



Spot A Bug

Automated Flagging of False Medical Insurance Claims
Consulting project for Curacel Systems

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Catching false claims is costly

Curacel (Africa)

5% of total claims
\$ 0.8 million

Process Claims
\$ 0.17 million

40 +/- 28 days

USA

346,000 claim adjusters
(Bureau of Labor Statistics)
> \$20 Billion/year



45 days

Premium



Data



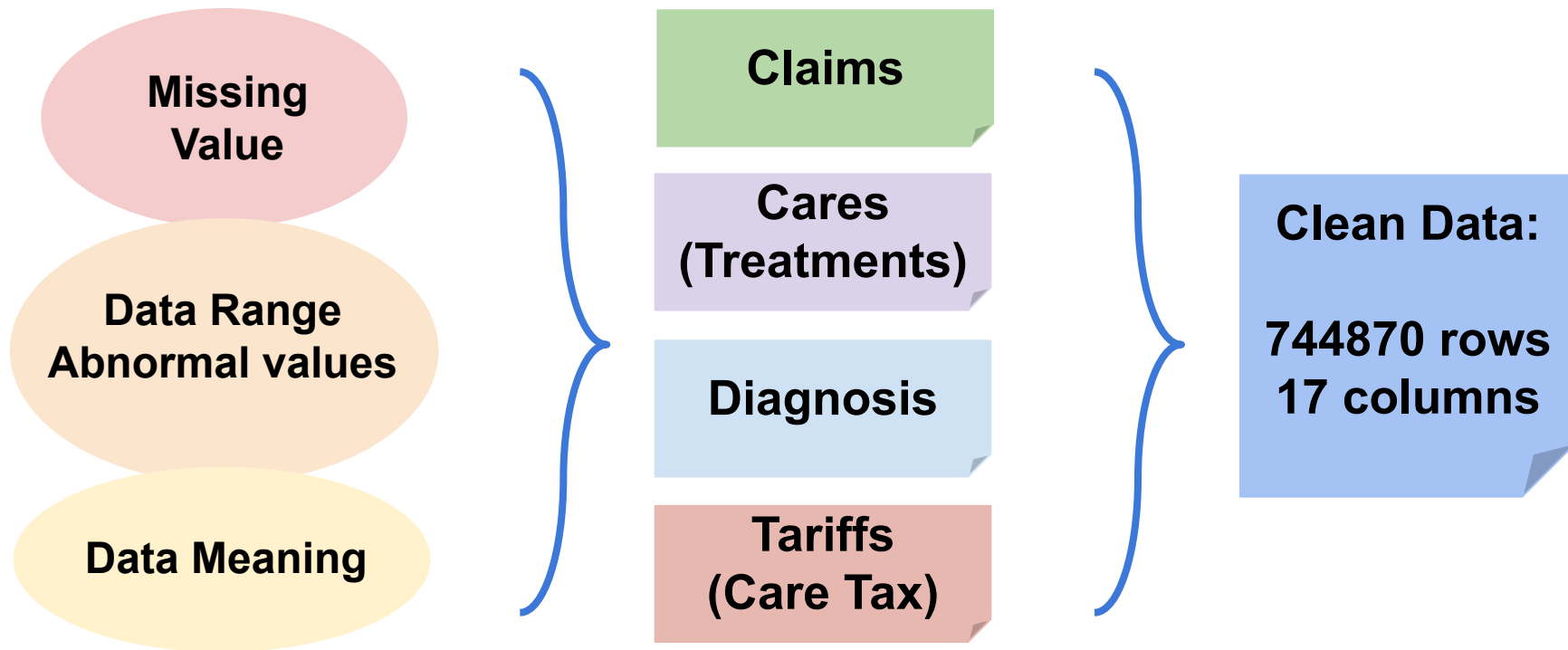
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**1+ Million
rows**

