CUSTOMER CHURN PREDICTION

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1. Introduction:

Undoubtedly, the financial industry is evolving at a rapid pace with growth in line with recognizable changes in consumer choices and expectations due to emerging technologies and the critical availability of various products and services. As a result, the banking industry is highly competitive due to all the threats and turmoil posed by all new and innovative market entrants such as Apple, Google, new start-ups, as well as direct competitors, i.e. It has become very competitive. Therefore, maintaining a competitive advantage, maintaining a point of differentiation (POD) and maintaining a customer's financial path is in terms of customer acquisition and more importantly the retention within the retail banking sector. It is considered one of the top priorities in strategic planning. After the business community has shifted its marketing focus from a product-centric strategy to a customer-centric strategy, despite the fact that different types of customer relationship management (CRM) strategies have existed for decades. Customers have become the focus of many researchers and practitioners. As a result, customer-company relationships have developed and many new marketing opportunities have been created. In addition, customer retention has become one of the key areas that most CRM strategies focus on. One of the foundations of CRM is customer churn forecasting. It is a prediction if the customer will leave the company. In addition, churn is defined as an APR where a customer unsubscribes from a service or terminates a business relationship. Reducing churn and retaining existing customers is the most cost-effective marketing approach to maximizing shareholder value. With so much competition, companies need to focus on retaining existing customers by effectively meeting the needs of their existing customers. Otherwise, you run the risk of losing your customers. And losing customers gives competitors the opportunity to attract them.

2. Literature Review Summary Table

Authors and Year (Referen ce)	Title (Study)	Concept / Theoreti cal model/ Framewo rk	Methodolog y used/ Implementat ion	Dataset details/ Analysis	Relevan t Finding	Limitation s/Future Research/ Gaps identified
Farid Shirazi, Mahbobeh Mohammadi (2018)	A big data analytics model for customer churn prediction in the retiree segment.	by utilizing big data, including the structured archival data, integrated with unstructured data from sources such as online web	a)Decision Tree with the growing method known as Classification and Regression Tree (CRT). b)deploying the classical General Linear Model (GLM) analysis using SAS system on a selected group based on CRT.	from November 1, 2011, to September 30, 2015. Age 50 is identified as the retirement age for most of the bersonal clients. The Analytic Universe is segmented, based on following three groups of clients: Existing Clients(92	group, while the remaining 89.55% of clients are part of the non-retirees sub-group. Second, by utilizing attrition cues, each group is further divided into two sub-groups of "Churners" and "Non-Churn	data related to clients' online research did not satisfy the result. The results of this study will be different in the next few years when the younger generation reaches their retirement stage, as the Internet and social media usage, in particular, is inevitable among this

					with the target bank have already attrited. 17% of retired clients have already churned to other financial institutes and kept a low-level relationship with the target bank; 16% of clients fall under committed risk who	
Bosch , and Helena Holmstr¨om	Customer Churn Prediction in B2B Contexts	Researchers have implemented a prediction model for customer churn within a B2B software product and derived a model based	a) mapping previous decision putcomes (churn or non-churn) to the respective customer ID b) cleaning, standardizing, and resampling the data; and c) applying appropriate feature selection techniques to identify the	NA.	committed risk who may or may not churn, depending on the future retention strategies. Single customers of B2B businesses are often of greater importance compared to B2C businesses since their number is typically much lower	the limitations and threat to validity of this study is the number of investigated cases. However, after working with multiple other B2B product providers prior to this study, and comparing the

