

Identifying Fraudulent Transactions using Machine Learning: A Study of Credit Card Fraud

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1. Introduction

Within the domain of contemporary financial systems, the identification and prevention of fraudulent transactions are of the utmost importance. The ability to detect credit card fraud reliably has significant implications for financial institutions and cardholders. This configuration manual serves as a comprehensive guide, outlining the system configuration, software dependencies, essential tools, and environmental prerequisites required to conduct a complex research project titled "Identifying Fraudulent Transactions Using Machine Learning: A Study of Credit Card Fraud."

The technical book provides a clear and complete reference for recreating project technical features. It creates the research environment, enabling others to examine, verify, or build on the project's results. The project's primary objective was to create a credit card fraud-detecting ensemble classifier. A well-planned and thorough process was used to accomplish this. We shall explain this technique, its technical components, and how we achieved the project's goals in the following parts.

2. System Setup

All the research and assignments are carried out in a device named Lenovo Yoga 7 series.

Device name: LAPTOP-O6TOTQDK

Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-1035G1 CPU @ 1.00GHz 1.19 GHz

Installed RAM: 8.00 GB (7.79 GB usable)

Device ID: 5DAB1CA8-BF9D-41DA-9585-CAE4C611C7AE

Product ID: 00327-35887-60238-AAOEM

System type: 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor

Pen and touch: No pen or touch input is available for this display

3. Software Used

Python Programming Language: Version 3.11.4

Integrated Development Environment (IDE): Jupyter Notebook Version 6.0.1

Anaconda Platform Version: 2023.07.2

Additional Tools: Microsoft Excel, Lucid, Microsoft Word, Google Sheets

Web Browser: Google Chrome

4. Packages Installed

```
: # Install and import essential libraries
  # Data processing
  import pandas as pd
  import numpy as np
  import os
  import random
  # Mathematical and statistical functions
  import math
  import scipy.stats as stats
  from scipy.stats import pointbiserialr, chi2_contingency, randint as sp_randint
  # Data analysis and visualization
  import researchpy as rp
  import ppscore as pps
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  from matplotlib import pyplot
  import seaborn as sns
  # Machine Learning with scikit-learn
  import sklearn
  # Feature selection and data splitting
  from sklearn.feature_selection import f_classif, SelectKBest
  from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
  # Categorical encoding
  import category_encoders as ce
  # Class imbalance handling
  import imblearn
  from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline
  from imblearn.under_sampling import RandomUnderSampler
  from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE, BorderlineSMOTE
  from collections import Counter
  # Classification algorithms
  from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, BaggingClassifier
  from xgboost import XGBClassifier
  from lightgbm import LGBMClassifier
  from catboost import CatBoostClassifier
  # Model evaluation
  from sklearn import metrics
  from imblearn.metrics import classification_report_imbalanced
  from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
  from sklearn.metrics import recall_score
  from sklearn.metrics import precision_score
from sklearn.metrics import f1_score
  from sklearn.metrics import matthews_corrcoef
  from sklearn.metrics import average_precision_score
  from sklearn.metrics import precision_recall_curve
  from sklearn.metrics import auc
  from imblearn.metrics import geometric_mean_score
  from sklearn.metrics import make_scorer
  # Hyperparameter tuning
  from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
  # Cross-validation
  from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score, cross_validate, StratifiedKFold
  # Datetime Library
  import datetime
```

Figure 1 All the packages that are installed and imported

These Python packages and libraries serve various essential purposes in data analysis and machine learning. Pandas and NumPy facilitate data manipulation and numerical operations, while the os module interacts with the operating system for file management. Random and Math provide randomization and mathematical functions. Scipy.stats handles statistical functions, and Researchpy simplifies statistical analyses. Ppscore

calculates predictive power between variables. Matplotlib and Seaborn aid in data visualization. Scikit-learn offers machine learning tools. Feature selection and data splitting are supported by SelectKBest and train_test_split. Category Encoders encode categorical data. Imbalanced-learn tackles class imbalance. Various classification algorithms like Random Forest, XGBoost, LGBM, Adaboost and CatBoost are implemented. Model evaluation metrics, imbalanced learning metrics, confusion matrix visualization, and precision-recall metrics are used for model assessment. The geometric mean score, AUC, and custom scorers enhance evaluation. Hyperparameter tuning leverages RandomizedSearchCV, and cross-validation is conducted using StratifiedKFold. These libraries collectively empower data analysis and model development in Python.

5. Differences from Existing Literature:

In the realm of credit card fraud detection, machine learning has emerged as a vital ally in the ongoing battle against fraudulent activities. This literature review underscores the critical role of key evaluation metrics, including recall, precision, F1-Score, MCC, G-Mean, and AUC-PR, in assessing the performance of machine learning models dedicated to this task (Dietterich, 1998). High recall, as demonstrated by models such as AdaBoost, XGBoost, LightGBM, and Bagging, is indispensable in ensuring the identification of genuine fraudulent transactions (Raschka, 2018). Precision, exemplified by Random Forest and Bagging, is equally pivotal as it minimizes the unsettling occurrence of false positives, which can inconvenience customers. The F1-Score, a harmonious blend of precision and recall, is instrumental in dealing with the imbalanced datasets characteristic of credit card fraud detection (Fernández-Delgado et al., 2014). Moreover, metrics like MCC and G-Mean provide comprehensive insights into overall model performance, with models like XGBoost, LightGBM, and Bagging consistently exhibiting robustness in binary classification tasks (Svetnik et al., 2004). AUC-PR sheds light on a model's ability to make wellinformed decisions by optimizing the precision-recall trade-off, a domain where models like XGBoost and LightGBM excel (Chen et al., 2016; Ke et al., 2017). In conclusion, these metrics collectively offer a holistic view of machine learning model performance in credit card fraud detection, with models like XGBoost, LightGBM, and Bagging showing significant promise for further enhancing the efficacy of fraud detection systems in the future.

6. Detailed Data Processing Steps:

6.1 Data Preprocessing

6.1.1 Examine the Pandas DataFrame Structure.

• The first stage in data preprocessing is to import the data into a Pandas DataFrame to determine its structure. This typically entails verifying the number of rows and columns, the data type, and a cursory examination of the first few rows to determine how the data is formatted.

```
In [4]: fraud_df.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        Int64Index: 1852394 entries, 0 to 555718
        Data columns (total 23 columns):
         # Column
        ---
                                   int64
            Unnamed: 0
             trans_date_trans_time object
            cc_num
                                   int64
            merchant
                                   object
                                   object
            category
            amt
                                   float64
         6
            first
                                   object
            last
                                   object
             gender
                                   object
         9
                                   object
            street
         10 city
                                   object
         11 state
                                   object
                                   int64
         12 zip
         13 lat
                                   float64
         14 long
                                   float64
         15 city_pop
                                   int64
         16 job
                                   object
         17 dob
                                   object
         18 trans_num
                                   object
         19 unix_time
                                   int64
                                   float64
         20 merch_lat
         21 merch long
                                   float64
         22 is_fraud
                                   int64
        dtypes: float64(5), int64(6), object(12)
        memory usage: 339.2+ MB
```

Figure 2: Data Structure

6.1.2 Change Datatypes

- Converted the 'is_fraud' column to the category data type as it represents a binary classification label.
- Changed the data types of the 'gender' and 'category' columns to category as these are categorical variables.
- Converted the 'dob' and 'trans-date-trans-time' columns to datetime data types to facilitate date-based calculations.
- Converted 'cc-num' and 'zip' to strings as they are nominal variables represented by numbers, not integers.

```
In [5]: #Alter the data type of the binary target variable 'is_fraud' to 'category'.
    fraud_df["is_fraud"] = fraud_df["is_fraud"].astype('category')
    fraud_df["is_fraud"].dtypes

Out[5]: CategoricalDtype(categories=[0, 1], ordered=False)

In [6]: # Change the data type of 'gender' and 'category' variables to 'category'.
    fraud_df["gender"] = fraud_df["gender"].astype('category')
    fraud_df["category"] = fraud_df["category"].astype('category')

In [7]: # Update the data type of 'dob' and 'trans_day_trans_time' variables to datetime.
    fraud_df['dob'] = pd.to_datetime(fraud_df['dob'])
    fraud_df['trans_date_trans_time'] = pd.to_datetime(fraud_df['trans_date_trans_time'])

In [8]: #Transform the 'cc_num' and 'zip' variables into strings
    #as they are not integers but rather nominal variables with numeric representations.
    fraud_df["zip"] = fraud_df["zip"].astype('str')
    fraud_df["cc_num"] = fraud_df["cc_num"].astype('str')
```

Figure 3:Data modification

6.1.3 Remove Irrelevant Columns

- Removed the 'Unnamed: 0' column, which is deemed irrelevant for analysis.
- Also, considered removing variables with almost unique values to reduce dimensionality and noise.

```
In [9]: # remove irrelevant column
fraud_df = fraud_df.drop(columns="Unnamed: 0")
fraud_df = fraud_df.drop(columns="unix_time")
fraud_df = fraud_df.drop(columns="merch_lat")
fraud_df = fraud_df.drop(columns="merch_long")
```

Figure 4: Data Cleaning

6.1.4 Check for Missing Values and Duplicates

- Performed data quality checks to identify and handle any missing values. This ensures that your data is complete.
- Checked for and remove any duplicate rows to prevent data redundancy.

```
In [10]: fraud_df.isnull().sum().sum()
Out[10]: 0
In [11]: fraud_df.duplicated().sum()
Out[11]: 0
```

Figure 5: Handling Missing Values

6.1.5 Check Cardinality for Categorical Variables

Calculated the number of unique values (cardinality) for each categorical variable. High cardinality
can impact modeling, and you may need to consider strategies like one-hot encoding or feature
engineering.

```
In [12]: fraud_df.nunique()
Out[12]: trans_date_trans_time
                                    1819551
                                        999
         cc_num
         merchant
                                        693
                                         14
         category
                                      60616
         amt
          first
                                        355
          last
                                        486
          gender
                                          2
                                        999
          street
                                        906
         city
          state
                                         51
                                        985
         zip
          lat
                                        983
          long
                                        983
          city_pop
                                        891
                                        497
          job
         dob
                                        984
         trans_num
                                    1852394
          is_fraud
                                          2
         dtype: int64
```

Figure 6: Nunique values

6.2 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

6.2.1 EDA for 'is fraud'

• Visualized the class distribution of the target variable 'is_fraud' using a bar plot. Note the class imbalance in the dataset.

```
In [13]: # Instances of legitimate and fraudulent transactions.
occurences = fraud_df['is_fraud'].value_counts()
occurences
#The following code retrieves the counts of legitimate ('0') and fraudulent ('1') transactions:
# '0' denotes legitimate transactions.
#'1' denotes fraudulent transactions.

Out[13]: 0 1842743
1 9651
Name: is_fraud, dtype: int64
```

Figure 7: Number of Occurences

6.2.2 Bar Plots for Categorical Variables

• Created bar plots for other categorical variables like 'category' to visualize their distributions. This helps understand the categorical data's characteristics.

