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Methodology

This project will follow the CRISP_DM methodology:

Business understanding
Data Understanding
Data preparation
Modeling
Evaluation
Deployment

1. Business Understanding

1.1 Project Overview

Loan defaults represent a substantial risk to financial institutions, leading to potential revenue loss and liquidity issues. Using historical loan data we can be able to formulate machine learning models that can be able to predict the likelihood of borrowers defaulting. This will enables lenders to make data-driven decisions, optimizing risk management and improving profitability.

1.2 Business Problem

Lender's struggle with assessing default risks through using traditional methods, which often fail to provide crucial information of the borrower. That why this project aims to address this challenge by leveraging machine learning techniques which will predict loan defaults to minimize financial risk and improve loan approval processes.

1.3 Project Objectives

- Develop a machine learning solution to predict whether a borrower will default on their loan based on historical and demographic data.
- Identify the key factors influencing loan defaults.
- Compare the performance of different machine learning models (Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, and Random Forest).
- Provide actionable insights to financial institutions to mitigate default risks.

2. Data Understanding

2.1 Data Source

This dataset contains information about customer loans, including customer demographics, loan details, and default status. The dataset can be used for various data analysis and machine

learning tasks, such as predicting loan default risk. The dataset consists of the following columns. download dataset [Here](#)

2.2 Data Description

- customer_id: Unique identifier for each customer
- customer_age: Age of the customer
- customer_income: Annual income of the customer
- home_ownership: Home ownership status (e.g., RENT, OWN, MORTGAGE)
- employment_duration: Duration of employment in months
- loan_intent: Purpose of the loan (e.g., PERSONAL, EDUCATION, MEDICAL, VENTURE)
- loan_grade: Grade assigned to the loan
- loan_amnt: Loan amount requested
- loan_int_rate: Interest rate of the loan
- term_years: Loan term in years
- historical_default: Indicates if the customer has a history of default (Y/N)
- cred_hist_length: Length of the customer's credit history in years
- Current_loan_status: Current status of the loan (DEFAULT, NO DEFAULT)

3. Data Prepration

3.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

```
# import relevant libraries
import csv
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

```
# Filtering future warnings
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
# loading dataset
data = pd.read_csv("LoanDataset - LoansDatasest.csv")
#Preview the first 5 rows
data.head()
```

	customer_id	customer_age	customer_income	home_ownership	\
0	1.0	22	59000	RENT	
1	2.0	21	9600	OWN	
2	3.0	25	9600	MORTGAGE	
3	4.0	23	65500	RENT	
4	5.0	24	54400	RENT	

employment_duration	loan_intent	loan_grade	loan_amnt
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loan_int_rate \				
0	123.0	PERSONAL	C	£35,000.00
16.02				
1	5.0	EDUCATION	A	£1,000.00
11.14				
2	1.0	MEDICAL	B	£5,500.00
12.87				
3	4.0	MEDICAL	B	£35,000.00
15.23				
4	8.0	MEDICAL	B	£35,000.00
14.27				

	term_years	historical_default	cred_hist_length	Current_loan_status
0	10	Y	3	DEFAULT
1	1	NaN	2	NO DEFAULT
2	5	N	3	DEFAULT
3	10	N	2	DEFAULT
4	10	Y	4	DEFAULT

#checking some data background

```
print(f"The shape of the data is {data.shape}")
```

The shape of the data is (32586, 13)

```
display(data.columns)
```

renaming columns

```
data.rename(columns={'Current_loan_status':'default'}, inplace=True)
```

preview

```
display(data.columns)
```

```
Index(['customer_id', 'customer_age', 'customer_income',
      'home_ownership',
      'employment_duration', 'loan_intent', 'loan_grade',
      'loan_amnt',
      'loan_int_rate', 'term_years', 'historical_default',
      'cred_hist_length',
      'Current_loan_status'],
      dtype='object')
```

```
Index(['customer_id', 'customer_age', 'customer_income',
      'home_ownership',
      'employment_duration', 'loan_intent', 'loan_grade',
      'loan_amnt',
      'loan_int_rate', 'term_years', 'historical_default',
      'cred_hist_length',
```

```
'default'],  
dtype='object')
```

```
#checking the info  
data.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>  
RangeIndex: 32586 entries, 0 to 32585  
Data columns (total 13 columns):  
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype    
---  ---                  
0   customer_id           32583 non-null  float64  
1   customer_age           32586 non-null  int64    
2   customer_income       32586 non-null  object   
3   home_ownership        32586 non-null  object   
4   employment_duration   31691 non-null  float64  
5   loan_intent           32586 non-null  object   
6   loan_grade            32586 non-null  object   
7   loan_amnt             32585 non-null  object   
8   loan_int_rate         29470 non-null  float64  
9   term_years            32586 non-null  int64    
10  historical_default     11849 non-null  object   
11  cred_hist_length      32586 non-null  int64    
12  default               32582 non-null  object   
dtypes: float64(3), int64(3), object(7)  
memory usage: 3.2+ MB
```

```
# Converting the columns from object to num dtype  
data['customer_income'] = pd.to_numeric(data['customer_income'],  
errors='coerce')  
data['loan_amnt'] = pd.to_numeric(data['loan_amnt'], errors='coerce')
```

```
# checking the datatypes  
data.dtypes
```

```
customer_id           float64  
customer_age          int64  
customer_income       float64  
home_ownership        object  
employment_duration   float64  
loan_intent           object  
loan_grade            object  
loan_amnt             float64  
loan_int_rate         float64  
term_years            int64  
historical_default    object  
cred_hist_length      int64  
default               object  
dtype: object
```

```
# Checking the distribution statistics of our dataset
data.describe()
```

	customer_id	customer_age	customer_income
employment_duration \			
count	32583.000000	32586.000000	3.258200e+04
	31691.000000		
mean	16289.497806	27.732769	6.606723e+04
	4.790161		
std	9405.919628	6.360528	6.197290e+04
	4.142746		
min	1.000000	3.000000	4.000000e+03
	0.000000		
25%	8144.500000	23.000000	3.850000e+04
	2.000000		
50%	16288.000000	26.000000	5.500000e+04
	4.000000		
75%	24433.500000	30.000000	7.920000e+04
	7.000000		
max	32581.000000	144.000000	6.000000e+06
	123.000000		

	loan_amnt	loan_int_rate	term_years	cred_hist_length
count	0.0	29470.000000	32586.000000	32586.000000
mean	NaN	11.011553	4.761738	5.804026
std	NaN	3.240440	2.471107	4.055078
min	NaN	5.420000	1.000000	2.000000
25%	NaN	7.900000	3.000000	3.000000
50%	NaN	10.990000	4.000000	4.000000
75%	NaN	13.470000	7.000000	8.000000
max	NaN	23.220000	10.000000	30.000000

3.2 Data Preprocessing

1. Dropping irrelevant columns
2. Handle Missing values
3. check for Duplicates and drop them
4. check for Outliers