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				the provider	
				of B2B	
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				While this	
				reinforces	
				the	
				importance	
				of customer	
				churn	
				prediction	
				in B2B	
				contexts,	
				there is a	
				lack of	
				research on	
				how to	
				achieve this.	
		The proposed	Dataset	Based on	
		methodology for	has been	the	Throughout
	T.1:C1	analysis of churn	collected	experimenta	the analysis,
	Identify the	prediction covers	from	l result,	fiber optic
G	factors that	several phases:	P	every	(attribute)
Nurul Izzati Customer	influence	data	Kaggle	classifier	provides fast
Mohammad, Churn	customer	pre-processing	open data website.	produces	internet would
Saiful Adli	churn and	data cleaning,		good results	make
Ismail, In	develop an	data	The dataset	with high	
Mohd Nazri Telecommu	100	transformation	consists of	accuracy	customer stay, but
Kama, nication	churn	and feature	7043	over 85%.	
Othman Industry	prediction	selection),	records	The output	t is listed on
Mohd Yuson Using	nodel as well	analysis,	and each	shows that	top of a
& Azri Azmi Machine	as provide	implementing	record is	logistic	positive impact
(2019) Learning	best analysis	machine learning	described	regression	on churn.
Classifiers	of data	algorithms	by the	outperforms	Hence, there is
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			Random Forest), evaluation of the classifiers by using performance measurement (accuracy, precision, recall and error rate) and choose the best one for prediction	n, product services and customer	forest. The	and get some context of data.
Nadeem Ahmad Naz, Umar Shoaib & M. Shahzad Sarfraz (2018)	A Review on Customer Churn Prediction Data Mining Modeling Technique s [6]	techniques in telecommunic ation especially in customer	Appropriate modeling techniques such as LR, NNM, DT, FL, CMC, SVM and DME are discussed for the churning purpose.	not. A large number of attributes such as segmentatio n, account info, billing info, call dialup types, line-info, and bayment info, and complaint	rate and false churn rate. The LR might be used if	CRT, NNM, LR, DT, SVM and fuzzy logic are most frequently used techniques for Churn prediction. The paper concludes that which one is the best technique under what condition and also a literature review of these techniques

		the proposed		For this	dimensional data for NB modeling technique is necessarily transformed into the low dimension.	
Adnan Amina, , Feras Al-Obeidatb , Babar Shahb Awais Adnana , Jonathan Looc , Sajid Anwar 2018 (https://www. sciencedirect. com/science/ article/abs/pi i/S01482963 18301231)	Customer churn prediction in telecommu nication industry using data certainty	approach will not only predict the customer churns but can also calculate the level of the certainty of the prediction by evaluating the classifier's decision into the following categories, (i) customer churn and non-churn with high certainty, (ii) customer churn and non-churn with low certainty. The low certainty can be	An empirical study is designed to evaluate the proposed CCP model where they have focused on distance factors using different distance zones (i.e., Upper and Lower zones) in the given TCI datasets. a benchmarking framework is setup to present and evaluate the performance of the proposed study. These experiments were carried out using MATLAB toolkit to fulfill the objectives of the proposed study by addressing a set of research questions.	have selected arbitrary four publicly available datasets. The dataset-1 consists of 3333 samples and each sample represent individual customer; whereas, the ratio of churn and non-churn customers are 85.5% and 14.49%, respectively. Similarly, datasets-2, 3 and 4 contain 7043, 18,000 and 100,000 samples, respectively.	shown more effect on the performance of CCP model in TCI datasets because it has obtained the performance in term of differences in the accuracy is 0.30%, 0.81% and 1.00% in datasets 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. On the other hand, lower distance cone achieved dramatic changes in the	Future studies might be able to provide empirical results on the balanced dataset with multiple base-classifier s. Observe the effect on the CCP model if we apply the feature selection method by assigning weights to the features. Test more comprehensive study with other types of models would offer the possibility to compare their results and eventually help to evaluate this effect statistically. Since the proposed model predicts

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	considered		such as	used to select
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	proposed		7.00% in	classifier
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	industry,			This can
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	role in CCP		, · · ·	effect on the
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3. Objective of the project: Customer churn is a significant issue and one of the most pressing challenges for large businesses. Companies are working to create

methods to predict prospective customer churn because it has such a direct impact on their revenues, particularly in the telecom industry. As a result, identifying factors that contribute to customer churn is critical in order to take the required steps to reduce churn. Our work's key contribution is the development of a churn prediction model that helps telecom carriers estimate which customers are most likely to churn. We will use various algorithms from basic to advanced to predict customer churn like random forest classifier,XGBoost classifier and several hybrid models to achieve the highest accuracy.

4. Innovation component in the project:

In this project, we will be using various predictive analysis models to predict whether a customer will change telecommunications providers or not in the near future based on various parameters. The training dataset contains 4250 samples. Each sample contains 19 features and 1 boolean variable "churn" which indicates the class of the sample. The test dataset contains 750 samples. Each sample contains an index number and the 19 features. The proposed methodology for analysis of churn prediction covers several phases: data visualization and analysis, data pre-processing, implementing various models, evaluation of the classifiers and choosing the best one for prediction. We will be visualizing and analyzing univariate (both categorical and numerical) and bivariate variables. Data pre-processing phase will include - detecting and removing outliers, handling categorical variables, handling imbalanced dataset and scaling the dataset. We will be using and comparing three models – Support Vector Classification, Random Forest Classifier and XGBClassifier. The performance of the model will be measured by finding accuracy, classification report, confusion matrix and cohen kappa score. The model that gives the best performance will be chosen for the prediction of customer churn.

