Project-2 Report

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CODE LINK: https://github.com/Sreyas-J/LendOrLoseMLPrediction

Data Processing:

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ONE-HOT ENCODING

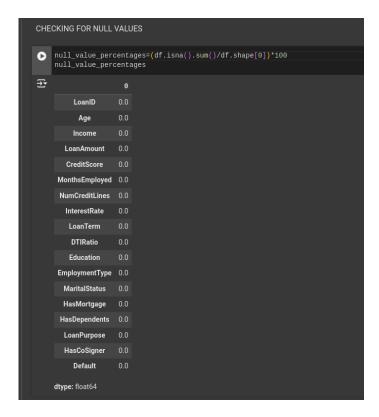
[ ] le = LabelEncoder()

# Fit and transform the specified columns
for col in ['Education', 'EmploymentType', 'MaritalStatus', 'LoanPurpose', 'HasMortgage', 'HasDependents', 'HasCoSigner']:

df[col] = le.fit_transform(df[col])

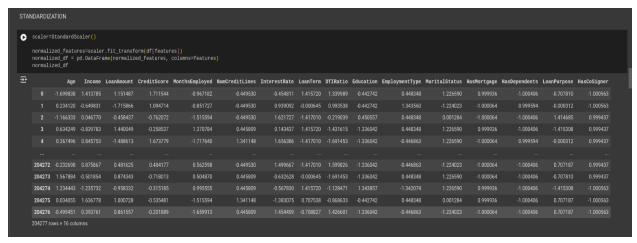
[ ] features=df.columns.to_numpy()
features=features[(features!="LoanID") & (features!="Default")]
features # Removes values at indices 1 and 3
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We apply label encoding to convert string values in the data to integers. Afterward, we remove LoanID and Default from the feature list, as they do not contribute to predicting the target values.



On checking for null values, we find there are no null values present. Therefore, no values are dropped.

On checking for outliers, we find there are none present.



StandardScaler is used to normalize the feature values, transforming them to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. This makes sure that all features contribute equally in model training.

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OVERSAMPLING AND UNDERSAMPLING DATA BECAUSE THE GIVEN DATA IS IMBALANCED (CAN CAUSE MODEL TO BIAS TOWARDS
LABEL=0)
[ ] ros = RandomOverSampler(random_state=2)
    X_oversampled, Y_oversampled = ros.fit_resample(normalized_df, df["Default"])
    rus = RandomUnderSampler(random_state=2)
    X_undersampled, Y_undersampled = rus.fit_resample(normalized_df, df["Default"])
    class_counts = Y_oversampled.value_counts()
    class_counts = Y_undersampled.value_counts()
    ros = RandomOverSampler(random_state=2)
    X_oversampled_unnormalized, Y_oversampled_unnormalized = ros.fit_resample(df[features], df["Default"])
    rus = RandomUnderSampler(random_state=2)
    X_undersampled_unnormalized, Y_undersampled_unnormalized = ros.fit_resample(df[features], df["Default"])

→ After oversampling: Default

    0 180524
1 180524
    Name: count, dtype: int64
    After undersampling: Default
    0 23753
1 23753
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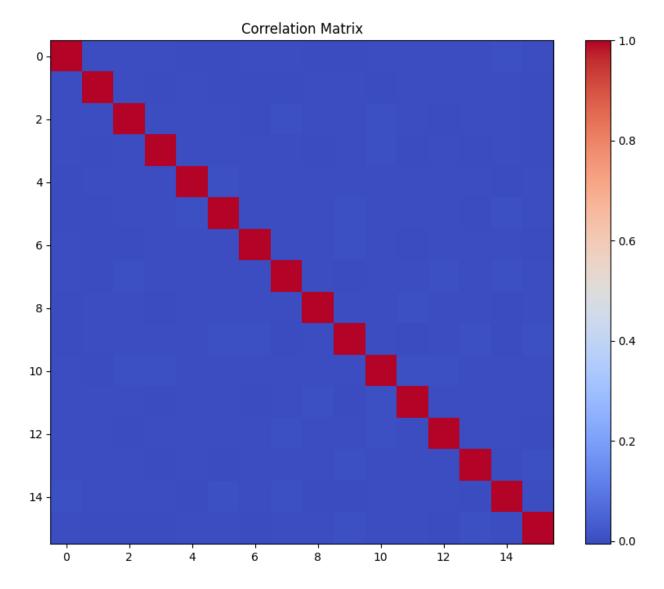
Since the target variable Default has many more 0s than 1s, we use oversampling and undersampling to balance the data. By adding more instances of 1 or reducing instances of 0, we create a more balanced dataset, which helps the model perform better on both classes.

