

Client Subscription Patterns in Retail Banking

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BACKGROUND

PROJECT

CLOSE THE GAP

Our product makes consumer lives easier, and no other product on the market offers the same features

COST SAVINGS

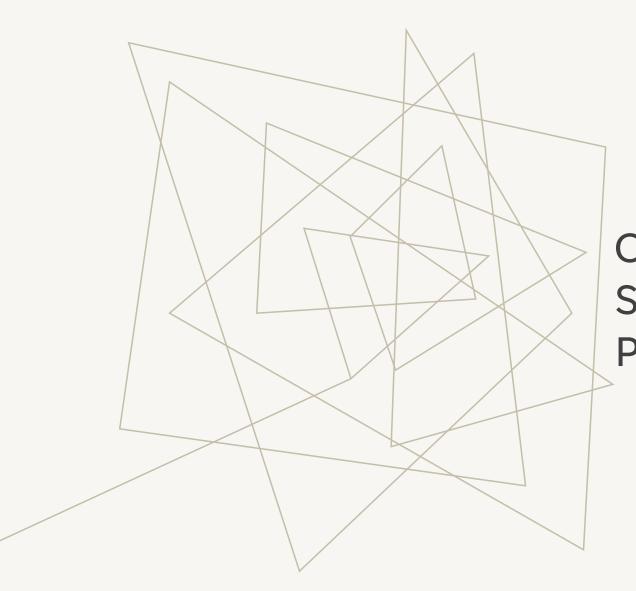
Reduce expenses for replacement products

TARGET AUDIENCE

Our target audience is Gen Z (18-25 years old)

EASY TO USE

Simple design that gives customers the targeted information they need



OPTIMIZING CAMPAIGN STRATEGY WITH PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS



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EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSE AND METHODS

Predictive modeling

(Logistic Regression

& Random Forest)

Purpose: Understand which client segments are most likely to subscribe to term deposits, using UCI Bank Marketing Dataset.

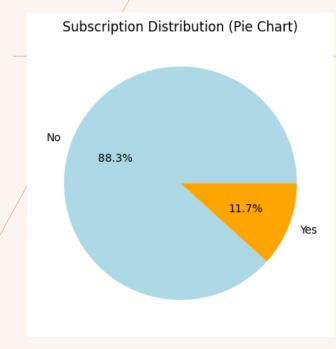


Statistical testing
(t-tests and chi-square)
to identify key drivers

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Features 16

Feature Type Categorical, Integer



Feature importance comparison and business recommendations

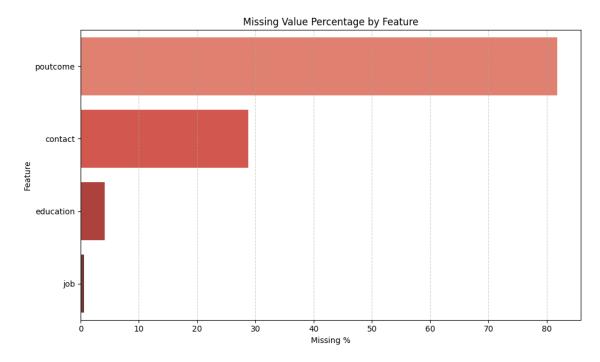
DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS - CLIENT PROFILES

Categorical Insights: Appendix 1

- Most clients are married, blue-collar, and have a secondary education.
- Campaigns were mostly conducted in May, July, and August, indicating strong seasonality.

Numeric Insights: Appendix 2

- Clients are mainly aged between 30–40.
- Most have low campaign exposure and short contact duration, but a few outliers skew the distribution.
- Many clients have no previous or recent contact, suggesting untapped potential.



"Contact" and "Poutcome" features have over 25–80% missing values.

STATISTICAL TESTS - WHAT DRIVES SUBSCRIPTIONS?

T-Test Results (Numeric Variables):

- Longer client conversations are positively linked with conversion, emphasizing quality engagement over quantity.
- Follow-ups and recent contact (pdays, previous) also increased success.
- Excessive contact attempts may trigger client fatigue, reducing subscriptions.