5. Work done and implementation

a. Methodology adapted:

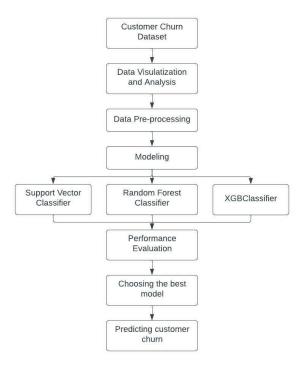


Fig: Our approach/architecture flow diagram

b. Dataset used:

a. The training set Contains 4250 lines with 20 columns. 3652 samples (85.93%) belong to class churn=no and 598 samples (14.07%) belong to class churn=yes.

Data fields

- state, string. 2-letter code of the US state of customer residence
- account_length, numerical. Number of months the customer has been with the current telco provider
- area_code, string="area_code_AAA" where AAA = 3 digit area code.
- international_plan, (yes/no). The customer has international plan.
- voice_mail_plan, (yes/no). The customer has voice mail plan.
- number_vmail_messages, numerical. Number of voice-mail messages.
- total_day_minutes, numerical. Total minutes of day calls.
- total_day_calls, numerical. Total number of day calls.
- total_day_charge, numerical. Total charge of day calls.
- total_eve_minutes, numerical. Total minutes of evening calls
- total_eve_calls, numerical. Total number of evening calls.
- total_eve_charge, numerical. Total charge of evening calls.
- total_night_minutes, numerical. Total minutes of night calls.
- total_night_calls, numerical. Total number of night calls.
- total_night_charge, numerical. Total charge of night calls.
- total_intl_minutes, numerical. Total minutes of international calls.
- total_intl_calls. numerical. Total number of international calls.
- total_intl_charge, numerical. Total charge of international calls
- number_customer_service_calls, numerical. Number of calls to customer service
- churn, (yes/no). Customer churn target variable.
- b. The project is not based on any previous projects.

c. Tools used: The analysis is done in one single machine that enables the code to run on Google Colab notebook and perform the simulation of the churn prediction models and visualize the analysis of customer behavior. Colab notebooks are Jupyter notebooks that are hosted by Colab. Various libraries and modules in python such as numpy, pandas, matplotlib, seaborn, scikit-learn, imblearn, xgboost, etc. are used for the visualization and prediction of customer churn.

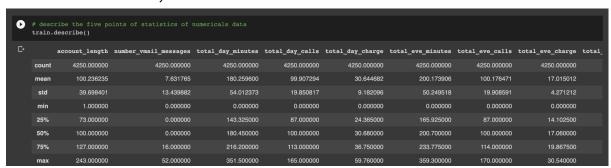
d. Screenshot and Demo along with Visualization: (Preprocessing)

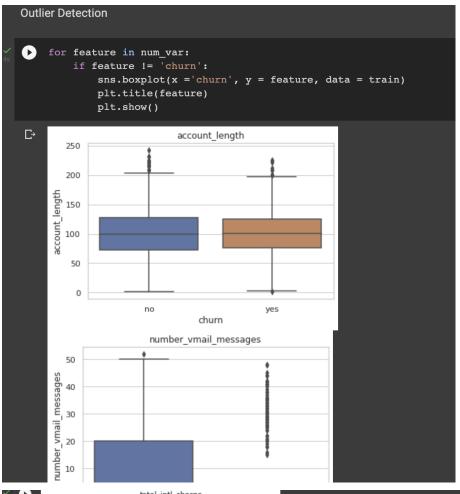
• Loading the necessary libraries and loading the dataset.

