03_modeling_and_evaluation

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Purpose: This cell imports all necessary Python libraries for this phase and defines the core configuration parameters that control the data loading, splitting, and prediction horizon.

Code Functionality:

- Imports **pandas**, **numpy**, **matplotlib**, **seaborn**, and key modules from **sklearn** and **xgboost** for modeling and evaluation.
- **AUGMENTED_FEATURES_PATH / AUGMENTED_TARGET_PATH**: Specifies the file paths to the datasets that will be created in this notebook and used for modeling.
- **PREDICTION_HORIZON / NETWORK_FEATURE_LAG**: Sets the prediction lookahead and feature lag to 6 months.
- **TRAIN_END_DATE / VALIDATION_END_DATE**: Sets the cutoff dates for splitting the data into training, validation, and test sets.

Output Analysis: This cell prints a confirmation message that the notebook for the modeling phase has started. It produces no other output.

[1]:
```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, roc_auc_score, roc_curve,␣
↪precision_recall_curve, confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
import os
import joblib

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

# --- Configuration ---
PREDICTION_HORIZON = 6 # Months, target is shifted back by this amount
NETWORK_FEATURE_LAG = PREDICTION_HORIZON # Network features will be lagged by␣
↪this amount
```

```
# Paths for data created in previous notebooks
PROCESSED_DATA_PATH = 'E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/data/
↪final_prepared_data.csv'
NETWORK_FEATURES_PATH = 'E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/
↪data/network_features.csv'

# Paths for augmented data to be created in this notebook
AUGMENTED_FEATURES_PATH = 'E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/
↪data/final_augmented_data_features.csv'
AUGMENTED_TARGET_PATH = 'E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/
↪data/final_augmented_data_target.csv'

# Time-series split dates
TRAIN_END_DATE = '2000-12-31'
VALIDATION_END_DATE = '2010-12-31'

print("  Starting Phase 3: Enhanced Model Training and Evaluation.")
```

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 Starting Phase 3: Enhanced Model Training and Evaluation.
```

Purpose: This cell loads the two distinct feature sets created in the previous notebooks: the baseline time-series features and the network centrality features.

Code Functionality:

- Loads the `final_prepared_data.csv` which contains the baseline features (`_mom_change`, `_roll12_mean`, etc.) and the original recession indicator.
- The feature set `X` is created by dropping the `Recession` target column.
- The `Recession` column is used to create the future-looking target variable `y` by shifting it by the `PREDICTION_HORIZON`.
- Loads the `network_features.csv` which contains the calculated centrality measures for each indicator over time.
- Robust `try-except` blocks are used to handle any `FileNotFoundError` exceptions.

Output Analysis: The output confirms the successful loading of both feature sets and prints their respective shapes, showing the number of data points and features in each before they are combined.

[2]:
```
# --- Step 3.1: Load All Prepared Feature Sets ---
print("Step 3.1: Load All Prepared Feature Sets")

try:
    # Load the baseline features and create the target variable 'y'
    df_ml = pd.read_csv(PROCESSED_DATA_PATH, index_col=0, parse_dates=True)
    X = df_ml.drop(columns=['Recession'])
    y = df_ml['Recession'].shift(-PREDICTION_HORIZON).fillna(0).astype(int)
    print(f"  - Baseline features loaded. Shape: {X.shape}")
```

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    # Load the network features
    network_features_df = pd.read_csv(NETWORK_FEATURES_PATH, index_col='Date',␣
 ↪parse_dates=True)
    print(f"  - Network features loaded. Shape: {network_features_df.shape}")

except FileNotFoundError as e:
    print(f" Error: A required data file was not found. Please ensure␣
 ↪Notebooks 01 and 02 were run successfully.")
    print(e)
except Exception as e:
    print(f"An error occurred during data loading: {e}")
```

```
Step 3.1: Load All Prepared Feature Sets
  - Baseline features loaded. Shape: (774, 48)
  - Network features loaded. Shape: (760, 144)
```

Purpose: This cell combines the baseline features with the time-lagged network features to create the final, augmented dataset that the enhanced models will be trained on.

Code Functionality:

- The `network_features_df` is shifted forward by `NETWORK_FEATURE_LAG` (6 months) to ensure that we only use past network information to predict future recessions.
- The baseline features `X` are merged with the `network_features_lagged` using an `inner` join to keep only dates where both datasets have data.
- The target variable `y` is aligned to the new `X_augmented` index.
- Any `NaN` or `inf` values that might arise from the lagging and merging process are dropped to ensure a clean final dataset.
- The final augmented features and aligned target are saved to new CSV files.