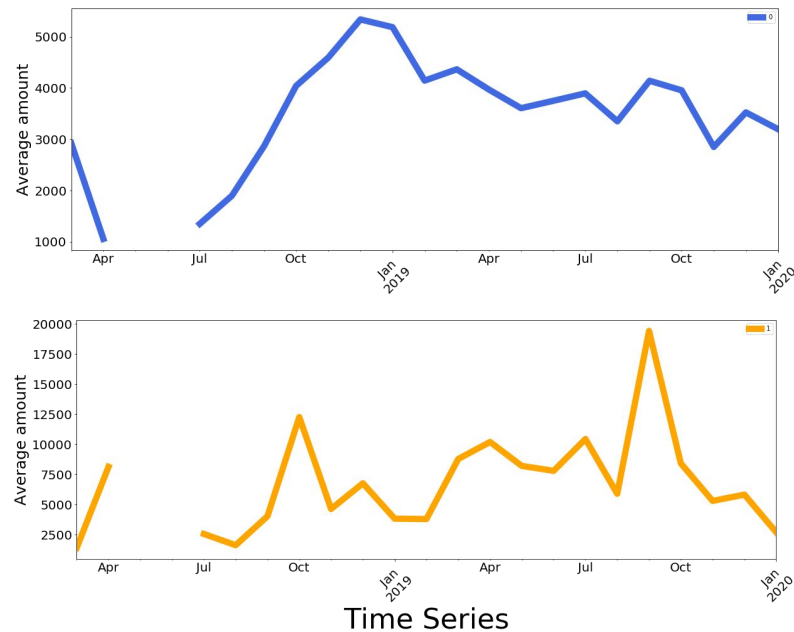
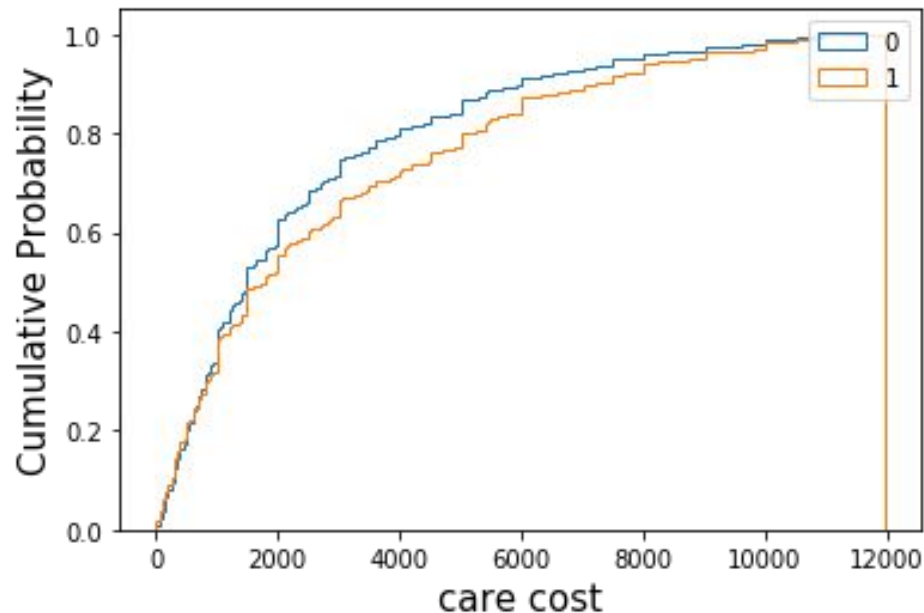
**50+
attributes**

claim_comment : 402 rows x 6 columns
provider_tariff : 335181 rows x 11 columns
claim : 62451 rows x 24 columns
care : 83124 rows x 13 columns
claim_diagnose : 112119 rows x 3 columns
care_type : 15 rows x 4 columns
comment : 3117 rows x 2 columns
claim_item : 323149 rows x 15 columns
diagnose : 104272 rows x 9 columns

