

# Examining Predictions for Credit Card Defaults

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# 1. Introduction



## Motivation

Predicting Overdue

Lending Decision

Risk Management

Financial Inclusion



## Dataset Description

American Express

Kaggle

45,528 Rows

19 Columns

IID data

4.43% Missing



## Target Variable

credit\_card\_default

1 for Past Due

0 for On Time

Imbalance

Classification



## Previous Work

*Credit Scoring Approaches Guidelines*

World Bank Group Suggests:

1. Regression

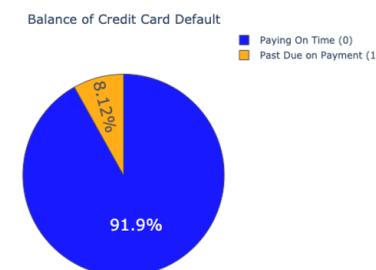
2. Decision Tree

3. Random Forest

4. Gradient Boosting

5. Deep Neural Networks

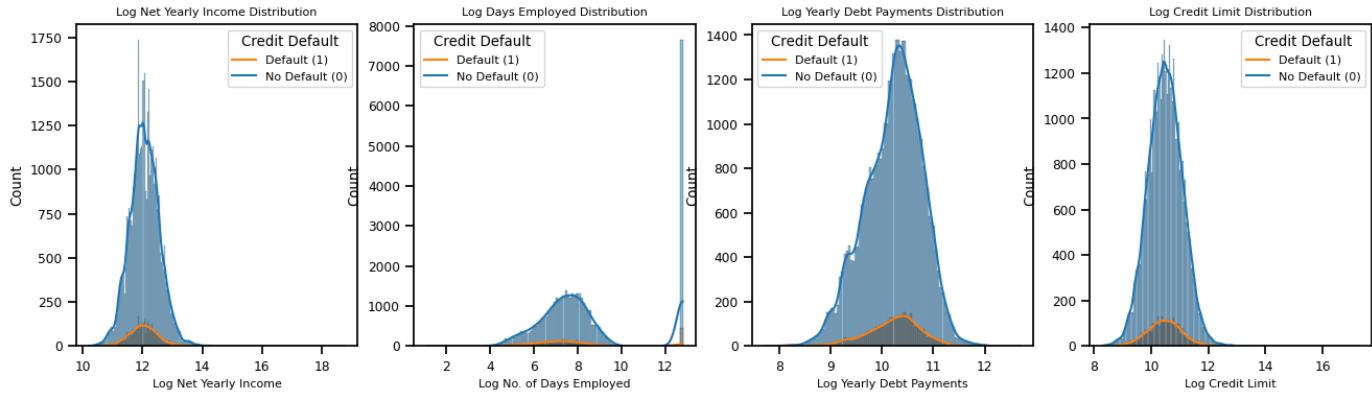
6. SVM



# 2. EDA

## Histograms

- Skewed Distributions
- Log Transformation
- Consistent Patterns

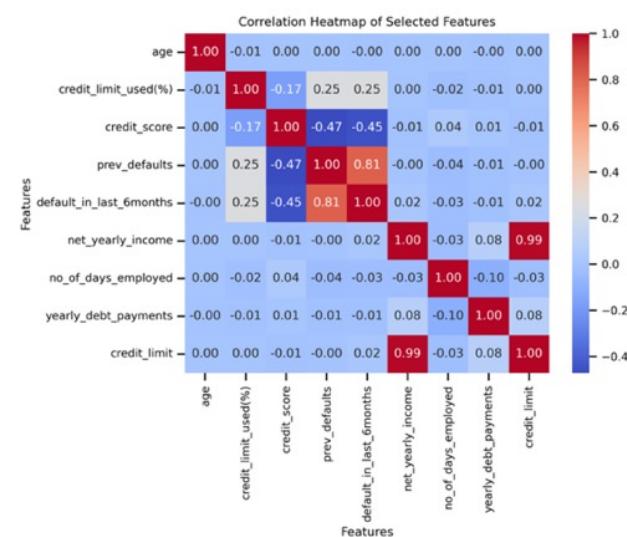
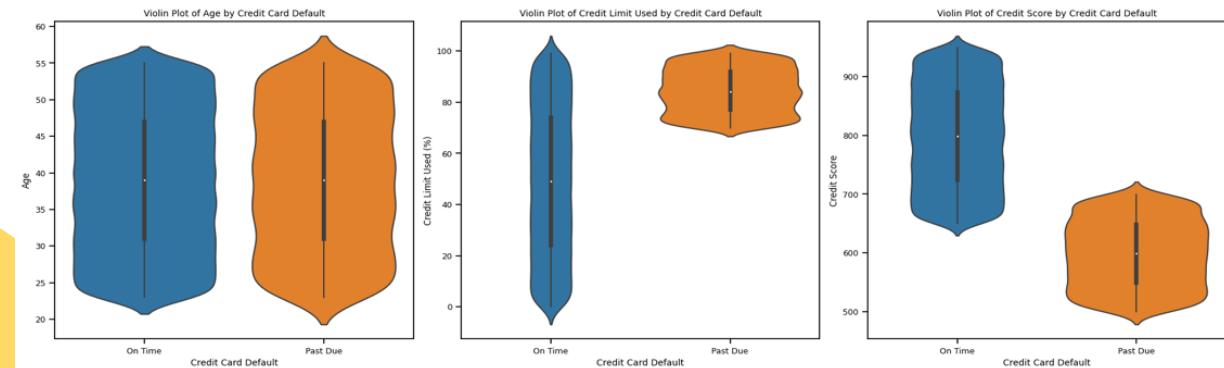