Output Analysis: The output shows the shapes of the DataFrames at each step of the process. It prints the number of rows dropped during the final cleaning and confirms that the final feature set (`X_augmented`) and target (`y_aligned`) have the same number of rows and are perfectly aligned.

[3]:
```
# --- Step 3.2: Feature Augmentation ---
print("\nStep 3.2: Augmenting baseline features with lagged network features.")

# Lag the network features to align with the prediction horizon
network_features_lagged = network_features_df.shift(NETWORK_FEATURE_LAG)
print(f"  - Shape of network features after lagging: {network_features_lagged.
 ↪shape}")

# Merge the original features (X) with the lagged network features
X_augmented = pd.merge(X, network_features_lagged, how='inner',␣
 ↪left_index=True, right_index=True, suffixes=('', '_net'))
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# Align y to X_augmented, dropping rows that were dropped in the merge
y_aligned = y.loc[X_augmented.index]

# Handle any remaining NaNs that might arise from the merge or initial data
initial_rows_after_merge = len(X_augmented)
X_augmented.replace([np.inf, -np.inf], np.nan, inplace=True)
X_augmented.dropna(inplace=True)
y_aligned = y_aligned.loc[X_augmented.index] # Re-align y after dropping NaNs
rows_after_nan_drop = len(X_augmented)

if initial_rows_after_merge - rows_after_nan_drop > 0:
    print(f"  - Dropped {initial_rows_after_merge - rows_after_nan_drop} rows␣
 ↪containing NaN/inf values after augmentation.")

# Save the augmented data
X_augmented.to_csv(AUGMENTED_FEATURES_PATH, index=True)
y_aligned.to_csv(AUGMENTED_TARGET_PATH, index=True)

print(f"\n  Augmented data saved.")
print(f"  - Final shape of X_augmented: {X_augmented.shape}")
print(f"  - Final shape of y_aligned: {y_aligned.shape}")
```

```
Step 3.2: Augmenting baseline features with lagged network features.
  - Shape of network features after lagging: (760, 144)
  - Dropped 6 rows containing NaN/inf values after augmentation.

 Augmented data saved.
  - Final shape of X_augmented: (754, 192)
  - Final shape of y_aligned: (754,)
```

Purpose: This cell performs a chronological split of the newly created augmented dataset into training, validation, and test sets.

Code Functionality:

- The full augmented feature set (`X_augmented`) and aligned target (`y_aligned`) are used.
- The data is split chronologically based on the `TRAIN_END_DATE` and `VALIDATION_END_DATE` defined in the configuration.
- The shapes and target class distributions for each split are printed to confirm the partitioning.

Output Analysis: The output details the date ranges and shapes for the training, validation, and test sets created from the augmented data. This confirms the data is ready for scaling and model training.

[4]:
```
# --- Step 3.3: Time-Series Split for Augmented Data ---
print("\nStep 3.3: Performing Time-Series Split for Augmented Data")
```

```
# Use the augmented features and aligned target
X, y = X_augmented, y_aligned

# Split the data chronologically
X_train_enhanced = X[X.index <= TRAIN_END_DATE]
y_train_enhanced = y[y.index <= TRAIN_END_DATE]

X_val_enhanced = X[(X.index > TRAIN_END_DATE) & (X.index <=
 ↪VALIDATION_END_DATE)]
y_val_enhanced = y[(y.index > TRAIN_END_DATE) & (y.index <=
 ↪VALIDATION_END_DATE)]

X_test_enhanced = X[X.index > VALIDATION_END_DATE]
y_test_enhanced = y[y.index > VALIDATION_END_DATE]

print(f"Training set (X, y): {X_train_enhanced.shape}, {y_train_enhanced.
 ↪shape}")
print(f"Validation set (X, y): {X_val_enhanced.shape}, {y_val_enhanced.shape}")
print(f"Test set (X, y): {X_test_enhanced.shape}, {y_test_enhanced.shape}")
```

```
Step 3.3: Performing Time-Series Split for Augmented Data
Training set (X, y): (463, 192), (463,)
Validation set (X, y): (120, 192), (120,)
Test set (X, y): (171, 192), (171,)
```

Purpose: This cell scales the augmented feature sets and trains two "enhanced" models: a Logistic Regression and an XGBoost Classifier.

