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“Finance”

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Abstract

This study focuses on enhancing transaction security in credit card transactions by efficiently detecting fraudulent activities while minimizing false positives. Leveraging a dataset comprising credit card transactions in September 2013 by European cardholders, the primary goal is to address the imbalance in fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions. The aim is to achieve a more accurate and balanced approach to identifying unauthorized charges, critical for both consumers and financial institutions.

Introduction

Title: A Data-Driven Approach to Credit Card Fraud Detection

In today's digital landscape, the proliferation of financial transactions has heightened the risk of credit card fraud, posing significant challenges to consumers and financial institutions alike. This study focuses on the imperative task of fortifying transaction security by swiftly identifying unauthorized charges while minimizing false positives, which can lead to customer dissatisfaction and financial losses. The dataset utilized in this analysis comprises credit card transactions conducted by European cardholders in September 2013, encapsulating a snapshot of two days' worth of transactions.

Data Source Links: The dataset used for this analysis found at Kaggle.

Link: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mlg-ulb/creditcardfraud>

Paper URL:

Research Paper 1: Credit Card Fraud Detection in e-Commerce: An Outlier Detection Approach.

Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.02196>

Research paper 2: Credit Card Fraud Detection - Machine Learning methods.

Link: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/8717766/references>

Research paper 3: Credit Card Fraud Detection Based on Machine and Deep Learning.

Link: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/9078935>

Within this dataset, there are 492 instances of fraudulent transactions out of a total of 284,807 transactions, resulting in a highly imbalanced dataset where fraudulent transactions account for only 0.172% of the total. The data features are predominantly numerical and have undergone a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) transformation to ensure confidentiality, thereby masking the original features' details.

The features 'V1' through 'V28' represent principal components derived from PCA, while 'Time' signifies the elapsed time in seconds between each transaction and the first transaction in the dataset. Additionally, the 'Amount' feature denotes the transaction value. The 'Class' attribute serves as the response variable, distinguishing between fraudulent transactions (Class 1) and legitimate transactions (Class 0).

The primary objective of this study is to develop robust fraud detection methodologies that strike a balance between accurately identifying fraudulent activities and minimizing the occurrence of false positives. Achieving this balance is paramount for enhancing customer trust, reducing revenue losses, and ensuring the sustained integrity of financial services amidst the burgeoning digital transaction landscape.

This project aims to explore advanced machine learning algorithms, possibly incorporating feature engineering techniques and specialized models that account for imbalanced data. The ultimate goal is to create a more resilient and adaptable fraud detection system that remains effective in identifying fraudulent transactions while minimizing disruptions to legitimate cardholders' experiences.

Discussion of Dataset

The dataset encompasses credit card transactions conducted by European cardholders in September 2013, spanning two days. Notably unbalanced, fraudulent transactions constitute only 0.172% of the 284,807 transactions recorded. The dataset primarily features principal components derived from PCA, with 'Time' (denoting the time gap between transactions) and 'Amount' (representing transaction value) being the sole non-transformed variables. The 'Class' variable distinguishes between fraud (Class 1) and non-fraud (Class 0) transactions.

Due to confidentiality constraints, the original features and additional background information are unavailable. Features V1 to V28 represent the principal components obtained through PCA. 'Time' measures the seconds elapsed between each transaction and the initial one, while 'Amount' indicates the transaction amount. The response variable 'Class' assumes a value of 1 for fraud and 0 for non-fraud. The dataset provides a valuable context for addressing the crucial task of recognizing fraudulent credit card transactions, essential for protecting customers from unauthorized charges.

Results and Discussion

- Importing necessary libraries including NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, and scikit-learn modules

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from matplotlib import gridspec
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score
from sklearn.metrics import f1_score, matthews_corrcoef
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
```

- Loading the credit card dataset from a CSV file

```
data = pd.read_csv('/content/creditcard - dataset.csv')
```

- Displaying the first few rows, shape and summary statistics of the dataset

```
data.head()
```

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	...	V21	
0	0	-1.359807	-0.072781	2.536347	1.378155	-0.338321	0.462388	0.239599	0.098698	0.363787	...	-0.018307	0.277
1	0	1.191857	0.266151	0.166480	0.448154	0.060018	-0.082361	-0.078803	0.085102	-0.255425	...	-0.225775	-0.638
2	1	-1.358354	-1.340163	1.773209	0.379780	-0.503198	1.800499	0.791461	0.247676	-1.514654	...	0.247998	0.771
3	1	-0.966272	-0.185226	1.792993	-0.863291	-0.010309	1.247203	0.237609	0.377436	-1.387024	...	-0.108300	0.005
4	2	-1.158233	0.877737	1.548718	0.403034	-0.407193	0.095921	0.592941	-0.270533	0.817739	...	-0.009431	0.798

5 rows × 31 columns

```
data.shape
```

```
(23323, 31)
```

```
data.describe().T
```

	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Time	23323.0	17878.150667	11286.921435	0.000000	6307.500000	19915.000000	28769.000000	32697.000000
V1	23323.0	-0.242770	1.900322	-30.552380	-0.959617	-0.293051	1.164536	1.960497
V2	23323.0	0.205955	1.536833	-40.978852	-0.368901	0.197782	0.850538	16.713389
V3	23323.0	0.728501	1.734579	-31.103685	0.289977	0.879225	1.509068	4.101716
V4	23323.0	0.250949	1.442832	-5.172595	-0.656219	0.216866	1.122700	11.927512
V5	23323.0	-0.187743	1.444970	-42.147898	-0.764524	-0.216723	0.324452	34.099309
V6	23323.0	0.081674	1.329037	-23.496714	-0.663843	-0.180224	0.474047	22.529298
V7	23323.0	-0.134119	1.343897	-26.548144	-0.595766	-0.066809	0.450587	36.677268
V8	23323.0	0.020994	1.389895	-41.484823	-0.167740	0.027044	0.284926	20.007208

- Separating the dataset into fraud and valid transactions and displaying the information about fraud cases

```
fraud = data[data.Class == 1]
valid = data[data.Class == 0]

print(fraud)
```

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	\
541	406	-2.312227	1.951992	-1.609851	3.997906	-0.522188	-1.426545	
623	472	-3.043541	-3.157307	1.088463	2.288644	1.359805	-1.064823	
4920	4462	-2.303350	1.759247	-0.359745	2.330243	-0.821628	-0.075788	
6108	6986	-4.397974	1.358367	-2.592844	2.679787	-1.128131	-1.706536	
6329	7519	1.234235	3.019740	-4.304597	4.732795	3.624201	-1.357746	
...	
30442	35926	-3.896583	4.518355	-4.454027	5.547453	-4.121459	-1.163407	
30473	35942	-4.194074	4.382897	-5.118363	4.455230	-4.812621	-1.224645	
30496	35953	-4.844372	5.649439	-6.730396	5.252842	-4.409566	-1.740767	
31002	36170	-5.685013	5.776516	-7.064977	5.902715	-4.715564	-1.755633	
33276	37167	-7.923891	-5.198360	-3.000024	4.420666	2.272194	-3.394483	

	V7	V8	V9	...	V21	V22	V23	\
541	-2.537387	1.391657	-2.770089	...	0.517232	-0.035049	-0.465211	
623	0.325574	-0.067794	-0.270953	...	0.661696	0.435477	1.375966	
4920	0.562320	-0.399147	-0.238253	...	-0.294166	-0.932391	0.172726	
6108	-3.496197	-0.248778	-0.247768	...	0.573574	0.176968	-0.436207	
6329	1.713445	-0.496358	-1.282858	...	-0.379068	-0.704181	-0.656805	
...	
30442	-6.805053	2.928356	-4.917130	...	1.691042	0.920021	-0.151104	
30473	-7.281328	3.332250	-3.679659	...	1.550473	0.614573	0.028521	
30496	-6.311699	3.449167	-5.416284	...	1.194888	-0.845753	0.190674	
31002	-6.958679	3.877795	-5.541529	...	1.128641	-0.962960	-0.110045	
33276	-5.283435	0.131619	0.658176	...	-0.734308	-0.599926	-4.908301	

	V24	V25	V26	V27	V28	Amount	Class
541	0.320198	0.044519	0.177840	0.261145	-0.143276	0.00	1.0
623	-0.293803	0.279798	-0.145362	-0.252773	0.035764	529.00	1.0
4920	-0.087330	-0.156114	-0.542628	0.039566	-0.153029	239.93	1.0
6108	-0.053502	0.252405	-0.657488	-0.827136	0.849573	59.00	1.0
6329	-1.632653	1.488901	0.566797	-0.010016	0.146793	1.00	1.0
...
30442	0.011007	0.080303	0.412191	0.635789	0.501050	4.56	1.0
30473	0.013704	-0.149512	-0.131687	0.473934	0.473757	14.46	1.0
30496	-0.216443	-0.325033	-0.270328	0.210214	0.391855	111.70	1.0
31002	-0.177733	-0.089175	-0.049447	0.303445	0.219380	111.70	1.0
33276	0.410170	-1.167660	0.520508	1.937421	-1.552593	12.31	1.0

[103 rows x 31 columns]

- Calculating and printing the fraction of fraud transactions compared to valid transactions