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PERFORMING TEST-TRAIN SPLIT

X_train_oversampled, X_test_oversampled, y_train_oversampled, y_test_oversampled = train_test_split(X_oversampled, Y_oversampled, test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
X_train_undersampled, X_test_undersampled, y_train_undersampled, y_test_undersampled = train_test_split(X_undersampled, Y_undersampled, test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df[features], df['Default'], test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
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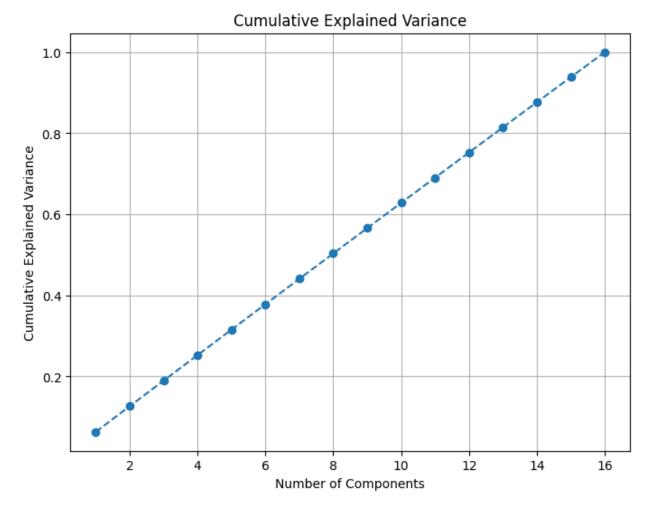
Performing test-train split. 80 percent of data is used for training the model, the other 20 percent is used for testing.

This time we also explored the option of principal component analysis (PCA). The below two graphs show us that PCA isn't required for the given dataset.



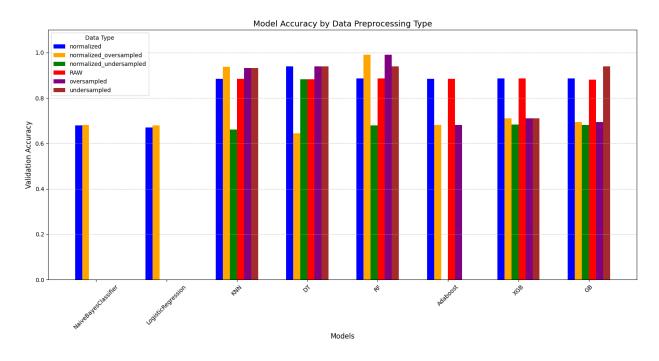
This heatmap displays the correlation between the features. The diagonal elements show high values, while the off-diagonal elements have very low values, indicating minimal cross-correlation between the features. Therefore, applying PCA is unnecessary, as PCA is

typically used to reduce dimensionality by leveraging the correlations among features.



The linear pattern observed in this graph indicates that each feature contributes equally to the information. As a result, dimensionality reduction is not advisable. Consequently, we did not train our models using PCA-generated data.

Models' Discussion:



Naive Bayes Classifier:

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Os.makedirs("MalveBayesClassifier", exist_ok-True)
train(dausclande(), 'MalveBayesClassifier", 'oversampled, 'X train_oversampled, 'Y train_oversampled, '
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There's no hyperparameters used for naive bayes classification.