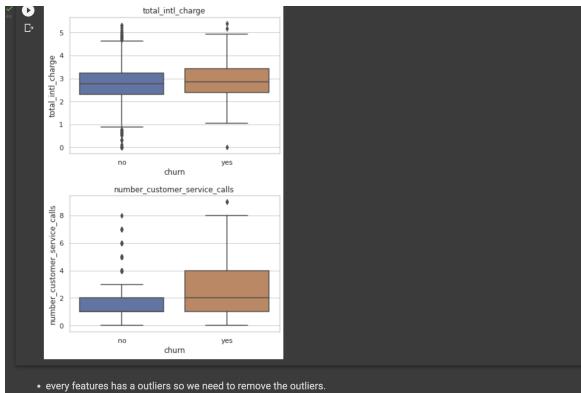
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# Libraries
    import pandas as pd
    import numpy as np
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import seaborn as sns
    import category_encoders as ce
    {\tt from \ sklearn.preprocessing \ import \ One Hot Encoder}
    from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
    from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
    from sklearn.svm import SVC
    from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
    from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
    from sklearn.metrics import cohen_kappa_score
    from xgboost import XGBClassifier
import pandas.util.testing as tm
[13] # load the dataset
    train = pd.read_csv('/content/train.csv')
    test = pd.read_csv('/content/test.csv
    print('Train shape {}'.format(train.shape))
    print('Test shape {}'.format(test.shape))
    Train shape (4250, 20)
    Test shape (750, 20)
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train.info()
[→ <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
    RangeIndex: 4250 entries, 0 to 4249
    Data columns (total 20 columns):
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          account length
          area code
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          international_plan
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          voice_mail_plan
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          number_vmail_messages
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         churn
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memory usage: 664.2+ KB
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Statistical analysis





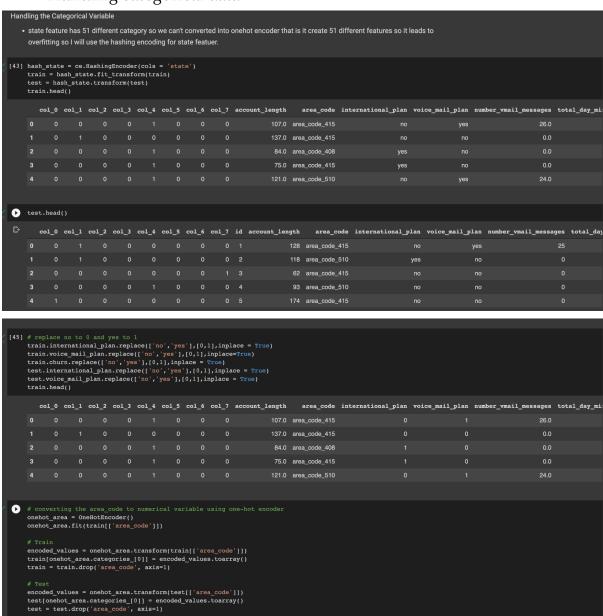


- outlies contains the some usefull information.
- so we have to replace the outliers with some meaning full values. so we should replace the outliers with median values

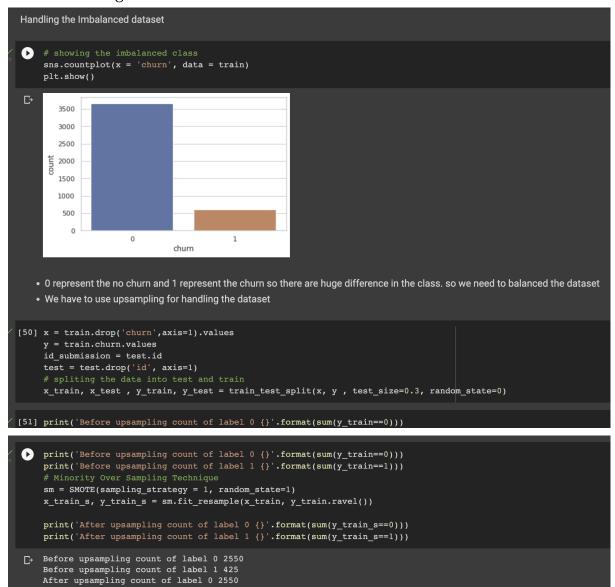
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#functions for removing outliers
def remove_outliers(train,labels):
    for label in labels:
        q1 = train[label].quantile(0.25)
        q3 = train[label].quantile(0.75)
        iqr = q3 - q1
        upper_bound = q3 + 1.5 * iqr
        lower_bound = q1 - 1.5 * iqr
        train[label] = train[label].mask(train[label] < lower_bound, train[label].median(),axis=0)
        train[label] = train[label].mask(train[label] > upper_bound, train[label].median(),axis=0)
        return train