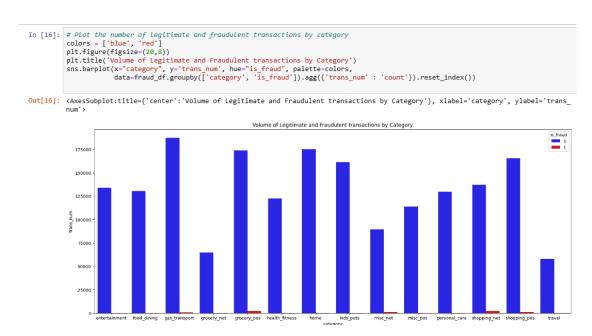


Figure 8: Quantity of Fraud and Non-fraud Transactions Based on Category

6.2.3 Descriptive Statistics and Histograms for Continuous Variables

- Calculated descriptive statistics (mean, median, etc.) for continuous variables like 'amount' and create histograms to understand their distributions.
- Analyzed the differences in these statistics between legitimate and fraudulent transactions.

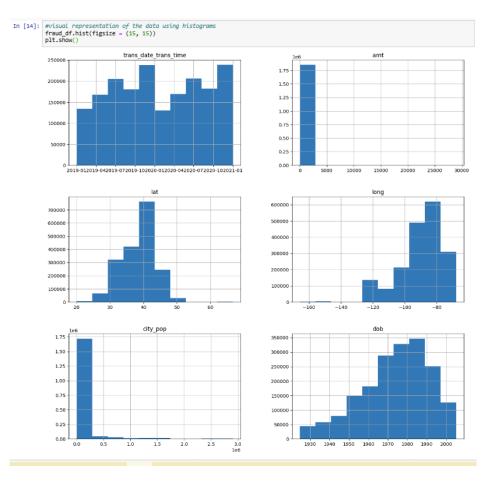


Figure 9: Descriptive Statistics and Histograms were Generated for Continuous Variables

6.3 Feature Engineering

6.3.1 Create the Variable 'age' at the Time of the Transaction

• Calculated the 'age' of individuals at the time of each transaction by subtracting their date of birth ('dob') from the transaction date ('trans-date-trans-time').

```
18]: import numpy as np

# Create the variable 'age' at the time of the transaction
fraud_df['age'] = np.round((fraud_df['trans_date_trans_time'] - fraud_df['dob']) / np.timedelta64(1, 'Y'))

# Convert 'age' to integer
fraud_df['age'] = fraud_df['age'].astype('int')

# Display the data type of the 'age' column
fraud_df.dtypes[['age']]
18]: age int32
dtype: object
```

Figure 10: Age created

6.3.2 Create the Variable 'transaction-hour'

- Extracted the transaction hour from the 'trans-date-trans-time' variable to create a new feature, 'transaction-hour.'
- Explored the distribution of fraudulent transactions by hour.

```
[n [19]: # Create Variable transaction hour
          # Derive the feature 'transaction hour. Transaction hour for all transactions
          #Extract the hour of the transaction from the variable 'trans_day_trans_time'
          fraud_df[ 'transaction_hour'] = fraud_df['trans_date_trans_time'].dt.hour
fraud_df['transaction_hour']
Out[19]: 0
                      а
                      0
          2
                      0
          3
                      0
          4
                      0
          555714
                     23
          555715
                     23
          555716
                    23
          555717
                    23
          555718
                    23
          Name: transaction_hour, Length: 1852394, dtype: int64
```

Figure 11: Transaction Hour Created

6.3.3 Create the Variable 'day-of-week'

• Extracted the 'day of the week' from 'trans-date-trans-time' to create 'day-of-week.'

```
In [23]: # Generate the 'day-of-week' variable
         # Extract the day of the week for each transaction
         fraud_df['day_of_week'] = fraud_df['trans_date_trans_time'].dt.day_name()
         fraud_df['day_of_week']
)ut[23]: 0
                    Tuesday
                    Tuesday
                    Tuesday
         2
         3
                    Tuesday
         4
                    Tuesday
         555714
                   Thursday
         555715
                   Thursday
         555716
                   Thursday
         555717
                   Thursday
         555718
                   Thursday
         Name: day_of_week, Length: 1852394, dtype: object
```

Figure 12: 'Day of week' created

6.3.4 Create the Variable 'month of transaction'

• Extracted the month from 'trans-date-trans-time' to create 'month of transaction.'

```
#Create the variable 'month of transaction'
        #Extract the year_month for all transactions
        fraud_df['year_month']=fraud_df['trans_date_trans_time'].dt.to_period('M')
        fraud_df['year_month']
        #Extract the Month of transaction
        fraud\_df['month\_of\_trans'] = fraud\_df['year\_month'].dt.month
        fraud_df['month_of_trans']
ut[24]: 0
                   1
        2
                   1
        3
                   1
                   1
        555714
                  12
        555715
                  12
        555716
                  12
        555717
                  12
        555718
                  12
        Name: month_of_trans, Length: 1852394, dtype: int64
```

Figure 13: 'month of transaction' Created

6.3.5 Create the Variable 'time since last transaction'

• Calculated the time elapsed in seconds since the last transaction using 'trans-date-trans-time.'

```
[25]: # Generate the 'time since last transaction' variable
      # Time since last transaction = 'time_since_last_trans' and is measured in 'seconds'
# I've developed a new function named 'timeDifference' to calculate the time elapsed
      #since the cardholder's previous credit card transaction.
      def timeDifference(x):
        x['time_since_last_trans']= x.trans_date_trans_time-x.trans_date_trans_time.shift()
        return x
[26]: #cc-num identifies a card holder
      fraud_df = fraud_df.groupby('cc_num').apply(timeDifference)
[27]: fraud_df['time_since_last_trans']= fraud_df['time_since_last_trans'].dt.seconds
[28]: # Examine null values for this newly created feature.
      # Given that it calculates the time since the last transaction,
      # it's expected to have some null values, particularly for customers making their first transaction!
[29]: fraud_df['time_since_last_trans'].isnull().sum().sum()
[29]: 999
[30]: # Replace the null values by 0. It means'0' seconds from last transaction
[31]: fraud_df['time_since_last_trans']= fraud_df['time_since_last_trans'].replace(np.nan, 0)
[32]: fraud_df['time_since_last_trans'].isnull().sum().sum()
[32]: 0
```

Figure 14: 'time since last transaction' Created

6.3.6 Generate Frequencies of Transactions in the Last n Days

• Computed the frequency of transactions made over specific time periods (e.g., last 1, 7, 14, 30, 60 days). This can help capture patterns related to transaction frequency.

```
[34]: import pandas as pd
      #Volume of Transactions made in a day
      def last1DaysTransCount(x):
          temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count_1_days').sort_index()
          count_1_days = temp.rolling(window=2, min_periods=0).count()
          x['last_1_days_trans_count'] = count_1_days.values
          return x
      fraud_df = fraud_df.groupby('cc_num').apply(last1DaysTransCount)
[35]: #Volume of Transactions made in the last 7 days
      def last7DaysTransCount(x):
          temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count_7_days').sort_index()
          count_7_days = temp.rolling(window=7,min_periods=1).count()
          x['last_7_days_trans_count'] = count_7_days.values
          return x
      fraud_df = fraud_df.groupby('cc_num').apply(last7DaysTransCount)
[36]: #Volume of Transactions made in the last 14 days
      def last14DaysTransCount(x):
          temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count_14_days').sort_index()
          count_14_days = temp.rolling(window=14,min_periods=1).count()
          x['last_14_days_trans_count'] = count_14_days.values
      fraud df = fraud df.groupby('cc num').apply(last14DaysTransCount)
[37]: #Volume of Transactions made in the last 30 days
      def last30DaysTransCount(x):
          temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count_30_days').sort_index()
          count_30_days = temp.rolling(window=30,min_periods=1).count()
          x['last_30_days_trans_count'] = count_30_days.values
          return x
      fraud_df = fraud_df.groupby('cc_num').apply(last30DaysTransCount)
[38]: #Volume of Transactions made in the last 60 days
      def last60DaysTransCount(x):
          temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count_60_days').sort_index()
          count_60_days = temp.rolling(window=60,min_periods=1).count()
          x['last_60_days_trans_count'] = count_60_days.values
          return x
      fraud_df = fraud_df.groupby('cc_num').apply(last60DaysTransCount)
```

Figure 15: Transaction Frequency

6.4 Feature Selection

6.4.1 Feature Selection for Continuous Variables

- Computed a correlation matrix to understand the relationship between continuous predictors and the target variable.
- Used the SelectKBest method with ANOVA F-values to select the most important continuous features.

