

# Final Paper

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## **1) Describe your data set, why you chose it, and what you are trying to predict with it**

My data set is “Company Bankruptcy Prediction” from Kaggle.com (<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/fedesoriano/company-bankruptcy-prediction>). There are three reasons why I have chosen the data set; first, The data were collected from the Taiwan Economic Journal for the years 1999 to 2009. Company bankruptcy was defined based on the business regulations of the Taiwan Stock Exchange. As a Taiwanese I have to honor their hard work. Second, Since the data set has only binary labels, and it will be used for predicting both supervised and unsupervised experiments. It will be more convenient for my processed. Last but not least, it has 95 features and 6819 rows, perfect amounts for both supervised and unsupervised learning; A large enough number of features to training effectively, but there won't be too many rows causing training to take too much time.

The goal of predicting is a company will Bankruptcy or not.

## **2) Detail what you did to clean your data and any changes in the data representation that you applied. Discuss any challenges that arose during this process.**

### **General Description**

Use scikitlearn to divide the data set into training and testing sets. Make sure that the testing and training sets are balanced in terms of target classes. The dataset is composed of a combination of 6819 observations per each of our 96 features. All of the features are numerical (int64 or float64). There are no missing values (Nan) among the data. The Class label is "Bankrupt?", 0 is fine, 1 is bankrupt. The detail of the data set is in the Annexs.

## Value Counts

Looking at the result, it is clear to see how the labels are strongly unbalanced. We got 6599 rows are Financially stable, only 220 rows are Financially unstable.

```
[ ] print('Target Value_counts:')
    print(bank_data['Bankrupt?'].value_counts())
    print('-'* 30)
    print('Financially stable: ', round(bank_data['Bankrupt?'].value_counts()[0]/len(bank_data) * 100,2), '% of th
    print('Financially unstable: ', round(bank_data['Bankrupt?'].value_counts()[1]/len(bank_data) * 100,2), '% of .

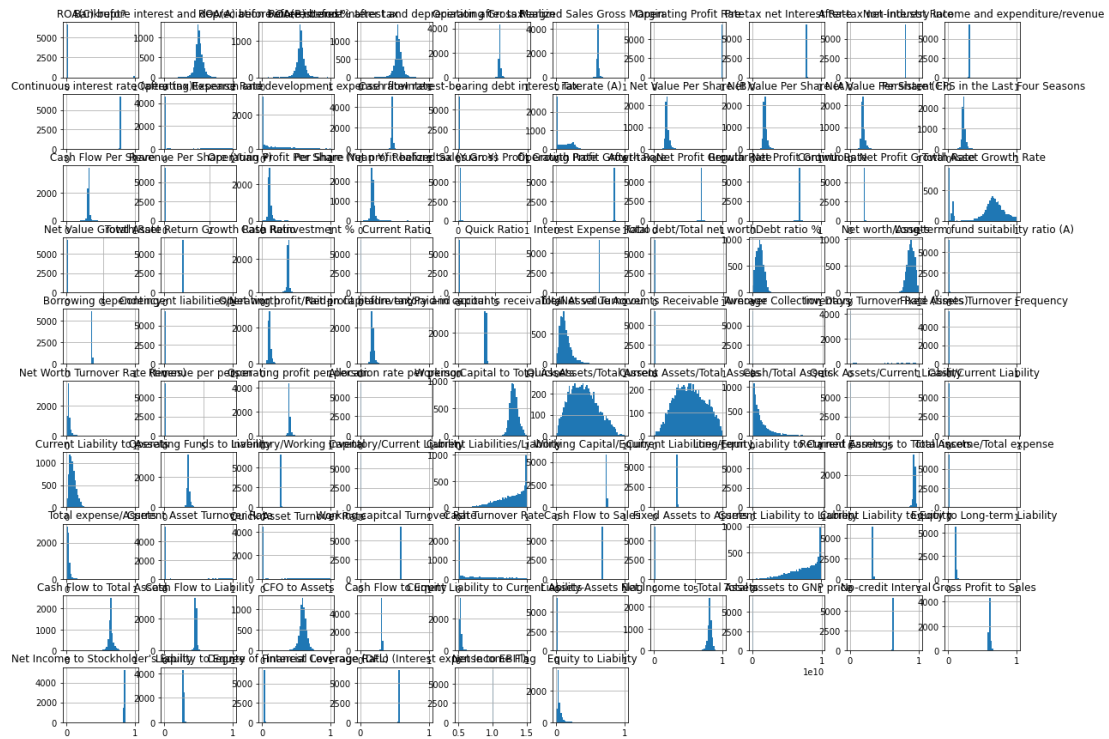
Target Value_counts:
0      6599
1        220
Name: Bankrupt?, dtype: int64
-----
Financially stable:  96.77 % of the dataset
Financially unstable:  3.23 % of the dataset
```

## Data Cleaning

Although we already know that there are no missing values, it is important to computationally check that this is true. I used `DataFrame.dropna()` function to make sure no missing values in my data set. In the end, used `DataFrame.duplicated().sum()` to make sure there has no duplicated in the data set.