```
# assign a irrelevant colmns
drop_col = ["employment_duration", "historical_default",
"customer_id", "loan_amnt"]
# drop
data.drop(columns=drop_col, inplace=True)
#preview remaining columns
data.columns

Index(['customer_age', 'customer_income', 'home_ownership',
'loan_intent',
      'loan_grade', 'loan_int_rate', 'term_years',
```

```
'cred_hist_length',  
    'default'],  
    dtype='object')
```

```
#checking for missing values
```

```
display(data.isnull().sum())
```

```
print(f"The dataset has {data.isnull().sum().sum()} missing values")
```

```
customer_age          0  
customer_income       4  
home_ownership        0  
loan_intent           0  
loan_grade            0  
loan_int_rate        3116  
term_years           0  
cred_hist_length      0  
default              4  
dtype: int64
```

The dataset has 3124 missing values

```
# dropping missing values
```

```
data.dropna(inplace=True)
```

```
# Preview if the missing values have been dropped
```

```
print(f"The dataset has {data.isnull().sum().sum()} missing values")
```

The dataset has 0 missing values

```
# Checking for duplicates
```

```
display(data.duplicated().sum())
```

```
print(f"The dataset has {data.duplicated().sum().sum()} duplicated  
rows")
```

199

The dataset has 199 duplicated rows

```
# dropping duplicates
```

```
data.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
```

```
#preview if duplicates have been dropped
```

```
print(f"The dataset has {data.duplicated().sum().sum()} duplicated  
rows")
```

The dataset has 0 duplicated rows

```
# Checking and dropping outliers
```

```
# defining a function
```

```
def remove_outliers(data, columns):  
    for col in columns:  
        Q1 = data[col].quantile(0.25)
```

```

    Q3 = data[col].quantile(0.75)
    IQR = Q3 - Q1
    lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
    upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
    data = data[(data[col] >= lower_bound) & (data[col] <=
upper_bound)]
    return data

# assign numerical columns a variable name
num_col = ['customer_age', 'customer_income', 'loan_int_rate',
'term_years', 'cred_hist_length']

# Remove outliers
loan_data = remove_outliers(data, num_col)

#preview the shape
print(f"Previously the shape of the dataset was {data.shape}, the new
shape after removing outlier values is {loan_data.shape}")

Previously the shape of the dataset was (29265, 9), the new shape
after removing outlier values is (25703, 9)

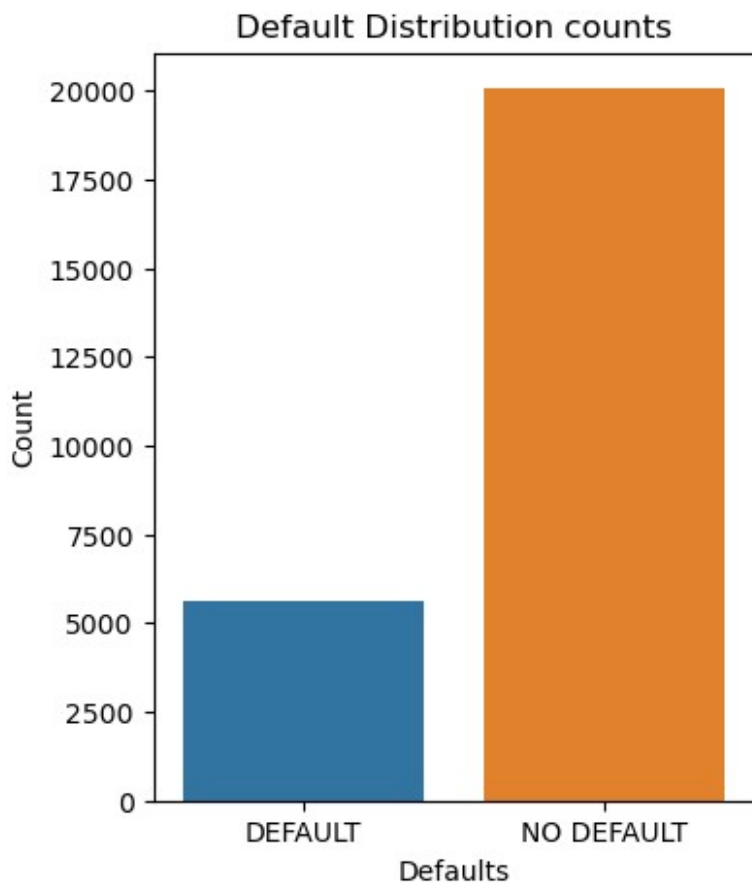
# checking the distribution of the target variable
print(f"Checking how the Default (Target variable) is distributed
{loan_data['default'].value_counts()}")

Checking how the Default (Target variable) is distributed default
NO DEFAULT      20072
DEFAULT          5631
Name: count, dtype: int64

"""
The distribution of the Default target variable indicates that 20072
instances
where customer did not default on the loan and 5631 instances where
the customer
defaulted on the loan. below is a visualization of defaults.
"""

# countplot of the countplot features
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 5))
sns.countplot(data=loan_data, x='default')
plt.title('Default Distribution counts')
plt.xlabel('Defaults')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.show()

```



Checking the final info dataset

```
loan_data.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
```

```
Index: 25703 entries, 0 to 32299
```

```
Data columns (total 9 columns):
```

#	Column	Non-Null	Count	Dtype
0	customer_age	25703 non-null		int64
1	customer_income	25703 non-null		float64
2	home_ownership	25703 non-null		object
3	loan_intent	25703 non-null		object
4	loan_grade	25703 non-null		object
5	loan_int_rate	25703 non-null		float64
6	term_years	25703 non-null		int64
7	cred_hist_length	25703 non-null		int64
8	default	25703 non-null		object

```
dtypes: float64(2), int64(3), object(4)
```

```
memory usage: 2.0+ MB
```


3.3 Univariate Analysis

splitting the data to and assigning them variable names that is numerical column and categorical columns

```
# Splitting data into numeric and categorical features
#Numeric columns
num_col = loan_data.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64'])
display(num_col.columns)