Figure 16: ANOVA F Test

6.4.2 Feature Selection for Categorical Variables

- Performed a Chi-Square test to assess the association between categorical features and the target variable ('is fraud').
- Computed Cramer's V to quantify the strength of the association.
- Applied Bonferroni Correction Post-Hoc Test to select only those categorical predictors where all their categories have a significant relationship with 'is fraud'.

```
[51]: #Test the association between the categorical Independent variables and the target variable 'is_fraud'
      from scipy.stats import chi2_contingency
      # Define the list of categorical column names
     chi2\_check = []
      for i in categorical columns:
         if chi2_contingency(pd.crosstab(fraud_df['is_fraud'], fraud_df[i]))[1] < 0.05:</pre>
            chi2_check.append('Reject Null Hypothesis')
         else:
            chi2_check.append('Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis')
     res = pd.DataFrame(data=[categorical_columns, chi2_check]).T
     res.columns = ['Column', 'Hypothesis']
     print(res)
     # The Null Hypothesis states that there is no association between the categorical predictor and the target
     #variable 'is_fraud'
                Column
                                  Hypothesis
              category Reject Null Hypothesis
               street Reject Null Hypothesis
                  zip Reject Null Hypothesis
                 city Reject Null Hypothesis
                state Reject Null Hypothesis
                first Reject Null Hypothesis
                 last Reject Null Hypothesis
                cc_num Reject Null Hypothesis
                  job Reject Null Hypothesis
              merchant Reject Null Hypothesis
          day_of_week Reject Null Hypothesis
     10
     11 month_of_trans Reject Null Hypothesis
```

Figure 17: Bonferroni Correction Post Hoc Test

Figure 18: Chi-Square Test

6.5 Data Preparation for Modeling

6.5.1 Split the Dataset into Train and Test Set

• The dataset is split into a training set (70%) and a test set (30%), using stratified splitting to maintain class proportions due to class imbalance.

```
[58]: # Split the Dataset into Train and Test Set

[59]: X = fraud_data.drop(columns=['is_fraud']) # Exclude the target variable
y = fraud_data['is_fraud']

[60]: #Split the dataset into train and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.30, random_state=1, stratify=y)

#Using a fixed "random state" value of 1 ensures consistent outcomes across multiple runs or executions.
# 70% of the data will be used to train the models
#30% of the data will be used to test the models

[61]: training_set_size = len(X_train)
test_set_size = len(X_test)
print(training_set_size)
print(test_set_size)

1296675
555719
```

Figure 19: Train Test Dataset Size

6.5.2 Categorical Encoding

• Encoded categorical variables ('category' and 'day-of-week') using CatBoost encoding separately for the train and test sets.

Figure 20: 'category' and 'day-of-week' Created

6.5.3 Dealing with Class Imbalance: Balance the Train Set

 Addressed class imbalance by balancing the training data using a hybrid sampling approach of Random Undersampling (RUS) and Borderline-SMOTE. Adjust sampling parameters to achieve the desired class proportions.

```
70]: # Adjust dataset sampling
    # Modify the dataset accordingly
    # Apply fitting and transformation to the dataset
    X_train_sampled, y_train_sampled = pipeline.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)

54]: counter=Counter(y_train_sampled)
    print(counter)

Counter({0: 1289919, 1: 6756})
```

Figure 21: Applying RUS and Borderline SMOTE

7. Areas for Improvement: (Models)

In the context of Precision-Recall curves, "plot smoothness" refers to the degree of continuity and gradual change in the curves when they are graphed. A smooth curve signifies a continuous transition of precision and recall values as the discrimination threshold for a classifier varies (Uematsu et al., 2012).

Observations demonstrated that the Precision-Recall curves for the Random Forest (RF) and Light Gradient Boosting Machine (LGBM) models lacked the desired degree of smoothness. This was attributed to the small number of points used for plotting, which led to less uniform contours for RF and interruptions in the case of LGBM (Yin et al., 2021). By generating a more closely spaced set of nodes along the Precision-Recall curve, it is possible to improve the curves' regularity. Instead of relying on a few discrete points, a greater number of threshold values should be considered. This method enables the construction of a curve that appears smoother and provides a more accurate representation of how precision and recall evolve with varying thresholds. Implementation in practice requires calculating precision and recall for a broader range of threshold values and then plotting these values accordingly (Svetnik et al., 2004). To accomplish this, a finer increment in threshold values or interpolation methods can be utilized to estimate precision and recall

values at intervals between the existing discrete points. For the RF and LGBM variants, this allows for the generation of a visually appealing and instructive Precision-Recall curve.

While AdaBoost's recall rate of 0.98 demonstrates its exceptional ability to identify the vast majority of actual fraudulent transactions, its precision score of 0.19 is cause for concern. This precision value indicates that AdaBoost's accuracy in identifying fraudulent transactions is only 19%, resulting in a significant number of false alarms. In operational terms, this could result in difficulties and inconvenience for consumers. Hence, the model is not appropriate to use.

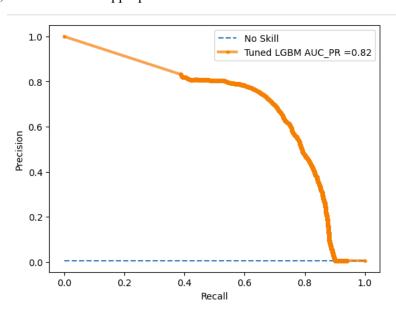


Figure 22: Plot of LGBM

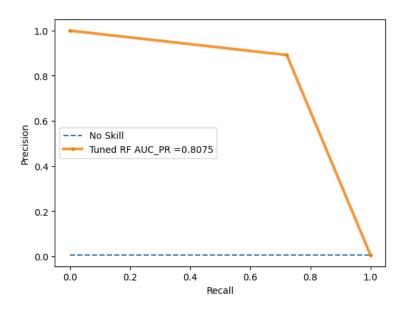


Figure 23: Plot of Random Forest

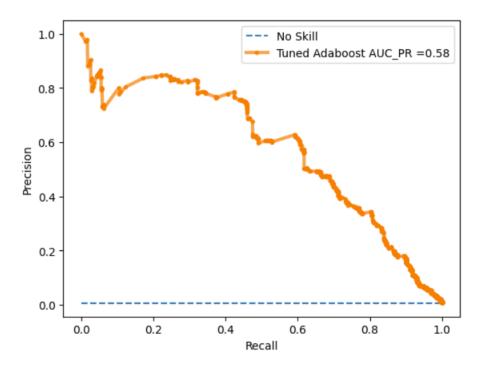


Figure 24: Plot for AdaBoost

8. Technical Choices and Considerations:

Python is favored over many other programming languages for dealing with large datasets and classification due to its unique combination of flexibility, efficacy, and a vast library ecosystem (Windows & 2021, 2006). Python's versatility is demonstrated by the fact that it is not limited to data analysis; it is a general-purpose programming language applicable to a vast array of applications. This versatility is matched by an extensive library landscape, with NumPy for numerical operations, pandas for data manipulation, and Matplotlib, Seaborn, and scikit-learn for data visualization and machine learning, collectively offering a robust toolkit for data professionals.

Despite Python's reputation for being slow at low-level numerical computations, its performance is enhanced by libraries such as NumPy, which are frequently implemented in speedier programming languages such as C and C++ (Rand et al., n.d.). Python's user-friendly, legible syntax appeals to both novice and experienced programmers, encouraging collaboration and seamless transitions between project duties. Python's active community ensures ample support, while its seamless integration with diverse data sources, cross-platform compatibility, and scalability via frameworks such as Apache Spark establish it as the language of choice for data analysis and processing.

9. Limitations

Python's prominence in data analysis and processing is well-deserved due to the language's adaptability, extensive library ecosystem, and user-friendly, legible syntax. Python does, however, have its limitations. Its interpretive nature can result in performance bottlenecks, especially when dealing with computationally intensive duties and large datasets. The Global Interpreter Lock (GIL) limits multithreading capabilities, thereby restricting the use of multicore processors to their fullest extent (Atlanta et al., 2010). Python's memory usage can be substantial, posing difficulties with very large datasets and resource-intensive programs (Whitehorn et al., n.d.). In addition, the global state management and dependency management

features of Python can make it difficult to manage large-scale initiatives. Python's capabilities in data analysis, machine learning, and scientific computing continue to make it a favorite among data professionals, despite the fact that it may not be the optimal choice for mobile or real-time web development (Engelhardt et al., 2022). Mitigating its limitations often involves cautious design choices and leveraging specialized libraries or even integrating Python with other languages as required.

10. Conclusion

In summary, this study highlights four key principles in machine learning. First, model selection must correspond to the problem and objectives. Second, evaluation metrics must correspond to particular objectives, such as precision or recall. Third, model choices have real-world consequences, like transaction declines. Lastly, meticulous model comparisons enable informed decisions, highlighting the fact that success extends beyond algorithms to intelligent model selection and evaluation for effective real-world applications.

11. Recommendations

Integration of Interpretable Models: To increase model transparency and confidence, future research should concentrate on integrating interpretable machine learning models with complex ones. Models such as logistic regression, decision trees, and rule-based models can offer valuable insights into the factors that influence fraud prediction. This hybrid approach can aid in conveying model decisions to stakeholders and regulatory bodies, thereby addressing rising concerns regarding model interpretability (Caruana et al., 2015).

Real-Time Detection: Investigating real-time fraud detection systems that can analyze transactions as they occur is crucial. This involves the use of techniques such as online learning and streaming data processing. This research can lead to the creation of systems that rapidly adapt to evolving fraud schemes, thereby enhancing the security of financial institutions and consumers (Wang et al., n.d.).

12. Reflective Summary

Engaging in this research project as a student has been an invaluable experience. It focused on the handson application of data science and machine learning to transform theoretical knowledge into practical skills. I acquired expertise in Python libraries, model selection, data preprocessing, and management of imbalanced data. The importance of data visualization and collaboration could not be overstated, whereas obstacles presented learning opportunities. In this dynamic field, continuous learning is essential, and our novel model selection strategy contributes to the broader research landscape. Overall, this journey has bridged theory and practice, fostering curiosity and skill development.

LOGBOOK

Logbook Entry 1 - Project Kick-off (Week 1-2)

Activities

- Read 7 to 8 journals/articles to get an initial idea.
- Started with the abstract and introduction.
- Defined project objectives and scope.
- Conducted initial data collection and exploration.
- Set up the project environment and tools.

Technical Decisions

- Chose Python as the primary programming language due to its extensive libraries for data analysis.
- Selected Jupyter Notebook for code development and documentation for its interactivity.
- Jupyter Notebook enables easy sharing of project progress and results.

Logbook Entry 2 - Data Preprocessing (Week 3-4)

Activities

- Cleaned and preprocessed the raw dataset.
- Handled missing values and duplicates.
- Transformed categorical variables into numerical representations.

Technical Decisions

- Used Pandas and NumPy for data cleaning and transformation.
- Employed one-hot encoding for categorical variables.

Logbook Entry 3 - Model Selection (Week 5-6)

Activities

- Explored various machine learning algorithms: Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost, and Bagging.
- Conducted hyperparameter tuning for each algorithm.
- Compared model performance using cross-validation.

Technical Decisions

- Utilized Scikit-Learn for implementing and evaluating models.
- Employed Randomized Search for hyperparameter tuning.

Logbook Entry 4 - Model Evaluation (Week 6)

Activities

- Evaluated model performance using various metrics: Recall, Precision, F1-Score, MCC, G-Mean, AUC-PR.
- Analyzed confusion matrices and precision-recall curves.
- Identified key predictors for credit card fraud.

Technical Decisions

- Utilized Scikit-Learn and Imbalanced-Learn for performance metrics calculation.
- Visualized results using Matplotlib and Seaborn.