Feature	t_stat	df	p_value	mean_0	mean_1	std_0	std_1	n_0	n_1	Significan t
age	4.3183	6109.2	1.60E-05	40.84	41.67	10.17	13.5	39922	5289	Yes
balance	9.9335	6339.8	0	1303.71	1804.27	2974.2	3501.1	39922	5289	Yes
duration	57.5141	5685.31	0	221.18	537.29	207.38	392.53	39922	5289	Yes
campaign	-22.8007	9751.56	0	2.85	2.14	3.21	1.92	39922	5289	Yes
pdays	18.9435	6251.5	0	36.42	68.7	96.76	118.82	39922	5289	Yes
previous	18.118	6430.14	0	0.5	1.17	2.26	2.55	39922	5289	Yes

Chi-Square Results (Categorical Variables):

- Month had the strongest association, supporting observed seasonality in successful campaigns.
- Job, education, and marital status also played a significant role, aligning with earlier demographic insights.

T-Test Summary

Feature	Chi2	df	p_value	Significant	n_categories
job	836.1448	10	0	Yes	11
marital	196.4959	2	0	Yes	3
education	233.7465	2	0	Yes	3
month	3061.8389	11	0	Yes	12
day_of_wee	574.0506	30	0	Yes	31

Chi-Square Test Summary

PREDICTIVE MODELING AND FEATURE INTERPRETATION

Model Performance Comparison:

- Random Forest achieved higher overall accuracy (89.9%) and was more reliable in identifying non-subscribers, reducing false positives.
- Logistic Regression had stronger recall for subscribers (79.6%), making it better for targeting potential customers.
- However, both models struggled with subscriber prediction due to class imbalance (F1-scores: 0.43 vs. 0.52).
- Macro metrics show a trade-off: Random Forest is more balanced, while Logistic Regression better captures the minority class.

Overall, Random Forest suits general performance needs; Logistic Regression is preferred for customer acquisition.

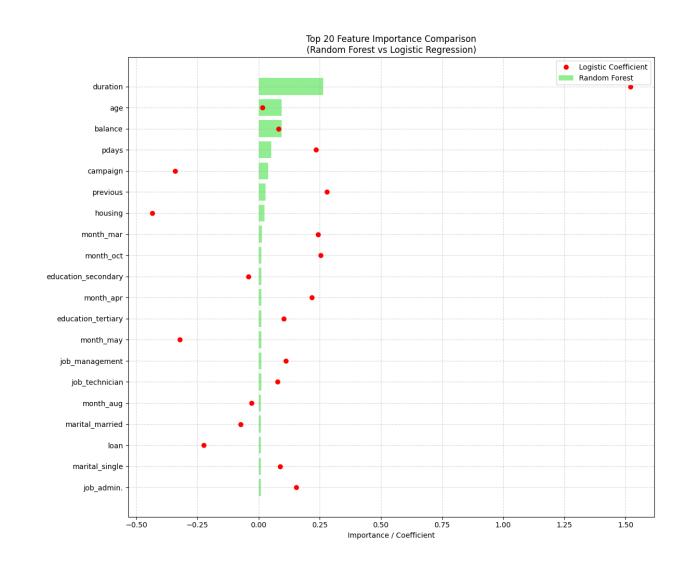
	Random Forest	Logistic Regression
Accuracy	0.8992	0.8294
Precision (Class 0)	0.9164	0.9686
Precision (Class 1)	0.6335	0.3883
Recall (Class 0)	0.9748	0.8338
Recall (Class 1)	0.3289	0.7958
F1-score (Class 0)	0.9447	0.8962
F1-score (Class 1)	0.433	0.5219
Macro Avg Precision	0.775	0.6784
Macro Avg Recall	0.6519	0.8148
Macro Avg F1-score	0.6889	0.709
Weighted Avg Precision	0.8833	0.9007
Weighted Avg Recall	0.8992	0.8294
Weighted Avg F1-score	0.8848	0.8524

PREDICTIVE MODELING AND FEATURE INTERPRETATION

Key Feature Interpretation:

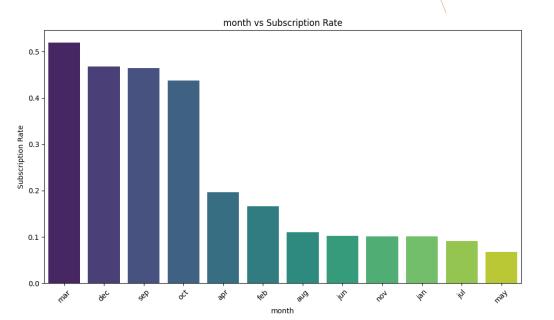
- Call duration was the strongest predictor longer calls led to higher subscription rates.
- Follow-up history (pdays, previous) also improved success chances.
- Balance and age had moderate influence, linked to financial readiness.
- Seasonality and demographics (month, job, marital status) were more pronounced in Logistic Regression, useful for customer segmentation.