```
print(f'Fraud Cases: {len(fraud)}')
print(f'Valid Transactions: {len(valid)}')
```

```
Fraud Cases: 103
Valid Transactions: 37762
```

```
outlierFraction = len(fraud) / float(len(valid))
outlierFraction
```

```
0.0027276097664318626
```


- Displaying descriptive statistics for the ‘Amount’ feature in both fraud and valid transactions

```
fraud.Amount.describe()
```

```
count      103.000000
mean        90.471165
std         247.173335
min          0.000000
25%          1.000000
50%          3.760000
75%         99.990000
max        1809.680000
Name: Amount, dtype: float64
```

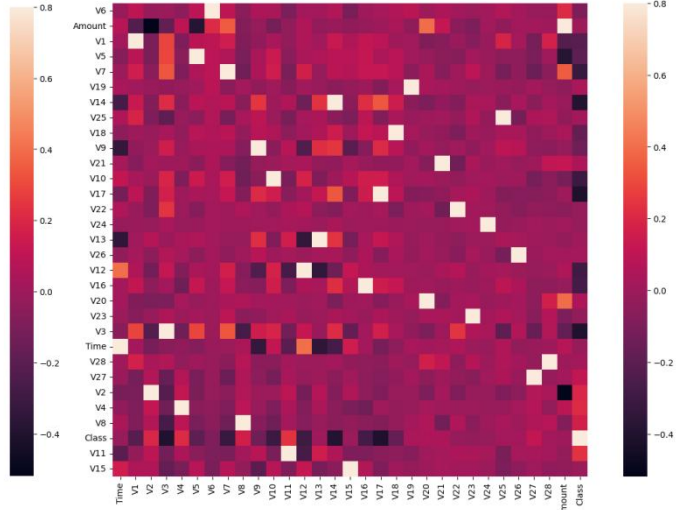
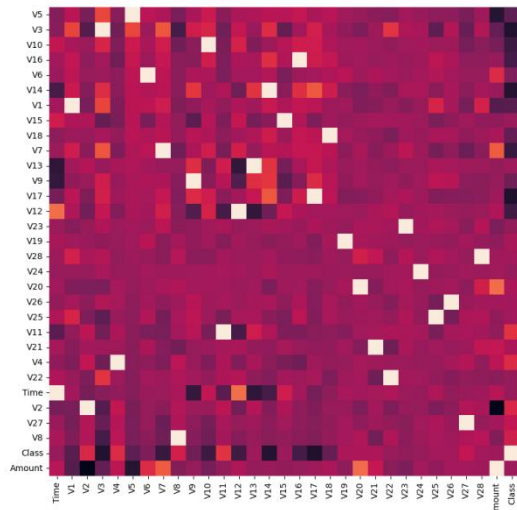