Naive Bayes assumes that all features are independent which may not be true. It also underperforms when there are complex boundaries present. Hence, naive bayes classifier isn't ideal for these kinds of classification problems, as reflected in the low accuracies seen.

We train the model on 2 types of data:

- Oversampled data
- Undersampled data

Logistic Regression Model:

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LogisticRegression with oversampled: 0.6793934358122143
Results saved in LogisticRegression/LogisticRegression_oversampled.csv
LogisticRegression with undersampled: 0.6810145232582614
Results saved in LogisticRegression/LogisticRegression_undersampled.csv
LogisticRegression with poly_oversampled, Degree 2: 0.6879241102340397
LogisticRegression with poly_oversampled, Degree 3: 0.6909430826755297
Best accuracy for poly_oversampled: 0.6909430826755297
LogisticRegression with poly_undersampled, Degree 2: 0.6838560303094086
LogisticRegression with poly_undersampled, Degree 3: 0.6795411492317407
Best accuracy for poly_undersampled: 0.6838560303094086
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We set the number of iterations to 500 to ensure the model has sufficient iterations to converge and complete training. To maintain reproducibility, we specified random state=2.

The model was trained on two types of data:

- Oversampled data
- Undersampled data

Additionally, we trained the model on polynomial-scaled data, experimenting with degrees 2 and 3, avoiding higher degrees to keep the runtime manageable. However, polynomial scaling did not significantly impact the validation accuracy.

Both the datasets give almost the same accuracy of around 68 percent. The reason logistic regression gives such low accuracy is due to:

- Limited flexibility: Logistic regression assumes a linear relationship between the features and the target variable, which may not capture complex relationships in the data.
- High dimensionality issues: Logistic regression can struggle with large numbers of features. Other complex models which can handle high dimensionality in the data are preferred over logistic regression as logistic regression underperforms on high dimensional data.
- Trade-off: While polynomial scaling can help the model capture more complex relationships, it also increases the dimensionality, which makes it more challenging for logistic regression to handle effectively. This explains why polynomial scaling did not significantly improve the accuracy.

KNN:

KNN does not rely much on the features of the data. KNN can adapt to complex relationships because it relies purely on the proximity of similar cases, rather than fitting a predetermined function.

The only hyperparameter(important) used here is n_neighbours. This value is chosen between the values of 1 to 5 and 28 to 32. 1 to 5 explores smaller neighbourhood sizes, whereas 28 to 32 explores larger neighbourhood size.

We train the model on 6 types of data:

- Normalized Data
- Normalized and Oversampled Data
- Normalized and Undersampled Data
- Raw Data
- Oversampled Data
- Undersampled Data

Comparing the different models:-

- Oversampled and normalized data gave the best performance because they addressed class imbalance while retaining all data points.
- Undersampled data performed worse due to loss of information.
- Oversampling had a significant impact on performance.

Decision Tree:

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Decision trees are capable of capturing non-linear patterns in the data. It can be beneficial in capturing the complex relationships in the data. They can also handle multi-dimensional data.

We train the model on 6 types of data:

- Normalized and Oversampled Data
- Normalized and Undersampled Data
- Raw Data
- Normalized Data Only
- Oversampled Data Only
- Undersampled Data Only

If the tree grows too deep, decision trees usually tend to overfit the data. Also, small changes in data can lead to very different tree structures which make them unstable

Hyperparameter tuning:

- We use Gridsearch to find the best hyperparameters.
- Max_depth: We take max_depth as 10,20, none. When none is taken, we let the tree completely grow. We chose 10, 20 as tree size to prevent overfitting.

- Min_values_split: Min_values_split is taken as 2,5 by increasing this value, we can make the tree less prone to overfitting.
- Min_samples: Min_samples is set as 1,5. Higher the value, less chance of noisy data in the branches.
- Max_features: Having sqrt as a feature prevents the model from relying too heavily on certain features, reducing overfitting.

Comparing the different models:-

- Oversampled and normalized data gave the best performance because they addressed class imbalance while retaining all data points.
- Undersampled data performed worse due to loss of information.
- Oversampling had a significant impact on the performance of decision tree.

