

The “German Credit” dataset hosted on (UCI’s Machine Learning Repository) contains approximately 1000 observations, with 20 variables. The dependent variable that in all cases we will be trying to predict is whether or not an “individual” has good credit record.

Two datasets are provided. The original dataset, in the form provided by Prof. Hofmann, contains categorical/symbolic attributes and is in the file "german.data".

For algorithms that need numerical attributes, Strathclyde University produced the file "german.data-numeric". This file has been edited and several indicator variables added to make it suitable for algorithms which cannot cope with categorical variables. Several attributes that are ordered categorical (such as attribute 17) have been coded as integer. This was the form used by StatLog.

Attributes(20): only have 20 attributes’ description.

**Attribute 1:** (qualitative)  
Status of existing checking account  
A11 : ... < 0 DM  
A12 : 0 <= ... < 200 DM  
A13 : ... >= 200 DM /  
salary assignments for at least 1 year  
A14 : no checking account

**Attribute 2:** (numerical)  
Duration in month. Range from: 4-72.

**Attribute 3:** (qualitative)  
Credit history  
A30 : no credits taken/  
all credits paid back duly  
A31 : all credits at this bank paid back duly  
A32 : existing credits paid back duly till now  
A33 : delay in paying off in the past  
A34 : critical account/  
other credits existing (not at this bank)

**Attribute 4:** (qualitative)  
Purpose  
A40 : car (new)  
A41 : car (used)  
A42 : furniture/equipment  
A43 : radio/television  
A44 : domestic appliances  
A45 : repairs  
A46 : education  
A47 : (vacation – does not exist?)  
A48 : retraining

A410 : others

Attribute 5: (numerical)

Credit amount. Range from: 250-18424.

**Attribute 6:** (qualitative)

Savings account/bonds

A61 : ... < 100 DM

A62 : 100  $\leq$  ...  $<$  500 DM

A63 : 500  $\leq$  ...  $<$  1000 DM

A64 : .. >= 1000 DM

A65 : unknown/ no savings account

Attribute 7: (qualitative)

Present employment since

A71 : unemployed

A72 : ... < 1 year

A73 : 1 <= ... < 4 years

A74 : 4  $\leq$  ...  $<$  7 years

A75 : ..  $\geq 7$  years

Attribute 8: (numerical)

Installment rate in percentage of disposable income. Range from: 1-4.

**Attribute 9:** (qualitative)

Personal status and sex

A91 : male : divorced/separated

A92 : female : divorced/separated/married

A93 : male : single

A94 : male : married/widowed

A95 : female : single

**Attribute 10:** (qualitative)

Other debtors / guarantors

A101 : none

A102 : co-applicant

A103 : guarantor

Attribute 11: (numerical)

Present residence since. Range from: 1-4.

**Attribute 12:** (qualitative)

Property

A121 : real estate

A122 : if not A121 : building society savings agreement/  
life insurance

A123 : if not A121/A122 : car or other, not in attribute 6  
A124 : unknown / no property

**Attribute 13:** (numerical)

Age in years. Range from: 19-75.

**Attribute 14:** (qualitative)

Other installment plans

A141 : bank

A142 : stores

A143 : none

**Attribute 15:** (qualitative)

Housing

A151 : rent

A152 : own

A153 : for free

**Attribute 16:** (numerical)

Number of existing credits at this bank. Range from: 1-4.

**Attribute 17:** (qualitative)

Job

A171 : unemployed/ unskilled - non-resident

A172 : unskilled - resident

A173 : skilled employee / official

A174 : management/ self-employed/  
highly qualified employee/ officer

**Attribute 18:** (numerical)

Number of people being liable to provide maintenance for. Range from: 1-2.

**Attribute 19:** (qualitative)

Telephone

A191 : none

A192 : yes, registered under the customers name

**Attribute 20:** (qualitative)

foreign worker

A201 : yes

A202 : no

**Attribute 21:** (binary)

Good or Bad.