Data cleaning and wrangling

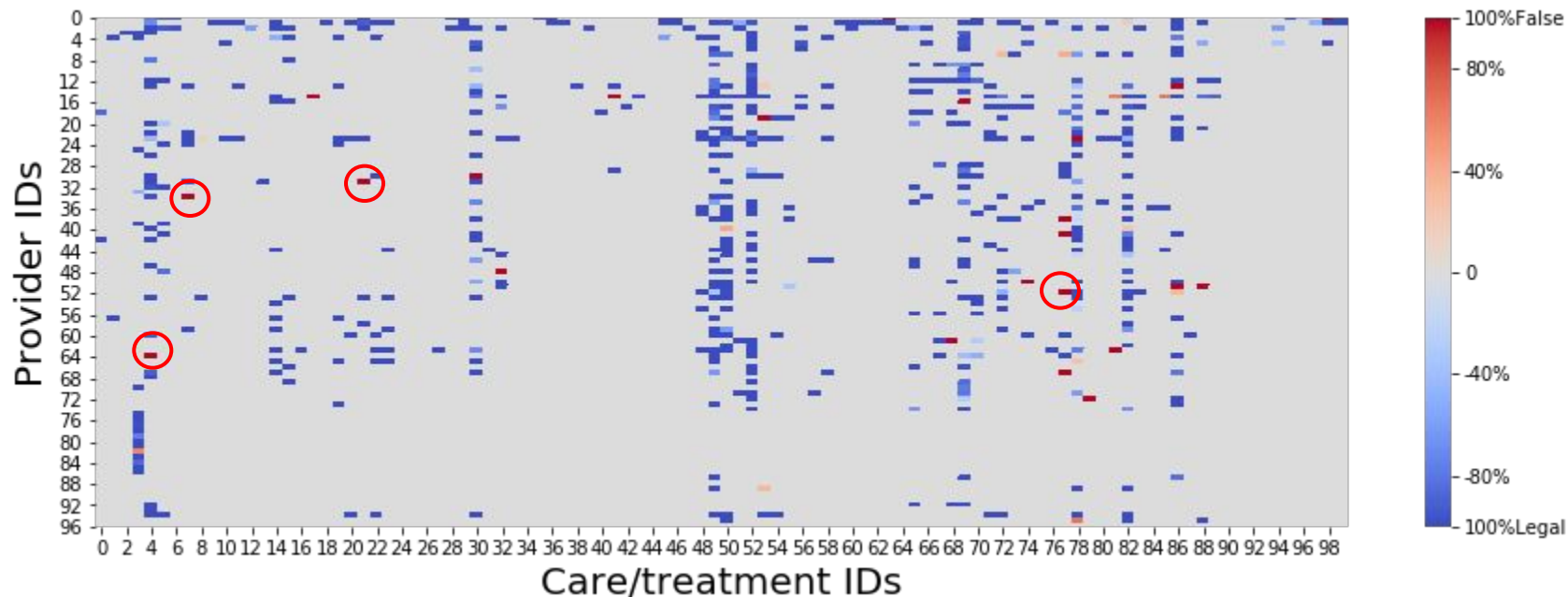


Example of features with distinct distribution patterns in two claim types



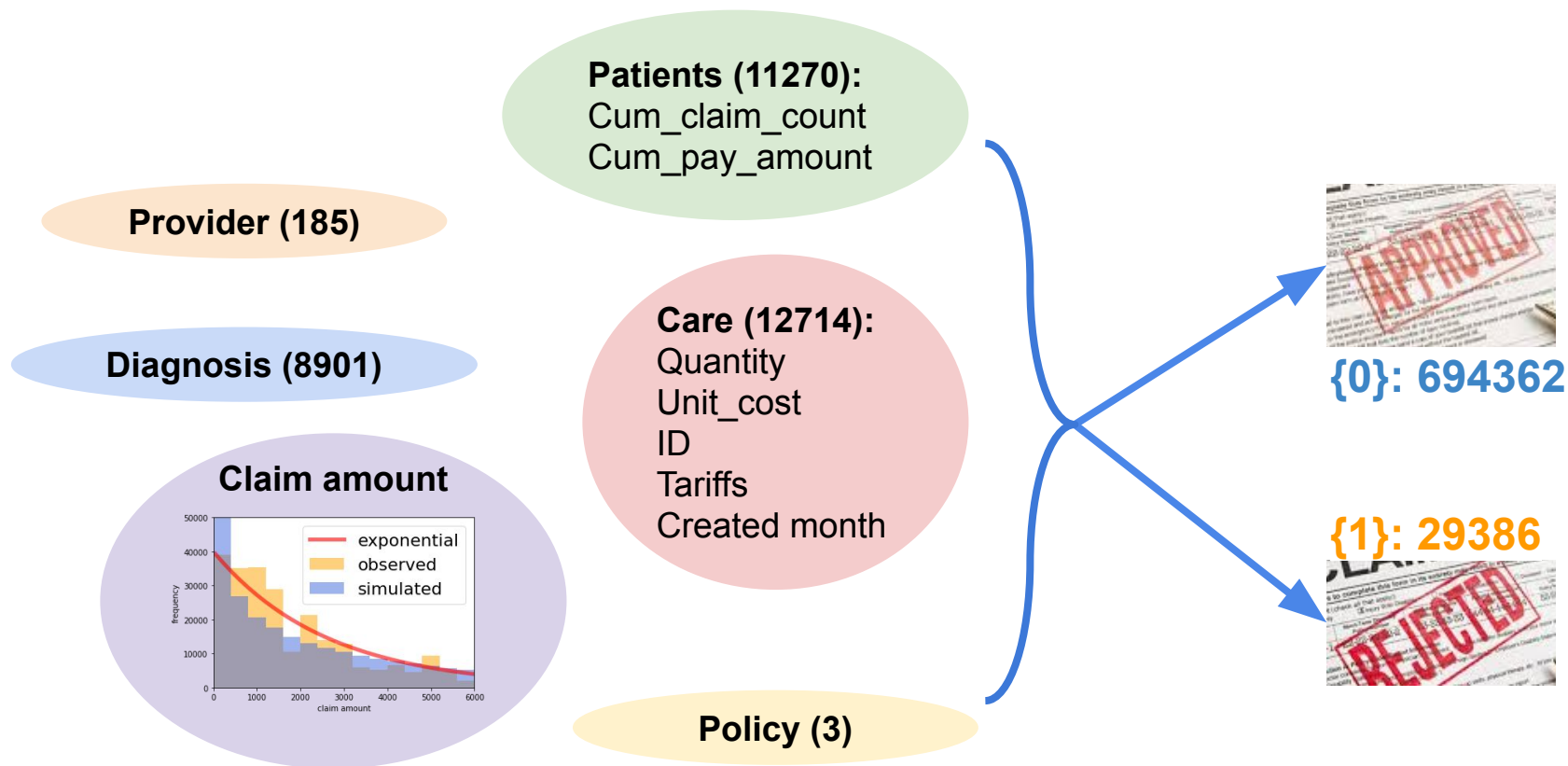
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Example of features with specific value-pairs associated with higher probability of false claims