[41] train = remove_outliers(train, num_var)
```

• Handling categorical data



• Handling imbalanced dataset



Scaling the dataset

After upsampling count of label 1 2550

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Scaling the dataset

after apply the upsampling technique the number of samples of both classes are same

# creating the object of minmax scaler
scaler = MinMaxScaler()
x_train = scaler.fit_transform(x_train)
x_test = scaler.transform(x_test)
test = scaler.transform(test)

| 'usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/sklearn/base.py:444: UserWarning: X has feature names, but MinMaxScaler was fitted without feature names
f"X has feature names, but {self._class_._name_} was fitted without"
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e. Models used:

(a) Support Vector Machine

- Support Vector Machine(SVM) is a supervised machine learning algorithm that can be used for both classification or regression challenges. However, it is mostly used in classification problems.
- In the SVM algorithm, each data item is plotted as a point in n-dimensional space (where n is a number of features) with the value of each feature being the value of a particular coordinate. Then, classification is performed by finding the hyper-plane that differentiates the two classes very well.
- It uses a subset of training points in the decision function called support vectors which makes it memory efficient.
- Different kernel functions can be specified for the decision function.

(b) Random forest classifier

- Random Forest is a popular machine learning algorithm that belongs to the supervised learning technique. It can be used for both Classification and Regression problems in ML. It is based on the concept of ensemble learning, which is a process of combining multiple classifiers to solve a complex problem and to improve the performance of the model.
- The greater number of trees in the forest leads to higher accuracy and prevents the problem of overfitting.
- It takes less training time as compared to other algorithms.
- It predicts output with high accuracy, even for the large dataset it runs efficiently.
- It can also maintain accuracy when a large proportion of data is missing.

(c) XGBoost classifier

- XGBoost stands for Extreme Gradient Boosting. It is an implementation of Gradient Boosted decision trees.
- In this algorithm, decision trees are created in sequential form. Weights play an important role in XGBoost. Weights are assigned to all the independent variables which are then fed into the decision tree which predicts results. The weight of variables predicted wrong by the tree is increased and these variables are then fed to the second decision tree. These individual classifiers/predictors then ensemble to give a strong and more precise model. It can work

- on regression, classification, ranking, and user-defined prediction problems.
- It is a scalable and highly accurate implementation of gradient boosting that pushes the limits of computing power for boosted tree algorithms, being built largely for energizing machine learning model performance and computational speed.

Handling imbalanced dataset:

- (1) The dataset imbalance is handled using Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE).
- (2) SMOTE works by selecting examples that are close in the feature space, drawing a line between the examples in the feature space and drawing a new sample at a point along that line.
- (3) The approach is effective because new synthetic examples from the minority class are created that are plausible, that is, are relatively close in feature space to existing examples from the minority class.

f. Screenshot and Demo along with Visualization (For results):

(a) SVM

```
svc = SVC(kernel='rbf', decision_function_shape='ovr')
svc.fit(x_train, y_train)
y_pred = svc.predict(x_test)
print('Accuracy: ')
print('{}'.format(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)))
print('Classification report: ')
print('{}'.format(classification_report(y_test, y_pred)))
print('Confusion Matrix')
print('{}'.format(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)))
print('Cohen kappa score: ')
print('{}'.format(cohen_kappa_score(y_test, y_pred)))
```

```
Accuracy:
0.8690196078431373
Classification report:
             precision recall f1-score
                  0.87
                           1.00
                                     0.93
                 0.69
                           0.06
                                               1275
                                     0.87
   accuracy
  macro avg
                 0.78
                           0.53
                                     0.52
weighted avg
                 0.85
                           0.87
                                     0.82
Confusion Matrix
[[1097 5]
[ 162 11]]
Cohen kappa score:
0.09562561852539309
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(b) Random Forest

```
rfc = RandomForestClassifier()

rfc.fit(x_train, y_train)

y_pred = rfc.predict(x_test)

print('Accuracy: ')

print('{}'.format(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)))

print('Classification report: ')

print('{}'.format(classification_report(y_test, y_pred)))

print('Confusion Matrix')

print('{}'.format(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)))

print('Cohen kappa score: ')

print('{}'.format(cohen_kappa_score(y_test, y_pred)))
```