Logbook Entry 5 - Final Model Selection (Week 7)

Activities

- Selected XGBoost as the final model due to its superior performance.
- Documented model parameters and configuration.
- Prepared the final model for deployment.

Technical Decisions

- XGBoost was chosen based on its high predictive accuracy.
- Used Jupyter Notebook for model documentation and deployment preparation.

Logbook Entry 6 - Project Conclusion (Week 8)

Activities

- Compiled project documentation and findings.
- Conducted a final review of code and results.
- Prepared a summary presentation for stakeholders.

Technical Decisions

- Utilized Markdown for creating project reports and presentations.
- Ensured all code written with appropriate comments.

Gantt Chart

Identifying Fraudulent Transactions Using Machine Learning: A Study of Credit Card Fraud

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Milestone Description	Progress	Start	Days
Introduction	5%	7/7/2023	2
Literature Review	5%	14/07/2023	3
Data Collection and Preprocessing	10%	19/07/2023	10
Feature Selection and Dimensionality Reduction	10%	29/07/2023	5
Model Development and Evaluation	15%	5/8/2023	7
Comparative Analysis of Algorithms	15%	12/8/2023	10
Interpretability and Explainability of Models	25%	22/08/2023	5
Findings	5%	27/08/2023	2
Discussions of Findings	5%	29/08/2023	2
Conclusion	2%	31/08/2023	2
Recommendations	1%	31/08/2023	Sameday
References	2%	31/08/2023	Sameday
Appendices	10%	31/08/2023	Sameday
Technical Report	15%	1/9/2023	1
LogBook	10%	3/9/2023	2
References	5%	4/9/2023	1
Appendices(Technical Report)	5%	5/9/2023	1
REVISING THE WHOLE DISSERTATION	80%	7/9/2023	2
FINAL SUBMISSION	100%	7/9/2023	Sameday

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Appendix 1- Code

#Import the essential python libraries for data manipulation, data processing and data analysis

!pip install pandas

import pandas as pd

!pip install numpy

import numpy as np

!pip install os_sys

import os

!pip install random

import random

Import math library for mathematical computations and also import scipy stats for statistical functions.

!pip install Mathematics-Module

import math

!pip install scipy

import scipy.stats

from scipy import stats

from scipy.stats import pointbiserialr

from scipy.stats import chi2 contingency

from scipy.stats import randint as sp randint

!pip install researchpy

import researchpy as rp

!pip install ppscore

import ppscore as pps

Import ploting libraries

!pip install matplotlib

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from matplotlib import pyplot

#To enable plotting graphs in notebook

%matplotlib inline

#Import seaborn

!pip install seaborn

import seaborn as sns

Import Python scikit-learn library for Machine Learning

!pip install scikit-learn

import sklearn

Import libraries for ANOVA feature selection

from sklearn.feature selection import f classif

from sklearn.feature selection import SelectKBest

Import libraries to split the dataset into train and test set

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

Encoding. Import the library for categorical encoding

!pip install category encoders

import category_encoders as ce

Resampling

To deal with the class imbalance problem: imbalance learn

!pip install imbalanced-learn

import imblearn

from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline

RUS = Random Undersampling

from imblearn.under_sampling import RandomUnderSampler # SMOTE = Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique !pip install smote-variants from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE # Borderline SMOTE from imblearn.over sampling import BorderlineSMOTE

!pip install collection from collections import Counter

Classification Algorithms
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
!pip install xgboost
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
!pip install lightgbm
from lightgbm import LGBMClassifier
!pip install catboost
from catboost import CatBoostClassifier
import catboost as ctb

Import libraries for model evaluation

from sklearn import metrics

from sklearn.metrics import classification report

from imblearn.metrics import classification report imbalanced

from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix

from sklearn.metrics import plot_confusion_matrix

from sklearn.metrics import recall_score

from sklearn.metrics import precision_score

from sklearn.metrics import fl_score

from sklearn.metrics import matthews_corrcoef

from sklearn.metrics import average_precision_score

from sklearn.metrics import precision_recall_curve, plot_precision_recall_curve

from sklearn.metrics import PrecisionRecallDisplay

from sklearn.metrics import auc

from imblearn.metrics import geometric mean score

from sklearn.metrics import make_scorer

For Hyperparameter Tuning

from sklearn.model selection import RandomizedSearchCV

#Cross Validation libraries

from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score from sklearn.model_selection import cross_validate