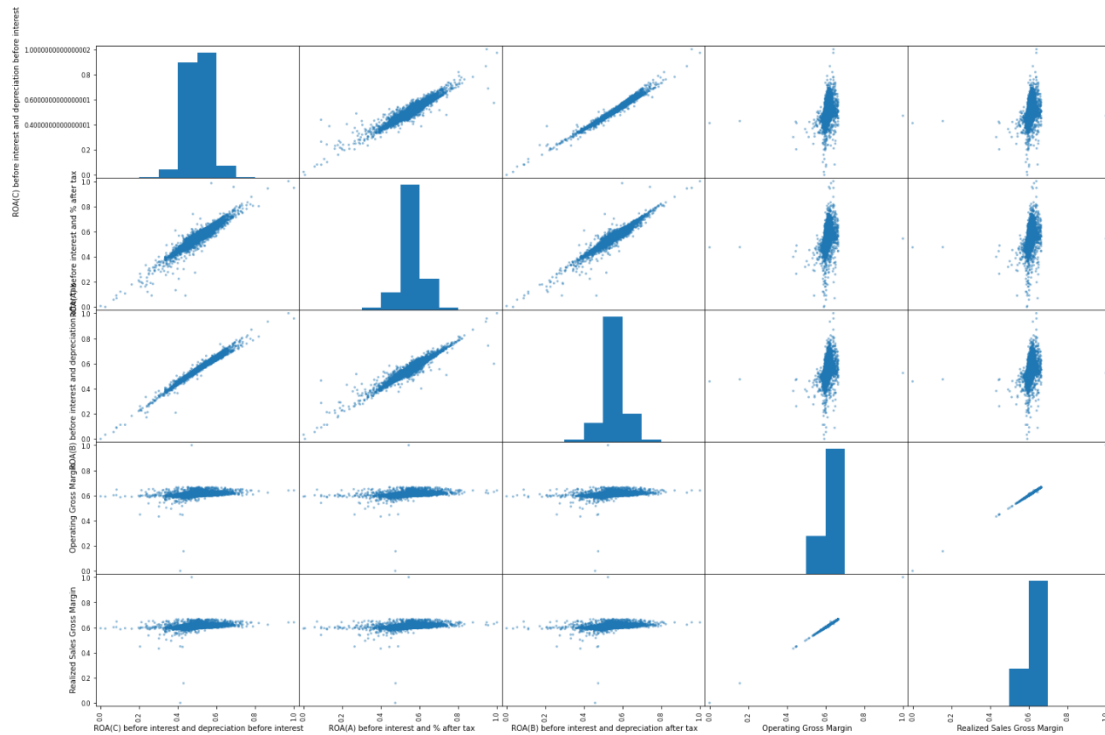
### 3) Discuss what you learned by visualizing your data

## DataFrame.hist



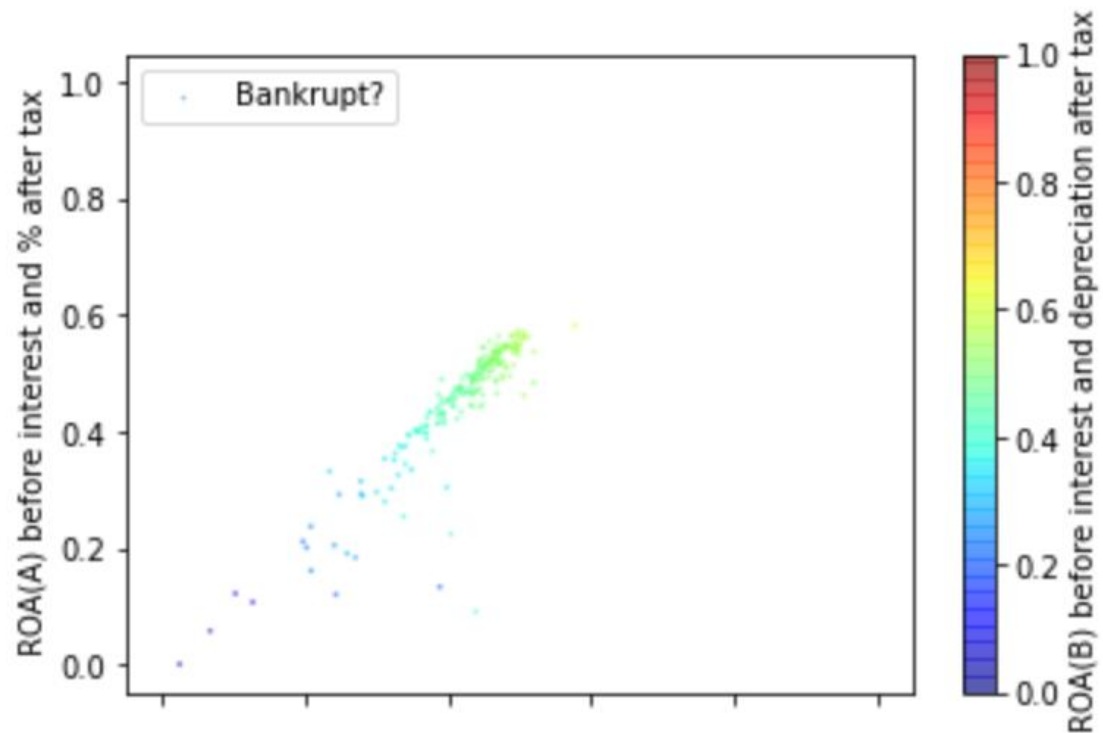
The features in the dataset have significant similarities, probably related to me not standardizing beforehand.

