Credit Card Approval Prediction Model

Business Needs

To predict credit risk for customers applying for credit cards, enabling financial institutions to identify high-risk customers, reduce defaults, and optimize credit approval decisions.

Objective

To develop a machine learning model that predicts the likelihood of customer default using payment history and demographic data.

Dataset Description

Source: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/rikdifos/credit-card-approval-prediction/data

The dataset consists of two components sourced from Kaggle:

- Application Record: A dataset with 438,557 records and 18 features, offering insights into customer demographics and credit card applications.
- Credit Record: A dataset with 1,048,575 records and 3 features, capturing historical credit payment statuses for risk assessment.

Import Libraries and Load Data

```
#Import libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.preprocessing import OrdinalEncoder
from imblearn.over sampling import ADASYN
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score, fl score, precision score,
recall_score, confusion_matrix
from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.feature selection import RFE
from sklearn.model selection import cross val score
from collections import Counter
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
import matplotlib.patches as mpatches
```

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=FutureWarning)
application = pd.read csv("application record.csv")
credit = pd.read csv("credit record.csv")
print('Application Record:')
print(f'No. of records {application.shape[0]}')
print(f'No. of features {application.shape[1]}')
print()
print('Credit Record:')
print(f'No. of records {credit.shape[0]}')
print(f'No. of features {credit.shape[1]}')
Application Record:
No. of records 438557
No. of features 18
Credit Record:
No. of records 1048575
No. of features 3
```

Data Preparation and Initial Calculations

Group and organize account activity data by customer (ID).

```
# Group data by 'ID'
grouped_data = credit.groupby('ID')

# Convert 'MONTHS_BALANCE' to numeric type
credit['MONTHS_BALANCE'] = pd.to_numeric(credit['MONTHS_BALANCE'],
errors='coerce')
```

Calculate Account Timeline

Determine when accounts were opened, closed, and how long they were observed.

account_open_month:

- The first month an account was observed (or opened).
- Useful for tracking customer tenure and account life cycles.

account_end_month:

The last month an account was active (or observed).

observation_window:

• The total number of months the account was tracked, calculated as the difference between account_end_month and account_open_month.

```
# Convert data to wide format: each 'ID' becomes a row
pivot table = credit.pivot(index='ID', columns='MONTHS BALANCE',
values='STATUS')
# Calculate 'account open month' and 'account end month' for each ID
pivot table['account open month'] =
grouped_data['MONTHS_BALANCE'].min()
pivot table['account end month'] =
grouped data['MONTHS BALANCE'].max() # Largest value of
'MONTHS BALANCE'
# Add 'ID' as a column and rearrange
pivot table['ID'] = pivot table.index
pivot_table = pivot_table[['ID', 'account_open_month',
'account end month']]
# Calculate the observation window
pivot table['observation window'] = pivot table['account end month'] -
pivot table['account open month']
# Reset index of the pivot table
pivot table.reset index(drop=True, inplace=True)
# Merge calculated information back to the original DataFrame
credit = pd.merge(credit, pivot table, on='ID', how='left')
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Analyze Overdue Accounts

- Identifies overdue accounts:
 - overdue_flag = 1: Overdue (> 60 days past due).

- overdue flag = 0: Not overdue.
- Calculates months_since_open to track the timeline of each account.

```
# Analyze overdue accounts: overdue flag = 1 for overdue (> 60 days
past due), otherwise 0
credit['overdue flag'] = np.where(credit['STATUS'].isin(['2', '3',
'4', '5']), 1, 0)
credit['overdue flag'] = credit['overdue flag'].astype(np.int8)
# Calculate 'months since open': months since the account was opened
credit['months since open'] = credit['MONTHS BALANCE'] -
credit['account open month']
# Sort data by 'ID' and 'months since open'
credit.sort values(by=['ID', 'months since open'], inplace=True)
# Create a copy for future use
credit copy = credit.copy()
credit.head()
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```

Summarize Account Opening Activity

- Groups accounts by their account_open_month to count the number of accounts opened during each month.
- Useful for identifying trends in account activity.

