# **Project Report**

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#### **CODE LINK**

## **Data Processing:**

```
ONE-HOT ENCODING

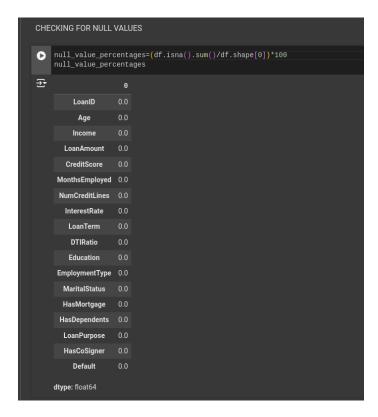
[ ] le = LabelEncoder()

# 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
```

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.

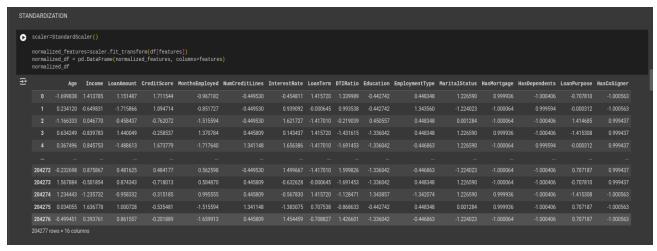


On checking for null values, we find there are no null values present. Therefore, no values are dropped.

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class OutlierRemoval:

def __init__(self, col):
    q! = col.quantile(0.75)
    inter_quartile_range = g3 - q1
    self.upper_whisker = g3 + inter_quartile_range * 1.5
    self.lower_whisker = g1 - inter_quartile_range * 1
```

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
[ ] 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()
    print("After oversampling: ",class_counts)
    class_counts = Y_undersampled.value_counts()
    print("After undersampling: ",class_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\_under sample d\_unnormalized, \ Y\_under sample d\_unnormalized = ros.fit\_resample (df[features], \ df["Default"]) \\
⊋ After oversampling: Default
    0 180524
1 180524
    Name: count, dtype: int64
    After undersampling: Default
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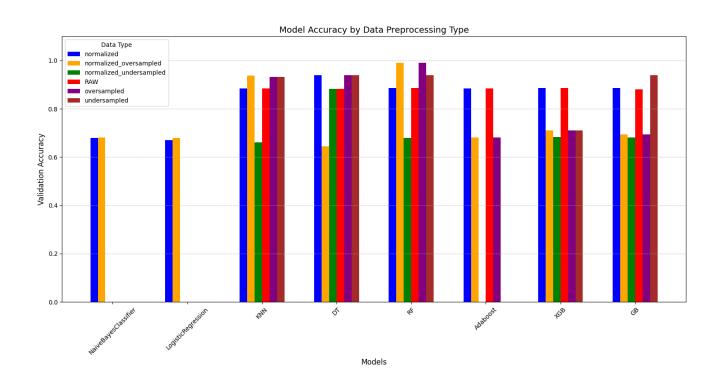
Since the target variable Default has many more 0s than 1s, we use oversampling and undersampling to balance the data. By adding more instances of 1 or reducing instances of 0, we create a more balanced dataset, which helps the model perform better on both classes.

```
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)
```

Performing test-train split. 80 percent of data is used for training the model, the other 20 percent is used for testing.

## Models' Discussion:



## Naive Bayes Classifier:

```
os. makedirs("NalveBayesClassifier", exist_ok=True)
train(GaussianNB(), "NaiveBayesClassifier", cversampled', X_train_oversampled, Y_test_oversampled, Y_test_oversampled, test_oversampled, tes
```

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 types of data:

Oversampled data

Undersampled data

## Logistic Regression Model:

```
TRAINING LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODELS

(16) os.makedirs("LogisticRegression", exist_ok=True)

train(LogisticRegression(random_state=2, max_iter=500), "LogisticRegression", "oversampled", X_train_oversampled, X_test_oversampled, Y_test_oversampled, Y_test_oversampled,
```

We set the iterations to 500, this makes sure the model has enough iterations to converge and enough iterations to finish training. We ensure reproducibility by setting random state= 2.

We train the model on 2 types of data:

- Oversampled data
- Undersampled data

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: The inability of the model to capture complex relations can be overcome
  by implementing polynomial scaling but this increases the dimensionality which
  makes it harder for logistic regression to work with. Therefore, this approach wasn't
  considered.

### 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:**

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.

- 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:**