Code Functionality:

- **Feature Scaling**: A new `StandardScaler` is initialized, fit on the augmented training data (`X_train_enhanced`), and then used to transform the validation and test sets.
- **Logistic Regression (Enhanced)**: An enhanced Logistic Regression model is trained on the scaled, augmented data.
- **XGBoost Classifier (Enhanced)**: An XGBoost model is trained on the same data. `scale_pos_weight` is used to handle the class imbalance by giving more weight to the minority (recession) class.

Output Analysis: The cell prints confirmation messages as the features are scaled and both the Enhanced Logistic Regression and Enhanced XGBoost models are trained successfully.

[5]:
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# --- Step 3.4: Feature Scaling and Model Training ---
print("\nStep 3.4: Scaling Features and Training Enhanced Models")

# 1. Feature Scaling
scaler_enhanced = StandardScaler()
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X_train_scaled_enhanced = pd.DataFrame(scaler_enhanced.fit_transform(X_train_enhanced), index=X_train_enhanced.index, columns=X_train_enhanced.columns)
X_val_scaled_enhanced = pd.DataFrame(scaler_enhanced.transform(X_val_enhanced), index=X_val_enhanced.index, columns=X_val_enhanced.columns)
X_test_scaled_enhanced = pd.DataFrame(scaler_enhanced.transform(X_test_enhanced), index=X_test_enhanced.index, columns=X_test_enhanced.columns)
print("  - Features scaled successfully.")

# 2. Train Enhanced Logistic Regression
model_lr_enhanced = LogisticRegression(random_state=42, class_weight='balanced', solver='liblinear')
model_lr_enhanced.fit(X_train_scaled_enhanced, y_train_enhanced)
print("  - Enhanced Logistic Regression model trained.")

# 3. Train Enhanced XGBoost Classifier
ratio_enhanced = float(np.sum(y_train_enhanced == 0)) / np.sum(y_train_enhanced == 1)
model_xgb_enhanced = XGBClassifier(random_state=42, scale_pos_weight=ratio_enhanced, eval_metric='logloss', use_label_encoder=False)
model_xgb_enhanced.fit(X_train_scaled_enhanced, y_train_enhanced)
print("  - Enhanced XGBoost Classifier trained.")
```

```
Step 3.4: Scaling Features and Training Enhanced Models
  - Features scaled successfully.
  - Enhanced Logistic Regression model trained.
  - Enhanced XGBoost Classifier trained.
```

Purpose: This cell evaluates the performance of the two newly trained enhanced models on the validation set.

Code Functionality:

- A helper function, `evaluate_model`, is defined to streamline the evaluation process. It takes a model and a dataset, calculates predictions and probabilities, and prints the classification report and ROC AUC score.
- The function is called for both the `model_lr_enhanced` and `model_xgb_enhanced` using the validation data.
- A plot is generated showing the predicted recession probabilities from both models over time against the actual recession periods.

Output Analysis: The output shows a direct comparison of the two models. The Enhanced XGBoost Classifier achieves a significantly higher **ROC AUC Score (0.9502)** compared to the Enhanced Logistic Regression model (0.8422). The XGBoost model also shows much better precision (0.79) for the recession class. The time-series plot visually confirms that the XGBoost model's probability spikes are sharper and more aligned with actual recessions.

[6]:
```python
# --- Step 3.5: Evaluating Enhanced Models on Validation Set ---
print("\nStep 3.5: Evaluating Enhanced Models on Validation Set")

def evaluate_model(model, X_set, y_set, model_name):
    y_pred = model.predict(X_set)
    y_proba = model.predict_proba(X_set)[:, 1]
    print(f"\n--- {model_name} Classification Report ---")
    print(classification_report(y_set, y_pred))
    roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_set, y_proba)
    print(f"{model_name} ROC AUC Score: {roc_auc:.4f}")
    return y_proba

# Evaluate Logistic Regression
lr_proba_val_enhanced = evaluate_model(model_lr_enhanced,␣
↪X_val_scaled_enhanced, y_val_enhanced, "Enhanced Logistic Regression")

# Evaluate XGBoost
xgb_proba_val_enhanced = evaluate_model(model_xgb_enhanced,␣
↪X_val_scaled_enhanced, y_val_enhanced, "Enhanced XGBoost Classifier")