## plotting.scatter\_matrix()



Only do `plotting.scatter_matrix()` in the first 5 columns, because use all 96 columns will take forever. Most of the data are normally distributed, so using standardization would be a good preprocessing method.

## Scatter Plot



The features be selected are  $x = \text{'ROA(C) before interest and depreciation before interest'}$ ,  $y = \text{'ROA(A) before interest and \% after tax'}$ . There is a strong positive correlation between the two. But for the prediction of the model, it doesn't seem to be very helpful.

# Heatmap



According to the heat map, it can be intuitively found that about half of the data does not have a strong correlation for prediction. The evidence is we only required 53 features in PCA () to achieve 95% of Variance Explained.

**4) Describe your experiments with the two supervised learning algorithms you chose. This should include a brief description, in your own words, of what the**



**algorithms do and the parameters that you adjusted.**

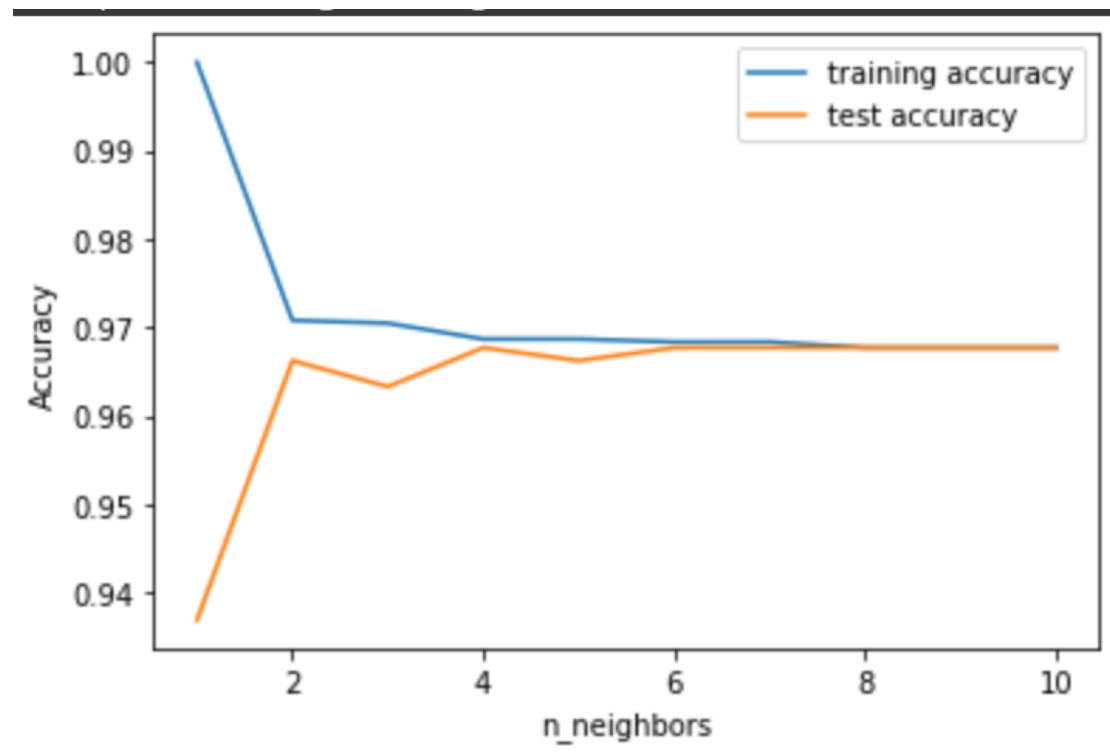
**You should also report the relative performance of the algorithms on predicting your target attribute, reflecting on the reasons for any differences in performance between models and parameter settings.**

the two supervised learning algorithms has chosen were k-Nearest Neighbors Classification and Support Vector Machines.