```
# Count how many users opened accounts in each month
accounts_by_open_month =
pivot_table.groupby(['account_open_month']).agg({'ID':
'count'}).reset_index()
```

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accounts by open month.columns = ['account open month',
'account count']
# Display the accounts by open month table
accounts by open month.head()
   account open month account count
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Customer Segmentation

Separate customers into high risk (overdue) and low risk (non-overdue) groups.

High Risk Customers (overdue_accounts):

- Includes customers who have experienced at least one overdue payment.
- Risk Status = 1: High-risk customers with overdue payments.

Low Risk Customers (non_overdue_accounts):

- Includes customers who have never had overdue payments.
- Risk Status = 0: Low-risk customers with no overdue payments.

```
# Calculate the maximum overdue_flag per ID
credit['Risk Status'] = credit.groupby('ID')
['overdue_flag'].transform('max')

# Split the data into overdue (overdue_accounts) and not overdue
(non_overdue_accounts)
overdue_accounts = credit.loc[credit['Risk Status'] == 1]
non_overdue_accounts = credit.loc[credit['Risk Status'] == 0]
```

Summarize Overdue and Non-Overdue Accounts

Calculate key metrics for overdue and non-overdue customers.

Non-Overdue Customers:

- For customers with no overdue payments (Risk Status = 0):
 - months_since_open (max):
 - Captures the total duration of account activity for low-risk customers.

Overdue Customers:

- For customers with overdue payments (Risk Status = 1):
 - months_since_open (min):

• Captures the month when the customer first became overdue. This helps pinpoint when their risk profile changed.

```
# Group non-overdue accounts and get the maximum 'months since open'
and 'max overdue flag'
non overdue summary = non overdue accounts.groupby('ID').agg({
    'months since open': 'max',
    'Risk Status': 'max'
}).reset index()
non_overdue_summary.columns = ['ID', 'months_since_open', 'Risk
Status'l
# Group overdue accounts and get the minimum 'months since open' for
the first overdue occurrence
overdue summary =
overdue_accounts.loc[overdue accounts['overdue flag'] ==
1].groupby('ID').agg({
    'months_since_open': 'min',
    'Risk Status': 'max'
}).reset index()
overdue summary.columns = ['ID', 'months since open', 'Risk Status']
```

Combine Results

Create a unified summary of all customers.

```
# Concatenate both datasets to create a combined summary
customer summary = pd.concat([non overdue summary, overdue summary],
ignore index=True)
# Display the final combined DataFrame
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Merge Datasets & Handle Missing Values

Combine the summarized credit data with the application data and handle missing values.

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Statistical Exploration

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Risk Status Distribution

The Risk Status Distribution barplot reveals a significant class imbalance, with 98.32% of customers classified as low risk (0) and only 1.68% as high risk (1). This disparity can skew machine learning models toward predicting the majority class, compromising their ability to detect high-risk customers. To mitigate this, suitable methods will be implemented to handle the imbalance effectively.

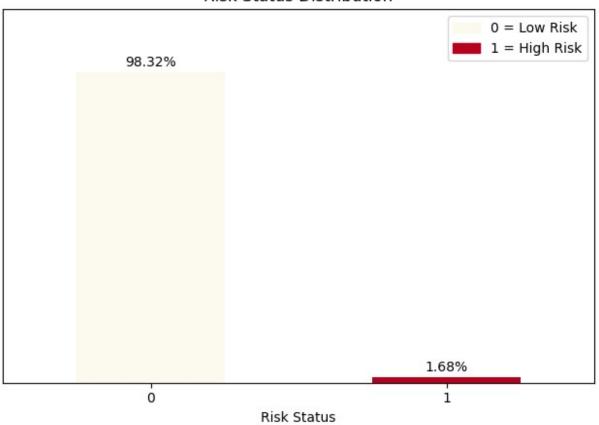
```
# Calculate the value counts and percentages
value counts = df['Risk Status'].value counts()
percentages = (value counts / value counts.sum()) * 100
# Customizing the bar chart to make "1" red and others default
colors = ['#B8001F' if index == 1 else '#FCFAEE' for index in
value counts.index]
# Plot the bar chart
ax = value counts.plot(kind='bar', color=colors)
# Annotate each bar with the percentage
for i, count in enumerate(value counts):
    percentage = f"{percentages[i]:.2f}%"
    ax.text(i, count + 500, percentage, ha='center', fontsize=10) #
Adjusts the text position
# Set y-axis limit
plt.ylim(0, value counts.max() + 5000) # Increases y-axis limit for
better visibility
# Remove y-axis ticks
plt.yticks([])
# Add titles and labels
plt.title('Risk Status Distribution')
plt.xlabel('Risk Status')
plt.vlabel('')
plt.xticks(rotation=0)
```

```
# Create custom legend patches
low_risk_patch = mpatches.Patch(color='#FCFAEE', label='0 = Low Risk')
high_risk_patch = mpatches.Patch(color='#B8001F', label='1 = High
Risk')

# Add legend
plt.legend(handles=[low_risk_patch, high_risk_patch], loc='upper
right')

plt.tight_layout();
```