Models highlight key traits to focus on for effective targeting, beyond just prediction.



Top 5 Customer Groups by Subscription Rate

Loan Status	Education	Job	Subscription Rate	
yes	primary	unknown	1	
no	primary	student	0.363636	
no	secondary	student	0.300797	
no	tertiary	retired	0.29321	
no	unknown	retired	0.272727	



BUSINESS INSIGHT – WHEN & WHO TO TARGET

Top 5 Customer Segments:

- High engagement: Students, retirees, and managers.
- Education: Primary and tertiary levels often linked to higher conversion.
- No loan: Common among top segments, suggesting less debt encourages deposit interest.

When to Target

- •Best months: March, December, and September highest subscription rates.
- •Avoid: May to July low conversion despite frequent contact, indicating potential fatigue.

Business Implications

- Target campaigns to specific segments (e.g., students or retired clients with no loans) in high-conversion months to maximize ROI.
- Tailor messaging by group e.g., emphasize long-term savings for retirees, or easy entry terms for students.
- Avoid broad, unfocused outreach during low-conversion windows.

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions:

Target the right profiles (age 30–40, no loan, students/retirees), focus campaigns in March, September, and December, and prioritize longer, high-quality calls over frequent contact.

Recommendations:

1. Prioritize high-potential segments

Focus on student and retired groups with primary or tertiary education and no loan obligations.

2. Optimize campaign timing

Allocate more marketing resources in March, September, and December, when customers are most receptive.

3. Refine call strategies

Encourage longer, personalized conversations instead of frequent short calls. Avoid over-contacting to reduce fatigue.

4.Leverage predictive modeling

Use models like Random Forest to score clients and prioritize outreach to those with high predicted conversion probability.



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Categorical Variables:

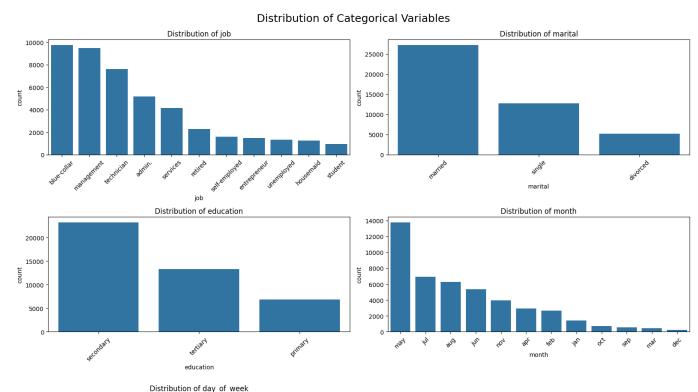
The most common job types are blue-collar, management, and technician, while students and housemaids are least represented.

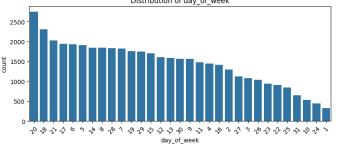
The majority of clients are married, with fewer being single or divorced.

In terms of education, secondary education dominates, followed by tertiary and primary.

Contact month shows strong concentration in May, July, and August, suggesting campaign seasonality.

Day-of-week distribution is roughly uniform but slightly skewed toward day 20 and day 12 (likely due to encoding practices).





Numeric Variables:

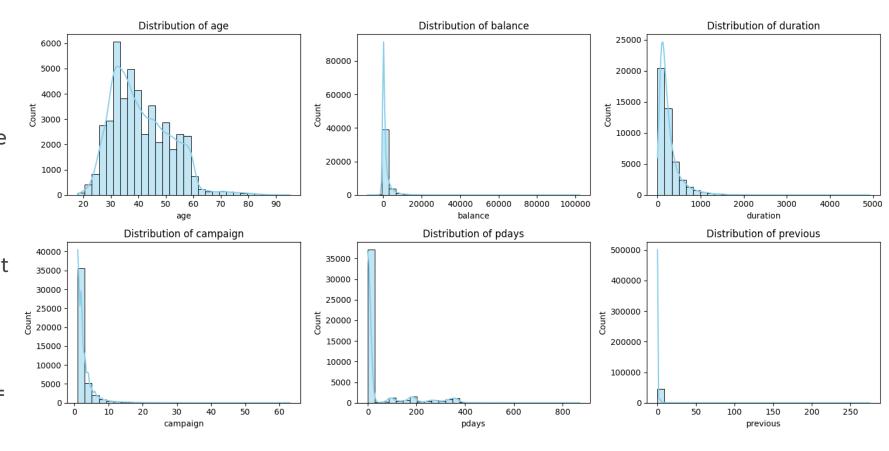
Age follows a right-skewed distribution with a peak around 30–40 years old.

