CREDIT CARD FRAUD DETECTION USING DATA MINING TECHNIQUES

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

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Financial institutions have now been saddled with the responsibility of ensuring that customers/consumers of their services can perform safe transactions using their credit card for electronic payments of products and services delivered on the internet.

In detecting and combating these credit card frauds, data mining techniques have been introduced due to it's powerful techniques and algorithms that can be applied through information discovery to detect or predict fraud from unusual patterns extracted from data collected.

However, there are several other approaches in detecting fraudulent transactions which includes Decision Trees, Classification With Logistics Regression and so on.

In this study, we shall discuss the use of R programming language to analyse and compare three data mining techniques which are: Logistics Regression, Random Forest and Xgboost, in detecting fraudulent transactions.

2 Domain Description

The domain for this study is focused on Financial Data Security/Credit Card Security. Which is aimed at helping financial institutions to detect and predict suspicious activities.

Usually when transactions happen, there is a payer and a receiver, and a gateway (financial institutions, issuing/acquiring banks, credit card processors, or the switch) through which money is paid. These actors are potential targets for attackers or fraudsters.

Before a fraud can happen, fraudsters usually perform some information gathering (called reconnaissance), and then attempt to use this information to make fraudulent transactions on-behalf of the credit card owner.

There is an evolving need to protect or safeguard the money and credit information of users from attackers using datasets and patterns of suspicious activities.

3 Problem Definition

Detection of fraud in financial transactions is one of the most critical concerns facing financial firms.

A credit card is a plastic card that allows you access to credit that can be used on making transactions, reducing debt, and receiving benefits.

Credit card fraud happens when someone uses your credit card or credit account to make a payment that you did not approve.

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3.1 Data Mining Techniques

Predicting fraud detection in this paper would use the 'Supervised Machine Learning Algorithm'.

3.1.1 Supervised Machine Learning Algorithm

'A supervised strategy works by exploiting the system's previous fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions, using them to define a model capable of classifying new transactions into a specific class (i.e., legitimate or fraudulent)'

Supervised learning problems can be further classified into problems of regression and classification.

Popular examples of supervised machine learning algorithms are

- Logistics regression for regression problems
- Random forest for classification and regression problems
- Xgboost

3.1.2 Logistics Regression Algorithm

Logistic Regression is a machine learning algorithm, a predictive analysis algorithm focused on the idea of probability, which is used for classification problems.

An example of classification problems are Online transactions fraud or not fraud. The logistic regression is also called the linear regression it predicts the probability of occurrence by fitting a data to a logistics function;

$$O = e^{(I0 + I1 * x)/(1 + e^{(I0 + I1 * x)})Where,$$

O is the predicted output

10 is the bias or intercept term

I1 is the coefficient for the single input value (x).

Each column in the input data has an associated I coefficient (a constant real value) that must be learned from the training data. Logistic function is used in the logistic regression in which the cost function quantifies the error, as its model's response is compared with the true value.

3.1.3 Xgboost Algorithm

Xgboost stands for eXtreme Gradient Boosting. Xgboost is a supervised learning approach that is based on the approximation of functions by optimising unique loss functions, It is an implementation of the fast and efficient gradient boosted decision trees.

The implementation of the algorithm was designed for the utilisation of compute time and memory resources. A design goal was to make the best use of available resources to train the model.

Typically, the XGBoost is fast. When compared to other gradient boosting implementations, it is very fast.

'The boosting function consists of three simple steps:

- An initial model F0 is defined to predict the target variable y. This model will be associated with a residual (y F0)
- A new model h1 is fit to the residuals from the previous step
- Now, F0 and h1 are combined to give F1, the boosted version of F0. The mean squared error from F1 will be lower than that from F0:

To improve the performance of F1, we could model after the residuals of F1 and create a new model F2:

$$F_1(x) < -F_0(x) + h_1(x)$$

 $F_2(x) < -F_1(x) + h_2(x)$

This can be done for 'm' iterations, until residuals have been minimized as much as possible':

$$F_m(x) < -F_{m-1}(x) + h_m(x)$$

3.1.4 Random Forest Classifier

'Random forest is a supervised learning algorithm which constructs and fuses several decision-making trees to make predictions more accurate and steady.' Random forest can be used for both classification and regression problems. Below you can see how a random forest would look like with two trees:

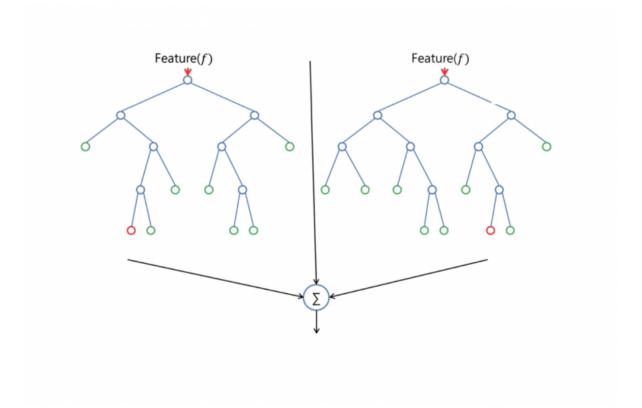


Fig. 1. Random Forest

3.2 AUC AND ROC CURVE

AUC stands for Area Under the Curve Plot it is a calculation of the relationship between false positive and true positive. The greater the AUC, the better the model usually is. The "steepness" of the curve, nevertheless, is also important to inspect, as this reflects the maximisation of the true positive rate while decreasing the false positive rate.

ROC stands for Receiver Operating Characteristic which is a measure of the predictive quality of a classifier that compares and visualises the trade-off between the sensitivity and specificity of the model. A ROC curve reveals the real positive rate on the Y-axis and the false positive rate on the X-axis, both on a global average and per-class basis, when plotted. Therefore, the optimal point is the top-left corner of the diagram where false positives are zero and true positives are one.

In this paper AUC and ROC's Curves are plotted for each Machine learning algorithm.

4 Data Set Description

'The dataset includes credit card purchases made by European cardholders in September 2013.

This dataset presents two-day transactions, in which we have 492 frauds out of 284,807 transactions. The dataset is very unbalanced, and 0.172 percent of all transactions are of the positive class (fraud).

It only includes numerical input variables resulting from the processing of a PCA. The key PCA components are features V1.V2. ...V28. 'Time' and 'Amount' are the only features that are not converted with PCA. The 'Time' feature includes the seconds between any transaction and the first dataset transaction.

The 'Amount' feature is the transaction amount, which can be used for example-depending on cost-sensitive learning. The "class" function is the response variable, which, in the event of fraud, takes value 1, or value 0.'

This data set was gotten from kaggle

5 Data Set Pre-processing

Our aim is to use 31 variables from the dataset and the description to predict a class variable.

5.1 Pre-Processing Steps

Below are the steps taken to process the data

- Step 1: Download the dataset
- Step 2: Read the dataset
- Step 3: Run an exploratory and statistical analysis of the dataset
- Step 4: Run the number of rows, fraudulent and non fraudulent count of the dataset
- Step 5: Split the dataset into 2 (training and verification dataset each)

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5.2 Install Packages and load libraries

```
library(dplyr) # for data manipulation
library(caTools) # for train/test split
library(ggplot2) # for data visualization
library(Rborist)# for random forest model
library(xgboost) # for xgboost model

# Input data files are available in the "../input/" directory.
```

