The challenge is to recognize fraudulent credit card transactions so that the customers of credit card companies are not charged for items that they did not purchase.

**Main challenges involved in credit card fraud detection are:**

1. Enormous Data is processed every day and the model build must be fast enough to respond to the scam in time.
2. Imbalanced Data i.e most of the transactions *(99.8%)* are not fraudulent which makes it really hard for detecting the fraudulent ones
3. Data availability as the data is mostly private.
4. Misclassified Data can be another major issue, as not every fraudulent transaction is caught and reported.
5. Adaptive techniques used against the model by the scammers.

**How to tackle these challenges?**

1. The model used must be simple and fast enough to detect the anomaly and classify it as a fraudulent transaction as quickly as possible.
2. Imbalance can be dealt with by properly using some methods which we will talk about in the next paragraph
3. For protecting the privacy of the user the dimensionality of the data can be reduced.
4. A more trustworthy source must be taken which double-check the data, at least for training the model.
5. We can make the model simple and interpretable so that when the scammer adapts to it with just some tweaks we can have a new model up and running to deploy.

Before going to the code it is requested to work on a jupyter notebook. If not installed on your machine you can use [Google colab](https://colab.research.google.com/).  
You can download the dataset from [this link](https://www.kaggle.com/mlg-ulb/creditcardfraud/download)  
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**Code : Importing all the necessary Libraries**

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| # import the necessary packages  import numpy as np  import pandas as pd  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  import seaborn as sns  from matplotlib import gridspec |

**Code : Loading the Data**

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| # Load the dataset from the csv file using pandas  # best way is to mount the drive on colab and  # copy the path for the csv file  data = pd.read\_csv("credit.csv") |

**Code : Understanding the Data**

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| # Grab a peek at the data  data.head() |

**Code : Describing the Data**

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| # Print the shape of the data  # data = data.sample(frac = 0.1, random\_state = 48)  print(data.shape)  print(data.describe()) |

**Output :**

(284807, 31)

Time V1 ... Amount Class

count 284807.000000 2.848070e+05 ... 284807.000000 284807.000000

mean 94813.859575 3.919560e-15 ... 88.349619 0.001727

std 47488.145955 1.958696e+00 ... 250.120109 0.041527

min 0.000000 -5.640751e+01 ... 0.000000 0.000000

25% 54201.500000 -9.203734e-01 ... 5.600000 0.000000

50% 84692.000000 1.810880e-02 ... 22.000000 0.000000

75% 139320.500000 1.315642e+00 ... 77.165000 0.000000

max 172792.000000 2.454930e+00 ... 25691.160000 1.000000

[8 rows x 31 columns]

**Code : Imbalance in the data**  
Time to explain the data we are dealing with.

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| # Determine number of fraud cases in dataset  fraud = data[data['Class'] == 1]  valid = data[data['Class'] == 0]  outlierFraction = len(fraud)/float(len(valid))  print(outlierFraction)  print('Fraud Cases: {}'.format(len(data[data['Class'] == 1])))  print('Valid Transactions: {}'.format(len(data[data['Class'] == 0]))) |

Only *0.17%* fraudulent transaction out all the transactions. The data is highly Unbalanced. Lets first apply our models without balancing it and if we don’t get a good accuracy then we can find a way to balance this dataset. But first, let’s implement the model without it and will balance the data only if needed.

**Code : Print the amount details for Fraudulent Transaction**

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| print(“Amount details of the fraudulent transaction”)  fraud.Amount.describe() |

**Output :**

Amount details of the fraudulent transaction

count 492.000000

mean 122.211321

std 256.683288

min 0.000000

25% 1.000000

50% 9.250000

75% 105.890000

max 2125.870000

Name: Amount, dtype: float64

**Code : Print the amount details for Normal Transaction**

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| print(“details of valid transaction”)  valid.Amount.describe() |

**Output :**

Amount details of valid transaction

count 284315.000000

mean 88.291022

std 250.105092

min 0.000000

25% 5.650000

50% 22.000000

75% 77.050000

max 25691.160000

Name: Amount, dtype: float64

As we can clearly notice from this, the average Money transaction for the fraudulent ones is more. This makes this problem crucial to deal with.

**Code : Plotting the Correlation Matrix**  
The correlation matrix graphically gives us an idea of how features correlate with each other and can help us predict what are the features that are most relevant for the prediction.

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| # Correlation matrix  corrmat = data.corr()  fig = plt.figure(figsize = (12, 9))  sns.heatmap(corrmat, vmax = .8, square = True)  plt.show() |

**Code : Separating the X and the Y values**  
Dividing the data into inputs parameters and outputs value format

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| # dividing the X and the Y from the dataset  X = data.drop(['Class'], axis = 1)  Y = data["Class"]  print(X.shape)  print(Y.shape)  # getting just the values for the sake of processing  # (its a numpy array with no columns)  xData = X.values  yData = Y.values |

**Output :**

(284807, 30)

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**Training and Testing Data Bifurcation**  
We will be dividing the dataset into two main groups. One for training the model and the other for Testing our trained model’s performance.

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| # Using Scikit-learn to split data into training and testing sets  from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split  # Split the data into training and testing sets  xTrain, xTest, yTrain, yTest = train\_test\_split(          xData, yData, test\_size = 0.2, random\_state = 42) |

**Code : Building a Random Forest Model using scikit learn**

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| # Building the Random Forest Classifier (RANDOM FOREST)  from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier  # random forest model creation  rfc = RandomForestClassifier()  rfc.fit(xTrain, yTrain)  # predictions  yPred = rfc.predict(xTest) |

**Code : Building all kinds of evaluating parameters**

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| # Evaluating the classifier  # printing every score of the classifier  # scoring in anything  from sklearn.metrics import classification\_report, accuracy\_score  from sklearn.metrics import precision\_score, recall\_score  from sklearn.metrics import f1\_score, matthews\_corrcoef  from sklearn.metrics import confusion\_matrix    n\_outliers = len(fraud)  n\_errors = (yPred != yTest).sum()  print("The model used is Random Forest classifier")    acc = accuracy\_score(yTest, yPred)  print("The accuracy is {}".format(acc))    prec = precision\_score(yTest, yPred)  print("The precision is {}".format(prec))    rec = recall\_score(yTest, yPred)  print("The recall is {}".format(rec))    f1 = f1\_score(yTest, yPred)  print("The F1-Score is {}".format(f1))    MCC = matthews\_corrcoef(yTest, yPred)  print("The Matthews correlation coefficient is{}".format(MCC)) |

**Output :**

The model used is Random Forest classifier

The accuracy is 0.9995611109160493

The precision is 0.9866666666666667

The recall is 0.7551020408163265

The F1-Score is 0.8554913294797689

The Matthews correlation coefficient is0.8629589216367891

**Code : Visualizing the Confusion Matrix**

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| # printing the confusion matrix  LABELS = ['Normal', 'Fraud']  conf\_matrix = confusion\_matrix(yTest, yPred)  plt.figure(figsize =(12, 12))  sns.heatmap(conf\_matrix, xticklabels = LABELS,              yticklabels = LABELS, annot = True, fmt ="d");  plt.title("Confusion matrix")  plt.ylabel('True class')  plt.xlabel('Predicted class')  plt.show() |

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Summary

In this python machine learning project, we built a binary classifier using the Random Forest algorithm to detect credit card fraud transactions. Through this project, we understood and applied techniques to address the class imbalance issues and achieved an accuracy of more than 99%.