## **k-Nearest Neighbors**

The reason why I chosen k-Nearest Neighbors was because that the data set is base on binary classification. As far I know, k-Nearest Neighbors usually has well performance in those kind of subject. First, I compared different values for k. As the result, after  $k \geq 4$ , it has not too much

improvement for my model.



So I used Cross Validation to test the comment. When “ $n\_neighbors=4$ ” in 5-fold of Cross Validation, the mean accuracy is 0.9675 which is close with my 假説. The second thing I did is to optimize my model; Used GridSearchCV to find the best params. As the result, when {'metric': 'chebyshev', 'n\_neighbors': 9, 'weights': 'distance'} the model has the best performance. In the test data set, the model got accuracy of best performing params 0.9679.

For Evaluation Metrics:

In KNN model:

Test set  $R^2$ : 0.96

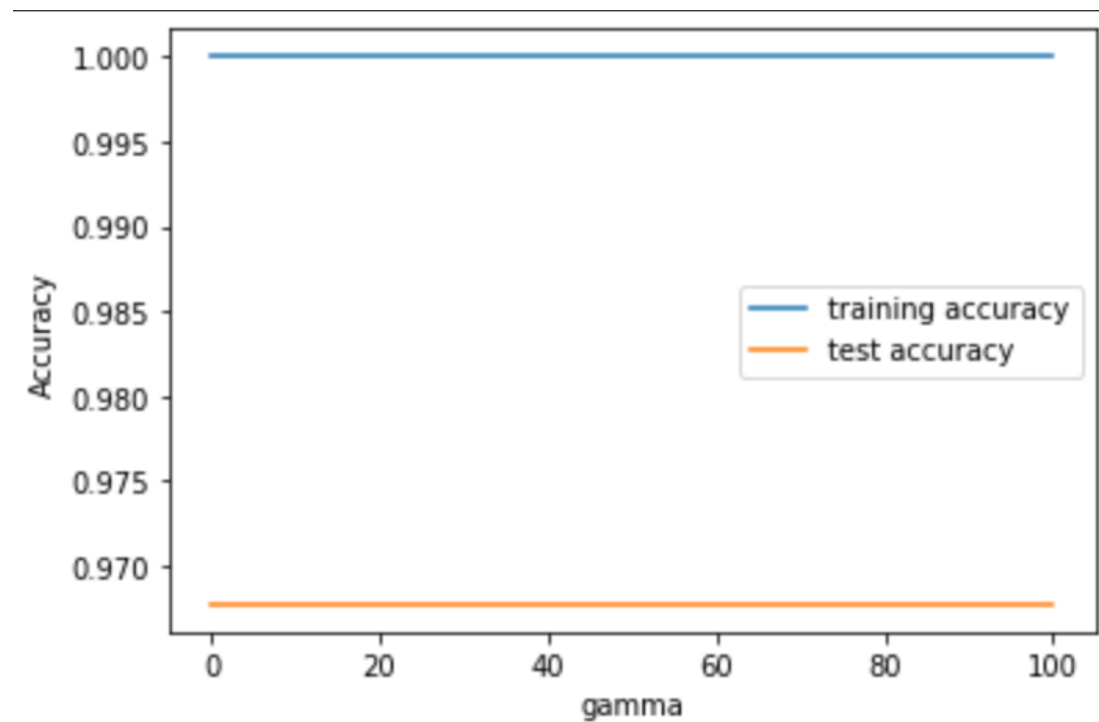
Test set RMSE: 0.04

Test set MSE: 0.04

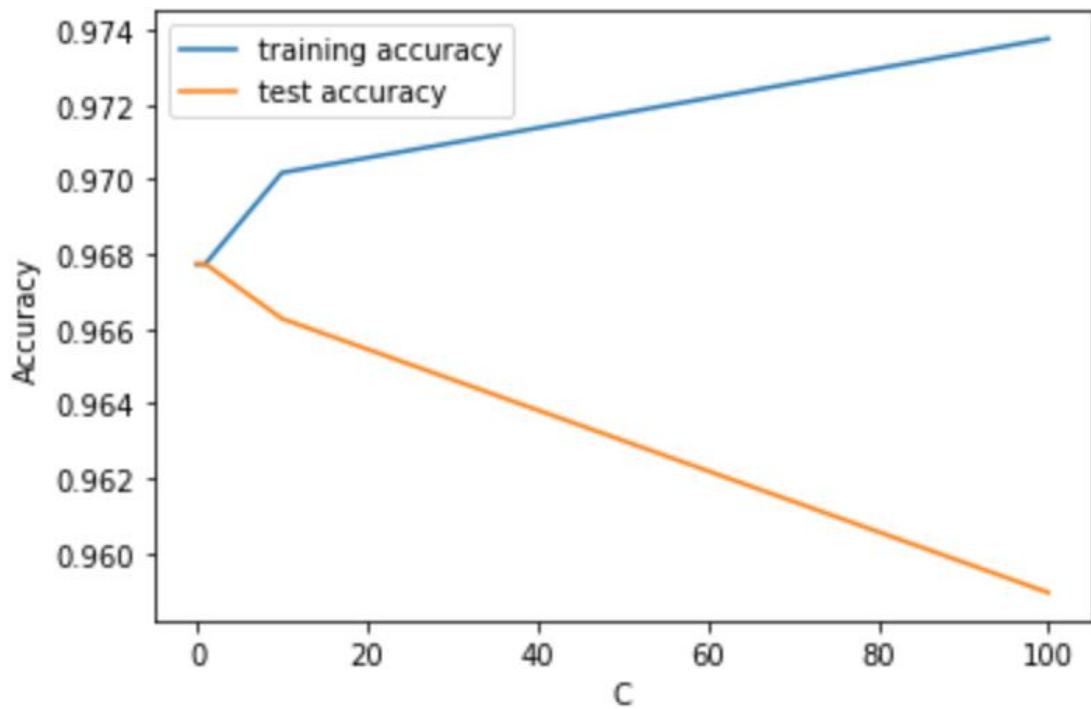
Test set F1: 0.00

## Support Vector Machines

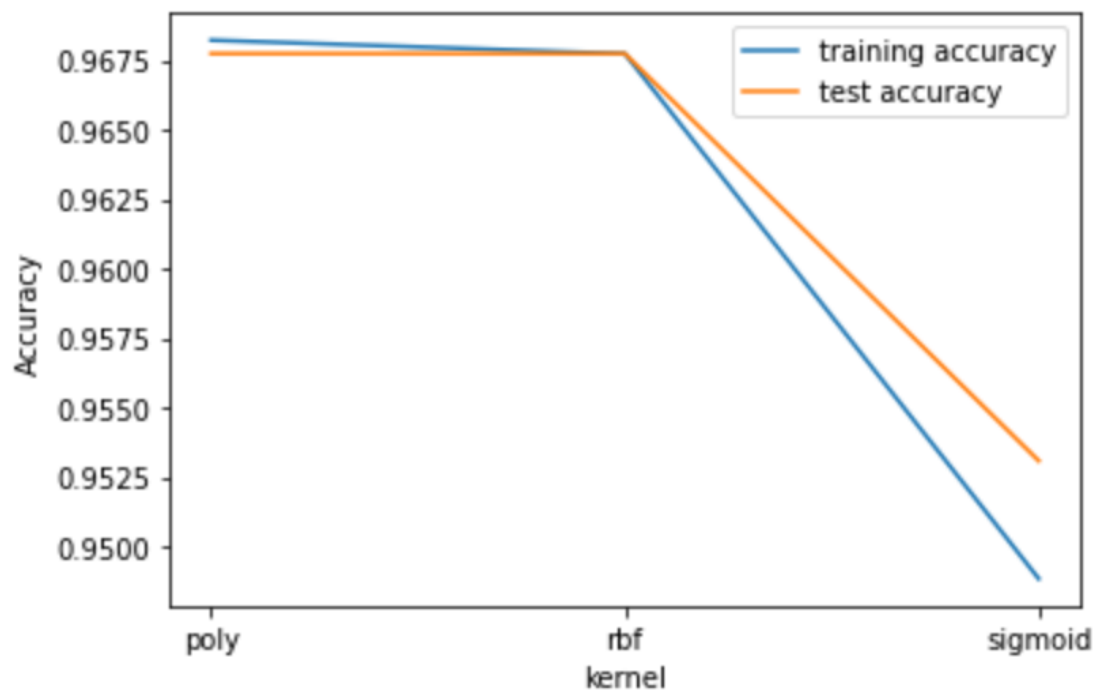
The reason why I chosen Support Vector Machines was because that the data set has 95 features which is a high dimension data set. In the high dimension 維度 situation, Support Vector Machines is the perfect way to solve the problem. First, I compared different values for gamma, I tried gamma = [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100], not much difference in this case.