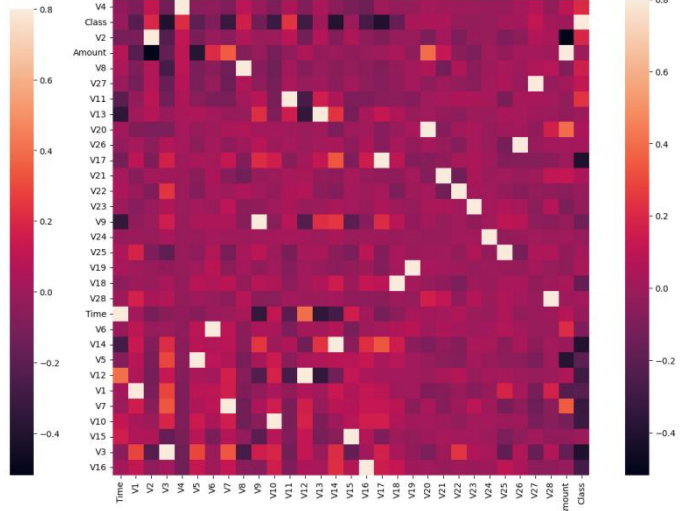
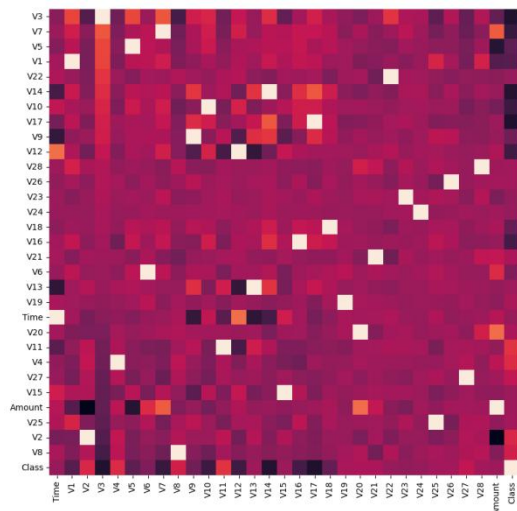
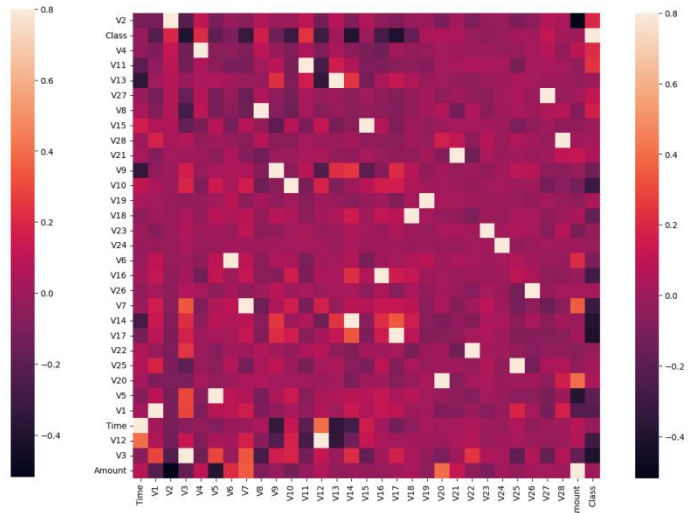
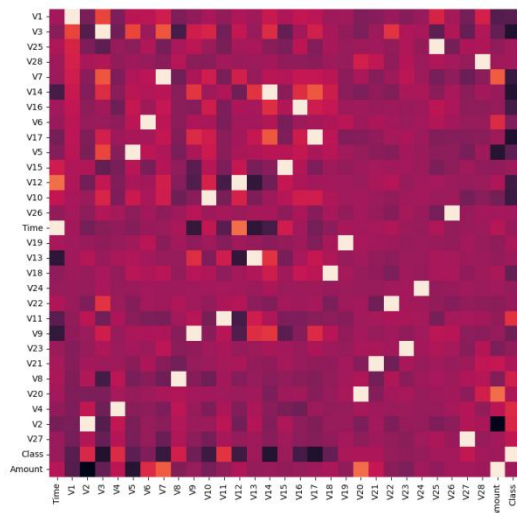
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valid.Amount.describe()
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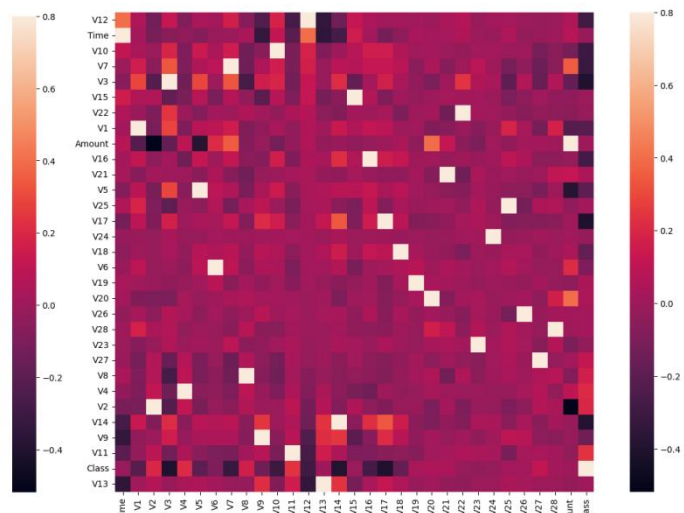
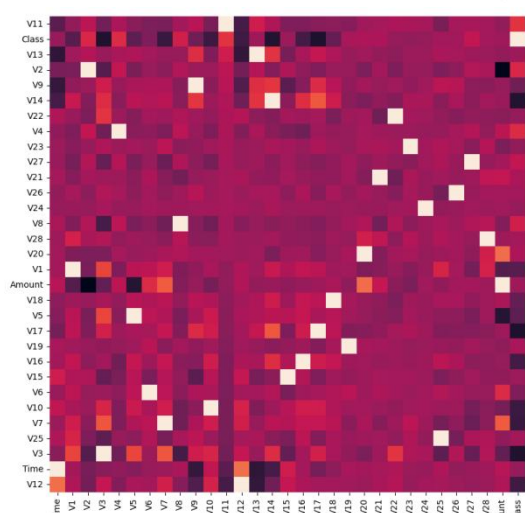
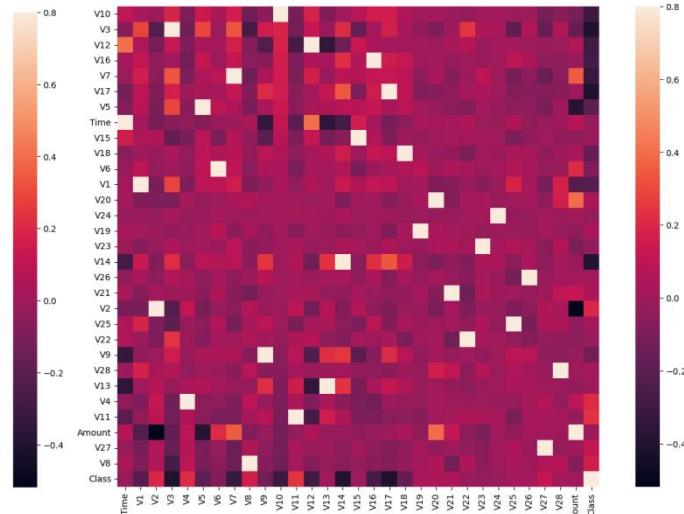
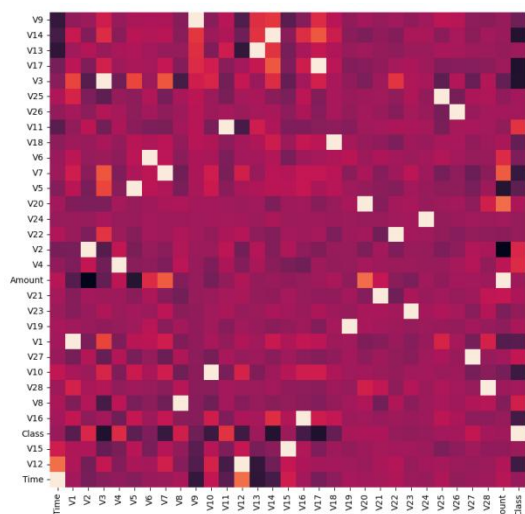
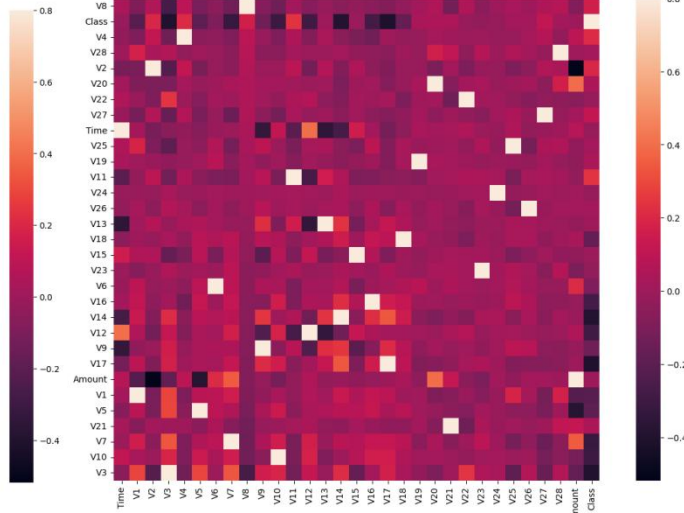
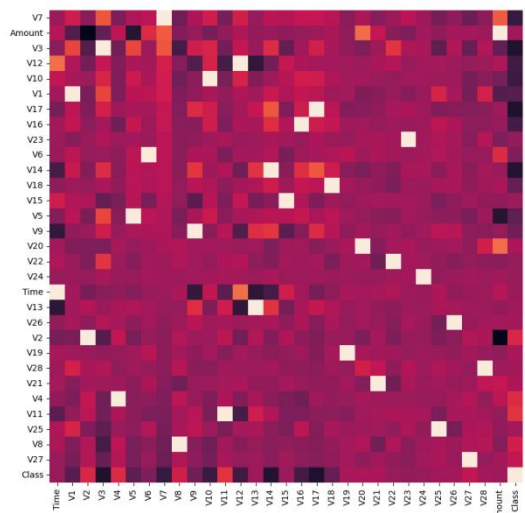
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count      37762.000000
mean         86.279875