Reading the dataset

```
1 dataset <- read.csv("../input/creditcard.csv")
```

This is the exploratory analysis of the data set

```
1 Str (df)
 'data.frame': 284807 obs. of 31 variables:
                  0 0 1 1 2 2 4 7 7 9 ...
  $ Time : num
  $ V1
                  -1.36 1.192 -1.358 -0.966 -1.158 ...
           : num
                  -0.0728 0.2662 -1.3402 -0.1852 0.8777 ...
  $ V2
           : num
                  2.536 0.166 1.773 1.793 1.549 ...
  $ V3
           : num
                  1.378 0.448 0.38 -0.863 0.403 ...
  $ V4
           : num
  $ V5
                  -0.3383 0.06 -0.5032 -0.0103 -0.4072 ...
          : num
                  0.4624 -0.0824 1.8005 1.2472 0.0959 ...
  $ V6
          : num
                  0.2396 -0.0788 0.7915 0.2376 0.5929 ...
  $ V7
           : num
                  0.0987 0.0851 0.2477 0.3774 -0.2705 ...
  $ V8
           : num
                  0.364 -0.255 -1.515 -1.387 0.818 ...
  $ V9
           : num
13 $ V10
                  0.0908 -0.167 0.2076 -0.055 0.7531 ...
           : num
```

```
-0.552 1.613 0.625 -0.226 -0.823 ...
   $ V11
           : num
                   -0.6178 1.0652 0.0661 0.1782 0.5382 ...
   $ V12
           : num
                   -0.991 0.489 0.717 0.508 1.346 ...
   $ V13
           : num
                   -0.311 -0.144 -0.166 -0.288 -1.12 ...
   $ V14
17
           : num
                   1.468 0.636 2.346 -0.631 0.175 ...
   $ V15
           : num
                   -0.47 0.464 -2.89 -1.06 -0.451 ...
   $ V16
           : num
                   0.208 -0.115 1.11 -0.684 -0.237 ...
   $ V17
           : num
                   0.0258 -0.1834 -0.1214 1.9658 -0.0382 ...
   $ V18
           : num
                   0.404 -0.146 -2.262 -1.233 0.803 ...
   $ V19
           : num
                   0.2514 -0.0691 0.525 -0.208 0.4085 ...
   $ V20
           : num
                   -0.01831 -0.22578 0.248 -0.1083 -0.00943 ...
   $ V21
           : num
                   0.27784 -0.63867 0.77168 0.00527 0.79828 ...
   $ V22
           : num
                   -0.11 0.101 0.909 -0.19 -0.137 ...
   $ V23
           : num
   $ V24
                   0.0669 - 0.3398 - 0.6893 - 1.1756 0.1413
           : num
27
   $ V25
                   0.129 0.167 -0.328 0.647 -0.206 ...
           : num
                   -0.189 0.126 -0.139 -0.222 0.502 ...
   $ V26
           : num
   $ V27
                   0.13356 -0.00898 -0.05535 0.06272 0.21942 ...
           : num
   $ V28
                   -0.0211 0.0147 -0.0598 0.0615 0.2152 ...
           : num
31
                   149.62 2.69 378.66 123.5 69.99 ...
   $ Amount: num
32
                   0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
  $ Class : int
```

The dataframe has 284807 observations with 31 variables. The variable 'Class' indicates whether a transaction is fraudulent(1) or not (0).

Summary (dataframe) a statistical exploration of the data set

```
Time
                    V1
                                          V2
                                                                ٧3
           ٧4
                  Min.
                          :-56.40751
                                                :-72.71573
                                        Min.
  :-48.3256
               Min.
                       :-5.68317
1st Qu.: 54202
                  1st Qu.: -0.92037
                                        1st Qu.: -0.59855
                                                              1st Qu.:
  -0.8904
             1st Qu.:-0.84864
Median : 84692
                  Median :
                             0.01811
                                        Median :
                                                   0.06549
                                                              Median :
  0.1799
            Median :-0.01985
     : 94814
                  Mean
                       :
                             0.00000
                                        Mean
                                                   0.00000
  0.0000
            Mean
                   : 0.00000
3rd Qu.:139320
                  3rd Qu.:
                             1.31564
                                        3rd Qu.:
                                                   0.80372
                                                              3rd Qu.:
  1.0272
            3rd Qu.: 0.74334
Max.
       :172792
                  Max.
                         :
                             2.45493
                                        {\tt Max.}
                                                : 22.05773
  9.3826
            Max.
                   :16.87534
                                                  ٧7
      ۷5
                                                                      ٧8
                             ٧6
                  V9
       :-113.74331
                      Min.
                              :-26.1605
                                           Min.
                                                   :-43.5572
                                                                Min.
  :-73.21672
                Min.
                        :-13.43407
1st Qu.: -0.69160
                      1st Qu.: -0.7683
                                           1st Qu.: -0.5541
                                                                1st Qu.:
  -0.20863
              1st Qu.: -0.64310
Median :
           -0.05434
                      Median : -0.2742
                                           Median :
                                                      0.0401
                                                                Median :
  0.02236
             Median : -0.05143
```

