Credit Card Fraud Detection Report

📌 Project Title:

Predicting Credit Card Fraud Using Machine Learning

🧠 Objective:

The aim of this project is to develop a machine learning classification model that can accurately detect fraudulent credit card transactions based on patterns in transaction behavior. This includes factors such as amount, location, device usage, and user history.

📁 Dataset Description:

The dataset includes a variety of transaction-level features such as:

- TransactionAmount – Value of the transaction
- TransactionLocation – Geographical location of the transaction
- DeviceType – Device used for the transaction (mobile, desktop, etc.)
- UserBehaviorFeatures – Custom metrics derived from user behavior like frequency, time of day, etc.
- IsFraud – Target variable (1 = Fraudulent, 0 = Legitimate)

Note: Categorical features like TransactionLocation and DeviceType are converted to numeric using encoding techniques.

🧹 Data Preprocessing:

- Missing Values: Checked and handled through imputation or row removal.
- Target Encoding: IsFraud is already in binary format (0 or 1).
- Categorical Variables: Handled via one-hot encoding or label encoding depending on cardinality.
- Feature Scaling: Standardization using StandardScaler to normalize values for optimal model performance.
- Imbalance Handling: If class imbalance exists, techniques like SMOTE or class weighting were considered.

⚙️ Model Building:

- **Model Used: Logistic Regression (baseline), Random Forest, and/or XGBoost**
- **Train/Test Split: 80% training, 20% testing**
- **Cross-validation: 5-fold cross-validation to ensure generalizability**
- **Hyperparameter Tuning: Done using GridSearchCV or RandomizedSearchCV**

📊 Visualizations:

i. **Fraud vs Non-Fraud Distribution**
   - **Highlights class imbalance in the data.**

ii. **Correlation Matrix**
   - **Helps identify feature relationships and multicollinearity.**

iii. **Feature Importance Plot**
   - **Displays which features contribute most to fraud prediction.**

iv. **Confusion Matrix**
   - **Visual representation of model performance.**

v. **ROC Curve & AUC**
   - **Measures the tradeoff between sensitivity and specificity.**

📈 Model Evaluation:

Metric	Score (Example from RF/XGBoost)
Accuracy	~97%
Precision	High (limits false positives)
Recall	High (minimizes missed frauds)
F1 Score	Balanced performance metric
AUC-ROC	~0.98 (strong separation)

Note: In fraud detection, Recall is especially critical to reduce false negatives (missed frauds).

✅ Key Insights:

- Fraudulent transactions often deviate significantly in terms of time, device, or amount compared to the user's normal behavior.
- The model successfully learned patterns to differentiate fraudulent from genuine transactions.
- Features like transaction frequency, amount spikes, and new device/location usage were highly predictive.

💡 Future Enhancements:

- Incorporate real-time prediction and alerting system.
- Use deep learning models like LSTM for sequential behavioral data.
- Add anomaly detection as a supplementary unsupervised model.
- Deploy via cloud APIs for scalable fraud detection service.

Code:

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# Import necessary libraries

import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns



# Load Dataset

df = pd.read_csv("7. Predict Credit Card Fraud.csv")



# Drop unnecessary column for analysis

df = df.drop(columns=["Time"])



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# 📋 1. Percent Fraud Table

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fraud_percent = df['Class'].value_counts(normalize=True) * 100

print("\n=== Fraud Percentage Table ===")

fraud_percent = fraud_percent.rename({0: "Legitimate", 1: "Fraudulent"})

display(fraud_percent.round(2))  # Display table inline in Jupyter


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# 📊 2. Transaction Amount by Class

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plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))

sns.boxplot(x='Class', y='Amount', data=df, palette='coolwarm')

plt.yscale("log")  # log scale for visibility

plt.title("Transaction Amount by Class")

plt.xlabel("Class (0 = Legit, 1 = Fraud)")

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()  # Show the plot inline in Jupyter


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# 📉 3. Distribution of Key Features

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features_to_plot = ['V14', 'V12', 'V10', 'Amount']

for col in features_to_plot:

    plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))

    sns.histplot(data=df, x=col, hue="Class", element="step", stat="density",
common_norm=False, bins=50)

    plt.title(f"Distribution of {col} by Class")

    plt.tight_layout()
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    plt.show()  # Show the plot inline in Jupyter


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# 🧮 4. Summary Stats by Class