Risk Status Distribution



Feature Selection using Random Forest Importance Score

- Purpose: Utilize Random Forest to determine the most important features for predicting risk status.
- Approach: Features with importance scores above the average were selected for modeling, while irrelevant features, such as ID, were excluded as they do not contribute meaningful insights to the analysis.

 Outcome: The feature importance analysis highlighted the top contributors to risk status prediction: months_since_open, DAYS_EMPLOYED, DAYS_BIRTH, AMT_INCOME_TOTAL, and OCCUPATION_TYPE. These features effectively capture customer behavior and demographic characteristics essential for assessing credit risk.

```
df = df.drop(columns='ID')
df1 = df.copy()
```

Encode Categorical Features

Convert categorical columns into numeric format for modeling.

Ordinal Encoding:

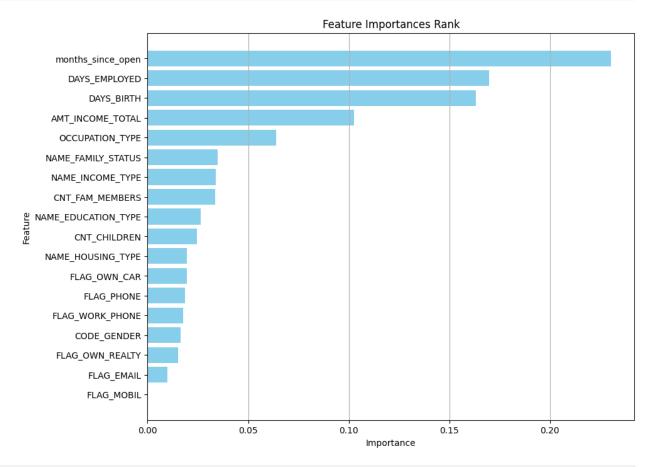
• Encodes NAME EDUCATION TYPE based on an educational hierarchy.

Label Encoding:

• Converts categorical columns into numeric codes.

