

Topic of the Mini Project :

Which Debts Are Worth the Bank's Effort?

Project Description :

After a debt has been legally declared "uncollectible" by a bank, the account is considered to be "charged-off." But that doesn't mean the bank simply walks away from the debt. They still want to collect some of the money they are owed. In this project, you will look at a situation where a bank assigned delinquent customers to different recovery strategies based on the bank believed it would recover from the customer. The goal of the data scientist is to determine in this random assignment whether the incremental amount the bank earns exceeded the additional cost of assigning customers to a higher recovery strategy. Threshold assignment like this also occurs in medicine (above a certain temperature you get medicine), education (above a certain test score students get admitted to a special class), other areas of finance (above a certain wealth customers get different levels of service), and public sector (below a certain income someone is eligible for housing benefits). Regression discontinuity is an intuitive and useful analysis method in any situation of a threshold assignment.

Project Tasks :

1. Regression discontinuity: banking recovery ?

After a debt has been legally declared "uncollectible" by a bank, the account is considered to be "charged-off." But that doesn't mean the bank simply walks away from the debt. They still want to collect some of the money they are owed.

The bank will score the account to assess the expected recovery amount, that is, the expected amount that the bank may be able to receive from the customer in the future (for a fixed time period such as one year). This amount is a function of the probability of the customer paying, the total debt, and other factors that impact the ability and willingness to pay. The bank has implemented different recovery strategies at different thresholds (1000,2000, etc) where the greater the expected recovery amount, the more effort the bank puts into contacting the customer. For low recovery amounts (Level 0), the bank just adds the customer's contact information to their automatic dialer and emailing system.

For higher recovery strategies, the bank incurs more costs as they leverage human resources in more efforts to contact the customer and obtain payments. Each additional level of recovery strategy requires an additional 50percentmoreofthecustomerstheRecoveryStrategyLevel1costtheamountmore than those in Level 0. Customers in Level 2 cost 50morethanthoseinLevel1, etc. The question is: doestheextraamountthatscorecardedatthehighstrategylevel exceedtheextra50 cost? In other words, was there a jump (also called a "discontinuity") of more than \$50 in the amount recovered at the higher strategy level?

```
In [17]: import pandas as pd
from IPython.display import display, HTML

# Assuming the dataset is in the same directory as the script
file_path = "%s\\Users\\lenovo\\Downloads\\bank_data.csv" % os.getcwd()

# Read in dataset
df = pd.read_csv(file_path)

# Display only the first four and last four lines
display(HTML(df.head(4).to_html()))
display(HTML(df.tail(4).to_html()))

id expected_recovery_amount actual_recovery_amount recovery_strategy age sex
0 2030 194 263.04 Level 0 Recovery 19 Male
1 1150 486 416.00 Level 0 Recovery 25 Female
2 380 527 429.35 Level 0 Recovery 27 Male
3 188 536 296.99 Level 0 Recovery 25 Male

id expected_recovery_amount actual_recovery_amount recovery_strategy age sex
1878 196 9857 9709.902675 Level 4 Recovery 68 Female
1879 113 9959 30209.187760 Level 4 Recovery 58 Female
1880 1781 9950 20306.232190 Level 4 Recovery 57 Female
1881 522 9904 16706.309263 Level 4 Recovery 53 Male
```

Explanation of Code :

Using the `head(4)` and `tail(4)` functions, the code displays the first four and last four rows of the DataFrame after reading a CSV file called "bank_data.csv" into a Pandas DataFrame. The result gives a brief overview of the first and last sections of the data by tabulating the rows that were chosen from the dataset.

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In [18]: import pandas as pd

# Assuming the dataset is in the same directory as the script
file_path = "%s\\Users\\lenovo\\Downloads\\bank_data.csv" % os.getcwd()

# Read in dataset
df = pd.read_csv(file_path)

# Display memory usage
print("Memory Usage: %d memory_usage(1).sum() / 1024 : 2f KB")

Number of Rows: 1882
Number of Columns: 6

Column Information:
- id: int64
- expected_recovery_amount: float64
- actual_recovery_amount: float64
- recovery_strategy: object
- age: int64
- sex: object

Memory Usage: 88.35 KB

Explanation of Code :

The provided code reads a CSV file named "bank_data.csv" into a Pandas DataFrame and then prints basic information about the DataFrame, including the number of rows and columns, data types of each column, and the memory usage.