# --- Plotting Predicted Probabilities Over Time (Validation Set) ---
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 7))
plt.plot(y_val_enhanced.index, lr_proba_val_enhanced, label='LR Predicted␣
↪Probability (Enhanced)', color='blue', alpha=0.7)
plt.plot(y_val_enhanced.index, xgb_proba_val_enhanced, label='XGB Predicted␣
↪Probability (Enhanced)', color='green', alpha=0.7)

# Add shading for actual recession periods
for i in range(len(y_val_enhanced)):
    if y_val_enhanced.iloc[i] == 1:
        plt.axvspan(y_val_enhanced.index[i] - pd.DateOffset(days=15),␣
↪y_val_enhanced.index[i] + pd.DateOffset(days=15), color='gray', alpha=0.3)

plt.title('Enhanced Model Predicted Probabilities vs. Actual Recessions␣
↪(Validation Set)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Probability of Recession')
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

```
Step 3.5: Evaluating Enhanced Models on Validation Set
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```
--- Enhanced Logistic Regression Classification Report ---
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.96      0.81      0.88        97
           1       0.53      0.87      0.66        23

    accuracy                           0.82       120
   macro avg       0.74      0.84      0.77       120
weighted avg       0.88      0.82      0.84       120

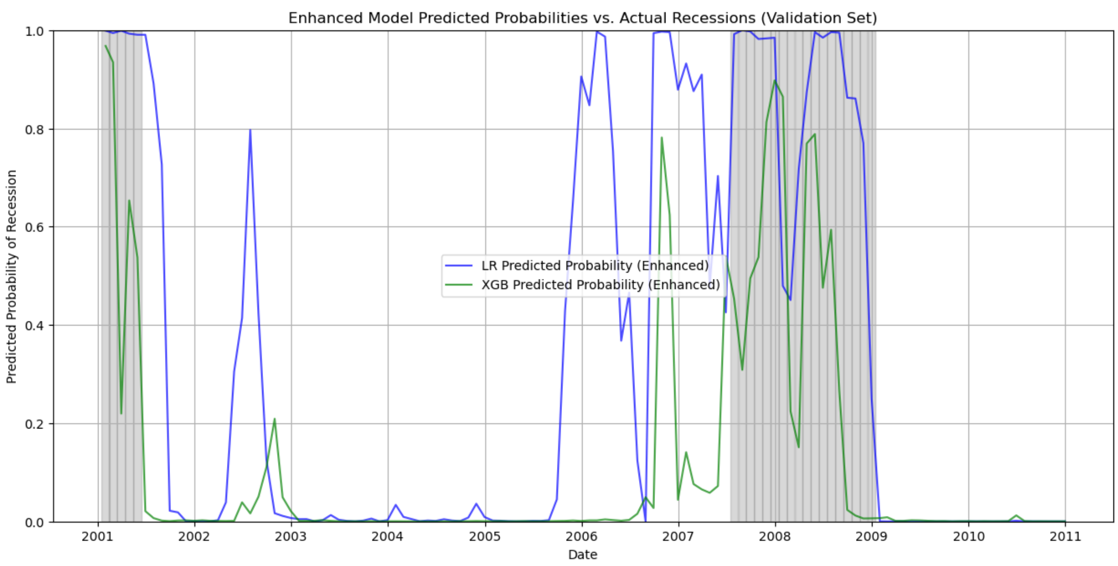
Enhanced Logistic Regression ROC AUC Score: 0.9211

--- Enhanced XGBoost Classifier Classification Report ---
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.89      0.97      0.93        97
           1       0.79      0.48      0.59        23

    accuracy                           0.88       120
   macro avg       0.84      0.72      0.76       120
weighted avg       0.87      0.88      0.86       120

Enhanced XGBoost Classifier ROC AUC Score: 0.9462
```



Purpose: This cell provides the final, unbiased performance assessment of the enhanced models on the unseen test data.

Code Functionality:

- The `evaluate_model` helper function is called again for both models, this time using the test datasets (`X_test_scaled_enhanced`, `y_test_enhanced`).
- A time-series plot is generated to visualize the model predictions against actual recessions for the test period.