```
GRIDSEARCH ON RANDOMFOREST
           os.makedirs("RandomForest", exist_ok=True)
           rf model - RandomForestClassifier(random state-2)
             param_grid = {
    'n estimators': [100],
             grid search = GridSearchCV(
                     estimator-rf_model,
param_grid-param_grid,
                    cv=5, # 5-roll
scoring='accuracy', # Evaluation metric
scoring='1 # Use all available cores
           train_grid(grid_search, "RandomForest", "normalized", normalized_df, df['Default'], test_normalized_df) #TRAINED_WITH_NORMALIZED_DATA
         train_grid(grid_search, "Randomforest", "normalized_df, df! "Default"], test_normalized_df) #!RAINED WITH NORMALIZED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "Randomforest", "normalized_oversampled", X_oversampled, y_eversampled, test_normalized_df) #!RAINED WITH NORMALIZED AND OVERSAMPLED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "Randomforest", "normalized_undersampled", X_train_undersampled, y_train_undersampled, test_normalized_df) #!RAINED WITH NORMALIZED AND OVERSAMPLED DATA
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     √ 18m 27.0s
  Started training
Best parameters: {'max_depth': None, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 4, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 100}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.8858168039590986
   Started training
Best parameters: {'max_depth': None, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 100}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.990056725178462
   Started training
Best parameters: {'max_depth': 10, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 4, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 100}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.6802967961279333
   Started training
Best parameters: {'max_depth': None, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 100}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.9900788826209362
   Started training

Best parameters: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': None, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 2}

Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.938958255831711
  0.938958255031711
```

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

- 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:**

```
GRIDSEARCH ON GRADIENT BOOSTING
        os.makedirs("GradientBoosting", exist ok=True)
        gb_model = GradientBoostingClassifier()
                "n_estimators': [ 200],
'learning_rate': [0.05, 0.1],
'max_depth': [3],
'min_samples_split': [2, 5],
        grid_search - GridSearchCV(
               estimator-gb_model,
param_grid-param_grid,
                cv=5, # 5-fold cross-validation
scoring='accuracy',
n_jobs=-1 # Use all available cores
       train_grid(grid_search, "GradientBoosting", "normalized_df,df['Default'],test_normalized_df) #TRAINED WITH NORMALIZED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "GradientBoosting", "normalized_oversampled, Y_oversampled, test_normalized_df) #TRAINED WITH NORMALIZED AND OVERSAMPLED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "GradientBoosting", "normalized_undersampled", X_train_undersampled, train_undersampled_test_normalized_df) #TRAINED WITH NORMALIZED AND OVERSAMPLED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "GradientBoosting", "normalized_undersampled", X_train_undersampled_test_normalized_df) #TRAINED WITH NORMALIZED AND UNDERSAMPLED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "GradientBoosting", "oversampled", X_oversampled_unnormalized, test_df[features]) #TRAINED WITH OVERSAMPLED DATA
train_grid(grid_search, "GradientBoosting", "oversampled_unnormalized, Y_undersampled_unnormalized, test_normalized_df) #TRAINED WITH OVERSAMPLED DATA
    √ 49m 13.7s
Started training
Best parameters: {'learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 3, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 200}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.8861447894748862
 Started training
Best parameters: {'learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 3, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 200}
 Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.6940766855180487
Started training
Best parameters: {'learning_rate': 0.05, 'max_depth': 3, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 200}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.681638783678048
Started training
Best parameters: {'learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 3, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 200}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.8861447894748862
Started training
Best parameters: ('learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 3, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 200)
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.6940766855180487
Started training
Best parameters: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': None, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 2}
Best cross-validation accuracy: 0.938958255031711
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```

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

- 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

```
GRIDSEARCH ON ADABOOST

os.makedirs("Adaboost", exist_ok=True)
adaboost_model = AdaBoostClassifier(
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```

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

- 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.
- Increased risk of overfitting to the minority class.

#### **XGBoost**

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

- Controls the step size during gradient updates to minimize loss.
- 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.
- 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.
- A value of 0.8 was chosen to introduce randomness and reduce overfitting and controlling training time.

#### colsample\_bytree:

- 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

- 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.