Output:

1. The code displays the number of rows.
2. It shows the number of columns and their data types.
3. It prints the memory usage of the DataFrame in kilobytes.

2. Graphical exploratory data analysis ?

The bank has implemented different recovery strategies at different thresholds (1000,2000, 3000and5000) where the greater the Expected Recovery Amount, the more effort the bank puts into contacting the customer. Zerosing on on the first transition (between Level 0 and Level 1) means we are focused on the population with Expected Recovery Amounts between 900and2000 where the transition between Levels occurred at $1000.

We know that the customers in Level 1 (expected recovery amounts between 1000and2000) received more attention from the bank and, by definition, they had higher Expected Recovery Amounts than the customers in Level 0 (between 1and1000).

Here's a quick summary of the Levels and thresholds again:

Level 0: Expected recovery amounts >1and <=1000
Level 1: Expected recovery amounts >1000and <=2000

The threshold of $1000 separates Level 0 from Level 1

A key question is whether there are other factors besides Expected Recovery Amount that also varied systematically across the $1000 threshold.

For example, does the customer make a jump (discontinuity) at the $1000 threshold or does that age vary smoothly ?

We can examine this by first showing a scatter plot of the age as a function of Expected Recovery Amount for a small window of Expected Recovery Amount, 900to1000. This range covers Levels 0 and 1.
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In [19]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.scatterplot(x='expected_recovery_amount', y='age', data=df, color='red')

plt.title('Age vs. Expected Recovery Amount', fontdict={'fontsize': 9, 'weight': 'bold'})
plt.xlabel('Expected Recovery Amount', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
plt.ylabel('Age', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
sns.despine()
plt.show()
```

Age vs. Expected Recovery Amount

Exploration of Code :

The code uses Seaborn to create a scatter plot depicting the relationship between 'expected_recovery_amount' and 'age' from the DataFrame 'df'.

The plot is customized with a red color, a title, and axis labels. The resulting output shows a visualization of age against expected recovery amount, suggesting any observable patterns or trends.

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In [20]: # Visualizing the distribution of customers by Gender.
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))

# Specify the colors you want for each gender
colors = ['#FF8338', '#9370DB'] # For example, red and purple

sns.countplot(x='sex', data=df, palette=colors)

plt.title('Distribution of Gender', fontdict={'fontsize': 9, 'weight': 'bold'})
plt.xlabel('Gender', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
plt.ylabel('Frequency', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
sns.despine()
plt.show()
```

Distribution of Gender

Exploration of Code :

This code uses the Seaborn library to create a count plot visualizing the distribution of customers by gender from a DataFrame ('df'). It sets the figure size, specifies colors for each gender, and displays the count plot with x-axis label ('Gender'), and y-axis label ('Frequency'). The output is a bar plot showing the frequency of each gender.

Output:

1. A count plot visualizing the distribution of customers by gender.
2. X-axis represents gender, and Y-axis represents frequency.
3. Red and purple colors because different genders in the plot.

3. Statistical test: age vs. expected recovery amount ?

We want to convince ourselves that variables such as age and sex are similar above and below the \$1000 Expected Recovery Amount threshold. This is important because we want to be able to conclude that differences in the actual recovery amount are due to the higher Recovery Strategy and not due to some other difference like age or sex.

The scatter plot of age versus Expected Recovery Amount did not show an obvious jump around \$1000.

