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# **Tittle:- Loan Approval Prediction**

## **Objective**

The objective of this project is to develop a supervised machine learning model that predicts whether a loan application will be approved or rejected. By tuning model parameters, applying cross-validation techniques, and evaluating model performance, the project aims to provide insights into loan approval prediction based on the provided dataset. The final goal is to accurately predict outcomes for an unlabeled test dataset using the optimized model.

# Methodology

#### 1. Data Collection

The dataset selected for this project is sourced from the Kaggle competition "Loan Approval Prediction" created by Walter Reade and Ashley Chow in 2024.

Dataset link: Loan Approval Prediction

# 2. Data Preprocessing

- **Handling Missing Values**: Missing values will be identified and handled either by imputation (mean/median for numerical features, mode for categorical features) or by removing rows/columns with excessive missing data.
- Categorical Feature Encoding: Categorical variables (such as Gender, Marital Status, etc.)
   will be converted into numerical form using techniques like One-Hot Encoding or Label
   Encoding.
- **Feature Scaling**: Continuous numerical features will be standardized or normalized to ensure that they contribute equally to the model training.
- Feature Selection: By Using correlation coefficient

## 3. Splitting Data

- **Training Set**: Used to train the model (80% of the labeled dataset).
- Validation Set: Used to evaluate model performance during hyperparameter tuning (20% of the labeled dataset).

## 4. Model Selection

- Logistic Regression
- Decision Trees
- Random Forests
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)

Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM)

# 5. Cross-Validation and Hyperparameter Tuning

- **K-Fold Cross-Validation**: The data will be split into K equal subsets. Each model will be trained on K-1 subsets and validated on the remaining subset. This process will be repeated K times to ensure robust performance evaluation.
- **Hyperparameter Tuning**: Techniques such as Grid Search or Random Search will be used to find the best hyperparameters for each model, improving the prediction accuracy.

#### 6. Model Evaluation

After training and tuning the models, the performance will be evaluated using the following metrics:

- Accuracy: Percentage of correctly predicted instances.
- Precision: Ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to the total predicted positives.
- **Recall**: Ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to all actual positives.
- F1 Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall, offering a balance between both metrics.
- **Confusion Matrix**: Provides insight into the number of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives.

#### **Data Description**

The dataset used in this project is the "Loan Approval Prediction" dataset, which contains the following key features

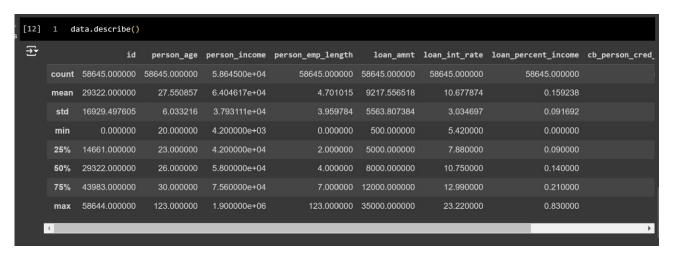
#### Features:

- **id**:Unique identifier for each loan application.
- person\_age:Age of the applicant.
- **person income**:Annual income of the applicant.
- person home ownership: Home ownership status (e.g., rent, own).
- person\_emp\_length:Length of employment in years.
- loan\_intent:Purpose of the loan (e.g., personal, business, education).
- loan grade: Grade assigned to the loan based on risk.

- loan\_amnt: Amount of the loan requested.
- loan int rate:Interest rate on the loan.
- loan\_percent\_income:Percentage of income allocated for loan payments.
- **cb\_person\_default\_on\_file**:Indicator of past defaults (Yes/No).
- **cb\_person\_cred\_hist\_length**:Length of credit history in months.
- loan\_status: Target variable indicating loan approval status (approved/rejected).

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The dataset link: Loan Approval Prediction Dataset

## References

• Walter Reade, Ashley Chow. (2024). Loan Approval Prediction. Kaggle. Available at: https://kaggle.com/competitions/playground-series-s4e10