Second I compared different values for C, C\_settings = [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100], By the result, when C was growing, the accuracy getting worse.



Finally, I compared different values for kernel, In the kernel, if used linear couldn't run. In the plot, it's easy to see “poly” and “rbf” have better performance than sigmoid in this data set.



For optimized my model; Used GridSearchCV to find the best params. As the result, when {'C': 0.01, 'gamma': 0.01, 'kernel': 'rbf'} the model has the best performance, The best accuracy is 0.968 in the test data set. In evaluation metrics:

In SVC model:

Test set  $R^2$ : 0.97

Test set RMSE: 0.03

Test set MSE: 0.03

Test set F1: 0.00

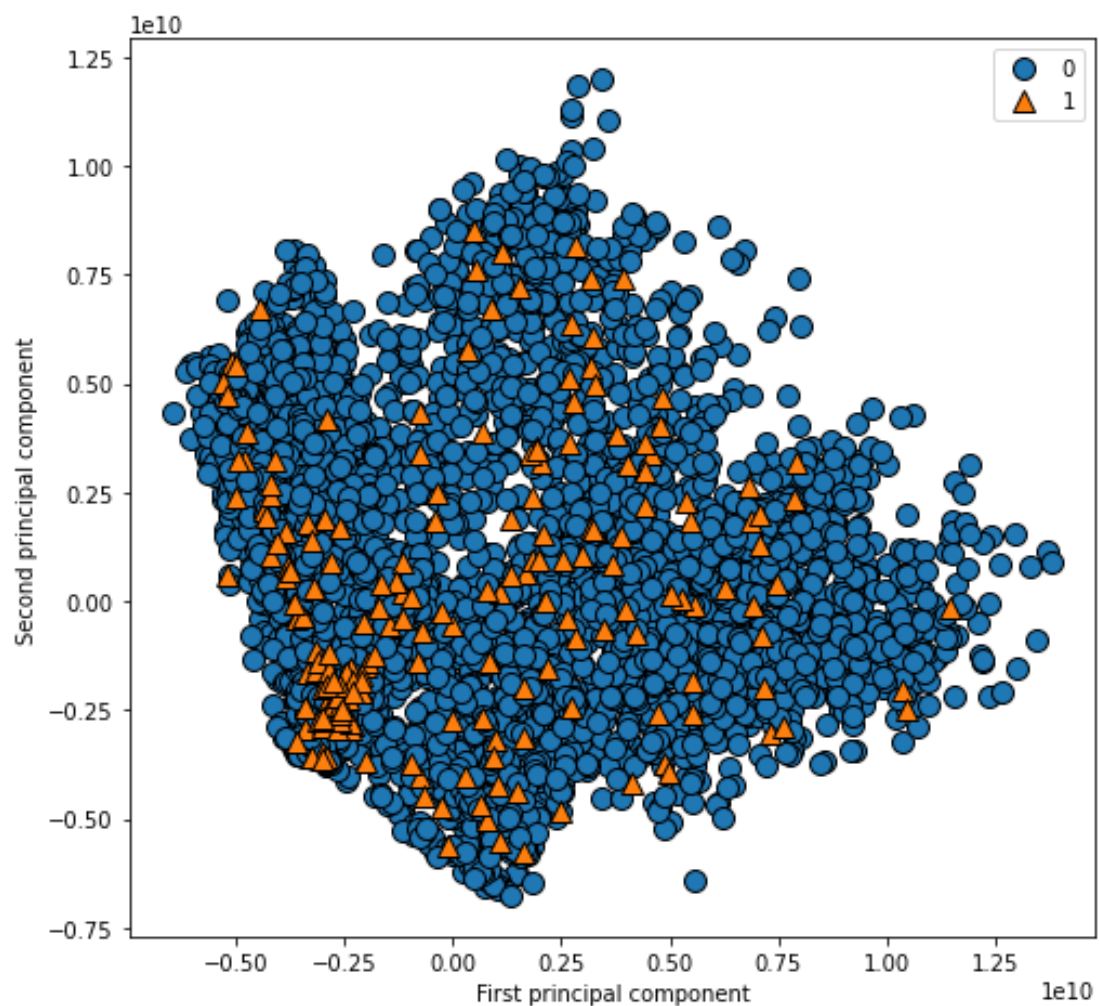
Since the data set has the 95 dimension(維度), Support Vector Machines has better performance than k-Nearest Neighbors Classification was totally be excepted.