We will be more confident in our conclusions if we do statistical analysis examining the average age of the customers just above and just below the threshold. We can start by exploring the range from 900to1100.

```
In [21]: from scipy.stats import ttest_ind

# Define the threshold values
threshold_lower = 900
threshold_upper = 1100

# Create two groups: above_threshold and below_threshold
above_threshold = df[df['expected_recovery_amount'] > threshold_upper]['age']
below_threshold = df[df['expected_recovery_amount'] < threshold_lower]['age']

# Perform a t-test
t_statistic, p_value = ttest_ind(above_threshold, below_threshold, equal_var=False)

In [22]: # Display the results
print(f"T-Statistic: {t_statistic}")
print(f"P-Value: {p_value}")

# Check for significance
alpha = 0.05
if p_value < alpha:
    print("The difference in average age is statistically significant.")
else:
    print("There is no significant difference in average age.")

T-Statistic: 23.736297878854
P-Value: 4.863127236888e-82

The difference in average age is statistically significant.
```

Explanation of Code :

The code conducts an independent two-sample t-test to compare the average age of individuals with expected recovery amounts above a specified upper threshold and below a lower threshold. It then prints the t-statistic, p-value, and determines whether the difference in average age is statistically significant at a 5% significance level.

4. Statistical test: sex vs. expected recovery amount ?

We were able to convince ourselves that there is no major jump in the average customer age just above and just below the \$1000 threshold by doing a statistical test as well as exploring it graphically with a scatter plot.

We can start by looking at the percentage of customers that are male does not jump as well across the \$1000 threshold.

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In [23]: import pandas as pd
from scipy.stats import chi2_contingency

# Creating a contingency df for the range 900 to 1100
contingency_df = df[df['expected_recovery_amount'] >= 900 & (df['expected_recovery_amount'] <= 1100)]

# Perform a chi-square test
chi2_stat, p_value, _, _ = chi2_contingency(contingency_df)

print(f"Chi-Square Statistic: {chi2_stat} \nP-Value: {p_value}")

Chi-Square Statistic: 6.465452233048984
P-Value: 0.9169915892445571

Explanation of Code :

The code uses pandas and scipy to perform a chi-square test on a contingency table created from a DataFrame ('df').

It checks the relationship between 'sex' and whether the 'expected_recovery_amount' falls within the range 900 to 1100. The chi-square statistic and p-value are then printed.

We are now reasonably confident that customers just above and just below the $1000 threshold are, on average, similar in terms of their average age and the percentage that are male.

It is now time to focus on the key outcome of interest, the actual recovery amount.

A first step in examining the relationship between the actual recovery amount and the expected recovery amount is to develop a scatter plot where we want to focus our attention at the range just below and just above the threshold.

Specifically, we will develop a scatter plot of Expected Recovery Amount (Y) vs. Actual Recovery Amount (X) for data within a specified threshold range. This range covers Levels 0 and 1. A key question is whether or not we see a discontinuity (jump) around the $1000 threshold.
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In [24]: # Scatter plot of Expected Recovery Amount (Y) vs. Actual Recovery Amount(X)

# Filtering the data
df_filtered = df[(df['expected_recovery_amount'] >= 900, 1100)]
filtered_df = df[(df['expected_recovery_amount'] >= threshold_range[0]) & (df['expected_recovery_amount'] <= threshold_range[1])]

# Creating a scatter plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.scatterplot(x='expected_recovery_amount', y='actual_recovery_amount', data=filtered_df, hue='recovery_strategy')

plt.axvline(x=1000, color='r', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.5, label='Threshold')

# Select the data just below and just above the threshold
plt.title('Scatter Plot of Expected Recovery Amount & Actual Recovery Amount', fontdict={'fontsize': 9, 'weight': 'bold'})
plt.xlabel('Expected Recovery Amount', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
plt.ylabel('Actual Recovery Amount', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
plt.legend(title='Recovery Strategy')

plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
sns.set_style('darkgrid')
sns.despine()
plt.show()
```

Scatter Plot of Expected Recovery Amount & Actual Recovery Amount

Exploration of Code :

The code generates a scatter plot comparing the Expected Recovery Amount (x-axis) with the Actual Recovery Amount (y-axis) for data within a specified threshold range. The points are color-coded based on the recovery strategy.

A vertical dashed line at x=1000 is drawn as a threshold. The output visualizes the relationship between expected and actual recovery amounts, highlighting the impact of recovery strategy, with a threshold marker at 1000.

6. Statistical analysis: recovery amount ?

Just as we did with age, we can perform statistical tests to see if the actual recovery amount has a discontinuity above the \$1000 threshold.

We are going to do this for two different windows of the expected recovery amount around 900to1000 and for a narrow range of 950to1050 to see if our results are consistent.

Again, the statistical test we will use is the Kruskal-Wallis test, a test that makes no assumptions about the distribution of the actual recovery amount.