Random Forest:

We conducted hyperparameter tuning for the RandomForestClassifier using GridSearchCV with the following parameters: n_estimators set to 100, max_depth options set to 10 and None, min_samples_split set to 2, min_samples_leaf values set to 1 and 4, and max_features set to "sqrt". A 5-fold cross-validation approach was used.

We train models on different datasets:

- Normalized Data
- Normalized and Oversampled Data
- Normalized and Undersampled Data
- Raw Data
- Oversampled Data
- Undersampled Data

Comparing the different models:-

- Oversampling is useful for addressing class imbalance.
- Both normalized and raw oversampled data resulted in high accuracy because the model had access to balanced decision boundaries.
- Undersampling is harmful, but preprocessing matters. When the dataset is undersampled and normalized, it performed poorly due to limited data and potential artifacts introduced during preprocessing.
- With raw undersampled data, the model performed better because the raw feature distribution might have provided more meaningful splits for the trees.
- Random Forests are robust to scaling.
- Normalization did not significantly impact best performance, demonstrating that Random Forests works with raw and scaled data effectively.
- Class imbalance is the primary factor affecting accuracy.

Though random forest has the highest validation accuracy it doesn't have the highest test accuracy. Random Forest uses randomness in selecting features and data samples for building trees. While this helps in ensemble diversity, it might also lead to inconsistent performance across different datasets, especially smaller test sets.

Gradient Boosting:

Gradient boosting is robust to class imbalance. Gradient boosting uses decision trees as weak learners which can capture complex patterns effectively. Also, gradient boosting improves the model by focusing on misclassified instances. This is helpful at places where it is harder to predict if the person will default from their loan payment.

Hyperparameter tuning:

- N_estimators (number of weak learners): We set this value to 200 to give a balance between the training time and giving sufficient complexity to the model.
- Learning_rate: We set the value to 0.05, 0.1. These are the commonly used values for learning rate in gradient boosting.
- Max_depth: This value is set to 3. A max_depth of 3 restricts the complexity of each tree, which will reduce overfitting while allowing enough depth to capture significant patterns.
- Min_samples: This value is set to 2, 5. We take the value as 2 to make sure we get complex enough data and not simpler ones. We take 5 as min_samples to make sure we don't overfit the data.

We train the models on different type of datasets:

- Normalized Data
- Normalized and Oversampled Data
- Normalized and Undersampled Data
- Raw Data
- Oversampled Data
- Undersampled Data

Comparing the different models:-

- Normalization helps gradient boosting handle scaled features better but doesn't guarantee improved accuracy if preprocessing distorts the data distribution.
- Oversampling amplifies noise and redundancy, causing a significant performance drop.

Adaboost

We use Adaboost as it is well suited for binary classification tasks and performs well on imbalanced datasets.

We select the best hyperparameters using GridSearch.

We set estimator_max_depth as 3, to make sure we don't overfit nor underfit the data. We test values of 0.01, 0.1, 1 for learning rate values (commonly used values). We use 200 estimator value (number of weak learners), if we increase this value it takes more time to compute the prediction.

We train the model on 4 types of data:

- Normalized data
- Normalized and oversampled data
- Raw data
- Oversampled data

Comparing the different models:-

- AdaBoost models trained on normalized and raw data performed well, indicating AdaBoost's ability to handle imbalanced datasets effectively.
- Oversampling duplicates minority-class samples, amplifying noise and leading to:
 - AdaBoost assigns higher weights to noisy misclassified samples, degrading performance.
 - o Increased risk of overfitting to the minority class.

XGBoost

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XGBoost is suitable for datasets with a mix of numerical and categorical data, as it can handle these types effectively without requiring much data preprocessing. Additionally, XGBoost excels in addressing imbalanced datasets due to its ability to weigh classes. These attributes make XGBoost a strong candidate for the given dataset.