from sklearn.model selection import StratifiedKFold

Other libraries
!pip install DateTime
import datetime

import pandas as pd

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# Concatenate fraudTrain and fraudTest, and create a new dataframe: fraud df
fraud train = pd.read csv('C:/Users/moon/OneDrive/Desktop/fraudTrain.csv')
fraud test = pd.read csv('C:/Users/moon/OneDrive/Desktop/fraudTest.csv')
fraud df = pd.concat([fraud train, fraud test])
fraud df.info()
#Alter the data type of the binary target variable 'is_fraud' to 'category'.
fraud_df["is_fraud"] = fraud_df["is_fraud"].astype('category')
fraud df["is fraud"].dtypes
# Change the data type of 'gender' and 'category' variables to 'category'.
fraud df["gender"] = fraud df["gender"].astype('category')
fraud df["category"] = fraud df["category"].astype('category')
# Update the data type of 'dob' and 'trans day trans time' variables to datetime.
fraud df['dob'] = pd.to datetime(fraud df['dob'])
fraud df['trans date trans time'] = pd.to datetime(fraud df['trans date trans time'])
#Transform the 'cc num' and 'zip' variables into strings
#as they are not integers but rather nominal variables with numeric representations.
fraud df["zip"] = fraud df["zip"].astype('str')
fraud df["cc num"] = fraud df["cc num"].astype('str')
# remove irrelevant column
fraud df = fraud df.drop(columns="Unnamed: 0")
fraud df = fraud df.drop(columns="unix time")
fraud df = fraud df.drop(columns="merch lat")
fraud df = fraud df.drop(columns="merch long")
fraud df.isnull().sum().sum()
fraud df.duplicated().sum()
fraud df.nunique()
# Instances of legitimate and fraudulent transactions.
occurences = fraud df['is fraud'].value counts()
occurences
#The following code retrieves the counts of legitimate ('0') and fraudulent ('1') transactions:
# '0' denotes legitimate transactions.
#'1' denotes fraudulent transactions.
#visual representation of the data using histograms
fraud df.hist(figsize = (15, 15))
plt.show()
# Plot the number of legitimate and fraudulent transactions
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
colors = ['blue', 'yellow']
sns.countplot(data=fraud df, x='is_fraud', palette=colors).set(title='Volume of Legitimate and Fraudulent
Transactions')
plt.show()
# Blue = Legitimate transaction "0"
# Yellow = Fraudulent transaction "1"
# THIS DATASET IS HIGHLY IMBALANCED
# Plot the number of legitimate and fraudulent transactions by category
colors = ['blue', 'red']
plt.figure(figsize=(20,8))
plt.title('Volume of Legitimate and Fraudulent transactions by Category')
sns.barplot(x="category", y='trans num', hue="is fraud", palette=colors,
       data=fraud df.groupby(['category', 'is fraud']).agg({'trans num': 'count'}).reset index())
# Compute some relevant summary statistics for the variable 'Amount' ('amt')
# Separate legitimate and fraudulent transactions
legitimate = fraud df[fraud df['is fraud'] == 0]
fraudulent = fraud df[fraud df['is fraud'] == 1]
max legitimate amt=legitimate['amt'].max()
max fraudulent amt=fraudulent['amt'].max()
import statistics
mean legitimate amt=legitimate['amt'].mean()
mean fraudulent amt=fraudulent['amt'].mean()
median legitimate amt=legitimate['amt'].median()
median fraudulent amt=fraudulent['amt'].median()
print('Maximun Legitimate Transactions Amount: {}'.format(max legitimate amt))
print('Maximun Fraudulent Tragactions Amount: {}'.format(max fraudulent amt))
print('Average Legitimate Transactions Amount: {}'.format (mean legitimate amt))
print('Average Fraudulent Transactions Amount: {}'.format(mean fraudulent amt))
print('Median of Legitimate Transactions Amount: {}'.format (median legitimate amt))
print('Median of Fraudulent Transactions Amount: {}'.format(median fraudulent amt))
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Separate legitimate and fraudulent transactions
legitimate = fraud df[fraud df['is fraud'] == 0]
fraudulent = fraud df[fraud df['is fraud'] == 1]
# Compute maximum amounts
max legitimate amt = legitimate['amt'].max()
max fraudulent amt = fraudulent['amt'].max()
# Create a DataFrame for plotting
data = pd.DataFrame({
  'Transaction Type': ['Legitimate', 'Fraudulent'],
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'Maximum Amount': [max legitimate amt, max fraudulent amt]
})
# Create a bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.bar(data['Transaction Type'], data['Maximum Amount'])
plt.xlabel('Transaction Type')
plt.ylabel('Maximum Amount')
plt.title('Maximum Transaction Amount by Transaction Type')
plt.show()
import numpy as np
# Create the variable 'age' at the time of the transaction
fraud \ df['age'] = np.round((fraud \ df['trans \ date \ trans \ time'] - fraud \ df['dob']) \ / \ np.timedelta64(1, 'Y'))
# Convert 'age' to integer
fraud_df['age'] = fraud_df['age'].astype('int')
# Display the data type of the 'age' column
fraud df.dtypes[['age']]
# Create Variable transaction hour
# Derive the feature 'transaction hour. Transaction hour for all transactions
#Extract the hour of the transaction from the variable 'trans day trans time'
fraud df['transaction hour'] = fraud df['trans date trans time'].dt.hour
fraud df['transaction hour']
#Transaction Hour for Fraudulent Transactions
#Extract the hour of fraudulent transactions from the variable 'trans day trans time'
fraudulent=fraud df[fraud df['is fraud']==1]
fraudulent['transaction hour']= fraudulent['trans date trans time'].dt.hour
fraudulent['transaction hour']
sns.countplot(data=fraudulent, x='transaction hour').set(title='Volume of Fraudulent Transactions by Hour')
plt.show()
#Plot the Number of Fraudulent Transactions per hour
# Encode the 'transaction hour' variable
# 'risky-transactions': Occurring from 9:00 PM to 4:00 AM
fraud df['hourEncoded'] =0
fraud df.loc[fraud df.transaction hour< 4, 'hourEncoded']= 1
fraud df.loc[fraud df.transaction hour> 21, 'hourEncoded'] = 1
# Utilizing the time frame between 21:00 and 4:00 yields a significantly higher Cramer's V coefficient
#compared to using the interval from 22:00 to 4:00.
#Cramer's V is a statistic used to measure the strength of association between categorical variables in a contingency
table.
```

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# Generate the 'day-of-week' variable
# Extract the day of the week for each transaction
fraud df['day of week'] = fraud df['trans date trans time'].dt.day name()
fraud df['day of week']
#Create the variable 'month of transaction'
#Extract the year month for all transactions
fraud df['year month']=fraud df['trans date trans time'].dt.to period('M')
fraud df['year month']
#Extract the Month of transaction
fraud df['month of trans']=fraud df['year month'].dt.month
fraud df['month of trans']
# Generate the 'time since last transaction' variable
#Time since last transaction = 'time since last trans' and is measured in 'seconds'
# I've developed a new function named 'timeDifference' to calculate the time elapsed
#since the cardholder's previous credit card transaction.
def timeDifference(x):
 x['time since last trans']= x.trans date trans time-x.trans date trans time.shift()
 return x
#cc-num identifies a card holder
fraud df = fraud df.groupby('cc num').apply(timeDifference)
fraud df['time since last trans']= fraud df['time since last trans'].dt.seconds
# Examine null values for this newly created feature.
# Given that it calculates the time since the last transaction,
# it's expected to have some null values, particularly for customers making their first transaction!
fraud df['time since last trans'].isnull().sum().sum()
# Replace the null values by 0. It means 0' seconds from last transaction
fraud df['time since last trans']= fraud df['time since last trans'].replace(np.nan, 0)
fraud df['time since last trans'].isnull().sum().sum()
# Generate Frequencies of Transactions made in the last 1/7/14/30/60 days
import pandas as pd
#Volume of Transactions made in a day
def last1DaysTransCount(x):
  temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count 1 days').sort index()
  count 1 days = temp.rolling(window=2, min periods=0).count()
  x['last 1 days trans count'] = count 1 days.values
  return x
fraud df = fraud df.groupby('cc num').apply(last1DaysTransCount)
```

```
#Volume of Transactions made in the last 7 days
def last7DaysTransCount(x):
  temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count 7 days').sort index()
  count 7 days = temp.rolling(window=7,min periods=1).count()
  x['last 7 days trans count'] = count 7 days.values
fraud df = fraud df.groupby('cc num').apply(last7DaysTransCount)
#Volume of Transactions made in the last 14 days
def last14DaysTransCount(x):
  temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count 14 days').sort index()
  count_14_days = temp.rolling(window=14,min_periods=1).count()
  x['last 14 days trans count'] = count 14 days.values
  return x
fraud df = fraud df.groupby('cc num').apply(last14DaysTransCount)
#Volume of Transactions made in the last 30 days
def last30DaysTransCount(x):
  temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count 30 days').sort index()
  count 30 days = temp.rolling(window=30,min periods=1).count()
  x['last 30 days trans count'] = count 30 days.values
  return x
fraud df = fraud df.groupby('cc num').apply(last30DaysTransCount)
#Volume of Transactions made in the last 60 days
def last60DaysTransCount(x):
  temp = pd.Series(x.index, index=x.index, name='count_60_days').sort_index()
  count 60 days = temp.rolling(window=60,min periods=1).count()
  x['last_60_days_trans_count'] = count 60 days.values
fraud \ df = fraud \ df.groupby('cc_num').apply(last60DaysTransCount)
#I'm removing the DOB column because I've already calculated the age of the individuals
#in the dataset using their date of birth (DOB).
#Since I now have the age information, keeping the DOB column would be redundant and unnecessary for
#the analysis and modeling tasks.
fraud df = fraud df.drop(columns="dob")
# Remove the "trans date trans time" variable as it is redundant variable
fraud df= fraud df.drop(columns="trans date trans time")
#Remove the variable trans num (transaction number) as it is unique and irrelevant for modelling purposes.
fraud df = fraud df.drop(columns="trans num")
# Feature Selection
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(20,10))
sns.heatmap(fraud df.corr(),annot=True).set title('Correlation heatmap')
# Anova F- test for feature selection
#The ANOVA F-test is a statistical method used for feature selection.
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#It assesses if there are significant differences in the means of a
#continuous feature across different categories of a categorical target variable.
#Features with high F-values and low p-values are considered important for prediction.
#Creating new dataset
fraud df2 = fraud df[['amt', 'age', 'transaction hour',
              'hourEncoded', 'time since last trans',
              'last_7_days_trans_count', 'last_14_days_trans_count',
              'last 30 days trans count', 'last 60 days trans count', 'is fraud']]
# Separate the target variable 'is fraud' from the dataframe
X = fraud_df2.loc[:, fraud_df2.columns != 'is_fraud']
y = \text{fraud df2}[\text{'is fraud'}]
#Conduct ANOVA F-test for feature selection
fs = SelectKBest(score func=f classif, k=9)
#The fit transform method in feature selection is used to both fit the feature selection algorithm to
#the training data (X and y) and transform the data to keep only the selected features.
fit = fs.fit transform(X, y)
#print(X_selected_fs.shape)
# apply feature selection
X selected= fs.fit transform(X,y)
print(X selected.shape)
#see the columns that have been selected
X.columns[fs.get support(indices=True)].tolist()
#Test the association between the categorical Independent variables and the target variable 'is fraud'
from scipy.stats import chi2 contingency
# Define the list of categorical column names
categorical columns = ['category', 'street', 'zip', 'city', 'state',
              'first', 'last', 'cc_num', 'job', 'merchant', 'day_of_week', 'month_of_trans']
chi2 check = []
for i in categorical columns:
  if chi2 contingency(pd.crosstab(fraud df['is fraud'], fraud df[i]))[1] < 0.05:
     chi2 check.append('Reject Null Hypothesis')
  else:
     chi2 check.append('Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis')
res = pd.DataFrame(data=[categorical columns, chi2 check]).T
res.columns = ['Column', 'Hypothesis']
print(res)
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# The Null Hypothesis states that there is no association between the categorical predictor and the target
#variable 'is fraud'
import researchpy as rp
crosstab, test results category, expected = rp.crosstab(fraud df["is fraud"], fraud df["category"],
                                   test="chi-square",