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Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.0000 Mean : 0.0000 :
0.00000 Mean : 0.00000
3rd Qu.: 0.61193 3rd Qu.: 0.3986 3rd Qu.: 0.5704 3rd Qu.:
 0.32735 3rd Qu.: 0.59714
Max. : 34.80167 Max. : 73.3016 Max. :120.5895 Max. :
 20.00721 Max. : 15.59500
                   V11
                                 V12
                                                V13
V10
          V14
Min. :-24.58826 Min. :-4.79747 Min. :-18.6837 Min.
:-5.79188 Min. :-19.2143
1st Qu.: -0.53543 1st Qu.:-0.76249 1st Qu.: -0.4056 1st Qu
 .:-0.64854 1st Qu.: -0.4256
Median: -0.09292 Median: -0.03276 Median: 0.1400
                                                Median
 :-0.01357 Median : 0.0506
Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.0000
                                               Mean :
0.00000 Mean : 0.0000
3rd Qu.: 0.45392 3rd Qu.: 0.73959 3rd Qu.: 0.6182
                                                3rd Qu.:
 0.66251 3rd Qu.: 0.4931
Max. : 23.74514 Max. :12.01891 Max. : 7.8484
                                                Max. :
 7.12688 Max. : 10.5268
  V15
                   V16
                                   V17
                                                   V18
        V19
Min. :-4.49894 Min. :-14.12985
                                Min. :-25.16280 Min.
 :-9.498746 Min. :-7.213527
1st Qu.:-0.58288 1st Qu.: -0.46804
                               1st Qu.: -0.48375 1st Qu
  .:-0.498850 1st Qu.:-0.456299
Median: 0.04807 Median: 0.06641 Median: -0.06568
                                                Median
:-0.003636 Median : 0.003735
Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.00000 Mean :
 0.000000 Mean : 0.000000
3rd Qu.: 0.64882 3rd Qu.: 0.52330 3rd Qu.: 0.39968 3rd Qu.:
0.500807 3rd Qu.: 0.458949
Max. : 8.87774 Max. : 17.31511 Max. : 9.25353
                                                Max.:
5.041069 Max. : 5.591971
                   V21
  V20
                                 V22
                                                     V23
              V24
Min. :-54.49772 Min. :-34.83038 Min. :-10.933144
                                                  Min.
  :-44.80774 Min. :-2.83663
1st Qu.: -0.21172 1st Qu.: -0.22839 1st Qu.: -0.542350
                                                  1st Qu.:
 -0.16185 1st Qu.:-0.35459
Median: -0.06248 Median: -0.02945 Median: 0.006782
                                                  Median :
 -0.01119 Median : 0.04098
Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.000000
                                                  Mean :
0.00000 Mean : 0.00000
3rd Qu.: 0.13304 3rd Qu.: 0.18638 3rd Qu.: 0.528554
                                                  3rd Qu.:
0.14764 3rd Qu.: 0.43953
```

```
Max. : 39.42090 Max. : 27.20284 Max. : 10.503090
                                                        Max. :
    22.52841 Max. : 4.58455
      V25
                        V26
                                         V27
                                                            V28
                Amount
  Min. :-10.29540
                  Min.
                         :-2.60455
                                          :-22.565679
                                     Min.
                                                       Min.
    :-15.43008 Min. :
                         0.00
  1st Qu.: -0.31715
                  1st Qu.:-0.32698
                                     1st Qu.: -0.070840
                                                       1st Qu.:
    -0.05296 1st Qu.:
                        5.60
  Median: 0.01659 Median: -0.05214 Median: 0.001342
                                                       Median :
           Median : 22.00
    0.01124
  Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.00000 Mean : 0.000000
                                                       Mean :
    0.00000 Mean : 88.35
  3rd Qu.: 0.35072 3rd Qu.: 0.24095 3rd Qu.: 0.091045
                                                       3rd Qu.:
   0.07828 3rd Qu.: 77.17
  Max. : 7.51959 Max. : 3.51735 Max. : 31.612198
                                                       Max. :
    33.84781 Max. :25691.16
    Class
43
  Min. :0.000000
  1st Qu.:0.000000
  Median :0.000000
  Mean :0.001728
  3rd Qu.:0.000000
 Max. :1.000000
50 >
```

Number of fraud/Non-fraud data of whole data

```
#nrow(transactions);
[1] 284807

#Non fraud count

> length(which(transactions$Class == 0))