#CATEGORICAL COLUMNS
categ_col = loan_data.select_dtypes(include=['object', 'bool'])
display(categ_col.columns)

Index(['customer_age', 'customer_income', 'loan_int_rate',
      'term_years',
      'cred_hist_length'],
      dtype='object')

Index(['home_ownership', 'loan_intent', 'loan_grade', 'default'],
      dtype='object')

"""
Creating a grid of histograms and Kernel Density Estimations (KDEs)
for each numeric column
this will help to better understand the distribution and
characteristics of the data
before moving on to further analysis or modeling
"""

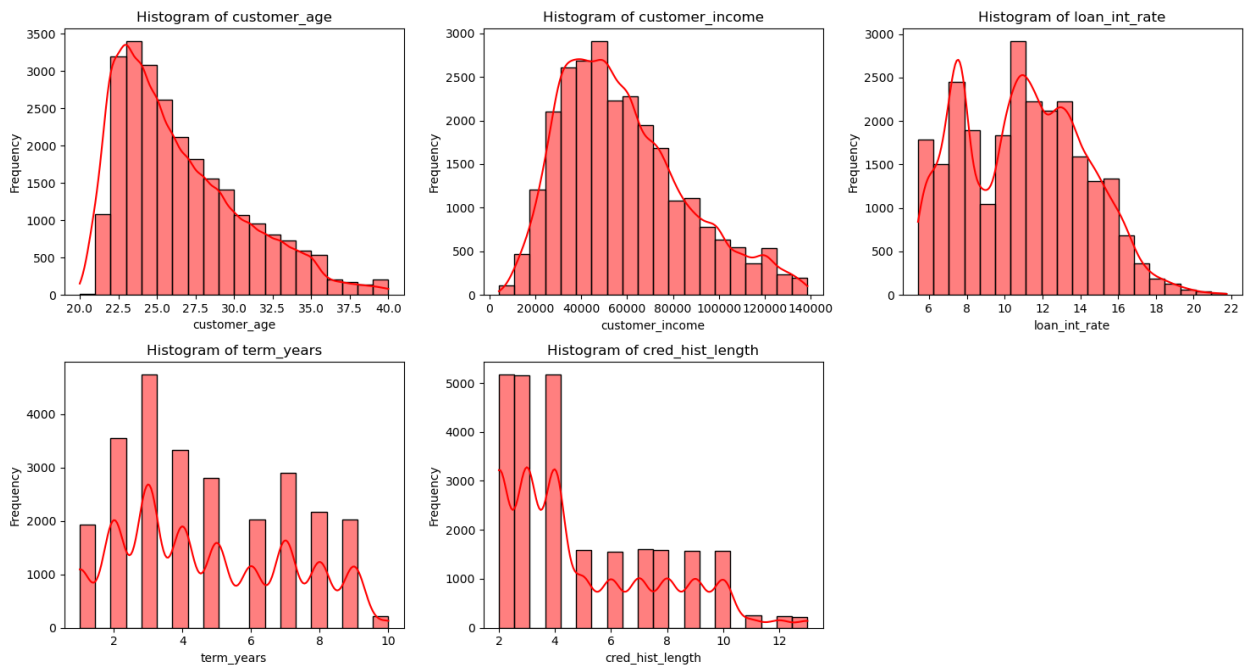
# map number of plots in each row
subplots_per_row = 3
num_subplots = num_col.shape[1]
num_rows = (num_subplots + subplots_per_row - 1) // subplots_per_row

# plotting the subplots
fig, axes = plt.subplots(num_rows, subplots_per_row, figsize=(15, 4 *
num_rows))
axes = axes.flatten()

# Plotting histograms with KDE together
for i, column in enumerate(num_col.columns):
    sns.histplot(num_col[column], bins=20, kde=True, ax=axes[i],
color='red')
    axes[i].set_title(f'Histogram of {column}')
    axes[i].set_xlabel(column)
    axes[i].set_ylabel('Frequency')

