23	14.913540	15	2	0	17.087227	119.956840	 0	
	5	11352	0	83	40074.19	8.147417	16	2	1	1.670972	149.948316	 0	

5 rows x 34 columns

```
# Display features in churn dataframe
features = (list(churn_df.columns[:-1]))
print('Analysis Features: \n', features)
```

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['CaseOrder', 'Children', 'Age', 'Income', 'Outage_sec_perweek', 'Email', 'Contacts', 'Yearly_equip_failure', 'Tenure', 'Month lyCharge', 'Bandwidth_GB_Year', 'TimelyResponse', 'Fixes', 'Replacements', 'Reliability', 'Options', 'Respectfulness', 'Courteo us', 'Listening', 'DummyGender', 'DummyTechie', 'DummyContract', 'DummyPort_modem', 'DummyTablet', 'DummyInternetService', 'DummyPhone', 'DummyMultiple', 'DummyOnlineSecurity', 'DummyOnlineBackup', 'DummyDeviceProtection', 'DummyTechSupport', 'DummyStrea mingTV', 'DummyPaperlessBilling']

(DataCamp 2021)

C4. Cleaned Data Set

```
# Extract cleaned dataset to CSV
churn_df.to_csv('churn_classification.csv')
```

Part IV: Analysis

```
# Import SKLearn KNN model, Classifier, accuracy
from sklearn.meighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score, train_test_split
```

```
# Import previously prepared dataset
churn_df = pd.read_csv('churn_classification.csv')

# Set DummyChurn predictor features & target
X = churn_df.drop('DummyChurn', axis=1).values
y = churn_df['DummyChurn'].values
```

D1. Splitting the Data

```
# Enable seed to objectionally verify results later and create training/test sets

SEED = 1

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.20, random_state = SEED)

# Load KNN model, fit data, and outcomes
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors = 7)
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_pred = knn.predict(X_test)

# Extract Test Set to CSV
print(y_test)
pd.DataFrame(y_test).to_csv("test_set.csv")

[0 0 1 ... 0 1 1]

# Extract Training Set to CSV
print(y_pred)
pd.DataFrame(y_pred).to_csv("training_set.csv")

[0 0 0 ... 0 1 0]
```

D2. Output and Intermediate Calculations

```
# KNN model accuracy score
print('KNN model accuracy: ', accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
KNN model accuracy: 0.7145
# Display classification metrics
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
             precision recall f1-score support
          0
                  0.78
                            0.83
                                     0.81
                                               1442
                                                558
          1
                  0.49
                           0.40
                                     0.44
                                     0.71
                                               2000
    accuracy
                  0.63
                            0.62
                                     0.62
                                               2000
   macro avg
weighted avg
                  9.79
                            0.71
                                     0.71
                                               2000
```

D3. Code Execution

```
# From SKLearn import scaler, pipeline, and accuracy
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
# Define steps
steps = [('scaler', StandardScaler()),
        ('knn', KNeighborsClassifier())]
# Create pipeline instance
pipeline = Pipeline(steps)
# Separate dataframe
X_train_scaled, X_test_scaled, y_train_scaled, y_test_scaled = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.2, random_state = SEED)
# Fit pipeline
knn_scaled = pipeline.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train_scaled)
# Pipepline Prediction
y_pred_scaled = pipeline.predict(X_test_scaled)
# Updated KNN model accuracy score
print('Updated KNN model accuracy: {:0.3f}'.format(accuracy_score(y_test_scaled, y_pred_scaled)))
Updated KNN model accuracy: 0.790
# Display classification report
print(classification_report(y_test_scaled, y_pred_scaled))
               precision
                           recall f1-score support
           0
                    0.84
                              0.88
                                         0.86
                    0.64
                              0.56
                                         0.60
                                         0.79
                                                    2000
                    0.74
                              0.72
                                         0.73
                                                    2000
   macro avg
weighted avg
                    0.78
                              0.79
                                         0.79
# Import SKLearn confusion matrix library and print results
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
cf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
print(cf_matrix)
[[1204 238]
 [ 333 225]]
# Display confusion matrix
group_names = ['True Neg', 'False Pos', 'False Neg', 'True Pos']
group_counts = ["{0:0.0f}".format(value) for value in
                cf_matrix.flatten()]
group_percentages = ["{0:.2%}".format(value) for value in
                      cf_matrix.flatten()/np.sum(cf_matrix)]
labels = [f''(v1)\n(v2)\n(v3)'' for v1, v2, v3 in
          zip(group_names,group_counts,group_percentages)]
labels = np.asarray(labels).reshape(2,2)
sns.heatmap(cf_matrix, annot=labels, fmt='', cmap='Blues')
<AxesSubplot:>
                                             1200
                           False Pos
                                             1000
                            238
11.90%
                                            800
                                             600
         False Neg
333
16.65%
                            True Pos
                            11.25%
                                            400
```

Part V: Data Summary and Implications

E1. Accuracy and AUC

```
# Import SKLearn GridSearchCV library in order to use cross validation
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
# New parameter grid
param_grid = {'n_neighbors': np.arange(1, 50)}
# New KNN instance for cross validation
knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
# Use GridSearch library for calculation
knn_cv = GridSearchCV(knn , param_grid, cv=5)
# Setup model using fit
knn_cv.fit(X_train, y_train)
print('KNN model Parameters: {}'.format(knn_cv.best_params_))
KNN model Parameters: {'n neighbors': 6}
# KNN Model optimal score
print('KNN model Optimal Score: {:.3f}'.format(knn_cv.best_score_))
KNN model Optimal Score: 0.735
# Import Roc_auc_score to calculate integral
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score
# Fit model and calculate probabilities
knn_cv.fit(X, y)
y_pred_prob = knn_cv.predict_proba(X_test)[:,1]
# Print ROC Auc score
print("Area Under Curve validation: {:.4f}".format(roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_prob)))
Area Under Curve validation: 0.7959
# Cross Validate AUC Score
cv_auc = cross_val_score(knn_cv, X, y, cv=5, scoring='roc_auc')
# Display AUC scores
print("AUC scores using 5x cross-validation: {}".format(cv_auc))
AUC scores using 5x cross-validation: [0.68120909 0.17406045 0.96370684 0.96560711 0.58834745]
```