[1] 284315

#Fraud count

> length(which(transactions$Class == 1))

[1] 492
```

In comparison to 284315, there are only 492 fraud cases in total of 284807, which amounts to 99,82 percent of the fraud cases without a blueprint.

Splitting the dataset

```
# Split data to training and verification sets 80:20
Where 80 is training set and 20 is verification set
library(caTools)
split <- sample.split(transactions, SplitRatio = 0.8)
training <- subset(transactions, split = TRUE)
verification <- subset(transactions, split = FALSE)</pre>
```

5.3 Experiments and Analysis Using Data Mining Techniques

5.4 Classification using logistics regression

```
# Classification using logistics regression
classifier <- glm(formula = training$Class ~.,</pre>
                     family = binomial, data = training[, -30])
pred <- predict(classifier, type = 'response', newdata = verification[,</pre>
      -30])
6 # AUC of ROC function
    # Run the ROCR functions for AUC calculation
9 roc_perf <- performance(prediction(pred, verification[, 30]), 'tpr', '</pre>
     fpr')
10 roc_sens <- performance(prediction(pred, verification[, 30]), 'sens', '</pre>
     spec')
roc_auc <- performance(prediction(pred, verification[, 30]), 'auc')</pre>
roc_err <- performance(prediction(pred, labels=verification[, 30]), '</pre>
     err')
15 # AUC value
auc <- roc_auc@y.values[[1]]</pre>
18 #AUC of Precision and recall
20 prc_frame <- data.frame(pred, training$Class)</pre>
21 prc <- pr.curve(prc_frame[prc_frame$training.Class == 'YES',]$pred,</pre>
   prc_frame[prc_frame$training.Class == 'NO',]$pred,
                   curve = TRUE)
plot(roc_perf)
25 plot(prc)
```

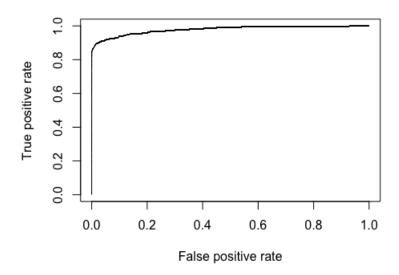


Fig. 2. ROC curve for Logistics Regression

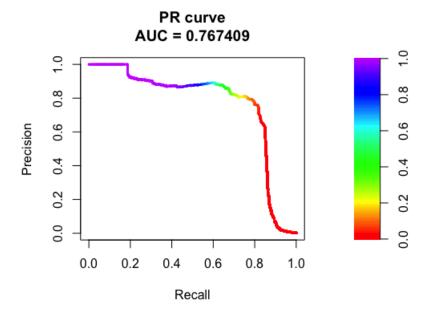


Fig. 3. PRAUC Curve for Logistics Regression

5.5 Classification using Xgboost

```
classifier_xg = xgboost(data = as.matrix(training[,-30]),label =
    training$Class,nrounds = 10)
pred_xg = predict(classifier_xg,type = 'response', newdata = as.matrix(
    verification[,-30]))