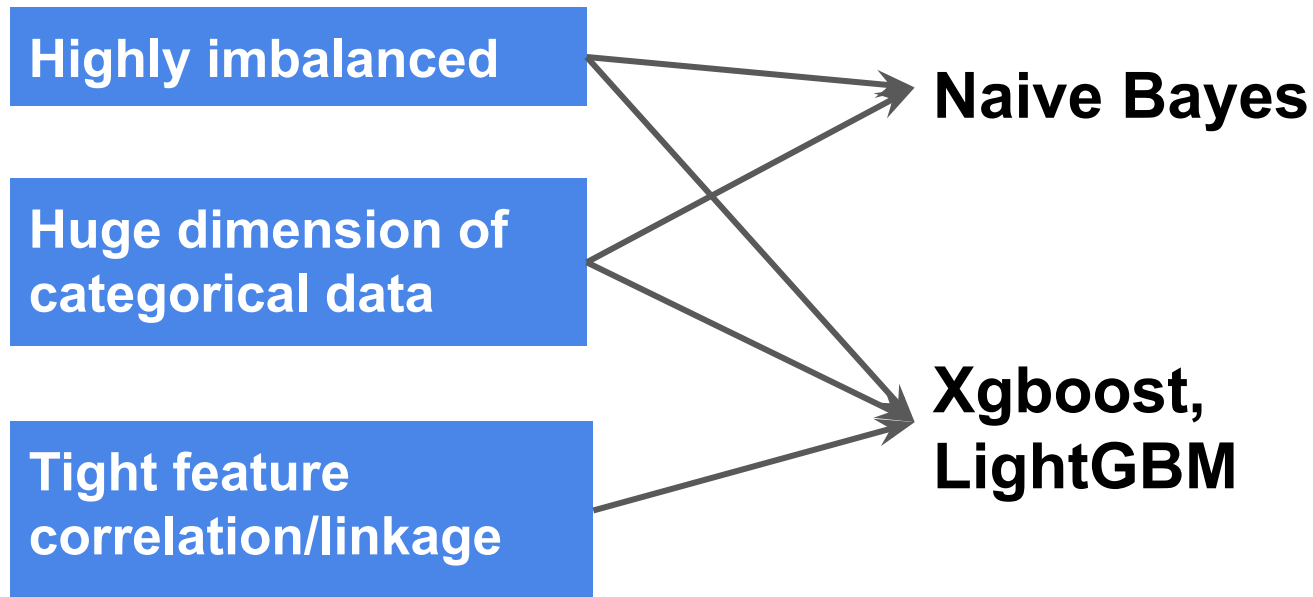


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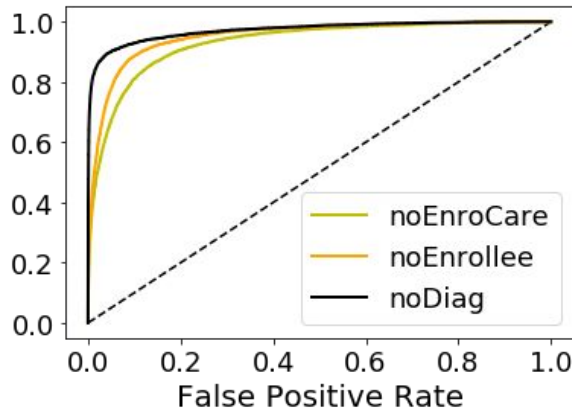
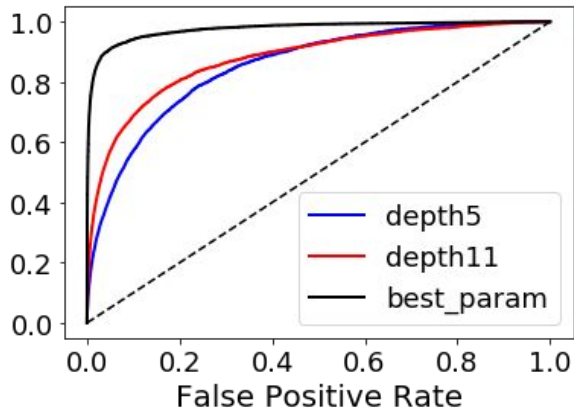
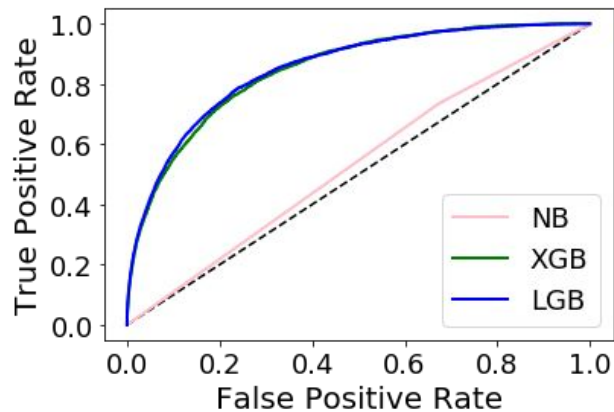
Model implementation: 11 total Features



Model selection:



Evaluation by testing score