## **5) Describe your experiments using PCA for feature selection, discussing whether it improved any of your results with your best-performing supervised learning algorithm.**

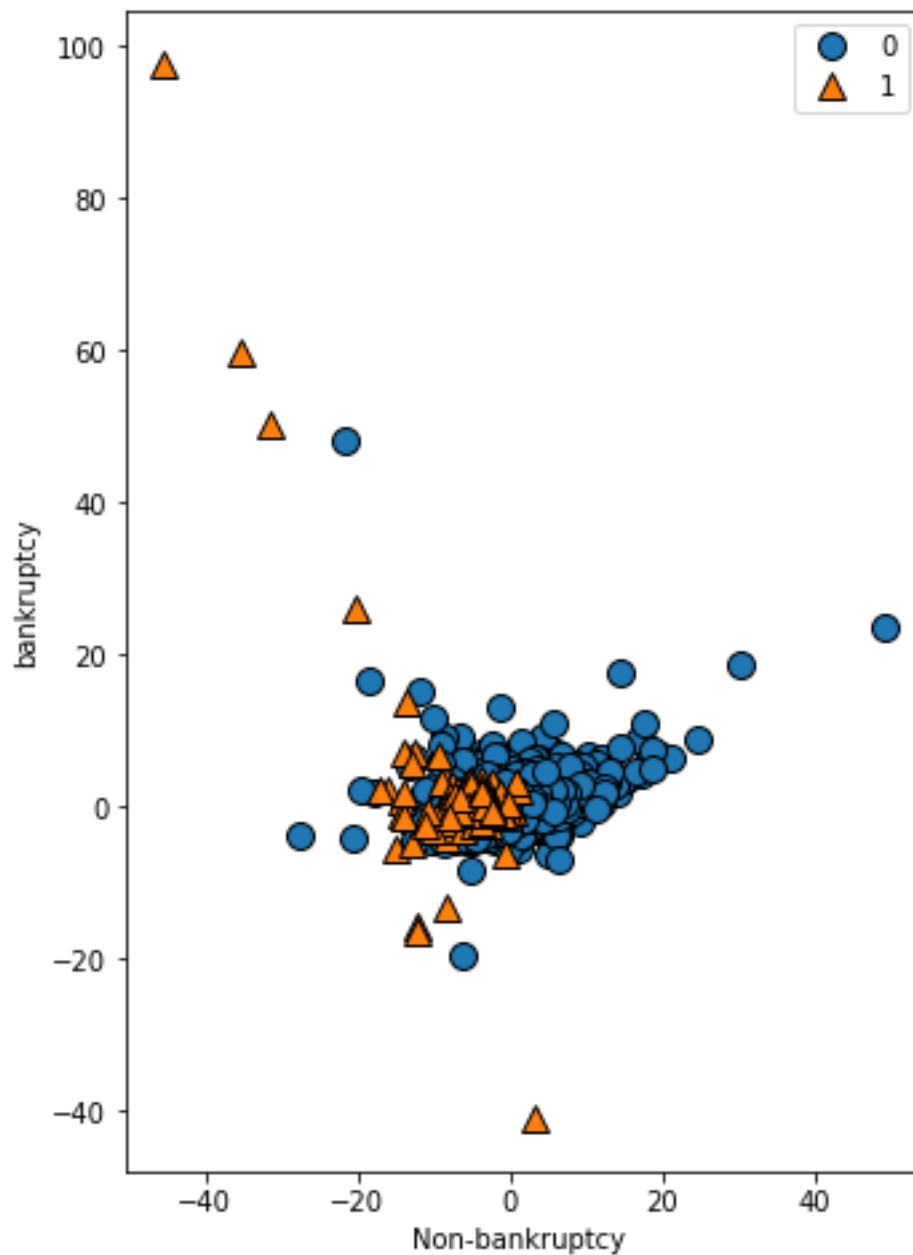
PCA() doing the great job to save my time. To retain to capture 95% of the variance, only required 53 features which are almost half of the whole 95 features. This can be seen in my k-Nearest Neighbors model. We can intuitively see that after passing through PCA(), when using the same hyperparameters, the accuracy of the model has indeed been improved, from 0.9675 to 0.9677. However, in Support Vector Machines, PCA() has no effect, the reason is because Support Vector Machines it already contains the function of dimensionality reduction.

**6) Discuss the results of using PCA as a pre-processing step for clustering. This should include a brief description, in your own words, of what the algorithms do. If you used the Wine dataset for this, briefly explain why your original dataset wasn't appropriate.**

PCA effectively reduces the complexity of the model, and taking half of the features in my dataset can explain almost 95% of the dataset. In addition to improving the speed of training, this also reduces the interference of noise. And scaled data or unscaled data has very significant difference. This graph is unscaled data and is basically completely unclassifiable.



This graph is scaled data and it looks good on classifiable.