# Removes excess subplots
for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])
```

```
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



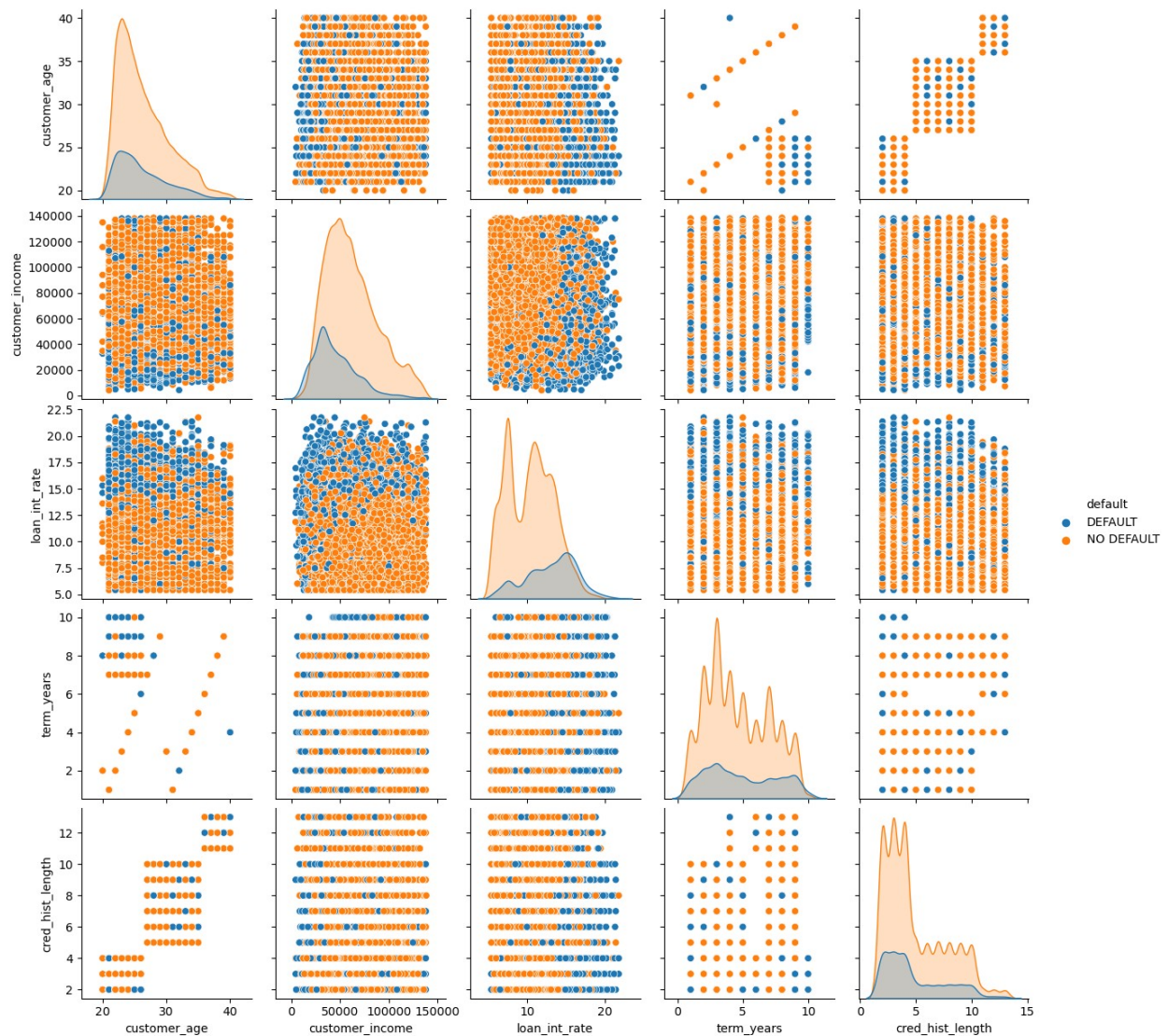
3.3.1 Graph summary

- Customer age is right-skewed meaning that most customers are concentrated in the age range of 20-40
- Customer income is right-skewed meaning that most customers fall into the lower income bracket
- Loan interest rate is right-skewed meaning that the data is concentrated in the lower interest rate range
- Term years is multimodal this shows that certain loan durations, potentially indicating common loan terms.
- Credit history length is right-skewed meaning that most customers have a shorter credit history length

3.4 Bivariate Analysis

```
# Create a pairplot of the data
sns.pairplot(loan_data, hue='default')

# Show the plot
plt.show()
```



3.4.1 Bivariate analysis

- Customer income and loan interest rate show a weak negative correlation exists, suggesting higher earners might secure slightly lower interest rates.
- Customer income and credit history length: No clear correlation is visible.
- Loan interest rate and credit history length: Some potential for a negative correlation, implying longer credit history might lead to lower rates.

3.5 Multivariate analysis

```
correlation_matrix = num_col.corr()
correlation_matrix
```

	customer_age	customer_income	loan_int_rate
term_years \			
customer_age	1.000000	0.100016	0.008285
0.201639			

customer_income	0.100016	1.000000	-0.034865
0.092801			
loan_int_rate	0.008285	-0.034865	1.000000
0.042388			
term_years	0.201639	0.092801	0.042388
1.000000			
cred_hist_length	0.789280	0.064001	0.012773
0.247614			

	cred_hist_length
customer_age	0.789280
customer_income	0.064001
loan_int_rate	0.012773
term_years	0.247614
cred_hist_length	1.000000

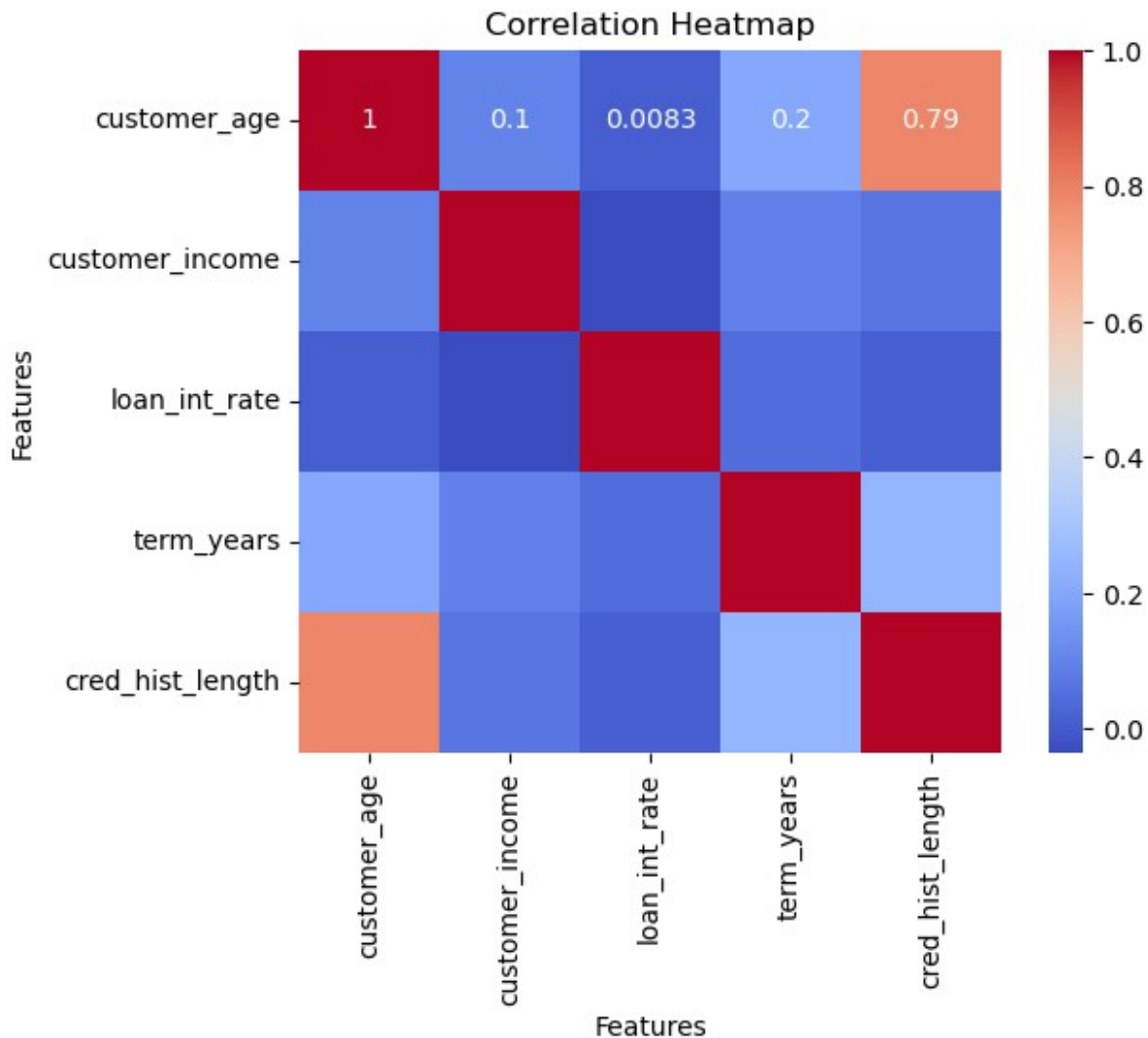
3.5.1 Correlation matrix analysis

- Strong Positive Correlation in customer_age and cred_hist_length have a strong positive correlation (0.79). This suggests that older customers tend to have longer credit histories.
- Weak Positive Correlation in customer_age and term_years have a weak positive correlation and customer_income and term_years have a weak positive correlation

```
sns.heatmap(num_col.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', square=True)

# Customize the plot (optional)
plt.title('Correlation Heatmap')
plt.xlabel('Features')
plt.ylabel('Features')

# Show the plot
plt.show()
```