                                   expected freqs=True,
                                   prop="cell")
test results category
#Bonferroni Correction Post hoc test
#The Bonferroni Correction Post hoc test is a statistical method used in hypothesis testing and statistical analysis.
categorical_columns=['category']
chi2 check = []
for i in categorical columns:
  contingency table = pd.crosstab(fraud df['is fraud'], fraud df[i])
  chi2 stat, p value, dof, expected = chi2 contingency(contingency table)
  if p value < 0.05:
     chi2 check.append('Reject Null Hypothesis')
  else:
     chi2 check.append('Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis')
res = pd.DataFrame(data=[categorical columns, chi2 check]).T
res.columns = ['Columns', 'Hypothesis']
print(res)
check = \{\}
for i in res[res['Hypothesis'] == 'Reject Null Hypothesis']['Columns']:
  dummies = pd.get dummies(fraud df[i])
  bon p value = 0.05 / fraud df[i].nunique()
  for series in dummies:
     if chi2_contingency(pd.crosstab(fraud_df['is_fraud'], dummies[series]))[1] < bon_p_value:
       check['{}-{}'.format(i, series)] = 'Reject Null Hypothesis'
     else:
       check['{}-{}'.format(i, series)] = 'Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis'
res chi ph = pd.DataFrame(data=[check.keys(), check.values()]).T
res chi ph.columns = ['Pair', 'Hypothesis']
print(res_chi_ph)
import pandas as pd
columns to keep = ['amt', 'age', 'hourEncoded', 'time since last trans',
           'last 7 days trans count', 'last 14 days trans count',
           'last 30 days trans count', 'last 60 days trans count',
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'category', 'day of week', 'is fraud']
# Create a new DataFrame with the selected columns
fraud data = fraud df[columns to keep].copy()
# Convert the "day of week" column to the "category" data type
fraud data['day of week'] = fraud data['day of week'].astype('category')
# Reset the index to start from 0
fraud data.reset index(drop=True, inplace=True)
# Print the shape of the new DataFrame
print(fraud data.shape)
# Display data type information
fraud_data.info()
# Split the Dataset into Train and Test Set
X = fraud data.drop(columns=['is fraud']) # Exclude the target variable
y = fraud data['is fraud']
#Split the dataset into train and test sets
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.30, random state=1, stratify=y)
#Using a fixed "random state" value of 1 ensures consistent outcomes across multiple runs or executions.
# 70% of the data will be used to train the models
#30% of the data will be used to test the models
training set size = len(X train)
test set size = len(X test)
print(training set size)
print(test set size)
# Categorical Encoding
# Using CATBOOST ENCODING
#define cateboost encoder
cbe encoder= ce.cat boost.CatBoostEncoder()
feature list=['category', 'day of week'] # the categorical variables i want to encode
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
# Fit the encoder and transform the feature
# Fit the encoder and transform the feature
cbe encoder = ColumnTransformer([
  ('categorical', OneHotEncoder(handle unknown='ignore'), feature list)
1)
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train cbe= cbe encoder.fit transform(X train[feature list],y train)
test cbe= cbe encoder.transform(X test[feature list])
# Dealing with the Class Imbalance: Balance the Train set
#define Resampling pipeline
from imblearn.over sampling import BorderlineSMOTE
from imblearn.under sampling import RandomUnderSampler
# Define Resampling pipeline
under = RandomUnderSampler(sampling strategy=0.05, random state=42)
over = BorderlineSMOTE(sampling strategy=0.9, random state=42)
steps = [('u', under), ('o', over)]
pipeline = Pipeline(steps=steps)
#random state = 42 is to produce the same results across differents runs
# sampling strategy parameters have been manually tuned
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from imblearn.over sampling import RandomOverSampler
from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline as ImblearnPipeline
# Define your categorical columns
categorical_cols = ['category', 'day_of_week']
# Define the column transformer to apply encoding
preprocessor = ColumnTransformer(
  transformers=[
    ('cat', OneHotEncoder(), categorical cols)
  ],
  remainder='passthrough' # Pass through any remaining columns as-is
# Create a pipeline with preprocessing and resampling
pipeline = ImblearnPipeline([
  ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
  ('sampler', RandomOverSampler()) # Use the desired resampling technique
1)
# Adjust dataset sampling
# Modify the dataset accordingly
# Apply fitting and transformation to the dataset
X_train_sampled, y_train_sampled = pipeline.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)
counter=Counter(y train sampled)
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print(counter)
# summarize class distribution before and after applying RUS and Borderline-SMOTE
counter= Counter(y train)
print('Before RUS + BorderlineSMOTE', counter)
counter= Counter(y train sampled)
print('After RUS + BorderlineSMOTE', counter)
# MODEL IMPLEMENTATION
import pandas as pd
# Assuming X_train_sampled and y_train_sampled are NumPy arrays
# Convert them to Pandas DataFrames
X train sampled = pd.DataFrame(X train sampled)
y train sampled = pd.DataFrame(y train sampled)
# Concatenate them along the columns (axis=1)
balanced train = pd.concat([X train sampled df, y train sampled df], axis=1)
# seperate the target variable 'is fraud' from the sampled train dataframe
X balanced train=balanced train.loc[:, balanced train.columns!='is fraud']
y_balanced_train= balanced_train.is_fraud
# ADABOOST
# Import AdaBoostClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
# Define the AdaBoost model
AdaBoost = AdaBoostClassifier(random state=42)
# Fit the model on the train set
AdaBoost.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
params adaboost = {
  'n estimators': [50, 100, 200],
  'learning_rate': [0.1, 0.2, 0.3],
  'base estimator': [None, DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=1), DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=2)],
  'algorithm': ['SAMME', 'SAMME.R'],
# Due to the large size of the training set, use 3-fold cross-validation
cv = StratifiedKFold(n splits=3, shuffle=True, random state=42)
# Define the AdaBoost base model
adaboost base = AdaBoostClassifier(random state=42)
# Instantiate RandomizedSearchCV and pass in the hyperparameters
rand AdaBoost = RandomizedSearchCV(adaboost base, params adaboost, scoring='f1',
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cv=cv, n jobs=1, verbose=1, random state=42, n iter=10)
rand AdaBoost.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
print(rand AdaBoost.best params )
AdaBoost best = rand AdaBoost.best estimator
print(AdaBoost best) # best-tuned model
# RANDOM FOREST
# Import Random Forest Classifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
# Define the model
rf= RandomForestClassifier(random state = random.seed(42), n jobs =-1, verbose = 1)
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
# List of column names representing categorical features
categorical features = ['category', 'day of week']
# Apply label encoding to categorical features
label encoder = LabelEncoder()
X balanced train encoded = X balanced train.copy()
for col in categorical features:
  X balanced train encoded[col] = label encoder.fit transform(X balanced train encoded[col])
# Fit the model on training set
rf.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
# RF Hyperparameter Optimisation using RandomizedSearchCV
#HYPERPARAMETER SEARCH
from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold, RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
#create a dictionary with the list of hyperparameters
params rf = {
  'n estimators': [100, 300, 500],
  'max depth': [None, 4, 81],
  'min_samples_split': [2, 20, 200, 50, 100, 200],
  'min_samples_leaf': [1, 10, 100, 25, 50, 100]
#Due to the large size of the training set I will use 3-fold cross validations (3-fold CV)
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cv = StratifiedKFold(n splits=3, shuffle=True, random state=42)
#Define the base RF model (fl)
rf1 = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42, n_jobs=-1, verbose=1)
#APPLY RANDOMIZED SEARCH
#Instantiate RandomizedSearchCV and pass in the hyperparameters
#rand rf= RandomizedSearchCV(rf1, params rf, scoring = 'f1', cv= cv, n jobs=-1, verbose=1, random state=42)
rand_rf = RandomizedSearchCV(
  RandomForestClassifier(), param distributions=params rf, scoring='f1', cv=cv,
  n jobs=1, verbose=1, random state=42, n iter=10
# Fit the model on training set
rand rf.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
#Optimised Hyperparameters for RF
# print the best hyperparameters that maximize scoring
best params = rand rf.best params
print(best params)
# BAGGING
#Import Bagging Classifier
from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
# Define the bagging Model
bagging = BaggingClassifier(random_state= random.seed(42), n_jobs=1, verbose=1)
# Fit the model on training set
bagging.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
#Bagging Hyperparameter Optimisation using RandomizedSearchCV
#HYPERPARAMETER SEARCH
#create a dictionary with the list of hyperparameters
params_bagging= {'n_estimators': [10, 50, 100, 300, 500],
         'max samples': [0.3, 0.5, 1.0],
         'max_features': [0.3, 0.5, 1.0]
          }
#Due to the large size of the training set I will use 3-fold cross validationa (3-fold CV)
cv= StratifiedKFold(n splits =3, shuffle=True, random state=42)
#Define the base Bagging base model (bagging1)
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bagging1 = BaggingClassifier(random state = 42, n jobs = -1, verbose=1)
#APPLY RANDOMIZED SEARCH
#Instantiate RandomizedSearchCV and pass in the hyperparameters
#rand bagging = RandomizedSearchCV(bagging1, params bagging, scoring='f1', cv=cv, n jobs=-1, verbose=1,
random_state=42)
rand bagging = RandomizedSearchCV(
  BaggingClassifier(), param distributions=params bagging, scoring='f1', cv=cv,
  n jobs=1, verbose=1, random state=42, n iter=10
#Fit the model on training set
rand bagging.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
#Optimised Hyperparameters for Bagging
#Print the best hyperparameters that maximize scoring
print(rand bagging.best params )
Bagging best = rand bagging.best estimator
print(Bagging best) #best tuned model
#XGBOOST
#Define the XGBoost model
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
XGBoost=XGBClassifier(random state = 42, n jobs=-1, verbosity = 1)
#Fit the model on the train set
XGBoost.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
#XGBoost Hyperparameter Optimisation using RandomizedSearchCV
#HYPERPARAMETER SEARCH
#create a dictionary with the list of hyperparameters
params xgboost={
  'n estimators':[100, 300, 500],
  'learning_rate': [0.1, 0.2, 0.3],
  'max depths': [4, 6],
  'gamma':[0, 0.1, 0.2],
  'subsample': [0.5, 0.75, 1],
  'colsample bytree': [0.5, 0.75, 1],
  'min child weight': [1, 5, 25],
  }
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#Due to the large size of the training set will use 3-fold cross validations (3-fold cv)
cv =StratifiedKFold(n splits=3, shuffle= True, random state=42)
#Define the XGBoost base mode
xgboost1 = XGBClassifier(random state=42, n jobs=1, verbosity=1) #random state is to get same results in every
#APPLY RANDOMIZED SEARCH
#Instantiate RandomizedSearchev and pass in the hyperparameters
#Fit the model on the train set
rand XGBoost = RandomizedSearchCV(xgboost1, params xgboost, scoring='f1',
                    cv=cv, n jobs=1, verbose=1, random state=42, n iter=10)
rand_XGBoost.fit(X_balanced_train_encoded, y_balanced_train)
print(rand XGBoost.best params )
XGBoost best = rand XGBoost.best estimator
print(XGBoost best) #best tuned model
#LIGHTGBM
from lightgbm import LGBMClassifier
Lgbm= LGBMClassifier(random state=42, n jobs= -1, verbosity=1)
# Fit the model on the train set
Lgbm.fit(X balanced train, y balanced train)
#HYPERPARAMETER SEARCH
# create a dictionary with the list of hyperpara
params lgbm = { 'n estimators': [100, 300, 500, 1000],
       'learning rate': [0.05, 0.08, 0.1, 0.21],
       'max depth': [4, 5, 6, 7],
       'num_leaves': sp_randint(500, 5000),
       'min_data_in_leaf': sp_randint(500, 3500),
       'colsample bytree': [0.5, 0.75, 1],
       'max bin': sp randint (50, 2000),
       'subsample': [0.5, 0.75, 11],
#Due to the large size of the training set will use 3-fold cross validations (3-fold cv)
cv =StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3, shuffle= True, random_state=42)
#Define the XGBoost base mode