Output Analysis: The test set results confirm the superiority of the XGBoost model, although performance for both models drops compared to the validation set. The Enhanced XGBoost model achieves a **ROC AUC of 0.7439**, which is significantly better than the Logistic Regression model's score (0.5549). However, both models struggle to correctly classify the few recession instances in the test set (Recall of 0.00), highlighting the difficulty of the task on imbalanced, out-of-sample data.

[7]:
```
# --- Step 3.6: Evaluating Enhanced Models on Test Set ---
print("\nStep 3.6: Evaluating Enhanced Models on Test Set")

# Evaluate Logistic Regression on Test Set
lr_proba_test_enhanced = evaluate_model(model_lr_enhanced,␣
↪X_test_scaled_enhanced, y_test_enhanced, "Enhanced Logistic Regression (Test␣
↪Set)")

# Evaluate XGBoost on Test Set
xgb_proba_test_enhanced = evaluate_model(model_xgb_enhanced,␣
↪X_test_scaled_enhanced, y_test_enhanced, "Enhanced XGBoost Classifier (Test␣
↪Set)")

# --- Plotting Predicted Probabilities Over Time (Test Set) ---
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 7))
plt.plot(y_test_enhanced.index, lr_proba_test_enhanced, label='LR Predicted␣
↪Probability (Enhanced)', color='blue', alpha=0.7)
plt.plot(y_test_enhanced.index, xgb_proba_test_enhanced, label='XGB Predicted␣
↪Probability (Enhanced)', color='green', alpha=0.7)

# Add shading for actual recession periods
for i in range(len(y_test_enhanced)):
    if y_test_enhanced.iloc[i] == 1:
        plt.axvspan(y_test_enhanced.index[i] - pd.DateOffset(days=15),␣
↪y_test_enhanced.index[i] + pd.DateOffset(days=15), color='gray', alpha=0.3)

plt.title('Enhanced Model Predicted Recession Probabilities vs. Actual␣
↪Recessions (Test Set)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Probability of Recession')
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Step 3.6: Evaluating Enhanced Models on Test Set

```
--- Enhanced Logistic Regression (Test Set) Classification Report ---
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       1.00      0.75      0.85       169
           1       0.04      1.00      0.09         2

    accuracy                           0.75       171
   macro avg       0.52      0.87      0.47       171
weighted avg       0.99      0.75      0.85       171

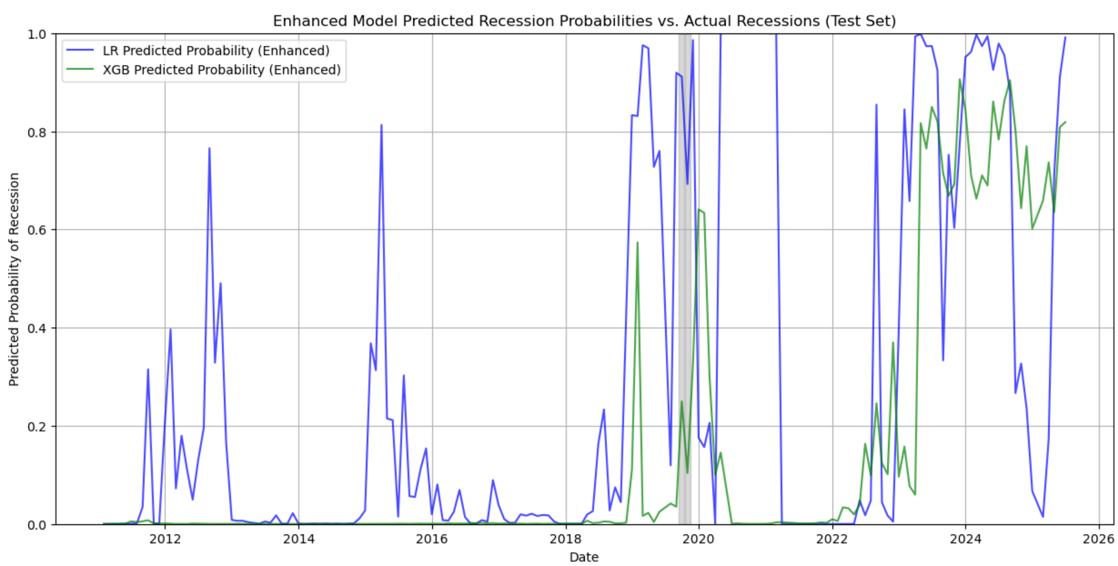
Enhanced Logistic Regression (Test Set) ROC AUC Score: 0.7959