4. Modelling

```
# import modelling libraries
import sklearn
from sklearn.model_selection import
train_test_split, cross_val_score, GridSearchCV
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE, SMOTENC
from sklearn.metrics import
accuracy_score, f1_score, recall_score, precision_score, confusion_matrix,
roc_curve, roc_auc_score, classification_report, ConfusionMatrixDisplay
from scipy import stats
import statsmodels.api as sm
from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import
variance_inflation_factor
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
```

```

from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

```

4.1 Normalizing numerical data

This code will help in rescaling the numerical data using the StandardScaler making the data have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1

Using one hot encoding to convert categorical data to numerical data

```

# Normalizing data
# Numerical columns
num_col = loan_data.select_dtypes(include= ["int64", "float"]).columns
# create an instance of the scaler
scaler = StandardScaler()

# transforming the data
loan_data[num_col] = scaler.fit_transform(loan_data[num_col])

# Encoding the target variable 'default'
label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
loan_data['default'] =
label_encoder.fit_transform(loan_data['default'])

# preview unique values in the dataset
loan_data["default"].nunique()

2

# 1. Separate the target variable (Assuming 'default' is your target
column)
y = loan_data['default'] # Target variable
X = loan_data.drop('default', axis=1) # Drop the target column from
the features

# 2. Apply one-hot encoding to the categorical columns (excluding the
target variable)
categ_col = X.select_dtypes(include=["object", "bool"]).columns
X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns=categ_col, drop_first=True)

# 3. Rejoin the target variable back to the dataset (if needed)
loan_data1 = X.copy()
loan_data1['default'] = y # Adding the target variable back to the
features (if needed)

# Display the first five rows to check the result
loan_data1.head()

```

	customer_age	customer_income	loan_int_rate	term_years	
cred_hist_length \					
0	-1.066120	0.031980	1.555823	2.165582	-
0.694005					
1	-1.311882	-1.796220	0.045197	-1.512413	-
1.058069					
2	-0.328833	-1.796220	0.580726	0.122252	-
0.694005					
3	-0.820358	0.272533	1.311275	2.165582	-
1.058069					
4	-0.574595	-0.138257	1.014103	2.165582	-
0.329942					

	home_ownership_OTHER	home_ownership_OWN	home_ownership_RENT	\
0	False	False	True	
1	False	True	False	
2	False	False	False	
3	False	False	True	
4	False	False	True	

	loan_intent_EDUCATION	loan_intent_HOMEIMPROVEMENT
loan_intent_MEDICAL \		
0	False	False
False		
1	True	False
False		
2	False	False
True		
3	False	False
True		
4	False	False
True		

	loan_intent_PERSONAL	loan_intent_VENTURE	loan_grade_B
loan_grade_C \			
0	True	False	False
True			
1	False	False	False
False			
2	False	False	True
False			
3	False	False	True
False			
4	False	False	True
False			

	loan_grade_D	loan_grade_E	default
0	False	False	0
1	False	False	1
2	False	False	0

3	False	False	0
4	False	False	0

4.2 Preprocessing the data

For uniformity in my models i will use a test size of 30% and random_state of 42

```
# Assign X and y
X = loan_data1.drop('default', axis=1)
y = loan_data1['default']
# train test split
X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(X,y, test_size=0.3,
random_state=42)

# dealing with class imbalance
display(loan_data1["default"].value_counts())

default
1    20072
0     5631
Name: count, dtype: int64

# using smote to deal with target data imbalance issues
print("using smote to balance the classes")
smote = SMOTE(random_state=42)
X_train_resample, y_train_resample = smote.fit_resample(X_train,
y_train)
y_train_resample.value_counts()

using smote to balance the classes

default
1     14035
0     14035
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

4.3 Models to be used for analysis

- Logistic regression model
- Decision tree model
- Random forest model

4.3.1 Logistic regression Model

Logistic regression is a technique used for binary classification problems. Its objective is to predict the likelihood that a given instance belongs to a particular class based on its independent variables

```
# instantiate logistic regression model
logreg = LogisticRegression(random_state=42, max_iter=1000)
# Fit the model
```



```

logreg.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)
# Make predictions
y_pred = logreg.predict(X_test)