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df.select dtypes(include='object').columns
Index(['CODE GENDER', 'FLAG OWN CAR', 'FLAG_OWN_REALTY',
'NAME INCOME TYPE'
       'NAME_EDUCATION_TYPE', 'NAME_FAMILY_STATUS',
'NAME_HOUSING_TYPE',
       'OCCUPATION TYPE'],
      dtype='object')
# Define the order for ordinal encoding
education order = [
    'Lower secondary',
    'Secondary / secondary special',
    'Incomplete higher',
    'Higher education',
    'Academic degree'
]
# Apply ordinal encoding using a mapping
education mapping = {level: idx for idx, level in
enumerate(education order)}
df['NAME EDUCATION TYPE'] =
df['NAME EDUCATION TYPE'].map(education mapping)
# Columns to apply label encoding
columns to encode = [
    'CODE_GENDER', 'FLAG_OWN_CAR', 'FLAG OWN REALTY',
    'NAME_INCOME_TYPE', 'NAME_FAMILY_STATUS',
    'NAME HOUSING TYPE', 'OCCUPATION TYPE'
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# Initialize the LabelEncoder
label encoders = {}
# Apply Label Encoding to each specified column
for column in columns_to_encode:
    label encoders[column] = LabelEncoder() # Store encoders for
future use
    df[column] = label encoders[column].fit transform(df[column])
# Split the data into features and target
X = df.drop(columns=['Risk Status'])
v = df['Risk Status']
# Initialize the Random Forest model
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random state=42)
# Fit the model to the data
rf.fit(X, y)
# Retrieve feature importances
feature importances = rf.feature importances
# Create a DataFrame for better visualization
importance df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Feature': X.columns,
    'Importance': feature importances
}).sort values(by='Importance', ascending=False)
# Display feature importances
print("Feature Importances:\n", importance df)
Feature Importances:
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17
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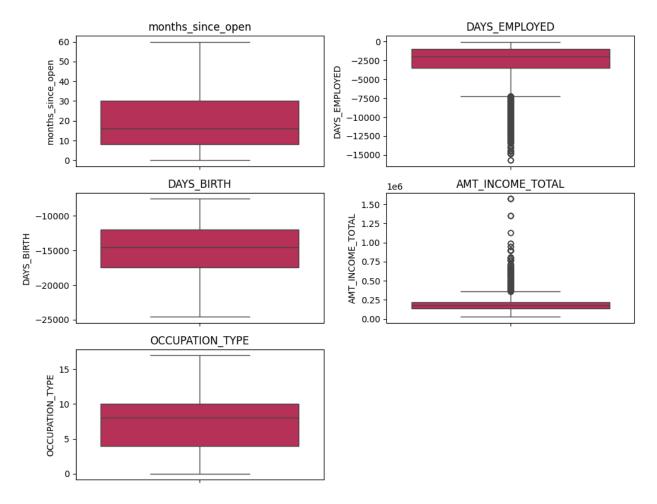
```
# Select features above a certain importance threshold (optional)
threshold = np.mean(feature_importances)
selected_features = importance_df[importance_df['Importance'] >
threshold]['Feature'].tolist()

print("Selected Features Above Threshold:\n", selected_features)

Selected Features Above Threshold:
   ['months_since_open', 'DAYS_EMPLOYED', 'DAYS_BIRTH',
'AMT_INCOME_TOTAL', 'OCCUPATION_TYPE']
```

Checking and Handling Outliers

```
df[selected features].info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 25134 entries, 3217 to 45984
Data columns (total 5 columns):
                        Non-Null Count
     Column
                                        Dtype
- - -
0
     months since open
                        25134 non-null int64
                        25134 non-null float64
     DAYS EMPLOYED
1
2
     DAYS BIRTH
                        25134 non-null float64
    AMT_INCOME_TOTAL
OCCUPATION_TYPE
                        25134 non-null float64
3
                        25134 non-null int32
dtypes: float64(3), int32(1), int64(1)
memory usage: 1.1 MB
#Select numerical columns
numeric columns = df[selected features]
# Creating a figure with a 5x2 grid of subplots, setting the figure
size to 10x15 inches.
fig, axes = plt.subplots(6, 2, figsize=(10, 15))
# Flattening the 2D grid of subplots into a 1D array for easier
iteration.
axes = axes.flatten()
# Iterating through each numeric column, assigning its index to i and
column name to col.
for i, col in enumerate(numeric columns):
    # Creating a box plot for the current column on the corresponding
subplot, using the 'rocket' color palette.
    sns.boxplot(data=df, y=col, ax=axes[i], palette='rocket')
    # Setting the title of the current subplot to the column name.
    axes[i].set title(col)
# Iterating over the remaining subplots, starting from the next index
after the last used subplot.
for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    # Deleting the unused subplots to clean up the layout.
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])
# Automatically adjusting the layout to avoid overlapping elements.
plt.tight layout();
```



DAYS_EMPLOYED

The DAYS_EMPLOYED feature contains clear outliers, most notably the value 365,243 (appearing 6135 times), which is an obvious anomaly. This value corresponds to approximately 1000 years, which is unrealistic.

IQR-based capping is a robust method to handle the outliers because it relies on percentiles and is less sensitive to extreme values compared to the mean and standard deviation. It ensures that outliers are not removed but are capped to reasonable limits, preserving the structure of the data.

```
df['DAYS EMPLOYED'].describe()
         25134.000000
count
         -2624.940877
mean
          2339,224822
std
min
        -15713.000000
25%
         -3484.000000
50%
         -1942.000000
75%
          -979.000000
           -17.000000
max
Name: DAYS EMPLOYED, dtype: float64
```

```
df[['DAYS EMPLOYED']].value counts()
DAYS EMPLOYED
-401.0
                 64
-1539.0
                 62
                 53
-2087.0
-3234.0
                 51
-1678.0
                 51
-4025.0
                  1
                  1
-4053.0
-4091.0
                  1
                  1
-4098.0
                  1
-15713.0
Name: count, Length: 3299, dtype: int64
# Step 1: Calculate Q1 (25th percentile) and Q3 (75th percentile)
Q1 = df['DAYS EMPLOYED'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['DAYS EMPLOYED'].quantile(0.75)
# Step 2: Calculate IQR
IQR = Q3 - Q1
# Step 3: Define lower and upper bounds for capping
lower bound = 01 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
# Step 4: Apply capping to DAYS EMPLOYED
df['DAYS EMPLOYED'] = df['DAYS_EMPLOYED'].apply(lambda x: max(min(x,
upper_bound), lower_bound))
```