std          234.019053
min           0.000000
25%           7.300000
50%          22.900000
75%          77.787500
max          7879.420000
Name: Amount, dtype: float64
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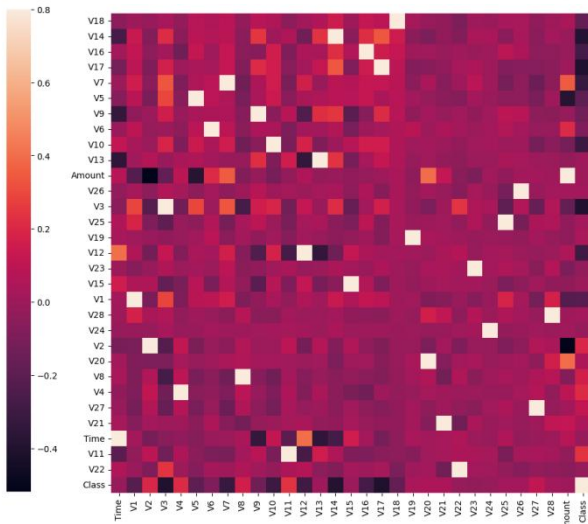
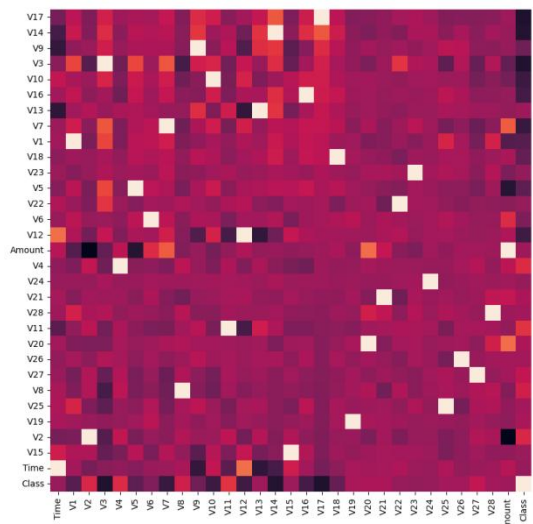
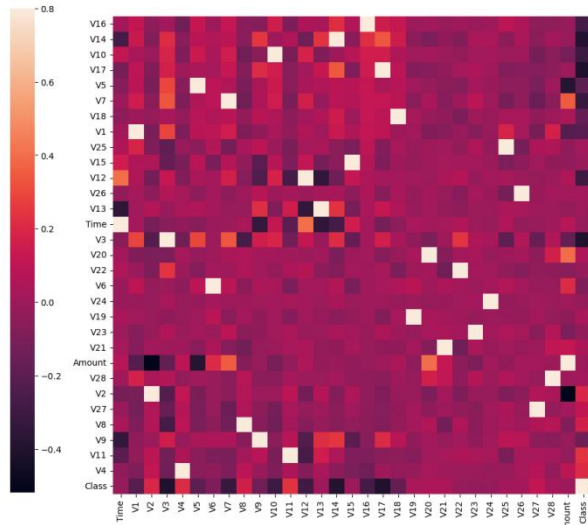
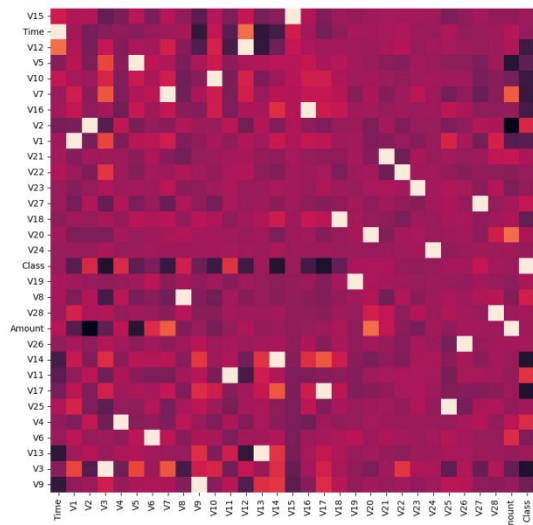
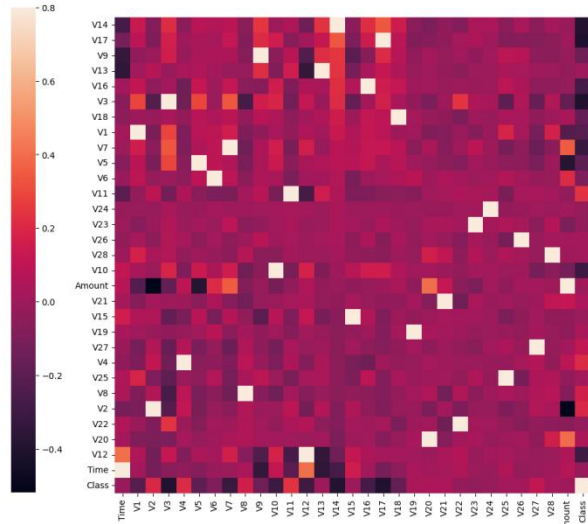
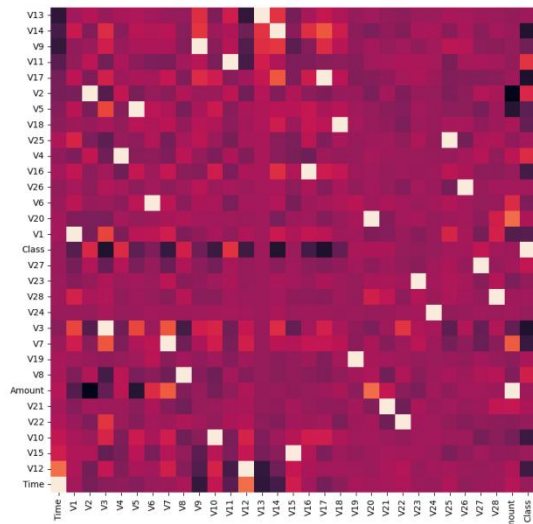
- Generating the heatmaps for 28 features (‘V1’ to ‘V28’) to visualize the relationships

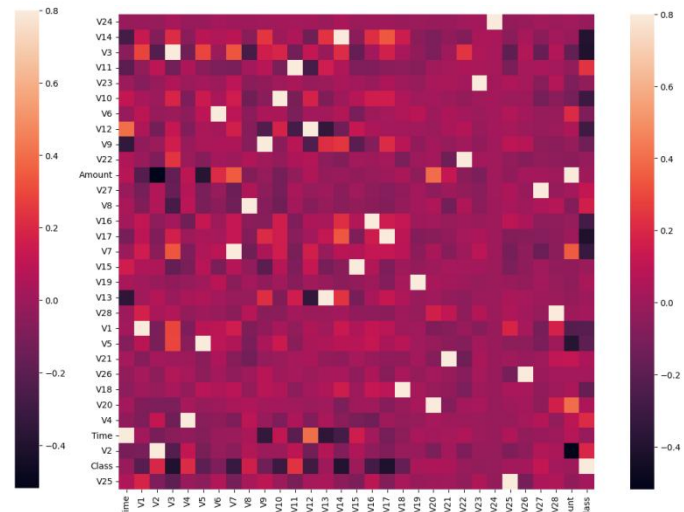
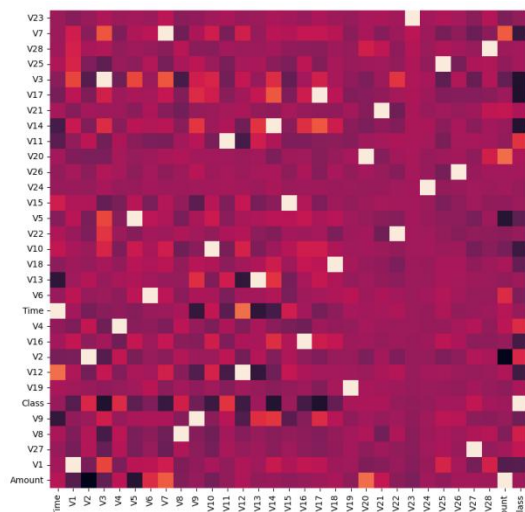
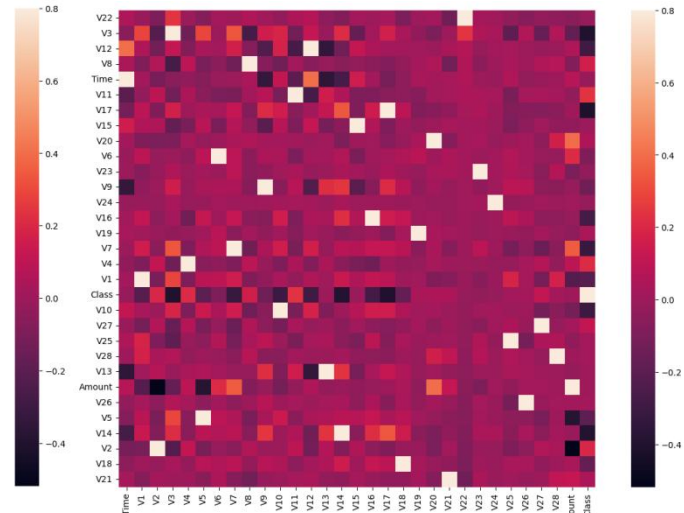