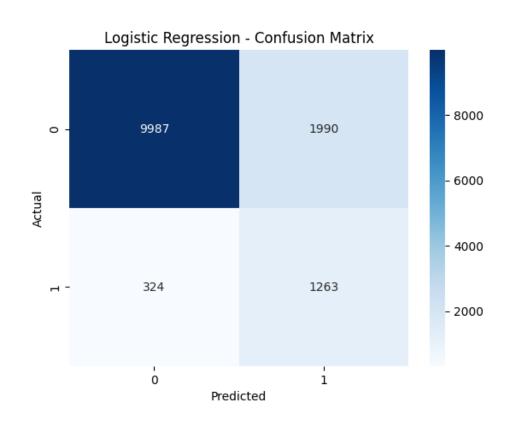
Balance and duration exhibit extreme right skewness with many low values and a long tail of high values.

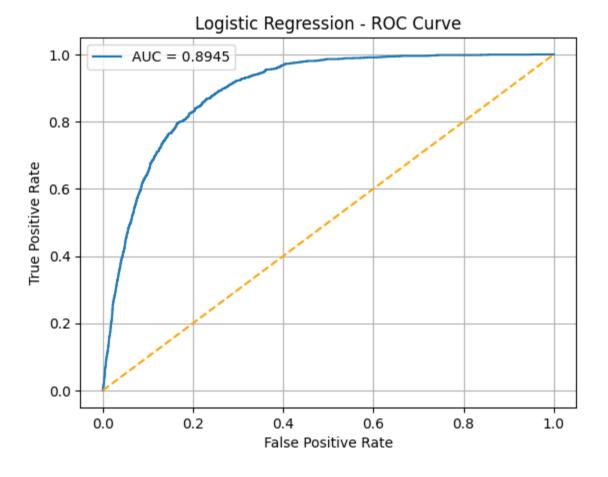
Campaign, pdays, and previous also have heavy tails, indicating that most clients were contacted only a few times.

Many clients had zero previous contact or no recent contact (pdays = 999), highlighting a large untouched base.

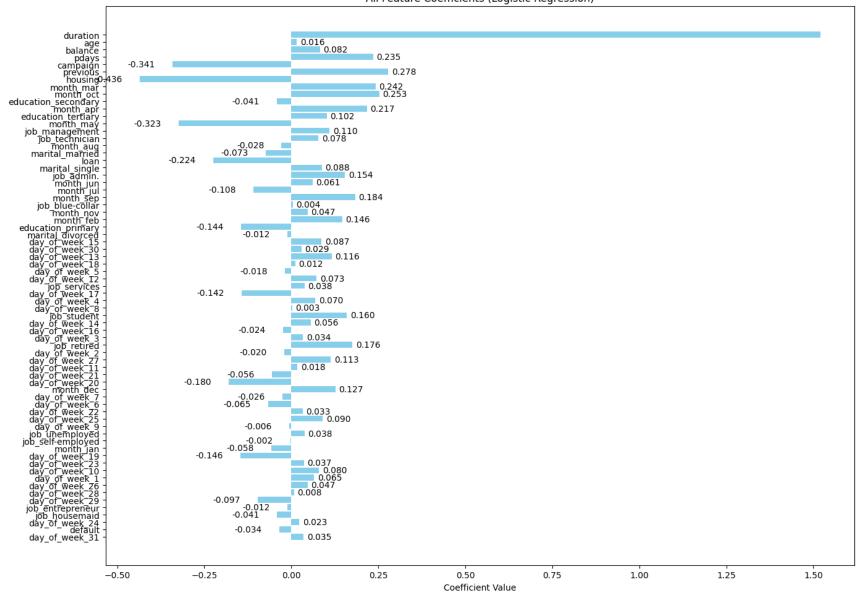
Distribution of Numeric Variables (Independent X-Axis)