Explanation of Hyperparameter Tuning:-

• To optimize the XGBoost model's performance, we tuned the following key hyperparameters:

• n estimators:

- o Specifies the number of trees in the model.
- o We fixed this at 200 to balance model performance with computational efficiency, avoiding additional values to reduce runtime.

• learning_rate:

- o Controls the step size during gradient updates to minimize loss.
- o Smaller values typically enhance accuracy but require more trees. We tested these values (0.05,0.1) to find the optimal value.

• max_depth:

 Defines the maximum depth of a tree, which determines the complexity of the model. o Larger values increase the risk of overfitting but capture finer details in the data. We evaluated depths of 3 and 5 to identify the most effective balance.

subsample:

- o Denotes the fraction of training samples used for each tree.
- o A value of 0.8 was chosen to introduce randomness and reduce overfitting and controlling training time.

• colsample_bytree:

- o Specifies the fraction of features sampled for each tree.
- o To speed up training and mitigate overfitting, we used 0.8 as the fixed value.

We train multiple models of XGBoost with different sets of data:

- Normalized data
- Normalized and oversampled data
- Normalized and undersampled data
- Raw data
- Oversampled data
- Undersampled data

Comparing the different models:-

- XGBoost with normalization (no oversampling or undersampling) achieves the best performance among all models discussed.
- XGBoost effectively handles imbalanced data, making oversampling or undersampling unnecessary.
- XGBoost also performs well without any data preprocessing, reinforcing its capability to manage imbalanced datasets independently.

SVM:

We use gridsearch to determine the better Regularization parameter and kernel. Cross-validation hasn't been used to reduce training time.

C: Regularization parameter controlling the margin size.

kernel: Specifies the kernel type (linear or rbf).

This allows testing both a simple linear decision boundary and a non-linear one.

The model is trained on the following datasets:-

- Normalized data
- Normalized and oversampled data
- Normalized and undersampled data
- Raw data
- Oversampled data
- Undersampled data



Neural Network Model:

- Dense(64, input_dim=len(features), activation=activation):
- Fully connected layer with 64 neurons.

- input_dim=len(features) specifies the number of input features (i.e., the number of columns in the dataset).
- The activation function (e.g., sigmoid) is applied to the output of this layer.
- Dropout(dropout_rate):
- Dropout layer with a rate of dropout rate (0.2 by default).
- Randomly drops 20% of the neurons during training to prevent overfitting.
- Dense(32, activation=activation):
- Fully connected layer with 32 neurons, using the same activation function (sigmoid).
- Dropout(dropout_rate):
- Another dropout layer with the same rate (0.2), applied after the second dense layer.
- Dense(16, activation=activation):
- Fully connected layer with 16 neurons and the same activation function (sigmoid).
- Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'):
- Output layer with 1 neuron, using the sigmoid activation function.
- Since it's a binary classification problem, sigmoid outputs a probability (between 0 and 1) for the positive class.

This is the summary of the neural network we trained. Dropout has been used to ensure there is no overfitting. And to consider non-linear relation activation functions have been used.



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GridSearch and Hyperparameter Tuning:

- GridSearch optimizes the hyperparameters like activation function, dropout rate, batch size, and epochs to improve performance.
- The use of a small grid (sigmoid, 0.2, 32, 50) indicates a focus on manageable runtime.
- Impact of Preprocessing:
 - Normalized Data performed the best, suggesting scaling the features helps the model converge better and generalize to unseen data.
 - Oversampled and Undersampled Data are useful for handling imbalanced datasets but may introduce noise or remove valuable information, leading to similar or worse performance.

• Key Challenges:

- **Overfitting:** Prevented using dropout (0.2).
- Class Imbalance: Addressed by experimenting with oversampling and undersampling.
- Limited Complexity: Activation function and dropout rate limit the model's ability to overfit and add regularization.

• Comparison with Polynomial Scaling in Logistic Regression:

- Similar to the earlier discussion on logistic regression, balancing flexibility and dimensionality is crucial.
- Here, normalization improved performance because neural networks are sensitive to the scale of inputs.