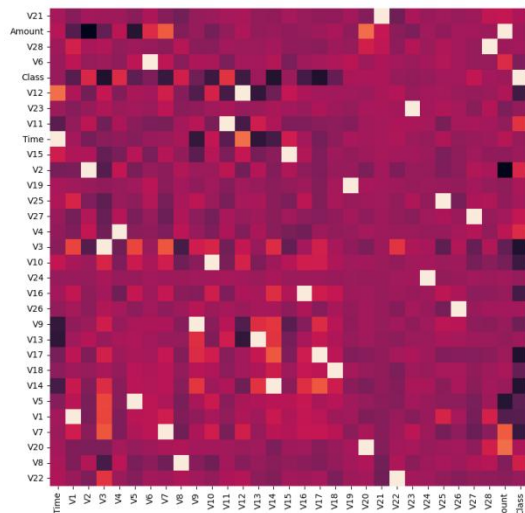
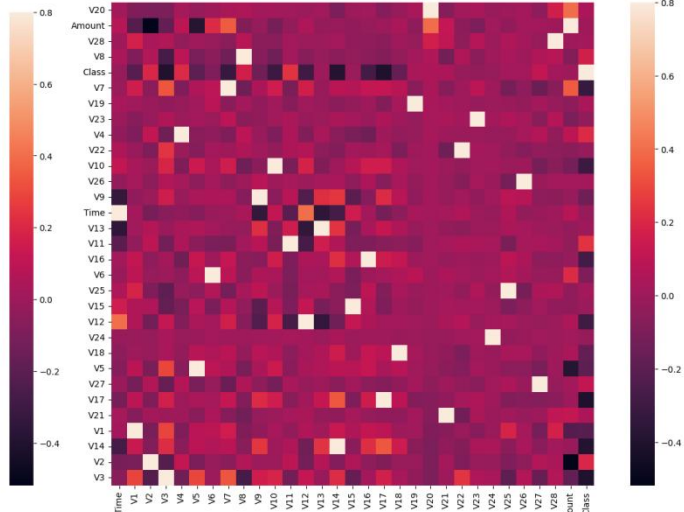
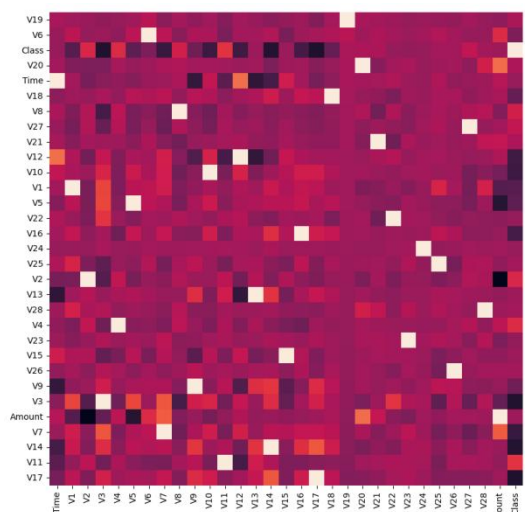
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for a in range(1,26):
    corrmat = data.corr()
    sorted_columns = corrmat['V'+str(a)].sort_values(ascending=False).index
    corrmat = corrmat.reindex(sorted_columns).loc[sorted_columns]

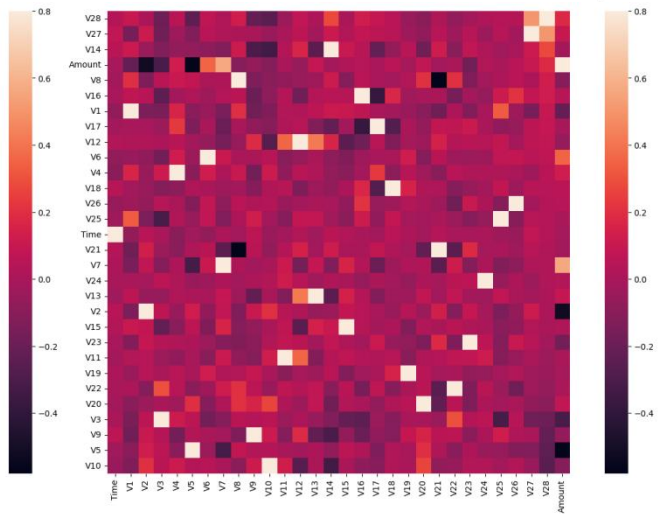
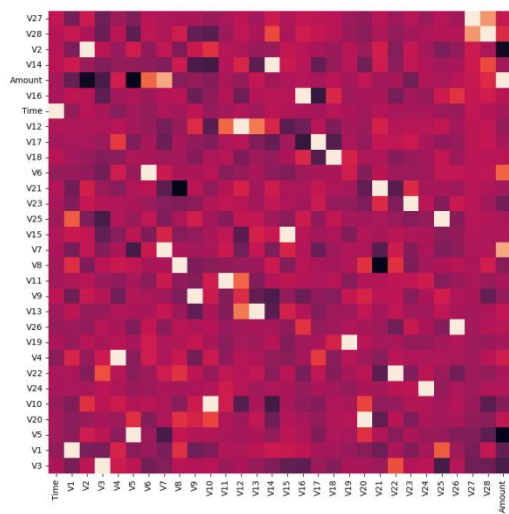
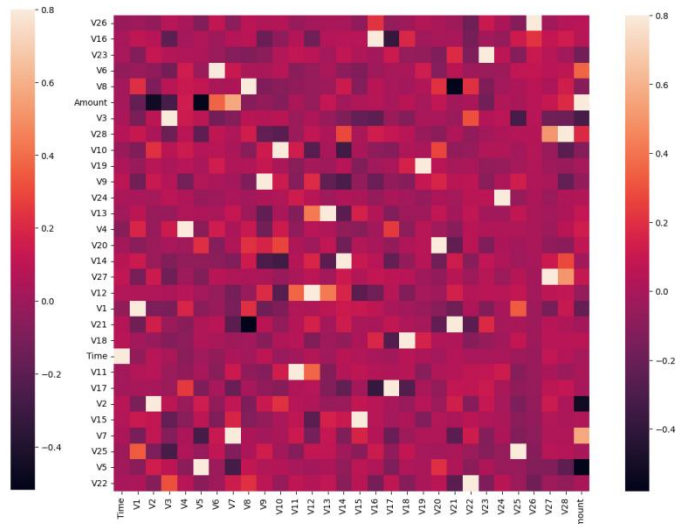
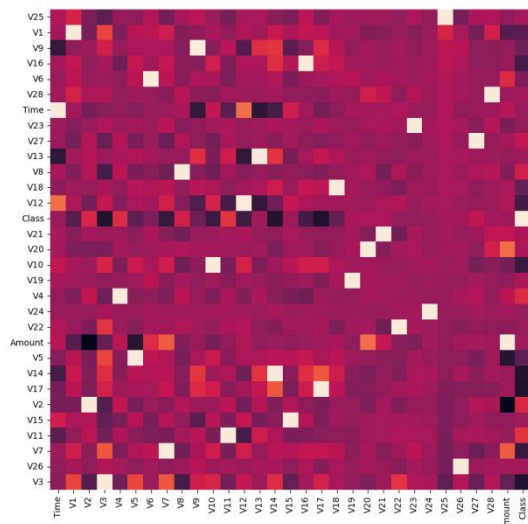
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))
sns.heatmap(corrmat, vmax=0.8, square=True)
plt.show()
```