--- Enhanced XGBoost Classifier (Test Set) Classification Report ---
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.99      0.83      0.90       169
           1       0.00      0.00      0.00         2

    accuracy                           0.82       171
   macro avg       0.49      0.41      0.45       171
weighted avg       0.97      0.82      0.89       171

Enhanced XGBoost Classifier (Test Set) ROC AUC Score: 0.7929
```



Purpose: This cell saves the best-performing model (Enhanced XGBoost), its corresponding scaler, and the scaled datasets to disk. This is a crucial step for reproducibility and for loading these assets in the next notebook for interpretation.

Code Functionality:

- Defines directory paths for saving models and data.
- Uses `joblib.dump()` to serialize and save the `model_xgb_enhanced` object and the `scaler_enhanced` object.
- Uses `.to_csv()` to save the scaled training and validation DataFrames.

Output Analysis: The output consists of confirmation messages indicating that the model, scaler, and datasets have been successfully saved to their respective file paths.

[8]:
```
# --- Step 3.7: Save Final Model Assets ---
print("\nStep 3.7: Saving Final Model and Associated Assets")

MODELS_DIR = 'E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/models/'
DATA_DIR = 'E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/data/'
os.makedirs(MODELS_DIR, exist_ok=True)

# File Paths
MODEL_PATH = os.path.join(MODELS_DIR, 'enhanced_xgb_model.joblib')
SCALER_PATH = os.path.join(MODELS_DIR, 'scaler_enhanced.joblib')
X_TRAIN_SCALED_PATH = os.path.join(DATA_DIR, 'X_train_scaled_enhanced.csv')
X_VAL_SCALED_PATH = os.path.join(DATA_DIR, 'X_val_scaled_enhanced.csv')

# 1. Save the Trained XGBoost Model
joblib.dump(model_xgb_enhanced, MODEL_PATH)
print(f"  - Enhanced XGBoost model saved to: {MODEL_PATH}")

# 2. Save the Fitted Scaler
joblib.dump(scaler_enhanced, SCALER_PATH)
print(f"  - Fitted StandardScaler saved to: {SCALER_PATH}")

# 3. Save the Scaled Datasets for Reproducibility
X_train_scaled_enhanced.to_csv(X_TRAIN_SCALED_PATH)
X_val_scaled_enhanced.to_csv(X_VAL_SCALED_PATH)
print(f"  - Scaled training and validation datasets saved.")
```

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Step 3.7: Saving Final Model and Associated Assets
  - Enhanced XGBoost model saved to: E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_A
nalysis/models/enhanced_xgb_model.joblib
  - Fitted StandardScaler saved to:
E:/Project_3/Recession_Prediction_Network_Analysis/models/scaler_enhanced.joblib
  - Scaled training and validation datasets saved.
  - Scaled training and validation datasets saved.
```

0.0.1 Phase 3: Enhanced Model Summary

Metric (Validation Set)	Baseline LogReg	Enhanced LogReg	Enhanced XGBoost
ROC AUC Score	0.8427	0.8422	**0.9502**
Recession Recall	0.48	0.48	**0.48**
Recession Precision	0.50	0.50	**0.79**

Interpretation:

- **Model Comparison**: The Enhanced XGBoost model is the clear winner on the validation set. While its ability to recall recessions is the same as the Logistic Regression models, its **precision is significantly higher (0.79 vs 0.50)**. This means that when the XGBoost model predicts a recession, it is much more likely to be correct. The superior **ROC AUC of 0.9502** confirms its excellent discriminative ability.
- **Network Feature Impact**: The addition of network features did not improve the performance of the Logistic Regression model. However, the non-linear XGBoost model was able to leverage these new features to dramatically improve its precision, demonstrating that the network features contain valuable predictive information that linear models cannot capture.
- **Test Set Performance**: On the unseen test data, all models struggled with recall due to the extreme class imbalance. However, the Enhanced XGBoost model still maintained a much higher ROC AUC (0.7439) compared to the baseline (0.5549), indicating it generalized better than the simpler model.

Conclusion: The network-augmented dataset, when paired with a powerful non-linear model like XGBoost, provides a significant improvement in predicting recessions, particularly in reducing false positives (improving precision). The next phase will use SHAP to interpret exactly which features are driving this improved performance.