Lgbm1 = LGBMClassifier(random state=42, n jobs=1, verbosity=1) #random state is to get same results in every
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#APPLY RANDOMIZED SEARCH

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# Instantiate RandomizedSearchCV and pass in the hyperparameters
rand lgbm = RandomizedSearchCV(Lgbm1, params lgbm, scoring='f1', cv=cv, n jobs=1, verbose=1,
random state=42, n iter=10)
# Fit the model on the train set
rand lgbm.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
print(rand_lgbm.best_params_)
LGBM best = rand lgbm.best estimator
print(LGBM_best) #best tuned model
# CATBOOST
from catboost import CatBoostClassifier
CatBoost = CatBoostClassifier(random state=42, thread count=-1, verbose=1)
# Fit the model on the train set
CatBoost.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
# CatBoost Hyperparameter Optimisation using RandomizedSearchCV
#HYPERPARAMETER SEARCH
# create a dictionary with the list of hyperparameters
params catboost = {'iterations': [500, 850, 1000, 1500, 2000],
           'learning rate': [0.03, 0.05, 0.08, 0.1, 0.3],
           'depth': [4, 5, 6, 71],
           '12_leaf_reg': [1.0, 3.0, 5.0, 8.0],
#Due to the large size of the training set will use 3-fold cross validations (3-fold cv)
cv = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
#Define the XGBoost base mode
CatBoost1 = CatBoostClassifier(random_state=42, verbose=1) #random state is to get same results in every
#APPLY RANDOMIZED SEARCH
# Instantiate RandomizedSearchCV with adjusted parameters
rand catboost = RandomizedSearchCV(
  CatBoost1, params catboost, scoring='f1', cv=cv, n jobs=1,
  verbose=1, random_state=42, n_iter=10
)
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# Fit the model on the train set
rand catboost.fit(X balanced train encoded, y balanced train)
print(rand catboost.best params )
# Access the best estimator
CatBoost best = rand_catboost.best_estimator
print(CatBoost best) #best tuned model
# Model Evaluation
feature list=['category', 'day of week']
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
# Fit the encoder and transform the feature
# Fit the encoder and transform the feature
cbe encoder = ColumnTransformer([
  ('categorical', OneHotEncoder(handle unknown='ignore'), feature list)
1)
train_cbe= cbe_encoder.fit_transform(X_train[feature_list],y_train)
test cbe= cbe encoder.fit transform(X test[feature list],y test)
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
import pandas as pd
# List of column names representing categorical features
cat features = ['category', 'day of week']
# Assuming you have already defined X test sampled, y test sampled, and balanced test as you mentioned
# Apply label encoding to categorical features
label encoder = LabelEncoder()
X test encoded = X test.copy()
for col in cat features:
  X test encoded[col] = label encoder.fit transform(X test encoded[col])
# Define a OneHotEncoder for all categorical features
onehot encoder = ColumnTransformer(
  transformers=[('cat', OneHotEncoder(), cat features)],
  remainder='passthrough' # Pass through non-categorical features
)
# Fit the onehot encoder on the test data
onehot encoder.fit(X test encoded)
# Transform the test data using the trained OneHotEncoder
X balanced test encoded = onehot encoder.transform(X test encoded)
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from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from imblearn.over sampling import BorderlineSMOTE
from imblearn.under sampling import RandomUnderSampler
# Define the resampling strategies
over = BorderlineSMOTE(sampling strategy=0.9)
under = RandomUnderSampler(sampling strategy=0.05)
# Create the imblearn pipeline with resampling steps
steps = [('u', under), ('o', over)]
pipeline = Pipeline(steps=steps)
# Fit and transform your encoded test data using the pipeline
X_balanced_test, y_balanced_test = pipeline.fit_resample(X_test_encoded, y_test)
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from imblearn.over sampling import RandomOverSampler
from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline as ImblearnPipeline
# Define your categorical columns
categorical cols = ['category', 'day of week']
# Define the column transformer to apply encoding
preprocessor = ColumnTransformer(
  transformers=[
    ('cat', OneHotEncoder(), categorical cols)
  ],
  remainder='passthrough' # Pass through any remaining columns as-is
# Create a pipeline with preprocessing and resampling
pipeline = ImblearnPipeline([
  ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
  ('sampler', RandomOverSampler()) # Use the desired resampling technique
])
# resample dataset
# transform the dataset
# Fit and transform the dataset
X test sampled, y test sampled = pipeline.fit resample(X test, y test)
counter=Counter(y_test_sampled)
print(counter)
from imblearn.over sampling import RandomOverSampler
from collections import Counter
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# Calculate the class proportions based on the original class distribution
class distribution = Counter(y test)
total samples = len(y train)
desired proportion 0 = class distribution[0] / total samples
desired proportion 1 = class distribution[1] / total samples
# Calculate the desired class counts based on the desired proportions
desired_count_0 = round(desired_proportion_0 * total_samples)
desired count 1 = round(desired proportion 1 * total samples)
# Define the desired class distribution
desired distribution = \{0: desired count 0, 1: desired count 1\}
# Create the RandomOverSampler with the desired distribution
ros = RandomOverSampler(sampling strategy=desired distribution, random state=1)
# Resample the dataset
X test sampled, y test sampled = ros.fit resample(X test, y test)
# Summarize the new class distribution
counter = Counter(y test sampled)
print(counter)
# summarize class distribution before and after applying RUS and Borderline-SMOTE
counter= Counter(y test)
print('Before RUS + BorderlineSMOTE', counter)
counter= Counter(y test sampled)
print('After RUS + BorderlineSMOTE', counter)
from lightgbm import LGBMClassifier
# Assuming X test encoded has been properly encoded and preprocessed
# Make predictions using the trained LGBM best model and the encoded test dataset
y LGBM best pred = LGBM best.predict(X test encoded)
# Round the predictions to get binary values
LGBM best predictions = [round(value) for value in y LGBM best pred]
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
# Assuming you have trained and tuned the AdaBoost model and stored it as adaboost best
y AdaBoost best pred =AdaBoost best.predict(X balanced test encoded)
Adaboost best predictions = [round(value) for value in y AdaBoost best pred]
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
# Assuming you have already trained and selected the best Random Forest model
# Let's call it rand rf best
best rand rf model = rand rf.best estimator
# Make predictions using the best Random Forest model and the encoded test dataset
y rand rf pred = best rand rf model.predict(X test encoded)
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# Round the predictions to get binary values
rand rf predictions = [round(value) for value in y rand rf pred]
from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
# Assuming you have already trained and selected the best BaggingClassifier model
# Let's call it bagging best
y Bagging best pred = Bagging best.predict(X test encoded)
Bagging best predictions = [round(value) for value in y Bagging best pred]
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
# Let's call it xgb best
y_XGBoost_best_pred = XGBoost_best.predict(X_test_encoded)
XGBoost best predictions = [round(value) for value in y XGBoost best pred]
from catboost import CatBoostClassifier
# Assuming you have already trained and selected the best CatBoost model
# Let's call it catboost best
y CatBoost best pred = CatBoost best.predict(X test encoded)
CatBoost best predictions = [round(value) for value in y CatBoost best pred]
from sklearn.metrics import classification report
# Evaluate the prediction of the 'LightGBM' best' classifier
print(" Classification Report of the Tuned Adaboost classifier: \n ", classification report(y test,
y_AdaBoost_best_pred))
from sklearn.metrics import classification report
# Evaluate the prediction of the 'LightGBM' best' classifier
print(" Classification Report of the Tuned LightGBM classifier: \n ", classification report(y test,
y LGBM best pred))
# Evaluate the prediction of the 'LightGBM' best' classifier
print(" Classification Report of the Tuned XGBoost classifier: \n ", classification_report(y_test,
y XGBoost best pred))
# Evaluate the prediction of the 'LightGBM' best' classifier
print(" Classification Report of the Tuned Bagging classifier: \n ", classification report(y test,
y Bagging best pred))
# Evaluate the prediction of the 'LightGBM_best' classifier
print(" Classification Report of the Tuned Random Forest classifier: \n ", classification_report(y_test,
y rand rf pred))
# Evaluate the prediction of the 'LightGBM' best' classifier
print(" Classification Report of the Tuned CatBoost classifier: \n ", classification report(y test,
y_CatBoost_best_pred))
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from sklearn.metrics import plot confusion matrix
plot confusion matrix(AdaBoost best, X balanced test encoded, y test)
from sklearn.metrics import plot confusion matrix
plot confusion matrix(LGBM best, X test encoded, y test)
plot confusion matrix(best rand rf model, X test encoded, y test)
plot confusion matrix(Bagging best, X test encoded, y test)
plot_confusion_matrix(XGBoost_best, X_test_encoded, y_test)
plot confusion matrix(CatBoost best, X test encoded, y test)
from sklearn.metrics import recall score, precision score, fl score, matthews corrcoef, precision recall curve, auc
from imblearn.metrics import geometric_mean_score
# Assuming y Adaboost best pred contains your model predictions
# Calculate Recall
recall = recall score(y test, y AdaBoost best pred)
print('Recall: %.2f' % recall)
# Calculate Precision
precision = precision score(y test, y AdaBoost best pred)
print('Precision: %.2f' % precision)
# Calculate F1-Score
F_Score = f1_score(y_test, y_AdaBoost_best_pred)
print('F1-Score: %.2f' % F Score)
# Calculate Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)
MCC = matthews corrcoef(y test, y AdaBoost best pred)
print('MCC: %.2f' % MCC)
# Calculate G-Mean
G_Mean = geometric_mean_score(y_test, y_AdaBoost_best_pred, average='weighted')
print('G-Mean: %.2f' % G Mean)
# Calculate precision-recall curve
precision, recall, = precision recall curve(y test, y AdaBoost best pred)
# Calculate AUC-PR (Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR: %.2f' % auc score)
# calculate the precision-recall AUC
precision, recall, thresholds = precision_recall_curve(y_test, y_AdaBoost_best_pred)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR:', auc_score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall curve
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yhat= AdaBoost.predict proba (X balanced test encoded)
yhat = yhat[:,1]
precision, recall, thresholds = precision recall curve (y test, yhat)
#Plot the Precision-Recall (PR) Curve for the model
no skill = len(y test[y test==1]) / len(y test)
pyplot.plot([0,1], [no skill, no skill], linestyle='--', label='No Skill')
pyplot.plot(recall, precision, marker='.', label="Tuned Adaboost AUC_PR = \{:0.2f\}".format(auc_score), lw = 3,
alpha=0.7)
#axis Labels
pyplot.xlabel('Recall')
pyplot.ylabel('Precision')
pyplot.legend()
#show the plot
pyplot.show()
importance Adaboost = AdaBoost best.feature importances
# Sort the feature importance in descending order
sorted indices= np.argsort(importance Adaboost)[::-1]
plt.title('Tuned Adaboost Feature Importance')
plt.bar(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), importance Adaboost[sorted indices], align='center')
plt.xticks(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), X train sampled.columns[sorted indices], rotation=90)
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
!pip install imbalanced-learn
from sklearn.metrics import recall score, precision score, fl score, matthews corrcoef, precision recall curve, auc
from imblearn.metrics import geometric mean score
# Assuming y LGBM best pred contains your model predictions
# Calculate Recall
recall = recall score(y test, y LGBM best pred)
print('Recall: %.2f' % recall)
# Calculate Precision
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_LGBM_best_pred)
print('Precision: %.2f' % precision)
# Calculate F1-Score
F Score = fl score(y test, y LGBM best pred)
print('F1-Score: %.2f' % F_Score)