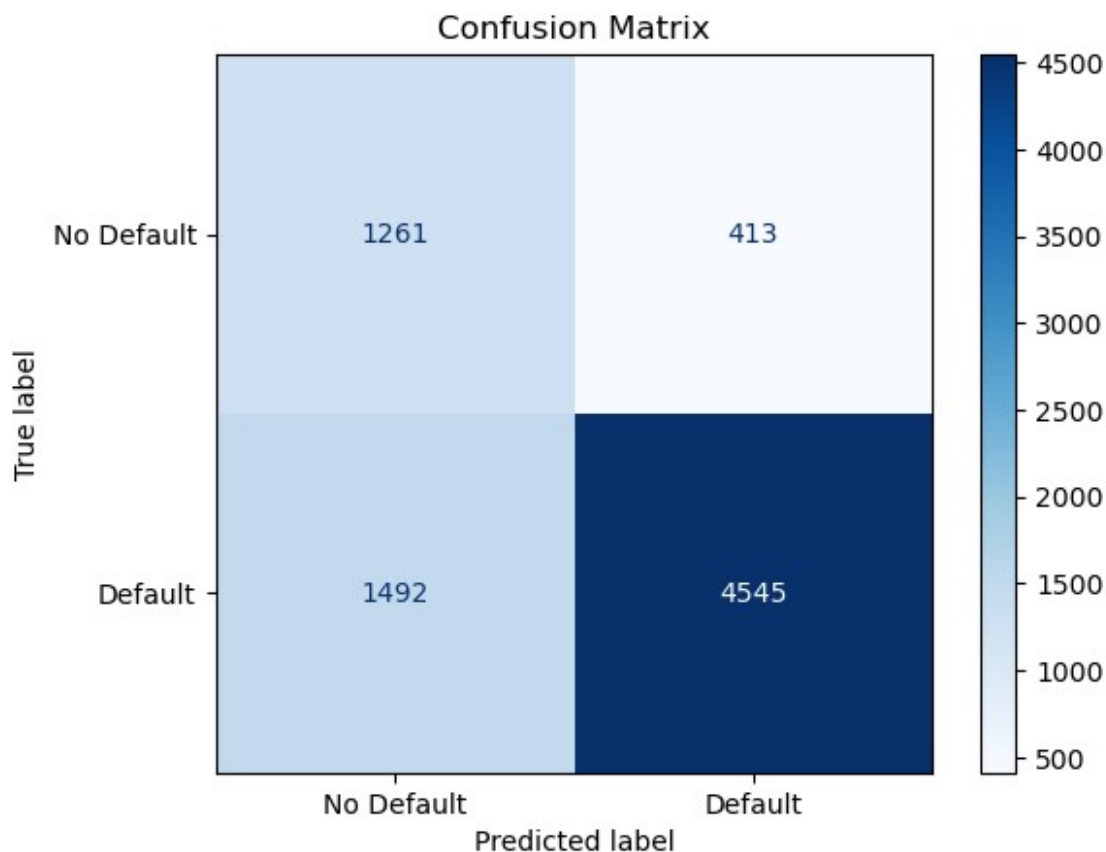
# Evaluate the model
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}')

Accuracy: 0.75

# plot the confusion matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=conf_matrix,
display_labels=['No Default', 'Default'])
disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)

# Display the plot
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()

```



```

# display the classification report
class_report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred)
print(f'Classification Report:\n{class_report}')

```

Classification Report:					
	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
0	0.46	0.75	0.57	1674	
1	0.92	0.75	0.83	6037	
accuracy			0.75	7711	
macro avg	0.69	0.75	0.70	7711	
weighted avg	0.82	0.75	0.77	7711	

```
# Calculate accuracy
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
# Calculate precision
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred)
# Calculate recall
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred)
# Calculate F1-score
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred)

# Print the evaluation metrics
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.3f}")
print(f"Precision: {precision:.3f}")
print(f"Recall: {recall:.3f}")
print(f"F1-score: {f1:.3f}")
```

```
Accuracy: 0.753
Precision: 0.917
Recall: 0.753
F1-score: 0.827
```

The model shows good performance with 75.30% accuracy, indicating correct overall predictions. It has high precision (91.67%), meaning few false positives, but its recall (75.29%) suggests it misses some "DEFAULT" cases. The balanced F1-score of 0.8267 reflects strong performance.

```
# Define a range of hyperparameters to search
param_grid = {
    'penalty': ['l2'],
    'C': [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100],
}

# Creates a grid search object
grid_search = GridSearchCV(LogisticRegression(solver='liblinear',
random_state=42), param_grid, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')

# Performs grid search on the resampled data
grid_search.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)

# Gets the best hyperparameters from the grid search
```

```

best_params = grid_search.best_params_
print("Best Hyperparameters:", best_params)

# Creates and trains the Logistic Regression model with the best
hyperparameters
best_logistic_model = LogisticRegression(solver='liblinear',
random_state=42, **best_params)
best_logistic_model.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)

# Make predictions on the test data
y_pred = best_logistic_model.predict(X_test)

# Print the best parameters
print("Best Parameters:")
for key, value in best_params.items():
    print(f"{key}: {value}")

# Print the best F1 score
best_f1_score = round(grid_search.best_score_, 3)
print("Best F1 Score:", best_f1_score)

Best Hyperparameters: {'C': 1, 'penalty': 'l2'}
Best Parameters:
C: 1
penalty: l2
Best F1 Score: 0.753

```

The hyperparameters C=1 and penalty='l2' yield the highest F1-score (0.753), balancing precision and recall. This means the model is more effective at classifying true positives while minimizing false positives and false negatives.

4.3.2 Decision Tree Classifier

Decision tree classifier splits data into branches based on feature conditions, creating a tree-like structure to classify outcomes. It's intuitive, interpretable, and handles non-linear relationships well.

```

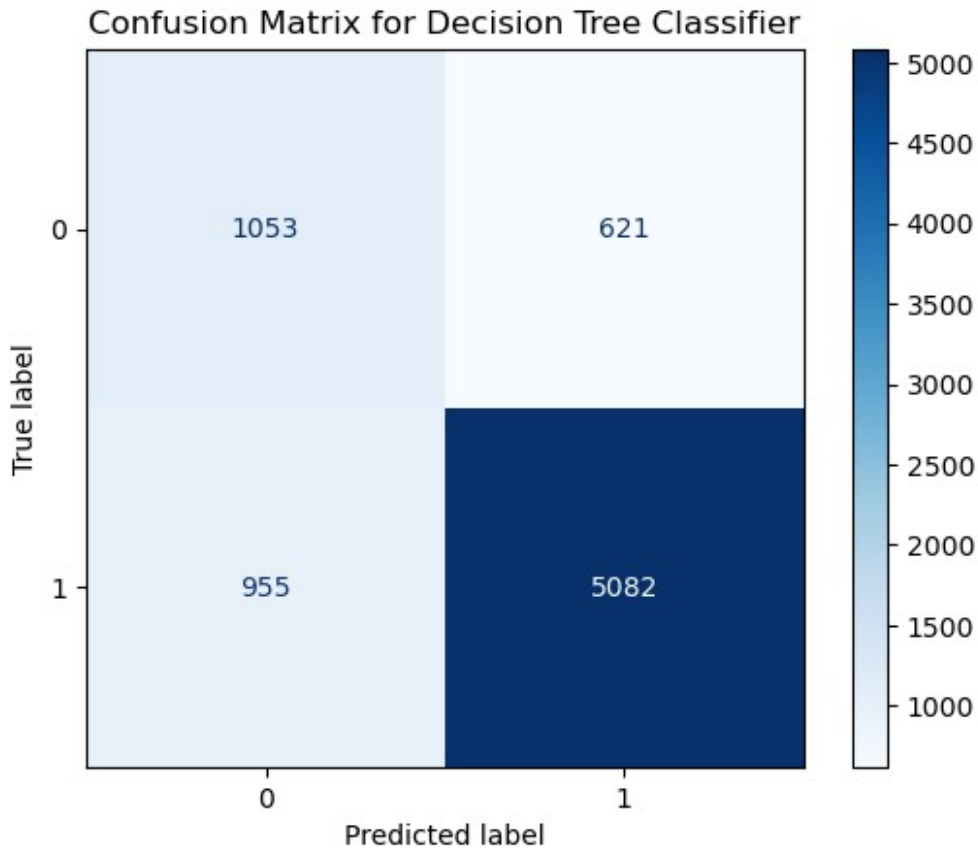
# mapping the modek
# intitiate the clasifier
dt_clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
#Fit model
dt_clf.fit(X_train_resample,y_train_resample)
#predict model
y_pred_dt = dt_clf.predict(X_test)