## Heatmap

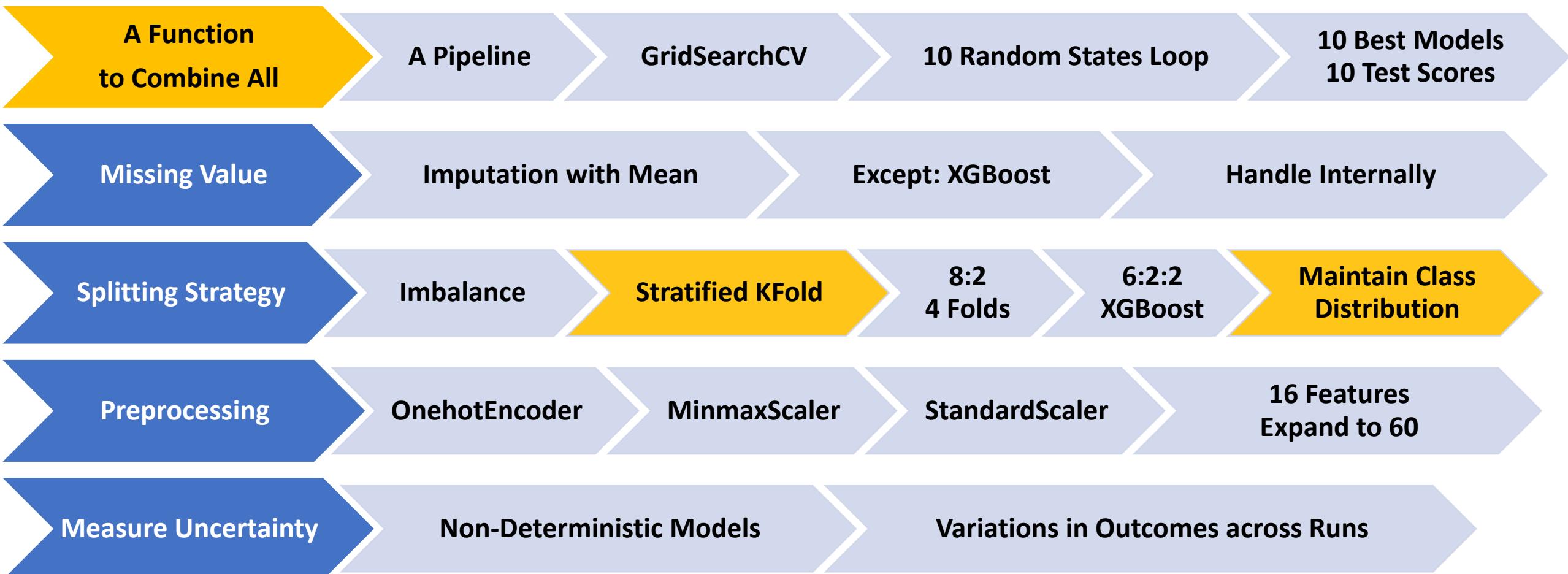
- Net Yearly Income V.S. Credit Limit
- Strong Correlation