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Accuracy:
   0.93333333333333333
   Classification report:
                precision recall f1-score
                                             support
                    0.93
                             1.00
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                             0.52
                                      0.68
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                    0.98
      accuracy
                                      0.93
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                    0.95
                           0.76
                                      0.82
      macro avg
                                               1275
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                                      0.92
   weighted avg
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   Confusion Matrix
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   Cohen kappa score:
   0.6458830948592191
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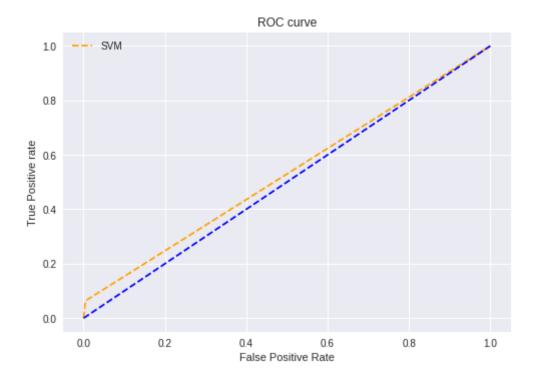
(c) XG boost

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clf
                      XGBClassifier(max depth=7,
                                                       n estimators=200,
colsample bytree=0.7,
                                             subsample=0.8, nthread=10,
learning rate=0.01)
     clf.fit(x train, y train)
     y pred = clf.predict(x test)
     print('Accuracy: ')
     print('{}'.format(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)))
     print('Classification report: ')
     print('{}'.format(classification_report(y_test, y_pred)))
     print('Confusion Matrix')
     print('{}'.format(confusion matrix(y test, y pred)))
     print('Cohen kappa score: ')
     print('{}'.format(cohen kappa score(y test, y pred)))
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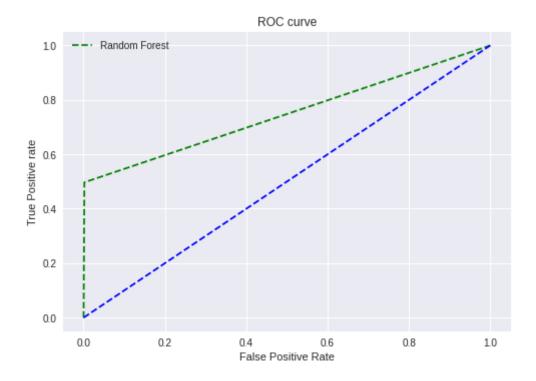
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Accuracy:
   0.9325490196078431
   Classification report:
                              recall f1-score
                 precision
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                      0.93
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                                                    1102
                      0.98
                                0.51
                                          0.67
       accuracy
                                          0.93
                                                    1275
      macro avg
                      0.95
                                0.76
                                          0.82
                                                    1275
   weighted avg
                      0.94
                                0.93
                                          0.92
                                                    1275
   Confusion Matrix
    [1100 2]
[ 84 89]]
   [[1100
   Cohen kappa score:
   0.6406261266280799
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6. Results:

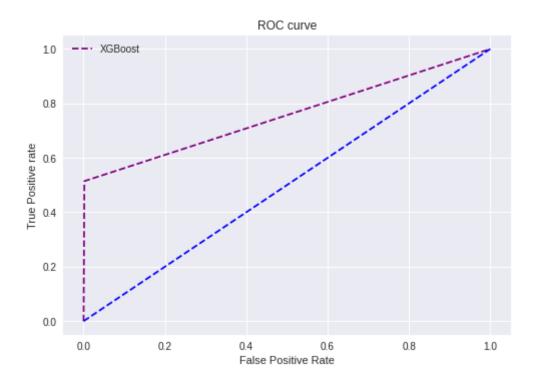
Model Name	Accuracy	AUC Score
SupportVector Machine	0.8690	0.5295
2. Random forest classifier	0.9333	0.7476
3. XGBoost classifier	0.9325	0.7563



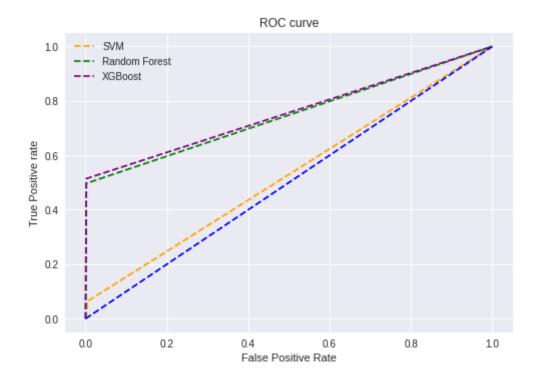
ROC curve for Support Vector Machine



ROC curve for Random Forest classifier



ROC curve for XGBoost classifier



ROC curve of all the models

• Random forest classifier has the best performance, compared to the other two models. It has an accuracy of 0.9333 and an auc score of 0.7476.

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