AMT_INCOME_TOTAL

We have decided to retain the outliers in the AMT_INCOME_TOTAL feature because high-income values, while less common, are realistic and represent an important customer segment, such as high-net-worth individuals. Removing these values could distort our analysis, as these clients likely have different financial behavior and lower credit risk. Retaining the outliers ensures a more comprehensive and accurate model, as it reflects the true diversity of income levels in the dataset.

```
df['AMT_INCOME_TOTAL'].describe()

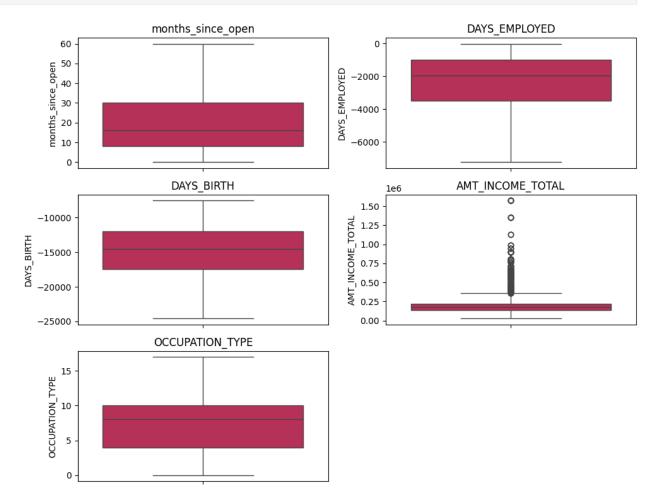
count    2.513400e+04
mean    1.948339e+05
std    1.045110e+05
min    2.700000e+04
25%    1.350000e+05
50%    1.800000e+05
75%    2.250000e+05
```

```
1.575000e+06
max
Name: AMT INCOME TOTAL, dtype: float64
df['AMT INCOME TOTAL'].value counts()
AMT INCOME TOTAL
135000.0
            3012
180000.0
            2312
157500.0
            2205
225000.0
            2169
112500.0
            1943
160200.0
               1
134995.5
               1
164250.0
               1
124200.0
               1
179271.0
               1
Name: count, Length: 195, dtype: int64
df1['NAME INCOME TYPE'][df['AMT INCOME TOTAL'] ==
27000].value counts()
NAME INCOME TYPE
Working
Name: count, dtype: int64
df1['NAME INCOME TYPE'][df['AMT INCOME TOTAL'] ==
1575000.0].value counts()
NAME INCOME TYPE
Commercial associate
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Validating Outliers Post-Processing

```
#Select numerical columns
numeric_columns = df[selected_features]
# Creating a figure with a 5x2 grid of subplots, setting the figure
size to 10x15 inches.
fig, axes = plt.subplots(6, 2, figsize=(10, 15))
# Flattening the 2D grid of subplots into a 1D array for easier
iteration.
axes = axes.flatten()
# Iterating through each numeric column, assigning its index to i and
column name to col.
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subplot, using the 'rocket' color palette.
    sns.boxplot(data=df, y=col, ax=axes[i], palette='rocket')
    # Setting the title of the current subplot to the column name.
    axes[i].set title(col)
```