## Violin plots

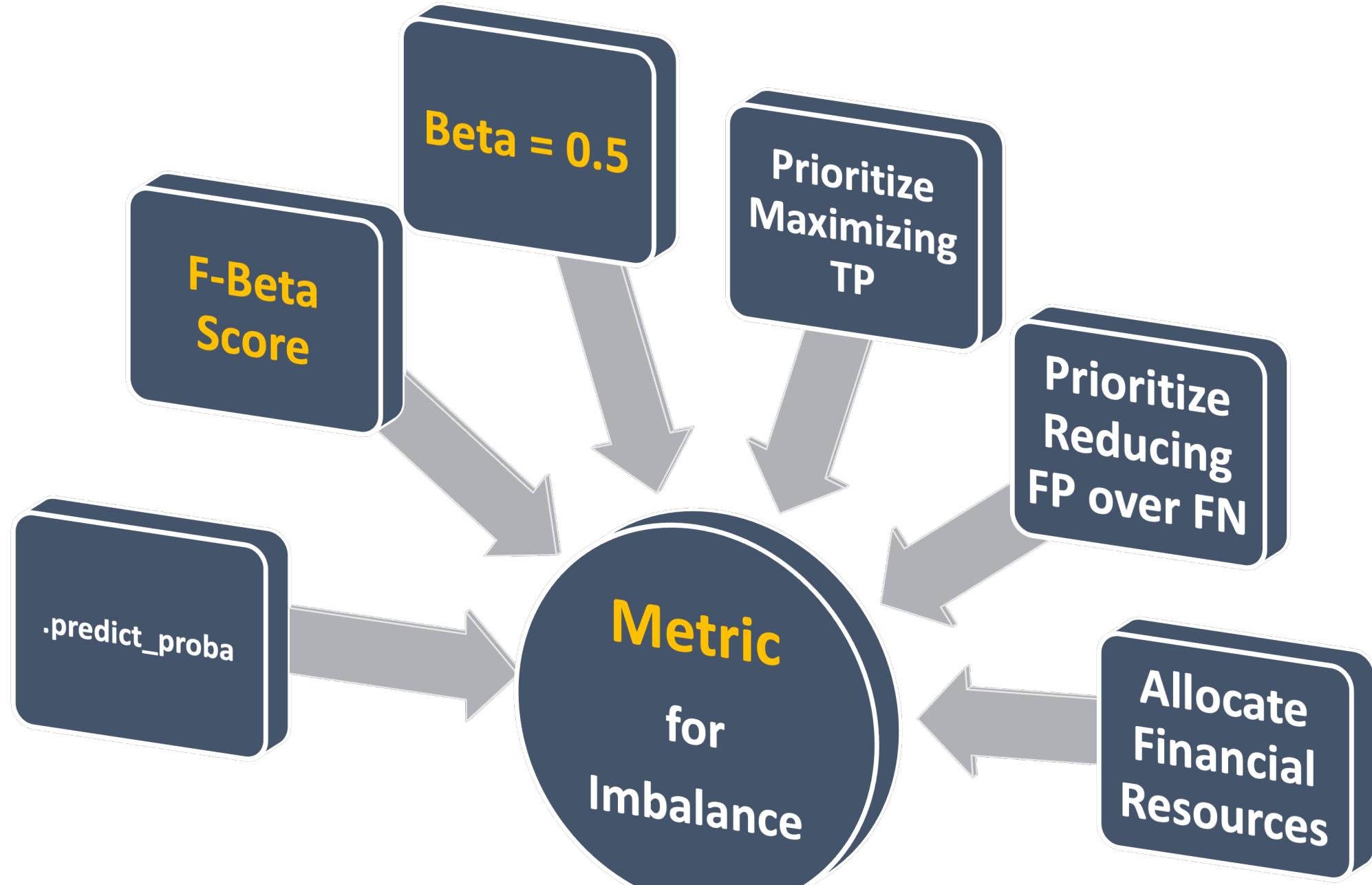
- Age: Consistent
- Credit Limit Usage: Wider Spread for Class1
- Credit Scores: Distinct Patterns



# 3. Cross Validation



Algorithms	Rationale	Parameters	Rationale	Best Parameters
<b>Logistic Regression</b>	famous for binary classification	C [0.01, 0.1, 1, 10]	allow fine-tuning of the regularization strength	C =0.1
<b>Decision Tree</b>	reduce overfitting and capture non-linear patterns	max_depth [5, 10, 15, None]	prevent the decision tree from becoming overly complex	max_depth =5
<b>Random Forest</b>	robust to noise and overfitting	n_estimators [50, 100, 150, 200]	trade-off between low training error and low testing error	n_estimators =100
<b>XGBoost</b>	mitigate overfitting	learning_rate [0.01, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5]	the contribution of each tree control over the step size	learning_rate =0.01