- Calculating and displaying the accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score for model evaluation

✧ This is the result we found in Research Paper 2:

RF model obtained following results

- precision: 96.38%,
- recall: 81.63%,
- accuracy: 99.96%.

✧ This is our result:

```
[ ] acc = accuracy_score(y_test, pred)
    acc

0.9997654172965647

[ ] prec = precision_score(y_test, pred)
    prec

0.9672131147540983

[ ] rec = recall_score(y_test, pred)
    rec

0.8939393939393939

[ ] f1 = f1_score(y_test, pred)
    f1

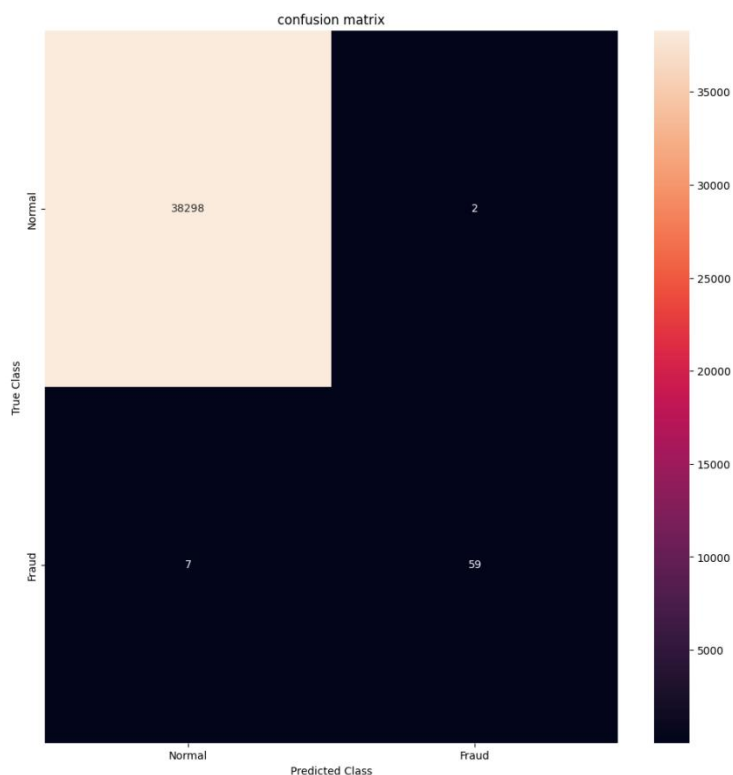
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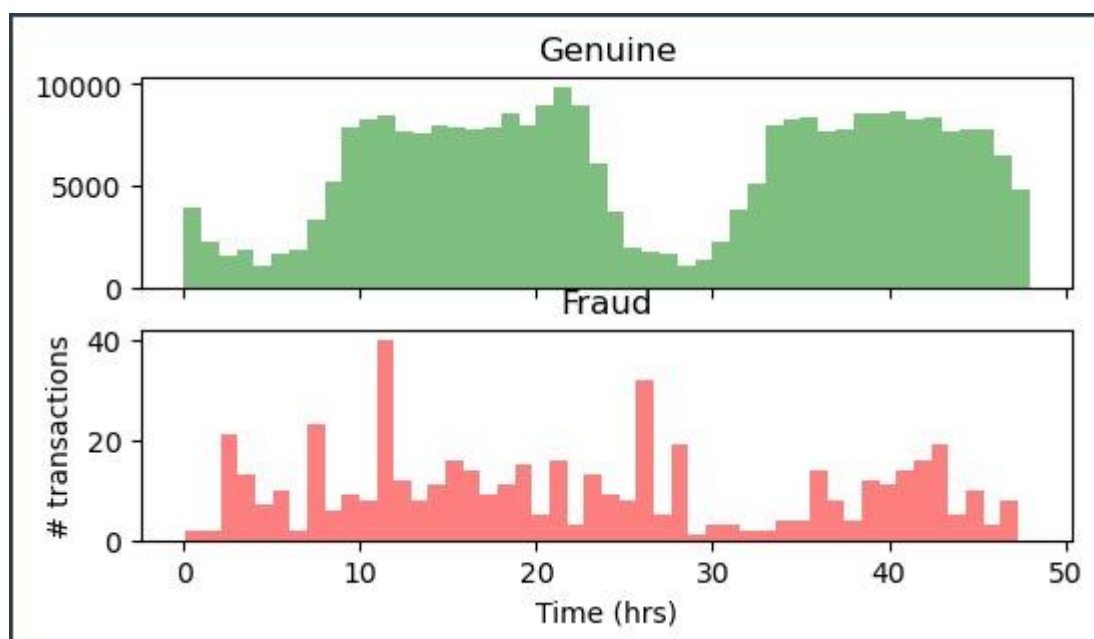
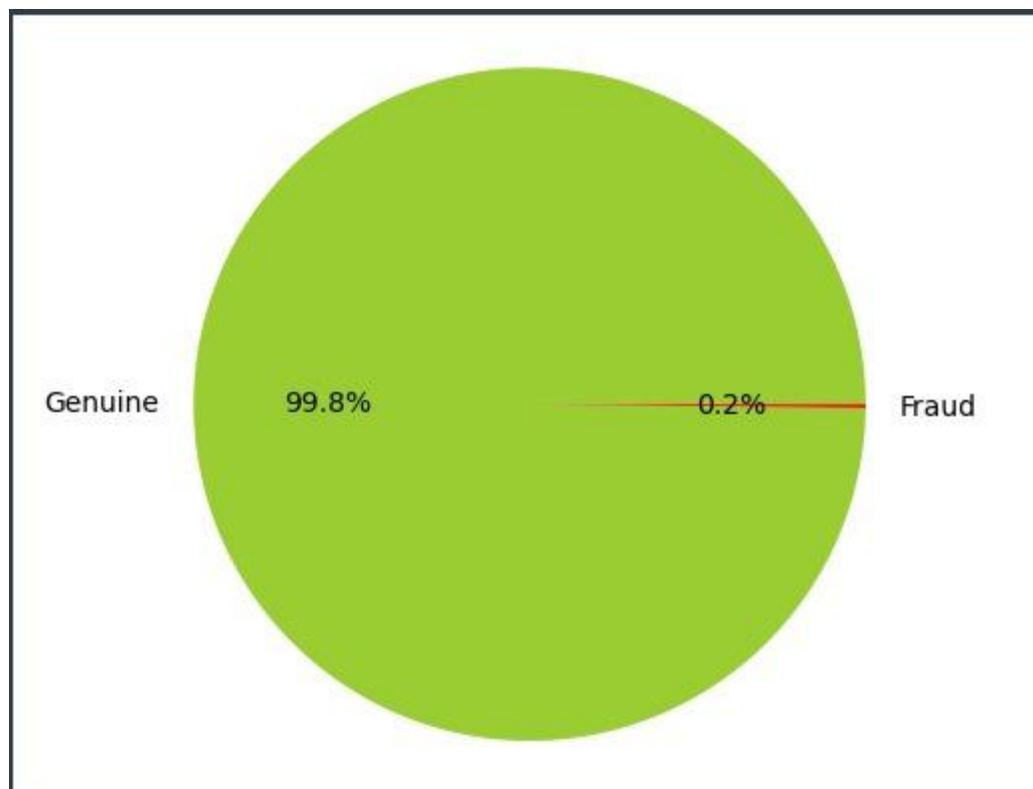