# Compute confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_dt)

# Plot confusion matrix
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=[0,

```

```
1])
disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree Classifier")
plt.show()
```



```
# Evaluate the model
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
print(f'The Accuracy of the model is: {accuracy:.2f}')
```

The Accuracy of the model is: 0.80

```
class_report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred_dt)
print(f'Classification Report:\n{class_report}')
```

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.52	0.63	0.57	1674
1	0.89	0.84	0.87	6037
accuracy			0.80	7711
macro avg	0.71	0.74	0.72	7711

weighted avg	0.81	0.80	0.80	7711
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```
# Calculate accuracy
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
# Calculate precision
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
# Calculate recall
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
# Calculate F1-score
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
```

```
# Print the evaluation metrics
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.3f}")
print(f"Precision: {precision:.3f}")
print(f"Recall: {recall:.3f}")
print(f"F1-score: {f1:.3f}")
```

```
Accuracy: 0.796
Precision: 0.891
Recall: 0.842
F1-score: 0.866
```

The model performs well with 79.6% accuracy, indicating a strong overall prediction rate. It has a precision of 89.1%, showing few false positives, while a recall of 84.2% suggests it effectively identifies most "DEFAULT" cases. The F1-score of 0.866 reflects balanced performance.

4.3.2.1 Hyper-parameter Tuning For a Decision Tree Model

This involves performs hyperparameter tuning on a decision tree model using grid search with 5-fold cross-validation to optimize accuracy and using the best parameters to fine tune the decision tree model

```
# Define the model
dt2_model = DecisionTreeClassifier()

# Define the parameter grid to search through
param_grid = {
    'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
    'max_depth': [2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
}

# Create a grid search object using 5-fold cross-validation and F1
score as the scoring metric
grid_search = GridSearchCV(estimator=dt2_model, param_grid=param_grid,
cv=5, scoring='accuracy')

# Fit the grid search to the resampled training data
```

```

grid_search.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)

# Get the best parameters from the grid search
best_params = grid_search.best_params_

# Print the best parameters and the best F1 score
print("Best Parameters:", best_params)
print("Best F1 Score:", grid_search.best_score_)

Best Parameters: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 10,
                  'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 6}
Best F1 Score: 0.813822586391165

dt2_fined = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion='gini',
                                   max_depth=10,
                                   min_samples_leaf=1,
                                   min_samples_split=6)

# Fitting model
dt2_fined.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)

# Making predictions on the test data
dt2_y_pred = dt2_fined.predict(X_test)

# Evaluating the model
dt2_f1_score = f1_score(y_test, dt2_y_pred)
dt2_acc_score = accuracy_score(y_test, dt2_y_pred)
dt2_prec_score = precision_score(y_test, dt2_y_pred)
dt2_rec_score = recall_score(y_test, dt2_y_pred)

# Printing the results
print(f"Accuracy: {dt2_acc_score:.3f}")
print(f"Precision: {dt2_prec_score:.3f}")
print(f"Recall: {dt2_rec_score:.3f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {dt2_f1_score:.3f}")

Accuracy: 0.810
Precision: 0.907
Recall: 0.843
F1 Score: 0.874

```

The model has an accuracy of 81%, meaning it correctly predicts most cases. Precision is 90.7%, indicating it has a high rate of correctly predicting "DEFAULT" cases without many false positives. With a recall of 84.4%, it effectively identifies most true positives. The F1 score of 0.875 shows a good balance between precision and recall.

4.3.3 Random Forest Classifier

```

# Create and train the Random Forest model
rf_clf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
#fit on the training data

```

```

rf_clf.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)

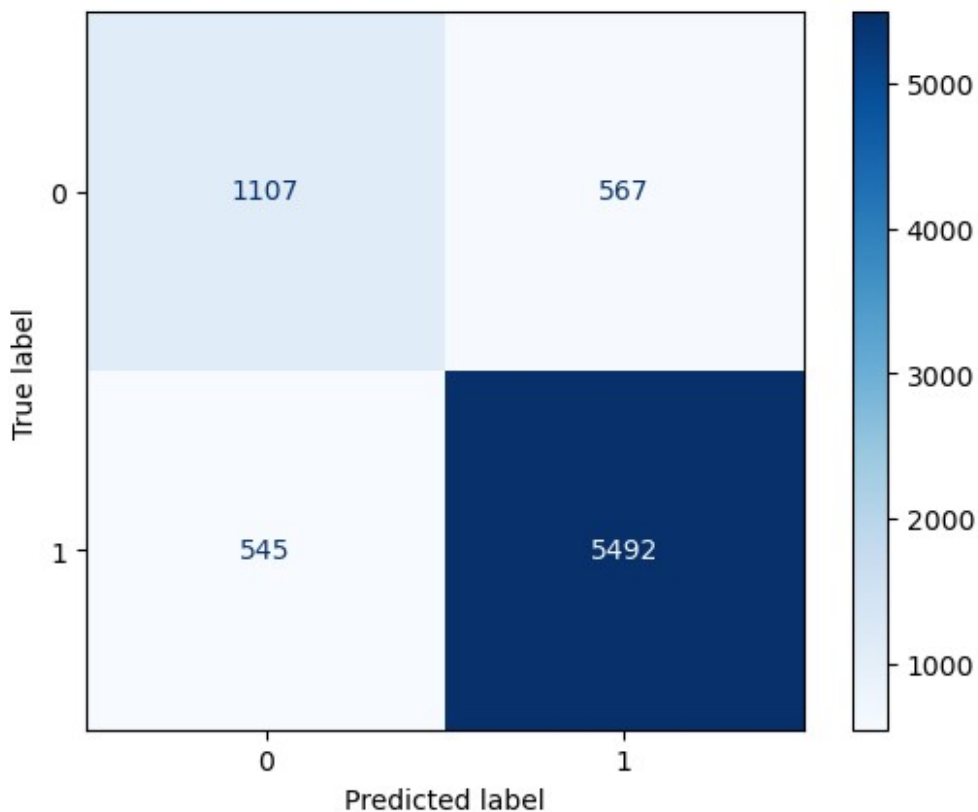
# Make predictions on the test data
y_pred_rf = rf_clf.predict(X_test)

cm_rf = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_rf)

# Plot confusion matrix
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm_rf,
display_labels=rf_clf.classes_)
disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)

# Show the plot
plt.show()