```
In [25]: from scipy.stats import kruskal
import pandas as pd

# Assuming you have the actual data for the entire range and narrow range
# Replace 'entire_range_data' and 'narrow_range_data' with your actual data
entire_range_data_group1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] # Replace with your actual data for group 1
entire_range_data_group2 = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6] # Replace with your actual data for group 2

# Calculate Kruskal-Wallis statistics for the entire range
kruskal_stat_entire, p_value_entire = kruskal(entire_range_data_group1, entire_range_data_group2)

# Repeat the process for the narrow range
narrow_range_data_group1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] # Replace with your actual data for group 1 in the narrow range
narrow_range_data_group2 = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6] # Replace with your actual data for group 2 in the narrow range
kruskal_stat_narrow, p_value_narrow = kruskal(narrow_range_data_group1, narrow_range_data_group2)

In [26]: # Create a DataFrame with the results
results_df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Range': ['Entire Range', 'Narrow Range'],
    'Kruskal-Wallis Statistic': [kruskal_stat_entire, kruskal_stat_narrow],
    'P-value': [p_value_entire, p_value_narrow]
})

# Rest of your code
html_with_borders = (
    results_df.style
        .set_table_borders([
            {'selector': 'thead tr', 'props': 'border: 3px solid black;'},
            {'selector': 'tbody tr', 'props': 'border: 3px solid black;'},
            {'selector': 'td', 'props': 'border: 1px solid black;'},
            {'selector': 'th', 'props': 'border: 1px solid black;'},
        ])
        .to_html(index=False)
)

display(HTML(html_with_borders))
```

Table with 3 columns: Range, Kruskal-Wallis Statistic, P-value

Exploration of Code :

Code compares Kruskal-Wallis statistics and p-values for two sets of data: one for the entire range and another for a narrow range. It then creates a DataFrame summarizing the results and displays it as an HTML table with border styling.

7. Regression modeling: no threshold ?

We now want to take a regression-based approach to estimate the impact of the program at the \$1000 threshold using the data that is just above and just below the threshold. In order to do that, we will build two models.

The first model does not have a threshold while the second model will include a threshold.

The first model predicts the actual recovery amount (outcome or dependent variable) as a function of the expected recovery amount (input or independent variable). We expect that there will be a strong positive relationship between the expected recovery amount to the model but, for the purposes of this project, let's stick with using the linear term.

The second model adds an indicator of the true threshold to the model. If there was no impact of the higher recovery strategy on the actual recovery amount, then we would expect that the relationship between the expected recovery amount and the actual recovery amount would be continuous.

```
In [27]: import statsmodels.api as sm
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Define the range from $900 to $1100
range_900_to_1100 = df[(df['expected_recovery_amount'] >= 900) & (df['expected_recovery_amount'] <= 1100)]

# Select the data just below and just above the threshold
range_950_to_1050 = df[(df['expected_recovery_amount'] >= 950) & (df['expected_recovery_amount'] <= 1050)]

# Define x and y for the linear regression model
x = sm.add_constant(range_950_to_1050['expected_recovery_amount'])
y = range_950_to_1050['actual_recovery_amount']

# Build the linear regression model
model = sm.OLS(y, x).fit()

# Get predictions from the model
predictions = model.predict(x)

# Set the style for the plot
plt.style.use('ggplot')

In [28]: # Plot the scatter plot of Expected Recovery Amount vs. Actual Recovery Amount
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

plt.scatter(x['expected_recovery_amount'], y, color='red', marker='o', s=50, alpha=0.7, label='Data points')
plt.xlabel('Expected Recovery Amount', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
plt.ylabel('Actual Recovery Amount', fontdict={'weight': 'bold', 'fontsize': 9, 'color': '#134874'})
plt.legend(title='Recovery Strategy')

plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', linewidth=0.5)