Best model:

recall/sensitivity/True Positive Rate (TPR): 0.893

specificity/True Negative Rate(TNR): 0.964

ROC_AUC score: 0.929

TNR: 0.964	FPR: 0.036
FNR: 0.107	TPR: 0.893

Without **enrollee** feature, roc_auc drop 10%:

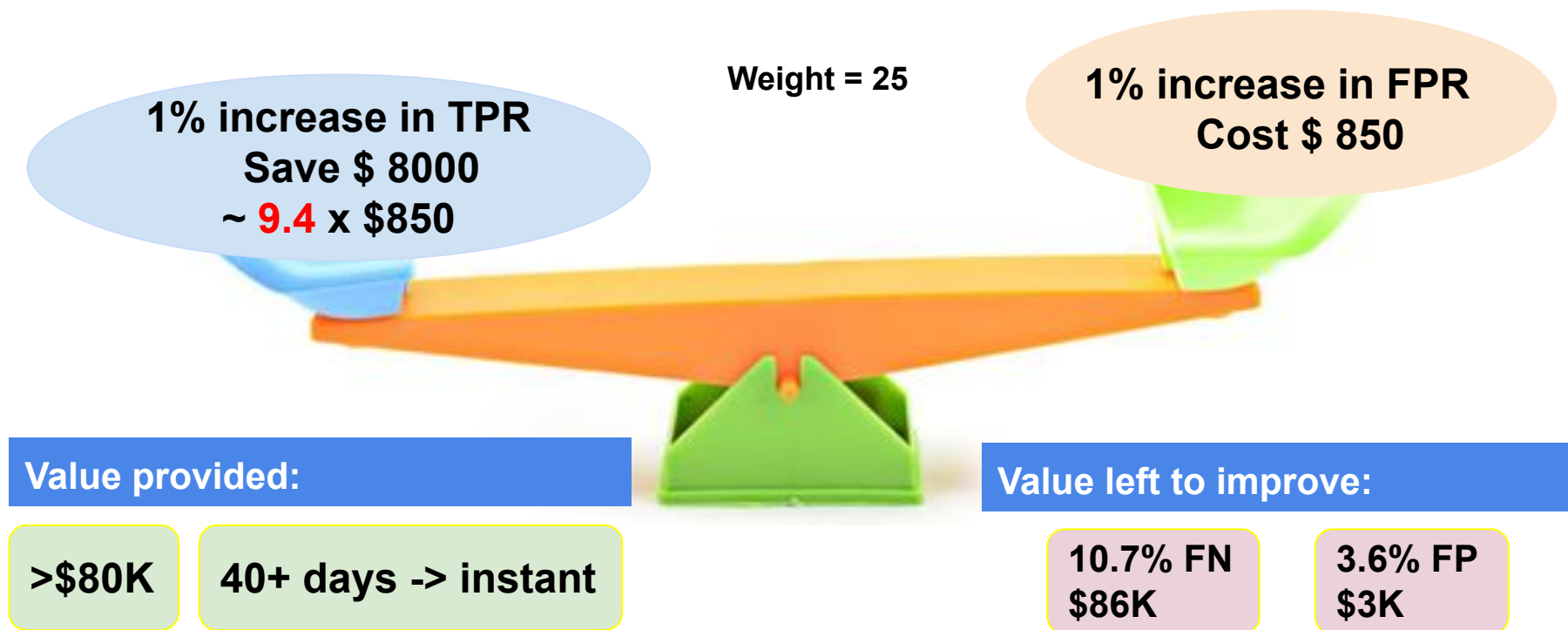
TPR drop 17%, FPR increase 2.7%, Loss ~\$138K