```
# Iterating over the remaining subplots, starting from the next index
after the last used subplot.
for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    # Deleting the unused subplots to clean up the layout.
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])
# Automatically adjusting the layout to avoid overlapping elements.
plt.tight_layout();
```



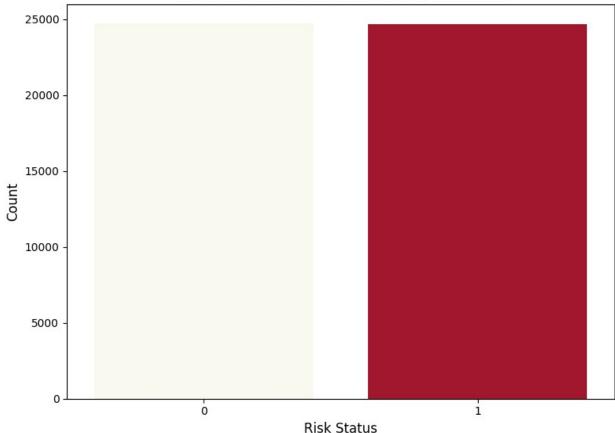
Handling Class Imbalance

- **Problem:** If one class (e.g., Risk Status = 1) is underrepresented, models might perform poorly on this minority class.
- **Solution:** ADASYN (Adaptive Synthetic Sampling) generates synthetic examples for the minority class, balancing the dataset.

```
X = df[selected_features]
# Apply ADASYN
adasyn = ADASYN(random_state=42)
X, y = adasyn.fit_resample(X, y)
```

```
# Count the occurrences of each class in y after ADASYN
class counts = Counter(y)
# Convert counts to a DataFrame for visualization
class distribution = pd.DataFrame.from dict(class counts,
orient='index', columns=['Count'])
class_distribution.reset_index(inplace=True)
class_distribution.rename(columns={'index': 'Class'}, inplace=True)
# Create custom colors based on the class
colors = ['#B8001F' if cls == 1 else '#FCFAEE' for cls in
class distribution['Class']]
# Create a bar chart using Seaborn
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.barplot(data=class distribution, x='Class', y='Count',
palette=colors, hue='Class', legend=False)
plt.title('Risk Status Distribution After ADASYN', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Risk Status', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Count', fontsize=12)
plt.tight layout();
```





Feature Scaling

- Purpose: Standardize the features to ensure all have the same scale.
- Standardizes the features to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1.

```
# Initialize StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
X = scaler.fit_transform(X)
```

Data Splitting

- Purpose: Divide the dataset into training and testing subsets.
- Splits the dataset into:
 - X train, y train: 70% of the data for training.
 - X test, y test: 30% of the data for testing.
- Ensures the model is evaluated on unseen data to measure generalization performance.

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
```

Model Training and Evaluation

Trains four models:

- Logistic Regression: Linear baseline model.
- Decision Tree: Baseline tree-based model.
- XGBoost: Gradient boosting model for capturing complex relationships.
- Random Forest: Ensemble model for robust predictions.

Evaluates models using:

Accuracy, F1 Score, Precision, and Recall.

Logistic Regression Model

• A baseline linear model that predicts the likelihood of risk status.

```
# Train a Logistic Regression model
logreg = LogisticRegression(random_state=42)
logreg.fit(X_train, y_train)

#Make predictions on the test set
y_pred = logreg.predict(X_test)

# Evaluate the model
accuracy_logreg = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
fl_logreg = fl_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
precision_logreg = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
recall_logreg = recall_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
print("Model Evaluation Metrics:")
```

```
print(f"Accuracy Score: {accuracy_logreg:.4f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {f1_logreg:.4f}")
print(f"Precision Score: {precision_logreg:.4f}")
print(f"Recall Score: {recall_logreg:.4f}")

Model Evaluation Metrics:
Accuracy Score: 0.6883
F1 Score: 0.6854
Precision Score: 0.6952
Recall Score: 0.6883
```

Decision Tree Model

- A baseline tree-based algorithm that uses a hierarchical structure to make decisions by splitting data on feature values.
- It is intuitive, handles non-linear relationships effectively, and serves as a foundation for more advanced ensemble methods like Random Forest and XGBoost.

```
# Train a Decision Tree model
dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(random state=42)
dt.fit(X train, y train)
# Make predictions on the test set
y pred = dt.predict(X test)
# Evaluate the model
accuracy_dt = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
f1 dt = f1 score(y test, y pred, average='weighted')
precision_dt = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
recall dt = recall score(y test, y pred, average='weighted')
print("Decision Tree Model Evaluation Metrics:")
print(f"Accuracy Score: {accuracy dt:.4f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {f1 dt:.4f}")
print(f"Precision Score: {precision dt:.4f}")
print(f"Recall Score: {recall dt:.4f}")
Decision Tree Model Evaluation Metrics:
Accuracy Score: 0.9578
F1 Score: 0.9578
Precision Score: 0.9579
Recall Score: 0.9578
```