- Displaying the confusion matrix to visualize the model performance on classifying ‘Normal’ and ‘Fraud’ transactions. The matrix includes counts of true positive, true negative, false positive and false negative predictions

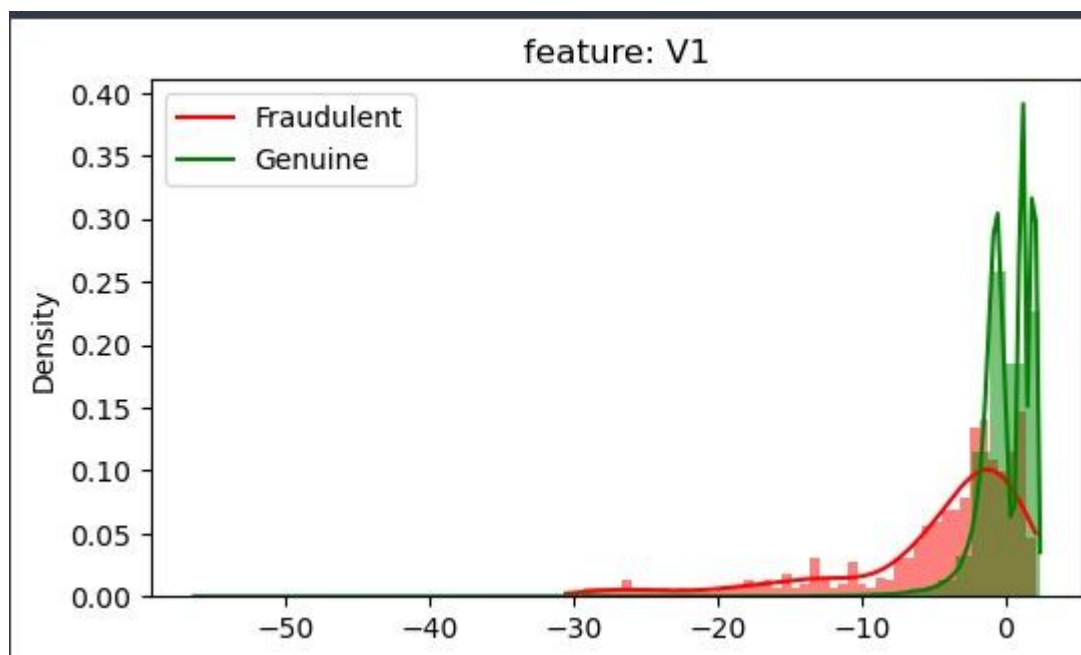
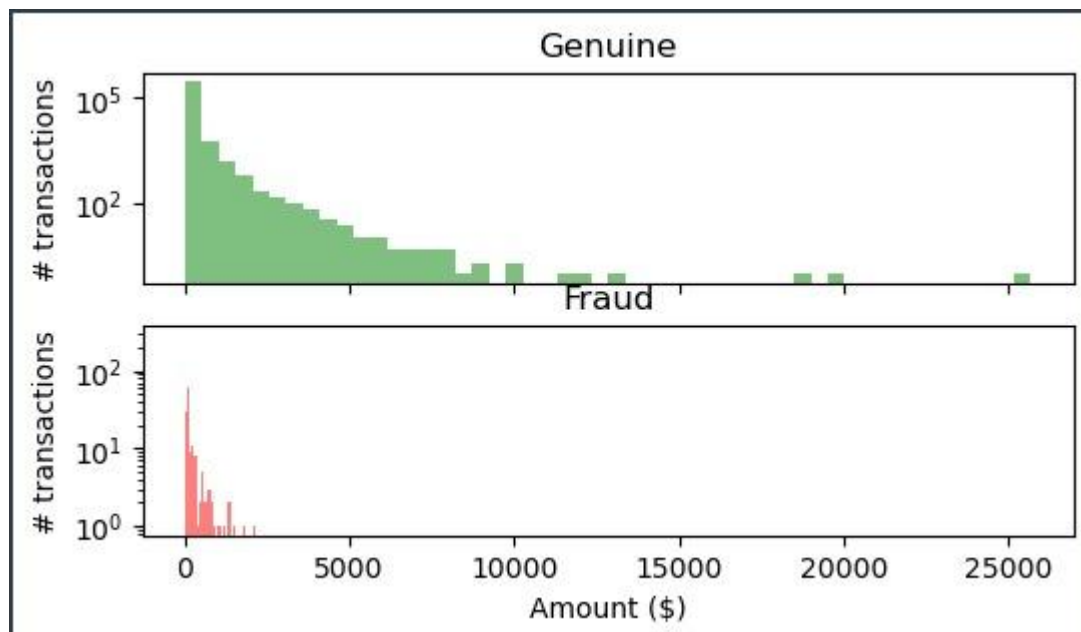
✧ This is the result we found in Research Paper 2:

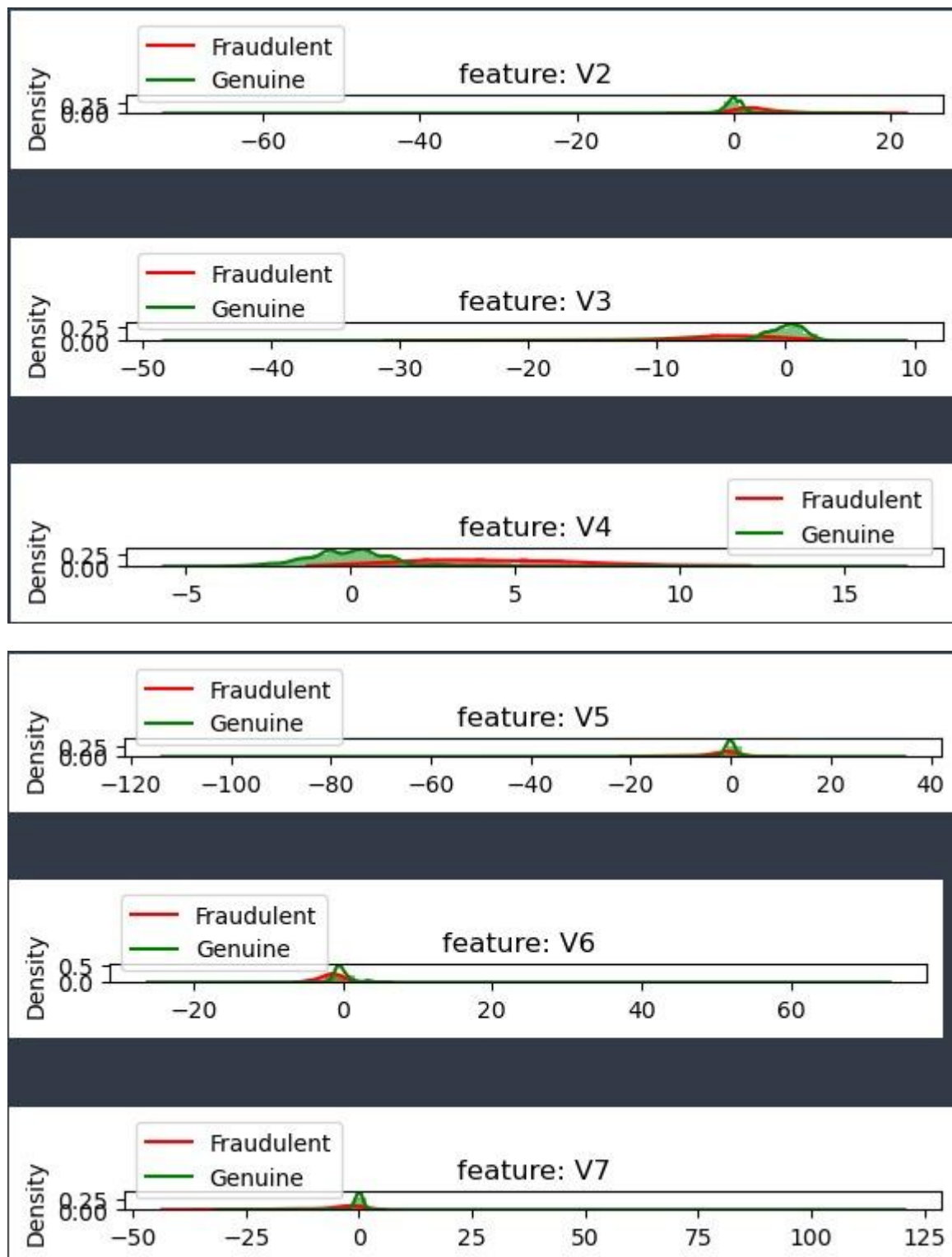
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	0	1
	0	56861
1	18	80

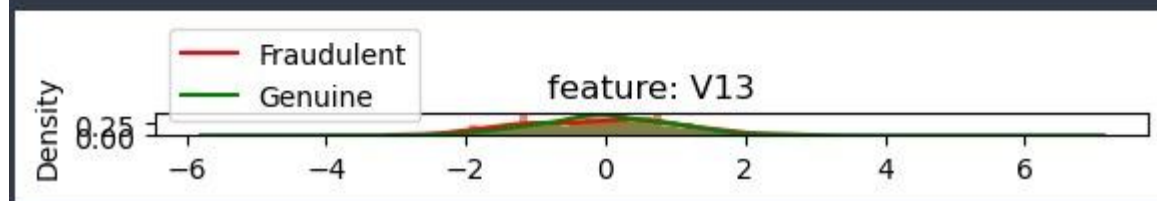
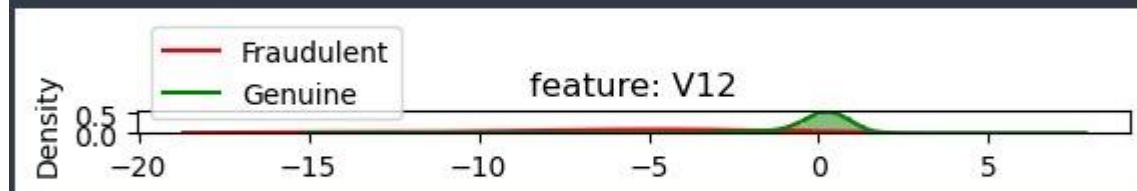
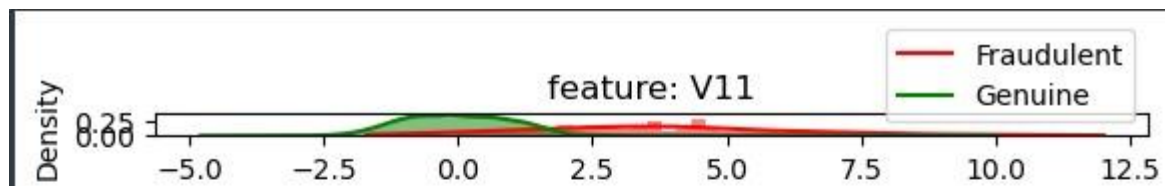
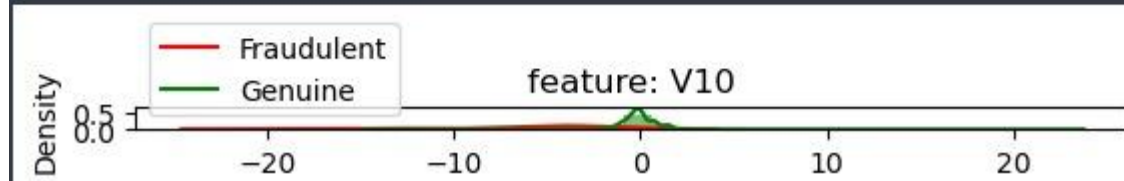
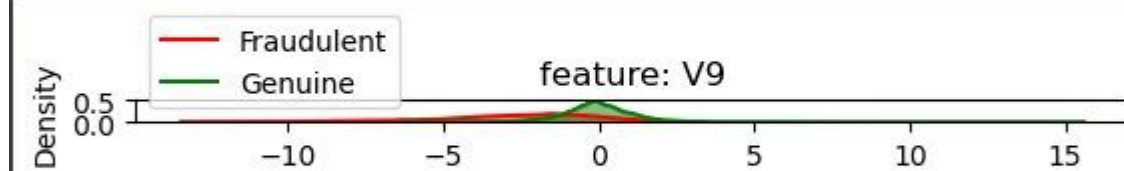
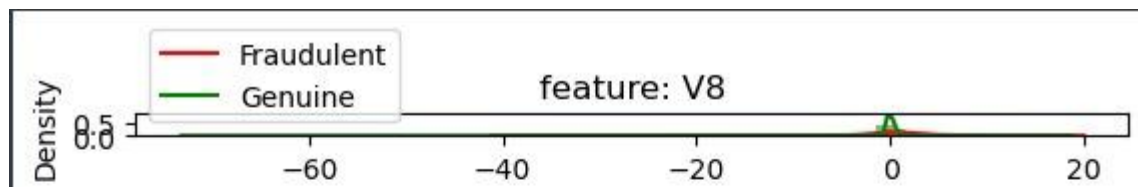
✧ This is our result:











```

1 from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
2 from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
3 # Case-NB-1 : do not drop anything
4 drop_list = []
5 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_data(df, drop_list)
6 y_pred, y_pred_prob = get_predictions(GaussianNB(), X_train, y_train, X_test)
7 print_scores(y_test,y_pred,y_pred_prob)

```

```

Index(['V1', 'V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V5', 'V6', 'V7', 'V8', 'V9', 'V10', 'V11',
      'V12', 'V13', 'V14', 'V15', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18', 'V19', 'V20', 'V21',
      'V22', 'V23', 'V24', 'V25', 'V26', 'V27', 'V28', 'Class', 'Time_Hr',
      'scaled_Amount'],
      dtype='object')
train-set size: 227845
test-set size: 56962
fraud cases in test-set: 98
train-set confusion matrix:
[[222480  4971]
 [   69   325]]
test-set confusion matrix:
[[55535 1329]
 [   15    83]]
recall score: 0.8469387755102041
precision score: 0.058781869688385266
f1 score: 0.10993377483443707
accuracy score: 0.9764053228468101
ROC AUC: 0.963247971529636

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1 drop_list = ['V28','V27','V26','V25','V24','V23','V22','V20','V15','V13','V8']
2 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_data(df, drop_list)
3 y_pred, y_pred_prob = get_predictions(GaussianNB(), X_train, y_train, X_test)
4 print_scores(y_test,y_pred,y_pred_prob)

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Index(['V1', 'V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V5', 'V6', 'V7', 'V9', 'V10', 'V11', 'V12',
      'V14', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18', 'V19', 'V21', 'Class', 'Time_Hr',
      'scaled_Amount'],
      dtype='object')
train-set size: 227845
test-set size: 56962
fraud cases in test-set: 98
train-set confusion matrix:
[[223967  3484]
 [   61   333]]
test-set confusion matrix:
[[55935  929]
 [   12    86]]
recall score: 0.8775510204081632
precision score: 0.08472906403940887
f1 score: 0.15453728661275834
accuracy score: 0.9834802148800955
ROC AUC: 0.9622034097825962

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1 drop_list = ['Time_Hr', 'V28', 'V27', 'V26', 'V25', 'V24', 'V23', 'V22', 'V20', 'V15', 'V13', 'V8']
2 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_data(df, drop_list)
3 y_pred, y_pred_prob = get_predictions(GaussianNB(), X_train, y_train, X_test)
4 print_scores(y_test, y_pred, y_pred_prob)

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Index(['V1', 'V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V5', 'V6', 'V7', 'V9', 'V10', 'V11', 'V12',
      'V14', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18', 'V19', 'V21', 'Class', 'scaled_Amount'],
      dtype='object')
train-set size: 227845
test-set size: 56962
fraud cases in test-set: 98
train-set confusion matrix:
[[223964  3487]
 [   60   334]]
test-set confusion matrix:
[[55936  928]
 [   12   86]]
recall score: 0.8775510204081632
precision score: 0.08481262327416174
f1 score: 0.15467625899280577
accuracy score: 0.9834977704434535
ROC AUC: 0.9613612643988377

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1 drop_list = ['scaled_Amount', 'Time_Hr', 'V28', 'V27', 'V26', 'V25', 'V24', 'V23', 'V22', 'V20', 'V15', 'V13', 'V8']
2 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_data(df, drop_list)
3 y_pred, y_pred_prob = get_predictions(GaussianNB(), X_train, y_train, X_test)
4 print_scores(y_test, y_pred, y_pred_prob)

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Index(['V1', 'V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V5', 'V6', 'V7', 'V9', 'V10', 'V11', 'V12',
      'V14', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18', 'V19', 'V21', 'Class'],
      dtype='object')
train-set size: 227845
test-set size: 56962
fraud cases in test-set: 98
train-set confusion matrix:
[[224025  3426]
 [   60   334]]
test-set confusion matrix:
[[55954  910]
 [   12   86]]
recall score: 0.8775510204081632
precision score: 0.08634538152610442
f1 score: 0.15722120658135283
accuracy score: 0.9838137705838981
ROC AUC: 0.9611556179872063

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1 # Let us check recall score for logistic regression
2 # Case-LR-1
3 y_pred, y_pred_prob = get_predictions(LogisticRegression(C = 0.01)
4                                     , X_train, y_train, X_test)
5 print_scores(y_test,y_pred,y_pred_prob)

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train-set confusion matrix:

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[[227427    24]
 [   153   241]]

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test-set confusion matrix:

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[[56851    13]
 [    39    59]]

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recall score: 0.6020408163265306

precision score: 0.8194444444444444

f1 score: 0.6941176470588234

accuracy score: 0.9990871107053826

ROC AUC: 0.9725212608960297

Future Outlook

1. **Continuous Model Improvement:** The project's future involves a commitment to continuous improvement of the fraud detection models. This includes refining the existing machine learning algorithms and exploring new techniques to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of fraud detection.
2. **Integration of Advanced Technologies:** As technology evolves, the project should consider integrating advanced technologies such as deep learning to further enhance its ability to detect sophisticated fraud patterns that may evolve over time.
3. **Real-time Monitoring and Detection:** The future outlook involves transitioning towards real-time monitoring and detection. This would enable the system to identify and respond to potential fraudulent activities as they occur, minimizing the impact of fraudulent transactions.
4. **Enhanced Data Security Measures:** Given the sensitivity of financial data, future iterations of the project should prioritize and implement advanced data security measures to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the data used for training and testing the models.
5. **User-Friendly Interfaces for Analysts:** Developing user-friendly interfaces and dashboards for fraud analysts is key. This allows human experts to easily interpret model outputs, investigate flagged transactions, and provide necessary feedback for model improvement.
6. **Scalability and Flexibility:** The project will prioritize scalability and flexibility, ensuring that the fraud detection system can handle increasing volumes of transactions and adapt to changing data patterns without compromising performance.