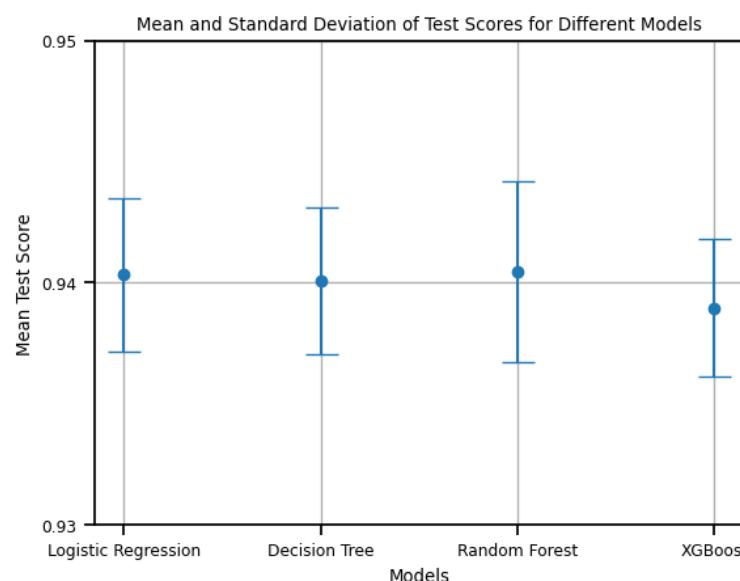


# 4. Results

Baseline = 9.754%

Assume Baseline Model Predicts all Points as Class 1

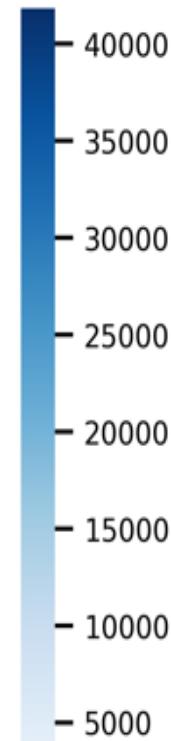
$$\text{Formula} = \frac{(1.25 * \text{Precision} * \text{Recall})}{(0.25 * \text{Precision} + \text{Recall})}$$



Model	Mean of Test Score	Std of Test Score	Coefficient of Variation	Number Of Std Above Baseline
Logistic Regression	0.9403	0.003162	0.003363	266.48
Decision Tree	0.9400	0.003012	0.003205	279.63
Random Forest	0.9404	0.003711	0.0039462	227.12
XGBoost	0.9389	0.002861	0.0030470	294.09

Confusion Matrix with best Decision Tree model

		Predicted	
		On Time(0)	Past Due(1)
True	On Time(0)	41828	3
	Past Due(1)	883	2814