[1] train-rmse:0.352859
[2] train-rmse:0.247056
```

```
6 [3] train-rmse:0.173442
7 [4] train-rmse:0.122216
8 [5] train-rmse:0.086481
9 [6] train-rmse:0.061590
10 [7] train-rmse:0.044805
11 [8] train-rmse:0.033556
12 [9] train-rmse:0.026252
13 [10] train-rmse:0.021914
15 # AUC of ROC function
    # Run the ROCR functions for AUC calculation
roc_perf <- performance(prediction(pred_xg, verification[, 30]), 'tpr',</pre>
      'fpr')
20 roc_sens <- performance(prediction(pred_xg, verification[, 30]), 'sens'</pre>
roc_auc <- performance(prediction(pred_xg, verification[, 30]), 'auc')</pre>
roc_err <- performance(prediction(pred_xg, labels=verification[, 30]),</pre>
     'err')
25 # AUC value
auc <- roc_auc@y.values[[1]]</pre>
29 #AUC of Precision and recall
31 prc_frame <- data.frame(pred_xg, training$Class)</pre>
32 prc <- pr.curve(prc_frame[prc_frame$training.Class == 'YES',]$pred_xg,</pre>
                   prc_frame[prc_frame$training.Class == 'NO',]$pred_xg,
                   curve = TRUE)
35 plot(roc_perf)
36 plot(prc)
```

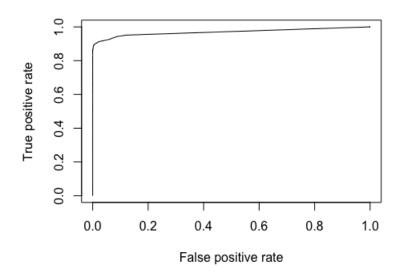


Fig. 4. ROC Curve For Xgboost

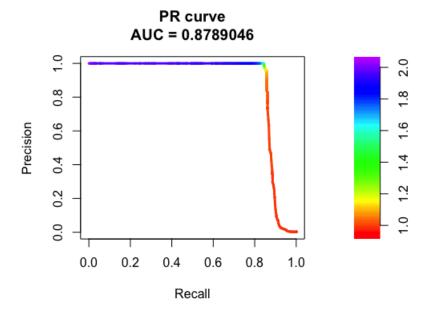


Fig. 5. PRAUC Curve for Xgboost

5.6 Classification using Random Forest

```
x = training[, -30]
y = training[,30]
ff_fit = Rborist(x, y, ntree = 1000, minNode = 20, maxLeaf = 13)

ff_pred <- predict(rf_fit, verification[,-30], ctgCensus = "prob")
prob <- rf_pred$prob</pre>
```

```
# roc.curve(training$Class, prob[,2], plotit = TRUE)
roc_perf <- performance(prediction(prob[,2], verification[, 30]), 'tpr'</pre>
     , 'fpr')
roc_sens <- performance(prediction(prob[,2], verification[, 30]), 'sens</pre>
     ', 'spec')
roc_auc <- performance(prediction(prob[,2], verification[, 30]), 'auc')</pre>
roc_err <- performance(prediction(prob[,2], labels=verification[, 30]),</pre>
      'err')
auc <- roc_auc@y.values[[1]]</pre>
prc_frame <- data.frame(prob[,2], training$Class)</pre>
19 prc <- pr.curve(prc_frame[prc_frame$training.Class == 'YES',]$prob</pre>
     ...2.,
                   prc_frame[prc_frame$training.Class == 'NO',]$prob...2.,
                   curve = TRUE)
plot(roc_perf)
plot(prc)
```

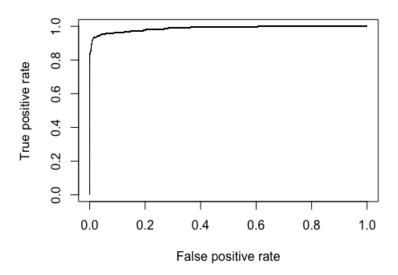


Fig. 6. ROC Curve for Random Forest

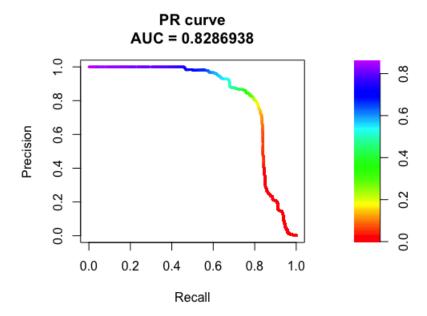


Fig. 7. PRAUC Curve for Random Forest

6 Results

The generated result shows that in a case of a high imbalanced ratio, AUC will not produce an accurate output, while PRAUC provides an accurate ratio of false positive to true positive

The XGBOOST model performed the best with an auc score of 0.878, while both the random forest and logistic regression models showed fair results.

7 Conclusion

In the era of digital transformation where electronic payment has been adopted in making delivery of services easy and much quicker, credit card fraud detection systems can play an essential role in minimizing the numbers of fraudulent transactions.

Furthermore, this study compares data mining techniques used to demonstrate unbalanced dataset of credit card fraud where fraudulent cases are few compared to regular transaction cases.

This paper used supervised machine learning algorithms.

The accuracy is 0.767, 0.878 and 0.828 for logistic regression, Xgboost and Random forest classifier, respectively. By contrasting all three techniques, the Xgboost model was found to perform better than the Random Forest and Logistic Regression models.

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