```



```

accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}')

Accuracy: 0.86

class_report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred_rf)
print(f'Classification Report:\n{class_report}')

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

     0: 0.86          0.86          0.86         1674
     1: 0.86          0.86          0.86        5492

```

0	0.52	0.63	0.57	1674
1	0.89	0.84	0.87	6037
accuracy			0.80	7711
macro avg	0.71	0.74	0.72	7711
weighted avg	0.81	0.80	0.80	7711

```
# Make predictions on the test data using the tuned model
```

```
y_pred_rf = rf_clf.predict(X_test)
```

```
# Calculate accuracy
```

```
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
```

```
# Calculate precision
```

```
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
```

```
# Calculate recall
```

```
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
```

```
# Calculate F1-score
```

```
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
```

```
# Print the evaluation metrics
```

```
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.3f}")
```

```
print(f"Precision: {precision:.3f}")
```

```
print(f"Recall: {recall:.3f}")
```

```
print(f"F1-score: {f1:.3f}")
```

```
Accuracy: 0.856
```

```
Precision: 0.906
```

```
Recall: 0.910
```

```
F1-score: 0.908
```

The model has an accuracy of 85.58%, indicating it correctly classifies most instances. Precision of 90.64% suggests that when predicting the positive class, it is highly accurate. Recall of 90.97% means it captures almost all true positives. The F1-score of 90.81% balances precision and recall well.

4.3.3.1 Hyper-parameter Tuning For a Random Forest Model

This involves performs hyperparameter tuning on a Random Forest model using grid search with 5-fold cross-validation to optimize accuracy and using the best parameters to fine tune the Random Forest model

```
# Define the parameter distributions
```

```
param_dist = {
```

```
    'n_estimators': np.arange(100, 300, 50),
```

```
    'max_depth': [5, 10, 15],
```

```
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
```

```
    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4]
```

```
}
```



```
# Create a RandomizedSearchCV object with 5-fold cross-validation
random_search = RandomizedSearchCV(rf_clf,
param_distributions=param_dist, n_iter=10, cv=5, scoring='f1',
n_jobs=-1, random_state=42)
```

```
# Fit the model
```

```
random_search.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)
```

```
# Get the best parameters
```

```
best_params_random = random_search.best_params_
```

```
best_score_random = random_search.best_score_
```

```
# Print the results
```

```
print("Best Parameters from Randomized Search:")
```

```
for param, value in best_params_random.items():
```

```
    print(f"{param}: {value}")
```

```
print(f"Best Score: {best_score_random:.3f}")
```

```
Best Parameters from Randomized Search:
```

```
n_estimators: 150
```

```
min_samples_split: 5
```

```
min_samples_leaf: 1
```

```
max_depth: 15
```

```
Best Score: 0.873
```

```
# Train the random forest classifier
```

```
rf2 = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=150,
```

```
                             random_state=42,
```

```
                             max_depth=15,
```

```
                             min_samples_leaf=1,
```

```
                             min_samples_split=5)
```

```
rf2.fit(X_train_resample, y_train_resample)
```

```
# Make predictions on the test data
```

```
rf2_y_pred = rf2.predict(X_test)
```

```
# Evaluate the model's accuracy
```

```
rf2_f1_score = round(f1_score(y_test, rf2_y_pred), 3)
```

```
rf2_acc_score = round(accuracy_score(y_test, rf2_y_pred), 3)
```

```
rf2_prec_score = round(precision_score(y_test, rf2_y_pred), 3)
```

```
rf2_rec_score = round(recall_score(y_test, rf2_y_pred), 3)
```

```
# printing the scores
```

```
print(f'Accuracy: {rf2_acc_score}')
```

```
print(f'Precision: {rf2_prec_score}')
```

```
print(f'Recall: {rf2_rec_score}')
```

```
print(f'F1 Score: {rf2_f1_score}')
```

```
Accuracy: 0.845
```

```
Precision: 0.918
```

Recall: 0.881
F1 Score: 0.899

The model has an accuracy of 84.5%, showing good overall performance. With a precision of 91.8%, it predicts the positive class accurately. The recall of 88.1% captures most true positives, and the F1 score of 89.9% indicates a good balance.

5 Model Comparison Analysis

5.1 Model analysis

5.1.1 Logistic Regression

- **Accuracy:** 0.753
- **Precision:** 0.917
- **Recall:** 0.753
- **F1-score:** 0.827

5.1.2 Decision Tree

- **Accuracy:** 0.810
- **Precision:** 0.907
- **Recall:** 0.844
- **F1 Score:** 0.875

5.1.3 Random Forest

- **Accuracy:** 0.845
 - **Precision:** 0.918
 - **Recall:** 0.881
 - **F1 Score:** 0.899
-

5.2 Analysis Explanation:

1. **Accuracy:**
 - Random Forest has the highest accuracy (0.845), followed by Decision Tree (0.810), and Logistic Regression (0.753).
 - This indicates that Random Forest is the most reliable model in terms of overall classification performance.
2. **Precision:**
 - Random Forest and Logistic Regression both have high precision (0.918 and 0.917 respectively).
 - Precision reflects the model's ability to correctly predict positive cases. Both models perform almost equally well here.
3. **Recall:**
 - Random Forest outperforms the other models with a recall of 0.881, indicating it identifies the most true positives.

- Decision Tree also performs well with a recall of 0.844, while Logistic Regression has a lower recall of 0.753.
4. **F1 Score:**
- Random Forest leads with an F1 score of 0.899, followed by Decision Tree (0.875), and Logistic Regression (0.827).
 - The F1 score represents a balance between precision and recall, and here, Random Forest maintains the best balance between both metrics.
-

5.3 Conclusion:

Based on the analysis, **Random Forest** emerges as the best model, with the highest accuracy, recall, and F1 score. It provides the best balance between identifying true positives and maintaining overall classification accuracy. Therefore, **Random Forest** would be the recommended model for this task.