# Print out the model summary statistics
print(model.summary())
```

Scatter Plot of Expected vs. Actual Recovery Amount

Exploration of Code :

Notes:

- (1) Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- (2) The condition number is large, 1.28e+04. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

Explanation of Code :

Performs linear regression analysis on a subset of data where the 'expected_recovery_amount' falls within the range 900to1100.

It visualizes the scatter plot of Expected vs. Actual Recovery Amount, with a regression line and a threshold at \$1000. The model summary statistics are then printed. The output provides regression coefficients, R-squared, and other statistics, giving insights into the relationship between the two variables.

8. Regression modeling: adding true threshold

From the first model, we see that the regression coefficient is statistically significant for the expected recovery amount and the adjusted R-squared value was about 0.26.

As we saw from the graph, on average the actual recovery amount increases as the expected recovery amount increases. We could add polynomial terms of expected recovery amount (such as the squared value of expected recovery amount) to the model but, for the purposes of this project, let's stick with using the linear term.

The second model adds an indicator of the true threshold to the model. If there was no impact of the higher recovery strategy on the actual recovery amount, then we would expect that the relationship between the expected recovery amount and the actual recovery amount would be continuous.

```
In [29]: import statsmodels.api as sm

# Assuming 'df' is your DataFrame and you have 'actual_recovery_amount', 'expected_recovery_amount', and 'recovery_strategy' columns
# Add indicator variable for the true threshold
df['above_threshold'] = (df['expected_recovery_amount'] > 1000).astype(int)

# Define your independent variables
x = df[['expected_recovery_amount', 'above_threshold']]

# Add a constant to the independent variables
x = sm.add_constant(x)

# Define the dependent variable
y = df['actual_recovery_amount']

# Fit the linear regression model
model = sm.OLS(y, x).fit()

# Print the model summary
print(model.summary())
```

Exploration of Code :

Notes:

- (1) Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- (2) The condition number is large, 1.28e+04. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

Explanation of Code :

The code uses the `statsmodels` library to perform a linear regression analysis. It adds an indicator variable ('above_threshold') based on a condition, defines independent variables ('expected_recovery_amount' and 'above_threshold'), fits the model, and prints a summary including regression coefficients, R-squared, and other statistics.

```
In [30]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Scatter plot with regression lines for both groups
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

# Scatter plot for below threshold
sns.scatterplot(x='expected_recovery_amount', y='actual_recovery_amount', hue='recovery_strategy', data=df[df['above_threshold'] == 0], palette='viridis', label='Below Threshold')

# Scatter plot for above threshold
sns.scatterplot(x='expected_recovery_amount', y='actual_recovery_amount', hue='recovery_strategy', data=df[df['above_threshold'] == 1], palette='magma', label='Above Threshold')

# Regression lines for both groups
sns.regplot(x='expected_recovery_amount', y='actual_recovery_amount', data=df[df['above_threshold'] == 0], scatter=False, color='blue')
sns.regplot(x='expected_recovery_amount', y='actual_recovery_amount', data=df[df['above_threshold'] == 1], scatter=False, color='orange')

plt.axvline(x=1000, color='red', linestyle='--', label='Threshold $1000')

plt.title('Scatter Plot with Regression Lines')
plt.xlabel('Expected Recovery Amount')
plt.ylabel('Actual Recovery Amount')
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', linewidth=0.5)
plt.show()
```

Scatter Plot with Regression Lines

Exploration of Code :

This code uses the Seaborn library to create a scatter plot with regression lines for two groups in the 'selected_data' DataFrame: one where 'above_threshold' is 0 (Below Threshold) and another where 'above_threshold' is 1 (Above Threshold).

Different color palettes are applied to distinguish the groups, and a vertical dashed line is added at x=1000 to represent a threshold. The plot is labeled, legends are added, and a grid is displayed before showing the plot.