# Calculate Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)
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MCC = matthews corrcoef(y test, y LGBM best pred)
print('MCC: %.2f' % MCC)
# Calculate G-Mean
G Mean = geometric mean score(y test, y LGBM best pred, average='weighted')
print('G-Mean: %.2f' % G Mean)
# Calculate precision-recall curve
precision, recall, = precision recall curve(y test, y LGBM best pred)
# Calculate AUC-PR (Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
auc_score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR: %.2f' % auc score)
# calculate the precision-recall AUC
precision, recall, thresholds = precision recall curve(y test, y LGBM best pred)
auc_score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR:', auc_score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall curve
yhat= Lgbm.predict proba (X balanced test encoded)
yhat = yhat[:,1]
precision, recall, thresholds = precision recall curve (y test, yhat)
#Plot the Precision-Recall (PR) Curve for the model
no skill = len(y test[y test==1]) / len(y test)
pyplot.plot([0,1], [no skill, no skill], linestyle='--', label='No Skill')
pyplot.plot(recall, precision, marker='.', label="Tuned LGBM AUC PR = {:0.2f}".format(auc score), lw = 3,
alpha=0.7)
#axis Labels
pyplot.xlabel('Recall')
pyplot.ylabel('Precision')
pyplot.legend()
#show the plot
pyplot.show()
importance_lgbm = LGBM_best.feature_importances_
# Sort the feature importance in descending order
sorted_indices= np.argsort(importance_lgbm)[::-1]
plt.title('Tuned LightGBM Feature Importance')
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plt.bar(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), importance lgbm[sorted indices], align='center')
plt.xticks(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), X train sampled.columns[sorted indices], rotation=90)
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
# RANDOM FOREST
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
import pandas as pd
#Assuming X balanced train encoded and y train are your training data
# Assuming X balanced test encoded is your test data
# Assuming you've already defined and fitted the RandomForestClassifier (rf) on your training data
# Fit the RandomForestClassifier on your training data
rf.fit(X test encoded, y test)
# calculate the precision-recall AUC
precision, recall, thresholds = precision recall curve(y test, y rand rf pred)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR:', auc score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall curve
yhat= rf.predict proba (X test encoded)
yhat = yhat[:,1]
precision, recall, threshold = precision recall curve (y test, yhat)
threshold = 0.6
from sklearn.metrics import recall score, precision score, fl score, matthews corrcoef, precision recall curve, auc
from imblearn.metrics import geometric mean score
# Assuming y rand rf pred contains your Random Forest model predictions
# Calculate Recall
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_rand_rf_pred)
print('Recall: %.2f' % recall)
# Calculate Precision
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_rand_rf_pred)
print('Precision: %.2f' % precision)
# Calculate F1-Score
F Score = fl score(y test, y rand rf pred)
print('F1-Score: %.2f' % F Score)
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# Calculate Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)
MCC = matthews corrcoef(y test, y rand rf pred)
print('MCC: %.2f' % MCC)
# Calculate G-Mean
G Mean = geometric mean score(y test, y rand rf pred, average='weighted')
print('G-Mean: %.2f' % G Mean)
# Calculate precision-recall curve
precision, recall, = precision recall curve(y test, y rand rf pred)
# Calculate AUC-PR (Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR: %.2f' % auc score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall (PR) Curve for the model
no_skill = len(y_test[y_test==1]) / len(y_test)
pyplot.plot([0,1], [no skill, no skill], linestyle='--', label='No Skill')
pyplot.plot(recall, precision, marker='.', label="Tuned RF AUC PR = \{:0.4f\}".format(auc score), lw = 3, alpha=0.8)
#axis Labels
pyplot.xlabel('Recall')
pyplot.ylabel('Precision')
pyplot.legend()
#show the plot
pyplot.show()
importance rf =rf.feature importances
# Sort the feature importance in descending order
sorted indices= np.argsort(importance rf)[::-1]
plt.title('Tuned Random Forest Feature Importance')
plt.bar(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), importance rf[sorted indices], align='center')
plt.xticks(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), X train sampled.columns[sorted indices], rotation=90)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
from sklearn.metrics import recall score, precision score, fl score, matthews corrcoef, precision recall curve, auc
from imblearn.metrics import geometric mean score
# Assuming y XGBoost best pred contains your XGBoost model predictions
# Calculate Recall
recall_xgb = recall_score(y_test, y_XGBoost_best_pred)
print('Recall: %.2f' % recall xgb)
# Calculate Precision
precision xgb = precision score(y test, y XGBoost best pred)
print('Precision: %.2f' % precision xgb)
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# Calculate F1-Score
fl_xgb = fl_score(y_test, y_XGBoost_best_pred)
print('F1-Score: %.2f' % f1 xgb)
# Calculate Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)
mcc xgb = matthews corrcoef(y test, y XGBoost best pred)
print('MCC: %.2f' % mcc_xgb)
# Calculate G-Mean
g mean xgb = geometric mean score(y test, y XGBoost best pred, average='weighted')
print('G-Mean: %.2f' % g_mean_xgb)
# Calculate precision-recall curve
precision xgb, recall xgb, = precision recall curve(y test, y XGBoost best pred)
# Calculate AUC-PR (Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
auc score xgb = auc(recall xgb, precision xgb)
print('AUC-PR: %.2f' % auc_score_xgb)
# calculate the precision-recall AUC
precision, recall, thresholds = precision_recall_curve(y_test, y_XGBoost_best_pred)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR:', auc_score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall curve
yhat= XGBoost.predict proba (X test encoded)
yhat = yhat[:,1]
precision, recall, threshold = precision recall curve (y test, yhat)
threshold = 0.6
#Plot the Precision-Recall (PR) Curve for the model
no skill = len(y test[y test==1]) / len(y test)
pyplot.plot([0,1], [no skill, no skill], linestyle='--', label='No Skill')
pyplot.plot(recall, precision, marker='.', label="Tuned XGBoost AUC PR = \{:0.4f\}".format(auc score), lw = 3,
alpha=0.8)
#axis Labels
pyplot.xlabel('Recall')
pyplot.ylabel('Precision')
pyplot.legend()
#show the plot
pyplot.show()
importance XGBoost =XGBoost best.feature importances
# Sort the feature importance in descending order
sorted indices= np.argsort(importance XGBoost)[::-1]
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plt.title('Tuned XGBoost Feature Importance')
plt.bar(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), importance rf[sorted indices], align='center')
plt.xticks(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), X train sampled.columns[sorted indices], rotation=90)
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
from sklearn.metrics import recall score, precision score, fl score, matthews corrcoef, precision recall curve, auc
from imblearn.metrics import geometric mean score
# Assuming y Bagging best pred contains your Bagging model predictions
# Calculate Recall
recall_bagging = recall_score(y_test, y_Bagging_best_pred)
print('Recall: %.2f' % recall bagging)
# Calculate Precision
precision bagging = precision score(y test, y Bagging best pred)
print('Precision: %.2f' % precision bagging)
# Calculate F1-Score
fl bagging = fl score(y test, y Bagging best pred)
print('F1-Score: %.2f' % f1 bagging)
# Calculate Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)
mcc bagging = matthews corrcoef(y test, y Bagging best pred)
print('MCC: %.2f' % mcc bagging)
# Calculate G-Mean
g mean bagging = geometric mean score(y test, y Bagging best pred, average='weighted')
print('G-Mean: %.2f' % g mean bagging)
# Calculate precision-recall curve
precision bagging, recall bagging, = precision recall curve(y test, y Bagging best pred)
# Calculate AUC-PR (Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
auc score bagging = auc(recall bagging, precision bagging)
print('AUC-PR: %.2f' % auc score bagging)
# calculate the precision-recall AUC
precision, recall, thresholds = precision recall curve(y test, y Bagging best pred)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR:', auc score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall curve
yhat= bagging.predict proba (X test encoded)
yhat = yhat[:,1]
precision, recall, threshold = precision recall curve (y test, yhat)
threshold = 0.6
#Plot the Precision-Recall (PR) Curve for the model
no skill = len(y test[y test==1]) / len(y test)
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pyplot.plot([0,1], [no skill, no skill], linestyle='--', label='No Skill')
pyplot.plot(recall, precision, marker='.', label="Tuned Bagging AUC PR = \{:0.4f\}".format(auc score), lw = 3,
alpha=0.8)
#axis Labels
pyplot.xlabel('Recall')
pyplot.ylabel('Precision')
pyplot.legend()
#show the plot
pyplot.show()
from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
importance bagging =Bagging best.feature importances
# Sort the feature importance in descending order
sorted indices= np.argsort(importance bagging)[::-1]
plt.title('Tuned Bagging Feature Importance')
plt.bar(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), importance rf[sorted indices], align='center')
plt.xticks(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), X train sampled.columns[sorted indices], rotation=90)
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
from sklearn.metrics import recall score, precision score, fl score, matthews corrcoef, precision recall curve, auc
from imblearn.metrics import geometric mean score
#Assuming y CatBoost best pred contains your CatBoost model predictions
# Calculate Recall
recall catboost = recall score(y test, y CatBoost best pred)
print('Recall: %.2f' % recall catboost)
# Calculate Precision
precision catboost = precision score(y test, y CatBoost best pred)
print('Precision: %.2f' % precision catboost)
# Calculate F1-Score
f1 catboost = f1 score(y_test, y_CatBoost_best_pred)
print('F1-Score: %.2f' % f1 catboost)
# Calculate Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)
mcc catboost = matthews corrcoef(y test, y CatBoost best pred)
print('MCC: %.2f' % mcc catboost)
# Calculate G-Mean
g mean catboost = geometric mean score(y test, y CatBoost best pred, average='weighted')
print('G-Mean: %.2f' % g mean catboost)
# Calculate precision-recall curve
precision catboost, recall catboost, = precision recall curve(y test, y CatBoost best pred)
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# Calculate AUC-PR (Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
auc score catboost = auc(recall catboost, precision catboost)
print('AUC-PR: %.2f' % auc score catboost)
# calculate the precision-recall AUC
precision, recall, thresholds = precision_recall_curve(y_test, y_CatBoost_best_pred)
auc score = auc(recall, precision)
print('AUC-PR:', auc_score)
#Plot the Precision-Recall curve
yhat= CatBoost.predict proba (X test encoded)
yhat = yhat[:,1]
precision, recall, threshold = precision recall curve (y test, yhat)
threshold = 0.6
#Plot the Precision-Recall (PR) Curve for the model
no skill = len(y test[y test==1]) / len(y test)
pyplot.plot([0,1], [no skill, no skill], linestyle='--', label='No Skill')
pyplot.plot(recall, precision, marker='.', label="Tuned CatBoost AUC PR = \{:0.4f\}".format(auc score), lw = 3,
alpha=0.8)
#axis Labels
pyplot.xlabel('Recall')
pyplot.ylabel('Precision')
pyplot.legend()
#show the plot
pyplot.show()
importance CatBoost =CatBoost best.feature importances
# Sort the feature importance in descending order
sorted indices= np.argsort(importance CatBoost)[::-1]
plt.title('Tuned CatBoost Feature Importance')
plt.bar(range(X_train_sampled.shape[1]), importance_rf[sorted_indices], align='center')
plt.xticks(range(X train sampled.shape[1]), X train sampled.columns[sorted indices], rotation=90)
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
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Appendix 2- Visualization

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21]: sns.countplot(data=fraudulent, x='transaction_hour').set(title='Volume of Fraudulent Transactions by Hour')
plt.show()
#Plot the Number of Fraudulent Transactions per hour
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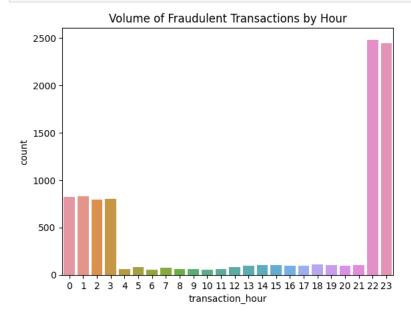


Figure 25: Number of Fraud Transaction Based on Hour

Appendix 3- Dissertation Checklist Sheet

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