I wasn't fine-tuned enough in the data processing this time, although the data it has been processed, but next time I hope to remove the deviation from the mean. Then I want to standardize the data and then visualize it, maybe I can observe more interesting results. This time, I only used k-Nearest Neighbors and Support Vector Machines. Next time, I will want to add random forest to see if it can be better than the current model. And since I didn't expect PCA to have no effect on Support Vector Machines, I'll try to replace Support Vector Machines with another model next time.

## Appendix

Column	Dtype
0 Bankrupt?	int64
1 ROA(C) before interest and depreciation before interest	float64
2 ROA(A) before interest and % after tax	float64
3 ROA(B) before interest and depreciation after tax	float64
4 Operating Gross Margin	float64
5 Realized Sales Gross Margin	float64
6 Operating Profit Rate	float64
7 Pre-tax net Interest Rate	float64
8 After-tax net Interest Rate	float64
9 Non-industry income and expenditure/revenue	float64
10 Continuous interest rate (after tax)	float64
11 Operating Expense Rate	float64
12 Research and development expense rate	float64
13 Cash flow rate	float64
14 Interest-bearing debt interest rate	float64
15 Tax rate (A)	float64
16 Net Value Per Share (B)	float64
17 Net Value Per Share (A)	float64
18 Net Value Per Share (C)	float64
19 Persistent EPS in the Last Four Seasons	float64
20 Cash Flow Per Share	float64
21 Revenue Per Share (Yuan ¥)	float64
22 Operating Profit Per Share (Yuan ¥)	float64
23 Per Share Net profit before tax (Yuan ¥)	float64



24 Realized Sales Gross Profit Growth Rate	float64
25 Operating Profit Growth Rate	float64
26 After-tax Net Profit Growth Rate	float64
27 Regular Net Profit Growth Rate	float64
28 Continuous Net Profit Growth Rate	float64
29 Total Asset Growth Rate	float64
30 Net Value Growth Rate	float64
31 Total Asset Return Growth Rate Ratio	float64
32 Cash Reinvestment %	float64
33 Current Ratio	float64
34 Quick Ratio	float64
35 Interest Expense Ratio	float64
36 Total debt/Total net worth	float64
37 Debt ratio %	float64
38 Net worth/Assets	float64
39 Long-term fund suitability ratio (A)	float64
40 Borrowing dependency	float64
41 Contingent liabilities/Net worth	float64
42 Operating profit/Paid-in capital	float64
43 Net profit before tax/Paid-in capital	float64
44 Inventory and accounts receivable/Net value	float64
45 Total Asset Turnover	float64
46 Accounts Receivable Turnover	float64
47 Average Collection Days	float64
48 Inventory Turnover Rate (times)	float64
49 Fixed Assets Turnover Frequency	float64
50 Net Worth Turnover Rate (times)	float64
51 Revenue per person	float64
52 Operating profit per person	float64
53 Allocation rate per person	float64
54 Working Capital to Total Assets	float64
55 Quick Assets/Total Assets	float64
56 Current Assets/Total Assets	float64
57 Cash/Total Assets	float64
58 Quick Assets/Current Liability	float64
59 Cash/Current Liability	float64
60 Current Liability to Assets	float64
61 Operating Funds to Liability	float64

62 Inventory/Working Capital	float64
63 Inventory/Current Liability	float64
64 Current Liabilities/Liability	float64
65 Working Capital/Equity	float64
66 Current Liabilities/Equity	float64
67 Long-term Liability to Current Assets	float64
68 Retained Earnings to Total Assets	float64
69 Total income/Total expense	float64
70 Total expense/Assets	float64
71 Current Asset Turnover Rate	float64
72 Quick Asset Turnover Rate	float64
73 Working capital Turnover Rate	float64
74 Cash Turnover Rate	float64
75 Cash Flow to Sales	float64
76 Fixed Assets to Assets	float64
77 Current Liability to Liability	float64
78 Current Liability to Equity	float64
79 Equity to Long-term Liability	float64
80 Cash Flow to Total Assets	float64
81 Cash Flow to Liability	float64
82 CFO to Assets	float64
83 Cash Flow to Equity	float64
84 Current Liability to Current Assets	float64
85 Liability-Assets Flag	int64
86 Net Income to Total Assets	float64
87 Total assets to GNP price	float64
88 No-credit Interval	float64
89 Gross Profit to Sales	float64
90 Net Income to Stockholder's Equity	float64
91 Liability to Equity	float64
92 Degree of Financial Leverage (DFL)	float64
93 Interest Coverage Ratio (Interest expense to EBIT)	float64
94 Net Income Flag	int64
95 Equity to Liability	float64

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