XGBoost Model

- A gradient boosting algorithm that builds decision trees sequentially, optimizing for model performance.
- Often performs well on structured data due to its ability to handle non-linear relationships and its robustness to overfitting.

```
# Train an XGBoost model
xgb = XGBClassifier(random state=42)
xgb.fit(X train, y train)
# Make predictions on the test set
y pred = xgb.predict(X test)
# Evaluate the model
accuracy xgb = accuracy score(y test, y pred)
f1 xgb = f1 score(y test, y pred, average='weighted')
precision xgb = precision score(y test, y pred, average='weighted')
recall xgb = recall score(y test, y pred, average='weighted')
print("Model Evaluation Metrics:")
print(f"Accuracy Score: {accuracy xgb:.4f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {f1 xqb:.4f}")
print(f"Precision Score: {precision xgb:.4f}")
print(f"Recall Score: {recall xgb:.4f}")
Model Evaluation Metrics:
Accuracy Score: 0.9488
F1 Score: 0.9487
Precision Score: 0.9497
Recall Score: 0.9488
```

Random Forest Model

- An ensemble model that builds multiple decision trees and averages their predictions.
- Reduces overfitting by aggregating the results of multiple trees.

```
# Train a Random Forest model
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random state=42)
rf.fit(X train, y train)
# Make predictions on the test set
y pred = rf.predict(X test)
# Evaluate the model
accuracy rf = accuracy score(y test, y pred)
f1_rf = f1_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
precision_rf = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
recall rf = recall score(y test, y pred, average='weighted')
print("Model Evaluation Metrics:")
print(f"Accuracy Score: {accuracy rf:.4f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {f1 rf:.4f}")
print(f"Precision Score: {precision rf:.4f}")
print(f"Recall Score: {recall rf:.4f}")
Model Evaluation Metrics:
Accuracy Score: 0.9820
```

F1 Score: 0.9820

Precision Score: 0.9821 Recall Score: 0.9820

Model Comparison

Four machine learning models—Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, XGBoost, and Random Forest—were trained and evaluated to predict customer credit risk. Among these models:

- **Logistic Regression:** As a baseline linear model, it performed the weakest, with an accuracy of 68.83% and an F1 score of 0.6854, indicating its inability to capture non-linear relationships.
- **Decision Tree:** Achieved an accuracy and F1 score of 95.78%, demonstrating strong performance on the training data but with a risk of overfitting due to its structure.
- **XGBoost:** Delivered robust results with an accuracy of 94.87% and an F1 score of 0.9487, showing good generalization and the ability to handle non-linear patterns effectively.
- Random Forest: Outperformed all other models with an accuracy of 98.20% and an F1 score of 0.982, owing to its ensemble approach, which reduces overfitting and improves predictive reliability.

Given its superior metrics, the Random Forest model was selected as the best-performing model for detailed evaluation.

```
# Create a dictionary of results
results = {
    'Model': ['Logistic Regression', 'Decision Tree', 'XGBoost',
'Random Forest'],
    'Accuracy': [accuracy_logreg, accuracy_dt, accuracy_xgb,
accuracy rf],
    'F1 Score': [f1 logreg, f1 dt, f1 xgb, f1 rf],
    'Precision': [precision logreg, precision dt, precision xgb,
precision rf],
    'Recall': [recall logreg, recall dt, recall xgb, recall rf]
}
# Convert the dictionary into a DataFrame
results df = pd.DataFrame(results)
results df = results df.round(4)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6)) # Increase the figure size
ax.axis('tight')
ax.axis('off')
# Create the table
table = ax.table(
    cellText=results df.values,
    colLabels=results df.columns,
    loc='center'
```

```
# Adjust font size and column width
table.auto_set_font_size(False)
table.set_fontsize(12) # Adjust font size for better readability
table.auto_set_column_width(col=list(range(len(results_df.columns))))
# Automatically adjust column widths

# Adjust row heights to reduce overlap
for key, cell in table.get_celld().items():
    cell.set_height(0.15) # Increase the cell height for better
spacing

plt.title("Model Performance Comparison", fontsize=16);
```