**Strong Performance**

**Precision = 0.9989**

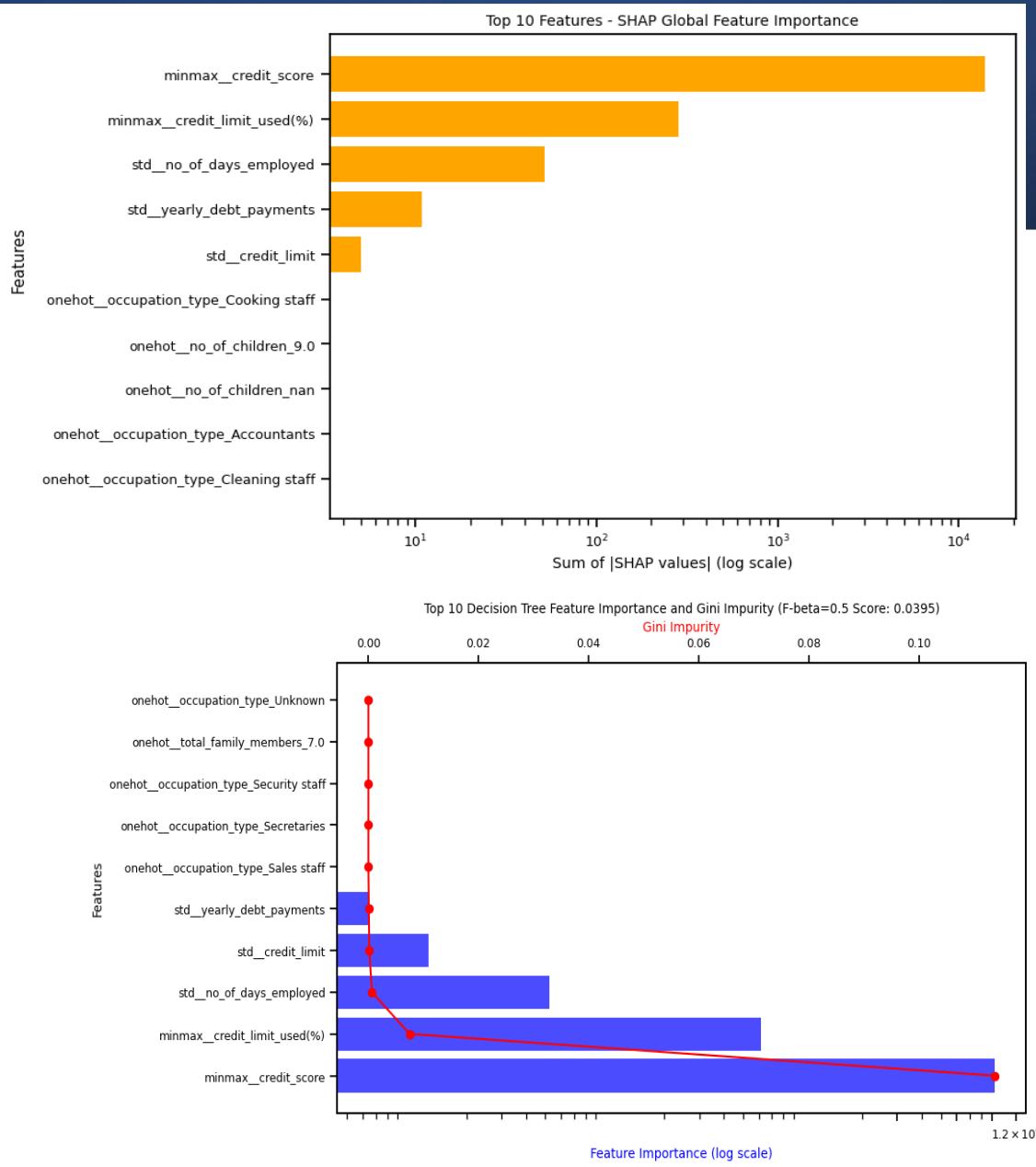
- accuracy of positive predictions

**Recall = 0.7612**

- ability to capture all positive instances

**F-beta Score = 0.9402**

- efficacy in classification tasks



Global: TOP 3

- credit\_score
- credit\_limit\_used(%)
- no\_of\_days\_employed

Metric

- Shap value
- .feature\_importances\_
- Gini Impurity

## NO.9000 data point in Force Plot 3

credit\_score

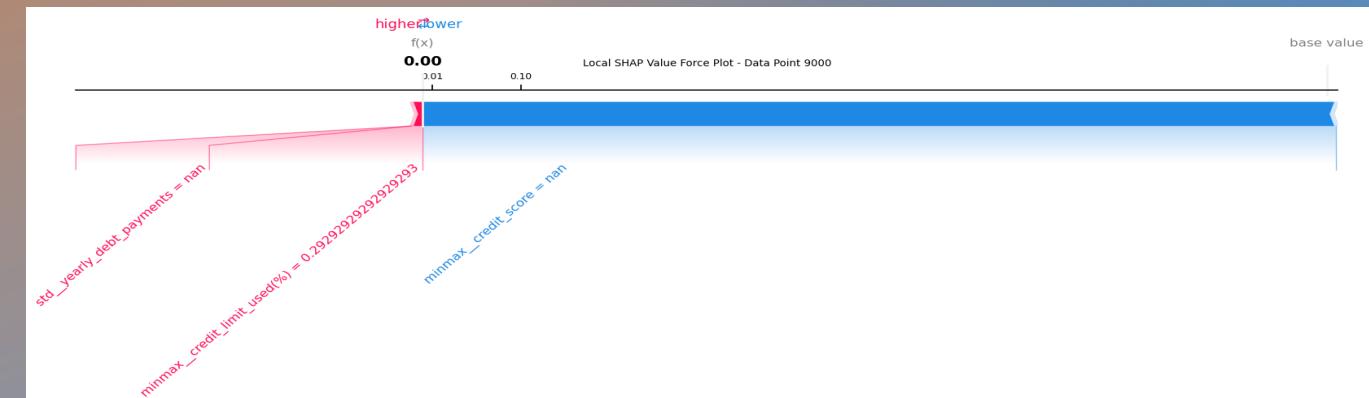
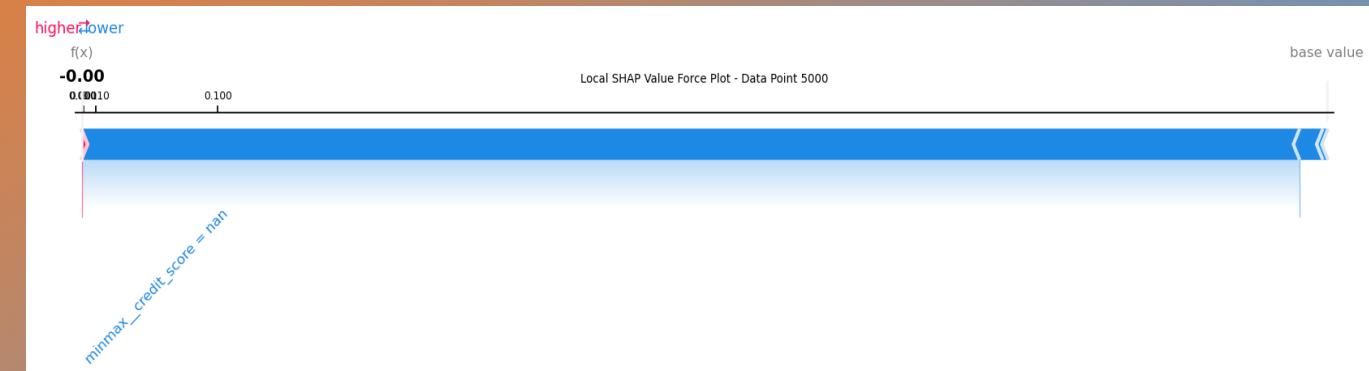
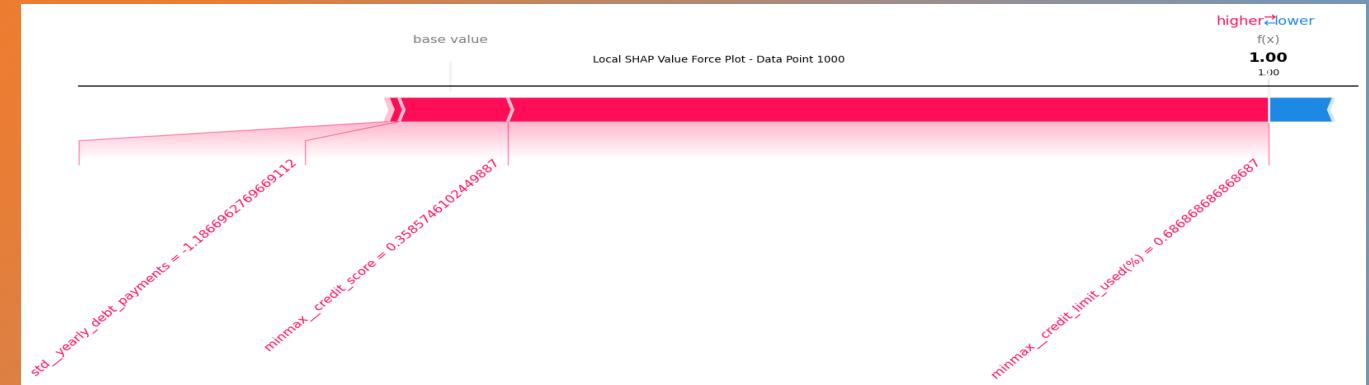
On Blue Arrow:  
Lower-Than-Average & Negative Impact  
on the Prediction

SHAP value for specific data point

credit\_limit\_used(%)

On Red Arrow:  
Higher-Than-Average & Positive Impact  
on the Prediction

SHAP value for specific data point



# 5. Outlook

## Possibility of being Overfitting

- Explore more Parameters and Values
- find sweet spot to Minimize Overfitting and Underfitting

## Control Weight of credit\_score

- Extremely Influential Variable in feature importance
- try Feature Scaling or Weighted Models

## Drop certain Features

- Heatmap

## Alternative Approaches to Handle Missing Values

## Try various Beta Values

# 6. Reference



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