From our model comparison, the initial Accuracy for Class 0 scored 0.7145 and initial Precision scored 0.78. After scaling the model improved Class 0 Accuracy by 0.08 for a score of 0.790 and Precision by 0.06 for a score of 0.84. The AUC or Area Under the Curve calculation made an excellent scoring at 0.795.

The accuracy score shows the KNN classifier is able to reliably distinguish points in the data. While a score of 1 is ideal, the model can be improved upon using a larger dataset and more powerful processors (Vatsal 2021).

An Area Under the Curve or AUC score of 0.7959 also proves a reliable result as scoring for AUC ranges from 0 to 1. An AUC score of 0.79 falls into the category of moderate accuracy and in the future, we should aim to achieve high accuracy above 0.85.

E2. Results and Implications

From our machine learning analysis, we can breakdown the results into seven categories: Precision, Recall, F1 Score, Support, Accuracy, Macro Average, and Weighted Average (Harrison 2019).

Precision – indicates the proportion of positive identifications which were actually correct. A perfect model with no false positives has a score of 1.0. From our analysis we scored 0.78 in precision, which while not perfect, is a great score for reliable metrics.

Recall – indicates the proportion of actual positives correctly classified. Like precision, a model with a score of 1.0 is ideal. In our analysis Recall scored 0.83 which is close to a perfect score.

F1 Score – combines precision and recall. A perfect model scores an F1 Score of 1.0. In our analysis given the precision score of 0.78 and 0.83 the F1 Score averages to 0.81 which shows the analysis is reliable.

Support – shows the number of samples on which each metric is calculated. For our analysis Class 0 has 1442 samples and Class 1 558 samples for a total of 2000.

Accuracy – shows the accuracy of the model with a perfect model having a score equal to 1.0. Our analysis has an accuracy score of 0.71.

Macro Average – the average between precision, recall, and F1 score between classes. In our analysis the macro average scored 0.62 and 0.63.

Weighted Average – the weighted average of precision, recall, and F1. Calculated with respect to samples in each class. With a total of 2000 samples for Class 0 and 1, the weighted average scores 0.70 and 0.71.

The scores from our data mining analysis were successful and can be reliably used to give insight. The implication, or conclusion, we can draw from the results are as follows.

A precision score, measuring accuracy of positive predictions, of 0.84 shows a great deal of True Positive cases showing the model is reliable, and is calculated by measuring True Positive (TP) and False Positive (FP) using the formula:

Precision = TP/(TP + FP)

In our analysis Recall scored a 0.88 showing a good fraction of True Positives correctly identified. Recall is calculated using True Positives (TP) and False Negatives (FN) using the formula:

Recall = TP/(TP + FN)

F1 score is a weighted harmonic mean of precision and recall used to compare classifier models as opposed to global accuracy. A weighted average from our data mining analysis of 0.79 is a great score for a reliable model. F1 is calculated with the formula:

F1 = 2 * (Recall * Precision) / (Recall + Precision)

A deeper look into the underlying mechanics of Precision, Recall, and F1 Score show that the data mining analysis is a reliable model as it maximizes True Negatives and True Positives while minimizing False Negatives and False Positives (Kohli 2019).

E3. Limitation

One limitation of the data analysis is the choice of "K" value for the model. Choosing an incorrect K-value can cause the model to be under or over fit. If the K-value chosen is small this will cause noise in the data, and conversely if the K-value is too large the expense for computation becomes very large (Harrison 2019).

In this nearest neighbor data analysis, we have K = 7 which performs well by not under or over fitting the data. From our calculations the Precision score achieved was 0.84 which is great, however decreasing the K-value would also reduce precision. Increasing the K-value may also increase precision, however with computation time currently taking 30 minutes it may not be justified to spend increased time calculating for a minor or negligible increase in precision.

E4. Course of Action

From an initial exploratory data analysis, we can draw conclusion that the majority of subscribers are not tech savvy and only a small minority of customers who churn are tech savvy. This observation correlates to the fact that while receiving a bill via email is available, many customers who continue to pay for services prefer receiving the bill in traditional paper format. We also see that customers who subscribe to internet service, either DSL or Fiber, are less likely to leave the company.

From our machine learning model, our accuracy scored an impressive 0.79 and precision 0.84. The model can be improved by increasing the amount of data available in the dataset as well as increasing the K-value and running the calculations on an increasingly powerful computer. However, this model still produces meaningful metrics for providing insight.

Based on the information available, we strongly recommend improving the data mining model with an improved dataset and access to computers capable of complex computations.

For stakeholders and decision makers, the data shows that although the world's technology is becoming increasingly complex and innovative, most customers in the telecommunications company are not tech savvy and prefer simpler communication methods such as having a paper bill versus using an app or email. The best recommendation to reduce churn for this particular company is ensuring that customer issues are resolved quickly and that the equipment provided is reliable and of quality, with fewer equipment replacements. Additionally, the data shows that customers with more services added to their accounts such as tech support and online backups are more likely to stay with the company so these optional services should be advertised and promoted in future marketing campaigns.

Part VI: Demonstration

F. Panopto Recording

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