Model Performance Comparison

Model	Accuracy	F1 Score	Precision	Recall
Logistic Regression	0.6883	0.6854	0.6952	0.6883
Decision Tree	0.9578	0.9578	0.9579	0.9578
XGBoost	0.9488	0.9487	0.9497	0.9488
Random Forest	0.982	0.982	0.9821	0.982

Detailed Analysis of Random Forest Model Model Metrics:

- The Random Forest model achieved an accuracy of 98.20%, a precision of 0.9821, and a recall of 0.982, indicating exceptional performance in both identifying high-risk customers and minimizing false positives.
- The high F1 score of 0.982 confirms its balanced performance, effectively handling the class imbalance in the dataset.

Confusion Matrix:

The confusion matrix reveals:

- 7,325 high-risk customers were correctly identified, with only 89 misclassified as low-risk.
- 7,223 low-risk customers were correctly classified, with only 177 misclassified as high-risk.

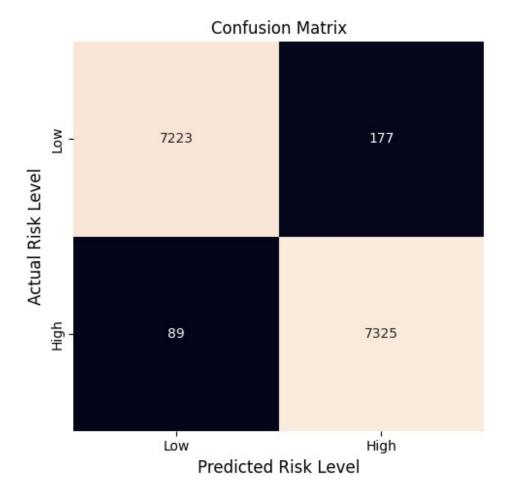
These results demonstrate the model's effectiveness in distinguishing between low-risk and high-risk customers, critical for reducing defaults while avoiding unnecessary rejection of low-risk applicants.

```
# Train a Random Forest model
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
rf.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions on the test set
y_pred = rf.predict(X_test)

# Confusion Matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)

plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', xticklabels=['Low', 'High'], yticklabels=['Low', 'High'], cbar=False)
plt.title('Confusion Matrix', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Predicted Risk Level', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Actual Risk Level', fontsize=12)
plt.tight_layout();
```



Cross-Validation Random Forest Model

- Purpose: Validate the robustness of the Random Forest model and assess its generalizability to unseen data.
- The 5-fold cross-validation yielded a mean accuracy of 89.81% with a low standard deviation of 0.0159. This demonstrates that the model performs consistently across different subsets of the data, indicating that it is not overfitting to the training data.
- Overfitting occurs when a model performs exceptionally well on training data but poorly
 on validation or test data. The consistent accuracy observed during cross-validation
 confirms that the model maintains its performance across various splits, proving its
 ability to generalize effectively.
- These results reinforce the reliability of the Random Forest model, ensuring its suitability for deployment in real-world credit risk prediction tasks.

```
# Perform 5-fold cross-validation
cv_scores = cross_val_score(rf, X, y, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')
# Print cross-validation results
print("Cross-validation scores:", cv_scores)
print("Mean accuracy:", np.mean(cv_scores))
print("Standard deviation:", np.std(cv_scores))
```

Cross-validation scores: [0.87150668 0.90259214 0.90988254 0.91646416

0.89013771]

Mean accuracy: 0.8981166464155528

Standard deviation: 0.015917607336943643

Conclusion

The Random Forest model aligns seamlessly with the business need to predict credit risk accurately for credit card applicants. Its ability to classify customers effectively into low-risk and high-risk categories ensures financial institutions can:

- Reduce Defaults: By identifying high-risk customers, proactive measures can be implemented to mitigate default risks.
- Optimize Resource Allocation: Credit can be tailored more effectively to customers based on their risk profiles.
- Improve Decision-Making: The model's robustness ensures trust in automated credit approval decisions.

By leveraging historical payment behavior and demographic data, the Random Forest model fulfills the project objective of predicting the likelihood of customer default, enabling financial institutions to make data-driven, profitable decisions while minimizing risk exposure.