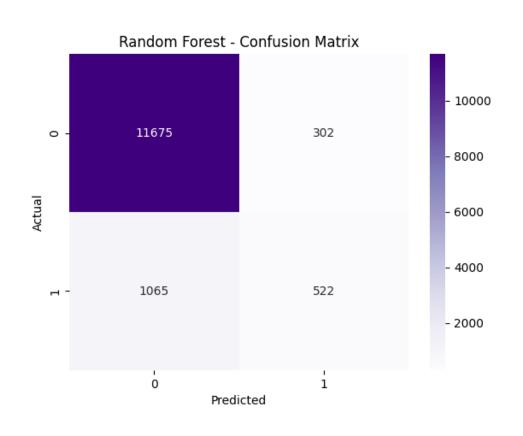


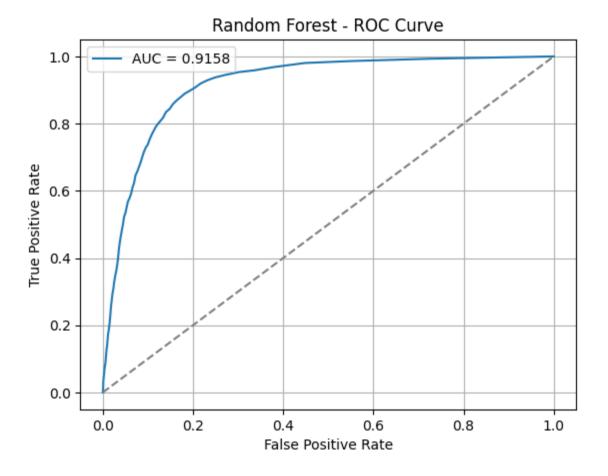


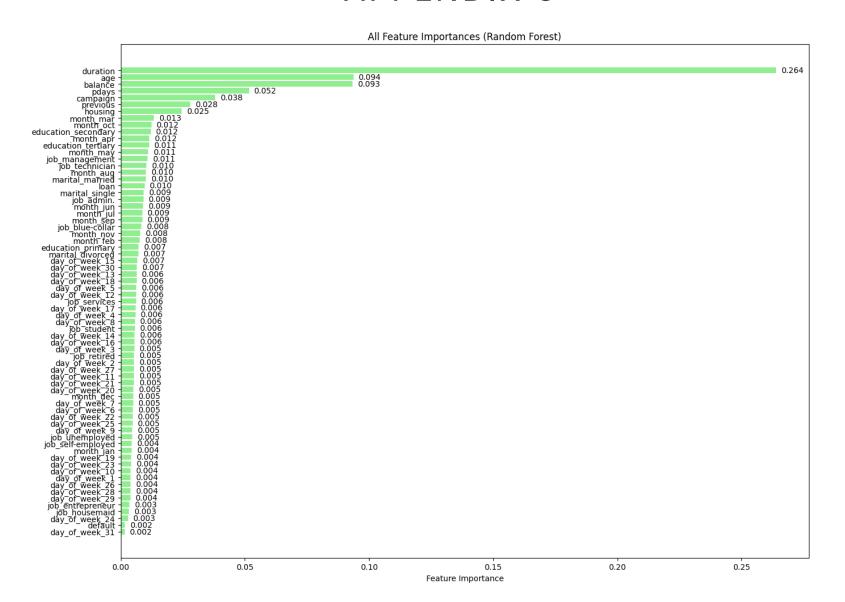


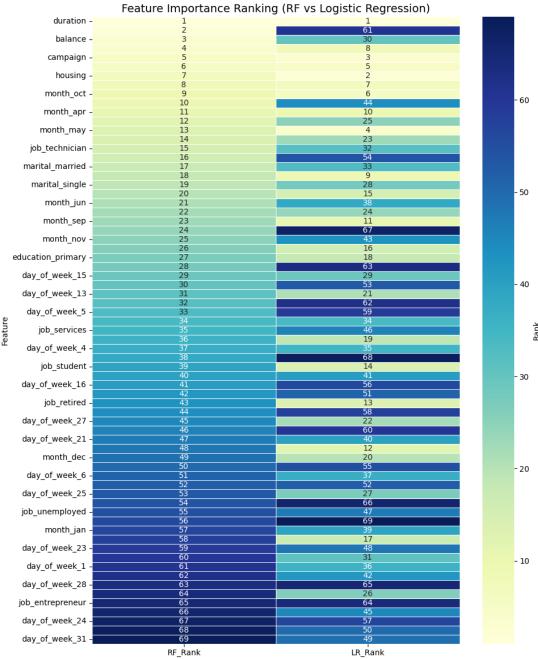












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