Without **diagnosis** feature, roc_auc drop 2%:

TPR drop 6.7%, FPR drop 2.4%, Loss ~\$50K

Insights

TPR(sensitivity) vs FPR(1 - specificity)





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Building AI for vetting medical insurance claims V1



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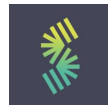
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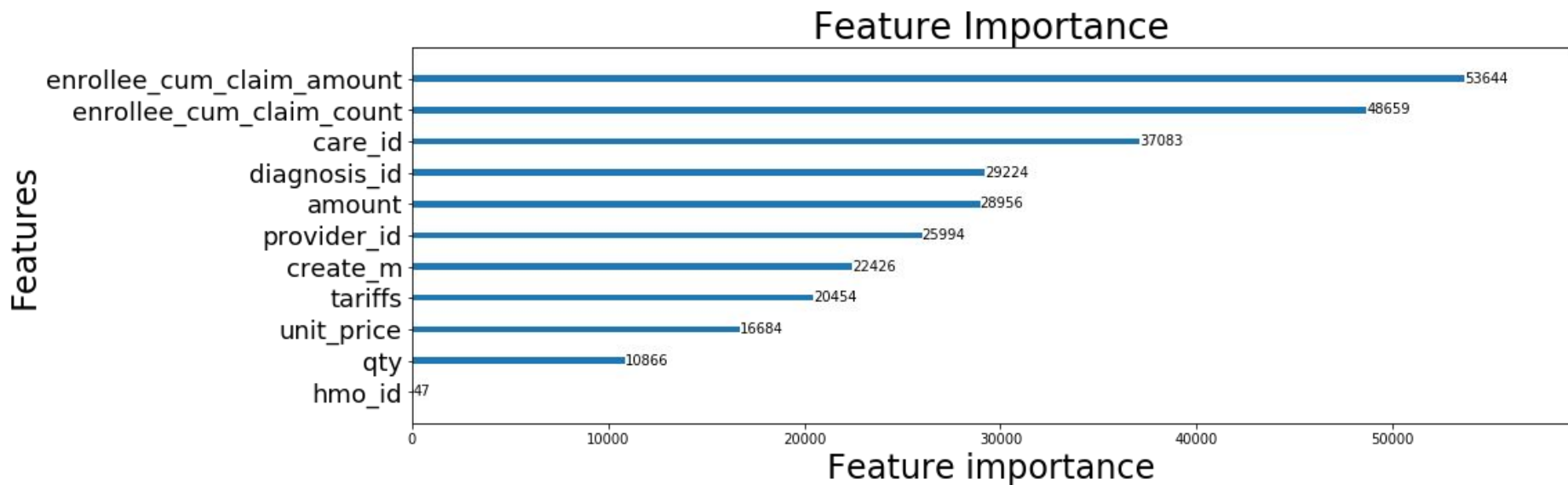
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Confusion matrix for testing data:

		Predicted	
		0	1
True	0	137582	5142
	1	667	5583