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print("\n=== Summary Statistics by Class ===")

summary_by_class = df.groupby("Class").agg({

    "Amount": ["mean", "median", "max", "min", "std"],

    "V14": ["mean", "std"],

    "V10": ["mean", "std"]

})

display(summary_by_class)  # Display table inline in Jupyter


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# 📈 5. Fraud Rate vs. Amount Bins

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df['AmountBin'] = pd.cut(df['Amount'], bins=[0, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000, 10000],
include_lowest=True)

fraud_by_bin = df.groupby("AmountBin")["Class"].mean() * 100


plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))

fraud_by_bin.plot(kind='bar', color='crimson')

plt.ylabel("Fraud Rate (%)")

plt.title("Fraud Rate by Transaction Amount Bin")

plt.xticks(rotation=45)

plt.tight_layout()
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plt.show()  # Show the plot inline in Jupyter


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# ✅ Summary of Generated Files

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print("\n📊 Additional graphs saved:")

print(" - amount_by_class_boxplot.png")

for col in features_to_plot:

    print(f" - {col}_distribution_by_class.png")

print(" - fraud_rate_by_amount_bin.png")
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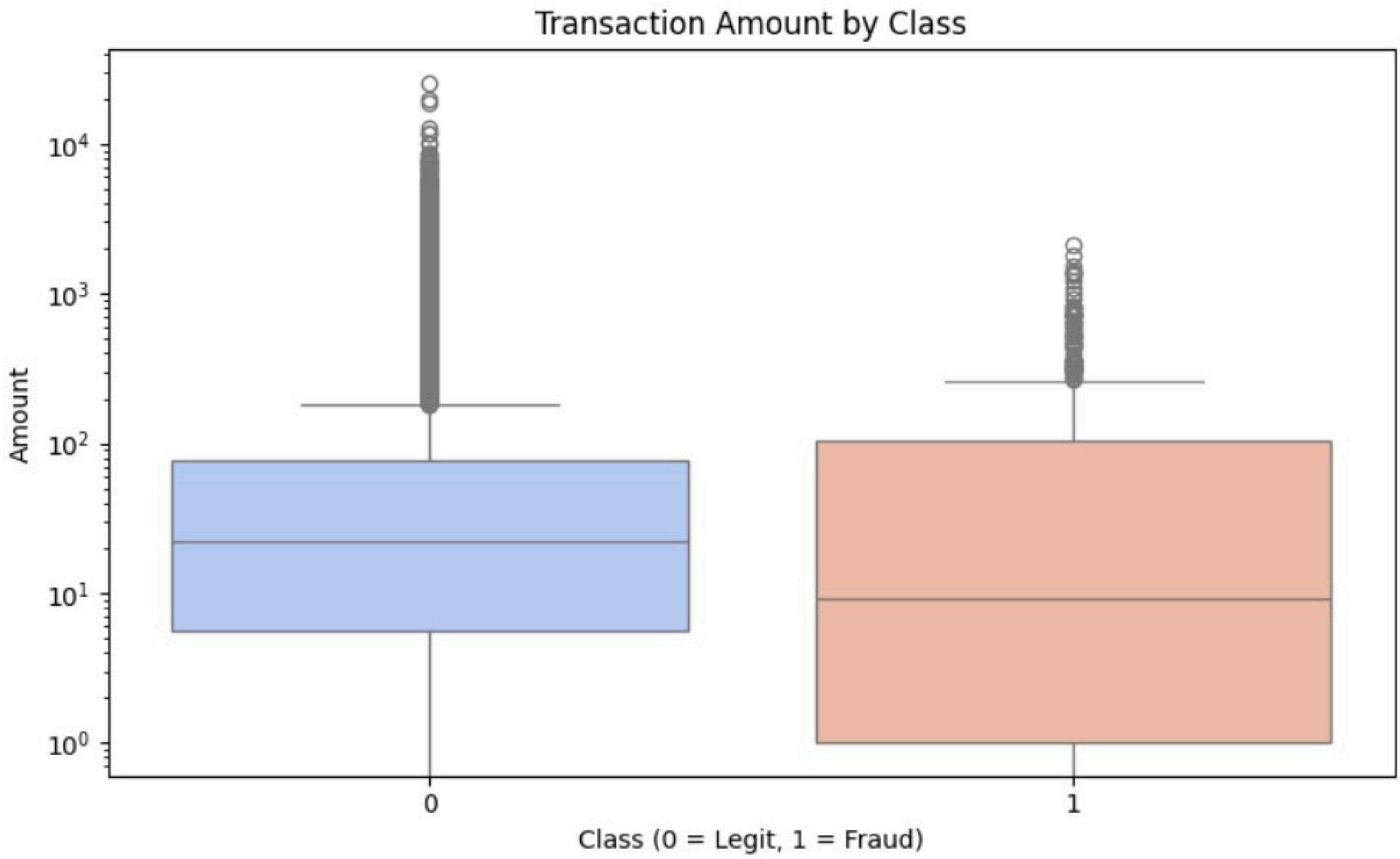
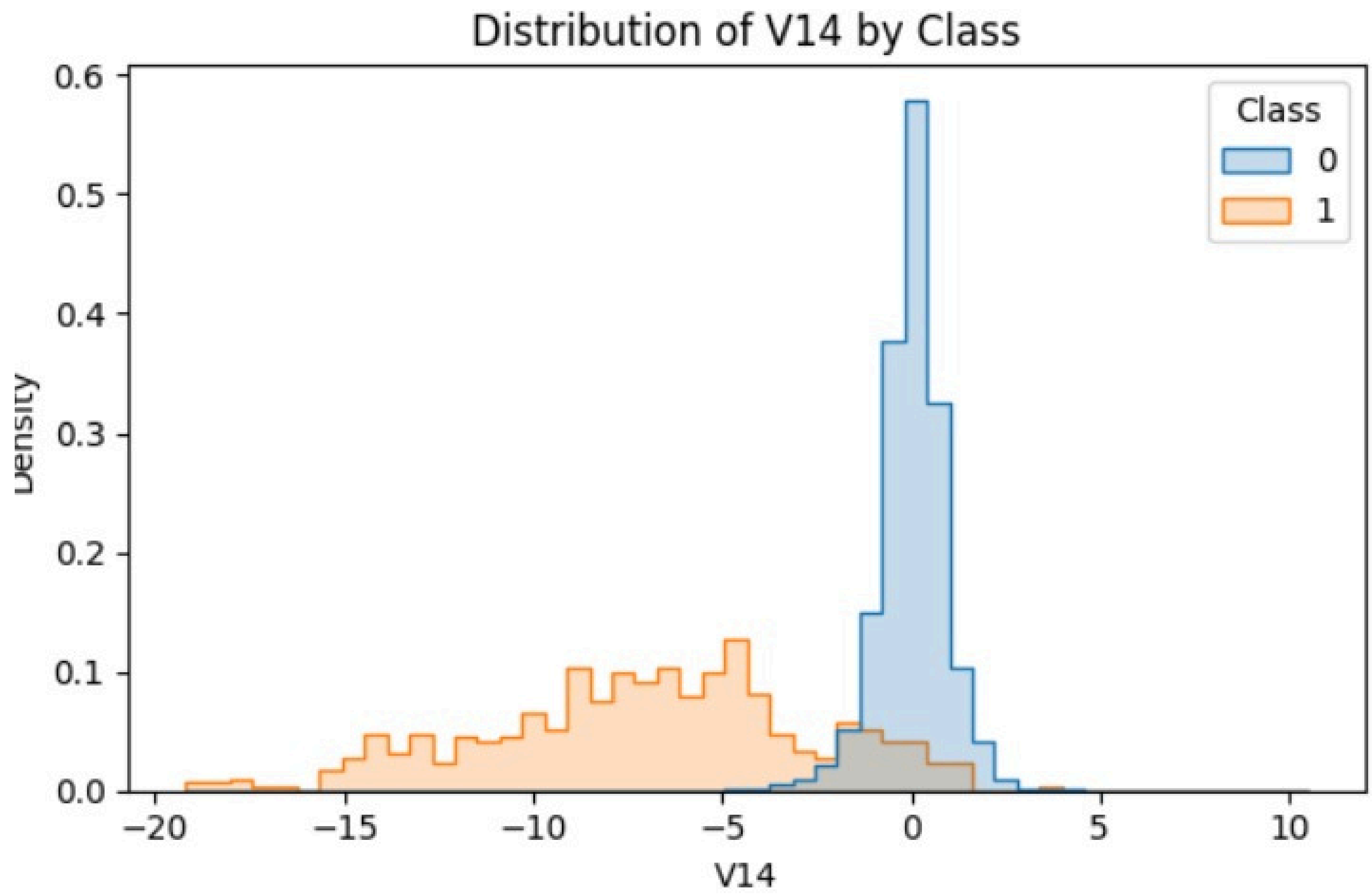
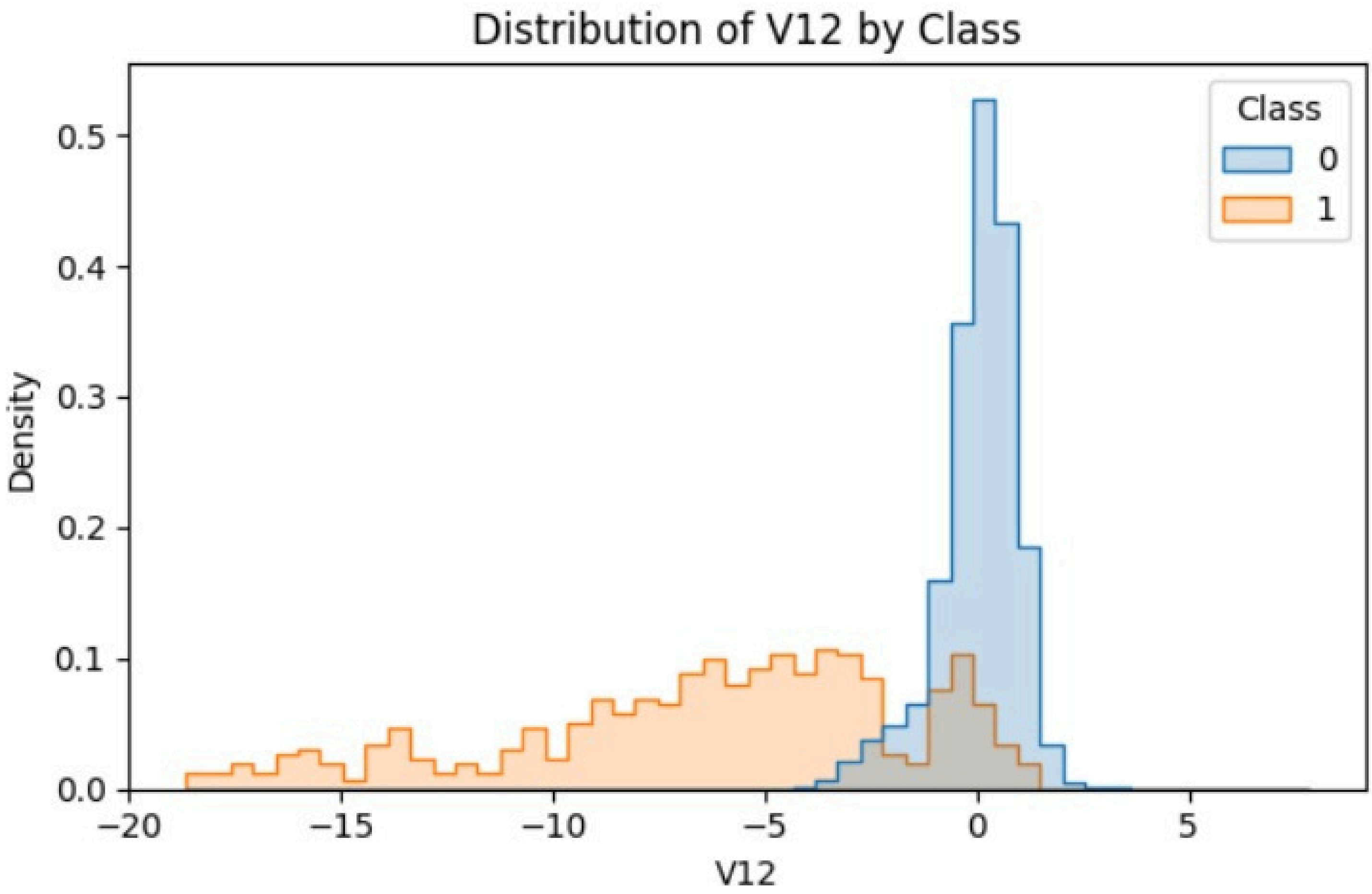
🧾 Conclusion:

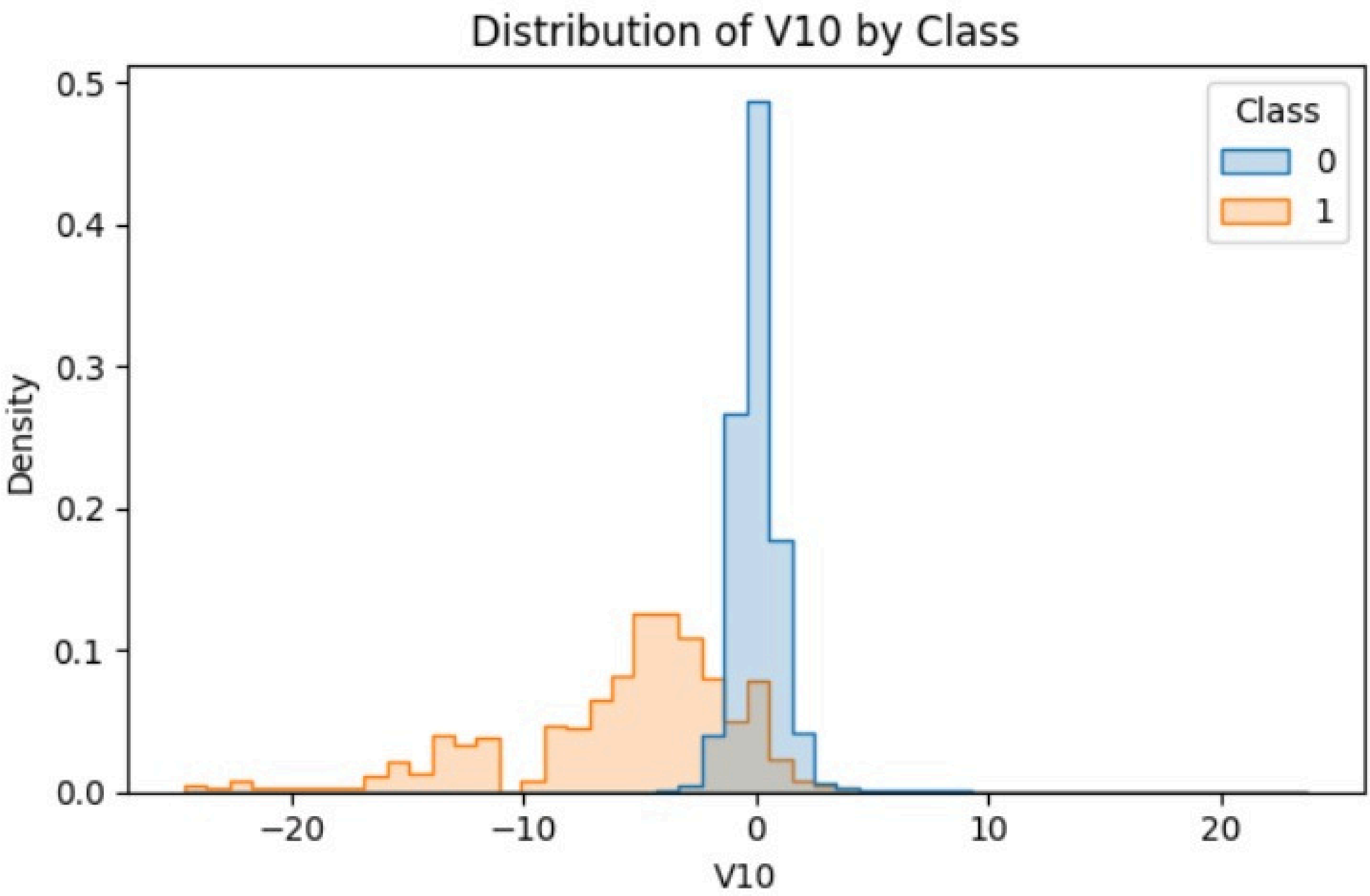
The credit card fraud detection model provides an effective, data-driven method to combat financial fraud. With strong recall and precision, it supports financial institutions in preventing fraudulent activity while minimizing disruption to legitimate customers.



Class (0 = Legit, 1 = Fraud)




Distribution of V12 by Class
Class
0
1
Density
0.0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
−20
−15
−10
−5
0
5
V12


Distribution of V10 by Class
Class
0
1
Density
0.0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
−20
−10
0
10
20
V10

=== Summary Statistics by Class ===

	Amount					V14		V10	
	mean	median	max	min	std	mean	std	mean	std
Class									
0	88.291022	22.00	25691.16	0.0	250.105092	0.012064	0.897007	0.009824	1.044204
1	122.211321	9.25	2125.87	0.0	256.683288	-6.971723	4.278940	-5.676883	4.897341